



...a little dinghy

A Message from the Commodore

Ahaaaaa, Spring has finally arrived! The days are warming up and the lake is full. Time to sail!

Our first Club sailing event for this year is this Sunday April 21 st . Our Race Dir, Jeremy Gicker will be meeting the rest of the racers at the Scotts Flat Gate #2 launch ramp at 12:00 noon.

The April 27 th work party and pontoon boat lunch cruise has been canceled. The work party will be held at 4:00 PM Wed. May 8 th , just before the Board Meeting up at the Lake.

David Cowell will not be attending the Petaluma Cruise April 18 th due to health concerns.

Our March meeting at Trailblazer's Pizza was a smash hit. 10 new Visitor/ Members attended, which is a great indicator of how our Club is coming back up to speed following the Covid shutdown.

Our May 8 th meeting up at the lake will be our first PotLuck in at least 3 years. The Bar B Qs will be lit. Bring food to share. Work party starts at 4:00 PM, Board Meeting at 5:00 PM. Dinner is at 6:00 PM...General Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. I hope to see you all there...

Fair winds and smooth sailing to you all.....Doug Coursey, Commodore

Please Send Pictures ASAP

We will have a booth promoting GCYC at the Health/Safety & Fire Preparedness Carnival . The event will be held at The Rood Center on May 4th. Time is 11-4:pm. Julie Kennedy will be there to run the booth and we are looking for pictures to put in a slide show. If you have any pictures from Regatta, Jr. Sailing, or any events on the lake please send them to: julieann.kennedy@gmail.com

News from the Port Captain

Clubhouse Clean Up Day The clean up day scheduled for April 27 has been canceled. The clubhouse actually is looking pretty good, just needs some sweeping and planting. We will be doing some cleanup before the next meeting on May 8, starting around 4:00 if you'd like to help out.

Checking out Boats If a member would like to check out a boat to sail, please contact Hugh Talman, our port captain. He will help you check out a boat, make sure you can sail and rig it, and show you where everything is.

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**On the Web
www.gcyk.net**

Upcoming Events: **May**

Next General Meeting
at GCYC Clubhouse
Scotts Flat Lake

6pm to Eat
Bring Something to BBQ
And something to share
7pm to Meet



Membership

We are so excited to welcome new members to GCYC! Please read to find out more about our newest members.



Andy and Melissa Blakeslee



Andy and Meli live with their 2-year-old son, Luca, in Nevada City. Andy's introduction to sailing was as a kid in Lake Tahoe and on Lasers in the Delta. Having read the book *Dove* as a kid, he always dreamt of exploring the world on a sailboat. Meli is from Costa Rica and met Andy while they were both students at University of Colorado, Boulder. Her introduction to sailing was a 90-hr continuous beating into the wind from Los Angeles to San Francisco. That didn't scare her away and, eventually, Andy and Meli sold most all their possessions and sailed their Wuaquiez Pretorien 35 on a year-long journey across the Pacific from San Francisco to Australia. They sold their boat in Australia and returned to California, where Luca was born. Since then, they have participated in several offshore races, including the PacCup, and have gotten Luca out sailing a few times too. Andy, Meli, and Luca are very excited to be joining a community of sailors and water enthusiasts in Nevada County and look forward to contributing to the club.

Bob Gould



I grew up sailing on the east coast on Long Island Sound. My Dad was an avid sailor, and he competed for the Olympics in the Star class but he missed qualifying coming in second. I sailed every day of every summer in a youth program, but once I turned 18 and was too old, I spent my summers teaching sailing. This included teaching three guys who went on to qualify for the 1980 Olympics, but due to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the US boycotting the Olympics, they were never able to compete. I have raced to Bermuda and many other deep water races, but for the past 50 years I have essentially not been on the water, except for 7 summers in the arctic doing research in a 14' zodiac. I have recently moved to Nevada City after spending 40 years living and teaching overseas, and I am thrilled by the prospect of coming full circle and racing again.

