



Commodore's Log

What was planned as a Log addressing the sport of sailing and the kick-off of the racing season has been revised to address a more serious matter; **the future of the Fresno Yacht Club**. Myself, like many others were excited about the arrival of the new marina operator. Initially we were told by a Westrec representative we could expect a 12 % increase and many other changes, which at the time seemed palatable.

Unfortunately, based upon the number of calls from members expressing grave concern, those hopes have been dashed. As many of you have discovered, the "slip license rate" increase ranges from approximately 29% to as much as 90%. This has overshadowed the reasoning for a security deposit, clarity of insurance coverage, and the elimination of the California State Parks Day Use Pass. Notwithstanding, the common theme of those who have express concern is not the increase in cost, but the cost in comparison to service.

In response to the outcry of the general membership, the Board of Directors held an emergency meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the current environment and future of the Club. Regrettably, the Board of Director has agreed to suspend further development of the Junior Sailing Program, Lifejacket Program, Adopt-A-Highway Program, Entrance Signage, and the rescheduling of the Opening Day Parade. We believe such effort would be futile if the majority of the membership pulls out of the marina. Fees and services at the Folsom, Martinez, Richmond, Stockton, and Tower Marinas were also discussed. All had comparable fee structures to the Millerton Lake Marina rates being implemented by Westrec. However, the glaring difference was in the services offered (e.g., secured docks, structurally sound docks, 24 hour access, 24 hour security, flush bathrooms and showers, and annual pass and boat launching privileges). Similar services are currently not available at the Millerton Marina.

On behalf of the Board of Director we are committed to continuing to develop strategies to hold on to our current member. We are committed to ensuring the survival of FYC and the sport of sailing. Hopefully, the near future will allow for the reinstatement of our membership and community outreach.

The individual voice of each FYC member and every other slip holder is far greater than one letter from the Board. Therefore, if you feel so inclined, we have included a list of State and Federal officials, on page 3 you might consider contacting.

As much as the current conditions have caused considerable stress, I hope to see every skipper on the line for our Spring Series as a show of strength, commitment and resolve. May the wind fill your sails for safe passage.

Kevin Fabino, Commodore

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April 11st General Meeting

WHERE: Farm Bureau Office
1274 W. Hedges, Fresno

NO HOST BAR: 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 PM

April 15th BOARD MEETING

WHERE: *JC Penny's Training Room*
(see Bruce for directions)

MEETING TIME: 6:30PM



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Millerton Lake Port Captain's Report

Even before the work party began, several members spent time and energy getting things ready. Larry moved the Kayot from the welding shop to his shop. Then he pressure washed the entire boat, prepared the upper deck and primed it. Larry also installed the new solar panel charging system. Lewis and Larry worked together to get the pontoons prepared, primed and painted. I think Francis was helping, too, until he decided he'd rather have stitches in his forehead (OUCH!). I guess you can't really have an adventure without some spilled blood. Francis, I hope you're feeling better.

Other members picked up supplies. Mike T. got paint for the wheelhouse, paint for the side panels, and vinyl tape for decorative stripes on the posts and beams of the Kayot. Jim and Lorna coordinated to get supplies for painting and reinforcing the aluminum side panels. Tim and Mike O. coordinated the acquisition of varnish and supplies for the Whaler bright work, which Mike O. began before the Whaler was even out of the water! Bruce M. picked up supplies for tuning the Whaler outboard. Mark and Carolyn brought the food.

Day 1: Before 9 a.m. Mike T. was at work on the Kayot. By 9:30 most everyone who had arrived and the Whaler was apart and upside down, the Kayot upper deck was getting paint applied, the lower panels were being masked, and other projects were under way. Tim was getting help from almost everyone as he tried to figure out whether the Whaler trailer lights didn't work because the wiring was a mess or my truck had a blown fuse. I think it was finally Clark who figured out which one of the 3,021 fuses in my truck was blown. We had quite the feast for lunch. The Davis crew prepared a GREAT feast of chicken and beef kabobs, pilaf, salad, snacks and drinks. We ate, told stories, laughed, and felt sad when we heard about the passing of Jim Schmidt's sister the night before. Our thoughts are with you and your family. After lunch the work resumed. All the paint was applied, the masking removed and much of the mess was cleaned up. By 6 p.m. I think I was putting gas in the truck on the way home.



