

Commodore's Log



Barry Eldridge

It's May, spring is upon us, and now we can look forward to many weeks of fun on the San Francisco Bay and Delta waters.

It's spring, when we scrub the winter fallout (gunk) off our boats, it's spring when we mend, install, remove, refinish, replace, or otherwise take care of all the little stuff we didn't have time for during the previous winter. During winter months, we have this need to talk about our projects and it's the projects that are noticeable or unusual that are more interesting to others. So little projects are set aside, for we're too consumed with important stuff for all the trouble these little things represent. So this Thursday, I plan to work on the little stuff, secure the cushions with snap screws, install hanging hooks, hang the fire extinguisher, replace the corroded DC switch boxes, etc, etc.

Now wiring, the BIG exception, especially "rewiring" this subject isn't "little stuff..." I don't chat much about wiring because I know just enough to get into trouble. Actually, I don't think I really want to learn as much as I may say... I had a Wheel Pilot installed recently, and my intent was to be there, to observe and ask questions while the work was being done, but something else always got in the way. Was this by design? I don't know, but I'm suspicious.

Sometime back, I was talking with this old timer about my Yanmar Engine. He said something I thought was a bit obvious at the time, so I sluffed it off like a kid. Do you remember when you were a kid? When the stuff we were told didn't surface until the event slaps us on the side

of the head? Anyway, the old fellow told me, "When something doesn't work, follow a logical path from one end to the other, from the source to the subject." Example: when a light goes out, start with the bulb, then check the switch, then the battery connections, then the battery... obvious, Right? right!

Last Saturday, First Mate Judy, my son Kris and I were on the Bay. The wind was a brisk 19-20 knots, this was a sunny day, we had great sandwiches, the beer was cold, the new Main Sail was performing wonderfully and Treasure Island was just ahead. I was ready to "come about" and head back for the Board Meeting at the Club... all was well in the world. NOT! I looked down and "Nooo" ALL the instruments were out. What if I couldn't start the engine? Quickly now, OK, the engine started, Yeeeessss! This meant we had a wiring problem or bad fuse... "Wait!" I don't have any fuses, I have circuit breakers... OK, it must be a loose wire. I'm processing memory banks and guess what surfaced?

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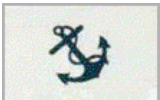
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New Membership Applications

--None submitted this month--



New Members

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

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We returned to Marina Bay and my son started at the Switch Panel... no power there. To the battery we go... we knew there was a bad connection between the battery and the switch panel ... "There..." we said at once. The negative wire had come loose from the battery terminal, it was a bad crimp. This was quickly re-crimped and heat sealed and "low and behold..." the instruments worked. OK, OK... so this was an easy fix. Hmmm, on reading the above, I hope I made my point somewhere.

OK, the business stuff: (You'll note that this isn't taking up a lot of room... by design). The Board Meeting focused on club officer areas of responsibilities . . . who was to do what and when. We also clarified "process" on everything from cruise-ins and finances to running the bar. The discussion was lively and now we can look at each other and say, "We are cruising along on a reliable course."

Opening Day: This is on the last Sunday of April... If everyone brings a camera and flies their Burgee, we can fill the wall with pictures of our boats. I hope you join us on the Bay and that you have a wonderful time. Fine weather to you all...

Barry Eldridge, Commodore



BOARD MEETING ESSENTIALS: MARCH 2005

Ardelle Cirino submitted an application from Zachary and Beth Sherry as prospective members. An application for Kathleen Kirk was also submitted.

Jim Taylor gave us his findings on purchasing a credit card machine versus renting.

Paul Lagier reported on the Pt. San Pablo cruise-out. Those in attendance were the Lagiers, Tallericos, Warrens, Tryons and guests, Eldridges, Tom MacFarland, Jacobys, and Ledbetters.

In July Berkeley YC will be having a safety weekend that would be to our advantage to participate.

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Barry discussed the procedures for cruise-ins.

It was suggested that part of the application for new prospective members include meeting with the board. This would be a chance for the board and the applicants to get to know each other and have a feel for what we do.

Lance Warren stated that his son could build us a new computer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1810 hrs.

Submitted by: Earlene Lagier, Sec.



Mike Tryon: Is presented with Rear Commodore flag...Saturday, April 16th after dinner.



