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**From the Desk of the  
COMMODORE**

by Gordon Strom

In December, I had a very nice visit with Capt. Hanel, the Commanding Officer of Naval Station Treasure Island. The purpose was to fill her in on the long-term goals of the yacht club and tell her what a bunch of characters all of you are. The yacht club has a good reputation as a base tenant, and I found myself feeling proud of you and your accomplishments.

I also attended a base closure planning meeting which involved all organizations presently using buildings on the base. But for ours, most of them were "active duty" type organizations and funding and timeline vacating plans were requested of all of them. Ours is relatively simple, i.e., we will vacate our building on August 1997, unless tenant agreement is made with someone else., such as the Reuse Commission or the Navy Care-taking Group, etc. For now, however, our memorandum of understanding with the Naval Station remains in effect and it is business as usual for the next year-and-a-half.

The Reuse Commission has published 4 tentative use plans for the island. Fortunately a marina and yacht club is included in 3 or the 4. I am sure that when it's seen how sensible it is to have such a complex, it will be included in the 4th plan as well. As I've said before: someday there will be a classy marina and club here and we want to be sure it's the Treasure Island Yacht Club.

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**RACING SHEET**

BY BOB DONOVAN  
CHAIRMAN, RACE COMMITTEE

The 1996 monthly club races, with one exception, will be scheduled on the first Saturday of each month, starting in April and completing in September. That one exception will be the July race, which will be run on the second Saturday to avoid conflict with the July 4th weekend.

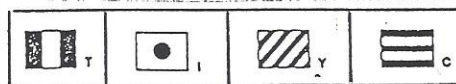
The race dates will be:

April 6	July 13
May 4	Aug. 3
June 1	Sept. 7

The Vallejo and Coyote Point races will not be held in 1996, and the single and double-handed races will be scheduled later.

The club will sponsor a YRA regatta on June 8 and we will need volunteers for that special committee. We also need some owners to volunteer their boats for use by the committee on club race dates. Anyone willing should contact Bob Donovan at (510)934-7848, or (510)939-0685.

There will be a race advisory/race committee meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 27, 1996.



# VITA NOVA GIVES NEW LIFE TO LOST SAILORS

BY FRED AND JONI

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Dear Fellow Club Members:

Here we sit in Morro Bay waiting for the fog to clear. We left Vallejo and upon arrival at San Francisco, found the gate to be socked in. We anchored off Sausalito and the next morning, the fog had lifted enough that we could see the water, but not the top of the bridge. We motored out and on to Half Moon Bay, where we barely got in, due to the continuing fog.

At 3:00 PM the next day, we motored back out of Half Moon Bay on a compass course, but it was so thick we never did see the buoy. We elected to pass up Santa Cruz and Monterey, as it was foggy...foggy...foggy.

By midnight, we were about 35-miles off shore and heading for Morro. The wind was up and we were under a double-reefed main, a 90% jib, and making 5-6 knots with the Monitor doing the steering. About 1.5 hours into this course, the radio came alive with a Coast Guard call from a vessel called "S.N.A.F.U.," who was one of two 25-foot sailboats lost in the night with no idea where they were. C.G. Monterey advised them to raft up and throw out an anchor.

Soon a fishing boat with radar painted them and called in their Lon&Lat. I copied the L&L and told the fishing boat that I wasn't far from that position. He responded that he had me on his radar, so now the C.G. had a position on the two fools and mine as well. When I told C.G. I was going into Morro Bay, they asked me to meet the two lost souls and lead them in.

C.G. gave me a bearing to S.N.A.F.U. and I put it in the GPS. The bearing showed me going away, so I plotted our positions on the chart and,

sure enough, C.G. had given me the reciprocal course. I turned around and followed the 180 and soon rendezvoused with the two 25-foot sailboats. I plotted a course to Morro Bay, and gave it to S.N.A.F.U., which - by the way- was the only one with a radio. We formed up and on we forged through the dark and foggy night, occasionally slowing for the un-named boat, which was having problems with his outboard motor.

About a mile out of Morro Bay the sun came up and we were happy to see the rock. One of the formerly lost boats came up behind me and I was surprised to see it was Paul, the guy who sailed from Mexico to Hawaii with me in '90. Boy, was he embarrassed.

As we approached Morro, the C.G. called and asked: "Do you need any further assistance?" I replied: "I never did need any assistance. It was the two fools behind me that were lost!"

So now *Vita Nova* sits in Morro Bay, gently swinging at anchor, and waiting for the fog to clear.

