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We celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the club on Saturday, and I think everyone had a good time; at least from the

kitchen they seemed like a happy bunch. Mike Tryon took some visitors from Germany out for the day. Mike, Alfred and Coustin were pink-cheeked from fine sailing, and they were grinning all evening long. First Mate Judy prepared about 10 lbs of corned beef, a pot full of cabbage, Irish soda bread, peas and three bowls of salad, and in a flash it was gone. It was then time for frozen yogurt and berries and time to do the dishes... nuts! At least, I got my pound of flesh that afternoon during the Clubhouse Clean-up.

I don't think the Club has ever had more organized storerooms than they do now. Jim Taylor, starting really early, took the horns by the bull and had the dining room filled with stuff that has never seen the light of day. Ardelle Cirino, dug into the downstairs office and started pitching. If anyone has old memorabilia they hoped to take home one day, "it's too late now."

I tried to blow off the deck, but for every 5 feet of success the wind swirled the leaves back 6... so I gave up. I did manage to toss a bunch of

indescribable stuff into the dumpster... please don't ask me to describe what that stuff was, as I seem to have forgotten.

While walking south along the Marina waterfront or walking up from the Dock D, you will notice a smart looking sign, designed by Mike Tryon, mounted on the Club terrace window-wall (curse the spiders). **Marina Bay Yacht Club**, in club colors can be seen from across the marina... good job, Mike.

The afternoon Board Meeting was as energized as could be, for we finally nailed down the Who-does-What subjects every club has to contend with. Differing points of view that evolve to a unanimous vote is a sign of a very dedicated and healthy bunch of people. I'm proud to be part of the team.

Spring is just around the corner, so get ready to enjoy the Bay and Delta waters.

Fair weather to you all...

Barry Eldridge, Commodore ★

Remember When

by *David Jacoby*

Many moon's ago, the Jacobys enjoyed racing on SF Bay in our 30' Catalina sloop, *Revision*. She was a finely prepared boat that went on to score many trophies, as well as becoming the SF Bay one design fleet champion.

However, in the earlier days, we took great pride in just competing and doing well. Part of this equation was to run smart races and make as few mistakes as possible. This one race was no exception as the winds were absolutely howling in excess of 30 knots as we motored out to the start line near the Berkeley Circle area.

We were very surprised to find that we were the only boat in our division to get to the line on time. There were usually about ten boats that would make the line. However, on this day, the boats coming from the Alameda area must have had a tough time crossing the "slot" from Treasure Island across the Berkeley pier area. We decided that since we were already there, we would start the race and quit and go back to our Marina Bay slip. This would give us credit for starting while the rest of the fleet would get two more points against them for NOT starting.

So we put up our smallest headsail and a double reefed main. The rails went under as soon as we loaded the sails on the wind and on the first tack thru the eye of the wind a huge wave broke across *Revision's* deck. Catching us by surprise, the wave continued back toward the cockpit and down the companionway. As we hurried to put hatch boards in, we maneuvered toward the starting line as the starting gun sounded.

Since we were the only boat starting, we continued through the line and I made the call, "Jim, go below and call the race committee boat on channel 68 and let them know not to come looking for us. We're retiring from the race." Well, he did this but upon returning to the cockpit, he said: "Dave there sure is a lot of water down there!" to which I replied, "Remember that wave we took?"

His retort: "No you don't understand, there's a bunch of water." "How much?" says I?" To which Jim lifted one boot-clad foot and pointed to his ankle area. "I think we have a problem!" I said.

From this point on there became a parade of crewmembers going below to search for the cause of our water intake. One by one each crewmember would surface to the cockpit looking quite

green and their head would disappear over the side to make contributions to the murky water. The boat was handling adversely in this condition and I was heading for the shallows of Brooks Island to beach her rather than go down in deeper water.

Finally, one of the crew opened the small cabinet door in the head and saw light and a 1 1/2" tower of green water gushing in. "OH SH_____,," he yelled. We couldn't find anything to plug the hole except a round Korbel brandy bottle with a towel wrapped around it. Unfortunately a crewmember had to remain below holding the bottle in place while the rest of the crew made headway on the bailing and the electric bilge pump caught up with the inflow. One by one, sick by sick we traded off crew holding the bottle. Finally, one stayed down an inordinate amount of time. When he finally emerged, we asked how he did it. He replied: "Oh, I got sick but I was able to hit the head and continue." We didn't bother to explain to him that the head exit line was now wandering around the boat instead of exiting where the thru hull fitting had been.

We were able to bring the boat back to our slip. Using a spinnaker halyard we attached the line to a dock cleat over a few slips and cranked it in healing the boat over about 25 degrees to reveal the missing plastic type thru hull fitting. We ran off to the store, bought a new bronze fitting and installed it. After a few washings inside with diluted bleach, she was like new again.

Moral of this story: Never go to sea without wood plugs for each thru hull fitting and at least one 750 ml bottle of Korbel, just in case it's needed!

If you don't believe this tale, just ask Jim.....Jim Taylor, our Past Commodore.

David Jacoby ★

Enchante' former owner of *Revision*

Cruising News

JANUARY--8-9
Sierra Pt. YC

FEBRUARY--19-20
Loch Lomond YC

MARCH--12-13
Pt. San Pablo YC

APRIL--9-10
Oakland YC

MAY--14-15
Ballena Bay YC

JUNE--11-12
Coyote Point YC

JULY--2
Vallejo YC
JULY 3-10
Delta cruise

AUGUST--20-21
San Leandro YC

SEPTEMBER--10-11
Drakes Bay (Jim Duvall)

OCTOBER--8-9
Half Moon Bay

OCTOBER--29-30
Berkeley YC

NOVEMBER--5-6 or 11-12
Treasure Island YC (tentative)

DECEMBER--3-4 or 10-11
Treasure Island YC (tentative)

Fleet Captain's Report

Hello all,

The April 9-10 cruise-out is to Oakland YC. I talked with the Port Captain Ken this morning and we will be using their dining room Sat. evening. We will be ordering off their menu and dinner prices range from \$12 to \$20. Dinners are served from 6:30PM on. The bar is open from 5:30PM on. Ken is arranging for berthing and needs a 10 day advance notice. He thinks berthing will not be a problem. Oakland YC brunch is being served Sunday morning.

