

# ***THE TREASURE ISLAND YACHT CLUB***



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***From the Commodore, Jim Aberer***



As I wrote in the last issue of the Jibe "There Ain't no goin' back" well, there ain't no goin' back as far as Building 183 is concerned. For anyone that has not visited TI in the last few weeks here is a Bldg 183 update:

The City of SF has given or leased the building to the Delancy Street group and it is now known as The Cafe by the Bay. If you were to take a look in the windows you will see nothing.

Nothing being that the ceiling has been taken down and is being replaced, the walls have been stripped, the carpet is gone. The walls of the galley and head have been taken down to the studs.

I don't know for sure what anybody can do with a facility that small or where they intend to draw the crowd from, maybe we can all stop in for a coffee to go. I think I will pass.

Your Bridge and Board is still working to follow up on every suggestion looking for a new home but even the suggestions are getting fewer. We could sure use a little help out there.

Jim Aberer





## **WATER'S WORLD**

### **Joyce Waters**

On the social scene the club has enjoyed two fabulous evenings at Gresham Hall on Coast Guard Island. Friday 14 August was the first dinner/meeting to be held there and over 60 members met, ate, talked and had a wonderful time.

On the 18th of Sept. A brightly colored group of folks met at Gresham Hall for hor d'ouvres and a short meeting chaired by Vice Commodore **Harlan Van Wye**. The theme for the evening was "Island Magic" and you cannot believe the wonderful shirts and T-shirts worn by the group. Prizes were given to the T-shirt from the farthest destination. **Jean Rieth** won wearing an Australian T that was worn under a San Blas Island T. She was taking no chances!. Prize for brightest shirt went to Rear Commodore **Jerry Bowes** whose shirt required sunglasses to view. He also had on a Panama hat with matching brightly colored brim. Door prizes consisted of liquors from around the world.

See the photo pages for pictures of this handsome group.

**Harry McBain** brought a film of the St. George Lighthouse to show. It was a fine film, beautiful scenery. Thanks, Harry.

Upcoming social events include our Octoberfest on 16 October. German food and German bier will be the evening fare. See the flyer for more details and please send in the reservation form right away. It's not the casual dining that we had in the past. Come one come all is okay with me but these caterers insist on knowing how many people to cook for. The nerve! So, to appease them and to make this event special, please send in your reservations as soon as you put this Jibe down. Thanks!

**Jim Brown** would like to meet with other sailors for raft ups, anchor outs or picnics held at different locations. This would be a day affair, no reservations, no cost, just a casual days event. More on this later, or call **Jim or Joyce** if you have any interest in this. We still have a lot of good sailing, picnicking, weather ahead. TI Lagoon, Naval Air Station or Sea Plane Lagoon at NAS would be considered as prime locations for raft ups.

Future socials may include a dinner/meeting on the Hornblower in December and many members have been asking about another dinner at Pier 29.

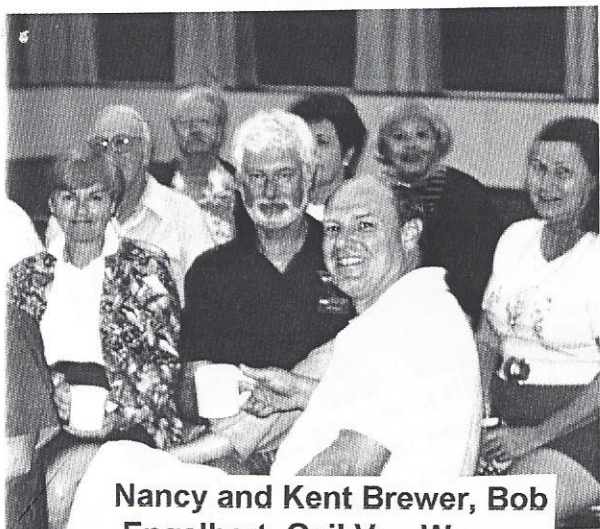
On the somber side, we lost our good friend **Rich Utter**. King of the downwind sailing, Rich was always a winner at the Coyote Pt. Picnic, race. He was a good sailor and a good man. We shall miss him.

