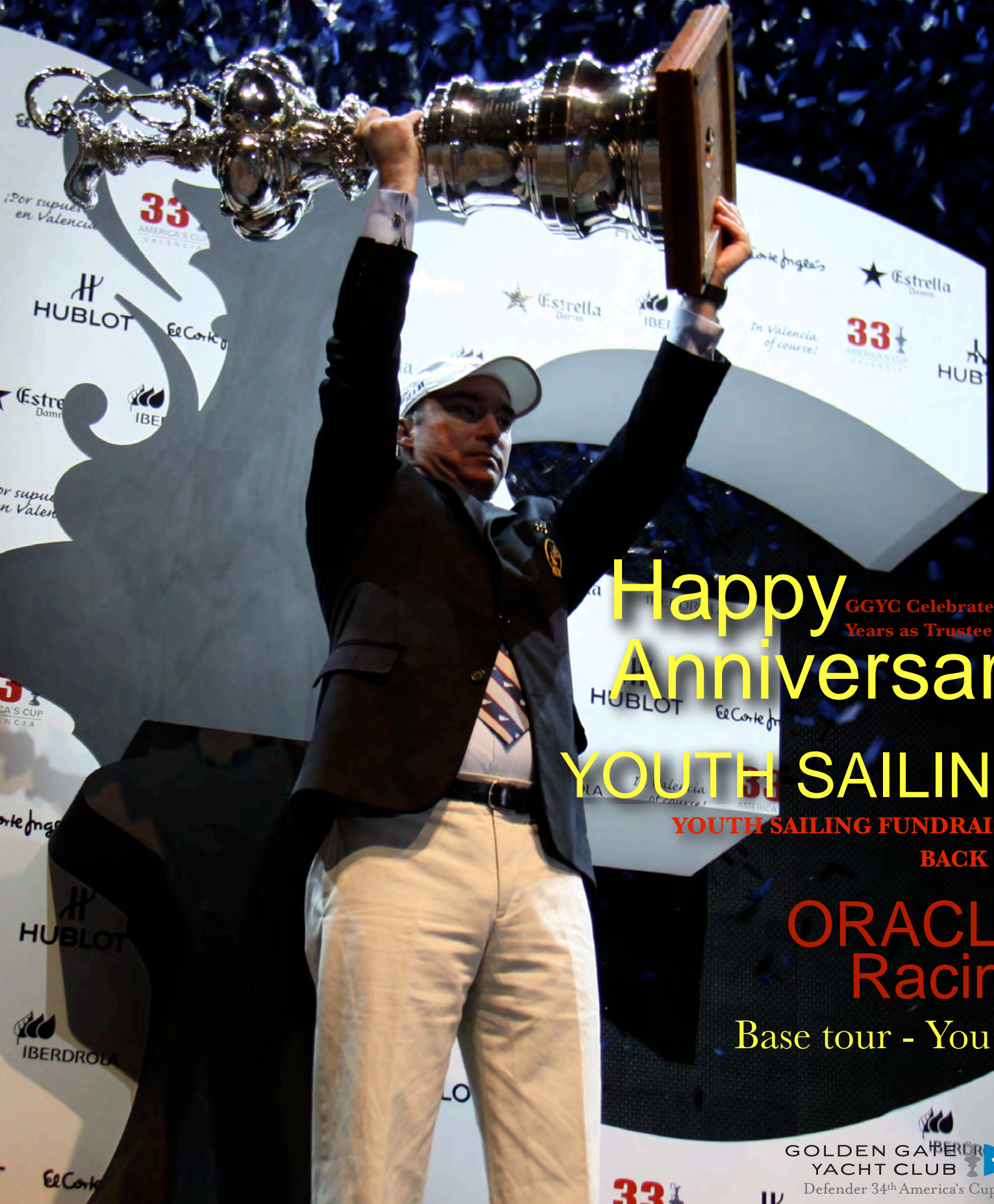


CHANGING TIDES

February 2012



Happy Anniversary YOUTH SAILING

GGYC Celebrates Two
Years as Trustee

**YOUTH SAILING FUNDRAISER
BACK ON!**

ORACLE Racing

Base tour - You in?

