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## A Classic Goes Casual

*At Home with the Commodore and Betsy Fowler**by Art Fowler*

Now how does that go; Warning, Prep, Start? Or is it Prep, Warning, Start. I can never seem to remember the order. Well, at least I know it always ends with "Start."

"What on earth are you mumbling about over there at that computer, Art?" I can hear my wife inquiring.

"The start sequence; I can never remember the order. Everything happens at once, it seems. There's so much going on all of a sudden," I reply as I surf the Internet in search of articles on sailboat race starting techniques.

"You're confused about the start sequence? How about the shutdown? That's what confuses me. For instance, who would have thought you could become the richest man in the world by developing a machine that you shut down with a button labeled START?" she laments.

"No, no, everybody knows that. I'm talking about the start, not the shutdown. I only wish it could be done with the press of a button labeled START. There are all those flags, guns, horns, people talking on the radio, people shouting at you. I'm even shouting, asking about the time," I respond in my muddled attempt to clarify the conversation.

By this time my wife is beginning to suspect the worse and that my nettlesome little idiosyncrasies have finally matured into full blown psychoses. "Look, the time is 8:30 and I know those computers make some funny noises



when they start up," she responds, with the frustration of listening to me complain straining the tone of her voice. "But they certainly don't sound like guns, horns, and people shouting."

"Honey, I'm talking about starting a sailboat race, not a computer. You know, the timing of the events leading up to the actual starting of the race," I finally lucidly state having emerged from the semi-incommunicative trance into which one or both parties to a protracted relationship often descend when in each other's presence for more than a brief moment.

"Art, if you want to talk about sailboat racing, you've got the wrong number, or else you dialed incorrectly," she disdainfully replies. I want nothing to do with that racing stuff. You remember that day coming

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In the photo above Art Fowler receives the Scheider Trophy for dedicated service to the Association at the Fall meeting.



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## **Commodore's Corner**

*From Art Fowler, Commodore*

Just imagine the USS Islander, fully manned, boilers stoked, steam pressure up, the deck crew in starched pressed whites, standing at attention and ready to "set sail." Everyone's aboard, the salutes are all rendered, so let's "Set the special sea and anchor detail, single up all lines, and make preparations for getting underway."

Now I hope that undocking your Islander entails a lot less effort and far less formality than required for a United States Navy ship of the line. But in keeping with some of the traditional maritime practices, I would like to officially welcome you to the start of a new boating season. You are the VIP's on this year's cruise and as "Officer of the Deck" for the 2007 watch, I salute all of you. You are going to have the chance to do some sailing and see some ports. The crew is ready and to tell you how, we're here with our first edition of our 2007 Islander 36 Newsletter. It's chock full of wonderful articles of interest covering our plans for this year and accounts of some of our recent events. Kathryn Munn has done a wonderful job in putting together this edition, and we hope you'll enjoy it.

We begin with what might also be called "At Home with Commodore and Mrs. Fowler" in which I highlight our new Casual Classic Series of races in a light hearted way. Michele Williams, Fleet Captain for 2007, has done a wonderful job of organizing an innovative racing program that should offer something for racers at all levels of interest. Under the Racing Notes section she highlights three areas receiving special attention this year. Take advantage of the neat clip and save calendars that are provided in both the Racing and Cruising sections for your convenience.

We squeeze an informational update of our fabulous web page by Rick Van Mell in between our Racing and Cruising notes. "Squeeze" is an appropriate term in this case for what could be a very lengthy report considering the size and success of its subject,

John Melton, who is getting well immersed in the process of securing cruise dates, facilities and amenities as our 2007 Cruise Captain, highlights some of the details of that popular and expanding program. Catalina, John? You were serious about going out the Gate and turning left.

The minutes of the Fall Meeting from Judy Bush and an update of our membership status by Bob Knickerbocker round out our staff position reports.

Other articles of interest have been submitted by Skipper Wall on Nautical Terms and Christmas in New Zealand from the Mellors, I won't take any more of your time, so you can move on and enjoy the rest of the Newsletter.

