

Commodore's Column

Todd Craig



Dear fellow FLYC members,

Thank you for your vote of confidence in selecting me to be your next Commodore and thanks to all of those who volunteered their time and energy to fill out our slate of officers. FLYC is facing some changes in 2011. Some of these changes will be exciting and most

will be challenging but I do know that in order to face them successfully, the club membership will need to participate. You will probably be tired of hearing this from me before the year is out, but I firmly believe that without a significant increase in participation, this club will not succeed and grow.

Many people will hear the word "participate" and assume I mean that there is a burden to shoulder and work to be done so that others may have a good time. In fact, what I would like everyone to think about is what it means to have a yacht club and be a member. In my mind, participating in a club like this is all about spending time in the company of people I enjoy who share an interest in sailing.

Over the course of the year, your Club officers will make a greater attempt to keep you informed of activities and urge your involvement. The new Clubhouse project will take a lot of effort on everyone's part, and there are always maintenance projects and regattas to run, but I would like to put the "Party" back into Work Party as much as possible. It doesn't matter if you don't think you have the critical skills or physical ability necessary to do a project. We need to look at these activities not just as necessary chores, but as another opportunity to socialize and strengthen the fellowship of the club. This is particularly important for the newer members. It will give them a chance to meet everyone and form new friendships, as well as giving them a stake in the club and a true feeling of contribution. Please keep this in mind when your officer's ask you for your participation during the year.

Which brings us to the sailing. This last year was one of the best I've ever seen for wind and water on Folsom Lake. The only thing missing was the sailors. There isn't much I can say about this that's not obvious. The point of being in a sailing club is to go sailing. If you have a boat, get it out there. If you don't have a boat use the club to get a crew position. If you have a boat and no crew, see the previous sentence. When there aren't enough boats out there on a race day, people will stop attending and potential new mem-

bers will assume, correctly, that nothing is going on and will leave. Additionally, I have always considered the after-race party to be a fun and important part of these events. For some time they virtually disappeared, but now they are making a comeback. Unless they have vital, pressing business, all racers need to make an effort to attend, and not just pack up their boats and leave after the race.

Participating on a race committee can be fun and is a great way to learn how to race. Most importantly, you can't have a race without race committee, and we are going back to an assigned RC system that we have used in years past. FLYC members will be assigned race committee days which will be posted on the FLYC website. As the assigned member, you will either run the race committee that day, or be responsible for finding a replacement. Your new Vice Commodore, Dave Strain, will work with you to confirm in advance that RC is covered and ensure that there are enough skilled bodies to handle running the race. If RC is not confirmed in advance for that event, the race will be canceled for lack of RC. One of our first membership meetings of the year will cover running race committee and members are strongly urged to attend.

Our format for membership meetings is also going to change, somewhat. We are putting together a schedule of useful and, hopefully, entertaining presentations. For the present time the meetings will remain at Morrison Marine, but the emphasis will be less on club business and more on socializing. In addition to boating related presentations, the club will also provide some food and drink. Meetings will be a time to meet with friends, have a bite to eat, learn something useful and just have a good time.

With our current level of membership, it is certainly going to be a challenging time, but it is also a hopeful and exciting time full of potential for growth. We have several new and younger members, we have two one-design fleets making a comeback, we have a new clubhouse project and possibly new options to involve youth sailors and provide a cruising fleet to members. Your flyc.org website and the electronic Telltale will be the primary sources of information. Use them to keep up on the latest news.

Happy Holidays to all,
Todd Craig - Commodore



Treasurer's Report

Scott Fredrickson

November report.....

The vote regarding clubhouse ideas was cast, the proposal passed, and I'm sure we're all anxious to get started. I am confident that it will be worth the effort and cost.

Next month I'll have a final accounting of the finances for the year, but it's important to note that the banquet and raffle added almost \$300 to the treasury, pushing our net income over the \$1000 mark for the year. There is probably still some cash in the VC's racing briefcase that has yet to be counted.

One thing I like about the possibility (probability?) of a better clubhouse is that it will be an opportunity to share the neat things that come to the YC via.....

P.O. Box 156

Ho hum. What I thought at first glance was a flyer from a YC turned out to be the Lido 14 Class publication, the 'Bow Wave'. To my knowledge, the club has never been on their mailing list. Since I've been sailing with Lido sailors George Koch and Mark Dawson for 20+ years, I was delighted! A review of race results includes Mark in the finishers at the High Sierra, and I recognize a couple other names, too. But even better was the caption on a perfectly framed, lovely photo of the championship boat on the back cover, the kind of photo you want to have on your trophy wall. 'Photographer Christina Dawson'. Mark and Joanne's recently graduated daughter, a talented photographer who is thinking of a career that allows her to use those skills. Cool!!

