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 NEWSLETTER

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

- by Stacy Lane -

As the last report for my year as Commodore, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Board members, who have put in countless hours over the past twelve months to make sure our events are fun and engaging for all our members. Without their efforts, this year truly would not have been as fun as we have experienced.

In addition, I'd like to thank our members who volunteer and are not part of the Board. Where would our Regatta food be without folks such as Bill, Sharon and John? Thank you to everyone for what you do and how you do it. Volunteer groups like ours are strong because of the dedication of our membership.

As you know, the Flag Officers' Dinner is coming up on Sunday, November 11th (not

Saturday!). This is the time when the old Board hands over the reins to the new Board while fun and merriment are had by all. Please make sure you RSVP to Commodore Stacy at 442-3855 by November 5th, to guarantee your choice of braised short ribs or a poblano-stuffed chicken breast with a pepper cream sauce. The culinary arts students from Fortuna High School will be cooking and serving for us. I promise this is not a meal to be missed!

Reminder: The November Social Hour will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, from 1700-1900 hrs at the clubhouse. Come mix and mingle with us!

Commodore Stacy

Golden Rule Update

- by Stephen Buck, Rear Commodore -

After using all of our 15 day allotment at the police docks, we took a shakedown cruise out to sea about a hundred miles. Might have kept going to Hawaii but I had an allergic reaction to something and experienced a swollen throat and tongue. Scary enough to turn back. Now I suspect an allergic reaction to the sunscreen I had started using the previous day. [Continued on next page]

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GOLDEN RULE UPDATE [cont'd from page 1]

The Golden Rule is at presently at anchor in San Diego Bay in Anchorage A9. A9 is free for ninety days (!) and is conveniently located next to the airport and near downtown. Several dinghy docks serve the anchorage and the many moored vessels in the area.

Within a short walk of the docks are many hotels, restaurants, the San Diego Maritime Museum, and 'Little Italy' with it's fine ethnic

fare. Any sailor worth his or her salt will enjoy the many old and reproduction vessels at the museum. The most famous is the *Star of India*, built in 1863 and is the oldest active sailing vessel in the world.

"Baja Ha Ha" is imminent and boats from all over are converging for the send-off to Mexico this Sunday. Everyone seems happy to be here. Love San Diego!



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AROUND THE MARKS

- by Larry Fox, Vice Commodore -

We had some fun light-wind sailing in October with three more races added to the In-Bay series. Light winds kept us in the north part of the bay near buoy 19. Curt Brown and I traded places for second, and third place determined with less than a minute between us on corrected time. Ed Mattson finished first in all three races, and Richard Hendry finished 4th in the first race. (Thanks Richard for the photos!)



In-Bay Keel #4

Our second Great Bay Race was sailed on October 20 with extremely light winds. We kept the course short and centered on the windy part of the bay. It was a great day to remember our Club Racing Rules because there was not enough wind to stem the outgoing tide and we were starting down-tide between 19 and the flag pole. Finding myself drifting over the line with lots of time left, I kept my engine on to get uptide before the horn. This is legal according to our rules as long as its done with more than 5 minutes left to go before the start. I didn't turn off my engine until about two minutes before the start thus violating rule 1D. To quote our rule: *"A boat late for a start may use its engine or any other means of propulsion after the preparatory signal to proceed directly to the edge of the starting area. The boat shall not,*

however, start until five minutes (or other prescribed interval) after stopping engine or otherwise complying with Rule 42" (Rule 42 refers to only using the wind and tidal current for propulsion). So, next time you're frustrated, unable to get to the starting area for any reason, remember, you can use your motor to get to the starting area as long as you wait 5 minutes from the time you turn off your engine



Great Bay Race #2

until you start. Only two boats finished and Ed Mattson won.

Our Wednesday night FOG races move to Saturdays at 1400 for the winter beginning next month on Nov. 10th, and continuing until Daylight Savings Time begins again next year.

The November potluck is on election night, November 6th, with a Fall Theme. Be sure to come and vote for our officers for next year, and to vote on our Board's proposal to reduce the club's initiation fee to \$1.

