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FOLSOM LAKE YACHT CLUB

September 2007

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EVENT CALENDAR

September

1-3	Labor Day Cruise	TBA	TBA
5	Beer Can Race	6:00 pm	Folsom Marina
8	Governor's Cup Regatta	10:00 am	Folsom Lake
11	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm	Amore Café, 2220 Gold Spring Ct, Gold River
12	Beer Can Race	6:00 pm	Folsom Marina
19	Beer Can Race	6:00 pm	Folsom Marina
26	Beer Can Race	6:00 pm	Folsom Marina
29	All Dinghy Regatta	12:00 noon	Rancho Seco
30	Team Racing	12:00 noon	Rancho Seco

October

6-8	Columbus Day Cruise	TBD	Richmond
9	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm	Amore Café, 2220 Gold Spring Ct, Gold River
16	Board / Scheduling Meeting	7:00 pm	Galeria's
20	Singlehanded Regatta	10:00 am	Folsom Lake
27-28	Halloween Cruise	10:00 am	Brown's Ravine

November

3	Joe Beek Club Championship	10:00 am	Folsom Lake
10	Turkey Shoot Regatta	11:00 am	Lake Washington
17	FLYC Awards Banquet	6:30 pm	TBD
23-25	Thanksgiving Cruise	TBD	TBD

December

	Santana 20 Awards Banquet	TBD	TBD
	Fleet 4 Awards Banquet	TBD	TBD
29-1	New Year's Eve Cruise	TBD	TBD

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

This has been a great sailing season for the Club with great events (some exceptionally exciting), great sailing courses, a wonderful juniors program, beautiful weather and wind, and great fun with the Wednesday night beer can races. We have a few more events planned this year and even though all the boats are out of the marina there's nothing stopping us from having more fun. So, check the FLYC calendar, get your crew lined up, and join us for some more great events. It's always more fun with more boats.

Speaking of more boats, we could use more participation on the water and we need a plan to grow our membership. For the past twenty to thirty years the Club has always had a steady flow of members joining, participating, and then moving on to other places or other sports, which is normal. However, during the past several years our membership has shrunk and is not renewing itself. If you have suggestions to improve participation and membership, or would like to be involved in an active effort to improve both, please contact me or one of the board members.

Also, just to keep you up to date on all things affecting sailing, I've attached a recent legislative update from the Recreational Boaters of California on proposed bills that may impact all of us.

Our next Member's Meeting is scheduled for September 11th, again at the Amore Café, 2220 Gold Spring Court, Gold River, just a few doors from 'Chevy's' off Sunrise Blvd. At the meeting I'm sure we'll get an update from George, Dean, Mark, and Bob C. on the very exciting 'Dinghy Delta Ditch Regatta.' That was the 'wild and windy' 31 mile race from Rio Vista to West Sacramento on the deep water channel held on August 18th. We'll also get an update on the first 'Hot August Night Regatta.' As always, it's always fun to hear 'the' stories.

I hope to see you there –

Steve

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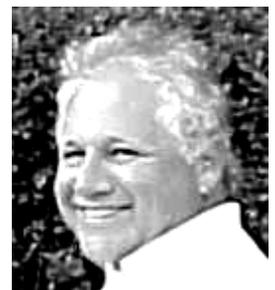
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VICE-COMMODORE'S REPORT



Commodore Steve Galeria added the Centerboard Regatta championship to his list of achievements. The attendance was lacking with only 5 boats attending, but what was lacking in attendance was more than made up for with the perfect conditions. Thanks to Tom Clark and Bob Backer for handling the Race Committee chores.

At press time, the 1st annual Hot August Night regatta will be taking place. Starting at 7:00 and sailing until after dark, this promises to be an exciting regatta with the extra twist of racing in the dark. It should be fun, but don't forget your flashlights. The Strain's and Hollingsworth's will be handling the Race Committee duties this evening.

Two weeks later, on September 9th, we will be holding the annual Governor's Cup regatta (formally known as the Fall regatta, but now scaled back to a single day). I'm still looking for additional people to help with the Race Committee detail, so if you are available, please let me know.

And at the end of the month, on September 29th & 30th will be the annual Centerboard weekend at Rancho Seco. Events will include racing for the Steele Cup, team racing, spectating, and whatever else we can think of to have fun!

