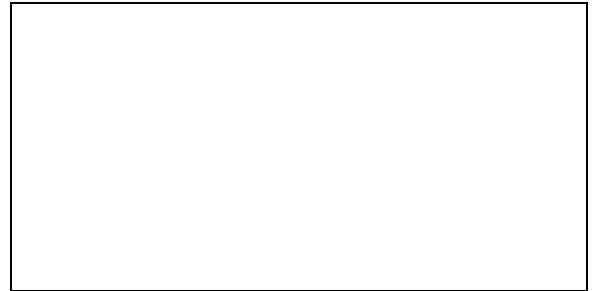




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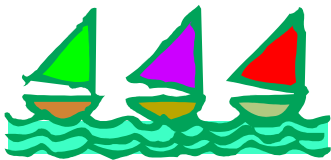


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Barry Eldridge

Commodore's Log

Hi Sailors...

Board Meeting: Typical summer... everyone is either on vacation, racing, attending weddings or doing something they

can't find time to do the rest of the year. Going to a boring board meeting would be way down the list I think, so I don't take it too seriously when we don't have a quorum. Over the next few days we poled board members on new applicants and received a resounding "Yae" for them all. We have six new members in our club. I hope you will all join me at the September 16 Membership Dinner, when the new guys receive their Burgee and are formally welcomed into the Marina Bay Yacht Club.

A Surprise Visit: Board Members of the Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club. Through the Lagiers, they are aware of our difficulty of late: regarding our light membership roster and lighter still participation by members in club activities.

Commodore Ingrid Hogan, and fellow officers presented a strong case for those of us who might want to continue on with their club should the MBYC settle into the sand bar of circumstances.

Membership Dinner: The dinner was well attended, including some of the new applicants. As mentioned earlier, we didn't have enough Board Members to vote on applications at that time, so the fun stuff had to be put on hold until the September dinner. Please mark September 16 down on you calendar.

Clubhouse News: As many of you know, the new deck doesn't comply with the ADA (American Disabilities Act)... the 4" step down requires a small ramp on either side of the building and a landing off the dinning area. The Marina has been looking at this for a month or two, but they've been busy getting E Dock up to shape.

The West Wall: The wall on the west side of the deck has dry rot around the windows and is close to falling

over because the posts have rotted out. Apparently, the "Dummies" who built the wall, butted the top rail cap members together, right where the siding comes together... of course, this provides a colossal weak point for those winds across south Marina Bay. The window problem is easy to fix, with new molding properly bedded. However the wall supports would require a little more effort. We suggested that this could resolve by installing new posts between the rotten ones and attaching these to the wall with Simpson connectors, then replacing the cap rail correctly... I've been told that the Marina big bosses are thinking about this. "Winter is just around the corner guys..." but they know that, right? Right!

Cruise to San Rafael's Loch Lomond YC: The cruise was very nice. Pixy Trails had good winds, sunshine and some of the crew actually napped most of the way. Except for the lousy dredging work on the San Rafael channel, we had "stellar" conditions. OK, I'll fess up... we ran aground. But then we slipped off the mud quickly so we didn't have to "take it down" (the Burgee that is).



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New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.



New Members

Paul and Cathleen Dubois, from Calistoga.
Paul has been chartering boats with Club Nautique.

Thomas and Kathleen Wolinski, from Castro Valley. Their Boat: **Grace**, a Beneteau 37, Berth: E-352

Phil Griffin and Jill Pfannenschmidt, from San Francisco. Their Boat: **Bee-gee**, a Chriscraft 34, Berth: D162

Marc and Dee Sykes, from Reno. Their Boat: **Pe-gosus**, J- 35, Berth: D-84

Dennis and Sharon Clennell, from Walnut Creek. Their Boat: **Morning Star**, Sea Ray 36, Berth: E-227

Darryl and Fred McClaine, from Fresno. Their Boat: **G-Man**, Offshore 48, Berth: D-123

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On the bus, heading to the airport in Barranquilla, I had this strange sense of peace. Confusing, given that my plans for an adventure turned into such a debacle. I had a couple of hours on the bus to think about it and I settled into; (1) I learned a bit about the outside world and (2) about myself; and (3) I actually dealt with day to day problems while in process, most of which turned into a fun experience I couldn't possibly have anticipated.

