



COMMODORES' COMMENTS

- BY NANCY RANDALL & ANJIE MCCABE -

As we dive into March, it's hard to believe how swiftly February raced by, almost like a Groundhog Day loop of time. Let's reflect in the fleeting moments and embrace the new possibilities this fresh month brings. It was a busy month with two successful clinics. Will Bagnell shared some common-knowledge as well as some special nuggets on how to feed and care for your boat's outboard. Bill Wickman shared some great anchor knowledge, along with some of his past adventures and what can happen on the hook in the Med. Thank you both for your time and passing on knowledge to help us sailors become better at we do!

Our first Bingo night was a success! We had a spaghetti feed and played a number of bingo games. Fun was had by all and Nancy's spaghetti was delicious! You know it's a good time when everyone ends the evening talking about our next fundraiser event! Thank you to all who came out to join and donate. We can't meet our goals without you!

March 1st, we have put together two teams that will "Bowl for Kid's Sake" at Harbor lanes. If you wish to donate let Commodore Anjie know and she can work out the details. It's going to be a fun way to give back to our Humboldt community, along with getting our club out in a different light.

Speaking of light, Daylight savings is around the corner and with this, that means our FOG races will begin on Wednesday nights starting March 13th @ 6pm.

Don't forget to attend social hour March 2nd at the club house starting at 5pm - - Will Bagnell will be hosting. It's always a great time to meet and greet! March 3rd , is the Great Bay Race #1 @ 1pm.

Our first weekend in March starts the theme of another busy month as we head into Spring. We'll be having another fundraiser March 21st for the outboard, so if you missed the one in February don't fear you can come see what it's all about and join in the fun! More details to come. Saturday, March 23rd at 1pm is the Single-handed Keel #2 race and Saturday March 30th @1pm is the In-Bay Dinghy # 1 race. This concludes the races for March! Phew, another busy month of racing.

Mark your calendars for March 30th for Clubroom Clean Up day. This is also at 1pm. Reach out to the Commodores if you're interested in helping. Many hands make light work. Until next time, embrace the renewal of Spring and the boundless potential it brings.

Co-Commodore Anjie

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FOG RACES MOVING AGAIN

Daylight Savings begins on March 11th, which means that the HYC non-sponsored FOG Races return to Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the first race on March 13th.



IF YOU CAN'T TIE A KNOT - TIE A LOT

GREAT BAY RACE

March 3rd, 1:00 p.m.

The Great Bay Race is one of several races that is open to the general public. Courses for the race vary from year to year, but generally they begin between the HYC flagpole and marker #19. Racers then head south down the bay and return back to the yacht club for the finish.

This is a pursuit race where the slowest boat starts first and every boat has her own start time depending on her handicap. Everything else being equal, all boats should finish at the same time, so the first one to cross the finish line is the true winner.



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THE ISLAND YACHT CLUB

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Following the “shocking and revolting,” in Bret Harte’s words, massacre at the Wiyot village on the former Indian Island, now Tuluwat, in February of 1860, the few survivors were removed to, or sought refuge at, Fort Humboldt. They were subsequently relocated to the Smith River or Klamath reservations, while German immigrant, Robert Gunther, then 29, spent the next 40 years developing what was, in white eyes, his property. With difficulty (“...after more than 10 years, I got a dyke to stand...”), he drained the northeastern part of the island to create grazing land for his herd of Frisian dairy cattle. He sold off two parcels to timber companies, which built the Jones and the Cousins Mills on the Eureka-facing shore, opposite F St. Another decade, saw a shingle mill, shipyard, dry dock, and 400 foot long “marine railroad” on the little island. Gunther died in 1924.

Recreation followed industry. In 1904, the Sequoia Yacht and Boating Club raised money for the construction of an expensive clubhouse, facing Eureka, adjacent to the park on which, 60 years later, Bob Imperiale (of *Imperiale Square* on Second Street) built his iconic round-windowed home. Today, virtually nothing remains of the clubhouse save for a few rotting pilings ready to snag unwary layers and the boiler that once heated an indoor swimming pool. Back in the day, however, day-trippers enjoyed facilities that included a gym and a tennis-cum-handball court. Not forgetting boating - - many yachts were stored there, starting the tradition of Wednesday evening sailing on the bay that persists to this day.

