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Issue 1

ISLANDER 36 ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING 2002

by Rick Van Mell

Spring Meeting
Saturday
March 15, 2003
11:30 a.m.
San Francisco YC
Belvedere, CA.

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2003
Race & Cruise
Schedules

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There were 53 people, representing 29 boats, filling the San Francisco Yacht Club's Cove House Saturday, October 26th, for the annual Meeting on a bright warm afternoon.

Friday night eleven boats arrived at SFYC. Don Schumacher invited one and all to his

aerie up on Belvedere Island overlooking the harbor. Don Henderson and Peter Wilhite drove carloads of boaters up the steep roads until no one was left on the dock. At Don's place, Marti Griffin helped pull together a sumptuous spread for 30, everyone brought wine, and it was a stellar evening.

Saturday four more boats arrived as others discussed repair options for the main starboard bulkhead, three of which had been loosened on the last race of the season in a 30 knot beating. Paul Tara on Zoop still had the repair work exposed so we took some pictures. See our Maintenance page on the web site.

At 11:30 a.m. we adjourned to the Cove House, found beverages and filled the tables for a tasty chicken lunch, with strawberry tart for dessert. Commodore Dennis Bush convened the meeting around 1:00 (see Minutes, page 3). Len Cardoza from the Port of Oakland was guest speaker. Work is under way to deepen the Oakland channel to 50 feet and widen it to 150 feet for the large container ships. Part of the project is to restore a large wetlands area near the mouth of the estuary. Sandy Van Mell took the floor to give away some great door prizes, which she had rounded up through the generosity of our vendors.

Saturday night we were back to eleven boats, and 17 folks squeezed aboard Bruce and Carol Hunter's Freeport "Escape." People brought potluck dishes while Carol served steaming soup. Much of the Damsen's baskets of baked goods (door prizes) were consumed there. As the wine flowed, voices limbered up. Bruce strummed his uke and out-remembered Rick verse for verse of chanties fair and foul! The only downer of the evening was the S.F. Giants snatching defeat from the jaws of victory in the 6th game of the World Series. But we mumbled on, slept early and well, then sailed home in beautiful weather after breakfast on Sunday.



Gail Bowdish, Chris Mellor, Katie Van Trillo and Travis Huff



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Commodore's Corner

Don Henderson



Welcome to the Islander 36 racing and cruising season for 2003! It's a pleasure to pick up the role as Commodore following Dennis Bush, who did such a great job last year. This year we will rely on him as Past Commodore for wise and balanced counsel.

After many dedicated years as Treasurer, Harry Farrell, we are happy to say, agreed to be Vice Commodore, and Ron Damsen seamlessly moved into the challenging Treasurer's slot. Thanks to Paul Tara, our new Measurer, who is taking on a big job this year updating class certifications for our racing fleet. Much appreciation goes to Mike and Daphne Dickson for staying on as Race Chairs for a third year. During their tenure the active fleet increased from 5 to 13 boats, with more additions expected this year. Charles and Kathryn Hodgkins, Cruise Chairs, have also graciously volunteered a second year to perform the very important task of orchestrating another fine year of cruises for 2003. They are planning 9 cruises this year, up from 5 last year, in addition to arranging the spring and fall meetings. About 60 members, not counting friends, children and pets, on 30 boats attended our cruises last year.

Kudos to our hard working long-term officer and chairs who have done such a great job for us year after year and are returning: Brian Jacobs, Secretary, 4 years; Skipper Wall, Membership, 6 years; Rick Van Mell, who is always ingeniously reinventing our web site, 3 years+; Gary Salvo who maintains and guards our email list, 4 years +, and Barbara Henderson, Newsletter, 4 years.

The Spring Meeting will again be at the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere on March 15th. For those coming by boat, we realize that SFYC's new \$1/ft. dock fees are steep. Our Board, after careful consideration, determined that it's still the best venue for this spring, providing adequate deep docking, a private room for our racing clinic and meeting, and space to measure boats. However, we will be considering other possibilities for future meetings. There's ample free parking space if you're driving. Tom List of List Marine in Sausalito will be our guest speaker on the topic of engine maintenance or, as a last resort, repowering, subjects which I know are close to every boat owner's heart.

