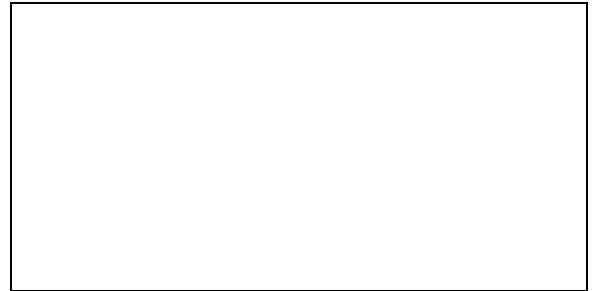




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Barry Eldridge

Commodore's Log

Hi Sailors...

Board Meeting: During our September meeting, we spent time on the ever-evolving Activities Calendar. It seems the

MBYC isn't the only club in the barrel that gets squirrely on this subject from time to time, we've had "confirmed" cruise-ins disappear and contact people vanish into the fogs of uncertainty. There's should really be no excuse for this experience, but that said, being without a Port Captain our club has a better excuse than most.

On a positive note, your Board Members have been taking on extra duty of late, way beyond the call... On Behalf of our members, thank you for all your time and consideration.

Volunteer Club: Fellow members, please take stock of your time; your professional and personal commitments to consider if you can spare more time to support your club. During the next Membership Dinner, we will be asking for members to step forward to serve as officers of the MBYC. The MBYC is an all-volunteer club and your club needs you now more than ever. If any of you would like information on officer positions and club operations, please contact one of the Board Members and they would be happy to send this to you.

Club Lease: At the Board's request, I contacted the Marina Manager, Jim Walter, and let him know how the numbers were shaking out. He said he would get this information to John Cotton, President of the Warmington Group, of which Bay Harbor Management Group is a subsidiary, A.S.A.P. I will follow up on this soon and let everyone know how this goes.

The West Wall: No news! Pray this wall doesn't blow over before corrective action is taken.

Membership Dinner: We have six new members... what a nice bunch of folks! \

Joe and Deborah Graham: flew by before dinner, on their way to a Ha Ha dinner meeting, so their "Welcome" consisted of a hand shake and beer before rushing out the door. They promised to spend more time on their return.

Paul Dubois: brought four bottles of wine, which our members just couldn't leave alone... the bar suffered and there was nothing left for Paul to take home. Thanks Paul.

Mark and Dee Sykes: Drove down from their home in Reno, Nevada.

Dennis and Sharon Clennell: They called to announce a big conflict and were sorry they couldn't make the dinner, however they promised to make the next one.

Tom and Kathleen Wolinski: From Castro Valley and early Cruise-out veterans.

Darryl McClaine from Fresno (brother Fred couldn't make it... OK, if I have this backwards please accept my apology). ...joined festivities at the Big Galley Table and were awarded their Buries along with a flourish of good advice.

The Gypsy Dinner ... Dave and Sue Jacoby served up their Armenian Chicken and what an outstanding dinner this was. Apparently, this Chicken recipe was taken from gypsy's who were

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New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.



New Members

Joe and Deborah Graham



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caught trying to squirrel their way out of Iran, in containers of Beluga Caviar.

Joining us later into the evening was a dancer of exotic repute, who cast her magic spell on all those present... and a few were blessed with rare fish and gems of value. Later, after the gypsy's disappeared into the night, all seemed very quiet as we paused to caught our breath and made sure we still had our watches and wallets. In an attempt to document this occasion, it was discovered that a diabolical spirit must have killed the camera. But being a resourceful bunch we were saved... stepping forward in a flash, Fleet Captain Earlene Lagier brought forth a second camera, took the shots and the evening activities continued. Then, as events wound down and progressed to the following day, it was discovered that the Fleet Captain's camera went missing... where did it go? Did those inscrutable gypsy's snag it? We may never know...so pictures taken at the dinner may not be available for this issue of the Signal. We will try this again in October, during the Halloween-fest membership meeting, so please try to attend. A Sergeant at Arms will be appointed to guard the door.

FLASH! Those inscrutable Gypsy's thought they could squirrel the camera across the border, but alas, they stuffed it under the cushions of the wrong car. Justice was served.

After breakfast the next day, the Gypsy's, I mean the cooks, Judy and I returned to the club to take care of those housekeeping chores left undone from the previous day's activities, only to discover that Rear Commodore Lew Berg and Safety Officer Roy Edwards had already straightened up the place... Thanks fellows for another job well done.

Calling ALL Chili Lovers!

November 11 is the MBYC Chili Cook-Off

Chili Cook-Off Schedule—

- All participants interested in competing will bring their best Chili Dish, serving 4-5 folks

- Participants will arrive with their Chili dish on Sat 11/11/2006 at 6 PM.
- MBYC Bar is open for business.
- MBYC will provide a stack of sampling cups, spoons and "grade cards"
- At 6 PM all dinner attendees will be sampling and grading each Chili Dish entry.
- Grade cards go into the ballot box. All chili grading closes at 7 PM.
- By 7 PM All submitted grade cards will be tallied and the "Best of Show" will be determined.
- By 7:10 PM all Chili dishes will be combined into ONE Big Pot and served for dinner along with Corn Bread, Crackers and Salad. We can even throw in hot dogs, buns, diced onion & cheese for those that want a chili dog.
- At the end of dinner, Winner(s) will receive accolades and prizes are awarded.
- Chili recipe exchange optional.

California Cruising Clippers will participate. It should be a gas!