Fleet Captain's Report

The cruise-out to Oakland YC April 9-10th was well attended. The weekend was beautiful and 6 MBYC member boats sailed over. MACLUMLEY--Charles Craig, LA DOLCE VITA--Paul and Earlene Lagier, WIND LOCK--Mike and Janice Tryon and her brother and sister-in-law, STERLING SILVER ROSE--Lance and Kathi Warren, PIXY TRAILS--Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray, and MONEY PENNY--Zach and Beth Sherry (recently approved new members).

The Jacobys, Ardelle Cirino, the Taylors and the Tallericos drove over. I think this has been our largest member is attendance at a cruise-out this year.

The dinner meal was Mexican and the Sunday Brunch was delicious. The next cruise-out is to Ballena Bay May 14-15.

The May cruise-out is to Ballena Bay YC, May 14-15th. I have contacted Port Captain Lowell Crow for the info as to dinner menu, costs for meals, slip fees, gate keys etc. and method of payment. Will advise you as I find out.

Ballena Bay YC is located in Ballena Isle Marina on the Western side of Alameda and is easy to find. After going under the SF Bay Bridge continue South past the Oakland Estuary along the West side of Alameda until you reach Ballena Isle Marina. There is long break water a little over a mile long with the marina about 1/2 mile south of the south end of the breakwater.

Please let me know soon if you can attend by boat or auto. Participation in our cruise-outs has been increasing lately and all of us have enjoyed them. Let's continue this momentum. Please try to come on this cruise as Ballena Bay YC is a very friendly club and we have been well received there in the past.

Paul Lagier
Fleet Captain



BOARD MEETING ESSENTIALS: April 2005

Commodore's Report:

- Commodore Eldridge reported that Marina Bay Harbor is not willing to pay for refurbishing the deck or for providing new planters because the club had its rent discounted. Lance Warren agreed to follow-up on these matters. The Marina did buy 10 new carts
- Mike Tryon was appointed as Rear Commodore with responsibilities for new memberships.

Vice Commodore's Report

Ardelle Cirino clarified new-membership procedures: 1.) Member's submit their application form and fee. 2.) The applicant is invited to attend a meeting of the Board (attendance is optional). 3.) The applicant's name is then published for members in the next Signal. 4.) After publication, the Board votes on the prospective members' acceptance at the following Board meeting.

Rear Commodore's Report

- Ardelle stated that new club officers are most often elected in October, so the best time to send these is in early November. It was decided that Charles Craig and Mike Tryon will be mailing the invitations in the fall
- The Board voted unanimously to accept two new memberships to the Club, Zach and Beth Sherry and Kathleen Kirk.
- Jim Taylor suggested a lobster feed in August or September because prices are best during this period. Charles Craig will call the lobster supplier for a possible date in September

Treasurer's Report: The board discussed refining our procedure for collecting money for slip fees, dinners and breakfasts. A committee of Lance, Mike, Charles, and Ardelle will meet and make their recommendations at next month's meeting.

Old Business

The board voted on the motion to change Article IV, paragraph 6, in the by-laws, which will now read: "All club checks over \$1000 require two signatures. This

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MBYC
Upcoming Events
May 2005

Board Meeting & Dinner

May 21, 2005

Mexican Fiesta

Board Meeting 4:00 pm

Bar Opens (approx.) 5:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm



Cost pp \$12.00 Kids <13=free

Hosted By: Lance & Kathi Warren

NOTE: Please RSVP: E-mail

SocialDirector@MarinaBayYC.com or phone Mike

Tyren at (510) 520-2346

Cruise-Out to:

Coyote Point YC

June 11 - 12, 2005

Contact **Paul Lagier** for details or to sign up.

Call: 209-599-6635 or email:

FleetCaptain@marinabayyc.com



Cruise-Out to:

Ballena Bay YC

May 14-15, 2005



Contact **Paul Lagier** for details or to sign up.

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We Need Hosts for Monthly Dinners !!!

(See Calendar page for dates available)

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Board Meeting & Dinner

Saturday June 18, 2005

Women Aboard Cruise-In

Diesel Engine Maintenance will be presented by Marty Chen
(Bay Marine Diesel)

Cook Your Own Meat Potluck

The Club will provide a delicious tender juicy steak for all attendees, that you will be able to cook to your own liking.

