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Another Bear in Tahoe?

By Alex Kanwetz

The Tahoe Classic Event is now history for 2004 and your coordinator views it as follows:

We started off on Friday noon meeting at Beverly Partridge's home at Incline and she once again put on a great spread and a good time I feel was had by all. Postscript: The real bear did not appear this year but that crafty lady had a

cutout made and put in the trees and we all thought the bear had returned.

The next event was to take place after lunch at the Hyatt Hotel dock at Incline and son Alex, Jr. brought "Huapala" over and had her at the dock for our sightseeing trip of the \$\$\$lakefront

homes at Incline. There was interest to see the Kennedy compound, etc., but when yours truly arrived a little ahead of

everyone I could see Huapalas prop as the boat rose and dropped due to the extreme waves. It was not going to be a smooth

tripto say the least so this event was canceled. We enjoyed a dinner at Bacchi's restaurant in Tahoe City where Alex presented beautiful Barbecue sets to the captains of the fleet in attendance.

The next day we all met at Huapalas dock at Homewood for the trip to Emerald

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ACBS Boat Show in Tahoe

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Tahoe Event

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Bay and the ACBS boat show at Tahoe



Doug Ball showing off his Barbecue Set

Keys on the South shore. In regard to that trip, Linda told me I was the bravest person she knows. Reason? If you can believe it 7 (seven), captains onboard

this trip, the most I can ever remember out on the water. Remember these are the cream of the crop and they all have opinions. All were quiet (too quiet) so I know there must have been comments among them. The only vocal one was George of Catherine E, and I told him no comments at the beginning. Well, I say all this in jest as they were great tying up at Tahoe Keys.

After the boat show we had a BBQ at my beach over at Sunnyside and I think we all laughed so much it hurt. Tom Clothier should be in showbusiness....I will be his straight man for the right price.

Sunday morning found us all at the Ponderosa Ranch at Incline for a haywagon ride up the mountain for a Ranch cookout breakfast. There was a holdup enroute but the women were protected.



Jim and Bernadette Sweeney enjoy the "Hay Ride"

Anyway that concluded the event. It was a real pleasure coordinating the event with my friend Linda and we feel everyone had a good time. Beverly has suggested some additional venues for the future which have great possibilities.



The Bear Stories keep coming...

When Linda and I returned late Friday nite from the Stephens R. BBQ we returned to my place at Tahoe and as we reached the front door and opened it, turned the porch and entrance lites on and noticed the front window shattered, debris all over the floor, fridge opened, freezer opened, and the house in general disarray. We immediately closed the door went to the car and called the Sheriff over the cell phone.

A deputy arrived and asked if Bear or intruder and I advised I did not know. He also asked incredulously did I not check to see if Bear might be in the house. I told him no of course not "why don't you go and check." Linda and I watched him putter around the deck but did not go in. Finally three other deputies arrived and all four of them went into the house with their guns drawn. (four of them). They then said to Linda and I all "OK" Linda and I went in the living room and I asked if they had gone upstairs and they said "do you want us to check up there also" yeh.....I think that would be nice.

Anyway after cleanups, replacing windows, etc., met with the Bear League at Tahoe and advised them to come up with something to keep Bears out or I

would be forced to eliminate the Bear next time. Tree huggers went wild and had me purchased some electronic box to turn on in the house whenever I leave, (it is supposed to drive them crazy), and lo and behold it works. Since then no bears.

*Your Man in the mountains,
Captain of the Flagship Huapala and
his crew.*





Commodore's Corner

Hello everyone,

It is that time of year again when we hang out the scare crow, carve the pumpkin, and give out the treats. It doesn't seem like another year has gone by. We will be Changing the Bridge in a few weeks and moving into another boating year.

This past year has been a learning experience for me. I got to know some of you very well and to meet and welcome new members into this fine organization. That has been a privilege for me.

As you know from the correspondence you received this year that this Bridge has been busy. We have tried to provide for you the best in leadership available and I believe we have done a good job. The upcoming Bridge is equally as dedicated as this one to insuring that the club is represented in the highest standard. Everyone has been very supportive of me and I encourage you to do the same for your incoming Commodore, Jim Sweeney. I have had the opportunity to get to know Jim and Bernadette over the year and they are wonderful people and they will work very hard for you.

