

Konocti Bay Ripples Newsletter

January 2018

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Commodore's Message

The weather on the water continues to be very pleasant. TJ and I sailed a week ago on a Saturday with usual suspects **Benji**, **Santé**, and **Valkyrie** out as well. Nice breezes and even in the shade of the sails I was comfortable in shorts and a tee. That night the wind picked up and clouds moved through so it's obviously still February! Wednesday was another clear indication of our season as hundreds of birds feed just at the Narrows. Mostly we saw our usual Cormorants, Grebes, Herons, but more rare Mergansers, Buffleheads and long strings of majestic White Pelicans, hundreds of birds in each one, were seen all afternoon.

With the race season now about a month away, crew opportunities and query fly about the hut and you should check around if you want a ride, lots of boats need crew. And speaking of boats, I hauled Lakota out at Braitto's for her annual maintenance with no problem. The lake is at about 3 feet which is just below the minimum that allows any water to be drawn from the lake, but they make that determination on May 1st. That said the creeks have been running so any rainfall substantial will fill the lake a bit more. There are even years where it can happen in March, like 1983 when I moved here and the lake went to 11.32, or 1995 when inflows to the lake reached 50,000 cfs (that's a million gallons every 3 seconds!!)!! Here's the county records back to 1873 and the explanation regarding dam operations.

<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Assets/Departments/WaterResources/Clear+Lake/Historical+Water+Levels+of+Clear+Lake.pdf>

Anyway, the weather always does as it pleases in spite of prayers or contrails, let's keep sailing and socializing. Daylight savings time is nigh and we have a plan to start sailing beer cans regularly! See you on the lake.

Brad King, Commodore



Vice Commodore's Message

NEW SAILING SEASON BLOWING IN!

Our first event of the season, "The Frostbite", will be here in about four weeks. This is a long race event and we will have a pot luck after to kick off the season. Many of our sailors find these longer, single start and finish events to be the most enjoyable outings, especially with the socializing after.

We want to remind all of our members and friends to come down and renew old friendships and make new ones, whether you sail or not. There is usually an hour or more before and after our events to visit, hang out, look at the birds, etc. We also have people manning the committee boat and also support/chase boats in some of our events, setting marks and monitoring. Our two banquets each year are a lot of fun and we now have the Pear and Christmas festivals. Come on down and enjoy the company of a great group of fun loving folks!

Our first buoy race of the season will be moved from April 14th to April 7, since we have three Santana 20 boats going to the Camellia Cup. Two changes will be made in the fleet racing this year. One rule will be changed to allow a race to be run with a two boat minimum instead of three. The other change is to allow the use of the jib and the spinnaker at the same time, giving you 3 sails to work with. This allows for very exciting, powerful reaching. This has a very narrow window of use but is a lot of fun when it is available.

The Open Fleet is showing signs of growth this year and may be our big fleet this year. We are hearing from 5 to 6 boats and possibly more about being in that fleet. Get your boat out and be part of this fleet. This looks like a great year to get sailing with a nice sized fleet!

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The Konocti Cup planning is well underway and we will be contacting many of you and asking for assistance in the coming month. This is our marquee event and we are very proud of what we put on each year. We are your full service sailing club and looking forward to another great season of sailing on our wonderful lake.

Bob Robinson, Vice Commodore





MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 2/14/2018

CALL TO ORDER: 4 pm

All Officers and Directors were present, except Don Ford, Tom Malley, and Paul Richardson. Julie Richardson took notes to prepare minutes for this meeting.

Minutes approval of the Jan. 2018 meeting were tabled to the next board meeting after all board members have received final version of minutes. Val asked that the minutes go to all board members for review before being sent for publication.

TREASURER REPORT:

Membership renewals and crab feed tickets were received. Crab Feed made a profit. Need to keep having the Social Events. Profit is not the focus. Members enjoy the social activities also.

JOTFORM AND SQUARE:

Difficult to split out what was being paid for Square because they don't give database reports, just the total received. Bill MacDougall mentioned that Square has a library that can be set up that may help. JotForm gives detailed reports in many different ways, such as, excel spreadsheets and PDF's.

Discussion that there has been some issues with Jotform. A member was allowed to renew twice and the form was disabled after the Crab Feed cutoff date. Val, Bill and Chet want to stay with Jotform this year. Brad King wants to make sure problems will be addressed and figure out how to improve things. Members need to inform Val if they have a problem as soon as possible so it can be fixed before the problem happens to someone else.

