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19th Women's Sailing Seminar Preparation is Underway



The RAFFLE is always a huge success at WSS! Looks like Jane hit the jackpot with one of her tickets.

IYC's biggest annual event takes place **October 1 & 2**, and the WSS Planning Committee is up and running with preparations already underway. The Committee met August 3 and went over a spreadsheet, organizing the many tasks involved in putting on this event into committee chairs.

Watch for a great new section of our Website being designed by Bethany Smith, publicity organized by Nancy Hird, instructors and boats being lined up by Dawn Chesney, raffle donations organized by brand new IYC'er Melissa Grudin, and the whole shabang being coordinated by IYC Treasurer Jane Brown. Several more IYC women have signed on and are working already as well!

Our WSS committee needs lots of help, both immediately during the planning and on the weekend itself. If you can give any time and energy to help make our 19th event a huge success, please contact Jane Brown: cactigal@comcast.net.

Information will be added to the WSS page on our Website as soon as available, and watch your IYCee What's Happening emails for news as well! Be sure to talk WSS up with your friends; you never know who might have a secret hankering to get out on a boat. (Remember, lots of our WSS students have never stepped onto a sailboat before!) Just send them to iyc.org (or, if it's easier to remember, womenssailingseminar.com goes right to the WSS page)!

Let's have another great WSS this year!

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AUG/SEPT EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tue Aug 9 Board Meeting
- Fri Aug 12 & 26 Island Nights Summer Races #3 & #4
- Sat Aug 27 Membership Dinner/Speaker
- Sept 3-5 **Cruiseout to Half Moon Bay**
- Tue Sept 13 Board Meeting
- Fri Sept 16 Island Nights #5 and Awards!
- Sat Sept 24 Membership Dinner/Speaker
- Oct 1 & 2 **Women's Sailing Seminar**

Commodore's Corner

By Dave Bloch

What a month we had at IYC! Our seat-of-the-pants cruiseout to Richmond's **Marina Bay Yacht Harbor** drew a nice collection of members in boats and cars on July 3. We all gathered on and around **Ward Fulcher's** Hunter *Steel Magnolia* for beer, wine, spirits and snacks. (When **Cindy Wagner** announces that we will have "simple appetizers" on the boat, expect a spread on the order of the Ritz-Carlton.) Surprise guests **Rob and Kristen** pulled in en route home from Vallejo—it was definitely a party!

Speranza and I accompanied **Lucie** and **Ben Mewes** over to the Craneway Pavilion where the Oakland East Bay Symphony Orchestra does an annual pre-fireworks concert. Just fantastic, especially a special performance by an amazing 13-year-old piano virtuoso. We left during the intermission and made it back in time to see nearly all the fireworks show with everyone back on Rob's boat. It was a great night, and an easy sail back home Monday on *Dream Catcher*—neither a tack nor a jibe all the way from the Richmond channel exit to Marina Village, with wing-on-wing down the Estuary!

The end-of-month cruise to **Presidio YC** last weekend was a quiet affair with only *Dream Catcher* and new members **Jeff and Melissa Grudin** on their Catalina *Siyua*. Good winds the entire trip across the Bay (*Siyua* reefed in the Slot; just let out the sails a bit on our heavy Bombay Clipper) and light currents at the sometimes-tricky entry to Horseshoe Cove. Snacks on *Siyua*, a nice walk over to the very swank Murray's Circle hotel/restaurant, and Vice-Commodore **Kristen Soetebier** drove in for drinks and dinner at the PYC bar. A long day, though; this group retired from the bar about 9:00.

THANK YOU! to Melissa for pulling this together after only a couple of months belonging to IYC! It's great when new members jump right in and get involved.

Our Member Survey

We received 14 responses to our online Member Survey, with a wide variety of opinions and some new ideas for the Board to look at. I was personally pleased that the "How valuable is MainSheet to you?" question showed 78% of respondents read at least part of this newsletter every month. The most positive responses to the "How to raise more revenue" question were for ideas that spread the pain across both members and nonmembers; that is, food and drink prices and race fees.

