

## Notice !!

*Two dinners with cruise-ins this Month! Cajun on the 17th and Shrimp Scampi on the 24th. You won't want to miss either !*



## MBYC Big Winner at Loch Lomond YC

On March 13th a small fleet of MBYC boats went to Loch Lomond YC to help them celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It was a beautiful day and all boats except *Maenad*, with Erwin Gove at the helm, arrived without going aground in the treacherous entrance to Loch Lomond Marina. Although winds were light, some of the boats actually got in some sailing. Ed and Dorothy Johnson were there on *Dakota*, Paul and Earlene on *La Dolce Vita*, Jim Taylor on *Uncle George*, Kat Decker and Phillip Coker on *Silent Dancer* and, eventually, Erwin Gove on *Maenad*.



Erwin, Jim & Kat at the Loch Lomond dinner



Earlene and Paul Lagier with Dorothy and Ed Johnson preparing to toast our victory

MBYC had two teams: Ed, Dorothy, Erwin and Jim; and Earlene, Paul, Kat and Phillip. Who would have thought that from one of these teams a vision of the perfectly decorated potato would evolve into the winner of the Grand Prize? Nobody. But it did. And the team of Earlene, Paul, Kat and Phillip brought home the champagne. How sweet the thrill of victory!

Loch Lomond YC served a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner which was delicious, of course, but the highlight of the evening was the Potato Decorating Contest. First, we were divided into teams of four, then each team was given a raw Idaho potato and a small handful of items such as colored toothpicks, pipe cleaners and straws. Each team then had twenty minutes to decorate the potato using those items or anything else they could find at the table.



Here it is in all its glory, the Loch Lomond YC Potato Decorating Contest Grand Prize Winner. SAN FRANCISCO BRIDE

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## Commodore's Log



**Jim Taylor**

Mother Nature certainly came through in March and gave us a week of glorious weather. Her preview of the spring to come was a welcome relief to the wet weather this winter. I took *Uncle George* on the March Cruise to Loch Lomond Yacht Club to enjoy some of that great weather. There wasn't much wind but it was certainly good to be out on the water again. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner and hospitality at Loch Lomond were great.

A talented MBYC team won the potato decorating contest after dinner. The team members were Phil Coker, Kat Decker, and Earlene and Paul Lagier. Pictures will appear in a later issue of the Signal or website when they are developed.

I encourage everyone to attend the cruises; it is a great way to get the boat out of the slip and spend time with other Club members that enjoy boating as much as you do. Fleet Captain Paul Lagier is doing a great job planning the cruises for this year. Take a look at the Club calendar and set aside the time to go on a couple of cruises this year. You will have fun, I guarantee it!

Thanks to Ardelle Cirino and Stuart Meighan for the fabulous St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 20. Thanks also to Charlie Williams for the kitchen clean up after dinner. I used Ardelle's special

sauce on the corned beef for my family and it was a big hit. "There's never a bad meal at Marina Bay Yacht Club".

The Club is through the first quarter of the year and operating without a Vice Commodore and Safety Officer. I am asking for your help in filling these positions. As a volunteer Club, active members are the heart of the Club and having more active members spreads the work load and makes the Club stronger and more fun for everyone. Please contact me at a Club function or call me at (707) 575-1104 if you can take one of these positions. Your help is always welcome and appreciated.

There will be a Spring Swap Meet at the Marina Bay Boat Launch parking lot on Saturday, May 1, 2004 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Marina Bay Yacht Club will have an information table with applications and brochures to recruit new members. There will be an Open House at the Club in the afternoon. We will fire up the barbeque with hamburgers and hotdogs for sale; or bring whatever else you want to cook.

Life's a reach....

Jim Taylor, Commodore



## New Members

The Board has approved the following applicants for membership:

**Bud and Sharon Moore**  
606 Woodbine Drive  
San Rafael CA 94903

CS 36  
*Fandango*

**Omar and Jean Hurricane**  
6209 Girvin Drive  
Oakland CA 94611

Catalina 25  
*Tip Sea*



Vessel Identification Quiz. Which, if any, of the boats shown here might not belong to a member of MBYC?



If you don't want to take your boat out on Opening Day, you might be interested in this:

### COMMITTEE BOAT RESERVATIONS OPENING DAY ON THE BAY

Sunday, April 25, 2004

View the Decorated Boat Parade with the PICYA Opening Day Committee from the Commodore Cruise Ship, the "M/V Chardonnay."

- ▶ \$50 per person, includes coffee, juice, lunch and a great view of the parade.
- ▶ No host bar
- ▶ Parking available at Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda
- ▶ Boarding from Encinal YC begins at 9:00 AM, boat leaves dock at 9:45 AM and returns approximately 3 PM.

Clip and mail this coupon with check payable to PICYA to:  
Lizette Collins, 124 Bahama Reef, Novato CA 94949



**Marina Bay Yacht Club**

Reservation on a  
"First Come, First Paid" basis.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ (6 max) x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

And if you aren't going on the MBYC cruise to Half Moon Bay, how about this?

### 31st Annual Jazz Festival

The Sacramento YC invites PICYA members to the annual Memorial Day Jazz Jubilee; May 27 -31. See over 100 jazz bands, then relax on your own boat and enjoy the Sacramento YC facilities. The Sacramento Yacht Club will serve great food at bargain prices, provide dockage, shuttle rides to Old Town, clubhouse bar open every day, entertainment day and night. Jubilee tickets will be available at cost.

Call the Sacramento Yacht Club at 916-371-5058 for more information. Reservations are taken from yacht Clubs only on a first come, first served basis.



# OPEN HOUSE

The MBYC boathouse will be open on the afternoon of May 1 following the Marina Bay Yacht Harbor Flea Market. The grill will be fired up and visitors may purchase do-it-yourself hamburgers and hot dogs. The club will supply the fixin's and the bar will be open. Ardelle is getting us a temporary permit to open the club and the bar to those guests who will be visiting us after the flea market. The club is planning to have a table at the flea market as well. For more details on the flea market, check out the coming events page.

## Board Meeting Highlights

The Board convened on March 20 at the boathouse. There was a quorum.

The Moore and Hurricane membership applications were approved and the Berg and Speer resignations accepted.

It appears that the lease on the boathouse will be reformed to provide some relief on the rent and utilities.

There will not be a Cinco de Mayo dinner this year but we will participate in the flea market on May 1. The clubhouse will be open in the afternoon and evening. Visitors will be able to purchase and grill hot dogs.

The Catalina 34 Fleet cruise-in has been changed from July 24 to July 31.

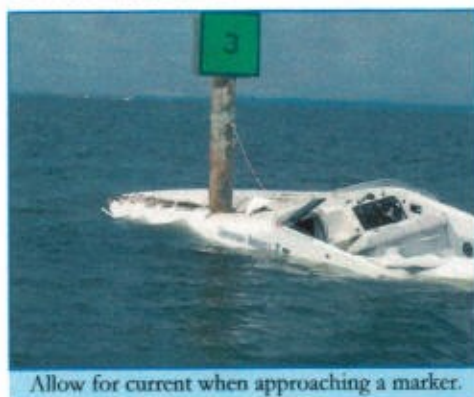
Ardelle still needs a host for the May 15th dinner.

We now have an improved system for spirit and beverage supply.

We now have five cruising memberships:

Kay & Mike Heath  
Wes & Karen Fox  
Daniel & Linda Holmes  
Jan & Bernard Lemke  
Eric Wilbur & Emma Neubould

Ardelle will make copies of the Signal from the internet and make them available at the Harbormaster office.



Allow for current when approaching a marker.

## Tips from Your Local US Power Squadron



Without a doubt, the most terrifying event aboard any boat is a fuel-fed fire. Once started, a fire such as this builds rapidly and is difficult to extinguish. If allowed to burn for more than a minute or two, the result is usually complete destruction of the boat and often, if there are persons aboard, serious injury or loss of life.

So how do you keep from being the victim of such a fire on your boat?

1. Learn your fuel system. Know where all parts from the fuel tank to the burners, injectors or carburetors are located, including all connectors, vents, valves and switches.
2. Frequently inspect every part of your fuel storage and supply system for cracks or leaks. Just a trace of fuel from a fitting can be an indicator that something is about to fail. Check the vents and bilges for leaks or pooling of fuel.
3. Replace any component that allows fuel to seep through, or shows stress lines or cracks.
4. Check your fuel filter or strainer and clean it as necessary in the comfort of your slip. Attempting to adjust or repair a clogged or broken fuel filter that has become a problem while under way can lead to fuel spilling into the bilge or onto a hot engine.
5. Know how to shut off your engine, barbeque, heater, stove (easy) and how to shut off flow of fuel (not so easy).
6. If you can smell fuel, do not start the engine or, if it is running, shut it down. Fuel concentrations below deck are going to be much greater than on deck or in a pilot house.
7. Install a self-activating fire extinguisher in the engine compartment and check it frequently to make sure that it is always ready to do its job. If its ready light is out, find out why and fix it.
8. Keep at least the minimum fire extinguishers for your boat at the ready. Know where they are.
9. If your fuel is gasoline, always start the vent fans before starting the engine. And always check for fumes before starting the fans.
10. Do not smoke in, on or around your boat.
11. Never operate your boat with a known or suspected fuel leak of any kind.
12. Keep a proper frame of mind. The next time you are on your boat, take the time to think about how you would respond to a sudden fuel fire. What steps would you take? What knobs, valves or switches would you look for? What are the tools available to you and how would you use them? Being ready means being in control of yourself which may someday save your life.

# Marina Bay Yacht Club Upcoming Events

**April, 2004**



**Cruise Out to Benicia YC  
April 3 - 4, 2004**

Contact the Fleet Captain ASAP if you plan to go, whether by land or sea. This is a great place to cruise.

Please let us know you are coming.

**RSVP:** Ardelle Cirino- 510 816-3059 or email: [portcaptain@marinabayyc.com](mailto:portcaptain@marinabayyc.com)

**April 17, 2004**

**Board Meeting and Dinner  
Cajun Food  
Cajun Catfish on the grill,  
red beans & rice,  
green salad,  
french bread, and dessert**

Board Meeting..... 4:00  
Bar Opens...approx. 5:30  
Dinner..... 7:00 pm

Hosted By **Larry Thornberry**

Cost:  
\$15.00 per person Children >13 = free



**April 24, 2004**

**Women Aboard and  
IYFR-San Francisco  
Cruise-Ins  
Shrimp Scampi**

Bar Opens...approx. 5:30  
Dinner..... 7:00 pm

Hosted By **Phil Coker & Kat Decker**

Cost:  
\$15.00 per person Children >13 = free



## Mark Your Calendar

### Events in May

May 1st: Swap Meet at the Marina Bay Yacht Harbor. We will have space for club members to sell stuff. We will have the club open from 3:00 pm until around 6 pm. See the Port Captains report for details

May 15th: Monthly Board Meeting & Dinner. Chilli & Cornbread prepared by the winners of our November Chilli Cook-off (Mike & Claudia Pordes) Details in next months Signal

May 29-31: Cruise to Half Moon Bay . Details in next months Signal.



A rare photograph of the *Maenad* making headway free of San Pablo Bay's sticky bottom.

## MBYC Cruising Members

MBYC has always had cruising members but we sometimes lose track of them because they are so busy enjoying the cruising life that months, sometimes years, go by without hearing from them. This is the present list of known cruisers but we are not necessarily sure where they are. If you know where these cruisers may be or how to keep track of them, please let the Signal editor know so that we can post their locations from time to time in the Signal.

Member	Boat	Location
Wes & Karen Fox	<i>Caprice</i>	Alaska
Mike & Kay Heath	<i>Finisterre</i>	
Daniel & Linda Holmes	<i>This Is It Again</i>	
Jan & Bernard Lemke		
Eric Wilbur & Emmy Newbould	<i>Nataraja</i>	

### BOATU.S.

One of the benefits of being a member of Marina Bay Yacht Club is the reduced membership fees for BoatU.S. I know many of you took advantage of the offer last year and for some, time to renew. For those that are not aware, the dues for are only \$ 9.50 per year if you sign up using the Group Member number GA84766Y.

Visit the BoatU.S. website at [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com) for new, renewal membership applications, or to learn more about BoatU.S.

BoatU.S. has a member rewards program that rewards you with a \$15.00 discount coupon for every \$300.00 of purchases whether you shop at BoatU.S. or West Marine Stores. BoatU.S. membership also has towing benefits attached to the membership and there is an option to increase that benefit to several different levels.

There many other services and benefits through BoatU.S. including marine insurance, discounts at over 650 cooperating marinas, and the BoatU.S. Magazine.

-Jim Taylor



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# MBYC 2004 Calendar of Events

## January

- 10-11 Cruise-out to China Camp
- 17 Sausalito YC Cruise-In  
Board Meeting  
Dinner [Naill]

## February

- 14 Berkeley YC Cruise-in  
Board Meeting  
Valentine Ciopino Dinner [Lagier]
- 21-22 Cruise to Sausalito YC
- 28 Eden Isle YC Cruise-In

## March

- 13-14 Cruise to Loch Lomond
- 20 Board Meeting  
St. Patrick's Dinner [Meighan]
- 26 Chico YC Cruise-in  
Chicken Dinner

## April

- 3-4 Cruise to Benicia YC
- 17 Alameda YC Cruise-In  
Board Meeting  
Cajun Dinner [Thornberry]
- 24 IYFR San Francisco Fleet Cruise-in  
Women Aboard Cruise-in  
Shrimp Scampi Dinner [Coker/Decker]
- 25 PICYA Opening Day

## May

- 1 Marina Bay Yacht Harbor Flea Market
- 15 Board Meeting  
Dinner (still looking for a host)
- 29-31 Memorial Day Cruise to Half Moon Bay

## June

- 19 Board Meeting  
Dinner

## July

- 3-4 Independence Day event co-sponsored with  
Marina Bay Yacht Harbor
- 3-6 Delta Cruise
- 17 Board Meeting  
Red White & Blue Dinner [Coker/Decker]
- 31 Catalina 24 Fleet Cruise-in

## August

- 21 Board Meeting  
Dinner

## September

- 4-6 Labor Day Cruise to Drake's Bay
- 18 Festival by the Bay co-sponsored with  
Marina Bay Yacht Harbor  
Board Meeting  
Dinner

## October

- 9-10 Cruise to Alameda YC  
Napa YC Cruise-in
- 16 Board Meeting  
Octoberfest Dinner [Jacoby]  
General Membership Meeting

## November

- 20 Board Meeting  
Western BBQ & Chili Cook-off [Cirino]

## December

- 4 Boat Parade  
Board Meeting  
Christmas Dinner
- 11-12 Cruise to Ayala Cove



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## 2004 Cruising Schedule



**Paul Lagier**

### March 13th & 14th Cruise-out to Loch Lomond

*Uncle George, Maenad, Silent Dancer, Dakota* and *La Dolce Vita* cruised across the Bay to Loch Lomond yacht Club for a fine time and a great St. Patrick's Day dinner.

The Potato Decorating Team from Marina Bay won the contest

with a rather uniquely decorated potato and was awarded a bottle of Champagne; Engineering by Phil, design by Earlene and Kat, and acquisition of materials by Paul. The prize bottle of champagne is resting aboard *La Dolce Vita* waiting to be opened.

We had very short notice for the cruise to Benicia but there is plenty of time to prepare for our traditional trip on Memorial Day weekend to Half Moon Bay.

Remember to bring your dink because slips will be in very short supply.

January 10-11	Raft-up at China Camp
February 21-22	Cruise to Sausalito Yacht Club
March 13-14	Loch Lomond YC
April 3-4	Benicia YC
May 29-31	Half-Moon Bay
June	Pending
July 3-6	Delta Cruise
August 14-15	San Rafael YC
September 4-6	Drake's Bay
October 9-10	Alameda YC
November	Pending
December 11-12	Ayala Cove

