



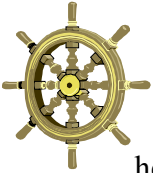
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MARINA BAY YACHT CLUB

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Rear Commodore Report:

Since new members and new applicants are listed on page 2, I will not repeat them here. I will however mention that the single new applicant we have this month is someone that signed up at the Open House we had on June 22. While not a lot of people showed up, (less than 20 in total) all the non-members were Marina Bay boat owners, and seriously considering Yacht Club membership.

There were also persons that had called about joining the club, that had gotten information about the club from the Open House flyers that were posted in various places in the marina, as well as those that were available to take from the Marina Harbor Masters office. I mailed a total of 4 informational packages to prospective members this month. Three of those were from people who found us because of the flyer. The other inquiry was by phone.

I 'm pretty sure that there will be more Open Houses in our future, and I am hoping to see a few more of you old timers there. Sharing of club, boating, and related experiences is a very useful way to encourage new membership, and the Open Houses are a great way to provide that.

Ardelle Cirino

Port Captain Needed

We are in desperate need of a full-time Port Captain.. Please email or call Commodore Mike Green (See page 2) if you would like to fill this valuable position. There are plenty of us willing to show you the ropes.



Port Captain Report

For those of you that did not attend the June 14th dinner, you missed out on a fantastic meal. Ed and Dorothy Johnson hosted the dinner, Kat and Phil helped out with a whole lot of preparations and clean up, and George Naill worked his magic on the tri-tip. Those of you who were fortunate enough to be there know exactly what I am talking about.

The new stove has been installed, and looks and works fabulously. So those of you that have been hesitant about hosting a dinner, because of the old stove and limited dishwashing facilities, you do not have to hold back anymore. One of our very new members has offered to prepare Cajun food for our dinner in August, but he will need help with set up, clean up and such. **Please contact me if you are willing to help.** Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our next dinner is on July 19th. We are having a spectacular wine tasting and sit-down dinner hosted by Eric and Marilyn Anderson. If you have not already reserved your spot, you need to hurry. There is limited seating at the Boathouse, and it is booking up fast.

Have a great 4th of July weekend and **remember to stay safe on the water.**

Acting Port Captain
Ardelle Cirino

New Member Boat Pictures Wanted

Every month we feature a members boat on the cover of the Signal. Please email or mail a copy of your boat picture to Erwin (Signal Editor: See page 2)

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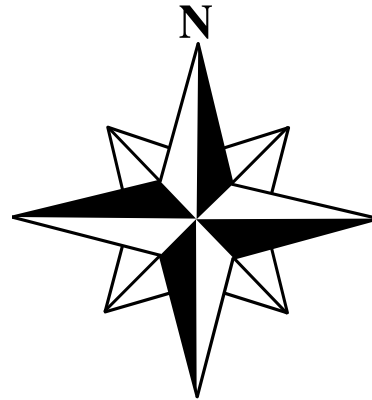
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

At the Board meeting held on June 14, 2003 the following people were elected to membership in Marina Bay Yacht Club:

- Larry Thornberry of Dublin
- Ira and Rosie Clancy of Richmond

Welcome to the Club!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Tom MacFarland of San Francisco, who sails the Freedom 36 *Freedom*. Sponsors are Ardelle Cirino and Erwin Gove.

THE LIZARD'S LOUNGE

After a brief interlude I'm somewhat back. The absence was due to running into a submerged log. Yes, underwater about 6-12 inches. Full of barnacles too. Wow! You shoulda been there! Doin' about 6 knots towards pier 39 just east of Alcatraz. The flood was around 4.5 knots and we were at max flood. Does that mean the log was traveling that fast in the opposite direction? Anyway, *Lizard II* came to a quick stop with a very loud bang and vibration! The noise and vibration carried on down the starboard side of the boat and briefly stopped when it slammed against the rudder. Lisa was letting out a series of expletives while I was darting down below in search of unwanted water. Whew! No H2O below. The intruder was about 12 feet long and covered with barnacles. About 14-15 inches in diameter. What a shock. We continued on with our day-sail, listening to funny noises coming from the autopilot. Really was a great sail in spite of the mishap. Why let it spoil the day? Another reminder to pay attention. We passed several pilings and stuff that day. Ya know? I realized a near miss is way better than a direct hit! Way better!