One key question was about whether to require or reward volunteer work, which is a very common practice around Bay Area yacht clubs. 50% answered "voluntary with a reward" (which might be a discount coupon for food, bar or race); the other two options (required, and strictly at-will volunteer) split the remaining responses. Increasing volunteerism is a huge issue for us (as it is for many nonprofit organizations) and the Board continues to look for ways to get more IYCers helping out at the events we all enjoy.

Expect to see some of the Survey ideas put into practice as we move forward!

America's Cup

The Alameda ad hoc citizens' committee on AC34 did not meet since our last *MainSheet*, but has a meeting scheduled this Thursday. However, I can announce that the City Council passed the resolution of support for the Committee's work. The Committee worked several hours writing and tweaking the wording of the Resolution and our members are proud that the Council passed it without modification. You'll find the text of the Resolution elsewhere in this *MainSheet*.

Personal Adventures

As I write this on August 4, Speranza and I are in the process of buying a new boat on which to fulfill a long-term dream—to live aboard for a few years before "cutting the cord," heading out the Golden Gate, turning left, and beginning a long cruise that will end at our retirement town of Progreso, Yucatan, Mexico. Progreso will be our base for more explorations into the Caribbean and beyond.

The boat is a 1998 Hunter 410 named *Bouyant* (good karma). She is in beautiful condition and her cabin layout looks perfect for us. This weekend is the all-important Test Sail when we'll find out how she actually feels to us (and especially to Speranza, who is 12 inches shorter than I am). You'll hear much more about this around the clubhouse over the next couple of weeks!

Virtual Sailors Coming to Visit

The 2012 **Second Life Community Convention** comes to Oakland August 12-14, and several of my virtual sailing friends (and members of the *Sail for Life* team) are flying their actual physical selves here for the occasion! IYCers coming to the August 12 *Island Nights* race and BBQ may get the chance to meet one or more of these folks if I can drag them across the Estuary. And on Monday August 15, the four of them will join me for a three hour cruise on **USA76**, the AC33 racing yacht that now lives at Pier 39. Should be a great time!



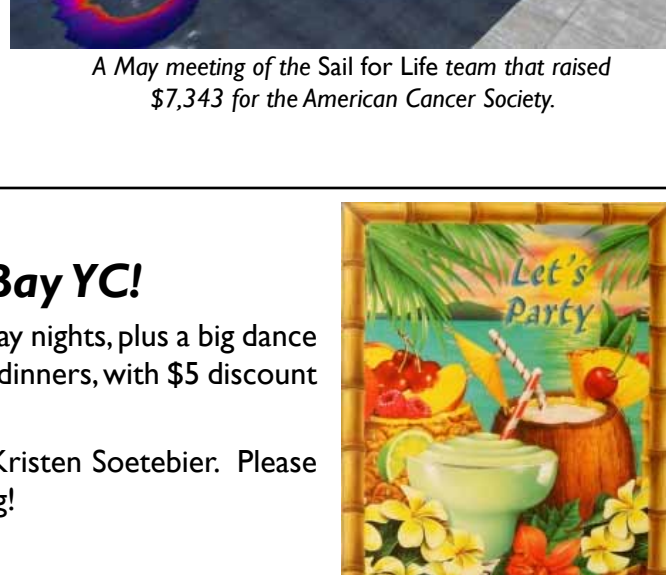
Speranza, Ward, Dawn and Kristen noshing appetizers on Steel Magnolia



Pretty boats at sunset in Marina Bay!



Melissa and Jeff Grudin, Dave Bloch and Speranza Avram, at the July 30-31 cruiseout to Peninsula YC



A May meeting of the Sail for Life team that raised \$7,343 for the American Cancer Society.

Don't Miss the Labor Day Cruiseout to Half Moon Bay YC!

HMBYC has dinners scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, plus a big dance Sunday night! Reservations are required for the Sat and Sun dinners, with \$5 discount if you reserve by August 29.

The IYC cruise is being coordinated by Vice Commodore Kristen Soetebier. Please contact her as soon as possible if you're planning on cruising!

