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Commodore's Log

Fellow Club members...

Club Dinner: We had a wonderful time with a good crowd on Feb. 11. Earlene and Paul Lagier grilled up some fantastic steaks with all the trimmings, and everyone stopped just short of licking their plates... and what about the Ciopino Dinner? As most of you know, the Berkeley Club couldn't make the Cruise-In, so a last minute decision was made to have that wonderful Ciopino dinner on another day.

Discussion: After everyone approached the far end of their dinner plates, many of those present talked informally on the subject of Engine Maintenance. I think there was good participation; however, the discussion was mostly between us guys and conspicuously shy of ladies during this conversation. I feel there is a positive side to this: important information is picked up whether one is actively engaging in the discussion or not. While we were chatting, I'll bet many ladies focused on their experience with this subject: the oily rags, debris, piles of tools and parts, and when the work is done... being a captive audience about the process, the feeling of accomplishment, and how good that first beer or glass of wine is going to taste... and "what's for dinner?"

Moving On: This was the last dinner for Rear Commodore, Mike Tryon and our new Secretary, Janice Tryon, for awhile at least. They were leaving early the next morning, driving a loaded U-

Haul down to new digs in San Diego (11 hours I was told). We honored Mike with an engraved award for his coffee table and as soon as I opened my mouth, I realized the "flub," for I didn't have one for Janice, who has also spent many hours hosting our club events. Janice... we are going to make it up to you. Bummer!

Deck: Just confirmed with Tom Jackson of Crown Concrete, Sacramento, that it's finally a go. He has us on his busy calendar for the end of April, first week of May... weather permitting. Pat Flanagan of D Dock, will be tearing out the old wood deck, so we should expect to see old lumber flying in a week or two.

Rear Commodore: As noted previously, we still need a Rear Commodore. This is a very important position in your Board of Directors, and it's too much to expect the others to pick up the slack. Frankly, if we don't have a Rear Commodore then we, as a club, are in serious trouble. If anyone is interested, please give me a call, I would be happy to discuss this position and send information. (916) 487-5351

Secretary: Also, we need a new Club Secretary as well. Although this is an important position, this doesn't require a big block of time... Again, if anyone is interested, please give me a call.

Future Dinners: Is anyone out there interested in presenting one of the following programs?

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New Membership Applications

No new applicants as of this printing



New Members

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Islander 36 "Dolce Vita"
Berthed at Marina Bay



The Andersons (lifetime members of MBYC) share a little vino with longtime member Sue Jacoby.....February dinner

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- ~~January: Topside maintenance, getting ready for the winter. Done~~
- ~~February: Engine maintenance, what service chores we should do during winter months. Done~~
- March: Cabin Maintenance, everything we should consider to winterize the cabin.
- April: Getting the boat ready for the up and coming season on the Bay.
- May: Continuing with: Getting the boat ready for the up and coming season on the Bay.
- June: Getting the most from the GPS system.
- July: Upgrading our navigation skills.
- August: The fine art of sailing, trimming sails and maintenance options.
- September: Coastal cruising skills and equipment you shouldn't be without.
- October: Getting your boat ready for winter months, above the water line.
- November: Continue: Getting your boat ready for the winter months, below the water line.
- December: Enjoying your boat during the winter months.

Continuing: After several days at sea in extremely hot weather, everyone was getting antsy, and I wondered how I would fare traveling for weeks across the Pacific. After weeks of motoring down across Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, "**instead**" of sailing, the 60 foot Pez Esparta was becoming very small indeed. I was looking forward to a change.

As we rounded the Azuero Peninsula and headed north to the canal, we made out several small islands in the distance, and soon we could see large ships anchored all across the bay. These were the big guys, so we assumed they were waiting for their turn to enter the locks. We pulled into a guest slip at the Yacht Club at Balboa and headed for the bar, which, to our dismay, wasn't air-conditioned. I told the boat owner that I

was leaving the crew and learned that others were leaving as well. I think he was glad to get rid of this ungrateful lot... I suppose it was good riddance on all sides.

