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Last Minute Picture

Jim Taylor in Alaska

Bringing home our September 17th dinner

If you miss this one, you will miss the best catch of the year !!!



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Commodore's Log



Barry Eldridge

We had a record turnout for the Cruise-In in August, over 50 sailors enjoyed lobster and all the fixings. The Catalina 34 group did most of the work and a good time was had by all. We also learned something that evening'

apparently, lobsters with claws have more status than linguista without claws, although the Linguista have larger tails' It's sort of like, Hmmm, no I won't go there.

However, I plan to look into this and I'll let you know if there is any truth to the matter. The happy crowd overflowed onto the deck where a nice sunset topped off the evening. Jesse Hibden, our new Bar Manager, did an stellar job of keeping everyone happy, in spite of running out of many items' As a caveat to this, we need to train more of our members in bar services skills as Jesse could certainly use help from time to time.

Sunday Breakfast: Hats off to the Sunday Morning Breakfast Team, hosted by Mike and Janice Tryon. The Tryon's crew of sailors included; Chuck Craig, Judy Murray, Paul and Earlene Lagier and Zack Sherry, who along with the galley chefs, worked like beavers: producing over 10 dozen scrambled eggs, eight to ten pounds of sausage and bacon, a zillion pan cakes and gallons of coffee and juice. Rounding out the fare were sweet rolls, cake and fresh fruit' a wonderful breakfast was had by over 60 folks. We almost ran out of provisions (except for the

cake), requiring several trips to the market. We had many nice compliments on this event.

A side note' it was reported to me that someone in the marina chose not to have breakfast with us, as they weren't 'Yaughties.' Does anyone have know what that means? Is it catchy?

Signage: Word has it that once visitors enter Marina Bay, that they have a hard time finding their way around. Perhaps MBYC should take the lead on this, providing signs for each dock, i.e. D, E, F & G, so that visitors and services alike can find us wherever we are.

More on the sign subject: Placing a sign on the fishing platform immediately north of the old Ford plant, directing sailors to turn right at that point for Marina Bay, the Harbor Master and the Marina Bay Yacht Club' that this sign would reduce aground events, as well as informing sailors as to where they are.. I suspect the City of Richmond will have something to say about this, but nothing ventured they say' Anyone want to take this on?

Club's Wood Deck: Bay Harbor Management Services (Marina Bay's management company) told me this deck wasn't a structural part of the clubhouse' and so, the Club should replace or fix this feature at own expense. This is nonsense of course and we have said so' and so the ball is now bacl in their court. We may have a lot of water between our ears, but we haven't gone that soggy. I'll keep you all informed.

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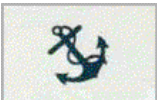
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New Membership Applications

No new applications as of this publication



New Members

None

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Swap Meet and Bar-B-Q: The Board was unanimous in their belief that they could run a better Swap Meet than the one we experienced (sic) last spring. So now, we've agreed to run the Swap Meet tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 15th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the dry storage area next to the Marina Offices.

I've notified everyone via the Email on this subject, so I hope many of you will step forward to lend a hand. Please wear your club shirts, hats and smiles and bring all your valuable stuff to swap' lets make this a memorable swap meet.

Marina Management will provide a Bar-B-Q so don't worry about lunch. **Please call any of your Board Members if you have any questions.**

Continuing'

We headed south from Ensenada and after a day of fine sailing we came to the small island of San Benito, where we dropped our anchor next to small fishing village on the lee side. We surmised that the village doesn't get that many visitors, as the Mayor met us on shore to welcome us and invited us to visit his home. This was the first time

I experienced 'spontaneous Mexican hospitality.' I was impressed by the Mayor's sense of absolute well being in spite of the total absence of necessities we take for granted back home.

The privy, dirt floor, paper filled cracks in driftwood walls, lanterns and primitive wood stoves were more than balanced by the spotless and tidy living conditions, the happy, clean and polite children and his warm, jolly wife' everyone we met were clearly at home on this little island.

The Mayor showed us his credentials. Apparently, that's the routine for every visitor, for he was also the police chief, fire chief and chairman of the board of fisheries. After a quick tour of his home and the village, we were

invited to hike across the island to visit the lighthouse' several of us jumped at the opportunity.

We followed the Mayor and two donkeys full of supplies, along well worn path that followed the shoreline. We learned the island was a wildlife sanctuary and, as if invited by the Sea Gods themselves' Elephant Seals, thousands of them, covered the beaches along our way.

What amazing animals! The bulls, eight to ten feet tall, covered with scars, their ribbons of war, looked like they weighed two tons or more. Their fat rippled as they sashayed through the herds of sleepy females, their heads nodding left and right, as if they were acknowledging the adoring, squawking ladies. The Mayor pointed out the young males, who gathered by themselves on the edge, mopping and yammering about unrealized expectations.

The Mayor stepped into and over the sea of shiny bodies, either to show his bravery, his sense superiority, lack of fear or brain matter' he stepped up to one of the largest bulls and swatted him in the snout with his felt hat, receiving a throaty roar and an open mouth that could have swallowed his head like a grape'

We all stepped back several feet. I must admit I wanted the big fellow to swat him back in some way, not too hard of course,

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however nothing like that happened' I suppose I was expecting too much.