I stopped in Panama City to pick up my sea-bag. If you recall, I left my stuff with a chap who worked in the Canal Zone. Apparently, he squirreled everything away behind his junk in a storage unit... thinking he wouldn't see me again for years and then I show up a little over a week later. I think he was bummed and I admit to being a tad embarrassed, because we spent hours talking about the adventures I was going to have before I flew down to Columbia.

Heading Home: While the plane was gaining altitude, I could see some sailboats heading west, but I knew it was still too early for the Trade Winds... so they were probably heading to the small Islands west of the Canal, where they now have hotels and all that goes with that.

Two Weeks Later: I was struck as to how quickly I got back into the Bay Area picture.... I made a call to the guys that hired me before I sailed south and they offered me a job. I wasn't the same position as before, but that didn't matter. If I was serious about heading out again, I needed to get my finances into shape. But then, there was the immigration thing... I've lost 10 months and the immigration window was closing for Australia and New Zealand.

While I was gone, my brother bought the boat I lived on

before leaving for South America. He was going to rent it out to someone... then offered me a deal I couldn't refuse. "FREE" if I did some repairs and put her into shape. So I moved in and started to work. Although I had a small galley, a tile bathtub in the bow, two bunks, red carpeting, a Swedish fireplace and the tape deck I picked up in Panama. Comfy, I didn't have an outside deck to sit on... So, task one was to build a deck.

My new boss bought a Cal 20 and within a week he ran it up on the rocks of Belvedere Island. Apparently, it scared the crap out of him, so he gave this to the office. There were about 40 people in the firm and I was the only one that knew anything about sailing, so I was elected Captain. Of course, that required a celebration. After picking up some wine, salami, cheese and sourdough bread, we headed into the Bay and quickly found the Cal 20 to be a great all-weather sailor. She was small, fast and capable of taking just about any kind of conditions.

Over the following months, we a Thursday night tradition took shape, whereby several of us would end the day by sailing on the Bay... Usually, we sailed out the Gate to watch the sunset, then ride wing and wing back into the bay along the City waterfront. In Fisherman's Warf, we spun "brodies" between the fishing boats as this little guy could turn on a dime. When we ran out of beer, we tied up to this ladder near the Ferry Building, across the Embarcadero from a small sailors bar. At first, the guy said he couldn't sell us beer off-sale, until he understood that this would be consumed on board and not on 3rd Street. Heading back to the boat with the proverbial brown paper bag... we were heroes!

We sailed into our slip in Sausalito, between 10 and 11 p.m... a fine way to end the week, except we had to work the next day.

Cruising deep into the Pacific was being pushed further and further into the back of my mind. More recently, while reading a book called Timbuktu, written by an adventuring fellow kayaking on the Niger River in Africa. The fellow said something I'll try and paraphrase:

"When we go from someplace we know to someplace we don't, where we know it will be difficult... from a place of comfort to one of austerity, we act rationally, suck it up, do what we have to do to survive and move on. What's far more disorienting, is to return, to go back the other way... for then ones senses are suddenly gushing, its as if everything has become incontinent at once.

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**MARINA BAY YACHT CLUB
GYPSY NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
BAR OPENS: 5:30 P.M.
(BRING AN HORS-D'OEUVRE TO SHARE)
DINNER: 7:00 P.M.**



**DINNER/MENU:
ARMENIAN CHICKEN
RICE
GREEN BEANS
SALAD
BREAD/BUTTER
COFFEE/TEA
DESSERT
PRICE: \$18**



PREDICTIONS FORTUNES MUSIC DOOR PRIZES

COME JOIN THE FUN

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Decadence is seductive. It makes you soft in a matter of days, not in body, but in your mind. You have thoughts like, what the hell were you doing, what was the point? The Devil is whispering in your ear... if we listen too closely, we can quickly lose our focus."

Cruiser Living; After building a deck off the stern and a lot of rewiring, the sawdust in bed and cramped conditions were starting to get to me... It was time to look for a place with more room, however rental housing in Marin County were very tough to find. While in High School, I set type at the local rag, The Sebastopol Times and I knew Marin County's daily would run several proofs before publishing their finished issue. So I found out where their printing plant was and hung around the back door, chatting up one of the pressmen and soon, an inky proof sheet of want ads was in hand.