LAKE WASHINGTON DINGHY DELTA DITCH

All I can say about the Dinghy Delta Ditch race was ouch (and I was saying that for days afterwards)! I did the Lake Washington sponsored race from Rio Vista to West Sacramento, about 30 miles mostly all downwind in my MegaByte. And it was windy. Very, very windy (I'm guessing the peak wind speed was about 20-25 knots).

Other boats racing from FLYC and the Centerboard fleet included Dean Eppley (MegaByte), George Koch and Scott Fredrickson on George's Lido 14, and Curt Rodgers, Bob Carl, and Mack Bishop in Banshees.

I survived the first 2/3 of the race okay. But then disaster struck. I did a death roll to weather and boat instantly turtled. I think the vang broke just before the roll, making the roll even worse. I managed to get the boat back on its side, but couldn't get it all the way up. Even dangling from the centerboard, I couldn't put enough weight out to overcome the wind. I'd get the mast a couple of feet out the water and the wind would blow it back down.

After about 20 minutes of this, I was getting really tired and had drifted close to shore, so I just swam over and walked along the shore following the boat. After another 20 minutes or so, the boat drifted in close enough that I was able to get it against the bank. I got the sail down and the boat back up.

It took several tries, but I finally managed to get in the boat and away from the shore and sailed for a while with just bare poles, still doing 4+ knots! I even caught up and passed a Flying Dutchman who had lost his mast earlier. After a couple of miles of this, it seemed like the wind was moderating slightly, and I finally got enough energy back, so I sailed into the weather bank (among the weeds) and got the sail back up. I was then able to sail to the finish, at about 7:30 (the race started shortly after 2:00).

I had to get off to a party, so I wasn't able to stay for the awards. There were a total of 39 boats registered. Curt Rodgers did really well with a 2nd place overall (a Pelican corrected out on top), and Dean also finished well with a 14th place overall. I ended up 27th out of 27 finishers, so I have some room for improvement! Eight boats were not able to finish, including George Koch who broke the mast on his Lido 14 (he was in good company. The Flying Dutchman also broke its mast) and Bob Carl who broke his rudder. Three other boats never made it to the start.

My Velocitek GPS said we reached a peak speed of 12.4 knots (and a 10 second average of 12.2). If I ever go that fast again, I hope it's either a really big sailboat or a powerboat!

Having to kneel in the center of the cockpit (for a while I was steering with the tiller stuck in my back!) for hours on end is one of the best torture methods I've experienced in a long time, and I really hope I don't have to experience it again!

Now I need to order some new line for the vang and a new wind indicator (which broke in the crash) and get ready for the next race!

Mark



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RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA

Overview of Key Issues – August 8, 2007

Vessel Registration Fees

RBOC is working to obtain revisions to AB 118 [Nuñez], legislation proposing to increase state boat registration fees from \$20 to \$40 every two years until 2016 to provide funding toward research and development of alternative fuels.

RBOC is working to reduce the amount of the proposed increase, reduce the duration of the fee increase, include provisions ensuring that one of the appropriate expenditures of the funds is the development of alternative fuels and/or technologies for vessel engines, and include provisions for the participation of a boater representative on the advisory committee.

*Position – Oppose unless amended to address these issues.
Status: Assembly Third Reading*

Federal Legislation Continuing Boater Discharge Permit Exemption

RBOC is supporting, in concert with national boater advocates BoatU.S., the passage of H.R. 2550 to would allow boat operations without new federal regulations and permit requirements intended for commercial ships with ballast water tanks.

*Position – Support
Status: Introduced*

EPA Proposed Vessel Permit Regulations

RBOC is advocating, in concert with national boater advocates BoatU.S., that the EPA not pursue regulations that would require all recreational boaters to obtain a permit, either from the federal government or the state, to operate their boats. The unprecedented scope of this new permitting program would impose severe practical and financial hardships on millions of recreational boaters.

Experience at the national level and here in California demonstrate that there have been numerous other successful endeavors to address and reduce boater-related environmental discharges and to control invasive species. Many of these are likely to be more effective and efficient than NPDES permits.

*Position – Support alternative to a new permit.
Status: Public Comment Period Closed August 6*

State Budget & Boater Fees and Taxes

RBOC supports the Governor's proposed \$77 million budget for the state boating department [DBW] and is urging that the proposed budget for the state parks department [DPR] be revised to return \$27 million in boater fuel tax dollars to DBW to finance critical infrastructure needs, the proposed vessel operator certification program, and local boating law enforcement.

