

# Tell~Tale

NEWSLETTER FOR THE GEARY18  
FLATTIE SAILING ASSOC.



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## *From the Commodore*

Summer has come to an end!

And fall is peaking its head around the corner as the sunny, warm days slowly fade. As we are back at school and back to work, it is only proper to reflect on our vacation and our wonderful International Championship week. My summer went by very quickly, as I imagine many of yours did, and school will be starting for me at UC Santa Barbara in about a week. This was the first summer in four years that I was able to participate in our annual International Championships and it was a very long awaited one indeed. Hosted by the Coos Bay Yacht Club on the beautiful Tenmile Lake, the weather and setting were perfect for a few days of racing, schmoozing, laughing, and catching up with people whom some of us get to see only once a year. The atmosphere and company at Ten-mile Lake was friendly, fun, and refreshing for those of us working hard or studying hard. Crewing for my father and sister made the long weekend even more enjoyable. I am very pleased to be our association's commodore this year and will be enthusiastically trying to help in any way I can to make next year's championship regatta just as fun as this year's.

Following up the Internationals week, I know that there are many of you who signed up to receive a CD with pictures of the regatta. I have a stack of blank CDs on my table, ready to fill with pictures to send to all of you. It will be a compilation of photographs from a few of us who were out there snapping shots of everyone that participated in the regatta and I am anxious to get those out to as soon as possible.

I would also like to inform you that work is already underway for next year's Internationals held in sunny San Diego, California. Bud Busch has shown me a prototype of the trophies for next year and they look great! The Busch's are also working hard to figure out accommodations, which has always been a struggle for us out-of-towners. We hope that many of you are already planning on heading down south next summer for a week of fun in the sun and on the beach. And if that isn't enough incentive to bring you to Mission Bay next summer, then I'd like you to know that there is a possibility that next year's Internationals may be our last in San Diego for a while.

I want to thank all of you who helped to make this year's Geary International Championships the fun weekend that it was and your hard work that helps to keep this fleet alive and healthy. I wish you all the best heading into our holiday season. I'm going to head to the beach and catch that last bit of warm weather that Santa Barbara offers before school starts again and the papers pile on.

Cheers!  
Christopher Olin

**Check out the Geary 18 Website:**

**[www.geary18.org](http://www.geary18.org)**

**Don't forget to send in your dues. You should have received a registration form via the U.S. mail**

## INTERNATIONALS

The national weather map of the United States during the last week in July was red, darker red, and brown from the scorching heat wave, the weather along the Oregon coast was delightful. Cool mornings with some fog followed by sunny days in the low 80's was the pattern. No doubt it was the best place to be in the continental US. However some of the "locals," including a certain Executive Secretary from Seattle, thought the heat out on the lake was barely tolerable!

The Coos Bay Fleet, spearheaded by Colleen Cardas, did a fabulous job hosting the 2006 Internationals. It was a four day affair, beginning on Friday, July 21, with out of town boats arriving, weighing and measuring, and a tune-up race. Following were four days of two championship and Harley series races each day. That's right, we raced eight races with one throw out race. Some of the "more seasoned" sailors were sore in multiple places by Tuesday evening's awards banquet.

There were 18 boats altogether, 13 in the Championship Series and 5 in the Harley series. Chris Knudson, Marsha Furman, and Jon Olin sailed the only boats from California. From Washington, Debbie Eckrote sailed her "new" boat, Confusion, and Oscar Barney came home to Coos Bay to race his. Mike Rodde from Abbotsford, BC Canada again was the only boat that made it an international regatta. All of the other boats were from Coos Bay Yacht Club, including two junior sailors competing for the first time in Geary 18's, Brandon Gates and Kris Ocobock. Most of the crews arrived with their skippers, with the exception of Robert Eckrote from Templeton, California who drove up to crew for his sister Debbie, and Alexandra Olin who flew in from New York to crew for her dad.

The winds for the regatta were not normal, according to the locals, which is not unusual for a Geary Internationals. Saturday, for the first two races, the winds were light and fluky with several holes out on the lake. Sunday and Monday the winds were moderate and more consistent. On Tuesday, the last day, the wind during the first race was moderate and during the second race the winds were strong. Jim and Britt Gastrich had the dubious honor of being the only boat that tipped over, although a few other were close.

