



The Nevada Yacht Club

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THE REGATTA

Commodore's Comments -- March, 2004

Greetings! I hope everyone who attended February's meeting at Romy's Cafe had a great time!

We are looking into other locations to have several more "social" general meetings this year. Our May meeting will likely be hosted by the Desert Lake County Club, in Boulder City. This is a desert gun club that has just opened a new clubhouse. We are considering having them host a Friday afternoon "shoot," followed by our meeting Friday night at the clubhouse. We will provide more information on this once we have confirmed everything. In the meantime, the Desert Lake County Club is hosting a "ducks in the desert" event the week before Mar. 11th - 14th with \$80,000 in prizes. Go check it out for something fun to do!

Sail Training

Mike and Cheryl Higgins graciously volunteered to take people out for February's Clark County Sail Training Course last weekend. They met their students Sunday morning at 9am and gave them a lesson until 1pm. Many thanks to Mike and Cheryl for their time and effort!

Boulder City Parks and Recreation has expressed an interest in joining in on the Sail Training Program. We continue to need people committed to helping and raising money to run this program. NYC makes \$50.00 per student that we take out, plus the chance to recruit possible members!! We are currently committed with Clark County to take up to 6 people once a month.

Leukemia Cup

Plans for the Leukemia Cup are going well, and I hope everyone is fundraising hard again this year. We have already seen some major contributions repeated from last year and are looking forward to a very successful year. The Boulder Creek Golf Course in Boulder City will host this year's event both Saturday and Sunday. This is a beautiful venue that is easy to get to from the lake. More information and race entry forms will be available soon.

Racing

The third race of the season is coming up on March_14th, followed by Echo Bay on March 27th & 28th. The National Offshore One Designs (the "NOODS") are the weekend of March 19th. Good luck to all who plan to participate. We will miss you at the next general meeting.

Other Events

This year we are adding in a few casual events to the calendar: On May 8 & 9, plan on joining some people at the Renaissance Fair in California. The general location is the bottom of the Cajon Pass. There are hotels near by and a KOA campground. We will call this "Road Regatta 1"! More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, check out renfair.com

There are also plans in the works for Road Regatta 2 in early July (maybe the 4th of July weekend) to the Utah Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City. There is also a KOA and good accommodations there.

Looking further ahead, think about the Catalina trip and making plans to charter or sail your boat. Sign up soon!

I have also heard that the Mt. Charleston event will be bigger and better in late August this year.

Looking forward to these events and more!!
Glenn Frank

Special Points of Interest:

- **NYC Board Meeting**, Wed., 7 April 2004 6:30 PM @ John William's call 210-8218 for directions.
- **GENERAL MEETING** Friday, 16 April 7:30 PM @ Lake Mead Marina.
- **Spring Race** Saturday, 17 April Skippers' meeting 9:00 AM
- **Spring Women's Regatta** Sun., 18 April 10:00 AM
- **Sail Training** Sat. & Sun., 24 & 25 April 8:00 AM
- **Leukemia Cup Regatta** Sat. & Sun. 1 & 2 May

April General Meeting

**Friday, 16 April
7:30 PM
Lake Mead Marina**



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From The Fleet Captain ~ Marty Smihula
 Visit <http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/results.htm>
 for more details.



Echo Bay Race March 27-28, 2004

Sixteen boats came out for the Nevada Yacht Club's 2004 Echo Bay Race. Racers were greeted with light winds early Saturday morning. Unfortunately the winds stayed light the rest of the day on the lower basin. The fleet split into three groups after the start. The multihulls and Cutie Pie worked their way to the right side of the course while Windsornaut and Wings went up the left



siders eventually caught the narrows. A ways Montana Windsong with Windsornaut and Cutie Pie and the basin to enjoy more afternoon most of the fleet was still crawling up the lower basin. About this time they saw the writing on the water and started up the engines in order to make it to Echo Bay before dark and were rewarded with 5 to 10 mph winds in the upper basin. A couple of stubborn boats stayed to battle it out. Wings got left in a hole near the checkpoint while Windsornaut and Montana Windsong worked their way up the Narrows to make the 6:30pm cutoff time for a finish at Middle Point. That set 1 boat per class as finishers for Saturday with the rest of the fleet taking DNFs: Spinnaker A – Cutie Pie, Spinnaker B – Montana Windsong and Non Spin C – Windsornaut.

Sunday morning brought strong winds from the northwest at 15 to 20. The multihulls shot off the start and screamed their way back to Lake Mead Marina before lunch. Shortly after the start the fleet turned the corner at Big Horn Island and the spinnakers started launching. Immediately after that the broaching contest began in the heavy winds. Once clear of Ramshead Island the whole fleet did their Hawaii Five-O impersonation surfing the waves all the way down the Overton Arm with even the slower monohulls hitting speeds of 9mph. At Middle Island the fleet turned onto a beam reach heading to the Narrows.



