

The Telltale

FOLSOM LAKE YACHT CLUB

February 2006

Representing Folsom Lake Sailors for Over 48 Years

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EVENT CALENDAR

February

3-5	Ski Trip		North Lake Tahoe
7	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm	Round Table, Folsom, Glenn and Riley
11	Frostbite #3	10 am	Brown's Ravine
15	Camellia Cup Planning Mtg	7 pm	Poimiroo's
18-20	President Cruise, Fleet 4		TBD
25	Lake Washington Midwinters		Lake Washington, West Sacramento

March

4	Spring #1	10 am	Brown's Ravine
8	Camellia Cup Planning Mtg	7 pm	Poimiroo's
14	St. Patty's Membership Mtg	6:30 pm	Round Table, Folsom, Glenn and Riley
18	Spring #2 (cruiser points)	10 am	Brown's Ravine
18	First of Spring Cruise	10 am	Brown's Ravine
22	Camellia Cup Planning Mtg	7 pm	Poimiroo's
25	Lake Washington Midwinters		Lake Washington, West Sacramento

April

1	Trans Folsom Regatta	10 am	Brown's Ravine
8-9	Camellia Cup Regatta	10 am	Brown's Ravine
11	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm	TBD

COMMODORE'S COLUMN

"MORE FUN" in 2006

Last month in the Telltale I said, "The way I see it, I'm working for you and I need to know what you want from the club." I also invited everyone to come to the member's meeting in January to discuss how we can make this *a magic year for you, the best yet*. Not surprisingly the invitation was well received as we had a large turnout, and a lively discussion about changes many members would like to see in 2006.



The message from the discussion, in two words, was "fun" and "variety."

Members said they wanted more fun. They wanted more fun on the race course, more fun at the members meetings, more fun things to do, and more time to socialize with sailing friends. The "variety" discussed had to do with changing series races, "so just don't keep going around the same circle all the time," and changing the format of the member's meetings and location from time to time. All of which sounds both good and yet challenging to me.

So, here's what we, your board, have done so far and are looking into later in the year:

- 1) The next members meeting will be in a new location [previously planned]. It will be at Round Table Pizza, Glenn &

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Riley, Folsom, on February 7th at 6:30 p.m. Future meetings may be rotated between two or three locations just for variety and a change of menu.

- 2) The program for the next meeting will be something that focuses on fun "stuff", a little more discussion about change, and some sailing stuff. Future meetings will always have some "fun" built in. Ideas and suggestions are encouraged.
- 3) Pot lucks at member's homes or other such social events are being discussed.
- 4) FLYC will partner with Catalina Fleet # 4 to sponsor the "Joe Cool - Jazz on the Lake" event and host members of e-Life Connections. [More on this next month.]
- 5) The El Dorado Hills CSD Recreation Department has agreed to publicize our YouthSail and AdultSail programs in their directory of recreational programs which is mailed to all residents of El Dorado Hills (20,000 people).
- 6) The Summer Series races will be held where there is always a breeze, read south fork, and water fights between races will be encouraged.
- 7) The Fall Series races "may be" a variety of short, long, pursuit, and circle races.
- 8) The club will sponsor a "Joe Cool - Spooky Sail" event in October and also host members of eLife Connections. [More on this next month.]

I hope all of the above represents the "more" fun and variety you want to see in 2006. Remember, we want to make this *a magic year for you, the best yet.*

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One great race day, and one good race day last month. The first race day of 2006 was great! A little cool, but the wind was blowing, and some great competition! Thanks to George and Rob Koch, and Scott Fredrickson for running three fun races. Thanks to all of the boats that made it out. The results are available on the Web Site.

The 2nd race day didn't start out as well, with a very slow drifter for the first race. The 2nd race (a short ½ 'A' course) also started slow, but about the time we were rounding the mark the wind finally started blowing. The 3rd race, a 'C' course, was held in perfect conditions, and fun was had for all. Thanks to Craig Lee and Mary Niederberger-Lee for their Race Committee work (including a rare downwind start).

Speaking of the downwind start, I think doing things a little different is a great thing, and I'd like to encourage more Race Committees to do things like that, just to give the sailors a little variety out there. Other things we should consider is to use the 'twice-around' flag once in a while (when conditions warrant).

Coming soon to the Website will be a list of the races for the year, and the people who have volunteered to do Race Committee. The races which still need Race Committee volunteers will also be in there. Look for it on the home page at [http:// flyc.org](http://flyc.org).

Also, the 2006 Series Sailing Instructions should be up soon, and copies available for the racers at the lake.

Also, have you noticed the forums are back on the website? I didn't think so, since the only people to have posted anything on there are the scum of the internet world, the spammers. I'll remove those posts as soon as I see them.

Coming up is the 3rd and final Frostbite series race on February 11th, and the first of the Spring Series races on March 4th. Remember, there are only 3 more races (and chances to practice) before the big races of the year, Trans-Folsom & Camellia Cup.