I thank everyone that took an active part

in making this Fleet the best one in the National Fleet. I look forward to seeing everyone of you at the Change of Watch and again at the National Change of Watch in San Francisco. Cynthia is doing a fine job and this Change promises to be one of the best ever. Please make every effort to attend and support your club.

Thank you again for your support and allowing me to be your Commodore this past year. I have enjoyed it immensely and look forward to the leadership of Jim, Alex, and Greg.

To all of you, safe and happy sailing, and a prosperous year ahead.

*Shawn Ball
Commodore*

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provide their email
addresses so we can
send our information
on meetings, events
and issues important
to recreational boaters.
Please let us know your
email address. Of
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Welcome New Members for 2004

**Christopher and Barbara
Hanson,
Alameda,
Affiliate Members**

**William and Sharon Schrader,
Sacramento,
Affiliate Members**

**Richard and Sandra Solomon,
Belvedere,
Affiliate Members**

**Steve and Cheryl Kadzielawa,
San Anselmo,
Affiliate Members**

2005 CYA Calendars

**The Calendar Committee is
finalizing our 2005 calendar.
Those of you who are CYA
members will receive a
complimentary copy and the
opportunity to purchase
additional copies.**

**More information will be coming
your way.**

Stephens Rendezvous

George Homenko was this year's Stephens' Rendezvous chairperson and, with the help of his friend Candace, did a great job. We arrived on Friday, having paraded from Benicia with Bounty (Jim Sweeney), Allure (Martin McNair) and Killara (Greg and Amy Sabourin with daughter and dog). After the docking drill and greeting each other, we enjoyed a semi potluck dinner at the Oxbow Picnic Area. George and Candace provided barbecued chicken and sausages. There were many new attendees and we welcomed our old friends, Charlie and MaryAnn Rickard.

Alex Kanwetz was a membership promoter and recruiter and several of the boaters have joined the CYA this year.

Saturday was a great day for visiting and viewing boats we hadn't seen before. The boats were open to the public.

Dinner on Saturday night was a catered affair with a delicious dinner served at the Oxbow



Tom and Candace are bartenders



We were happy to see old friends at the Stephens' Rendezvous potluck

Club House. Tom Clothier and Candace were bartenders so they got the party off to a great start. Martin McNair was the Emcee and had all participants introduce themselves. Although the event is to celebrate the history of the Stephens' boats and boatyard, others (including our Eslo) were there too.

The Oxbow Marina folks were wonderful hosts and provided delicious continental breakfasts both Saturday and Sunday morning.



George made custom plates and a gift to each boater.

After a great weekend, some of us extended our cruise. (Read Rovin Reporter for more details).

Chairperson, George Homenko



Alex Kanwetz encouraging new members

Rovin Reporter...

Your rovin' reporter was invited to attend the Stephens' Rendezvous aboard Hiltot II and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Three birthdays were celebrated and one miracle was performed. While climbing aboard Hiltot II, Dick's eyeglasses fell out of his shirt pocket - splash! Next morning George Homenko appeared with scuba gear and believe it or not FOUND THE GLASSES. He returned to the surface amidst cheers from the onlookers.

After the rendezvous on Sunday, four boats departed Oxbow for a post rendezvous cruise to Sacramento. ESLO, HILTOT II, NORTHSTAR II and BOUNTY. Captain Jim wanted to make the trip, but Bernadette had to return home so Beverly was recruited to crew for Jim by day to handle lines and keep Jim on course. It was a great four days and no cooking! We traveled to Walnut Grove for dinner at Tony's, an old time landmark famous for Portuguese beans served in a large bowl on the table (no matter what was ordered). Then on to Sacramento where docking was a real challenge, but accomplished by everyone without mishap. The main topic of conversation was the change in docking cost - from an overnight charge in 2003 of \$15.00 to \$1.00 per foot in 2004! After walking around Old Town in various groups we gathered at Joe's Crab Shack for dinner and Crab Shack fun - Tom being the brunt of it at our table. The plan for Tuesday was lunch at the Ryde Hotel and a friendly golf tournament. Well, best laid plans, etc.....the Hotel was closed for lunch and the weather was too hot for much golfing - and Martin drove all the way up just to compete. Enthusiasm was not dimmed, however, and we set forth for Rio Vista where a pot luck dinner was contemplated. It was a longer trip than expected, docking and re-docking took longer than expected and some

fueling was accomplished as prices were favorable so it was 8:00 before everyone could think about food. The ladies had no problem suggesting The Point Restaurant for dinner. Barbara Almquist said a quick "hello" as she dropped off Chris to make the trip to San Rafael with Alan. Also at the Rio Vista dock was a Sea Scout boat of young people and I couldn't help smiling when one referred to our boats as the "baseball boats". I guess it is a good thing that we are going to change our burgee. Incidentally, Mavis found one of the originals aboard Hiltot II. Does that make her the first in our fleet to have one? Next day everyone headed to home ports after a truly great cruise.

