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CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Your Board of Directors is moving forward in improving our clubhouse kitchen, dining room, and bar. Ed Johnson requested a proposal from a commercial designer in Oakland for their proposed design. They produced a very nice design, which included expanding the kitchen into the storage room where chairs and tables are now stored. A new, larger range would be installed, a large commercial-grade refrigerator, high-speed dishwasher, etc.

The design was far too expensive for our club's building fund, especially considering that we have only four years left on our lease, with no guaranteed right of renewal. Anything permanently installed couldn't be taken with us if we had to move.

Now we find that Westrec, who signed the lease contract, is leaving the Marina on Feb. 1, '03. Bay Harbor Management Services will be taking over. Westrec's offer to contribute \$20,000 to refurbishing the clubhouse is now in limbo.

The present plan is to install carpet (so we can converse during our parties), if possible before our next dinner. It could be done the first week of February. The inadequate kitchen appliances (two hours to wash one load of dishes? A range that can't handle tall pots on the rear burners?) will be replaced with much better equipment that will be installed in the existing spaces, but not built in. The replaced units will be stored, and reinstalled if we are forced to vacate. Used appliances in good condition will be the preferred choice over new units.

We are considering building a new bar that will make better use of dining room space. Club member Eric Anderson has volunteered to do the design, and will use volunteer labor (ours) as much as possible. The plan is to make it a wet bar, if possible.

At the last Board meeting a Building Committee was established, chaired by Bill Merkel. The committee members are Kat Decker, Mike Green, Eric Anderson, Mike Faircloth, and Erwin Gove. The committee is using e-mail to "meet" and make proposals and decisions, rather than trying to assemble personally at the marina once a week. This will speed up the action considerably.

We have finally picked up momentum on the project. The end is foreseeable and our future (at least for more four years) looks bright.

-----Erwin Gove, Editor



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MARDI PARTY HEARTY?

The cruise-out for March will be to Coyote Point Yacht Club on March 8/9. The club is on the opposite side of Highway 101 from the city of San Mateo.

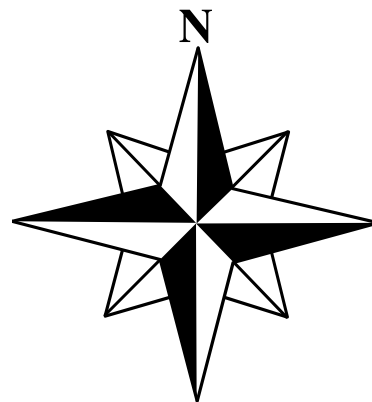
On March 8, the CPYC will host their Mardi Gras party, which promises to be hopping! They anticipate a DJ and/or band, fresh shucked oysters, crawdad etouffe, dirty rice, and sausage jambalaya as likely menu items. (Their Regatta Room has a self-service, well-equipped kitchen for those who choose not to join the Mardi Gras festivities.)

Besides the party, the area has other attractions. The Coyote Point Recreation Area is just inland of the marina and boasts a 2.5-mile trail around the park which leads to the Coyote Point Museum for Environmental Education. Bring your walking shoes or your bicycle, bird book, and binoculars. (There is a sandy beach, a children's playground, and even a municipal golf course nearby.) In other words: "Something for everyone!"

I need to know who is interested in participating in this event so please contact me either by e-mail or by phone (see Hotlines) as soon as possible so that I can let them know how many boats/crew to anticipate.

This one should be good!

Jan Wigle
Fleet Captain



PICYA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(from the PICYA LOG, Jan/Feb 2003)

The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association has scheduled Feb. 22, 2003 for its Spring Leadership Conference. The conference will be held at the beautiful Pittsburg yacht Club. This is an opportunity to learn what's happening in our yachting community.

Learn the do's and don'ts of what our club can do to stay in compliance with laws enforced by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Find out what is myth and what is fact. For instance, there is no place in the regulations requiring a nametag, but learn from an ABC representative why it's an excellent idea for us to require them.

