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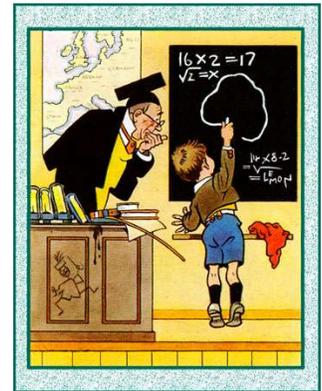
## WESTGATE CRUISE BY CINDY KAZEE

The cruise into Westgate Landing may have started out small, but it ended up being one of our largest so far this year. We welcomed a total of six boats, two campers, and two drive-ins on the weekend of August 21st. The weather was blistering hot, warm and sunny, windy, overcast, and downright chilly. Where else but in Delta can you experience three seasons in one week-end?

After much ado over reservations, we pretty much had the dock and a lot of the campground to ourselves. Gary and Mikki Dalleske cruised in, followed by Beauchamps, Ziglars, Olsons, Joe and Elaine, and Dennis with former members Steve and Sandi Barker along as crew. Cindy and Zak

arrived later on Friday by land. (Just in case you are wondering, the shop called on Wednesday, but that is another story.) Cookie held down the land side of the levee with her RV. Eric and Holly took the opportunity to test the great outdoors with their young children (Jerry and Sherri's grandkids) and pitched a tent in the next site over. I remember all too well the gear that is needed when camping with little ones— too bad they could only stay a night.

It was really a treat to have Leo and Nina out for dinner on Saturday. Thanks to everyone who cruised in, camped, cooked, danced, swam, fished, ate, drank, played games, and laughed with us.



## ON THE HORIZON:

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 ...Labor Day holiday
- 18..Dinner and Meeting. 7:00 PM**  
Hosts: Alvin & Dee Stults
- 25-27..Sixth Cruise**  
Treasure Island Yacht Club  
Cruise Captain: Frank Beauchamp

### OCTOBER

- 4.... Annual Yard Sale—Olson's**
- 17...Dinner (SATURDAY)- 7:00 PM**  
Hosts: Bob & Diane Boal
- 30-Nov. 1...Seventh Cruise**  
Location and Cruise Captain  
**NEEDED!**

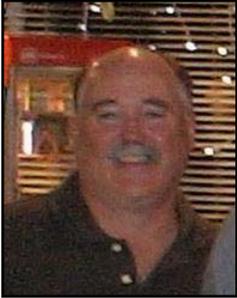
### Birthdays (No Anniversaries!):

- Sept. 11 Debbie Mielenz
- Sept. 27 Russ Kaiser
- Oct. 2 Nina McMahan
- Oct. 6 Cindy Kazee
- Oct. 27 Joe Collins
- Oct. 31 Tom Moran



*Sunset on the dock at Westgate Landing*

## PORT REPORT—JOE COLLINS



*What goes on  
in the Delta,  
stays in the  
Delta.*

Ahoy,

Well, the fleet's back from West-gate and it was probably the largest turnout of the year. We had 6 boats, 1 land yacht (RV), and 1 dirt dinghy (tent). Also, a drive in from Leo and Nina. The weather was wonderful during the day and the water was perfect for throwing in small kids and animals. I have a great way to train a cat from jumping up on the railing of your boat if you're interested? Our boat turned into the local diving board and it's amazing how wet everything can get in a short time. Note to all: If you need to dry out towels DON'T give them to Cindy, I think she believes they dry quicker at the bottom of the lagoon??? Night time got a little crazy down on the Zigler's boat with Maura teaching me how to swing dance, I think that's what we were doing? But that quickly changed into a 4-person conga line down the dock, Elaine's not allowed to bring Amaretto out on the cruises anymore. We did get word that we were keeping the people in the camp ground on the other side of the levy awake;

Anyway the food was great, Cookie hosted a potluck down in the camp ground, everyone brought a dish and cooked up their own meat, breakfast on the Avalon was delicious although a little early, yawn! Dennis saved the day though with a well needed Bloody Mary, thank you. Well at this point it was time to ship out, there was a lot of questioning as to whether or not Steve could fit a 25 foot high boat under a 35 foot bridge. Well believe it or not he did it. We also found out how Cindy and Dennis feel about Zak, as Elaine, Cookie, Zak and I were sitting at Tower Park having a drink only to see their boat go sailing by, without Zak! Makes you wonder huh? But to give them credit, Kaylee did have a friend with her so the head count was right. Anyway, that's my ramblings for the time being, any or all of the above may or may not be true, so believe what you will.