Mark Erdrich



TREASURY NOTES

MEETING OF JANUARY 06

The new year welcomed many members to the monthly FLYC meeting. The Hart/Witcher duo was there along with the Eppleys, Strains, Galerias and Kochs. Madeline and Mike Rayfuse slipped in along with Kiersten and Kerry Johnson. Of course, the Prestons, Niederberger/Lees and the Erdrichs rounded out the couples. The guys sort of filled up the place, Jason Jenkins, Geoff Baxter, who is NOT moving (yay), Month Biles, Howard Mehl, John Poimiroo, Tom Clark and guest Ron Keefe.

The treasurer, Gary Preston, reported that we have nearly \$5900 in the working capital account. Keep in mind that the insurance bill of \$4500 is due right away, however.

Membership reported that renewal dues are coming steadily in. About one fourth have already paid. New rosters will be printed, mid-March. There was a close race on January 5, with plenty of wind, and sunny skies.

Mark Erdrich is hoping to fill all of the Race Committee slots with members who are eager to volunteers. Call Mark if you are interested. Kerry Johnson won the door prize by knowing the year in which Dennis Conner lost the America's Cup.

Fleet reports: **Catalina Fleet 4** had a whale watch event in Monterey January 14-16 weekend. **Banshee Fleet 1** is still operational and glad that Geoff is not leaving. **Santana 20 Fleet 12** is looking for participants, as there is only 1 boat generally showing up for races. Hey, Santanas, BE THERE.

Phil Hodgson reported that **FACILITIES** are up and operational. He has rebuilt the console in the Whaler, but reports that the bottom is a little (a LITTLE!) squishy.

The program for the evening was a discussion lead by Commodore Steve about the upcoming year. There were varying ideas about where to hold the monthly meetings. Be sure to read the TellTale monthly to keep up with that news. Some suggested programs were: Travel agent tale about cruise options; Carol McIntosh's experience with her all women's sail from Tahiti to Honolulu on the American Eagle; Rules update; Boat Repairs; pot luck dinner, or no presentation at all, just socialize. If YOU have any ideas, contact Steve Galleria.

RACES: TransFolsom and Camellia Cup are pretty much the same format as last year. Katherine Eveanson, is set for the spring, in big boats.

ITEMS: The website has a new feature, a bulletin

board.

John has contacted the El Dorado Hills Parks and Recreation District about advertising and running our youth and adult programs through them.

There is a plan to invite the e-life group to both the Jazz on the Water in the summer, and the Spooky Sail in the fall.

Don't forget the Ski Weekend coming up.

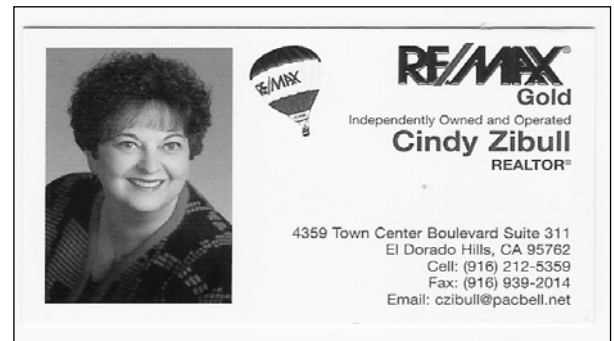
Above all, keep the FUN FACTOR high, more fun, less work.

YOUR YACHT CLUB



FLYC membership dues provide you, the member, with an organization that promotes sailing, delivers a timely newsletter, provides opportunity to interact with other, local sailors, maintains a fleet of 6 DeWitt dinghies to use, a whaler, and a kayot for putting on races, and enrolls you in an organization that allows you to reciprocate with other yacht clubs for privileges. If you believe in sailing and sailboat racing, then FLYC is the club for you.

Lanette Strain



BANSHEE FLEET ONE



WINTER SERIES #1 January 7

I have been looking at new single handed dinghies to see if there is anything available that could possibly improve on the Banshee. The criteria I thought most important:

1. Same general size with better performance than a Banshee/Laser.
2. No trapezes or racks that would greatly increase the technical skill required to sail.
3. Main sail that hoists in a track so the light weight mast could be rigged without putting on the sail first. It would also allow the sail to be lowered at dock and when launching and retrieving.
4. Truly self bailing cockpit that is comfortable even in light wind conditions.
5. Modern, light weight with strong construction.

The result of my looking so far is that nothing is available in the US that measures up- just the same old designs (Lasers, Sunfish, etc.) and Megabytes (too big), Bytes and Zumas (too small). Sure there are new modern International Canoe type boats (Hoot) and skiffs available, but they are really in a different league from the Banshee. I would love to have an RS Vareo, <http://www.rssailing.com/> but they are not supported by a dealer's network in the US and shipping here would be \$3000 for a 20' container. That just wouldn't be worth it unless multiple boats shared the container, spreading the cost. A replacement Banshee style boat would be at least \$6500 plus shipping, so a \$500-\$700 Banshee is a bargain by comparison. I can still dream!

