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**Pictures from our last dinner,
Announcements about upcoming events
(See details about our upcoming
Swap Meet, our new hats, our cruises,
and what is going on at the club.**

Commodore's Log



Barry Eldridge

Club Gathering: Jim Taylor, our Past Commodore, hosted the club dinner in September. Jim snagged some whoppers up in Alaska and has the pictures to prove it (Jim is the one with a big smile). He had to buy an extra seat on the plane to bring the big fellows home (another whopper?). The Salmon and Cod were grilled to perfection by Chef Taylor, who had no trouble finding takers for second helpings. A very pleasant evening was had by all.

The following night, the Club had a Cruise-In by the Dos Rios group, hosted by Ardelle Cirino and assisted by Kathi and Lance Warren. I heard through the grape vine that everyone had a good time and that the steaks were outstanding. Thanks for all your hard work everyone.

Marina News:

Progress Meeting: I met with the Jim Walter, Marina Bay Manager, Bill Rhoten, Vice Pres. and John Cotton, Pres. of the Bay Harbor Management Group (BHM) about improving communications between the MBYC and Marina Bay Management. This turned out to be a lively discussion, centered on our respective interpretations of the Club House Lease between us. On that subject, we agreed not to agree on some of the wording. All considered my take on the meeting was posi-

tive, primarily because local managers will no longer be micro-managed from Costa Mesa on MBYC matters.

Club Deck: In a nut shell, BHM resurrected the \$20K fund (\$10K is still in the kitty apparently) for fixing the deck, but we have to manage the fixen. Replacing the darn thing would probably take more then \$10K, so we've come up with a repair option that essentially extends the life of the deck, and the Marina seemed to approve... now, all we need is someone to do the work. Anyone interested?

Signs: Where is D Dock? Soon, that question will no longer be asked by visiting boaters and boat services arriving by water. BHM has agreed to install signs on pilings identifying the D, E, F & G docks. BHM has also agreed to look into installing a sign at the fishing pier on the other side of the old Ford Plant. The City of Richmond will probably be involved in that one... so that means another meeting.....Groan.

Larger Buoy: BHM is also looking into increasing the size of the end buoy across the narrow channel from the fishing dock. A larger, more visible buoy may reduce the run-aground incidents along this stretch of the Bay.

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Editors Comment:

Our cruise on the 29th of October will be to **Berkeley Yacht Club**. This club has cruised to our club every year for at least the past 5 years that I know of. If you can find it in your schedule to make this event, **please contact Paul Lagier** (See contact info. On page 2) If you are not able to cruise with the club, perhaps you could meet us there for dinner. We would very much like to have a good turnout. A way to thank them for all of their contributions to us.



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New Membership Applications

No new applicants as of this printing



New Members

Mickey Wright



At our September dinner, Commodore Barry presented one of our newest members, Mickey Wright with a Marina Bay Yacht Club burgee.



A boat painter was awarded the job of painting a small sail boat and when he was asked by the owner, how long it would take him to finish the job, he replied, "Two weeks".

Three weeks went by and the owner, a little concerned of the delay, confronted the painter. "Hey Paul", said the owner, "You told me that it would take you two weeks to paint my boat and it's been three weeks....What's up with that?" The painter put his paintbrush down, looked the owner square in the eye and said, "That was two NAUTICAL weeks, like a nautical mile, they're a little longer".

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Swap Meet: We bandied about the swap meet subject and confirmed a new date. Please mark (change) your calendars to **Saturday, November 5, 2005**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. As for the previous date announced, ~~October 15th~~... there just wasn't enough time for advertising and moving this to mid November didn't make sense given the Turkey Holiday and weather related deterrents.

The Marina has agreed to place out whatever tables they have and they are also providing lunch. Ardelle Cirino is printing up fliers and contacting other Marinas and Clubs, and Paul Lagier will be working with the Marina on advertising on Latitude 38. Now, all we have to do is participate in the swap meet and have club presence... so please wear your club shirts and hats and bring all your valuable stuff to sell or swap.

Continuing...

