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Commodore's Notes Fred Gibson

Accounting – The Digital Way

The TIYC is now officially using Quickbooks for all of the club's accounts. A process started a few years ago by Sandy Aberer and Joyce Waters, we finally have every transaction digital for the past fiscal year. Although the conversion took many long hours, the excellent accounting work by Wil Debrunner made the process much smoother than I had first thought it would be. With this new system, we can get a real-time view of the financial health of the club and understand which programs work and which do not. We can forecast budgets and focus our efforts where they benefit our members the most. The financial reins have now been passed to **Fred W. "The Admiral" Gibson as our new Treasurer**, so please submit all accounting items to him. Many thanks to Jim and Sandy Aberer for donating Quickbooks 2006. Also, if anyone has a spare computer or two with Windows XP installed on it, the club could use them as we need to upgrade with the new software. The bottom line is: The club is doing well financially and shows a good net profit for the year thanks to our excellent members.

Saturday Nights

Next year, *Saturday Nights* at the club will be even better: Nathan Beckett has founded a new race series around the Island that will culminate in a BBQ at the club. See Nathan's article for the details and stop by

on a Saturday to hear the tall tales and war stories of racing around our beautiful island or simply to enjoy our clubhouse and socialize with other members and club visitors. Also, Treasure Isle's impressive harbormaster will let us "spruce up" our slip: We have permission to paint our colors on the edge of the slip and put our name down as well as post signs for the slip. If you are interested in helping with the slip beautification effort, please let me know.

Free Dues?

One of the keys to making the TIYC even better for our members is to bring more members into the club thus expanding what we can do as a club. To that end, we have an excellent way for you to save money and help the club at the same time: sign up new members. If you bring a new member into the club, you don't have to pay for one quarter of dues.

Coming Attractions

Although the boating season is almost over, there is still more fun to be had at the TIYC. If Reg Smith's sold out Steak and Lobster New Members & Patrons dinner last month is any indication, please sign up early to make sure you get a seat at the Annual General Meeting & **Election Dinner** this coming Saturday November 18th. Not only can you socialize with the excellent members at the club and vote for our new officers for 2007, but you can enjoy Salmon or Steak dinner as well as the ever popular Lighthouse bar. (Please see attached notice). Also, one of the most popular events of the year will happen on Saturday January 6th:

The Change of Watch and Annual **Crab Feed**. George Knies will be hosting this excellent dinner which commonly completely sells out, so sign up early! (Please see attached notice) I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

TIYC Halloween Party

Reg Smith

As I was eating an eyeball, I watched as Sophia Gibson, our youngest member, munched on a half finger. The fun didn't stop there.

Atta and Alice Pilram, Faye and Pete Roberts, Sharron Harper and my wife Debrenia joined Commodore Fred and Daniela Gibson, along with a reluctant Sophia (who later stayed up late to help her dad with the TIYC accounting) and enjoyed pumpkin pie, pesto pasta, cupcakes, and chili, and haunting evening entertainment.

Although we had to force everyone to leave to 10 p.m. so that we would have people willing to work at the Sunday work day, everyone had a ghoulish time!

Fall Work Day October 29, 2006

Reg Smith

As TIYC member Rich Holden said, "Mary and I really enjoy work parties: it's a great time to get to know a few folks better since you spend a few hours together."

It was an honor and a pleasure to further get to know TIYC members Pete and Faye Roberts, new member Sharron Harper and Alice Pilram who joined me and my wife Debrenia. Although small in number, we were able to get all of the tasks slated for the day accomplished, including:

1. Repainting the Treasure Island Yacht Club sign above the doors.

2. Painting the chain around the TIYC footprint
3. Cleaning the worn out carpet
4. Cleaning the refrigerator and galley area
5. Putting up a new bulletin board to announce TIYC events



