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From The Race Deck *(by Eric Mueller) cont on page 6*

Last year we had a lot of fun racing around the bay and some tight results with positions in question right up until the final race of the series. [The Nationals](#) was also a success this year with a slow start and hard fought results. If you have not had a chance to do so I highly recommend reading Rick's write up in the [2017 Archives](#).

2018 is arriving in style. Our [Race calendar](#) is going to have us participating in a number of fun races this year. The first and always a fun one is the [3 Bridge Fiasco](#) on January 27. It is a double handed race that frequently sees fickle winds and lots of fun. Last year saw the entire race lined up off of [Berkeley Pier](#) waiting for the wind which eventually filled in. If you haven't done this one I highly recommend it.

This is followed by The Vallejo Race, at the end of April. A couple of interclub bay races

May 12, and July 14 finishing up with our ever popular [Coyote Point Destination Rally](#) in September. We are also looking at the Westpoint Regatta on June 30 if we can keep our race costs in line. The race series is a modified version of what used to be called the Party Circuit because there was a party associated with each race.

One thing we used to do when I was growing up racing in the bay area is we used to get together after races to talk both with our crews and skippers. This gave us a chance to talk about the sailing and just enjoy the camaraderie of sailing. I would like to propose we see if we can work some of that back into our racing. Many people I have talked to have mentioned similar sentiments. How about we plan on a place to meet after each race varying the location to account for boat mooring locations. We have the [Coyote Point Destination Cruise](#) and Vallejo races already covered. If we can

Words from the poop deck! *(by Commodore Robert DaPrato)*

As the new commodore for 2018, I would like to welcome all the members of our Association and wish you all an enjoyable year of events.

We have attempted to select cruising and racing events that should appeal to the majority of our membership and look forward to meeting you at one or more in the following months.

Please feel free to invite your family and friends to participate this year as we are trying to expand our events to more people of all ages and degrees of involvement.

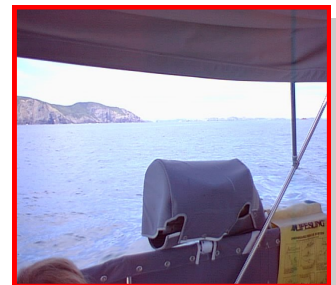
Smooth sailing,



Commodore Robert DaPrato

*Wishing everyone
Peace & Love for
2018*

Mouse Pad, Christmas in Bay of Islands, NZ 1997



2018 Race Schedule

Date	Event Name	Races	Host	Notes
Jan 27	3 Bridge Fiasco	1	SSS	Double handed event
April 28	To Vallejo	1	Vallejo YC	
April 29	From Vallejo	1	Vallejo YC	
May 12	Interclub Race	1	TBD	
July 14	Interclub Race	1	TBD	
Sept 29	Coyote Pt. Destination Race/Cruise	1	Coyote Pt.	With Cruisers!
October 13	Nationals Regatta	2+	GGYC	Confirmed.
Nov 3	Fall Meeting & Winners Dinner	0	Oakland YC	To be confirmed.

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

Membership *(from Jocelyn Swanson)*

The [I-36 Association](#) welcomed 22 new members in 2017. The majority of our members are from [California](#) which makes sense as the [Islander 36](#) was designed and built in [Southern California](#). However, in reviewing our membership data base, we have members in 25 states and 4 countries ([Canada](#), [Australia](#), [France](#) and Mexico). The state outside of [California](#) with the most members is [Washington](#) and the country with the most members is [Canada--British Columbia](#) has 7 members and Ontario has 4. We have a total of 152 active members in the [Association](#). We do advertise in Latitude 38 which is read both in Northern and Southern California, but our main source of membership recruitment is our [Islander 36 website](#) which is managed by Rick Van Mell. The website is a fabulous asset to the Association connecting all the members and providing vital information

on the design and maintenance of our [Islander 36](#) boats. Plans are to follow up with inactive members (those who haven't paid 2017 dues) to encourage them to maintain their [membersip](#) in the Association. Inactive members do not have access to the membership email list or the [Islander Blueprints](#) and [Owners' Manual](#) in the drop box.