We are still trying to find a permanent home for the TIYC. A couple of options are open to us and your Bridge/Board are doing all that they can to get us a home. You will hear all about, all we have at the next meeting. Meetings are being held now and your officers are partaking in them, striving to once again, find us a PERMANENT home. Have patience, hang in and if you have any ideas do not hesitate to let us know what they are. Come to the dinner at Coast Guard Island on the 16th. , to socialize, enjoy, and in general just be a member of the TIYC. So much time is spent trying to finalize a home that the "casual, just attend a meeting" for the social ambiance is lost. Join us on the 16th. For the Octoberfest. Send in your reservations NOW and plan to spend an evening filled with camaraderie. Door prizes will abound, as will good humor (if **George Knies** attends).

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!**



# AUGUST DINNER/MEETING AT GRESHOM HALL



Nancy and Kent Brewer, Bob Engelhart, Gail Van Wye.



Christa, Art and Edie, Ann Knies, Daphney Owens, Jean, Elizabeth and John Miller, Ruthie Burton (seated)



Muriel, Ken McBain, George and Ann Knies, Zel and Bob Donovan.



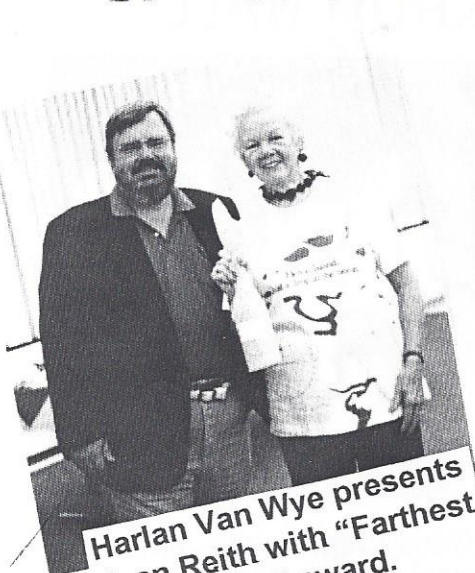
Art and Betsy Fowler



Terry, Ann, Zel Donovan, Kathy, Sandy Aberer  
Ellen Becker, Jenepher Smith (front)



# SEPTEMBER HD/MEETING AT GRESHOM HALL.



Harlan Van Wye presents Jean Reith with "Farthest away T-shirt award."



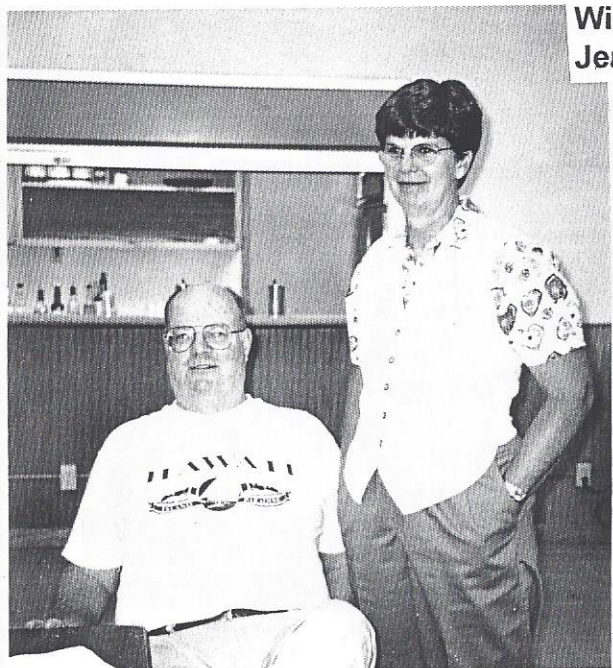
Muriel Kolesar picks the door prize winner out of Jerry Bowes Panama hat while Harlan looks on.



Harlan presents Jerry Bowes with the prize for "the brightest shirt". Note the squint.