At Our Helm

Commodore
Douglas Coursey

Secretary
Sharon Barton

Treasurer
Nicki Talman

Director of Cruising
David Cowell

Membership/Publicity
Beth Buti

Port Captain
Hugh Talman

Director of Education
Don Hare

Race Director
Jeremy Gicker

Newsletter Editor
Sharon Barton
Beth Buti



Harry Winters



I grew up mostly in the Nevada City/Grass Valley area but moved away for school and work. Once my job went remote with COVID my partner and I started looking for places to live around the Sacramento area where her office is located. To my surprise, Grass Valley was top of our list.

I started sailing in college at UCSC where I took two years of sailing classes through the university. The program began with Coronados and went up through large keelboat navigation and overnight trips. After graduating I stayed active in the UCSC sailing club until moving to San Francisco. In San Francisco, I got a few ASA certifications through Spinnaker Sailing and crewed for whoever would ask me out of Half Moon Bay and South Beach Harbor.

These days, I don't sail much at all but I would love to take a dingy out on Scott's Flat when the weather permits. I've participated in regattas but what I enjoy most is a leisurely cruise.

We will continue to accept memberships!

Those individuals who sent in membership forms along with their Membership fee prior to this newsletter will receive their new 2024 Membership cards at the May 8th meeting. The next cut off date to turn in your completed Membership form and pay the \$ 100 Membership fee in order to get an official Membership card will be June 30th. Those cards will be handed out at the July 10th meeting.

Form can be accessed through this link, and is attached to email for Newsletter. Forms will also be available during Club Meetings.

[GCYC Membership](#) (click on blue link)



[First GCYC Sailing Race April 21](#)

Come on out to Scotts Flat to either race or watch our first Sailing race on April 21. Be ready to sail at 12:pm (and be ready for possible delays...it all depends on the WIND!)

[Regattas in our Area](#)

April 6	Trans-Folsom Trans-Folsom Link
April 20	Camellia Cup Camellia Cup Link
April 27	Konocti Cup Konocti Cup Link
May 18-19	Lake Yosemite Merced Lake Yosemite Sailing Association
May 25	Whiskeytown Regatta Whiskeytown Link
June 1	Go for the Gold Regatta (that's ours!)
June 12	High Sierra Regatta High Sierra Link
June 20	High Sierra Regatta High Sierra Link
November 2	Lake Washington Turkey Link



[Boat for Sale](#)

Ryck Johnson is selling his 2000 Catalina 400 MKII in Baja. Please see link below if interested:

<https://www.yachtworld.com/yacht/2000-catalina-400-mkii-9314267/>

But here is what he sent:

Yes it's a real boat and not a car...

This guy motored by our boat.



Cruising

Our Cruise Director Dave Cowell will not be able to attend the Petaluma Butter and Eggs Cruise. This event was scheduled for April 19-21. Of course members are welcome to attend, but Dave won't be leading the adventure.

We are still exploring and planning a cruise to CATALINA in June (Most likely around June 15-23) We would trailer down to Long Beach, sail out of Cabrillo Marina, and cruise the islands for 5 days. We are looking for more people to come down with us. Let us know if you are interested!

Many members in our club have done this trip in the past. We have lots of information and it looks like a blast!

Beth Buti and Sharon Barton membergcyc@gmail.com



Newsletter

We'd love to share your SAILING ADVENTURES in our monthly Newsletter! Please send pictures and captions/stories to Beth Buti membergcyc@gmail.com

WEBSITE DESIGNERS NEEDED !

The Board has decided to investigate the modernization of the venerable "gcyc.net" website. The website manager feels that there must be some members with experience in web design and knowledge of HTML and JS languages to help re-fashion the site and bring it up to today's standards. He is currently looking to use Wordpress to build a prospective new site and desperately needs support. Any member wanting to help can contact him at bod@gcyc.net.

