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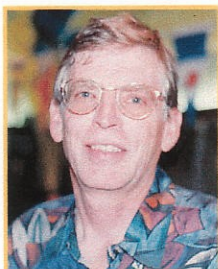


During the month of September Past Commodore Mike Green will be putting together a set of nominations for the general election in October. Hopefully, a list of nominees can be printed in the October Signal. Mike is looking for a few volunteers who have not served on the Board to replace some who already have served on the Board numerous times and to fill some positions that were vacant throughout 2004. If you have an interest in one of the Board positions, give Mike a call and let him know.

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Commodore's Log



Jim Taylor

Hot summer weather arrived the last week of August and hopefully continues into September. As most of us know, the very best of the sailing season on San Francisco Bay is during the spring and fall. September 2004 also brings an early harvest for the grape growers and expectations of a great vintage. Harvest is a wonderful time of the year, a time to celebrate the abundance we experience in our lives. Let me suggest you find a great bottle of wine; share it and enjoy it with family or friends on your boat to celebrate the season...Salute!

Congratulations and a toast for Charley Williams and Jim & Pam Duvall upon the acquisition of new boats. Charley recently took delivery of his Beneteau purchased earlier this year at Sail Expo. Jim & Pam sold their Pearson in Hawaii and bought an Ericson in Southern California. The Duvalls will be sailing up the coast after work is completed at the boatyard in Ventura.

For those that berth their boats in Marina Bay, you may have seen little black specs accumulating on the top surface of your boat. I found this very difficult to remove with the usual boat soap and deck brush. I experimented and found a solution for the problem. I used a combination of "Barkeeper's Friend" (Whale Point Hardware & Ma-

rine) and a brass wire brush as the non-skid surface on my boat is a fine texture. You can also try a small hard bristle nylon brush if the non-skid is coarser. I followed up with the usual boat soap and deck brush to remove any residue from BKF. BKF is also great for removing rust and stains on stanchions, pulpits and other stainless.

At the Board Meeting in August, the Board approved a membership incentive for new members. Applications received till the end of the year will have no dues payment for 2004. Applicants must submit an application with the \$ 150.00 initiation fee and pay the 2005 dues, in full, upon membership approval by the Board. Please pass this along to anyone who might be interested in joining the Club. This offer will be included along with the October billing from the marina management.

Finally, the Marina Bay Yacht Club will hold the Annual General Meeting and election of officers on October 16. The Club needs folks to fill the officer and board positions. Four of the Board will vacating the end of this year. In order for the Club to continue, we need your help. Please contact Past Commodore Mike Green to include your name on the ballot in October. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Life's a reach...
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The Eighth Annual PICYA Wheelchair Regatta will be hosted at the Encinal Yacht Club on September 25, 2004. Powerboat skippers are needed to donate their time and boat to host one or more guests aboard their vessels. Volunteers are also needed to assist in welcoming, boarding, preparing and serving lunch, and entertainment. If you can assist with this rewarding community service or if you would like more information please call Margot Brown at (510) 523-2098.

The following is from a flyer distributed at the July PICYA meeting:

Swim in a Marina? It Could Be the Last Thing You Ever Do

It's a hundred degrees out and the grandkids are dying to go for a swim. Tragically, that could be just the outcome if they jump into the water at your marina. According to researchers, over 20 deaths have recently been attributed to electric shock drowning—all of them occurring in fresh water marinas leaking stray alternating current into the water.

Electric shock drowning? How come I've never heard of that, you say. Well, until recently, most electric shock drownings were attributed to regular drowning because electric shock drowning leaves no distinctive post-mortem indicators. Only when multiple drownings have occurred in the same marina, or unexplained marina drownings of experienced swimmers does electric shock drowning even leave a clue. In one tragic case a dog owner became paralyzed when attempting to rescue a dog in a "hot marina." The owner's husband then attempted to rescue his wife and dog. A second dog then entered the water thinking he was joining in the fun. All four died.