Wow, what a transformation. The guns are a nice touch David. No excuse for not hearing those on the start line.

Day 2: We met at 10 a.m. The 2nd coat of Varathane that Larry applied at 9 p.m. the night before still had not dried. We moved the parts to the Sun and worked on other projects. We flipped the Whaler topside up and set it back on the trailer. Gordon and Tim finished applying the red racing stripes to the Kayot, I readied it for its long road trip back to the lake, while Larry, Mark, and Carolyn put the Whaler back together. Marvin provided top-notch supervision wherever it was needed. After a relaxing lunch of pizza and liquid refreshments, we tidied up the loose ends and headed for the lake. What a treat to have this at Larry's place. We worked mostly in the shade and had almost every tool we needed to make it quick and easy.

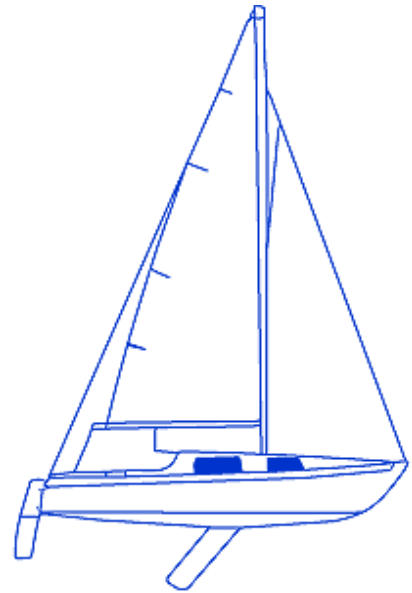
Mark, Carolyn, Marvin and I convoyed to the lake where we found the parking lot of the launch ramp nearly full and the ramp busy as ever at about 4:00 p.m. We launched the boats and returned them to Winchel Cove. It has been quite a weekend.

For those of you who joined in at any stage along the way, thank you! The club couldn't survive and grow without your ongoing efforts. For those of you who couldn't join us for this one ... there will be further opportunities to celebrate the gift of club membership.

What a great success!! Thanks to the Work Party deck crew: Larry & Debbie Meisner, Mark & Carolyn Davis, Tim Phillips (Marcia was in the lake), Gordon Adolphson, Mike & Connie Teixeira, Lorna Bell, Zoë Crabtree, Clark Penfield, Len Osborn, Bruce Marion, Marvin Crum, Lewis Wagoner, Francis Samson, Jim Schmidt, and Mike O'Kelley.

David Crabtree - Port Captain

San Juan 21 SCUTTLEBUT . . .



We have started our "Sailing Classes" headed up by Ruth Barcus & some of our more "seasoned skippers" however most of our "newer" skippers are not so new anymore & they're getting quite competitive so the atmosphere is: "we can all learn & we can all teach"!!!! Our first two lessons are "dry" lessons held at Charlie & Eileen Betts home. Our first one was Thursday March 27 at 5:30 where starting sequence, starts, rules, race & protest committee was the agenda for the evening. The following sailors were present: Charlie, Eileen & Doug Betts, Ruth & Scott Barcus, Marvin Crum & Bruce (his crew), Jerry Hansen, Jorgen Clausen, Jens Andersen & Steen Skjellerup. Our next lesson is this Thursday, the 3rd, at 6:00 at Denny's on Shaw with an agenda of tactics & rules on beats, rounding marks & spinnaker work. All lessons include "a light meal" at a minimum charge. During a brief meeting the "Day Sailor Challenge" was discussed of which Charlie & Jorgen will head up. Trying to find "a date" to have it has been most difficult however, rest assured, it will be held & Charlie & Jorgen are on the "mission" with the Day Sailors to secure a day & time!!!!!! Other topics of discussion were the Marina fees (yuk), new sails for "those in need", our "paint the mugs" evening on June 6th & the next lessons' agenda. We remind everyone to make special effort to come to these lessons, not only for the lesson part but also for the fellowship & friendship we all share in by participating & competing in races our FYC provides for us. Remember, our yacht club can only be as strong as our fleets!!!! Our Western Nationals is coming up June 27th & 28th at Huntington Lake & if you would like to help with anything, please call Ruth or Carol!!! All of us know what a big job this is & I think I remember all of us telling Ruth at the Christmas Party (as we talked her into being Fleet Captain this year) that WE WOULD ALL HELP so there is something that every member of the fleet can do to help no matter how small it is!!!!

