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MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE BY SHERRI OLSON

Our cruise to Sacramento Yacht Club for the Jazz Fest was super. We had an outstanding number of six boats cruise in from our club, in addition to the Kaisers who are berthed at SYC: John Howard, Olsons, Beauchamps, Morans, Orsis, and Kazees. What a great group. Friday night after the parade on the docks and dinner we all just gathered by Olson's boat and drank wine and swapped stories. We looked at the collection of boats tied up and just had fun. Saturday was tacos on the deck with good band music and of course Gin Fizzes to start our day.

Orsi ran into a childhood friend he hadn't seen in years. We also heard rumors that the Orsis tore up the dance floor and partied until early in the morning. GREAT. It seemed like everyone

had guests at one time or another, including former members Renee and Steve Welch and our very own Cookie Hanlon on Friday evening.

On Saturday, the Kazees celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary. Sunday featured marching bands from Rosemont High and UCD. It was quite a show and made such an impression on Kaylee that she is thinking of taking up the tuba. Later that evening the Yacht Club hosted a raffle where Tom Moran was a very lucky winner. Most of us turned in early for a bright and early send-off on Monday morning.

It was a good time and several cruisers said they are just going to stay at the yacht club next year and not going in to town. Wonderful times, good friends, and Sacramento as always, a super Up River Host, thank you!



ON THE HORIZON:

JULY

- 4 ...Hilton Fireworks at Mandeville
- 17-19...Fourth Cruise**
Driftwood Yacht Club
Cruise Captain: Frank Beauchamp
- 24..Dinner and Meeting. 7:00 PM**
Hosts: The Moran's & Orsi's

AUGUST

- 14...Dinner- 7:00 PM**
Hosts: Potluck—Salad Bar
- 21-23...Fifth Cruise**
Anchor Out, location TBD
Cruise Captain: Dennis Kazee

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- July 8: Jean & Dale Hafelfinger (1961)
- July 9: Cookie Hanlon
- July 15: Jim Shetler
Bill & Debbie Mielenz (1989)
- Aug 5: Frank & Joanne Beauchamp (1961)



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YOU'RE NOT A REAL BOATER UNTIL YOU HAVE...

National Boating Day July 1

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 1, 2009 - While the U.S. Senate passed a resolution declaring July 1 as National Boating Day, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.) takes a humorous look at boating and sailing and wants every American to know they cannot be considered a "real" boater until they have:

Forgotten to install the drain plug before launching the boat: Suddenly realizing you're ankle deep in water, scrambling to contort over the transom to install the plug, or rushing to get the boat back on the trailer faster than a NASCAR pit crew really means "you've arrived" in recreational boating.

Contracted a case of "raccoon eyes": Caused by permanently attached sunglasses and the sun's rays waves reflecting off the water, the "raccoon eyes" look is characterized by a mask-like whiteness around the eyes surrounded by sunburned cheeks, nose and forehead. Cold, rainy weather is the only known cure.

Sent boating-themed holiday cards: Sailing Santas, lighthouses with Christmas wreaths, Rudolph pulling a boat full of toys, boating-themed holiday cards keep the boating bug alive in the darkest winters. Non-boating family and friends will just think you've gone off the deep end.

Purchased a Jimmy Buffet CD: A favorite of sailboaters, usually accompanied by a blender and a shaker of salt attached to a tether so it does not get lost.

Started shopping for a bigger boat the day after you buy your first one: Also known in the psychological field as "three-feet-i-tis," this disease is characterized by irrational and envious thoughts of larger vessel ownership. Most health plans do not provide for its treatment.

Sanded the boat's bottom, varnished the hull, replaced a plank and enjoyed every minute of it: For old boat lovers, nothing gives a better sense of pride knowing you made your classic look more wonderful than a fine piece of antique furniture.

Seen a sunrise over a glassy waterway and realized you are in Heaven: Most "real" boaters understand that boating and sailing are medically proven to lower blood pressure, whiten teeth, lower cholesterol and delay the aging process.

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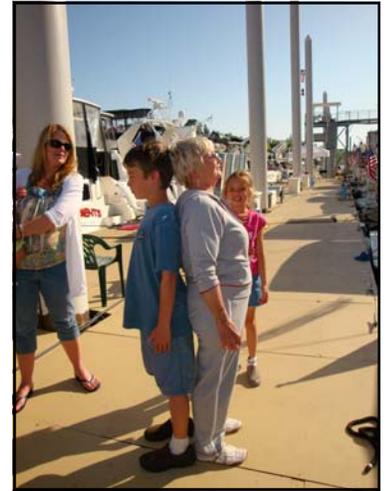
Here are a few photos from the Sacramento Yacht Club cruise... log on to our website at www.riverviewyc.com to see the full gallery of pictures from Memorial Day weekend.