GOLD COUNTRY YACHT CLUB
2024 Calendar of Events

<p>JANUARY</p> <p>10 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet, Las Katarinas</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>7 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet Las Katarinas</p> <p>MARCH</p> <p>13 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting Trailblazers Pizza, 5:00 Meet General Meeting, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet Honor: Doug and Frieda Epperson</p> <p>APRIL</p> <p>10 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting Trailblazers Pizza, 5:00 Meet General Meeting, Trailblazers Pizza, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>21 Sun. Race at SFL 12 Noon led by J. Gicker</p> <p>MAY</p> <p>8 GCYC B O D Meeting/Regatta planning SFL Clubhouse, 5:00 General Meeting, SFL Clubhouse, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet Club house cleanup beginning at 4:00</p> <p>11 Sat. Race at SFL Noon with J. Gicker.</p> <p>16-19 Boat Show Redwood city</p> <p>17-19 Adult Sailing Class? TBD.</p> <p>19 Sunday SFL/NID No Motor Day GCYC gives free rides</p> <p>JUNE</p> <p>1 GCYC Go for the Gold Regatta</p> <p>12 General Meeting, SFL Clubhouse, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>10-14 Youth Sailing Classes</p> <p>17-21 Catalina Cruise</p> <p>24-28 Youth Sailing Classes</p> <p>27-30 Half Moon Bay Cruise with D. Cowell</p>	<p>JULY</p> <p>4 Parade/Raft-up SFL</p> <p>10 General Meeting 5:30 – SFL Clubhouse, Members only, Pontoon boat Hawaiian Dinner Cruise, 6:00– 7:30 Sat. 20th Celtic music on Pontoon Boat</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p>10 Australia Cruise with D, Cowell</p> <p>14 All Sail & (Raft Up?) Afternoon General Meeting – SFL Clubhouse, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>25 Sunday Race and Bar B Q SFL</p> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>11 Day of sailing and (raft-up?) afternoon General Meeting – SFL Clubhouse, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>12-15 Thur – Sun Shasta Lake Cruise</p> <p>22 Sunday 6:30 Sunset Dinner Cruise pontoon boat</p> <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>9 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting Trailblazers Pizza, 5:00 General Meeting, Trailblazers Pizza, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet (Board of Directors nominations)</p> <p>12or19 Work Party 10:00 AM, winterize the Clubhouse and Lake Shore Cleanup</p> <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>13 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting Trailblazers Pizza, 5:00 Meet General Meeting, Trailblazers Pizza, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet Board of Directors Member Voting</p> <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>7 Holiday Awards Banquet (Venue TBD)</p> <p>NOTE: NO BOD MEETINGS scheduled for June, July, August or September</p>
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Past Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the Gold Country Yacht Club General Meeting

April 10th, 2024 @ Trailblazers Pizza

6:00 PM Dinner and socializing. Time to catch up with old friends, sign up for Regatta shirts

Approx. 18 people in attendance.

7:00 PM General Meeting began. Welcome by the Commodore, Introduce new Members/visitors. Reminder to pay Membership Fees. Our newest Members/Visitors attending... Paul and Toni, Andy and Melissa and Luka, Mary Mahoney, Bob, Graham and Cricket, and Harry Winters.

Board of Director reports.

Treasurer, Nicki Talman Club is in good monetary shape so far this year. 35, paid Memberships so far. 11 are from the Junior Sailing program. Nicki, also on the Regatta Tee shirt Committee passed around a pre-buy sign up sheet for this years Regatta Tee shirts.

Port Captain, Hugh Talman Work party for April 27th cancelled. Work party will be held at 4 PM on May 8th, just prior to the Board Meeting. Lake is full. Buoys should be open for use now.

Membership/News Editor, Beth Buti. April Newsletter to go out ASAP as soon as Minutes are submitted from this meeting. Pot Luck for this coming May meeting up at the Lake.

Secretary, Sharon Barton. Absent.

Race Director, Jeremy Gicker Race on April 21 is definitely on. Meet at 12 Noon at the dock (launch ramp gate 2) Wind and weather predicted to be fair. Reporting for Cruise Dir. David Cowell, Jeremy said that the Petaluma cruise will not be attended by David due to health issues.

