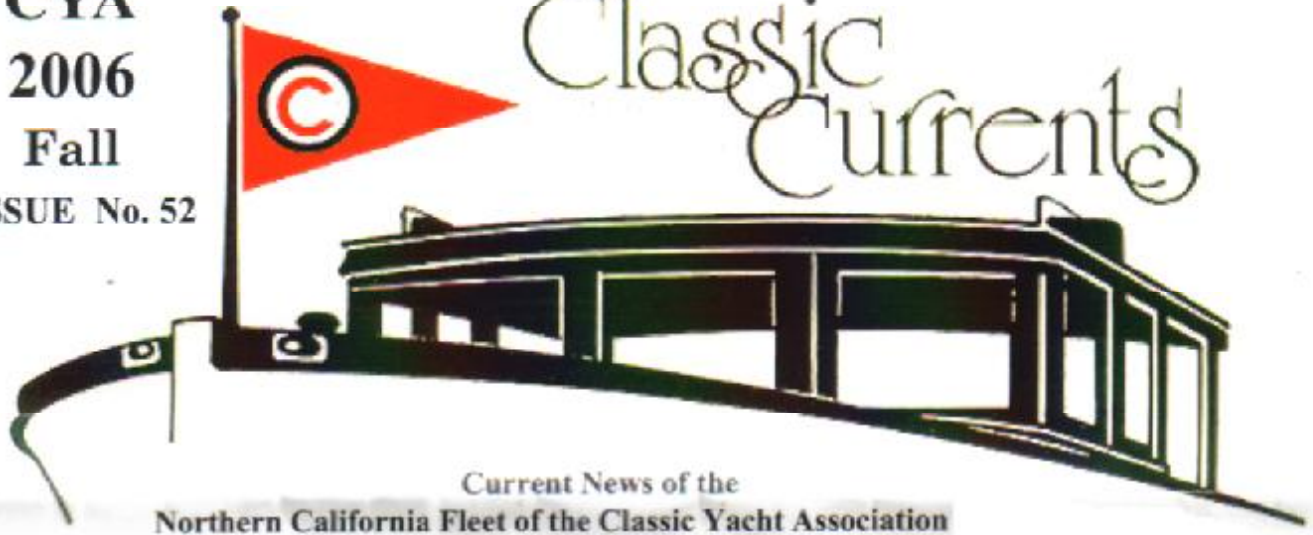


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Wooden Boat Rendezvous at Tower Park Resort

By Bill Wells

The weekend of October 6,7,8 was warm, sunny, and clear with a pristine view of Mt. Diablo. *Ranger* arrived on the 5th to help secure the docks and prepare for the festivities. Larry and Janet Hazelett arrived early Friday morning aboard *Sea Witch* accompanied by his friends Dale and Mary Ann aboard their classic 1964 Grand Banks woodie. They had cruised from Sacramento to Walnut Grove the previous day and made the trip down Georgiana Slough Friday morning.

Eslo (Tom and Nancy Clothier), *Bounty* (Jim and Bernadette Sweeny), and *Hiltot II* (Dick and Mavis Engfer), arrived shortly thereafter. *Eslo* and *Bounty* came up from the bay the previous day and rendezvoused with *Hiltot II* in Antioch and the three of them made the rest of the journey as a flotilla on Saturday morning. Tom reported he wasn't sure we would make the event because of a harbor closure in San

Francisco due to the Red Bull races. After much negotiating the finer points of maritime law they finally let *Eslo* depart with an escort around the closed area..

Later in the afternoon *Susan Gayle* (Rob and Susan Bernhard) pulled in from Bethel Island flying a giant pirate flag accompanied by his pet duck Huey (or was it Dewey or Louie?). Rob single-handed over and Susan arrived later via land yacht to keep Rob in line.



Hiltot, Ranger, Eslo and Bounty

for a few hours and others stayed all night. We had cocktails on the dock Friday evening and watched the sunset over Mt. Diablo.

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Tower Park Event

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with Candace, and Doug and Shawn Ball arrived by land yacht. Les could only stay for a few hours on Saturday but said he needed a wooden boat fix and chatted with us for a while.