RBOC supports the provisions within the budget trailer bill [SB 78, Ducheny] that would state the intent of the Legislature that DPR prioritize funds appropriated to the department from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund and the Motor Vehicle Fuel Account, Transportation Tax Fund, for boating-related activities that include, but are not limited to, major and minor capital outlay projects, boating trails, boating trail grants, boating trails access facilities, beach erosion grants, and state park boating facilities operations and maintenance costs.

*Position – support proposed budget for DBW,
support SB 78 budget trailer bill, urge revision to proposed budget
for DPR to return \$27 million to boaters.
Status: Senate Concurrence*

Vessel Operator Certification

AB 1458 [Duvall] – this RBOC-sponsored legislation would phase-in a requirement that each operator of a motorized recreational vessel pass a state-approved test, obtain a lifetime certificate issued by DBW, and have that certificate upon them while operating.

With the legislation moving forward, issues have arisen with regard to the structure, costs, parameters and impact of the proposed new program that would affect millions of boaters.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Meeting Notes, August 14, 2007
FLYC GENERAL MEETING

Well, the general membership was totally in attendance at Amore's Restaurant. As usual, the meal was outstanding. If you have not made it to Amore's yet, it's a must go!

Steve Galeria called the rowdy participants to order at 8:00 PM.

Upcoming Races:

August 25	Hot August Nights, bring lights since race starts 6:30 PM
September 8	Governor's Cup Race,
September 29-30	Rancho Seco Weekend

The Centerboard Race was held August 11 in good air. What a rowdy race, with boats hitting the sand bars, or the hidden willows, or the unexpected wind shifts. Due to the low water level, there were more than the usual opportunities to test the depth of the water. The camaraderie had to be contagious, since the conditions were so unexpected. It was like the 12 Musketeers, all for one, and one for all.

- The Delta Ditch Race was a hot item of discussion, as was the balanced budget. Gary has done a great job of presenting the money news.
- Fleet 4, in conjunction with FLYC had a very successful Big Brother/Big Sisters event.
- Craig Lee, crewing on a Thistle in Eugene, Oregon, came in 17th out of 64 boats in the Thistle Nationals. Mike Gillian capsized after earlier dropping his mast.
- Craig, crewing on an Olson 25 in Richmond, won their Nationals. They had three races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday.

John Poimiroo presented the program, "How to Start like the Pros" with fabulous shots of the Americas' Cup events out of Key West.

The meeting adjourned with, what I thought was a fabulous quotation. "The weather is stuck on gorgeous."

Lanette



DINGHY NEWS

At least seven FLCY dinghy sailors participated in the grueling 30-mile Dinghy Delta Ditch down the Sacramento Deep Water Channel last weekend. Curt Rodgers, from Banshee Fleet One, expertly sailed in tough conditions to take second in Handicap B Division and second overall of the 39 starters and 30 finishers. George Koch and Scott Fredrickson were smoking their competition by a mile in George's Lido only to have the boom and mast snap half way through the race in a big gust. Mack Bishop hopped a ride on a Flying Dutchman and also experienced having the mast break during a capsize recovery in heavy conditions. Bob Carl split his rudder in two, well into the race causing him to get a tow home. Mark Erdrich and I both spent some time upside down (although I was considerably behind Mark at the time) learning what not to do in a Megabyte when sailing dead down wind in a blow. Kerry Johnson also spent time in the water righting his C-15 from the fast moving walls of really mean air. We all survived. We were all thirsty since just as you went to put the water bottle to your lips one of those @\$#! gusts would hit, insisting on all of your concentration and balance to keep the boat upright. Kerry finished 4th in the C-15 Class. Mark

and I were 4th and 3rd in Handicap B Division respectively.

I submerged the bow several times expecting to pitch-pole, only to find that the water streaming on-board would rush to the back of the boat and help pop the bow back up. I finally just left the 4 inches of water in the cockpit to help ballast the boat through some of the worst gusts. It didn't hurt my speed as the GPS was still reading above 11 knots. Mark recorded with his Velocitek, a peak speed of 12.4 knots and a 10 second average of 12.2 knots. Thrilling you say? I found it scary! It wasn't the speed that was the concern; it was being on or slightly beyond the edge of control that makes me pucker. 2007 has sure been a year of mean winds - Camellia Cup, Trans Folsom, High Sierra Regatta and the Dinghy Delta Ditch. My arms hurt just thinking about it!