Membership just keeps growing. At 186 members as of February 1st, that's a 9% increase since last spring. Hello to all our Non Resident Members. Some of you have come west for our meetings, and it was a pleasure to meet you face to face. We hear from you on a regular basis and will be glad to continue to field your questions about the Islander 36 and to hear about your experiences with the boat we think is the best. The Association offers great informational tools for all members through: 1) Rick Van Mell's I-36 web site www.islander36.org; 2) access to the unmatched input solicited from all the members participating in our email list function (which includes most members); and 3) through our Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you March 15th!

Don Henderson

I-36 Fall Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2002

Commodore Dennis Bush opened the Fall Meeting following lunch at the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere. He welcomed the 51 attendees and guest speaker, new members, the Zevanovs, Huffs, Meltons and Chris Mellor, and guests Arnie Gallegos with Louise. Dennis thanked the Hodgkins, Cruise Chairs, for making meeting arrangements, and Laurie Stover for halloween treats. He presented an I-36 pennant to Gail Bowdish of Grand Haven, Michigan who had traveled farthest to attend.

Membership: Chair Skipper Wall announced we have 183 members, and referenced a 1992 treasurer's report showing 30 paid members, to demonstrate how far the club has come in 10 years. He offered application forms and bumper stickers to anyone wishing to promote the club, and encouraged people to take home catalogs from Embroidery Factory which makes up shirts, hats, jackets, etc. with the I-36 motif.

Rick Van Mell moved to waive reading of the Spring Meeting minutes since they had been published in the May Newsletter.

Dennis noted the Association's dramatic change in cruise attendance and number of racers at the starting line, due to the publicity generated by our web site maintained by Rick Van Mell, as well as the efforts of Racing Chairs Mike and Daphne Dickson, Cruise Chairs Kathryn and Charles Hodgkins, and our newsletter.

Harry Farrell distributed his Treasurer's Report and presented it to the tune of "We're in the Money."

Rick Van Mell reported that the web site, begun 5 years ago, now contains 107 pages with 1636 images, and 3500 files in total. He asks people to submit photos of their boats to be featured on the Index page (Boat of the Month Club).

Cruising: Co-Chair Charles Hodgkins asked attendees to return a cruising survey distributed at meeting. They plan seven cruises next year, one out of the Gate. They thanked cruise participants by giving each boat two green coffee mugs. Charles and Kathryn, also racers, encouraged other races to cruise. Charles asked people to consider sponsoring a cruise (Chairs book the location and berths; Sponsors make dining and any other arrangements). Charles and Kathryn distributed a bottle of wine sponsors of this year's cruises.

Racing: Co-Chair Mike Dickson advised that I-36 was the fastest growing fleet in the YRA last year. They are Planning a two-race day, a fun ocean race (not part of scoring season), a Duxship Race on April 12 up to Stinson, out to the Farrallons and back into the Gate. Jim Robinson will host a two day weekend event at SFYC--the Islander 36 Nationals--next fall. There will be a Racing Seminar held the morning of the Spring Meeting. Mike added, "if you are new to racing or are thinking about it, talk to some of our racers." He distributed a glass beer mug to racers and awarded The Buster Hammond Half Hull trophy to Non-Spinnaker Division season winner Paul Tara (2nd



Race Chair Mike Dickson presents Hammond Half Hull to Mary and Paul Tara of Zoop for I-36 Non-Spinnaker Division

year in a row). The silver Ormond Cup trophy was not awarded since we did not have a Spinnaker Division racing this year.

Dennis presented the Russ Schneider Trophy (service award) to Barbara Henderson for her work on the Newsletter.

Dennis presented the slate of officers for approval, and it was so moved, seconded and approved. 2003 Officers: Don Henderson: Commodore; Harry Farrell: Vice Commodore; Brian Jacobs: Secretary; Ron Damsen: Treasurer; Paul Tara: Measurer. The appointed Chairs will be: The Dicksons as Race Fleet Captains, the Hodgkins as Cruise Captains, Skipper Wall as Membership Captain, Rick Van Mell as Webmaster and Barbara Henderson will do the Newsletter.