CPSA (Cherry pit-spitters Anonymous) meeting on the SYC dock.



Frank Beauchamp and friend crossing the gangway



That's it, we are going to have to stop feeding the boy.

AROUND THE CLUB BY JOANNE BEAUCHAMP

- John Howard went to Bremerton, WA early in June for a surprise retirement party for the son-in-law of a life-long friend. The son-in-law retired as a Chief Petty Officer after twenty years in the Navy.
- The Kazees attended a reunion of Dennis's family in KY. Zak and Kaylee really enjoyed catching lightning bugs. Zak also learned that he is a pretty good shot with a rifle and pistol while being intently supervised. Cindy met with some other UNDC employees in Cambridge, OH which is the town where Dennis' mom was born and raised. Cindy and the kids got to ride in a WV state trooper's car after they encountered some car trouble on the way to Ohio. Bet the kids thought that was pretty neat!
- Cookie Hanlon is in the process of trying to get a tach fixed on her 1959 boat which is turning out to be quite an adventure. On the fun side, she and a girlfriend will be taking a trip to Vancouver, BC at the end of July.
- Russ & Christie Kaiser joined the Sacramento YC on a June week-end as part of a week long cruise. Walnut Grove was where they sailed for 3 days. On Saturday, they visited three local wineries by bus. In the evening, Guisti's restaurant sent vehicles to the dock to take some of the boaters to their restaurant for a great prime rib dinner. Upon returning to the dock, a few folks even had room for dessert, so they wandered over to the local ice cream parlor for a yummy treat! On Sunday afternoon, some of the 20 plus boats returned to the SYC while others continued on into the Delta. Russ and Christie also celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 30th.
- Richard Orsi, who I guess is not on our calendar, celebrated his birthday on June 1st. Belated wishes to you, Orsi!!
- Helen Moran was rear-ended in their truck and was pretty banged up but she is a real trooper and insisted on still coming to the long Memorial week-end cruise to SYC. She has just now returned to work for a few hours a day.
- Frank Champion and Marnie will be traveling in East Europe in late June and early July.
- Sherri Olson will attend her annual float trip with longtime girlfriends the week-end of our July cruise. However, Jerry is planning to join us at Driftwood.
- The McMahans will be flying to Japan in September to see their grandson and wife and meet three great-grandchildren for the first time.
- Where are the Zigers? Haven't heard or seen you folks in a long time.
- Gary and Mikki (that's Mike- E) Dalleske, who we met at the SYC cruise, joined us for our June dinner. They went home with a baby kitten found in the marina area. Hopefully, they will become RYVC members. They currently belong to a cruising club.
- Joanne & Frank Beauchamp will be flying to Honolulu after the Independence holiday where they will meet up with their Seattle relatives plus their daughter and son-in-law. Aloha, everyone!!

CALIENTE ISLE YACHT CLUB CRUISE by Joanne Beauchamp



On a windy boating day, John Howard, Beauchamps and Olsons arrived at CIYC all within an hour's time (between 4 & 5 o'clock) and were able to be moored next to each other. Twelve boats from the Delta Marina YC were already there. Joe and Elaine arrived just in time for dinner at 7PM after taking a circuitous route. We all enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches and salad along with our "feel good" beverages. We also renewed friendships with CIYC members and met some of the DMYC folks, who invited us to have a combined breakfast on the yacht club's deck on Saturday morning.

Frank & a DMYC member barbecued sausages to go along with potato, egg, and fruit dishes. There were also sweet rolls and English muffins. And, of course, orange juice, bloody Mary's or mimosas to wash it all down. In the afternoon, some of us worked on our boats, read or visited while Frank & Joe played Texas Hold'em with a few of the DMYC folks, one of which was the bartender from The Point who has been on the job for 20 years. The Point is where the Delta Marina YC has their meetings as they are a cruising club.

On Saturday evening, we enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner

of antipasto, salad, bread sticks, lasagna, green beans and berry cobbler. The tables were nicely decorated to create a festive mood. Afterwards, there was a live band and dancing for the young & "young at heart". Many raffle prizes were given away but none of our members were lucky.



We were served a hearty breakfast on Sunday of sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy & orange juice before departing for our home ports. Some of the captains had been asked to set their anchors because the wind was a threat to all boats that were rafted and end-tied. John was one of these, so Joe offered to pull up Carrie Ellen's anchor while John maneuvered his trawler. This was quite a sight to see!! And, I understand that Mr. Collins was pretty sore the next day.