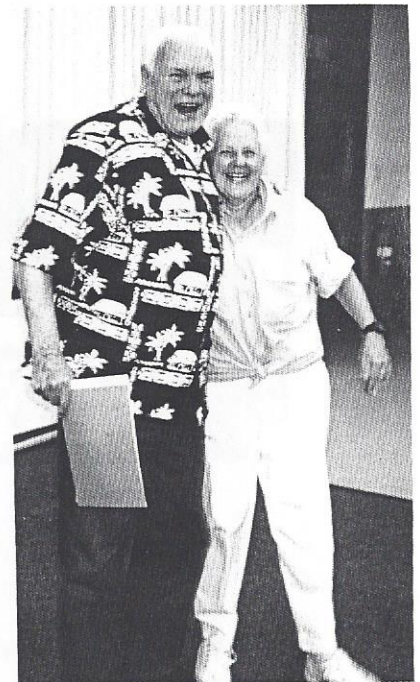
Four handsome devils in (I wish this was in color) very bright shirts. Will, Harry McBain, Earl Ansley, Jerry.



Jim Brown features a Hawaiian T-shirt, Kathy wore a cute smile.

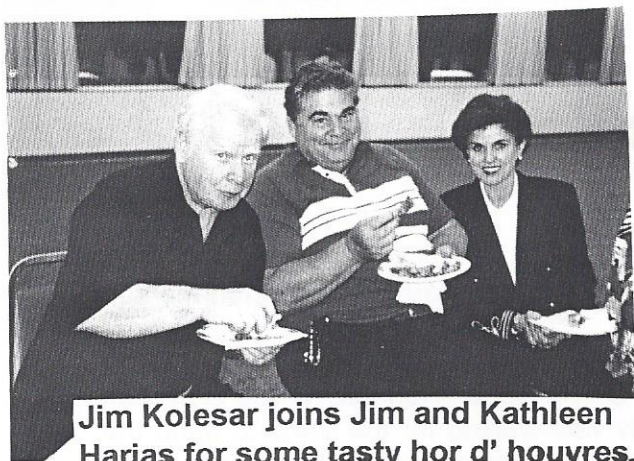


Muriel and Ruthie Burton compare door prizes. Harlan looks on.



Will Debrunner just gave Joyce the Treasurer's report.

