Fremont Sailing Club General Meeting

Sunday April 21, 2013

Commodore Keith O’Hara called the meeting to order at 15:58 hours at Lake Elizabeth.

The minutes of the September 23, 2012 General Meeting were approved as published in the October 2012 Windjammer.

Keith thanked Greg Morrill and Vern Tucker for handling the race committee duties earlier in the day. With Greg and Vern doing the RC duties it allowed all of the regular Toro sailors to sail and compete against the best in the Bay Area.

Keith also thanked Hans and Helga Wolfe for handling the finish line. John and Jill Christman along with Phyllis Murdoch and Daryl Lager handled the BBQ.

Keith led a potpourri discussion of the various matters that have and will concern the club:

Commodore O’Hara paid tribute to Larry Weatherly who passed away earlier this year at the age of 95. Larry joined the FSC at age 57 and soon became a top FJ sailor and remained very competitive until his mid 80’s.

The 2012 Coffey Cup, which is awarded annually to the person who has contributed the most to the club during the year, was presented to Chris Caron at the November banquet.

At the request of the City of Fremont the club will offer, through the city, three beginning series of classes this year. Each series will consist of three separate sailing days, each day being between 6 and 7 hours. The first session will be held on the first three Saturdays in June, We will also offer a July session and September session.

Although Keith, Roy and Vern, as in the past are the main instructors, they need additional volunteers to assist them. None of the lead instructors can make all of the sessions.

Neil Van der Plas make a plea for more FJ participation.

The Lidos will be hosting a pot luck on April 27th at the home of Joe Davis. All fleets are welcome. Starting time is approximately 4:30 PM.

The El Toro’s will be hosting the Fremont Relay’s on May 19th. This is the only El Toro race where each boat has two skippers, each taking turns sailing around the lake. As in the past this will draw 20-25 boats with 50 skippers. BBQ is included. All sailors are welcome. Boats will be made available.

John Christman announced that the 2013 rule book is now available. After reviewing the changes, he indicated that most of the changes that would affect the FSC are merely clarification changes. The club will be obtaining a copy.

John also mentioned that he had seen a Hobie Bravo, a fairly new 12 foot cat. This boat, on paper appears to be a good boat for the City of Fremont to purchase and use for the sailing classes and the

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rental fleet. John will work with the local dealers to get a couple down to the lake for us to try out.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 16:19 hours.

The next General Meeting will be held during Summer Series 3,4, and 5 on Sunday July 14, 2013 at Lake Elizabeth.

Respectfully submitted,
Vern Tucker, Secretary
Spring is in the air! And that can only mean one thing: it's time to get ready for some awesome Lido action at Lake Elizabeth! Yours truly spent the last few weekends going over Lido 3547 from top to bottom... uh, I mean bow to stern--making sure she is ready for racing. I dug out all the junk that magically seems to migrate into the boat (as if it were some kind of storage bench in the garage!). I cleaned off the hull, deck, and benches. I checked all the screws and bolts, confirmed the swivel shackle is still attached to the jib, greased the trailer bearings, and--most importantly--got all the other junk in the garage out so that she is ready to roll. The only thing that I'm missing is more Lido's out on the line. So, come out and play with us. First race day is April 21st which is also a general meeting and BBQ. Come for the sailing, stay for the food, and maybe you'll be the lucky winner of the Elephant Bar gift certificate. Next up is a fleet meeting and BBQ at Joe Davis' house on April 27th. I expect you all to come and support your fleet! Then our second race day is on Cinco de Mayo, followed by the season ender on June 2nd. As we did last year, the last regatta of each season will be the Lido-FJ Challenge. Let's show 'em what we got. See you all at the pond.

-Harold Ho

It is 2013 and the Fremont Sailing Club is 45 years old.. Hans and I have a long history with the club. Hans went to the first gathering of would be members by the calling of Charley Coffey in 1967. The club was formed in 1968 and we became members in 1969 with one El Toro. Two more El Toros were added so all our three kids could sail. Hans fixed a Low Boy trailer to transport them.

The lake became our second home for many years and still is. Even though we don't sail anymore we have with our FSC friends; old and new. Some go way back to the beginning like us.

This year FSC sailing will start April 21. The El Toros have race committee duty "and all the ducks are in a row".

May 19 is the Fremont Sailing Club Relay Regatta. We hope the weather will cooperate for a successful regatta. It should be fun.

The May potluck dinner will be at Pete’s and Gertrude’s home. The date has not been set. Pete will let us know”.

Good sailing.

