

36 Islander 36 NEWS

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Happy Holidays Islanders! *(by Eric Mueller)*

I hope you have a great holiday season planned with dreams of sailing in the new year. If you are new to our wonderful boats a special hello. You are joining a fantastic active fun group. The board is meeting soon to finalize the new season of fun. Phill has collected some great info and projects. What are your projects and plans for adventures for the new year? As has been the tradition lately, we will produce and have available our trifold schedule after our board meeting in January.

If you want to start early here in the Bay Area there is the annual Round Alameda although this year the tides are not with us at 8:20am and 9:40pm so either an early start or a late finish :) The next event is a special race that gets more boats than anything else in the entire United States. It

is the shorthanded Three Bridge Fiasco. Appropriately named as sometimes finishing is the biggest challenge.

Have a wonderful fun holiday season.



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2019 Dues



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Call to Islander 36 Fleet *(by Eric Mueller)*

The [board](#) is getting together figure out the schedule for the new year.

This is where you come in.

We need you to tell us what would get you off the couch and participating or even just to the marina.

What do you want to do? The choices are unlimited and do not have to be a race or cruise or even located in the Bay Area. Everything is there including last minute get togethers. The ball is in your court. Help us out and let us know what you want from your organization.

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Commodore [Eric](#)



2018 Race & Cruise Schedule

There are no races or cruises scheduled for December 2018.

Check your inbox in January for a SPECIAL EDITION of the [I36News](#) with a complete updated schedule for 2019

For the latest updates & rules please [click here](#).

Fall Meeting

Fall Meeting 11/3/18 at Oakland YC

It was a delightful, warm evening as your fleet gathered at [Oakland Yacht Club](#) for our annual [Fall Meeting and Winners dinner](#). 19 boats were represented by 45 people who enjoyed a terrific presentation by our Canadian master member [Burt Vermeer](#) on his 45 day, 935 mile cruise up the east side of [Van-](#)



[couver Island](#) to the [Broughton Islands group](#) for some spectacular cruising. The season's champions were presented with their trophies, and the special awards were given out.

We had the whole 44 year span of membership represented including founding member Lou Zevanov to members new this year, and we elected new Officers for 2019. Check it all out at [2018 Fall Meeting](#).

USCG—LNM

11th District Local Notice to Mariners Service For 2019

If you would like to receive notices telling you when we have posted the latest LNMs for this district, please register with our [one-way email service](#).

You will need to download the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view these documents.

Special Notices

- [D114823-001 Special Notice Mariners District Eleventh Indefinite](#)
- [D11 SLNM Special Local Notice to Mariners Indefinite](#)

[LNM Special Notice for Yachts Feb 2 011 Indefinite](#)

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December
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My Lake Michigan Winter Checklist *(from John Mahowald)*

Winterize boat. 10 gallons - 50, 3 gallons -100 [Anti-freeze](#).

Flush engine. Remove filter

- Close thru hull(s).
- Remove strainer and clean.
- Pump 3 gallons of -100 antifreeze through engine. Disconnect loop at strainer. Use ribbed butt connector to connect hose to bucket in cockpit.
- Lube prop.

[Pressure water system](#)

- Set hot water valves (on heater hoses) to bypass setting.
- Empty both water tanks. Put 3.5 gallons antifreeze in port tank.
- Open dock water valve and deck inlet. Turn on pressure water until it comes out on deck. Close valve and deck fitting.

- Remove Gull water filter and empty canister.
- Remove [aerator](#) on kitchen faucet. Run pink through hot and cold water.
- Ditto in head.
- Pump pink through foot pump.
- Open all valves. Leave all hot and cold faucets open.
- Empty hot water heater
- Set hot water valves (on heater hoses) to normal setting.
- Disconnect forward hose, draining into 2.5 gallon bucket. Then disconnect second hose.
- Use hand pump to empty bucket while it is filling. Rock boat from side to side to help empty water heater.
- Remove cap at end of pressure relief hose. Open pressure relief valve.

Head and fresh water strainer

- Pump 0.5 gallons of pink through deck wash. Pump pink through toilet.
- Toilet: Disconnect plug on left side. Disconnect pump flange on right side. Remove joker valve.
- Bring home all toilet spares.
- Empty fresh water strainer.
- Put 2 gallons pink in holding tank. Run pink through macerator pump.
- Remove soap dispensers.

