

Tell~Tale

NEWSLETTER FOR THE GEARY18
FLATTIE SAILING ASSOC.



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From the Editor

This edition of the Tell-Tale will be my last as editor. My first was September of 2001. As I wrote in the last edition, there are several reasons for ending my term as editor. It is time for a change and perhaps a new direction for the publication. I began as all previous editors, printing and mailing every edition. During my tenure as editor the Tell-Tale moved on line, with all but a few receiving it via the internet. Our association membership has declined, and shifted significantly. Geary 18 racing has all but disappeared in California, where I live, and is concentrated in Oregon. We had only nine boats at the last Internationals at Mission Bay in San Diego, with only three from California. The annual Labor Day Regatta at Coos Bay Yacht Club in Oregon this year had 13 Gearys and could have had two or three more. It seems that the Tell-Tale or any association publication should come from where most of the racing occurs.

I would like to thank some people for their help during the six years that I have been editor. First is Bud Busch who asked me to become the next editor four years ago, who always contributed material, and kept me informed and honest. Debra Eckrote, our Executive Secretary, kept me current with rosters and their additions or corrections, and reminded me to send her my expense receipts so I could be reimbursed. My wife Dorothea was my editor, correcting my grammatical mistakes and what ever spell-check missed. Lastly, I need to thank all of the members who sent material that I was able to use over the years .

What will happen to the Tell-Tale now? New association commodore Colleen Cardas says that someone at Coos Bay will take over. It could possibly be published only on the Geary 18 website, www.geary18.org. For those of you that still receive printed copies through the US Mail, you will need to find a friend with a computer. Times are changing.

Jon Olin

Check out the Geary 18 Website:

www.geary18.org

**Don't Forget
To Pay
Your Annual Dues.**

NOTE FROM THE SEC/TREAS.

This is the start of a new year (2007/2008) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Debby Eckrote for the great job that she has done this year as Executive Secretary and it is my pleasure to announce that she is going to continue with the job next year. I would also like to thank Jon Olin for his fine work with the Tell-Tale the last few years but as most of you know, Jon has decided that it is time for someone else to take over as editor, so this will be his last issue.

I talked with Jon the other night and he told me that when he was at Coos Bay over the Labor Day weekend that Colleen Cardas had said that someone from Coos Bay would take it over. I would like to point out that Jon has been putting out an issue every three months, the next one being due in December. The Association pays the editor \$50 an issue plus expenses. Since we put the Tell-Tale on the web site Jon has managed to keep the expense to a minimum only having to mail 12 or so copies to those who do not have a computer. Since this will be Jon's last issue whoever is going to take it over needs to notify me and get in touch with Jon and have him explain his format.

Just a reminder, that the Dues are payable on or before September the 1st and are delinquent after January the 1st. If the dues are not paid by January the 1st there will be a late charge assessed.

Hope everybody has a great Fall and Winter.

Bud Busch
Sec/Treas.

2007 INTERNATIONALS

The trophy ceremony at Mission Bay Yacht Club was one of pride, joy, and sadness. Pride, because the Geary 18 Association is still alive, despite the small turnout of boats. We did have boats from Seattle, Houston, Coos Bay, and southern California. The California sailors were joyous because the trophy will return for the first time since 1995, thanks to Chris Knudson and Tami Faircloth. The sadness was because this was most likely the last Geary Internationals to be held at Mission Bay Yacht Club.

Bud and Joan Busch did their usual masterful job of organization, race committee, trophy building, and making people welcome. The weather was very nice and just a bit humid to make the sailors from Houston feel at home! The winds were light to moderate and fair to everyone racing. There was one race on Monday, two each day on Tuesday and Wednesday, and one race on Friday. We also had a ladies/crews race on Friday. Thursday was an off day due to a MBYC club racing day. Most Geary people took advantage of the time to visit Sea World, the zoo, the aircraft carrier Midway, and other attractions. Tom Mills put on a putting clinic on the Mission Bay Golf Course for George Cardas and Jon and Chris Olin.

Chris Knudson is the new champion, sailing consistently well all week long. He and Tami won both races each day on Tuesday and Wednesday and were second in the first and last race to win the regatta. Ted and Gerda Knudson, Chris' parents, were on hand to watch with pride as their son, who has been near the top in numerous internationals, won his first championship.

The week began with a tune-up race on Sunday with seven boats out. Chris and Tami won that one by a close margin, which proved to be an indication of the six races to come. They were all very competitive. Tom Mills, commenting at the trophy presentation dinner, said that this regatta was one of the most exciting and fun that he has sailed in. There were several lead changes in each of the six races and no one race was won handily.

