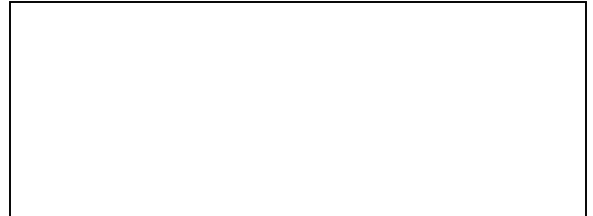




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Due to the limited number of members that were able to attend the November meeting, we will have the election of officers meeting on December 10th, Please show up by 6 pm.

Following the meeting, we will have a fantastic Holiday meal. (details inside)



Commodore's Log

Season's Greetings...
I trust hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that all your Exmas shopping is done...

November Dinner: Ardelle Cirino fell ill at the last moment and Rear Commodore Mike Tryon and First Mate, Janice stepped forward with a wonderful Bar-B-Q. Thank you for a job well done...

As of this writing, Ardelle is on the mend and asking for your Signal stuff.

Board Meeting: We were scratching for a quorum and as most of our business involved those who couldn't be there, so not much was accomplished except general discussion of topics of the day.

Bar Committee: Kathi Warren stocked the bar up and that's most appreciated by us all. Days earlier I Emailed Stuart Meighan, about being on the Bar committee. Stu joined us at the Board Meeting and when he was sufficiently distracted, he graciously agreed to step forward for the Port Captain's position... Thanks Stuart, we know you will do a good job and look forward to working with you on the Board.

General Membership Meeting: At this time we don't have a candidate for the Vice Commodore's position, however we're working on this. The turnout was very light and so the decision was made to put off the vote for officers until the December Meeting.

Christmas Dinner: Please note December 10th on your calendar everyone. This is when we've scheduled the Christmas Dinner. Katy Kirk is our hostess and we look forward to a big turnout. Please Email Katy and ask her what you can do to help out > kkirk50527@aol.com

We'll be there Katy...

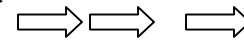
MOST IMPORTANT EVERYONE: Please Email Mike Tryon if you plan to attend > hvacdotcom@aol.com

Marina News:

Do to conflicting dates Jim Walter wasn't able to attend our Board Meeting this month.

Bayside Marina Signs: Signs to identify F from G and D from E, are being installed. Thank you, guys... more signs, and bigger the better we say.

Directional Sign: The Marina asked the City of Richmond if a directional sign could be attached to the fishing pier on the north side of the old Ford plant, such as:



Marina Bay and the Marina Bay Yacht Club This Way

The wheels at City Hall are slow... There's no update on this request.

Larger, End Buoy Marking the Channel Entrance: The Marina asked the City of Richmond about installing a larger turning buoy on the entrance channel at the north side of the old Ford plant. This is to reduce the number of those who run aground. Again, the wheels at City Hall are slow. There's no update on this or request, or whether the Coast Guard has been contacted to assist the Marina with this matter.

If any of our members have connections with the City, please give them a call.

Club House:

Clubhouse Deck: Jim Walter told us that Management favors the concrete overlay instead of replacing the wood decking. They're in contact



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New Membership Applications

No new applicants as of this printing



New Members

None



Covote Point Cruise Out: Charlie Williams – (above)
Contemplating sailing on the bay rather than driving
Route 5, Barry Eldridge and Mike Tryon (below)



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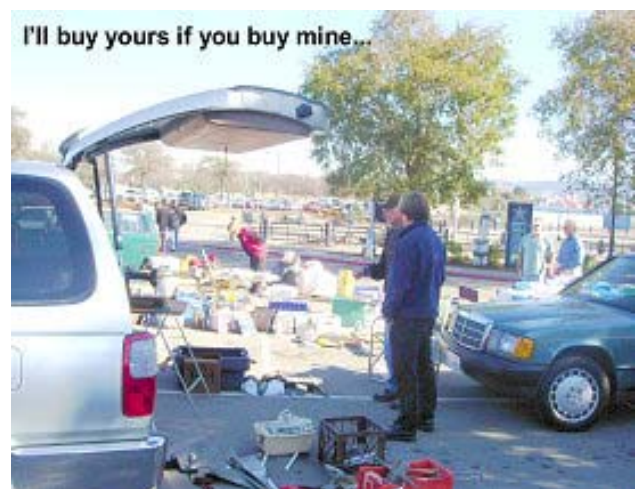
with Crown Concrete of Sacramento to provide this work. Lets hope we can get this underway before the first of the year, good weather permitting of course.

