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# The Telltale

News From the Folsom Lake Yacht Club

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*Next Up:*

*Oct. 15 – Work Party*

*Nov. 12 - Awards  
Banquet*

*Nov. 25 – Black Friday  
Cruise*

Find Details At:  
FLYC.org

## Annual Awards Banquet

Fire Rock Grill in Rancho Cordova is the site for the 2016 Folsom Lake Yacht Club Annual Awards Banquet.

Join fellow club members for an evening of sea stories, laughter and memories of that was the year that was... or wasn't.

Included in the \$40/person event is a three-course banquet, starting at 7 p.m. Preceding the banquet, a no-host reception will occur and following dinner will be a video recap of the 2016 sailing season and awards for series race winners.

A banquet flyer is attached to this newsletter. Please print it out and mail with payment (check) to Joyce Johnson, 1227 Crestline Ct., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 not later than Nov. 5.

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## Commodore's Report

Harrowing stories of the 2016 Pacific Cup were retold by FLYC sailors Mark Werder and Steve Armstrong at the September meeting. Both sailors described rough passages and mechanical failures on their respective boats, despite months of dedicated preparation for the race by each of their experienced crews.

A work party is planned to occur on Sat., Oct. 15 at 10 a.m., at the clubhouse. Hope you can make it, as we plan to review winter projects. We might even end up at the Purple Place for lunch.

The final meeting of 2016 is our annual meeting and awards banquet, to be held at a new location this year... Fire Rock Grill in Rancho Cordova. No doubt, Mark and Steve will be buttonholed throughout the evening from sailors eager to know more about their experiences competing in the Pacific Cup. See you there!

📍 Suna Kneisley

## Secretary/Membership Report

FLYC decals remain available for \$3 each. Email Barb Craig to purchase one for your trailer, one for your boat, one for your car, one for your...

Todd and I will be moving to Houston, Texas on June 1. Stephanie Erdrich has volunteered to take the job of Secretary/Membership for the club next year, which includes taking possession of four boxes of FLYC records.

I appreciate her stepping up and I know she will do a good job for the club. If anyone else is interested in helping, please contact me or one of FLYC board members. We will have the ballot for officers for next year at the FLYC Banquet.

As always, if you visit another yacht club and exchange your FLYC burgee on behalf of the club, let me know and I'll provide you with a new FLYC burgee to replace the one you've exchanged to another club.

And, if you're planning to visit somewhere exotic and want to take along a FLYC burgee to exchange, let me know and I'll provide one.

📍 Barb Craig

## Vice Squad

Turkey Shoot just feels like autumn. It's often one of the last regattas of the year in the Sacramento area, held at Lake Washington (Port of Sacramento turning basin).

This year's event will be held Nov. 5. An NOR and SIs, as of press, had not been issued, though typically, it's a dinghy race (Banshees, Daysailers, Lidos, Lasers, Snipes, etc.) with registration by 9 a.m. and racing starting around 10 a.m. Check [lwsailing.org](http://lwsailing.org) for updates.

A tradition of FLYC competitors is to meet for breakfast at Denny's at 8 a.m. (1235 Harbor Blvd.).

📍 John Poimiroo

## FLEET NEWS

### Banshee Beat

With low water and early sunsets, the kibosh was put on ‘beer can’ racing and sailing on Folsom Lake has all but stopped. Despite the early demise of Folsom sailing, Banshees have continued to get together for some racing fun, most recently on the bay at the Richmond Yacht Club.

#### **Totally Dinghy Regatta, September 24-25**

The turnout wasn’t as big as we expected, but five registered boats got us fleet status and our own start. Also, Saturday turned out to be both light on wind and boats.

Steve Galeria didn’t show, he was at a ‘family function,’ and Bob Balter had some bad luck on the way there with a car tire that decided to ‘come apart’ on the freeway in Vallejo. So, only three boats [Charles, Kerry, and Tim] raced in light winds that day.

The good news is they got in five races, had some fun on the water and all got together for dinner. The dinner was provided by the Richmond Yacht Club (RYC) — it was very good and a deal at just \$15.

On Sunday, Steve showed up, Bob didn’t, and the weather looked to be the same — light wind but still a very nice warm day. The first fleet to start in the spotty and light (4-6 mph) wind were the Open Centerboard boats, but before they could finish their race the wind ‘switched’ 180 degrees and picked up to 12-15 mph. In short order the Banshee were planing along the start line and anxious to get going.

The first race - as were all three races - was a quick windward-leeward-finish race. Steve Galeria had a good handle on second place in the first race until on the way to the finish he made two bad tacks, going into irons both times and ‘backing up’ before he could get going again, but still finished third.

The wind then increased slightly for the second and third races, with puffs in the 18-20 mph range. That is when a Banshee becomes a handful. Because the wind continued to build, the third race was the most exciting.

Just before the Banshees started their last race of the day the Day Sailors were already coming down the course and one Day Sailor ‘crashed’. It happens, but not very often. It also makes you think, ‘this is going to be interesting’. Not to be outdone, the Banshees did the same thing.

First, Kerry Johnson crashed. Five-seconds later, Tim Loomis crashed. Fortunate for Steve, he heard the carnage and quickly pulled in the main to reduce sail and was able to keep his boat on its feet. By this time, Charles was much further downwind and he too was able to keep going.

Shortly thereafter, Kerry crashed again and decided it was time to ‘head for the barn’. Charles, Steve, and Tim finished the last race, but were also happy to be heading back to the marina.

After all the sailors had put their boats away, they checked out the newly renovated RYC clubhouse bar and with seasoned experience, declared it to be “a perfect yacht club bar.” As many sailors know there’s nothing so good as a cold beer in a warm bar, with friends. But then, things got better.

