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COMMODORE'S LOG



The Marina Bay Yacht Club is at a crossroad. On one hand we are becoming a full-time club and the evidence of this is seen by the development of the clubhouse (new dishwasher, new carpeting and keys for members); yet, while we're quite solvent now, we are beginning to see that we'll have a financial struggle of paying for this new status in the future.

Our lease agreement with the City of Richmond requires us to pay a fair market rent rate for the clubhouse. Our current membership level does not support this higher rate; therefore we either need to increase membership or find alternate sources of revenue to pay our costs.

Your board of directors has worked diligently to resolve this issue over these past months and I believe they are headed in the right direction: increase membership and find new ways to increase club revenue. Membership dropped off with the downturn in the economy but has picked back up in the past two months. We're attracting some really good people and I look forward to their active participation in the club.

Two upcoming events mark the evolution of the club:

- 1) The Corsair Owners Association Dinner in June. We are hosting this dinner for this group's national regatta. MBYC is getting widespread attention from boaters for our participation in this event. We are hopeful

that a national sponsor like Harken will become involved. We need volunteers to host the club, tend the bar and host the dinner. Can we count on you? Please contact Kat Decker at PortCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com for more information and to sign up.

- 2) In July, Eric Anderson (our new Vice Commodore) will host a truly great event. With help from his family, there will be a professional wine tasting followed by a multi-course dinner cooked by professional chefs. At May's dinner we advised club members that they must get their reservations in ASAP. We'll be inviting other clubs and boating groups to attend as well. This event should create a new awareness from the boating community about Marina Bay Yacht Club.

In the last Signal I noted that we are a "volunteer" club and rely upon members to make a difference. Here are two special events that we need your help to make a success. Feel free to contact me at Commodore@MarinaBayYC.com or contact Kat Decker at PortCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com.

By the way, we had a tremendous cruise-out to South Beach in San Francisco – thanks to all who came, but especially to Fleet Captain Jan Wigle for great event.

-----Mike Green, Commodore

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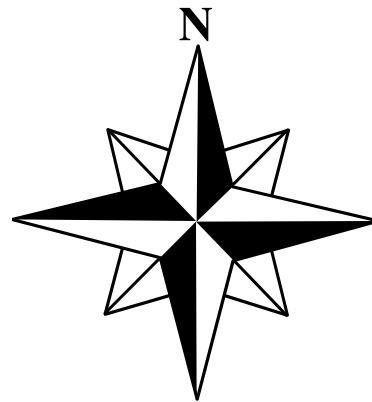
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

At the Board meeting held on May 17, 2003 the following people were elected to membership in Marina Bay Yacht Club:

- Enya Baker and Jennifer Erickson of Richmond.
- Don Dunn and Donna Smith of Carmichael.

Welcome to the Club!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Larry Thornberry of Dublin, who drives the Hatteras 50 *Angel Gia*

Ira and Rosie Clancy of Richmond

CRUISE NEWS

MI HI II & AMAZING GRACE

Joe Ledbetter and Adeliza Flores on *Mi Hi II* and James and Pamela Duvall on *Amazing Grace* took off on their two boats bound for Hawaii, on May 25. They have registered on Yotreps so that us land-bound people can track their progress. Below is an e-mail from Joe giving the details.

-----Ed Johnson



Mi Hi

We have registered our boat in YOTREPS. This is a free service that tracks boat passages. We are going to try to make regular contact with this service through radio to give them our position. They then take this information and plot it on a chart. You can check their website and look up our track and our last known position by doing the following:

- 1) Go to the website: <http://www.pangolin.co.nz>
- 2) Click on YOTREPS Offshore Report (one of the green tabs on the top of the page). This will take you to the YOTREPS screen.
- 3) Then, click on Boat Reports (one of the green tabs on top of the page)
- 4) A new screen will show a list of boats that have been tracked or are being tracked.
- 5) Under the YOTREPS ID column, go down the list and look for KG6QOD. The name of our boat is *MI HI II*.
- 6) Click on the highlighted word "track" in the last column and it will open up a simple map with the position track of the vessel.