Bud and Joan Busch did their usual excellent job as race committee, with help from Dave and Bonnie Martin and Steve Kridelbaugh. The evening activities were filled with good food and drink, be it at the club house or Marsha's motor home fire pit. It was a wonderful time of friends "catching up."

It was particularly nice to see Ted and Gerda Knudson back at the Internationals. Ted has battled some physical problems and is on the mend. It was interesting that **#777 Knute**, purchased for the Coos Bay Yacht Club junior program, was sailed by a junior sailor in the Harley Series. Ted built that boat many years ago.

# INTERNATIONALS

Hello all,

It was unfortunate that I was unable to attend the awards banquet after this year's internationals. I got to see the pictures and it looked like a lot of fun as always. I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make this year's event a reality, it was nicely done. Also, I wanted to wish Chris Olin the best as he embarks as Commodore of the Geary 18 fleet.

Again this year's regatta kept everyone on their toes as the event came down to the last race with Tim Mills and me virtually tied. Going into the last race it was do or die, swim or sink, winner take all. An exciting one it was with multiple lead changes and Tim right on my tail to the finish. Congratulations to Tim and Lisa for a well sailed event. Also many thanks to Brian Webb for his excellent crewing abilities and patience early in the regatta when things were not going well for us.

Cheers,

Oscar



Tenmile Lake

## INTERNATIONALS

After organizing the 2006 Geary 18 Internationals I realized that it takes many people to pull off a successful event. Please read my thanks to all the people who helped to get an idea of the amount of effort that goes into this type of Regatta. If I have forgotten anyone please let me know so I can give you a big hug.

The Geary 18 Fleet would like to thank the following people for their help in hosting a great regatta for the Geary 18 Internationals:

Herb Ocobock, Matt Rapida, George Tinker and the Coast Guard Auxiliary group for manning the safety boats. Herb for making new starting flag poles.

Darcy Cardas for preparing all the wonderful meals and shopping and cleaning and socializing and organizing decorations that were different each night, and cleaning up the clubhouse on Wednesday.

Butch Gulseth for the use of his power boat as a race committee station.

John and Lorna Barney for taking the CBYC Geary Fleet's bathroom duties and making them look great, helping launch boats, being on the Spaghetti cooking team.

David Laird for organizing and cooking the spaghetti dinner even after sailing all day.

Scott Davidson for helping Mr. Laird put on a great spaghetti dinner.

Bonnie and Dave Morgan for stepping in to help with the race committee and volunteering to take care of all the trash.

Steve Kridelbaugh for spending two days on our starting boat assisting the Bush's.

Stephanie Thomas and Anjo Mills for helping Darcy with the meals, everything from berry picking to serving.

John and Kathy Richards for getting up early to put together a delicious breakfast.

Bernadine Vincent for helping serve.

Bud and Joan Bush for being the race committee for the Championship, Fred Harley and crew's races.

Uncle Tom for helping put together trophies with the clock ticking, and for helping tow and weigh all the boats and helping Colleen get the Monster Bar-B-Que off the trailer and up to the clubhouse.

Dorothea Olin for shopping for tuna with Darcy.

Thad Vincent for helping get the junior sailors comfortable with starts and mark roundings in their Geary's.

George Cardas for spending several days helping the juniors get their boats rigged properly for competition and engraving the trophies.

Tay Hunt and Gordon Gates for cooking delicious tuna for the banquet dinner and Stephanie Thomas and Shari Main for serving.

Alexis Marsh and Laura Margheim for cleaning and decorating the club house for the banquet, slicing the bread, and cleaning up the clubhouse on Wednesday.

Debbie Webb and Umpqua Bank for donating wine glasses, water, and chapstick.

Britt Gastriech for putting the Geary logo on the goodie bags, picking up the T-shirts and taking tickets at the banquet dinner.

Liz and Lex for helping put together the welcome kits.

Michael Rodde and Tim Mills for the use of their trailers to weigh all the boats.

Bob Thomas for measuring all the new Sails.

Jim Gastriech for tipping over so I would not finish last.

Jessica Randle for designing and coordinating the fabulous T-Shirts. Stephanie for checking people in at registration and giving us cookies for a burst of energy between races.

Lynn Rollings for making the wood for the trophies.

