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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

September 2010

It has been a busy year. Each Commodore probably steps up to the job with particular aims. I set myself the goal of doing everything I could to boost the sailing activity and vitality of the Club. In my mind that started with sprucing up the Club's appearance from the road which, at least to passing sailors looking for a lively club, meant cleaning out the boatyard and making room for more regularly sailed boats. With Milly's help and the persistence of the Board I think we have started to make a difference as a couple of visiting sailors have commented to me on the change.

That hoped for vitality is evident in the Youth Sailing Program and the 110 fleet. We have refreshed our Youth Sailing fleet and Ashley Tobin and her Committee put on a Family Square Dance that was a huge success. Also this weekend the 110 Fleet, "Fleet 56", ran a wonderful regatta with 10 boats on the start line, the same number that entered the 110 Nationals. We are now officially the largest 110 fleet in the US and 110 sailors from other clubs are now visiting for our regattas. Hopefully their boats will follow. Of course another success of that event was that, with the generous loan of his boat, Jim Noble lured Peter Lassetter and I into the fleet. Though both a bit black and blue (yes, they have edges), we now understand the lure of the 110: its unique lines, the way it slips through the water to windward, and the rush when a 50+ year old 1000lb boat (and crew, that goes for age too) catch a gust with the spinnaker up, and launch onto a flat out plane. For a taste of the wiggly humor of this boat and the crews that sail them, visit <http://www.mfife.com/fleet56/>

All of the steady forward progress made at the Club this year is a testament to the work of a hard core of incredibly dedicated members of your club who, time and again, step up to do the necessary volunteer work it takes to keep this wonderful institution running. Many are clearly visible while others make their contribution with a minimum of fuss as demonstrated by the team of Sue and Peter Lassetter, Susan Medina and Rick Michetti, John and Barbara Chase plus the inevitable Twinings who represented the IYC Hot Dog stand at the Inverness Fair. Please never take our volunteers for granted, and step forward!

Some images of my year: My tongue trying to make sense of an abrupt contrast between the dehydration of the Hog Island Race to the open bar at the Annual Meeting 2009. The soles of feet: Eric and Ned's as they were upside down inside Flying Scots fixing them up, SONDY's as she was upside down inside a galley cabinet scrubbing it, and Peter's as he slid gracefully overboard off the 110! Some grins I remember: Rishi Schweig's after a great day out on his Hobie Cat after it had been parked for a while, the kids' at the Open Bic trials, Suzie Hinckley's almost every time I see her, Rick and Carol's behind the bar, Milly's in her pink 110, Malcolm's as he cheerfully fixes his 110 again, the Skolds' at the

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COMMODORE CONTINUED:

starting platform, Win's at the Board meetings, Ken's at the barbecue at nearly every event, and of course mine in the rear view mirror of my MGA driving home after another great weekend at the IYC!

Thank you all for the pleasure and privilege I have enjoyed serving as one of a long line of IYC Commodores who get back from you at least as much as we give.

Sincerely, Your soon to be Staff Commodore, Mark Darley.

PORT CAPTAINS' REPORT

Summer is passing quickly. It's hard to believe it is halfway through August already. The Youth Sailing went well, and the races have had a good turnout. We will have had the Scot/Dutchman regatta and the 110 fleet championships by the time you see this.

Our Port Captain activities have been minor repairs and continued yard organization), as the club is very busy. Because of the wonderfully active use of the club, we need to remind you of a few things:

Club Rules state that dogs need to be leashed. Please have them do their doggy business before they are brought to the club. It is not the job of Mike Meszaros, Katherine Landreth, or anyone else to clean up after your dog. If your dog poops on the club property, you are responsible for cleanup. There are two shovels in the Pelican locker.

Ditto garbage. Coffee cups, beer cans/bottles, sandwich bags, cigarette butts etc. need to be cleaned up by those who brought them. Let's all leave our club cleaner than we found it.