Bilge

- Put 4 gallons antifreeze in the bilge. Pump antifreeze through manual bilge pump.
 - Pump antifreeze through auto bilge pump.
- Open ports to let any water drain from gaskets.



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“California of Canada” *(from Bert Vermeer s/v Natasha)*

Good topic this time of year! Although we’re not southern California by any stretch here in BC, we are considered the “California” of Canada. We have the potential of sailing all year round and many do, participating in winter race series at local clubs. However, for practical purposes, our cruising season is generally considered finished at the end of October and resumes by the end of March. For those five months of inactivity owners have a variety of choices:

- leave the boat as is and clean it up in the spring;
- winterize and enjoy early spring sailing without having to clean the moss out of the cabin!

We aren’t likely to get a lot of snow, or long term freezing temperatures, just temperatures in the upper 30s to lower 50s with a lot of humidity. As our boats sit in salt water that’s a consistent 40 degrees all winter long, water tanks don’t have to be filled with antifreeze or drained. However, if you have a transom shower or bow washdown pump they had better be drained for the occasional cold snap that may dip us down below freezing for a week or two.

Sails and canvas should come off. The sails (particularly the genoa on roller furling) have a good chance of turning green in the constant moisture unless they are aired out on a weekly basis (like the club racers do). The canvas will also turn a lovely shade of green, causing plenty of wear and tear when it comes time to clean it.

All lines need to be removed from the

bedding/linens are removed, mildew is the worst enemy. Unless well ventilated I’ve seen the inside bulkheads green in the spring. The options are to have really good ventilation through the boat (inside and outside moisture content would be the same), or seal up the boat and install a mechanical dehumidifier. That’s the option I have taken. All the cushions are aboard year round and the dehumidifier chugs along on an internal humidistat set at 50%.

The boat is as dry as a mid summer afternoon. Once the initial moisture is removed (probably 2 gallons every three days), the small (two gallon) bucket gets emptied once a week.

When freezing temperatures threaten it’s time to activate small electric heaters on board. Our power grid is quite robust and it’s not very

often we’re without power for more than a few hours, even in a storm. A small heater is more of a psychological comfort to the owner as much as it actually does anything worthwhile for the interior. It’s the interior moisture that’s the enemy. Deck leaks must be sealed!

Then there’s the engine. Oil and oil filter change at the end of the season, not in the spring. No point in having

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deck, including the shore power line. We tend to hang the power line on lifelines, just to keep the decks clear. Many owners put tarps over the boom to keep the coach roof a bit clean and dry. Unless well secured and strong, the first winter wind storm will remove them!

Dock lines are usually doubled up for the same reason, using multiple deck cleats as well.

Inside, unless all the cushions and

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“Caif. In Canada”

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contaminated oil sitting in the pan all winter. If there is no intention of starting up the diesel till spring, then the [raw water impeller](#) is removed and left out (less strain on the bent over blades). If a replacement impeller is called for, leave it till spring to install. [Fuel stabilizer](#) is a good idea, but a full fuel tank is more important. The fuel tank is vented to the outside air and with our humid climate water will contaminate the fuel if the tank has a significant empty top half.

All the [through-hulls](#) need to be tested and then closed. The [bilge pump\(s\)](#) need to be tested, ensure that the [float switch](#) is working. I'm amazed by the number of failed switches from year to year, owners having no idea that the pump has not been working all summer!

Battery fluid topped up for wet cells and the battery charger checked for proper [“float” charge voltage](#). Shore power is secured so it won't disconnect with boat movement and a [sacrificial zinc](#) on a heavy wire (attached to the engine block/prop shaft) is over the side.

If there are extra [fenders](#) aboard, now is the time to put them between the boat and the dock. Our winter storms can sometimes put 30+ knots through the marinas with significant wave action in some locations. Having the fenders in place before the storms is a good idea.

I think that's about it. I look after about a dozen boats for non-resident owners and that's the list I follow for each of them.

