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Wil DeBrunner Internment

Earl Ansley

At the request of his family, Wil DeBrunner's ashes were scattered on the Pacific Ocean Saturday, September 23rd. Three TIYC boats accompanied our beloved Treasurer's final voyage.

Shown above, is Commodore Fred Gibson's boat "Virtue's Reward" headed toward the Golden Gate Bridge. Aboard were Wil's family and fellow TIYC members.

TIYC's Past Commodore, George Knies, officiated the solemn ceremony accompanied by Wil's family and friends.

Flowers were scattered by loved ones at the internment site.

Vice-Commodore Reggie Smith, accompanied by Past Commodore Gordon Strom and member Gorge Cardona, skippered "Native Son." Director, Ray Zahnd, Port Captain Don Mibach and I also attended, following in Ray's boat "Impulse."

Wil served for many years as our Club's very competent Treasurer. He always offered his sage advice and encouragement to the Bridge and Board members. Loved by all, he will be greatly missed.

Burial at Sea Ceremony, George C. Knies

Wil Debrunner, September 23, 2006

(All standing if possible, uncovered!)

You don't get to chose how you are going to die or when..... You can only decide how you're going to live. "Wil lived a full and productive life to the end, practicing his vocation with pride and excellence. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and a loyal honest friend to those who shared his life. He relieved me as Treasurer, Treasure Island Yacht Club in 1991, serving these past fifteen years with a dedication and patience beyond the call of duty. He is remembered by all, as the epitome of a Fine Gentleman, I will miss you my dear friend!"

A word for us that remain: You must hold fast to the people you love by gently letting them go.

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep; Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those at rest upon the sea.

We therefore commit his body to the deep to be turned into corruption, looking for the resurrection of the body when the sea shall give up her dead in the life of the world to come through our Lord, Jesus Christ Amen!

Wil's son spread his ashes upon the sea while I blew a tribute on the Bosun's Pipe. Those present in all three vessels then cast flowers upon the waves in tribute.

Commodore's Notes

Fred Gibson

It was very moving to be at Wil's memorial where so many TIYC members also attended and an honor that Wil's family let the TIYC participate in Wil's internment at sea. I truly enjoyed working and talking with Wil – I miss him.

Welcome New Members!

I am very happy to announce our new members:

Bruce Allen, Nathan Beckett, Casey Cartwright, John McBride, Graham McDonald-Smith, Mathew Nisonger and Shelly Nisonger. Welcome to the club! To introduce you and other new members to the club and to honor our club patrons, we will be having a special dinner this Saturday. Please see the ad at the end of the Jibe.

Dinghy Dock

It is official, TIYC now has its own slip at Treasure Isle Marina where a great number of dinghys can tie up simultaneously. We will be installing a lock box on the inside of the gate that will allow members and guests to use a combination to get access to the gate key. This is our direct connection to the water allowing members and guests to anchor out at Clipper cove, arrive in style at TIYC's slip, and then use the key card to open the gate and gain access to the club facilities. Many thanks to the excellent new

harbormaster at Treasure Isle Marina, former South Beach Commodore Roger Ladwig, for helping make the TIYC slip finally happen. Please contact Rear Commodore Desmond Thorsson for details on accessing the gate key.

Saturdays at the Clubhouse

We have now started the new watch system at TIYC – Saturday Night at the Clubhouse. The new watch starts at 4PM until 8PM or later, depending on how much fun members are having. Please see the watch list and guidelines later in this Jibe issue. With the new dinghy dock and a place to enjoy excellent company, maybe the TIYC will become the place to go via the water on a Saturday. Enjoy!

Regatta

I am very happy to announce TIYC's new Regatta Chair, Nathan Beckett. Nate sailed along on the Windjammers Race from the St Francis Yacht Club to Santa Cruz, and is one of the best sailors I've had the pleasure to sail with so far.