Tom and Anjo won the first and last races and were second in the other four to finish in second in the regatta. Sean and Jessica Randle finished third over all, sailing *#1504 Express-O*, recently purchased from Bud Busch. They led the first race for the longest time, and had leads in many of the other races, proving to be a very good sailing team. In fourth place was incoming association commodore Colleen Cardas and her crew Ann Waldrop sailing *#1499 Exit*, newly purchased from Oscar Barney. Fifth overall was outgoing commodore Chris Olin and his sister Alexandra Olin. Alexandra flew in from New York City to participate. John Montgomery and crew Don Faber traveled from Houston, Texas with John's boat. They finished in sixth place.

2007 INTERNATIONALS

The Fred Harley series was won by Scott and Jessica Randle who recently purchased #1476 *Phantom*. They sailed well all week long winning all six races. Second place went to Marsha Furman with Jon Olin as crew. Third were Debbie Eckrote and brother Robert Eckrote. Debbie rescued #279 *Confusion* from a trip to the scrap heap in Seattle and has beautifully restored it.

Ann Waldrop of Coos Bay won the Ladies/Crews race of Friday morning, sailing with Colleen Cardas. Tami Faircloth lead most of the race, looking unbeatable. She survived having fresh fish delivered into her boat by Mitch Schroeder (who was motoring by her in his fishing boat) but could not survive the large collection of Sabots and kayaks on her way to the finish line. Ann avoided the mess and passed Tami for the win.

The socializing for the week was as significant as the racing. There was an “informal” BBQ at Marsha’s campsite that drew most everyone. The annual California Night was held in Joan and Bud Busch’s back yard with a Mexican buffet and plenty of Margaritas. There was a continental breakfast on the patio at MBYC which was site of ongoing socializing before, between, and after the races. Ed and Marti Fox, Ted and Gerda Knudson, and George and Darcy Cardas were at the regatta all week. Ed and George helped on the race committee, with George as unofficial photographer. He took fabulous photos of the racing and the social events that he copied on CD’s and handed out at the trophy dinner. Jack and Tina Bechtold of the Lake Arrowhead fleet came for a day to visit. Mitch and Barbara Schroeder visited on Friday. Tim Harriman also visited during the week as well as Maryann Misere, Charlie’s sister.

The Geary 18 association has always been a family affair. Despite the lower than usual turn out of boats, the families were present. Even though she was not available to crew for her mom, Tammy Furman Nichols came down for the trophy dinner. Bud and Joan Busch’s daughter Karen was on hand to help out with the California night. She grew up crewing on a Geary. Their son Ron and his wife also attended the trophy dinner. And the next generation was there as well. Brothers Scott and Sean Randle of the Coos Bay fleet, with their wives crewing for them, also brought to the regatta their collective seven children, along with grandma Kay and babysitter, Jenna. They all had a wonderful time taking full advantage of Mission Bay Yacht Club and the San Diego attractions. We look forward to some of them to begin crewing and rejuvenating the Geary fleet in a few years...

2007 INTERNATIONALS

Championship Series

<u>Place</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Chris Knudson/Tami Faircloth #1497 <i>Gemini</i> / Santa Barbara	2	1	1	1	1	2	5
2. Tom Mills/Anjo Mills #1485 <i>Piper</i> /Coos Bay	1	2	2	2	3	1	7.50
3. Sean Randle/Jessica Randle #1504 <i>Express-O</i> / Coos Bay	3	3	3	3	2	3	14
4. Colleen Cardas/Ann Waldrop #1499 <i>Exit</i> /Coos Bay	4	4	4	4	6	5	21
5. Chris Olin/Alexandra Olin #191 <i>Avenger</i> /Los Angeles	6	5	5	5	4	6	25
6. John Montgomery/Don Faber #1509 <i>Opportunity</i> /Houston, TX	5	6	6	6	5	4	26

Fred Harley Series

1. Scott Randle/Shannon Randle #1476 <i>Phantom</i> /Coos Bay		1	1	1	1	1	1	3.75
2. Marsha Furman/Jon Olin #1486 <i>The Peoples Choice</i> / Los Angeles	2	2	2	2	2	DNC	10	
3. Debra Eckrote/Robert Eckrote #279 <i>Confusion</i> / Washington	3	3	3	3	3	2	14	



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Crews/Ladies Race

1. Ann Waldrop/Colleen Cardas #1499 *Exit*
2. Tami Faircloth/Chris Knudson #1497 *Gemini*
3. Jessica Randle/Sean Randle #1504 *Express-O*
4. Robert Eckrote/ Debra Eckrote #279 *Confusion*
5. Alexandra Olin/Chris Olin #191 *Avenger*
6. Shannon Randle, Scott Randle #1476 *Phantom*
7. Don Faber/John Montgomery #1509 *Opportunity*

2007 INTERNATIONALS

THE END OF AN ERA

After 70 some odd years the Mission Bay Geary 18/Flattie fleet will be disbanded at the end of 2007. For several years now the Geary's have not technically met the requirement to qualify as a fleet but because Joan and I still had a Geary, and continued to perform our fleet duties, we were allowed to keep our fleet status and our fleet privileges. However, we have sold our boat now, which means that there is no longer even one Geary at the club.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Geary 18 Association and all of its members for the 41 wonderful years that we have enjoyed sailing and being with the Geary family and we will continue to participate in as many activities as we can.