One last item I do feel requires emphasis and that is the list of our door prize contributors that Betsy Fowler covers in her article titled "Thanks a Million." Please take note of who has supported our organization and include them in your plans to purchase any equipment to maintain, upgrade, or otherwise add to your boating experience this year.

Fair winds,  
*Art Fowler*

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home from the Fall Meeting at the San Francisco Yacht Club when we were racing *Zoop*. At least I think it was *Zoop*, I couldn't quite read the number on his sail at that distance, but it was dangerously close. You spend all that money to fix up your boat and then you take all those chances. You know, our old refrigerator almost quit running by the time we got home that day. I could have had a nice new one for what you paid for just one of those silly, what do call them, instruments?... on that, ah...ah, peddle stand."

"Look," I interject, sensing the need for immediate damage control lest this diatribe develop into something more than the nice pleasant conversation it can still be classified as at this point. "In the first place, we weren't racing."

"What do you mean? I saw you look at *Zoop*, and then you went up there and turned that handle. Then you said something like, 'let's see what that does.' You know, you had to be racing. With names like *Zenith* and *Zoop*, you're probably always at the end of the list, and you just couldn't stand it any longer. So you two guys must have planned this before we left, so for once, one of you could be first. But Art, did you ever stop to think about the place on the list for the other boat that began with "Z"? More of the same, right?"

"Well one of us..." I was attempting to restore rationality when she beat me to the punch by continuing.

"I'm just kidding; got you, though. You know, that "Z-stuff."

"Yes, I do know that 'Z-stuff.' 'Z' as in *Zenith*. 'Stuff' as in everything else that goes with it," I reply as the register of my voice tapers off toward a whisper.

At this point, my consciousness and the awareness of my surroundings begin to fade. I gradually become entranced in deep thought as I reflect on twenty years of *Islander* ownership and what that has meant. The next thing I hear is my wife calling my name.

"Art, Art! I'm talking to you. Do you hear me? Please answer me, or

nod your head, or do something.

"I hear you. I've heard everything you've said. Just check the voice recorder."

"Art, you're retired now. We don't have a voice recorder in here. What is it with you guys, anyhow? You're always talking about airplanes, fast cars, and...well...And what about this sailboat racing? Are you seriously going to take that "jewelry box" of a boat, as Lou calls it, out on the race course? Why would you do that? How many other boats will be out there? Do you really think you can beat *Absolute*?"

My reply is brief, but to the point. "You wouldn't understand. It's a guy thing. Maybe. I want to. Lots, I hope. And more hope."

"Ok, I know this is something you really want to do, but there's a lot to it as you recall from the two seasons you raced," she advises. Isn't there some kind of a low key, less competitive kind of racing going on this year?"

I'm pleased to sense the accommodating manner in which I believe the conversation is headed. "I'm glad you brought that up. Yes, it's called the 'Casual Classic Series.' It's a new concept they're trying at the I-36 Association this year. It fills a big void at the level that a lot of us really fit into the program, if you were to measure our desires with a participation meter.

From the first *Islander 36* Association meeting I attended in November 1987, I had thoughts about racing the boat. But I had no significant experience racing. I didn't think it wise, having made that financial commitment, with little to no previous experience, for me to put a number of people and my recreational investment at such risk. But what else was there by way of fleet activities? The cruising program really did not begin with any significant level of participation until the very end of the '80's. Even at that, there were often only two or three boats on a cruise. So for about the first four years I owned *Zenith*, I sailed independently of the I-36 Association and my only club oriented involvement was with a few *Treasure Island Yacht Club* activities.

Now they've got a few races, and

I think there's only three days involved where one can go out to race on an actual YRA sponsored race. Pretty neat, don't you think?"

"Well it sounds good." she replies, "But how is a beginner going to know what to do?" still not convinced that she's being led down the path to sailing nirvana.

"That's where I believe the *Islander 36* Association has demonstrated better than any other fleet in the Bay that I know of, that they can provide you with a sailing mentor that will help you acquire some of that need to know stuff," I elatedly reply. Some of their veteran skippers are really good and have one heck of a lot of experience. Guys like **Don Schumacher**, **Lou Zevanov**, **Rich Schoenhair**, **Steve Schneider**, **Rick Van Mell** have been excellent mentors. There's three others that have all been Season Champions that have sold or are selling their boat, **Barry Stompe**, **Jim Robinson**, and **Peter Szasz**, who they tell me will all be available to mentor if only on a limited basis. Let me tell you. That's a great program. We had Peter sail with us once and Lou with us another time and the difference in our performance was like night and day."

