

# THE SIGNAL

## MARINA BAY YACHT CLUB

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### COMMODORE'S LOG

There have been a lot of changes this past month. Because I was elected Vice Commodore for the year 2002, the position of Commodore fell to me upon the resignation of Commodore Robles. I feel honored and I pledge to do my best. We will need to elect a new Vice Commodore at the general meeting in March, so if you would like to fill the position or have someone in mind to nominate, let our Past Commodore, Don Wigle, know. He will present the list of candidates at the meeting and our Secretary, Mike Green, will conduct the election.

We have completed the lease for the boathouse with Westrec and begin full time operation on March 1, 2002. The lease has been approved by the City of Richmond. Our goal is to make the boathouse a center for a large variety of activities to enhance and preserve the value of your club membership to you. Do not hesitate to share with the board any ideas you have for an event or activity. We are wide open to your

suggestions and have plenty of open dates on the calendar. Phone numbers and email addresses for officers, board members, and most of the committee chairs are listed in the Signal and on the Internet. Let us hear from you.

Of course, we will be looking for volunteers to come down to the boathouse and help us with cleaning, rearranging furniture, and devising possible ways to use the different parts of the building. We are having more keys made so that any board member or the Social Activities Director can open the boathouse. One of the first things we have already done is to reposition the bar to give more floor space in the main room.

Our Fleet Captain, Larry Lawson, will tell you in his column about the great job he did leading a bunch of our boats over to the Loch Lomond Yacht Club, where visitors dock Mediterranean style.

There were over forty Sausalito YC visitors in for Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and

24<sup>th</sup> and everything went fairly well. Most, if not all of our guests said that they had a great time here with us. Our Port Captain, Bill Merkle, did an outstanding job coordinating that cruise-in. Don Wigle and George Naill got them all into slips (eighteen or twenty boats), and we fed them a fabulous dinner hosted by Dan and Ruth Stephens (whose other boat is a beautiful blue Harley-Davidson) with help from Ardelle Cirano. It was a blast! We simply must do a lot more of these. The door prize went to a Sausalito YC member, and one of their boats earned the coveted Mud Duck award by trying to cut inside buoy 18 on the way over. Our Treasurer, Ed Johnson, made the presentation.

We have a great group of people in MBYC. This is going to be a good year.

Phillip Coker  
Commodore

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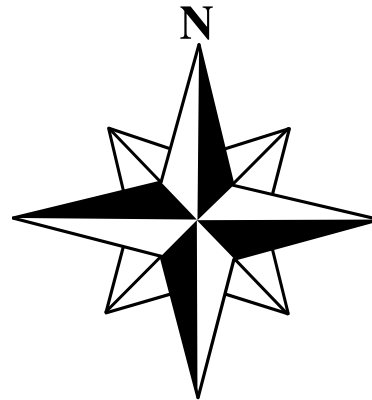
## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW MEMBERS

At the Board meeting held on February 16, 2002, the following people were elected members of Marina Bay Yacht Club:

- Ken & Louise Landis of Pleasant Hill

Welcome to the Club!



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Hans & Victoria Kuhn of Brentwood, who drive the Grady White 20 *El Tibaron*. Sponsors are Mike Faircloth & Bill Merkle.

## FLEET CAP'N'S REPORT

The Loch Lomond Yacht Club cruise- out was way better than I ever thought it would be. Those on the cruise were: *Lizard* with myself, *Silverheels II* with Pedro, *Ripple* with Dos Ripples, *Maenad* with Erwin, *White Bear* with Paul, *Mimi 'n' Me* with Libby and the Kepster, and *Dakota* with Ed and Dorothy.

The sail up was early and with the wind on the nose all the way. We all made it in before low tide. We did sit in the mud, but this was expected. What wasn't expected was summer in the middle of winter!! Yes, it was shorts and tee shirt weather. What a great weekend! Then Ward and Elaine Anderson arrive by land and upgrade the party. What a treat! We have a great cocktail time with hors d'oeuvres and sunshine on the deck of the clubhouse. We're overlooking our fleet, stern-tied to the dock, and the marina.



The Usual Suspects

Dinner was potluck on *Ripple*. Grilled salmon, salad, bread, wine and a rice dish from Dorothy and Ed to die for. Lisa Elliott and Kate arrived for the party on *Ripple* that followed dinner. Another bonus.

Entertainment at this party was unusual. Progressive jazz provided by Don and Pedro on sax and Lizard Guy on percussion. I

guess you would've had to be there. Jan brought out her Takamine guitar and I couldn't resist. A real quality guitar.

