



## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- BY LARRY FOX -

### *Happy May all you yachties!*

Oh, it's May, as in, may I go Sailing and the answer of course is, yes you may.

We've had some great sailing earlier this spring with some tight racing throughout the fleet!

Normally we get along swimmingly but the other weekend we had a little disagreement that we're calling "smoke on the water." I volunteered to be the race committee for in-Bay, Keel boat racing and I decided that after two races we had sailed enough that day and called the racing finished.



However, Wes, Bridge and Darren decided to sail one more race. I called it a pirate race and refused to officially score it. Wes said, what do you mean? Just because two boats retired early doesn't mean three boats can't keep on racing! As race committee, I stuck to the principle that the race committee is always right. I think all is forgiven now.

We're looking forward to some great sailing in May with our in-Bay Keelboat series continuing on May 2 and the unofficial Wednesday night FOG races at 6, all month long!

We race to Trinidad and back over the May 16-17 weekend so come on out all Ocean going boats to challenge open water! And, we will probably have a group of trailer sailors enjoying some warm weather at the Whiskeytown Lake regatta over the Memorial Day weekend!

Brad and Anjie kick off the May party season by hosting our Social Hour on Saturday, May 2 at 5PM. Our Cinco de Mayo potluck follows on May 5 at which we'll have an important vote to slightly amend our Yacht Club Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed, amended document has been emailed to the members. It corrects the error of Friday potlucks rather than Tuesdays and also cleans up some antiquated language that occurred in other spots in the document. All in all there's no significant change in our Constitution or Bylaws, but to amend it, requires a 2/3 vote of the members present at the Potluck and Business Meeting.

We're excited to welcome new members Heather Levy and Skyler Giordano. Skyler's already joined us for a Wednesday night race with his Capri 16 and Chris and Alexa have brought their new boat up from Southern California with Steve Buck's help.

Feels great to enjoy some warmer weather!  
***See ya out there, Larry***

# WHISTLER

## The April Racing Scene



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## *A Favorite Place!* *Siracusa (Syracuse) Sicily*

*In June* of 2015 we were lucky to spend a few weeks with SV Airstream anchored in the lovely and very well protected bay of the ancient city of Siracusa, Sicily.



Today the old portion of the modern city of Siracusa, Ortygia, is one of the nicest urban areas whose streets we've ever wandered. There's a wonderful market set behind the ruins of the ancient temple of Apollo. Many streets are too narrow for automobiles. There are some beautiful churches and piazzas and cafes and trattorias hidden within courtyards. It's one of the nicest of cities, full of character, good food and sweet people.



We had some nice walks in the city, the cathedral is very nice enclosing the original Doric columns of a 6th Century BC temple to Athena. Its easy to get

pleasantly lost in the neighborhoods. There are a couple small marinas on the peninsula but the bay is the place for most cursing boats.



There is layer upon layer of recorded history dating back at least three thousand years. For a boat anchored in the bay the history of the place is especially interesting. A few hundred yards to the west the shoreline is still low lying and undeveloped beach. On those beaches in the winter of 413 BC the last surviving Athenian ships were run ashore and burned after losing a desperate sea battle within this small bay to the combined forces of Syracuse and Sparta. It had been the last chance for the Athenian force to save itself and escape their disastrous invasion attempt. The seven thousand or so survivors of the thirty thousand invaders were rounded up soon after. The leaders were executed despite promises of mercy to them and their troops. The remaining forces were imprisoned in a stone quarry where they were systematically starved and tortured to death. Very, very few of the Athenians who had departed a year earlier ever returned home. It was a debacle of almost twentieth century proportions.

The island of Sicily itself is full of beauty and history and getting around, we rented a car and spent a few weeks driving, is surprisingly easy. Especially with the use of Google Maps! ***It's a very special Mediterranean destination.***

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Today < > May 2026							Month
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2	
			6pm FOG Race @6			2pm In Bay Keel 5pm Social Hour	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		6pm Potluck	6pm FOG Race @6				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
		6pm Board Meeting	6pm FOG Race @6			11:30am Trinidad North @11:3	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
11:30am Trinidad South @ 11:			6pm FOG Race @6			Whiskeytown Regatta	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Whiskeytown Regatta			6pm FOG Race @6				
31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6	
		6pm Potluck	6pm FOG Race @6			2pm Single Handed #1 5pm Social Hour	



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**Welcome Aboard  
New Members!**

**Heather Levy  
Skyler Giordano**

**And Chris and Alexa Myers'  
new boat  
Meriaki**

