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**HO! HO! HO!
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND TO ALL
STARBOARD!
ROOM AT THE MARK!**



**May your sails be folded,
And your lines hung by
the chimney
All in anticipation of old
Saint Nick!
Merry Christmas!!**



Commodore's Log As this year comes to a close, it is time to reflect on our successes and the many unselfish contributions of our members. It has been a great year for the Fresno Yacht Club.

As my time as Commodore comes an end, I wish to express my sincerely gratitude to those who served on the 2004 Board of Directors. These people, who I can now call friends, worked very hard for the betterment of the Club. I have also had the privilege of being around some old salts and young Turks who have shared story, their knowledge and taught me the fine art of sailing. To all of those people – I salute!

A special thanks to Bruce Marion for another very special awards banquet. It is always great to see everyone all dressed up sharing the camaraderie and a good stories of the great time we all enjoyed together this past year. A most importantly a big congratulations to those who competed and received special recognition for their skillful efforts.

In closing, I would hope all would join me in welcoming in the 2005 Board of Directors. This is a fine crew who has already started the work on your behalf. I am sure you will hear much from this group lead by Bruce Marian. With high hopes, the Fresno Yacht Club will have another spectacular year.

May your Holidays be full of health, wealth and happiness! See you on the water in 2005.

Kevin Fabino, Commodore

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From the Editor

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Main Sheet Editor over the past three years.

Something has been on my mind since getting involved again 7 years ago with the Fresno Yacht Club. Especially this past year serving as your Rear Commodore handling membership duties, trying to come up with ways to build the membership. Where did all the members go?

Well I have a theory, an opinion. Why publish Keith's opinion? Well after doing the Main Sheet for three years, I think that gives me some editorial privilege. And this being the last Main Sheet I will publish as editor, you can't fire me. I have been involved with the club over the past 32 years, except for a 10 year gap. It is this 10 year absence when I was not around to be part of the clubs "evolution" that allows me a interesting window upon what I observed happened. When I came back this was not the same club that I left. I was asking, "where did everybody go", "what happened". Many were quick to point the finger. You know, "this person, that person, this/that fleet, the High Sierra this and that, etc.

Not liking the reasons I was hearing, I had to develop my own theories. The first thing that I realized coming back to the club at age 36, was that I was the youngster in the club! Wow, that was an eye opener. Where are the young people? As a kid I remember being told to keep it quite outside during the General Meetings. See, I was outside running around with the Hansen, Drow, Delno, Glassbook, Barcus kids, and many more. There were more kids back then we have members at the meetings now. Where did they go?

What happened to all the centerboard boats? You know the boats that many younger families can afford. What about the mighty C22 fleet that my parents were so much involved in? The C22 was a great boat for the family. During a drifter my mom and sister could go below and take a nap or read a book. Heck I can remember when you could hardly fit all the C22's on the starting line. My first year back sailing I took the old C22 up the hill to the High Sierra Regatta. Guess what, I was the only Fresno C22 entered. Three C22 from Folsom showed up, old family friends which have been coming up the hill for years. We were told we don't make fleet. So I cheated and entered another local boat that I knew would never made it to the line. Felt sorry for our out of town friends they did not come all that way to race open class. Now they don't come either. What happened? They told me up at Folsom that use to have a "A" and "B" Fleet of C22's, can't even make fleet in their own Camellia Cup this past year. What happened?

What happened to the rest of the Fleets? The S22, Remember the Coronado 25 Fleet, we even had a Chrysler 22 Fleet at one time. What happened to the Junior Program? Once again lots of finger pointing. Some false starts, and . . . But is it the lack of a Jr. Program why we are not attracting new sailors?? Except for a very few, the current membership does not have enough kids INTERESTED to support a Jr. Program. My three kids were not interested. I hear there are some Grand Kids that may be. Kids can't drive themselves to the lake, so you need to involve the parents too. What happened to all the . . . ?????

Time to wrap this up. MY OPINION that I hope with inflation factored in is worth two cents. In a nut shell, "TIMES HAVE CHANGED. The sport no longer is an attractive option for young families".

