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Commodore's Message

My use of seat belts is ubiquitous now, but wasn't always so. I punched out the windshield of my '64 VW bug with my head in 1971. No belt. \$52 to replace, which was a TON of money for my 17-year-old self. So I started wearing my belt to save the cost of another windshield. Three weeks later, I totaled my dad's Karmann Ghia. If not for the belt, they would have pulled my body off of the steering column. That was July 1, 1971. Every day of my life since then has been the gift of that belt. I don't think I even change spots in the same parking lot without buckling up now.

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Ubiquitous. Definition: existing or being everywhere at the same time: constantly encountered: widespread.

That is what we need to have PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices, i.e., life vests) become for everyone. A PFD is a yachtsman's seatbelt. We have had four drowning on Clear Lake since the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. At this point in time, our knowledge indicates that none of the victims was wearing a PFD. Could it have helped any (all) of them? I don't personally know. But I do know that not wearing one takes away an option that should be obvious to anyone. Witness statements from two of the three boating drowning indicate that the victim was conscious and swimming, but did not have a PFD on. Both of those victims were able to alert others to their problem, but could not stay alive until aid could be rendered. Could they have done so with a PFD? Not a guarantee, of course, but I have to believe that their chances would have been so much better with one than they turned out to be without one.

I want to make PFD usage as ubiquitous as seat belt usage has become. I have just spent a month in hell over the death of Mike Haberski. I don't ever want to think that I have lost someone as vital and caring as that due to a lack of a life vest (PFD, duh?). June of 2016 just hurt more than I EVER want to go through again. So I am pleading with all of you out there. Just think about it, and then do it until you don't even think about it anymore, you just do it. Please.

Our club requires PFD usage at all our events, but many of our sailors still head out there on their own sails without even considering a PFD. I don't want to spend more time on our committee boat trying to locate your body. Please consider the impact of not wearing one, and choose to wear one. Get used to it. Let it become second nature.

Ubiquitous.

Thanks.

Paul Richardson, Commodore

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Vice Commodore's Message

There has been some feedback and suggestions on our race program I'd like to address.

As I mentioned in my report on the buoy race cancellation, there was a unanimous consensus for the cancellation. I, as race director, push as hard as I can to have everything ready for a competition and thus was ready to (again) forego racing and crew the Committee Boat which was gassed up and ready to launch. What bothered me was as we finished our meeting, there came the arrival of crew that had made plans for a day of sailing. We did discuss at the meeting, briefly, some possible alternatives to the buoys for that day but it did not gain much traction. Indeed, no boat from the Club left the harbor to sail that day, something quite notable considering the days that many of the same boats have gone out. Even as a training day, the challenges presented by strong shifting winds gusting across the lake coupled with a forecast of worse to come left everyone with ideas of more enjoyable alternatives. In recognition of the sacrifices our crews make I hope I as a skipper to always try to recognize and appreciate their participation. As Race director, I encourage participation by all interested parties at the Skipper's Meeting and though I would rather Skippers / Owners

have the final say in our decisions at the meeting, I think that those same individuals would appreciate feedback from their crew on land just as they should on the water. To that end, I thought I would call the pre-race discussion a Race Meeting to clarify that the meeting is open to all. Because the Meeting's purpose is to discuss particulars of that day's contest including hazards and safety, I think it wise to make sure everybody participates.

Finally, I would like to say that the Club has sometimes attempted to cancel races with some advance warning. The forecast needs to be dire and definitive with sufficient time to allow notice to be spread before our far flung members to change plans and it means the Race Director makes the call. It happens but with varying degrees of success. Last month's cancellation was a little less than 24 hours in advance of the race and we still had arrivals unaware.

I hope to continue to work towards a competitive and fun 2016 race season. Thank you all for your support and commentary. Next race is our Sadie Hawkins race Saturday July 23rd.

Brad King, Vice Commodore



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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

7/13/2016

CALL TO ORDER: 4:44 pm

All Officers and Directors were present. Other Club Members Present were John Diederich and Gary Jolley. Minutes of June 2016 meeting were approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

Print outs of Balances and Activity since 7/7/2016 provided, which is date Chet Britz took over duties as Treasurer. No income this period. Costs normal electricity and Committee Boat storage costs, plus Pear Festival entry fee. Report approved. Approved signers for Vanguard Account will be double checked. Chet does have online access.

