

# The Main Sheet

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## Commodore's Log

I hope everyone had a Holiday Season filled with health, wealth and happiness. Santa left me a much needed rivet gun, and I could not be happier!

The annual banquet was another great FYC event!!!! A special thanks to Bruce Marion for his MCing and Bill Leavitt for his coordinating all the trophy stuff. It was great to see everybody all dressed up sharing the camaraderie and a few whale stories. Congratulations to those who competed! CONGRADULATIONS to those who competed and received a trinket for effort and skill! In addition, a big congratulation goes to Ruth Barcus, who earned the coveted "Sailor of the Year!"

As we have left 2003, I again wanted to express my sincerely gratitude to each member of the 2003 Board of Directors. It is because of their collective guidance, support, commitment and leadership, that the Fresno Yacht Club enjoys many successes.

It was a year ago, when I stood before the membership and posed the question - Why join the FYC? So based upon the events of the past year I presented at the Annual Banquet the top ten reasons to join the Fresno Yacht Club. Some of the points were silly and humorous, BUT, the bottom line is: **The FRESNO YACHT CLUB IS ALIVE, STRONG and SUCCESSFUL!!!**

2004 has been dubbed, "The year of the sailor." It is up to each one of us to have a hand in the achievements of the Club. FYC, will be measured by the hours spent helping with the High Sierra Regatta, the unselfish commitments to Race Committee duty, helping a fellow sailor who is on the hard, or trying new experiences, or venturing out. At the end of 2004, each one of us will determine the success and future of the Fresno Yacht Club.

Notwithstanding, your 2004 Board of Directors has already met to discuss the activities of 2004. With resolve and determination, we sat around the table and a very clear theme emerged - "OPPORTUNTIY". We talked about traveling to Folsom for the Camellia Cup, and other possible out of town sailing venues, a trip to the boat show, Millerton Lake racing, and the possibilities of more events at Huntington, and making the HSR the best it can be. This conversation was all about what the Board can do to meet the needs of our membership.

May your winter list of projects be short, your sails full, and your passage through 2004 safe!

Sincerely,  
Kevin E. Fabino, Commodore

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**NO JANUARY  
GENERAL MEETING**

**NEXT  
GENERAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13TH**

**FROSTBITE  
SERIES  
POSTPONED**



**2004 Membership Renewal Due January 1st  
LATE FEE APPLIES AFTER FEBRUARY 13TH GENERAL MEETING  
DEADLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN 2004 ROSTER FEBRUARY 13TH**

Attached you will find the 2004 Membership Application. The due date for the application per FYC Bylaws is January 1st. Please fill out the application completely, even if your information has not changed. This will help in checking the accuracy of our information on file.

**Life Members:** Please also complete the attached application provided. Even though no fee is due.

The Membership Roster will be published the end of January.  
Please submit your application early to be included.

Additional copies of the Membership Application are available on the FYC Website.

# Millerton Fleet Captains Log

As we enter the new year, one question I hear and ask myself is "What kind of season will the FYC have?" Last year, the Board of Directors had the rug pulled out from under us by the marina situation. This has already had a profound impact on the activities of our club and may very well influence the future and direction of the FYC. Some feel that the club cannot continue without the support of the marina. (It is my understanding that last year there were over 50 FYC boats berthed in Winchell Cove and this year there are only 12). If we are going to continue as a viable club, I believe we will have to adapt to the situation by making some tough decisions and abandoning some past practices and traditions.

I will be meeting with our fleet captains this month to discuss the needs, desires and outlook of each fleet. I hope to use this information to help address the future of FYC activities at Millerton Lake and elsewhere. With that in mind, I would like you as a member of our club to ponder and hopefully comment on some thoughts:

Do our activities depend on the marina?

Do we need to schedule racing activities year round?

If we don't race year round, can we schedule cruising activities in the off-season?

Is it desirable to shift some races to Huntington?

Should we, as a club, support out of town regattas?

What impact will fewer races at Millerton have on those members who choose to stay in the marina and will scheduling the usual Millerton races force some to maintain a Millerton slip?

Should the FYC adopt a 6-month racing schedule?

