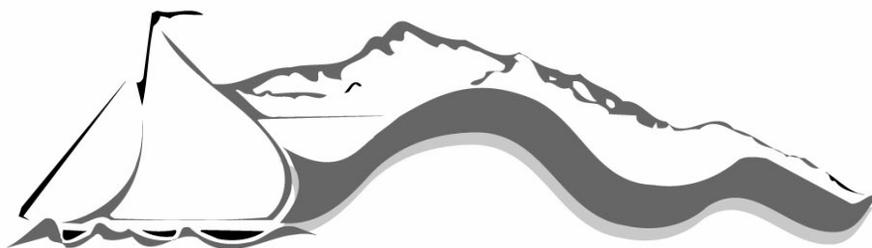


Tell~Tale

NEWSLETTER FOR THE GEARY18
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From the Commodore

Greetings everyone. Finals week is just around the corner for me, and I'm excited to finish up and get ready for the next regatta in May.

Some of us have caught wind of a startling piece of news. Oscar Barney recently contacted my father about his plans to move to Germany for about a year and a half. Oscar has been a wonderful part of the Geary 18 family. His contribution to the fleet, both on and off the water, have helped to keep sailing fun for us, as well as a way to learn how good a sailor can be. His competitiveness in racing is matched best by the humility of his winnings. Oscar, you will be missed while you are exploring the German countryside, tasting their cuisine, and, of course, drinking their beer. But we know you will return; and who knows, maybe I'll bump into you there!

In the past few months, I have been taking sitar lessons. Sita-what? A sitar is probably the best-known South Asian instrument in the west. It was created in the Middle Ages and used in the royal courts of northern India as a classical stringed instrument. It utilizes sympathetic strings along with a gourd resonator to produce a very lush and unique sound. You may be wondering why I'm bringing up such an arbitrary subject. Here's the thing: taxes are due soon, final exams and midterms are coming up, and stress is a common thing in one's daily routine. And since I am commodore, I thought it imperative to pass on this music to those of you in need of some stress relief. Sitar music can be found in any major music store under "World Music." Fifteen minutes with this music and a cup of tea is fun and relaxing.

Ok, I'm off to study and practice. My best to everyone, and I sincerely hope this letter finds you in good health and happiness.

Cheers!

Check out the Geary 18 Website:

www.geary18.org

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registration form is in this issue.

NOTE FROM THE SEC/TREAS.

I talked with both Jon and Debbie last week to thank them for the great job that they both had done this past year and to ask them if they would like to continue. I was very happy to hear Debbie say that she would be glad to continue. Although Jon did not say that he wouldn't continue, he did say that he thought that it might be time to see if anyone else would be interested in becoming the Tell-Tale editor. It is only being put out four times a year now and I am sure that Jon would be willing to show you the computer program that is working so well for him.

As most of you know by now, I am no longer a Geary boat owner. Joan and I plan to continue to be full members in the Geary Association but I do not own a boat. Although the Geary by laws do not require an officer of the association to be a Geary owner, I would understand completely if you would prefer that he did.

These are things that you need to think about before the annual meeting in July. If you have an opinion and are not going to be at the Internationals be sure to send your proxy with someone who is going to attend.

Hope to see all of you in July

Bud Busch

BOATS FOR SALE

John Cutler of the Houston fleet has announced that his Geary that was listed for sale in the last Tell-Tale, **#1353 *The Other Woman***, is still available at \$1,600.

FLEET NEWS

COOS BAY FLEET

Six is enough.

Oscar Barney, six consecutive times champion, will not compete in this summer's Internationals. He will be moving to Germany for up to two years. He has decided to sell his boat **#1499 Exit** to keep it in competition, where he says it belongs. Before we could include it in Boats For Sale, it was purchased by Colleen Cardas.

Ed.





FLEET NEWS

LOS ANGELES FLEET

Spring is right around the corner, so the racing season has begun. Luca, Chris and myself headed down to Mission Bay for our opening regatta. I'm sure the Busch's will update you on the weekend, but as always it's good to be out with the group at this great place to sail. On a personal note I'd like to tell you about my weekend at Mission Bay. Think most of you know I have a RV...so besides sailing I also belong to a RV camping club. They were kind enough to schedule a Feb. camp out in Mission Bay so that I could attend both the races and the camp out. I had arranged a crew for the races, but due to illness we couldn't make it, so I asked one of my camping buddies (who had been **on** a sailboat before) if he wanted to crew...he did; so we were off to the club Sat. morning. I had dropped my boat off at the club Friday evening, hoping to save a space to park my RV and what should I see when we got into the parking lot but my boat with the mast already up...and the smiling faces of the Coos Bay gang who had made the long trek down to sail with us that weekend. Now you may think, what's the big deal?...well it is a big deal because it makes our coming together more than just a time to compete against each other. We're a family, and I believe that is one thing our class of boat has above all others...the fellowship that spans many years, generations and miles. Anyway...John (my crew) and I got the boat in the water with me giving the most basic of information...we had two races (should I call them that--see Busch's account) and John did great. Between races we headed to the club where two sets of my RV buddies were and John's family plus relatives from northern Calif. and his neighbors who came down just to see the races. What a gang. Just like the Flattie family. I want to send out a special thanks to Bud and Joan who, during the second race, sat with my RV gang and told them what was happening on the water and why. They really enjoyed the whole experience. Sunday I was on the road (had to miss the races that day) heading to the 90th birthday party of Wanda Olin (see Jon's account). It was a busy weekend with all the elements I hold dear coming together...with that happening I'm sure it's going to be a great year. Our fleet members are all well, and wish you a great sailing season.