Steps 1 and 2 can be bypassed if you go directly to http://www.pangolin.co.nz/yotreps/reporter_list.php



We are not listed yet because we have not made our first contact. Please note that we might not be able to connect regularly. If our position is not updated, it is not sufficient to assume that we are lost! Of course, we will still be e-mailing as often as allowed.

-----Joe Ledbetter
Mi Hi

NATARAJA

Eric Willbur and Emmy Newbould on *Nataraja* are leaving Hawaii on June 1st to sail to Alaska. You can track their progress on Yotreps. Their Yotreps reporting ham call sign is KD5SIT. These folks really get around!

-----Ed Johnson

JULY DINNER IN A FOREIGN LAND

Come and enjoy a night in Tuscany with food and wine tasting, hosted by Eric Anderson.

The dinner on July 19th at our clubhouse will feature food from the Tuscan region of Italy along with samplings of various Italian wines. A wine expert will be on hand throughout the dinner to describe the various wines that we will be tasting, and the pairings to various food courses.

Since wine is to be enjoyed with food, the wine tasting will be offered with each course presented, starting with appetizers, then a three-course dinner. Each course will have wine parings to sample. This will be a full table service so come, relax, and enjoy. All wines being sampled will also be available for purchase.

Appetizers will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner. Make reservations by June 5th, either by e-mail to the Port Captain or call 707-678-4924.

-----Kat Decker
Port Captain

George Naill's
SAFETY FORUM

BOAT SAFETY GROUNDING

While recently cruising through Nigel Calder's "Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual", trying to get a better handle on boat grounding, I ran across a sidebar on page 98 labeled "Swimmers Beware". It warns that if the ground wire in a shore power cord doesn't have a good electrical connection from the shore wiring system to the boat's grounding system, a short circuit in the AC (115 or 230 volt) system on board can electrocute a person in the water nearby. The small electric current that can run through a person's body can paralyze muscles, which can stop breathing and result in drowning, leaving no evidence of the cause.

The boat's ground consists of battery negative, engine block, electric appliance and instrument cases, and perhaps through-hulls. This equipment should all be interconnected, and connected to the AC ground wire.

A problem with the ground wire in the AC shore power cord may be due to the grounding prong on the connector having been cut off, prong loose in the socket, broken wire, or bad wire connection to one of the sockets. Or in my case, the ground wire was disconnected from the boat's ground system...purposefully, to prevent my sail-drive from again having holes eaten in it by stray electric currents from neighboring boats in the marina.

I'll solve my problem by installing a galvanic isolator in the AC ground circuit and reconnecting the ground wire to the engine block.

For your safety, any time you want to swim around your boat in the marina (?) or enter the water to clean the hull or ream through-hulls, you should disconnect your shore power cord on shore. Also disconnect your immediate neighbors' cords. If they have an electrical problem, you'll be swimming in their electrical field and are at risk.

-----Erwin Gove

I think this is an important article. It brings to mind the little girl who died up at Lake Sonoma a few years ago because of improper electrical wiring at the marina up there. Scary stuff! This just might save someone's life. Maybe this info should be posted around the marina, or included in the newsletters Marina Bay sends out as well as our own... sort of like a community service thing.

-----Ellie Naill

CHICKEN CACCIATORE DINNER

In response to several requests for the recipe for the chicken cacciatore that we cooked on May 17, here it is. We used thighs rather than whole chickens, and multiplied the basic recipe to feed the multitude. The recipe came from a San Francisco Italian restaurant many years ago. The salad dressing recipe came from a winery in Morgan Hill, as best I can remember. The cheesecake came from COSTCO.
-----Erwin Gove

CHICKEN CACCIATORE

- 1 3-lb frying chicken, cut up
- Flour
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 No. 2 can (28 oz.) tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano, crumbled
- 1/2 teaspoon basil, crumbled
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 lb fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup sherry
- Chopped parsley

Dredge chicken in flour; brown in oil until golden. Place in 2-1/2 quart casserole. Add tomatoes to skillet and stir to deglaze pan; add garlic, salt, oregano, basil and pepper. Spread mushrooms over chicken; pour on tomato mixture. Cover and cook in 350-degree oven for about 45 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Pour sherry over top; stir gently. Serve on hot platter and garnish with chopped parsley. Makes four generous servings.