Thought for the day:

["Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant?? I'm halfway through my fish burger and I realize. Oh my God....I could be eating a slow learner."](#)

## SEPTEMBER CRUISE NEWS:

The 2009 RVYC cruise calendar has been reasonably successful and will conclude with a special event/cruise to San Francisco and Treasure Island YC the week-end of September 25<sup>th</sup>. Our club and two others have been invited to TIYC's annual pig roast on that Saturday and we have been told that it is a gala affair.

The Almar Marina, where we will be, in Clipper Cove is hosting the International Dragon Boat Regatta. These crew-rowed, drum cadenced, historical and colorful "canoes" will be competing on Saturday and Sunday. There will also be cultural and food booths set up on the island with an expected crowd numbering in the thousands.

RVYC has five boats and others driving in while there will be about 15 boats from the other two clubs. Some of the group will be enjoying an evening in The City where they will be going to the Fugazi Theatre to see Beach Blanket Babylon with dinner afterwards at Capp's Italian Restaurant on Friday night.

We do not have a destination or cruise captain for the October 30st/Halloween cruise. If you have any ideas, please contact Cindy Kazee, [undc@aol.com](mailto:undc@aol.com).

## AROUND THE CLUB BY JOANNE BEAUCHAMP

- I caught up with the Ziglers at the Westgate cruise and found out where they have been cavorting this year. They spent three weeks in Mainland Mexico in January and took their motor home to Puerto Penasco for the Super Bowl where they gorged themselves on shrimp. They, also, spent three weeks in Hawaii at a friend's place. Steve did a "guy" fishing trip to Baja in July (Maura cannot stand the heat) where he and friends entered fishing tournaments. We will not see them in September either as they are headed East in the motor home. They have to be at Wrigley Field in Chicago on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a baseball game and then on to their last destination, Cedar Point Amusement Park in Ohio. Along the way, they will visit Yellowstone National Park as well as other scenic locations. Hopefully, we will see them again before the year is over.
- Cindy Kazez had some business meetings to attend in New York City, so the rest of the family tagged along to see the sights. The first day, they visited Mystic Seaport in CT which was Zak's favorite place. On other days, they explored the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and The Empire State Building. They, also, walked by Ground Zero. While at a train station, they met a "sound guy" who worked at CBS News and he invited them to the studio for a private tour. They followed up on this offer the next day where the kids got to play with the robotic cameras, sit in Katie Couric's chair and see all the working of a TV newsroom. This studio was Kaylee's favorite visit on the trip. They experienced rides by plane, car, bike, cab, train, boat and a pedi-cab in Central Park. They sure had a heap of fun in four days!
- Cookie and her sister, Shirley, from Oregon are motor homing to Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico where they will gaze skyward to watch the balloon races. Leading the pack will be Past-Commander and brother, Steve Barker and wife, Sandi. We will be looking forward to some great pictures.
- Joe & Elaine partied with friends in OR/WA early in August. And, naturally, it was during the time of the Northeast's heat wave with temperatures over 100 degrees, but they survived.
- As most of you probably know, the news on Christie Kaiser's cancer is not good. They both could use some good thoughts, so send cards and e-mails or phone her at 916.371.3353. Our prayers and thoughts are with her and Russ.



Steve Zigler and Joanne Beauchamp on the dock



Dinner on the barbie, and not a vegetarian in sight



The smiling face of Nina McMahan

## GETTING TO KNOW..... THE ORSI's by Cindy Kazez



If I tell you that Richard "Orsi" is a retired G-man and his wife is currently working for the Feds, you might feel a curious sense of panic about that 1972 tax return that wasn't quite accurate, or wonder if you should check your passport to see if it is current. Never fear, because upon further investigation, Orsi will tell you that "g" stands for "garbage" and his wife works for the US Forest Service, not the IRS.

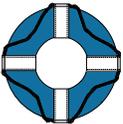
In fact, after meeting Orsi and Toni, you quickly realize that even if this couple were a pair of undercover agents, you would find yourself caught up in the laughter and fun that seems to surround them. The Orsi's make their home in Garden Valley, a speck of a community near Coloma and Georgetown in the foothills. Toni works for the US Forest Service in Camino in the nursery where she helps to grow the trees that are planted after devastating forest fires. Orsi is now retired from his job in sanitation management where he worked in Placerville.