VICE COMMODOR'S REPORT:

BUOY RACES: last Saturday were canceled due to conditions and some boats didn't know if they had enough crew with the weather forecast. Also didn't have personnel for Committee Boat. Many clubs have a 4 to 5 race season.

A suggestion was received from John Diederich about having a long race or training in place of buoy races, points can be given for participation to be added to season points. Goal is to keep racing. No decision made.

Discussion that there needs to be better communication between Skippers and Crew. Skipper's meeting renamed Race Meeting from now on.

NEW HELM CHAIR: for committee boat has been ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

HATS: 20 Outback style hats are available for purchase at \$25 each. 30 Ball Caps style hats are available for purchase at \$20 each.

WEBSITE: To process Pay Pal orders of Hats, Shirts, Membership Renewals and Konocti Cup Registrations requires upgrade to Business Plan. Upgrade includes tools to track and manage orders and other tools. If upgrade, not locked in if we find it doesn't work as anticipated. Motion and vote to upgrade approved.

SUNDAY/SOCIAL SAIL: Treasure Hunt for Saturday, August 20, 2016 has been prepared. Theme is "Where in the World is the Committee Boat?"

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED FORMER CLUB MEMBER: Chet will follow up with Cathy Hall for memorial.

NEW BUSINESS:

CUSTOM CAR SHOW AND CALIFORNIA HOT BOAT EXHIBITION: Gary Jolley and the Coast Guard Auxiliary were approached by Tony Barthel to assist with perimeter control and provide buoys. The event will

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be August 13, 2016 at Library Park in Lakeport. The CG Auxiliary will assist with perimeter control and setting of Buoys. KBSC will allow use of buoys. The CQ Auxiliary will also have an information booth that has Membership Applications and Brochures for both organizations. This will be a joint venture between the CG Auxiliary and KBSC and we want recognition of both organizations.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Next Sunday Sail is July 24.

ADOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Julie Richardson, Secretary



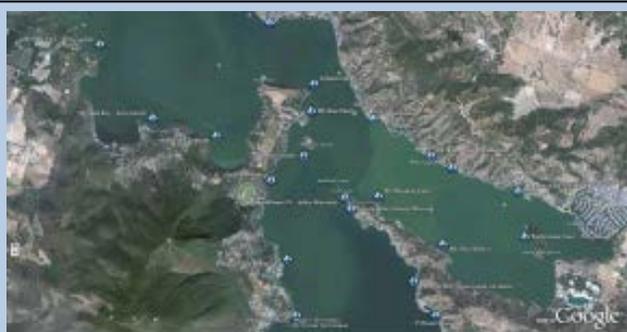
Konocti Bay Sailing Club could use your help. Become an active member now and realize the satisfaction of aiding your sailing club.

- **Need engine for the Committee Boat** - Engine needed 30hp no more than 60hp. We already have a "fixer" motor so good engines only for consideration, please. Contact Brad King, Vice Commodore, chezking@att.net.
- **Need crew to man Committee Boat** – Best seat in the house. Watch all the action from the comfort of the committee boat and help run the race.



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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](#)



OSIRs is an excellent way to get into sailing. New sailors are especially urged to start with OSIRs Wednesdays. Remember to wear appropriate sneakers or shoes, bring water, a hat, and life vest if you have one.

Right of Way Rules

Uncle Al's Pictorial Rules Quiz

Case 14: In the photo below, W9235 is outpointing W3854 as they sail up a beat on Tawas Bay.



1. If they continue to get closer together to the point of nearly colliding, who will have to keep clear? Under what rule?
2. Would rule 17 apply here (same tack; proper course)?
3. What other rule will apply once these boats get very close to each other, say about a foot of water between the hulls?