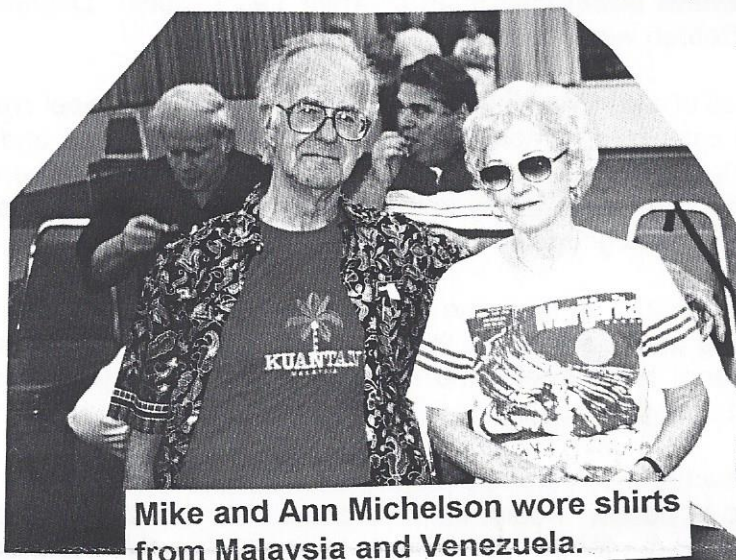




**Jim Kolesar joins Jim and Kathleen Harias for some tasty hor d' houvres.**



**Muriel, Jim, Jim and Kathleen show off Christa Schreiber's very large burgee used in the Opening Day Parade.**



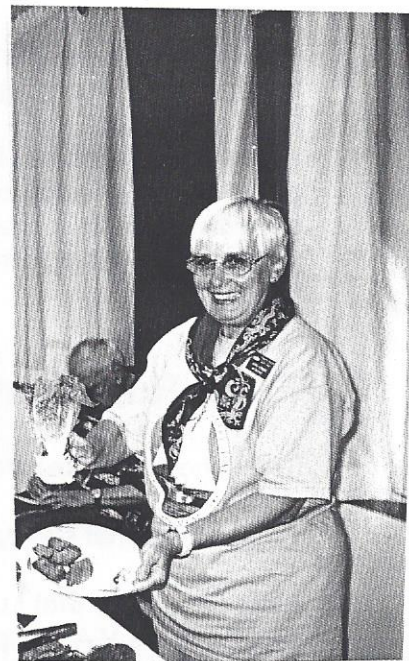
**Mike and Ann Michelson wore shirts from Malaysia and Venezuela.**



**Ferd Brislawn and Earl. Ferd's voting "yes" for another hor d' houvres party.**



**Four maids in a row, Ann, Ruthie, Terry Utter and Karain Soules.**



**Christa Schreiber settles for some jalapeno poppers!**



# PICYA REPORT

Christa Schreiber

Saturday, September 26, 1998 was one of those mornings where you don't know if and when the sun will shine - if at all.

I had committed myself to help as a volunteer at the Encinal YC Wheelchair Regatta. It was after 9am when I got there. The tables had been set up and everybody was waiting for the Vans to bring the guests and to board the Yachts waiting for them at the docks. There was a Coast Guard Cutter and a little tugboat and about twelve powerboats from different Yacht Clubs. Daphne Owen, her husband Jonny and her daughter Debrah were the other people from TIYC.

The first van arrived and all of a sudden I saw Lucky! Lucky Burton in a wheel chair as a guest from the VA home in Palo Alto. I can't tell you how I felt when Lucky looked at me and recognized a familiar face. The same Lucky that used to share his lunch with my husband Bob when they both worked on their boats at the TI marina. I escorted Lucky to the boat he was assigned to and he got a place up on the flying bridge. Then we waved good bye to him and his fellow veterans.

When they came back after about an hour and a half on the Bay, each Veteran had a personal helper to assist them going up the gangplank to the front lawn at Encinal YC., There were tables and chairs and the volunteers prepared hamburgers and made sure that there was enough watermelon and cookies for all. They tended to their special needs and wishes.

There was an excellent live band of Veterans playing all the oldies but goodies! Debrah's veteran got so happy that he needed to dance. I don't think he could walk five steps without the wheelchair but when he got up and reached out for Debrah's hands he really danced. He was bent forward and his knees were not too strong but he really danced to the music and spread happiness to everyone who saw him.

When Lucky was back in the Van, he called me and said "Come and see me soon".

There was also a volunteer from one of the Yacht Clubs who met one of the Veterans and recognized him from forty years ago when they were together in WWII. They had not seen each other since!

I went home tired but happy that I could be part of a boating event and help make it possible to help people who would otherwise have no access to an event like this without the support of a group of very generous people. Thank you Margot Brown and Encinal YC for all the time, effort, coordination and publicity you put in to make a dream come true.

## From Ruth Burton:

The Wheelchair Regatta would be a good project for TIYC to participate in next year.

From a personal standpoint I would say it would be a very worth while and meaningful experience.

Little did I know that Lucky would be greeted at the Encinal YC by our own Christa Schreiber. He is a patient at the V.A. hospital in Menlo Park. He and many other vets were taken out for a great outing on the Bay. Christa and the other volunteers were there to make it happen.







PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SURVEY and mail it to Joyce Waters, 312 Juanita Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030. Complete the other side for dinner reservations. Thanks:

I attend/do not attend TIYC meetings  
because \_\_\_\_\_

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At the functions I enjoy: (Please circle your choice(s))

Dinners

Hor d'ouvres parties

Pot Lucks

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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What kind of entertainment would you like to  
see? \_\_\_\_\_

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What changes would you make in your YC to have it better suit your purposes?

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Given a choice of the following three, which would you be inclined to choose? Please check choice.