On our drive home, we noticed that Jerry & Sherri's car was still at The Boathouse, so we stopped and hollered through the locked gate and "lo and behold", it was Elaine that unlocked the gate for us. She and Joe didn't want to go home so early, so went to The Boathouse to meet the

Olsons. We reminisced about the week-end, etc. and had drinks and Frank & I tried to get rid of some of our food but everyone was still full from breakfast. All and all, a great week-end!



UPCOMING CRUISES by Frank Beauchamp

Reminder to all cruisers: the Driftwood YC is hosting RVYC on 17, 18, & 19 July. They are serving supper on Fri. at \$10 a person and Sat.'s dinner will be stuffed pork chops at \$20 each. Those attending from our club decided to do pot luck breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.

Keep your calendar open for the September cruise to Treasure Island YC and their annual pig roast the week-end of the 25th though some members will be going earlier. The pig roast will be on Saturday and there will be an auction during the day. Any item can be brought to the auction. About 15% of the sale price goes to the TIYC and the rest to the seller. On Friday night, they serve a hamburger meal for \$10 per and the pig roast cost is \$20 per person. There is a vodka distillery, winery and newly opened restaurant on the island. Regular bus service is available. More information will follow later.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE—FRANK BEAUCHAMP

The other evening I watched the video “Foyle’s War, White Feather,” one in a series, and a scene featuring the heroic evacuation of over 340,000 British, French and Allied troops at Dunkirk at the beginning of WWII caught my eye. This triggered an interesting event that Joanne and I experienced while on a bare barge trip in southern France through the Canal du Midi.

For American boaters, operating a 17 meter (52ft) underpowered barge (with no bow thrusters) in the Mediterranean & European canals, with all the staging locks and conventions, is great adventure. We had been following a remarkable preserved barge, about 60 ft. in length upstream (the canals have currents) for 2-3 kilometers. On the small wheel house was the name “London”, and I was curious as to its history and owner. Well, lock convention allowed us an opportunity to talk with “London’s” owner/ operator.

The barge was built in Liverpool, England in 1917 and originally used as a cargo hauler. The original operator lived on board with his family throughout his working life. The present owner has been meticulously refurbishing her to sail (she also had a sail mast & boom) throughout the Mediterranean.

Upon entering each lock, which is

generally a large oval enclosure, gated both up and downstream, boats and barges enter the lock “herring bone” style, maximizing occupancy. Thus, the first vessel in, is first out after the water reaches the desired level.

Our barge was just off the starboard stern of “London”. We were the third barge in. This allowed ample conversation time while the lock filled with traffic and water. Our conversation led to my inquiry as to whether “London” was involved with the Dunkirk evacuation. The owner proudly pointed to the Commemorative Plaque on the pilot house bulkhead verifying that “London” had participated in that remarkable effort. (Note the picture of “London” waiting at one of the locks in Beziers).

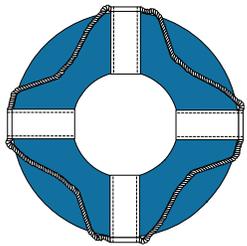
The Dunkirk (which means Dunne Church in Flemish) Evacuation clearly illustrated the British’s “we will prevail” attitude. Virtually any vessel that was able to carry cargo, human or otherwise, was pressed into evacuation service while under intense air and artillery attack by the Nazis.

If you enjoy reading history, there are volumes written about Dunkirk, the Canal du Midi project (year 1680) and the Cathar country through which it flows.



“London” in a French lock.

PLAYING IT SAFE BY RUSS KAISER



Keep on eye on the kids and the boats around you. Even if they aren't yours!

This article is subtitled: “Boats Are Like Kids,” or “Why Do Boats Sink At The Dock?”

There are many reasons why boats sink at the dock. In one recent case, a boat located at Sherwood Harbor caught fire and almost took the marina with it. Preliminary investigations suggest that the boat owner had left an “appliance” turned on which fell over and started the fire. Other reasons for dock sinking are fittings that come loose or corrode away, hoses breaking, shaft logs leaking, and several other causes. As Sacramento Yacht Club Port Captain Chuck can testify, rain water filling up the boat and having the boat settle below an open through hull or similar can cause problems as well. Boat US Magazine runs regular stories about boats sinking at the dock often.

So what does all of this have to do with

“Boats are like Kids”? There are actually many similarities: They both require a great deal of attention and the first time you leave them along for any length of time, bad things can happen. If you don’t believe me, just leave a 6 year old alone in your living room with a bowl of chocolate ice cream on your brand new couch and new carpet. Boats are the same way. Leave them alone without checking on them from time to time and things can get messy also. Leave your boat at the marina without checking on it time to time can give you a real surprise, like a bilge full of water or one of your “appliances” falling over after some wave action and burning your boat to the water line.

Boats are also like kids because every time you look at them, it’s time to spend some more money, but that’s for another article.

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