[Answer](#)

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KBSC Members' Classified Ads

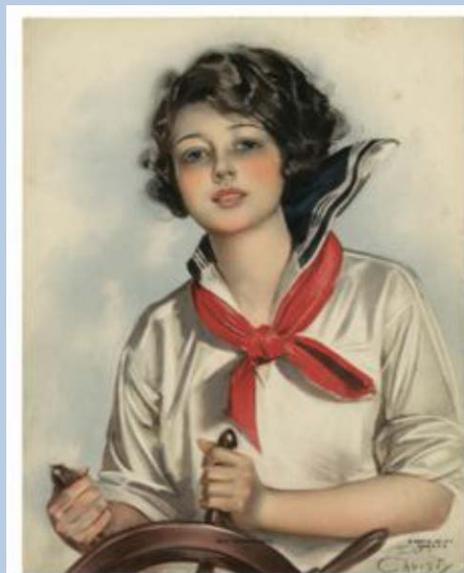
Members are welcome to put free "for sale" or "want ads" in the newsletter. Deadline is the Sunday after the monthly Board Meeting (2nd Wednesday). Please remember to alert us when your ads change or should be removed.

Send ads to valada519@gmail.com
Subject line- KBSC Ads

FOR SALE: *Blew By You- Capri 25, 1981* - Race ready. Full complement of sails, racing and cruising. Two mains, two 150's, 135, storm jib (#3), two spinnakers. Race sails used one full season. Recent 2015 haul out and bottom job. All new standing rigging, halyards, and sheets in 2012. Honda 4-stroke outboard (2005) with very low hours. VHF Radio, Velocitek GPS Racing Computer, full cabin canvas cover. Hull in very good condition, no damage, leak free. Asking price of \$5000.

Wayne Hallenbeck- 707-230-2623
wwhallenbeck@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Spinnaker: Tri Ra-dial symmetrical. 28'6" Luff, 18'3" Foot. Orange and white. Reinforced head and clews. Very good condition. Photos available. \$460, with sail bag. **Gary Jolley 707-350-0179**



Sadie Hawkins Race

This Saturday- July 23

Lady Skippers w/crew

Race meeting @11am (for Skippers and crew)

Coming up- Treasure Hunt - Aug. 20

Theme: Where in the world is the Committee Boat?

This is not a race! It's a hunt and an excuse to get out on the lake and sail around.

Open to non-motorized craft. Each boat will receive a packet of sealed envelopes with clues and instructions.

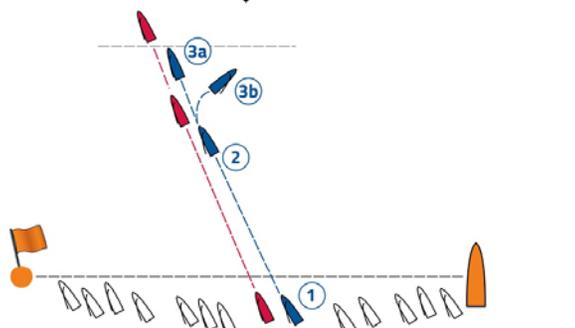
Clues simple to understand. Talking amongst boats encouraged.

Find the Committee Boat, raft-up or anchor, and join the party.

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AN OKAY START: TO PINCH OR TO TACK?

CURRENT WIND



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Situation:

The start gun goes off and you have an okay start, but a competitor is starting to pinch up from under you. Do you pinch with them or tack away?

Determine Your Options

When you're in this position, it can be tempting to leap into action without seriously considering the consequences. The first step is to quickly determine your options and what their impacts will be.

Work with your crew to determine the following:

- What is the favored side of the course and what direction do you anticipate the next shift will be from?
- How much slower are you going as a result of pinching?
- If you stay in your lane how long will you have to pinch for? In order to stay up-speed you never want to be in 'high mode' for

longer than 3-4 boat lengths.

- If you tack can you cross and extend to the right? How long will you be able to hold your lane on port before you have to tack back?
- How many sterns will you take if you tack and duck?
- How shifty is it? If you only anticipate one or two shifts on the leg, a double-tack may be the best option to help you protect your side. If there are lots of shifts on the leg, it is more important to stay in phase than to avoid a high mode.

Pro Tip

If you are sailing in a shifty venue, you may be able to optimize your VMG by keeping your boat in a high-mode and pinching through a brief header, essentially setting your boat up for the next shift.