Secretary's Report

Lanette Strain

FLYC MEMBERSHIP 2011

I realize that NPR runs their membership programs fairly frequently but FLYC doesn't. We only do this once a year. I will not give out free calendars or NPR-style thermos coffee mugs, or even the latest CDs of obscure European harp music. I just offer you a chance to support the sailing club that needs your attendance at meetings, participation in the racing, and your money to pay the bills.

Several years ago I sat across the table from a member of

another club. We were chatting about the pros and cons of our respective clubs. That person was under the impression that FLYC got to use the docks for free. That might be a fond dream, but the reality is we pay rent on the slip for the Kayot, and the space that the shed takes up and the space for the Dewitts. We don't even get a discount. We also pay for insurance for the equipment, licenses for the boats, and death and injury insurance. For only \$180 a year or \$15 a month, you too can support the best sailing club on Folsom Lake. I hope to be hearing from you soon, with those charming words that mean so much..."The check is in the mail."

Sincerely, Lanette Strain

Membership chair and NPR listener

Vice Commodore Column

Dave Strain

SAVE OUR SHIP
SH... ON A SHINGLE
Or just HELP!

As the new sailing year ramps up for the 2011 season's series races, FLYC and Fleet 4 members are invited to serve on the Race Committee. January 15 is the date for the first series race. Each race day typically consists of 3 races, and socializing after the races. It is important in many ways to have reliable RC people.

#1, from the deck of the Kayot, RC people can observe the racers techniques and mishaps. (this is fun and instructive)

#2, it helps build comrade in the club. You can invite non-sailing friends along, too.

#3, it is JUST FUN.

#4, it relieves the stress of always looking for an RC.

As the new vice commodore for FLYC, I am inviting all FLYC and Catalina Fleet 4 club members to volunteer at least once in the year to run the Race Committee. If people don't participate in the club's functions, then we run the risk of not being a club. There are only 8 series races scheduled for 2011. I would issue this challenge to every member: if every club member volunteered to be RC for one race, then our SOS will have been answered. Call Me. 93302346 Or I can call YOU.

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We also have several specialty races that will need RC. Please volunteer to run at least 1 series race day or specialty.

It has been suggested and pretty much agreed to that if there is no race committee in place on the Thursday before the weekend race, there will be no race.

As the new Vice commodore of FLYC and the continuing Race Chair of C22 Fleet 4, I would like input by phone call, email, carrier pigeon, note in a bottle, anonymous note from the sky (be sure to sign the anonymous note) There will be some changes, no doubt, but it is your club, not only mine.

Vice Commodore FLYC
-Dave Strain

Annual Awards Banquet Report

November 13, 2010
Mark Erdrich

To wrap up my tenure as Commodore, here's a recap I put together about the FLYC annual banquet:

I started the festivities by thanking Madeline Rayfuse, Lanette Strain, and Stephanie Erdrich for putting together the banquet and raffle, and for doing a great job decorating the tables.

Next was a recap of the results for the year and the awarding of the awards for the Spring and Fall series, followed by my announcement of the recipients of the FLYC annual awards:

For his work on the Telltale and creating a FLYC presence on Facebook, Mark Werder was awarded the Dan Buckley Journalism award.

For his work in keeping the marks in place and other maintenance tasks, Kerry Johnson was awarded the FLYC Sportsmanship award.

For donating the use of his shop for the monthly membership meetings and for the work he donated during the Coho repair project, Mel Morrison was awarded the Golden Cleat award.

Then we reached the first of the main events for the meeting. The discussion started regarding the clubhouse proposal. After much debate, a motion was made to "Purchase a houseboat to be placed in the dry storage lot overlooking

the Browns Ravine Marina. Total expenditure for the project not to exceed \$10,000". The vote came out to 14 members in favor and 2 opposed. I already had received 4 votes opposed via the 'absentee' email address, so the motion passed 14 to 6.

Next up was discussion about the creation of a new membership class and acquiring the use of a couple of small keelboats from the California Delta Youth Maritime Association. A motion was made to come up with a final proposal including costs. This proposal passed with just one member opposed.

The final piece of business was electing a new board. Most of the board chose to continue their roles for 2011, except for myself and the Vice Commodore. Asking for nominations, Todd Craig said he was willing to accept the role of Commodore with just one proviso: There must be a Vice Commodore. Unfortunately nobody was willing to step up as Vice Commodore.

