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Spring Cleanup

Once again it's time to prep for the upcoming season. On Saturday, April 23rd, RVWA will hold its annual spring cleanup on Sherman Island. There's all kind of refuse scattered along the levee from the annual dumping season that seems to be between October and April each year and old tires are surely not an endangered species. We will also repair sandbags and signage.

The tide is low at 10am so the timing is perfect for getting items exposed during low water not to mention score an early morning and afternoon ebb session.

It's very important that we have a strong turnout so we can complete all the projects.

RVWA will have all necessary equipment and refreshments.

This is your chance to pitch in and all we're asking for is four hours that you'll be rewarded for all season. Just show up at your favorite sailing site at 10 am and an RVWA representatives will be there to get things rolling. If you would like to help with prior organization, leave a message for Kevin Meyer at 510-778-2345. If you're thinking there will be plenty of help to get things done you're wrong, we need you there. Please come.

Membership Dues are Due NOW!

All memberships expire as of April 1, 1994 unless you renewed after February 1st. Complete the enclosed membership application (be sure to include your membership number from your mailing label on this newsletter), enclose a check and mail it to Brian at:
RVWA, P.O. Box 547, Rio Vista, CA 94571.

RVWA to help Mayor

Rio Vista Mayor, Jerry Rubier, has asked Steve Smith and Sue de Witt to serve as advisors to the Mayor to assist him in developing opportunities for windsurfing in Rio Vista. Both Steve and Sue have accepted His Honor's request and will keep you posted on their activities. Look for news in the next newsletter.

Letter from the prez....

It's been a long, cold winter but once again its time to pull out all that crap we cart around in the summer posing to have fun. Last year we did more carting and posing than we did sailing and having fun.

I've been sailing the last two days and its early March. So let's all keep our fingers crossed. Besides having a good time sailing lately, I've been experiencing intense anxiety and guilt knowing it's time to get the RVWA ball rolling for 1994.

Not to mention Sue and Brian are on my case as usual. We don't have any major projects planned as of yet for this year. Our goal is to get everything streamlined early and enjoy a good season of sailing.

We will be installing electricity at Windy Cove courtesy of Steve Smith Electric. And improving the launch to lose those hideous rocks that rear their sharp, ugly heads at low tide. Brian is or will make the tide charts. All you have to do is send in your renewal or go to one of the local shops and renew/join for 94 and you will have one. It is very crucial that you all get your renewals in pronto for two reasons: 1) we need the money; 2) we can mass process applications. We can always use new volunteers for a variety of chores and if you're into pitchin' in call the RVWA hotline at 510-778-2345 and leave a message on Kevin Meyer's mailbox.

RVWA will continue to deliver the conveniences you've grown accustomed to such as sand bags, porta-potties, t-shirts, tide charts, wind reports and forecasts on the Wind Doktor's hotline.

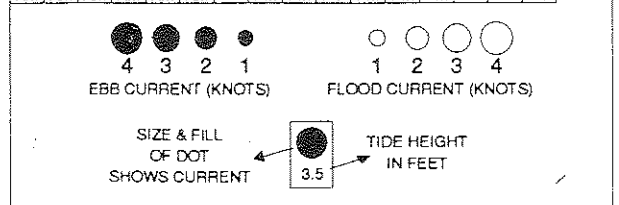
We are working with the City of Rio Vista and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to design and install a sailing park on the north side of the river and we will keep you posted on our progress. Last year our membership grew to nearly 400 and our goal for this year is 500 plus. It will be easier this year to sign up and get your tide chart and sticker!

All you have to do is go by one of the local shops and they will have everything you need from RVWA to be in style and in the know for 94.

Steve

SHERMAN ISLAND May 1994

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2.4	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.4	2.8	2.1	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.9	2.7	3.5	TUE



Last time I went sailin' I pulled up in an open spot and started rigging my trusty 4.7.