Please bring something to share.



Pictures from the Oakland Yacht Club Cruise Out.
Provided by Barry Eldridge



Above- La Dolce Vita with skippers Paul & Earlene Lagier, and "a few" guests.

Right- A close up of the Cruise out crowd. (Note; that there were several others that were part of the event that were not aboard.

Read details in the [Fleet Captains Log](#)



Editor's Comments:

The Outside cover announcement of "New Management" is a greatly exaggerated statement regarding some personnel changes on the Board.

Many of you may not know as yet, but I have offered to edit the Signal. Mike Tryon has been doing it, but with his new duties as Rear Commodore, added to his responsibilities as Social Director, made this function a whole lot too much.

Please bear with me as I learn to throw this together. And comments, as long as not too harsh, regarding ways to improve or make additions, will be accepted and much appreciated.

I am interested in providing a newsletter that is read by members, and which communicates activities and provides useable information.

Please overlook my overly enthusiastic method of trying to grab your interest in the hopes of getting you to read this publication. But those that take their time to write articles should get some attention. There is a lot of useful information in this issue. Please take a look !!!

Ardelle Cirino

Signal Editor

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change allows the treasurer to pay the rent for the clubhouse without the two-signature requirement.

- Mike Tryon reported on materials for the proposed signs for the clubhouse and at the corner of our street.
- Jim Taylor reported that the new credit card machine will arrive soon.

New Business

The Board discussed the Officers' Responsibilities and Club Operations outline sent to the Board recently. With a couple of minor changes, the outline was approved by the board.

-----Submitted by Judy Murray (for Earlene Lagier)



Past Commodore's Log

I am still fascinated by boats, boat gear, and accessories. What better place to see all the good stuff than a boat show. I still enjoy making the trip to Jack London Square every April. I go to the show every year with a friend named Tom. We have attended every all-sail show, with the exception of 1999 when I broke my hip skiing. We hardly see each other throughout the rest of the year but we have a standing date for the boat show.

The sail only show has gone through some name changes but the draw and flavor remain.

The organizers made it easy to purchase tickets online using a credit card. In the past, the tickets were mailed. This year, after the credit card is processed, the tickets are printed on your printer. Very convenient, I hope they do it again next year.

. When you walk in the tent you see vendors that have been there year after year. The girl from New York was again selling **Atomic Tape**; "just stretch,

wrap and go". Her booth location was different and so was the color of her hair. I bought three rolls last year and they remain in the bottom of the plastic Beneteau bag.

Oh, there's the guy selling the tool that turns plain wire into permanent wire clamps. I had to have it and bought it a few years ago. I hope I can find the instructions to it when I need it. There is a new and improved model now, but he doesn't take trade-ins.

I turn the corner and there is the same pleasant mature lady selling **Sailing** magazine; the one the size of the old **Life** magazine. My subscription has expired and she shows me the renewal coupon in a current issue at \$ 28.00 per year. She has a Special Offer, three years for \$ 49.00. What a deal, she got me (Tom too)! I sign the subscription slip, she puts three recent issues and a **Sailing Designs** book into a plastic **Sailing** magazine bag and off we go.

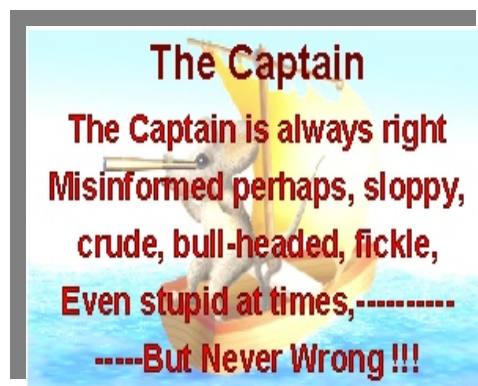
After a quick lunch, we head for the in-water sail boats. Tom and I have our definite preferences and walk by many boats. Our favorites this year were the Tartan 4100,

Waterline 46, any Sabre, and the Elizabeth Muir.

Just for fun I looked at a 27' boat made by one of the major producers. After the look, I went home again feeling like I always do after a boat show. I once again realize and appreciate that for me, my boat has character that is hard to match. My boat is the right boat for me. And most thankfully, it is paid for and all mine!