Pete Roberts gives the TIYC sign the once over Photo by Reg Smith

Starting at 9 am, the crew worked until 4 pm completing all of the tasks. The clubhouse now looks 100% better, and I hope that if you get a chance, you will thank those individuals who gave up their Sunday for the betterment of the Treasure Island Yacht Club. **Thank you!!!**



(L-R) Faye Roberts, Debrenia Madison, and Alice Pilram take a well deserved break from, respectively, refrigerator cleaning, chain link painting and galley cleaning Photo by Reg Smith

Patron and New Member Dinner

by Reg Smith

TIYC had an opportunity to honor the members that have kept the Club going as well as new members that have given us added vitality. Thanks to members of the Delta Sportsmen's Yacht Club, Encinal Yacht Club, Ebony Boat Club, and the Village West Yacht Club, the dinner was sold out three days prior to the event!



Sold out Steak and Lobster Fleet Week Dinner welcomed Encinal, Ebony, Village West and Caliente Island Yacht Clubs. Photo by Reg Smith

The Club honored 25 year plus members Dave and Barbara Adams, Club Manager Joyce Waters, and Sunshine Chair Jean Reith.



Twenty Year plus members Dave Adams, Club Manager Joyce Waters, Sunshine Chair Jean Rieth and Barbara Adams (seated) celebrate over twenty-five years with TIYC! Photo by Reg Smith

New members John McBride and his mother, Sharon Harper, helped the Club celebrate during a beautiful fleet week weekend. Many thanks to Ray and Maureen Zahnd, Joyce Waters, Joanna Nevesny, Alice Pilram, and Sharon Harper for their efforts in making this one of the most well attended events of the year!



New members Sharron Harper and son John McBride join in the Fleet Week celebration Photo by Reg Smtih

CALIFORNIA BOATING LICENSE

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George Knies

I am in favor of Recreational Boater education classes, i.e. US Coast Guard Auxiliary BS&S courses. A Cal Boating License Program has to emphasize Safety through comprehensive quality education and enforcement, and guarantee adequate funding in order to accomplish this end. I am confident that everyone who has taken to the water anywhere in the Bay Area would agree, especially those of us experiencing the wakers and the speeders in the Delta and in and around local harbors and marinas that a mandatory Boaters Education and Training Program is long overdue. It is my understanding that there are certain factions

in California that are going to press for Recreational Boating Licensing. Let's look

at the pros and cons; first take the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary out of the equation and dwell on State, County, and City Marine Patrols (water law enforcement). How many times in the past six months have you seen a State, County or City Marine Patrol vessel?

Since I have a lifetime of boating experience, which includes more than 35 years in California and Florida, I would like to compare State Boating Safety Programs, Water Law Enforcement activities and resources between those two States.

- **Florida** issues a Boating Safety Education I.D. Card, proof that a boater has successfully completed a boating safety course. It is mandatory that all persons under the age of 21 years complete the classroom course or other approved course. Those persons over the age of 21 years of age convicted of a boating violation or boating accident must attend a classroom course – correspondence or online course completion is not acceptable. Thirty-four states have Recreational Boating License Requirements, most of which follow Florida’s template.
- **California** None.
- **Florida** The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission issues the aforementioned I.D. card at a nominal fee.
- **California** would probably create another bureaucracy to oversee the process and charge an exorbitant fee along with a user tax.
- **Florida** On a typical weekend of on-the-water activities in Fort Myers Beach, Naples and Marco Island, on the Bays, the Inner Waterways and along the Gulf of Mexico Coast, you would encounter State Marine Patrols, County Marine Patrols, and in the city jurisdiction City Marine

Patrols. They are ever-present, because they are well funded.

- **California** The majority of time, I rarely encounter similar patrols here in California, except during special marine events or reported mishaps and response to criminal activities.