Nathan Beckett - Photo by Sharron Harper

Here is a description Nathan wrote up of his sailing experience:

"I have always said "time on the water is time saved in life". My yachting career started out with my father and grandfather taking me on the Mississippi river as young

as I can remember on canoes and powerboats. I started sailing when I moved to Eugene Oregon on Fern Ridge Res at 19. I met Scott Coleman, the owner of the local sailboat rental company. He instantly started taking me out for the beer can race for the EYC. Weeks after I joined the University of Oregon sailing team and started racing Flying Juniors, Lasers and Santana 20s for them. With Scott my first race boat was a Columbia 5.5 meter. I spent about 4 years with these boats.

After school I moved to San Francisco bay mostly because of the sailing. I crewed on a J35 for team for about 6 months. After the Big Boat tour I started buying boats in the bay. My first was a Columbia 24 Challenger purchased in San Mateo. I joined the CPYC and was an active member for 2 years. I raced the C24 in SBYRA and had a great time with the South Bay, great racers and wonderful sportsmen-like conduct in the South Bay. Shortly thereafter, with great friends, we purchased a J24 in which I still race today. I raced through SYC on a Tarten 10 and Cal 40 for about a year. I also did committee boat for them when I could be torn off a boat.

I've owned 5 boats since the Challenger doing mostly fun sailing. I was racing in the Summer Sailstice and discovered the TIYC and that's why I'm here with my interest in your club. My goal is to listen more than I talk and learn more about racing and do my part to help at TIYC. I want to help you reach your goals with the club! I want to race YRA and help build a great race tour for TIYC. Now at age 30 I understand more about what makes me happy and it always comes back to sailboats"

Looking for the Mayor?



Photo by Sharron Harper



He's at the clubhouse, of course!

John Hewell, long time TIYC member and avid sailor, crossed the bar recently. John was Commodore at TIYC in 1970. John lived in Davis and although his health was failing, he managed to visit the club as often as possible. John was a member of TIYC since the club's inception in 1966. We shall miss him.

Thank you, Karen! Karen Huff has edited the *JIBE* for the last three years, doing a great service to the TIYC community. Karen moved on to a new teaching job at a challenging Oakland school and thus had to pass on the editorship of the *JIBE*. As the new editor, I will work hard to continue Karen's wonderful work and publish the

printed voice of TIYC. Please understand that the first few issues will be issues in transition (thus, the delayed publication date of this *JIBE*).

Daniela Gibson

For comments or suggestions please contact me at daniela@gibson-design.com

PICYA 2006 CHISPA/Youth Regattas

George C. Knies, Principal Race Officer

Treasure Island Yacht Club provided the venue for the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association CHISPA/Youth Regattas that were held on Saturday August 19, 2006. The impressive turnout of volunteers from the International Order of the Blue Gavel included; P/C Bill Thayer, Southwest Vice President and his wife Marybeth, P/C George Knies, Legal Officer, P/C Rich Ahlf, Director, District-14, P/C Lynette Breed, President District-14, and her husband Russ.

The Race Committee was comprised of George Knies, Principal Race Officer; Russ and Lynette Breed, TIYC & Sequoia YC; Ray Zahnd, TIYC (provided committee boat); Rich Ahlf, Island YC (photographer), Bill and Marybeth Thayer; Fred Gibson, Commodore TIYC and Reg. Smith, Vice Commodore TIYC manned safety boat 1, while Larry Mayne, PICYA Race Officer manned safety boat # 2. Several other clubs and TISC provided additional safety boats.

I conducted the skippers brief at 1040 hours, followed by a complimentary lunch that was provided by Blue Gavel District 14, and was served by members of TIYC to all participants and other attendees. At noon the competitors launched their boats at the Treasure Island Sailing Center. The following Divisions participated in the Regatta: **CHISPA “Lasers”, Youth Divisions “A”, “B”, “C” “Optimists” and “Flying Js”**.

