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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- by Wesley Hodges -

June is packed with exciting Yacht Club Weekends starting with In-Bay Keel #4 on June 3rd, followed by Social Hour that evening and Dinghy #1 on June 4th. The Social Hour will be hosted by the Commodore, with street tacos and a Mescal themed drink, stop by after the racing to argue about who had the right-of-way at the mark. Dust off your dinghy for Sunday and get back into sailing small boats to kick off the summer.

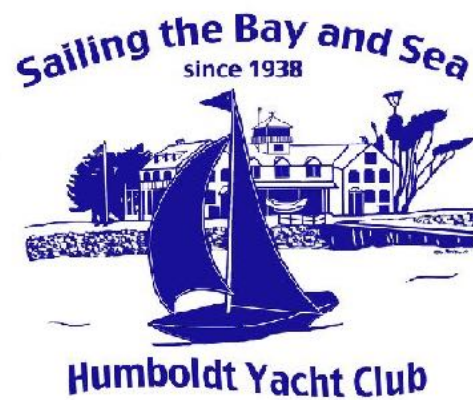
The next weekend has a potluck in the clubhouse and a clubhouse clean-up day. Clean-up day is a good time to take stock of what has accumulated in the clubhouse, you might go home with a new book about sailing or a cool thing for your boat.

Don't miss Fathers Day Dinghy Weekend at Big Lagoon! June 15-19 as we have access to the Old Hammond Homestead for camping, launching, sailing and more. Bring the family and sail with the kids. Or send them off on their own, HYC rescue RIB will be on patrol to help clean up the mess. This is a great opportunity to get advice from seasoned sailors on rigging and sailing your

small boat. RSVP to the Commodore and pay for your campsite on the Yacht Club Website. June 24th is Sailstice weekend recognizing the start of summer and the longest sailing days of the year. Register at Summersailstice.com and submit a picture afterwards. Last year a picture submitted by an HYC Youth was featured and won a prize!

Lots of fun on and off the water, hope to see you there!

~ Commodore Wes



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"WAISTERS"

The old, disabled, or unskilled landsman aboard, who were unable to work aloft and thus normally gathered or mustered on the deck at the "waist" or center of the ship during the workday or shipboard evolutions. Waiters were the lowest members of the shipboard pecking order and thus objects of derision to the rest of the crew. They were assigned to the most menial tasks aboard ship, such as cleaning, swabbing, mess cooking, and the like. The name itself comes from the foul bilge accumulations of deck water, garbage, cargo sweat, etc., that found its way into the center or "waist" of the vessel, there to cause nothing but trouble to real seaman.

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



"A picture is worth a thousand words."



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LET'S THROW OURSELVES A PARTY!

- from the Commodore -

Big Lagoon is ripe for sailing this season, full to the brim, steady Northwesterlies, warm sand and prevailing sunny days. The wind tends to get a little exciting in the afternoon but when the "mid afternoon lull" hits you can take a break in the lee of a sand dune. You really have to be committed to the day to receive all of her gifts, from calm glassy mornings and psychedelic sunsets to the mysteries of the evening creatures that haunt the shore and stars that guide them. Either way you are protected from your sailing folly by Terra Ferma on all sides and a little breeze will drift a turtle to waist deep water.

We got a jump start on our permit request last year and behold, we have a permit to camp on Father's Day weekend at the Old Hammond Homestead! This year the lagoon is up to the high water mark and the boat ramp is a few feet underwater but that won't stop you from launching a dinghy. The Elk have kept the meadow groomed and the site looks amazing.

Contact Commodore Wesley Hodges if you are planning to participate. We really could use a heads up as it helps planning in our heads and regarding heads.

Access begins on Thursday June 15 and ends June 19. Saturday night we will have a campfire/potluck so bring Grandma's

Classic Recipe Cheesecake and your travel banjo/mouth harp. HYC is also seeking to come out cash positive on this fundraiser so we are asking for a \$30 donation per campsite and feel free to book multiple campsites if you bring your friends and their friends' kids friends. Includes 5 days, 4 nights, private camping, exclusive boat launch and trailer parking, a steal of a deal. Pay on the website. Dry camping is recommended, Honey Buckets will be provided by the club.



When: June 15-19 (Fathers Day)

Where: Old Hammond Homestead,

Big Lagoon, Ca (Redwood Regatta Site)

What: Family Camping, Sailing Games, Story Telling, Fun!

Bring the family. Bring a picnic. Bring anything that floats. See you there!