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

KONOCTI CUP:

Planning is well under way and already we have received some sign ups. The Coast Guard Auxiliary plans to host the BBQ again this year. They may need our help to set up buoys and chase boats. We may be able to get some assistance from the Sea Scouts with a donation to them.

CAMELIA CUP:

Some Santana 20 boats plan to race at the Camellia Cup in Folsom. It is the same weekend as the April Buoy Races. First Buoy race was moved to **April 7, 2018**.

BOATER'S CARD COURSE:

Required for operating a motor boat, including sailboat with a motor for people age 20 and younger. It will be phased in for other ages. If supervising other boats, is required. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be teaching the class at the Clubhouse, possibly in April.

RACE RULE CHANGE:

Sailing Instructions will be changed and updated. Many races in other areas allow boats to sail with 3 sails: Main, Jib and Spinnaker. This can make the boats faster and more stable.

Races can start with 2 boats for each class, if the Committee Boat agrees. Sometimes there might not be 3 boats in each class.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT:

Currently have 59 members. A new member, Duane Harper, who is the co-owner of *Presto* and sponsored by Nate Duff was approved.

Chet Britz mentioned that 6 members from last year have not yet renewed. Members have talked or plan to talk to those people. A letter of reminder will be mailed. It is time to put together the roster and membership packets. Help will be needed. Chet hopes to print in the next few weeks and they can be put together on a Wednesday after sailing.

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Incentives to join are already in place with the initiation fee waived this year for new members. There was discussion that more incentives were not necessary. The renewal membership fee is already fairly low and new membership fees are pro-rated. It was felt that this should be enough.

MEDIA CHAIR REPORT:

Val, Chet and Bill plan to meet to discuss the forms. Julie Richardson will continue to post events on the Chamber of Commerce Calendar, except the Buoy Races. Val requested Club provide her current edition of Microsoft Office for preparing the newsletter. Motion made an approved to spend up to \$200 for the program.

SOCIAL REPORT:

The Crab feed was a success. Thank you to Susan Parker for the salad, her assistance and her students help serving and dish clean up. Thank you also to Arlene Westman for the salad dressing and oyster sauces; Val Adase for the lasagna; Paul Richardson: bartender; Paul Richardson and John Covert for obtaining the crab, oysters, bread and cake; Jim Westman and Don Ford for barbequing the oysters. The new management of the Club House was easy to work with and we didn't have to pay a cleaning fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 KONOCTI CUP PLANNING:

The check has been paid to Riviera Hills for the Brunch.

Val will send the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Map to Chet to put into the packets.

Major Sponsor will again be the Clearlake Veterinary Clinic. Nate Duff is working on another. Chet Britz stated he wanted a person to solicit other sponsorships. Discussion that there are not enough people to put someone in that position. The board now want a sponsor letter to pass out to potential sponsors. Club Members are encouraged to obtain sponsors and to notify Chet of the sponsors received.

Shirts will be ordered from Pirate's Lair. A wine bottle with sailboats with bright spinnakers was passed around as a potential design idea. Bob Robinson will get some designs from Pirate's Lair for review.

COMMITTEE BOAT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

John Deidrich offered to help. Discussion of what will be done was tabled to next meeting.

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MAST LIFT MODIFICATIONS:

Tabled to next meeting.

CLUB SHIRTS IN ADDITION TO REGATTA SHIRTS:

Tabled to next meeting.

FINAL CALENDAR:

Board will approve electronically after date change to Buoy Race to April 7 is made and any other corrections.

PRINT COMMODORE CITATIONS: Tabled to next meeting.

SIGNS FOR LOCATION OF DOCK RESCUE LADDERS:

Brad King may print some signs to post.

REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE BOAT:

Have an opportunity for one that Brad King really likes. Brad will continue to try to meet with the owner to discuss potential purchase and price.

NEW BUSINESS:

IDEAS FOR SOCIAL SAILS:

Need some events for members who work. Sunday Beer Cans? A handout was passed out with common efforts with the Lakeport Yacht Club. Brad suggested meeting with them to see what we can do together which would be beneficial to both clubs.

MEMORIAL:

The memorial for Wayne Hallenbeck will be Sunday March 25, 2018 at the Buckingham Homeowners Association Clubhouse.

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WEATHER STATIONS:

Brad King mentioned it would be nice to have a weather station at the Buckingham Pin, Kono Tayee and perhaps other places, so we know the condition on the Lake. Tabled to next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Preston Shackelford recently passed away. An Obituary was published in the Napa Valley Register and her Facebook Page. She was a great sailor and a special person. Brad King recalled that when he would say "Good Luck" at the Skipper's Meetings, she would reply "Have Fun".