GOLDEN GATE
YACHT CLUB
Defender 34th America's Cup

FROM THE FLAGS

FROM THE HELM - A NOTE OF THANKS

by Norbert Bajurin, Commodore

One of our members recently asked me where I picked up my experience in the food and beverage industry, as they apparently believed it was a prerequisite for the position of Commodore. I explained that although I have been somewhat involved in the hospitality side of the Club for the past twelve years, I hardly had any such experience on the food and beverage side. We have been blessed to have a great crew here at the GGYC under the leadership and guidance of our General Manager, Bob Mulhern. He is the “glue” that keeps this Club together and continues to do a wonderful job on a daily basis. As we begin yet another year, I want to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his hard work. Bob is not only the manager, but a frontline worker as well. He is always ready to jump in with our staff when needed. Whether we know it or not, he has several primary duties and responsibilities: (1) to

assure that sales and profit margins are better than adequate; (2) to have the ability to work well with people including our membership, our staff, rental customers and vendors; and (3) to always be self motivated and have excellent planning skills with the ability to make timely and competent decisions. Although not necessarily in the same order, with Bob we get all of the above! He is a manager and a leader. Again, thank you for all you do for the Golden Gate Yacht Club.

This month we celebrate our second anniversary of winning the America's Cup. The date was February 14th, 2010 (a sweetheart deal) and a great way to spend the day is with your “Valentine” here at the Club on the 14th. The evening will bring romantic music with fine appetizers and the camaraderie of friends. I hope to see many of you there that evening.

Keep a save the date on your calendar for March 22nd as we are scheduling a Club visit to the ORACLE Racing Base at Pier 80 in the late afternoon or early evening. A tour of the facility and a little “one on one” with a cocktail session with the Team are being planned.



JOIN A COMMITTEE!

Are you interested in becoming more active in your membership at the club? Join a committee! Wondering how to do that? Just email the committee chairs listed below and / or check the Changing Tides calendar for any up coming committee meetings and feel free to attend. Come and lend a hand. Be ACTIVE in your membership!

Entertainment Committee

Chair: Bob Mulhern Entertainment@ggyc.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Emmanuel Uren Historical@ggyc.com

Membership Committee

Chair: Anna Quillen Membership@ggyc.com

PR Committee

Chair: Ellen Hoke PR@ggyc.com

Race Committee

Chair: Gary Salvo RaceDeck@ggyc.com

FROM THE FLAGS

REAR COMMODORE REPORT

by Dave Santori



In mid-February and mid-March we should start seeing ORACLE Racing back on the Bay doing some practice sets. I'm really getting excited about some of the things Vice Commodore Tom Ehman has been talking about recently - such as the Englishman Ben Ainslie, with his own team joining the America's Cup World Series. I have watched Ben in person at the Finn

Worlds, and he is truly amazing. I'm also excited about seeing Luna Rosa in both the ACWS and the America's Cup.

If you have been down to the Clubhouse recently, you will see that we are working on the corner of the Club building. As of the end of January we had made all the changes and improvements we could until City inspectors give us their OK to close it up. Overall we can tell you that the major damage to the corner of the building was limited to just the immediate area. There are other areas of the building we will be addressing as well, but none as structurally important as the corner. I want to thank Tim Logan of Talcon Builders and his construction team for their diligent work and constant informative updates with our Club representatives. There will be other building maintenance and repair items as

we ready our Club for more active use, so I thank you for your patience.

The marina renovation is moving along as we see aluminum gangways piling up around the area. One of these is for GGYC. The first step of installation is the construction of a new abutment on the east side of the Club. This abutment will hold the land side of the gangway, and will go directly to the new docking facilities. The oldest sections will be cleared out - I'll know more about that next month.

As I stated last month, and it bears repeating, our RIB and Cygnet boats continue to be docked next door during construction. I want to thank the St. Francis Yacht Club's Robbie and Diego for coordinating this for GGYC. On a similar note, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Peter Stoneberg, the new Commodore of the St. Francis Yacht Club. It will be a pleasure to work with Peter on continuing to improve yacht club relations.

Valerie and I have just returned from the Lobster Fest at GGYC, which goes without saying was a great success! Both rooms were filled to the brim like Roman banquets. We all felt guilty for the amount of butter and mayo we "shared", and enjoyed catching up with old and new members alike.

I want to remind everyone of the Youth Sailing Foundation's rescheduled event coming up on March 10. The sailing program really needs your attendance and support, and I hope you will consider inviting friends you think would enjoy it. We also look forward to seeing everyone again at the second anniversary of winning the America's Cup on February 14!