Why? Well let's look at our current state. What do we have to offer young families? Club Racing *which for the majority, has been a activity of late for the adult male of the family.* Business Meetings, "ok next". Fleets, *two fleets do offer social activities which you can be a part of, if you were so lucky to purchase a like kind of boat.* Cursing, *maybe this year.* Club social activates; with racing, meetings, boat maintenance, I have used up all my personal time allotment for sailing already. If I was involved socially with the club, that might take away from the one night a week when my family can actually sit down and have a meal together. (if we are lucky)

There is the awards banquet which is still high on the calendar of those who remember the way it was in it's heyday, "The club's social event of the year". The youngsters in the club, (that's 50 or younger) might be able to drag our wives out for the night. We are the same ones who might get them out on the boat for a sail once a year. If they accompany us, they can observe our being recognized with a shiny two-bit pickle dish for all our sweat, lighter pocket books and most importantly, it is on this one night we are able to justify those late nights working to get every last knot of boat speed out of our boats, those Saturdays, weekends, and evenings away from the families. For now we have our reward. Something for the family fireplace mantel!

Young people are just going too many directions at once! Their discretionary time is very limited. In most families both spouses work, kids play sports, music lessons, 150+ TV Channels, a couple of computer in every home, no one in the family can leave home without a cell phone, etc. And let's face it, our sport takes up a big chunk of time, and we have become more of a Racing Club which takes \$\$\$ to be in the game.

To wrap this up. Finger pointing won't help us. Nor is it justified. We need ideas. But, and most importantly ideas without the effort of the membership wont fly. We must keep providing what works for current membership. We need to try new things, even if it is not the way we have always done it. Some may work some may not. Won't know until we try.

If we are a "racing club", we need to help less experienced sailors build their sailing skills, teach them the rules. Would hate for them to be discouraged out on the water. And maybe the purpose of some of our races should be to introduce new people to our sport. Most clubs do this with their evening series. The majority do not even use race committees. They are just low keyed race to give others a taste of why we love this sport so much. When do we have an opportunity to do this. Some of us are out for blood. Pile on all the 300 lb linebackers on the windward rail that can yank the winches off the side of the boat. Then we can raise our fist in the air and if we left it all on the line, hit ever wind shift, bought all the latest go fast gadgets, we will then be able to stand proud at the grand awards banquet and say, "I am the best in all of Fresno County. Heck Madera County too!!!

It will be through OUR efforts! The FYC Board can't do it for us.