While ending our day-sail furling the main at Brickyard Cove Marina, Lisa heard a strange noise from the engine compartment. I heard only wind since I was on the cabin top furling the main. I asked if we were under way and the engine temp was O.K. "Yeah", was the reply. "Well, keep going" was my reply. While entering the channel between Richmond Yacht Club and Brickyard Cove the engine temp goes thru the ceiling! We shut off the engine and start sailing to the slip. Now, the wind not cooperating, and I notice Jan Wigle looking at us as I'm playing with the headsail to keep us moving in the right direction. I signal her for help since I thought we were going to hit the boat end-tied at my dock. She signals back "10 minutes". I signal back "no, Now"! She passed this along to Don and they came arunnin'. We didn't hit the boat end-tied and ended up sailing into the slip like we do it all the time. Like we knew what we were doin'. I handed out ale or wine and all were relieved of the adrenalin rush just experienced.

Turned out the bolt holding the alternator on the swing arm loosened, fell and sheared, releasing the belt that cooled the engine.

The damage that occurred during the log incident was only cosmetic. The autopilot is OK. My deductible is \$1,000 and the cosmetic repair was, you guessed it, \$1,003. Imagine that.... Don't ya just love boats and boat yards?

Great party at Sausalito yacht Club. Really! Had 14 people aboard *Lizard II* for refreshments. The evening at the Club was really fun with really good food. I think some of you missed a really good time. We even enjoyed a parade through downtown Sausalito. Don't know how Jan did that, but she did. Good job Jan.

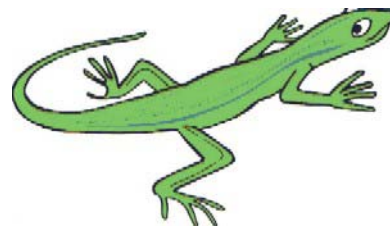
Speaking of parades....Going way back, I had a good time at Carnaval in San Francisco. Wild ride down, but it ended up warm. The parade was fun, too. I really do enjoy warm, flesh and drums. Those who made it know what I'm talking about. Those who didn't should get out on the cruises to find out what's happenin'. Oh. By the way. Nestor has a really great drum aboard. Let's all bring instruments out on the cruises. OK. Don't forget...

Is it just me or does it seem like a windy June to you too? Funny weather year on the Bay. So put a reef in the main and roll up the headsail a bit. Get out and about and I hope to see ya at the Sequoia Yacht Club cruise-out. This is a good passage south about the same distance as Pillar Point without leaving the Bay. The difference should be warm and very little fog. "Should" being the operative word here.

I'll be heading to Ventura at the end of July to help Bill Strong deliver his "new to him" Ericson 34, *Mauï Blanc*, to Richmond. Should be back the first week of August. That is, if we don't have too much fun on the way

The last week of August, several boats are headed to Monterey Bay. We usually head to Pillar Point, then to Santa Cruz. Here we usually split up to do whatever. Go to Capitola, Moss Landing, Monterey, or Stillwater Cove. We then meet back at Half Moon Bay Yacht Club for the Labor Day festivities, joining the scheduled monthly cruise-out from MBYC. If this works for you come along. Very informal. Not a Club function, but you are welcome to stop by *Lizard II* anytime. Keep in mind you will really be on your own. That's my disclaimer. As always, check the weather, tides, charts, etc. There will be no social director. Just fun.

Sail safe. Sail often.
----- Lizard Guy



CRUISE NEWS

NATARAJA

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Hanalei Bay, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

I have to say that Kaua'i has got to be one of the most beautiful places we've been, and I am so glad that we opted to spend some time here before sailing north. The people are so friendly, laid back, and helpful. Things move at a slower, more relaxed pace. This place is so green and lush, the water is so blue and clear, the night sky is really big, and the sunsets are most spectacular.



We left our slip at Ke'ehi on May 10, and sailed to Ko Olina Marina to say aloha to the friends we had made there. On the morning of the 11th, we headed along the western coast of O'ahu to one of our favorite anchorages--Makua. It was a bit rolly due to a slight north swell, but it provided the opportunity to locate and address the noises that only happen when a boat is in motion. There were several items that had to be moved, and several areas that were stuffed with old socks. This was our decompressing time. The previous week had been so hectic. Saying goodbye to everyone and provisioning (by bike, foot and bus---no car) had worn us out. It was really wonderful to just sit in the cockpit and do absolutely nothing. We did this for several days, leaving the boat only for a quick swim now and then. Never even aired up the dinghy. Finally, at 2130 on the 14th, we weighed anchor and headed west.