A revision to by-laws, which was required to clarify certain racing issues (previously published to members and distributed at the meeting), was presented for approval. They were approved. Dennis thanked Mike Dickson, Rick Van Mell and Don Schumacher for resolving issues and wording the revision.

Sandy Van Mell said that Svendsen's on Alameda Island has offered the Association a Fleet Night to shop as a group with discounts. Nancy Wall thought it could take place in conjunction with a Saturday cruise. Discussion resolved that an Encinal Cruise in April would work.

Dennis displayed two contributions to the Association from Marie Winton, which came through Don Schumacher. The larger is a 12 x 24 half model complete with spinnaker and spars--in color. The second is a stainless wire model on a mahogany base approx 14" high. Marie is the widow of Charles Winton, who died this year. Don explained that "Chuck" raced Chimo, an early I-36, to many successful wins in the 1970-80's. The Models are proposed for use as trophies. Don added it would be up to the the Association's

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Minutes of Fall Meeting, *continued*

Board of Governors to decide how they were to be awarded. The Association will send a letter expressing their appreciation to Mrs. Winton.

Dennis explained that due to enforcement of the revised Racing certificate of compliance, the Measurer's job will be greatly expanded this next year. Since Walt Levison declined due to his travel schedule, Paul Tara will fill the job. Paul suggested one and all come help inspect his boat after the meeting as a starting point!

Harry Farrell presented Commodore Bush with gifts of appreciation for his leadership this year which contributed to the overall success of the Association: A Commodore's shirt for Dennis, a gift for the Commodore (Judy), who was ill and absent, along with twelve-year-old Matthew, who received an Ambassador of Good Will T-Shirt.

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Len Cardoza from the Bay Model and Manager of the Port Dredging Programs: Preserving the Treasure of the San Francisco Bay and Estuary. Tides, Currents, Navigational Channels (Dredging), History and Geomorphology." There was considerable interest and many questions, all of which were ably answered by Mr. Cardoza.

Finally, Sandy Van Mell, with young Patrick Tara drawing tickets, distributed door prizes (separate article, p. 9).

Submitted by Barbara Henderson for Brian Jacobs.



Peter Wilhite, Smokey and Laurie Stover



Ron and Karen Damsen eat a hearty breakfast before departing on Sunday

Come Join Us at the Islander 36 SPRING MEETING

San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

Saturday, March 15, 2003



Lunch/Meeting: Cove House (SFYC):
11:30 a.m.: Check in, Libations
12:00 noon: Lunch
1:00 p.m.: Meeting, Speaker

Make Your Reservations Online:
www.islander36.org/events.html

OR contact Cruise Captains
Charles or Kathryn Hodgkins
charles@sailingmischief.com -
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or call (510) 865-9045

Speaker:

Tom List, of List Marine, Inc. in Sausalito, will talk about engine maintenance and repowering issues. He is very familiar with I-36's, having, among other involvements, repowered Don Schumacher's BLUE STREAK and kept KINDRED SPIRITS' Perkins alive for the last 8 years.

Dock Space: \$1/ft/night

Lunch (Adult): Salad, salmon, garlic mashed potatoes, veggie, roll, butter, beverage, fruit tart: \$23

Children: Fruit cup, chicken strips, veggie, roll, butter, beverage, ice cream sundae: \$11.

ISLANDER 36 RACING FLEET NEWS

by Mike and Daphne Dickson, Race Fleet Captains

2003 Race Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Categories</u>
TBD	Race Clinic	General Season Discussion & Racing tips.
May 3	Vallejo Opener-Day 1	Race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Division.
May 4	Vallejo Opener-Day 2	Race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Division.
May 17	City Front	Race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Division.
May 31	Olympic Circle	TWO (2) Races Today!
June 14	South Bay	Race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Division.
August 9	Olympic Circle	Race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Division.
August 23	South Bay	Race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Division.
Sept 6	Knox	Race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Division.

Both Divisions have 1 drop. Boats race 9 races and count the best of 8 scores. It is important to have 5+ I-36 starters in every race. Please work hard to arrange your schedule to make each race, or find an alternate helmsman to sail your boat for you.

For more information about racing, E-Mail Race Chairs: Mike or Daphne Dickson: mike1d@pacbell.net or daphnej@pacbell.net

RACE CLINIC & MEASURING OF RACE BOATS

... Will Happen the Weekend of the
Spring Meeting (March 15).