COVER SHOT

A Note From The Editor

You may recognize this cover shot as one of the photos that line the steps that lead to the Commodore's Bar and Room at the club. This photo was taken on the evening of February 14th, 2010 in Valencia, Spain. For me, this was a very proud moment to be a Golden Gate Yacht Club member. I was also rather proud of myself for being positioned front and center for such an historic moment. Then Commodore Marcus Young was presented with the trophy from SOCIÉTÉ NAUTIQUE DE GENÈVE, thus officially making the transfer of the America's Cup trophy back to America, and, of course, the Golden Gate Yacht Club. With the second anniversary of this momentous day, I thought it worthy to share this moment with you all.



FROM THE FLAGS

Treasurer's Report

by Bill Reilly



On behalf of the Directors, I am pleased to report that 2011 was a very good year for the Club from a financial point of view. We actually showed a profit for the year and have used it to strengthen our balance sheet. All of our accounts are current and during 2012 we expect to start building some reserves, including a rainy day fund for contingencies. The policy of requiring a credit card authorization for Club dues and

charges has resulted in dramatic improvement in the turnover of accounts receivable, and we have just engaged a new card processing firm that will reduce card expense by \$500/month this year.

I want to thank our General Manager, Bob Mulhern for his constant attention to improving the costs of the services we deliver to our members. He and his staff have adopted the Club as their own, and their dedicated effort has shown. We further owe these accomplishments to the committee chairs and their members, our dependable volunteers who have given of their technical and professional skills, and the attention of the Officers

and Directors who have kept our financial goals in the forefront of the management process all year long.

But we are not finished. Our clubhouse is now 22 years old and maintenance expenses will only rise as time goes on. In addition, there is a "wish list" of capital improvements that will make this facility a more appealing destination - particularly as we will be a centerpiece of the Cup events in 2013. Our Club will be on show to the world and we want to look our best. The number one determinant of success will be our continuing acquisition of new members. We need another 120 members before we can consider ourselves financially sound for the long term. We need all members to be alert to opportunities to engage friends, neighbors and business associates in small talk about the Club in hopes of getting them interested in joining.

There are two small things I would like you all, as members to consider to help as we enter 2012. Both will save us a noticeable amount of money during the year. First, if you are not hopelessly entangled with paper and hard copies, I would ask you to "opt out" of the mail version of Changing Tides. Printing and mailing costs are currently \$2000/month and will rise as our membership grows. The on-line version is available on the GGYC web site earlier and can be downloaded to your desktop.

Second, and I know this will not apply to everyone, but if you can manage it, rather than let your dues roll onto the credit card, prepay your account by check. I send \$500 whenever my account shows a balance due. Accounts with a positive balance still receive statements so you can see and verify your charges monthly. Each one of us who does this will save the Club about \$5/month in card discount expense...over the course of the year it adds up, and as a former banker, I hate to leave money on the table for the banks!

Secretary's Report

by Leslie Anne Iacopi



Previously, each January members received a new membership card which expired at years' end. Going forward, we are issuing new credit card type membership cards. These new cards are similar to a credit card with a magnetic swipe strip on the back containing your membership information (name and membership number). Please bring these cards with you whenever you come to the Club. Your food and beverage purchases will be charged to this card and billed directly to your account.

The cards will not be replaced yearly. If you lose or misplace the card, there will be a \$12.50 replacement fee. Since these cards do not have an expiration date, if you decide to resign your membership, this card must be returned to the Secretary or our General Manager along with a formal letter of resignation. Your membership will not be cancelled and you will continue to be charged dues until the card has been returned.

We believe this new membership card will make all purchases at the Club easier for both our membership and our staff. You should be receiving these cards in the next week along with your new membership roster (which will be continued to be printed and issued yearly.)



GGYC OFFICERS

Meet The New GGYC Director: Richard Lauman



Personal and Professional Background:

I have been linked to the water and boating for my entire life on both coasts and as you will see, I have been very involved with yacht clubs in the Bay Area. Growing up on Long Island, New York I lived less than a half hour from both the Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound and spent most of my free time (or not so free as a summer lifeguard) around the water. I have

been fortunate to be involved with both sail and power boats since my childhood through a combination of family and friends. As a result I was able to sail out of many of the yacht clubs that surround Long Island Sound mostly as crew on a variety of boats including Hobie Cats, Solings, Sonars, J-24s and other larger boats (hard to remember when being the sewer). These experiences at the many yacht clubs exposed me to a great deal of the history and tradition surrounding yachting in general and yacht clubs in particular. I was also very lucky to watch the last two America's Cup events to be sailed out of Newport, Rhode Island – an amazing experience.