It was a rip snortin' ride across the Kaua'i Channel. The wind was blowing from behind us at a brisk 25, with some stronger gusts. The kicker was the waves, because we were in the channel and our old pal, the north

swell, was still in the picture. The waves came from everywhere. Sleeping was next to impossible, not just because of being tossed to and fro in the bunk, but because the motion was so erratic that new noises emerged. Those tiny little "thunk, thunks", or the gurgle in the sink drain that juggles the drain plug around---you know the noises. It was a quick ride over, and before sunrise we were able to see the lights of Kaua'i. By sunrise the island was clearly visible, and the sight was awesome. The cliffs and peaks were so jagged. The approach to Nawiliwili is very straightforward and well marked; we sailed all the way into the harbor. Once inside, we doused the sails and picked out a spot to call home for a few days.

Our stay in Nawiliwili was a busy one. We saw and did about everything one could do. When we returned to Honolulu last fall, we had bought the folding mountain bikes from West Marine. We could be the poster children for these bikes. Next to the Monitor wind-vane and the wind generator, these rate up there with the things we couldn't leave behind. The bus system on Kaua'i isn't all that great, and since renting a car isn't in the budget, the bikes allowed us to really cover some serious ground. The dinghy also provided a mode of transportation as we explored the Hule'ia River. Our bikes also provided our transportation to the County Courthouse in the town of Lihue, where we were married by Judge Masuoka on May 19. It was a wonderful afternoon. We rode the two miles into Lihue (uphill of course), bought a cold drink and sat in the shade in the park waiting for the sweat to dry. We then went to the State Building where we scouted out public restrooms, to use to change into our wedding attire. Once our little ceremony was over, we went back to the State Building, changed our clothes, and headed to the phone to call family and friends. For dinner, we rode down to a Japanese restaurant for sushi and sashimi. So, now it is officially our honeymoon! Now we really have an excuse to goof off for awhile.

From Nawiliwili, we sailed to Port Allen and actually ended up in a slip for a few days. This was such a scenic area. The town of Hanapepe is nearby and rather interesting. Lots of artsy type shops, and the coolest swinging bridge. The overlook of the valley was breathtaking. Next to the harbor is a beach known as "glass beach". It's an old landfill area and over the years the glass has been broken down and polished by the surf and sand. It's been picked pretty clean by the above mentioned artsy types, but you can still find a lot of small pieces. You can actually scoop up a handful of polished glass.

Our next couple of anchorages were absolutely spectacular and we were there all alone. Again the north swell was present, and made the anchorage quite rolly at times, but the scenery more than made up for the motion. The first one was Polihale, on the western shore of the island. To get to the anchorage we had to sail by the Pacific Missile Range at Barking Sands (so named because of the sound the sand makes as it slides down the 60-foot dunes). Luckily it was Memorial Day weekend and they were not firing missiles from the range. Radio clearance is required when sailing in this area, lest you get blasted. We anchored in 30 ft. of crystal clear water. Polihale marks the end of the longest stretch of beach in all of Hawai'i, an amazing 15 miles. It is also where the rugged red cliffs begin, climbing straight up from the water's edge. This is the leeward side, but it is still very green. To get to our next anchorage, we sailed along the infamous Na Pali Coast. This area is untouched by any structure. The only way to see it is by air, water or foot. The cliffs stretch up from the water, some as high as 4000 ft. They are rugged and lush. We both were so impressed and awed by these magnificent peaks.

The next anchorage, by far the most beautiful spot on the island, was Ha'ena Point. As we cleared the reefs and entered the bay, a school of spinner dolphins met us and escorted us in. They were all around us, and so close I was afraid I'd drop the anchor on one of them. We knew this place would be special. We anchored behind Makua Reef. It was a little intimidating sitting there watching those huge waves breaking so close to us, and seeing the surfers clamoring to ride them. As we looked around, we were held spellbound by the cliffs at the western end---the cliffs that have been dubbed "Bali Hai" after they were used as the backdrop for scenes in the musical "South Pacific". The anchorage was lined by a white sandy beach, and a small lagoon was inside the reef on the eastern side. From this spot, we were able to access the trailhead along the ridgeline of the Na Pali Coast. What had so impressed us by water, took our breaths away viewed from land. The contrasts of all the colors---greens of the many tropical plants, the many shades of blue of the water below, the red dirt of the trail---were just so spectacular. I don't even know how to describe it. The colors were so intense you could almost feel them. The scent of the air was so fresh and exhilarating. We could catch a whiff of guava and follow the scent until we found the tree. You just can't beat the taste of a fresh-picked guava. We took a side trail and headed up to Hanakapi'ai Falls, a 300-ft. fall that cascaded down the side of the cliff into a pool of sparkling water. After the brutal uphill hike,

we thought a dip would be just what the doctor ordered. We eagerly pulled off our shoes and headed into the water. But whoa Nelly! It was frigid! Total brain freeze, get out fast! Ok, maybe we'll just sit here and cool our feet.