Stay tuned to your email and
check our website for update.
or contact Mike Dickson

Make Your Reservations Online:

www.islander36.org/events.html

OR

RSVP to Mike or Daphne Dickson
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GET YOUR BOAT MEASURED

Islanders intending to race with the I-36 Fleet in the 2003 season are required to obtain a Certificate of Compliance issued by our Measurer Paul Tara.

Paul says, "You bring it, we'll measure it," at the San Francisco Yacht Club during the weekend of the Spring Meeting (check website; watch for email). Or contact Paul (below).

See the website* for a draft of the measurement form. Questions: call Paul Tara at (831) 336-3622.

*From I-36 Home page, in first column, click on "Certified Racers," or go directly to:
<http://www.islander36.org/comply.html>

Islander 36 CRUISE SCHEDULE ~ 2003

CRUISE CAPTAINS

Charles Hodgkins and Kathryn Munn Hodgkins
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(Tentative Schedule-- Check Web Site for Updates
or see May Newsletter)



Cruise Chairs Kathryn Munn Hodgkins and Charles Hodgkins at Coyote Point last fall

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Host</u>
Sat, March 15	Spring Meeting & Race Clinic SFYC	Details, reservation info on page 4
Sat/Sun, April 26-27*	Encinal YC	Dennis & Judy Bush
Sun, May 18	Special Event - Farralons & back	Joseph Krensavage (see article below)
June	Napa Valley YC	Sponsor wanted
Fri-Sat, July 4-5	Benicia Yacht Club - Fireworks	Sponsor wanted
Sunday, July 6-?	Delta Cruising	Sponsor wanted
August	Coyote Point	Sponsor wanted
Fri-Sun, Sept. 26-28	Drakes Bay (to Tomales?)	Joseph Krensavage
October	<i>I-36 FALL MEETING</i>	
Sat.-Sun. Dec. 6-7	Oakland YC Lighted Boat Parade	Sponsor wanted
Thurs., Jan. 1st 2004	New Year's Day Around the Island	Charles & Kathryn Hodgkins

***About 5 pm on Saturday of the Encinal Cruise, we will be going to Svendsen's Boatworks in Alameda for a special Fleet Night of shopping - at a discount!**

In response to enthusiastic input from 30 members' Cruising Surveys distributed at the Fall Meeting, the 2003 Cruising Calendar has been expanded to 11 events with 2 out the Golden Gate. If you haven't been on an Islander 36 Cruise yet, try joining us this year. Attend just one cruise and qualify for the coveted set of two I-36 Cruising Mugs.

Want to give us a hand with a cruise next year? Be a cruise sponsor. We make arrangements with the marina or yacht club destination and you plan the activities and dining. It is fun and a great way to get to know your fellow cruisers in the Association. Contact Charles: charles@sailingmischief.com to sign up as a sponsor.

FARRALON ISLANDS CRUISE SUNDAY MAY 18, 2003

Joseph Krensavage put the word out that he plans to catch ideal tide conditions on May 18th to cruise to the Farralons. To date eighteen other Islanders think that's a great idea and will join the cruise. The plan is to ride the strong ebb tide out under the Golden Gate early in the morning and sail the 25 miles out to the Farralons, rendezvous, and return with the afternoon flood tide.

Joseph on Mustang will depart from slip #239 in the San Francisco Marina at 7:00 a.m. sharp, monitoring VHF channel 71. Mobile: 408 836 1510. Participants are

encouraged to spend Saturday night in harbors close to the Golden Gate so they can depart on time to join the fleet and catch the current. It would be a good idea to have plenty of fuel and water in your tanks.

Everyone is welcome. A sign up list and more detail is available on the islander 36 web site:

<http://www.islander36.org/farralones.html>

If you have questions, you can email Joseph: jpkrensa@pacbell.net or call his mobile number.

