



## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- BY BRIDGE RANDALL -

Do you ever feel like sailing in winter is one of those character building activities your parents always forced on you? My kids hated it too. Here's some ideas that really make a difference.

- 1 Gear. Get some good foul weather gear. This includes some sailing boots and a warm hat. Then no matter if it's raining and cold or blowing dogs off chains you will be comfortable.
- 2 warm food or drinks. Keep that inner furnace burning with something warm to put in your belly. This also keeps you warmer when it's frosty out.
3. Keep a good Mental State. Celebrate the storm, rejoice in the rain and suddenly the days not bad, but an adventure.

The first of March begins the party with the Golden Rule celebrating their 10th anniversary of sailing the world bringing awareness of nuclear weapons. They will be using the club during the day Saturday and Sunday. Also Hosting our monthly social/cocktail party! Come on down to get a tour of the Golden Rule and maybe go for a sail (weather dependent).

We just have one scheduled race for March 15th. In bay keelboat #1. Bundle up and come to race and or watch the first of this series.

One training class this month on the 8th. Man Overboard! Does your crew know how to recover the skipper? Have you talked to the crew about the process? Come to the club to learn a couple techniques and then practice them on the bay on Gitana (presuming weather).

Lastly we have an open house on April 5th. Come down to the club March 29th to give a good swab down of the decks. Many hands make easy work for all. The Open House is always fun! If you have a trailerable boat, bring it down to the club to show off your baby! Plan on coming by for a lecture on weather and navigation by Steve Buck. Then social hour afterwards.

Commodore Bridge



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## HYC Dinghy Docks Receive Much Needed Maintenance

Lately I've been on the receiving end of credit and "thank-yous" concerning the repairing of the dinghy docks. I thought I'd set the record straight on who was behind this operation along with some short history on the docks.



The dinghy docks are located on Woodley Island, at the foot of I-dock on the North side of the marina. Here club members have access to the club's dinghies, two FJ's and a Laser! Sails and hardware are stored next to the boats in convenient lockers. The docks also serve as rented dock space for members, and are also occasionally used by the community to launch kayaks and other small water craft.

The dock saga started way back in 1976 when Bill Richter found a platform floating in the Bay and tied it off next to the old HYC building in Eureka. It could hold 4 small boats. Later in 1980 four docks were built at Leo Friedricson's shop (where he built the Humboldt Bay 30's) to replace the

old platform. When the Public Marina was being built these docks were floated over to Woodley Is. near their present location. The docks as we know them today were built in 2000. Scott Morris originally designed the platform as 7 individual floating docks, connected by metal joints that swivel with the tide.

Other than a few repairs headed by Bruce Braly in 2008 and 2011, the docks have served very well with little maintenance for 24 years! Still, time and tide had begun to rot wood and stress fasteners enough to be noticed recently by some of the skippers who regularly walk I-dock.



Notably, it was Ed Mattson who first assessed the need for repairs. Having considerable knowledge of engineering and construction, Ed was able to consult on how to go about the repairs, along with some potential design modifications to deal with the rising level of silt under the docks.

Meeting times were set, and a small party of volunteers showed up to do the planning work, including HYC legend Bruce, who

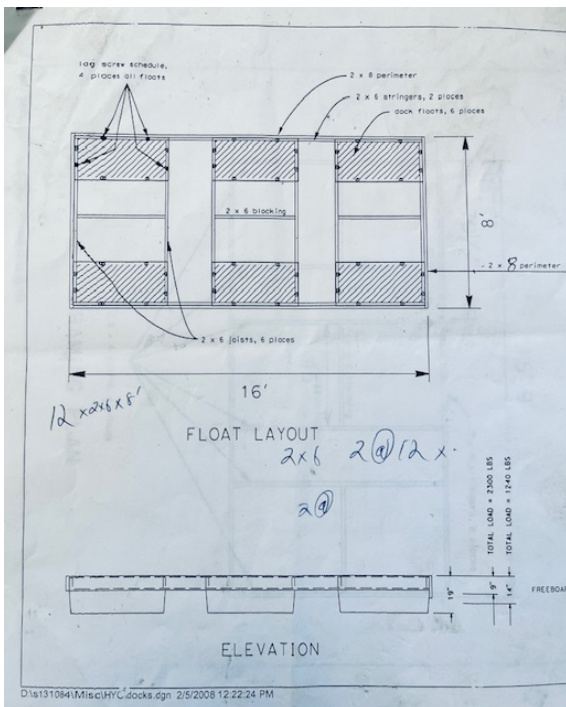
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had been on the original work party back in 1980. Bruce had put some thought into the limited flexibility of movement between the docks in reaction to the tide, and drew up an ingenious way to connect the docks. The “Braly Bracket” would take more R&D along with years of litigation over patents before it was ready however. Ultimately, a simple and cost-efficient replacement of worn out parts was decided on, and a list of needed materials was created.

old decking, drilling and installing lag bolts, and reinforcing the weaker portions of three of the seven docks. Maintenance will be regular and ongoing as needed.

