



...a little dinghy

[A Message from the Commodore](#)

The Commodore's musings for March, 2024

March is already drawing to a close. The Lake is full. NID is intending to make the Buoys available as of April 1. NID is also planning to add 8 balls on the Cascade Shore side.

The youth sailing program is already filling up, as usual. Our Instructor Don Hare has indicated that we will have 16 children per session this year. So, if you or someone you know wants to enroll a child in our outstanding beginners/adult sailing classes, now is the time to do it! E-mail Don at education@gcyc.net or call/text him at 916-201-9012.

Doug Epperson and his wife Freda were honored at our March meeting. They were some of the founders of our Club and have continued to be involved since the early 1980's. David Cowell displayed a wonderful powerpoint show chronicling the Epperson's history with our Club.

We're in the midst of our annual Membership Drive. The Membership forms are available on our Website gcyc.net. The first batch of 2024 membership cards will be released at the May 8th meeting up at the lake.

Our next meeting will be held at Trailblazers Pizza on Wed. April 10th. I hope to see you all there.

Here's wishing you all smooth sailing.

Doug Coursey, Commodore



[Junior Sailing](#)

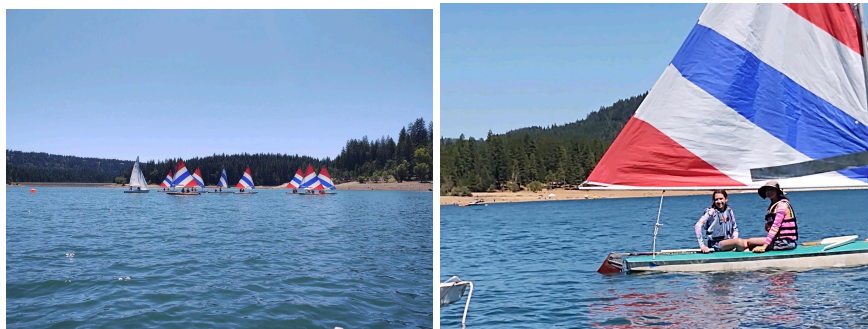
Looking forward to a great summer learning to sail a small boat? We learn how to capsize and get the boat back upright. We learn to rig the sails and equipment. And we learn to steer the boat to get where we want to go. It is a great learning experience and we mix in lots of fun and sun.

We are excited to announce that we will be holding two youth classes this year and limiting the enrollment to 16 students in each class. We already have 26 students signed up. Spots are going fast!

Dates: June 10-14

June 24-28

Send email to the education chair to enroll early Education@gcyc.net



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**Gold Country Yacht
Club**
PO Box 813
Grass Valley, CA 95945

On the Web
www.gcyc.net

Upcoming Events:

April 10

Next General Meeting
at Trail Blazers Pizza
15690 Johnson Pl.
Grass Valley
(In Alta Sierra)

6pm to Eat
7pm to Meet



Membership

Please renew your membership for 2024 by April 1. We will continue to accept memberships, but you won't get your card until later this summer. Membership is \$75 to renew, and \$100 for new members.

Form can be accessed through this link, and is attached to email for Newsletter. Forms will also be available during Club Meetings.

GCYC Membership (click on blue link)

It was so nice to see new and old members at our March meeting. David Cowell did a wonderful job putting together a slideshow with captions and narrations by Tish Buti. They told the history of our Yacht Club, and how Doug and Freda have been there from the beginning.

(Left to Right)
Wayne and Tish Buti,
Lynn Buchannon,
Jeremy Gicker, Doug
And Freda Epperson,
Hugh and Nicki
Talman



Doug with the 1984 Regatta Gold Pan



Doug and Freda



Hugh and Nicki Talman



Buzz and Patti
DeLuca

At Our Holm

Commodore
Douglas Coursey

Secretary
Sharon Barton

Treasurer
Nicki Talman

Director of Cruising
David Cowell

Membership/Publicity
Beth Buti

Port Captain
Hugh Talman

Director of Education
Don Hare

Race Director
Jeremy Gicker

Newsletter Editor
Sharon Barton
Beth Buti



[Regattas in our Area](#)

Our Race Director Jeremy Gicker has provided the following dates for 2024's local Regattas