On Saturday a pack of Cub Scouts paid us a visit to learn about wooden boats and boat building. Our resident certified boat builder, Doug Ball, volunteered to show them around and they took a tour of *Bounty* and *Ranger*. The young folks were very exuberant and they and their parents were appreciative of the visit. The parents left us a tray of excellent brownies as a reward. We scarfed them down in short order.

There was a military collectors meet going on at the adjacent KOA campground and many of us wandered through admiring the vintage jeeps, half tracks, motorcycles, duce and a half's, as well as a huge amount of parts and other ancient military items. The whole campground took on the air of a post WW2 surplus yard or even a scene from "Mad Max". Homeland Security will be very impressed when they see the laser sighted gun Tom acquired....

Saturday evening we met for dinner and the telling of sea stories at Tricia Molnar's Sunset Bar and Grill. Sue Alvarez arrived by land yacht to dine with us. Martin McNair generously loaned us a short home movie clip featuring him when he was a young lad and budding yachtsman. It was well received, and everyone got a chuckle out of it.

Sunday morning we had brunch with the ACBS folks and some of the local

Delta rats. Tricia Molnar put together a great brunch of eggs benedict and all the trimmings and we sauntered up to indulge at 1000 hours. Mont and Cynthia McMillen drove up to be with us. The ACBS folks joined us later and we had a short program of recognition and prize drawings. Steve Burton, manager of Tower Park and others came up with some great drawing prizes. Award winning boat restorers Jim and Katie Senior (Senior Boat Works of Bethel Island) and #1 Yacht salesman Tom Troglia (Marine Max) chipped in to provide champagne. Tricia also had an excellent jazz band playing on the patio above the docks. Their music fit in perfectly with the classic boats. Member Kim Korth dropped by for a while to enjoy the boats and music.

Tricia's mother-in-law had been in the hospital and I later found out she passed away at 0800 hours on Sunday and Tricia was still able to pull off this great brunch and entertainment with a smile on her face and acting like everything was fine! You are the greatest Tricia!

We had quite a few visitors on Sunday. Dick and Mavis met a gentleman that owned *Hiltot II* before the Engfer family.



Sea Witch arriving

I guess that was back in the clipper ship days. The new owner of *Silver Crest* came by also and spoke to several of us about the work he is doing on her.



Bill Wells - welcoming the participants

Around 1400 we started bugging out with the exception of *Bounty* which was staying a few days before heading to Tinsley Isle. The current can get moving through Tower Park at a good pace, but this weekend slack water was around noon and there was a two hour window after that of virtually no current making it ideal for leaving the harbor.

Everyone at Tower Park was very excited about this event and wants to do it again next year. We are working on getting a ship of Sea Scouts in dress whites to serve as guides for next year. Speaking of dress whites, Jim Sweeny shared some photos back in the pre *Bounty* days when he owned a steamboat and brought it up the river from the bay. One of the photos has Jim in his dress whites surrounded by his crew showing off his one pounder deck gun. They look just like something out of "The Sand Pebbles" or Teddy Roosevelt's great white fleet!

Please join us next year at this great Delta event!



Commodore's Corner

The 2006 season is closing fast. It has been a good year with great coordinators for old and new events, After the Petaluma and San Rafael events, which we covered in past issue, we had the Rio Vista Event, the "Classic Wooden Boat and Swap Meet" coordinated by Sacramento Port Captain Larry Hazelett and First Mate Janet Captain Hazelett and the "Gang of Five" had over 20 vessels in



Mont, Alex, Dick, Bernadette and Mavis enjoy Tahoe Event

attendance at the Rio Vista Marina, We had our CYA Bridge meeting there also during the weekend and had excellent attendance besides the officers of the bridge, The "Gang" put on a steak dinner with all the trimmings which were fantastic. Sunday was brunch and the news media was there to cover this historic event I do believe

unless corrected this might have been the largest contingent of CYA boats at a Northern California Fleet event (By the way that wild group "Gang of Five"), Larry and Janet Hazelett of course, Angelo and Ann Durante, Les and Debra Cochran, Dan and Stephanie Stout and Rollin Stewart. Again, great job crew, great event and great weekend.