Helga
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## Fremont Relays May 19, 2013

Now that the winter rains have subsided it is time to get back into sailing and what better way to do it but to participate in the 10th Annual Fremont Relays to be held on Sunday May 19th on beautiful Lake Elizabeth.  
This is the only El Toro relay race that is offered in the Bay Area and should not be missed by any person who sails an El Toro, Lido, FJ, any type of dinghy or a larger keel boat.  
Not owning an El Toro is not an excuse to miss sailing in this very exciting regatta.  
If you do not have an El Toro available to you, contact Vern Tucker at vltbike@yahoo.com or at 408 730-2154 and our local fleet will find a boat for you.  (The boat may be a City of Fremont El Toro).  
Please fill out and mail your application today.  See the February/March Windjammer for the 2013 Fremont Relays application.
POLITICALLY CORRECT ADMIRAL NELSON AT TRAFALGAR

Submitted by Joe Doering

Nelson: "Order the signal, Hardy."

Hardy: "Aye, aye sir."

Nelson: "Hold on, that's not what I dictated to Flags. What's the meaning of this?"

Hardy: "Sorry sir?"

Nelson (reading aloud): "England expects every person to do his or her duty, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religious persuasion or disability." - 'What gobbledegook is this?"

Hardy: "Admiralty policy, I'm afraid, sir. We're an equal opportunities employer now. We had the devil's own job getting ' England ' past the censors, lest it be considered racist."

Nelson: "Gadzooks, Hardy. Hand me my pipe and tobacco."

Hardy: "Sorry sir. All naval vessels have now been designated smoke-free working environments."

Nelson: "In that case, break open the rum ration. Let us splice the mainbrace to steel the men before battle."

Hardy: "The rum ration has been abolished, Admiral. It's part of the Government's policy on binge drinking."

Nelson: "Good heavens, Hardy. I suppose we'd better get on with it .......... full speed ahead."

Hardy: "I think you'll find that there's a 4 knot speed limit in this stretch of water."

Nelson: "Damn it man! We are on the eve of the greatest sea battle in history. We must advance with all dispatch. Report from the crow's nest please."

Hardy: "That won't be possible, sir."

Nelson: "What?"

Hardy: "Health and Safety have closed the crow's nest, sir. No harness; and they said that rope ladders don't meet regulations. They won't let anyone up there until a proper scaffolding can be erected."

Nelson: "Then get me the ship's carpenter without delay, Hardy."

Hardy: "He's busy knocking up a wheelchair access to the foredeck Admiral."

Nelson: "Wheelchair access? I've never heard anything so absurd."

Hardy: "Health and safety again, sir. We have to provide a barrier-free environment for the differently abled."

Nelson: "Differently abled? I've only one arm and one eye and I refuse even to hear mention of the word. I didn't rise to the rank of admiral by playing the disability card."

Hardy: "Actually, sir, you did. The Royal Navy is under represented in the areas of visual impairment and limb deficiency."

Nelson: "Whatever next? Give me full sail. The salt spray beckons."

Hardy: "A couple of problems there too, sir. Health and safety won't let the crew up the rigging without hard hats. And they don't want anyone breathing in too much salt - haven't you seen the adverts?"

Nelson: "I've never heard such infamy. Break out the cannon and tell the men to stand by to engage the enemy."

Hardy: "The men are a bit worried about shooting at anyone, Admiral."

Nelson: "What? This is mutiny!"

Hardy: "It's not that, sir. It's just that they're afraid of being charged with murder if they actually kill anyone. There's a couple of legal-aid lawyers on board, watching everyone like hawks."

Nelson: "Then how are we to sink the Frenchies and the Spanish?"

Hardy: "Actually, sir, we're not."

Nelson: "We're not?"

Hardy: "No, sir. The French and the Spanish are our European partners now. According to the Common Fisheries Policy, we shouldn't even be in this stretch of water. We could get hit with a claim for compensation."

Nelson: "But you must hate a Frenchman as you hate the devil."

Hardy: "I wouldn't let the ship's diversity co-ordinator hear you saying that sir. You'll be up on disciplinary report."

Nelson: "You must consider every man an enemy, who speaks ill of your King."

Hardy: "Not any more, sir. We must be inclusive in this multicultural age. Now put on your Kevlar vest; it's the rules. It could save your life."

Nelson: "Don't tell me - health and safety. Whatever happened to rum, sodomy and the lash?"

Hardy: As I explained, sir, rum is off the menu! And there's a ban on corporal punishment."

Nelson: "What about sodomy?"

Hardy: "I believe that is now legal, sir."

Nelson: "In that case .......................... kiss me, Hardy."
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