The regatta organizers started serving free beer and some very nice appetizers. FREE beer, appetizers, great views from the clubhouse deck, friends and racing stories... the perfect end to another fun regatta.

Charles Witcher finished in first place, Kerry Johnson was second and Tim Loomis finished third. [Complete details are available [online](#).]

### Coming Events:

- Fall Harvest Regatta, Oroville, CA, October 22, 2016 (Not a Lake Series event)
- Turkey Shoot Regatta, West Sacramento, CA, November 5, 2016

**BANSHEES** - Fun Boats, Fun People, Fun Times

📍 Steve Galeria

## Catalina 22 Fleet 4

<http://www.catalina22fleet4.org>

### Cruising Corner

Tim & Janice Hampton, Cruising Chair

Catalina 22 *Amata*

530-300-2944



We are adding a **Cruise at Lake Oroville on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**. If there is interest, please call or text Tim Hampton ASAP. Skippers meeting at 10 a.m. at boat launch ramp at Lake Oroville (Bidwell Canyon Launch). Fees: \$8/day parking + \$5/boat/day fee (\$13/day total if camping on your boat). For those who prefer a slip at Bidwell Marina, they are \$25/day. And, if you prefer to camp, the RV Campground is \$45/night.

The plan is to sail Lake Oroville while making our way to the south fork of the Feather River. Then, raft up near McCabe Cove for Saturday night. Sailing continues on Sunday with return to the ramp that afternoon.

**Thanksgiving Day Weekend Cruise** is set for November 25-27 on San Francisco Bay. We are looking for a Cruise Leader for this event. Cruising the Bay is a better way to start the holiday season than fighting Black Friday shopping crowds.

### Light Work for Labor Day

Karen Preston, Cruise Leader

Hunter 270 *Charmed Life*

Despite low water levels at Folsom Lake, it was an easy launch at Hobie Cove, so not much “Labor” there.

The five-mile-per-hour speed limit on the lake meant power boaters who wanted to go fast (e.g, water skiers and inflatable towed toys) were wondrously absent, making another low “Labor” point of not having to contend with rolling wakes and boats that do not understand the courtesies of being near sailboats. Add to this a lovely wind that was persistently present for most of the weekend, and we round out the low “Labor” by not having to run motors or work hard to get our sailboats where we wanted to go.

This was one of the best attended cruises of the year, with six boats participating for all or part of the 3-day weekend. Gary and Karen Preston (Hunter 270 *Charmed Life*) spent 3 nights. Jason Vaughan (C22 *Gray Goose*, new member) and Laurie Ann Charlot (C25 *Quiet Time*) stayed for 2 nights. Jason, as a new boat owner that was not yet fully equipped, opted to sleep in his camper on shore, which meant a swim each evening and morning, but the water was shallow and reasonably warm. Hmmm, that meant he was also the cleanest sailor on the lake. Joining the cruise for a day or two were Bill Martin (C22), Monte Whitefield (C22 *Knot Happy*), and Roy Moore (passenger with Bill).



*C25 Quiet Time, C22 Gray Goose, and H270 Charmed Life at anchor in the entrance to Brown's Ravine*

There are still lots of places to sail and explore what gets uncovered at low Folsom Lake levels. We could follow the “ancient” road through the south fork, seeing retaining walls and related structures that showed this was once a land-route from the foothills to Folsom and beyond.

It was easy to imagine vehicles, horses and buggies on their slow, scenic journeys along the narrow winding road that followed the river. Traveling by boat up the fork, we braved the route until the depth meter was showing about 6 feet (we draw 3 ½), then turned around carefully.

Bill, with his swing-keel C22, just got to the final bend to see the old Salmon Falls bridge up ahead and that there were several feet below where kayakers could still go further to explore.

Anchorage are sparse. Remember New York Cove? Good if you can, because at the moment it is just a slight bulge with a few feet of water. Deep Water Ravine? Now it looks like the creek it once was. Entering the Brown's Ravine Marina is not an option for finding overnight shelter. All three nights we anchored just outside the Marina entrance. We had a 3-boat raft-up, with other boats joining us during the days. There are lots of “new” islands to sail around and it seemed like a new lake instead of the-same-old-thing. In some ways, the absence of crowds and power craft made the low water seem like a positive state.

The speed limit did not mean there were no power boats completely, though, and we still encountered the usual boaters with problems hollering for help. One power boat, overloaded with about 8 kids and adults had an engine smoking, and needed a tow to shore. With the marina closed, there is no one to call for help, so they were at the mercy of other kind boaters. Since there were only a handful of boats in total, the pickings are slim for getting help.

📍 Gary Preston



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New location.....

## FOLSOM LAKE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

**Saturday, November 12, 2016 6PM**

Please join the Folsom Lake Yacht Club for a fun filled evening as we recap the 2016 sailing season and recognize those who triumphed on the water.

### **FIRE ROCK GRILL**

11275 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova  
916.638.4584

Reception and No-host bar - 6pm

Dinner - 7pm

Awards, raffle, slides show and officer elections thereafter

\$40 per person

	Name	Name
<b>First course, choose 1</b>	Clam chowder Caesar salad Mixed green salad	Clam chowder Caesar salad Mixed green salad
<b>Second course, choose 1</b>	Herb Crusted Salmon Roasted chicken Summer Vegetable Risotto	Herb Crusted Salmon Roasted chicken Summer Vegetable Risotto
<b>Third course, choose 1</b>	New York Cheesecake Chocolate cake Seasonal fruit crisp	New York Cheesecake Chocolate cake Seasonal fruit crisp

Number of dinners ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose your dinner selections, mail this form along  
with a check (payable to FLYC) to  
Joyce Johnson 1227 Crestline Court, El Dorado Hills Ca 95762  
no later than November 5, 2016**

Please bring a donation for the raffle