Checking in with the Panamanian Port Authorities, I was told I couldn't leave the crew until I showed solvency by purchasing a plane ticket back to San Francisco (which I did and promptly cashed in after the formalities were completed). Dinner at the club, a frequent hangout for me after the Pez had left, was great. The club didn't care if we were in a yacht club or not, much less an uppity one... (my burgee was hiding in the

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bottom of my sea bag). We had Lanquista (all tail and no claws) and salad, as much as one could eat for a couple of dollars...

Some of the crew flew back to the States the next day and I moved into the Canal Zone YMCA, and started exploring Panama City and the Canal Zone. WOW! What an experience. The Canal locks are massive and old... everything rots in this climate, but the canal keeps beating its big drum.

The late 60's was a time when Torrios was in power... a military guy who had an iron grip on the country. His Guardia Nacional looked and acted like Gestapo Troops, except they wore uniforms of khaki instead of black wool with silver trim. As an inexperienced fellow unschooled in Central American politics, I was fascinated by their appearance and demeanor... were they serious?

These guys were standing on street corners wearing black berets, crisp khaki uniforms, shiny boots and ominous looking dark glasses on stern, grim looking faces... they just stood there looking from left to right at the people scurrying by. No one was interested in making eye contact. Later, while chatting with ex-patriots and U.S. Military fellows stationed in the Zone, I learned that people came up missing in Panama all the time and that I shouldn't do anything stupid while I was there... Hmm, I didn't know what "being stupid" meant exactly until I went up to one of these guys, pointed to my camera, then to him and smiled with a nod... yes?

The glasses set their sites on me, and without a hint of emotion, he slowly raised his arm and a fore-finger, slowly wagging it from side to side... No? OK...! Got it! and I slinked away into the rotting city.

At the time, I had grown a Captain Ahab, beard and my hair was long and wooly. Now, looking back on that experience, the guy probably thought I was some kind of nut.

There is a small train that runs the length of the Canal. I decided to take this to see the countryside. I stopped off in Gamboa, a forest village near Gatun

Lake, about 20 miles or so from the Pacific. I was at this little café, nursing a cold beer and people watching when I noticed the trees around me. I knew them from my plant i.d. courses at school, but with a big difference... these were supposed to be ornamental shrubs, not trees with thick trunks. Then, to twist my reality a bit more, I watched as the superstructure of a big freighter crossed my field of vision, traveling north through the jungle.

The adventure continues...

...MORE PICTURES FROM FEBRUARY





Marina Bay Yacht Club

Upcoming Events

March 2006

Please place this page
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and Mark your Calendar also

San Rafeal Yacht Club Cruise In

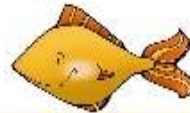
Saturday March 25, 2006

Salmon Dinner

(Chicken available upon request)

\$20.00 p.p.

Hosted by : Ardelle Cirino



To sign-up for dinners

RSVP

Ardelle Cirino (510)816-3059 or
email: ardellec1@yahoo.com

**We need hosts for
April 15th dinner
Please contact Ardelle
if you can do this.**

Board Meeting and Saint Patricks Dinner

Oyster Point YC Cruise In

Traditional Irish Feast:

Saturday March 18, 2006

Hosts: Judy Murray and Barry Eldridge . Menu- Corn Beef
finished off with apricots, Salad Cabbage, Boiled potatoes and
Soda Bread.

Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m



Cost: \$15.00 p.p.

Kids <13 = free

2006 Meeting Topics

(Tentative)

(February - June)

February: Engine maintenance,
what service chores we should do
during winter months.

March: Cabin Maintenance,
everything we should consider to
winterize the cabin.

April: Getting the boat ready for the
up and coming season on the Bay.

May: Continuing with: Getting the
boat ready for the up and coming
season on the Bay.

June: Getting the most from the
GPS system.

A Little Boating Humor



Once upon a time there was a famous sea captain. This captain was very successful at what he did; for years he guided merchant ships all over the world.

Never did stormy seas or pirates get the best of him. He was admired by his crew and fellow captains. However, there was one thing different about this captain. Every morning he went through a strange ritual. He would lock himself in his captain's quarters and open a small safe.

In the safe was an envelope with a piece of paper inside. He would stare at the paper for a minute, and then lock it back up. After, he would go about his daily duties.