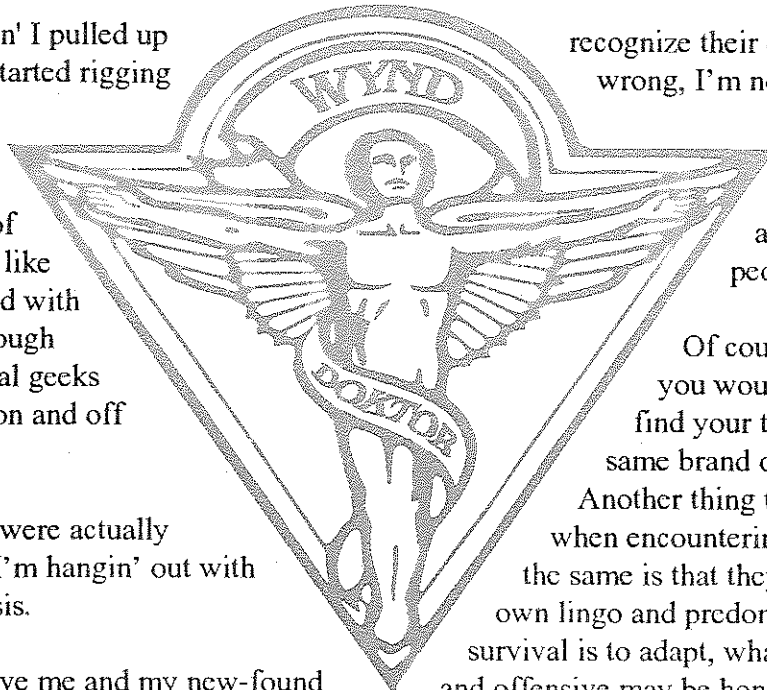
Suddenly I notice this group of sailors hangin' out in front of their RVs, eyein' me like a redheaded step-child with leprosy. At first I thought these sailors were total geeks yellin' at each other on and off the water.

As it turned out they were actually pretty cool and now I'm hangin' out with them on a regular basis.

I can see how offensive me and my new-found friends could come across to a newcomer. Maybe you could share a little of your infinite wisdom to prepare the innocent for their first confrontation with cliques such as these.

Home Boy

Yo. Homes. Have you have noticed that same blue jay hanging around your backyard? You know the one that sits up in the same branch of the same tree and craps on your lawn furniture? He gets really pinched when other birds come around because he is territorial. That's also why your cat rubs up against you and the furniture and your neighbor's dog pees on your tires. Well over the last few years I've noticed another species that has very strong territorial tendencies. Yep, that's right, windsurfers. In fact, they exhibit many territorial similarities to wild animals. I've never seen one crap on the patio furniture but they do pee on trees and pretty much anything else within stumbling' distance in the dark from their vehicles. They also protect their territory by strewing windsurfing gear throughout what they consider to be their territory. Hey, just try to lay your rig down in the middle of their crap and see what happens. It does amaze me sometimes how they can recognize the exact same spot they hang at time after time. Maybe they sniff the bushes to



recognize their own markings. Don't get me wrong, I'm not condemning these territorials, but perhaps they're missing out. You know its a big river out there and there's a lot of interesting people to me.

Of course, If ever you were nomadic you wouldn't know exactly where to find your territorial friend who has the same brand of uni you left behind.

Another thing to take into consideration: when encountering a territorial or a group of the same is that they sometimes develop their own lingo and predominant attitude. The key to survival is to adapt, what sometimes seems abrasive and offensive may be honest and friendly.

On the other hand there are those individuals that are better left alone. The key is to find your niche, set up shop and pce on a tree. Or you can be like me and keep wandering the levee searching for the fountain of youth. No, I don't mean an 18 year old giggle box. I'm talking about the right concentration and combination (ppm) of dissolved minerals and chemicals that will wash the grey away.

Like a rollin stone.

Wynd Dok

P.S.

Oh yeah, I'm coming back in 94 with the Wynd Doktor's wind report and forecast. Hey, I've had a few complaints but I had a lot more compliments about my accuracy. In my defense, I have to say I couldn't have picked a worse year to start my meteorological career. Let's hope that my self imposed career is much easier this year which would seem to be the case considering the warmer temperatures and sailable days already this year.

So give me a chance. Hey, I gotta be better than the National Weather Service. All I have to do is look out my window.

Wynd Doktor's report and forecast: 510-778-2345.



Delta Trivia

Did you know...???

...there's a 4 to 5 hour time difference in the tide between Chrissy Field and Sherman Island. Be sure to use the appropriate tide chart when checking the local conditions.

...most of the launch sites are adjacent to publicly owned land: Power Lines is federally owned property, Windy Cove/The Jungle are owned by the State of California.

*Articles contributed by members
will always be considered for
publication!*

Wind History 101

Do you remember where RVWA came from? Well, not many do anymore so here's a quick history lesson: RVWA used to be known as TEAM RIO. Team Rio was created when Vic Swanson and Don Springer won a race in the Bay Area and announced they had won on behalf of "Team Rio." From that humble beginning, Team Rio has grown to over 400 members and changed its name to the Rio Vista Windsurfing Association. Great things come from small beginnings. Thanks Vic and Don.

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