Don't forget our Veterans' Day race on November 11, with the Flag Officers dinner following that night at 1800.

See ya out there, - Larry Fox

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SAN FRANCISCO ADVENTURES

- by Rich Robletto, Member At Large -

Fellow club-member Hannes Becker and I arrived in SF around 5pm. Hannes has this map voice command on his phone and boy does it help. He dropped me off at my place on Knob Hill and went to his place to clean up and change. About 7pm we went to St Francis Yacht Club for dinner; turns out they were sponsoring the *Rolex Regatta* and wow was it packed. SFYC has changed their rules now and all you have to do is show your valid yacht club card (don't have to send out a 'letter in good standing' anymore) and they give you a guest card.

Hannes had never been there before, so I led the way to the elevator to the left and we lucked out with a great view of the SF Bridge, just about two tables from the corner that overlooked the SF Bridge. We were right next to the Commodore's table, who did stop by and say hello. The meals were fantastic and Hannes said it was the best he had ever had! We had the creme boules for desert but I must admit I had a few too many Cabs (it was his treat) and when he took me back I went straight to sleep.

The next day he asked where we should go, so I suggested Pier 39. We got there around 11:30am and then I suggest we see about 'Sailing the Bay,' and they had a cruise at 12:30. Turned out that the same Captain was in charge last time sailed on this 40' sailboat, and that one of the crew we met there (Caleb) was a sailing instructor of mine years ago. What was really great was that we got to sail in the

middle of the *Rolex Regatta*. We had to avoid some of the boats and they all thanked us during the race.

After that we went for a late lunch at the Fisherman's Grotto. Then it was off to Victoria's Plastery for my order of Napoleon's and Cannoli which barely fit into my cooler (8 Napoleon's, 4 Cannoli and 2 of those white ones with the fresh strawberries on top). Then back to the rooms to get ready for the theater in about 2hrs. We ended up at the Union Square Public Parking, (which ended up only costing Nine dollars, boy next time that's where I'm going) and made it just in time for the start. Hannes had never been there and he was very impressed with the interior of the theater. This was a new production of the *Phantom of the Opera* and it had a few but not many changes. The leading actress for Christiana was Emma Grimsley. We met some nice people there and Hannes was talking to everyone - - and I mean every one (ha, ha). Afterwards we went down to the main lobby and bought some *Phantom of the Opera* swag and went back to our hotels.

The next morning we stopped at St Francis Yacht Club as Hannes wanted some pictures to prove he was there. We then head home and ended up at *In and Out Burger*, for lunch. Steve Buck called and said he was at the St. Francis Yacht Club and it turns out we just missed each other by about 15min. Well, we got back safe and sound and not much Viking stuff (inside joke), but great fun. So that was the SF trip.

FREE OUTBOARD ENGINE

1994 Johnson 2-stroke outboard, 9.9 hp. It runs but has some issue with the choke. Starts OK but lots of surging during warm up. Runs OK when warm. Includes fuel tank and hose with some premix gas. Free to a good home. Call Larry Fox if interested: 707-845-4854

FLAG OFFICERS' DINNER

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Hors d'oeuvres & No-Host Bar at 6:00pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

RSVP by November 5th to

Commodore Stacv at 442-3855

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2019 HYC CALENDAR

If you want to purchase a “month” on next year’s HYC calendar for your favorite nautical-themed photo, contact Stacy Lane at 442-3855 for info. Only \$30. Don’t delay, your favorite month is up for grabs!



WEATHER 101

There are lots of sites on the internet where you can explore the basics of weather-forecasting without needing a Ph.D. in meteorology. As examples:
https://www.weather.gov/crp/weather_education
<https://www.weather.gov/epz/weatherbasicshomepage>

keeping a weather eye:

- Nov. 3 Social Hour - 1700 hrs
- Nov. 6 Potluck - 1900 hrs
- Nov. 11 Veterans’ Day Race - 1111 hrs
- Nov. 11 Flag Officers’ Dinner - 1800 hrs
- Nov. 13 Board Meeting - 1900 hrs

Remember: FOG Races switch to Saturdays at 1400 hrs beginning Nov. 10th