As of today we have these boats going over: LADY K, PIXY TRAILS, LA DOLCE VITA, STERLING SILVER ROSE, and WIND LOCK with 11 people. Please see directions to Oakland YC by sea or land below.

Let me know ASAP if you can attend.

Oakland YC is located on the Estuary on the east side of Alameda Island, at the foot of Triumph St. at Pacific Marina. Arriving By Water:

OYC is at 37 degrees 47.008 minutes north latitude and 122 degrees 15.906 minutes west longitude.

Arriving By Land:

From 880 N, exit Broadway and turn right onto Broadway turn right on 7th St. turn right on Webster (2 blocks) and take the Webster St. (aka Posey) tube to Alameda Island bear left out of the tube and go over the overpass turn left at Atlantic Ave. (2nd light) turn left at Triumph St. The club is located at the foot of Triumph parking is located in front of the club house, with additional parking across the street.

From 24 west or 80 south via 580, take 880 south and exit Jackson St. turn left off the ramp and go under the freeway left on 8th St. (2nd light) left on Webster St. and through the tube see above for rest of directions.

Paul Lagier ★
Fleet Captain

MBYC Sailing

On Saturday March 19, 2005 the MBYC had the privilege of hosting a day of sailing on San Francisco Bay. Alfred is the Administrator for LAN at the University of Saarland in Germany. Coustin, is a member of Alfred's staff. They contacted the Lagier's through our WEBSITE. They had one day in which to enjoy a day on the bay. Saturday as you may recall was a very blustery day. However, Wind Lock is not a fair weather sailor nor is her Skipper. We put in the 2nd reef and headed out for a very rough ride but lots of fun. I—36 what a boat!



Mike and Coustin in Potrero Reach



Sailing downwind headed home



Mike and Coustin off Point Bonita



Members enjoying dinner at MBYC



Alfred at Ayella Cove



Alfred at the helm ★

Mike Tryon, Skipper, Social Director MBYC

I'm the Signal Editor too



MBYC



Our Sails Reach The Stars ★ ★ ★

New Membership Applications April, 2005

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Boat Info:
Name: Dragoon
Type: Hobbie Cat
Size: 12' X 7' Sail

Boat Info:
Name: Money Penny
Type: Columbia
Size: 26' X 6' Sail



Note: At our June 18, 2005 dinner a professional Mechanic will give a seminar on maintaining your diesel engine. You don't want to miss this one!

Dear Members: In the past, Club checks over \$750. required two signatures: the Treasurer and another elected officer of the Board, or two elected officer in the absence of the Treasurer. While transferring the account to the 2005 Officers, we decided to increase the Club check amount to \$1,000. so that our Treasurer could pay the rent without being tied the (two) signature procedure. To bring Article IV up to date, we are required by lay to publish this fact before our Membership.

Amendment to Bylaws, Article IV, Paragraph 6. to read:

All club checks over \$1000.00 require two signatures: the Treasurer and another elected officer of the Board of directors. In the absence of the Treasurer any two elected officers of the Board of directors may sign Club Checks.

We will vote on this Amendment at the following Board Meeting. If this is approved by a 2/3rds vote, we will publish this action in the May Signal. Our Membership would then vote on this at the following meeting. A 2/3rds vote of approval by attending Membership is required to approve this Amendment. Please Email me if you have any questions.

Barry Eldridge, Commodore

Date	Event	Activity/ Hosted By
April 9-10, 2005	Cruise Out	Oakland YC
April 16, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner	Cook Your Own Steak, bring a salad Hosted by C. Craig & A. Cirino ★
May 14-15, 2005	Cruise Out	Ballena Bay YC
May 21, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner	Menu TBD: Hosted by the Warrens
June 11-12, 2005	Cruise Out	Coyote Point YC
June 18, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner Women Aboard Cruise In	Cook your own meat & Potluck : Hosted by the Lagiers
July 2, 2005	Cruise Out	Vallejo YC
July 3 - 10, 2005	Cruise Out	Delta Cruise
July 16, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner	NEED HOST FOR DINNER: CONTACT TRYONS
Aug. 20, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner	NEED HOST FOR DINNER: CONTACT TRYONS
Aug. 27-28, 2005	Cruise Out	San Leandro YC
Sept. 10-11, 2005	Cruise Out	Drakes Bay (hosted by Jim Duvall)
Sept. 17, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner	NEED HOST FOR DINNER: CONTACT TRYONS
Oct. 8-9, 2005	Cruise Out	Half Moon Bay
Oct. 15, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner & Membership Meeting	Octoberfest NEED HOST FOR DINNER: CONTACT TRYONS
Oct. 29-30, 2005	Cruise Out	Berkeley YC
Nov. 5, or 12 2005	tentative Treasure Isle	
★Nov. 19, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner	NEED HOST FOR DINNER: CONTACT TRYONS
Dec. 3, 2005	tentative Treasure Isle	
Dec. 10, 2005	Board Meeting & dinner	Holiday Dinner NEED HOST FOR DINNER: CONTACT TRYONS
Jan. 14, 2006	First Cruise of new year	TBD by 2006 Fleet Captain
Jan. 21, 2006	Board Meeting and Installation Dinner	TBD by 2006 Port Captain



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