/Katie Kirk

Shakedown Cruise on Steroids

/Dennis Gade

Dolce Vita, not to be confused with La Dolce Vita set sail on July 31st for Santa Barbara. I have spent the last 16 months getting my girl ready to sail off on a voyage that I hope will take me around the globe. I take Dolce Vita out on a shakedown cruise on every opportunity after completing stages of work on the boat. This will have been my fifth trip. Each trip gets longer as repairs and upgrades are completed. I won't bore you with the details but 4 out of five trips have not been without problems. Many have been minor but still can't be ignored.

Marty Griffin, my long time sailing partner, and Marty's dog Cocoe, pushed off the dock at 7:00am for Santa Cruz. We planned on arriving in Santa Cruz before dark so we had to go out the gate during max ebb. The good news is that we got a nice push out to the SF buoy. The bad news was that it was a rough ride. We agreed that we would motor out to Channel Buoy number 2 before we hoisted

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the sails. This would save us time from not having to tack back and forth as we moved up the bar channel. Neither of us got sea sick but both of our stomachs reminded us not to take it much further. We had a great sail to Santa Cruz from the point that we turned south to off of the pier in SC. Winds were on our beam and varied between 15 to 30 knots. We tied up to the dock in Santa Cruz around 9:00 pm and quickly cleaned ourselves up and went to the bar for a well deserved drink and warm food.

We slept-in the next morning, had a nice walk and cup of coffee and pushed off the dock around noon for Monterey. It was a sunny and warm day with winds around 15 knots that allowed us to take a straight course for the Marina at Monterey. It was a sailing experience that we all dream about that reminds us after a rough and cold ride why we took up sailing.

Our first duty after arriving in Monterey was to clean up the boat and ourselves so we were all presentable and ready to accept guests. We had met a couple of live aboards last year on our trip to Monterey and we went over to visit them. They knew we were coming down again and were very happy to see us. What do most sailors do after meeting each other again after a year? We had a couple of drinks and got caught up on what each of us has been doing the past year. Billy is a professional fisherman and his wife Kim does canvas work and other repairs around the dock. Both are wonderful people and are always fun to be around.

Marty and I spent the next three days walking around Monterey and played stealth tourists and resupplying the boat. Have any of you walked two miles between the grocery store and your boat carrying what seems to be 150 pounds of food and water? If I wasn't so cheap, I would have paid for a cab.

Our next stop, after much encouragement from others, was Stillwater Cove. For those that may not be familiar with this spot, it is located off of the 18th tee at Pebble Beach. We set anchor and deployed the dingy. We arrived around 3 in the afternoon so we decided we would stay on the boat

and relax. The next day we went ashore and took a cab into Carmel, had a wonderful lunch and again played stealth tourists. The people at the swim club and on the dock were very friendly and helpful. The next day we again relaxed and walked around the course. The area is beautiful and the days were sunny. I played a round of golf at Pebble Beach with my brother several years ago. Tiger Woods can sleep at night knowing I am not going to challenge his number one rating.

After two days of rest and fun at Stillwater cove, we again pulled anchor for a long ride to Morro Bay. We arrived around 5:00 in the morning the next day after about 22 hours of motoring. The only thing good about this leg was that it was sunny during the day and the seas were flat. I am sure you share my opinion about motoring.....it sucks!

My son and daughter in-law live in Los Osos and we had looked forward to our visit. Unfortunately, my son was stuck in San Jose del Cabo waiting for a part for his truck so he could return home. His wife, Jessie, is 10 months pregnant and flew home because she was tired of the heat. We had a nice visit for the next few days and took Jessie and one of their friends out for a two hour sail. The sailing was great but they both were a little intimidated with the wind and rough seas. We assured them both that we and the boat were quite capable of returning them safely to land. After three days of visiting and partying with other cruisers we had to make a decision if we were going to continue on to Santa Barbara or turn back north. We decided to turn north knowing that had we gone onto Santa Barbara we could only spend a couple of days there and would have to hurry back. Since we were both on vacation, neither one of us wanted to be stressed about meeting a tight schedule.

The next morning at 2:00am we pushed off of the dock and headed into the darkness. Dead into the waves and the wind we headed north along the coast and arrived in Monterey 27 hours later at 5:30am. We were tired, wet, cold and ready for bed. We had a little excitement on the way up off of Point Sur. The engine decides to quit. Blocked fuel filter. We pulled out the jib and set a course

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that would take of further off shore while I went below with my butt in the air and my head in a hole while I replace the filter and bled the fuel line. Af-



Welcome Paul Dubois, from Calistoga

ter about 30 minutes, the engine was ready to start and we again returned to our original course.

We rested and slicked our wounds in Monterey for a couple of days and then pushed off to Capitola. This was my first visit to this location. It is a good place to visit once but I am not sure there is enough there to get me back again.

The next day we headed for Pillar Point where we laid up for a couple of days waiting for the seas to be friendlier. 20 foot seas are not my way of having a relaxing sail. We bought a 8 ½ pound fresh salmon from a fisherman returning from Bodega Bay. I filleted the meat and held back enough to cook for that evening's meal. We thought we had died and gone to heaven. What better way to end our trip.

Finally we are again headed north for the GG Bridge. Motoring our way again until we passed under the bridge. The wind that we all know well was there to greet us. We had a great familiar sail back to the Richmond channel where we readied the boat for the return to my slip. 450 miles logged and back home to familiar territory.

How did the shakedown cruise go? Is the boat ready? Mission accomplished. The boat is ready for prime time. There are a few boat bucks I need to spend yet on Dolce Vita, but she has shown that she is up to the challenge.

Let's go sailing.



Welcome to the McClaine brothers from Fresno & D Dock



All the way from RENO... welcome Marc and Dee Sykes

More photos next month.

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

November

- 11 MBYC **Chili Cook-Off**

- 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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