Our final anchorage is Hanalei Bay. The picturesque little town is home to many taro fields. The only way into the town is over an old single-lane bridge. The local residents are fighting to keep this old bridge, in an effort to keep the big tourist busses out of town. Just outside of Princeville there is a hill that offers a wonderful view of the scenic valley below. The Hanalei River empties into the eastern end of the bay. We followed it all the way to the bridge (it was two miles by road). On the way back down-river we stopped at the Hanalei Dolphin Restaurant for cocktails and pupus. They don't have a dinghy dock, but we put out the mushroom anchor, scrambled up the embankment, and tied the painter off to some reeds. It was nice to sit outside at tables overlooking the river.



 On June 2nd we left Hanalei Bay and headed north to Seward, Alaska at 60 degrees north. The trip itself was pretty uneventful, and a bit of a test of patience due to light winds. Once we crossed 37 degrees north, it started getting colder and colder. We found ourselves wearing multiple layers of clothes on our night watches. We even had snow flurries one afternoon, and sleet on another.

I saw my first glacier, Bear Glacier, and even though it wasn't daylight I could still see the beautiful aqua coloring. What's really cool is that it doesn't get dark, just dusky, so we were able to safely make our approach in the middle of the night. Once in the harbor, we motored around until we found an empty slip, pulled in and went to sleep. Our time of arrival was 0230, just as the sun was preparing to rise again.

-----Eric & Emmy
 S/V Nataraja

FLEETING THOUGHTS

The cruise-out to Sausalito was a success. Five boats moored in front of Sausalito Yacht Club: *Ripple* (Don and Jan Wigle), *Lizard* (Larry Lawson), *Dakota* (Ed and Dorothy Johnson), *Freyja* (Mike and Kasey Green), and non-member boat *Dolce*. *Enchanté* (Dave Jacoby, Jim Taylor, and Mike Dranginis) utilized the guest dock and attended the dinner but did not spend the night.

In addition, Paul and Mary Cospes and Eric and Marilyn Anderson drove to the club and joined us for dinner and socializing. Our group was also joined by friends and acquaintances whom are not MBYC members, and our number swelled to twenty for dinner at the club.

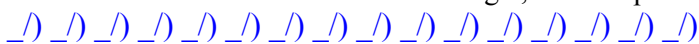
On Sunday, some of us walked through town, did a little shopping, and were treated to a short but colorful Pentecost parade, which featured two bands and multiple queens and princesses. It was a beautiful day, and we enjoyed a downwind sail home. It was a great end to a very pleasant weekend.

Next month, July 5/6, is the cruise-out to Sequoia Yacht Club. As soon as possible, please RSVP to me at FleetCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com or (209) 527-7775 if you plan to attend this cruise-out. Some members of San Leandro YC might join us there as well.

There is a distinct possibility that there will be a casual anchor-out at China Camp sometime in August, and we will be cruising to Half Moon Bay for the Labor Day weekend, August 30 through September 1, as well.

November 8/9 is the Golden Gate YC cruise-out (and Tango Mango). The December cruise-out will most likely be the seemingly traditional trip to Ayala Cove.

-----Jan Wigle, Fleet Captain



JULY 19th – A NIGHT IN TUSCANY

The dinner on July 19th will feature food from the Tuscany region of Italy. There will be several courses offered from appetizers to a special dessert.

As wine is meant to be enjoyed with food, there will be wine pairings to sample with each course. The wines offered for tasting will be from the Old World (Italy) and the New World (California). This is a great chance to compare the differences.

Be sure to come and enjoy. Festivities will begin at 6:00 PM (1800 to sailors). The cost will be \$20.

-----Eric Anderson, Host

SAFETY FORUM

MARINE ELECTRONICS COURSE

Have you ever found any of these problems with your boat?

