



WIND WORDS

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Commodore's Note



I've been a member of the club for 20 years. Like many of you, I love the camaraderie we all share and the zest for sailing and racing. We are very fortunate to have somehow, somehow, become beneficiaries of the efforts of long ago members of our club who set up Convair Sailing Club. To create a club from scratch that has Convair's capability and reach would be a difficult task, especially in today's economy where things cost so much. Everything from the hardware, to the paint, to the sails, and all the labor it takes to keep a fleet of active, racing sailboats viable. The club's 60+ years of operations and legacy are a testament to the foresight and diligence with which the club was established.

As we approach the new year, let's each try to give back to the club that has given so much to us. Simple things like sprucing up the boats, helping with small repairs, and extending a welcome hand to our fellow members are all part of our club's culture and way of being. I've learned so much from fellow members over the years and appreciate the generosity of spirit so many of our members share.

Happy 2025! May we have wind in our sails!

Tracy

Registration Day Coming Up In January

Registration Day is Saturday, January 18th at the HIWM poolside from 10:00 AM to Noon with coffee and donuts.

Dues for 2025 will be \$950 plus a \$450 special assessment. Bring your signed application, your old key and a check or cash for your payment.



Annual Victory Team Race, December 7th



Story from Sandy Leon

Photo and additional comments from Craig Unger.

The team race is an annual event for the Victory fleet. This year it fell on Saturday, December 7th. It took place in North Bay where regular Victory racing is usually held. The race results were presented at the Holiday Lunch on December 8th when the Frank Anthony Team Race Trophy was awarded to:

- Terry Edlund / Doug Diephols
 - Robert Skillings / Fernando Valera
 - Tom Bedford / Jeff Strickfaden
- We create teams of equal number boats and the individual scores are

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In this photo Sandy/Michael tried to slow the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th boats during one of the team races.

Here is Craig's explanation below:

In team races, the team with the fewest points wins. So, coming in first place does no good if the next three boats are on the other team. Sandy and Michael on the Blue team were way ahead going to the leeward mark.

Sandy and Michael in 648, sailed off course and are seen coming back on a starboard tack to slow the White team boats and help their team catch up. Tom and Jeff in 634 were forced to maneuver and were slowed but that allowed Terry and Doug in 615 to slip past them both. Ultimately the White team prevailed in the first two races while the Blue team won the final race."

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Accepting the Frank Anthony Team Trophy are Robert Skillings, Terry Edlund and Tom Bedford. Doug Diepholz, Fernando Valera and Jeff Strickfaden were not in attendance.



added to get the lowest team score for that race. The first team with two wins, wins the event and all racers on that team go on a perpetual trophy. There are special rules for a team race. Racers use these rules to help their teammates get ahead of the competition. Note that in the event of a tie score, the team with the winning boat loses. He should have helped his teammates get past the competition. Information was sent out to the racing list about how it all works. *R*

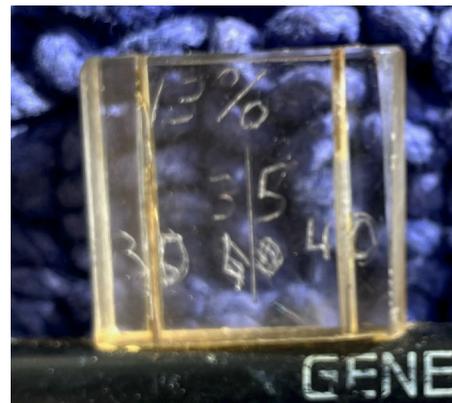
WindWords Investigators Confounded By Mystery Device



WindWords Labs investigators appeared to be stumped when asked to explain the workings of a strange device discovered among sailing equipment recovered from a Pacific Beach home in November. The device appears to have been custom made and has the General Dynamic name stamped on the side.

“The device also has a small, plastic square on the top with what appears to be a formula of some kind etched into the surface.” said Senior Researcher Tom Bedford. *“We have no clue as to what these numbers and symbols mean”.*

The device was found among sailing equipment and spare parts accumulated over a lifetime by CSC member Alex Leondis who died in September. Leondis, a rocket sci-



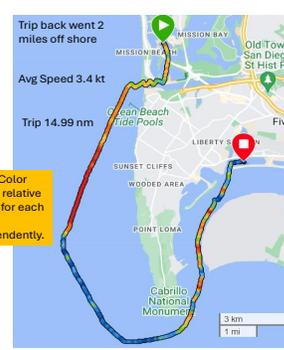
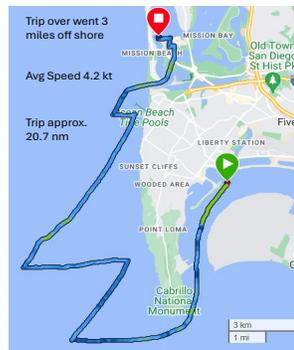
entist and respected member of the engineering community, was known to move about freely in the murky, secretive underworld of wind-driven tech. He may have come by the mystery device there. Or it may be the result of work he did for NASA or NOAA. *“For all we know it came from outer space!”* said Bedford, *“His friends at CSC aren’t talking! We may never know the answer.”* *R*

**This Just In!
New Facts Have Emerged
Concerning This Story!
Will Be Revealed In The
February WindWords!**

Convair Sailing Club Board of Directors

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Chief of Instruction..... John Hysler
Chief of Communications..... Jeff Nelson
Registrar.....Rajeev Jain
Membership Chairman..... Tom Bedford
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Chief of Checkout - Victory..... *Open*

Sailing To Mission Bay ... And Home



Note: Color shows relative speed for each graph independently.

If you have a story you'd like to see in WindWords text "CSC Story" to 760-533-8706. *R*

They say getting there is half the fun. Here's Craig Unger's Garmin data from the trip to Victory Nationals and back. They experienced wind from 5.7 Kts to flat out nothing. The

course took them over three miles from the coast. I sailed this a few years ago with Tracy Williams and it was fast! And you get to see Point Loma from the west! *R*