Coming up is the Governor's Cup on September 8-9 at Folsom Lake and the All Dinghy Regatta September 29-30 at Rancho Seco Park. I reserved RV sites for the Witcher's and the Koch's and I have some tent sites available. Please let me know if you want to stay overnight in one of the tent sites, or contact SMUD at 916-732-4913 (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) if you need an RV or truck/car camping site.

Dean

"Beware of Dog"



TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the club's current state, showing our 2007 Budget and the YTD Actual Revenue and Expenses.

<u>2007 Budget</u>	<u>- with Actual Revenue and Expenses</u>		
	<u>Notes/Assumptions</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>	<u>2007 Actual</u>
Revenue Categories			
Donations	E-Life	550	0
Food & Beverage Sales	Camellia Cup, Banquet	2,850	1,694
Membership Dues	Budget for 55 members	9,910	8,820
Merchandise Sales	Camellia Cup T-shirts	650	780
Park Pass Sales	4 state-wide, 5 Brown's Ravine	910	1,020
Raffle Ticket Sales	Camellia Cup, Banquet	750	730
Registration Fees	Regattas, Series, Education	<u>4,355</u>	<u>3,773</u>
Total Revenue		\$19,975	\$16,817
Expense Categories			
Donations	Coast Guard Auxiliary, RBOC	250	100
Education Materials	Adult Ed. and Juniors Ed.	190	0
Food & Beverage Purchases		3,550	1,484
Fuel/Gasoline		270	186
Insurance		4,544	4,428
Maintenance	Kayot, Marks & Buoys, Whaler	1,260	1,156
Media & Communications	Signage, Internet, Postage, Printing	1,295	918
Membership Fees	PICYA, US Sail, Yachting Yearbook	509	349
Merchandise Purchases	Camellia Cup (T-shirts, raffle)	600	704
Other Expenses	Member Cards, Cam Cup Music, etc.	440	497
Permits	Beer & Wine Permit, Special Events	70	100
PO Box Rental		135	104
Slip Rental Fees		5,600	5,600
Taxes	DMV Licenses, Property Tax	135	74
Trophies/Awards		<u>1,115</u>	<u>430</u>
Total Expenses		\$19,963	\$16,129
		=====	=====
Net Income		\$12	\$688

2007 Governor's Cup Regatta

Invitation: The Folsom Lake Yacht Club invites all sailors to participate in the 2007 Governor's Cup Regatta
Rules The 2005-2008 USSA rules and FLYC sailing instructions apply.
Date **Saturday, September 8, 2007**
Location Folsom Lake
Entry Fee \$20.00 US Sail member, \$22.00 Non-US Sail member
Registration All entries must check in by 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 8
Skipper's Meeting 10:00 A.M. at FLYC clubhouse, 'H' Dock
First Shape 11:00 A.M.
Trophies Each fleet according to number of boats pre-registered.

Awards presentation after last race

The Governor's Cup (formally known as the Fall Regatta Perpetual Trophy) awarded per the FLYC formula.

- See FLYC and Southern Calif. PHRF Class Rules (www.flyc.org)
- For additional general and rating information, please call Mark Erdrich at (916) 685-4869

2007 GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA REGISTRATION

Name (Skipper): _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Boat Class (keel, c.b., multi.): _____ Make/Model: _____

PHRF (So.Cal.)/Prtsmth: _____ Sail # _____ Boat Name: _____

Yacht Club Affiliation: _____

Reg. Fleet: One-Design, Open Keel; Sportboat*;
(pick one) Open Centerboard; Open Multihull; Cruiser*

I certify that the above information is correct and agree to abide by all US Sail, USCG, FLYC and class rules and regulations. I also certify that the Model/Design herein is valid and the boat measures correctly for its declared class type and that I will sail in conformity to the rating given. I further agree to waive all claims against the FLYC and persons conducting the race for injuries and/or damage to my crew, my vessel, and myself. I understand all yachts entered or racing shall be subject to the direction and control of the race committee; however, it shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide to start or continue the race.

Signature (Skipper): _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature (if minor): _____ Date: _____

Entry fee: \$20.00 for US Sail member / \$22.00 non-member
Please make checks payable to the Folsom Lake Yacht Club.
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