Kilkenny Beach party was a great success with almost as many people coming back on Sunday to enjoy the beach and friends as were there on Saturday night. About 25 people camped out, enjoying a foggy but warm night. Saturday was fairly sunny, but Sunday the sun did not appear until almost everyone had left. Ken and Lynn Twining did their usual amazing job of organization, and were aided in the somewhat monumental job of material and food transport by Tom Fox and us. The overall effort took 5 days with many others pitching in to separate recycling, haul garbage, cook, open oysters etc. A big thanks to all who participated. See you next year!

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We are finally in the process of getting the permit from the Army Corps to replace our aging outer float. While the cost is great, I am very familiar with the work of the contractor we have engaged for the permitting process, and am very confident we will end up with a dock that will last as long as the present one has (almost 40 years). Some other items on our maintenance wish list might have to wait awhile while we pay for this but, pending the unforeseen, we think this is the highest priority now. However, as always, let us know what you see around the Club that needs doing.

I had a nice conversation with member Bill Barton, who informed me that he was leaving the next day for Spain to race in the Etchells' World Championships. I think I can speak for the club in saying GOOD LUCK BILL!
PC.

NOTICES



IYC NAUTICAL SWAP MEET

THIS SUNDAY, September 5th in the IYC boatyard. 10am to 2pm



Please bring any nautical items you have stored for years, and swap them for nautical items you need!
This is strictly a swap meet and no refreshments or food will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP

Approved for Membership: G. Matt Kondolf,

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

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

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

Posted for Regular Membership:

Sarah & Rauly Butler and children: Kathryn and Jacob

Proposed: Nancy Genn, Seconded: Alexander Calhoun, Cornelia Calhoun

James Connell & Tien Bui and children: Audrey and Erik

Proposed: Elaine Connell, Seconded: Tom & Emily Calhoun, Nancy Genn

Elisabeth Stitt & Bala Paomakumar and children: Julia, Jai, and Rahit

Proposed: Britt Stitt Seconded: John Longstreth, Banbi Schwartz

Ashley Boren & Dan Purtell and children: Joe and Ben

Proposed: Ann Boren Seconded: Lee Seidner, Ashley Tobin

Christopher & Maggie Harmon and children: Eva and Ben

Proposed: John Speh, Seconded: Suzanne Speh, Douglas Johnson

Junior Membership:

Matisse Manuel

Proposed: Jim Barnett Seconded: Tad Minor, Robert Cardwell

Members' Directory Corrections Needed ASAP

Typically erroneous categories include:

Children: Those who are no longer Minors should be dropped from the listing, (and join as Junior Adults?)

Phone numbers, Email address, Mailing address...if you want a Pilot! **Names/Types of boats** (either stored at IYC or not)

Please send your corrections ASAP to Carol Skold: caskold@att.net

2011 Directory goes to press very soon. Thank you.

K I L K E N N Y &

Kilkenny 2010

Somehow, the Kilkenny Beach Party is always special. As we make the annual voyage by boat or overland, there's a feeling of anticipation and reunion that is unique to this IYC event. Gathering on the remote beach, soaking in Tomales Bay beauty, and celebrating with friends and family is a beloved yearly highlight for so many.

This year's party was once again organized to perfection by impresarios Ken & Lyn Twining and Millie & Richard Biller. It takes a tremendous amount of planning, purchasing, and hard labor to pull such a gig together, and this Dream Team of volunteer superstars gets it all done with style.

On their first cargo-load up the Bay, Millie and Richard found that they needed to reclaim the beach from several hundred "Lion's Mane" jellyfish carcasses, washed up in the high tide. These things are intimidating even when dead. Once the removal and solemn burial was complete, the real work of unloading barbecues, tables, ice chests, charcoal, kegs, garbage cans, etc. etc. could begin. Talk about leaving a place better than you found it!

The party itself began mid-afternoon Saturday, as barbecues were fired up and kegs were tapped. Although foggy skies persisted, energy and enjoyment were high. Boston Whalers full of friends kept arriving and intrepid campers began setting up tents. Sandy Curth, Jesse Lee, Sarah Guilbault and friends sailed a Club Scot up the Bay and Laura and Mark Alderdice cruised along in their graceful yacht Ariel.