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Demystifying the Outboard Motor:

A Simple Troubleshooting Guide (Part One)

from Bridge Randall - - Courtesy of OCSC Sailing

You've had a great day out on the water sailing and are just about ready to get home. With the marina entrance in sight, you lower your outboard motor and try to start it. ...except nothing happens. Outboard motors (engines) are fairly straightforward, but it's not uncommon for them to have issues. To avoid finding yourself in this situation, here's what you can do to prevent and solve common problems.

What to do when your outboard engine won't start:

1. Check the fuel line connection:
 - a. Is the fuel line attached to the engine securely?
 - b. Is the fuel line being pinched by the locker?
 - c. Is there any pressure in the bulb?
2. Check the gas tank:
 - a. Is the vent open? Only loosen it half a turn.
 - b. Does the tank have gas in it?
 - c. If there is an integral tank on top of the engine, is it switched to the external tank setting on the port side?
3. Check the kill switch:
 - a. Make sure it is attached or the engine will not start.
4. Could you have flooded the engine in your attempts to start it? If so:
 - a. Disconnect the fuel line.
 - b. Push the choke in, open the throttle all the way, and pull the chord several times
 - c. Wait it out for 10 minutes and attempt using the engine Restart procedure without the choke.

How to avoid "flooding the engine:"

The outboard needs a mix of fuel and air to run. If we give excessive fuel to the engine, it will be starved of air, causing it not to start. Most common causes of a flooded engine:

1. Attempting to start the engine more the 3 times with the Choke pulled out. The



choke gives extra fuel to the engine to assist in a cold start. By attempting to start too many times with this additional fuel it will flood.

2. Bulb is pumped excessively. Again, this will send too much fuel to the engine. Don't pump the bulb more than 2 or 3 times.

3. Using the choke when restarting the engine after sailing. You should turn the throttle to "Restart" and NOT pull the choke when the engine has already been running. Using the choke when restarting will increase your chances of flooding the engine.

(Part Two next month)

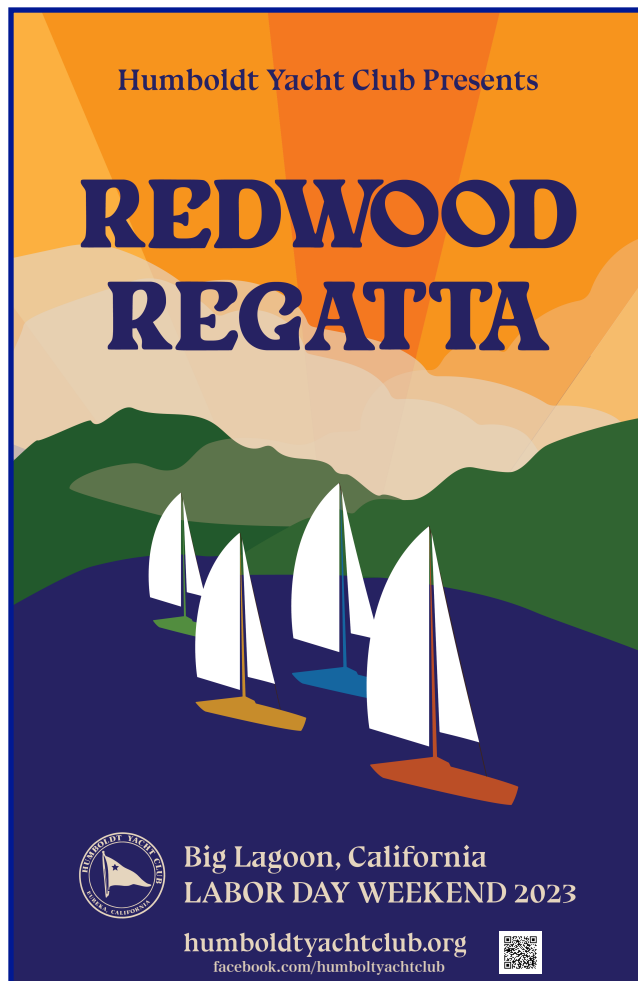
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Better to be on a boat with a drink on the rocks,
than to be in the drink, with a boat on the rocks!

"STRIKE ME BLIND"

Sailor's name for rice pudding with raisins, the implication being you would be struck blind trying to find the raisins supposedly in there. What few raisins were there did double duty, however, as they helped hide the weevils often inhabiting in the ingredients.



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Keeping A Weather Eye:

June 3	Social Hour - 1700 hrs
June 3	In-Bay Keel #4 - 1300 hrs
June 4	Dinghy #1 (In-Bay) - 1200 hrs
June 9	Potluck/Member mtg - 1800 hrs
June 10	Club Rm. Clean-Up - 1000 hrs
June 13	Board of Gov'nors mtg - 1800 hrs
June 17&18	Dinghy #2 at Lagoon- 1300 hrs
June 24	Open House - 1100 hrs