Find out from a Coast Guard officer what to expect while boating on Bay and Delta waters. Learn more about their mission and what we, as recreational boaters, can do to assist them at their job. Understanding what their mission is will create a much less stressful boating environment for us.

A representative from the California Department of Boating and Waterways will be on hand to bring us up to date on how the Bay and Delta are doing. He will discuss such matters as clearing waterways of excess vegetation.

The conference will also include the President of Recreational Boaters of California and the legislative advocate representing our boating interests in Sacramento. They will let us know of changes in legislation we need to be aware of, and of pending legislation both good and bad and how we can influence its passage.

Are issues affecting boating in the Bay and Delta, such as the proposed San Francisco Airport expansion of interest to you? Come listen to what PICYA's Regional Affairs committee chairman has to say about these types of issues.

If you want to learn more about these topics and more be sure to attend. Registration will start at 0800, with the programs getting underway at 0915. We will receive Club of the Year points for this event. The price is \$15.00 per person. Reserve your spot now by clipping the form on this page and mailing it to the address on the form. For further information contact Mike Billington, phone (209) 529-3678, e-mail TheDianeB@sbcglobal.net.



PICYA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
February 22, 2003
Pittsburg YC

Here is my reservation for the *2003 Leadership Conference*, and a check for \$15 payable to PICYA is enclosed. I understand that my payment includes both lunch and conference materials. (FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE SUBMIT A FORM FOR EACH PERSON, OR A LETTER, WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:)

NAME _____ CLUB/ASSN. _____
ADDRESS _____ POSITION/TITLE _____
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Please clip and mail this form with your check for \$15.00 (payable to PICYA) to Rear Commodore Mike Billington,
3717 Dragoo Park Drive, Modesto, CA 95356
For additional information you may call Rear Commodore Billington at (209) 529-3678 or Email: TheDianeB@sbcglobal.net

“ADVENTURE” TO PUERTO VALLARTA

Our friend was taking his boat down to Puerto Vallarta and he asked us to join him. So between Thanksgiving and Christmas we found ourselves sailing (or motoring) down the Pacific-side Coast of Baja. We were familiar with the boat as it is the same boat we raced to Hawaii on in 1994. The only difference was there were only three of us this time, instead of six--just the Captain and us. One of the great parts of the trip was that most nights we went into anchorages or harbors.

We left Ensenada on 12/2 and spent our first night at anchor in Colnett. From there we stopped in San Quintin, San Carlos and the most awful night anchored next to Cedros Island. After the seals came out to greet us, the winds came up and the seals returned en masse, darting under the boat, blowing bubbles and just plain annoying us all night. Between the rocking, rolling and noise, there was no sleep that night.

On to a wonderful, calm, two-day stay in Turtle Bay. We dinghyed into shore several times, ate at Maria's Restaurant, re-fueled, re-provisioned and toured the town. The toy store, which doubled as a communication center, had a photocopy machine, telephone, fax and a computer, which we logged on to. Most of the places we had anchored had another boat or several boats. This harbor had a dozen or so. It was nice to socialize.

We pulled up anchor and left for Asuncion on 12/10. Then on to Abreojos. "Abreojos" means, "open your eyes" in Spanish. We found out they meant it literally. In order to reach the anchorage, we had to get through some pretty rough stuff. High winds right on our nose and lots of rocks just below the surface made it a white-knuckled ride. But once we got into the calm waters, it was lovely. Porpoise were swimming around us, birds were diving for food, and the sun setting behind the mountains protecting us was magnificent.

Our next anchorage was Belcher Cove in Magdalena Bay. We anchored in 25 feet of water. We could see our anchor at the bottom and could watch the lobsters crawl around. It was something else. We rested well because the next leg was going to be an over-nighter to Cabo San Lucas. We moored off the beach in front of restaurants and hotels at 11 a.m. on 12/15. We dinghyed into town several times. It is quite a "tourist" town and we did our part to help their economy and even had ice cream each night before returning to the boat.

