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CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Reading my column in the last Tell Tale, makes me somewhat apprehensive about writing anything...I would certainly like to see Jack Cooper's "precocious coach."

A further article I wrote in the last Tell Tale urged all members to pay their bills by the 10th of the month — rather tricky since they weren't mailed out until the 9th. Bear with us in this management transition, the eventual and soon effect of which will be to get us on a more business-like schedule.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 27th for a return to the traditional "Commodore's Luau". Sandro will put on a brilliant feast complete with roast pig and we are lining up some authentic Hawaiian entertainment.

I am pleased to see the "Officer of the Day" program reintroduced which takes some of the load off your Flag Officers. It is not asking much to give up one day a year to help your Club and we thank John Comer for his efforts and help in getting this going.

> John C. Colver Commodore

New membership rates were approved by the membership — now is the time for new members before the rates go up!

FRIDAY NIGHT RACES

Through August 22

Call: George Horsfall 435-4771

PORT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

My thanks to John Comer who has organized our Officer of the Deck Programs so well. John, who will be over-seeing this project has donated his time to a much needed project.

Members who are serving as O.D. have been instructed to and have been towing cars away from the parking lot. Unfortunately to date, two members autos have been towed. Proper identification will save us all a lot of inconvenience. Autos in the lot without stickers will continue to be towed.

It was noted at the last Harbor Corporation meeting that power lines to many boats are improperty rigged. Please do not use the "blue box" to tie or wrap your power line. Run it from plug to wooden hose rack where there is an eye bolt for securing. If a hawser gives way and a power line is tied to the blue unit, it will be dislodged with the possibility of a fire. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Yours truly spent a delightful 10 days on the Delta the week of July 14th in company with Guy Pouteau's Bequia Chief. During one of our speed boat tours we came upon Gene and Pat Buck enjoying their "secret" spot. I promise I won't tell where it is Gene and Pat! We also saw Volante at the float in Walnut Grove, but no sign of Al and Peggy Blair. Great trip...

Warren Vincent Port Captain



DINGHY DERBY A SMASH

Darrell Snell and Barbara Roeder barely squeezed out John and Christy Comer in a fierce tacking duel at the final mark to take the prized Pee Pot Trophy at the second annual Commodore's Dinghy Derby held off the Club on Saturday, July 5.

Moving in for a fast third was last year's champion Bill Patry whose spinnaker run nearly spelled disaster for the leaders.

Fourth place was captured by Commodore Colver and Port Captain Vincent who covered and tacked with Roz Colver and Jytte Birnbaum after rounding the final mark. Roz and Jytte built a good lead at the windward mark thanks to a multicolored golf umbrella spinnaker which they set in record time. However, sailing into the lee of a moored boat at the final mark spelled doom for the girls.

Ten entries marked outstanding Corinthian Yacht Club event. Monty Rawlings finished fifth but was disqualified. He spent most of the race sailing to Angel Island and back and missed both required marks by about two miles. Another DNF was Stan Roeder who had silently and secretly developed a dinghy bowsprit spinnaker rig during the week prior to the race. When last seen he was examining the fungus growing on the harbor sea wall. (Continued on page 2)

> BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MEETS AUGUST 18, 1980 AT 8:00 P.M.

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SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, JULY 21, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Vice Commodore, Harry Salesky at 2015 hours.

The Rear Commodore, Dick Slottow, reported that the Corinthian Games scheduled for July 18th deteriorated into a one-boat cruise to Treasure Island.

The Commodore's Dinghy Derby was a great success with 10 boats participating and would become an annual event.

Charles Brochard will skipper the Club's J-24 entry in the Little Lipton Cup Race.

A racing crib sheet will soon be added to the Tell Tale to inform members of the goings on in bay racing. racing.

The Port Captain, Warren Vincent, suggested the possibility of billing members for repairs to the main hoist when they foul the mechanism through carelessness. It was further suggested that the tether be changed to another position to attempt to "idiot proof" the operation of the hoist. John Sutak will draw-up operating instructions for the hoist.

The OOD program has been very successful in the smooth operation of the Club during weekends and that cars are being towed from the parking

Treasurer, Bob Bain, reported that with half the year gone, revenues and expenses are running about equal. It was suggested that delinquent amounts be also posted along with the members' names and that borrowing from the building fund be halted and paid back as soon as possible.

Membership Chairman, Greg Quilici, read and the board approved the membership of the following people:

George Creamer
Allen Appell
Guillermo Boucsieguez
William Reimann
Robert Wilkinson
Regular
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Historian, Ro Fontana, asked for and received permission to mail out questionaires to members to update information for the Yachtin Year Book.

The meeting adjourned at 2120 hours.

Submitted by Stan Roeder.

DINGY DERBY

(Continued from page 1)

Bob Hall finished sixth, but missed the final mark. It had been returned to the race locker before he arrived. No one knows where Peter Birnbaum sailed, but he did manage to appear at the bar after the race. deMartini's stand-in disappeared after the start and hasn't been heard from since.