Much of my life starting with college was spent focused less on sailing and more on earning my degree in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University, a Masters in Business from Pace University, starting a family and getting firmly entrenched in the electric utility industry where I ended up spending 20 years before moving to California. I had the benefit to work for some great companies during that period – General Electric, Raytheon and the New York Power Authority – all of which exposed me to incredible professional and personal growth opportunities, not to mention being exposed to what it takes to run multi-billion dollar companies or divisions. By the time I left the New York Power Authority I had moved from a technical role to a corporate management role overseeing the planning and budgeting for a \$200 million business unit.

I moved to California approximately 15 years ago and switched to the enterprise asset management software industry

with responsibilities that included managing a very diverse set of clients and staff. After 4 years in that industry I joined a small company as co-owner and was exposed to all the aspects of small business management including the good, the bad and the ugly. My roots in the energy industry were too strong and approximately four years ago I returned to those roots focusing on the energy efficiency and demand response aspects of the industry helping businesses gain competitive advantage through resource management. Again, working with a diverse set of clients continues to enhance my understanding of the multiple business segments and the nuances of each one as they meet their challenges beyond energy.

Yachting and Yacht Club Background:

Since 2000 I have been heavily involved in Bay Area yachting and yacht clubs. It was in 2000 that I purchased a new Tartan 3700 and joined the Encinal Yacht Club. Including a singlehanded trip from Ensenada Mexico to San Francisco I also raced the Tartan in the OYRA racing seasons in the singlehanded division. While a member of Encinal I served on the Membership Committee in 2001-02 and Race Committee from 2000-03 being awarded their award for the most dedicated committee member in 2002.

In 2003 I moved to Marin County and with that move I switched from Encinal to the Corinthian Yacht Club. I continue to race and have expanded to crewing on two Pacific Cups (2004 and 2006) and skippering and crewing on additional boats (Etchells, J-105, and a 1929 Bird) in many buoy races. My volunteer and nominated positions at the CYC include:

- Race Committee – 2003 – 2010 (PRO certified)
- Harbor Committee – 2005-6
- Board of Directors (nominated and approved by the membership) 2006-7

While I have only been a member of GGYC for less than two years I feel like I've been able to play a role and contribute already. Joining the Club was driven by a desire to be able to contribute to the defender of the America's Cup – and not just for a single defense. I've most recently been able to participate as the Principal Race Officer for two GGYC-hosted regattas: the International 18 skiffs and the Open 5.70 West Coast Invitational Regatta and worked with Dave Santori and Gary Salvo to ensure both regattas were successes for both the fleets and the GGYC. I know there are many more regattas planned of similar format and I look forward to my continued efforts in support of them.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Finance Comm - 6:00 pm	3	4 Seaweed Soup Regatta #4 - BR Private Event - CR
5 BRUNCH Super Bowl	6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10 Private Event - CR	11 Private Event - CR
12 BRUNCH PR Comm - Noon Membership Comm - Noon	13	14 2nd Anniversary of Winning the America's Cup CELEBRATION	15	16	17	18 Private Event - CR Private Event - BR
19 BRUNCH	20	21	22	23	24 Member Meeting and Pasta Dinner Private Event - CR	25 Private Event - CR
26 BRUNCH	27	28	29			

MARCH 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Seaweed Soup Regatta #5 - Awards
4 BRUNCH	5	6	7 Latitude 38 Crew Party @ GGYC	8 Private Event - CR	9	10 YOUTH SAILING BENEFIT
11 BRUNCH	12	13	14 Board Meeting	15	16 Private Event - CR	17 Race Clinic St. Patty's Day
18 BRUNCH	19	20	21	22 GGYC Day at Pier 80	23 Private Event - CR	24
25 BRUNCH	26	27	28	29	30 Member Meeting and Paster Dinner	31

CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 2

Finance Committee Meeting

If you are interested in joining the Finance Committee please email treasurer@ggyc.com. Our first meeting of the year will be at 6:00 pm on February 2nd.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Seaweed Soup Regatta #4

Have you picked the winner yet? It is only race four, and there are literally hundreds of sailors out there racing in this event. The first warning gun will be at 11:30 am. The sailor's buffet will be open after racing ... and if you raced then the buffet is FREE! If you didn't race, then it's \$10.00.

Sunday, Feb. 12

PR Committee Meeting

If you are interested in joining the PR Committee please email pr@ggyc.com. This meeting will be held at the Club at NOON.