Sailing Education, Don Hare. Absent.

Cruise Dir David Cowell, Absent. See Race Dir. Above

Catalina trip is now in progress being led by Beth Buti and Sharon Barton.

Tonight's program, "The Commodore's Voyage to Bare Boating" presented by Commodore Doug Coursey.

The commodore's 15 minute Power point presentation of his 6 days and 7 nights living aboard a Dufour 45' sloop off the coast of La Paz Mexico last month included several photos and two 1 minute videos. The purpose of his American Sailing Association's accelerated live aboard class experience was to earn the three certificates necessary to be able to charter a 40' sloop bare boat. The Commodore now holds the Keel Boat, Coastal Navigation, and Bare Boat certificates from the ASA.

Following the presentation by the Commodore, Beth Buti volunteered to put a presentation together for an indoor meeting later this year.

Approximately 8:00 PM adjourned.

4-10-2024 5:20 BOARD Minutes FOR GOLD COUNTRY YACHT CLUB@TRAILBLAZERS

BOD Members present: D, Coursey Commodore, Nicki and Hugh Talman, J. Gicker, B. Buti.

Board Member reports:

Treasurer, Nicki Talman Credit card follow up. Doug and Nicki now have Club Credit Cards, to be used very minimally, like paying for Web site hosting. Current Club financial status. shirt design selected advanced sales start today...Tee shirts ready (we hope) by May 8th meeting. Nicki doing a pre-buy sign up sheet today for May 8th actual selling of Regatta Tee Shirts. Burgees and Dinghy Stickers now available. Next Ins. Payment is in May.

Port Captain, Hugh Talman. Plans for the Sat April 21 work party/pontoon boat launch/lunch trial run. Club house and grounds are in good shape. Hugh recommended canceling the April 21 work party and instead hold a one hour work party on May 8th at 4 PM just prior to our next Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Hugh and others thought was a good time to start the Pot lucks again at the Club meetings.

Sail cloth donation offered and accepted at the Meeting from a non-Member donor. Hugh to take it up to the lake for temp. storage.

Membership and newsletter. Beth Buti. Club news in Union. Last newsletter a smash hit....Again. Membership numbers and registration progress. 35 Members have paid as of today. Membership Cards to be printed for all currently paid Members and will be brought to the May General meeting for handing out to Members.

Booth at the "Health/Safety & Fire Preparedness 19th Carnival" May 4th to be set up and maned by Julie Kennedy. She may also use the Club's banners and brochures (to be re-prints from Beth Buti's Master Brochure at Club's expense. Motion to do so was passed unanimously.

Secretary, Sharon Barton. Absent.

Race Director Jeremy Gicker. Up-dating the race info on the website. Fleshing out the Sunday April 21st race schedule. Commodore to crew for Jeremy. Meet at Dock at noon. Fair weather and temps predicted.

The Petaluma Cruise will not be hosted by David Cowell due to Health issues.

Review Notice of Race for our Regatta and skippers info packet AND...formation of race committee needs to be finalized. Don Not present tonight so no action taken.

Education Dir. Don Hare, Follow up on registration of Laser and two donated sunfish...follow up.... Seth Schmerzler and the FJ....Has again re-surfaced....He wants the boat removed Class for "Coaching Certification" completed? Don not present, no action taken.

Cruise Dir. David Cowell. Petaluma cruise progress? Other Cruise info.David is experiencing health issues and will not be participating in the Petaluma Cruise. Catalina Cruise being led by Beth Buti and Sharon Barton. No concrete plans offered yet.

Website Administrator David Cowell. Website seems to be functioning well. Proposal for building a new website? David was not present. HOWEVER...the general topic of replacing our current website with a new one was discussed. New Member Harry Winters, with considerable website and programing experience, offered to help David with the process of up-dating the Club's website. Meeting adjourned__6:05 PM