

WELCOME
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SPRING

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1992

SPRING PREP & PARTY!

May 2, RVWA will sponsor our annual Spring Prep & Party. We will meet at Martin's Marina at 8:00am Saturday for a Skipper's Meeting. We will then proceed to various sites to begin clean-up and sand bagging at 9:00.

There will be a Launch Director at each site Sherman Access, Sherman Access Road, Baja Road, Powerlines, Powerlines North, Powerlines South, and Glass Beach. We will install signs, sand bag launches and perform trash cleanup. Launch Directors will have all necessary materials and refreshments (bring gloves and appropriate clothing). We will be working throughout the day so show up when you can, the earlier the better.

That evening, RVWA and Martin's Marina will throw one of our famous Dinner Parties, that includes dinner, awards for most trash, most sand bags and other "Efforts of Excellence" throughout the day.

We will of course have Limbo and Board Toss contests and cap the evening off with tunes and dancing.

Anyone interested in being involved with clean-up or party organization should contact Kevin Meyer, at (916) 962-3523.

Dinner for Members \$7.00

Dinner for Non-members \$9.00

Dinner and Membership \$17.00

Beers \$1.00

PROJECT UPDATES

WINDY COVE

The future of Windy Cove Sailboard Park is looking up. For those who are not familiar with the name, Windy Cove is located in front of Brannan Island State Park across highway 160. It is a future extension of Brannan Island State Park.

Development of the Park is currently affected by 1992 budget problems. The funds for construction are available, however, allocating funds for staffing remains a problem.

RVWA, the Department of Parks & Recreation and Assemblyman Phil Isenberg are working together to see that the development of Windy Cove remains a reality. At best the park would be open for the 1994 season.

Meanwhile Parks & Recreation is cooperating with RVWA in finding a solution to the parking problem that will exist until Windy Cove is developed. This could allow interim public use with minimal improvements to the site.

SAND BAG ACCESSES

This season RVWA will be installing sand bag accesses with bags sewn out of erosion control material. We're hopeful that this new material will withstand the elements better than the previous burlap and polypropylene bags.

The installation of the sandbag accesses is slated for May 2, as part of the annual Spring Prep and Season Kickoff Party. Installing these accesses is a lot of work requiring several strong volunteers. If you would like to help please contact Kevin Meyer at (916) 962-3523, and have your name added to the list.

PORTA-POTTIES

Again, RVWA will be providing portable toilets at the power lines and at Powerline North.

WINDSURFING INFORMATION SIGNS

RVWA's information signs are scheduled to be reinstalled May 2. These signs contain general right-of-way rules, safety information, and RVWA's most recent newsletter. Most importantly, windsurfing etiquette flyers are posted inside. Please take the time to visit one of these signs, they are there for you!

Tide Charts

Before you break out your rig, or start loading up the car, make sure you've checked the tidal activity. We've enclosed the next four months of our exclusive tide chart. Additional months will be provided in each tri-annual newsletter. The charts are unique in their presentation of the currents and are calculated for Sherman Island- no more adding hours to guesstimate an accurate tide. You will no doubt find these to be an indispensable part of your gear bag.

Letter from the prez....

I am stoked! This is the earliest we have gotten it together for the sailing season in four years.

The signs are ready for installation, porta-potties are on stand-by, t-shirts and stickers are in, and sand bags are being made. The newsletter is out on time and Brian has updated all literature and dialed in the membership like never before... Brian has also informed me that his goal is to have 500 members and every board shop in Northern California involved in RVWA this season!

Kevin is busy on the political front and is working with Sac Bag Co. to produce the ultimate sand bag.

Doreen is making preparations for our Spring Bash and Clean-up.

There is only one thing needed to complete the equation for success in '92 for RVWA -- YOU!

We need membership and we need participation on May 2 for the clean-up and party. We realize that a lot of people joined or renewed in August and September, but because we didn't renew membership in April we were in the red at the end of the season. All applications received after September will be current through the 1992 season.

We have decided to retain the basic membership price of \$10.00 through '92. All memberships include a yearly tide chart, a sticker, and our tri-annual newsletter, all this for a third of most one day ski lift tickets. Any extra funds you wish to donate will be appreciated and put to good use. We could not continue our current programs without the generosity of corporate and sustaining members.

It is extremely important that we have a large turn out for the clean-up / Spring Prep & Party day. We will be installing signs, sand bag launches, cleaning up trash and installing porta-

potties. Only with everyone's help can we be totally set-up at the start of the new windsurfing season.