"A TRIBUTE TO DORIS"

As most of you know, our fleet suffered a huge loss on March 19th with the passing of Doris Aalto. She leaves behind her loving husband Arnie, her son Waine & wife Casey, daughters Arnelle Work & Sharon Sparks plus many grandchildren & great grandchildren, brothers & sisters & many, many treasured friends. As a fleet, we shall all miss her so very much & the High Sierra Regatta will never quite be the same, within the San Juan fleet, without her up on the hill under the tree with family & friends "rooting" on Arnie, Waine & usually one of the grandsons (as they got older) in "Helsinki"!!! I, for one, spent many hours on that hill talking with Doris during the regattas & enjoyed her so much more as each year passed.

Arnie & Doris became members of the FYC way back in 1965 when they started sailing in a Thistle. They eventually sold it & in the early '70's purchased their San Juan 21 #965. They were one of several couples from Reedley area with skippers of Finnish decent most of which sailed in the SJ21. Doris was a competitor.....an avid golfer, bowler, card player & she loved to sail! She was also a wonderful cook & the San Juan dinners during the High Sierra Regatta's & the Fleet's socials throughout the year were always extra special & so enhanced by Doris's delicious dishes especially her berry cobblers!!!!

Memorial Services were held on March 29th at 1 p.m. in Reedley at Cornerstone Community Church followed by a Potawatomi Fire Ceremony conducted by her brothers Richard & David Johnson at the home-place. The ceremony was so very special & meaningful for everyone in attendance & it just gave the day a beautiful & most memorable flavor. Doris was very proud of her Indian heritage & spoke of it often in conversations with friends. She was close to all her family & always had time to "listen" to any one of them at any given time. She was just a beautiful & very special lady & we are better for having known her. We shall all miss her very much & that empty spot will be hard to mend!!! Be seeing you, Doris.....Sail on, Sail on.....

Carol Hansen, San Juan Fleet 3 Editor

Millerton Lake Fleet Captain Report

This is the time of year we all have been waiting for, then **WAM!** Blindsided by the new marina operator. Sorry to say it does not look like I will be sailing on Millerton this season. You caught that little thing, charging by the foot this year for slips. Will 33' x \$\$\$\$ + Deposit + No parking pass + No parking passes for my crew + Have to pay to launch now = a 90% + increase for me. That all adds up to: See you at Huntington. What ever happened to 12%?



MUDDY MILLI AT ITS FINEST!

Well if anyone is left standing (floating), and it is looking pretty bare on the docks. The first big series of the year is coming up April 12 & 13 is the Opening Series. Be sure and dust off your rule book, (no protests please). And if you need to, refresh yourself on the starting system we implemented last season. Race Course Sheets/Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Committee. They should also be available on the FYC Web Site next week, along with other racing info.

Starting with the Opening Series. I will not be emailing out the race results. They will be posted just as soon as possible to the website. If at anytime you believe there is an error. Please contact me, preferably via email ASAP (see pg 2 for contact info).

Special thanks to Port Captain, David Crabtree and Crew. For getting the Kayot and the Whaler into such fine working order!

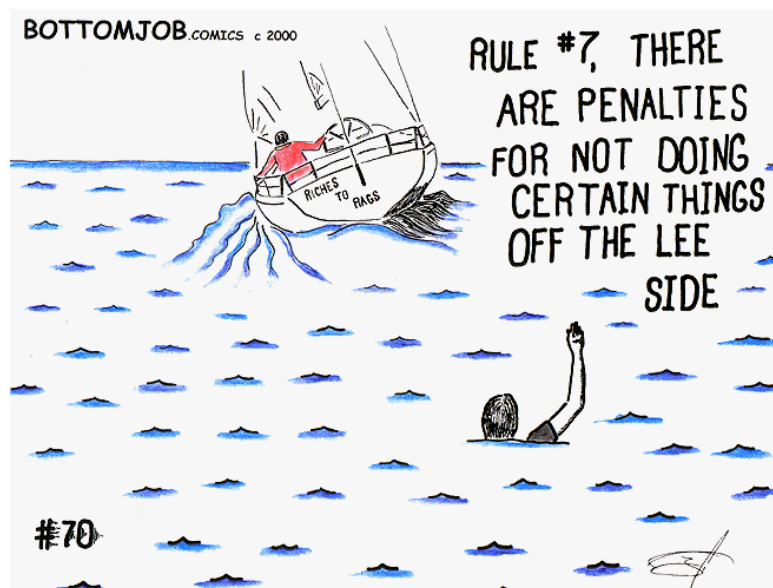
By the way, the \$100 deposit on your slip fees, is that for the showers?