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Julie Richardson, Acting Secretary



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Upcoming Events



Frostbite Race

March 24

Skippers and crew meeting @ 10am



Club Reminders

New race season beginning

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

2018 [Membership Renewal](#)

2018 [New Memberships](#)

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.

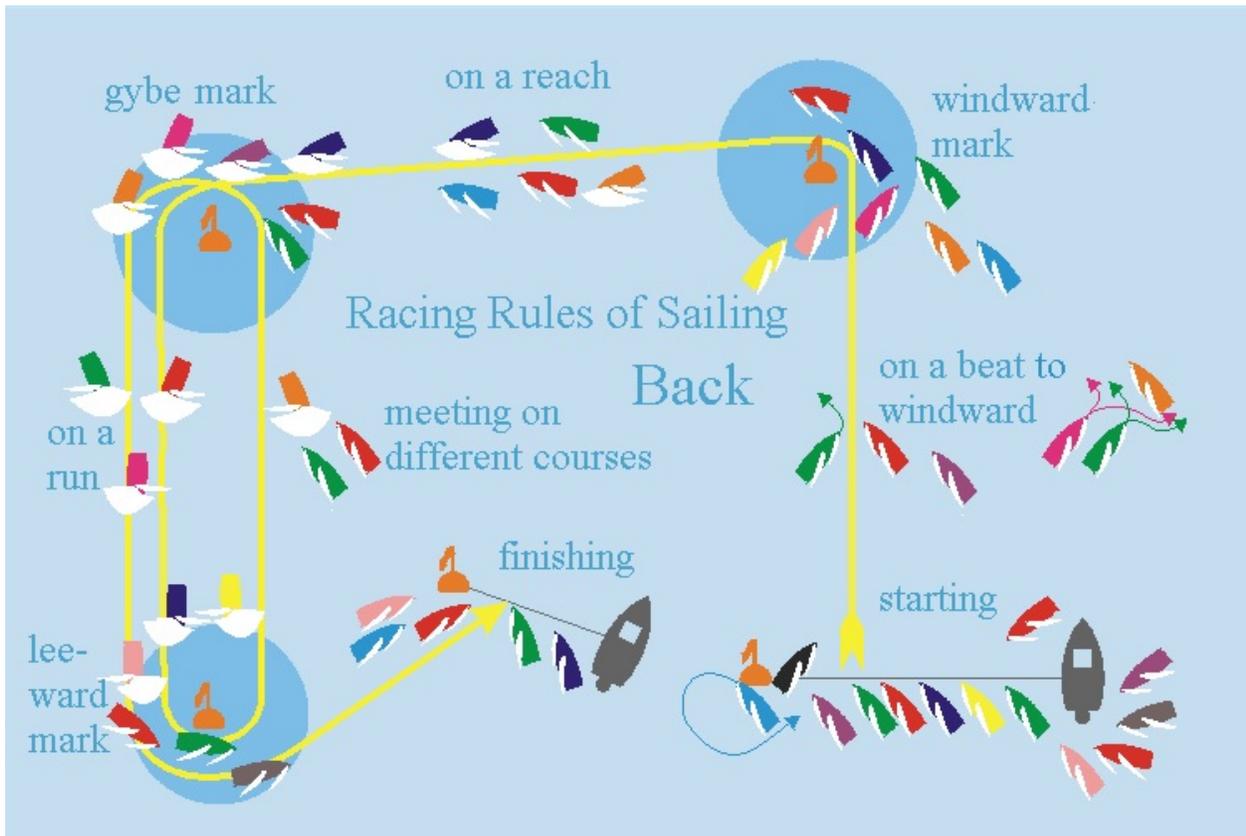
Come enjoy beautiful Clear Lake with this fun group of passionate sailors at Braito’s Marina. Bring a bag lunch and a willingness to learn. A boat and retirement are not required. [OSIRs \(Old Salts in Retirement\) |](#)

[Facebook](#)



Let's have some fun!

Play by the Rules – [click](#) to go to interactive game and click any part of the image



Konocti Cup [Packet](#)

Registration [Form](#)

**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 <http://www.kbsail.org>

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

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
11	12	13	14 OSIRs Meet-up noon Board Meeting After sail or at 5 pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 OSIRs Meet-up noon	22	23	24 The Frostbite First long race of the season!
25	26	27	28 OSIRs Meet-up noon	29	30	31

April 2018

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22	23	24	25 OSIRs Meet-up noon	26	27	28 34th. K-Cup
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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