Sept 3rd your Commodore on behalf of the Classic Yacht Association Northern California Fleet presented the Tahoe Maritime Museum a beautiful certificate/plaque designating their organization as an Honorary Life Member, Accepting on behalf of the Museum was their President, Mr. Tom Brecht. This event was viewed by several hundred volunteers at a buffet luncheon hosted by the Museum, I should mention that in a thank you letter from President Brecht was received, where he did advise us that they are looking forward to working with us in the future and would be most happy to give tours etc for our membership at appropriate times, They are in the process of building a fantastic new facility at Tahoe which should be ready in the near future,

The following week Tahoe was host to the ACBS national meeting and since several of our members also belong to that organization, we held our Tahoe Event as well. Lake Tahoe Port



Tahoe Event - Miles, Steve and Cheryl, Bernadette and Jim, Alex Jr. and Alex, Jr.



Commodore Alex makes the presentation to the Tahoe Maritime Museum

Captain, Alex Kanwetz II, put on a great BBQ at my beach at Sunnyside we attending a cocktail party hosted by Mont and Cynthia McMullen in conjunction with their ACBS activities and then took part of our group to probably the most beautiful spot of Tahoe the Sugar Point (Ehrman mansion) docks and our party strolled

ACBS event, which affected some of our members and the fantastic snow flurries we had that weekend. Other than that we had some dry sun spells which salvaged the day.

Oct 6th weekend was the Tower Park Classic Boat event once again coordinated by Capt Wells. We had a contingent of ACBS members bringing their boats over for Sundays get together brunch and all had a great time. Saturday evening's dinner was great and with some of Bill Wells' humor, our entertainment was a previously unknown film of the Capt McNair during his youth. (He was young once yes). In conclusion as always we had a great time.

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Welcome aboard the Classic Motor Yacht COLLEEN (circa 1929, a turnkey, perfectly proportioned 36 foot raised foredeck sedan cruiser.

Tom and I were vacationing in the Delta and came upon Colleen in Benicia. Owner Patrick Welch invited us for a tour of the beautiful vessel. We left him with a membership application and he applied. We later found out this boat had been a past member.

EARLY HISTORY

The motor yacht *Colleen*, a Lake Union Dreamboat, was commissioned by Mr. D.L. Webster II in 1928 and was built by the N.J. Blanchard Boat Co. on Lake Union in Seattle, Washington. *Colleen* was launched at the Blanchard yard in June 1929.

Mr. Webster, Dean of Physics at Stanford University, selected the Blanchard 36, designed by Naval Architect Leigh Coolidge, for its handsome well proportioned lines and sea keeping capabilities. Leigh Coolidge was an accomplished designer, and a contemporary of Ted Geary another talented Naval Architect of the period. Coolidge and Geary collaborated on a number of designs. Coolidge is probably best known for his outstanding design of the 128 ft Miki tugs. Many of these

strikingly handsome vessels were built of local wood in west coast shipyards and were much admired for their graceful lines, comfort and sea keeping ability.

Charlotte Islands and on to the glaciers in Alaska. They also circumnavigated Vancouver Island.

A remarkable documentary of *Colleen's* ambitious wilderness journeys wa



From *Colleen's* launch in 1929 until the declaration of War in 1941, Mr. Webster, his wife and four children cruised aboard *Colleen* every summer on the British Columbia coast and Alaska. The family would journey from San Francisco to Seattle where they would board *Colleen*, kept at the Blanchard boatyard. Over the years the Webster family cruised the Strait of Georgia and its many inlets, Johnston Straits and the central coast including the Queen

captured by the Webster Family on their 16mm movie camera. This rare and unique



film captures the spirit and adventures of this remarkable family aboard the beautiful and able *Colleen*, while portraying the realities of yachting on the British Columbia Coast in the 1930's with only a clock and barometer to assist the navigator.

RESTORATION

After more than 60 years in service and a handful of owners, *Colleen* was in need of major reconstruction to ensure structural integrity for many more years to come. Her machinery and equipment needed replacement to meet and exceed current safety regulations and to provide the modern amenities required by the yachtsman of today.