In the event that California passes a Recreational Boating License program, I hope that it will have Boating Safety Education as it’s primary purpose and that it is not just another money generating/bureaucratic scheme. California has failed miserably in enforcing recreational vessel registration. The next time you go out take a look at the boats in your Marina, Boat Ramp, etc and count the number of California expired decals, out-of-state expired decals and derelicts creating an eyesore and a hazard. California should mandate their current Recreational Boating Registration program by *enforcing* current laws before they attempt to initiate a Recreational Boating License program in name only with little or no public water safety training and *enforcement*.

New ULSD fuel

Don Mibach

After sitting on the sideline watching owners of gasoline engines deal with ethanol, diesel owners will soon be filling their tanks with Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuel. Should diesel owners be worried? With older engines, ones built before 1993, the answer is maybe; there could be problems with shrinking seals. Owners of these older engines will need to inspect things like injection pumps for telltale streaks on the side of the engine.

The biggest change with ULSD, however, is in the lubricity of the fuel. Injectors and pumps are lubricated by diesel fuel, and removing sulfur from diesel fuel reduces its lubricity. That could create huge problems, but refiners are required to add

lubricity back into the ULSD. Experts don't anticipate major problems. For those who are still concerned, a lubricity enhancer can be added (a small amount of biodiesel works well).

Like ethanol, ULSD may dislodge deposits from the fuel tank and require more frequent fuel filter changes, at least initially. The price of ULSD is expected to be slightly higher and ULSD has slightly less energy, although most users won't notice the difference. Another point worth mentioning: Starting in 2007, some marine diesels may need to use the new low-ash SAE CJ-4 oil (check your owner's manual). Note that the CJ-4 is OK for use in older diesels.

Island Series

Nathan Beckett

Treasure Island Yacht club will be hosting an eight race series next year around the Island. The race will be called the Island Series and will consist of 8 races from March to October. These races will be posted in the YRA Master Calendar. The dates are 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/15, 10/13. We will also be hosting an after race barbecue and open the light house bar to visit with racers and interested members. I think this is an excellent opportunity and location to have a summer beer can series and open our club to monthly race event. In addition to the Island series, summer sailstice, Schreiber cup, PICYA, and Interclub Series, we will have a great racing line up to look forward to next year. Over the course of the winter, I would like to compile a list of skippers, crew, and committee so please send me and email or call if you have interest. Thank you so much and let me know if you have any ideas how to make it better!

Let's get some boats on the water!!!

Nathan Beckett

TIYC Regata Chair

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Ballena Bay Cruise Out 2006: "What a Wonderful World"

Reg Smith

"It just doesn't get any better than this," I thought as I pushed off and headed toward Ballena or "Whale Bay" as it was called long ago. The weather on Friday, October 20th was almost perfect, with the temperature around 75 degrees and the current flooding so that the lack of demonstrable wind didn't hinder my progress toward Alameda. I only wished that others could experience this great day, and fully understand what beckons folks to sea.

With music blaring, I couldn't have been more content as I floated toward Ballena Bay. My only concern was a leaking raw water pump which I rationalized wouldn't be a problem because I could sail in and take a bus to visit Barbara, the manager at Golden State Diesel, who always knows what it takes to get you back out on the water again. After three hours and barely a trace of wind, I was approximately a mile away from Ballena Bay. If not for the masts sticking up in the marina, I may have gone past the marina altogether, but that sight was unmistakable.



Native Sun enters Ballena Bay (City of Oakland in the Background.) Photo by Reg Smith

I had been assigned slip E-23 by Ballena Bay's wonderful port captain, Lowell Crow. Lowell is giving up his position this year, and he will be sorely missed. Because the slips are not marked for those entering Ballena Bay, I ended up in slip E-21. I quickly realized my mistake, and moved to the next slip over.

I had promised the folks at Alameda Yacht Club in Fortman marina that the Club would visit them. This necessitated me taking the bus to San Francisco and then to Treasure Island to pick up my car. I found my way around the Island and caught the #63 bus which delivered me to Fruitvale Bart Station. After checking my email at work, I caught another bus to the Transbay Terminal and made it to back to Treasure Island to get my car.