"Well it sounds good," Art. "I hope you'll have fun."

"Thanks, Dear." I pause... .."There's just one more thing. Those instruments in the cockpit, they're mounted on a "pedestal," just as I see you, on a pedestal in my life."



Betsy Fowler, on a pedestal in Art's life!

# Festive Fall Meeting

## *Prizes, Awards, and Fun*

On a moonlit night at the lovely Oakland Yacht Club, Islander 36 Association members gathered to celebrate another great year of racing, cruising, and fellowship. Read all about the evening and see lots more pictures on the web site at [www.Islander36.org](http://www.Islander36.org). Clockwise from top left: 1) Commodore Art Fowler recognizes 10 past commodores in attendance; 2) Smokey and Laurie Stover honored for service as Cruise Chairs with gorgeous quilt made by Judy Bush; 3) Karen and Ron Damsen receive Winton Cruising award; 4) Tim Shea and Maureen Drotleff prepare Fuzzy Photos contest presentation; 5) Bonnie Aiello, Dan Knox, and Myphi Alloy enjoy the evening; and 6) Robert Aston and Mary Gleim style it up.



## *Fall Meeting Minutes*

*From Judy Bush, Secretary*

The Fall meeting of the Islander 36 Association was held on November 4, 2006 at Oakland Yacht Club. Attendance totaled 84, representing 32 boats.

Commodore Tim Shea hosted the program which began with the Furry Photos contest, created by Maureen Drotleff. Although the results were very close, Jack from Dream Catcher owned by Vern and Cheryl Verling won the applause voting.

Ron Damsen delivered the membership report for Linda McClellan, reporting that we have 216 members from 34 states. He also reported on the sound condition of the Association's Treasury. Kathryn Munn Hodgkins and Sylvia Stewart gave a newsletter report. Rick Van Mell noted in his Webmaster's report that we now have over 8600 pictures on our site, spread among 259 pages of information.

The awards followed with Barry and Sylvia Stompe winning the 2006 Season's Championship on Tom Cat, and Steve Schneider's Absolute winning the Nationals Regatta. Michele Williams was awarded the Perpetual Crew Trophy for her work as crew boss on Pacific High which earned a 3rd place for the season. The Chuck Winton Cruising Award went to Ron and Karen Damsen aboard Woodbine, and a special award was given to John Melton, Freedom Won, for making all of the races and all of the cruises. Finally, the Schneider Trophy for dedicated service to the Association was presented to Art Fowler for his years of service, and returning to take the Commodore position for a second time. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Joseph Krensavage for his work as Fleet Captain in raising the level of racing over the last two years, and to Smokey and Laurie Stover for two great years of creative cruises and their dedication to including kid activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Judy Bush*



# Racing Notes

From Michele Williams, Fleet Captain

## Greetings fellow sailors,

I trust 2007 has started off well and that you are looking ahead to this year's racing season with much anticipation. I believe I have put together a schedule that has a little something for everyone. Once you read about the changes, I hope you will be as excited about the program as I am. Before I tell you about the season, I want to thank those of you who responded to my questions. Your input was invaluable in creating the program. It gave me a great jumping off point. On that note, here's our 2007 racing season

First, I heard loudly and clearly that many of you wanted to limit the number of multiple race days. However, some of you wanted to keep a few because of the variety it gave the season. So, we will be alternating between one and two-race days. This will give us 11 races with 2 throw outs over 8 eight days. On those single-race days, the YRA has agreed to try

and provide an "interesting" course. Depending on conditions, we may have a reaching leg or some other alternative to a windward/leeward course.

Second, in an attempt to help us all improve as skipper and crew, I have enlisted the help of a few of our veteran skippers and season champions. These men have agreed to act as mentors during our racing season. At the Spring Meeting, you will be able to sign up for one or two race days to have a mentor aboard your boat. I'll talk more about the specific roles the mentors will play, but their purpose will be to help you and your crew improve in whatever area you choose.