Okay, I helped out a bit, and took some photos - but now you know who deserves the real credit for the project. We are lucky and grateful to have both Ed’s leadership and Bruce's knowledge of what had/had not worked in the past along with their tools, know-how and valuable time spent to ensure the HYC docks will remain serviceable for years to come.

(For more info on Club boat use or dock rental, contact Will (707)478-8543).



Then came months of red tape until the board of governors approved project funding (kidding), but when it was time to get to work Ed and Bruce once again appeared with the tools and the skills. Ed was the natural foreman of the work while Bruce and I helped with replacing



**Ahoy the club!**

I'm glad to be your new VC.

Our racing program has begun with an exciting first day of sailing in the Women-at-the-Helm series on February 16. A brisk South wind provided plenty of thrills and at least one equipment breakdown. Nice sailing ladies! A big thank you to Steve Buck and Richard Hendry for serving on the race committee with me on the Golden Rule (a great committee boat).



We continue with the first Whistler Race on February 22 with a 1230 hrs. starting time (1130 hrs. skipper's meeting). You can head out to the Whistler buoy or stay in the bay by completing the South Bay Alternative course. Our first day of the In-Bay Keelboat Series is scheduled for March 15 with a start time of 1300 hrs.

We are requiring Compliance with the US Sailing Near Shore Safety Requirements for racing in Humboldt Bay and if heading outside the bay, the US Sailing Coastal Safety Requirements as modified by Humboldt Yacht Club. Please refer to our website for details.

We have made major changes to the scoring of the racing program this year:

1. There is no qualification profile this year. If you enter one race in any series, you are automatically scored for all races in the series. This is to encourage participation in every race as well as ensuring that every competitor does qualify for a series and gets scored. We have scheduled fewer days of racing this year to make it easier to sail on every race day in a series.
2. The standard low point scoring system will be used rather than average scores.
3. A Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be published on our website and posted in the club room for each series providing details including safety requirements and possible discards, depending upon the number of races sailed in a series.

So, check your boat over for safety compliance and come on out for some great racing!

We have also scheduled a Man Overboard Clinic on March 8 and a weather and navigation clinic on April 5. It's always good to rehearse proper procedures in the event of somebody falling overboard and a weather and navigation review is very important for our unpredictable North Coast conditions.

Hope to see you on the water,  
With best wishes,

Larry Fox, Vice Commodore

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## 2025 Whiskeytown Regatta on Memorial Day Weekend

Don't miss the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Regatta at Whiskeytown Lake. It is the perfect chance to escape the seasonal coastal fog, warm up and enjoy a bit of racing. Traditional wind patterns at the lake range from gentle to moderate breezes, include a calm hour for lunch, and can get thrilling with the bigger katabatic cycles. Humboldt Yacht Club hopes to be well represented this year with, at least two Holder 20's and maybe a few Lido 14's. Connect with your favorite skipper to coordinate your own campaign to compete or plan to come enjoy camping with the club and the beauty of the lake.


HYC has reserved a group camp site at the Dry Creek Campground from Thursday, May 22, through Monday, May 26. A \$50 contribution, payable through the HYC online store, ensures the club can cover costs. A few coves west of Brandy Creek Marina and Launch Ramp, the site has great swimming and good access to the start/finish. Its tent only camping at Dry Creek but RV are allowed through the regatta hosts: (<https://www.whiskeytownsailing.org>).

Don't forget to buy a park pass for your vehicle beforehand through the National Park Service (<https://www.nps.gov/whis/planyourvisit/fees.htm> ).





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1 • 2pm Fog Race @ 2pm • 5pm Social Hour
2	3	4 • 6pm Potluck	5	6	7	8 • 12pm Man Overboard Clinic • 2pm Fog Race @ 2pm
9	10	11 • 6pm Board Meeting	12 • 6pm Fog Race	13	14	15 • 1pm In-Bay Keel #1
16	17	18	19 • 6pm Fog Race	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 • 6pm Fog Race	27	28	29 • 10am Club Cleanup
30	31	Apr 1 • 6pm Potluck	2 • 6pm Fog Race	3	4	5 • 2pm Open House 2 more



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**Welcome Aboard!**

New member:

**Kelly Goodnight**



“You boys got a bottle opener?”