The Charles Winton Perpetual Trophies

Chuck Winton of I-36 racing fame (on Chimo and other ODCA classes) in the 1970-80's, and past Commodore of the San Francisco Yacht Club, passed away recently. Chimo was a picture perfect model of the Islander 36 with a skipper and a crew that always showed the way. His wife, Marie Winton, contacted Don Schumacher last fall, offering him two models of the Islander 36: 1) a quite accurate and very sturdy wire model, complete with spinnaker on a mahogany base approximately 15" x 23"; and 2) a half hull model approximately 12 x 24, complete with spinnaker and spars, in color.

Don suggested that they be donated to the Islander 36 Association as perpetual trophies and Marie agreed. The Association is very grateful to Marie for her generosity.

To date, it has been decided that one of the trophies will be awarded annually to a cruiser selected by the Board and Cruise Chairs. The use of the second trophy will be determined the Governing Board of the Association.



Judy and Dennis Bush at Coyote Point

Congratulations to Past Commodore Dennis Bush and Judy, who made all five cruises last year!

Last Year's (2002) Cruise Attendance

29 boats participated in 5 Cruises in our 2002 Cruise Season



Landis' Seafare at sail, Coyote Pt. Cruise

	CRUISERS	BOAT	Encinal 4/27	Race - Cruise T.I. 5/25	Benicia 7/4	Tall Ships SF 8/30	Coyote Pt. 10/5	Total
1	Bennett, Mike & Leslie	Getaway			X			1
2	Burkhart, Frank	Island Girl				X		1
3	Bush, Dennis, Judy, Matt	Natural High	X	X	X	X	X	5
4	Cucksey, Fred & Barbara				X			1
5	Damsen, Ron & Karen	Woodbine	X		X		X	3
6	Dickson, Daphne & Mike	Nimbus		X				1
7	Farrell, Harry	Pacific High	X		X		X	3
8	Fowler, Art & Betsy	Zenith			X			1
9	Ferguson, Jack	Wandering Star				X		1
10	Grubb, Geo & Denise	Finesse	X					1
11	Henderson/Wilhite	Kindred Spirits	X		X	X	X	4
12	Higdon, Bill & Jim	Blockbuster	X		X	X	X	4
13	Hodgkins, Kathryn & Chas	Mischief	X	X	X		X	4
14	Hunter, Bruce & Carol	Escape			X			1
15	Jacobs, Brian & Fran	Blue Moon		X		X	X	3
16	Knickerbocker, Bob, Maureen	Woden	X					1
17	Landis, Ken & Louise	Seafair					X	1
18	McClellan, Linda & Roger	4 R Sanity	X					1
19	Murphy, Steve & K. Smith	Luna Sea				X		1
20	Salvo, Pat & Gary	Ophira	X		X			2
21	Szasz, Peter & Louisa	Midnight Sun			X			1
22	Sheas, Tim/Rhonda/Ian	Lean Times			X			1
23	Stompe, Barry & Sylvia	Tom Cat			X			1
24	Stover, Jim & Laurie	Solace			X			1
25	Tara, Paul and Mary	Zoop		X				1
26	Thomson, Jack & Sandy	Noncents			X			1
27	Trewman, Ashley & Kath.	Moria	X		X		X	3
28	VanMell, Rick & Sandy	Vanish'g Anima	X		X	X	X	4
29	Wall, Skipper & Nancy	Snowflower	X		X	X	X	4
30	Zevanov, Lou & Diane	Diana					X	1
	Zimmerman, Glenn, Julianne	Dayna Marie II					X	1
	TOTALS		13	5	19	9	13	

Beautiful Autumn Cruise to Coyote Point September 28, 2002

By Rick Van Mell

Cruise Hosts: Brian & Fran Jacobs

Blend together a dozen Islanders and about 30 people sailing them, season with good food and spirits, warm gently in soft September sunshine and you'll have the picture-perfect Islander cruise to Coyote Point Yacht Club September 28-29, 2002. Cruise sponsors Brian & Fran Jacobs made it as nice and enjoyable as it could be.

Southerly light winds carried the fleet 15 miles south from the Bay Bridge to Coyote Point, a mix of gentle sailing and easy powering--a contrast to the strong, westerly sleigh ride typical earlier in the year. Skipper & Nancy Wall sailed Snowflower down on Friday evening to join Coyote Point YC members Brian & Fran Jacobs on Blue Moon, and new members (also new boat owners) Glenn & Julianne Zimmerman with Freeport Dayna Marie II. Glenn purchased the Freeport after years of looking at it, and has spent the last few weeks bringing her up to Bristol fashion.