April 6	Trans-Folsom Trans-Folsom Link
April 20	Camellia Cup Camellia Cup Link
April 27	Konocti Cup Konocti Cup Link
May 25	Whiskeytown Regatta Whiskeytown Link
June 1	Go for the Gold Regatta (that's ours!)
June 12	High Sierra Regatta High Sierra Link
June 20	High Sierra Regatta High Sierra Link
November 2	Lake Washington Turkey Link



[Newsletter](#)

We'd love to share your SAILING ADVENTURES in our monthly Newsletter! Please send pictures and captions/stories to Beth Buti membergcyc@gmail.com

[WEBSITE DESIGNERS NEEDED !](#)

The Board has decided to investigate the modernization of the venerable "gcyc.net" website. The website manager feels that there must be some members with experience in web design and knowledge of HTML and JS languages to help re-fashion the site and bring it up to today's standards. He is currently looking to use Wordpress to build a prospective new site and desperately needs support. Any member wanting to help can contact him at bod@gcyc.net.

Cruising

Our Cruise Director Dave Cowell is off to the Petaluma Butter and Eggs Cruise! This event is April 19-21. Contact Dave for more information. See flier below.

Some of us are exploring the idea of sailing to CATALINA in June (Most likely around June 15-23) We would trailer down to Long Beach, sail out of Cabrillo Marina, and cruise the islands for 5 days. Looking for more people to come down with us. Let us know if you are interested!

Many members in our club have done this trip in the blast. We have lots of information and it looks like a blast.

Beth Buti and Sharon Barton membergcyc@gmail.com





Petaluma Butter and Eggs Cruise (April 19-21)

This is a return visit to last year's fun cruise to Petaluma. It will be as great a time as had last year with superb weather and great accommodations. (See [2023 Cruise Show](#))

Trailer cruisers will launch at the Benicia marina on Thursday April 19th and proceed to the Vallejo Yacht Club for an overnight visit and rendezvous with non-trailer cruisers. The Carquines has a max ebb tied of a knot and a half at 4:00 PM so it'll be an easy trip to Vallejo YC.

Friday morning, the 20th, the consolidated group will leave at 6:00 AM on the first leg to the mouth of the Petaluma river. Maintaining 4 knots, with a ½ knot flood tide, we'll arrive at around 9:30 AM for going up the river. The river entrance will be at +3 ft with the High (4.5ft) at 11:41 PM so we will have a good flood to do the second leg to the Petaluma Basin. We should arrive at Petaluma at 12:30 and will schedule a Drawbridge opening for that time. Final docking at the municipal docks should be accomplished in the next hour just in time for the opening of the Petaluma Yacht Club Friday happy hour.

Saturday is the Petaluma Butter and Egg Days festival with the parade at noon downtown. The event dates back more than 100 years and last year drew an estimated crowd of 20,000 and 119 parade entries. The festivities include other traditional events such as the Cow Chip Toss (9:00 AM) and the popular Cutest Little Chick Contest (10:15 AM). There are food vendors galore and even a petting zoo. See the <https://petalumadowntown.com/butter-eggs-parade.html> website for more information.

Saturday night activities will be decided on the fly. Cruisers will then decide which day to leave for home. Low tide on Sunday is at 11:30 AM and High at 6:00 PM at the Drawbridge, Monday is an hour later so both days have excellent morning ebb tides going down river.

Cruise questions and details can be worked out at the club meeting on the 13th, emailed to cruising@gcyc.net or by phone to 530-263-4814.

Cruisers should communicate their intentions to go before the 16th as the Director will be en route to Benicia and Vallejo after then.