They have always been drawn to the water and have boated for years in lakes throughout the region, including renting houseboats and skiing on Lake Shasta. But it was their son, Richard, who led them to Cliff's Marina and then eventually to ownership of their very own houseboat. After Orsi retired, the couple made an impulsive decision to buy the boat that was for sale on the dock next to Richard's.

Another tie to Cliff's was purely coincidental: Richard is a manager for Denny's and happened to manage the location in Placerville where Helen Moran works. But they didn't know the Morans kept a boat at Cliff's until one day, Toni overheard Helen talking and recognized that New York accent immediately, and a friendship was renewed, and that led them to RVYC.

If coincidence equates to good luck, then Orsi should be playing the lottery. At the Memorial Day cruise to Sacramento Yacht Club, Toni struck up a friendly conversation with the boat owners docked next to the Morans. Polite questions lead to more specific ones when Toni learned that the boater was from the same small town as Orsi. As it turns out, he was a childhood friend of Orsi's, and they had not seen each other in over 50 years.

When Toni is not on the water, she is enjoying her garden. She has two goats that she swears will be the end of her, and a number of cats she has rescued from the marina. Orsi loves cars, all cars, but especially his '72 Step Side and Toni's '69 Olds ragtop. Toni says she has just about everything she needs, but would like to have a carousel and a jukebox and then her happiness will be complete!



## PLAYING IT SAFE BY RUSS KAISER

One Hand for Yourself, One for the Ship used to be a saying used by sailors implying that one hand is always holding on to something to save yourself from harm. Good advice one would think but not all shipmates are heeding this warning. It would seem that a week doesn't go by without a shipmate or guest falling into the water.

Most fall from boats that are not moored and actually moving. This is particularly dangerous because to fall in while a craft is under way means the person in the water could be struck by a propeller causing serious harm. It would also seem that most fall in while approaching the dock which could mean a shipmate could be caught between the boat and the dock.

We continue to stress that folks should not be on the swim platform or any other place where, if the boat were to change speed drastically (like when striking the dock) the person might fall off the boat. Hence the saying "one hand for yourself, one for the ship".

Another potential injury instance relates to fending off a boat. This is either fending from the boat to another object or from the dock to the boat. Depending on speed, a boat carries a great deal of inertia. My boat

is not the largest at the marina by any means. Empty, it weighs 8 tons. Fuel, water, waste, supplies and beer add another ton or so. 9 tons of boat coming into contact with the average shipmate and the shipmate loses. Be sure to never get a hand or foot between the boat and a stationary object and, if you really feel the need to fend off a 10 ton craft, make sure it's a glancing blow and not a straight-on contact with the hull.

Think of it another way, say the next time someone is coming close to you with a car or truck. Not moving fast, say 3 mph. Barely moving. A car weighs only about 2 tons or so. A fraction of what a boat weighs, but you wouldn't get between a car and a brick wall or some other immovable object would you? There is a difference of course in that the boat is moving through or on a low friction surface where a car with its tires is moving against a high friction surface. Still, your physics teacher would remind you "a body in motion will remain in motion unless acted upon by an outside force".

Are you a large enough "outside force" to stop a 10 ton object without breaking a wrist or ankle? Think about it.

## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE—FRANK BEAUCHAMP

The Beauchamps wandered again. While in Hawaii, in July, with the family, a front page article appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser, their most popular paper, regarding the accidental grounding of the 9,600 ton cruiser, USS Port Royal in February 2009. It occurred to me that what happens to the “big boys” can easily happen to us “little guys”.

From the after action evaluation, here is what caused the mishap, thus lessons learned:

All the ship’s critical sensors were inoperable. The fathometer did not work. Each GPS system interface indicated a different location. Qualified look-outs were occupied with other tasks in the mess area. Unnecessary mission urgency and sleep deprivation interfered with operational safety and fostered fundamental mistakes.

Although we are pleasure boaters, we are still vulnerable to regrettable shortcuts and negligence as the Port Royal had experienced.

According to the Advertiser, the Port Royal’s repairs will cost the Navy (us taxpayers) between \$25 and \$40 million and the ship will be out of service until at least Sept. 2009.

The Navy’s bureaucracy was partly at fault by assigning the Captain to a sea command, after a five year shore duty tour, without cruiser familiarization. Prior to that, he had commanded a frigate, a smaller ship, out of Washington State. The captain was relieved of command. The executive officer, two other officers and an enlisted man re-

ceived what the Navy called non-judicial punishment for dereliction of duty . Editorially speaking, their Navy careers, as a result of the punishment, typically, would be finished.

