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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

February 2012

The New Year's Day Gin Fizz party was its usual smashing success with a record crowd of old friends, new club members and friendly faces all around. The day was glorious, the sky cobalt blue and our beloved Tomales Bay serene in its beauty. Thanks to Carol and Steve Skold and Lyn and Ken Twining for hosting the event. What would Jan. 1st in Inverness be without the IYC Gin Fizz party?

This club reeks of wonderful traditions: another was last month's Crab Feed, hosted for most of the past 23 years by Dave and Eileen Wallace, often with the help of dad Russ Wallace and the three generation Wallace clan. Dave is a "graduate" of the youth sailing program and has held an astonishing number of IYC positions: commodore (and all flag officer positions), treasurer, port captain, board member, house chair and race committee chair. He was our commodore in 1995 and sails one of the most beautiful boats on Tomales Bay, a Raven class sloop.

Wow. Congratulations to our own Sandy Curth (Junior Member) who is a graduate of our summer Youth Sailing program and a former instructor. Last weekend, Sandy traveled to Southern California and led his Drake High School sailing team to victory in the Rose Bowl Regatta, the largest high school regatta on the West Coast. Coached by Dan Brandt (former IYC Head Instructor), the team took 1st place in the Silver Division of high school teams, qualifying for the NorCal Championships in March at the St. Francis Yacht Club and the Cardinal Regatta at Treasure Island in February.

Now that our Centennial Year is underway (thanks to Win Black for the colorful 100th Year banner over the entrance gate to the yard), we have special Centennial IYC burgees, jackets and polo shirts and soon glasses with our IYC Centennial logo. They'll be on sale at open houses. Look for historic photos soon to be mounted on our walls. My favorite image depicts a 1914 yacht club picnic at Heart's Desire beach, which comes from a magnificent collection of photos courtesy of the Point Reyes National Seashore Museum.

If your non-sailing friends are like mine, I get questions about the America's Cup event on San Francisco Bay. Here's the skinny: it takes place in three stages. This year 2012, the so-called "America's Cup World Series" will hold races Aug. 11-19 and Aug. 27-Sept. 2. Racing will be the smaller (44ft) wingsailed multihulls, but just as amazing to watch. Then next year (2013) the larger (72 ft) wingsailed multihulls begin racing in the Louis Vuitton Cup on July 4- Sept 1. The winner of this series becomes the Challenger, who then races against the Defender (the Oracle boat) in the America's Cup Final Sept 7-22, 2013.

Comment, suggestion, complaint or compliment? Give me a call or email at 669-1963/ kemanuels@horizoncable.com. We welcome your participation in this great club.

Ken Emanuels.

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PORT CAPTAINS' REPORT

Dear Members,

I am happy to report that Andres and I were able to complete the structural repairs under the clubhouse. I was under there last Spring with Engineer Peter Lassetter, who made many very helpful recommendations, but somehow with the passage of time, I had remembered the nature of the problems incorrectly. A trip down there changed my focus from replacing rotten posts, to mostly cross bracing the existing ones. I had thought it would be necessary to hire a crew to complete the work in our given tide/weather window, but it was not necessary, saving the club some money. We ended up replacing 14 posts that were rotten, and cross bracing around 20 posts. I feel quite comfortable now about how the building is supported underneath. It is heavy going under there, but we soon learned to walk where the animals walk (raccoons, skunks, etc.) and mostly did not sink over our boots!

Good news also on the dock replacement. We had a site visit from the Army Corps, with a gentleman who seemed genuinely interested in seeing our plans through to a permit. Fingers crossed...

Please don't forget to mark the date for the Super Bowl fundraiser, even though our beloved Niners lost. We still want to get the ballroom floor refinished, to sparkle in our Centennial year, and if we raise enough money, we may purchase a web-compatible weather station for the end of the dock, so people who live "over the hill" can check out the conditions from home. See you there!