After re-fueling and re-provisioning, we left Cabo at 8:30 a.m. on 12/17 for our last and longest leg---Puerto Vallarta. No wind, so we motored all day, all night, all the next day, all the next night and at 5 a.m. on 12/19 the

winds came up right on our nose, the seas were mixed and we put on our foul weather gear. We had been in shorts during the day and sweats at night since we left Turtle Bay. This part was no fun. Especially when you couple it with the approach to Bandaras Bay being ringed by rocks and reefs and generally-described "foul" designations all over the chart we were looking at. However, after numerous "discussions," the Captain and his crew made it safely into Paradise.

Literally and figuratively we tied up at a dock in Paradise at 10:30 a.m. The marina is called Paradise Village and is part of a five-star hotel/resort. We had no idea we were going to be in such a beautiful place. There were three swimming pools, a huge beach with cabanas, hotel, condos, spa, zoo, tennis courts, and on and on. We were also by a shopping mall with a grocery store that had ice!

We ventured by bus to the town of Puerto Vallarta. Ate, shopped, "negotiated" with the locals and had a great time. Then went back to Paradise to swim, bask in the sun and socialize with the other boaters. This was truly the adventure we had wanted to take for many, many years. We were fortunate that we were invited to crew. We reached Paradise and flew home safely on Christmas Day to rain, rain, rain. Yuck! But we still have our tans.

-----Dave & Sue Jacoby

FEBRUARY DINNER

It was good seeing all our old friends at January's dinner. When the new carpet is installed, maybe we can actually have a conversation at MBYC.

For the dinner on February 15, I am cooking a Mediterranean dinner; hummus, tabouli (Mediterranean appetizers) chicken with dried apricots, rice, rolls, salad, and dessert.

I just read a book you might like---"Blue Latitudes". It's about a man who went to some of the areas that Capt. Cook explored and a lot about Cook. Not a great work of literature but enjoyable, and you don't have to read every word.

Hope to see you all next month.

-----Mary Cosper

THE LIZARD'S LOUNGE

Several members have approached me about continuing a column in THE SIGNAL. I didn't think too much about writing after being Fleet Captain. It didn't occur to me that anyone would be interested in what I think or do. Thanks for your interest.

In order for me to write stuff I have to make sure I have yellow legal paper and number 2 pencils. (Peter Turner once asked, "If number 2 pencils are the most popular, then why aren't they number 1?") I also need to get into a state of mind. Go to a place inside of my head that's different from my normal craziness. I call it "The Lizard's Lounge". Yes. It's a strange place, but I know others who have a similar place. Maybe even you. Oh yea, you do have it. Don't you?

I have concluded that the people who want to read this column would have to be the "Lounge Lizards". Lounge Lizards enjoy sailin', relaxin' percussion, music, and WARM. The Lounge Lizards sail and relax on board. They sail and enjoy music on board. Lounge Lizards sail and party on board. They like to sail and explore a few places. Lounge Lizards know when some things need to stay aboard. Yes, you know what I mean. LL's are helpful, fun loving people.

The last cruise-out to Angel Island with Jan (Fleet Captain) and *Ripple* was a good example of Lounge Lizard fun. No rain, not too cold, music and percussion. This was a great cruise-out and a good start to what's going to be a very good year.

Kat had a really fun cruise-in and club dinner in January. Thank you Kat for a good start to the new year. It was good to see so many old friends who have been to the *Lizard* boat on various cruise-outs over the years.

On another note: Who has SSB and who has HAM? I'm working on the SSB license process and am interested in the HAM tech license. My radio came with the boat so I want to use it. Contact me if you know what I need to learn. I always need help. I'm one of those.

Hey..... Maybe we can start a net or something? What do ya think?

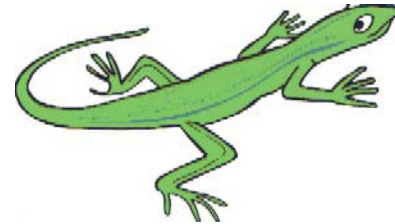
For those who really don't like the heavy winds in the summer months, keep in mind the lightest winds happen during the winter months. This is when people like yours truly break out the spinnaker and use it. The weather is a bit cooler; O.K., the weather is damn cold! My point is.... The boat is upright and easy to sail. So put on something warm and go sailin'!