Third, I have instituted a less competitive racing series called the "Casual Classic". This is a simple three race series conducted under limited rules (outside of the standard racing rules) for those of you who want a change of racing pace or those of you

who simply want to get your feet wet in less serious circumstances. These races are on one day of each of our two-day regattas and they will not count in the season standings. Spinnakers will be allowed and are, in fact, encouraged. So bring along the kids, the dogs, and any newbie sailors and give racing a try. One great plus with this program is that all the Islanders, both season and the Casual Classic racers, end up at the same yacht club. I think I see a bit of socializing in all our futures.

You will find out more details about all of this at the Spring Meeting. When you send in your RSVP, remember to sign up for the Rules Clinic. If you are new to racing and are considering entering the Casual Classic, come to the clinic, meet the other racers, and get your questions answered by an extraordinarily knowledgeable sailor - Peter Szasz. For you more experienced racers, Peter may be tapping you for areas you would like to see addressed in the clinic. Make sure you provide your input. That will ensure the information is pertinent to you.

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## Clip and Save 2007 Islander 36 Racing Calendar

Season Championship Series (best 9 of 11)

Casual Classic Series and Specials (shaded rows)

March 17	Rules Clinic
April 14	Sail Trim Clinic (date tentative)
May 5	Vallejo race up (spinnakers allowed) - Party!
May 6	Vallejo - race back
May 19	South Bay - Alameda side - 2 races
June 9	Knox
June 23	Olympic Circle - Summer Sailtice - 2 races (Party at TI!)
June 28	2nd Half Opener - long course
June 29	2nd Half Opener - short course
Aug 18	South Bay - San Francisco side - 2 races
Aug 25	City Front
Sept 8	Knox - Season Closer - Party at Corinthian!
Sept 9	South Hampton - Season Closer - 2 races
Sept 22	All Islanders Rendezvous - fun race
Oct 6	Nationals
Oct 7	Nationals

Check the Islander 36 web site at [www.Islander36.org](http://www.Islander36.org) prior to special events and parties for details, further information, and sign ups.



Steve Schneider's *Absolute* takes first in the I-36 Nationals



2006 Season Champions Barry and Sylvia Stompe from *Tom Cat* receive the Hammond Award.



Web Site Update

Thanks to all the great contributions from our members, sharp racing pics, and eventful meetings and cruises, your Islander Association web site continues to grow and thrive. You all share in the many compliments we get about the web site, and it is often cited as a reason to buy an Islander 36 and join the Association. Hey, that also helps to keep up the value of our boats too! So here are a few fun tidbits about your http://www.islander36.org web site.

For the last year, we have averaged 6,833 hits per DAY. That adds up to 196,000 hits per month, and a big fat 2,357,000 hits per year. Ok, so that includes every Tom Dick and Harry looking for something with the word "boat" or "San Francisco" or something like that, but pages and files are still interesting. A "page" is something that ends in ".html" - like our home page, the schedule pages, and all the pages about events and races. "Files" include pictures and forms and other

things that appear on pages. So, in the last year we've averaged 857 page views per day or 23,948 pages per month, totaling 278,380 for the year. But hold on to your cameras. Files were called on average 5,460 times PER DAY, or 157,716 times per month and a bold 1,892,594 times in the last year. I guess somebody does look at the pictures once in a while! (Just a sprinkle of reality here, remember that the thumbnail counts as a file, so each picture view probably results in a count of 2.)

As of February 1st, we've got 266 pages to view on our web site, with 8,928 pictures, and since many pictures have thumbnails and tiny html display pages, there are 19,895 total files

John Melton's Freedom Won featured on home page in February



on our site. So keep those cards and letters coming, pictures too, and we'll probably break through 10,000 pictures by the end of this season. What a great bunch of memories stretching back to 1998 -- and still growing! Many thanks to you all.

