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*The Monthly Newsletter of the Inverness Yacht Club*

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## **COMMODORE'S COLUMN**

**August 2010**

July and the summer is in full swing.

Our July Board Meeting saw some important decisions made. We had a negative vote to change the rules regarding Membership Benefits (see the Membership/Youth Sailing notice inside). We allocated \$10,000 to start the permitting process to replace our 40-year-old outer float. We voted to increase membership dues by 20% effective January 1, 2001, the first increase since a 20% increase in 2004. (We are still behind the CPI of 17.17% between 2003 and 2009). And we discussed various cost saving measures including possible delivery of the Pilot on-line only, which would save the Club \$5000 per annum. (It could be color on-line, be printed at home or at your local library, and could run longer).

The Club is humming. We had a beautiful day for the Blessing of the Fleet and the Commodores' Luncheon (heroically prepared by Dave and Russell Wallace, and Ken Twining as an economy measure). We had a wonderful turnout of visiting Mercurys for the Half Hog Race, with 19 boats on the start line (probably a record for the last several years). The Inverness Foundation coincidentally met at the club the day of our race for the IA Trophy. And we completed the first session of the Youth Sailing, and raised enough money from generous members to vote to purchase the 4 "loaner" Open Bics. Some names that will be on these boats include "Sea Moose", "W.E.T." and "Gingersnap". Congratulations!

However keep your check books open...we are now accepting contributions of \$400 or more to name each boat in our FJ fleet, (the Stitts have named the first) and smaller contributions are welcome and will be put to use replacing their ageing rigging and sails. (I am even considering "naming privileges" for each of the 40 horses in the new rescue boat outboard.....) To stimulate your generosity bone, trot down to the club midweek and watch those young sailors having a blast. I wish I was 10 again!

This weekend (24/25th) will see a hive of activity at the club; racing for the Mason Trophy, the Youth Sailing Regatta and a family dance on Saturday night. And on into August with Kilkenny just around the corner!

See you on the water or at the bar.  
 Mark Darley.

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**PORT CAPTAINS' REPORT**

Dear Members,

Since summer is upon us, we are doing little at the Club, other than fix things that get broken like the water at the end of the dock which is fixed.

We continue to solicit those who have not done so, for yard contracts in the effort to keep the billing accurate. To those who have gotten incorrect billing, please bear with us as this has not been sorted out for a long time, and I am clumsy on the computer to say the least. Again this is not just about the yard, but kayaks, lasers, sculls and house-stored boats are all wanted for our inventory. The contract is easily downloaded from the website, and if you have trouble with that, please call Commodore Darley or us for assistance.

As many of you know, our outer dock is in need of replacement after almost 40 years of service and is no longer repairable. It is essentially sinking, and tearing itself apart in our relatively rough exposed waters. We have recieved some quotes for the work, and have had the prices and construction proposals formally reviewed by an independant maritime engineering design consultant. As a result of that review, we have decided to proceed with a form of construction similar to our current dock, but updated with modern materials, glues and stainless steel bolts. In particular, the flotation is fully encased in a seamless LLPDE resin case and will not give us the problems we have encountered with our current dock. The floats are tested for water absorption to modern ASTM standards.

We have just started the process and are putting the paperwork in place for a construction permit with the Army Corps of Engineers. When we have their comments we will then contract for the docks fabrication and installation. The company we are working with is Mas Aqus. In addition to our consultants very favorable comments on their work, Richard and I have worked with them many times before in our past boatyard lives, and have only good experiences to report in dealing with them.

We had a critical breakdown of one of the safety boats for youth sailing in the first session, however I am glad to report that the boat is back in action with a brand new motor. Much thanks to Mike Meszaros for doing all the boat hauling, Jim Laws for painstaking research into the replacement motor, and Dixon Marine! for the loan of a great workboat to see us through the end of first session, all critical contributions, the volunteerism that the Club lives by. Thank you all!  
PC.

Editor/ Commodore's Note

A special "Thank you" to the Belvedere Cove Foundation and Tim McGowan for their kind grant of \$1000 toward the purchase of our new outboard engine.

# MEMBERSHIP

## Grandchildren and Youth Sailing.

As has been noted in the Commodore's column before, our Youth Sailing program is so successful that next year we may not be able to accommodate all applicants.

Historically we have had room for the grandchildren of Members, (even though their parents were not members), and for some non-members' children. Apart from the Waterdogs and the Laura Moseley scholarship recipients, regrettably this may not be the case in the future.

The Youth Sailing Committee and Board have taken this under consideration and found that the Club Rules are clear that the benefits of membership extend to Members and their children, but are silent on those benefits extending to Members' grandchildren. Therefore for selection purposes the grandchildren fall into the same category as non-members' children.

After much discussion and debate at three Board Meetings, Mark Darley called on a motion to change the club rules. John Longstreth proposed, nobody seconded and so no vote was taken. Therefore current rules will be maintained.

What this means is that in order for grandchildren to be in the same category as Members' children, and have the same chances of being admitted to the program in 2011, their parents will have to apply for membership immediately. This is because the application process takes two months (notification to the membership in the Pilot, followed by acceptance at a Board meeting) and the rules require new Members to have been Members of the Club for 6 months prior to the February deadline for their children to sign up for Youth Sailing as Members' children.