Typically a swift run through these questions will quickly give you a clear answer as to what is the best move for your boat. If no clear answer can be determined it is recommended that you hold your course rather than tack. In most boats tacking is slow – in the graphic above see the black line placed in front of 3a compared to where the boat is in 3b. To ensure you are making the best decision as circumstances change on the racecourse you should periodically reevaluate the answers to these questions.

What else to think about after an okay start:

- Think Big Picture
- Execute

Mark Loe (Owner, Ullman Sails Trinidad)

Sunday Sails

A sailboat with a white sail is the central focus of the image. The sail has blue text and logos. At the top, there is a blue logo that looks like a stylized 'E' or 'A'. Below that, another similar logo. Further down, the text 'USA' is written in large blue letters, followed by 'A2U' in smaller blue letters, and '800 008' in the largest blue letters. The boat is on a blue lake with a forested shoreline and mountains in the background under a clear blue sky.

Calling all those wishing for Sunday Club Sails
We heard you! Come out and sail with us!

Meetup @ Noon Sunday June 26
Crew without boats welcomed

New Club Hats Now Available

Club Logo Caps & Outback Hats



Caps - \$20



Outback Hats - \$25

See Chet Britz or Paul Richardson
at OSIRs & Club Events
or call/email for other arrangements.

Also available soon
at kbsail.org

Lakeside Hot Car & Boat Show

(Buoys provided by the Konocti Bay Sailing Club)
(Races monitored by Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 88)

The annual Lakeside Hot Car and Boat show will take place on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Library Park in downtown Lakeport, CA along with a high-performance boat demonstration and free concert on Friday, August 12 and winery tour and picnic on August 14.

As with last year there will be a tremendous number of trophies for both the vehicles in attendance plus some of the hottest boats that ever hit the water. And, speaking of which, the Lake County law enforcement team have given us the green light to make exhibition runs of the hot boats as well.

There will also be the Sheriff Brian Martin cacklefest where the loudest boat will get the prize. Even further, the hot boat pin-up girl contest is new for 2016 with cash prizes for the winners.

There will be booths and vendors, music by [Sounds Like FUN! Entertainment](#), trophies, lake and land fun and more. Mark your calendars for this annual event which raises money for [Operation Tango Mike](#).



July 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Race Meetings: For Skippers and Crew | | | OSIRs Wednesdays New sailors! Great place for crew to meet skippers and learn to sail. | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | 7 | 8 | 9 Buoy Series Races 11 am Race Meeting |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> Board Meeting 5pm | 14 | 15 | 16 Dorn Bay Overnight Raft-up and BBQ Meet up in Dorn Bay bet. 4:00 & 7:00 |
| 17 Dorn Bay Overnight Raft-up | 18 | 19 | 20 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | 21 | 22 | 23 Sadie Hawkins 11 am Race Meeting |
| 24 4 th . Sunday Sail 1pm Informal and fun for family and friends | 25 | 26 | 27 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | Notes: Sadie Hawkins Race- Women on the tiller w/mixed crew. Come out and sail with the ladies of the club. Always a competitive but fun race for the boats and onlookers (best viewing from Committee boat, hint hint). | | | | | |

August 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> Board Meeting 5pm | 11 | 12 | 13 Buoy Series Races 11 am Skipper's meeting |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | 18 | 19 | 20 Treasure Hunt 12 pm Where's in the world is the Committee Boat? |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | 25 | 26 | 27 Skippers Scramble 11 am meeting to pick crew |
| | 28 4 th . Sunday Sail 12 pm Informal and fun for family and friends | 29 | 30 | 31 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | Notes: Crew out of a hat! That's the Skippers Scramble. Great chance to sail on another boat with other people. | | |

September 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Race Meetings: For Skippers and Crew | | | OSIRs Wednesdays New sailors! Great place for crew to meet skippers and learn to sail. | 1 | 2 | 3 Lunch on the Lake |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | 8 | 9 | 10 Buoy Series Skippers meeting 11am |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> Board meeting | 15 | 16 | 17 Overnite @ Braitos |
| 18 Breakfast @ Braitos | 19 | 20 | 21 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | 22 | 23 | 24 Pear Festival KBSC will have a promo booth Stop by and say Hi! |
| 25 Single-handed Race | 26 | 27 | 28 OSIRs <u>Meet-up 12 pm</u> | 29 | 30 | |