Milly Biller

EDITOR'S NOTE:

IN 2011 WE WERE CHRONICALLY SHORT OF IMAGES OF SOCIAL EVENTS. IF ANY MEMBERS TAKE PHOTOS OF SOCIAL EVENTS, PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME AT: MARKDARLEY@MAC.COM THANK YOU.

NOTICES

The Inverness Yacht Club offers the Summer Youth Sailing Program.

There are two three week sessions with 30 sailors each ranging in age from 10-18. The program is rich in tradition, focused on fun, enjoying Tomales Bay, and includes instruction and experience in racing. The participant fee is \$850 per youth sailor.

Registration forms and more information about the Program can be obtained by accessing the Club website at: <http://www.invernessyachtclub.org/youth.html>.

The dates for the 2012 sessions are as follows:

6/25 – 7/13 *except 7/4* First Session
Tuesday 7/17 – 8/3 Second Session

Applications will be accepted from Members starting Monday, February 6th, 2012.

No Member applications postmarked prior to February 6th will be accepted.

Children and grandchildren of IYC members will have priority over Non-Members until Sunday, March 4th.

Applications will be accepted from Non-Members starting Monday, March 5th, 2012.

No applications from Non-Members postmarked prior to March 5th will be accepted.

SAVE THE DATE:

BY POPULAR DEMAND-A Tony Griffin Production, Lost Horizon by James Hilton-A Dramatic Reading by IYC Members
Sat. March 24, 5:30 Bar Open, 6:30pm Dinner/8:00pm Drama
Host: Susie Stitt

MEMBERSHIP

Approved for Regular Membership:

Michael & Sara Vurek

Proposed: Millie Biller, Seconded: Jim Noble, Sam Hinckley

Proposed for Membership:

Ron & Tere Bennett

Proposed by: Jim Laws, seconded by: Richard Aston, Jan Aston

Tom & Carolina Killion, Children: Kai (1992), Camila (2002)

Proposed by: Marshall Livingston, Seconded by: James Lino, Lorraine Fisher-Smith

Jeff & Alexandra Treene, Children: Kathryn(Katie) (2001), Charles(Charlie) (2003)

Proposed by: Sam & Frances Hinckley, Seconded by: David & Suzanne Donlon, Edward Johnston

CLUB RACING CALENDAR 2012

Date	Event	Race Start Time	Adjacent High – Ht	Adjacent Low - Ht
Sun May 6	Warm Up	13:00	13:56 – 4.33'	19:26 – 1.69'
Sat May 26	Workday and BBQ			
Sun June 3	Half Hog	12:30	13:01 – 4.08'	18:16 – 2.00'
Sat June 30	4 th July BBQ			
Sun July 1	Blessing of the Fleet			
Sat July 7	IA	15:15	16:30 – 4.86'	22:44 – 1.85'
Sat July 21	Mason	14:30	15:17 – 4.64'	21:09 – 2.01'
Sun July 22	Dorin	14:30	15:51 – 4.84'	21:59 – 1.76'
Sat July 28	Youth Sailing Regatta		09:53 – 3.46''	14.51 – 2.48''
Sat Aug 4	FS/FD Regatta	13:30	15:05 – 5.01'	21:19 – 1.50'
Sun Aug 5	FS/FD Regatta	13:30	15:39 – 5.03'	22:10 – 1.41'
Sat Aug 11	Inverness Fair			
Sat Aug 18	Kilkenny Beach Party			
Sun Aug 19	Martinelli	13:15	14:29 – 5.12'	20:48 – 1.08'
Sat Sept 1	Annual General Meeting			
Sat Sept 1	Hog Island	12:00	13.45 – 5.12'	20.10 – 0.96'
Sun Sept 02	110 Regatta	13:00	14:14 – 5.13'	20:51 – 0.84
Mon Sept 03	110 Regatta	13:30	14:44 – 5.1'	21:34 – 0.79'
Sat Sept 15	Barnes	11:30	12:36 – 5.09'	19:00 – 0.73'
Sun Sept 16	Oko	12:00	13:08 – 5.36'	19:43 – 0.28'
Sat Sept 29	Myers	12:00	12:30 – 5.23'	19:12 – 0.4'
Sun Sept 30	Wells	12:00	12:57 – 5.24'	19:50 – 0.22'
Sat Oct 20	Lake	14:15	16:25 – 5.33'	11:03 – 2.63'
Sat Nov 3	Spook	13:00	15:00 – 4.68'	22:37 – (-0.05')
Sat Nov 17	Drumstick	12:30	14:04 – 5.67'	21:33 – (-1.21')