And finally the Coos Bay Yacht Club for the use of its facilities.

Colleen

## 2006 Geary 18 Internationals Championship Series

|     |                                    |                    |                          |   |     |    |    |    |     |    |         |             |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|---------|-------------|
| 1.  | Oscar Barney<br>Brian Webb         | Coos Bay           | <b>1499 Exit</b>         | 4   | 1   | 5  | 4  | 1  | 3   | 1  | 1       | 14 pts.     |
| 2.  | Tim Mills<br>Lisa Mills            | Coos Bay           | <b>1111 Whippet II</b>   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 5  | 3  | 1   | 3  | 2       | 14 3/4 pts. |
| 3.  | Tom Mills<br>Anjo Mills            | Coos Bay           | <b>1485 Piper</b>        | 3   | 3   | 1  | 2  | 4  | 2   | 5  | 4       | 18 3/4 pts. |
| 4.  | Mike Rodde<br>John Issac           | Abbotsford<br>B.C. | <b>1496 Ghost</b>        | 6   | 6   | 3  | 1  | 5  | 5   | 2  | 3       | 37 pts.     |
| 5.  | Thad Vincent<br>Laura Vincent      | Coos Bay           | <b>106 Zepher</b>        | 1   | 4   | 4  | 3  | 2  | 6   | 6  | 5       | 24 3/4 pts. |
| 6.  | Chris Knudson<br>Tami Faircloth    | Santa Barbara      | <b>1497 Gemini</b>       |   | 5   | 5  | 6  | 6  | 7   | 4  | 4       | DNF 37 pts. |
| 7.  | George Cardas<br>Stephanie Thomas  | Coos Bay           | <b>1441 Whippet IV</b>   | 9   | 7   | 9  | 7  | 8  | 7   | 12 | 6       | 53 pts.     |
| 8.  | Sean Randle<br>Jessica Randle      | Coos Bay           | <b>1504 WakeSetter</b>   | 7   | DNF | 10 | 10 | 12 | 9   | 7  | 7       | 62 pts.     |
| 9.  | Jon Olin<br>Chris & Alexandra Olin | Los Angeles        | <b>1471 Avenger</b>      | 10  | 8   | 8  | 12 | 9  | 10  | 8  | 10      | 63 pts.     |
| 10. | Colleen Cardas<br>Liz Marsh        | Coos Bay           | <b>Furious II</b>        | 8   | 9   | 11 | 9  | 11 | 11  | 9  | 9       | 66 pts.     |
| 11. | Jim Gastreich<br>Britt Gastreich   | Coos Bay           | <b>1474 Pony Express</b> | 11  | 10  | 7  | 8  | 10 | DNF | 10 | 11      | 67 pts.     |
| 12. | David Laird<br>Ann Waldrop         | Coos Bay           | <b>1334 Flattie</b>      | DNF   | DNF | 12 | 11 | 6  | 8   | 11 | 8       | 69 pts.     |
| 13. | Colin Jenkins<br>Kathy Jenkins     | Coos Bay           | <b>1435 Big Mocha</b>    | (Sailed only first four races—did not cross line) |     |    |    |    |     |    | 91 pts. |             |

## Fred Harley Series

|    |                                  |                |                                    |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |     |             |
|----|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|-----|-------------|
| 1. | Jim Patterson<br>Susan Patterson | Coos Bay       | <b>1433 Who's Next</b>             | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1   | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1   | 5 1/4 pts.  |
| 2. | Marsha Furman<br>Tammie Furman   | Los Angeles    | <b>1486 The Peoples<br/>Choice</b> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2   | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2   | 13 3/4 pts. |
| 3. | Brandon Gates<br>Emily Vincent   | Coos Bay       | <b>777 Knute</b>                   | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3   | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4   | 21 pts.     |
| 4. | Debra Eckrote<br>Robert Eckrote  | Federal Way WA | <b>279 Confusion</b>               | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4   | 4 | 5 | 5 | DNF | 27 pts.     |
| 5. | Kris Ocobock<br>Tristin Gates    | Coos Bay       | <b>1300 Mai Tai</b>                | 4 | 5 | 5 | DNF | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3   | 30 pts.     |

## Crews Race

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Laura Vincent/Thad Vincent | 4. Emily Vincent/Brandon Gates     |
| 2. Brian Webb/ Oscar Barney   | 5. Alexandra Olin/Christopher Olin |
| 3. Liz Marsh/Colleen Cardas   | 6. Tristin Gates/ Kris Ocobock     |

GEARY 18 INTERNATIONALS  
COOS BAY, OREGON

GENERAL MEETING  
JULY 24, 2006

Commodore Oscar Barney called the meeting to order at 0938.