Maritime Safety

[Maritime Safety Information Distribution Local Notices to Mariners](#)

[Light List Volumes](#)

[Navigation Rules - Amalgamated](#)

[Maritime Telecommunications](#)

[PAWSA](#)

[International Ice Patrol \(IIP\)](#)

[Public Notices for Bridges](#)

[Nav Pubs and Documents](#)

[Vessel Traffic Services](#)

[USCG Homeport Website](#)

[Coast Guard Safety Alerts \(uscg.mil\)](#)

Membership (by Jocelyn Swanson)

Please join the [crew on the poop deck](#) in welcoming these new members to the [I36Association](#).

Stewart Holtom “*Vala*” - South Wales
Hal Bowen “*Bel Espoir*” - Sandpoint, ID.

Chuck Stuckey “*Blue Moon*” - Portland, OR.

Flying Circus with winter coat...



Basic Boating Safety Tips

- Be Weather Wise
- Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist
- Use Common Sense
- Designate as Assistant Skipper
- Develop a Float Plan
- Make proper use of lifejackets



“Galatea” bottom Refinish *(by David)*

In the winter of 2017-2018 I undertook a project to refinish and fair the bottom of my 1977 Islander 36 "Galatea", which I race on Lake Superior though [Apostle Islands Station](#) of the [Wayzata Yacht Club](#). This was a big effort and I'm quite happy with the results though the project was huge in scope. I share the story of this project in case others might be interested and are contemplating the same.

Galatea is raced in nearshore and offshore races on Lake Superior. Lake Superior has a justifiable reputation for gales, but racers know that the lake often has light air conditions. I knew that the [rough ablative bottom](#) was likely slowing me down in races, especially in the common conditions of summer light air. I undertook to fix the bottom in the winter of 2017-2018. I knew this project would be big so I engaged [Barker's Island Marina](#), in Superior WI to help with their skilled staff and great facility.

The first task was to get the old bottom paint off. This part of the project was on me. I tried several methods including scraping, and using a chemical solvent. I eventually wound up using a [9 inch sanding disk](#) with 30 grit sandpaper and sanded the entire bottom past the gelcoat down to the fiberglass mat. This process took something like 80 hours spread over 2 to 3 months and involved many trips to the marina. I built a tent around the boat to suppress dust dispersion. I climbed the enclosed tented off area many times, sanding until all the paint had been sanded off the bottom. It was a particular form of hell with which others that have sanded bottoms are familiar, and those that have not should avoid.

But, as it turns out, sanding would just be the beginning. As I sanded I [exposed osmotic blisters](#) which would

ooze black liquid. At that point it was confirmed this was going to be a huge project, not simply a large project consisting of sanding, fairing and painting.

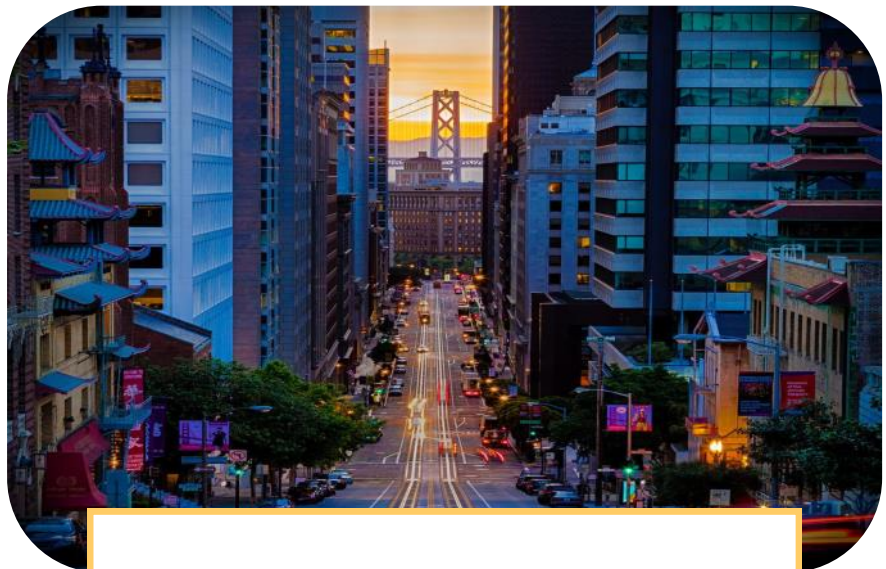
The folks at Barkers brought the boat inside their shed and used a [gelcoat stripper](#) to remove the washed out laminate and further expose blisters. This process revealed there were far more than the dozen or so blisters I'd initially uncovered with sanding. Eventually we saw about [150 blisters](#) which, once the [moisture readings](#) became low enough, had to be dug out and [filled with fiberglass and resin](#) building back the surface underneath the holes left behind.