Rick Van Mell

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Lastly, I would like to talk about the Spring Clinic. I am very excited about this day. Our presenter, Michael Whitfield, is a renowned professional sailing educator with over 30 years of teaching experience. He has taught and conducted corporate racing events in San Francisco, the British Virgin Islands, Denmark and Canada. He has competed in numerous Regional, National, North American and World Championships. His Islander 36 customized course will address the art and science of shaping sails with exciting visual presentations that crystallize the precise shapes and orientation of sails for maximum efficiency. This clinic is geared for both racers and cruisers. There is one caveat to the clinic; keep the date in pencil. I belatedly discovered that the typical J Fest date and place had been moved to our same date and the yacht club right next door. We are currently trying to work out an arrangement that doesn't conflict with that regatta. Keep your eyes on the web site for the latest information.

I don't know about you, but I'm already looking forward to that first run down to Vallejo. So, clean the bird droppings off your sail covers, shake out your genoas, and get yourself and your boat ready for an exciting 2007 season.

See you on the starting line!  
Michele Williams

In photo Michele Williams receives 2006 Perpetual Crew Trophy for her work as crew boss on Pacific High.



# Cruising Notes

From John and Nanci Melton, Chairpersons

The 2007 cruise schedule is pretty well completed with only some of the final details remaining, those probably best left until closer to the actual date. We tried to include some places that we haven't been in a while, Sequoia YC, Coyote Point YC, along with a couple of places that are always memorable, The Shea's in Napa, and Half Moon Bay. We were not able to schedule a trip to Catalina Island, maybe next year.

In September, we will have an "All Islander" get-together that promises to be special. I hope that you will all participate and enjoy the schedule.

I still need a few event coordinators and as always I'm open to suggestions. There is the possibility of an "UNO" and/or a Backgammon tournament and Bingo if there is sufficient interest. I could use some help with organizing activities for the kids so email me if you have a talent and interest in that area.

See you out there!

*John Melton*

## Clip and Save 2007 Islander 36 Cruising Calendar

March 17	Spring Meeting - San Francisco Yacht Club
April 14	Sail Trim Clinic (date tentative)
April 28-29	Encinal Yacht Club - Svendsen's Discount Shopping Night
May 26-28	Sequoia Yacht Club
June 30-July 1	Vallejo Yacht Club and Napa River
July 6-8	All Islanders Rendezvous - Vancouver Island, Canada
Aug 11-12	Coyote Point
Sept 1-3	Half Moon Bay
Sept 21-23	All Islanders Rendezvous - The Estuary - OYC & EYC
Oct 20-21	Ballena Bay Yacht Club
Nov 3	Fall Meeting - Oakland Yacht Club

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

## '06 Svendsen's Discount Night Pics

Don't miss the bargains, food, and fun ~ Saturday, April 28, 2007



## Spring Meeting, Lunch and Racing Rules Clinic!

Don't miss the 2007 Spring meeting of the Islander 36 Association. It's a great opportunity to learn about the new racing and cruising season, catch up with friends, enjoy an interesting presentation, and a bonus this year - attend a Racing Rules clinic! This event books up fast so reserve early!

### When:

Saturday, March 17  
09:30 - Racing Rules clinic  
11:30 - Attitude Adjustment  
12:00 - Lunch  
13:15 - Program

### Presentation:

Kit Wiegman from *Cassiopeia* will describe preparing and sailing in the Pacific Cup to Hawaii.

### Where:

Cove House at the San Francisco YC Belvedere

### Menu Choices:

\$27.50 for chicken tarragon or London broil  
\$3 donation for wine at table

### Docking:

\$1/foot docking fee

### Reservations:

Go to [www.Islander36.org](http://www.Islander36.org), then click on Upcoming Events to make reservations.



# Cruising Kids Corner

From Claire Mellor's blog

## Christmas in New Zealand

I have had Christmases in lots of places before, but Christmas in New Zealand was the best.

We are tied to a dock in Whangarei, Town Basin. We can stroll into town to lots of stores, restaurants and fun things to do like hikes and awesome boardwalks through mangroves.

We watched a Christmas concert with our friends, Tim, Cynthia and Cameron age 12. Our family been peas in a pod with them ever since Tonga. Together we walked through town from our boat to the music concert. In the park, it was crowded with millions of people and candy stands. I really enjoyed the singing and dancing of the Christmas cheer.