The boats were flying and doing their best to keep from rounding up in the gusts. A finish line was set at green marker 19 just inside the east entrance of the Narrows. Wind directions collided and swirled to make for a very challenging last 200 yards to the finish. The fleet's average speed for the 15 nm race was 6 knots.

From this point the competitors motored down the narrows to Flamingo Reef to start a second race. During this time Dancing Shoes sent crew up the mast and effectively repaired a spreader shroud separation in order to keep racing. A long start line was set and the second race was started at 11:30. Most of the fleet bunched up on the favored port side of the line and in the may lay four boats were over early. The race was wound up being a broad reach all the way down the lower basin in about 10mph winds with the gusts dropping as the finished at the A mark outside Lake Mead Marina.

Congratulations go out to each of the class winners. Kenny Holland's Cutie Pie took Spinnaker A, Dan Bizek's Montana Windsong took 1st in Spinnaker B and Steve Smith held on to take the Non Spinnaker C class. On the overall (no classes) scores Cutie Pie took first and Montana Windsong took second. Hats off to John D'Acunto for taking 3rd place overall and winning 2 of the 3 races in the Non Spin C class with his Coronado 23 Bada Bing. Congratulations go out to Ken Holland with Cutie Pie for being the overall winner for the 2004 Echo Bay race.

Special thanks go out to Glen Franks and Committee. It's quite a challenge to run a fleet that has a wide range of handicaps everyone for coming out and making this seeing all of you on the water for the



Dave Eads for doing an excellent job on Race long distance race on one committee boat with a and the RC did a fantastic job. Thanks to years race a great event and we look forward to Leukemia Cup in May.

LAS VEGAS LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA

May 1-2, 2004

*This is a Fund-Raising Event and all proceeds will go to
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.*

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You can raise more than a sail to help fight leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma by raising funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by participating in a Leukemia Cup Regatta.

Each sailor in The Leukemia Cup Regatta series is eligible to win great prizes from our national sponsors, including:

- Gift certificates from West Marine
- Yacht charter vacation packages from The Moorings
- Hats and T-shirts from Mount Gay Rum
- Discount certificates from North Sails
- Artwork from marine artist John Mecray
- Model hulls from Ken Gardiner

Registration Entries and Fees:

Entries shall be submitted on the official entry form. Classes shall meet eligibility requirement no later than April 21st. Completed entry forms with entry fee shall be mailed to:

Nevada Yacht Club, c/o Glenn Frank, Commodore, 302 La Plata Place, Boulder City, Nevada 89005

- **Pre-registration Fees by April 16, 2004 are \$50.00 per Fundraising Boat.**
- **After April 16, 2004, Registration Fees: add \$25.00 per boat.**

Aside from winning great prizes, you'll be helping to save lives and to find cures for leukemia - the leading disease-killer of children - lymphoma and myeloma.

Check out the NYC website for more information and forms for:

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NOTICE OF RACE FORM

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Cruising Captains Report, April, 2004

The weekend of March 5-7, was enjoyed by 11 people from NYC getting away to Brian Head UT. Eight of us stayed at a Condo on the mountain both Friday and Saturday night. Three came up for the day Sunday to ski. Some in the group hit the slopes either one or both days, while some just enjoyed the relaxing time in the condo. The weather was beautiful- sunny and warm. The snow conditions were excellent, with the resort having had several recent snowstorms. Hopefully next year, we will get a bigger turnout and can stay in a larger home at the resort.

The following are some of the upcoming "cruising" events this year:

A "road regatta" to Southern California on May 8-9 for the Renaissance Fair, held near the bottom of Cajon Pass. More information forthcoming.

The Memorial Weekend Cruise on Lake Mead, May 29 & 30. I'll have more details as the time approaches.

The "Road Regatta 2" in early July, to Cedar City for the Utah Shakespearean Festival- possibly the 4th of July weekend.

July 27- 31, will be the Catalina Island Cruise. Please contact me if you are interested in going. We will need to reserve boats in May.

Mount Charleston campout, August 14- with Lake Mead Sailing Club.

Labor Day Weekend Cruise, September 4 & 5.

Mark your calendar for November 29- December 8 if you are interested in sailing in the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean. I am working with a Charter Broker who can get the best deals for us, with various boats available, and can arrange flights as well. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this trip. I have prices quoted if you have any questions. I will need to hold a meeting for all who are planning on going, sometime this month or May, as we will need to secure which boats we want with a deposit by May or June.

I'll see you at the April meeting or on the Lake.. Marcie Armstrong

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