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Commodore's Log

Club Events:

Well... we all made it to the end of the year without running aground... even if we did, we made a point not to tell anyone.

During the year we accomplished a few projects...

Club Operations: An outline of house rules and cash flow procedures.

Bar Operations: Responsibilities, Liquor License rules, register activity and related responsibilities. The decision to have a committee as apposed to an overworked bar manager.

Club Officers: Positions and Responsibilities clarified...

Given subsequent decisions, experiences and reality tests, the above outlines were out-dated by mid year... they are again on our list for word-smithing in 2006. If any members would like a copy to review with the thought that maybe... just maybe one might be interested in becoming more involved with their club, please let me know.

Club Deck: We received a commitment from the Marina (BMS) to replace our rotten deck by re-finishing the underlying concrete slab. Do to continuing insurance requests from BMS, things dragged a bit... we now anticipate this work will be completed in January.

Computer: We have a new computer and printer. Now all we need is to make the printer user friendly, i.e. operational, find some lost programs and get rid of the bugs and squirrels. Zack Sherry, our Webmaster is working on this. Many thanks Zack!

New Channel Buoy: No word on this to date. I suppose the City of Richmond has other concerns

more important than visitors running aground while looking for their (ours, yours and mine) channel.

Marina Dock Designations: Visiting sailors can now find D, E, F and G Dock and presumably, the MBYC, thanks to Marina Management. The Marina posted large letters on some of the pilings... they look great. If there are any left over guys, more of these would be appreciated. Many Thanks.

Membership: Got some new members, Lost some old members... I believe we're batting about 1000. When we are visiting our boats at the Marina, or out and about, we all need to talk up the club, i.e. Grab folks by the lapel, answer their questions and demand that folks become interested... Just Kidding of course, but its by wearing club hats and shirts, telling people about our web site and inviting folks to one of our dinners, that provides big steps in the right direction.

Cruise Outs: Thanks to our Fleet Captain Paul Lagier, we had twelve CruiseOuts to destinations across the Bay Area and Jim Duval led one up to Drakes Bay in September. I believe I speak for all those who participated when I say " Cruise-Outs are great fun for everyone." You guys worked hard and did a great job... Thank You, Thank You and Thank You.

Cruise Ins: This was hit and miss for us. We were unable to arrange Cruise Ins every month, however there were times when we experienced two Cruise Ins in one month and that was nuts. Our wheels are still squeaking when it comes to managing these events.

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New Membership Applications

No new applicants as of this printing



New Members

None

Coyote Point Cruise Out (Not Printed in last months issue)



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. Chuck Craig, salty sailor and good natured Port Captain resigned mid year to pursue other directions, so filling Chucks big shoes fell on the rest of the Board. We all miss you Chuck. ... When one looks back at how other clubs handle their Cruises, we didn't do so bad after all.

Club Participation: We could sure use more participating members... managing the club is difficult when few members do all the work. Any ideas on this anyone? We're going to try something new... read on.

Activities: Not much activity as far as programs during 2005. The prevailing argument is: 'If we had more members we could justify having club programs, or if the members we have were more involved in club activities we could... etc. Anyway, this is catch 22 situation if there ever was one. That said, we are thinking about tweaking this mind lock a bit during 2006, by Publishing a 12 month calendar of dinner programs from: Cruising, Marine Electronics to General Maintenance and World Experiences. Members could then see in advance what the program is going to be but not who the presenter is... that would be arranged as the year unfolds and emailed to members as information becomes available. Then, if members and friends are interested in a subject, they will arrange their calendar early and attend that evenings event, or several throughout the year. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on this subject.

Club Officers: We now have a full compliment of officers... well, almost, more on that in a bit.

Commodore: Barry Eldridge (Oh Nooo, not again)

Vice Commodore: Katie Kirk, Consummate multi-hull sailor and dandy cook.

Rear Commodore: Mike Tryon, Accomplished Task Master and Skilled Assistant Chef .

Treasurer: Judy Murray, World Class Sailor (except out the gate) and Kitchen Taskmaster.

Secretary: Janice Tryon, Stellar House-Boat-House Skills First Mate and Master Chef.

Fleet Captain: Earlene Lagier, Gifted Hostess, Ocean Sailor and Epicure.

Port Captain: Stuart (Stu) Meighan, Bar Aficionado and former South American Revolutionary.

Safety Officer: Lance Warren, Master Sailor and Man about Town.

Others:

Webmaster: Zack Sherry, Nimble Fingered, Speculator and Mysterious Technical Guy.

Signal Editor: Ardelle Cirino, Master Ball Juggler and Resourceful Task Master.