So even if the wind isn't blowing, make plans to be there. We will be doing work on Sunday finishing up anything that's not completed on Saturday. We realize it's a lot of work for one weekend, but if everyone lends a hand, we can do it!

Get involved, stay involved!

Steve

TREASURER'S REPORT FYE 3/31/92

	Actual FYE 3/31/91	Projected FYE 3/31/92
Cash Balance		
Beginning of year	\$1,891	\$ 955
Revenue		
Dues	2,995	3,500
Merchandise	1,302	3,000
Party	669	1,200
	<u>4,966</u>	<u>7,700</u>
Expenses		
Merchandise	2,752	1,290
Newsletter	526	1,600
Tide Charts	150	200
Dinner & Parties	701	950
Porta-potties	694	1,260
Sandbags & Cleanup	429	800
Other Projects	283	600
Office Expense	367	500
	<u>5,902</u>	<u>7,200</u>
Cash Balance - End of Year	\$ 955	\$1,455
Number of Members	166	300

The financial picture for the 1991 season looked ominous, but tragedy was averted by an eleventh hour membership drive. This season our goals are more ambitious than ever - we need your help! We need to increase our membership to at least 300 to complete the projects we've already committed to, and we need to increase our membership even further if we hope to pursue any of the projects that have been discussed. Spread the word and encourage others to join RVWA!

May the wind be with you,

Brian

P.S. - Don't miss out on our hot new T-Shirts

FOR THOUGHT

Over the course of thousands of years, human activity and the actual Delta environment have interacted symbiotically. The Delta's natural resources drew early inhabitants to the area and caused cultural adaptations in their means of dealing with those resources. Likewise, prehistoric and historic cultural phenomena have modified the Delta's natural environment.

These changes in cultural and natural resources provide information important to our understanding of early California culture. The Delta is a window to the past of the seminal periods that identify California to the rest of the world.

The Chronicles of George C. Yount describe the Delta:

It (Benicia) was nothing more than a wide and extended lawn, exuberant in wild oats and a place for wild beasts to lie down in - the deer, antelope and noble elk held quiet and undisturbed possession of all that wide domain, from San Pablo Bay to Sutter's Fort... The above named animals were numerous beyond all parallel - In herds of many hundreds, they might be met, so tame that they would hardly move to open the way for the traveller to pass - They were seen lying, grazing, in immense herds, on the sunny side of every hill, and their young, like lambs were frolicking in all directions - The wild geese, and every species of waterfowl darkened the surface of every bay, and firth, and upon the land, in flocks of millions, they wandered in quest of insects, and cropping the wild oats which grew there in richest abundance - When disturbed, they arose to fly, the sound of their wings was like that of distant thunder - It was literally a land of plenty, and such a climate as no other land can boast of...

(excerpt from Delta-Estuary, California's Inland Coast, a public trust report, prepared for the California State Lands Commission.)

Wynd

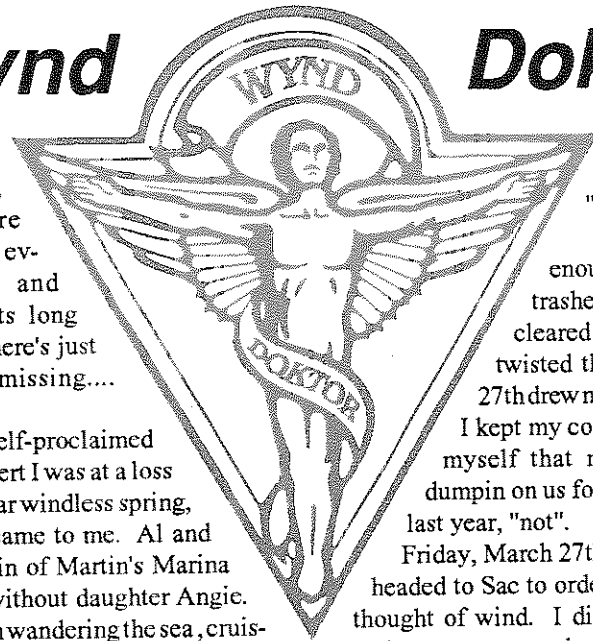
Doktor

Spring is in the air, flowers are blossoming everywhere and young hearts long for love. There's just one thing missing.... "wynd".

Being a self-proclaimed weather expert I was at a loss as to the so far windless spring, but then it came to me. Al and Peggy Martin of Martin's Marina have been without daughter Angie. She has been wandering the sea, cruising the Pacific with the Maritime Academy. I came to the logical conclusion that until Angie came home, we would receive little or no wind in the Delta. Now I'm not usually a superstitious kinda guy, but a little voice in my head kept telling me "When she comes, it will blow".

