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COMMODORE'S LOG

May was another busy month for us. It started with a cruise-in by the Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors (BAADS) for a Cinco de Mayo luncheon on the 4th, hosted by Ardelle Cirino. What an amazing group of people, and what a delight to meet them. Later that same day we held our Cinco de Mayo dinner, which was a feast hosted by Don and Jan Wigle.

Our board meeting was on the 18th followed by a potluck dinner, hosted by Ed and Dorothy Johnson, which was a huge success. I do wish that a few more members would come to the board meetings. Our ability to tend to the needs of our members is only as good as our perception of what the members would like for us to do. Our policy is that anyone in attendance has the right to speak on the issues at hand and no person will be ridiculed, laughed at, or scorned for any thought, comment or expression (excepting, of course, those of mine).

Over the Memorial Day Weekend we cruised to Pittsburg for the Black Diamond Blues Festival. This was arranged, with great patience, by Fleet Captain Larry Lawson. The Pittsburg Yacht Club was our host and just couldn't have done better. To begin with, two of their members, on PWCs, met our

boats as we approached the marina entrance and guided us to our berths. I am sending a letter to their Commodore, commending their Port Captain and staff for such outstanding support. It was almost as good as our support to the clubs that cruise in to Marina Bay!

The highlight of the Pittsburg cruise for me was the opportunity to observe the operation of their kitchen, which is equipped with industrial grade appliances. I was especially impressed by the small size and incredible speed of their dishwasher. They can do a full load in less than one minute in a machine that takes up little more space than two standard household dishwashers. This does not include drying, but the dishes are hot enough to air dry in only a few minutes more. This is something we must include in our own upgraded kitchen.

June will be another month of great sailing on the Bay. Kat and I will not be on the Encinal cruise because of my youngest daughter's wedding and her new husband's graduation from UC Davis School of Medicine. Both are on that same weekend. But a cruise to Encinal is always a lot of fun so I know that those of you who are going will have a good time.

----- Phillip Coker
Commodore

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

At the August 1988 MBYC Board meeting, the Board decided that the minutes of monthly Board meetings should be published in the subsequent issue of the Signal. This has seldom been done due to personal workloads, space in the newsletter, etc. The Minutes do not appear in this issue.

Members wishing to review the Minutes can find them on our Website, www.MarinaBayYC.com, in the Members Only section. You will need the user name and password to enter this section. If you don't know them, e-mail the Secretary at Secretary@MarinaBayYC.com.

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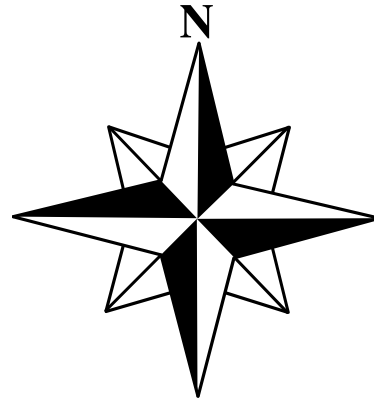
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

At the Board meeting held on May 18, 2002 and its adjournment, the following people were elected members of Marina Bay Yacht Club:

- Robert White of Richmond
- Cliff & Courtney Clark of Fairfax

Welcome to the Club!



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The monthly cruise-out is in two days from today, May 25,26,27 to Pittsburg Yacht Club. The blues festival will be happening and so will we. About 16 boats and 50 people strong! The Pittsburg YC port captain finally contacted me last night and learned about the great turn out. I had left several messages and e-mails along with the questionnaire they sent me. He is now scrambling to accommodate us. An adventure for him. By the time you read this report you will already know what happened. The forecast is for rain again. I've heard that before. What will the weather gods have in store for us? Well, you know the answer to that also.

The June cruise-out is on the 8th, to Encinal Yacht Club. Peter Turner will host this cruise. RSVP to him at: silverheelsii@home.com or Do this now, since the cruise is so soon. *Heron, Uncle George, Dakota, and Nestor & Ardelle* for drive in dinner are already on the list. Would be great to have another good turnout.

I won't be able to make the July cruise-out either. This one is to Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City. One of my favorite cruises. Great sail and warm. This one will be hosted by Phil Coker. You should RSVP to the Commodore for this one. Looks like I will miss the cruise to Vallejo Yacht Club in August also. I'm looking

for a host for this one. The cruise to Vallejo has always been a good one for me. You should enjoy it too.

Why am I missing all my cruises? Seems I'm in the process of purchasing another sailboat, a Tartan 34. The boat is located in Hawaii, and I'll sail it to S.F. Bay with the help of Peter Turner and Don and Jan Wigle. Between the sea trial and haul-out and the delivery back from Ali Wai, I won't be here on the cruise-out dates. I'll only get one adventure instead of three.

Be sure to continue to sail safe and have fun while I'm gone.

See ya out and about when I get back.

-----Lizard Guy (May 23)

PORT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

" Moving ahead with the Club Facilities "

The Club needs your help. Some of the projects that could use your assistance:

1. Table tops need to be cleaned and refinished.
2. Table tops need to be attached (bolted) to the bases.
3. The bar needs assistance from someone with some serious woodworking skills to help build a new base or at least a better support than it currently has. The most immediate need is to cut off the end that is damaged, to improve its appearance.