With an easy 3 hours head start on the mob, I quickly found the place I wanted... a small apartment beneath a carport on the side of Corinthian Island in Tiburon. Years ago, a home on the property burned down, leaving me with an overgrown garden. I had a big window that would swing out over the garden with Mt. Tam beyond. Then I met this girl...

OK... Cruising into the Pacific sometime soon, was looking sort of dim.

Fleet Captain's Report

July 8-9th

Marina Bay YC cruised to San Leandro YC. Those who sailed over were: Dave and Sue Jacoby on ENCHANTE', Dennis Gade and crew Marty on DOLCE VITA, and Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray on PIXY TRAILS. Since LA DOLCE VITA was still on the hard getting new bottom paint etc. Fleet Captain Earlene Lagier and Paul cruised by land with their grandson Caleb. PIXY TRAILS had a bit of a bumpy ride as they left Marina Bay in the late afternoon.

This club is a welcoming and fun club to visit. They always have a great meal and the wine glasses are full to the rim and cannot be picked up to take that first sip.

July 29-30th

MBYC cruised to Ballena Bay in Alameda. This was their Jimmy Buffet night. Those attending this trip were:

Dave and Sue Jacoby on ENCHANTE', Barry E. and Judy M. on PIXY TRAILS, and Paul and Earlene Lagier on LA DOLCE VITA.

"Eric" the Jimmy Buffet wannabe and his band were pretty darn good. We ate finger foods, drank and danced till late in the evening. We all had a great evening. On Sunday we all went up to the café for breakfast. We all enjoyed our trip over and back. Another nice weekend with friends.

August 19-20th

We crossed the bay to the North to Loch Lomond YC at San Rafael. This was their Open House "Jamaica Me Crazy" afternoon. This was an easy sail from Pt. San Pablo where LA DOLCE VITA is now berthed. Dave Jacoby joined us and took the helm. A new experience sailing a heavier boat. He did a great job. Our slip was at the far end of the marina and was quite a walk to the club. LLYC had a very good Jamaican meal. Lots of red wine flowed too.

Those in attendance were Barry and Judy on PIXY TRAILS, Jim Taylor and Crew Tom on UNCLE GEORGE. Sunday morning we all enjoyed a very good breakfast at Bobby's Focsile Café. LA DOLCE VITA powered home as there wasn't much wind. Another great weekend with friends.

Hope to some more cruisers on our remaining cruise-outs.

Happy Boating,
Earlene Lagier
Fleet Captain, MBYC



MBYC 2006 Calendar of Events

January

- 7-8 Cruise-Out to Point San Pablo
- 21 Board Meeting & Installation dinner

February

- 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

March

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 - Corned 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

April

8 Board Meeting & Dinner
Easter Theme: Pot Luck
Club provides meat - members bring dish Host: Ardelle Cirino

29-30 Cruise out to Sierra Point YC

May

13-14 ~~Solano YC Cruise In~~ **Cancelled**

20 Board Meeting & Dinner
~~Mexican Theme~~ **Cancelled**

June

17 Board Meeting & Dinner
Western BBQ Theme
Host: Barry and Judy

24-25 Cruise Out to San Rafael

July

1-5 ~~Delta Hilton~~ **Cancelled**

8-9 Cruise Out - San Leandro YC

15 **OPEN HOUSE . . .** From Noon to 3 p.m.
MBYC provides a BBQ Lunch
~~Board Meeting & Club Dinner~~ **Cancelled**

August

12 Board Meeting & Club Dinner - **HOST NEEDED**

19-20 Cruise-out to Loch Lomond YC
"Jamaica Me Crazy Night"

September

2-4 Cruise-out to China Camp - Rafting up for **BBQ** and stories

16 Board Meeting & Dinner - **Gypsy Theme:**
Armenian Chicken. Host: Dave & Sue Jacoby
Cruise In: Aeolian YC

October

7-8 Cruise Out: Alameda YC - **Pirates Party**

21-22 Cruise Out: Coyote Point YC

28 Board & General Membership Meeting
Dinner & Election of Officers
Octoberfest- Halloween Host: Katy Kirk

29-30 Cruise-out to Berkeley YC

November

18-19 Cruise Out: Sausalito YC **Lobster Feed**

TBD Board Meeting & Dinner
HOST NEEDED

December

2 Board Meeting & Dinner
Holiday dinner - HOST NEEDED

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

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