I know Jan has a cruise-out to China Camp in February. The tides are small and I'm sure the winds will be light if between storms. Check the weather and know

that the Lizard Guy will be there. You know what that means. Let's see if we are still on a weather roll.

My email address is: llawson@highstream.net. Keep in touch. Give me info.

Sail safe and have fun-----Lizard Guy



HAM RADIO LICENSE

If you have ever considered getting your Technical HAM license (no code required), there is a class starting up at Santa Rosa Junior College on February 1st. The class runs 10 weeks on Saturdays from 9:00 am until Noon. The cost is only \$20!

You can get details by calling the Empire Amateur Radio Society at 707.544.4944. The class is held in Lark Hall, room 2030. You can sit in on the first class at no charge to see if it's something you would like to do. I'll be there.

-----Jim Butchart
Treasurer, MBYC

SAFETY INSPECTIONS

We have received our 2003 stickers and forms, so we are good to go for Safety Inspections. We are ready to start our inspections now, at your convenience. The advantage to you is that passing the inspection and displaying the sticker on your boat will likely deter the Coast Guard from stopping you while under way, at their convenience, for the same purpose. The advantage to the Coast Guard is that they won't have to interrupt guarding our coast to inspect you.

Here is the contact information. We are usually at Marina Bay at least two weekends a month.

Marina Bay "D" dock, slip 188
George's cell 707-481-1806
Ellie's cell 707-481-3457

-----George Naill, Safety Inspector
Ellie Naill

Marina Bay Yacht Club Upcoming Events

February, 2003



Cruise-Out to

China Camp

February 8 - 9, 2003

Contact:

fleetcaptain@marinabayyc.com

Valentines Dinner

Mediterranean-Style Food

Saturday, February 15, 2003

Board Meeting: 4:00 p.m.

Bar Opens approx.: 4:00 p.m.

Dinner: 4:00 p.m.

Menu:

appetizers: hummus & tabouli

Chicken with dried apricots

Rice, green salad, rolls & butter

dessert and coffee

Cost: \$13.00 p.p. Kids <13 = free

Hosted By

Paul & Mary Cosper

RSVP

Port Captain

Katherine Decker (707) 678-4924

PortCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com

Berkeley Cruise In

Saturday, February 22, 2003

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Giopino

(Italian Seafood Stew)

Includes Salad, bread & butter

Coffee & Dessert.



Cost: \$15.00 Kids <13 = free

Hosted By:

Lagiers, Turners, Keppels



Installation Dinner

2003



MBYC 2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

11/12 Cruise-out to Ayala Cove

18 Board Meeting
Installation, Roast Beef Dinner
(Decker/Naill)

FEBRUARY

8/9 Cruise-out to China Camp

15 Board Meeting (1600)
Valentine's Day Mediterranean
Dinner (Cosper) (1800/1900)

22 Berkeley YC Cruise-in
Dinner (Lagier, Turner, Keppel)
(1800/1900)

MARCH

8-9 Cruise-out

15 Board Meeting
St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Cirino)

APRIL

12-13 Cruise-out

19 Board Meeting
Dinner

MAY

3 Cinco de Mayo Dinner

10-11 Cruise-out

17 Board Meeting
Chicken Cacciatore Dinner (Gove)

JUNE

7-8 Cruise-out

14 Board Meeting
Dinner

JULY

19 Board Meeting
Dinner

Cruise-out

AUGUST

9-10 Cruise-out

16 Board Meeting
Dinner

30-31 Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay

SEPTEMBER

1 Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay (cont'd)

20 Board Meeting
Dinner

OCTOBER

11-12 Cruise-out

18 Board Meeting
Dinner

NOVEMBER

8-9 Cruise-out

15 Board Meeting
Dinner

DECEMBER

13 Board Meeting
Holiday Dinner

Cruise-out?



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