Electric shock drowning results when even small stray currents of less than 10 milliamps (1/100th of an amp) cause paralysis. These stray currents, which are commonly referred to as "ground faults," are caused by electrical code violations on docks and by non-compliance with American Boat and Yacht Council standards on vessels. Ground faults can occur when: 1) current carrying wires make direct contact with the water, 2) when any portion of a faulty power cord falls into the water, or 3) when neutral (white) wires are connected to grounding (green) wires anywhere on the dock or on a vessel. Stray currents are also possible between boats sharing power from one generator. In addition to electric shock drowning, stray currents also cause fires and current induced corrosion.

Fortunately, there is detection equipment now available to detect ground faults. But even with the best detection equipment, one should never swim in a marina. It could be the last thing you ever do.

Wine Sale

The bar is overstocked with premium wine in split size (375 ml) bottles. Some varietals are in short supply. All are 2000 vintage.

- Napa Valley Voignier \$ 11.78
- Carneros Pinot \$ 11.78
- Estate Chardonnay \$ 10.12
- Sauvignon Blanc \$ 6.75
- Napa Valley Syrah \$ 10.34
- Cabernet Sauvignon \$ 11.49

Get your favorite varietals before they are sold out.

A letter from Emmy & Eric

June 20, 2004
Hartley Bay, British Columbia
53 25 N 129 15 W

It feels so good to be on the move again. We left the dock in Ketchikan in the pouring down rain on May 30 and headed off to see some stuff.



Hiking in the rain

Our first anchorage, Sallery Cove was on Prince of Wales Island. We chose this one so we would have the opportunity to visit the ruins of a Haida Indian village.

While at the cove, we followed a trail along a river and came out at a small lake. A skiff with oars was tied up and available for anyone to use. We rowed around the lake watching two beavers.

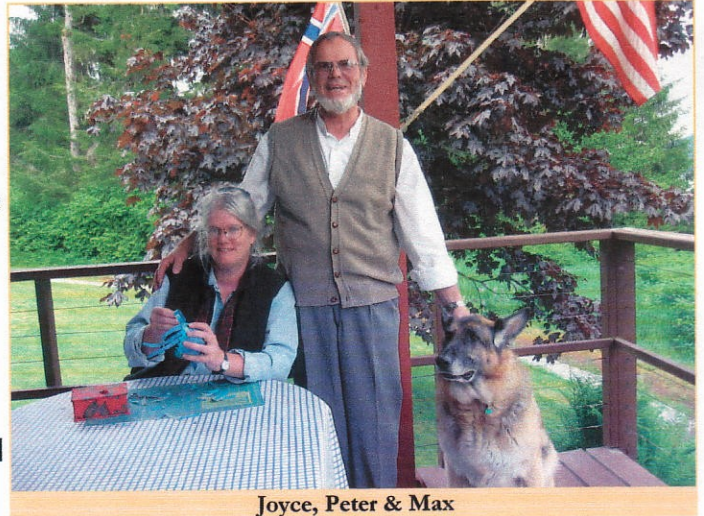
The next morning we weighed anchor and headed over to the ruins. Once ashore, we had to poke around to find the trail that leads off into the thick woods. As we walked along, we spotted some old lodge poles and finally, a beautiful old totem.