We did go out with a bang though as we just finished hosting the 2007 Geary 18 Internationals at MBYC. Although we only had nine boats competing (one was John Montgomery and his crew who came all the way from Houston) we had 38 people and everybody enjoyed a great week of sailing and social activities and I can't think of a better way to go out.

Joan and I would like to thank all of those that participated but especially Robert Eckrote and his family for making all of the Ditty Bags, Robert and Jon Olin and all of those that helped them with the weighing and measuring of the boats, George and Darcy Cardas, Marti and Ed Fox, the LA fleet for funding and putting on the Tuesday night dinner, Debby and Robert Eckrote for all of the Margaritas that night and anyone else that I may have forgotten. It all helped to make our last regatta here one of the best ever.

One last note. Joan and I would also like to thank all of you that participated in the Olive Garden gift card that you gave us. It was certainly a big surprise and not necessary but I've got to tell you that we have already been there twice and enjoyed every minute of it.

Bud Busch

2007 INTERNATIONALS

This summer's Internationals were probably the last to be held at Mission Bay Yacht Club. In order to schedule a one design class regatta at the club, there must be a fleet at the club. For many years there was a fleet of Flatties and Gearys at the club. With the creation of new fiber glass designs over the years as well as other reasons that resulted in fewer sailors, the Geary fleet began to diminish. The last remaining boat in the fleet was sold by Bud and Joan Busch and the local fleet is being disbanded.

There have been seven previous championships held at Mission Bay, beginning in 1957, with the most recent in 1995 when the champion was Mitch Schroeder, the last California champion.

1957	Richie Stenton	Tyrant	Lake Arrowhead Fleet
1968	Jon Andron	Citation	Santa Barbara Fleet
1977	Chuck Cleveland	Mariah	Elk Lake, OR Fleet
1983	Bud Busch	Busched	Mission Bay Fleet
1989	Dan Frye	No No	Cultus Lake Fleet
1995	Mitch Schroeder	Godzilla	Newport Beach Fleet
2007	Chris Knudson	Gemini	Santa Barbara Fleet

Geary's will still be able to sail on Mission Bay from the yacht club. The club holds a One Design Regatta in late August which requires three boats to establish a fleet. And the Southern California Yachting Association's Midwinter Regatta schedules the Geary 18's to race at Mission Bay. So we can continue to race at one of the west coast's premiere venues.

GEARY 18 INTERNATIONALS
MISSION BAY. CALIFORNIA

GENERAL MEETING
JULY 24, 2007

Commodore Chris Olin called the meeting to order at 0935.

Bud Busch read the Roll Call of Fleets for 2007. Bud reported that the membership is down 8 from last year. Current member standing is 39.

Instead of reading the minutes to last years General Meeting at Coos Bay, Bud Busch made the motion that the minutes be accepted as published in the G-18 Tell Tale. Marsha Furman seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor.

Reports of Officers

Commodore – Chris Olin reported that he has finished school and is staying in the L.A. area. Will try and make Labor Day regatta at Coos Bay.

Vice Commodore – Colleen Cardas reported that the Coos Bay fleet is doing well and has been bringing in new members. 3 boats were added to the fleet.

Rear Commodore – Thad Vincent not present

Sec/Treasurer – Bud Busch thanked both Deb Eckrote – Executive Sec. and Jon Olin – Tell Tale Editor for their work this year. Deb will continue on as Executive Secretary for another year. Jon is looking for a replacement as editor for the Tell Tale. Bud also reported that this would be the last year for sailing the Internationals at San Diego.

Executive Secretary – Deb Eckrote reported that copies of the current membership roster and email addresses were available. The 2006/2007 Financial report was read.

Chief Measurer – Tom Mills had nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bud Busch reported that he sold his boat, therefore he is no longer a skipper and asked if anyone had a concern with him remaining as Sec/Treasurer. No one did.

Bud informed the group that Jon Olin will publish the September Tell Tale, and then asked for someone else to take over. Group discussion decided to ask Stephanie Thomas who oversees the G-18 web site to maybe take it over. Coos Bay people will ask her and get back to Bud.

