

Konocti Bay Ripples Newsletter

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Commodore's Message

What a difference a month makes. We were basking in the glow of a false Spring but Winter obviously is not done yet. Though the lake hasn't risen substantially, the 3" of rain I show on my gauge is sitting in the hill somewhere, making its way downhill and every bit helps. The one thing the weather has made more difficult is getting boats ready for the new season. Kinda hard to get anything done when it's wet and cold but if it's probably the California boy talking here; folks back East are getting through the day with lots worse to contend with.

I had a chance to visit the harbor in La Paz in my Baja trip and it was exciting to observe the nexus for cruising the Sea of Cortez. There were so many beautiful boats resupplying for their next jaunt offshore. One thing one can seem to count on is how friendly sailing folk are. I also found that to be true as I learned to kiteboard down there. Folks would aid each other in all kinds of ways large and small. I'm proud to be part of such a fun and supportive community / sport. Speaking of that, be sure to read and take to heart the things that Bob Robinson covers in his message.

As I mentioned last month, with the advent of Daylight Savings Time we are only waiting for the true arrival of Spring conditions to start social sailing on weekends and / or evenings. The best plan so far is to create an email list for notifying folks (and not bother those that aren't interested). We hope this will make sure the events are well attended and also provide opportunities for potential sailors to add us to their recreational plans. Plus, the added benefit of getting out on those great evening breezes on a warm day! Heck, I might even get Peggie to come out too! I hope you'll join us.

Brad King, Commodore



Vice Commodore's Message

SAILING INTO A NEW SEASON

We are glad to see the rain bring us more water to sail on these last few weeks. With luck it will stop for a while so we can enjoy sailing on our lake and good company at the Tiki Hut! This year, I am putting more emphasis on our club activities that promote a full sailing club as opposed to a sailboat racing club.

We are a small growing club with new faces now starting to show up every week. These potential new members are not coming here just to race. There are many more casual sailors than there are racers in this world and we need to fill those interests or we will not grow. If we are going to pull these new members into the club, we need to make them feel welcome and included. All current members should be ready and quick to say, "howdy, glad you came out to give our club a try." Yes, I am asking for a more aggressive welcome from all members at our events. All newcomers should be hearing these words over and over, "we need more crew on all boats that are here", "will you go sailing with me?", "would you like to be part of the committee boat crew", "come down to the BBQ after the long races, whether you sail or not". These are just a few of many comments that can be made by all of us.

I am challenging all of our current members to speak to and welcome all new guests that come to see who we are. It is very easy and fun to show up at our events and visit with the same group that we always see and know. If we just visit with each other and just give a brief nod to newcomers, few will come back. I am asking all of you to overwhelm new folks with the type of comments listed above and more. We want people to leave here feeling that they are needed, as crew, committee boat members, BBQ participants and more. Do not be shy about repeating what others are saying, repetition is the key to success here. We have left the greetings to one or two of our members in the past. This is not enough ... we all need to join in this chorus of welcome! When

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you see a newcomer sitting at a table alone, we are failing. Invite them to sit with your table of buddies or go over to sit and or speak with them. I see newcomers and even some who have been showing up for a season, sitting on their own, while we enjoy visiting with the same folks we talk to every week. This is an ongoing recipe for no growth.

Sailboat racing is a key part of every club and we will continue our active racing program. I have been impressed with how many new faces have shown up this winter and am relenting on my plan to just run open fleet boats in the long races. With all of the new sailors that have been trying us out this winter, we should be able to develop crew for both fleets. There has been a shortage of boats on Wednesday and a lot of new faces looking for a ride. We need all boats available to take people sailing. Please come down on Wednesday and plan on taking your boat out. Just a couple of weeks ago, Tranquility had a total of eight people that wanted to be aboard. We were able to finally get a couple more boats to go out. We do not just need new members, we are counting on current members to have a boat ready to take crew out on Wednesday. Be aggressive about getting new crew on your boat and those without boats need to be asking Captains, “do you need crew, how about me”, or “do you know of a Captain that needs crew”. Do not be bashful, do not hold back on your welcome to our dynamite club!!

Thank you for considering my comments. We could not do any of this without our current members. We would not be here without you! Let us build this club up together in a fun loving, nurturing environment!

Bob Robinson, Vice Commodore





MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 4/14/2018

CALL TO ORDER: 12:29 pm

All officers and board members present except Bob Robinson and John Deiderich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the February minutes was given by Bill MacDougall second by Paul Richardson and approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

A detailed report was given by Bill MacDougall that covered February 7, 2018 - March 14, 2018. Motion to approve by Paul Richardson second by Chet Britz and approved.