After some exploration, it was time to move on. Our next stop was also on Prince of Wales

Island, and then off to a small anchorage, St. John Harbor, to await the right tidal conditions to pass through the Wrangell Narrows, which would take us to Petersburg. These narrows are really pretty narrow in a few spots. There are over 60 numbered navigational aids in this 21-mile stretch of water and the currents can rip through here at a rate as high as seven knots. The ferries, supply barges, and smaller cruise ships use this pas-

sage also. We entered and followed a few power boats through the beginning, but they eventually horizoned us and we were alone until we came around a sharp hairpin to find ourselves facing a tug and tow. We hugged our side of the channel and held our breaths as we passed. Luckily, he had to slow way down to make the turn and his wake was mini-

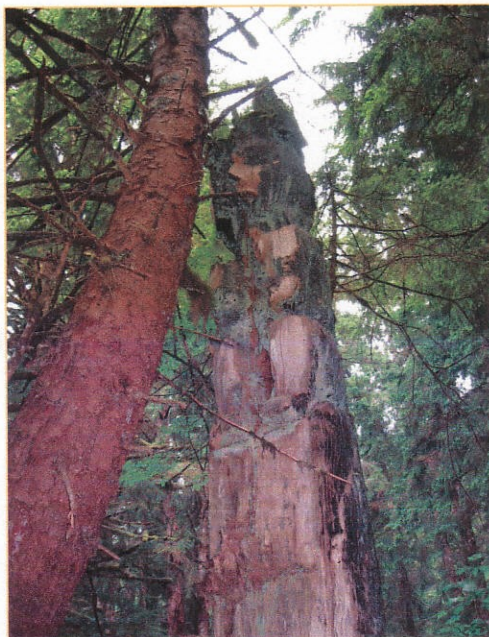
mal. As we neared Petersburg, we heard someone calling our boat name over the VHF. It was Peter Schultz our friend and former MBYC member.



Joyce, Peter & Max

His boat *Hanseatic* is berthed in Petersburg and he lives along the narrows. He had just walked outside and saw us going by. He knew we were coming, but we had been unable to reach him and had decided to head on into town. We turned around and dropped the hook pretty much in his front yard. On our way ashore, we stopped by his crab trap and pulled up dinner. We were guests in his home and enjoyed visiting with him, Max (his German Shepherd) and meeting his new wife, Joyce. They were generous enough to give us use of the car and we took a drive around the island and visited the town of Petersburg and did some shopping. Before sending us on our way, he told us to pull up the trap again and take whatever was in it. Nothing like fresh caught crab!! Peter sends his best to everyone at the club and said that if you're in the area to please stop in for a visit.

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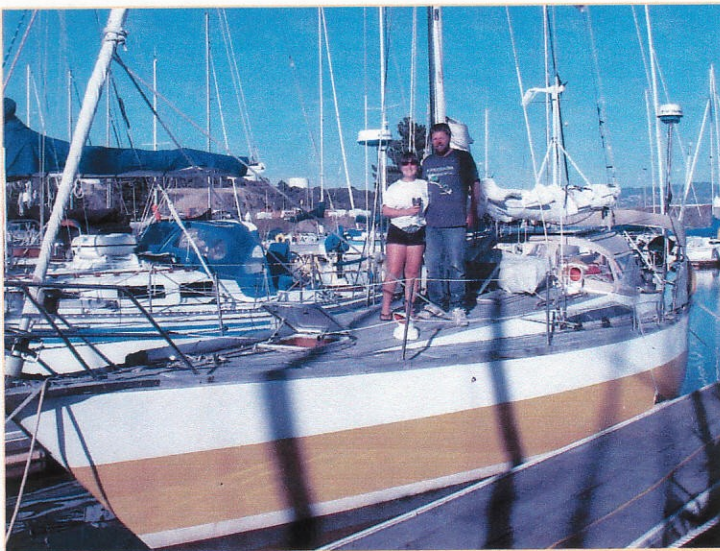
Totem at Old Kassan



Here's the crew that hosted yet another of our fabulous monthly dinners.
Jim Duvall, Pamela Duvall, Joe Ledbetter and Adelina Flores



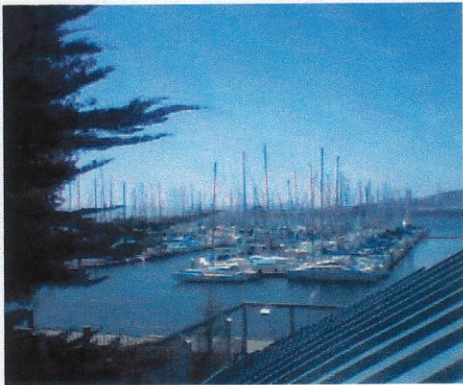
Guests Mike & Pat Favier from Mesa, Arizona at our August dinner. Pat and Mike, California Cruising Clippers and Arizona Yacht Club members sail a Jeanneau Lagoon 35 *only four*.