Get all the details and download the flyer at <http://www.hmbyc.org/events/laborday>



Racing Report

By John New, Racing Chair

Hi Race fans:

The Friday race program continues.... we now have 2 of the summer series **Island Nights** in the can. The racing has been great with good wind conditions. The Race Committee Thom Mantooth, David Hand, David Ross and Glen Krawiec et al have been picking from the "new courses" for the participants.

We decided to get rid of the Brooklyn Basin mark which has caused much wringing of hands and banging of hulls over the stars, with the outbound port tacking boats short tacking to avoid the starboard in-bound boats. The new #4 mark is on the Alameda side by Encinal YC. Even with the possibility of upwind and downwind boats meeting at the mark at the same time, the possibility of collision is much reduced.

We also developed some courses that have two loops that can be shortened to the first loop if conditions warrant. We'll keep tweaking the courses till we get all the bugs out. Generally the revised courses have been well received by the racers.

The A fleet has been a little light this series with the two Moores being picky about racing Fridays where there's a class race on the weekend. The 162's are going strong with *Phantom* and *Bewitched* fighting for first and second, *Bandido* is firmly in control of third with *Faster-Faster* and *Dire Straits* (the Racer Chicks are back!) fighting for fourth place.

C division has grown as we have adjusted the PHRF ratings of the two or three non-spin racers so *Galatea*, *Obsession* and *Mojo* can compete with the spinnaker boats, and are doing surprisingly well.

The Spring *Island Nights* series saw good competition. In A division Greg Nelson's *Outsider* beat out Bill Mohr's *Spirit of Freedom*. *Phantom* ran away with the I68 division title and *My Tahoe too* enjoyed being the fastest boat in the C div.

The **Silver Eagle Long Distance** and **Blue Race** went well also, with the new course starting at St. Francis YC but finishing in the Estuary at Island Yacht Club. This finish was much easier on our race committee, allowing them to enjoy the Pig Feed/Hobie Fleet party while finishing the racers. The **Rocket 88** took first in the Catamaran Division with *Peregrine Falcon* (with our Staff Commodore David Ross aboard) taking second, and the Ultimate 2, *For Pete's Sake* correcting out over *Outsider* in the sport boat division. Jon Rolien's *Phoenix* slogged to first in the Eaglette division.

Thanks again to our stalwart Race Committee: David Hand, Thom Mantooth and Glen Krawiec for a fine race!

2011 Racing Calendar

Apr-Sept: **Spring & Summer Island Nights** Friday evening beer can racing on the Estuary

Apr-Sept: **Interclub Races**

Oct 1 & 2: **Northern California Women's Sailing Seminar**, "Capture the Power" with flatwater Estuary racing on October 2

Nov 6: **Jack & Jill + One Woman-Skippered** triplehanded race on the Estuary

Nov 11 thru Mar 12: **Island Days Estuary Midwinters**, second Sundays of each month

Travelogue and Galley Report, July 2011

Brendan McKenna, Galley Manager

I was away for most of the events of July. Ohio was very hot and humid but the winds of the Erie Islands were fair and the infamous Lake Erie chop was moderate so sailing and power boating on the lake were a welcome relief from dry land.

Some Great Lakes Nautical History

Next September is the 200th anniversary of the **Battle of Put-in-Bay** and **Commander Perry's** victory over the British fleet that turned the tide of the War of 1812 in the north and west. If you have never visited western Lake Erie or been to Perry's Victory and International Peace Monument on South Bass Island or seen the reconstruction of his battleship *Niagara* (reconstructed in the 80's and 90's from the original built in Erie, PA and sunk there in the 1830 for both preservation and the treaty disarming) sailing the islands, next September would be the time to go. Like the Bay Area, September's on-the-lake weather in Ohio is generally the best of the year.

"Don't Give Up The Ship" was the Commander's battle flag which he carried from his disabled flagship *Lawrence*. His ship was named in memory of his good friend Lieut. Lawrence recently killed in another naval battle. Lawrence coined the phrase and Perry carried it on, along with the name of his ship, in memory of his fellow officer. He had the phrase sewn in white letters onto a blue battle flag which he carried with him as he and four others left the disabled (by British long gun #12 fire) *Lawrence* with four others in a long boat rowed for over a mile through the raging battle. At the time the more powerful Royal Navy fleet had the upper hand.