Rick and brother Derrick Van Mell tacked Vanishing Animal down six miles from Sierra Point. Sandy drove over. The rest of the fleet arrived shortly with Commodore Dennis, Judy & Matt Bush on Natural High, Ron & Karen Damsen on Woodbine, Charles & Kathryn Hodgkins on Mischief, Bill Higdon & crew Ron on Blockbuster, Ashley, Katherine & Savannah Trewman on Mariah, Don Henderson & Peter Wilhite on Kindred Spirits, and Ken, Louise & Jordan Landis on Seafair. Harry Farrell and Carol Williams completed the party when they arrived on Pacific High in the middle of cocktail hour aboard Woodbine. We spilled along the dock with our usual assortment of nibbles and drinks.

Arriving by car were Diane and Lou Sevanov, who had owned and raced their Islander in the early 70's, let it go, and recently repurchased it this year. Turns out Lou was one of the Association's early commodores Lou & Diane !

Around 6:00 we headed for the Coyote Point bar and were welcomed to a wonderful evening of sailing stories, silver bowls of mussels, clams, corn and potatoes - a clambake in a bowl! Washed down with the fruit of the grape, it made a fun meal. Commodore Bush thanked Coyote Point Yacht Club for their hospitality, and the evening ended with a songfest led by Rick on guitar.

Sunday morning it was bagels and cream cheese in the warm sunshine - no fog or wind. As boats peeled off and headed north after 10:00, some even found a breeze to take them home.



Louise Landis on Seafare enjoying typical Cruise siesta



Nancy and Skipper Wall, Carol Williams, Harry Farrell and Diane and Lou Zevanov



Ron and Karen Damsen head home on Woodbine

Commercial Members Contribute Much-Appreciated Door Prizes

by Sandy Van Mell

Once again, it was great fun to pass out such wonderful door prize at last fall's Annual Meeting October 26th. Our commercial members and contributing vendors are our favorite "Toy Stores." Every year they come through with generous gifts. Our heartiest thanks go out to each of them. Do stop in to see them and say "Hi!" and "Thank You" from the Islander 36 Association.

The Fall 2002 Donors and gifts were:

North Sails	Chris Shining	6 Hats
Pineapple Sails	Sally Richards	T-Shirt & Hat
Svendsen's Boat Works	Alex Jordan	2 Harken Foul Weather Jackets, 1 Harken Vest, 1 Harken Jacket and 1 Harken Sweater...WOW!
Embroidery Factory	Shirley Housley	2 Custom I-36 T-Shirts
Hood Sails	Robin Sodaro	2 Kevlar Duffel Bags
KKMI	Jock MacLean	Free Haul with bottle of wine!
West Marine – San Fran.	John Stapleton	Medium Duffel & Orca Vest
West Marine – S. San. Fran.	Brian Theobald	Medium Duffel
West Marine – Oakland	Colette McKeever	Sailing Gloves & Boat Cushion
West Marine – Richmond	James Collins	Polartec Vest & Orca Vest
West Marine - Sausalito	Rann Phibbs	Medium Duffel
West Marine - San Jose	Dave Mackey	Medium Duffel
Woodbine Bakery	Ron & Karen Damsen	2 Amazing Baskets of Gourmet Baked Goodies!
Sail San Francisco	Alison Healy	T-Shirt & Hat commemorat- ing the 2002 Tall Ships Event.

Please give Sandy Van Mell a call or send an email if you have a **new vendor** to add to the list...collect the manager's business card the next time you visit so you can give Sandy the **manager's name and phone number**. We will make sure that they get a Thank You letter from our organization and an I36 burgee, if they want one to display. Sandy: 650-962-1515 vanmells@ix.netcom.com

Ed. Note: Nobody does it like **Sandy Van Mell**: rounding up the prizes, and so graciously conducting the drawing and passing them out! THANK YOU, SANDY!



Sandy

Membership Report by Membership Chair Skipper Wall

As of February 1st, the Association's membership stands at 186. We have lost a few because they sold their Islander 36. Can't imagine!!! But, we have new members aboard, mainly because of our excellent website.

