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IYC Sails the America's Cup!



OK, not really. But that *is* IYC Staff Commodore **David Ross** at the helm of **USA 76**, the 85-foot Oracle Racing yacht from AC33. He joined Commodore **Dave Bloch** and four of Dave's friends from the virtual sailing community in Second Life® for an exciting 3-hour sail on August 16. The group from IYC/SL experienced using mechanically-connected winches so that four people could crank simultaneously to hoist the massive mainsail, and that unique thrill—maybe taken for granted by those of lucky enough to live here—of sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge.

Our virtual sailors (that is, the real-life versions of them) were Bob Barnes, Ann Miller, Matthew Nitti and Russell Sipe. All these folks are also active in the American Cancer Society **Relay for Life**, which this year raised over \$375,000 for cancer research. IYC/SL was involved as well, with our first-ever linking up of that charity event with **Summer Sailstice**. This was the first time and we were learning as we went along; we hope to be more involved in 2012!

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Dave Bloch

We're rolling towards fall, and there has been so much going on, both with the Club and personally. The hectic schedule is making this issue of *Mainsheet* a bit thin! Watch for our October issue with stories and photos from the Women's Sailing Seminar (and hopefully some from Australia as well).

Events at the Clubhouse

Last weekend was one where IYC hosted back-to-back dinners, our usual *Island Nights* barbecue on Friday, followed by the monthly Membership Dinner on Saturday.

With that schedule and Galley Manager **Brendan McKenna** unavailable on Saturday, we brought **Trevor Yamamoto** back to do chef duties for us. Trevor spent most of his Friday shopping for both the Friday and Saturday meals. He was in the galley most of Saturday as well, preparing an incredible Asian Fusion dinner of coconut-encrusted fish and an amazing chicken dish. (I'm blanking on the names of these dishes! But those of you who were there certainly remember the flavors.)

Our speaker for the evening was **Rob Macfarlane**, who most of you know if you've been around the club for long. Rob gave us the benefit of his decades of sailing out the Gate with a presentation on exactly that—what you should know about the weather, tides, equipment, navigation, communications and more. It was an info-packed 90 minutes!

"Capture The Power"



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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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
Tue Oct 11	Board Meeting
Sat Oct 15	YRA Championship Races
Sat Oct 22	Membership Dinner/Speaker
Sun Nov 6	Jack & Jill + 1 Race/Chili Cookoff
Tue Nov 8	Board Meeting
Sun Nov 13	Island Days Race #1

Sat Nov 19 Change of Watch Dinner

19th Annual Women's Sailing Seminar

I stopped by the WSS meeting on September 6. Great to see the team has this year's Seminar well in hand. But **WSS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** for the weekend of **October 1 & 2!** This is our biggest event of the year (and a real fundraiser for us; the revenue helps hold our dues down), so please give a few hours if you can! Contact Treasurer and WSS Team Leader **Jane Brown** at cactigal@comcast.net. (WSS is also **really a fun time for all.**) And be sure to pass the word to any woman you know who sails, or who's spouse sails, or who you maybe think *might like* to sail—WSS has lots for all of them.

Call for Officers

Our **Change of Watch Dinner** is only ten weeks away! We're looking for regular (not cruising) members to fill many of our Board positions. This year's Board has done a great job of making things run smoothly, as I've been trying to focus on how to raise awareness of Island Yacht Club and move us forward.

We're a small club, so you all get asked often to step up and help out. Being on the Board of Governors is the biggest thing our members are asked to do. It's a year commitment, and the Board members work hard. Still, it is also a really enjoyable and satisfying task, and I hope you'll consider volunteering to take on a position. See elsewhere in this *Mainsheet* for a list.

Commodore Dave's Big Fall

(That's the *season* of fall; I'm still on my feet.)

Most of you know that Speranza and I are in the process of moving onto *Buoyant*, our new 1998 Hunter 410. That means getting rid of practically everything we've amassed over the decades; anything we can't sell or give away has to be stored. It's a tough process; there are photographs and mementos going way back. But it would have to be done sometime; our next stop is Mexico in a few years and we just can't ship all that stuff down there. We'll be on the boat by late October, one way or another!