On reaching the *Niagara*, the inspiration to his men, his command in place of the severely wounded captain of the *Niagara*, the battle flag, fortunate winds and guts of all aboard brought the *Niagara* about to sail through the British fleet on a perpendicular line (as opposed to parallel as was the strategy of the day) and rake the British ships with the full might of the *Niagara's* close quarter #30 guns from both sides. British surrender followed ship by ship. Perry later sent a message to the Northwest's Commanding General (later President) Wm. Henry Harrison "We have met the enemy and they are ours..." Shortly afterward Harrison routed two British forts north of Detroit to secure control of the land area as a benefit of and in support of Perry's establishing control of the Great Lakes.

After John Paul Jones' "I have not yet begun to fight", Lawrence's and Perry's "Don't Give up the Ship" banner and Perry's message to Harrison that "We have met the enemy and they are ours" are among the most revered words in US Naval history. More eloquent, although certainly more wordy (it was the 18th and 19th century after all) than the WW2 Bastogne commander's "Nuts!" response to the German Commander's demand for surrender; they embody our American confidence in ourselves and commitment to our cause over the centuries and in face of overwhelming odds. Something to think about as we prepare for our first home defense of the America's Cup many years later here on our own San Francisco Bay.

Variety from the Galley

I understand that the Pig Roast was a success. Thanks to the Hobies sailors, members and friends who stepped up to help out for the Pig Roast, as well as the Island Nights races on July 15. (Thanks also to all those who helped out at my return to the galley July 29!)

If you are hungry for company, a race or a club barbeque the third race of the Island Nights series is **Friday August 12**. Michael Hite and I will be back in the galley and are looking for a good turnout. Aside from the usual steaks, chicken and burgers we will have the ever popular **pulled pork** in the bowl or on a bun.

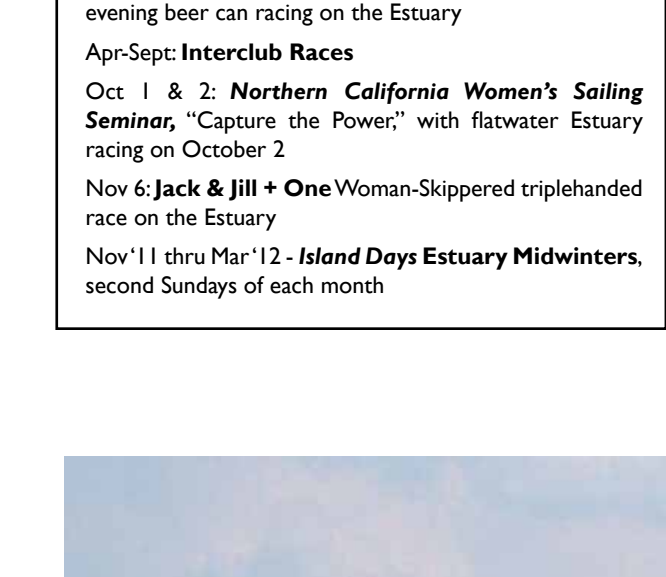
We're continuing to work up some homemade dishes for the vegetarians; our pasta dish went over very well (with veggies and the carnivores alike) last Friday. Those who prefer a vegetarian dish should not be given the short end of the menu for the cook-it-yourself events. It's not that complicated to cook up good pasta or other veggie dish (recipes welcome) for the Friday night barbeques, especially since the grilled fare gets done by the others. Also, once released to the carnivores we can always count on them to take the pasta down to the bottom of the tray. I will test this again for the remainder of the current Friday Night Series on 8/12, 8/26 and 9/16.

I have also been working on inventory control to make sure that we don't run out of cheese, tomatoes, pickles and onions for the burgers. Sometimes we have even run out of salad. But many other times we have had way too many other leftovers. **Solution:** if you RSVP by Thursday for race nights and Friday for membership dinners, I can be comfortable in buying more or less. All it takes is an email or phone call to me at bmck1226@yahoo.com or call 415-621-6643.

