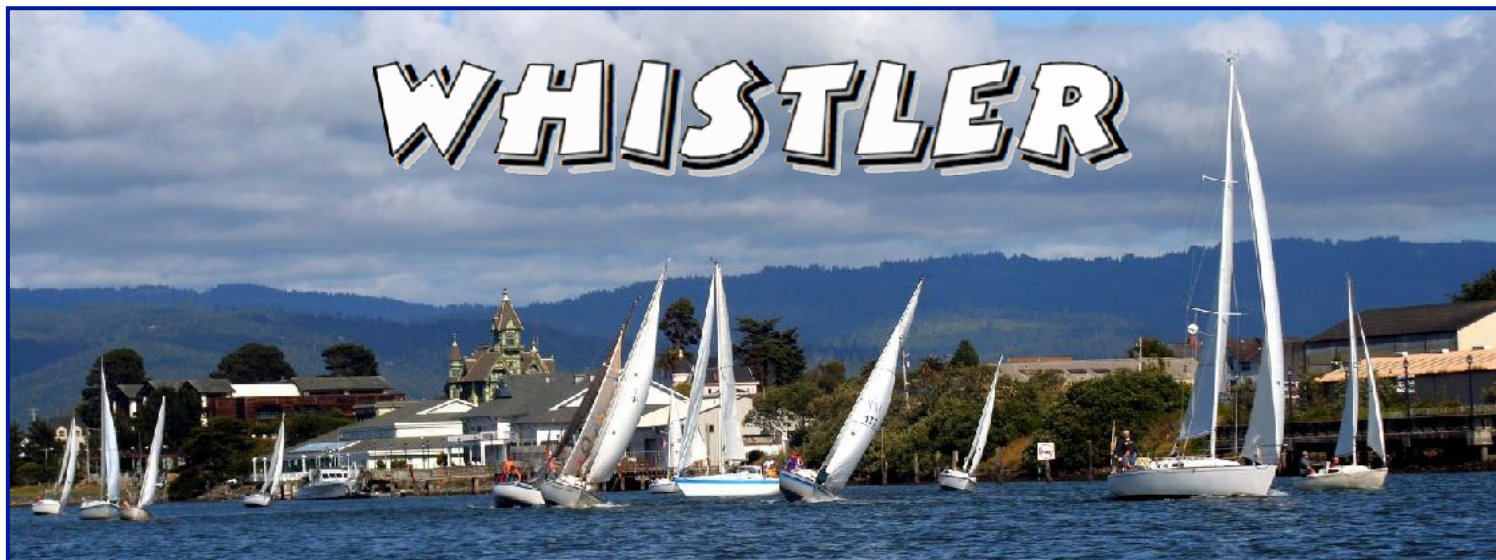
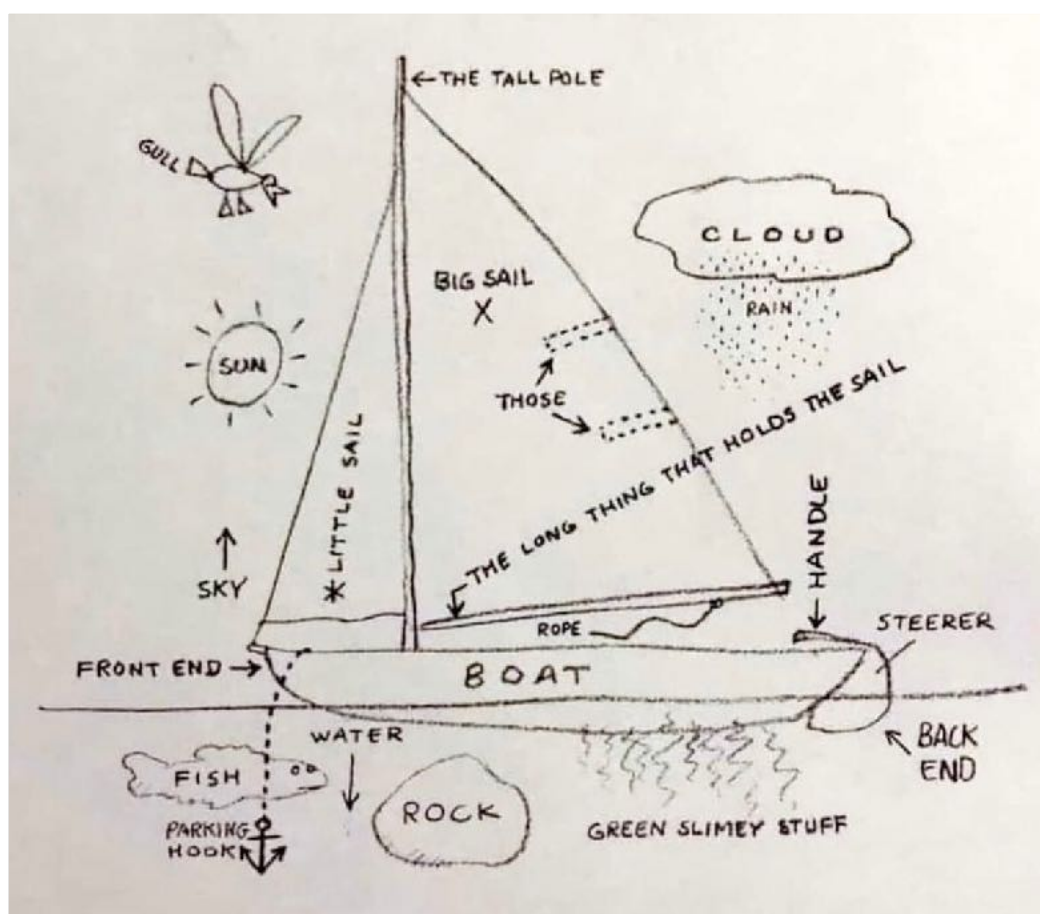