In 1989, *Colleen* was hauled and a 2-year, keel-up reconstruction by professionals was undertaken at a cost of \$300,000 USD. The old and tired

frame of *Colleen* was carefully dismantled and replicated with new materials. A new old growth Douglas fir keel was laid, white oak, steam-bent frames installed and floors fitted. She was then re-planked from her keel up with new edge grain 1" old growth fir and screw fastened. The transom was replaced with select

Honduras Mahogany. The original tongue and groove cedar decks and deck head were covered with (3/8") mahogany marine plywood) sheathed in Dynel cloth. This upgrade has provided a fully watertight and durable deck structure) unlike the original paint over canvas. All electrical and plumbing systems were replaced and designed to meet current regulations and accommodate modern amenities.

Bulkheads were replaced with marine plywood. The pilot house, as well as all exterior and interior joinery is select

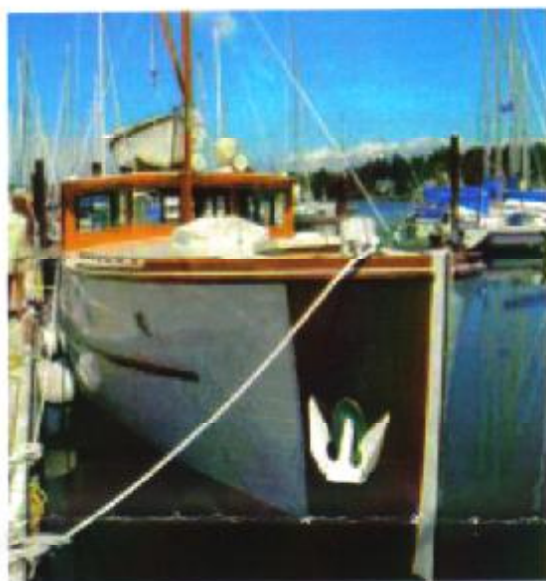
Honduras Mahogany finished bright. The joinery and workmanship is of the highest standard throughout, reflecting authenticity of design and appreciation for detail and function.

Colleen was professionally painted and varnished inside and out and colors were carefully selected in keeping with the period. Quality leather and velour materials, professionally cut and fitted, were used throughout for interior upholstery. All deck covers are Sunbrella furniture grade fabric. A custom two-piece Sunbrella

form fitting winter cover is provided.

A number of interior modifications were made which greatly enhanced interior space and functional layout. The original forward deck hatch, situated over the chain locker, was moved aft over the forward sleeping cabin. This change has provided additional light, ventilation and evacuation from the cabin. Additionally the windlass could now be properly situated on the foredeck to facilitate the handling and storage of ground tackle. In the mid-ship salon, traditional port and starboard pipe berths were removed to be replaced with a dinette to starboard and a pullout double berth to port.

Without question the one modification that doubled the functional living space and pleasure aboard *Colleen* was the aft conservatory. The original cockpit, from the steering station aft, was open to the elements. The conservatory was designed and handcrafted with great care to complement the original design criteria. To ensure structural integrity all joinery is mortised and tenoned. Large safety glass windows were set in the perfectly proportioned Honduras Mahogany panel to enclose the cockpit. In addition generous glazed glass sliding doors were installed to port and starboard, as well as two hinged glazed doors to the aft deck ensuring maximum light and access. The addition of the Conservatory provides a visually pleasing and functional all weather living environment aboard *Colleen*.



Commodore's Report

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Next on our agenda is the Change of Watch at Scott's Restaurant, Jack London Square, on December 9th, Rear Commodore Miles Davis is coordinating this and information will be forthcoming.

Also, we will be receiving information relative to the Lighted Boat Parade in San Rafael from Bernadette Sweeney. Date for this event will be Dec. 16th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank one and all for your support and involvement this year during my term as Commodore. I have enjoyed it tremendously and had a great time. (I guess I have to change my cell music and remove "Hail to the Chief")

Full speed ahead!
Alexey D. Kanwetz



Bridge Meeting held at Rio Vista's Point Restaurant

Rovin Reporter...