Sunday, Feb. 12

Membership Committee Meeting

If you are interested in joining the Membership Committee please email membership@ggyc.com. This meeting will be held at the Club at NOON.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

2nd Anniversary of America's Cup Win for GGYC 6:30 pm.

A celebration of our second year as trustees of the America's Cup. The Auld Mug will be on display, there will be live music and great food from an array of stations. Come celebrate the moment that

forever changed the history of our Club. \$45.00 pp. Please RSVP via Evite.

Friday, Feb. 24

Member Meeting and Pasta

Dinner Night. Cocktails at 6:00, a pasta dinner at 6:30 and a brief meeting will be at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$15.00 pp

Saturday, Mar. 3

Seaweed Soup Regatta #5 - AWARDS

Who will be the winner? Who will be crowned as the SOUP KING of the 2011-2012 season? There is only one way to find out. Come down to the Club for a great day of racing, food and awards. You never know who might show up! Sailors Buffet for only \$10.00 for non-racers.

Saturday, Mar. 10

YOUTH SAILING BENEFIT

7:00 - 10:00 pm

You are cordially invited to the Third Annual Youth Sailing Benefit. Remember that this is the primary fundraiser for our youth sailing kids. There will be a live auction and raffle. For a list of just some of the items up for bid, see page 10. Have your photo taken with the America's Cup. Tickets are \$65.00 in advance or \$75.00 at the door. RSVP to youthsailing@ggyc.com. Donations always welcome!

Saturday, Mar. 17

St. Patty's Day

We all have a little Irish in us, so time to wear your green and celebrate St. Patty's

Day. More details in the next issue. 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Thursday, Mar. 22

GGYC Day at Pier 80

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Come down to Pier 80 to tour the ORACLE Racing base and meet some of the team while they are in town to practice. This event is for GGYC Members and their families ONLY. You will need to bring your new GGYC Membership card in order to gain access to the base. More details in the next issue so for now, just save the date.

Friday, Mar. 30

Member Meeting and Pasta

Dinner Night. Cocktails at 6:00, a pasta dinner at 6:30 and a brief meeting will be at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$15.00 pp



Looking for more information about upcoming events at the club? Contact

entertainment@ggyc.com or watch your email inbox for the evite to events. RSVP early as our member events have been selling out.

Club House Hours of Operation:

Thursday / Friday: 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday / Sunday: Noon to 8:00 pm

Club Manager: Bob Mulhern

generalmanager@ggyc.com

Changing Tides:

Editor: Ellen Hoke

Photography provided by Val Santori and Ellen Hoke, unless otherwise noted.

Send submissions, ads, letters to the editor, comments, suggested article or comments to pr@ggyc.com. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month.

TO OPT OUT of the mailed version of Changing Tides, please send your name and email address to PR@ggyc.com.

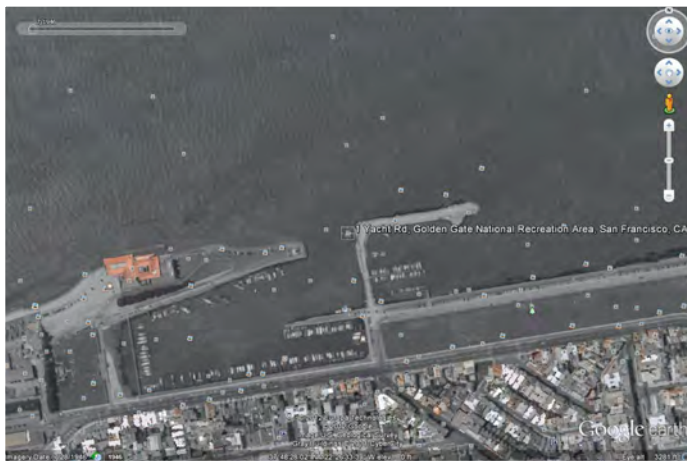
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historical Committee

by Emmanual Uren, History Chair

We have re-constituted the Historical Committee, and hope to produce a brochure or booklet that would be available to visitors by the beginning of next year. It's a tough row to hoe; at this moment, I feel as though I'm lost in a desert searching for an oasis for water – there doesn't seem to be much stuff around. Records are scanty indeed. We do have about 8 people interested in working on the Committee. So, if you have any information, any data, any photos that you think could or should be included in a historical description of the club, please let me know. We are setting up to interview old-timers (who do you think we should interview?); we are waiting for some material from the elder Stern's garage to "analyze"; there's a bunch of Spanish-language clippings from Valencia somewhere, (but where are they?).