When the party wound down and our fleet went to sleep, the Loch Lomond "A" dock gang were on the deck havin' a party.....so...I joined them. Real nice bunch of guys. They exchanged burgees with us. Thanks, Ed, for having a burgee to exchange. They asked us to hang it over our bar in a special place. Easy. They are going to hang ours in Bobby's Cafe at the marina. Bobby collects burgees. We had breakfast there. Fun place.

The sail back was down wind and down current. I thought it was a great sail even if light at times. It was warm!! I do love the warm. We should consider going back sometime.

The next cruise is to South Beach Harbor. The 9th and 10th of March. This is fun in the "City". We'll have cocktails at South Beach Yacht Club with our regular PooPoo's. If you haven't reserved a slip yet call the harbor master at (415) 495-4911. The cost now is \$1 per foot per night. I have reserved 10 slips and the first 10 RSVP's got them. They have been notified. The rest can reserve on your own. If you are going, let me know. There are lots of great restaurants within walking distance. For dinner you'll have to decide for yourself where you want to go. That's too much work for me.

The weather is going to get better soon. In April we're cruising to Sausalito Yacht Club. We'll be on moorings. Two boats to a mooring. That's 16 boats. They have eight moorings. All others can anchor out across the channel. Think dink for this one. If you have one bring it. If not we'll have enough to get us all ashore. They serve dinner at the club and I think breakfast also. At any rate there are good restaurants close by. This will be another good one. I'll

need a RSVP by April 5th for this one. Call or e-mail to the club or [FleetCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com](mailto:FleetCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com).

I hope to see ya out there

Lizard Guy

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our previous Commodore, Willi Robles, has resigned, and Vice Commodore Phillip Coker has moved up to take that position. A new Vice Commodore must now be elected by the general membership. This will take place at a General Membership Meeting, which will take place on April 20 at 6:00 PM (before the scheduled dinner). As many MBYC members as possible should plan to attend.

Your Board of Directors is setting up several committees, some to assist existing Board members and some to handle changes in club operations and policies. Most now have chairpersons. They are:

- Social Activities (Ardelle Cirino)
- Club Facilities (Ed Johnson)
- Membership (George Nail)
- Information, Publication and Newsletter (includes Web Page) (Erwin Gove)
- Cruising Activities (Larry Lawson)
- Racing Activities (Dave Jacoby)
- Bylaws Committee (Jim Taylor)

Ardelle Cirino has been providing the beautiful color pages for recent Signals. Sure beats the B/W photos!

-----Editor

## PORT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Now that we have a lease we can finally move ahead on some of the projects we had planned for the clubhouse. Also, we need your help and ideas for ways to better utilize the clubhouse. Some things that come to mind are classes (boating safety, technical, etc.) and lunches (no bar service) that would be open to non-members and even residents from the neighborhood. These are all ways to attract new members and boost our membership numbers. We especially need a few individuals who are willing to take on the supervision of the various projects as they unfold.

One project that needs someone to manage is the reconditioning our new tables that will replace the folding tables. They need to be refinished, tops attached to the bases and the bases repainted. And....anyone with a source for some chairs to replace the folding backbreakers we now have would be forever appreciated by members and guests alike.

The upstairs carpet is in bad need of tender loving care and cleaning, as are the walls in the main room downstairs. Please direct any thoughts, suggestions and offers of help to myself, Ardelle or any of the other club officers.

If you wish to respond to the projects above, or have any suggestions, please let me know. I can be reached at [PortCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com](mailto:PortCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com).

We also are making a plea for a used refrigerator. The one we have doesn't freeze, runs continuously and doesn't get cold enough to protect the food we keep in it. I'm afraid someone will end up sick from eating something that came out of it. We shouldn't wait 'til Westrec rebuilds the kitchen. If you can help, contact me as above.

Let's all get together and make this a great Yacht Club!

Bill Merkel

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

To all members:

To those who haven't heard, Willi resigned as Commodore and from the club. All that is going to happen now is Phil will move up.

As board members, our job is to execute the desires of the club members. Everyone on the board should expect to answer for the things we do. I know I do. I don't know all the details but if he or anyone wants to quit that should be their choice.

The result of any board member leaving may be disruptive for a short time but that's why it is set up the way it is. This was a club long before Willi (or myself for that matter) joined and with faith and hard work it will be long after.

The board is taking action on this matter as quickly as is reasonable.

Lets all plan to attend scheduled events (and help out) when possible.

Best regards, George Naill

## EDITOR'S DESK

Our club really enjoyed the Pasta Extravaganza prepared by Ardelle Cirino for the Valentines Party on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition to a great dinner, a drawing for a door prize was held. The prize, a floating winch handle, was donated by MBYC and West Marine. Nancy Speer was the winner. Now Ken will have to seriously look for a new boat.