About four days before Christmas we decorated our stubby little 3½ foot tall plastic tree. First we strung on the white lights all around the tree. Second we hung on some chocolate filled candies, jelly candy canes, tin ornaments I made for last year's Christmas and, last but not least we merrily hung on the gold bead garland. Finally, I placed a cloth Tongan angel on the top of the tree. I was so thrilled to turn on the joyful tree lights.

Naomi, a shuttle driver, invited me to meet some girls who live on a cute little cottage farm in Opuia, New Zealand. I was psyched to meet all the animals and the girls. Their names were Tabitha age 11 and Lydia age 9. They were both very kind and had many animals. I would say 17 black, brown and white colored cows. They also had three hens, five chickens, seven ducks, two calves and some fish. Oh, yeah I almost forgot, they have two frisky puppies and an old sweet dog and a nice cuddly cat and a non-friendly cat. I would die to have all those animals! Once I got to know Tabitha and Lydia, we were like best friends.

After we all met we trucked back to Naomi's house to make cookies.

As soon as we were in the driveway Tabitha, Lydia and I leaped out of the truck and scrambled into the house. Naomi handed us aprons to wear so we wouldn't get our clothes sticky. She told us to pick out any cookie cutter shapes, so I picked out an angel, a train and a teddy bear. First take any shape, dip it into flour so the dough does not stick. Second, press it into the dough. Third, take the shape out of the cookie cutter. Next place it on a cookie sheet. Finally decorate it with sprinkles. I batched up a score of cookies after the first round. By the time there was no more dough left I was exhausted from baking. We each made about 10-20 cookies.

As soon as the kitchen was all nice and tidy, we got ready to have a tea party. My job was to design the fruit and crackers on plates. The fruits were peach, pear, plum, apple and kiwi. I couldn't pile everything on the plate so I gobbled some down. I was glad to see the seaweed crackers fit. When I saw the little teacups I thought they were tremendously small to hold. Naomi offered chamomile tea and fruit tea. The chamomile was the best with brown sugar. I wish we could have a tea party every day.

On Christmas Eve we had invited our friends over, Tim, Cynthia and Cameron. About 30 minutes before dinner Cynthia, Cameron, my mom and I played "Apples to Apples", a judging game. I absolutely disagreed with the game. At dinner time, the table was filled with platters of bread, bowl of butter, accidentally overcooked meat, roasted yams, potatoes and onions. For dessert Cynthia brought Cadbury chocolate chip ice cream, made some fabulous walnut and vanilla cookies. After dinner and dessert we decided to play "Pass the Pigs". Cameron did not like the game because he was tired, but if he wasn't tired he would probably enjoy it.

On Christmas Day morning I arose from my bed at 8:30 and ran into my parent's aft cabin without looking what was under the tree. I

leaped onto my parents and quietly yelled "It's Christmas wake up please, please! I want to open my presents!" A few minutes later they slowly woke up and got dressed. I noticed a stocking hanging from a hook which I ran to and peeped inside. I poured it all out and there were probably 20 things in the stocking. It was chock full with candy, fake finger nails, body glitter, shower gel, body perfume, wallet, 2 pink lipsticks, candy and more candy.

Then I went over to the presents under the tree and opened everything. I got everything I wanted, like a scooter, a old rusty bike, 2 tennis rackets, tennis balls, pajamas, make up, sparkly hat, slippers and sparkly low heels and a brown dress. I was so pleased and excited with all my presents, and I gave my mom and dad a big huge hug, and said to them, "This was the best Christmas ever."

The End

Chris, Kelly, and 9-year old Claire completed a San Francisco to New Zealand cruise beginning with the Baja HaHa in 2005. Read about their adventures at [www.mellorsatsea.blogspot.com](http://www.mellorsatsea.blogspot.com)

In the photos: (1) glittery shoes for Claire, and (2) Christmas day hike on the beach.