As twilight fell, we feasted on oysters, corn, and other delights. Rufus Blunk trundled up with a wheelbarrow of wood for a campfire and Shawn Kelly provided an array of musical instruments for an impromptu sing-along and jam session. It was wonderful to see old and new friends: Ginny, Dorcy and Brooke Brownback, the Congdon family, many Olmsteds, Allison Alderdice and friend Alexi, the Cardwells, Molly Noble, and many more. Even a tribe of passer-by kayakers wandered along the beach to share our merriment.

A gaggle of IYC pals lit the tiki torches as conversation, laughter, music, and enjoyment filled the night air. Once again, it was simply the annual Best Kilkenny Beach Party Ever.

With true appreciation and thanks to our hosts Ken & Lyn Twining and Millie & Richard Biller – YOU made the Kilkenny miracle happen...again.

Cheers, Katherine L and Sam H



THE SQUARE DANCE

THE FAMILY SQUARE DANCE

The Family Square Dance, held on the Saturday night before the Youth Sailing Regatta, was an unqualified success both socially and financially. Over a hundreded pairs of dancing feet of all ages tripped the light fantastic with grins from ear to ear. Kudos goes to the Tobin/Watters clan and their band of volunteers. Margaret Weir and her crew of sticky handed youth deserve special mention for managing the production of hundreds of cup cakes. Rumour has it that Toby Watters carried some extra cup weight (cake not America's) into the regatta. Congratulations on a great party! Mark Darley.



All Photos: Ken Twining



FLYING SCOT DISTRICTS REGATTA

The weekend of August 21 and 22 saw beautiful weather and Inverness Yacht Club held the Flying Scot District Regatta. A total of five races, three on Saturday and two on Sunday, were held. The turn out was a little disappointing with five boats, but the racing was very close and exciting. The wind could have been a little stronger and consistent, but there was more than enough to race in.

Saturday saw two main contenders quickly lay down the gauntlet to each other. Kim Desenberg and Stan Morris finished the first day's races with a 1, 2 and 1, with John Phelan and Hobie Landreth making a 2, 1 and 2. Charles Gay and son Forest were third in each race.

The numbers however do not tell the story. The racing was very close, as some of the pictures indicate, with boats changing places throughout the races. Charles and Forest, although third each time, were always right in the mix and could have easily upset the other two boats in any of the races. All three boats were always very close.

The dinner that evening was a wonderful BBQ, where Ken Twinning, assisted by advisors made articulate, brilliant and useful with locally brewed beer, cooked fresh salmon on a bed of rosemary, and half a cow. Susan Medina and Lyn Twinning did all the hard work in the kitchen, and turned out a great meal. My thanks to all involved. Ken has to take the line honors for all the hard work, but seemed to have more fun than anybody.

Sunday's Race 4 began with a collision at the start. Kim and Stan hit Chris Longaker's beautiful (as in my old one that I still love) boat amidships two seconds after the start right at the port start line buoy. As race chair I am glad it did not become a protest. Kim and Stan were late for the start and were running down on starboard to the line just outside the port buoy. Chris was on port just crossing the line. Kim rounded up to squeeze into the six inch space between the buoy and Chris's port beam and did a solid T – bone, on starboard, to hit the port tack boat. Fortunately the Scot yet again proved its durability and there was no apparent damage to either boat. My money if a protest was on the windward boat keeping clear and not changing course by 90 degrees to start on starboard. Fortunately I was not tested with a protest and Kim did two complete turns for his 720 penalty, although Stan maintained it was not because of any guilt about barging, merely that the rules now say you should try and avoid a collision, and this one was a little more than a friendly tap on the shoulder.

And maybe Stan was right, because the wind God's favored that little boat that started way behind everybody else. Kim and Stan aced the race with a first finish of some distance. It was wonderful to see. And to make things more interesting Charles and Forrest stuck it to Jon and Hobie and came second. At the final windward mark they were behind and to leeward of John and Hobie on the run down to the leeward mark. They slowed, cut upwind and then grabbed an inside overlap. I thought all was lost for John/Hobie but Charles/Forrest ended up by the lee and to make the mark they had to gibe and crossed astern again.