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## COMMODORE, CONT.

Hats off! to Bob Wilcox and the marina personell for protecting our boats during the recent storm. But for Staff Commodore Miller's *Southern Comfort*, taking an unmanned trip across Clipper Cove to rest unharmed in the mud, and some damage to the docks, we were lucky. Bob said that the wind whistling through the marina sounded like a freight train passing through.

It is going to be quite a year. May 1996 bring good fortune to us all.



# WHAT IS THERE ABOUT IT???

BY BOB BECKER

There just has to be something about it! What is it??? Come on down to the TIYC on race days. Bring your boat and find out what drives these crazy people who so enjoy racing.

So many people are on the Bay with spinnakers flying each weekend that there simply must be an attraction; and a strong one at that. What could possibly motivate all of those skippers and their crews? Crews of all ages, all with the goal to win the race? My guess is that it's the excitement; the intensity of competition; the exhilaration of pulling ahead of the next boat and, finally, the sheer pleasure of sailing.

Designers knew something when they put a keel down below, a large stick on top, and tied rags to it. Wind propulsion with sails is almost like fluid dynamics, according to our Race Committee Chairman, Bob Donovan. It's just that the fluid is a little thinner in density. You trim your sails and keep trimming them to balance the forces trying to optimize the knot meter (On *Mistral* we call it the thrill meter). It is such a thrill to see it indicate in the teens and watch the wake roostertail form.

It is most rewarding to win a race, but to participate, having done your best, also has its rewards. Only one can win first! But second and third place trophies are also significant. Skill has its role, but luck plays a major part of every race. If you have yet to race, you will learn a great deal about your boat, and how to handle it.

A typical TIYC race starts over near the end of the Berkeley Pier where there is lots of room to maneuver. One of several pre-numbered courses is selected by the race committee five minutes before the actual start. It is signaled by an appropriate number flag on the race committee boat's yardarm. The starting sequence is first the white shape (ten minutes before the actual start) then the blue shape (five minutes to go). It is at this

time that the course flag goes up. Then at time zero the red shape goes up and all racers try to reach the start line just seconds after that. You are then off to your first, usually a weather (upwind) mark. The boats all spread out on their own individually selected courses. Since we are racing under the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet rules, all types of boats can compete on a level plane with each other. Each class of boat has an assigned PHRF number developed by naval architects and experienced sailboat racers. The San Francisco Bay Fleet is assigned by the San Francisco Bay PHRF committee who are very well qualified.

There are racing rules that must be learned. If there are newcomers into the racing fleet, or people who would like to review them, we can organize a racing rules prep course at the TIYC Clubhouse before the racing season starts. If you are interested in learning/reviewing the yacht race rules please contact the race committee, our club manager Joyce Pucci or myself, Bob Becker.

Come join us for the great fun that racing is... and spinnakers are not required for TIYC races, but they are fun?

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## FEBRUARY 9TH MEET AT WEST MARINE

by Jim Brown

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The February meeting will be held on Friday, 9th at the Oakland branch store of West Marine. We will have the exclusive run of the store from 1930 to 2100. West Marine is offering a 15% discount to all TIYC members on that night (discounts do not apply to electronics, boats, or motors, but everything else in the store gets the discount).

West Marine will also furnish soft drinks. TIYC will have pizza ready and waiting for you.

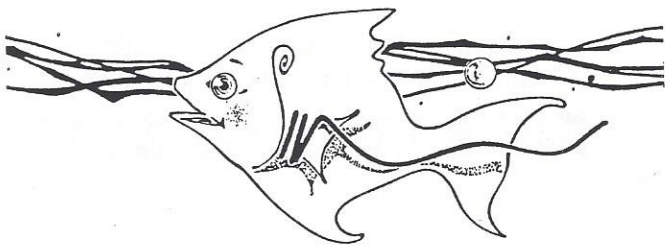
### SAVE LOTS OF \$\$\$\$

# CRUISING NEWS

by Suzanne Sylvester

I have contacted forty-nine thousand Bay and Delta Port Captains representing assorted yacht clubs. *Mama mia!* what an exercise! The result is the following schedule of yacht clubs that we will cruise to in 1996. Two fine fellows, Terry Sigel and John Miller, have volunteered to be cruise leaders for the Vallejo and Loch Lomond cruises. Unfortunately, those of us with long-term military backgrounds consider the word "volunteer" as a synonym for "fool." Get over it! Last year's worker-bees were rewarded with handsome inscribed wristwatches for their efforts. Ideally, I could use eight more cruise leaders. The job involves arriving at the cruise destination first, providing our skippers with the docking information and writing an after-action report for *The Jibe*. Soooo easy.