San Benito, Mexico: Early the next morning, we hauled anchor and motored south... RUMBLE, RUMBLE, RUMBLE, after a few days of this noise we got used to talking above it all and found that by going forward I could pretend we were on a sailboat... sailing. The Baha Peninsula from afar appeared bleak and dry, and we were too far off shore to discern anything but the skyline... Bummer! Reading, cleaning and lounging about became the daily routine, the weather hot and sticky. One afternoon, on the foredeck writing in my journal, I became enchanted by the planes of blue and green presented by rippling surface, a colossal net that broke as the boat surged through. I was standing at the bow, looking down when I had an idea... I tucked my journal under a deck box and climbed down into the net beneath the bow sprit. I found that when I dangled my legs through the net I didn't have to hang on and "Waaaa," an up and down Jacuzzi washing machine. I would rise and fall as the boat surged forward, "down" with water up to my neck then "up" and out of the water, up and down... what a cool way to cool down.

The Days were hot and humid, my trip to the net became a frequent event, as did my contact with dolphins... as if I wasn't already having a good time, on the second day, dolphins surfaced and crisscrossed in front of the bow. They slid against the bottom of my

feet, feeling like inner tubes all slick and smooth. What wonderful creatures they are.

As you may guess, I soon used the washing machine to bathe. After loosing the first bar of soap to Neptune, I drilled a hole through another and tied this with a nylon string to the bow sprit. The down side was I could only wash one part at a time... soap an arm, down and rinse, the other arm, down and rinse. When finished and back on deck, I poured my ration of fresh water over me... Although others thought I was a little nuts, I was the cleanest person on the boat.

At last... we turned the point into the bay of Cabo San Lucas... we've arrived! There wasn't much there in the late '60's, one hotel and another under construction, but that didn't matter... all we could think about was walking on land, eating Mexican food and taking a long fresh water shower. Given all the "Hoopla" about Cabo, we were a little disappointed. I think we expected a few night spots, live music and a bustling, holiday community... not the old tourists, a grubby harbor and to be the only boat in the bay.

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SEPTEMBER DINNER
Hosted by Jim Taylor
Turned out to be a giant winner!!!

The following day, while walking along the Pacific side, towards the point, we found hundreds of wood mop handles that had washed up to the tide line, all stamped with **US Navy**. One can imagine that a disgruntled sailor (with a **BIG** grin and a story to tell) telling his story about how a container full of mop handles broke loose during a storm.

On our way across the Gulf de California we met a small sailboat heading back to San Diego. They waved us down and asked if we had any medical supplies. They were returning from the Olympic sailing events in Alcapulco and stopped somewhere north of Puerto Vallarta for supplies. Apparently, this young fellow jumped off the boat with bare feet and landed smack dab on a sea urchin... one of those black spiny guys.

The only person they could find to help him with this was the village midwife, who poured rum over his foot before cutting out the spines. Her scalpel was a razor blade taped to a Popsicle stick, so she couldn't get them all. He showed the crude instrument to us and laughed at the look on our faces. Remarkably good spirited for one in so much pain. Every morning more of the spines would surface on his football sized foot, he would grit his teeth and dig a few more out. I gave him some of my pain killer pills and antibiotics, and admonished him for using Iodine... then off they went. Ouch!

At the end of the day we could see Mazatlan in the haze as the Owner changed course to the southeast.
RUMBLE, RUMBLE, RUMBLE...
To continue...



It's rapidly becoming that time of year, when long pants and a windbreaker are essential while sailing or taking the furry kids for a walk. On Pixy Trails the First Mate and I have a remote that clicks on the ceramic heater while we are still under the quilts... love those modern contraptions. Of course, shore power is required.

I hope you enjoy the fall as much as we do, well... almost, I'm rebuilding a deck and would rather be sailing. Have a spooky month of October and may good winds find you on the bay.

Barry Eldridge, Commodore



Ed & Dorothy Johnson were invited by our Commodore to be guests of the club for dinner, and we presented Ed with a "Certification of Gratitude", which Ardelle printed and framed. This was given to Ed to thank him for his Web Master assistance, even after he was not a member of the club.

If any of you see Ed around the marina, please let him know that you also appreciated his efforts.