Thinking ahead to August and September I am planning **grilled mesquite tri tip** for the **Membership Dinner on 8/29** and **mixed grill of skewered seafood** - shrimp or prawns and scallops, and perhaps some oysters directly on the grill or mussels in broth. It may be too late for shellfish, but we can certainly do the crustaceans. **October 22** will be an **Oktoberfest** - pretzels, mustard, Hots, Brats, Sausage Schnitzel and Kraut. Get out your Lederhosen or modify your #2 fowl weather gear to get into costume. I will work with the bar manager **Joan** ahead of time to get some real German lager instead of a local microbrew.

Help Needed for WSS!

Finally, the **Women's Sailing Seminar** is coming up for the first weekend in October. The organizers of that event always put together a great menu of breakfast, lunch and bar appetizers and the **Sandra** day. **Debbie Ratto** is heading up the Galley committee and **Sandra** each will be doing some amazing work in the galley. If you are not enrolled in the seminar or teaching a class or two **please consider volunteering for the galley and dining room that weekend**. Some of the food is purchased prepared, but help in setting up, serving and (minor) cleaning up is always needed so the students and teachers can concentrate on the seminar, cocktails afterwards and recognition, raffle fun and music. Also, a select, but limited number of men have been permitted to vicariously enjoy this event as galley slaves.



Papillon races the photo at the 2011 Silver Eagle race. Photo by Steve Bayles.



Perry's Monument at Put-In-Bay, Ohio



The battle flag of Commander Oliver Hazard Perry



Not all great sea battles happen on the ocean! These ships were fighting on Lake Erie.

RBOC Alerts

We receive alerts and notices from **Recreational Boaters of California** regarding their advocacy work on behalf of boaters. If you would like to receive these alerts, visit their Website at RBOC.org.

There is particular interest in the EPA's proposed ban on copper-based antifouling paint. See the PDF Boaters Brief about this issue at the end of this *MainSheet*.

MAINSHEET Publication Schedule

Expect September's *MainSheet* to come out the week after the Half Moon Bay cruiseout, probably about Friday September 9.

October's issue will also be about a week late, so we can bring your articles and photos from Women's Sailing Seminar!

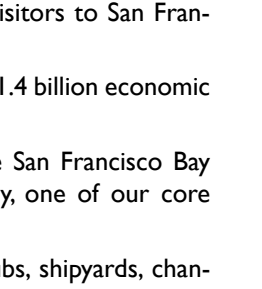
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CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. ___

AFFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE 34TH AMERICA'S CUP AND THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THESE EVENTS

WHEREAS, the 34th America's Cup, the 3rd largest sporting event in the world, will be held on San Francisco Bay in 2013, along with an America's Cup World Series event in 2012 and the Louis Vuitton Cup for Challengers in 2013; and

WHEREAS, these events will bring over a million visitors to San Francisco Bay, both on and off the water; and

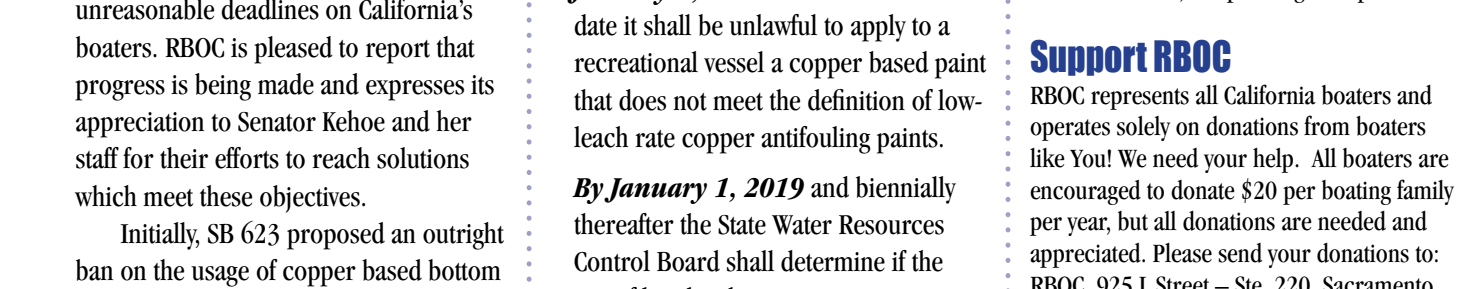
WHEREAS, these events will provide an estimated \$1.4 billion economic boost to the region, and