4. The carpets for the stairs, office and meeting room need to be cleaned.

5. Various members have asked about having the Club bar open on a regular basis. In order to do that, we need to have committed volunteers to tend the bar. We already have events on some of the Saturdays during the month. I was thinking of trying to have the facility's bar open every Saturday, which would require the least additional commitment from volunteers. If you are willing to commit to one Saturday (say 3:00 to 7:00 pm) a month for the next four months, please contact me.

We are an all-volunteer Yacht Club. In order for things to happen, we need to work to make them happen. If you have the time and desire to work on one of these projects or see other projects that you would like to work on please, contact me. I can be reached by email at PortCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com.

-----Bill Merkel

EDITOR'S DESK

Help! We have again run out of pictures of MBYC members' boats...the pic on page four is a graphic example of our plight. Please help. Send us a snapshot we can scan and return, or e-mail your picture to the Signal Editor; see pg. 2.

-----Editor

CRUISE TO PITTSBURG AND THE BLUES

The Pittsburg Yacht Club cruise-out was awesome! For those who sailed on Saturday, the downwind run with a flood tide was perfect. Warm and windy. There were no complaints about this sail. Those who went on Friday, to spend the night at Benicia or Martinez, had to motor in no wind and very warm weather. I always do warm whenever I can. Incidentally, if you berth at Marina Bay you can get a 50% discount on transient berthing at Martinez, which is also a Westrec marina.

Our arrival at the Pittsburg Marina was exciting due to heavy cross wind and current. The slips were double so there was a boat on the down wind/current side. After a few tight moments during dockage all made it in. The last boat in, *Sea Fair*, had extra activity. I was able to go swimming fully clothed between the boat and dock before *Sea Fair* was secured. Yes, Lizards can swim! My turn to be the entertainment. The folks not involved with the docking had to go into town and listen to Blues bands for their entertainment.

Speaking of entertainment.... The Pittsburg Yacht Club provided a great dinner and band for all on Saturday night, brunch and potluck on Sunday, and a spread for those who left early on Monday. Much thanks to Richard and Nancy Hardy as well as the Yacht Club for a wonderful weekend. But, that's not all. The Blues Festival was great! The bands ranged from a good jazz band from Pittsburg High School to top of the line musicians. Some world renowned. My favorite was a fairly new band. The Shane Dwight Blues Band. I bought the CD. They set the place on fire!

On Sunday night, some of our group opted for a potluck dinner

aboard *Silverheels*. As the evening progressed, some of the celebrants fell off the proverbial wagon.

The bash down river on Monday was just that. Twenty knots on the nose and three to four foot chop through Middle Ground, which a techie would probably call square waves. *Another Girl* was able to find mud. *Pelican* and *Dakota* came to the rescue. Thank you George, Ellie, Ed and Dorothy. Above and beyond. Time for another Mud Duck award, and possibly two Duck Plucker awards

By the time we reached Carquinez Bridge the wind was down to 7 knots. The sail through San Pablo Bay was the perfect ending to a great cruise. Warm, flat and up to 15 knots by my arrival at the Richmond Bridge.

We had 14 boats and 43 people on this cruise-out. *Lizard*, *Silverheels II*, *Mimi 'n' Me*, *Maenad*, *Ripple*, *Pelican*, *Dakota*, *Silent Dancer*, *La Dolce Vita*, *Another Girl*, *Sassy*, *Sea Fair*, *Alleluea*, and I believe *Wandering Star*.

This was by far one of the best cruise-outs I've been on. Great turnout, great weather (told ya it wouldn't rain even if forecast) and great people. Thank you for making the cruise-outs so fun. Keep it up. You make the difference!

-----Lizard Guy



Cruisin' down Suisun Bay

NOTICE TO RIVER RATS

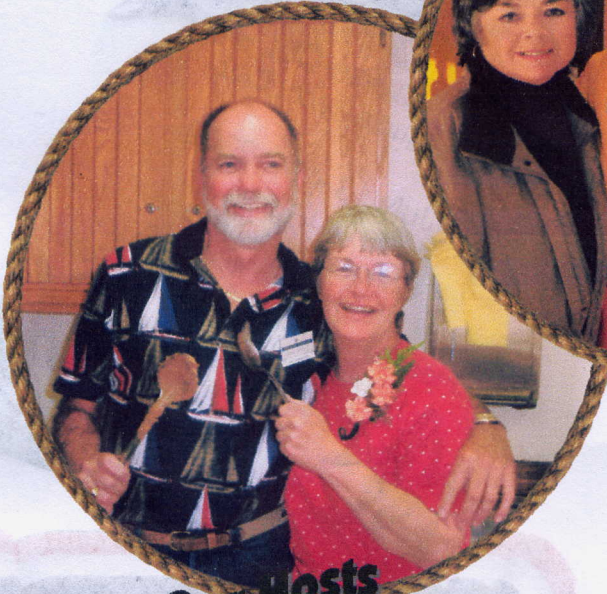
CALTRANS will be working with the Coast Guard to establish a safety zone on the Carquinez Strait around the Carquinez Bridges that will be enforced on various days between June 17 and July 16, 2002 for approximately five hours per day. The safety zone is necessary to protect persons and vessels from hazards while a footbridge access system is placed for construction of the main cables of the new Carquinez Bridge.