At this stage I had not realized that Hobie had a direct connection to the locally brewed draught beer on the dock. The John/Hobie rounding was, frankly, miserable, and the Forest directed (I guess Charles) rounding was great. Although behind entering into the three circle zone at the leeward mark, they got upwind back to the finish line 100 yards away comfortably ahead. And so most people had their little victories that help get us out there again and again.

RACING

In the end however the final race was not so exciting. John and Hobie got away and finished in fine style way ahead. I believe it is called a horizon job. Kim and Stan came second and Chris Longaker separated Charles and Forest from the frontrunners with a third.

Many thanks to the Scot Fleet Captain Peter Ackley for orchestrating a great weekend and having the good sense to enroll Ken Twinning for the really important responsibilities.

And I had a blast as well.

The weekend of 28th/29th is the 110 Regatta. Many boats are expected and the clear favorite at the moment is HMS Buttercup, a new 110 tricked out by Jim Noble. Some may say that Robert Cardwell has a chance based on his Bender Series Results so far, but the Brits will tax him sorely (pun intended). Come and watch; the dock is a fun place to be watching the racing and enjoying a drink with your pals.

Peter Lassetter.



Photo: Peter Lassetter

Final Results to Flying Scot Districts 2010:

1. Kim Desenberg and Stan Morris
2. John Phelan and Hobie Landreth
3. Charles and Forest Gay.
4. Chris Longaker and Christine Weaver, Molly Sterling and Jonothan Guttoff
5. Peter and Chris Ackley

Editor's note: There will be full and proper reports on the Youth Sailing Regatta, and the 110 Regatta in the next issue.

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, Sept 4th	Hog Island Race	11 am
	Annual Meeting	5.30 pm
Sunday, Sept 5th	Nautical Swap Meet	10 am
Saturday, Sept 11th	Board Meeting	9.30 am
	Barnes Race	1.00 pm
	Open House	5.30 pm
Sunday, Sept 12th	Oko Race	1.30 pm
Saturday, Sept 25th	Myers Race	1.00 pm
Sunday, Sept 26th	Wells Race	1.00 pm

NAUTICAL SWAP MEET

September 5th

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ANNUAL MEETING

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HOG ISLAND RACE

September 4th

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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.

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

Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Inverness Yacht Club

The Meeting will be called to order on Saturday, September 4th, 2010 at 5.30 p.m.
or as the finish time of the Hog Island Race permits.

Present will be:

Representation of IYC membership and members of 2009-10 IYC Board.

Commodore's Comments, Mark Darley:

1. Welcome and introduction. General comments on the state of the Club.
2. Motion will be made to approve the minutes from 2009 Annual Meeting.
3. Thanks to the Board and Chairs for their service in 2009-2010.

Staff Commodore, Peter Lassetter (Chartered Structural Engineer) and Port Captain, Milly Biller.

1. Report on the condition of the Outer float, and Club structures in general.

Membership, Carol Skold:

1. Number of Memberships, and new memberships in 2010

Treasurer, Jim Laws:

1. Club financial health and Jan. 2011 increase of membership fees.

Head of Nominating Committee, John Speh:

1. Presentation of the Board Nominations for 2010-11
2. Vote by the General Membership

Commodore	Win Black
Vice Commodore	Ken Emmanuel
Rear Commodore	Jim Laws
Staff Commodore	Mark Darley
Treasurer	Jim Laws
Secretary	Allesondra Springmann
Port Captain	Millie and Richard Biller
Director (1 year)	Shawn Kelly
Director (1 year)	John Longstreth
Director (2 years)	Ashley Tobin
Director (2 years)	Dudley Miller

Introduction of the new Board by Win Black, 2010-2011 Commodore.

Shawn Kelly, Trophies with Win Black, Commodore:

1. Presentation of Flags to new Flag Officers
and brass tabs to be presented to new Chairs and Board Members for 2011.

Meeting will be adjourned, Bar will reopen and Supper will commence.