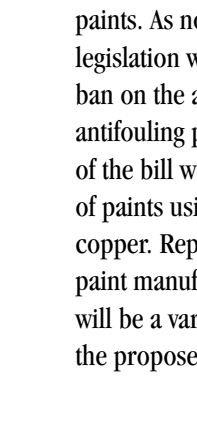
WHEREAS, Alameda is an island community in the San Francisco Bay with a history of supporting the maritime industry, one of our core economic sectors; and

WHEREAS, Alameda is home to marinas, yacht clubs, shipyards, chartereries, and sailing schools, along with many other maritime marine businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a maritime community, Alameda is uniquely poised to participate in the activities surrounding these events, to benefit in both the short and long term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alameda affirms its support for public and private initiatives that capitalize on the maritime tourism surrounding the Cup to strengthen Alameda, improve Alameda's reputation as a vibrant maritime community, and improve Alameda's infrastructure and appeal as a tourist destination.



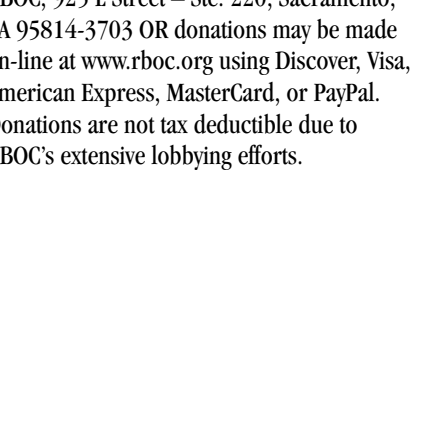


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Copper Based Bottom Paints

RBOC has for many months worked with Senator Kehoe, her staff, and all other stake holders to protect California boaters from onerous legislation concerning the use of copper based antifouling bottom paints. As all boaters know, copper based paints have been used for many years to offset the negative impacts of marine organisms and, more recently, the spread of invasive species.

RBOC is continuing its lobbying efforts to insure any legislation passed by the California legislature does not place either undue financial burdens or unreasonable deadlines on California's boaters. RBOC is pleased to report that progress is being made and expresses its appreciation to Senator Kehoe and her staff for their efforts to reach solutions which meet these objectives.

Initially, SB 623 proposed an outright ban on the usage of copper based bottom paints. As now amended, the proposed legislation would not enact an outright ban on the application of copper based antifouling paints. The current version of the bill would permit the application of paints using low-leaching, low-level copper. Representatives of the various paint manufacturers are stating that there will be a variety of paints available to meet the proposed deadlines.

Key dates in the current draft of SB 623 are:

January 1, 2014 – the Department of Pesticide Regulation shall determine the maximum allowable leach rate for low-leach copper antifouling paints.

January 1, 2015 – on or after this date a manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer, or distributor cannot sell or offer for sale in California, any new recreational vessel with a copper based bottom paint that does not meet the definition of low-leach rate copper antifouling paint.

January 1, 2015 – on or after this date it shall be unlawful to apply to a recreational vessel a copper based paint that does not meet the definition of low-leach rate copper antifouling paints.

By January 1, 2019 and biennially thereafter the State Water Resources Control Board shall determine if the use of low-leach copper-containing antifouling paints can result in attaining California's water quality objectives.

RBOC has steadfastly maintained that any paint other than what is now being used must be readily available, affordable, and effective. Towards that objective, RBOC has followed up with the paint manufacturers and other interested parties on these issues.

Paint manufacturers are informing us that a variety of paints will be readily available in all areas of the state, will be as easy to

apply as current paints, will not require stripping of our hulls, and will be effective in protecting the hulls of our boats.

Senator Kehoe is planning to make further revisions and refinements to SB 623 soon and we are monitoring this closely. RBOC is encouraged by the change in the bill to permit the use of low-leaching, low-copper antifouling paints and by the discussions we are having with the author. As developments occur, they will be posted on www.rbooc.org.

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