Sadly, all of this could have been avoided if the officer of the deck would simply have dropped the anchor, after realizing the ship was in an unexpected location, and turned on all the ships lights. There is usually a practical solution to problems.

On a lighter side, while in Hawaii, we sailed via catamaran to a diving lagoon in Kaneohe Bay for a day of snorkeling, BBQ on board and swimming. The water was clear and warm and the service by the crew excellent. Kaneohe Bay is the caldera remains of a 350 million year old extinct volcano and a haven for the great green sea turtles. We saw many.

Oahu is our second choice of the Islands, after the Big Island.....so much to see and do, historically, culturally, and of course, physically (which doesn’t include me). ALOHA!



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Delta dunkings at Westgate



Leo McMahan and Jerri Olson aboard *Feels So Good*



Frank and Joanne Beauchamp on the other side of the levee

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## Boat Wakes Make People Angry - And Can Injure

ALEXANDRIA, Va., August 26, 2009 - Boat wakes -- those long, frothy, V-shaped waves trailing from the stern of a powerboat as it slices through the water -- have a sinister side. When other vessels encounter them, they can hurt people. They can make people angry, and they can bring the wrath of law enforcement, for good reason.

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.) recently looked into the issue of boat wakes by combing through the insurance claims case files, where swampings, broken teeth, and back injuries are found. "You avoid being the recipient of gestures from other skippers by using a little common sense and courtesy," says BoatU.S. Director of Damage Avoidance Bob Adriance. "This means coming completely off plane when you enter a no wake zone or *anywhere* your wake could compromise the safety of other boats," he adds.

Here are some tips to help prevent boat wake injuries to you and other boaters:

**Slow early:** Boat wakes travel distances, so slow down before you reach a slow-speed zone, not as you pass the marker.

**Just a little slowing down isn't good enough:** Upon entering a no wake zone, some boaters react by only slowing the vessel slightly, and then plow through with the bow way up and stern dug down, actually *increasing* the wake. Come *completely* off plane.

**Make her level:** Without using trim tabs, a slowed vessel should be level in the water. With some smaller boats, shifting passengers around can help, as too much weight aft increases wake size.

**Watch the shallows:** Shallow water increases wake size.

**Small boats aren't innocent:** Wakes are not just a big boat issue -- small vessels in the stern-down position can throw surprisingly large wakes.

**When approaching a wake, slow down but don't stop:** Motorboats are more stable when underway, so stopping could make things worse. Avoid taking a wake on the beam or head on. The best approach is at a slight angle. This will keep your passengers in your boat.

**Take care of older crew:** The BoatU.S. insurance claims files show that persons over the age of 50 have the most personal injuries, mostly as a result of being seated near the bow when the boat slams into a wake. It's best to seat passengers -- especially older passengers -- amidships.

**Warn the crew:** A simple "Hold-on. Boat wake" should do the trick, just as long as you shout the warning well before the wake arrives.

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## RBOC Issues Call to Arms on Delta Waterway Gates

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Sacramento [August 26] - the boater advocacy organization RBOC is urging boaters to take action to address another situation where boater access could be severely compromised.

The access issue this time involves the Two Gates Project, two structures being proposed across popular boating waterways in the Sacramento San-Joaquin Delta in Northern California.

Stated RBOC President Dave Breninger: "Boaters are requesting action to ensure that the two gates proposed to be placed across Old River and Connection Slough in the Delta - known as the Two-Gates Project - will be revised to ensure reliable boating access for boats of all sizes navigating these popular public waterways."

Breninger continued: "The gates as currently proposed present a number of important issues. Boaters are concerned that the structure and function of the gates do not provide reliable recreational boating access. In addition, the initial operational scenario calls for the gates to be 'closed for short periods December through February... for moderate periods March through June.' This is unacceptable to the boating community.

"Also, critical accommodations are not included for law enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard boats that must have rapid and unencumbered access.

"The boating public's long established right of vessel passage of navigable waterways under the public use doctrine to transit Delta waterways unimpeded by gates or barriers must be fully honored and mitigated.

"'Temporary' gates have a way of becoming 'permanent'. Thus, adequate environmental impact and mitigations to assure boating access must occur now. Operable locks would be the best option."

RBOC is encouraging boaters to contact the Governor and legislators, including the Senators and Assembly Members on two policy committees.

A description and map of the project, and the call-to-arms, are available on-line at [www.rbo.org](http://www.rbo.org).

RBOC is a nonprofit boater advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government.

RBOC is in its 41st year as a statewide organization which since 1968 has continued its commitment to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

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