

Treasure Island sailors sink Canadians

(Danny Boy Gabe (former GOMM TISC) kept busy, we hear he met his future wife (now wife), at the YC!

by Dan Gabe, Commodore, TISC

Tuesday, May 18 witnessed one of the largest Rhodes 19 fleets amassed in several years knock heads just outside the Treasure Island lagoon. There were eight sloops, four crewed by USN teams, and four by visiting Canadians.

On the U.S. side, crews from Mare Island, Alameda, and two from Treasure Island got into the act. On the Canadian side, there were crews from HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Provider, HMCS Restigouche, and HMCS Kootenay, all in port visiting San Francisco on their way north to Esquimalt, B.C.

Four team races were held on courses up to three miles in length. The U.S. Navy emerged a solid winner, winning each and every race—the last most convincingly of all by finishing first, second, third, and fifth in the field of eight. The reverse scoring system (low score wins) yielded a 58 1/2-83 1/2 margin of victory.

Capt. J.P. Cromwell, T.I. commanding officer, was in the winningest boat of the day, skippered for Treasure Island Sailing Club by LCDr. Tony Soltys. That team managed to earn one first place, a second, a third, and a fourth for a total of only 9-3/4 points. Capt. Jim Barry was the third member of that high-ranking crew. Lt. Dan Gabe, with crew help from Lt. Scott McKay and QM3 Paula Gandolfo, skippered the second TISC entry to the most first places of the day, winning two out of four.

Expressions of appreciation are due to Harbormaster Lloyd Hyde, for his enthusiastic support of the day's program; and to George Edsell, a local member of the Royal Navy Sailing Association, who provided the committee boat, and to Nick Nicholls who acted as the race committee chairman and did an outstanding job.

We seem to have turned the tables on our losing streak—Treasure Island sailors are on the rebound. As always, though, we need more of you to get interested in sailing. There's an easy way to find out about the upcoming Sailing Club events. Just dial the clubhouse phone, 397-7827, to listen to the recording and leave a message if you wish. Club membership is required if you want to participate in those activities.

If you want to learn to sail, you need **not** be a club member. Sign up with the marina watch in person or call 765-5065 to get on the sailing lesson list. New groups start lessons every month, and sailing is easy to learn. There is a lesson fee of \$15. Let's get sailing!!