Bud Busch read the Roll Call of Fleets for 2006. Bud reported that the membership is down 4 members from last year. Current member standing is 47.

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

#### Reports of Officers

**Commodore** – Oscar Barney reported that he recently moved to the Seattle area and has had the opportunity to sail with Charlie Hanson from Laurelhurst. He is trying to get more interest in the Association from that group.

**Vice-Commodore** – Chris Olin reported that he plans to work hard in getting more involved with the Association and the upcoming Internationals for next year.

**Rear Commodore** – Colleen Cardas reported that 2 junior sailors from Coos Bay have joined the G-18 sailors and is working on getting more young people interested in the G-18.

**Sec/Treasurer** – Bud Busch reported that Deb Eckrote will continue as Executive Secretary for another year and Jon Olin will continue as the Editor of the Tell Tale for another year. Both were thanked for their work this last year. Bud also reported that there would only be 4 editions of the Tell Tale this next year. Also, the Association now has a new supply of round window decals that will be sold for \$1.25 each.

**Executive Secretary** – Deb Eckrote reported that the years Sailing Magazines were on the table for the membership to look at. Copies of the current membership roster and email addresses were available. The History of Boats has been logged up to #600 now and still working on a complete version. The 2005/2006 Financial report was read, and Stephanie Thomas was asked to update the G-18 web page to reflect the current dates for the 2006/2007 Membership Form.

**Chief Measurer** – Tom Mills reported that 2 new glass boats have been made this last year. One is finished (Sean Randle), while the other (Colleen Cardas) is still being worked on. Tom had a question about storing the mold and that it needs to be in covered storage. \$2,000.00 was spent just getting the mold into shape for these two boats. The Association will pay to have the mold covered in shrink wrap. Calls will be made to find a covered storage facility.

Unfinished Business - None

## New Business

Bud Busch reported that he went before the Mission Bay Board with a request to have the 2007 Internationals hosted by the Mission Bay Yacht Club. The proposed dates for the Internationals is July 23 – 27, 2007. Thursday will be a free day with no racing. The Board accepted the dates. Bud made a motion to have the Internationals at Mission Bay. Marsha Furman seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor.

Colleen Cardas reported that she has a picture book for viewing and is asking for more pictures if anyone has them.

Bud wanted to thank Colleen and Darcy for putting everything together and recognized their hard work.

The Election of Officers for 2006/2007 was read. Tom Mills made a motion to accept the list of names as read. Mike Rodde seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor.

## OFFICERS FOR 2006/2007

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Commodore</b>      | Chris Olin     |
| <b>Vice Commodore</b> | Colleen Cardas |
| <b>Rear Commodore</b> | Thad Vincent   |
| <b>Sec./Treas.</b>    | Bud Busch      |
| <b>Chief Measurer</b> | Tom Mills      |

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>1-YEAR DIRECTORS</b> | Sean Randle and Tim Harrington   |
| <b>2-YEAR DIRECTORS</b> | John Cutler and Jack Bechtold    |
| <b>3-YEAR DIRECTORS</b> | Robert Eckrote and Jim Patterson |

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY** Debra Eckrote

**TELL-TALE EDITOR** Jon Olin

Oscar thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Debra Eckrote  
Executive Secretary

**OFFICERS OF THE GEARY 18 INTERNATIONAL  
YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE YEAR 2006/2007**

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| <b>Commodore</b>      | Chris Olin     |
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| <b>Sec/Treas.</b>     | Bud Busch      |
| <b>Chief Measurer</b> | Tom Mills      |

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Robert Eckrote and Jim Patterson

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Debra Eckrote

**TELL-TALE EDITOR**

Jon Olin

## FLEET NEWS

### MISSION BAY FLEET

Six Gearys participated in Mission Bay Yacht Club's inaugural One Design Regatta August 19 and 20. The weather was beautiful with the winds moderate, a great weekend for sailing. There were three races Saturday and two on Sunday. Chris Knudson along with his crew Tami Faircloth actually won all three races (technically he didn't as you will read below). Sean and Jessica Randle from the Coos Bay fleet were second every race (actually). They brought down Uncle Tom's "hot rod" *Piper* to race (He wasn't using it, he's building a house!). Jon Olin with Bud Everett were third, followed by Marsha and Tammie Nickols (the new Mrs. Nickols!), Robert and Chelsea Eckrote, and Chris Olin with Emily Higgins as crew.