On February 10-11 we cruise to the Berkeley Yacht Club. Their members will be oddly dressed. like entities from an alternate universe. Most of us will blend right in. In accordance with the Prime Directive, they will be kind to us, but not too helpful (annual Star Trek Conference). Sign-up sheet will be taped to the Coke machine at TIYC (But see "Bulletin Board" in Club Manager's comments. ed). Included will be information about Saturday night dinner. If they are serving a Klingdon entree of fried seaworms, we might eat elsewhere. NB: Do not traverse the area of water formerly occupied by the Berkeley Pier. Broken pilings linger underwater, unseen but treacherous.



## TREASURE ISLAND YC CRUISE SCHEDULE 1966

1 January	Mystery Cruise
10,11 February	Berkeley YC
9,10 March	Golden Gate YC
8-15 April	Sacramento YC (Spring Cruise)
20,21 April	Oakland YC
28 April	Opening Day on The Bay
25-27 May	Vallejo YC (Memorial weekend)
15,16 June	Loch Lomond YC
20,21 July	Oyster Point YC
10,11 August	Tiburon YC
31 Aug - 2 Sept.	Coyote Pt YC (Labor day)
21 Sept - 4 Oct	Delta Cruise
12,13 October	San Rafael YC
9,10 November	South Beach Marina

### FROM THE CLUB MANAGER Joyce Pucci

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party was great!! Jim & Sandy Aberer, Judith Atkinson and Rich Utter decorated the interior of the yacht club and the little trees on the outside were lighted and bright and cheery. Again, the club members outdid themselves by bringing in gourmet delights. Jim Brown tended bar and actually sold three "Blue Christmas" drinks. The "harmonica bird", Bob Becker, led

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the group in Christmas carols and even managed to delight us with a version of "Mexicali Rose." (did he have choice?) It was a pleasant, low-key, fun-filled evening, reminiscent of times gone by.

### GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 12TH TOM & SYL CARRIER LEAVING THE AREA

Speaking of times gone by, one of our favorite ex-Commodores is leaving the area and you know what that means!! Party, Party, Party!!!

Tom and Sylvia Carrier are leaving the Coast and moving out to Texas. Tom was Commodore of the YC for two terms and was an active guy on the race course. Syl was well-known as our "sunshine" secretary, sending cards to those members that were ill, and always having a smiling face and a big "hug" certificate to give out. Syl also studies wild-life biology and can give you the most accurate imitation of an ape imaginable. Ask her to perform at the party. As a fellow ape impersonator, moi can testify to Syl's exactness.

So... I know it's last minute, but let's all get together at the second Friday of the month general meeting, January 12th, and show Tom & Syl how much we love them and how much they'll be missed.

This will be an exciting meeting! The Pot Luck dinner party will be, as usual, at 6pm, followed by a short meeting and then the excitement of seeing Mark Kenward, story-teller, perform. TIYC will provide dessert. Let's all bring a special dish to honor our friends, Tom & Syl, and make their parting memorable.

### FIRST SATURDAY DINNER JANUARY 6, 1996

The last and first monthly dinner was such a success that those of us that attended agreed that this was the way to go each month. We had barbecued steaks and all the trimmings in November, skipped December because of the obvious and now geared up to start again in January. Ken

& Yvonne McBain are going to host this dinner. Yvonne is going to cook up a great chippiono dinner with salad and french bread. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 and we are limiting it to the first 20 to call in and reserve. Call us at 415/392-2794 to reserve your place ASAP.

This is a do-it-yourself dinner, meaning that the participants set up the tables and "china", eat, and then clean up the club. It has been so popular that we have to limit the participants. Hope to see you there.

### BULLETIN BOARD

Don't look on the side of the Coke machine for the cruising sign-up sheets and various other assorted information. The bulletin board on the SouthWest wall of the club is the new place for this information. This limits the unsightly mess that Scotch tape upon Scotch tape makes.

