



Louis Berg

Commodore's Log

Hello Fellow Members,

We had a nice turnout for the San Leandro Yacht Club trip. They treated us royally with a great meatloaf dinner with all the fix-

ings to go with it. The one thing they could not do for us was to supply more water in the channel. Some of us had a little problem. Patience is a virtue, and all eventually got underway. Saturday evening before dinner we had our officer's meeting. Subjects discussed were dues for next year which will have to be raised to cover such things as liability insurance, a storage locker in which we have all our old records and left over items.

On the agenda also was the need to form a nominating committee for next year's officers. We are in need of almost a complete new staff. This is your chance to get more involved in your club. For more information please email me. Our next cruise out will be to Oyster Point in August. For those who may be unfamiliar with some of the places we go, it is possible to arrange a buddy boat system and also there are generally people to assist you docking upon arrival. Hope to see you there.

Lou Berg,
Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report

Hello All,

The July 14th cruise-out to San Leandro YC was well attended with 5 boats making the trip to the South Bay. ENCHANTE'- Dave and Sue Jacoby, WILDCAT - Lou Berg, Roy and Robin Edwards, GRACE - Tom and Kathleen Wolinski, PEGASUS - Marc and Heather Sykes, and LA DOLCE VITA - Paul and Earlene Lagier took on the bay. Winds were light for Paul and I so the sail didn't go up this time. Those leaving later had some

sailing time. All boats made it to their slips with plenty of water under their keels. Mike and Janice Tryon, and Mike and Lupe Shulkin arrived later in the day by land. We were 15 for dinner.

San Leandro again out-did themselves. The menu was "comfort food". Meatloaf, mashers, vegetables, salad, bread and dessert. This is one of Paul's favorite meals. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie with SLYC members.



Sunday morning SLYC had a continental breakfast spread of bagels, fruits, juices, sweet rolls, and coffee for us to partake of. Later the Wolinski's and I made a 6 mile round-trip trek to church. It was a beautiful morning for a walk.

LA DOLCE VITA and ENCHANTE' were the last boats to leave SLYC at high tide. Only one boat met the bottom earlier going out, but plowed through and made it .

Thanks to all for a great cruise-out. Our next outing will be to Oyster Pt. YC for their Hawaiian Luau. Watch your email for more on this CO August 11-12th

Happy Boating,

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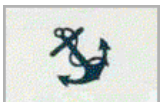
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New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.



New Members

No new members at this time.

Special Report

As you may know, one of our members, Jon Sargent, is heavily involved in the Northland Nautical Foundation which is the sponsor of the Northland Sea Scouts of Richmond, CA. Herewith is a report from Jon.

What is the Northland Nautical Foundation? The Northland Nautical Foundation (NNF) is a California non-profit educational foundation whose mission is to provide high quality maritime training to local youth and adults in a safe, but challenging environment. Our primary focus is at-risk, underprivileged youth in the Bay Area who would not otherwise have safe, low cost access to training in a nautical environment.

The NNF is governed by a Board of Directors, and general functions of the Sea Scout program are planned and carried out by a committee consisting of parents or guardians of youth. The NNF holds a Sea Scout Charter dating back to September 1933 with the Boy Scouts of America which allows the opportunity for participation with other Sea Scout Units in Bay Area Regattas and events.

Through our flagship vessel, the 102 foot SSS NORTHLAND, as well as a variety of small boats, we provide hands on training in boating safety, boat handling, navigation, seamanship, engineering, welding, vessel maintenance, teamwork and leadership. With monthly training cruises on the San Francisco Bay and Delta, as well as occasional coastal cruising opportunities, our youth develop the types of skills that help them create a promising and productive future, whether in the maritime industry or elsewhere in the community. Several former NORTHLAND Sea Scouts are presently attending the California Maritime Academy, serving in the Navy and Coast Guard, and also working on commercial vessels throughout the country.

Mission Statement: The Northland Nautical Foundation is a non-profit organization and a registered public charity that promotes educational opportunities for youth in seamanship and navigation, maritime career skills, environmental awareness and leadership training. The Foundation provides practical application of math, science, communication and learning skills in a maritime environment to youth inspired by boats and the sea.