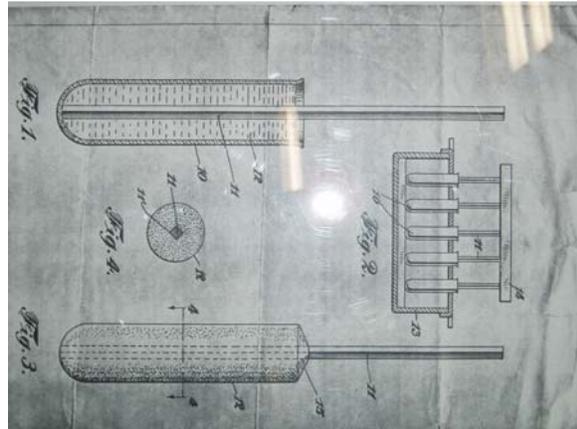
The trip back to Alameda was quick and easy. I checked Native Sun and admired her new berth, then drove to the Alameda Yacht Club. The Club had been most generous and had planned a poker night just for TIYC. I was most appreciative when Rear Commodore Desmond Thorsson and his wife Laura showed up to prove that TIYC was not just a mirage!



TIYC Rear Commodore Desmond Thorsson and wife Laura join the card tables at Alameda YC Photo by Reg Smith

The next day I woke up to enjoy the wonderful weather, and after breakfast headed toward the Alameda museum. Although this was my third cruise-out to

Ballena Bay, I had never visited the Alameda museum. I enjoyed my time there, learning that the "popsicle" was created by Alameda resident Frank W. Epperson at the Neptune Beach Fireman's ball. His son stated in a letter that originally he called his concoction an Ep-sicle, but his kids loved his invention, and called it a "pop" sicle. Frank eventually received patent # 1505592.



Visit to the Alameda Museum turns up origin of the Popsicle! Photo by Reg Smith

After picking up a few video's at the museum (including gardening tips with Sunset magazine) I went back to the new Pier 29 Restaurant, which replaced Mario's Seafood Restaurant. I met Pacific Interclub Yacht Association Commodore Manny Mier and discussed our plans for visiting Valencia, Spain for the 32nd America's Cup. My wife Debrenia had just returned from Valencia and we decided to get live aboard a 40 foot catamaran, called a Nauticat. We plan to practice aboard a catamaran on San Francisco Bay so that we can follow the America's Cup boats out on the race course. Staff Commodore Earl Ansley and "the Admiral," Fred W. Gibson have made reservations to go to Spain the week of May 12-19th. There is currently one additional space available.

On Saturday night, I attended the Ballena Bay Yacht Club's meatloaf contest and ended up as one of the judges. The meatloaf I voted for ended up in first place,

but I can't complain about the early appetizer. My wife joined me that evening and I got two friends to help me bring the boat back to Treasure Island. Again, the conditions were perfect (there was even wind!) and with a favorable current, we were able to make it back to Treasure Island in less than three hours.

As we made it back to Treasure Island, all I could think of was the perfect sailing conditions and what a wonderful world this is!

NOAA charts online

Don Mibach

Well, here's some good news, NOAA has made all of its charts for the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf, Alaska, and Great Lakes available online for free. These are complete charts--hundreds of them--with all of the useful details. You can't print a chart full-size but what you can do is study an area you're planning to visit, make notes, and print an enlarged section. The latter will be useful for getting details on harbors and anchorages you're planning to visit. Go to: NauticalCharts.gov/viewer

PICYA Management Conference

Reg Smith

The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association held its fall management conference at the Golden Gate Yacht Club on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Although the top eight America's Cup skippers were sailing by the windows, everyone did their best to pretend not to notice that the likes of Chris Dickson and Ed Baird were not within calling distance at the Allianz Cup, which was held at the St. Francis Yacht Club next door. The Bay Area's own Larry Ellison was present as a skipper and came in 6th place in his division. (There were 16 teams).