Stay as we are at Coast Guard Island \_\_\_\_\_

Remain a paper club until we see what the Marina Development Companies do and then try to get back to TI? \_\_\_\_\_

Keep up the hunt to find a new location? \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

This is not an official ballot or count, just a survey by your Club Manager to try to better our club.



# The Summer of '98 - A Couple of Cruises

Len Cardoza

## Delta Cruise

August 1998 turned out to be a very special date for the Cardozas and Kachina, their Islander Bahama 30. It would be Kachina's first trip back to the Delta where she was purchased in January 1990. The Novaks aboard Grand Illusion signed up for the week long trip, with the news that they would be a day behind Kachina..

The trip began on Friday, August 14, with the Cardozas lowering Kachina's waterline a few inches with provisions, fishing equipment, sailboard, inflatable dinghy, outboard, extra fuel, ice, beverages, books, games, assorted water toys, and over 100 gallons of water! The skipper was astonished to be hailed by a Westbound sailboat in San Pablo Bay, calling for "the white sailboat in San Pablo Bay heading for the Delta". How did the other boat know Kachina's destination?? Kachina arrived in Benicia in the late afternoon for an overnight stay. Since Kachina still had a bit of freeboard showing, the crew tramped down to the Safeway to buy a few more things! An obligatory stop at Benicia's wonderful playground / park filled out a fantastic start to the cruise.

The infamous West wind was already blowing strong the next day when Kachina cast off for the Delta, bound for Potato Slough. Riding a flood tide and 20-30 knots of wind, Kachina was making 10 knots over the ground under a jib alone. A surprised crew heard Grand Illusion hailing Kachina on the VHF in early afternoon. Boy did they sound close! Actually, the Novaks had sailed all night and had passed the slumbering Kachinas at Benicia early that morning. They were now ahead and entering Potato Slough! A properly chastised Kachina rafted up to the Grand Illusion a little later.

Bill had found an ideal anchorage behind the first Island on Potato Slough. Although plans were deliberately uncertain, the two boats, secured with two forward and two aft anchors, spent the entire week at one location. Ah bliss! One perfect day after another started with cappuccino in the cockpit, a morning swim, exploring in the dinghys, windsailing in the afternoon, grilling and fishing in the evenings. The day would end with the crews in the cockpits marveling at the stars, with eagle eyed Bill pointing out orbiting satellites. Significant events included catching "ole nailhead", the giant catfish; Barbara discovering the wreck of an old steamship on a Delta Islet; live music by "half-a-band" wafting over the anchorage from an Islander 36; and a visit by Suzanne Sylvester in her Boston Whaler.

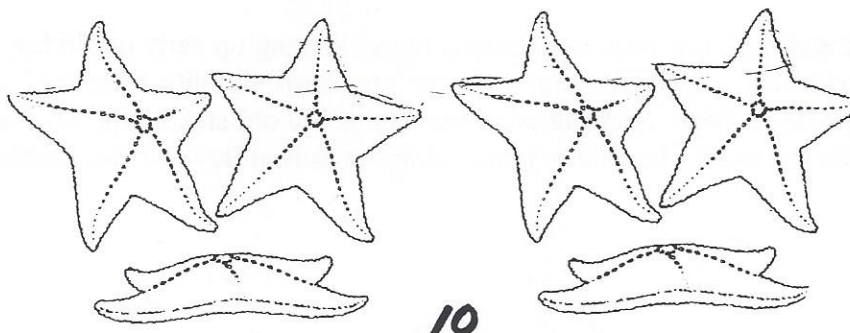
The week ended all too soon with both skippers waking up early on Friday, August 21 to catch an ebb tide. Unfortunately, a classic near zero visibility "tule fog" made an early departure risky at best. Remembering the fate of the old steamship, the crews elected to wait for the fog to lift. In spite of concerns about Suisun Bay and the treacherous "Middle



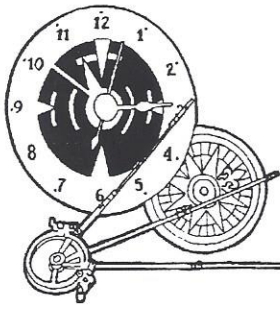
Ground", both boats made an uneventful passage to the midpoint stopping point in Benecia, with Grand Illusion once again leading the way. A fine dinner at a shoreside restaurant rounded out another grand day. Saturday ended the extraordinary cruise with the usual exciting sail back to both boat's home ports in Central San Francisco Bay. We eagerly await our return trip next summer!