Maintenance: I spent some time cleaning out the gutters around the building... "yuck!" Mike Tryon plans to finish the job this week. From what was removed so far, I'd estimate there's well over 200 pounds of debris, everything from leaves to slugs (how did they get there?), growing grass, a tennis ball, sticks and stones... and muck, more "yuck."

Flag Pole-Mast: There's a good possibility the deck resurfacing project won't require the entire capital improvement fund. If you recall, this fund was resuscitated two months ago by John Cotton, President of BMS, for clubhouse improvements. We asked Jim Walter if this fund could also include a flag pole-mast for the clubhouse deck. What's presently envisioned, is a white flag pole with spreader arms and shrouds, with halyards installed for flags and lights. Christmas and other Holidays at the club would be a colorful and the mast would be seen from across the marina. Jim promised to follow up on this.

Swap Meet: The turnout for the Swap Meet was good, with a wide variety of stuff I never would have imagined. I counted about 20 participating parties with something for everyone. I brought stuff to sell and left with just as much as I brought, but different... "another man's junk, etc..." I think I ended up about \$4 in the black. The Marina folks put on a terrific lunch for those with boats in the marina. Thanks guys! Everyone had a good time...

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Up 'n' Coming Events:

The Board decided that a Cruise Out in December wasn't a good idea, given everyone's busy schedules and the prospect of uncertain weather. In spite of this decision our club had 12 cruise outs in 2005, thanks to a lot of hard work by Fleet Captain Paul Lagier and First Mate Earlene...

Continuing on...:

Yalapa: We pulled anchor early, turned the point and headed south. Manzanillo, hadn't been discovered yet (I think), so we rumbled on by content in our ignorance, "rumble rumble." The boat owner established our next stop as Zihutanejo, another small fishing village, larger than Yalapa and 150 miles further down the coast. Never heard of it!

The next couple of days were relatively uneventful, consisting of routine maintenance chores, napping, standing watch and a swim in the late afternoon to refresh the body.

As we approached Zihutanejo, there was a mounting excitement... shore time events, including; music, dancing and stuff kids think about in their 20's. We dropped anchor early in the day and within a few moments, there were several canoes around us with enterprising fellows holding up everything from bananas to linguista (sp), turtles and fish. The fresh fish and fruit really added to our daily fare.

The marina was quiet in those days, in fact we were the only cruiser in the harbor. Ixtapa, around the corner was just getting started, but that wasn't on the owners schedule. The marina's Hotel Irma, sky blue with white trim, dominated the waterfront, except for some modest fishing boats there wasn't much to see.

We paddled to shore, excited at all the prospects before us. We walked the town in about 15 minutes and except for a few native restaurants, "night life" was virtually non-existent for us Norte Americanos... Bummer! There were tourists, but not many gringos running about. Most of those on holiday were Mexican business men and it seemed that very few thought to bring their families ...

While sitting in a bar sipping a beer, three fellows in suits came over and introduced themselves...

I remember one fellow was an officer with Dos Ekes, the Mexican Beer, but I wasn't paying much attention. My command of Spanish was a on the skinny side. As you might have guess, the girls were invited to join these fellows for dinner.

Being wily Norte Americanos, they laughed and said, "No thank you... well... (pause) maybe, if we had a chaperone..." now I was paying attention because they were all looking at me. With some interpretation and prodding, I agreed to tag along.

That evening we were taken to a restaurant called Punta Renos, a delightful place surrounded by crumbling, adobe walls. From the street, it looked like a bombed building in Dresden. The floor of shiny black, ceramic tiles, was about half the size of a basketball court. Colored lights crossed overhead and it was open to the sky. Very nice! Apparently the building, or what's left of it, was quite old, for growing out of the floor was a large Fig Tree that had to be 50 to 60 years old. Most important, there was a large pile of fresh coconuts in the corner.