Marina Bay Yacht Club
Upcoming Events
 October 2005

Cruise Out to

Berkeley Y C

October 29 -30, 2005

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

fleetcaptain@marinabayyc.com

Cruise Out to
Half Moon Bay

October 8 - 9, 2005

Contact Paul Lagier for details.
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Swap Meet

November 5th

(See enclosed flyer for details)

Board Meeting and Dinner

Saturday, October 15, 2005

Octoberfest

(Hosted by the Tryons)

Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Bar Opens approx.: 5:30 p.m

Dinner: 7:00 p.m



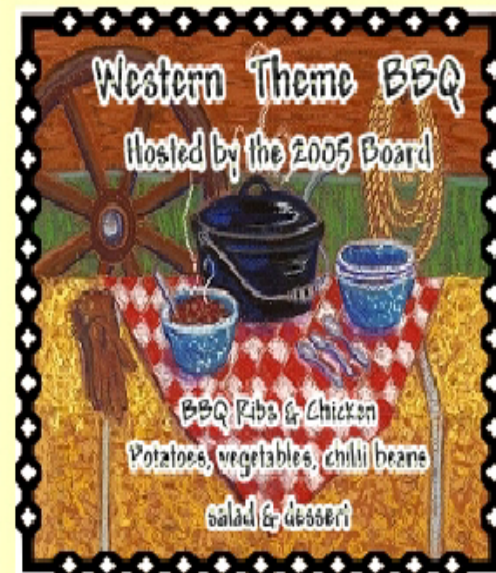
Officer Election

General Membership

& Board Meeting

Saturday

November 19, 2005



Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.

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

Members Meeting: 6:00p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m

Dinner Cost

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

Cruise Out to Oyster Point

November 12 - 13, 2005

Contact Paul Lagier for details.

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Election of Officers

The Marina Bay Yacht Club will be holding the election of officers for 2006 at the November General Membership meeting on Saturday November 19. The following folks have consented to continue as officers.

Barry Eldridge	Commodore
Paul Lagier	Vice Commodore
Judy Murray	Secretary
?????	Treasurer
Mike Tryon	Rear Commodore
?????	Port Captain
Earlene Lagier	Fleet Captain
Ardelle Cirino	Signal Editor
Zach Sherry	Webmaster
Kathi Warren	Bar Magager
Lance Warren	Safety Officer

Any one interested to help complete the slate, can email me at jameswt@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.



The Charter Boat Captain

He sailed a charter boat for years. Every morning, before he would start out his sail, he would go to his private locker, take out a piece of paper, read it, then put it back. At lunch time, he would do the same - go to his locker, take out a piece of paper, read it, then put it back.

He would do this 2 or 3 times a day - and for all the years that he sailed. His crew always wondered what it was that he was reading, and always thought it was a prayer for safety. Whenever they asked him about it, he would say it was his own private inspiration, but would never tell anyone what was on that slip of paper.

Years later, the old captain finally went to his sailboat in the sky. After they held his burial at sea from his boat, one of his longtime crew went to the captain's locker and looked for the slip of paper that he read every day. He figured it would be fitting to set it off to sea along with the old captain.

When the crewmember found the slip of paper, he was surprised to see that it read:

Port: left; Starboard: right.

Marina Bay Yacht Harbor
together with

 **Marina Bay Yacht Club**
presents

Saturday, November 5, 2005
From: 9:00 am till 3:00 pm

Swap Meet

In the parking lot next to the office
At Marina Bay Yacht Harbor
1340 Marina Way South
Richmond, CA 94804

**It's your Marina & It's your Yacht Club
And we all Welcome your participation**

- Bring Items to sell. Come early for a good spot. Locations are on a first come basis.
- Come search for those items you know you need, but were waiting for a good deal.
- And the Marina Bay Harbor Master is generously providing lunch to Marina Bay berthers and storage renters.
- Contact the Marina Office if you will need a table. (They are limited, so you will need to get there early.)

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)

October

8-9 Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay

15 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
Octoberfest- Tryon

29-30 Cruise-out to Berkeley YC

November

5 Swap Meet (Harbor Office parking lot)

12-13 Cruise-out to Oyster Point YC

19 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
General Membership Meeting
And Election of Officers

December

10 Board Meeting & Club Dinner
Holiday dinner- Kirk

NOTE: Please make reservations for each Yacht Club dinner you would like to attend.
E-mail: SocialDirector@MarinaBayYC.com or call Mike Tryon at (510) 520-2346