Marsha

FLEET NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WANDA



*Miss you
- but a lot
in the day! I'm
led to you!*

*GREAT Ed & Wanda
Bill Roberts*

*Happy
Birthday
Wanda!
Love
Tammi
Buel North*

*Happy 90th Wanda!!
Sorry I missed
you - wish you
were out sailing
with us. Chris &
Happy Birthday
Kase & Sam & I
We will be thinking
of you - your Dad
Barb*

*Happy 90th Birthday -
Thanks for being
there in the Flattie's
beginning
Love
Marsha*

THE FLATTIE GANG

Several Geary Association members attended the party on February 18, to celebrate Wanda Olin's 90th birthday. Wanda's late husband Ed Olin was a long time Flattie/Geary sailor. Her son Jon is the Tell-Tale editor and her grandchildren include Alexandra Olin and Chris Olin, this year's association commodore. The above photo is of Flattie sailors of the 1940's. Wanda is in the foreground, second from the left. She crewed for her husband and skipper, Ed Olin, who is standing on the far left. The boat is #279 Confusion, owned by Ed and Florence Schibler.

The signatures around the picture are from those who attended the 2007 SCYA Midwinter Regatta on Mission Bay. The picture was presented to Wanda by Marsha Furman, whose parents Austin and Esther are also in the photo.

FLEET NEWS

MISSION BAY FLEET

Well, we completed our annual Mid-Winters regatta and we had five boats represent the Gearys. The winds were only 3 to 5 mph for the first race and then died completely, so the second race had to be cancelled. Sunday however, the wind switched around to the south and blew 14mph. Because it was from the south the Race Committee was able to set up a long windward leeward course that went the full length of the bay and got in two races.

Chris Knudson and Tammy brought the perpetual trophy down with them from Santa Barbara and, as it has become a habit with them lately, they took it right back home after three first place finishes. Sean and Jessica Randle came all the way down from Coos Bay to sail because they had agreed to buy my boat (Flat-Busch) and take it back home with them. They finished second, sailing Flat-Busch for the first time. Coleen Cardas also came down from Coos Bay with her boat and with a crew supplied by Chris Knudson, got in some practice for the Internationals in July. Although she said she had a good time, she lost her mast in the second race and finished fourth in the regatta. Luca Romani (a new member from Santa Barbara) got a lot of attention when he competed with the beautiful wood boat that he had just purchased. He ended up third in the regatta. Marsha sailed on Saturday with one of her camping club buddies as a crew but went back up to L A Sunday to be with Jon and Chris Olin to celebrate Jon's mother Wanda's 90th birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY WANDA !!!!. Another pleasant surprise was when on Saturday, Colin and Kathy Jenkins walked in the club. They stayed for dinner with all of us Saturday night and even came back Sunday to watch the start of the last two races. We had a real gab fest.

Because my Geary was the last Geary at MBYC, the Geary fleet will be disbanded at MBYC the end of this year. Even though Joan and I will continue to be members of MBYC, and Gearys will always be welcome to sail there at the Mid-Winters in the spring and the One Design Regatta in the fall, I urge all of you to try to make it to the Internationals in July because it will be the last one that will ever be held here.

I have included a copy of the pre-registration form and the schedule of events form in this issue of the Tell-Tale so that you can get an idea of what a great time is going to be had by all that attend.

Hope to see you there,

Bud Busch

P.S. Just a reminder that you must make your housing reservations early and all of the information was in the last Tell-Tale.