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Dave and Speranza's soon-to-be-home Buoyant.

In the middle of all this is our upcoming trip to Australia. I'm attending a conference in Melbourne, and then we're taking two weeks to see just the southeastern corner of this huge island continent. I've arranged a burgee exchange with the **Cruising Yacht Club of Australia** in Sydney. (Don't let that "Cruising" name fool you; they're the home of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.) They're a bit bigger than we are, by the way: 2,500 members! I'll try to send some info back to Kristen for her IYCee weekly Email; watch your Inbox!

This month's issue of *Onshore*, the online newsletter of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in Sydney. If you're reading this online, **click the image** to go see it!

Two Humans, A Beetle, and a Cat?**The Labor Day Half Moon Bay Cruise**

By Kristen Soetebier, Vice Commodore

Rob and I set out for HMB around 7:30am from Grand Marina on *Tiger Beetle*. That part was normal. What was unusual this time was that there were four more legs on board—black fuzzy ones, and no we didn't shop for crew on Telegraph in Berkeley. This little guy was hanging around the marina, believed to be abandoned and, well, he eventually ended up with me. He doesn't take to other cats kindly, but he seems to do fine with humans and small spaces (including the boat), so since Rob agreed, he became *Adventure Cat* (the real one).



Kristen with Adventure Cat

The motor didn't seem to bother him until we reached the cranes in the Estuary and he could see them passing by overhead through the port windows. He had to come up to investigate. He wasn't quite sure what to make of the fact that he was moving, let alone completely surrounded by water. Hmmm... eventually he went back below.

We motored out the Gate with the main up and soon were overtaken by the 52-meter Perini Navi *Tamsen* apparently on the way to Santa Barbara--talk about cool! See some awesome photos at <http://www.perinnavi.it/en/fleet/sailing-yachts/tamsen>

Outside the Gate, conditions were foggy, fairly calm 7-10k southerly, with a mixed swell evident. Far off in the potato patch one could see the swell train rising up in the shallower water. We stayed in the ship channel with the ebb.

Being a bit tired from the early morning rise and thinking the cat might need some calming, I took a snooze down below for an hour or so. Cat was right next to my face the whole time,

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October's issue will also be about a week late, so we can bring you articles and photos from Women's Sailing Seminar! (Also because Editor Dave will be in Australia until October 4; watch for news about that trip in the October issue!)

he did calm down then. About two miles off Colorado Reef buoy we cut the motor and hoisted the sails, we had around 11-12k still from the South, so we were able to sail nicely on starboard tack towards the first HMB reef buoy. At this point, Cat buried himself way under covers in the aft bunk.

We were on the hook by 2pm, and a few hours later were greeted by dinghy by our friends **Dick and Tammy**, former liveaboards at Grand Marina and current members of HMBYC who are now officially retired and will soon be taking off on *Journey* for Mexico and life beyond. We then went ashore for barbecue fun at the yacht club and the singing of sea shanties. We also met up with another former Grand Marina buddy, **Jay** from *Done Dealing*, who had sailed down on Friday.

Poor HMBYC had ferry difficulties this weekend and we manually pulled ourselves in. IYC'er **Dick Vandenberg** rang in around 5:30 from somewhere off of Montara Point. He was traveling in with his Chico Yacht Club buddies, who had decided they would get a slip.

The cat survived being at anchorage for the while, and we did tether him in to keep him from hiding in autopilot ram land aft or from possibly scratching up sails forward. He actually has not gone forward yet, this eases Rob somewhat about his sails.

Sunday was galley scrubbing day for me. Rob relaxed with a book and I tore the galley apart and cleaned and shined things for several hours that probably hadn't been touched in, well, many years, from my perspective. We had another dinghy visitor, **Sam**, originally from *Final Approach* but now on *Allegria*, who also had sailed down on Saturday. We then went over to the club for a drink and to meet Island member **Lynne Orloff-Jones** and her pal **Joey**. On the way we dinghied past *Trial Run* where **Kathy Pickup** and **Chuck Johnson** were about to embark on blind dinghy races with the Berkeley Yacht Club folks. They had a slip but came over to the raft-up for the party. We later ran into them at the club.