Keith Dettman
Main Sheet Editor 2002-2004
Rear Commodore 2004



**A wonderful evening
enjoyed by all at the
awards banquet**

2005 FRESNO YACHT CLUB ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

	<u>DATE</u>		<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>R/C</u>
Feb	11	Fri	General Meeting	7:00pm	Farm Bureau	
	26	Sat	Frostbite #1, #2, #3	11:00am	Millerton	SJ21 Rabbit
Mar	11	Fri	General Meeting	7:00pm	Farm Bureau	
	12	Sat	Crescent Moon	9:00am	Millerton	PHRF Fleet
	19	Sat/Sun	San Francisco Cruising	T.B.A.	San Francisco	Vice Commodore
Apr	2&3	Sat/Sun	Camellia Cup		Folsom Lake	FLYC
	8	Fri	General Meeting	7:00pm	Farm Bureau	
	9	Sat	Sweetheart Handicap	11:00am	Millerton	V21 & C22
	13-17		Boat Show Alameda			
	23	Sat	Opening Series #1,#2,#3	11:00am	Millerton	Day Sailer
May	4	Wed	Evening #1	6:45pm	Millerton	S22
	11	Wed	Evening #2	6:45pm	Millerton	Day Sailer
	13	Fri	General Meeting	7:00pm	Farm Bureau	
	18	Wed	Evening #3	6:45pm	Millerton	PHRF Fleet
	14&15 ??	Sat/Sun	LYSA Regatta		Merced	Lk. Yosemite SA
	21	Sat	Spring Series 1#,2#,3#	11:00am	Millerton	PHRF Fleet
	25	Wed	Evening #4	6:45pm	Millerton	S20
Jun	1	Wed	Evening #5	6:45pm	Millerton	SJ21
	4	Sat	Temperance Flat Cruise	T.B.A.	Millerton	Commodore
	11	Sat	Delta Ditch Run		San Francisco	RYC/SSC
	18	Sat	Bricker Series #1, #2, #3	11:00am	Huntington	SJ21
	19	Sun	Fun Race T.B.A.	1PM	Huntington	FYC Board
July	2-Jan	Sat	Fun Race T.B.A.	1PM	Huntington	FYC Board
	9&10	Sat/Sun	High Sierra Regatta	11:00am	Huntington	PHRF Fleet
	16&17	Sat/Sun	High Sierra Regatta	11:00am	Huntington	Day Sailer
	30	Sat	Single Handed Handicap	10:30am	Huntington	FYC Club
	30	Sat	Fun Reverse PHRF Race	1:30pm	Huntington	FYC Club
Aug	3	Wed	Wednesday Fun Race #1	6:30pm	Millerton	SJ21 Rabbit
	10	Wed	Wednesday Fun Race #2	6:30pm	Millerton	SJ21 Rabbit
	17	Wed	Wednesday Fun Race #3	6:30pm	Millerton	SJ21 Rabbit
	27	Sat	Fall Series #1, #2, #3	11:00am	Huntington	FYC Club
	24	Wed	Wednesday Fun Race #4	6:30pm	Millerton	SJ21 Rabbit
Sept	9	Fri	General Meeting	7:00pm	Farm Bureau	
	24	Sat	Heizenrader Hcp	11:00am	Millerton	S20
Oct	14	Fri	General Meeting	7:00pm	Farm Bureau	
Nov	11	Fri	General Meeting	7:00pm	Farm Bureau	
Dec	15	Thu	Awards Banquet	6:30pm	TBD	

Major Series in Bold

Does your rule book look like this one??



NEW RULES ARE IN EFFECT

How do you get one?

Join US Sailing - Rule book is included with your dues www.ussailing.org/

Book Store, Sailing Supply store, etc.

WHY RULES?

From US Sailing

As boats converge from different directions and angles, it looks like it will be a chaotic collision-fest to the non-sailor. But with the smoothness of a Broadway dance number, the boats intertwine within inches of each other with no contact (usually!), then exit the mark in an orderly line and head for the next mark. This is the beauty and ingenuity of the rules of the sport, called *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) are cleverly crafted and written in clear plain English to promote the widest possible knowledge and understanding of the rules. Everyone who races, whether skipper or crew, newcomer or seasoned veteran, should make an effort to learn the rules. Quite simply, it makes the game better and safer for all participants. Sailors who do not know the rules can ruin the game for other; sailors who know the rules can best position themselves to gain a tactical advantage when boats come together.



sail·ing (sā'īng)

1. *n.* the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense.



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Membership/Renewal Application



APPLICATION TYPE: _____

_____ **First Time:** You must have a sponsor, attend a Club Meeting, legibly complete this application, attach a check for the amount of the initiation fee plus appropriate membership amount, and remit to the FYC Treasurer at a Club meeting or the address above.

Date Club meeting attended _____ FYC sponsor name _____

_____ **Renewal:** Complete form, send to address above with membership dues. **Must be postmarked before January 31st.**

Name: Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Street Address _____ Children, ages _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Boats you plan to sail at Millerton and/or Huntington Lake:

Boat Model	Boat Name	Sail No.	Berthed/Stored at ?

I want to participate in: Racing Cruising Juniors Race Committee Social Education

FYC Business other _____ Please contact me about participation

√	Type of Membership	Amount	Enclosed
	First Time Membership Initiation Fee – required for First Time Full or Associate Member.	\$25.00	
	Full Member - Boat owner, spouse and minor children, One vote per membership.	\$150.00	
	Life Member - Maintained membership for 35 years or more. One vote per membership.	\$0.00	
	Associate Member - 18 years or older, not a boat owner, no vote, cannot skipper races.	\$40.00	
	Junior Sailing Member – Requires enrollment with Junior Sailing Chairman	\$10.00	
	RENEWAL LATE FEE - If renewal is postmarked on or after January 31 st .	\$25.00	
	TOTAL		

I agree to support the Fresno Yacht Club and comply with all Club rules and policies.