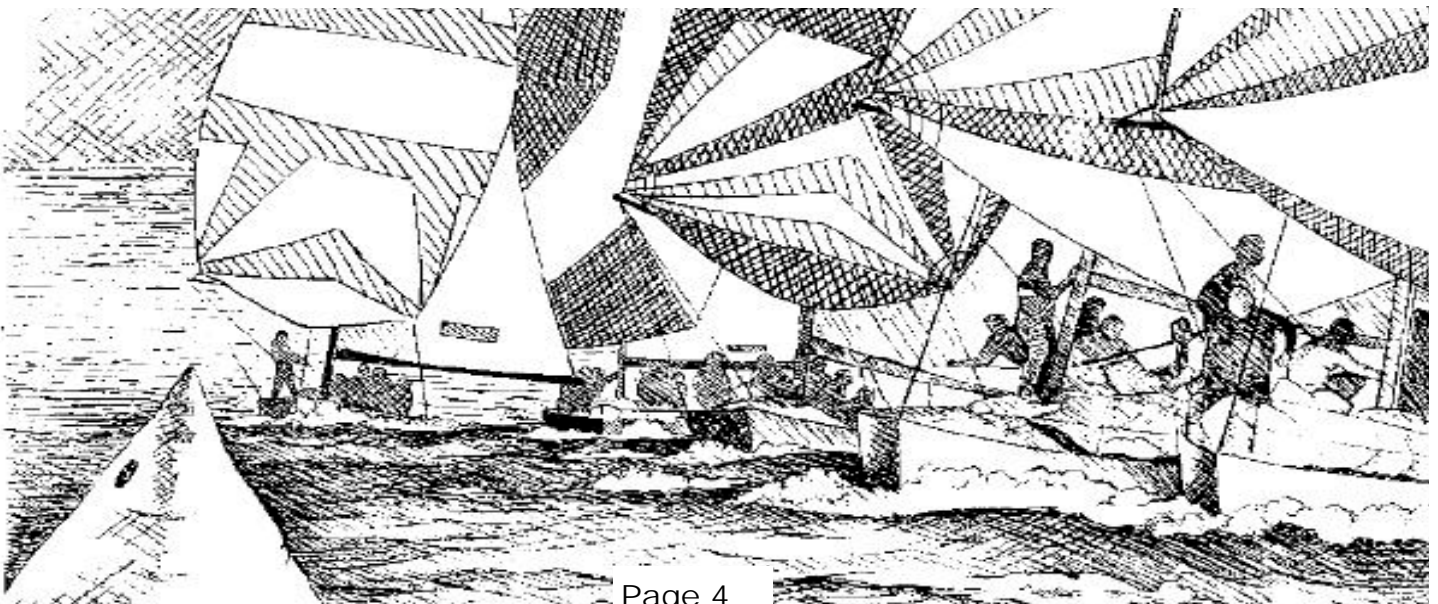
Should Huntington Lake become the home of the FYC?

These are just a few of the thoughts I have had and/or have heard. I am sure there are others, as well.

I think it is obvious that changes will have to be made if we are going to survive and you, the members are going to help implement these changes by your input. Our club consists of nothing more than a group of fleets that work together for our common good. Those fleets, in turn, are composed of individual members who have their own concerns. The ultimate responsibility, therefore, falls on the shoulders of you, the FYC member. What do you want for your sailing future?

Dave Mosher

Millerton Lake Fleet Captain



# SAN JUAN 21 SCUTTLEBUT . . .

Hello out there in sailing land....

it's nice to be back in the swing of things for another year of articles about the sailing activities of our fleet!!! We haven't "collected any dust " the past few months ....have been just as busy as ever this fall with "outside" activities!!!! First off, the Hansens' hosted the fleets' attendance at Roger Rockas Dinner Theater on October 12 for our fall social outing & as a support for Susie Moran's son, Chris who had one of the leading rolls in the performance Paint You Wagon. All 26 of us enjoyed & were so impressed with Chris's singing...he is just a gifted young man & did a superb job. We look forward to seeing him in future performances!!!! Our special guests for the performance were Francis & Peggy Samson & Lewis & Ruth Wagoner who are always so supportive of the SJ fleet in many ways including graciously accepting the task of being Race Committee for us for our National's Competition, the last one being held at Huntington Lake last summer!!!



On November 2nd Waine & Casey Aalto hosted our annual Golf Tournament at Sherwood Forest followed by a delicious dinner at The Rare Steer in Centerville. Twenty two golfers participated & had a great time!!! We were all especially proud of our three "seasoned lady golfers" Katie Sebastian, Phyllis Weaver & Josephine Smeds...."gals, ya still have the magic touch" !!!!! First place went to Waine Aalto with a 71, 2nd was Arlie Brooks with a 73.5, 3rd was a tie between Don Morgan, Charlie Betts & Jason Roche, all scoring 74. Those who didn't golf came later in the day for the dinner at The Rare Steer which was delicious!!! We really had quite a bunch at the restaurant so it took some time to get served however the meal was especially good & we thank Waine & Casey for a job well done!!!