by Claire Yeats Aseltine



Can you find the Eslo among the Offshore Racers

Clothier's on the Delta

by Nancy Clothier

Tom and I have spent time on the Delta for the last 20 years. This year we scheduled our trip to take place after the Stephens Rendezvous and the post Stephens Rendezvous (see Rovin Reporter for details on this trip).



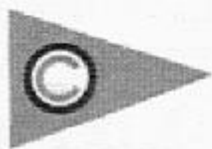
Eslo was able to share the San Joaquin River with the Jeremiah O'Brien

We were on our way to Tower Park, just outside Pittsburg when coming up behind us was the Jeremiah O'Brien. She was on her way to Stockton for a day cruise, having left San Francisco at 9:00 a.m.. While we were taking pictures of her, passengers on the O'Brien were taking pictures of us.

We arrived at Tower Park on Friday afternoon expecting to spend a quiet weekend there (what were we thinking, it is Tower Park on a summer weekend). We paid for two nights, Saturday morning we were asked if we could leave and come back in the afternoon as they were expecting 100+ offshore racers. Well, we had paid our money after all! After some negotiation, we were situated inside the docks as the offshores moved in all around us. They stopped in for food and libations and were even greeted by Raiderettes passing out decals. Just as quickly as they came, they made an orderly exit, leaving Eslo in the dust.

We enjoyed dinner in the restaurant and a not so restful night sleep and were off the next day to Antioch. Always an adventure in the Delta.

The Big Event is coming



Classic Yacht Association

You are cordially invited to attend the National Change of Watch of the Classic Yacht Association, January 14th - 17th, 2005 in San Francisco

Friday Evening:	Welcome Aboard Cocktails and Clam Chowder, Golden Gate Yacht Club One Yacht Road at the Marina. 1830 - 2030
Saturday Morning:	Bridge Meeting 0800 - 1200
Saturday Evening:	The National Change of Watch Banquet. Nautical Museum adjacent to the Argonaut. Cocktails: 1830 Dinner 2000
Sunday Morning:	Bridge Meeting 0900 - 1200
Sunday Morning:	Classic Yacht Crusie on the Bay 1300 - 1500

On behalf of the entire Northern California Fleet, we welcome you and look forward to seeing you in January at the Argonaut Hotel for the National Change of Watch.

Shawn Ball
Classic Yacht Association
Northern California Fleet Commodore

Please RSVP before December 15, 2004

R.S.V.P.

I (we) will attend the National Change of Watch:

Names: _____

I (we) will be staying at the Argonaut Hotel: yes _____ no: _____

I (we) will be staying at the (hotel name and location)

Contact number: _____

Attending Cocktail and Chowder:
Do you need transportation to the cocktail party? If no, how many?

No. at \$10.00 ea = _____

Attending Banquet:
No. at \$70.00 ea = _____

Entree Choices:
Pan Roasted Double Cut Pork
Loin Chop: or Oven Roasted
Atlantic Salmon:
No. Pork _____
Salmon _____

Number of People attending
Classic Yacht Cruise on the Bay:

Enclosed is my check made payable to the Classic Yacht Association in the amount of \$ _____

Mail to Cynthia McMillen
523 Miner Road
Orinda, CA 94563

PICYA Stuff...from Dick and Mavis Engfer

Recommended reading is the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association's "PICYA LOG". Published every two months with matters of interest to all boaters. Most of the following items have appeared in recent issues, but are worth mentioning in case you've not kept up to date.

The Eighth Annual PICYA Wheelchair Regatta was held on Sept 25 at the Encinal Yacht Club. Attendance increases each year with about 240 veterans this year. Skippers donate their time and boats to provide a cruise upon SF Bay for the vets, after which bbq'd burgers for all. Volunteer helpers do all the work, food, drink, assist in boarding, etc etc. All relate what a moving experience this is. There may still be a few "T" shirts available - contact Margo Brown (510) 523 2098 to purchase or make a donation.

