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Kite Flying, Islander-Style!

Spinnaker Sailing to Vallejo

The annual race up to the Vallejo Yacht Club on the first weekend in May is a crazy quilt of hundreds of brightly colored spinnaker sails. Racers celebrate their finish at one of the best parties all year in the San Francisco Bay. In 2008 the Association recorded six spinnaker-optional events, including the Vallejo races, for bragging rights by the participants. This year the Association is sponsoring an organized spinnaker racing series. Look for details on page 7.

Fred Fago (fredfago@sbcglobal.net) from Encinal Yacht Club took pictures (copyrighted) of the I-36 fleet in the 2008 race to Vallejo. The pictures are best viewed in the full color version of the newsletter posted on the I-36 website. See more pictures on page 4.

Clockwise from top: 1) Lou Zevanove's *Diana* is first over the line for the fleet, 2) John Melton on *Freedom Won* sails past the Brothers to finish 2nd, and 3) Dan Knox finishes 3rd on *Luna Sea*.

**Mark Your Calendar
for These Dates!**

**Spring Meeting and Lunch
Saturday, March 21**
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Calendar**
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**Click and Save 2009
Cruising Calendar**
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Commodore's Corner

From Corky Stewart, Commodore

With all the current news events enough to drive us all to distraction, I thought I would encourage everyone to do just that - get distracted from all of the hoopla and go down to the docks or dry storage to mess around on your boat! For many of us, sailing season is right around the corner and very few things beat the therapeutic effects of getting our beloved I-36s ready for racing and cruising in the months ahead. Besides, something to look forward to is always a good way to beat the winter weather blues!

Speaking of things to look forward to, if you haven't already done so, I would encourage everyone to visit The I-36 Association website at www.Islander36.org and take a look at what's ahead for our 2009 Season. Our kick-off is the spring meeting at San Francisco Yacht Club, March 21st & 22nd, with reservations being accepted on the Events Page on the website.

This year's spring meeting will have a little of something for everyone; fellow I-36er **Charles Hodgkins** will be conducting a Rules Clinic which will highlight the latest YRA changes to the Racing Rules, and our luncheon speaker will be **Andrew Vik**, who will share his Mediterranean cruising experiences aboard his I-36, *Geja*.

While you're on the Association website, be sure to take a look at the 2009 racing schedule if you're interested in racing your I-36. This year, in order to get new racers to the line in their I-36, there is an incentive program to help defer the costs of YRA registration. Contact information for **David & Tom Newton** is listed on the website and they will be glad to help you get everything lined up for the race season.

Also on the website, you'll find information on the upcoming 2009 cruise schedule. Cruising can be a great way to get to know your fellow I-36ers in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. A cruise can be a great time to get advice on a project or just relax and enjoy a quiet weekend. As always, more hands make the work lighter and cruise coordinators will usually accept an offer to help. If you see a cruise listed without a coordinator, Cruise Co-Chairs **Carol Williams & Anna Stewart** will be glad to help you learn the ropes to become a cruise coordinator!

By the way, back to the part about getting distracted and messing around on your I-36; as you go about prepping your boat for sailing season, don't forget to check out the Maintenance/Systems Menu on the I-36 website. If you're stuck with a particular problem, chances are very good that someone else has already done the same project on their boat and sent in details for the website. If you don't see your project listed there, be sure to send in your experience and photos to **Rick Van Mell**, Webmaster, so that he can update the website with your solution to the problem.

Islander Rededication Address

With Apologies to Mr. Lincoln

by Art Fowler, I-36 Newsletter Contributor

I hope some or all of the above give you some ideas on how to get distracted. No matter what happens with the economy, you can remember this: tough times don't last, but tough boats do. If you need proof, go sail your I-36 and you'll find that most problems really can be dissolved by salt water!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Corkey

Coast Guard Inspections

Yes, it is true that I will be conducting Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) at the Spring meeting. The decal, should you pass, is good for the 2009 calendar year.

For those of you who are not bringing your boat to the meeting and are interested, please contact me so we can arrange a time and place.

Remember, they are FREE! And hold no bad consequences. I am able to perform checks on just about any size or type, of boat, including PWCs. For information on requirements for I-36s, or other 36-foot sailboats, please refer to the I-36 website.

If you would like a VSC, please contact me so I can arrange my time accordingly. Also, if you have a different vessel and would like that checked, or have an interest in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, please feel free to contact me.

Looking forward to hearing from every boat in our fleet, that would be really cool.

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One score and seven months ago I joined with, upon this Bay Area, an Association new to me, conceived in the spirit of competition and camaraderie, and dedicated to the proposition that all men shall enjoy their Islanders equally.

Now we have come upon tough economic times, testing whether these boat owners, or any boat owners so organized, can keep their organization intact. We are met here on the greatest sailing venue in the country. We are mindful that this shall always be the place that great sailors dedicated their time and energy to form this Association that others might enjoy it. It is altogether fitting that we keep this in mind.