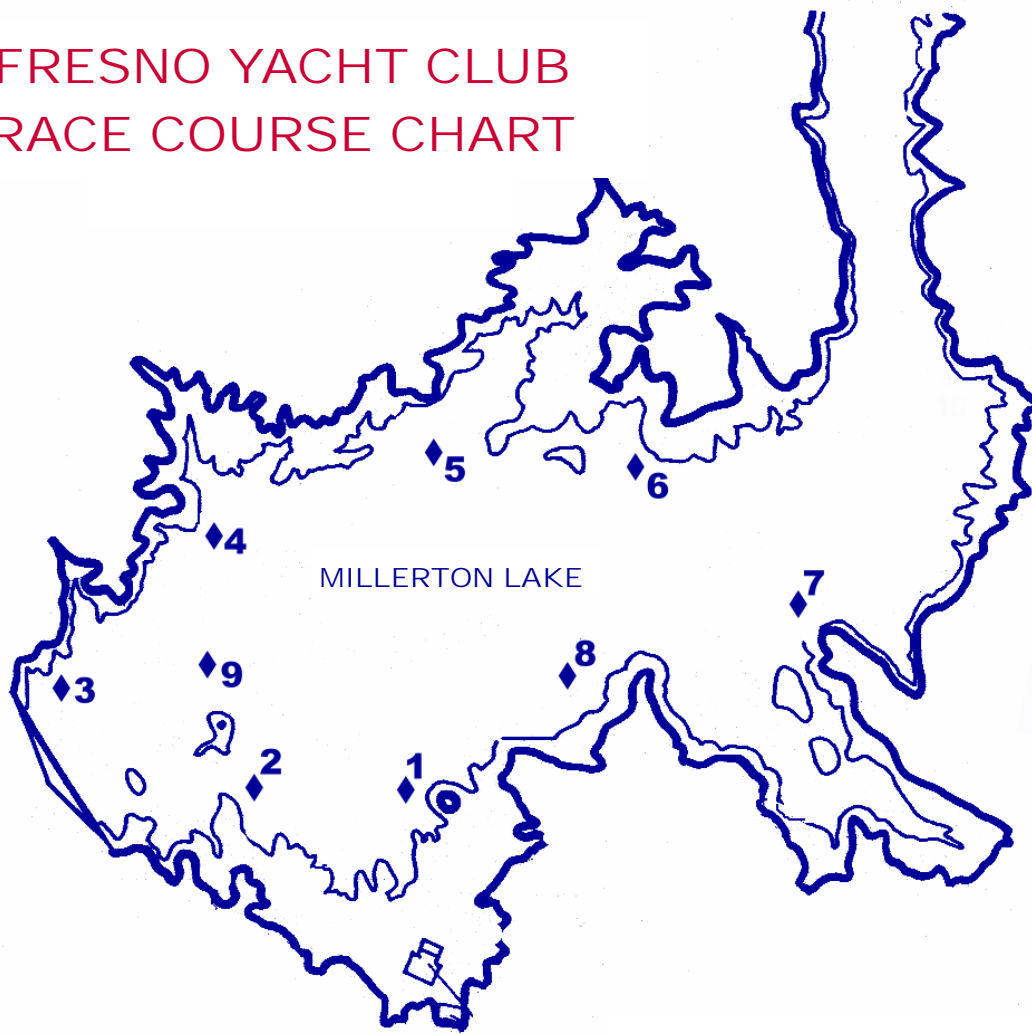
Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Treasurer	_____
_____	Date Application Received
_____	Correct Amount Received

Rear Commodore	_____
_____	Date Updated
_____	Membership Card Issued

PLEASE ADVISE REAR COMMODORE OF ANY CHANGES TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED

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