The race committee used a triangular race area with six available courses. They used one course for the first race, and another course for the other four races, varying it by the number of windward/leeward legs that we had to sail. They tried and succeeded to make us dizzy trying to count how many times we had gone around those marks. In the final race Chris Knudson rounded the weather mark certain we had one more lap to sail. Thinking we were finishing, Sean Randle sailed through the finish line (between two flags near the weather mark) and got a whistle. Jon Olin, also thinking the race was ending, sailed through the finish line a good distance behind Sean. Robert Eckrote, thoroughly confused, followed Jon's advice and sailed through the finish line. Marsha and Chris Olin did not finish the last race. On his way back to the clubhouse, Sean saw Chris Knudson heading to the leeward mark and decided to follow. They rounded the leeward mark and sailed back up wind through the finish line, Sean for a second time. Meanwhile, Jon and Robert sailed to the clubhouse to pull their boats out. When all were in there was some discussion about how many times we actually sailed upwind and downwind. All of us were confused (except for Chelsea Eckrote). In the end the last race did not affect the final outcome of the regatta. The race committee posted the results and had Jon Olin winning the last race, followed by Robert Eckrote as second, with Chris Knudson third and Sean Randle fourth. Why Sean was fourth rather than first, we will never know because no one bothered to ask.

The regatta was marred by an unfortunate incident involving a rental boat sailed by people ignorant of sailing rules. On her way to the weather mark in the last race, Marsha Furman was on starboard tack near the mark. A rental sailboat on port tack rammed her, badly bending her mast. The rental boat kept on moving, not bothering to ask if there was any damage or anyone was injured. Marsha and Tammie were able to sail the boat back to the clubhouse. Chris Knudson inquired at the rental place to find out who the culprits were. San Diego police were called. They have the names of possible/probable people involved and are treating it as a hit and run incident. We hope Marsha will be back on the water soon. She was sailing very well during the regatta.

Jon Olin

## FLEET NEWS

### MISSION BAY FLEET Continued

I'm sure that there will some articles in this issue about the One Design Regatta that was held here at MBYC on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of August, so I won't go into a lot of detail but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that came down here to support it.

I know that the people at MBYC really appreciated it.

We had six boats with Chris Knudson and his crew Tami, Marsha Furman and her crew Tammie, Robert Eckrote and his oldest daughter Chelsea, Jon Olin and his crew Bud Everett, Chris Olin and his crew Emily Higgins that sailed only Saturday, and a special thanks to Sean and Jessica Randle and their family who came all the way down from Coos Bay to participate. We had beautiful sailing weather and I think that everyone had a great weekend. Well, maybe not Marsha, since she had the misfortune of having to sail in the same bay on Sunday with an idiot in a rental boat.

I previously notified the Geary sailors in Southern California that because they decided they could not support both the One Design Regatta and our Invitational this year, we will not be having our annual Mission Bell Invitational. However, I thought I would put a reminder in the Tell-Tale just in case we missed someone. I think that it was a good decision as it is getting harder and harder for us to ask the Club to reserve a whole weekend for 5 or 6 boats.

Thanks again to everyone,

Bud

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|----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Results: | 1. Chris Knudson/Tami Faircloth    | 7 pts.  |
|          | 2. Sean Randle/Jessica Randle      | 12 pts. |
|          | 3. Jon Olin/Bud Everett            | 15 pts. |
|          | 4. Marsha Furman/ Tammie Nickols   | 22 pts. |
|          | 5. Robert Eckrote/ Chelsea Eckrote | 23 pts. |
|          | 6. Chris Olin/ Emily Higgins       | 33 pts. |

**COOS BAY FLEET**

No report received about the Labor Day Regatta by press time—Editor



Fashion statement by Geary sailors when the rest of the country was baking .