When she arrived at Rio Vista your Rovin' Reporter was thrilled and delighted to see so many classic yacht burgees flying from a whole dockfull of boats. There was excitement in the air as members greeted one another, visited boats and wooed prospective members. Commodore Alex was holding court in a shady spot on land with a clear view of all the boat activity. The lawn area and pavilion were also a buzz with preparations for the evening barbecue. Larry and Janet Hazelett were directing activities with help from Rolland Stewart, Angelo and Ann Durante, Dan and Stephanie Stout, Les Cochren and Debi. And dogs – there were dogs of all sizes and they seemed to be having as much fun as the people.

Your reporter felt as if the clock had been turned back a decade or so to the participation level of a Delta rendezvous of yore! Then, she met Ruby Ranuio who was a CYA member in the 70's. She arrived with her membership card for 1979 and many pictures taken at CYA events. The vintage clothes were fabulous and all appeared to be having a wonderful time.

Another reminder was the outdoor venue – dinner on Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning and dinner on Saturday night! All the food was fabulous and we even had two birthday cakes. Larry brought one for Janet on Friday night and to celebrate Allure's 75th on

Saturday, Janis and Martin brought one decorated with an edible picture of her on top. They also brought champagne for toasting so the evening ended on a festive note.

One sad note - en route to Rio Vista on Saturday, "Luana" went onto the rock and sank. However a report just received informs us that she has been raised and is now undergoing restoration.

Bill Wells did it again coordinating a great week end at Tower Park. Saturday morning fog cleared to provide gorgeous weather in the afternoon which continued all day Sunday. "Bounty" and "Eslo" skipped the Fleet Week activities in the Bay to travel up to join the Delta boats "Hiltot II", "Ranger", "Sea Witch" and "Susan Gale".

The ACBS runabouts arrived Sunday morning so there was a full dining room for the delicious brunch and four lucky CYA members won door prizes of handsome polo shirts. Yes, we had dog in attendance again, but Nikki, Tillie and Duke had to share the spotlight with Squeak the bunny and Huey the duck. What a great ending to a great CYA year of summer boating.

Of course, the year isn't over as we have the Lighted Boat Parade and our Change of Watch coming in December so until then.....

Happy Thanksgiving!

Clara Yeats Aseltine

PICYA STUFF

"PICYA LOG" published 6 times a year by editor/publisher Johnnie Owen wants to include club activities but needs 2 to 3 month lead time. Send announcements to jowen@teal.net (please in finished form) – photos too! Available on line at www.picya.org

Yachting Yearbook 2007 deadline for updated information is Dec 15. Please review your info for any desired changes tell Nancy Clothier. If you know of any potential sponsors, please inform jowen@teal.net

Safety Co Chair John Hardin has an article "Electric Shock Drowning – The Stealthy Killer" available in LOG Sept/Oct issue page 9 a must read! Also available on www.picya.org

Cruise to Alaska (results in \$\$ to PICYA for each reservation) May 21, 2007 ten days San Francisco to Alaska and return to SF. Particulars or reservations Johnnie Owen jowen@teal.net

Marine biodiesel is now available at Northern California's first such dock at Clipper Yacht Harbor Sausalito – end of Harbor Drive in front of Fish Restaurant.

RBOC – Boater Safety Education Law workshops are being held to establish desired measures. Comments/suggestions are welcomed at www.dbw.ca.gov/BoaterEd/Req.asp

Want to attend future meetings = contact Lenora Clark at Lenoraclark@aol.com
The effort to stop the diversion of \$20 million of boater funds (for fishermen) was successful in that the measure did not pass in the legislature. Thanks for those "call to arms" responses.

Mavis & Dick Engfer Oct 2006

2006 Stephens Rendezvous

Stephens Rendezvous was held in Petaluma in Petaluma California on July 28 – July 30. The wooden boat gods



must have been smiling on us because the great heat wave of '06 broke a few days before the start of the event. I had tried to have the event the weekend before because the tides were a little better. Was I ever glad we had the rendezvous when we did. The weather was great with gentle breezes, warm days and comfortable evenings.