The topics ranged from a briefing by the U.S. Coast Guard and Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) with extensive discussions about the measures in the legislature which may mandate boater education and or licensing.

The Golden Gate Yacht Club provided a wonderful lunch, and in the afternoon more than a few Yacht Club bridge and board members found their way to the action out at sea. The weather was marvelous again and in addition to learning about Yacht Club taxation, we learned that New Zealand may be on the comeback trail as they took top honors in the world match racing event!

The previous *Jibe* included a list of new members. Unfortunately, two new members were left out: our apologies and warm welcome to **new members Dave and Natalie Regan.**

If you have an interesting boating story or information to share with your fellow TIYC members, **your contributions are appreciated.** Please submit your article to **daniela@gibson-design.com**

As we have entered the boating off-season, there is no more watch list.

And since this is the last Jibe issue of 2006, ***Happy Holidays*** to all our TIYC members!!!

From: George C. Knies, Treasure Island Yacht Club Secretary

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Treasure Island Yacht Club Bylaws, the Nominating Committee appointed by the Commodore posts the following slate of Officers for year "2007". The election of Officers and Directors will take place at the Annual General Meeting 1700 hrs. 18 November, 2006 at the Treasure Island Yacht Club. Those members-in-good-standing unable to attend the General Meeting may mail their ballots to the TIYC Secretary: Geo Knies, 2333 Lariat Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-6518 - E-mail machbuster1@earthlink.net

TIYC "2007" OFFICER/DIRECTOR BALLOT

Commodore	Reggie Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Commodore	Desmond Thorsson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear Commodore	Russ Breed	<input type="checkbox"/>

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WRITE-IN CANDIDATE(S)

Three Directors up for two (2) year terms. Please vote for no more than THREE (3):

Dick Holden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>MAIL BALLOT TO:</u> George C. Knies, Secretary TIYC 2333 Lariat Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-6518
Jerry Huff	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alice Pilram	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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WRITE-IN CANDIDATE(S)

Treasure Island Yacht Club



Annual General Membership Meeting Election and Dinner

Saturday, November 18, 2006

Your choice of Steak or Salmon with baked
potato, salad, and dessert.

\$20.00

Club Bar will open at 4:00 p.m.
Elections held at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Rsvp to Joyce Waters:
[415-434-4475](tel:415-434-4475) or tiyc@pacbell.net

Remit to:

TIYC Reservation Form
I would like to reserve places at the
Annual General Membership Dinner
Enclosed Please find \$ _____
Treasure Island Yacht Club
66 Clipper Cove Way -- San Francisco, CA 94130-1701



Change of Watch and Crab Feed

TREASURE ISLAND YACHT CLUB Special Guests from IOBG and DICYA

Saturday, 06 January 2007, Treasure Island Y.C., 1600 (4:00 P.M.)

Happy hour 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. come say farewell to the outgoing Officers and Board, and welcome in the new, come early stay late. This has been an eventful year and there are many members to thank!

The menu is the “ever popular” seasonal Cracked Crab served with French bread, salads, and two special crab sauces prepared by New Orleans Chef “*George Knies*”. For those allergic to crab there will be a chicken entrée: “All-inclusive dinner”, with a no host bar; excellent wine-list to choose from. Limited attendance, reserve early, last time many members missed out!

Please mail all Reservations and a check made out to TIYC, Inc. in the amount of \$35.00 per person.

RESERVATION POLICY

Mail to: George Knies 2333 Lariat Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-65118 Cut off date for reservations midnight 2 January, 2006. \$40.00 pp for any reservations made after that date and at the door should any space be available. No Refund for reservations canceled after 2 January, if there are no alternates from the waiting list.

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Name..... Number persons attending ()

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Guest's Names:

Tel () - E-mail

Total Remittance: Made out to TIYC, Inc. **Chicken order** ()