

# *Speed*

## **Hans Peter Elmer** *(Retired Patrol Sgt. — East Bay Regional Park Police)*

- Mr. Elmer was sitting on the deck of the Young Scandinavian's Club, with a clear view of Konocti Bay. He heard and then saw Perdock's power boat as it came around Fraser Point into Konocti Bay.
- He turned to his friends and said: "There's an idiot for you. This guy is either going to hit something or ... kill somebody or kill himself..." Mr. Elmer "judged him to be doing about 50 to 55 miles an hour."

## **Zina L. Dotti** *(Sail Boat Passenger)*

- When questioned by an officer about the speed of Perdock's boat, in a videotaped interview conducted the night of the accident, Ms. Dotti said: "Oh my God. It was hauling. It was going very, very, very fast. He was right on top of us before I could even — you know — besides saying, 'We're gonna get hit.' And then boom."

## **Sgt. Dennis Ostini** *(Lead Investigating Officer — Lake Co. Sheriff's Dept.)*

- Sgt. Ostini was in a boat on the lake that night.
- Given the conditions on the lake, Sgt. Ostini has testified that the maximum speed at which one could have safely operated a boat that night was "five (5) to ten (10) miles an hour..."
- Thus, according to Sgt. Ostini, Perdock who had claimed that he was going 40 miles per hour, was going four (4) to eight (8) times faster than the maximum safe speed.

## **Lt. Charles Slabaugh** *(Marine Accident Investigator Sacramento Co. Sheriff's Dept.)*

- After conducting an investigation, Lt Slabaugh concluded:
  - > Perdock violated California Boating Law, which requires vessels to operate at a reasonably safe speed.
  - > The "collision may have been avoided[,]" if Perdock had "reduced [his] speed in accordance with the limitations of visibility...."

## **Donna L. Perdock** *(Perdock's Former Wife)*

- In a recorded interview, Ms. Perdock stated that when her former husband is in his boat, he has a "need for speed."