Stephens boats in attendance were *Killara* captained by Greg Sabourin, *Martana* with John Wilkinson and a major crew, *Stephanie* with Grace & Bill Bodle, *Coquette* with Mark Cattell, *Bounty* with Jim & Bernadette Sweeney, *Lady Smith* captained by Jason Smith, *White Swan* with Sandra & Richard Solomon and last but not least *Triple Crown* with her new owners Joanne & John Stockman.

The want to be Stephens included *Flamingo* with Steve & Cheryl Kadzielawa, *Pied A Mer* with Diana

Holmes, *Oasis* with Lynn & Fritz Liepert and *Catherine E* captained by my self and the lovely Candace.

Those that came by land yacht included our illustrious commodore Alex Kanwetz, Mat & Valorie Clark our newest Stephens owners, Dan & Stephanie Stout, Larry & Jane Hazelett, Lee Selter, Michael Selter, Chris Selter, Martin & Janice McNair and Otto, Patty & Anna Schreier. If I left anyone out, and I am sure that I did, I am sorry.

Friday night dinner was admiral's choice, so a large group of us decided to go to De Schmirer Restaurant for dinner one of my favorite places. It just so happened to be Candace's birthday and a great time was had by all, especially Candace.



Sandra and Amy

The following day the boats were open for display and we had a good number of people come to the turning basin to admire these floating works of art. Just before dinner we had evening appetizer:

and cocktails on the dock. That evening dinner was held a half block from the boats in a wonderful old Masonic hall. Martin McNair was kind enough to MC the event. Good food, good friends all talking about boats, doesn't get much better than that.

Fair winds
George Homenko

Coming Events

Lighted Boat Parade
Loch Lomond Marina
December 16, 2006

Jim Sweeney, Chairperson

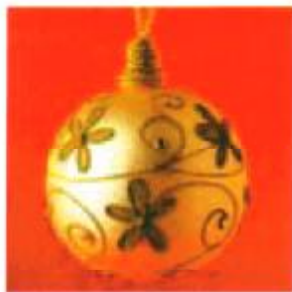
Change of Watch
December 9, 2006

Scott's Restaurant
Jack London Square, Oakland
Miles Davis, Chairperson

National Change of Watch
Fairmont Hotel, Seattle, WA
January 12-14, 2007

More information on the website
[www.classicyacht.org/forum/
index.php?topic=74.0](http://www.classicyacht.org/forum/index.php?topic=74.0)

Events may be subject to change. Please contact coordinators and/or see further information coming in the mail or in future newsletters. If you are interested in participating in the planning of any of these events, please contact Alex Kanwetz, Commodore.



CYA Northern California Fleet
2007 Change of Watch

New Venue

Saturday, December 9, 2006
Dinner - 6:00 PM

Scott's Restaurant, Jack London Square, Oakland
Outgoing Commodore, Alex Kanwetz
Incoming Commodore, Greg Sabourin

Rear Commodore, Miles Davis, has made arrangements for our 2007 Change of Watch at Scott's Restaurant in Oakland's Jack London Square. Enjoy a gourmet dinner, along with a view of the Oakland Estuary. This is a premiere location, which will be decorated for the Holidays. Miles is planning a special treat for cocktails.

Hotel rooms are available in Jack London Square for those who want to make this a weekend event. Waterfront Plaza Hotel - 800-729-3638. Ferry service is also available through the Alameda Oakland Ferry from San Francisco. Look for more information - **SAVE THE DATE!**

Lighted Yacht Parade
Loch Lomond Yacht Club
Saturday, December 16, 2006

Parade along the San Rafael Canal with the Loch Lomond Yacht Club. Many people plan their Christmas Parties to coincide with this event so we have a great audience. The yacht club hosts a Souper Supper with delicious homemade soups.

More information will be coming, but **SAVE THE DATE!**

National Change of Watch
January 12-14, 2007
Seattle, WA
Fairmont Hotel

Months of planning, discussion and research have resulted in a venue that matches the classic elegance and superb style of our special vessels and interests. Special rates available at the hotel. More details available on the website at [www.classicyacht.org/forum/
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