We passed on the Luau dinner and opted for munchies on the boat instead with Lynne and Joey, and then went back to the club later for more drinks and dancing to a great band. Dick and the Chico club had dinner and happy hour on their boats.

Monday showed a return of the Northerlies and finally a bit of sun poking through and around noon we pulled up the hook to head back to the Bay. We hoisted the main and motored out to Colorado Reef buoy where we put up the jib and started sailing in the nice 12-15kt breeze. Sea state was really quite calm, though you could detect the leftover long period swell. Cat went back under covers. I saw a sunfish or two and we sailed through many fishing boats off of Ocean Beach, possibly salmon were running.

We reached inside the Gate around 4:30 pm and were greeted with more sunshine and a fairly calm run all the way down the Estuary. We passed the Matson ship *Maui* who just arrived full of cargo and aloha from Hawaii.

Was indeed a good weekend. I recommend cruising offshore whenever you can!



The 52-meter-long Perini Navi Tamsen



Cat standing watch (or Rob is watching Cat, or both)



On board with IYC'er Lynne Orloff-Jones

Galley Report

by Brendan McKenna, Galley Manager

Correction to August Travelogue: the **Battle of Put-in-Bay** occurred on **September 12, 1813**, not 1812 as incorrectly reported last month. That gives you an extra year to plan that sailing trip to the Lake Erie Islands for the bicentennial of the battle! The islands form a triangle between Detroit, Toledo and the Marblehead Peninsula between Sandusky Bay and the lake. The painting of the battle in last month's *Mainsheet* was rendered by Julian O. Dickelson (American 1850-1894) in 1887. The lithograph of the painting was re-issued by Berman Galleries of Nyack, NY in 1990.

There were two post-race barbeques in August, followed by the membership dinner on 8/27. It was a busy month for the galley—so busy that your galley manager forgot that he had a 49er pre-season game against the Texans on the same night as the membership dinner. Dave and Kristen arranged for Trevor Yamamoto to pitch in and cook a special dinner. I wish I had been there instead of at Candlestick, since the Texans pretty much had their way with the 49ers.

The highlight of both barbeques was steaks sliced from the loin. Following VC Kristen's lead from the last June race, we again purchased whole tenderloin for the 12th and a full side of New York strip steaks on the 26th. Steak eaters were treated to a filet or a strip steak sliced fresh from the loin, and *they were delicious*. Though it may limit the steak choice to a single cut each BBQ, the plan is to continue this for the foreseeable future because the steaks are so fresh and tasty.

Other racers enjoyed the usual steady fare of burgers, chicken and salad. Another hit at the past race BBQ's is the fresh pasta dish instead of frozen vegetarian lasagna. I prepared penne pasta in a vodka cream sauce on the 12th and stuffed manicotti on the 26th. Both were sell outs!

I am still mulling over what to offer in September for the last Island Nights Summer Series on the **9/16** and membership dinner on **Saturday 9/24**. There will be pasta (stuffed shells) and perhaps boneless rib steaks from a goodly portion of a side of beef at both events, along with all the usual fixings of salad and ice cream.

Oktoberfest for the October Membership Dinner will feature brats and sausages along with sauerkraut, mustard, pretzels, etc. and some good German draft beer.

Please reply early so I get a good count on fresh burgers, chicken, steaks, salad, bread and ice cream to buy. Email me at **bmck1226@yahoo.com** or call 415-621-6643. The less we waste on leftovers or fewer we disappoint with "Sorry, all out," the better for all. The galley crew can do it with a little help, not only in the galley, but in helping us plan and buy right!

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

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 anti-fouling paint. See the PDF Boaters Brief about this issue at the end of this *Mainsheet*.