Marsha' mast proving rental boat sailors are often ignorant of sailing right-of-way rules. Proctor may be able to straighten it.



## FLEET NEWS

### LAKE ARROWHEAD FLEET

No Gearys competed in the annual Mile High Series that was held in late August. Out of town boats did not attend because no notice of race was sent out this year. Local Geary sailors crewed on boats of other classes.

Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club has six summer series of races. In these summer series, Jack Bechtold, Bob Griffitts, and Diane Burch finished in that order in all of them but one. Bob Griffitts finished ahead of Jack and Diane in that one.

### LAURELHURST FLEET

#### OVERALL 2006 SEASON RACE WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Kent Mettler  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Hanson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tracey Peschon

#### Beach Club Trophy Race

1<sup>st</sup> Kent Mettler  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Hampson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlie Hanson

#### June Series Winners

1<sup>st</sup> (Tie) Charlie Hanson  
 1<sup>st</sup> (Tie) Charlie Hampson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Kent Mettler

#### Bruce Parker Trophy Race

1<sup>st</sup> Kent Mettler  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler Hanson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Hennings

#### July Series Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Kent Mettle  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracey Peschon  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlie Hampson

#### Mo Johnson Trophy Race

1<sup>st</sup> Nick Eitel  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Kent Mettler  
 3<sup>rd</sup>(Tie) Tracey Peschon  
 3<sup>rd</sup>(Tie) Charlie Hanson

#### August Series Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Hanson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tie) Tim Hennings  
 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tie) Tracey Peschon

### 2006 JACK GOODFELLOW AWARD

Outstanding Contributor: Tracey Peschon

Charlie Hanson

## FLEET NEWS

### LOS ANGELES FLEET

I'd like to say a big thank you to the Coos Bay Crew for a great Internationals. You're always the best of hosts and with the added plus of great weather you get an A+ from this sailor. The California group would like to thank everyone that stopped by our fire ring. Every night there was a different group of folks which meant our getting to know each other beyond the racing line. If you didn't come by you missed the best Margaritas prepared by our own Debbie, and the best time had by the young folks in our association. As someone who was lucky enough to grow up traveling from championship to championship, watching those kids reconnect each year brings back warm memories. Already I'm thinking about next years championships in San Diego. I'll be looking into the RV park we stayed at last time we sailed down that way. If I can arrange some spots together I'll let you know in the next tell tale....think Bud and Joan may be able to provide some info on possible rental units. Again, a big thank you, and will look forward to seeing you on the starting line next year.

Marsha

### BITS AND PIECES

Hi, John Swanson here. Well, good news, **#1408** will be back on the water next year. I have finished the deck and she is ready for paint. I will be at San Diego for sure and maybe some more races. I transferred to a new job, so it's a little tough to get time off. See you on the water. John Swanson

I am still trying to sell my boat. It is Hull No. 874. It is in good condition, all original. I refinished the top coat a couple of years ago and have had it garaged ever since. I will sell it for \$1.00. (No joke, one dollar). The only condition is that it goes to someone who really wants to be a part of the Geary family. The boat is located in Lompoc, CA (near Solvang).

Mike Gaffaney (310)-261-3197.

Looking for an old Geary to give some TLC to?  
I have just the one! It is #1320....fiberglass Clark. It has given me years of enjoyment. Before me, it belonged to Bill Roberts. Now, it needs a new home.  
It is all complete, has all its parts, and a trailer. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, call me.

Shelly Scott (310) 472-3717 or email [cepagazeepa@msn.com](mailto:cepagazeepa@msn.com)

*Bob Siwert*  
1925 — 2006



Bob Siwert passed away shortly before the 2006 Internationals in July after a lengthy battle with cancer. Bob began sailing in southern California as a member of Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club before moving to Oregon where he was a stalwart of the Fern Ridge fleet. Bob was a prolific boat builder, building at least 26 Flattie/Gearys as well as other boats. He would work his farm in the good weather, and build boats and furniture when he couldn't be outside. He farmed near Junction City, Oregon with his wife Virginia for 47 years. They raised two sons and have several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bob's good friend Ted Knudson often visited him on his farm, harvested berries, and made them into Siwert Berry Wine. Bob spent time in the Merchant Marine and, as he wished, his ashes were spread at sea three miles out.



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