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Commodore's Log

From most of the people I have spoken with this has been a great year! It appears moving some of the races to Huntington has been well received by the membership. Of course, the High Sierra Regatta was another HUGE success (Thank Phil, Kathy and all the volunteers). So here is what is in store over the next couple of months.

Heizenrader Handicap

The Heizenraider Handicap is scheduled for October 9. **RACE TIME IS 11:00am.** Please refer to your Race Course Sheet for the starting sequence. Good luck skippers!!!

2005 Board of Directors

Your Club is in need of a few more volunteers to fill out the 2005 Board of Directors slate. We still need a Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, High Sierra Chairman and Main Sheet Editor. Those interested should contact the Commodore or any other Board Member as soon as possible. Without these positions being filled, next years' Board may not be able to provide all that has become expected by the general membership.

Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet is scheduled for December 16th. Please mark your calendar.

Perpetual Trophies

It is time to locate and dust off your Fleets' Perpetual Trophy. We can suggest two options that will get the trophies to the right place. First, you can bring the Trophy to either, the October or November General Membership Meeting, or, you can deliver the trophy to Discount Trophy, located at 24 E. Olive (ask for Rusty).

Deadline for getting to Discount Trophy is November 19, 2004.

May your sails be full, and your passage safe!

Sincerely,
Kevin E. Fabino, Commodore

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October 8th GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: Farm Bureau Office
1274 W. Hedges, Fresno

NO HOST BAR: 6:30 PM
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 PM

October 5th BOARD MEETING

WHERE: TBD
WHEN: 6:30PM



Who pulled the plug ??



Huntington
9/22/04

From the Vice Commodore

The news lately in the sailboat manufacturing industry has been tippet at best. While small boats are enjoying modest gains in production, larger sizes have slowed. Long time sailors know new participants in our sport or fleet often come from our own self promotion. Whether these new sailors eventually purchase a new go fast or one of the many plastic classics out there.

If you had attended our first weekend of the High Sierra you would have witnessed first hand the growth of the smaller sailboat. Yes the dingy was present. Those California staples, the Lido, Coronado 15 and the ever challenging Day Sailor. Splash in a fleet of Lasers and Banshee, what I would call second generation dingies, and one could see thirty past years of boat building.

This year was noticeably different. The small boats we grew up sailing has evolved into the Skiff. These boats have a number for a name, the smaller ones were called 29er. It also has a vary powerful bigger brother aptly named 49er. After watching these sailboats all weekend, I think the numbered name comes from how far you fly off the boat when you capsize or broach.

These new generation of sailors were having a great time and clearly enjoying the regatta. There was no separations of boat, class or sailor in the parking area. The common goal was to sail, compete and have fun. Often you would see a young buck seeking the advise of a mature Huntington lake sailor. In trade they would offer a ride on there wild machines. *Ah, gee thanks...but I left my helmet, wetsuit and kidney belt at home.*

The lack of sailing participation fortunately hasn't slowed the High Sierra Regatta. New fleets, big boat or dingy, continue to inquire and participate each year. Being the host yacht club, our members take pride in carrying on the tradition started so many years ago.

Thank you Phil and Cathy, great job and done professionally even under tense moments. Francis, your the man...your service to the HSR was appreciated by hundreds of sailors. Keith, thanks. Your support and time keeps everyone rolling right along.

Bruce Marion, VC

Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008

Here's something to throw in the stocking of your favorite sailor for Christmas. Just when you had these rules figured out, the ISAF goes and changes them again.

For dummies like me, I tend to lean toward the rule books with all the pictures and diagrams in them. They still contain the regular rule book, but the have a neat section that explains them in way that even I can figure out. Usually only a couple of bucks more, but well worth it.

The last issue of Sailing World did a great job of explaining the changes to the rules. Until you get a chance to get your hands on the new book, or if you are going to wait for Christmas. Go over to the FYC Website. www.fresnoyachtclub.org/racing.htm On the "racing result" page, under resources click on Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008. This will take you to links to the new rule book.

I overheard someone at Huntington referring to the 2001-2004 Rules as the, "new rules" well they will soon be old now. And speaking of OLD. I observed one FYC member carrying around a 1997-2000 Rule Book. No wonder there is confusion on the race course!

We all spend money on the latest go fast gadget. Put about fifeteen bucks in your sailing budget for a rule book. All that go fast stuff will be for not when you get tossed out of a race for not knowing the rules!

SAN JUAN "Scuttlebut".....

GREETINGS FROM THE SAN JUAN FLEET.....

We haven't had any big gatherings since the High Sierra Regatta however several of our skippers sailed in August in the Single Handed Handicap & the Fall Series both held at Huntington Lake which was great!!

In the Single Handed Handicap JERRY HANSEN took 1st, BILL PARSONS came in 3rd & VERNON DETTMAN took at 5th! Great going guys...we are proud of you!!!!

In the Fall Series & within the SJ21 fleet, once again JERRY HANSEN came in 1st, STEEN SKJELLERUP grabbed 2nd, BILL PARSONS took a 3rd & VERNON DETTMAN came in 4TH.

On August 28th the Fleet enjoyed a Moonlight Sail at Huntington Lake following dinner at Lakeshore. Bill Parsons chaired this event which was just a delightful evening...not too cool, not to warm & the boats did move quite well across the water under a beautiful full moon!! Approximately 17 fleet members in 3 boats enjoyed a relaxing "sail" that has become a favorite within the fleet!

We are happy to report that MARVIN CRUM came through his surgery quite well (no cancer) & is at home getting stronger every day!! When talking with BETTY she said that "Marvin wouldn't be irrigating the pine trees around Lakeshore anymore"!!!! We are all VERY HAPPY the surgery went well, Marvin.... you were in everyone's thoughts & prayers!!!

Guess that's it for this issue.....remember the Heizenrader Hdcp Oct 9th at Millerton Lake...see you there!!!!

Happy sailing everyone & may the best winds always be where you are!!!

Carol Hansen, San Juan Fleet Editor



2004 FRESNO YACHT CLUB ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

	<u>DATE</u>		<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>R/C</u>
Oct	9	Sat	Heizenrader Hcp	11:00am	Millerton	S20
	16&17	Sat/Sun	Vallejo 1/2		San Francisco	SSS
	30&31	Sat/Sun	Great Pumpkin		San Francisco	RYC
Nov	12	Fri	General Meeting	7:00pm	Farm Bureau	
Dec	16	Thu	Awards Banquet	6:30pm	TBD	