#### TIYC Annual Cruise to Coyote Point Yacht Club.

Poor Kachina had barely regained her usual waterline when the Cardozas returned Friday, September 4, to provision her for the traditional TIYC Labor Day Cruise to Coyote Point Yacht Club. Several friendly, if sodden, folks who had come in a powerboat for Treasure Island's Jazz/Blues Festival were vastly amused to watch Kachina's skipper make numerous trips between van and boat: Five trips hauling refurbished cushions (what luxury!); at least three trips for dinghy, outboard and fuel; way too many trips with ice, food and beverages; more trips for bar-be-cue supplies and games; and finally several trips with assorted fishing gear. The Kachinas departed relatively early Saturday morning to ride a fine flood tide to the South Bay. At least three yacht clubs were visiting CPYC and the respective "Cruise Captains" were required to be on hand to assist boats into slips. About twenty boats ended up med-tied to CPYC's visitors dock with about 10 more in vacant slips. The Novaks in Grand Illusion were the next TIYC'ers to arrive, after Kachina. Lisa had succeeded in landing a beautiful striped bass while trolling en-route. The fish was so big that it threatened to capsize Grand Illusion, a sturdy Great Dane 28, and had to be released..... At least that is the version of the story after a few sailing beverages. The Boumas aboard US Skutsje arrived at about their usual time (after dark) and were assisted into a slip. All the crews congregated aboard Grand Illusion to hear yet another version of the great fish story over Spanish sherries. Sunday dawned bright, beautiful, and calm. Invigorated with a coffee/bagel/donut breakfast hosted by CPYC, Len and Bill motored out in "Mr. Bill", Kachina's dinghy for some trolling. Alas, they could not replicate the previous days success. The balance of the day was spent at Coyote Point's excellent museum followed by a golfing excursion (1<sup>st</sup> Annual TIYC Coyote Point Invitational). Bill and Len rented "golf slats" to compete against Hans Novak and his friend Aaron. Unfortunately there is not enough time, nor space in this entry to enumerate the scores. The tired golfers returned to CPYC for a wonderful pot-luck barbecue followed by an accompanied sing-along at the club. Labor day also dawned warm and wonderful. The TIYC boats enjoyed a leisurely sail back to their home ports. I close this tale on a somber note, dedicating this log's entry to Rich Utter, our special cruising friend and winner of many "special races" to Coyote Point aboard his "MILUV". Fair winds and following seas in the hereafter, Rich.







## RACING AND YRA NEWS

George Knies

Treasure Island Yacht Club sponsored the "Inter-Club Race" (South Bay Course) on 19 September. The race was postponed approximately 30 minutes due to light variable winds. During the postponement period several yachts deployed buckets of water and water balloons at each other.

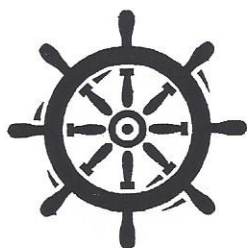
Opening day water balloon exchanges reached an alarming crescendo several years ago when several participants and innocent bystanders suffered serious head injuries. Since then, the Coast Guard and local law enforcement authorities have been partially successful in eliminating this dangerous practice.

On 21 September I discussed this incident with Captain Larry Hall, USCG, Commander Coast Guard Group San Francisco. He stated that any boaters observed to be engaged in water balloon exchanges will have their vessel boarded by the Coast Guard. Such behavior is considered to be reckless endangerment and environmental hazard discard (endangering wildlife): that could lead to criminal charges being imposed by local law enforcement authorities, not to mention civil liability for personal injury and property damage against the perpetrator(s), the sponsoring Yacht Club(s), and sponsoring Racing Association (the fact that the race had not started is moot, when considering sponsors potential liability exposure...since the yachts involved had checked in for the race and were in the general marshaling area).