Thanks to the brisk winds in Clipper Cove, and a well-coordinated Race

Committee we were able to complete six races. There were no casualties thanks to the diligent supervision and immediate attention to capsizing boats by our safety boat crews.



Following the races all participants gathered at TIYC for a recap of the days events, refreshments and a slide show presentation of photos taken during the races. Russ Breed and I addressed the one protest involving a right-of-way collision prior to announcing the winners. West Marine provided enhanced “goodie bags” to the winners, while all competitors received West Marine bags and other goodies. The perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the annual PICYA awards dinner later this year. The final results of the regattas are posted on the PICYA, TIYC, IOBGD-14 and other web sites as well as appearing in Latitude 38 and the PICYA Log.



I have served on Race Committees for more than 30 years on both coasts of the U.S. in the Caribbean and Asia. Clipper Cove presents an excellent venue for Small Boat Regattas. In the past we have conducted many Regional and National Regattas including the U.S. Pacific Fleet "Nimitz" Matches. The participants in the 2005 and 2006 CHISPA/Youth Regattas have impressed me for their good sportsmanship and moral character. Youth Sailing Programs have to be proud of their accomplishments in instilling not only competitive spirit but, honesty and fairness in their charges. It was a gratifying experience to have two of these competitors come up to the committee boat and say, "I touched the windward mark and did not do my penalty, please disqualify me", "I did not sail the proper course, please disqualify me". Let's continue to go in the right direction and expand youth sailing programs, needless to say in this time of international crisis we need all the positive character building programs we can muster.

Racing News

Nathan Beckett

First, thanks for choosing me as the new Regatta Chair for TIYC. I'm a new member of the club, and I'm looking forward to spending futures seasons with you racing and cruising.

TIYC was wonderfully represented in the Catalina 34 nationals with owners Larry Baskin and Herb Brosowsky's of *Sea Spirit*. They took second place in the three day regatta hosted by GGYC. I was lucky enough to crew with them on Friday and Saturday. Our *Sea Spirit* was quickly boosted with a bullet on the first race on Friday. The momentum was held through the rest of the nationals. Good work guys and gals of the *Sea Spirit* Team!



In addition, Frederick Gibson has recently started an ocean racing campaign with the OYRA. He and the crew of *Virtue's Reward* raced in the Windjammers race to Santa Cruz earlier this month and *Virtue's Reward* was one of the heaviest boats to make it to Santa Cruz. Despite the team missing the time limit by nine minutes!, everyone had a great time. We were lucky enough to see whales breaching and baby orca whales at sunset.



Windjammer's Race - Photo by Sharron Harper

The *Virtue's Reward* team will be racing around the Farallone Islands September 30th with the OYRA fleet. At this point there are 58 boats registered. This event should be nothing short of spectacular. Look forward to a great story from this adventure.



Farallone's Race - Photo by Sharron Harper

I am developing a TIYC around the Island Beer can series for the 2007 season. My goal is to have this race on a Saturday each month with a Barbeque following the race from May-October. With our recent opening of the club bar on Saturdays this should be another chance for people to crew, race, and socialize. I am still working around schedules for the Inter-club, Schreiber Cup, PIYCA, OYRA, and cruise-outs to avoid conflicting weekends. I would like to start a data base of Skippers and crew that would be interested in getting out on these races. If you are interested in skippering, crewing, or assisting me with race committee for the next season please contact me.

I look forward to the next racing season at Treasure Island Yacht Club. We have the perfect location for racing in the bay and a wonderful club. I would love to help build up the program and take advantage of our Island. If you have any input please let me know. I am very excited about my new position and thank you very much.

Fair Winds and following seas....

Nathan Beckett
TIYC Regatta Chair
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Petaluma Cruising Crew Rides Like High Rollers

Desmond Thorsson

Members who missed out on our last trip to Petaluma must have really regretted it because this year almost everyone who made it hadn't gone before! Those of you who missed it this year be warned, we've raised the bar again!