The swimming pool (which is probably still there, filled with sand from subsequent

dredging) was built “in ship fashion” from redwood planks with oakum (tarter fiber) in the seams. Its depth ran from 3 feet to 9 feet, with two diving platforms. According to a letter published 40 years ago in the *Humboldt Historian* magazine from old-timer Neil Price, “There were those with bravado who dove from the rafters when the caretaker was not present... The swimming suits were of dull, grey cotton which extended from neck to knee.” The pool was heater from a boiler that ran on oil transported from the mainland on one of Walter Coggeshall’s barges.



Maintenance led to a fire on February 5, 1913. Then pool had been drained for recaulking, leaving the heating stove unattended. The fire was soon extinguished and damage to the adjacent buildings was mostly repaired within a few months. In the early '20s, the facility was still intact except for a tennis court, but it all subsequently fell into disuse and disrepair. Finally, a violent storm in February of 1940 caused what was left of the clubhouse to tumble into the bay. Today, a huge Monterey pine occupies the space where Eureka's came for R&R 100 years ago.

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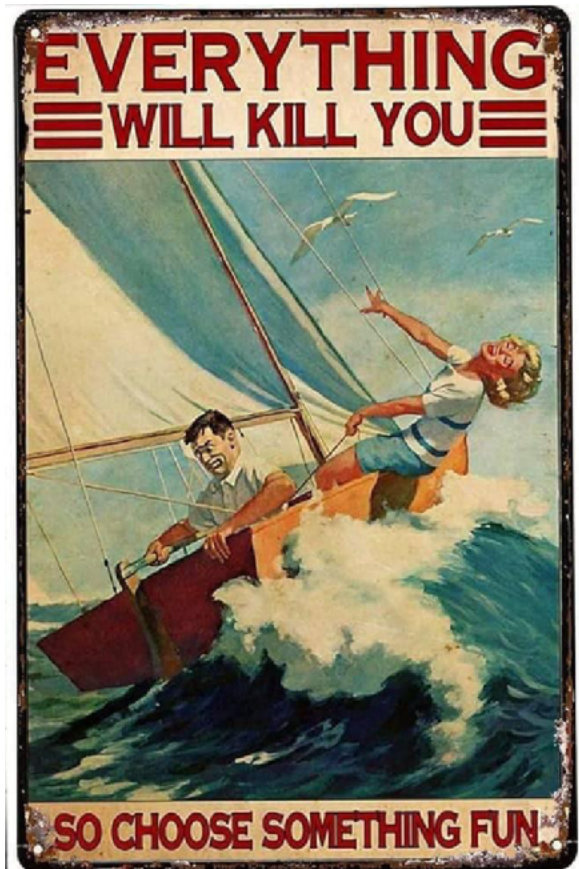
IN-BAY DINGHY #1

Yo, all you skippers of those tippy dinghies, our first in-bay race of the year is on Saturday March 30th with the first shape at 1300 hrs.

WAISTERS

The old, disabled, or unskilled landsmen aboard who were unable to work aloft and thus normally gathered or mustered on deck at the "waist" or center of the ship during the workday or shipboard evolutions. Waistlers were the lowest members of the shipboard pecking order and thus subjects of derision to the rest of the crew. They were assigned the most menial tasks aboard the 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 seamen.

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



keeping a weather eye:

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| Mar. 1 | Bowl for Kids' Sake - 1300 hrs |
| Mar. 2 | Social Hour - 1700 hrs |
| Mar. 3 | Great Bay Race #1 - 1300 hrs |
| Mar. 5 | Potluck & Member Mtg - 1800 hrs |
| Mar. 12 | Board of Gov'nors Mtg - 1800 hrs |
| Mar. 21 | Fundraiser Night - 1800 hrs |
| Mar. 23 | Single-handed Race #2 - 1300 hrs |
| Mar. 30 | Club Room Clean-Up - 1300 hrs |
| Mar. 30 | In-Bay Dinghy #1 - 1300 hrs |

NOW HEAR THIS:

NEW RACE REQUIREMENT

Waiver & Release of Liability Form

- for all skippers and their crew -

For the 2024 racing season, all skippers and each of their crew must sign a one-time form acknowledging the inherent risks involved in sailboat racing and releasing the yacht club from any liability.

This form is available at any pre-race Skippers' Meeting, and must be on file before participating in any sanctioned yacht club racing event.