If you are planning a visit to another state, check the data base of members--who knows--you might be able to sail with a member of the Association on their [Islander 36](#). Sailing is year round in [California](#), [Hawaii](#), and [Florida](#), but I suspect you need summer weather in [Minnesota](#), [Michigan](#), [New York](#), [Rhode Island](#) and some of the other states located in the Midwest and Northeast!

Best wishes for a 2018 filled with sailing adventures, good wind and following seas!

The Numbers *(from Roy Samuelson)*

Kudos go out to our [Board](#) for once again voting to donate generously to the Youth sailing plans of some of the Bays organizations.

This year they include the [Junior sailing program at Golden Gate YC](#), the [Alameda Community Sailing Center](#) and this excerpt from a letter from the Encinal Yacht Club.

"On behalf of the Encinal Yacht Club sailing Program, we would like to thank you for your generous support of our "Junior" Sailing Program. Your ongoing support of our program has been crucial to our mission of providing safe, affordable sailing to the young sailors of the San Francisco Bay Area."

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Winter Options *(by Rick Van Mell)*

Saturday, December 9th dawned in [Chicago](#) with snowflakes dusting a new 2" blanket of snow. Gusty northwest wind at 15 made it feel even colder than 28 degrees as I nudged my brothers Robert and Derrick into the car for a ride down to [Crowley's Yacht Yard](#) on the far south side. I was only in [Chicago](#) for 3 days, and this was a chance to do the old winter pilgrimage to see Robert's boat *Shiva* on shore.



A Row In Snow

Driving south down the Outer Drive the steel-grey lake flecked with whitecaps splashed waves over the breakwater at the [Oak Street](#) gap, and a white mantle topped [Navy Pier's long roof](#). [Monroe Street Harbor](#) looked cold, empty of its 1,000 summer moorings, and the [Field Museum](#), [Shed Aquarium](#) and [Adler Planetarium](#) looked regal in their white coats. Past [Soldier's Field](#), where the [49ers](#) beat the [Bears](#) the prior Sunday with 4 seconds to go, the new Harbor at 31st Street was mostly hidden by the white-carpeted rolling contours of the park. At 57th Street, the first stoplight marked the entrance to the [Museum of Science and Industry](#), and just beyond were the [59th Street Harbor](#) and [Jackson Park Harbor](#) before making the left turn at [South Shore Cultural Center](#) and the long residential area at the southern end of Lake Shore Drive. Finally, 35 minutes after leaving Belmont Harbor, we made the left turn onto 95th



Rick, Derrick, Robert at "Shiva"

Street to cross the Calumet River and Crowley's.

But first there was one more winter tradition. We stopped just short of the bridge at the 95th Street Calumet Fisheries. This little white, square shack of a building, with a service counter area maybe 10 feet long and 6 feet wide, serves up freshly smoked Lake Michigan salmon, trout, and whitefish. And their fried shrimp with a spicy sauce is a perfect complement, ordered on many a working boat-yard day, and 40 years ago, dockside along the Chicago River when the smokehouse was located at the Cortland Street Bridge. Derrick & I each ordered about two and a half pounds of smoked trout – we wanted whitefish, but the next batch wasn't coming out of the smoker for another two hours.



Derick & Robert at "Shiva"

Back in the car we rolled across the bridge and turned in to Crowley's. Few tire tracks creased the white blanket of snow as we rolled along the back fence counting off to row 11. The white carpet in most rows of 30 sleeping boats had not a foot print. We found *Shiva*, safe in her cradle, patted her smooth Micron 10 bottom, took a picture or two, and declared victory. It qualifies as "messing around in boats" to make those winter visits, and maybe plan a new project for spring. But it just felt good.

