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Zevanov kids cool their heels on their way to Redwood City, for the Sequoia Yacht Club Cruise

### HAPPY SUMMER!

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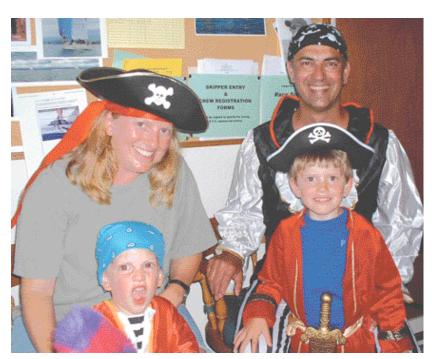
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# Pirates, Booty and Bountiful Fun

Sequoia Cruise, July 4th weekend

Excerpted from Rick Van Mell's article at www.islander36.org



AAARG! Johnathon Muhiudeen, Linda Holm and children Ian and Keegan of "Pulau" are all dressed up and ready to pillage.

Summer on San Francisco Bay arrived just in time for the 4th of July cruise to Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City.

10:45 Saturday morning, roll call at the Bay Bridge. It was Rally time! Rick Van Mell had set up a series of waypoints, offering a prize for whoever could best predict their arrival time at the entrance to the Redwood City channel. It was amazing how close boats were at the finish - as close as 6 seconds! They also came very close to their predicted times.



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## Commodore's Corner

Mike Dickson



# We have reached the half way point of

another year and have many fun and exciting events in the next few

months. If you have n't made it out to any events this year I encourage you to sail on out to the event nearest you. For our racing members who do not live in the area and would like to visit the San Francisco area, a great time to join us would be for our National Championship on October 8th and 9th. Let us know if you will participate and we will find crew spots for you. Check our web site for details of all upcoming events.

Our next cruise, August 5-7 is to the beautiful town of Benicia. If you have not been there it is one of my favorite places to sail. The marina is excellent and close to town and all it has to offer. Tim and Ronda have invited us to their place in Napa for anyone who would like to sail up on Friday. This cruise will also be used as a feeder cruise for those who are lucky enough to have the time to sail on to the California delta. Many thanks to Smokey and Laurie for putting together so many great events for us this year.

The racing season will be back in swing on that same weekend with the traditional second half opener. If you're looking for some sailing over the Labor Day weekend sign up for the St. FYC Labor Day Regatta. This event promises to be a great event for our fleet.

As we look to the fall our association is in need of someone to take over the position of newsletter editor/writer positions. Kelley is leaving soon and we would like to get someone with computer desktop publishing experience. If you are interested or know of someone who might fit the bill please give me a call.

Stay on Starboard

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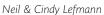






SHIVER ME







Art Fowler gets first prize

TIMBERS!



The well trimmed True North

Laurie Stover and Donny

Ashore, Laurie Stover had help setting the tables for Saturday's Pirates Mess, decorating with treasure chests, swords, pirate hats and skeleton bones. The YC crew slaved in the galley to produce a buffet of salmon and teriyaki chicken, mashed potatoes with white wine gravy, carrots, green beans. We finished with ice cream, chocolate syrup, whipped cream and cookies!

The Islander kids are becoming a closeknit pack of Harbor Rats each time the fleet gets together, seeing their friends, comparing video games and portable players. They'll be the racing crew, and eventual Islander owners of the future.

Laurie introduced those kids: *Diana's* Taylor (10), Nick (8) & Sam (4); *Pulau's* Ian (5), & Keegan (2 1/2); *Nantucket's* Andrew (6) & Chris (12) plus friend Sammy; *Evanescence's* "adopted" kids Donny (14), Amber (12), plus Sunday arrivals Troy & Derek (Smokey's grandsons) and Amanda (Smokey's daughter) and her daughter Sarah. *Natural High's* Matt and *Endeavor's* David are in an older class by themselves!

There were 20 boats represented by 55 adults and 15 kids with 5 canines: Teak, Cathy, Tillie, Cruiser and Cody!

Sunday morning the Sequoia crew served up French Toast, sausage, bacon and fruit, followed by a treasure hunt up and down the docks, then games on the grass such as "Sink the Ship", "Walk the Plank" and, of course, "Red Rover".