Emmy Newbould & Eric Wilbur back home with Nataraja



Pat Favier exchanges an Arizona YC with our Commodore Jim Taylor



Richmond, CA Forecast - 8/30/2004 2:37 pm [Qwikcast.com](http://www.Qwikcast.com)

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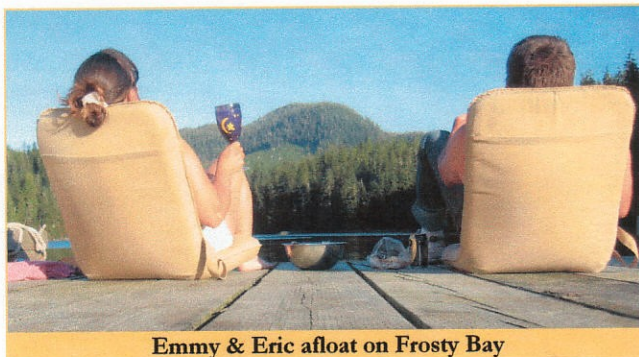
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Currently	Almanac		
	Apparent 72°	Sunrise	06:39
Partly Cloudy 72° at 13:53 PDT	Dew Point 59°	Sunset	19:40
	Humidity 65%	Avg. Hi	72°
	Wind NW/14 mph	Avg. Lo	56°
	Visibility 10 mi	Yesterday Hi	NA°
	Barometer 29.92 in	Yesterday Lo	NA°

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Ed Johnson has added real time weather to our webcam page at www.marinabayyc.com

Our trip back through the narrows was uneventful and we went back into St. Johns and relaxed with our books. We were up and on the move bright and early the next morning. Timing is so critical here because of the tides. The currents just rip through some of the areas and it's usually best to arrive at the new spot on low water so there aren't any surprises. With spring tides bringing a tidal range of 23' you have to be really careful when anchoring. Once that water goes out it looks as if the plug has been pulled and all kinds of surprises spring up. We came into one anchorage, Frosty Bay, and found a float inside. After doing some poking around, we noticed a cabin on shore and the



Emmy & Eric afloat on Frosty Bay

sign on the float that said it was for use by folks staying in the USFS cabin. Well, no one was around and it was late in the afternoon so we figured we'd tie up for the night. The sun was shining and inside there wasn't a breath of wind. We pulled out the cockpit chairs and lounged out on the float eating crab and enjoying cocktails.

The next morning we headed out and paid a visit to the quaint little settlement of Meyers Chuck. We tied up to the public float, which is available to anyone free of charge. There were no services other than a post office that only opened twice a week for about an hour and a little gallery. There are

no cars here and a dirt trail connects the homes to the dock. The folks get around by boat. The mail plane comes once a week. While on the dock, one of the locals gave us a nice chunk of king salmon. What a treat.

Our next stop took us up Behm Canal and to another free dock in Naha Bay. I am really liking this, although, at this one we had to raft up to a big old fishing boat. We wanted to stop into this particular spot because of the boardwalk trail that leads back into a lagoon. So many anchorages are steep to and there is little or no opportunity to get off the boat and walk around. It was a wonderful trail and I was really enjoying until we came across a big pile of fresh bear poop. It was then time to return to the boat and quickly at that. Our

next two anchorages were in the Misty Fiords Natural Monument and were absolutely breathtaking. It was a lot like Yosemite, only better.