After some discussion, it was decided to elect the rest of the board, and have them continue with a search for a Vice Commodore.

As you probably read elsewhere, later Dave Strain volunteered to fill the role of the Vice Commodore, which allowed Todd Craig to accept the Commodore role. So the 2011 board is:

Commodore - Todd Craig
Vice Commodore - Dave Strain
Rear Commodore - Kerry Johnson
Secretary - Lanette Strain
Treasurer - Scott Fredrickson
Director at Large - Michael Rayfuse
Director at Large - Sherron Hart
Staff Commodore - Mark Erdrich

Once again, I'd like to thank the club and everyone who supported me during my tenure as Commodore.

Mark



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Banshee Beat

Steve Galeria

November was a fun time for the Banshees; 12 boats participated in the Lake Washington Sailing Club's annual Turkey Shoot Regatta and 20 people came to the first Annual Fleet #1 Meeting and Swap Meet.

The T-Shoot Regatta, held on November 6th, was great! We had 12 boats, lots of wind and five short races. Did I mention the wind? Because it picked up a lot and by the last race we were down to 4 boats.

First Race (wind 6-12 mph)

-Kerry Johnson went out with gear problems.

Second Race (wind jumped up to 12-15 mph puffs)

-Mark Werder just thought he lacked the experience in the Banshee and didn't want to ruin his camera; DNF

Third Race (15-18 puffs)

-Todd Craig went out in with a bad knee.
-Eric Watt went out with gear problems.
-Wayne Cassingham broke his mast step
-Beth Richard capsized and called it a day
-Craig Lee capsized and injured his ribs when righting his boat.

Fourth Race (15-18 puffs)

-Steve Galeria missed a mark (DNF), and called it a day (DNS race #5).

Fifth Race (15-18 puffs)

-Charles Witcher, Steve Anderes, Dean Eppley, and Mack Bishop finished the race and this is how they finished in the regatta. In addition to the recognition they received for their fine racing each of these guys won a frozen turkey.

The Banshees were by far the biggest fleet and everyone at the regatta thought it was great turnout. We even had people asking about buying a Banshee.

Also, Mark Werder took some great onboard 'this is Banshee racing' video during race #1, which you can see at

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBguw_4lfGQ

On November 13th we had our first Annual Banshee Fleet Meeting and Swap Meet. With 20 people attending at one time or the other during the day it was a lot of fun and very social. Interested people came from Half Moon Bay, San Jose, Fairfield, and the general Sacramento area. This event was particularly successful because of the

support from the Inland Sailing Company who hosted the event and provided lunch. Thanks Mel and Kathy.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Boat #41 w/trailer was auctioned off for \$550 to Todd and Barbara Craig; now they have two Banshees and both will be racing.

Two boats, #41 and #306 (owned by Craig Perez) were on display to show options for rigging a racing Banshee. These boats had everything! I'll post pictures next month.

Craig Perez, a US Sailing certified instructor and fleet member, is organizing a race clinic (class room and on the water) for all Banshee sailors at the Richmond Yacht Club; March 5&6, 2011. Nine people at the meeting, including some of the most competitive racers, indicated they would attend. More details will be published later.

Don Bain, boat #340, joined the fleet.

Charles Witcher received recognition and a trophy as the winner of the 2010 Banshee Lake Series. He participated in six of the nine events and won five of those six.

The 2011 'Lake Series' Circuit will consist of the following events: 1. Camellia Cup, 2. Whiskeytown, 3. Gold Rush, 4. High Sierra, 5. Folsom Centerboard, 6. LWSC Delta Dinghy, 7. Steele Cup, 8. RYC Total Dinghy (added), and 9. LWSC Turkey Shoot (assuming there are no conflicting dates).

The class rules were changed after an open 'give and take' discussion on the use of digital compasses. The consensus was the functionality of a digital compass, including the lift/header function, is currently available on mechanical compasses and allowed by current class rules. The membership voted; 9 for, 2 against, 1 abstained, for the following change to the class rules: **"Except for timers and digital compasses, all electrical instruments are prohibited. Mechanical timers, compasses and wind indicators are permitted."**

Again, Fleet #1 would like to thank to the Inland Sailing Company and Hart Sail Design for their continued support of sailing and the Banshee Fleet.

Banshee Sailing – Fun people having fun together.

-Steve

Santana 20—Fleet 12 News

Mark Werder



No S20 racing news to report on this month but there were plenty of Fleet 12 and class association activities.