Another winter option beckoned back

north at Belmont Harbor. The initial weekend of the Iceberg Series was kicking off at 1430. Just think of starting line tactics in 15+ knots, air temp 28 degrees and water temp of 39 – all while nice and warm inside with a video-game-like controller in your hand to trim sails and steer. The Iceberg Series of 5 races every Saturday when the water isn't frozen pits the 40 members of the radio-controlled Dragon-Force 65 fleet against each other. And what fun it is to needle your competing skippers when 15 of you are standing in a row intently locked on the antics of your yacht 100 feet away and rounding the weather mark. There was even one casualty when a boat took on water through a not-quite-tight-enough deck hatch and sank just 15 feet off the dock.

It was all great fun, and a toddy before or after just sweetened the vibe. If you're interested you can follow these links:

Video of a race start: <https://youtube.com/A7U3haQQ29A>

DragonForce65 boat description: <https://radiosailing.net/>

The Iceberg Series web page: http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15765#_home

So what's your winter story? Islander 36 owners are known to be a gregarious and adventuresome group, so now it's your turn to send our Newsletter Editor Phill

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a winter story.

Halcyon Days:

Originally this expression has its roots in Greek mythology. Halcyone was the daughter of Aeolus and wife of Ceyx. When Ceyx drowned, it is said that Halcyone threw herself into the sea. Out of pity, the gods changed the pair into kingfishers also known as halcyons. The gods also forbade the winds from blowing seven days before and after the winter solstice. This is the breeding season of the halcyon. The expression "halcyon days" has come to mean a time of peace and tranquility.



Fifth Gay Games *(by Heather Stewart)*



[Heather Stewart and crew.](#)

Heather Stewart has many reasons to look forward to the [Gay Games in Paris](#).

Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10 will take place in Paris, France, Aug. 4-12, 2018. [Registration](#) is now open for athletes in over 30 different sports.

“My Year of 5s.” That’s what I’m calling 2018. I’ve got big plans and celebrations for next year that will all start with my attendance and participation in the [Gay Games 10](#) in Paris.

There are a number of references to five in my life next year. In August 2018, I will be turning 55 years old...there are a couple of fives right there! This is the [Gay Games 10](#), which is a multiple of five, and this will be my fifth Games competing in sailing.

I am one of the original members of the [San Francisco Sailing Team](#) (SFST) who traveled to [Sydney](#) in 2002. Founded by

[Keep an even keel:](#)

A nautical term for keeping a boat upright, not heeling over to either side. Today the expression is used when describing a persons emotions. To "keep an even keel" is to remain level headed or emotionally stable.

Katharine Holland and Kip Darcy, we started organizing in 2000 to be ready to participate in the inaugural hosting of sailing as a sport in the [Gay Games](#).

We were so excited — and good at organizing — there were 30 of us from [San Francisco](#) who registered as soon as registration was open, already having created our 10 teams. I am now one of only three sailors from the Bay Area to have competed in each of the Games since then. Each of my experiences competing in sailing was uniquely different and challenging, and I expect [Paris](#) to be nothing less.

The [Paris](#) sailing teams are made up of five crew — another five! I’m excited, too, that this will be my first opportunity to actually be part of a team with those other two original San Francisco sailors, Jan and Dorothea Crosbie-Taylor. In years past, I’ve always competed against them.

I have competed in both all-women teams as well as co-ed teams, both as skipper and crew. Though I registered the team for Paris, Jan is our skipper. Dorothea and I will be joined by both returning crew Christy Leffall and our newest Gay Games crew member, Carol Sanders.

We are all experienced sailors and racers with a depth and breadth of different experiences. Jan is a sailing instructor for many years as well as co-owning and competing on their [Melges 24](#) “Posse.” Carol has

competed in the [2015 Pacific Cup](#) race from [San Francisco](#) to [Hawaii](#).

My preparing for and participation in that first Gay Games regatta literally changed my life. Though growing up in the [Long Beach, Calif.](#) area and not far from the [Pacific Ocean](#), I grew up favoring camping in the mountains. I had a standing opportunity and invitation to join a Girl Scout Mariner/Sea Scout troop, but I never accepted that invitation.

After graduating from college my sailing experience started as a summer camp director on Catalina Island in Southern California. I learned just enough to assist with some of the sailing instruction as was needed.