Vice Commodore's Report:

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT:

Chet reported there are 62 members that have renewed or joined. Club rosters are near the point of mailing and should go out within the next few weeks. If anyone gets a bounce of an email, try to get that info to Chet so it can be updated.

MEDIA UPDATE:

Val reported changes made on website for better access and navigation. All of the forms seem to work fine. She also updated and copied forms for the Tiki Hut and put them in waterproof paper holders. Thanks Val.

SOCIAL CHAIR REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

K -CUP :

Chet continued the punch list with Bob taking care of shirt design, TJ in charge of the awards with a deadline of Friday April 6 for major sponsor additions. TJ will also be at the helm of the committee boat for the Konocti Cup due to Alan traveling. Thanks TJ for stepping up and taking one for the team. Coast Guard Flotilla will set the race buoys and put on the Post-race BBQ and have a chase boat. Local press coverage would be a plus for more exposure and some members will follow up with it. Need legal size posters for major sponsors.

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COMMITTEE BOAT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

Brad reported we are still trying to pursue a possible purchase of a boat that will fit our needs. There is a general consensus on what we want, at what price range and how to finance it. The outboard motor on our committee boat is being serviced and we will need a work day. Paint will be done between raindrops and bow stop needs repair.

CALENDAR:

Google calendar updated and Sadie Hawkins race changed to July 28. The newsletter calendar doesn't reflect the buoy race change to April 7. Need to be sure to change the hard copy. Details about Wayne's memorial will be worked out as the day gets closer.

NEW BUSINESS:

New ideas include possibly sailing every Saturday and Friday night beer cans. Create signup sheets for Friday and/or Saturday sails to help organize boats and crews. Boaters card course and safety training such as man overboard will be coming in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bill motioned to adjourn and Chet seconded and we were adjourned at 13:10

Tom Malley, **Secretary**



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Howdy Sailors;

Forecasted weather is changing all the time, but it looks like a window to sail may open on Saturday afternoon. That means an 11AM Skippers and crew meeting to chose a course and go, with a 1PM starting horn. The weather is still a little questionable to also plan a BBQ after. We will not start our long race BBQ/pot lucks until May. There will still be plenty of visiting and socializing after the Frostbite. All boats are welcome, open fleet and Capri's.

Sunday will be the memorial for Wayne Hallenbeck. People that wish to sail in the procession should be coming down by 12 to get on a boat or earlier to help rig. Wilma will host a memorial service at the Buckingham HOA, starting around 2PM. I will say a few words and then pass the mic around so people can talk about some of their favorite memories. Arlene Westman will be providing a light buffet to snack on at the service.



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Upcoming Events



Frostbite Race

March 24

Skippers and crew meeting @ 11 am



Club Reminders

New race season beginning

Skippers needing crew and crew needing boats should speak with Bob Robinson, Race Director.

April 7 - First buoy races of the season. **Note: Changed from April 14**

April 28- 34th. Konocti Cup [form](#)

Old Salts in Retirement (OSIRs)

Though not affiliated with KBSC, many of our members sail with the "OSIRS" every Wednesday rain or shine, winter or summer. Skippers meet at noon for lunch and course discussion. Racing begins at 1 pm.

Come enjoy beautiful Clear Lake with this fun group of passionate sailors at Braito's Marina. Bring a bag lunch and a willingness to learn. A boat and retirement are not required. [OSIRs \(Old Salts in Retirement\) |](#)

[Facebook](#)



**The Konocti Bay Sailing Club
Presents**

34th Annual

Konocti Cup

~~ Now Includes ~~
A Non-Spinnaker Division

Saturday, April 28

26 and 13 mile race for PHRF,
one designs and multihulls

Sunday, April 29

Awards Brunch
at Riviera Hills Restaurant
One ticket included with registration

Experience our classic regatta on
beautiful Clear Lake surrounded by
vineyard covered hills and magnificent views
of 4300 foot Mt. Konocti



Register at www.kbsail.org

Bring the family.
Info at <http://www.lakecounty.com>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Register @ [2018 Konocti Cup](#)

[Pre-Order](#) for shirts and hats, Post-race BBQ,
Awards brunch tickets.