Our largest ship



The Sea Scout Ship SSS NORTHLAND is the former USS PHOENIX TWR-771; a 102 foot, 110 ton US Navy Torpedo Weapons Retriever from Port Hueneme California. Built in 1979, it is one of the largest Sea Scout Ships in the world and is based in Richmond California. Powered by two mighty 16 cylinder engines providing 2,400 horsepower, the vessel has both modern and traditional navigation and piloting equipment, sleeping accommodations for 34, and a fully appointed galley and mess deck.

In August 2005 while on a coastal ocean training cruise, NORTHLAND suddenly lost the use of the starboard engine. Our port engine returned us safely to base in Richmond where our two Skippers inspected and partially dismantled the engine. An examination was conducted by experienced and certified engineers including a representative of the manufacturer, Detroit Diesel, who determined that the 16 cylinder engine was severely damaged (as a result of a previous engine failure while the ship was in service as a US Navy vessel).

The only solution would be to remove the engine from the ship, replace part of the damaged block and crankshaft, and completely rebuild the engine; then reinstall it in the ship. Detroit Diesel advised this would cost us over \$100,000.

We took things step by step. Since then our teenage youth, under the supervision of adult leaders worked to complete this project. Working on weekends and Tuesday evenings they completely rebuilt the diesel engine like new, in a warehouse temporarily provided by the Port of Richmond. As word spread of our efforts, more assistance came from the Port, Mechanics Bank, and local area companies generously provided free labor and purchased some parts to help us out. Costly work that

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was beyond our capabilities (towing our ship twice to a company's dock for heavy work, cutting the hull open & removing the broken engine, reinstalling the rebuilt engine, welding, and making complex adjustments to the engine for operation) was taken care of by these companies and their employees.

On April 17th our crew pushed the start button and the engine roared to life. Some fine tuning during the following week revealed our engine was running well and in excellent shape. We were then able to take our first trial cruise to the Port of Redwood City for a Regatta on May 4th.

On May 25th we took the ship to Alameda to take part in the Ancient Mariner Regatta, which was held aboard the USS Hornet museum. Hundreds of Sea Scouts from the west coast were there participating during the Memorial Day weekend.



Richmond shipmates starting the engine project last year. Clockwise from lower left: Jeffrey, James, Stephen, Jessie, Bailey, Ashton, Aaron

Now that the kids have finished overhauling our starboard engine on the big ship and we are running again, our main focus is to find some new local area teenagers that would like to learn all about boats. The minimum age is 14, and when they reach 18 they can become a Jr. Officer if they have participated as a Sea Scout for awhile.

We also need parents and guardian participation too, or anyone else willing to give us a hand. We could use more help! This is because several of our kids have now graduated from high school and are going to, or are already in the California Maritime Academy, or are

headed toward something else. So it's time to get our new group started.



We have the 102 foot SSS Northland, that we keep in the middle graving dock at Shipyard 3, a 1933 classic Monterey M/V, our 26 foot whale boat, and a couple of small sailboats for training. We also have two other boats we're trying to sell to help us raise some funding: the 36 foot Dessert First on D dock, and a 32' Clipper Marine sailboat on G dock. Best offer takes 'em!

We've got to get some funding now to pay for fuel for the big ship. The overhaul was very costly and we need to get a couple thousand gallons of diesel to keep us going thru next year.

Thanks!
Jon Sargent

Editor's note: You can contact Jon at : sssnorthland@aol.com. Or visit the Northland Nautical Foundation website at: <http://www.hometown.aol.com/sssnorthland/index.html>, for some more information and some interesting photos.

MBYC 2007 Calendar of Events

January

13-14 Cruise-Out to South Beach
Board Meeting & Installation dinner

February

24 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out to Point San Pablo Yacht Club

March

31 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out to Benicia

April

21 Board Meeting & Dinner
Jack London Square

May

19 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out: Petaluma Yacht Club

June

16 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out: TBD

July

14 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out: San Leandro Yacht Club

August

11-12 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out: Oyster Point YC

September

15 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out: TBD

October

20 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out: TBD

November

17 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out: TBD

December

15 Board Meeting & Dinner
Cruise-Out: TBD

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