Another worthy event held annually is Driftwood Yacht Club's "Make A Wish" fundraiser. The October 2 event raised \$30,000!

Dept. of Boating & Waterways and its Director Ray Tsuneyoshi are alive and well! Thanks in part to boater letters to the Governor supporting the work of DBW, Gov. Arnold has appointed a local bay area boater and RBOC Director, Lenora Clark, to be a DBW Commissioner. The Commission decides allocation of the boating fuel tax dollars. RBOC representation on the Commission has been a long sought objective. Ray T. reported spraying of water hyacinth was able to start on July 1.

Yachting Yearbook for 2005 will include many suggestions requested of the 100 clubs making up PICYA. This Yearbook is recognized as probably the best such publication in the whole of the US! Please place your order for a 2005 copy now (lower price for early orders). If you are not familiar with the content, please do yourself a favor and beg, borrow or steal a peek at one to see what you are missing.



George to the rescue

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC), our "voice" in Sacramento and with many other governmental agencies took an active role in many boating issues. In most instances, when boaters present

their position with data to support their argument, the various gov't agencies do listen and modify their stance. Examples include: SF Bay Marina water quality in that BCDC assumed all marinas had concentrations of pollution - a testing program in a few marinas found contamination to be within acceptable limits, thus no further changes were needed at this time; Automatic Bilge pump operation was prohibited in a number of bay marinas - Log Newspapers W.J.M.Fordyce wrote of this and put forth the faults of such a BCDC

regulation. A member of BCDC's citizens' advisory committee, Russ Robinson (past president of RBOC) working with BCDC came up with a recommendation allowing use of automatic bilge pumps which has been adopted. Some items to watch in the future: 1. Talk of a fee charging for boating in the Delta to help pay for levee maintenance 2. PFD's required for all boaters. For those who want input in boating issues, check out the website www.rbo.org

Suggestion for clean bilge pump discharges = put Oil Absorbers in your bilge to suck up oil, etc before it reaches the pump. West Marine's 2004 catalog page 323 show several.

Security Issues - in August safety zones around airports became official = 200 yards offshore of any shoreline adjacent to an airport. BIG penalty for violation maybe prison, maybe \$250,000 fine! A word to the wise - don't dawdle near ships, bridges, airports, etc. Waterway Watch - the US Coast Guard invites help from all boaters to be alert in matters of security. A thorough presentation of the subject appears in the Sep/Oct 2004 issue of PICYA LOG page 7,

also available on website www.picya.org - click on Safety, then click on U S C G Waterway Watch. An oversimplification is "if it looks suspicious, call 1-877-24-WATCH".

On a lighter note: Theme for Opening Day on SF Bay 2005 is "Movies by the Bay".



The great recovery - ask Dick Engfer about it!

Coming Events

November 6, 2004 - 10 a.m.
Bridge Meeting
 Willow Berm Marina,
 Shawn Ball

December 11, 2004
Change of Watch
 San Francisco Yacht Club
 Tiburon
 Jim Sweeney, Chairperson

December 18, 2004
Lighted Boat Parade
 Loch Lomond Yacht Club,
 San Rafael

Jim Sweeney, Chairperson
 January 14, 15, 16, 2005
National Change of Watch
 Cynthia Mc Millen, Chairperson

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 Shawn Ball, Commodore.



SAVE THESE DECEMBER DATES!

The CYA Northern California Fleet Change of Watch ceremony will follow "black tie" cocktails and dinner at the San Francisco Yacht Club Cove House in Belvedere on December 11th.

The **Holiday Parade of Lights** will take place on **December 18th**. Our host will be the Loch Lomond Yacht Club in San Rafael. Decorated yachts from the Marin Yacht Club and San Rafael Yacht Club will join the Loch Lomond Yacht Club and C.Y.A. Northern California fleets in the parade. C.Y.A. vessel owners should plan to reserve slips at the Loch Lomond Marina or clubhouse guest dock on December 18th in order to secure places in the parade. Members arriving by "land yacht" will be welcomed aboard participating vessels. More information included with the newsletter.



Photo Albums - Great Gifts for the Holiday!

George Homenko still has copies of the CYA Album which includes the present and history of the great boats we enjoy. As a special for the holiday season, order two copies and have them shipped for free.

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