The dinner for the Sausalito YC cruise-in on Feb. 23 featured clam chowder in a bread bowl, prepared by

Dan and Ruth Stephens. The door prize, also a floating winch handle donated by MBYC and Westrec, was won by one of the Sausalito folks. We are considering having a door prize at all our dinners.

Ed Johnson attended the PICYA Leadership Seminar on Feb. 23, which is why he was not able to help with berthing the Sausalito boats, as planned. George Naill and Don Wigle (and probably others) did this much-appreciated service.

Speaking of new boats, Dan Best and Kathryn Sieck have sold *Still Clueless* and bought a Tayana 37. They plan to name it *Tricia Jean*. Dan can be found nearly every weekend on "D" dock adding improvements to her. They plan to start a long cruise to other climes in several years.

In light of our now more risky times, PICYA has suggested that all clubs appoint a Safety Officer. Commodore Coker has appointed George Naill to this position. George already does boat inspections through the Power Squadron. He will do ground safety inspections of the Boathouse as well.

At a recent PICYA meeting, a Coastguard spokesman warned that Rule Nine is being stressed, in light of increased security concerns. Pleasure boats should not even appear to conflict with the right of way of commercial vessels. Be careful out there.

-----Erwin Gove



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# Upcoming Events

March 2002

Loch Lomond  
Cruise Out



Charter Members  
Ward & Elaine Anderson

## Cruise Out

South Beach Harbor  
March 9-10, 2002

If you need additional information  
Contact Larry Lawson  
(707) 546-9657  
email: [fleetcaptain@marinabayyc.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@marinabayyc.com)

Reserve your spot for a great weekend

Put on Your Calendar  
General Membership Meeting  
April 20, 2002  
Details in next issue

## SAINT PATRICKS DINNER

March 16th, 2002

Board Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.  
Cocktails after meeting  
Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.

### Traditional Irish Fare

Corn Beef & Cabbage  
potatoes & carrots

Also Appetizers, salad bar  
and Desserts (variety)

Cost: \$12.50 (under 13=free)  
Hosts: Nestor & Ardelle Cirino

**RSVP at least 2 days in advance** for all dinners at the Marina Bay Yacht Club. **Contact Ardelle 707 558-9637 or SocialDirector@MarinaBayYC.com** **NOTE:** If for health or any other reason you are not able to eat the entree being provided for any dinner, and you want to attend, **Please feel free to request an alternative.** Request for alternative menu should be made at least **3 days** before event to ensure another entree will be available!!



Marina Bay Yacht Club



Sweethearts



Valentines Dinner: 2002



At The Bar



## MBYC 2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 12/13 Angel Island Raft-up
- 19 Board meeting  
Installation Dinner – Ciopino (Lagier)
- 26 Berkeley YC Cruise-in  
Salmon/chicken Dinner

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Super Bowl Sunday (drinks & snacks)
- 9/10 Cruise-out to Loch Lomond YC
- 16 Board meeting  
Valentines Party – Pasta Extravaganza
- 23 Sausalito YC Cruise-in  
Clam Chowder Dinner

### MARCH

- 9/10 Cruise-out to South Beach Harbor
- 16 Board meeting (1600)  
St. Patrick's Dinner (Cirino) (1900)
- 23/24 Sea Scout/Rotary Club Cruise-in

### APRIL

- 13/14 Cruise-out to Sausalito YC
- 20 Board meeting (1600)  
Marina Bay Blessing of the Fleet  
General Membership Meeting (1800)  
Dinner (1900)
- 28 Opening Day on SF Bay (PICYA)

### MAY

- 18 Board meeting  
Dinner
- 25-27 Cruise-out to Pittsburg YC (Blues Festival)

### JUNE

- 8/9 Cruise-out to Encinal YC
- 15 Board meeting  
Dinner

### JULY

- 13/14 Cruise-out to Sequoia YC
- 20 Board meeting  
Dinner

### AUGUST

- 3 Coastal cruise to Catalina, returning via  
Channel Islands for Labor Day barbecue---
- 10/11 Cruise-out to Vallejo Yacht Club
- 17 Board meeting  
Dinner
- 31 Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay YC---

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 ---and barbecue at Half Moon Bay
- 14 Board meeting  
Dinner

### OCTOBER

- 12-14 Cruise-out to Drake's Bay
- 19 Board meeting  
Dinner

### NOVEMBER

- 9/10 Cruise-out to San Rafael YC
- 16 Board meeting  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Chili Cook-off dinner

### DECEMBER

- 7/8 Angel Island Raft-up
- 14 Board meeting  
Holiday dinner



Gove

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on a foggy November day



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