While waiting for these data to appear, I've been looking at outside sources like Chronicle, Examiner, and News-Call Bulletin archives. The club started as La Puerta de Oro Yacht Club in 1939 (NOT El Puerto! One means Port, the other means Gate). Here's a 1946 picture (© 2012 Europa Technologies and © 2012 Google) of the waterfront from Google Earth. The Marina Yacht



Harbor entrance was different from how it is to-day, in fact there were two harbors, divided by an extension of Scott Street. One Yacht Road is located right at the right angle of the extension. I haven't found out what the clubhouse was like then.

And below is a tantalizing portion of the May 15th 1941 issue of the Berkeley Daily Gazette – Bud Schaffnit was our 2nd Commodore. I personally wonder what the racing handicap rules are that they mention in the article. They give the impression of being very different from what we use to-day. And are they mixing power boats and sailing boats? The Examiner had a reporter, Harry Borba, who wrote articles about the races at the time.

Clearly, the club's later history features the relationship with the America's Cup organizations. However, the people in Berkeley were talking about having 100,000 spectators lining the Bay hills to



view racing in 1941. Sound familiar? I've never seen that in the 10 years or so that I have volunteered on race management here in the bay. I did see large numbers in Plymouth at the AC World Series.



Did you know the club only came on land in 1959? Leo Cone was Commodore. The club had 100 members. I've heard that the club had a very different culture which we would like to describe in our historical record. It may have to be cleaned up a bit. Apparently, women weren't admitted until the early 1980's and so on. But Ruth Gordon Schnapp became a star in our world and we have some information about her. There's a plaque in the Burgee Room celebrating her as the YRA Person of the Year in 2001. The club runs an annual race in her honor.

I repeat, any information is welcome, why don't I just say desperately needed? Thanks in advance for any assistance and support! And thanks for your attention in reading this.

Contact: historical@ggyc.com

AROUND THE

Membership Committee Report

by Anna Quillen, Membership Chair



December Memberships Hit ALL Time Record

In January, the Board of Directors approved 20 new memberships – an all time record! Thank you for supporting the Club by soliciting new members. We have some stellar new members who are looking forward to getting involved. I encourage you to reach out to them and utilize their talent. Your committee was extremely busy interviewing the applicants and I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Ann Peden, Betty and Otto Stillwachs, Emmanuel Uren, Ray Davis, Pat Salvo, and Chuck Post for their dedication on Saturday and Sunday in helping with the interview process; somehow we managed to get it all done.

Our New Member Reception on Friday, January 13, 2012 was a resounding success. A total of 26 new members were present. Everyone agreed that it was a great way to get to know one another and interact. As usual, Bob did an outstanding job providing us with hors d'oeuvres – thank you. Our next reception is scheduled for July, date to be determined.

With the increase in initiation fees, it will be imperative that we reach out to our friends to solicit membership. Please help us sustain our membership by encouraging them to join. 2012 and 2013 will be an exciting years for the Club and its members. Let's get as many people involved as possible.

Our next Membership Committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 12 at 12:00 noon, breakfast included. I look forward to welcoming new committee members. Please contact me at membership@ggyc.com with any ideas or suggestions as to how to increase our membership. Membership applications are available at the sign-in table or at the bar.

Reminder

**Initiation Fees Increased to
\$2,500 for Regular and
Affiliate Members**

Effective January 1, 2012

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Gregg Anderson:

Regular Family Member

Doug Crowley:

Affiliate Family Member

Susan & Ken Crowley:

Affiliate Family Members

Cristina Schott & Ed Sterbenc:

Regular Family Members

Monique Bricca & Tom Fair

Affiliate Family Members

Ann Draper & Tom Prebil:

Regular Family Member

Kathryn & Don Gordy:

Affiliate Family Members

Carl Hackney:

Regular Family Member

Cary & Ross Heil:

Affiliate Family Members

Paul Holm & Bruce Mahood

Affiliate Family Members

Scott Hunt:

Regular Family Member

Sloan & Bob Klein:

Affiliate Family Members

Jane Lindner & Woody Gibson:

Affiliate Family Members

Scott Page:

Regular Family Member

Kristina & Paul Patton:

Regular Family Members

Lisa & Cliff Perotti:

Affiliate Family Members

Usha Sankara & Matt Cheney:

Affiliate Family Members

Diane & Brian Van Camp:

Affiliate Family Members

Pam & Marcos Weinstein:

Affiliate Family Members

Tim Williamson:

Affiliate Family Members



YOUTH SAILING

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

***** March 10, 2012 *****

Youth Sailing Benefit

by Dave & Val Santori

Our annual fundraiser is THE primary funding source for the Club's youth program. A new invitation is now in the mail. This is the rescheduled event originally planned for the end of October, 2011 to March 10th. A partial list of auction items are listed on Page 11 along with a copy of the invite you should see in the mail.