The Yoeman's Service Award went to Jack Cooper for his outstanding work as captain of the crash boat, George Horsfall for race committee par excellence, John Simon and Russ Schneider who served as backup crash boats.

The only crashes were at the start when Bob Hall port tacked Commodore Colver and got his rear clipped, Bill Patry's nudge of the windward mark, and Monty Rawling's battle with the starting mark.

Lee Caldwell was seen towing someone toward the windward mark, or was it a dinghy pushing Lee's boat?

Race rule 32.68 which required each crew to take and drink a six pack of beer was completed by all participants before finishing.

Six protests have been filed and are pending. They will be heard August 23, 1982 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Club board room.

Dick Slottow Rear Commodore

MATES MEMO

The first luncheon of the fall season will be on September 3, 1980 — the first Wednesday in the month. This will be a general meeting to select the nominating committee for the November election of officers for 1981.

Mark your calendars: Save October 1, 1980 for the Women's Auxiliary event of the year. "TOP OF THE TOWN FASHION SHOW", the show to look forward to for you and your friends.

All members of the auxiliary are welcome to attend the board meetings. These meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 in the library at the CYC Clubhouse.

Welcome aboard to the new members of the Auxiliary: Patti Harper, Aline Hornaday and Mary Rita Richcreek. Looking forward to seeing you in September. July 30, 1980

Mr. Francis Ingall, President Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 536 Tiburon, California 94920

Dear Francis:

Thank you for a copy of your letter to the Tiburon Town Council on July 27, 1980, regarding the unfortunate matter of the wild geese. We are ashamed to advise you that the person who slaughtered the gander is a member of our Yacht Club and we are taking immediate steps to obtain his resignation since persons capable of performing acts of that nature do not belong in our community.

I think there is certainly considerable merit in your proposal to create some sort of wildlife refuge on our tidelands. We are, however, concerned with the publicity already attracted by this unhappy event and that to memorialize it with a formal wildlife sanctuary would invite large numbers of the public to trespass through our private property.

Inasmuch as present fish and game laws already provide the same sort of legal protection to wildlife as may be afforded by such a proposed ordinance, I am not sure this would accomplish anything further.

Fences, as we all know, serve only to keep out honest people although some protection may be afforded from uncontrolled dogs. Since primary access to the tidelands is across our private property, we should explore further measures to restrict the public and appropriate signs would certainly help.

In any event, please rest assured of our concern in this matter and our desire to cooperate with your organization and the City to find a practical solution to this problem so that wildlife may live undisturbed on public or private lands and do please get in touch with me at your earliest convenience.

> Yours sincerely, John C. Clover Commodore





"THE GREY GOOSE IS GONE ... "

Legend has it — we are told with strong basis in fact — that back in the late 1800's when whaling was an essential industry, and fur coats a practical article of clothing, that several Corinthians came by a young black bear which was housed in a "locker" in pneumonia alley.

It was the custom of the young bucks to get good and drunk on a Saturday night and go down and wrestle that bear with substantial sums of money wagered on the outcome. Inevitably the bear grew too large so that not only was the outcome never in doubt, but there were no takers. It was thus dispatched, cooked and eaten, giving rise we are told, to the Cooks and Waiters Union Local 23 - an institution which some 86 years later still flourishes with a symbolic annual dinner cooked and served by the members of this Yacht Club.

Several months ago, two geese and a fat white duck took up residence on our property, noisily rummaging through the accumulated garbage under certain of the Main Street establishments, until last week in a single-handed replay of that bear episode, a member of our Club dispatched, cooked and ate one of those feathered dinners.

Suddenly it appeared that these uninvited residents had become wards of a bored public (or more accurately press, including one notable columnist whom I suspect,



CRUISE NEWS

Vallejo Yacht Club has advised that they are looking forward to having members of Corinthian Yacht Club as their guests on the evening of Sept. 20th.

This will be an overnight cruise that will leave Corinthian Yacht Club on Saturday morning and will return Sunday whenever the skipper desires.

Anyone interested in an informal race to Vallejo please call Jay Pearce (495-4200).

had come no closer to a goose than in the locker room of his Sacramento High School) who found in this single act an opportunity to shed all its guilt feelings about forgotten hostages in Iran, and loudly sounded the trumpets of outrage, indignation and recrimination, replete with headlines and TV cameras.

Hasn't this whole thing gotten a bit out of hand? Such are the times we live in that values and ideals have changed and standards radically altered; but to put things in a more reasonable perspective, it appears the crime committed was probably to have broken some fish and game law and to have acted stupidly, in poor taste and in an unsportsmanlike manner.

We certainly don't appreciate all adverse publicity the unquestionable such conduct is unbecoming a gentlemen (the very essence of a "Corinthian" sailor). The offending member will be asked for his resignation and hopefully the matter will then rest. Except that now we have four more of these attractive nuisances delivered to us who didn't want them in the first place, with all of Citizens Watchdog kinds Committees tramping over our private property, feeding them breadcrumbs and worms.

What a complicated and upsidedown world we live in.

> John C. Colver Commodore



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Jack Cooper will be happy to know that several cases of TAB will soon be delivered to the Corinthian.

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