- Some lights didn't work.
- Part of the outdrive had corroded away.
- Fuses were fine, but no current passed through.
- Your mounted VHF radio didn't work.
- Wiring insulation was flaking off or missing.

First things first, check to see if any of the bulbs need to be replaced. If this simple fix doesn't work, see if the electrical connection at the base or socket is corroded. You can learn more about this sort of repair in the USPS Marine Electronics course. Actually, you can learn more about how to solve *all* of the problems described above in the Marine Electronics course.

You can learn how to protect the circuits on your boat to stop corrosion. You can learn about how your outdrive and other metallic parts that are immersed in saltwater can disappear very quickly due to stray current corrosion. (When a stray current passes from any metallic part into saltwater, it takes part of the metal with it.) Saltwater is an excellent conductor of electricity. Proper grounding is extremely important, and in the Marine Electronics course, lessons focus on the many types of grounding systems.

If you replaced or added an inline fuse holder and didn't use one that was made for a marine environment, you could be inviting an open circuit to occur. Your Marine Electronics instructor can show you how to inspect all of your in-line fuse holders and replace them if they are not specifically made for the marine environment or are damaged. You do not want your bilge pump to stop when you need it most, and currents won't pass through corroded contacts.

If the radio installed in your boat turns on but you don't hear a signal, check the antenna first. Disconnect it from the radio and look at the center terminal. It may be corroded, and the connector and its receptacle may need to be cleaned. The Marine Electronics course also teaches antenna and radio maintenance.

If you find flaking or missing electrical wiring insulation, you might have the wrong kind of wire. The Marine Electronics course can teach you where to buy equipment that is meant for the marine environment.

These are just a sampling of the topics covered in the Marine Electronics course. You should consider taking this course to help you make your boat safer. Contact George Naill, MBYC Safety Officer, (see pg. 2) to find out how to apply for the Marine Electronics course.

Marina Bay Yacht Club
Upcoming Events
July 2003

Cruise Out to Sequoia YC
July 5 - 6, 2003



See details in the Fleet Captain's column
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Board Meeting
Wine Tasting
and Full-Service
Sit-down Dinner
Saturday, July 19th, 2003

Board Meeting: 4:00 p.m.
Wine & Appetizers 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Featuring food & wine from Tuscany,
with a wine expert describing various
wines we will be tasting.

All this for only \$20 p.p.

RSVP

Eric Anderson: (510) 237-9800 or
email: vicecommodore@marinabayyc.com

Due to limited seating at the Boathouse,
make your reservations early for this event.
Hosted By

Eric & Marilyn Anderson



**Please Note Special
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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.

SUBMERSIBLE. The HX260S utilizes a high impact non-corrosive case, display lens, waterproof gasketing and PCB's protected with HumiSeal® moisture barrier. Engineered for unparalleled reliability, the HORIZON HX260S exceeds JIS 7 Standards for waterproofing to 3' for 30 minutes continuously.

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Volunteers!

Eric Anderson needs a helper or two for the evening of Saturday, July 12th. Please contact him if you can help out. (See page 2 for his phone and email.)

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New Members Wanted

If you know anyone that

- Has a boat
- Is in-between boats
- Wants to get a boat
- Would like to find out if boating is for them.



Tell them about our club.

Invite them to one of our events

We are looking for new members interested in participating in activities, and are willing to donate a little time to making our club and events successful.

If you can provide me with an email address or a mailing address, I will provide information about the club and our events to interested persons

Ardelle Cirino: (510) 816 3069 or

MBYC 2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 8-9 Cruise-out to China Camp
- 15 Board Meeting
Valentine's Day Mediterranean
Dinner (Cosper)
- 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
Tri-Tip Dinner (Johnson)
- 22 Open House (Cirino)

JULY

- 5-6 Cruise-out to Sequoia Yacht Club
- 19 Board Meeting (1600)
Dinner with wine tasting (Anderson)
(\$20) (1800)

AUGUST

- 16 Board Meeting
Cajun Dinner (Thornberry)
- 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)

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 13 Board Meeting
Holiday Dinner
- Cruise-out & Raft--- Ayala Cove

NOTE: Please make reservations for all Yacht Club dinners you would like to attend. E-mail PortCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com or phone Ardelle at (510) 816-3059.



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MARINA BAY YACHT CLUB

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WHITE BEAR & MAENAD

Single-handers Paul Cospers & Erwin Gove at the
Raft-up at China Camp in February



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