For years this went on, and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long lost love? Everyone speculated about the contents of the strange envelope.

One day the captain died at sea. After laying the captain's body to rest, the first mate led the entire crew into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, got the envelope, opened it and... The first mate turned pale and showed the paper to the others. Four words were on the paper, two on two lines: Port Left, Starboard Right

Brenda is home making dinner, when Tim arrives at her door.

"Brenda, may I come in?" he asks. "I've somethin' to tell ya."

"Of course you can come in; you're always welcome, Tim. But where's my husband, Shamus?"

"That's what I'm here to be tellin' ya, Brenda. When we returned from sailing on my Cal 31, there was an accident. "Oh, God no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me..."

Well, it wasn't on the boat but on the way home from the dock. We stopped by the brewery for a pint and that's when the accident occurred." "Oh, no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me..."

"I must, Brenda. Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry."

Finally, she looked up: "How did it happen, Tim?"

"It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a great swirling vat of Guinness and drowned."

"Oh my dear Jesus! But you must tell me true. Did he at least go quickly?"

"Well," began Tim, with head bowed. "No, Brenda... no." "No?" cried Brenda.

"Fact is," lamented Tim, "your husband climbed out three times to pee."

A thirsty sailor runs from his boat to the nearest bar and shouts to the bartender, "Give me twenty shots of your best scotch, quick!" The bartender pours out the shots, and the sailor drinks them as fast as he can. The bartender is very impressed and exclaims, "Wow. I never saw anybody drink that fast." The sailor replies, "Well, you'd drink that fast too, if you had what I have." The bartender says, "Oh my God! What is it? What do you have?" "Fifty cents!"

MBYC 2006 Calendar of Events

<p>January</p> <p>7-8 Cruise-Out to Point San Pablo</p> <p>21 Board Meeting & Installation dinner Program this month is on boat maintenance: Getting Conditions ready On Deck, for the winter months. Chaired by Paul Lagier</p> <p>February</p> <p>11 Board Meeting & Cioppino Dinner Berkeley YC Cruise-In Program this month is on boat maintenance: Getting Conditions in the Engine Compartment ready for the winter months. Date for Cruise-Out: TBD</p> <p>March</p> <p>11-12 Cruise Out: Ayala Cove (Angel Island). Pot Luck on "La Dolce Vita" 18 Board Meeting & Dinner Traditional St. Patricks Feast: Hosts: Judy Murray and Barry Eldridge . Menu- Corn Beef finished off with apricots, Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Salad and Soda Bread. 18-19 Oyster Point YC Cruise- In 25-26 San Rafael YC Cruise-In</p> <p>April</p> <p>15 Board Meeting & Dinner EASTER Theme: NEED HOST</p> <p>22-23 Cruise Out to Sierra Point YC</p> <p>May</p> <p>13-14 Cruise Out to Ballena Bay YC- "Meat Loaf Cook-off"</p> <p>20 Board Meeting & Dinner Mexican Theme</p> <p>June</p> <p>10-11 Cruise Out (tentative)</p> <p>17 Board Meeting & Dinner Western BBQ Theme</p> <p>January</p> <p>7-8 Cruise-Out to Point San Pablo</p>	<p>July</p> <p>8 - 9 Cruise Out - San Leandro YC</p> <p>15 Board Meeting & Dinner Red White & Blue</p> <p>August</p> <p>12 Board Meeting & Dinner</p> <p>19 -20 Cruise out to Loch Lomond YC "Jamaica Me Crazy Night "</p> <p>September</p> <p>9- 10 Cruise Out (tentative)</p> <p>16 Board Meeting & Dinner</p> <p>October</p> <p>14-15 Cruise Out (tentative)</p> <p>21 Board & General Membership Meeting Dinner & Election of Officers Octoberfest</p> <p>November</p> <p>11-12 Cruise Out (tentative)</p> <p>18 Board Meeting & Dinner</p> <p>December</p> <p>No cruise out in December</p> <p>9 Board Meeting & Holiday Dinner</p> <p>July</p> <p>8 - 9 Cruise Out - San Leandro YC</p>
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NOTE: Please make reservations for each Yacht Club dinner you would like to attend.
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