January and February are always tough, given the cooler weather, shorter days and heavy school requirements. We have three high school teams this year, and completing team rosters for each regatta gets a little harder as student and family schedules change. We started out the season with many solid sailors, but injuries and other priorities temporarily wiped out two teams this winter. Conflicting schedules reduced the Lowell team to only three possible participants for the Rose Bowl Regatta, and two of those, brand new to regatta sailing. We persevered and travelled to Long Beach on a wing and a prayer. The result far outweighed the effort, with a tried & true new skipper and crew for Lowell (complete with sailing experienced Dad), who might have remained in the shadow of other participants had the risky opportunity been missed.

Traveling to Long Beach were Nick Webb, Rebecca Hughes and Sophia Phillips, parents Ken Hughes and Stan Webb, Coach Dan and Val. Lowell's combined scores placed them in the mid lower Silver fleet, overall with some top 10 finishes by our A division team. Only a week later, Nick Webb achieved a 10th place overall out of 25 Gold fleet teams at Richmond's Little Daddy Regatta. Local regattas allow each double-handed team to compete separately, while the regional events average the A&B division scores. Sophia and Rebecca teamed up to compete again at Richmond (RYC), determined to learn as much and as fast as they could, while opportunities last.

We were delighted to have Jonathan Gurdal and Kirsten Guarini join us at RYC to finish mid Silver fleet for Gateway. Jacob Abrahams then returned with his City Arts & Tech team for the Oyster Shell Regatta at Oyster Point Yacht Club, finishing up the January schedule. February brings a

regional regatta for the first time ever to be hosted by Treasure Island Sailing Center, UC Berkeley, Bay Area Youth Sailing and Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association on February 25th and 26th. Teams will be required to have the minimum four students attending the same school, although split teams may be considered if less than 60 teams apply. In March, if we can get the support by sailors and families, we will attend the Gaucho Regatta in Santa Barbara, also a regional regatta.



We are happy to report that all three high school teams were able to meet their five-race requirement to sail in the NorCal Champs regatta which is coming to San Francisco on March 24-25. Be sure and schedule brunch at GGYC that weekend, as we have front row seats to watch and admire our own teams sailing in the Bay in their almost new boats with beautiful new GGYC sails - thanks to the generosity of members and friends like you.

In closing, on the next page is we a partial list of featured auction and raffle items which have been donated or pledged for the March 10th fundraiser, mentioned earlier. To win any item, attendance at the fundraiser will be necessary.

If you or your company has an auction donation or suggestion, it is not too late! All items large and small will be accepted for auction or raffle! A donation of "postage" for thank-you letters would be tremendously helpful (and is tax deductible!) Please email Val at youthsailing@ggyc.com.

Anyone wishing to become directly involved in the youth program should email Dave at rearcommodore@ggyc.com. **Thanks for your support - without it, there can be no program.**



YOUTH SAILING



THE GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB
YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