I kept trying to convince myself that I was freaking out from a lack of sailing. Just when I thought I had a grip on the situation, again came that voice from within, "When she comes, it will blow". I finally cracked, I gave in to the dark side, the force was with me no longer.

I began to count down the days till Angie's return. I would mark each passing day on my calendar with a limp windsock. I was consumed, what if she was late? What if she met a guy on some Tropical Isle, married, had children and didn't visit her poor parents for two years? What if the Tropical Isle was Maui, as if they didn't have enough wind already, now they had ours... What if she was shipwrecked on Gilligan's Island never to be heard from again, (she does kinda look



like MaryAnn doesn't she?) "AAAAaaaahhhh!"

Okay, I decided enough was enough. I trashed the calender and cleared my mind of all these twisted thoughts. As March 27th drew near, (Angie's E.T.A.)

I kept my cool. I had convinced myself that mother nature was dumpin on us for such a good spring last year, "not".

Friday, March 27th finally came and I headed to Sac to order stickers without a thought of wind. I didn't even check the weather maps or tune in to NOAA. As I was returning to Rio I suddenly had a strong urge to flip on my weather radio. I struggled with my emotions, determined not to give in to the evil within. I was hangin tough until I got to Walnut Grove and I saw ripples on the water and leaves rustling in the trees. That was the last straw, I had to know.

I fumbled with through the glove box snatching my radio with a lust and stupidity equaled only by Mike Tyson. I turned the switch with a vengeance and sound jumped at me, but it wasn't that normal hick voice of NOAA. It was the little voice from inside my head, only now it was in the radio and it spoke to me loud and clear. It said, "It's blowing and your missing it."

O.k., so I learned my lesson. If the voice comes back I'll believe it or do whatever it tells me.

And if Angie ever leaves for a long trip or tropical vacation, I'm going with her. Maybe I can talk her into going to Baja with me next year.

Welcome back Angie!
Stay home.

The Dok

SHREDITOR'S LETTER

Many thanks to retiring newsletter Shreditor, Lydia Schlosser, for her assistance over the past years. We wouldn't be here with out her. As the new Shreditor, I hope to maintain the high quality of newsletter that she spoiled you with. We are always looking for help - both aristic and mechanical. Specifically we could use a break on printing costs and we need some additional windsurfing related clip art. If you can help out - give us a call.

See you on the river,

Sandra

Phil Isenberg helps Rio Vista Windsurfing Association!

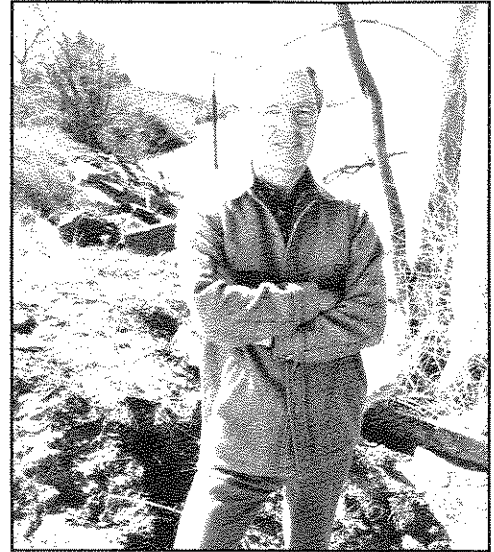
Assemblyman Phil Isenberg has been working hard at helping resolve the problems caused by the development delays at Windy Cove Park (just south of the Jungle). In 1991, Phil visited the undeveloped park and found out about the bad parking situation at one of the premier windsurfing sites in the Sacramento Delta. His involvement was instrumental in preventing a parking ban at the Jungle.

Being familiar with the problems that windsurfers have experienced, Phil was willing to lend his and his staff's assistance to RVWA's efforts to keep Windy Cove development on track (efforts are still underway, see the Project Updates).

Phil's work in the California Legislature includes serving on the Judiciary, Health, Revenue and Taxation, and the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committees. He has carried successful legislation to promote agricultural water conservation, expand wetland areas, and protect Mono Lake.

Phil served as the Mayor of Sacramento before being elected to the Legislature. Although he was born in Gary, Indiana, he went to school in Sacramento (high school and Sacramento State). He received his law degree from the University of California (Boalt Hall) in Berkeley. He is an avid reader and birder, and he also is an enthusiastic, if generally unsuccessful, fisherman.

Assemblyman Isenberg's efforts are greatly appreciated by the Rio Vista Windsurfing Association. □



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