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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- by Wesley Hodges -



WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SAY?

- LIFE'S A REACH AND THEN YOU JIBE -

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POST-REGATTA SAFETY REPORT

- by Past Commodore Bridge Randall -

Safety boat for the regatta was mixed for success. The RIB is perfect for a safety boat. Soft sides, easy to pull someone aboard from the water and safe to push against. The center console lets the driver approach safely with the motor farthest away from a victim or vessel. Unfortunately the old two stroke 9.9 motor was not being very cooperative. Could be lack of use, or the excessive weeds this year. None the less 75 pulls and no start isn't a good safety vessel.

Luckily we had a backup boat, Garrets skiff and the trusty HYC outboard. This vessel works wonders for setting marks and shuttling the race committee. Unfortunately not so good as a rescue boat. I did assist in righting a couple capsized boats, a safety escort and one tow back to the beach. Very challenging with controlling the skiff from the rear while needing to handle business at the bow. Ok but not great.

To resolve this issue I believe we need to purchase a new 4 stroke 9.9 outboard (forward controls and electric start would be magnificent). Throughout the next year we will be having some fundraisers to fund this need for the club. It will be fun as always! Look for the classic thermometer style to see our progress!



BEWARE - - THE POTATO PATCH

[Editor's note: this is taken from an article in *The Northcoast View* monthly magazine dated May 1986, written by then-club member Scott K. Ryan.]

Sailing experience and competent seamanship not only make sailing more pleasurable, but safer, too. That's important, because sailing is definitely a recreation with an element of danger.

"You never know what will happen with the weather - - the fog could roll in," Tonya Rickman [then-Commodore] said, and most sailboats have no radar to navigate through fog. In addition to extreme weather, sailors must consider the body of water they're navigating and current conditions.

"Humboldt bar at the entrance of the bay is very tricky, and there's only a narrow channel that is safe" Rickman said. *"You've got to zig-zag out among other sailboats and fishing boats"* she said, adding, *"if you can come in and talking Humboldt Bay, you can pilot anywhere."*

Prominent local sailor Jim Christopher said that the most common hazards are rather benign, such as running around. But more serious concerns do exist. Humboldt Bay has, at times, notoriously strong currents.