Discussion continued with the location of future Internationals. Due to lack of boats in the south, we may need to go where the most boats are. Might try 2 years in the north, then the following year in the south. We need to start encouraging people to travel. Various locations for the International are Huntington, Eugene, Howard Prairie and Coos Bay. The Association members need to try finding more boats to get sailing.

Coos Bay, Oregon will be the location for the 2008 Internationals. May be partly over a weekend and 3-4 days in duration. The Coos Bay members will look at dates and notify the association as soon as possible.

The Election of Officers for 2007/2008 was read. Marsha made a motion to accept the list of names as read. Bud Busch seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor.

OFFICERS FOR 2007/2008

Commodore	Colleen Cardas
Vice Commodore	Sean Randle
Rear Commodore	Robert Eckrote
Sec/Treas.	Bud Busch
Chief Measurer	Tom Mills
1-Year Directors	Chris Knudson and Jon Olin
2-Year Directors	Jack Bechtold and Scott Randle
3-Year Directors	John Montgomery and Jim Gastreich
Executive Secretary	Deb Eckrote
Tell-Tale Editor	TBD

Chris thanked everyone for attending and Jon Olin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marsha Furman seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1002

Respectfully submitted

Debra Eckrote
Executive Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE GEARY 18 INTERNATIONAL
YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008

Commodore	Colleen Cardas
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Rear Commodore	Robert Eckrote
Sec/Treas.	Bud Busch
Chief Measurer	Tom Mills

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Chris Knudson
Jon Olin

2-YEAR DIRECTORS

Jack Bechtold
Scott Randle

3-YEAR DIRECTORS

John Montgomery
Jim Gastreich

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Debra Eckrote

TELL-TALE EDITOR

To Be Determined

FLEET NEWS

COOS BAY FLEET

The annual Labor Day Regatta was held September 1 and 2 at Coos Bay Yacht Club. The weather was beautiful and the winds were light to moderate. Three races were held Saturday and two on Sunday. The race committee was headed by Dave Morgan, who with wife Bonnie, have been involved with many Geary race committees. There were thirteen Gearys racing. They started first in order ahead of the San Juan fleet, the MC Scow fleet, and the Laser fleet which included one Day Sailor.

As usual, the yacht club members provided good food. You could buy a box lunch each day and they put on a spaghetti feed Saturday night, a breakfast Sunday morning, and the traditional delicious barbecued salmon dinner on Sunday evening just before the award ceremony.

The racing was very competitive, with most of the boats saying close for many of the races. There was an incident involving the last race that was rather unfortunate. Four or five of the Geary skippers decided among themselves to skip the last race as the winds were dropping and the regatta positions appeared to them unchangeable. They neglected to tell the race committee or the other Geary skippers. When the uninformed skippers and crews found out about it, as evident by one boat pulling out of the water and sails being rolled up, they decided to race anyway and devised a short race of their own, and sent word to the race committee to give them a start. Word never made it to the race committee, who also had no idea about the "cancelled" race from the few at the top of the fleet.

The race committee ran the final race sequence as usual. There was a scramble by some to get sails back up and boats ready to race. Many of the boats did make it out for the last race, and sailed the "made up course," which was one mark more than the shorter course that the race committee scheduled. The race committee could see that something was amiss, with not as many Gearys starting, some sailing off to a different mark first, and some neglecting to sail around one other mark (two skippers didn't know the made up course). All of this confused the race committee, particularly one member who was very upset. They decided to disqualify the entire Geary fleet for the last race which added 14 points to everyone's point total.

As a parting shot at the awards ceremony, the "still steamed" race committee member who handed out trophies to the other fleets, refused to give them out to the Gearys and asked for a Geary representative to do it. Results:

1. Tom Mills/ Anjo Mills	22 pts.	8. Scott Randle/Shannon Randle	46 pts.
2. Mike Rodde/ Chris	23	9. Jim Gastreich/ Britt Gastreich	48
3. Tim Mills/ Ilana	25	10. Jim Patterson/ Susan Patterson	48
4. Thad Vincent/ Bernadine & Laura	35	11. Jon Olin/ Christopher Olin	56
5. Sean Randle/Jessica Randle	35	12. Memo Jasso/	60
6. Collin Jenkins/ Kathy Jenkins	41	13. Doug Landis/Patty Landis	62
7. Colleen Cardas/Ann Waldrop	45		



FLEET NEWS

LOS ANGELES FLEET

Charlie Misere, former long time member of the Los Angeles fleet is not well. He is in the hospital in Albuquerque , New Mexico and has been bed ridden for several months. Our prayers are with him.

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Boat For Sale

We received an e-mail from Jim Adams at press time. His boat is for sale. He gave no details. If you are interested contact him at:

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