Past Commodore and PICYA Representative: Jim Taylor, (Oh Nooo, not again)

... now for bad-good news... **The Bad:** Mike and Janice Tryon will soon be leaving us soon. Mike has accepted a long-term project in San Diego, where they first met (tra la). This means we will soon be without a Secretary and a Rear Commodore, plus or minus 4 to 6 months.

The Good: This is a great opportunity for Mike and Janice and I think I can again speak for us all of us by extending a heart felt, "Congratulations Mike and Janice and may your sails always find a fair wind." ... I think we are going to miss this couple. We have a few months to find replacement officers, but we need to start thinking about this now. If any of our members out there can give us a hand I hope you will please step forward. Give me a call and we can at least talk about it, thanks folks?



Continuing On...

Early the following morning four of us climbed onto hand-me-down bus heading for Acapulco. I don't know what I expected, but sitting next to a cage full of chickens with bad breath wasn't one of them. The bus was full all sorts and types, including the roof. The farmer who owned the chickens stood next to me in the aisle and smiled, I counted three teeth... nice fellow. I think he was looking forward to making a buck at the market.

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The countryside seemed more tropical, with lots of Banana trees and Coconuts... housing was predominantly poor on our standards but practical for the local... Bamas made from bamboo and Palm fronds were sprinkled all along the way, and little kids standing along side the road, waving at the bus as we bounced down the road. The highway (sic) was paved some of the time and narrow so the bus traveled down the center... donkeys, carts and the local citizenry scattered as we approached, it was hard to watch.

River crossings were interesting in that the bridges were fairly new and about 10 feet higher than the roadway, the approach on both sides was a bumpy rock ramp up and down...

There were some interesting features, like buildings that someone started once and then stopped several years ago... large vines were growing on the walls. I wondered what the story was. Then there was a ditch dug along side the road that meandered for miles. Along side the ditch is a large rusty pipe, all welded together... So how, why didn't...? I wondered what the story was. As the day wore on the open windows did little to freshen the air and the scenery became more of the same... so I dozed off.

Hours later on entering the outskirts of Acapulco, the bus finally slowed down... I suspect the fear of Federales had something to do with that. The hills seemed more pronounced and lush now with villas peaking out of the trees. Large hotels could now be seen in the distance and soon the bay was before us. We convinced the driver that we needed to leave and he stopped. We hopped out and snagged a cab for the Club de Yates.

On arriving, what do we see but a fast food place advertising American style hamburgers. I won't go into details on that adventure except to say that we didn't see any cattle on our trip from Zihutanejo to Acapulco. Of course we didn't think about that until later. Oh my, an hour later....

The Club de Yates was in fairly good shape because of the Olympic trials held a couple of months earlier. Apparently, they put a lot of pesos into marina facilities, at least the guest facilities were in good shape.

We quickly discovered the Club de Yates wouldn't let us use their facilities, such as the showers, the bar

and the restaurant (in that order) because they didn't recognize my yacht club. If you recall, I paid \$60 to the San Rafael Yacht Club for membership and Burgee, which I whipped out of my sea bag... "San Rafael? Never heard of the place... sorry!" as he looked into the distance. Nuts! OK, we were a scruffy bunch, but we had expectations. Although I had the same problem in San Diego, I thought I would have better luck in Mexico. NOT!

We had to filter fuel out of a 50 gal. drum and it took all day. Then we sat around for a couple of more days waiting for a Sperry Rand auto pilot part to show up (I thought it worked fine). Although we walked around the resorts we just couldn't seem to get out of our own way... it was very hot, humid and difficult to breath, we were sick, everything seemed expensive and we didn't have the right clothes. I don't know what we expected but here we were again, waiting to be entertained and all we could think about was sleeping with air conditioning and real American junk food, not that fake stuff... no one seemed motivated to do something creative. We did take a small ferry out to this island resort only to find that it was closed for some holiday... Bummer.

When we finally left, we were all in a better frame of mind, given the thought of fresh ocean breezes and getting back to our respective routines. On to Panama...

To be Continued...

Editor's Note:

Please check page 5 for upcoming events. Also review the annual calendar on page 7 to mark your calendar for future events. Also to sign up for hosting a dinner during the year. We could really use the help, and it would give you an opportunity to become more involved with your club.



Marina Bay Yacht Club

Upcoming Events

January 2006

Please place this page
in accessible location
and Mark your Calendar also



**Cruise Out
to Point San Pablo YC
January 7-8, 2006**

Contact Earlene Lagier for details.
(See page 2 for phone number or
email: fleetcaptain@marinabayyc.com)

To sign-up for dinners

RSVP

Mike Tryon (510)520-2346 or email:

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Board Meeting and Installation Dinner

Saturday

January 21, 2006

Gourmet Hamburgers

with all the trimmings

Tasty sides and dessert

Board Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting:	6:00 p.m.
Dinner	7:00 p.m.