And, undeniably, crossing Humboldt bar and passing through the channel can be dangerous. Two-thirds of the channel along the north jetty is reverentially referred to as the "potato patch" because it's often fierce and roiling waters. Large waves often break in that part of the channel.

During an HYC keelboat race in June 1982, one skipper found himself caught within the potato patch. He took a wave broadside,

which crushed his boat and killed a crew-member.

Christopher lamented the tragedy and stress the importance of staying clear of that part of the channel. *"By the time you realize a wave is coming, it's too late,"* he said. Fortunately, such tragedy has been rare throughout the history of the yacht club.

WELCOME ABOARD

Maritza Guzman & Jason Benton

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

A Nominating Committee consisting of the Commodore plus three members will be elected by a majority vote of those members attending the October meeting. That committee will present a slate of consenting members at the November potluck to be the next Board of Governors, at which time the floor will be open for further nominations. Election will be on written ballot by a majority vote of members present at the November meeting. Successful candidates are installed at the Flag Officers' Dinner.

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REDWOOD REGATTA



R E S U L T S

MULTIHULL

- 1 - Michael Butler
- 2 - David Peltier
- 3 - M Andrew Townley

HOBIE 16

- 1 - Matt Lambert
- 2 - Wesley Hodges
- 3 - Todd Morrill

HP DINGHY

- 1 - J Denton
- 2 - Bruce Braly
- 3 - Tom Gast

LP DINGHY

- 1 - Michael Love
- 2 - Brad McCabe
- 3 - Lee Dedini

SNIPER

- 1 - Tom Hunt
- 2 - Chris Watt
- 3 - Andy



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COSTUMES AT POTLUCK

We invite you to wear a costume to the potluck / general membership meeting on Friday the 13th. A long-standing tradition that faded away with the onset of Covid, you should celebrate the month of October culminating in All Hallows Eve.

PIRATE HUMOR

by Captain Jactar

Two pirates, Spike and Bart, meet in a bar. Spike has a patch over one eye, a hook for a hand, and a wooden peg leg. "Ye gads, matey" says Bart. "What happen'd to ye?"

Spike says "Me pirate ship was attacked, and a lucky shot lopped off me leg. So now I got me a wooden leg."

"And yer hand?" asks Bart.

"When me ship sank, a shark bit off me hand, so now I got me a hook."

"OK, but what's with the eye patch?"

"I was standin' on a dock, when the biggest seagull I ever seen poops right in me eye."

"But ya' don't go blind from no seagull poop!" says Bart.

"True" says Spike, "But it was me first day with a hook."

Oysters - - A Fund Raiser

The HYC on-line calendar shows that the social hour this month will be at Oyster Bay in junction with Dinghy Weekend there.

Please take notice of a change on location. The Social Hour will be at the club, starting as usual at 1700 hrs. We will be having a fundraiser - - our safety boat needs a new outboard engine.

Please come and join in and bring your appetite. There will be raw and barbecued oysters. The plan is to have 10-dozen Oysters! Time for some Fall drinks and good company, too. Save the date!

NOTICE OF VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGE MOVING POTLUCK TO 1st TUESDAY

At the potluck on October 13th, there will be a vote whether to move the potlucks / general membership meetings back to the first Tuesday of each month (no potlucks in Jan. & Sept). To pass, two-thirds of the members present must vote aye. If approved, the change would start with the February 2024 potluck.

Keeping A Weather Eye:

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| Oct. 7 & 8 | Oyster Bay Weekend - 1200 hrs |
| Oct. 7 | Oyster Fund-raiser at Clubroom - 1700 hrs |
| Oct. 10 | Board of Gov'nors Mtg - 1800 hrs |
| Oct. 13 | Potluck / Membership Mtg - 1800 hrs |
| Oct. 21 | Single-handed Keelboats #4 - 1300 hrs |

