



THE WHISTLER NEWSLETTER

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We had a wonderful Redwood Regatta over Labor Day Weekend, with warm sunny weather and not much wind. All together, 33 tippy dinghies and their crew turned out for a real test for light-wind sailors (especially for the catamarans) with just enough breeze to keep the boats moving. Only one race had to be cancelled on Saturday due to lack of wind though, and once you cleared the starting area some breeze was to be found most of the time.

Tremendous job done by Garrett Coonrod who wore so many hats, and our entire race committee for a clean competition. The results were done so early on Sunday, we had to honk car horns to get a crowd together for the awards presentation.

A big thank you to Bill & Sharon Hiney for the BBQ mastery, all the cooks [dinner and breakfast], Suzi Hendry our food buyer, and of course Richard Hendry our Regatta Registrar. You and all the other volunteers made it a great event!

Larry Fox. Interim Commodore



AROUND THE MARKS

- by Larry Fox, Vice Commodore -

We had a single-handed keel race on Sept 17th with Curt Brown taking top honors. Our Dinghy race on the 24th turned into a drifter with racing impossible without wind.

We are looking forward to some Fall racing with our second Great Bay Race on Oct 14th and the In-Bay Keel #2 race on Oct 28th. And don't forget the Poker Run for all types of boats, power, paddle and sail, on Oct 1st.

See you out there, Larry.

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DUTCHMAN'S ANCHOR

Nautical term used to describe anything needed that's been left at home. It stems from the tale of a Dutch captain, who commented after his ship had been wrecked that he had a most excellent anchor . . . he just left it at home.

- from *Jack Tar and the Baboon Watch* by Capt. Frank Lanier -

NOW HEAR THIS - - NEW DATE

FLAG OFFICERS' DINNER
Sunday, November 12, 2017

Great Room at Wharfinger Bldg

No-host cocktails at 1800 - Dinner at 1900

Cost per person \$30 - RSVP to Commodore Larry Fox

8-BELLS FOR ROSS KIRWAN

Long-time HYC member and club-photographer Thomas "Ross" Kirwan died in his hometown of Dover, Delaware on Sept. 13th. He was 63. Ross loved to sail his Yankee Dolphin 24, *Belles*, on Humboldt Bay. He was an active member of the club, had served on our Board of Governors, and created the shutterfly "photo gallery" tab on our website. Ross' passion for sailing continued to thrive in retirement on the east coast, as he enjoyed sailing on the Bohemia River to the Chesapeake Bay.

Fair Winds, Ross!



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We have come into the 21st century by adding a credit card checkout to our web page - humboldtyachtclub.org. You can now pay for annual dues, club fees, dinners, and events online. Go to website and hit the pay online tab to see the items. This is a secure site to enter credit card information. We also accept donations!

THE MOST FUN YOU'LL EVER HAVE!

It's that time of year again. At the October potluck, a Nominating Committee will be elected, who will present a slate of willing [?] candidates at the November potluck, for election as the 2018 Board of Governors. If you've never been on the Board, you might inquire about being an 'At Large' member, which is a good way to learn the ropes of the club. If you'd like more information or want to serve on the Board, contact Commodore Larry Fox.

GOVERNORS' MINUTES ON-LINE

Due to popular and over-whelming demand, minutes of the meetings of our Board of Governors from the past two years can now be found on our website humboldtyachtclub.org by logging in at the very bottom of the homepage, and then clicking on the "Members" tab.

keeping a weather eye:

- Oct. 1 Poker Run #2 - 1200 hrs
- Oct, 7 Social Hour - 1700 hrs
- Oct. 10 Board Mtg - 1900 hrs
- Oct. 14 Great Bay Race #2 - 1200 hrs
- Oct. 28 In-Bay Keel #4 - 1200 hrs