No person or vessel will be allowed to travel or anchor under the Carquinez Bridges while the safety zone is in effect. The safety zone will be enforced on the following days and times. Violation of the zone may result in fines up to \$27,500.

June 17	7:30 am – 12:00 pm
18	9:00 am – 1:30 pm
19	10:00 am – 2:30 pm
20	11:30 am – 4:00 pm
21	1:00 pm – 5:30 pm
22	8:00 am – 12:30 pm
23	9:00 am – 1:30 pm
24	9:30 am – 2:00 pm
25	10:00 am – 2:30 pm
26	4:00 am – 8:30 am
27	4:30 am – 9:00 am
28	5:30 am – 10:00 am
29	6:30 am – 11:00 am
30	6:30 am – 11:00 am
July 1	7:30 am – 12:00 am
2	8:30 am – 1:00 pm
3	5:00 am – 9:30 am
8	8:30 am – 1:00 pm
9	9:30 am – 2:00 pm
10	10:00 am – 2:30 pm
11	10:30 am – 3:00 pm
12	4:00 am – 8:30 am
13	5:00 am – 9:30 am
14	5:30 am – 10:00 am
15	7:00 am – 11:30 am
16	7:30 am – 12:00 pm

-----from CALTRANS news release

Cinco de Mayo 2002



**Our Hosts
Don & Jan Wigle**



Marina Bay Yacht Club Upcoming Events

JUNE

Cruise Out to
Encinal Yacht Club
June 8 - 9 2002

Contact Larry Lawson:
FleetCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com
Phonne: 707 546-9657

June 15, 2002

Board Meeting Dinner

Fine Italian Cuisine.

Menu

Antipasto
Pesto Lasagna
Lasagna Bologna
Green Salad
Marinated Vegetable Salad
Assorted Italian pastries

Hosted By:
Mike Faircloth & Bill Merkel

Cost:
\$12.50 per person
Children >13 = free

RSVP Ardelle
707 558-9637 or email
SocialDirector@MarinaBayYC.com



JULY

Aolean Yacht Club
Cruise In

July 6, 2002

Salmon Dinner
with all the trimmings
Fabulous desserts

Hosted by: Phil Coker & Kat Decker

Cost: \$12.50 pp Kids.13 =free

Cruise Out
Sequoia Yacht Club

July 13 - 14, 2002

Contact Larry Lawson
Phone 707 546-9657
FleetCaptain@marinabayyc.com

Reserve Your Spot
Today!!



July 20th, 2002
Board Meeting Dinner
Barbeque American Style.

Menu
BBQ Spare Ribs Corn
on the Cob Potato
Salad Green Salad
Rolls & Butter
Apple Pie & Ice Cream

Hosted By: **The Jacobys & the Taylors**

Cost:
\$10.50 per person Children >13 = free



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
St. Patrick's Dinner (Cirino)
- 23/24 Sea Scout/Rotary Club Cruise-in

APRIL

- 13/14 Cruise-out to Sausalito YC
- 20 Board meeting
Bar & snacks (after meeting)
BBQ tri-tip & chicken dinner
(Ledbetter/Flores)
General Membership meeting
- 21 Buffet Brunch
- 28 Opening Day on SF Bay (PICYA)

MAY

- 4 Cinco de Mayo celebration
BAADS Cruise-in luncheon (Cirino)
MBYC dinner (Wigle)
- 18 Board meeting
Potluck Dinner (Johnson)
- 25-27 Cruise-out to Pittsburg YC (Blues Festival)

JUNE

- 8/9 Cruise-out to Encinal YC
(Contact Peter Turner at
silverheelsii@home.com)
- 15 Board meeting (1600)
Ballena Bay YC Cruise-in
Dinner (1800/1900): Fine Italian
Cuisine (Faircloth/Merkel)

JULY

- 6/7 Aolean YC Cruise-in
Salmon Dinner (Coker/Decker)
- 13/14 Cruise-out to Sequoia YC (contact Phillip Coker
at Commodore@MarinaBayYC.com)
- 20 Board meeting
Barbecue American Style (Jacobys & Taylors)

AUGUST

- 3+/- Unorganized coastal cruise to Catalina,
returning via Channel Islands for
Labor Day---
- 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
- 21 Board meeting
"Santa Maria" style tri-tip barbecue

OCTOBER

- 12-14 Cruise-out to Drake's Bay
- 19 Board meeting
Annual Membership Meeting
Chili Cook-off Dinner

NOVEMBER

- 2/3 Cruise-out to Treasure Island YC
- 16 Board meeting
Cal Clippers Cruise-in
Thanksgiving Dinner

DECEMBER

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



Wigle

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Captain Bill Strong and Lore Hislop

----Pleasant sailing on the Bay



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