



CRYC BULLETIN

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Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday @ 7:30PM. To get to the clubhouse over the winter, take the gravel road at the 3-way stop (Saratoga Rd & McLarey Ave) and enter the grounds by the cabins beside the river. If you are on line, consider giving us your e-mail address to bring our newsletter into the Millennium.

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The Commodore's Message

At the last executive meeting a certain hardnose, who shall remain nameless, brought us to our senses regarding members no longer in good standing due to being in arrears in their dues. Simply put if we do not follow our constitution and withdraw the benefits of membership we are rewarding the non-payers and making fools of the payers. That is not a club objective. We are not a branch of government; we are not big enough to carry non-payers. Hugh SILVER

Our Special Events Calendar

This handsome lucky couple is going to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on April 16. Maybe you do not recognize them, but they are members of the yacht club. In order to make it a little easier for the club members to attend and help us and our family to celebrate this event, we invite every member of the club to join us on April 24 at 1930 hrs for a little refreshment at our clubhouse at the Pacific Playgrounds.

See you there,

Hubert and Tina Breukers

CRYC Catalogue sent with mailout.

Orders need to be placed by April 13, 2000. Jim and Pat have done some great work on this project! There are some great choices available. Get to work discussing your choices prior to the April meeting. We may have another order this fall.

GALS Wednesday April 12 Scrub and Vac at Clubhouse

GUYS Thursday April 6 Clubhouse Repairs

MAY Plan to build Barbecue, Fieldstonemeister-Mike Harris. Grillmeister- Gary Wessel

More to follow. Barbecue planned for June.

Our upcoming Program

Remember our meeting is one week early this month!

APRIL 13 BROWN BAG WINE TASTING SOCIAL

Bring your bottle of wine in a brown bag, we will number it and testing will begin! Also some fingerfoods to share.

Prizes will be presented following the experimentation.

The more the Merrier, so come on out!

It's Easy Cruisin' with Wright

It's great to see the activity around the marinas. The grime of winter being washed off, new paint & equipment added, bosun chairs & people up the masts. Wonderful to see, along with the trees

blossoming, flowers & daylight saving time - IT MUST BE S P R I N G!!!

The Cruising Schedules have been published. Not much feed back as yet. If you have wants or ideas for the cruising season, please let us know!

SEABEAR, WINDSONG & HOBBIT TOO may have a little more competition this year with CHANDELLE, GOOSE & DARIAN getting new sails; SAN CHRISTIE, new furling gear to mention a few changes. CAT DANCER has been sold & a new boat taking her place in the form of a C&C 34. We will watch for that one: the name is yet unknown.

Wishing you fair winds & calm seas - see you at the marina.

Joe WRIGHT



Action Between the Sheets with Wessel

. WARNING !!! Guru on Board

The first race of the season was a great success with 15 to 20+ knt winds, sunshine and three boats starting. The 10.1 Km course (PP to Sentry Shoal to PP) was completed within 2 hrs, with the first 20 minutes being dedicated to getting across the starting line in no wind and the rest of the race to just plain holding on. Some vicious speeds were attained on the downwind reach to the finish, WOW! Although "Chase the Wind" was there to rock and roll, equipment failures forced an early finish for them. Better luck next time Glen. "Chandelle" and the Chandahouvians, tested their new sail and loved it. No need to reef that baby?, she's flat and fast!

There are a number of Gurus around that are currently boatless and wanting to sail (Hugh, Wade, Brian, John, Lee). If you're interested in racing you might invite a Guru to join your crew. I find your typical Guru most receptive to sharing their knowledge of sailing and there is no better way to learn sailing than to experiment on your own boat. We were most pleased to have Lee Cochrane on board "Seabear V" for this first race. I learned volumes. After the race I always like to extend the helm to each Crew for a short romp. Judging by the smile on Lee's face, a good time was had by all. Thankyou Lee! Gary WESSEL

Next Race: Sunday April 30 - Around Mitlenatch Island Race - Fun in the Sun

The Offshore Notebook from Ankle Deep

Other transatlantic memories will be the night we spent looking for the 56year old woman rower who had left the Canary islands many weeks ahead of us. We had her position daily from Trudy who relayed a request from her for audiotapes of books. Lionel quickly found a pack we had and though we moved along her last known track for over 24hours we never did sight her. Another ham story was of a crewmember from an ARC boat who was washed overboard and recovered 12 hours later by another yacht. The Bluewater Cruising Rally boat who went looking for wind in the big squall we altered course to avoid and got caught in sustained 65 knt winds for 2and 1/2 hours, losing the mainsail cover, all his deck clutter and his Inmarsat dome, damaging his dinghy and suffering what was put out as a heart attack, the following day. Several yachts diverted to help and a nurse from one boat, medical supplies from another, extra diesel and 2 crew from a third were all put aboard. Last news was that they had reached Martinique and he was resting comfortably. Our own memories of the ARC boats will be of the racing sled who crossed our bows in the pitch black night with about 50 ft to spare. We were not impressed with their seamanship or their navigation lights - one mast-top all round white light, (which means they are anchored), and which gave us no indication of their direction of travel. Lionel had a few choice words with them but they did not have the decency to come back on the radio. Apart from this and a couple of local fish boats that we had close encounters with on our last night in driving rain, we saw very little other traffic. A few commercial vessels who keep a responsible distance away, and a few other sailboats, one of which was actually heading EAST in what is supposed to be the NE tradewinds. It was an interesting passage! Next time round, we will go east about. Pat & Lionel BOTTING

Gotta Luv Nautical Trivia from Elliott

Winds or the lack of them, were not always considered as a matter of luck. Whistling on the deck could bring up horrendous winds, hence the saying "Whistle up a wind". During periods of strong winds or long calm periods the people on onboard would often look for a scapegoat to account for it.

If one was present, the usual scapegoat was "the most terrible of men amongst sailors, a Russian Finn." Finns were believed to control the winds. If the Finn was also a sail-maker, it was thought that he could do anything he wanted to.

One captain was reported to have shut a Finn down in the forepeak until he made the wind change. This belief was popular right into the twentieth century.

Perhaps sailing with a Finn as crew might improve your chances at racing. Jim ELLIOTT

From the Galley Slaves Pot by Pat ELLIOTT

Welsh Cake Mix

Amount Measure Ingredient

2 Cups White Flour Mix dry ingredients and store in a zip lock bag.

2/3 Cup Sugar Use 2 cups of mix to one beaten egg, stir, knead and roll out to 1/4

1/2 Teaspoon Salt inch thick. Cut into squares or circles 2-3 inches in size. Fry to

3 Teaspoons Baking Powder medium brown both sides. Serve hot with jam.

1/2 Cup Margarine

1/2 Cup Raisins

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