John Melton wielded a drill and saw to replace ports on *Freedom Won* and Neil Lefmann was hoisted aloft to install a flag halyard at the spreader until it was time to muster for the Szasz party.

No one knows how to party like Peter & Louisa! Their house in Redwood Shores, surrounded on two sides by water, was the perfect playground. The patio tables held hors d'oeuvres brought by the fleet, while inside were



Relaing on the afterdeck of the Szasz's beautiful Redwood City home. Thanks Peter and Louisa!

two cakes and many wine bottles. Peter made Margaritas by the pitcher.

The kids headed for the dock, fighting for turns in the 10' electric motorboat. There were smiles on their faces, and looks of concentration, as all ages from 2-1/2 to 14 took turns. One big kid managed to squeeze into the electric boat with his wife. You'll see the picture of "vulture" Kimball Livingston on the cover of Sail Magazine! Teak, Tille &

Cody swam endlessly after balls thrown by the kids. Nothing like "wet dog" running through a cocktail party!

Monday morning the Islanders rose to the call of Sequoia's fruit and bagels breakfast. Chores continued in the fleet as Art Fowler went aloft to restore *Zenith's* foredeck light, and John Melton worked on porthole # 2.

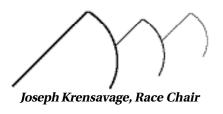
In the afternoon we gathered on the Sequoia deck for one last relaxing round of drinks while Sequoia's galley crew made giant beef ribs to go with pork ribs and chicken, plus hamburgers and, hot dogs.

After dinner, it was time to secure the cockpit awnings and stow flags in preparation for the morning departure. Then most of the gang adjourned to the big cockpit on Evanescence. The kids had some sparklers along the dock, while the adults snuggled under blankets and sipped nectar of the gods. At 2130 the fireworks began. For twenty minutes the sky was filled with bursts of light and the concussion of shells. Another glorious 4th, compliments of Redwood City.

Tuesday morning we all headed home. It was a great weekend.

# **Racing Notes**

from Mustang's Deck



Greetings: What a fabulous racing season we're having! I'm personally amazed at how closely distributed our boats were during the recent Stone Cup race. During one down wind leg, we had a dozen boats within a 10 boat length area. Our starts have been likewise very competitive. Congratulations to all for a great first half. I look forward to our South Bay second half-opener.

To better serve our racing fleet, I respectfully request your inputs in the form of survey questions that I will pose to our racing fleet in August. The timing of this survey will support the planning of the 2006 racing season with the other ODCA fleet captains, the ODCA President, the YRA office and any appropriate yacht club race directors or other entities.

Please send your ideas for survey questions and or concerns no later than August 8th to josephk@synopsys.com

I will aggregate all of your questions and pose them in the form of a survey on August 15th; asking for your answers by August 22nd.

At right is an example of survey questions already suggested for inclusion in the survey.

Fair winds and following seas

Joseph

### Number of races and periodicity

In 2005, we have 10 races with 2 throw outs for the season standings. In 2006, how many total races and throw outs do you want?

In 2006, would you approve a racing format of 6 ODCA single races and 3 two-day regattas hosted by a premier yacht club? The two day regattas would have 2 races on Saturday, a yacht club party Saturday night and 1 race on Sunday. This would be a 15 race season spanning 12 days with two throw outs.

Should the "Nationals" regatta count toward our season standings or remain as is? Last year it didn't count for the season and we had less than usual participation.

Should the "Nationals" regatta be renamed?

Should the "Nationals" regattabe held in October or earlier? If earlier, when?

Should we include season counting races that occur earlier than the Vallejo Opener?

### Sails and rigging

Should the class jib size be reduced to 125% Or should the maximum size remain at 135%?

Should the class headstay be roller furling only or should it remain allowable to use a non-furling headstay with a deck sweeping jib for maximum performance?

### Class rules

Should the class adopt a change to Racing Rule 44.2 such that a penalty turn is reduced to one tack and one gybe?