The next step was to re-apply fiberglass that had been taken off with the gelcoat stripper. To accomplish this the marina used a [vacuum sealing process](#) which allowed them

to build back 5 layers of glass. Once the glass had been reapplied the [bottom was faired](#), the [keel was faired](#) and finally the bottom was painted.

After it's all said and done [it looks great](#), the boat sails faster in light air and I finally don't have to look at the bottom this winter wondering how much it was slowing me down. The staff at [Barker's](#) was great working with me throughout. The hull is stiffer and the boat doesn't flex when we apply backstay.

I'm glad I pushed this through though I'm not positive I would have started had I known what I was getting in to. I suppose that's the way of many things.



Is this the view of the Bay from your office?



Christmas in San Francisco *(courtesy Trips with Tykes)*

11+ Things to Do with Kids to Celebrate the Holiday Season

My favorite time of year in the San Francisco Bay Area is almost here! The weeks leading up to Christmas in San Francisco are always filled with kid-friendly special events and activities, so it is no surprise that many travelers choose to make their way to my hometown for the holidays.

Whether you are a lucky local like me or just planning a visit to San Francisco's mild climate to escape the cold back home, here are my top picks for families spending time during December and the holidays in San Francisco, updated with new dates and activities for the 2018 season.

Christmas in San Francisco: Things to Do to Celebrate the Holidays

1. Union Square Festivities

Union Square is the center of many of San Francisco's best holiday decorations and events. While most of the decorations are already up long before Thanksgiving, the season really gets underway with the Union Square Tree Lighting on November 23, 2018 from 6-7 p.m.

While you are in Union Square, take your little ones to see Santa at Macy's and window shop (or just shop) 'til you drop. Always a hit with everyone in the family is the SPCA's Holiday Window at Macy's where adoptable pets frolic in adorable holiday scenes.

Meeting the big man at [Macy's Santaland](#) in [San Francisco's Union Square](#).

2. Ice Skating

There are several places to ice skate in San Francisco to get in the holiday spirit. [Union Square](#) always has a large rink, open from November 7, 2018 to January 21, 2019 this year. Prices are \$18 for adults and \$13 for kids ages 8 and under for a 90 minute session and skate rental is included.

Another easily accessible popup ice rink is located near the Ferry Building on [Justin Herman Plaza](#) by Embarcadero 4 in the Financial District. It is a bit larger and a bit cheaper than the Union Square rink with an equally awesome San Francisco location. It opens this year starting November 5, 2018. General Admission is \$12, children 8 & under are \$7, and skate rental is \$5.

3. Fairmont Gingerbread House

The second story of the [Fairmont's holiday gingerbread house](#).

San Francisco hotels really get in the holiday mood as well, and one of the most magnificent hotel holiday displays is at the [Fairmont Hotel atop Nob Hill](#). The hotel constructs an enormous two story gingerbread house every year on display in the lobby. It's so big that adults can walk through it. Kids will especially enjoy the working miniature trains that encircle the creation. The grand opening this year for the Fairmont's gingerbread house is on November 23, 2018.

4. Westin St. Francis Sugar Castle & Enchanted Castle

One of two [sugar castles at the Westin St. Francis San Francisco](#).

Not to be outdone, another of San Francisco's iconic hotels also goes all out for the holidays. The pastry

chef at [Westin St. Francis](#) located right on Union Square builds castles of sweets each year, opening in 2018 on November 21. The hotel also has a special pop up sweet shop where you can purchase holiday treats to take home. The sweet shop is open on weekends from 11 am to 4:30 pm during the holiday season.

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Smile for Peter

Fellow Islanders,
Passing along this information to those that knew Peter Szasz as a great racer, great teacher, and great friend.

Our 2004 Fall Meeting at St. Francis with 100 people representing 33 boats remains a high water mark for the fleet.

Peter donated the Perpetual Crew Award in 2004 and it lives on 14 years later.