You will be in good hands for the Opening Series with the Thistle Fleet handling Race Committee duty. Be sure and thank them after the race!

Don't forget the first Evening Series Race on the 30th. It is early this year!

I usually finish my article with, "see you on the water". How about just, "see ya"!

Keith Dettman
Bummed Out — Fleet Captain



2003 Micro Americas Cup

The Catalina group once again entertained the Yacht Club with a indoor sailing race. All members were broken up into 8 groups and given packets which contained boat building items. Also groups could use extra decorating item for their boats if they wanted to. At the end of time allowed for boat building, captains brought their boats up front to be judged by all for the best looking boat and the I can't believe it will float boat (the team of this boat will not be named).



The best boat was David Crabtree's crew which included his daughter Zoe.

The race was 2 boats at a time with the winning sailboat going on to race again. The last race of the evening was exciting with each captain holding a battery hand fan to blow their boats around the marks trying not to touch as they rounded. One boat did touch the fan and had to do a 720. The captains leaned on the pool rings which caused the water inside the pool to swell. The boats were bobbing and swaying and bumping, but in the end it was Crabtree's team that won it all.

The Catalina club thanks all the members who attended, we all had fun.

Connie Teixeira



Last Call !!!

If you are still interested in going with the club to the boat show.

Contact Kevin Fabino at 298-7597, or kfabino@attbi.com asap!



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2003 FRESNO YACHT CLUB ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

	<u>DATE</u>		<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>R/C</u>	<u>Notes</u>
April	12	Sat	Opening Series Race #1 & #2	3:00 PM	Thistle	
	13	Sun	Opening Series Race #3	3:00 PM	Thistle	
	30	Wed	Evening Series Race #1	6:30 PM	Victory 21	
May	3	Sat	Around the Potty Race #2	9:00 AM	PHRF Fleet	Reverse Handicap
	7	Wed	Evening Series Race #2	6:30 PM	Santana 20	
	14	Wed	Evening Series Race #3	6:45 PM	San Juan 21	
	17	Sat	Bricker Series Race #1 & #2	3:00 PM	Santana 22	
	18	Sun	Bricker Series Race #3	4:00 PM	Santana 22	
	21	Wed	Evening Series #4	6:45 PM	San Juan 21	
	28	Wed	Evening Series #5	6:45 PM	Day Sailer	
	31	Sat	Spring Series Race #1 & #2	3:00 PM	Victory 21	
June	1	Sun	Spring Series Race #3	4:00 PM	Victory 21	
	4	Wed	Evening Series #6	6:45 PM	Santana 22	
	7	Sat	Saturday Series #1 & #2	3:00 PM	Catalina 22	
	11	Wed	Evening Series #7	6:45 PM	PHRF Fleet	
	14	Sat	Saturday Series #3 & #4	3:00 PM	Catalina 22	
	21 & 22		Commodores Handicap	TBA	Hobie Cat Fleet	Huntington Lake
July	12 & 13	Sat/Sun	High Sierra Regatta Week 1	11:00 AM	PHRF Fleet	
	19 & 20	Sat/Sun	High Sierra Regatta Week 2	11:00 AM	San Juan 21	
Aug	Weekly	Wed	Wed. Night Fun Races	6:30 PM	Rabbit Start	
Sept	20	Sat	Sweetheart Handicap	1:00 PM	Thistle	
	27	Sat	Fall Series	3:00 PM	Day Sailors	
	28	Sun	Fall Series	4:00 PM	Day Sailors	
Oct	11	Sat	Single Handed Handicap	2:00 PM	PHRF Fleet	
	18	Sat	Heizenrader Handicap	2:00 PM	Santana 20	
	19	Sun	Heizenrader Handicap	3:00 PM	Santana 20	



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