*If you wish to have your grandchildren in the same pool as Members' children next year, please bring this to the attention of their parents to avoid disappointment.*

Sincerely

Mark Darley, Commodore, on behalf of the Board and the Youth Sailing Committee.

**Approved for Membership: Jonathan Kaplan & Sarah Malakey, Toby and Jacob**

Proposed: Brent Malarkey,

Seconded: Josie Brownback, Richard Biller

**Approved for Membership: Alec & Kristen Hutchinson**

Proposed: Jeff Roberts/Katie Gundlach,

Seconded: Sally Baack, Trey & Marnie Gundlach

**Proposed for Membership: G. Matt Kondolf,**

Proposed by: Winonah Kondolf, seconded by: Mike Meszaros, Mark Darley

**Proposed for Membership: Jorge and Pamela Ordonez, and children Max, Maya, Nicolas and Georgia**

Proposed by Jim Laws, seconded by: Ken Emanuels, Mike Meszaros

## BANSHEE - A few words in closing

Finally it is a chunk of fiberglass and balsa, but a few words are in order:

Bought new by Guilford Congdon in 1963, Banshee was personally delivered by Gordon Douglas, stacked with Graymaukin on a single trailer, as George had elected to build his own. George's wooden trailer would end up outlasting the steel one that came with Banshee. Campaigned for several seasons by Gil, with my older siblings as crew, Banshee was turned over to the younger generation in 1970. Roger Congdon took the helm through 1972, finishing a close 2nd to Anna Peachy for the Del Bender season trophy. Guilford added spinnaker and hardware in the mid-70's and sold Banshee to me for \$1, for which I am eternally grateful. The boat remained competitive till the 1990's, winning the Bender Trophy in 1974 and 1985 with redoubtable crew Hobey Landreth and Jim Noble. Save for re-building the balsa core on the bottom of the boat (a pleasant and rewarding activity I heartily recommend to all) with Steve Caletti in Helen Caletti's garage circa 1985, and an annual coat of duct tape, Banshee required very little maintenance during my years of stewardship. Since 2001 Banshee has been in the care of the Inverness Yacht Club, where it received the first real maintenance and equipment update since Gil Congdon's work in 1974, and where a new generation of sailors has learned to appreciate the Old Warhorse.

Some notable voyages:

- 1st place, 1963 Drumstick Regatta
- Avalis Beach, under periodic shoreside telescopic observation by Gil Congdon (ca. 1975)
- During a 1978 race, we were reaching just off Heart's Desire Beach, and we were hit by a big gust and knocked down. Hobey Landreth had vaulted over the side and was upside down with both hands on the centerboard. Quickly Banshee righted herself, and Hobey found himself awash, with only his legs on board, and those disappearing fast over the side. I was able to grab his belt and pull him on board, and we continued the race.
- Jim Haggin on foredeck in camel-hair coat, serenading Brahma Stone - we crashed up on the rocks near Marconi (ca. 1978)
- Walker Creek, with (male) crew member reeking of perfume, as noted by Katherine Landreth (1980) – in tandem with Eric Noble in Scotch Mist
- Match race with Steve Caletti versus Eric Noble and Hobey Landreth in Scotch Mist – seven lead changes (ca. 1983)
- 4 days on the SF Delta, to Lost Isle – Steve Caletti and Mike Brown (1987)
- Walker Creek again, with son Aaron – harder this time (2002)
- Pt Reyes Station - Green Bridge, with Steve Caletti and Aaron (ca. 2003). We arrived in time to have lunch at the Café Reyes before starting our tacking adventure back to the Club.



Quotes:

“Dad, why does Bob Wells have more wind than we do?” – Marcia Congdon, ca. 1965

“Go ahead, Marcia, here’s the bailer, I’ll look the other way” – Chivalrous Guilford, when Marcia needed to “use the facilities” during a long, becalmed race

“Oh, my! Imagine that, it happened AGAIN” – Hobey Landreth with a wry and gentle smile, as the jib sheet rolled over itself on the winch

“(Golly Gee!)” – Jim Noble, as the primitive shroud-to-shroud spinnaker halyards fouled for the umpteenth time

“Auuurghh!” – Ned, when mainsheet broke during match race with Eric N.

“I got it!” Ron Danzak, the ‘Human Cleat’, through clenched teeth, assuring he could hand-hold the spinnaker guy all the way back to the Club in a gale (Hog Island Race, 1976)

“Oh, look at that!” Ned, upon returning from a Sunday afternoon venture in the grassy hills of Millerton, only to see 50 feet of mud between Banshee and the Bay waters.

