

Aug/Sept, 2011

# SPLASH



## The Ventura Sailing Club Newsletter

Welcome to the August / September, 2011 newsletter of our water sports and recreation club. This publication is issued

when we have content. The content is, as always, dependent on contributions from you, the members.

### Content:

#### Commodore's Rant

.....thrown together by William Yount (Commodore)

#### Our Newest Member

.....Jon Rodriguez

#### Feeding the Crew on the Transpac

.....Stephanie York

#### Transpac Photos

.....Cody Schlub

#### VSC Cruise in October

.....Norbert Hirsch



## **Commodore's Report**

### **Monthly Meeting Rewind**

Greetings fellow VSC members! As I was on vacation in beautiful Hawaii, I am going to have to write this report as a second hand account, hopefully the tales I heard are based somewhat on factual information concerning the evening's events. I am told that numbers in attendance for the meeting was about average, 30 or so mostly not too sober nor well behaved persons of a wide variety of gender and age. I was also glad to hear that, in the absence of my always fascinating and highly anticipated Commodorial reports and other agenda items, the crowd was treated to some excellent tales of real sailing adventure from participants in this year's Transpac Race. Thanks to those of you who took up the slack and REALLY entertained the group for a change! And now, without further ado, here are the vital stats for the months of July/August.

### **New Members '11**

John Carpenter – Sumatra – Cheoy Lee 50 (*raced this beauty in the McNish*)  
(62 total members)

### **Financial Report**

- July/August; deposited \$55.00 for one membership
- Paid out this month: \$80.02 to Victoria Pub for raffle prizes and \$67.81 to Paula Sharpe for Frenchy's Awards
- Current Bank Account: \$4,129.70 w/ outstanding debt for 2011: Outstanding payment for old website, buoy maintenance, and insurance

The night's agenda was filled with the usual Race Reports and Upcoming Events, which I will not recap here, as these reports should be included in the other sections of this newsletter. And I give my special thanks to Richard Sharpe for helping me out while I was out of town and pulling off another fine VSC meeting without a hitch – once again you prove that you deserve to be the next esteemed Commodore of the VSC!

And as always, special thanks to our most excellent Port Captain and #1 sponsor Mike Holbert for the delicious food and drink provided at a 20% discount to all those in attendance, as well as all of the fine liquid prizes and giveaways! Almost everyone goes home a winner thanks to Mike! And, a shout out to Fleet Captain Jim McWaters for his most excellent report on the all the most current events from the coast to the islands, as well as his presentation of the awards for the race. Finally, let's keep those stories and pictures coming in for the Splash, everyone is welcome to submit their tales of adventure, victory, and heartbreak!

Until next month... Your Faithful Commodore – W.Yount

**Will Yount, for once you were mistaken –  
we have more than one new member this month!**

**...and it sounds as though he's going to be a dedicated crew member!**

**Our Newest Member**

by Jon Rodriguez

Andrea and I are pleased to announce the arrival of the newest sailor in town, Gabriel Joseph Rodriguez. He was born August 15th at 6:25 PM at Community Memorial Hospital. He surprised us all at his low, but healthy weight of 6lbs 6oz. Between both Andrea and my large sized families, and from what the ultrasound doctor had predicted, we were expecting a 8-9

pounder. Fortunately for mom, (who took only two Tylenol throughout the entire delivery) we were all wrong.

We are also pleased to announce that Gabe went on his first boat ride at 12 days old. Finally, a consistent crew member for Green Flash!

For pics and videos, visit <http://gabesbook.blogspot.com>





So I was invited along with Mr. Coleman and my daughter to a fabulous meal in LA by the boat owner of Deception, Bill Helvestine. He compliments my daughter and I and has us pick out the food and wine and says what a great job we did. Then he turns to me after all the food and wine and says, "You did such a great job picking everything, do you think you would be interested in helping us with the food for the race, see it is going to be down here instead of in San Francisco so there will be some coordination needed." I, having had a good share of wine, said of course, I would be happy to. (Later in Hawaii he confessed it was the best money he ever spent on a meal).