ITALIAN SALAD DRESSING
(Live Oaks Winery)

- 3/4 cup good olive oil
- 1/3 cup pure wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano

Prepare at least one hour before using. Shake all ingredients together in a covered jar until blended. Shake several times during the hour wait.

Thru gusty winds and hefty waves



Mike & Kasey Green: Cruising to South Beach Harbor
May 24, 2003

Calm seas and a little breeze



"The Brothers" May 26, 2003

Last Minute Note: The June 21st Corsair event has been cancelled

Upcoming Events

June 2003

Cruise Out to Sausalito YC

June 7 - 8, 2003

They will provide a dinner at their club
See details in the Fleet Captain's column
or Contact:

Jan Wagle: 209-527-7775 or
fleetcaptain@mannabayyc.com

Board Meeting & Bridge Marina YC Cruise-In

Saturday, June 14th, 2003

Tri-tip Dinner

Board Meeting: 4:00 p.m.

Bar Opens approx.: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

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

Hosted By

Ed & Dorothy Johnson

RSVP

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Open House

Sunday, June 22, 2003

Between noon and 4:00 p.m.

Come join us for a BBQ
at the Boathouse

Bring whatever meat you want to cook, we'll provide the rest.

(For those of you that are unable to bring meat, don't let that stop you. We will have hamburgers available for \$2.00)

Help is needed from members
(See back of this page for details)

Private Party

CORSAIR DINNER

Saturday

June 21, 2003

Help is needed from members

Mark Your Calendar!!!

On July 19th we will be having a very special Wine Tasting Event at the Marina Bay Yacht Club
Reservations will be required, and need to be made by June 10th To assure maximum participation, members of other clubs will be invited after that date. Cost: \$15.00 **So RSVP now.**



Raffle

This item will be raffled on July 19th if we have sold 25 tickets at \$5.00 each. (otherwise as soon as we meet that goal) Do not need to be present to win.

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Please sign up to spend time at the Boathouse between noon and 4 pm.

Be available to give interested persons info about our club and to either 1) Help set up for visitors or 2) Help clean up after the BBQ.

Please contact me at
510 816-3059 or
email: rearcommadore@marinabayyc.com

Let me know what you can do to help out!!
MBYC needs your support



Ripple preparing to enter South Beach Harbor..... May 24, 2003

MBYC 2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 8-9 Cruise-out to China Camp
- 15 Board Meeting
Valentine's Day Mediterranean
Dinner (Casper)
- 22 Berkeley YC Cruise-in
Dinner (Lagier, Turner, Keppel)

MARCH

- 8-9 Cruise-out to Coyote Pt. YC
- 15 Board Meeting
St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Cirino)

APRIL

- 5 "Women Aboard" Cruise-in
Meeting, Dinner (Kathy Smith)
- 19-20 Cruise-out to Clipper Cove
- 26 Board Meeting, Dinner

MAY

- 3 Cinco de Mayo Dinner (Cirino)
- 17 Board Meeting
Chicken Cacciatore Dinner (Gove)
- 24-26 Cruise-out to South Beach Harbor

JUNE

- 7-8 Cruise-out to Sausalito YC
- 14 Board Meeting (1600)
Bridge Marina YC Cruise-in
Tri-Tip Dinner (Johnson)
(1800/1900)
- 21 Corsair Marine group dinner
- 22 Open House (Cirino) (1200-1600)

JULY

- 5-6 Cruise-out to Sequoia Yacht Club
- 12 James & Donna Smith (private)
- 19 Board Meeting
Dinner with wine tasting

AUGUST

- 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
Richmond Marina "Festival by the Bay"

OCTOBER

- 11-12 Cruise-out
- 18 Board Meeting
General Membership Meeting
Octoberfest Dinner (Duvall & Flores)
Dinner

NOVEMBER

- 8-9 Cruise-out to Golden Gate Yacht Club
- 15 Board Meeting
Chili Cookoff Dinner

DECEMBER

- 13 Board Meeting
Holiday Dinner
- Cruise-out?



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Captain Jim Butchart and crew
ghosting up the San Francisco waterfront



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