So to each of you, to keep our Association viable & growing, if you see an I36 that is not a member, put an application under the hatchboard.

Remember, "We want to be in touch" with every I36 owner.

Give me a call or e/m if you need applications.
~~Skipper Wall, "Snowflower"

Local and out-of-town Islander 36 Members: we want your articles for the Newsletter

- -cruises, repair projects,
the everyday or unique

(pictures most welcome
and will be returned):



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or send to Barbara Henderson
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Gadgets, Maintenance n' Stuff

Typically, these questions come in to Gary Salvo, who puts the questions out to members. Here's the dialogue.

Questions About Your Cabin's Sole - Teak & Holly

Jeff Crosby, Port Clinton, Ohio 3/13/02:

My 1977 Islander 36 has fiberglass floors presently covered with carpeting. We would like to put down a wood floor. I have looked at the Pergo and several other composite flooring materials but I can see major problems getting them to contour to the curved floor. I then thought of going to a vinyl floor that looks like wood but would like to match the teak and holly look of the woodwork. Do you know of anyone that has tried the retro fit and what they used?

Kevin Novak, Boulder City, NV:

I'm not quite to that point yet but I have also thought (in advance) of a variety of methods to install a teak and/or wood floor. I keep coming up against the contours and adhesion methods vs. mechanical fasteners. Any tips would be deeply appreciated.

Answers:

Walt Levison, Belvedere, CA.

Had a solid teak and holly sole installed 20 years ago, right after buying "Sultana" at a cost of around \$2000. I consider it one of the best things we ever did for the boat, and it has held up quite well with only an oil seal.

Mike Dickson, San Francisco

Kris Youngberg (*Tenacious*) just replaced her floors with Teak and Holly. He might be able to assist you.

Mike Reed, Washington

Our 1974 Islander has teak and holly floors which look great, but present some interesting challenges. They were installed around 1990 when the boat was in Southern California. The floor is solid wood (not plywood) and were screwed and glued down although I don't know what the adhesive is. Furthermore, the boat has an iron keel with a shallow bilge.

If we let the bilge get too full and the rail down, the floor gets quite wet. I have never been able to determine where the leak is, but I would bet on unsealed screw holes. Besides having to mop up water, there are a couple of other problems. The floor swells when it is wet and consequently, the bilge boards don't always fit

well. The biggest concern is that the Holly turns black in some places due to the water. A final detractor is that varnished and wet floors are very slippery. Given all of this however, I love the look and will put up with the downsides.

John Boudreau, Massachusetts

Your best bet is to install teak and holly plywood. By the time you get through trying to retro some foreign material, you could have already finished.

Mark Wyatt, San Diego

My thoughts are why bother? Another maintenance hassle. Unless strips of wood are bedded like a teak deck, water can get in underneath and be hard to "wipe up." If your plans aren't for a "deck" style sole and include screwing down the flooring, the screw holes can let water into the bilge and other compartments not so accessible because of the bilge knees.

The original fiberglass liner sole is nonskid like the deck; a good idea as I've witnessed more injuries to crew below than on deck in rough seas, often due to a slick sole or carpet that is not securely adhered to the liner sole. The worst are varnished soles with no grit in the final coat; but the grit makes it look, um, gritty. Unfinished or lightly oiled wood (like a teak deck) is fabulous but really hard to keep clean; think of all the crazy stuff you spill on your sole.

I've seen some sort of fake wood flooring that could take the compound held down with screws and finish washers; looked OK, but it was slick. Admittedly, a wood strip floor is beautiful, and it does insulate the sole some.

Grab rails should be installed along the ceiling or a single one below the portside ports, so a walk to the head when the boat's moving like a bucking bronco is safe. When it's rough, the starboard pilot berth should be raised to decrease the volume of the cabin and provide another handhold. Some clear nonskid tape at least down the middle of flooring helps prevent slips.

Don Henderson, Kentfield, CA.