# Membership Report

*From Bob Knickerbocker, Chair*

As of January 31st, 2007, the Association has 109 membership renewals including 3 vendors. We have 2 new members, **Bill and Terry Ray** and **Corky and Anna Stewart**. **Bill and Terry** live in Gordonville, Texas and sail a 1984 Islander named *Exit Strategy*. **Corky and Anna** sail on *Brigid*, a 1978 Islander, and are from Castro Valley, California. If any of our current members see either boat on the water give them a hearty welcome to the Association.

Our renewals are from 20 different states with California having the largest members and there are 3 boats from British Columbia.

Do not despair, warmer weather will be here soon,  
*Bob Knickerbocker*

*Welcome New Corporate Member  
Pacific Coast Canvas!*

John Monroe  
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Alameda

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## First Cruise of 2007

### *Around the Island*

*Excerpted from the Islander 36 web site*

Honoring a long time tradition, **Smokey and Laurie Stover** on *Evanescence*, **Art Fowler and Rick Van Mell** on *Zenith*, and **Dennis, Judy, and Matt Bush** with fuzzy friend **Tucker** on *Natural High* joined the annual parade around Alameda Island on New Year's Day. Stopping at yacht clubs along the way for Gin Fizzes, Bloody Marys, chili, and clam chowder, this first sail of the year is a always a great party.

Despite fog and navigating the tricky shallow end of the Island around Bay Farm, the I-36 contingent successfully made it around with a fine finish of mulled cider and cookies on *Zenith*.



In the photos: (1) the Fruitvale bridge goes up for the parade; (2) intrepid I-36 sailors **Dennis Bush**, Commodore **Art Fowler**, **Smokey & Laurie Stover**, **Judy Bush**, and **Tucker** break open a new year; and (3) the happy trio of **Rick Van Mell**, **Art Fowler**, and **Smokey Stover** at Ballena Bay YC.

# Nautical Terms

by Skipper Wall

I know most of you have read or are certainly familiar with the Patrick O'Brian and the Alexander Kent books of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Both authors were always writing about a 1st Rate or a 4th Rate warship so, I thought you might like to know about all the "Rates".

First Rate: 100-112 guns, 841 men (including officers, seamen, boys and servants)

Second Rate: 90-98 guns, 743 men

Third Rate: 64, 70, and 80 guns, 494, about 620-724 men

Fourth Rate: 50 guns, 345 men (this rate also included 60 guns ship, but there were none in 1793)

Fifth Rate: 32, 36, 38, and 44 guns, 217-297 men

Sixth Rate: 20, 24, and 28 guns, 138, 158-198 men.

All of these ships were commanded by "Post-captains".

Then there were the ships that carried less than 20 guns; sloops, brigs, bomb-ketches, fire-ships, cutters and many other types!

The "Victory" was laid down in 1759 and not launched until 1765. A long time ago, and remember the wood was in all kinds of weather. It often began to rot before the ship was finished. If you get a hold of a copy of Patrick O'Brian's book "Men-of-War, Life in Nelson's Navy" you will have some interesting reading about the awful ship board life in those years. For me it was a more informative eye opener than just reading the above authors many books, O'Brian has about 18 and Kent has about 20.



## Islander 36 Newsletter

From Kathryn Munn Hodgkins, Editor/Publisher

### Going Electronic

The Islander 36 Association newsletter is mailed to a growing number of members all over the States and several countries. With printing and mailing costs on the rise we are looking for ways to keep our operating costs down and our membership fee the great deal it is now. Here is what we are considering:

(1) Mailing a printed newsletter twice a year to the full membership. These newsletters will continue to be printed in black and white with a full color PDF available on the web site for viewing and printing.

(2) Emailing an electronic newsletter twice a year to anyone who affirmatively opts in to receive them. Think of an email newsletter as a small web page in your inbox with content, pictures, and links to the most recent postings on the Islander 36 web site. These newsletters will also be published in PDF form and posted on the web site with active links.

So now you know our thoughts. How about yours? Consider these questions and give us feedback by email, snail mail, or phone call:

- \* How do you get most of your information about Association news and events?  
| | newsletter | | web site | | email notices
- \* Are you kept adequately informed about news and events?
- \* Would you be willing to receive an email newsletter twice a year?
- \* Do you have any suggestions about newsletter content to include or remove?