## 2005 Islander 36 Racing Calendar

Date	Season Championship	Stand-alone Fleet Events	Individual or group participation
	10 Races	13 Races Best 8 of 10 Races (2 throwouts)	7 Races Attendanceencouraged
		Best of to Races (2 throwous)	
Aug 6			Encinal Race (Pt. Bonita)
Aug 7			Encinal Race (TI Course)
Aug 20	South Bay (Pier 40 party)		
Aug 27	Knox/Bonita (HDA)		
Sept 2,3 & 4		St. FYC Labor Day Regatta - 3 to 5 races	
Sept 10	ODCA Treasure Island		
Oct 8- 9		I-36 Nationals - 3 races	



After the races on both days, the St. Francis put out a beautiful spread of hors d'oeuvres and a keg of beer for all fleets and crew to enjoy.

A special treat was the evening slide show put on in the club by professional photographer Chris Ray. There are some fine hang-on-the-wall shots in his collection which you can find at http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/crayiv p/StoneCup. Be sure to click on each left-hand thumbnail for lots more fine pictures. You can even order them right from the site if you like. The yacht club g raciously sent us a gorgeous hard-bound album of regatta pictures.

An added bonus to finish the evening was the KFOG Kaboom fireworks that were just visible from the dock.

Sunday, the wind was very strong.,

# Stone Cup Regatta - May 21-22

14 Islanders raced in this premier regatta, rubbing shoulders with the larger boats.

There was a nice breeze at the line as we milled around before the first start. The Islanders really showed how far they have improved their starts this past year. We could hear the race committee countdown on the radio and we really looked like hotshots, with nearly the whole fleet lined up, charging towards the line, crossing it just at the gun..... Except that it wasn't our start!!! It was our 5 minute warning. The committee was not doing rolling starts, so as to give more space between fleets on the course. Well, a little humbled, we all went back and managed to start at the correct time.

The breeze steadily built through the day, bringing out the windsurfers, but never too much to dampen our spirits. We had 2 wonderful races, with predictable first place finishes for *Midnight Sun* and seconds for *Tomcat*, placings that were repeated on Sunday, though *Windwalker* nearly took the second place finish in the last race of the regatta, after a long downwind battle with *Tomcat*. We enjoyed trading the lead back and forth with them.

building up to 20-30 knots. Only 4 boats came out, as the races did not count for our season championship. We all deliberated dropping the last race of the day, but slogged ahead, getting very wet and hoping nothing would break. We raced with a reefed mainsail for the first time ever, and saw a few of the other classes sailing downwind sans spinnaker.



We will greatly look forward to participating in this regatta again if we are included next year.

Photo top: Happy racers! Crew members of Mustang, Pacific High and Nimbus at the STFYC after a day racing in the Stone Cup Regatta.

Right: Mustang and Nimbus

## **Cruising Notes**

from Smokie and Laurie Stover, Cruise Chairs



# Treasure Island Cruise June 11-12

from Rick Van Mell's article on the web

Friday afternoon Smokey & Laurie Stover and Smokey's grandson Troy, anchored their Freeport 36 Evanescence in Clipper Cove. Ron & Karen Damsen anchored Woodbine nearby and hosted a lasagna dinner, with fabulous frosted carrot cake-cookies. Saturday morning brought Dennis, Judy & Matt Bush on Natural High; John and Nanci Melton and Dennis on Freedom Won; Michael, Christopher, and Andrew Jefferies, with friend Sam on Nantucket; Gary & Pat Salvo on Ophira; Lou & Diane Zevanov on Diana with son Steve & wife Jena and the kids; Rick Van Mell on Vanishing Animal; Tim & Ian Shea on Lean Times.

It's hard to tell who were the kids at the dinghy races! There were nine boats, eight kids, five inflatables, one fatty knees and one kayak. Rules? Well, you had to leave each of the three marks on one side going out and the other coming back - but you could go either way around. Naturally that led to great fun, fending off and feuding to the finish line. Some headed back to their boats to gather potluck dishes, the rest gathered on the dock and washed down hors d'oeuvres on *Evanescence* and *Vanishing Animal* with the fruit of the grape. Don and Barb Henderson came



Bush family afloat on their own island



Michael Jefferies of Nantucket



Dinghy race winners, Smokey Stover, Tim and son, Ian Shea take a victory lap



Fun and sun on the sand

by car. Around 18:00 all had come ashore with their goodies and we adjourned to the Treasure Island Yacht Club. TIYC lacks running water, but that was made up for by their gracious hospitality. Flags and pictures decorate their walls, and fresh popcorn encouraged all to patronize the bar. Dennis grilled up a huge plate of hot dogs and the attack on the food began. Handmade ice cream, cranked mostly by the Nantucket boys and Troy, was served with strawberries to finish off a great meal