Fitzgibbon Cove was the first one we visited then we moved on to Walker Cove. The latter one is an inlet about five miles long that winds along towering granite cliffs with waterfalls cascading down to the water.

Eric nosed the bow up towards some of the smaller



Fitzgibbon Cove

ribbon like ones and we were able to look right up the face of the cliffs. Wow! Finally, at the head, we picked up a buoy, another freebie compliments of the National Park Service. While lounging in the cockpit, we spotted a brown bear working the shore. Later that evening a huge black bear showed himself at the other end. Morse Cove on Duke Island was our last U.S. anchorage before making our run for the border and crossing into Canadian waters.

Southeast Alaska was a wonderful place to visit. There are so many anchorages and once off the main tracks we were able to have them to ourselves. We got pretty lucky with the weather and actually ended up with more good days than yucky. It was so fun to hook up with Peter and we made some new friends, too.



Falls at Walker Cove



MBYC Upcoming Events September 2004

Open House
Board Meeting & Dinner
Saturday September 18, 2004

Open House:
noon - 4:00 pm
(Club will be open to prospective members.
Finger foods provided, & the bar will be open.)

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

Menu
Variety of Pastas, vegetables, salad,
Appitizers and desserts

Cost pp \$12.00 Kids <13=free
Hosted By: Nestor & Ardelle Cirino

Cruise-Out to:
Drakes Bay
September 4 -6, 2004

Contact **Paul Lagier** for details or to sign up.
(See **Fleet Captain** page 2 for contact information.)

Special Note for Open House
I will need volunteers to be available at the club to welcome visitors.



I will be grocery shopping and cooking on Saturday afternoon, so I will need all the support I can get for the Open House. Contact me ASAP if you can help. (See contact info. on page 2)

.....Ardelle Cirino (Acting Port Captain)

NOTE: Please RSVP:

E-mail PortCaptain@MarinaBayYC.com or phone Ardelle at (510) 816-3059

General Membership Meeting and Elections
October 16, 2004

Octoberfest Dinner
Hosted by the Jacobys

(Details in next months Signal)

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]

March

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

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

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."

June

- 12-13 Cruise to Encinal YC
- 12 Private Party hosted by Melina Corona
- 19 Board Meeting
- Surf & Turf Dinner [Cirino]

July

- 3 Marina Bay fireworks—Club open
- 3-6 Delta Cruise
- 10 Marina Bay YC Sailboat Racing
- 17 Board Meeting
- Red White & Blue Dinner [Coker/Decker]
- 24 Cruise to Ballena Bay YC
- 31 Catalina 24 Fleet Cruise-in Clam Bake

August

- 14-15 Cruise to San Rafael YC
- 21 Board Meeting
- Dinner [Duvall]
- 28-29 Marina Bay YC Sailboat Racing

September

- 4-6 Labor Day Cruise to Drake's Bay
- 17 Private Party [Ledbetter]
- 18 Open House
- Board Meeting
- Dinner [Cirino]

October

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

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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Paul Lagier

The cruise-out to San Rafael YC was attended by the Jim Taylor and guest on *Uncle George*, Ed and Dorothy Johnson on *Dakota*, Mike and Janice Tryon on *Seabee Diver*, and Paul and Earlene Lagier on *La Dolce Vita*. A great dinner of NY steaks and all the trimmings was served. Live music was played in the lounge and we were shuttled by a SRYC member to breakfast on Sunday. A fun time was had by all.

The Labor Day cruise-out is to Drake's Bay. At this time there are two boats scheduled to go. We hope we hear from a few more members. There is a possibility that this cruise might be cancelled if one of the two boats on the list should cancel so give me a call if you plan to go.

Thanks,
Paul Lagier, Fleet Captain

Fleet Captain's Log

2004 Cruising Schedule

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 12-13	Encinal YC
July 3-6	Delta Cruise
July 24-25	Ballena Bay
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