

The Trailer Tongue

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Commodore Dick Armstrong

Hello Sailors!

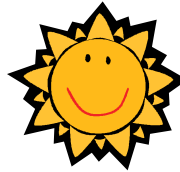
Today's 50 degree temperature finally gave promise that sailing weather is moving north and we will be back on the water in less than 60 days. Your Board of Directors has been busy preparing for the season and looks forward to visiting with you March 8. Besides having a great evening with your fellow sailors, this is your opportunity to influence the direction of your club so we can better serve the sailing community in Idaho. In our 40th year we are actively looking for new and different ways to help people share their passion for sailing.

For example, we have a number of members who own remote controlled sail boats, so how about Tuesday evenings at the pond with SISA R/C. Bring your boat, sail other's boats, have a beverage, talk sailing, make some friends and hook up for big boat sailing. Whether you are an R/C boater or not this is a great way to enjoy spring. Bring your ideas and let's have some fun with them.

If you have not been out to our website at idahosailing.org lately, you should. Todd Monroe has SISA on a new website with a bunch of new features. My favorite is 31.1 knots in the gallery section. I am in awe of what it takes to fly the center hull of a trimaran, let alone something over 80 feet long. If you haven't heard, *Groupama 3*, a 105 foot trimaran attempting to beat the Jules Verne Trophy record of 50 days to circle the globe under sail, passed the halfway point in 23 days with an average speed of 30 knots only to have the leeward ama fail resulting in a capsizing. All are safe as well as the record which is held by *Orange II*, one of the vessels featured on the video I mentioned on our website.

It is stunning to realize how far sailing has come since 1873 when Jules Verne wrote his sci-fi novel *Around the World in 80 Days* which created a challenge not achieved until 1993 and now beaten five times by fully crewed boats and twice by solo sailors. The latest solo record by Francis Joyon was set last month aboard *IDEC* completing the circumnavigation in 57 days. Amazing!

I look forward to talking with you at the banquet on March 8th at Banbury Golf Club. See you there!



CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF THE SUN AT THE SISA SPRING BANQUET

Can you think of a better way to spend a Saturday night in early March than getting together with your favorite sailing friends?! Come on out and enjoy the great food and outlandish stories at the SISA Spring Banquet.

When: Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Banbury Golf Club
Off Eagle Road, north of Chinden and south of the river.

**Tickets are available at the door,
adults are \$25 each and kids are \$12.**

FULL MEMBERS REGISTER BY MARCH 8th AND WIN!

Get your 2008 season full member registration and dues to SISA's Secretary Keith Sander by Saturday, March 8 and you're eligible to win a special SISA gift basket complete with wine and lots of other goodies. We'll draw the winning name the night of the banquet. ***You don't need to be present at the banquet to win.***



Please bring your supply of Sailor-to-Sailor tags to the banquet and we will update them with the 2008 schedule. Thanks!

If you don't remember what the Sailor-to-Sailor tags are, we distributed them at last year's banquet. The front side features a picture of Tom and Becky Valasek on *Puff* and the back has a brief description of SISA and the 2007 schedule. We have designed labels with our new schedule to cover the 2007 information so we can continue to use the cards.

The Board is also in the process of designing and printing special SISA calling cards that you can hand out to potential members. We hope to have them for you on the 8th.



IN MEMORY OF RACHEL

Rachel Schild, 86, a life-long Nampa resident and one of the founders of the Southern Idaho Sailing Association, died Feb 21, 2008. If you are relatively new to SISA, you may not have had the chance to meet Rachel, as she wasn't able to come out to our events for the last couple of years. She and her husband Otto were part of the original group of sailors in 1967 that thought a sailing club in the Treasure Valley wasn't such a crazy idea, and they hosted the organizing meeting at their house (some say that the whole thing was her idea).