Sunday was a warm and quiet morning - perfect for scouring the tide line and playing beach games. Andrew Jefferies

and Ian Shea collected sea shells while Troy dug into the sand discovering a baby lobster. Christopher and Sam made "sand angels". There were Bird books and some bay duck skulls to examine and compare. Then it was time for the adults to have fun playing "toss the shark". Andrew threw rubber sharks in the air for the bucket-holding crowd to catch. Dennis and Matt Bush hold the record for the most sharks caught. We spent the rest of the morning relaxing on the beach watching the kids at play. Then we headed home. Another great weekend.

# HALF MOON BAY

## memorial weekend

After a bouncy start with a strong ebb tide against a stiff northwest wind, eight Islanders passed the Golden Gate at 08:00 on Saturday the 28th of May, turned the corner and had a nice sail in smoother water down to Half Moon Bay. The sun greeted us when we got down to Pillar Point, and it was a glorious afternoon.

Our fleet included; Natural High, Woodbine, Tranquility, Freedom Won, Sensei, 36 Double D's, Evanescence, Dream Catcher and Wind Lock. Wind Lock had a mechanical problem while headed out the Gate and turned for home. Art Fowler, representing Zenith, crewed on Evanescence, Betsy Fowler drove, as did Rick & Sandy Van Mell of Vanishing Animal. Non-



Laurie and Sandy shuckin' corn

member, Twig with his I-36 White Horses tagged along.

HMBYC provided great hospitality. Vice Commodore Phil Armstrong welcomed us. With a little fire in the patio stove to drive off the morning damp, we set up chairs on the protected patio, and were welcomed to use the kitchen. Hors d'oeuvres were placed on a table in the bar area with

fresh popcorn provided by HMBYC. Libations flowed from the cozy bar with flags from clubs near and far. We heated dishes then spread it all out on the long buffet table and chowed down. Everyone turned in early for a good night's sleep.

With a forecast for increasing winds by *Monday, White Horses, Natural High, Tranquility* and *Evanescence* all left Sunday, while those staying were invited aboard *Sensei* - Chris & Kelley's Mellor's new Norseman 447 for dinner. *Evanescence* was the last to leave at about 1230. It was discovered that her two bladed folding prop had lost a pin and a blade had fallen off. She stayed on a mooring while Smokey dove and changed the prop with a spare three bladed fixed prop before taking off.

Evanescence' sail up the coast was as spectacular as the sail down with 10-15 knots about three miles out on a port tack all the way back, and a reef set off of Ocean Beach before turning in towards the Gate on a flood. It was a little lumpy, but peo-



Claire Mellor and guest crew, Dolores Shotton tide poolling

The gang assembles for dinner at the clubhouse

ple have to pay good money at Six Flags for the same thing. Once along the way the GPS recorded 13.7. Not too shabby for a Freeport!

Everyone got off fine on Monday morning. They had to motor sail back most of the way because of the lack of wind. Leaving a few hours later may have changed that.



Dream Catcher goes home

Compliments to our Treasure Island hosts and organizers Dennis & Judy Bush and Laurie and Smokey Stover.

## 2005 Islander 36 Cruising Calendar

#### Sat/Sun August 6-7

Benicia YC - Downwind sailing, lots to see downtown. Stage for a few following days in the Delta? Kids will like their water toys here.

### Sat-Mon September 3-5

Drakes Bay - Anchor out/raft up. Catch a fish for the BBQ and hike from the shore. There's even an option to head north to Bodega Bay at the end of the weekend. Skipper & Nancy Wall

#### Sat-Sun, October 22-23

Ballena Bay

John & Nanci Melton

### Sat, November 5

Fall Meeting -St. Francis Yacht Club.

Come a day early for a Friday evening pot-luck around the bar at Golden Gate YC! **Islander 36 Association** of San Francisco Bay **909 Cerrito Street Albany, CA 94706** 



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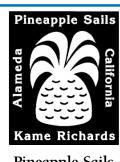


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