2007 California Geary 18 Racing Schedule

Date	Scheduled Race	Host	Location
Feb 11	Lopez Cup Series	SLYC	Lake Lopez
Feb 17-18	SCYA Midwinters Regatta	Mission Bay Yacht Club	Mission Bay
Mar 3-4	EE Manning Series	Alamitos Bay Yacht Club	Alamitos Bay
Mar 11	Lopez Cup Series at Margarita	SLYC	Margarita Lake
Mar 25	Lopez Cup (make-up race day)	SLYC	Lake Lopez
Apr 14-15	Lopez Cup Series	SLYC	Lake Lopez
Apr 15	Spring Point Fermin	Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club	San Pedro
May 5-6	Cinco de Mayo Regatta	Santa Barbara Sailing Club	Santa Barbara
May 5-6 Weekend - Sailors to decide which event to attend			
May 5-6	Lake Piru Invitational Regatta	San Fernando Valley YC	Lake Piru
June 23-24	Semana Nautica	Santa Barbara Yacht Club	Santa Barbara
July 7-8?	High Sierra Regatta	Fresno Yacht Club	Huntington Lake
July 21-27	<u>CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA</u>	Mission Bay Yacht Club	M.B. - San Diego
July 21-22 weigh, measure, tune-up, - July 23-25 & 27 Races			
Aug 4 nard	McNish Wooden Boat Race	Pacific Corinthian YC	CI Harbor - Ox-
Aug 18-19	One Design Regatta	Mission Bay Yacht Club	M.B. - San Diego
Aug 25-26?	Mile High Invitational	Lake Arrowhead YC	Lake Arrowhead
Sept 1-2 OR	Labor Day Regatta	Coos Bay Yacht Club	Ten Mile Lake,
Sept 22-23	Mission Bell Regatta	Mission Bay Yacht Club	M.B. - San Diego
Oct 13-14	Wysocki Memorial Regatta	Morro Bay Yacht Club	Margarita Lake
Oct 27-28	Goblin Regatta	Santa Barbara Sailing Club	Santa Barbara
Nov 4	Fall Point Fermin	Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club	San Pedro
Nov 17-18	Turkey Day Regatta	Alamitos Bay Yacht Club	Alamitos Bay

Note: **Races in Bold are preferred races – if you can only make a few try to make these.**

Some dates unconfirmed at publication. Check with local fleet captain before attending.

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New Tell-Tale Editor Wanted

It is time for someone new to take over the duties of editor of the Tell-Tale. I have been the editor for the last five years now. It is not a difficult job to do, actually rather fun. The computer and e-mail sure makes it easy. But it would be much better if someone who is more computer savvy were doing it. It is also time for some fresh and different ideas.

The strength of our association now is certainly in the Pacific northwest, particularly with the Coos Bay fleet. It might be best if someone from that fleet become the next editor.

Jon Olin

July 21 - 27, 2007
GEARY 18 INTERNATIONAL
SCHEDULE

SAT.(10AM to 4PM) Weighing, Measuring and Registration

SUN. (10AM to 12 NOON) Weighing, Measuring and registration

(2PM) Tune-up Race

(5PM) Barbeque M.B.Y.C.

MON. (1PM) Race 1 Championship and Fred Harley

(4PM) Board of Director's Meeting

TUES. (1PM) Race 2 Championship and Fred Harley

(ASAP) Race 3 Championship and Fred Harley

(6:30PM) California Night at the Busch's house

WED. (8:30 AM to 9:30AM) Continental Breakfast at M.B.Y.C

(9:30 AM) Annual Meeting

(1PM) Race 4 Championship and Fred Harley

(ASAP) Race 5 Championship and Fred Harley

THURS. Rest and/or enjoy the many wonders of San Diego

FRI. (10AM) Lady Skipper/Crew's Race

(1PM) Race 6 Championship and Fred Harley

(6PM) Trophy Dinner M.B.Y.C.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

2007 GEARY 18 INTERNATIONALS MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB

JULY 21ST THRU JULY 27TH

Please print the full name of skipper and crew clearly.

Sail Number _____ Boat name _____ (Championship) or (Harley)
Please circle one of the above

Skipper's Name _____.

Skipper's Address _____.

Crew's Name _____.

If the registration is received before July the 1st, the fee will be \$75.00. This will include, a Barbeque dinner, a Continental breakfast and a Trophy dinner for both skipper and crew.

A meal only package for additional people, which includes all of the above, will be available for \$30.00 ea. For those who only want to attend the Trophy dinner, the tickets will be \$20.00 ea.

Those of you that are planning to attend and not bring a boat, also need to pre-register, as we need to give the Yacht Club a head count prior to the regatta.

REGISTRATION FEE PER BOAT @ \$75.00 _____

ADDITIONAL DINNER PACKAGES @ \$30.00 _____

TROPHY DINNER ONLY @ \$20.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Please indicate the number and type of Trophy dinners preferred.

Top Sirloin Steak-----Chicken Cordon Blue-----

The Registration fee will be \$85.00 per boat if received after July 1st.

Please make checks payable to JOAN BUSCH and mail to
1880 OLIVER AVE. SAN DIEGO CALIF. 92109

If you have any questions please contact Joan at 858-273-4103

or e-mail her at Flatbusch@sbcglobal.net

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