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Commodore's Corner

It's been a busy summer all around. Some of you I have not even seen all summer long. Here's what's going on from my corner of the Cape.

Friday night races start at 6:30 PM beginning this Friday, to accommodate earlier sunsets.

The **next event** on the calendar is the **September 20th raft up**. That's my birthday so I'll be there for sure; rumor has it I'm not even 50 yet. I'll let Mike Juras name the spot; I think he was leaning towards closer to home, maybe Eagle Cove again. Commodores do not get spanked on their birthday so you folks can leave the paddles home.

The **Chili Cook off** is rapidly approaching, October 18th.

The Awards **Banquet** is the 8th of November; Amy's still picking the location so ya'll tune in to find out.

I'm still waiting on a new transmission, hopefully to be installed this week. Fortunately I have a sail boat so I'm not totally dead in the water.

Other News:

Margaret Reitan called me last night to ask for advice on how and where to pull Ralph's boat *Wabbitt* and get the bottom cleaned. I'm a little short on experience as I've only used Fair Winds, and them only one time. You folks with more monohull 'leaning' tendencies and lots more local knowledge might want to chime in and give her some help. I'm available to help move the boat to where ever is best. I think she intends to clean it, haul it and list it for sale. Call me if you need a phone number for her.

Proving it is a small bay after all, Mary and I have actually crossed courses (hailing distance) with our old boat *Patience* out in the middle of the bay twice this summer, 20 miles up bay from home. No matter how far you go, well, there you are.

The picnic August 2nd at the Juras' went just fine; lots of good food, a few new faces and lots of splashing and fun for all. I even saw a couple of squirt guns battling it out and a little dinghy time.

The last raft up, **Swan Creek** was empty except for Ron and Collette on *Tao*. Mary and I missed it because we'd just been the week before (Friday night, then Fairlee on Saturday); I'd have still gone but just that morning found a 20-30 gallon fresh water reservoir in my port side aft 'buoyancy' tank. A little rain water goes a long way to scaring a new owner, especially when it's in a 'buoyancy' tank, on a boat with no bilge pump. Needless to say it has a pump now, and some new caulk here and there. Buoyancy tanks aren't supposed to full of water are they?

I met up with Jim, Andy and Richard down at the docks where they were hawking odds and ends, bits and pieces last Saturday before going sailing. I need a bigger basement to hold stuff. Looking at 215 ft of ¾ inch anchor rode coiled loosely made me wonder where the heck I would put that, and I've been

towed just enough to know it comes in handy. That's towed enough meaning one time, with dock lines ☺. If the interest is there we might schedule up a swap meet for the yacht club. Seems somebody always has something somebody else might want.

I've had a heck of time getting a place for my Gemini to be hauled and stored, Ferry Point finally accepted me so I'll be there this winter – but, and as a reminder to you all – that's still months and months away. Plenty of boating time left so get some wine and some cheese and invite a friend to hit the water because that is what it's all about.

See you on the water,

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