



STILLWATER YACHT CLUB

THE STILLWATER COVE'ER

COMMODORE'S REPORT

June 2012



The season is off to a terrific start! A number of new members have joined the club this year. We offer them a warm welcome and hope they will enjoy their membership in **SYC** for years to come.

Our **Pier Opening on May 19** proved a great success. The weather was picture perfect, the oysters were well in supply, the "blessing of the fleet" provided a nice touch of ceremony and most importantly, everyone had a great time. Thanks go to Director Kevin Larkin for orchestrating such an enjoyable launch of the season.

SYC's first **Beach BBQ** was well-attended by members old and new. There was a little excitement as the evening wore on when the rising tide encroached on our turf. These unusually high tides are a man-made phenomenon. During construction of the new seawall, large quantities of sand were removed from the beach. We're told that it may take a year or so before the natural movements of waves and tides replenishes the sand to its previous level. For the time being, our high tides will seem higher than normal, so please bear with us as nature restores our beach.

Coming up on **Saturday, June 23**, is the **Humma Humma Party**, a member favorite. In partnership with the Beach Club, Director John Pfeiffer has coordinated a very nice menu, including plenty of oysters! Once again, the party will take place in the Beach Club Dining Room and, like last year, we have scheduled it on the date of *Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club's Commodore's Regatta*, so Stillwater

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Humma Humma Party

Saturday, June 23, 2012, Five until Eight o'clock



Responding to the positive feedback received after bringing last year's party indoors, we'll do it again this year. No more weather delays or cancellations, just good food, good wine and very good company in the *Beach Club Dining Room!* Peter Meuse and his tropical ensemble will provide music for listening and dancing.

Since oysters are the tradition at the **Humma Humma**, your table will have a centerpiece filled with plenty of raw and "Rockefeller-ed" oysters. A buffet in the Clubroom will include oak grilled salmon, roasted pork loin and crispy marinated chicken, all with seasonal vegetables, and Caesar salad. The chef has selected a Chocolate Mousse Cake for dessert. A fine selection of pinot noir, cabernet and chardonnay wines is also included.

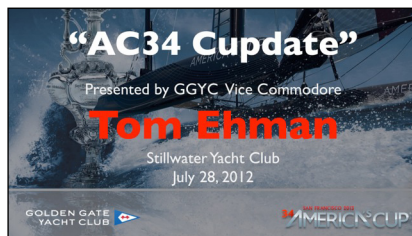
Advance reservations are required and your payment must be received **no-later-than June 19, 2012**. We have a limit of 200 attendees (member and spouse or significant other) with guests accommodated on a space-available basis. Of course, **SYC** members always have priority. Reservations and payment must be sent to: **Stillwater Yacht Club, P.O. Box 561, Pebble Beach, Ca 93953. The Beach Club does NOT accept reservations or payments on your BC account.** Cost for the event is **\$55** for members and **\$65** for guests.

America's Cup Member Dinner July 28 with Special Guest Russell Coutts

The 34th America's Cup in San Francisco next year will be an exciting time for us at **SYC** as we celebrate this landmark event. Teams from around the world will jockey for a spot to challenge *Golden Gate Yacht Club* and their **ORACLE** Racing team, defenders of the Cup. We're pleased to announce a very special

SYC Members' Dinner on Saturday, July 28, benefiting the **SYC Youth Sailing and Water Sports Program**. Our guests at the dinner will include legendary sailor Russell Coutts. An Olympic Gold medalist as well as the most successful Skipper in the history of the America's Cup, Russell has lifted the coveted trophy four times.

Tom Ehman, Executive Director, America's Cup Properties and Vice



Commodore of the *Golden Gate Yacht Club* will be presenting an "AC34 Cupdate," a program that includes the history and evolution of the Cup, exciting video of the teams in action, and the latest updates on next year's competition. The AC45 foot and AC72 foot catamarans vying for the trophy are among the fastest sailboats ever to compete. San Francisco Event Infrastructure Manager Bob Billingham will also be our guest, representing America's Cup Race Management.