But in a larger sense, we cannot claim this Bay for ourselves. We share it with others, respectful and compliant with the rules of the road. The great mariners, both living and dead, have started something far above our power to add or detract. Latitude 38 will little note, nor long remember, what I say here. But the Weather Deck author at Bay and Delta can never forget what he and his crew of the "Pilot" did here.

It is for us, the active sailors, rather to be dedicated here to carrying on the proud tradition for which they have provided the example. It is rather for us to keep constantly in mind that there lies ahead of us work to be done – that from the inspiration provided by our long list of leaders who gave freely of their time and energy – that we highly resolve that those efforts shall not have been given in vain – that this Association shall be imbued with fresh energy: and that this organization of Islander owners, by Islander owners, and for all our families and friends alike, shall continue as long as one of these boats shall still float.



The author accepts the Russ Schneider award in 2006.

The perpetual award is given in recognition of a member named by the Commodore with advice of the board of directors, for continued dedication and generous support of the Islander 36 Association.

Islander 36 Spinnakers

More Pictures from the 2008 Race to Vallejo

Clockwise from top left: 1) Tom and David Newton and the crew of *Captain Hooke*, 2) Thomas Furlong and the crew of *Vitesse*, 3) Harry Farrell and the crew of *Pacific High*, and 4) Frank Mayo and the crew of *Amante*.



Welcome New Islander 36 Members!

Membership Chair, Bob Knickerbocker

As of the end of January, 2009, 66 members have registered for 2009, including 6 new members. Be sure to say Hi if you see any of these new members out on the water or at an Islander 36 event!

Bob

Welcome new members:

- Robert Hay from Kalama, Washington sailing on *Hay Ride*
- Mark Diederich from Oceanside, California sailing on *Dusk Evonne*
- William and Delight Pendola from Vallejo, California sailing on *Lean Times*
- Alan and Diane Warren from Concord, California sailing on *Groovy*
- John Stofanic from Sacramento, California sailing on *Runaway*
- Shawn Dougherty from Kalamazoo, Michigan sailing on *Hale Kai*

Welcome Islander 36 racers to the 2009 season! This is going to be a great year and we hope to see some new faces on the starting line. We are happy to announce that the new owners of *Lean Times*, **Bill and Delight Pendola**, are planning on doing just that. The Association has lots of resources and support for the first time racer. Let us know how we can get you involved.

One great resource is our annual Sail Trim clinic and tune-up racing seminar to be held on April 4 starting at 9:30 am at the Golden Gate Yacht Club. Cruisers and racers are welcome to hear speaker **Jim Robinson**, Season Championship winner for seven years straight, from 1994 through 2000 and then again in 2003. Breakfast and snacks will be provided.

Take note in the Racing Calendar that we are sponsoring two independent series in 2009, the Season Championship with 10 races and 3 throw-outs, and the Spinnaker Cup (not to be confused with the Dr. Charles Ormand Cup) with 4 races and no throw-outs.

See you on the line!

Tom and David

Clip and Save 2009 Islander 36 Racing Calendar

Season Championship Series - 10 races, 3 throw-outs
Spinnaker Cup Series - 4 races, 0 throw-outs (shaded rows)

March 21	Racing Rules Clinic
April 4	Sail Trim Clinic
May 2	The Great Vallejo Race 1
May 3	The Great Vallejo Race 2
June 13	South Bay - 2 race day
June 20	Summer Sailstice - TI / Mid-Bay - 2 race day
July 25	2nd Half Opener Race 1 - long course
July 26	2nd Half Opener Race 2 - short course
Aug 8	Southampton Shoals - 2 race day
Aug 22	OCDA Fall 2 - City Front
Aug 30	OCDA Fall 3 - Knox
Sept 26	Season Closer Race 1 - Knox/Bonita
Sept 27	Season Closer Race 2 - Alcatraz and Angel Island
Sept 13	All Islanders Rendezvous - fun race
Oct 3	Nationals Day 1 - Golden Gate YC
Oct 4	Nationals Day 2 - Golden Gate YC
Oct 17	Champion of Champions - 3 races for Season Champion Winner

Check the Islander 36 web site at www.Islander36.org prior to special events and parties for details, further information, and sign ups.

Nationals Regatta Golden Gate Yacht Club October 4, 2008

Racers in the 2008 Nationals included **Kit Wiegman** on *Cassiopeia*, **Kris Youngberg** on *Tenacious*, **Dan Knox** on *Luna Sea*, **Tom & Dave Newton** on *Captain Hooke*, **John Melton** on *Freedom Won*, and **Harry Farrell** on *Pacific High*.

In the photos: 1) Race committee means business, and 2) Picture perfect racing!



Nautical Terms

by Skipper Wall

Have you ever wondered about the origin of many of our sailing terms? Here are just a few:

Nautical Prepositions

A-weigh: Old English /,on/, /preposition + Middle English /weighe/, verb, from Old English /wegan/, verb, to carry, to weigh. When the anchor has just been lifted from the bottom.