So I started to do some research and quickly found out it was a long gap between Mark's stories of freeze dried bags thrown in a cooler with hot water and stirred into a bowl full of calories and the sumptuous faire Bill's wife served up on the Pacific Cup, she was there to cook. I went looking for any information online and there was not much. Many of the wives or racers on many sites threw together a bunch of casseroles and or bought prepackaged stuff. I found many different schools of thought on freezing, fruit durations and cravings. It was to dry

ice or not to. Plenty of information but nothing I could hammer into shape so I started from scratch and thought about what I would like on board and cooked from scratch. You need to consider the Galley, tastes, allergies, crew, the trip length and climate and lastly the recipes. I had a plan and it was shot down, twice. So I decided to quit sharing my plan and they could stuff it.

I luckily figured it out, got all the right measurements and fit everything in my freezer. The recipes were all tested by me and had nutrients and lots of fiber. Everyone turned out to be happy with the food and I felt good about. It took about 2 weeks of cooking to get it all done. There was only one moment of panic for me when I got a message from the boat on the 3rd day. They said they had hit some wind and were having all kinds of trouble with the sails. Things were really all over the place. The message was being sent in the morning and finally after some calm they would be able to clean up all the spaghetti in the cockpit. I panicked, going back over my menu; they weren't having spaghetti until day 7! The dry spaghetti was in the cupboard? How bad was the weather for it to get up into the cockpit? I sent them a quick message back and said if they ran out of noodles they could just use bread for the spaghetti. Mark never heard the end of it.

Thanks to Cody Schlub  
for this link to photos of Katana on the 2011 Transpac

<http://gallery.me.com/sharongreen4#101389>

User Name: katana

Password: TP11



**The Exciting  
VSC Prisoner's Race  
is coming up  
September 10 – 11, 2011**

**See the VSC web site for the NOR**



**October 15 – 16, 2011 - VSC Cruise!**

Contact Norbert for details at  
[nj\\_hirsch@yahoo.com](mailto:nj_hirsch@yahoo.com)





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Your Ventura Sailing Club representative for PHRF is Richard Sharpe. He attends the monthly meeting of Area A1 and 2, and will help with any matters concerning ratings and certificates for your boat.

Richard can be reached at 805-444-5657 or [Richard@intelligentwt.com](mailto:Richard@intelligentwt.com)

If you have any racing reports to make to the Competitive Edge, please send them to [Richard@intelligentwt.com](mailto:Richard@intelligentwt.com)



## Crew

Anyone who would like to crew can be listed here – please let us know if you are interested! Also, if you are looking for crew for your boat, you can also be listed here.

### Name

*Orest Balabon (Cal 20 racing experience)*  
*Lannie Legler – No Boat – Looking to Crew*  
*Melissa Harper – No Boat – Looking to Crew*  
*Matt Barker – experienced crew!*

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## Membership Roster

Come to the VSC meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> and collect your club roster.

## Membership & Sponsorship

.....and don't forget to pass along the Membership and Sponsorship information to all your friends, family, acquaintances, business partners and anyone you pass on the street.





## 2011 VSC Race Calendar

*Sat / Sun September 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>*

***The Prison Break***



*Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>*

***Wild Turkey Classic Plastic***



**And this year there will be a grand prize for the boat that survives all four club races!!!!**



**Submit Contributions to:**

Paula Sharpe ..... [Paula@intelligentwt.com](mailto:Paula@intelligentwt.com)

Deadline for contributions...The Ides of each month

We need content from you, the members, along with suggestions you may have for articles.

**Club Location:**



*Victoria*  
Pub & Grill



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**Meetings:**

Second Tuesday of every month  
6:30 PM...or approximately thereafter...or  
sometime after everyone finishes dinner

**Gatherings:**

Fourth Tuesday of every month...  
somewhere near 6:30 PM

**Newsletter Sponsorships:**

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