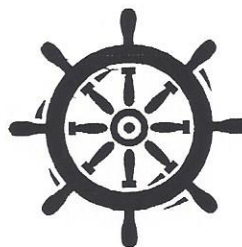
**SPECIAL NOTICE:** On 1 October Bob Donovan and I attended a special YRA Race Management dinner presentation at the Golden Gate Yacht Club. In my conversation with their past Commodore I mentioned the rumor circling throughout the yachting community that their club was seriously in arrears with their rent to the City of SF and that they were in threat of being evicted. Her response was that the city had made a gross error and that the matter had been settled to the mutual satisfaction of all parties. I was pleased to hear that the Golden Gate YC will be around for many more years and that we appreciated our past association with them and look forward to our future relationship. I stated that I will do my best to quell the aforementioned rumors.

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# RACING



**Bob Donovan**

TIYC sponsored and managed the last race of the 1998 Inter-Club Series on 19 September 1998. The race was run in South Bay and there were thirty yachts participating. Of those, five are members of TIYC, and four of them won overall places in their divisions.

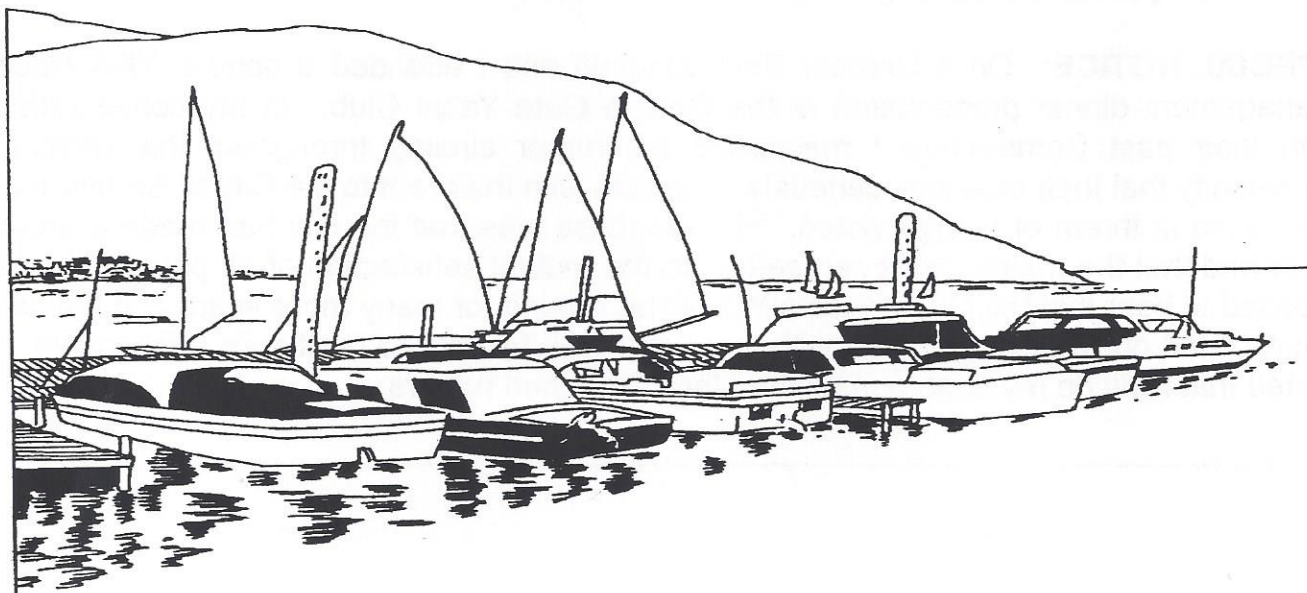
These races are structured with seven starting fleets. The divisions are based on PHRF ratings and the use or non-use of spinnakers. The TIYC winners for the overall series of six races are:

