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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

October 2009

I just returned home from what was for me a truly memorable weekend in Inverness: a weekend of near perfect sailing with the Hog Island Race sailed in damp but warm moderate winds, followed by the Barnes Race in sunshine and gusty conditions.

The Hog Island was handily won by David Melcon and his son, Josh in his aptly named Tornado which horized the rest of the fleet. Sam Hinkley and Shawn Kelly sailed a fine race to second place followed by Bill Barton and Jeff Moseley. The conditions were so favorable that the whole fleet was home and dry in good time for the Annual Meeting that followed.

Perhaps due to the amount of sun, dehydration or my efforts to rehydrate, I was somewhat longwinded in expressing my feelings on being elected Commodore and entrusted with the task of guiding the club into the future, never-the-less I am going to recap;

I consider it an enormous honor that a group of people who care so deeply about this club would entrust its well-being to a team lead by me. I believe it is because you know that I recognize in the club and community, the same qualities that I most appreciated in the yacht clubs of my childhood in England, and that exist in the best of family sailing clubs worldwide; the deep desire to pass on to children and grandchildren a lifetime's appreciation for "messing about in boats", while those same parents and grandparents demonstrate how to do it!

I am extremely fortunate that, as I step into this position, the club is as vital as I have seen it, with a growing active sailing fleet, a revitalization of the kayaking community and a superb youth sailing program. All of these are on track for continued growth this year provided we can make room in the yard for active sailboats and kayaks; a priority for me.

Peter Lassetter will be a hard act to follow with his combination of grace, humour and diligence, but fortunately I am supported by a Board and Committee Chairs with a remarkable depth of skill and experience, and also the advantage of having some new faces that bring a fresh perspective from their experiences at other clubs.

Thank you for the honor of electing me as Commodore of a club which has truly become my "home port".

See you all on the water and at the bar.

Mark Darley

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Racing Results 2009

	Lassetter	Seversen	Phelan	Biller	Meszáros	Fife	Darley	Longaker	Cardwell	Gay	Waddell	Norwo:k	Congdon	Ackley	Peters	Nemeth	Kelly	Holmes	Schofield	Chase	Melcon	Hinckley	Barton	Desenberg	Tobin	Blunk
Bender Series																										
IA	8	13		2			5	1	3				7		13	6	4	13	13							
Mason	6			10			7	2	1	3	10						5			4						
Dornin	9		5	3			2	1	9					9			4									
Martinelli			6	5	4	3	1	2					9				7									
Barnes	11		7	5		3	4	11	1		2					6	8									
Oko	5		4	1					2								3									
Myers			4	2													3									
Wells																										
Best Five Score																										
Bender Position																										
Other Races																										
Half Hog	6	5	7	3		1	2										4									
Hog Island	15		9	5		8	6	7					13	11		10					1	2	3	4	12	14
FS Regatta		6	3						2	1			4	5												
Lake																										
Spook																										
Drumstick																										

NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday November 7th: Halloween Dinner after the Spook Race.
Hosts: Volunteers needed. Please call Mark Darley or Dave Wallace

RENTALS

Sat Oct 3rd: Bar mitzvah for Tanu Brock
 Sat Oct 17: Tomales Bay Watershed Council, Tomales Bay Ball
 Sun Oct 25th: Coastal Health Alliance. Retirement party potluck.

MEMBERSHIP

Approved for Membership: Mirabelle LeMieux (Junior Membership)

Proposer: Isabelle LeMieux

Seconders: Katherine Landreth, Mark Darley

Approved for Membership: Thomas A. Thomas

Proposer: NancyJo Heaton

Seconders: Michael Heaton, Terry Aleshire

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Posted for Membership: Jason and Natalie Meyerson

Proposer: Isabelle LeMieux

Seconders: Katherine Landreth and

Posted for Membership: John and Madeline R. Hope

Proposer: Ken Fox

Seconders: Robert Cardwell and Britt Stitt

Posted for Membership: Nina E. Olmstead

Proposer: Vera Olmstead

Seconders: Ned Congdon and John Phelan

WHAT WE ALWAYS NEEDED A BACON FLAVORED VODKA

When you write about wine and spirits, you never have to worry about inspiration for a topic. You just sit there and, bingo, one comes along, just about every day.