<https://lakecounty.com/>

Sunday's [Awards Brunch](#)

[Edgewater Resort](#) have RV and tent camping sites with full hookups including water, electric, sewer and cable TV as well as cozy cabins and houses with full kitchens. Wi-Fi throughout the resort, a club house and general store. Edgewater Resort is on Soda Bay with 600 feet of lakefront. They have a 230 foot pier, launch ramp, and boat slips with electricity.



Check the weather @ [Meteoblue](#)



Many of our members sail in the Bay Area and beyond. This new feature is about their adventures.

Do you have something to share? Send pictures and/or write ups to the newsletter editor- [Val Adase](#)

Spotfire - Bodega to Napa Valley Marina

On Saturday, February 3, Mark Tolbert and I left Bodega Bay to take his Pacific Seacraft 37 for haul out and maintenance at the Napa Valley Marina. Unfortunately there was no significant wind, so we had to motor for the whole trip. Leaving Bodega around noon, we easily made it to Drakes Bay before sunset. The weather had been unseasonably warm, and the day was extremely pleasant with multiple whale sightings. There was one other sailboat anchored in large Drakes Bay when we arrived. The water was calm and the slight breeze was offshore. We anchored in about 25 feet of water without any issues. Another sailboat joined us before dark and anchored a little closer to shore.

That evening and night we were serenaded by marine life on shore. We thought they might be elephant seals, but could not see them clearly. We had a beautiful clear night at anchor and were able to make out Jupiter and Mars as well as the usual winter constellations. During the night the breeze switched 180 degrees and we swung around on our anchor. The conditions were so mild and the sea so calm that it was a great night for sleeping on board.

Sunday morning we weighed anchor around 5:00 and left Drakes Bay around 5:30 to time the tide and current at the Golden Gate. Rather than going west of the Potato Patch we chose to stay closer to shore and traverse the Bonita Channel. As the sun rose the wind picked up, but it came directly from our direction of travel, so we continued under motor. Sunrise over the Marin coast was gorgeous. We arrived at the Golden Gate at slack tide around 11:00 am just before the flood was due to begin. As we approached the shipping channels outside the gate we maintained careful watch on a freighter which we had been monitoring in the Northwest most of the morning. We set out to cross to the outside (slow section) of the inbound (south) shipping lane. It became clear when we were in the separation line between the two lanes that the freighter would overtake us somewhere near the bridge, so we decided to cut back north across the outbound lane as there was no traffic there other than a couple of small sailboats. We were both quite excited to travel under the bridge from the west side.

We then cruised through Raccoon Strait with no more wind but clear skies and moderate temperatures. In no time we passed under the Richmond-San Rafael bridge about

two spans east of the main shipping channel. The flood tide pushed us through this area and all through San Pablo Bay. We were planning to follow the shipping channel into San Pablo Bay, but the ferry zoomed by us and passed between East Brother Island and the shore. We figured if the ferry could do it, so could we, so we followed in suit and cut the corner with no depth problems. After that we carefully followed the shipping channel as the chart suggested that the depths are quite shallow on either side. A tanker passed us just before we came to the Napa River outlet near the Carquinez Bridge.

Making the turn north into the Napa River, we instantly became so warm that we removed jackets and needed only T-shirts - unbelievable for early February! Navigating the river was fairly easy with well placed buoys on either side ("red right return"). The tide continued to flood up the river and we had no trouble making 7-8 kt. with only light RPM's on the engine. We had called the Mare Island Bridge operator in the am, and he said all we needed to do was radio him on Channel 13 when we arrived at the Vallejo Ferry terminal. That we did with the bridge well in sight, and the operator raised it up sufficiently for us to pass beneath, though I think we both held our breath for a minute as we approached because it was hard to judge if there was enough room for our mast. There was and we continued up the river which became more winding and at some locations quite shallow even in mid-channel. We kept a careful eye on the chart plotter and the depth gauge and never came too close to touching bottom. We arrived at the marina about 4:00 pm just about high tide and made fast at the main guest dock where the boat would be hauled out the following day. Napa Valley Marina is quite quaint being landlocked all around except for the small river exit and seemed rather sleepy - at least on Superbowl Sunday afternoon!

David Gray



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Note: Mondays: Boats are out cruising and practicing. Come join in the fun.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 OSIRs Meet-up noon	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21 OSIRs Meet-up noon	22	23	24 The Frostbite First long race of the season!
25 Wayne's Memorial 2pm Buckingham HOA	26	27	28 OSIRs Meet-up noon	29	30	31

April 2018

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29	30	34th. Annual Konocti Cup Race Full Cup 26 miles/Half Cup 13.5 miles For more information click here				
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