On December 3rd Mark and Stephanie Erdrich hosted the fleet 12 party at their house in Elk Grove. Everyone had a wonderful time sharing food, adult beverages and stories of victory and defeat for 2010.

At the party we covered several topics for 2011.

The fleet has re-instated a membership application and \$20 fee system for Fleet 12. The application for membership can be found on the adjoining page. Funds collected help pay for fleet trophies and Santana 20 related events.

There was discussion of hosting an S20 Western Regional's during the High Sierra regatta weekend at Huntington Lake using the scoring and race committee provided by Fresno Yacht Club. This could be a well attended event given the Class Championships will be in Oklahoma City for 2011 and many sailors aren't able/willing to make the drive.

Fleet 12 awards were presented. Congrats to our 2010 winners:

Fleet 12 Enforcer Trophy—Jason Crowson

Fleet 12 Champion—Todd Craig

The plan for fleet captain in 2011 was for Adam to pass the torch to Todd Craig. As you've probably noticed in the first article, Todd is now the FLYC Commodore so I was asked to take over the Fleet Captain duties and was voted in by the members attending the fleet party. I'm happy to help out in this position and am looking forward to growing our fleet numbers in 2011.

There should be some intense racing next year as we have

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added 2 more S20's to our ranks and could see as many as 10 boats on the line at Camellia cup.

The proposed Fleet 12 event list for 2011:
FLYC Spring Series Races: Jan - April – FLYC
Cam Cup: April 9-10 – FLYC
TransFolsom: April 23 – FLYC
Whiskeytown May: 28-29 – Redding
Memorial Day Regatta May: 28-29 – Eugene, OR
Gold Country Regatta: June 4-5 – Scotts Flat
Nationals: June 27-30 – OK
High Sierra: July 16-17 – Fresno
Great Pumpkin: Oct 29-30 – Richmond
Western Regionals: ?
Stockton Series Races – SSC
FLYC Fall Series Races: Sept – Oct – FLYC

Winter is a great time to tackle all of those maintenance projects you are putting off. Better to do them now instead of during race season. My winter project turned out to be an extensive trailer rebuild.



Thanks and have a Happy Holiday!

Mark Werder

Class Association News / S20.org :

Governing Board approves Measurer's Ruling concerning non-wire/rod backstays and checkstays.

"Non-wire/rod backstays and checkstays are Class legal. However, the upper/lower shrouds and the forestay will remain of wire/rod construction."

The membership "Early Bird" special is back! Renew your membership during November or December 2010 for the 2011 season and you will receive \$10 bucks off the dues, a sail royalty tag (a \$15 value), and Associate membership for your two crew. As a Regular Member, this will also allow you to vote for the proposed Bylaw changes (voting closes December 31, 2010).

S20 FLEET 12 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

BOAT NAME: _____

SAIL # _____

CREW NAMES: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE PAID: _____

PERSONAL SAILING GOALS FOR THE YEAR: _____

FLEET GOALS FOR THE YEAR: _____



FLYC RENEWAL/MEMBERSHIP 2011 SEASON

**Please send completed form with check payable to "FLYC" to:
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day phone (____) _____ Eve phone: (____) _____

Dock number _____ Where? _____

Email address: _____

Additional family members (taxable income family)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

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Please list all boats you own:

Boat type:	Boat name:	Sail #:	PHRF
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Dues (please check as appropriate)

	Renewing member	
	\$180/year/immediate family if paid by Feb. 1	\$
	\$190/year/immediate family if paid after Feb. 1	\$
	\$200/year/immediate family if paid after Apr. 1	\$
	Installment Plan - \$95 due Feb. 1, \$95 due Apr. 1	\$
	New Member - \$180/year/immediate family, pro-rated at \$15/month	\$
	Student member - \$40 (below age 25 and full-time student)	\$
	Check here if you DO NOT want to receive the Telltale via e-mail. (Please donate up to \$15 for mailing costs. Thank You)	\$

Race Fees (includes three races/day (conditions permitting) and post-race party)

	Series Race Season Pass - \$40 for all series races	\$
	Individual Series Races - \$10 non-member/\$8 member per day (pay on day of race to Race Committee)	\$

TOTAL (Membership + Race Fees) = \$

Please rank what interests you most about the Folsom Lake Yacht Club (1 = highest interest)

Series racing	Wed. Night Fun Races	Regattas	Race Committee
Club Dinghies	Cruising	Monthly meetings	Social programs/parties
Sailing lessons	Youth programs	Woman's programs	New friends
Reciprocal privileges	Discounts	Sharing sailing info	Mentor

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