Dave Wallace (of Crab Feed Fame) steering his lovely Raven up the Bay

HAPPY NEW YEAR IYC!

A capacity crowd filled the clubhouse on New Year's Day to celebrate the beginning of the IYC'S 100th Year.

The day was spectacular with members overflowing onto the outside decks to take advantage of it.

(Photos by Carol Skold)



CENTENNIAL COLUMN



Liz Pease, 1933



Editor's note:

This is an email I reprint with permission from Marjorie Wilson in response to her mother, Liz Pease, seeing the two photos above featured in The January 2012 issue of the Pilot.

Mark,

The Centennial Column and Historic Photo Gallery are a delight! Thanks so much for keeping our Pilot great!

I usually chat with my mother Liz Pease every day. She lives now at Villa Marin in San Rafael, and my husband Tom and I live in Portland. She reads her Pilot cover to cover every month and we talked about the photos and Maidee's story today.

She remembers both the Queen and the Kemah and thinks that the launch pictured is the Kemah. Her mother and aunt (both young SF widows with daughters) bought our Edgemont house in 1925 when my mother was about eight years old. In those days they walked directly down their garden path to the county road (Sir Francis Drake) and across to Brock's Wharf or along the road to the bathhouses. She tells of going up in the summer mornings to the beach and back in the afternoon compliments of Brock Schreiber and his launch service. Of course, I remember as a little girl playing on Children's Beach where the spine of one of his boats was half buried in the sand. All of these things have been documented far more accurately in various memoirs published through the years but it is really fun to hear her joy in her reminiscence.

She has another story of her mother Ruth Currier taking her to a dance at the yacht club when she was about eleven - even then tall, lanky, and brunette. We have a great picture of her at that age. That was probably about 1927. She laughed as she described how she felt sitting on a bench along the wall with her mother that evening and no one asking her to dance even though she was wearing a fetching straw hat. They had just purchased it for the occasion from a little store in Marshall that had been going out of business. The hat was from the very farthest back shelf. And, she goes on...

Re the 1910 photo of the Nelly Bly it just seemed like a familiar shot of Shell Beach - maybe. More fun was looking up the words to the song and sharing them with her, as well as the story of the correspondent who used the name as a pseudonym. She did say she remembered the Mohrhardt house but not exactly where it was located.

In any case, I thought you should know what pleasure your Pilot brings to her.

Regards, MarjorieW

An historic photo gallery.



Images of 1910? boating on Tomales Bay courtesy of the National Park Service.
Anyone able to accurately caption these images, please contact MarkDarley@mac.com or write your caption on the Pilot posted on the IYC notice board.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb 5th	Super Bowl Party	14.30
Saturday, Feb 11th	Board Meeting	09:30
	Special New Members Open House	17:30
Saturday, Feb 25th	Ed Von der Porten, Drake Dinner	18.30
Saturday, March 10th	Board Meeting	09.30
	Open House	17.30

PRESENTATION
&
DRAKE DINNER
Saturday, Feb 25th

&
SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, Feb 5th

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OF THIS LONGSTANDING DEBATE



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**IYC CENTENNIAL
Super Bowl Party**

~ Prizes ~ Raffle ~ Games ~
~ Silent Auction ~ Great Food ~ Fun

**February 5, 2012, 2:30 - 5:30 pm
\$20 at the door**

Raise funds for the 110 Fleet, refinishing the ballroom floor...
and possibly an end-of-dock weather station

Questions? Contact Milly at 663-1442