I came out later at age 30, which coincidentally coincided with my move to the Bay Area. How convenient! I spent time building a life up here, learning about my new “lifestyle” and community and further growing into myself in a way I never had had the opportunity or time.

It took six years to finally decide I really wanted to get out on a boat, so I looked for an LGBT opportunity. I was thrilled that SFST started at the same time.

‘That first Gay Games regatta literally changed my life.’



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USS Pampanito Partner to Preserve History



The Coast Guard replaced the mooring lines on the USS Pampanito, the World War II submarine museum and memorial moored at Pier 45.

From The USCG: The Coast Guard replaced the mooring lines on the USS Pampanito, the World War II submarine museum and memorial moored at Pier 45, in a public event at Fisherman's Wharf, Wednesday morning.

Crew members from Coast Guard Station San Francisco began the project in May

after volunteers at the Pampanito requested help [splicing](#) and replacing the decade-old mooring lines. The crew then unspooled, cut and spliced each line to create three-foot eyes in one end and seized the other end to prevent fraying.

"Splicing the lines took a few months of work and advanced seamanship, but the crew was happy to provide our time and skills to the project," said Master Chief Petty Officer Greg Via, the officer in charge at Station San Francisco. "Although the Coast Guard is a global organization, we maintain strong ties within our local communities through partnerships like the Pampanito." The crew spliced a total of 12 mooring lines, which equaled more than 1,000 feet of line, to keep the USS Pampanito secured alongside Pier 45.

The line used was donated by a [fiber-roper](#) manufacturer specifically for the replacement project.

New Members...

Please join the [crew of officers](#) in welcoming these new members to the [I36Association](#).

Alf Stromberg, "Ruby Tuesday", Olympia WA

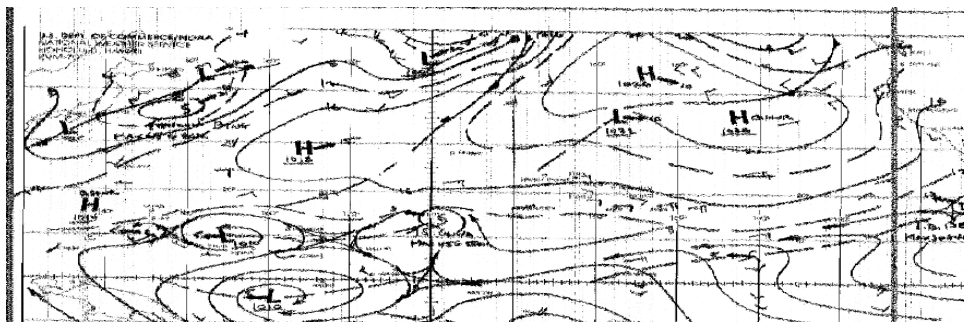
Kate Lee and John Garry, "Passages", Chicago, Ill

Christopher Marriott, "High Spirits", Thorne Bay AK.

Thomas and Karen Handwerker, "Thar Be Dragons", Marathon FL

John Robbins, "Chance", Portland OR.

Steve Ritz, "TBA", Grand Marina, Alameda, CA.



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Mouse Pad—Raitea '97



Lucice, Island Brac, Med.

Gangway:
A nautical word for "Get out of the way," often used as an order to step aside for a superior naval officer.



Race Review (by Eric Mueller)

Almost forgot our last race info just over a week ago.

We had an amazing pair of races. It was just like sailing in [San Diego](#). Light winds and no wind then light winds then no wind then light wind. You get the idea.

There was a delay at the start looking for wind. Once it did get going we had a great start with everybody on the line. It was light wind at the first mark off of [South Beach](#). It was staying pretty close, with **Windwalker** around first. On the downwind to the [Alameda Navy Channel](#) we managed to sneak by thanks to my amazing crew of Roger and Alex.. The wind almost died then came back. We managed to hold off everybody on the final leg to come in first followed by **Windwalker**, **Zingara** then **Kapai**. The sailing was challenging with big shifts in speed and direction.