Otto and Rachel bought a new Coronado 15 and raced it for 5 or 6 years, then sold it and crewed on other SISA boats (mostly Don Murphy's C-22) for many years after that. Murphy has lots of stories about sailing with them, including four trips to Desolation Sound in the 80s. As an interesting aside, their old Coronado 15 is back in SISA's fleet, bought in about 1998 by Vince Serio, who says Rachel used to come up to him at Lake Lowell regattas and talk about racing that same boat years before.

For many years, Otto and Rachel hosted the first potluck of each sailing season at their ranch, dubbed the "Starvation Cattle Company" on Highway 55 between Nampa and Lake Lowell. Their barn was known as the Owl's Nest, and was the site of many great parties (wild ones, according to long-time SISA members). Though Otto died in 1991 and Rachel has lived in Nampa since, the old farmhouse and barn were still there until just last year, when they were torn down for a new subdivision.

SISA was a much bigger organization in the 70's and 80's than it is now, with large one-design fleets, but whether you were a mono-hull or cat sailor, Rachel always made a point to greet everyone and make them feel welcome at SISA events. In 1998 the SISA Board voted to name our venerable committee boat the "RACHEL", in honor of Rachel Schild and her many decades of participation, service, and dedication to SISA and the sport of sailing.

Rachel graduated from Nampa High School in 1939 and from the University of Idaho in 1943. She married Otto in 1945 and they raised five children. She enjoyed gardening, swimming, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding, playing tennis, bird-watching and hiking, and of course, sailing. Her devotion and her determination to provide quality recreation opportunities for children was exemplified in her contribution to the Boys and Girls Club of Nampa in 1999. This established the Rachel Swayne Schild Activity Room.

FROM THE QUOTABLE SAILOR

Edited by Christopher Caswell

ON SAILING

"To me, nothing made by man is more beautiful than a sailboat under way in fine weather, and to be on that sailboat is to be as close to heaven as I expect to get. It is unalloyed happiness." Robert Manry

"This is what sailing is about. You sail and sail and sail, enjoying the lovely aspect of God's seas and then you wish for a little change, a bit of adverse weather, something to show off your expertise, perhaps just to prove to yourself you're good at playing the chess game of nature and survival."
William F. Buckley, Jr.

ON SAILORS

"The three major factors to consider in a successful crewman are attitude, attitude, and attitude." Dennis Conner

"The only way to get a good crew is to marry one."
Eric Hiscock

ON RACING

"When I was just learning to race, my father kept saying to me, "Son, if you want to do well in this sport, be first at the start, stay out in front, and increase your lead."
Buddy Melges

"Sailing is a good sport. You don't have to beat up the other guy like you do in boxing or football; you just try to outsmart him, and outsail him, and then you go out and have a beer with him." John Kolius

ON PHILOSOPHY

"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving; to reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it—but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." Mark Twain

2008 SISA REGISTRATION

Skipper: _____

Crew: _____

Address: _____
(Please include complete mailing address, city, state, and zip code)

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

I prefer to receive the TT only by email to save money and trees: Y N

Boat Make, Model and Year: _____

Boat Name: _____ Boat Length: _____

Sail Number: _____ (A unique sail number or boat name is required for racing.)

Hull Class: Monohull _____ Centerboard _____ Catamaran _____ Laser _____

Circle all that apply:

Mast: Tall or Standard Keel: Fin / Wing / Swing / Dagger Brd Ballast: Water



2008 DUES AND FEES

Dues: Full Membership \$60.00 _____

 Additional Boat \$20.00 _____

 Associate Membership \$15.00 _____

 Spring Banquet # _____ @ \$25.00 _____

 Kids (under 12) # _____ @ \$12.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Return this form to:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Spring Banquet
Banbury Golf Club

Sunday, March 30, 2008

Rules and Race Committee Seminar

Saturday, April 12, 2008

SISA Tune Up and Flea Market

April 26-27, 2008

FIRST REGATTA! Lake Lowell
Rust Remover

May 17-18, 2008

Training Regatta, Lake Lowell

May 31-June 1, 2008

Lucky Peak Rendezvous

**SISA Spring Banquet
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RSVP today!**



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