Lots of great new experiences made this year's cruise up the river a real event to remember. First of all, the Petaluma Yacht Club was open and staffed by gracious hosts George and Ellie Naill joined by a number of other friendly PYC members. We also found ourselves alongside Aeolian and Vallejo Yacht Clubs who were cruising in that weekend as well.

The city of Petaluma offers docks at the "Turning Basin" which is located right downtown within easy walking distance of many great restaurants and unique shops. The T.I.Y.C. fleet was moored just one block off of the street made famous as the main drag from the movie "American Graffiti." Excellent dinners were had on Friday and Saturday evenings but the highlight of the trip once again was the river cruise to Papa's Taverna in Lakeville for a terrific Greek lunch.

Many members recall the river cruise from our last trip when we all piled into a nicely restored 26-foot Navy motor-whaleboat for a leisurely 8-knots ride. This year offered a nice surprise when we were instead loaned a beautiful blue metallic 1969 Chris-Craft Custom Water Taxi, one of only six ever made. This was one of only six custom boats built by the company as a special order for the King's Castle Casino in Tahoe, but the casino went out of business before they were delivered. The T.I. Cruising Crew looked more like something out of an old James Bond movie as we made good time down the river and back. I will have to admit that for some reason we seemed to go considerably slower as we were passing the other club's fleets. After all, we couldn't let them miss out on getting a good look at the gorgeous boat we were in! Special thanks to Barry and Binky

Thorsson for providing the elegant transportation from their personal collection.

We hope you'll join us for the next trip up there since there's no telling what's in store, but you're guaranteed to have some great food and a wonderful trip to a neat little town.

Ballena Isle Marina Cruise-Out

Reg Smith

October 20-22, 2006

Chart # 18649 or #18652

The Treasure Island Yacht Club is planning a cruise-out on the weekend of October 20th 2006. If you have concerns, just remember that some consider the weather at Ballena Isle “the best in the Bay.”¹

Ballena or “whale” Bay is named for the California of old, a European settlement established in the mid-1850’s, when seventeen whaling stations were operating along the California coast.²

On October 20th, low tide will be at 4:44 a.m. (1.4 feet) and at 5:24 p.m.; on October 21st low tides are at 5:12 a.m. (1.7 feet) and at 5:55 p.m. (0.3 feet). There is a flood current at 10:03 am and an ebb current at 3:53 p.m. on October 20th; on October 21st there is a flood current at the Golden Gate is at 10:30 am (2.7 knots) and a 4.0 knot ebb current at 4:25 pm. On Sunday, October 22nd, low tide is at 5:40 a.m. and 6:27 p.m. At 10:59 a.m. there is a flood current of 2.6 knots; the max ebb current at the Golden Gate is at 4:59 p.m.

You can get your Almar Marina card keys to work at Ballena Isle Marina. Please contact Reg Smith at regsmith@ix.netcom.com to get your card activated, or the customer service representatives at Ballena Isle Marina at

(510) 523-5528. A \$25 refundable key deposit will be necessary for non Almar slip holders.

If you berth at Treasure Island, or any other Almar Marina, you are entitled to two weeks worth of reciprocal slip privileges Ballena Isle Marina; otherwise guest berthing is \$11.50 a night or \$0.30 a foot.

To start things off, the Alameda Yacht Club will be hosting cruisers and “land cruisers” on Friday, October 21st between 4 and 8 p.m. (Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Hor’s Doerves and Dinner will be served along with card games and darts. AYC is located at 1535 Buena Vista Avenue at Fortman Marina. The phone number for the Alameda Yacht Club is (510) 865-KNOT.

On Saturday at 1 p.m., we will be visiting the Alameda Museum at 2324 Alameda Avenue near Park Street. The museum is open from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. and can be reached at 510-521-1233. The land caravan will leave Ballena Isle Marina at 12:45 p.m.

The Ballena Bay Yacht Club will be hosting us at the marina for Dinner on Saturday, October 21, 2006. The Dinner will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The club telephone number is (510)523-2292.

Unfortunately, “shallow water and poor holding make this anchorage untenable. Recently some boats in here dragged anchor and were badly damaged or destroyed.”³

Approach

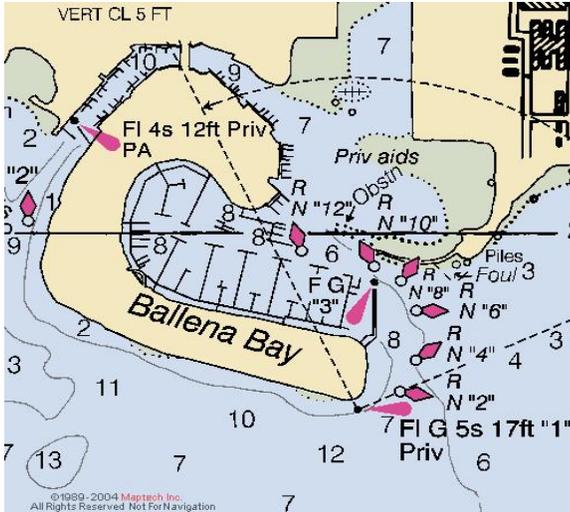
Coming from the north or west, identify Buoy 2 at the entrance channel into the Naval Air Station, set a course of 90 degrees magnetic from that buoy, and go 2.85 miles to the marina. On this approach, avoid getting too close to the shore. Port Captain Don Mibach recommends staying

¹ Mehaffy, *Cruising Guide to San Francisco Bay*, 1999.

² Id.

³ Id.

approximately 30 – 50 feet along the breakwater upon entering the marina.⁴



2007 Nominations

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Joyce Waters, submitted the following proposed TIYC Slate for 2007 to be voted on at the **Annual Meeting** on Saturday, November 18th at 5:00 PM :

Commodore: Reggie Smith

Vice Commodore: Desmond Thorsson

Rear Commodore: TBA

Directors

Rich Holden, Jerry Huff, Alice Pilram
(new nominations for two year term)

Kent Brewer, Fred W. Gibson, Brent McDonald (continuing on second year of two year term)

Virtue's Reward perseveres during the Windjammer's Race

Daniela Gibson

It deserves mentioning that the crew of *Virtue's Reward* earned an honorary prize at this year's Windjammer race to Santa Cruz. Skipper Fred Gibson and his crew, among them TIYC member Don Mibach, Fred W. Gibson, and Nathan Beckett, set out highly motivated for the starting line outside the St. Francis Yacht Club.



Windjammer's Crew – Photo by Keith Plumlee

While in the beginning, the light winds kept them hoping for more, they soon had to realize that this would be a race with very little to no winds! However, instead of turning around as half of the fleet did, they never lost their motivation: Patiently tacking with every so slight a change of wind, they arrived in Santa Cruz **26 hours!** after leaving the starting line...Recognizing that they were one of the heaviest boats in the race, yet in contrast to many of their much lighter competitors never gave up, the race committee (after having to disqualify them for missing the time limit by eight minutes) awarded them for their example of endurance an honorary prize.

⁴ Id.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 7th 6:30 p.m. Steak and Lobster Dinner. Patrons and New Members Fleet Week Dinner. \$10 Patrons, \$15 New Members, \$20 all others

October 20-22, Cruise Out to Ballena Bay

Saturday, October 28th, PICYA Management Conference for Officers and Directors at 8:30 a.m. at the Golden Gate Yacht Club. Halloween Party (free) at TIYC from 8 p.m to 10 p.m. Saturday. (Pot Luck)

Sunday, October 29th, Work Day at TIYC. Painting and sprucing up. All members are encouraged to attend!

Saturday, November 18th, Annual Meeting at TIYC: 4:00 PM - Bar open, 5:00 PM -Elections, 6:00 PM - Dinner. Details TBA.

Updated Watch List

for Saturday Evenings, commencing 16th October, 2006:

October Watch Captain, Sandy Aberer:

10/07: **Earl Ansley**
10/14: **John Harrison**
10/21: **Russ Breed**
10/28: **George Cardona**

New Watch Guidelines

*Please be advised that you may stand your watch alone if you wish or you may ask another member to stand the watch with you (advisable).

* The watch consists of the usual checkup of the club making sure that it is neat and that everything is in its proper place.

* The highlight of the Saturday watch is that it begins at 4pm with an open bar to welcome members and visitors in the club.

* You need not have any experience in bartending. Drinks mostly ordered are beer and wine. Beer will be in the refrigerator for those not familiar with the beer tap. White wine will also be in the refrigerator and liquor will be in the cabinet [check with your WC for details on how to access the cabinets, change, etc.]

* Your shift should end at 8pm but if the club is full and everyone enjoying themselves, consider staying on until you deem it time to leave. If an officer of the club is present and you need to leave please see if the officer can close the bar and the club for you.

* Please check with your Watch Captain for details on running the bar

*Place a combination lock on the main liquor cabinet that the WC will give to the watch person when they call to remind them of their duty.

In the cabinet will be the keys to the refrigerator [for wine and beer]. Only those familiar with opening the beer tap should use it. Also in the cabinet will be \$30.00 start up money. In the cabinet will be the four liquors that are used most, scotch, whisky, gin and vermouth and the mixes used in making these drinks. No call drinks. Ice should always be available in the freezer.

CANADIAN CRUISE-OUT

Earl Ansley

Mariners and fellow Club members. Are you interested in something different, reasonably priced, and the most exhilarating cruising experience of a lifetime? Consider bareboat chartering in the Northern waters of Washington State's San Juan Islands.

I recently enjoyed a week proudly flying our Club's flag to ports and anchorages in Washington and Canada.

A retired High School buddy, now living in Idaho, urged me to take him, his wife and another couple on a bareboat charter. My friend Nancy and I joined them in Anacortes, Washington, where we picked up our boat "Lady Barbara." Preparing my "crew" consisted of refreshing everyone's skill at tying bowline knots, securing dock lines, etc. We made it work and everyone joined in making the trip a great success.



Following orientation and the required demonstration of my ability to handle the boat we were on our way. After cruising several hours we anchored in Deer Harbor, in preparation for crossing into Canada the next day. The boat we selected was an Albin 43 foot trawler, similar to the Aberer's Grand Banks. Past Commodore, Jim Aberer provided me practice time on "EI Nido's" helm in preparation for this adventure.

We dined on fresh dungenous crab caught for dinner with the crabbing net supplied with the boat. We also enjoyed fresh salmon purchased from a local

fisherman and his wife, returning from Alaskan waters.



Later, crossing into Canada, we spotted Orcas whales spouting in Haro Strait. Clearing Canadian Customs at Sidney Harbor on Vancouver Island went smoothly. This port is located near Butchart Gardens, famous for the conversion of an abandoned mining pit into one of the most beautiful gardens in the world.

We later cruised 22 miles, to Ganges Harbor, one of Canada's Gulf Islands. There we assisted a fellow boater docking his trawler fishing boat. He and his wife were returning from Alaskan waters with 10 tons of fresh salmon, stored in their refrigerated hold at 40 degrees below zero.

Treasure Island Yacht Club Presents



Patron's and New members Dinner during Fleet Week

October 7, 2006

Please join the Patrons (Members of the TIYC for at least 20 Years) and the New Members (Members of the TIYC for less than one year) for a Steak and Lobster Dinner with baked potato, salad and dessert.

\$10.00 for Patrons
\$15.00 for New Members
\$20.00 all others

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

Rsvp to Joyce or Reg
415-434-4475
(Club Phone)

Remit to:

TIYC Reservation Form
I would like to reserve places at the
Fleet Week Dinner
Enclosed Please find \$ _____
Treasure Island Yacht Club
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