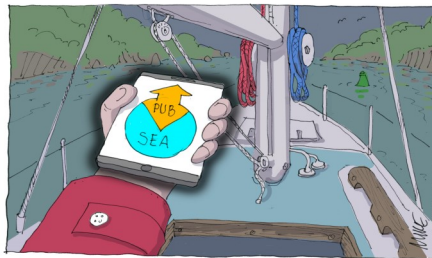
For the second race it was a debate whether to run the race, use a shortened version, or just head home. Lots of god suggestions

from everybody! A light breeze came up and we elected to go for another short race. We also asked the race committee to keep in mind if we wanted to run a shortened course. The second race start was much like first with a great tight start and everybody staying close around the first mark. The problem came halfway down towards the downwind mark when the wind evaporated. Everybody was all over the place with **Kapai** who had stayed a little more north than everyone else ghosting by the fleet. With no wind we eventually asked if it was possible to shorten to the leeward mark, but the race committee still had boats finishing from the previous class. We all ended up getting around the leeward mark and 3/4 of the way back when the wind seemed to quit for good. We were making 1.9 kts through the water with a 1.0 knot current. We were scattered with **Kapai** and **Windwalker** to the north Serenity in the middle and **Zingara** to the south. We

talked on the radio and eventually called the race committee and said give us 30 min. to finish the race. As it would happen the wind filled in lightly from the north picking up **Windwalker** and **Kapai** then **Serenity** and **Zingara**. After all of that **Zingara** caught us and headed us up just before the finish sneaking in behind **Kapai**. The resulting finish had us all nose to tail with just a few feet between each boat. The finish was spectacular with the race committee cheering us on as we went by.



Nice Reach !!!



How accurate is your GPS?



From the Race Deck cont.

squeeze in the WestPoint that also has a built in meeting location. That leaves two races. It doesn't have to be a yacht club. We used to meet at people's houses regularly and I actually think it is more relaxing and fun. Do I hear an offer from someone to sponsor an evening? Even if you don't race and want to sponsor an evening let us know.

There is also an attempt to set up a trip to the [Bay Model in Sausalito](#). If you have never done this I cannot tell you how much fun it is. It is fantastic

for both the Cruiser and Racer to get a chance to see what is really going on under that keel.

For those that are on the fence about racing Please come out and see what the fun is about. You truly learn an amazing amount about your boat. I am convinced it makes you a safer sailor and lets you have more confidence in your boat and you sailing skills. As a bonus you end up having more fun when you go out cruising.



Sunset in the Med.

Hard Up:

An expression now used to mean short of money. Originally when a sailing crew was ordered to tighten the sails, the blocks would be "hard up" meaning hauled together as close as possible.



2018 Cruise Schedule

Date	Location	Details
Monday, Jan 1	'Round Alameda Parade	This is your chance to get on the water and kick off the New Year with a blast. Weather and TIDES permitting. For more details and to sign up: 'Round Alameda Parade 2017 . To see 2017's fun, follow: 'Round Alameda Parade 2017 .
March 17	Spring Meeting	Golden Gate Yacht Club
April 14	Bay Model	Sausalito - Learn how the Bay works! To be confirmed.
May 26 -28	Richmond Cruise	To be confirmed.
June 23	Summerr Sailstice	Encinal Yacht Club Confirmed
July 3-5	Benicia Marina	To be confirmed.
August 25-26	Treasure Island Flea Market	Date confirmed.
Sept 1 - 3	Labor Day Half Moon Bay Cruise	Date confirmed.
Sept 28-29	Coyote Point Destination Cruise	Date confirmed.
Nov 3	Fall Meeting & Winners' Dinner at Oakland YC	Vice Commodore will conduct this summary event to end the season. Association awards will be presented as usual! To be confirmed.

For the latest update to the Cruise Schedule [clicking here](#).

If you would like to be an Event Coordinator, email the Cruise Team [Tim & Linda Barnes and Dave & Sharon Hanna](#).



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your officers

Upbound

1. A vessel traveling upstream.
2. Westward-traveling vessels in the Great Lakes region (terminology as used by the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation).



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