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### Looking for Banjo

Edward (Big Ed) Johnson owned and sailed an Islander Freeport named *Banjo* out of San Diego for many years before selling her in '95 or '96. He always kept a detailed log of his sailing adventures and when the boat was sold the log including *Banjo's* maintenance records went with the boat. His son Greg always regretted that a copy of the log was never made.

Now Greg, a retired Coastie, is being honored for his 7 year effort to secure the adoption of a secondary tracking system for EPIRB, which will significantly reduce the visual search field for rescue crews. This innovation will save lives. Greg's kids would like nothing better than to surprise him with a copy of *Banjo's* log at a celebration planned for him March 24.

If you have any information about who may now own *Banjo* please contact Kathryn Munn at:  
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Thanks for any help!

# Thanks a Million!

## Gifts from our Commercial Friends and Islander Members

By Betsy Fowler

Prizes, Prizes and more prizes! How else to explain some of what took place at the fall meeting (as evidenced by the list below). Because many vendors from years past were no longer able to contribute I sent out a little inquiry (PLEA) to members. What a FABULOUS response we received. From Ohio to California, everyone stepped up to the plate and helped make this another wonderful evening of fun filled with door prizes. Thank you, Thank you and yet again, THANK YOU. I do hope you'll remember to frequent and thank the vendors below when using their services. Hopefully they'll respond to our request at the end of this year!

Below is the list of donors and gifts. All in alphabetical order by donor name. Thank you one and all for your contributions. I do hope everyone had a fun time and we look forward to seeing you all again next year. Hopefully we'll get some members from "faraway places" to join us as well. They live in: AK, AL, AZ, CT, B.C., FL, HI, IL, KS, LA, MA, MD, MI, ND, NC, NJ, OR, SC, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI.

Wishing you gentle winds and happy sailing.

Betsy Fowler

Donor	Contact	Prize
<i>Dream Catcher</i>	Cheryl Lawson	\$100 gift certificate toward boat photo
Embroidery Factory	Shirley & Les Housley	2 custom I-36 T-shirts
<i>Evanesence</i>	Laurie & Smokey Stover	Table decorations and treats, raffle tickets
<i>Freedom Won</i>	Nanci Melton	Starbuck's gift certificate
Hood Sails	Robin Sodaro	3 Kevlar bags
<i>Kindred Spirits</i>	Don & Barbara Henderson	2 bottles of wine
KKMI	Paul Kaplan, (Debbie)	Free Haul wine Bottle
<i>Natural High</i>	Judy Bush	Sailing motif quilt
<i>Ophira</i>	Pat Salvo	Hand Knit Shawl/Scarf
<i>Pacific High</i>	Harry Farrell & Carol Williams	Coiled hose - West Marine
Pineapple Sails	Sally Richards	Hat & T-shirt
Svendsen's Boat Works	Alex Jordan, Sven Svendsen (Barbara)	Gill-Key West jacket, 2 Irg duffel bags, WX jacket and pants
<i>Taboo</i>	Jeff & Paula Crosby	2 T-shirts with Marblehead graphics
True North	Neil Lefmann	4 I-36 logo polo shirts
<i>Vanishing Animal</i>	Sandy Van Mell	Hand-made black crystal necklace, bottle of wine from Canadian All Islanders event
West Marine - Alameda	Kawika Ruddle	2 \$25 gift certificates
West Marine - Palo Alto	Scott Roberts	Large Duffel, VHF radio
West Marine - San Jose	Dan Niessen, Mgr.	Helly Hanson offshore jacket, 80' staset line
<i>Woden</i>	Maureen Drotleff	Prizes for the first ever Furry Friends photo contest
Woodbine Bakery	Ron & Karen Damsen	Large Goodie Basket
<i>Zenith</i>	Betsy Fowler	Table treats, sailing motif tote, candle holder, eyeglasses holder



Judy Bush's fabulous quilt door prize.



Door prizes included Sandy Van Mell's hand-made crystal jewelry, KKMI free haul out wine bottle, gift certificates, boat photos, duffels, and more!

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