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**RACING
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Son Rob Koch, Scott Frederickson, and I climbed aboard the Whaler with all necessary gear under cloudy skies, some breeze from the South, and high hopes for a fine sailing day, later to be confirmed. In attendance were Tom Clark in his Catalina 250, Kerry Johnson in the Santana 23, Dean and Daria Eppley in their Olson 25, Phil Hodgson in the Wavelength 24, and Mark Erdrich in his Santana 20. Quite a spread!

The temperature wasn't bad, close to 50 degrees, but the medium wind had its way of making one use pockets for hand warmth. Race time scheduled for 10am, so we cast off at 0915 for the center mark. Well, 4 and perhaps 6 were missing, but 5 looked likely for a windward mark. Upon arriving at CM, wind was from 165 to 170 degrees, so 5 it was, lifted tack to be port.

We set the pin and tied the Whaler to CM and prepared for the Great Battle. Pretty soon out came the boats with happy faces aboard, as the wind was then 6 to 8 knots, just ideal. Only one starting class start, an A5, single sausage, just to be sure the first race went off and finished early to ensure two more later. Warning horns and a minute later up goes the class flag, a solid red one, with a horn, then P up, and down, and START with a drop of the class flag. Still seems unnatural to drop something to start a race, especially with no second class flag to raise, doesn't it? 'Nuff said.

Race 1 started 1005. Finished in well under a half hour. Race 2, a C5, in 40 to 50 minutes, as the wind was up a little to 8 to 12kts, Race 3, another C5, a little slower, as the wind went back to 6 to 8kts. The gas horn gave up with a wheeze, so we used a whistle for the rest of the day.

Results:	Erdrich	1 - 2 - 1	4 pts.
	Hodgson	2 - 1 - 2	5
	Eppley	4 - 3 - 3	10
	Clark	5 - 4 - 4	13
	Johnson	3 - 5 - 5	13

Phil Hodgson was first to finish in all races and saved his time in the second race. You can't beat that waterline for speed when the wind is up. Dean and Daria did very well indeed, considering they used no spinnaker. Kerry Johnson needed more rail meat but fought hard all the way, as did Tom Clark. No major gaffs all day. You should be proud. All you others at home really missed a fine time. Nuts to football. Be sure to be there on the 21st. I know Rob and I will in the J.

George Koch



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WINTER SERIES #2 January 21

10:00 am - first race time - no wind... what the heck, we're sending you sailing anyway... Craig wants to wait for the wind, I want to send you off because I can't stand seeing you bobbing. Guess what?! You sail in no wind. It started to fill in from 8, but then when we looked again, it was no where to be found. Only Kerry, Mark and George are sailing. We sent you on an "A", but to Number 1 because we can't find marks 4 and 6. First to finish is Kerry, then Mark, then George. While they are bobbing around the course, a Banshee shows up! Then a Catalina 22 shows up.

Next race... again, very little wind. So we send you on a 1/2 A - 1, and we were trying to figure out how to shorten that race! This time, as the boats round 1, the wind actually starts to fill in. The Banshee (Geoff) finishes first, then the J boat, then Mark, Kerry, and Mike.

Third race we decide to mess with you because we finally have wind. We give you a downwind start. The last time I gave a downwind start was in the Fall regatta a few years ago, and two boats went over... I was hoping we were not going to have to do any rescuing this day. We give you a C-7. Mark finishes first, George second, Kerry third, Geoff fourth and the Mike.

Results:	Erdrich	1 - 2 - 1	4 pts.
	Baxter	6 - 1 - 2	9
	Koch	3 - 4 - 3	10
	Johnson	2 - 5 - 4	11
	Rayfuse	6 - 3 - 5	14

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FLEET 4 RACING NEWS

Racing has started for 2006! FLYC hosted Frostbite #1 and #2 in January with fairly decent turnouts. Frostbite #1 has pretty good wind with 5 keel boats for the 3 races. Fleet 4's Tom Clark competed in his Catalina 250 Liberty. Frostbite #2 also had 5 boats show up for the racing. The first race started a little slowly with very light wind, leaving the boats moving slowly around a half "A" course. The breeze picked up nicely for the second race of the day and really came on strong for the last race. Mike Rayfuse sailed the second and third races in his Catalina 22 Sirius.

Frostbite #3 is set for **Saturday, February 11**. First shape is at 10am. The Spring series starts on **Saturday, March 4**, same first shape.

Our next Fleet 4 meeting will be **Thursday, February 9 at 7:30, Fair Oaks Library**. I'll be doing a presentation on racing techniques, geared mainly toward the new racer. We all started out as new racers in the beginning, so take this opportunity to try out racing in 2006.

I talked with the C-22 National Vice-Commodore Don Hare recently. Don is working hard to help make the C-22 Nationals at Scott's Flat Lake a big success. The Nationals will be held **June 19-22**. Don would love to get some help from Fleet 4 and FLYC members, particularly in the areas of volunteer workers, chase boats and persons with C-22s to charter to racers from out of the area. Don can be reached on his cell phone at (916) 201-9012.

Tom Page

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