Most of you already have heard that Peter Szasz, our dear friend and shipmate to many of us, lost his battle with cancer last month.

The ceremony was held Friday the 16th November at St. FYC.



Christmas cont...

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5. A Christmas Carol at American Conservatory Theater

The [American Conservatory Theater](#) (A.C.T.) is a well-respected and well-established professional theater company in the Bay Area. ACT has a longstanding tradition of presenting a theatrical production of [Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol](#) every year. The show this year runs from December 6-29. Tickets range from \$10-\$150, so you can take your family for a very reasonable cost in some of the cheaper seats.

6. Beach Blanket Babylon

[San Francisco's Ferry Building is always aglow with holiday lights.](#)

The irreverent musical revue Beach Blanket Babylon has been a San Francisco tradition for over 40 years. The show celebrates and makes fun of popular culture from a distinctly San Francisco point of view. The show is ever-changing, but it changes even more during the holiday season.

The big question is: can and should you take your kids? Due to the fact that alcohol is served, children aren't allowed at most showings, but children ages 5 and up are welcome at both Sunday matinee showings and the early shows on Wednesday evenings (see the [full calendar here](#)). The show definitely pushes a few boundaries but most of the jokes would go over the heads of younger kids. Plus, the matinee versions are toned down a little bit. In short, relax, laugh, and take the kids!

7. Zoo Lights at the San Francisco Zoo

The renowned [San Francisco Zoo](#)

gets all decked out in [holiday lights](#) during the month of December. Meet Santa, ride the train, and enjoy other holiday activities with your kids. The event dates for 2018 are December 14-16, 18-23, and 26-30 from 5-8pm. Pricing for 2018 is reasonable as well, at \$10 for adults, \$8 for kids ages 4-14, and free for kids 3 and under. Parking is \$10.

Twinkling lights along the Embarcadero during the holidays in San Francisco.

8. San Francisco Ballet Nutcracker

A performance of the [Nutcracker](#) has been a [San Francisco ballet](#) tradition since 1944. This year, performances run from December 12-29, 2018 (excluding Christmas). The show allows children ages 3 and over to attend. For a special treat, try to attend one of the "family performances" where the first 500 children ages 4-12 receive a special gift. At these shows, intermission beverages and treats are complimentary and at one hour prior to curtain, *Nutcracker* characters are available for photos.

9. A Bronx Tale at SHN (formerly Shoreline Hays Nederlander Theatres)

Looking for even more family-friendly theater this holiday season? The shows put on by SHN in San Francisco are always top-notch and in the Broadway style. This year, one of SHN's big shows during December is [A Bronx Tale](#), running November 27, 2018 – December 23, 2019. The show is recommended as recommended for ages 12+, but kids must be a minimum of 5 years old to attend.

10. High Tea for the Holidays

San Francisco may be known for its free-spirited and alternative reputation, but some very histor-

ic traditions are alive and well in the City by the Bay — namely afternoon tea. Several of the fanciest San Francisco hotels host tea year round, but the holiday teas are a tradition for many San Francisco families year after year.

My family had the chance to experience [holiday tea at the Westin St. Francis](#) a few Decembers ago and it was simply a treat. I was very worried bringing a three year old into such a fancy setting but the event is truly geared to families.

Fancy but kid-friendly holiday tea at the Westin St. Francis.

Some of the other well-known teas include the [Gingerbread Holiday Tea at The Fairmont San Francisco](#), the Teddy Bear Tea at the Ritz-Carlton, and the [Children's Magical Tea](#) at the Top of the Mark in the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins. Tea with your kids is a pricey outing, but it's also a truly unique experience that might be well worth it if your children love an excuse to dress up.

11. Pier 39 & Fisherman's Wharf Holiday Events

Pier 39 and [Fisherman's Wharf](#) also have a few major events during the holiday season. The major attraction is the [Pier 39 Tree](#). This year, instead of a single lighting, there will be a [nightly show](#) synchronized to holiday music at the top of each hour from 5 to 10pm. The show will run from November 21, 2018 through January 1, 2019. Be on the lookout for the [Fisherman's Wharf lighted boat parade](#) on December 14, 2018 from 6-8pm.

[Ghirardelli Square](#) down on the other end of the wharf traditionally has a [tree lighting ceremony](#) all its own.



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