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From the Desk of the **COMMODORE** by Gordon Strom

There is a feeling of optimism and enthusiasm building in the club. This is exemplified by attendance at functions, the efforts on the part of the Bridge Officers, and the attitude of the members that I have had the chance to talk with. One cannot help but be pleased with the cruise schedule put in place by Suzanne Sylvester, and the racing plans organized by Bob Donovan and his group. Oliver Field and Al Holston, with help from Mike Eddington and Fred Brislawn and others, have ripped out the old shower and ventilation system so that we will soon have a new shower.

Likewise, we will soon cut the ribbon on our new office. We have excellent programs coming up for our monthly meetings and the Saturday Nite dinners have been superb. I have never seen members so quiet as they were at January's meeting when actor Mark Kenward kept us spell-bound with his sea stories. You should have, by now, the Club Membership Directory put together by Harry McBain. All of these things are indicative of the fact that TIYC is "on a roll." Let's keep it up!

Diane Doron and I attended the PICYA Commodore's Dinner on January 20th. It's a pleasure to "show our burgee" as your representative at such doings. Other clubs are genuinely interested in what's happening at TIYC and I get great pleasure talking about you. See you at West Marine on February 9th.

MEMBERSHIP by Harry McBain

The TIYC is starting the new year with 183 members. The 1996 Directories have been delivered. Due to errors in our data base file a few corrections may be in order:

Page 02: Change Jim Aberer's boat name from El Dido to El Nido.

Page 16: Change El Dido to El Nido.

Page 09: Add Carolyn W. Long to the listing of John C. Long.

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If other errors are noted, please let me know so I can make corrections.

REMEMBER FEB 9TH MEET AT WEST MARINE

The February meeting will be at the Oakland West Marine store. TIYC will have exclusive run of the store from 7 to 9 PM with a 15% discount on all but electronics, boats, and motors.

SAVE LOTS OF \$\$\$\$

DSC ON THE VHF

by STEVE BUTIN

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If the old VHF has been acting up lately and you've been thinking about a replacement, you might give some thought to replacing it with the most economical model available. In three years, it's going to be obsolete!

Is that bad? No, it's good! On February 1, 1999, a new SOS system called Global Maritime Distress & Safety System (GMDSS) will go into effect, and VHF Channel 70 will be reserved exclusively for safety and distress transmissions.

The reason that's important is because in the next few years VHF radios will be hitting the market which receive and store messages, provide caller identification, and automatically issue a "mayday" with your exact location (provided you have been thoughtful enough to interface it with a loran or GPS). The phenomenon that makes all this possible is called Digital Select Calling (DSC).

So with DSC, if your boat starts sinking, you need only punch the "mayday" button and you can go back to work on the bilge pump. While you're pumping your heart out, a pre-programmed message goes out over Ch -70 which will broadcast your position, thus allowing for a rescue, without the usual search.

The Coast Guard has requested the FCC to require that VHF marine radios sold in the US contain DSC capability in 1997. Prices should drop drastically as DSC becomes the standard of the 21st Century, much as GPS prices have decreased in the last few years.

THINGS I'VE LEARNED

I've learned that "experience" is the teacher that gives you the test first, and the lesson afterward.

CRUISING NEWS

by Suzanne Sylvester

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Retrospective: The January Mystery Cruise was to Ballena Bay in Alameda. The real mystery was not so much the finding of the marina, as it was locating berths within the marina. No signs identifying fingers for incoming boats required lots of guesswork and patience. There are three "H" Docks; two "G" Docks, and additional silliness. Once berthed, the Ballena Bay YC provided an excellent BBQ lunch and the day was perfect. Participating boats were *El Nido* (Jim & Sandy Aberer); *Kachina* (Ken & Barbara Cardoza); *Grand Illusion* (Bill & Lisa Novak); *Granbatte* (Chuck & Karain Soules); *Catalina 22* (Gary & Betty Liggett); *Kestral* (Nancy Patterson & Judith Atkinson). *Kestral* is a new addition to the TIYC family of boats. Purchased recently by Nancy and Judith, *Kestral* is a forty-foot DeFever trawler with two jumbo diesel engines, two heads, and lots of amenities like forced air heating and air conditioning. Bigger is Better! Congratulations, and welcome to mid-life power boating.

Next Cruise: On the weekend of February 10th and 11th, we cruise to the Berkeley YC. The sign up sheet has been carefully taped to the Coke machine. There is not much space at the BYC dock, so we will be limited to eight boats. Dinner will be either at the Berkeley YC or a nearby restaurant. No pot luck this time, since BYC will be holding a Star Trek thing. Free dinner for anyone arriving in a Federation Starship. (Be careful in the area of the old Berkeley Pier.)

**1st SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
DINNER - FEBRUARY 3rd. LAMB
CURRY PREPARED BY CAROL
WILSON. RESERVATIONS ARE
A MUST. FIRST TWENTY ONLY.**

WHAT'S A WAYPOINT??

by Bob Becker

What is a waypoint? Find out at our 8 March "Pot Luck" TIYC meeting.

Can you imagine that all navigational charts of the entire East Coast of the United States, from Canada to Mexico, are contained on one compact disk (CD)? The entire West Coast is on two CDs, overlapping at San Francisco Bay and including the Delta.

The speakers for our 8 March meeting are from Waypoint, Grand Marina in Alameda. Steve and Marilee Shaffer both have extensive high tech backgrounds in computer science and communications. Both are able to explain, in everyday language, just what we can do with this new computer technology as it relates to our boating activities. Marilee is founder and General Manager of Waypoint and Steve, a partner in Waypoint, is Senior Engineering Manager for a Bay Area computer company.

Both became sailplane pilots back East, and in the Seattle area, where the weather is not too favorable for sailplaning,, they learned to sail. They have restored race cars, a boat, and are currently building their own 39' sail boat.

Their presentation will be based upon the use of computers on board with various software packages, including recently developed electronic charts that become an answer to a navigator's dreams. They will show typical chart presentations with route planning, actual track, and infinitely variable chart scales as you zoom in on your favorite fishing hole or anchorage. Their goal will be to acquaint us with the power of information systems available to us through the use of computers and modern day communications.

You need not be a "computer nerd" to appreciate this. It should be an exceptional presentation by two very interesting speakers.

See you there!!!

WATCH BILL

FEBRUARY:

3rd	GRONA, Frank
4th	GROVES, Ken
10th	GUSTAFSON, Fred
11th	HEIL, Tim
17th	HOLLOWAY, Michael
18th	JACKSON Jr., William
24th	JACOBY, Steven
25th	KANNINEN, Michael

MARCH:

2nd	KELLEY, Kevin
3rd	KOSLER, James
9th	LAWRENCE, Albert
10th	LOVE, James
16th	MARTIN, Bill
17th	MC BAIN, Ken
23rd	MC COY, Tom
24th	MC NICHOLAS, William
30th	MITCHELL, Thomas
31st	NORTHROP, Len

FIRST SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 3RD.

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MARCH 2ND.

The First Saturday of the Month Dinner will consist of Corn Beef and Cabbage, and will be cooked by the Donovans.

Reservations are a must and will be confined to the first twenty persons to take advantage of this joyous gastronomic opportunity.

Call 415/392-2794 or sign up at the Club House.

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