.Cost: \$8.00 p.p.

Kids <13 = free

Hosted By

The Board

Program: is on boat maintenance:
Getting Conditions ready On Deck,
for the winter months.

.....Chaired by Paul Lagier

Mark Your Calendar!!!



Saturday February 11, 2006

(Note that this is the 2nd Saturday of the month)

Board Meeting: 3:00 pm

Cioppino Dinner: 7:00 pm

The Lagiers will be hosting this (what has come to be)
annual event. Cost: \$25.00 pp.

Also: Berkeley YC will be cruising in

You Don't Want to miss this !!!

Program: is on boat maintenance:

Getting Conditions in the Engine Compartment ready for
the winter months.

Fleet Captain's Report

Hi all,

Hope your holidays were wonderful. Ours were. Chaotic, but fun with family and friends.

Here's the scoop: Pt. San Pablo cruise is coming up soon. (January 7th) This is the group so far: the Bartel's and Tryon's are driving over; while the Jacoby's and the Lagier's are motoring the short distance.

PLEASE let me know ASAP as this a fun group and close by. I need to let the cook and the harbormaster know soon. Let's start the new year off with a great turn out for the club and new Fleet Captain.

Phone #'s home 209 599-6635, cell 209 609-0954.

Thank You,
Earlene Lagier
Fleet Captain



Happy New Year!

2006 is here and with the winter months come lots of rain and fewer opportunities to be out on the water.

With that in mind, I came up with a few items that might be helpful for you and your boat.

- With the rains come windy conditions. Check the integrity of all dock lines. Look for chafing or damage that could fail in a blow. If the line doesn't look strong, replace it. Be sure dock fenders are secure and in good condition.
- If the boat has roller furling, secure it so cannot unfurl in the wind.
- Check the fuel level. If it is low, fill it up. A diesel tank will tend to collect moisture if it is not filled. Also consider adding a diesel additive to absorb any unwanted moisture. Use an additive that does not contain boron. Boron additives can coagulate and make a goeey mess in the bottom of the tank over time and repeated use.
- If your engine is raw water cooled, flush generously with fresh water.
- Change the oil. It is not good to leave engine parts sitting in dirty and acidic oil during the rainy months; or any time for that matter.
- Check the cabin for any leaks through chainplates, deck fittings, windows, or hatches. If you find any, fix them or provide a means to prevent damage.
- Check the operation of the bilge pump. If automatic, plug in the battery charger so the batteries won't run down with prolonged use.
- Place some type of air dryer to help keep the moisture down inside the boat.
- Remove electronic devices or anything else on the boat that might be sensitive to excessive moisture and store them in a warm and dry place.
- Remove and replace the blue CF tags with the new green tags that expires the end of 2007.
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I hope this list will help you and your boat make it through the winter fit and sound.

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year and a year of fun and safe boating throughout 2006.

Jim Taylor - Past Commodore

MBYC 2006 Calendar of Events

January	July
7-8 Cruise-Out to Point San Pablo	8 - 9 Cruise Out (tentative)
21 Board Meeting & Installation dinner	15 Board Meeting & Dinner
Program this month is on boat maintenance: Getting Conditions ready On Deck, for the winter months. Chaired by Paul Lagier	Red White & Blue
February	August
11 Board Meeting & Cioppino Dinner Berkeley YC Cruise-In	12-13 Cruise Out (tentative)
Program this month is on boat maintenance: Getting Conditions in the Engine Compartment ready for the winter months.	19 Board Meeting & Dinner
Date for Cruise-Out: TBD	
March	September
11-12 Cruise Out (tentative)	9- 10 Cruise Out (tentative)
18 Board Meeting & Dinner Saint Patrick's theme: Judy Murray and Barry Eldridge will be your host this evening, with a traditional Irish feast, including Corn Beef finished off with apricots, Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Salad and Soda Bread.	16 Board Meeting & Dinner
18-19 Oyster Point YC Cruise- In	
25-26 San Rafael YC Cruise-In	
April	October
8 - 9 Cruise Out (tentative)	14-15 Cruise Out (tentative)
15 Board Meeting & Dinner Easter Theme	21 Board & General Membership Meeting Dinner & Election of Officers Octoberfest
May	November
13-14 Cruise Out (tentative)	11-12 Cruise Out (tentative)
20 Board Meeting & Dinner Mexican Theme	18 Board Meeting & Dinner
June	December
10-11 Cruise Out (tentative)	No cruise out in December
17 Board Meeting & Dinner Western BBQ Theme	9 Board Meeting & Holiday Dinner

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