“Board Management” – Steve Caletti, ‘Chairman of the Board’ during our trip to Pt Reyes Station

Here’s a tip of the cap to a boat that excelled in an era when rudders were long, few racing skippers worried about beaching their boats, and tuning the Flying Scot rig was believed impossible to achieve. Whether as racing machine, bus, gunkholer, or driftwood barge, it made little difference - Banshee excelled in all those roles. She will be missed -

- Ned Congdon, July 2010



## Adult Sailing Lessons in 2010

IYC will offer an Adult Sailing Lesson Program this summer, geared for novices through lower intermediate level. This year the dates are already set, for August 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 (Th, Fri, Wed, Th, Fri). The program will be carried out in a Flying Scot owned by the Inverness Yacht Club. Our redoubtable instructor is none other than our own CHRIS LONGAKER, who has 50 years of sailing experience. He learned on our very own Tomales Bay in an El Toro (for those of you that are old enough to remember what those are). Chris owns and races a 34-ft Express on San Francisco Bay, and has “sailed the seven seas” as well. Please welcome Chris to the Adult Sailing Program!

There are a very limited number of spots for participants this year, so if you are interested, please call me soon for details, or better yet, fill out the Application and Participation Agreement forms which are found at <http://www.invernessyachtclub.com/adult.html> (click on the “Adult Sailing Lesson Program” button at the bottom of the screen). Mail the forms to me at the address below, along with your check for \$495 (\$535 for non-members), as soon as possible. As Dave Wallace likes to say, “Your check is your reservation.” We hope to see you out on the water this summer!

Ned Congdon – Chair, Adult Sailing Committee  
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# RACING



HALF HOG ISLAND RACE (Above). Cross tacking 110s, and a pretty Mercury.



IA RACE  
(Left and above)

The Start,  
and  
The Windward Leg.

## RACING



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### HALF HOG (Mercury's not included)

- 1st Mark Darley J18
- 2nd Steve Brock 110
- 3rd Jeff Hutter 110
- 4th Milly Biller 110
- 5th Sam Hinckley 110
- 6th Dudley Miller 110
- 7th Peter Lassetter Weta
- 8th Chris Longaker FS
- 9th John Phelan RS 700
- 11th David Melcon. Robert Cardwell.

Top placed Mercury was David West, who would have come 3rd overall on handicap.

19 boats in all on the water. Great to see so much activity. Mercury's welcome next year if they want to come.

### IA

- 1st Chris Waddell 110
- 2nd Jeff Hutter 110
- 3rd Milly Biller 110
- 4th Mark Darley J18
- 5th Sam Hinckley 110
- 6th Dudley Miller 110
- 7th Ashley Tobin FS
- 8th Chris Longaker FS
- 9th Mike Meszaros FD
- 10th Robert Cardwell 110
- 11th Tom Nemeth FS
- 12th Peter Lassetter Weta

16th Ned Congdon, Congdon jr, Mike Severson, Richard Biller.

16 boats in all good turnout.

Great to see Robert out on the water. Sure that as the winds increase he will be kicking butt again.

## Hog Island Race Time Change

The start time for the Hog Island race has been changed. It will be at 11.00am. Date stays the same – Saturday September 4, 2010. Please update your records accordingly. I apologize for any confusion.

*Keel boat racers, please note the tides. You may have to anchor out for a while when returning. We will make sure we have a free water taxi service. Please make sure you have an anchor!*

# EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, July 31st	Dornin Trophy Race	2.30pm
Saturday, August 7th	Martinelli Trophy	11.30am
Saturday, August 14th	Kilkenny Beach Party	3.00pm
Saturday, August 21st	Board Meeting	9.00am
August 21 & 22	Flying Scot Regatta	TBD
August 28 & 29	110 Regatta	TBD

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110 REGATTA

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August 21st & 22nd  
FLYING SCOT REGATTA

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Saturday, August 14th  
KILKENNY BEACH PARTY

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## **Kilkenny/Mendoza Beach Party**

Saturday August 14th

Sail, motor, paddle up Tomales Bay  
or drive overland

Tides at IYC: High: +5.7ft at 4.30pm. Low: 0ft at 11.30pm.

## **BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC SUPPER!**

IYC will provide: Barbecues on which to cook your supper,  
Oysters, Corn on the cob, Soda & Beer

Directions by car: Take the first **RIGHT** off Sir Francis Drake Blv after the entrance to Tomales Bay State Park onto **Duck Cove/ Marshall Beach Road**. Follow the IYC signs. Please be careful on the **STEEP** road down to the beach and **PARK WITH CONSIDERATION** for your fellow party-goers.

**See You All There!**



**INVERNESS YACHT CLUB**

Annual Meeting and Dinner

The IYC Board of Directors invites  
You to the Annual Meeting, Dinner and Party

Saturday, September 4th, 2010

Come on down, cast a vote for your new IYC Board, enjoy your old  
And new friends and stay for dinner and dancing.

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BAR OPENS AT 5pm  
Meeting: 5:30 – 6:30 (Bar Closed)  
Bar Opens Again: 6:30 (Hurrah!)  
Dinner 7:00

Special Entertainment - Danny Olmsted and The Sea Swells

IYC CHEFS WILL PROVIDE:  
BBQ'd Chicken, French Bread and Salad

PLEASE BRING:  
A – J Dessert  
K – Z Hors d'Oeuvres

All for only \$15 per adult

Please pay at the door. Checks will be accepted from members only  
(IRS Regulation)

Your Hosts are Sally and Tony Torrance 663-0707