When we arrived at the north end of the Island, there was the lighthouse, this sat on a rise on the tip of the island, and stood about 30 feet high. The Mayor opened the big brass lock and up we went to the top of this stucco and stone tower. Like his humble home, this was a very tidy place. The view of the coastline was wonderful, but most surprising was the machinery itself' a real mind blower!

The wheels, cogs, screws, shafts and the housing itself, were formed out of shiny brass. The lenses were made up of several dozen pieces of thick, cut glass, many of which were over 3 inches wide, curved and 12 to 18 inches long. Pulleys, turned by thin chains with weights on the end, turned the external lense case around and around.

Apparently, the lighthouse was installed by the French government in the 1800's. The machinery has always been maintained by the village and has been running ever since it was installed... given the times, this was an amazing engineering accomplishment! The Mayor's job was to keep everything going, keep the kerosene tank topped off and crank the weights up twice a day, morning and evening. By this support, the light turns night and day in all kinds of weather. What a terrific bit of history.

On returning to the Barunita, we were told by the owner that San Benito was our last stop until we turned Port at Cabo San Lucas. Contrary to what we were told, we now learn that the owner is in a hurry and that we would be motering most of the way, down

wind to Panama. Although we missed some interesting stops, Cabo San Lucas was soon all we could think about. Continuing next month'

Fall weather is just around the corner, when the bay fog appears stuck out at sea, when the bay breeze takes on a bite and days are chilly but sunny. Enjoy your days on the bay and may good winds find you wherever you are.

Barry Eldridge, Commodore





Marina Bay Yacht Club
Upcoming Events
September 2005

Cruise Out to Drakes Bay

September 10 - 11, 2005

Contact Paul Lagier for details.
 (See page 2 for phone number or
 email:

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Hosts needed for
November

If you are interested, please contact
 the Port Captain. (Contact info. on
 page 2) There are many of us that
 can help out if you have not done

Cruise Out to
Half Moon Bay

October 8 - 9, 2005

Contact Paul Lagier for details.
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 email:

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Cruise Out to

Berkeley Y C

October 29 - 30, 2005

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Open House
noon - 4:00

Board Meeting
and Dinner

Saturday
September 17, 2005

Fresh Fish from Alaska

(Hosted by the Taylors)

Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Bar Opens approx.: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Dinner Cost

\$15.00 p.p., Kids <13 = free

Board Meeting and Dinner

Election of Officers Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2005

Octoberfest

(Hosted by the Warrens)

Board Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Bar Opens approx.: 5:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.



Fleet Captain's Report

The cruise-out to San Leandro YC was attended by, Lance and Kathi Warren aboard STERLING SILVER ROSE, Dave and Sue Jacoby aboard ECHANTE, and Paul and Earlene Lagier aboard LA DOLCE VITA. Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray and Mike and Janice Tryon drove over. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening and a great dinner. A continental breakfast was had on Sunday morning. SLYC lived up to their reputation as the "Friendliest" YC. We all had a fine weekend and a good sail back on Sunday.

Paul Lagier

The September cruise-out is to Drakes Bay on Sept. 10-11th. This will be lead by Jim Duvall. Please contact Jim at (510) 222-7757, or at jduvall@contracosta.edu. Your fleet captain and Earlene will be at the Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend that weekend. Let's have a good turnout for Jim's cruise-out.

Paul Lagier

Sailing Humor from the Internet

Sailing 'B's

Beam Sea - A situation in which waves strike a boat from the side, causing it to roll unpleasantly. This is one of the four directions from which wave action tends to produce extreme physical discomfort. The other three are `bow sea' (waves striking from the front), `following sea' (waves striking from the rear), and `quarter sea' (waves striking from any other direction).

Boom - Called boom for the sound that's made when it hits crew in the head on its way across the boat. For slow crew, it's called `boom, boom.'

Bulkhead - Discomfort suffered by sailors who drink too much.

Sailing 'C's

Calm - Sea condition characterized by the simultaneous disappearance of the wind and the last cold beverage.

Course - The direction in which a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing. Also, the language that results by not being able to.

Crew - Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts, anchor cushions in place and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

Current - Tidal flow that carries a boat away from its desire destination, or towards a hazard.

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
(Chinese Food- Lagiers)

August

20 Board Meeting & Club Dinner

Catalina 34 Cruise-In **Lobster dinner**

27-28 Cruise-out to San Leandro YC

September

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

17 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
(Fish from Alaska- Taylor)

25 Dos Rios Cruise - In Dinner at 6 pm
Cook Your Own steak (provided by YC)

October

8-9 Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay

15 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
Octoberfest- Tryon

**General Membership Meeting
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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 No cruise in December

10 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
Holiday dinner- Kirk
or phone Mike Tryon at (510) 520-2346

**NOTE: Please make reservations for each
Yacht Club dinner you would like to attend.**

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