### ON LINE AND SURFIN' THE NET...

What ever that means. Yes, we are now online! The TIYC e-mail address is:

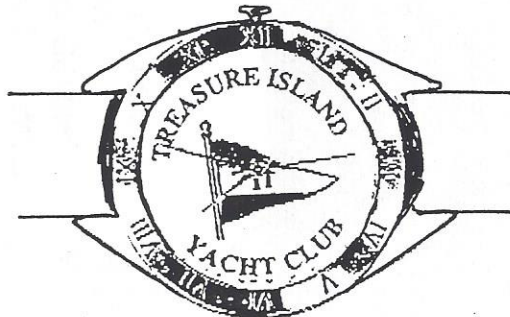
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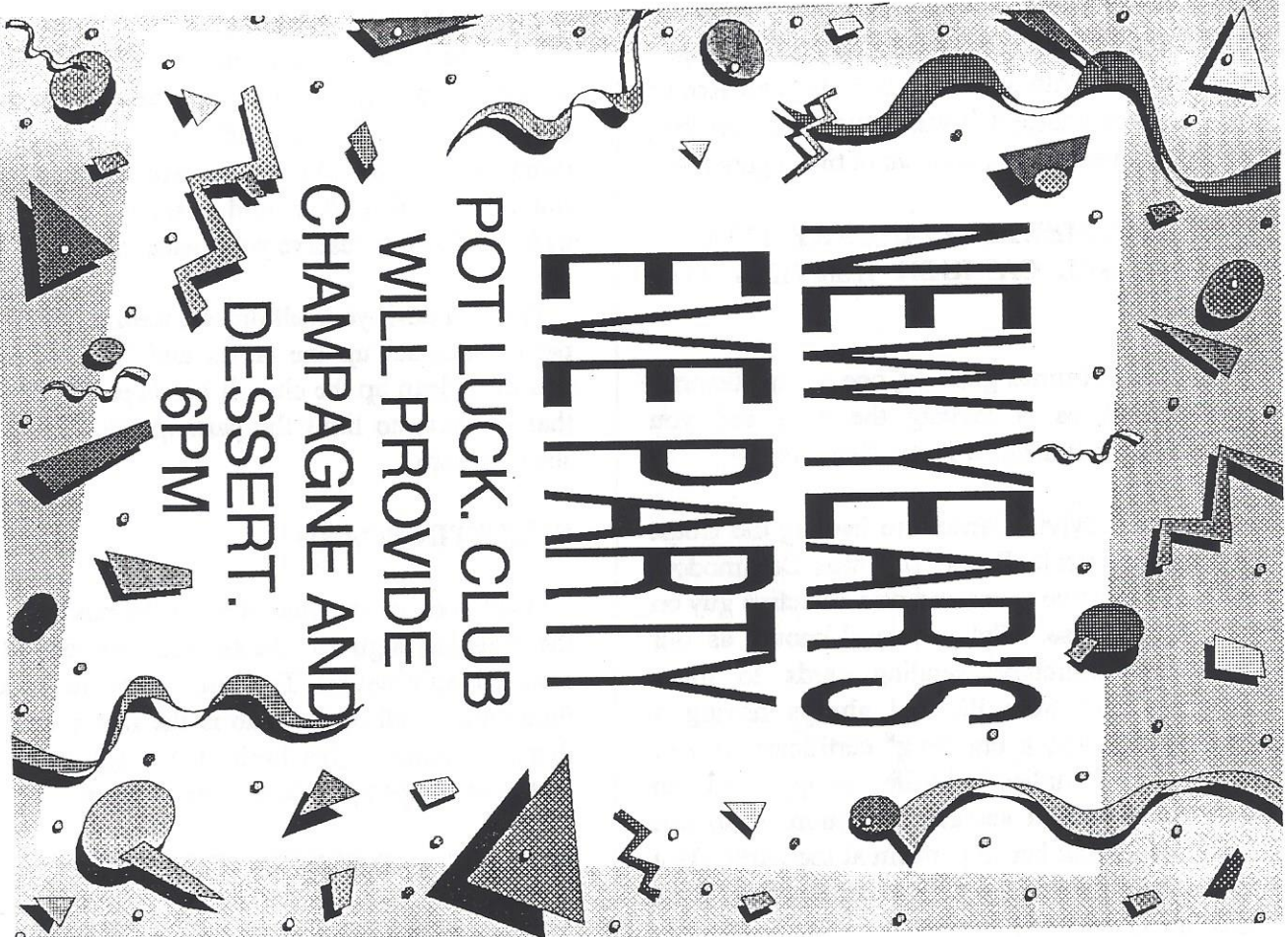
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# NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