cordially invites you to attend our

Third Annual Youth Sailing Benefit

Saturday, March 10, 2012
7pm - 10pm

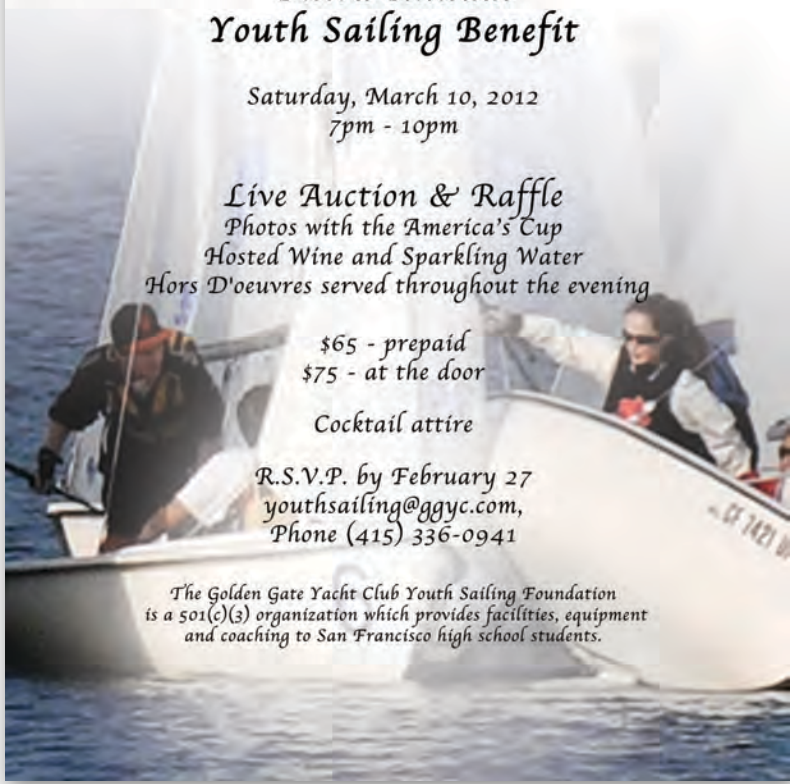
Live Auction & Raffle
Photos with the America's Cup
Hosted Wine and Sparkling Water
Hors D'oeuvres served throughout the evening

\$65 - prepaid
\$75 - at the door

Cocktail attire

R.S.V.P. by February 27
youthsailing@ggyc.com,
Phone (415) 336-0941

The Golden Gate Yacht Club Youth Sailing Foundation
is a 501(c)(3) organization which provides facilities, equipment
and coaching to San Francisco high school students.



AUCTION AND RAFFLE ITEMS

This is just a PARTIAL list of the fabulous items you can bid on and win while supporting our Youth Sailing Foundation! You must be present to bid and win. You DON'T want to miss this!

-  *Guest ride on one of ORACLE Racing's AC45s in-training on San Francisco Bay*
-  *Two VIP passes for America's Cup World Series - San Francisco*
-  *Ride on USA76*
-  *ORACLE Racing Team hat/shirt sets*
-  *Original artwork of ORACLE Racing on San Francisco Bay*
-  *Original glass art by local artisan and GGYC member*
-  *Sailing lessons by OCSC & Modern Sailing Academy*
-  *PGA Professional Golf Lesson(s) and complimentary golf bag (2 donors)*
-  *Assorted premium wines (best we've ever offered)*
-  *Paella Dinner for ten "delivered"*
-  *... plus about 20 other great items including signed books, local vendor services, tours, rides, etc.*

Train Up for the Race Deck

By Gary Salvo, Race Director

The St. Francis Yacht Club will be holding a two day Race Committee University on the mornings of February 25th and 26th from 0900 to noon. Each day a set of instructors will take small teams through the details of Race Committee operations. This will be education on-the-water and aboard-the-boat as well as a bit of class room instruction, with a focus on every team member having a chance to perform each task. Four classes will be provided and time will be given for each team to cycle through all of the classes over the two day period. At the completion of all four classes attendees should be able to participate in almost all aspects of Race Committee operations and be well prepared to attend the

Advanced Race Management seminar put on by US Sailing on their way to certification as a Race Officer.

For those of you who have joined us for Race Committee duty in the past, this is a great way of getting exposure to many of the other pieces of the activity with guidance from some of our best. For those new to the activity, this is a perfect way to sample a bit of everything that goes on and choose which areas of Race Committee really match your personal interests.

The classes will include: Signal Boat Operations, Seamanship, Mark Placement, as well as Race Committee Shoreside & Protest Committee Jury Operations.

Please contact racedeck@ggyc.com if you are interested in attending this seminar.



Seen From Our Scene

By Bright Winn, Port Captain and Amateur Birder

Lesser Scaup / *Aythya Affinis*

One of the most abundant and wide spread of the North American ducks. It is an occasional winter visitor to our estuary, and is often seen over at Crissy Field. Inland one can see them by the hundreds. I see them often while driving north in the water around Candle Stick. They breed and nest in Canada. All of the ducklings hatch in one day and are in the water with the mother within 24 hours. They will land on the water at a high speed and ski across the surface on their extended legs. The Lesser Scaups are monogamous for the season, but mate switching is known to happen during the nesting period. Sometimes a switch results with a female having two males as her nest mates. A common name for the Lesser Scaup by the hunters is "Blue Bill."



© Marie Read

CHANGING TIDES

1 Yacht Road

San Francisco, CA 94123 USA

Trenz Pruca
4321 First Street
Anytown, State ZIP