There weren't a lot of people, just us... I suspect our hosts had something to do with that. Soon, Mariachis came out of nowhere and the evening took off.

Apparently, this restaurant was world famous for its Cheveche, which is raw fish marinated in fruit juice, primarily lime juice... and "wow" this was wonderful, made more so when I determined they didn't serve Rum and Coconuttas with sprigs of Bougainvillea.

We were at the restaurant for about... well, I don't really remember how long. As a matter of fact I didn't remember very much about that evening at all.

The next morning I woke up to sunlight in my eyes. I was on a cot and covered with a sheet. Looking at my watch I found that it was mid morning, I looked around and found that I was outside and in the crook of my arm was a quart jar of Cheveche. I sat up and "Whooooa," I was on the roof of some building. I looked down at the water and came to terms with the fact that I spent the night on a cot on the roof of the Hotel Irma... I could have rolled off the cot and dropped 6 stories into the harbor...

In a sour frame of mind, I returned to the boat and rather than an apology or something more valuable,

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Marina Bay Yacht Club
Upcoming Events
December, 2005

Board Meeting and Dinner

Saturday, December 10 2005

Holiday Dinner

(Hosted by Kathleen Kirks)

Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.

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

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.



Menu

*Honey Baked Ham,
Carrots, red potatoes & bacon,
Sweet potatoe bisquits, salad
and Pumpkin pie*

Cruise Out to Point San Pablo

January 2006

Dates to be announced

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

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Board Meeting & Installation Dinner

Saturday

January 21, 2006

Menu and Host
TBD

Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.

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

Members Meeting: 6:00p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

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I was the guy that spent the night on the roof... ha ha ha. None of the ladies would tell me what happened. Every time I tried to get more information, the laughing would start... I dropped that subject with some misgivings and I haven't had a Rum and Coconutta since. Was there a lesson here? I think so!

We were all tired of riding on this floating dental chair and so we worked out a break with the owner. The boat owner and Clive would continue down the coast by themselves. The ladies and I would take a local bus and meet them in two days at the Club de Yates in Acapulco, some 80 miles down the coast.

Side Note: We reminded the owner about the (informal) agreement between us, i.e. the crew would pay their own way, provide maintenance work and stand watch, based on an undefined itinerary that the owner said would include surprising ports-of-call (an understatement). The biggy for was: this was a sailboat and we weren't sailing... we've been motoring for weeks and now the 60 foot Ketch was getting smaller and smaller... During this meeting the Owner told us he had a window in which to get the boat to Granada, for a charter, and sailing was too slow. So now he tells us... Another lesson perhaps?

To be Continued



Oyster Point Cruise Out: The Jacobys

Election of Officers

The Marina Bay Yacht Club will be holding the election of officers for 2006 before the Holiday dinner on Saturday December 10. The following folks have consented to continue as officers.

Barry Eldridge	Commodore
(open)	Vice Commodore
Janice Tryon	Secretary
Judy Murray	Treasurer
Mike Tryon	Rear Commodore
Stuart Meighan	Port Captain
Earlene Lagier	Fleet Captain
Ardelle Cirino	Signal Editor
Zach Sherry	Webmaster
Lance Warren	Safety Officer

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

Fleet Captain's Report

Oyster Point cruise-out Nov.12-13th

This was our last and 12th cruise-out this year. For this trip we had great weather, but did little to no sailing. Not enough wind. Arriving by boat were: Barry and Judy on PIXY TRAILS, Dave and Susan on ECHANTE, Mike and Janice on WIND LOCK, Charley Williams and daughter Kristen on MAHALO MAKANI, Paul and Earlene on LA DOLCE VITA, Jim T. on UNCLE GEORGE. Lance and Kathi arrived by car.

The dinner was a choice of salmon or filet mignon. Chef Tuti did a great job. She also fixed us brunch on Sunday morning. All of us had a wonderful weekend.

Thanks to all the members who participated in the cruise-outs this year. Let's have a good attendance in 2006.

Your new Fleet Captain has already scheduled the Jan. cruise-out to Pt. San Pablo. The date to follow.

Paul Lagier
Fleet Captain, MBYC

**Please Contact Jim Taylor
if you or anyone you know is willing
to hold an office in 2006**

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
Honey Baked Ham & much more

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

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