Spinnaker, 0-173 PHRF Second Place: **Mistral (Bob Becker)**

Non-Spinnaker, 0-168 PHRF Third Place: **Starfire (Bob Engelhart)**

Multi-Hull First Place: **Sea Bird (Rich Holden)**  
Second Place: **Already There (Jim Brown)**

A final Double/Single Handed race will be conducted on October 10. An awards dinner will be held at the Oakland Yacht Club on Friday, October 23, 6:30 PM. There will be a reserved area in the dinning room. The cost of the regular Friday night dinner ranges from \$8 to \$13, plus tax.



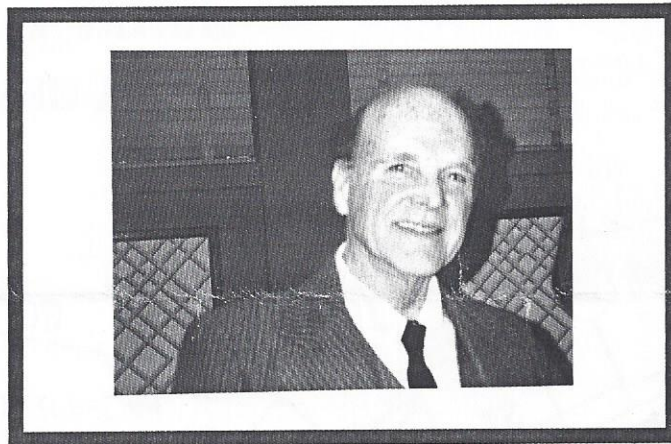


## FROM THE CARING CORNER - Jean Rieth

Another Treasure Island Skipper has set sail from our Fleet. Recollections of Rich Utter shared at our September gathering included a smiling welcome, as he and Larry Stancliff sat playing cards. Quiet humor, firm opinions, and the loyalty of a true friend are words to fit Rich. Add "Super Sailor"---one who loved cruising and racing -- but preferred to sail **MILUV** singlehanded off shore as well as in the Bay.

Rich flew for the Navy through WWII, and again Korea, based at Hiroshima's Iwakuni Airbase. Terry entered his life and heart in 1971, and to her we extend our deep sympathy.

I like to think that somewhere in a sunny corner of Heaven Rich and Larry are still playing cards.. and they are both still smiling. Don't you agree?



## TREASURE ISLAND YACHT CLUB HAS LOST AN ORIGINAL Bob Becker

A friend, a long time member of the Treasure Island Yacht Club, and a teller of fine stories, recently passed over the celestial bar. I first met Rich Utter in 1972 while on a lunch break from my duties at building one. He and Larry Stancliff invited me in with Larry's favorite expression "Come on in and pull up a fender". Rich Utter and Larry were a great welcoming team for the Yacht Club. Rich participated in many cruises and some races. He always seemed to win the race to Coyote Point beating the rest of us on corrected time by seemingly hours. He had a certain knowledge of the south bay that the rest of us lacked. I think that he won every year. His story telling and humor tickled the senses and kept us all laughing. He will be sorely missed. A wonderful friend to all!



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TREASURE ISLAND YACHT CLUB



## 7 p.m. Octoberfest 10-16

### DIRECTIONS

From Bay Bridge going east, take the 980 to 880 turnoff to take you south. (the new freeway) Heads up will be the turnoff before yours, called the 16th and Embarcadero turnoff, ... **DO NOT TURN HERE.** Go a bit further until you see a smaller sign, (not the large green hiway sign) that says, **COAST GUARD ISLAND.** This puts you on Kennedy St., a very short block then take the first right hand turn which is Dennison and proceed to entry gate.

For non DOD/Coast Guard stickered cars . The Gate Guard will have names of non military individuals. Everyone, make sure that you have proof of auto insurance with you.

Proceed through the gate, turn right and then take the 2nd. Left. Go about 2 blocks and look for a large building on the right called **GRESHAM HALL** Parking everywhere!