A fascinating exchange to date. We're still in the carpet mode -- but do have plans to convert to teak and holly at some point. Purpose of this email is to describe a conversion done by someone else on *Vivace* a few years ago, that seems to be a good model and, I thought, worth sharing. New flooring was 1/4 inch teak/holly plywood (also available in 1/2" and 3/4") -- which lends itself to

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"Tango" Is One Tough Islander - Survives Two Hurricanes in B.V.I.

One of our newest memberships, **Warren and Liliana Stansbury**, who live aboard their Islander 36 "Tango" in Christiansted, St. Croix, shared some information on the interesting life their I-36 has led.

Originally named "Hexy IV" when first purchased by W.D Brown, it became "El Panama" when bought by R.D. Marcy, was sailed to Hawaii, then brought through the Panama Canal to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where she was wrecked by hurricane Hugo in 1989. Sold off the beach to J. Vautrin, she was rebuilt and became "Sand Dollar". The plucky Islander suffered another beating by hurricane Marilyn in 1995, was again rebuilt, was purchased by the Stansburys in 1997, and finally named "Tango." She is sailed and enjoyed as a home in Green Cay Marina.

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some flexibility. Four 4x8 ft sheets cost around \$700 or so (Hand Loggers, Richmond, CA.). Contouring to the curved floor (especially adjacent to the chart table) involved approximately 1/8 inch bottom "cuts" (running bow to stern -- carefully done at 1 inch intervals).

Application to the original fiberglass sole was made with 3M 5200 (lots of it! -- as I recall, 10-15 of the large "sticks" applied with a caulking gun. This stuff is almost impossible to remove, so do it "right" the first time). To position the ply and allow the 5200 to "do its thing", especially where there are contours, small machine type screws were temporarily used at edges of the teak and holly ply (later removed and filled with epoxy). Weights were applied to contoured areas.

For aesthetic reasons, the bilge panels could be "surrounded" with stainless steel strips, about 1" wide, at a cost of maybe \$150. There are, I'm sure, other ways to do this (*e.g.*, with wood) at lower cost.

Finish was 3 coats of "Smiths" Epoxy Sealer, \$20 for the two-part application -- followed by ten coats of varnish. Lots of time involved -- but seems to have paid out in durability.

This particular do-it-yourself" floor conversion required two people during the "lay down" phase -- both with quick reflexes!). Sounds more complex than it was. The sealer and varnish exercises were done BEFORE installation. Total cost: A bit over \$1,000. (I've been told it would have cost double if "outsourced." After almost 3 years --it still looks great, and wears well with very little ongoing maintenance (a cruising/live aboard boat). Just keeping the bottom companionway slat in a "locked" position does wonders in keeping water out of the cabin.

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by **Rick Van Mell:**

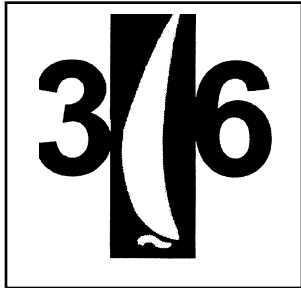
Always trying to make life easier, we've added a **Reservations Response form** for our events. With just a few clicks you can enter all the information needed by our event sponsors and get your reservation. You even get an instant response of what you've sent, so you have a copy showing, for example, what meal you ordered and how many nights you're staying. We've started with two Reservation Forms on the site: one for the Spring Meeting on the Events Page, and another on the 2003 Cruise page for the Farralons Cruise on May 18th. Check 'em out, try 'em out, and, as always, keep those cards and emails coming!

We've captured and summarized a number of the email exchanges on maintenance and those fun additions we all like to put on our boats. If you have some time on a rainy or snowy winter evening, you'll find them cozy reading - just scroll through the Maintenance, Gadgets and Navigation Gear sections. It's a great way to add a new project to your spring commissioning list!

Hopefully you've had a chance to look at the great picture of Mustang (on our Home Page) sailing out the Golden Gate taken last November. It is a dramatic "poster shot". Ralph Greenwood also sent along a nice set of pictures of Tranquility frolicking near Alcatraz and the Gate - you can find them in the Member & Fleet pictures page. Speaking of which, we need more pictures for the "Boat-of-the-Month" series to fill out the 2003 calendar. Just go to the Home Page, find the paragraph describing February's "Taboo", Jeff & Paula Crosby's boat from Bellevue, Ohio, and click on "here's how".

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