Our last social of the year...our Christmas Potluck , Annual Meeting & Gift Exchange was held at the home of Steen Skjellerup on December 13th. This is always next to our biggest gathering of our fleet so it is always well attended & this year was no exception!! Somewhere over 30 people attended. The evening started off with hors d'oeuvres & drinks followed by a potluck dinner with many delicious dishes including some Danish ones provided by Steen! He really outdid himself!!! Desserts were plentiful as always & quickly disappeared!!! Ruth Barcus, this years fleet captain, called the annual meeting to order. We went over the coming years calendar deciding on dates & who would chair each months gathering. We also finalized & closed books on our Western Nationals hosted this past summer by the Fresno Fleet & decided on what we could improve on the next time. Ruth announced next years Western Nationals will be held at Coos Bay, Oregon on the 2nd week-end of the High Sierra Regatta. She also thanked her board for their work this year saying "she couldn't have done it without them"!!! But then, we couldn't have done it without her so as an appreciation gift, she was presented with two volumes of photos....one for the 2003 High Sierra Regatta & the other of the 2003 Western Nationals both held at Huntington Lake. Gifts were exchanged & lots of stealing, shaking, feeling etc commenced as gift after gift were chosen. Finally, all the gifts were gone & everyone ripped into their treasure!! For a \$15.00 limit, there were many very nice & very useful gifts given. To conclude the evening, our new San Juan Fleet Board was chosen & is as follows: Steen Skjellerup, Fleet Board Captain; Casey Aalto, Treasurer; Carol Hansen, Publicity/Sunshine; Eileen Betts, Secretary; Charlie Betts, Millerton Race Committee Chrmn; Ruth Barcus, Advisor to the Board.

We thank Steen & his daughters for the wonderful job they did to make our annual Christmas Party such a great success....the fleet is very appreciative, Steen!!!!

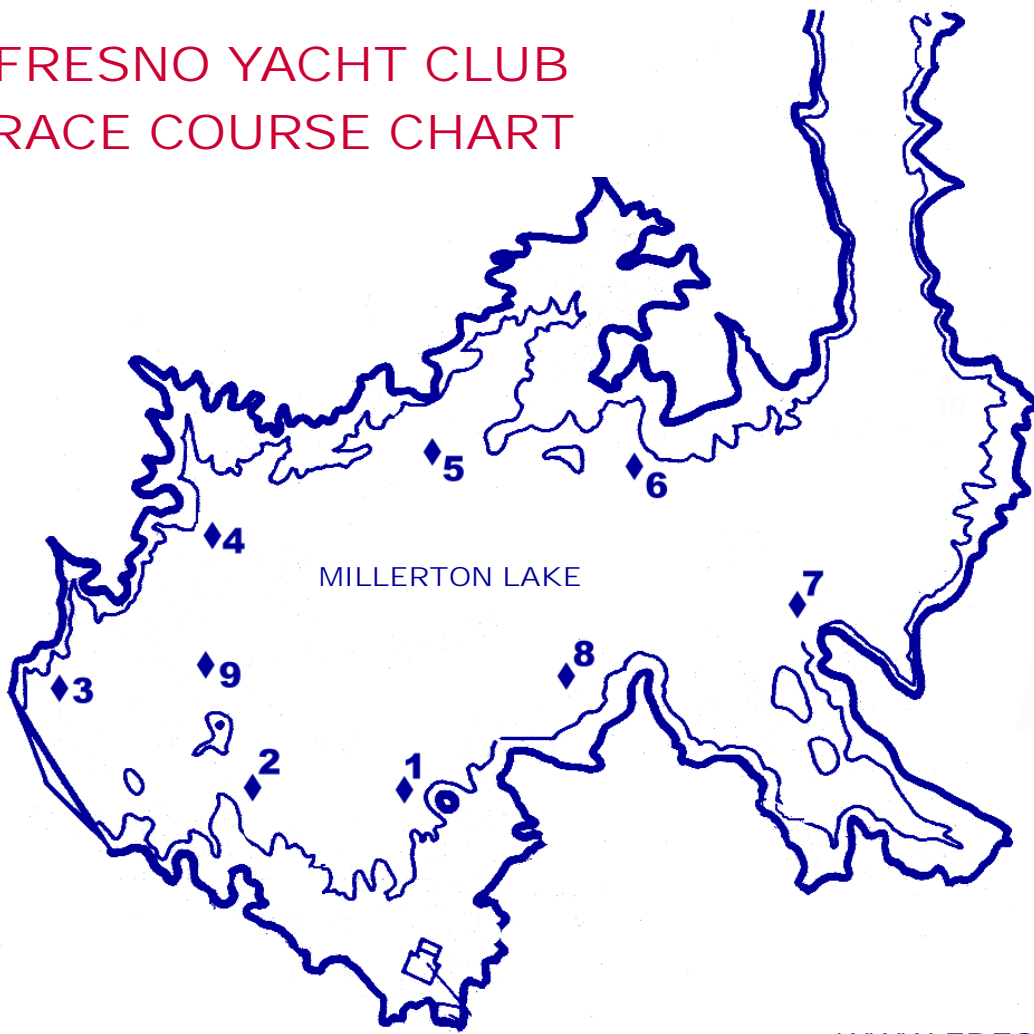
Guess that's it for this issue!!!! Happy sailing everyone & may the best winds always be where you are!!!!

Carol Hansen, SJ21 Fleet 3 Editor.

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