Here's one that really gave me a stir, it's a new product called Bakon Vodka. Yes, it's the world's first vodka flavored bacon. This was just too delicious to let go by. I began to ask myself all sorts of questions. The first question was, "Why?" The second question was, "What were the folks smoking when they came up with such a nutty riff?" The third one was a rather religious one, "Is this stuff kosher?" Since I am sure that Bakon is made from a nice assortment of organic chemicals, being kosher might be a big selling point, unless there are some real bacon bits floating around the in the bottle. That would nix it.

If it isn't kosher, then a line extension could be the first Pastrami Vodka. You could drink this with rye bread and mustard and it might elevate your spirits as well as cut down on the dreaded cholesterol.

This meat-themed vodka may catch on. After all, years ago, someone came out with a product called Blavod Vodka. It was colored black, if you hadn't guessed. Why someone came up with this is another guess. When I was offered a sample, I actually was afraid to drink it. Maybe it would work for a memorial service.

I guess I am just a traditionalist, or maybe you can't teach an old dog new drinks. I like my vodka tasteless so I can mess around with it. As a matter of fact, I like beer that tastes like beer; wine that tastes like wine. That said, I wonder what Bakon Vodka tastes like with eggs and toast? Let me know, thanks.

Ed Schwartz

RACING



Steve and Carol Skold expertly starting races, and Sam Hinckley's 110 with Eric Holmes in the bow, slides up on Milly Biller and Rick Michetti.



RACING



Milly Biller and Rick Michetti demonstrate the practicality of a near flat sided boat for the trapeze artist!

Chris Waddell and John Burton fighting off a challenge from Robert Cardwell and Jim Noble (to windward).



Milly Biller running over Shawn Kelley's wind.

KAYAKING



Eight kayakers participated in August 30th's excursion to Marshall, and Win Black got us all out on the water by 10:30. Windy conditions prevailed both coming and going, which boded well for John Speh who sailed his Hobie Mirage Sail/yak and could have made it over there in 5 minutes. Instead he enjoyed sprinting back and forth across the Bay while everyone else enjoyed some vigorous exercise and made landfall in less than 2 hours.

Our efforts were richly rewarded at Joan Carlson's lovely beach house. She paddled out to greet us in her kayak and invited everyone to picnic at her dining room table. Having grandchildren has apparently conditioned her to accept people parading through the house in damp clothes and bare feet. All were very grateful for the hospitality. We toasted with the Speh's red wine and enjoyed our picnics with snacks and fresh fruit provided by Joan.

The trip home went well with the wind at our backs. Win has gotten us off to a very good start.

Participants were: John and Suzanne Speh, Joan Carlson, Win Black, John and Mary Warren, and Mike and Joan Dranginis.

Joan Dranginis.

The Inverness Yacht Club
Presents

Dr. Paul Ekman, Ph.D

In a Question & Answer Format Evening
(A First at the IYC)

“Reading Between the Lies”
when
“The Truth is Written all over our faces.”

OCTOBER 24, 2009

Dr. Ekman is a reknowned clinical psychologist and author, famed for his work with the television program “Lie to Me”, his experience with the Dalai Lama, and his internationally known research on facial expression and body movement as a reflection of emotion.

- Why do people lie?
- Why do some lies succeed when others fail?
- Is it ever better to lie than to tell the truth?
- Do facial expressions give us away when we lie?

Come and join in this fascinating encounter!

\$15 per person

6 pm – Open Bar

7 pm – Dinner

8 pm – Conversation with Paul Ekman

Please Bring:

A-L — Your favorite Chili Dish

M-Z — Fall Dessert

Your hosts* will supply salad and cornbread.

Call Lee Seidner (663-8455) for reservations. Call about child care.

Your hosts: Nancy Jo & Michael Heaton, Bill Moseley, Lee & Frank Seidner, and
Susie and Britt Stitt

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, October 3rd	Wells Trophy	Noon
Sunday, October 4th	Lake Trophy	Noon
Saturday, October 10th	Board Meeting	9.30am
	Open House	5.30pm
Saturday, October 17th	Tomales Bay Ball	TBD
Saturday, October 24th	Potluck with Paul Eckman	6.00pm
Weekend, October 24/25	Vanguard Regatta	
Sunday October 25th	Coastal Health Alliance	6.00pm
	Retirement Party	
Saturday November 7th	Spook Race	1pm
	Halloween Party	6.00pm

**“WELLS AND LAKE TROPHY
 RACES”**
 and
**Saturday October 24th
 “POTLUCK WITH
 PAUL ECKMAN”**

Saturday, October 3rd and 4th

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