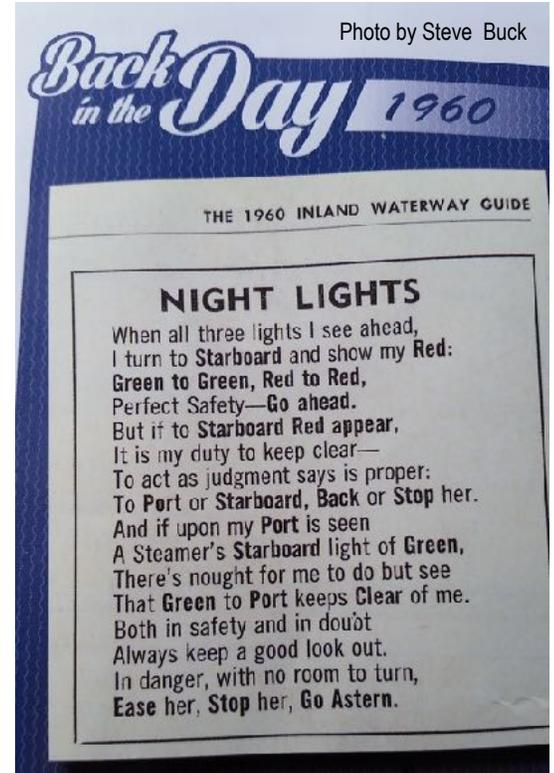
POTLUCK is TUESDAY OCT 3rd at 1900 hrs
Hosted by Stacey Lane
Theme - - Halloween [Costume Parade?]

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Steve Buck, once again on assignment, somewhere on the Great Loop Waterway:



Grafton Harbor Marina, Grafton, IL. The building floats! This is the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.



"Night Lights" from the Great Loop Waterway Guide

THINGS TO REMEMBER!!!!

- by Garrett Coonrod -

- Club membership includes 2 free uses of the clubhouse per year for non-commercial events. The clubhouse is open for commercial events for the low cost of \$25 per hour.
- Our website has a great deal of information related to the club. Contact a board member if you need login information for the members only section. <http://www.humboldtyachtclub.org/>
- You can use your credit card for payment of membership dues, dinners, and bar tabs. See "pay online" tab on our website home page.
- Our Facebook page is a good resource for open communication with members of the club and the sailing community as a whole. <https://www.facebook.com/humboldtyachtclub>
- We have dinghy docks for rent on Woodley Island. Please contact the Port Captain if your interested.
- Please let us know if you haven't received a member card or if the roster doesn't have your correct information, as mistakes happen and fresh eyes on information is very helpful.
- Don't forget the Redwood Regatta on Labor Day weekend. It is our single biggest event of the year and we encourage everyone to come out.

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TRINIDAD'S GLOBAL AIR MONITORING STATION

- by Lee Shore -

That I did not know! At the top of Trinidad Head is a rather unremarkable collection of towers and buildings sheltered behind a phalanx of fences. It is one of only six global monitoring stations maintained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] to measure the baseline conditions of air quality. The others are in remote locations, like the top of the Greenland ice sheet, Barrow Alaska, the top of Mauna Loa in Hawaii, and Antarctica.

Why Trinidad Head? The coastal climate is dominated by maritime influences, with moderate year-round temperatures and moderate-to-high humidity. To the immediate west is the unobstructed Pacific Ocean and to the east are redwood-dominated forest lands. Because it experiences insignificant anthropogenic influences and prevailing maritime flow, it is perfectly suited for basal atmospheric measurements.

Big Lagoon Wind

- by Bruce Braly -

A great lesson on how the wind's direction can be modified by the land around it was again brought home to me on a recent sail at Big Lagoon. We had a dinghy sailing day back in early August. The wind was from the Northwest. I sailed past the point just west of where we camp, where sailboarders launch from. Look at the shape of the lagoon [the race course sheet at right is a good rendition]. As I sailed close hauled from that point on port I was laying the spit to the west. As I sailed along my heading got headed, I was gradually turning to the right. After a while I couldn't lay the spit and was heading more parallel to it.

Now look at that course sheet, see how the wind is bent by the land. The shore line with hills directly behind acts like a

fence and the wind becomes more northerly. This is a header on port tack and becomes a lift on starboard tack.

Sailing to the points gives one a lift going in and a lift coming out, and at Big Lagoon it is a major change in the wind direction. Works perfect for getting to the weather mark at the regatta, that's why I didn't share this until after! The rule is; all things being equal (speed, pointing) the shortest distance sailed is the fastest.

Also, it is interesting how the wind bends the waves such that they go more left to right further down the lagoon because of this change in the wind direction caused by the geography of the land.