Board of Governors Positions

All the official descriptions of these positions are printed in the IYC Bylaws. If you don't have a copy, Email Commodore Dave dave@virtualameda.com to get one Emailed to you.

This list has **all** our Board positions. Please let Dave know if *any* of these interest you, even if you think our current officer is going to continue—it really helps to have someone start learning the job early!

IYC uses a “ladder” procedure for the top four flag officer positions:

Commodore is the equivalent of a President or Board Chair, and also acts as the CEO of IYC, which is a non-profit corporation. The Commodore runs the Board and Member meetings, appoints committees, keeps an eye over all the operations of the club, and takes a leadership role according to his/her own style and abilities. The Commodore position will be filled by the current Vice Commodore, Kristen Soetebier.

Vice Commodore is responsible for “off the water” events, like the monthly meetings. The VC also takes over running meetings whenever the Commodore is not available. Our current Rear Commodore, Thom Mantooth, will move up into this position.

Staff Commodore will be filled by current Commodore, Dave Bloch. The Staff Commodore advises and assists the Commodore as needed.

Rear Commodore is in charge of “on the water” activities, including supervising the Racing and Cruise Chairs. The Rear Commodore should be prepared to move “up the ladder” to the three positions above.

The next three positions serve one-year terms but can be re-elected:

Secretary: takes minutes of Board meetings and is responsible for maintaining the records.

Treasurer: is responsible for all the financial records, depositing funds, paying bills, and filing tax forms on time.

Port Captain: maintains the Clubhouse (doing repairs or arranging to have them done) and coordinates times and dates of use.

The above positions comprise the **Executive Officers**, who will be elected and take office at the **Change of Watch Dinner** on November 19. The positions below are appointed by the Commodore as soon after Change of Watch as possible (or, preferably, that same night).

Publications Chair: is responsible for Club publications and the Website. This does not mean the Chair has to create or maintain these services, but does have to supervise those who do.

Membership Chair does just about everything involving the processing of new members and reminding existing

members to renew at the start of the year. The Chair welcomes new members and answers their questions. The Chair also maintains the membership database.

Galley Manager is responsible for all the functions in the IYC galley, is often the chef for IYC meal functions (but if not, arranges for a chef to be there). The Galley Manager keeps track of food in stock and what must be purchased for an event, and works closely with the Vice Commodore to make sure there are sufficient volunteers (or other help) to prepare, serve and clean up after meals.

Bar Manager is responsible for all functions of the IYC bar. This includes ordering and picking up (or arranging for pick up of) beer, wine, liquor and supplies; finding, training, and scheduling staff for the bar, and enforcing the laws and regulations required under our Alcohol Beverage License. We often find the Bar Manager is one of the bartenders; it's a very hands-on kind of job.

Ship's Store maintains the Ship's Store at the Clubhouse, ordering stock, setting prices, keeping records, assisting members in ordering embroidered items, and doing any marketing necessary to make the Store a profitable enterprise for the Club.

Cruising Chair organizes and schedules all cruise-outs with help from the Rear Commodore. The Club Website now also has a Cruising Blog for use by the Chair.

Racing Chair is a big job in a club with as much racing as IYC! The Racing Chair organizes all the Race Committees, represents us to other racing organizations, reports the race results, orders and distributes all the trophies and other prizes, and writes the Racing Report for *Mainsheet*. The Racing Chair works closely with the Rear Commodore.

Association Liaison Committee Chair represents us to the InterClub race organization.

Women's Sailing Chair and **Junior Sailing Chair** are listed in the Bylaws but have not been filled for a while. IYC does not currently have a junior sailing program, and the Women's Sailing Seminar is organized by an ad hoc committee.

PHOTO SECTION

A few more pix from the USA 76 trip. (Notice the perfect blue sky in spite of a 10AM departure. Charmed lives...)



Bob and Ann, both from Texas, crank up that VERY large mainsail. (There are two more grinders just out of the photo; the twin winches can be mechanically linked so that all four backs do the work.)



IYCer David Ross is having a great ride!



*You can do as much or as little as you like on the cruise.
Our group wanted to be involved in everything!*