Life's a reach

Jim Taylor

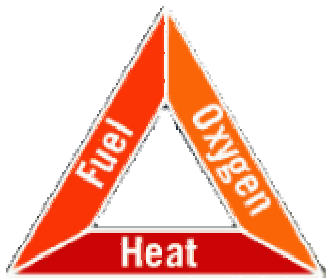


Firefighting at Sea

(Part 1 of a 3 part series provided by our Safety Officer---Lance Warren)

As the Marina Bay Yacht Club Safety Officer and a once certified United States Coast Guard Firefighting Instructor, I thought it was about time I address an issue that concerns ALL boat owners: firefighting at sea. When I was training as a firefighting instructor at the United States Navy Firefighting School on Treasure Island the first thing we learned was the chemistry of fire. Understanding creates a fire and the Fire Triangle takes a lot of the mystery out of a fire and consequently less panic if/when a onboard fire should occur.

Let us look at the basics of a fire, or the Fire Triangle. Every fire consists of three parts: fuel, oxygen, and heat, see below:



If any one part of the fire triangle is removed, the fire will be extinguished. As easy as that sounds many individuals do not take the time to evaluate the situation and what type of fire is involved.

There are three types/classifications of fire, they are:

- **A - Alpha fires.** The fuel for this fire consists of any material that leaves an ash, these will include: wood, paper, rope, bedding, fiberglass, ammunition, etc. The most **common extinguishing agent is water**. This will remove the heat and oxygen of the fire triangle.
- **B - Bravo fires.** The fuel/material for this fire is burning liquid, these would be: gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, etc. The most **common extinguishing method is the removal of oxygen or smothering the fire**. This can be done by turning off the fuel supply and then using an all purpose fire extinguisher to remove the oxygen from the fire triangle.
- **C - Charlie fires.** These are electrical fires. What is burning is the plastic and wires in the electrical system of the boat. The best extinguishing method is the all-purpose fire extinguisher or the CO2 fire extinguisher. This will extinguish the fire by removing the oxygen and not damage the circuit boards. Quite often, this fire will start a class A fire, and will continue to restart that fire is not extinguished properly.
- **D - Delta fires.** This classification of fire materials is the most difficult to deal with, it consists of burning metals and chemicals (both solid and liquid), such as: magnesium, thermite, sodium, etc. **There is no one easy method of extinguishing these fires**, fortunately most boat owners will never have to face one of these fires. Each burning Delta fire will be extinguished in it's own unique manner. I can go on for many hours discussing the different ways of fighting these fires...**but I will not now. Lucky you!**

This is just the tip of the iceberg when discussing fires and how to fight them. I will continue this subject next month and will talk about how to fight a fire and then how to prevent them. If there are any aspects or questions regarding shipboard firefighting that you would like me to address you can email me at: safetyofficer@marinabayyc.com.

Until next time...be safe

Lance Warren - - - MBYC Safety Officer

MBYC 2005 Calendar of Events

January

8-9 Cruise-out to Sierra Point YC

15 Board Meeting & Club Dinner

February

12 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
Valentine's Day
Cioppino
(Lagier)

19-20 Cruise-out to Loch Lomond YC

March

12-13 Cruise-out to Pt San Pablo YC

15 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
St. Patrick's Day

April

9-10 Cruise-out to Oakland YC

16 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
Cook your own steak, bring a salad.
(C. Craig & A. Cirino)

May

14-15 Cruise-out to Ballena Bay YC

21 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
Mexican Fiesta (Warrens)

June

11-12 Cruise-out to Coyote Point YC

17 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
Cook your own meat & potluck
Women Aboard Cruise In & Diesel
Mechanic Speaker (Lagiers)

July

2 Cruise-out to Vallejo YC
3-10 Delta Cruise

16 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
(Need Host!)

August

20 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
(Need Host!)

27-28 Cruise-out to San Leandro YC

September

10-11 Cruise-out to Drakes Bay
(Duvall)

17 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
(Need Host!)

October

8-9 Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay

15 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
(Need Host!)
General Membership Meeting

29-30 Cruise-out to Berkeley YC

November

12-13 Cruise-out to Oyster Point YC

19 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
(Need Host!)

December

3 Cruise-out Plans Tentative

10 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
(Need Host!)

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dinner you would like to attend.

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