A-drift: Again, as most all the "A-words"; Old English, /on/, preposition+ Middle English /drift/, verb, act of driving, from Old English, /drifan/, verb, drive. To float at random, to cast adrift, to abandon to the sea.

Changed Spellings

Bowline: Always pronounced "boe-lin". Originally a line attached to each leech of a square sail and led forward into the bow as possible. Its name is not that it was led forward. Its derivation is the Old French, /bouline/, *Italian, *Portuguese, & Spanish, /bolina, /and ultimately to the Latin/, bolis. /A sounding line.

Human Anatomy

Eyes: The parts of a ship near the hawes-holes, in the bows; derived from the old English and Med custom of painting an eye on each bow so the vessel could "see" her safely thru the water. It is also the name given to a loop that is spliced in a line. But you knew this!

Body: As in "body plan", a drawing showing the mid-section of a vessel. The body of a sail is its mid-section.

Arse: Situated at the choke end of a wooden block; the immediate area from which the fall (the hauling part of the rope) issues. You are thinking somewhere else aren't you?!

From the land

Bible: The small block of sandstone that was used for scraping and scouring the deck. Commonly known as a "holystone".
Gingerbread; The gilded carving and scrollwork that decorated the hulls of large ships, especially merchantmen, between the 15th & 18th centuries.

There are terms from the "General Environment" and the "Animal Environment" such as "Belfrey", "Bridle" and "Bee" and "Mare's tails". "Bee" is a new one (along with so many others, meaning, a metal loop or ring! Wonder what kind of reaction you would get when you ask the yard foreman to see about a "Bee" you need?

Around Alameda

Pictures from the First Cruise of 2009

The traditional trip around the Island of Alameda on the first day of the year marks the first cruise for the Association. In the pictures clockwise: 1) Dennis and Judy Bush on *Natural High* with friends, 2) Commodore Corky Stewart and First Lady Anna (in crown) on *Brigid*, 3) Webmaster Rick Van Mell on *Vanishing Animal* clicks website pics, 4) Dan Knox and Myphy Alloy on *Luna Sea*, and 5) the happy crowd at Aoelian YC enjoys the chill.





Cruising Notes

From Anna Stewart and Carol Williams, Cruising Co-Chairs

What a great year 2009 is shaping up to be! We hope you are planning to attend the Spring meeting on March 21; it is a great opportunity to start the year off with a great meal and an inspiring talk. If you like to keep your newsletters, just make a copy of the Clip and Save Cruising Calendar and put it up on the fridge.

Enjoy these pictures from cruises in 2008 and picture yourself there this year. We want to see you out there!

Anna and Carol



The happy crowd at the cruise out to Half Moon Bay on Labor Day weekend 2008.



The good looking crowd at the 4th Candadian All Islanders Rendezvous July 4-6, 2008.



Skipper and Nancy Wall from Snowflower celebrate 50 years of marital bliss at the 4th of July cruise out to Napa in 2008.

Clip and Save 2009 Islander 36 Cruising Calendar

March 20-22	Spring Meeting - San Francisco Yacht Club
April 4	Sail Trim Clinic - Golden Gate YC
April 24-26	Encinal Yacht Club - Svendsen's Discount Shopping Night
May 23-25	Memorial Day Cruise to Petaluma Basin
June 12-14	South Beach Yacht Club & Baseball Game (A's vs. Giants)
June 19-21	All Islanders Rendezvous Puget Sound - Port Ludlow WA
July 3-5	Napa Cruise to the Shea's
Aug 14-16	Coyote Point Yacht Club
Sept 5-7	Labor Day Cruise to Half Moon Bay
Sept 11-12	All Islanders Rendezvous - The Estuary - OYC & EYC
Oct 16-18	Halloween Cruise to Point San Pablo Yacht Club
Nov 7	Fall Meeting and Awards - Oakland Yacht Club

Check the Islander 36 web site's **Upcoming Events** at www.Islander36.org a few weeks prior to each cruise date for details, further information, and sign ups.

Spring Meeting, Lunch, and New Racing Rules Clinic!

Don't miss the 2009 Spring meeting of the Islander 36 Association. It's a great opportunity to learn about the new racing and cruising season, catch up with friends, enjoy an interesting presentation, and a bonus this year - attend a New Racing Rules clinic! This event books up fast so reserve early!

When:

Saturday, March 21
09:30 - New Racing Rules clinic
11:30 - Attitude Adjustment
12:00 - Lunch
13:15 - Program

Presentation:

Andrew Vic will be on hand to talk about his 2008 tour of the Med on his Islander 36 *Geja*. The Association has been following the fascinating story of this globe trotting vessel for the past few years. Don't miss this latest installment of her adventures.

Where:

Cove House at the San Francisco YC Belvedere

Menu Choices:

\$35 for choice of Sea Bass with Orange Ginger Sauce, or Tenderloin Tips with Red Onion Marmalade & Linguine. Vegetarian meal available upon request. Meal includes wine, compliments of the Association

Docking:

First night free, additional nights \$1/foot docking fee.

Reservations:

Go to www.Islander36.org, then click on Upcoming Events to make reservations.

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