GOLD COUNTRY YACHT CLUB
2024 Calendar of Events

<p>JANUARY</p> <p>10 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet, Las Katarinas</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>7 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet Las Katarinas</p> <p>MARCH</p> <p>13 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting Trailblazers Pizza, 5:00 Meet General Meeting, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet Honor: Doug and Frieda Epperson</p> <p>APRIL</p> <p>10 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting Trailblazers Pizza, 5:00 Meet General Meeting, Trailblazers Pizza, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>18-21 Return to Petaluma Cruise with D.Cowell</p> <p>21 Sun. Race at SFL 12 Noon led by J. Gicker</p> <p>27 Clubhouse Cleanup 10:00 to 12:00 Noon 12:00-1:00P Pontoon Boat Lunch Cruise</p> <p>MAY</p> <p>8 GCYC B O D Meeting/Regatta planning SFL Clubhouse, 5:00 General Meeting, SFL Clubhouse, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>11 Sat. Race at SFL Noon with J. Gicker.</p> <p>16-19 Boat Show Redwood city</p> <p>17-19 Adult Sailing Class? TBD.</p> <p>19 Sunday SFL/NID No Motor Day GCYC gives free rides</p> <p>JUNE</p> <p>1 GCYC Go for the Gold Regatta</p> <p>12 General Meeting, SFL Clubhouse, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>10-14 Youth Sailing Classes</p> <p>17-21 Catalina Cruise</p> <p>24-28 Youth Sailing Classes</p> <p>27-30 Half Moon Bay Cruise with D. Cowell</p>	<p>JULY</p> <p>4 Parade/Raft-up SFL</p> <p>10 General Meeting 5:30 – SFL Clubhouse, Members only, Pontoon boat Hawaiian Dinner Cruise, 6:00– 7:30 Sat. 20th Celtic music on Pontoon Boat</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p>10 Australia Cruise with D, Cowell</p> <p>14 All Sail & (Raft Up?) Afternoon General Meeting – SFL Clubhouse, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>25 Sunday Race and Bar B Q SFL</p> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>11 Day of sailing and (raft-up?) afternoon General Meeting – SFL Clubhouse, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet</p> <p>12-15 Thur – Sun Shasta Lake Cruise</p> <p>22 Sunday 6:30 Sunset Dinner Cruise pontoon boat</p> <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>9 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting Trailblazers Pizza, 5:00 General Meeting, Trailblazers Pizza, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet (Board of Directors nominations)</p> <p>12or19 Work Party 10:00 AM, winterize the Clubhouse and Lake Shore Cleanup</p> <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>13 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting Trailblazers Pizza, 5:00 Meet General Meeting, Trailblazers Pizza, 6:00 Eat, 7:00 Meet Board of Directors Member Voting</p> <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>7 Holiday Awards Banquet (Venue TBD)</p> <p>NOTE: NO BOD MEETINGS scheduled for June, July, August or September</p>
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Gold Country Yacht Club

Minutes 3/13/2024

Board Meeting 5:00pm @ Trail Blazers Pizza Restaurant.

Attending – Doug Coursey, Hugh and Nicki Talman, Don Hare, Dave Cowell, Jeremy Glicker, Sharon Barton, Beth Buti

Board Reports

1. Port Captain Hugh Talman – Club house looks good with no damage from the winter season. Lake is full and ready for the season. The dingy doc will be available to members with a mooring ball once the lake is open. Barge is ready to go with some minor tuning to be completed. The barge needs to be ready for the work party on April 27th
2. Treasurers Report Nicki Talman – Current bank balance \$7,852.25. Paid \$3,200 toward our yearly insurance. Memberships are starting to come in. She has received 6 so far. Nicki ordered new burgee stickers for the dingy dock boats. She ordered them through Real Graphics. Added Sharon Barton and Doug Coursey to the GCYC checking account signature card. The applied for credit card for GCYC was lost in the mail and has been re-issued with a new account number and is forthcoming. The Go Daddy account is paid until the end of the year. Possibly changing to Omm, but will wait until the Go Daddy account is about to expire.
3. Membership/Publicity Beth Buti– Posted a club update for the meeting in the Union and on Facebook. Membership forms are available at meetings, on the web site and will be posted on our Facebook account. Membership cards will be issued at the May meeting. Newsletter went out at the end of February.
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8. Race Dir Jeremy Glicker – First race of the season will be on May 11 at noon. There was discussion regarding having the FJ's set up for racing as well.
9. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm

General Meeting 7:02 pm 3-13-24, Also held at Trailblazers Pizza.

1. Doug greeted those at the meeting. We had a large group attending the meeting and the Epperson tribute!
2. Doug engaged the group with a game pertaining to sailing. Tonight's question for "What the Hull?" "Deadlights? An electrical problem?" Doug and Don explained what deadlights actually are. DEADLIGHTS are the 'windows' which are fixed and non-opening
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11. Epperson Tribute. Dave Cowell put together a slide show going back to the very early days of the club. It highlighted the many accomplishments, hard work, club gatherings and cooking skills over many years of the club. Club members also spoke up to talk about their fond memories with Doug and Freda and the early days of the club.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm