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Notice !!

Beginning with the June 2004 issue, the cut-off for submitting material to The MBYC Signal will be on the 20th of the month rather than the 25th. As a general rule, the weekend of the Board meeting would be a good target date for getting things to the editor.



Memorial Day, May 30th, is the day set aside to remember those who gave their lives serving our country.

Commodore's Log



Jim Taylor

Mother Nature gave us a beautiful Opening Day weekend and the 2004 boating season on San Francisco Bay is official. At Marina Bay Yacht Club our

Fleet Captain, Paul Lagier, has made arrangements for MBYC cruises throughout the year. Additionally, we have a number of Clubs that will be visiting us with their cruises to our shores.

The April MBYC cruise was to Benicia Yacht Club. Mrs. Commodore and I met our group for dinner. There were eight of us from our Club and the dinner, without a doubt, was one of the best I have ever enjoyed. Looking ahead, there are cruises to Half Moon Bay YC over Memorial Day Weekend and Ballena Bay Yacht Club June 12-13. As the last few cruises have been poorly attended; I hope more members will come along and enjoy the boating, camaraderie, and good food that are part of the cruising experience.

The Clubhouse was a busy place in April as we had two large groups enjoy the hospitality for which we are known. The weekend of April 17 had Larry Thornberry and friends, Lisa and Jim, preparing and serving a full-on Cajun

Catfish dinner with red beans and rice. The Alameda Yacht Club cruised in to enjoy the meal with us. The Opening Day weekend, April 24, had Woman Aboard and the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians visiting our Club. Phil Coker and Kat Decker, assisted by George and Ellie Naill, prepared a fabulous scampi dinner. I had the pleasure of exchanging burgees with Clint Collier, IYFR, and Laurelyn Coleman of Women Aboard. On a historical note, Women Aboard held their very first meeting at the Marina Bay Yacht Club. Rear Commodore Ardelle Cirino hosted the event and remains an active member of the organization. Thanks to all that made the April events a big success and loads of fun!

Stuart Meighan, for personal reasons, has resigned as Treasurer. David Jacoby has been appointed for the balance of the year. To date, David has taken control and has most records up to date. My personal thanks go to David for coming forward and filling this Board position.

This being the May issue of the Signal, the Club Officers and Board members are nearly half way through their term. Without going into all the details, the Marina Bay Yacht Club got off to very rocky start this year. The good news is

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Applications for Membership

The following applications for membership will be presented to the Board at the next regular meeting on May 15th, 2004. Seven of the applications are for General membership and one is for Associate membership. Comments to the Board are invited.

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Sterling Silver Rose

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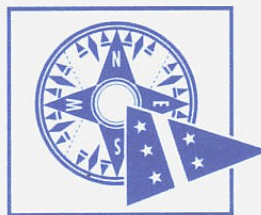
Associate
Membership

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Lancer 30
Pixy Trails

Club Racing

There has been interest in doing some informal Club racing this year. Any one interested in organizing or participating, please contact Jim Taylor. Thank you.



2004 PICYA Yearbooks

The 2004 PICYA Yearbooks have arrived. The book is loaded with good information about other Clubs, burgee identification, and other good boating information. The books retail for \$16.95 but are available for \$10.00 each. Those of you that reserved a copy with your dues payment can pick it up any time that the Club is open. We also have a limited supply of the previous couple of years available at a dramatically reduced price. Contact any Board member to get your copies.

that because of a small group of active and committed members, we remain a viable organization. Unfortunately, we are operating without a Vice Commodore, Port Captain, or Safety Officer. The Marina Bay Yacht Club cannot and is not operating effectively without a full Board of Directors. First, the Board members get spread too thin to take care of the Club's business in an efficient manner; some, at times, are handling responsibilities of more than one position. Secondly, an incomplete Board creates a critical break in the line of succession of officers. It is difficult to enlist experienced individuals as officers for the Club if they have not moved through the chairs. A

number of Board members have been recycled more than once. For example, I am a third term Commodore in seven years time. This clearly is not healthy for the perpetuity of the Marina Bay Yacht Club. The Club needs exposure to new ideas from new leadership.

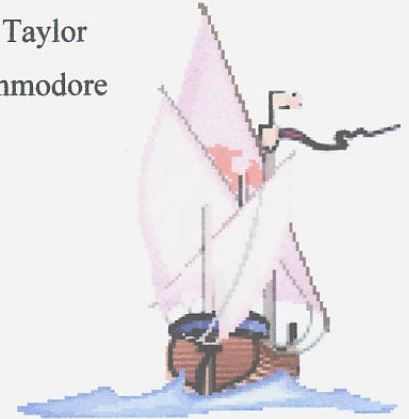
The organizational challenge for Marina Bay Yacht Club is twofold. First, grow the membership and second, recognize and encourage those members that will become Club leaders. The opportunity here is to create a healthier and stronger Marina Bay Yacht Club for all to enjoy. As members, we can invite others to visit, participate, and provide them the option to join our Club.

Please contact me. Let's discuss a way that you might be able to help; becoming a Board member, preparing a meal for an event, or introducing a new idea that will be good for the Club.

Thank you, in advance, for your help and support!

Life's a Reach...

Jim Taylor
Commodore





Marina Bay Yacht Club

Upcoming Events

May 2004

Vallejo YC Cruise-In & Board Meeting and Dinner

Saturday, May 15th, 2004

**Award Winning Chilli
Homemade cornbread
Shank steak, Salad, & dessert**

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

\$15.00 pp Kids <13 =free

**Hosted by:
Mike & Claudia Pordes**

Swap Meet & Open House



**Saturday,
May 1st, 2004**

Marina Bay is sponsoring a Swap Meet between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Marina Bay Yacht Club will host an Open House from 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Join us if you can!!



Cruise Out to Half Moon Bay Memorial Weekend May 29 - May 31, 2004

Contact the Fleet Captain
Paul Lagier
for details and to sign up.
(See Signal Page 2 for contact info.)

June, 2004

Our Board meeting dinner will be on Saturday, June 19th, 2004. As yet no one has signed up to host. That means this is a real lucky day for one of you!! Please contact Ardelle: 510 816-3059 or email: rearcommodore@marinabayyc.com

Dont miss this opportunity to host a dinner at the club

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
Vallejo YC Cruise-In
Chili Dinner [Pordess]
"If you know beans about chili, you know that
there are no beans in chili."
- 29-31 Memorial Day Cruise to Half Moon Bay

June

- 13-14 Cruise to Encinal YC
- 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]
- 24 Cruise to Ballena Bay YC
- 31 Catalina 24 Fleet Cruise-in

August

- 21 Board Meeting
Dinner [Duvall]

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

- 13-14 Cruise to Point San Pablo YC
- 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

April 3rd & 4th Cruise-out to Benicia

Most of those who went to Benicia for the cruise in April went by car. But we all had a great time and a great dinner. The pictures, unfortunately, did not come out well.

Now is the time to be getting ready for the cruise to Half Moon Bay on May 29 - 31. In the past, some members sail to Sausalito Friday evening and anchor there overnight. An early start on Saturday morning from Sausalito will put you through the Gate on an outgoing tide and into Half Moon Bay with plenty of time to get settled before dinner. If you are planning to go on the cruise to Half Moon Bay, give Paul Lagier a call.

A cruise to Encinal YC in June has been added to the calendar and a cruise to Point San Pablo Yacht Club in November.

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 13-14	Encinal YC
July 3-6	Delta Cruise
August 14-15	San Rafael YC
September 4-6	Drake's Bay
October 9-10	Alameda YC
November 13-14	Point San Pablo YC
December 11-12	Ayala Cove