Please join us for this extraordinary evening. It will be a rare opportunity for our members to get an insider's look at the America's Cup, the athletes and the plans for next year's activities in and around the San Francisco Bay. Dinner will be served in the Beach Club Dining Room. Invitations will be mailed the last week of June. We expect this to be a sell-out event so please make your reservations well in advance.



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cove will be full of sailboats, further enhancing our scenic view. You should have already received your invitation. If you haven't sent in your RSVP, remember to do so before the deadline.

Vice Commodore Richard Outten is organizing a special **America's Cup Member Dinner** for **Saturday July 28**, with some very distinguished guests. Be sure to read the article in this issue of the *Cove'er* about this exciting event. You won't want to miss it!

Under the guidance of Rear Commodore Jeff Cuskey, the **Youth Sailing & Water Sports Program** is now in full swing. With our two accomplished instructors and the addition of three new *Laser Pico* sailboats, the program has much to offer. Don't forget to sign up the kids or grandkids! And try out our new **Family Sailing & Water Sports Program**.

For the past few weeks, I have been travelling overseas. While in Monte Carlo, I visited the prestigious *Yacht Club de Monaco*. I am most



pleased to report that **SYC** now has full reciprocity privileges with **YCM**. The President of **YCM** is Prince Albert. He was unavailable to meet with me personally but sends his greetings to our members. During my visit I exchanged burgees with **YCM** and will return to Pebble Beach with the much sought after *Yacht Club de Monaco* burgee to display in our new clubhouse.

Blue skies and calm seas.

Jim Fuqua
Your Traveling Commodore

New SYC Family Sailing & Water Sports Program For 2012



The *Stillwater Yacht Club (SYC)* Board of Directors is pleased to announce an exciting new water front activity this season for families. On selected Sundays (and one Saturday) from 2:00 to 5:00 PM this summer we will be conducting a special **Family Oriented Sailing and Water Sports Program** where our fleet of **SYC** sailboats and watercraft will be reserved exclusively for use by SYC parents, grandparents and their junior family members.

This will be a complete turnkey event for **SYC** Families. **SYC** will provide the sailboats, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, life jackets, soft drinks and light snacks at no charge to members. Family members of all sailing abilities, including those with no experience, are invited to participate. **SYC's** Youth Sailing Instructors and other experienced **SYC** Sailors will be available to provide free introductory lessons in our fleet of **SYC** owned *FJs*, *Laser Picos*, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards. Additionally, experienced **SYC** sailors will be available to take you and your family members on tours of *Stillwater Cove* and *Carmel Bay* in **SYC** owned *Santana 22s* and member-owned yachts. Depending upon family interests, we may also have supervised youth and family dinghy races in our three new *Laser Picos* and *four FJs*!

This new **SYC** family program is a great way for **SYC** parents and grandparents to introduce their junior family members to the joys of sailing and water sports activities on beautiful *Stillwater Cove* and *Carmel Bay*... at no cost to **SYC** Members! Knowing that our youth sometimes feel more comfortable trying new activities with friends they know, families are encouraged to invite one or two of your children or grandchildren's friends to participate in our waterfront activities as guests of the *Stillwater Yacht Club*. (Payment for any corresponding guest use of the Beach & Tennis Club is the responsibility of the sponsoring Beach Club member.)

The new Family Sailing and Water Sports Program will be conducted on the following weekend days: **June 17, July 8, 21 and 29, August 12 and 19, 2012**. Also, please note that there will be a **SYC Family Beach BBQ** during the **Saturday, July 21, Family Sailing and Water Sports Event**. More details about the Family Beach **BBQ** will be posted on the **SYC** website in the coming weeks. We hope that you and your families will be able to join us for this exciting new family program. Please contact **SYC** Rear Commodore Jeff Cuskey at (831) 601-9947 or via Cuskey@comcast.net should you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATES

June 23 Humma Humma Party
July 28 America's Cup Dinner
Beach BBQs
July 7, July 21 (family BBQ),
August 4, September 15

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