POT LUCK. CLUB  
WILL PROVIDE

CHAMPAGNE AND  
DESSERT.  
6PM



## GOING AWAY POT LUCK

TOM AND SYL CARRIER WILL  
BE HONORED AT OUR  
JANUARY 1995 MEETING AS  
THEY LEAVE THE AREA  
CLUB WILL PROVIDE

DESSERT, BRING POT LUCK  
DISHES. GREAT PROGRAM  
FOLLOWS, MARK KENWARD,  
STORY TELLER, BEGINS AT  
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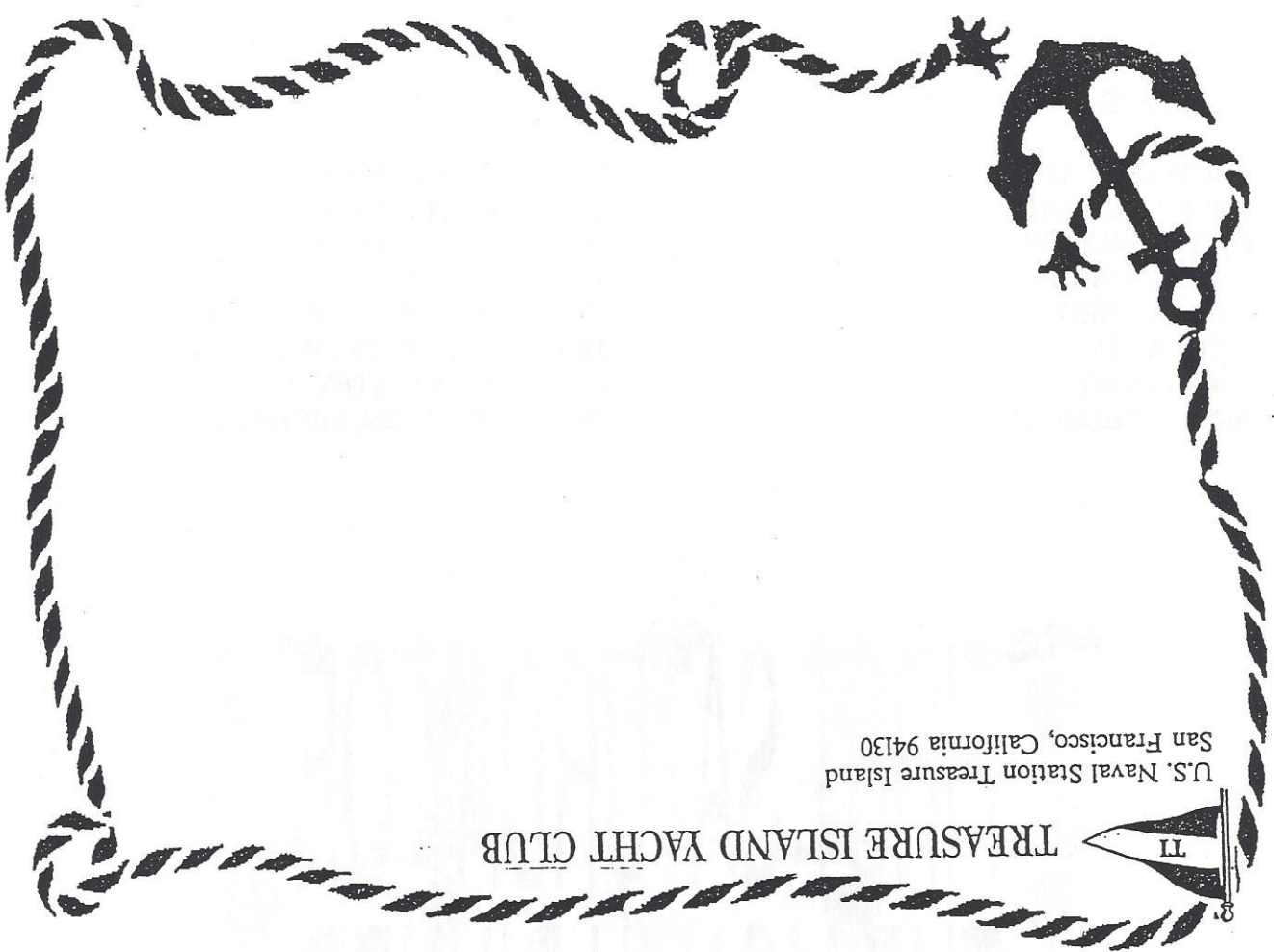
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# FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH DINNER

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OWN YVONNE MCBAIN. FRENCH  
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COFFEE. WE [MEANING THE  
DINERS] PREPARE TABLES, CLEAN  
UP, ENJOY. \$10.00 FOR THE  
DINNER. RESERVATIONS ONLY,  
FIRST 20 TO APPLY. 6PM  
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