



Commodore's Log

Winter on the Water

Sailing during the last couple of months each year, can present some challenges. The winds we get on San Francisco Bay can be very light and if we

do have wind this is usually created by a storm.

I remember a famous storm this wasn't on San Francisco Bay. On November 10, 1975, the most famous shipwreck in Great Lakes history happened, the 729-foot freighter Edmund Fitzgerald, sank in a treacherous storm on Lake Superior. This was the greatest maritime loss in Great Lakes history and very few disasters anywhere have captured the imaginations of marine enthusiasts in such a compelling fashion.

Thanks to the popular 1976 song by singer/songwriter Gordon Lightfoot, the story of the Edmund Fitzgerald has attained legendary status in Great Lakes maritime lore.



By Artist: David Conklin

After hours of battling high winds and 30-foot waves, this gigantic ore carrier, one of the largest ships on the Great Lakes and holder of numerous tonnage records, suddenly disappeared from the radar without so much as

a single warning or SOS from its captain or crew. When found in 500 feet of water, they recovered it's 200 lb. bronze bell, which is now part of a memorial to her lost crew.

A few years ago I was caught on San Francisco Bay in a storm that was predicted but one I chose to ignore. A friend of mine and I were close to Alcatraz when this gale blew in suddenly from of all places, Marina Bay. We were sailing on Seabee Diver (Islander 30) and we couldn't motor into the 65 mph winds. We had to put in a double reef on the main and sail as close to the wind as possible. I'll never forget coming up the Potrero Reach with five foot waves coming from the northern shore less than a 100 feet away.

Personally, I've only had one experience with rough seas other than on the bay. I hope you have pleasant sailing weather but be wary of the gales of November.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Michael Tryon Commodore MBYC
"My heart is in the wind"



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New Membership Applications

No new membership applications at this time.



New Members



Commodore Mike Tryon welcomes new club members, David and Genn Santel. Genn has agreed to be our Signal Editor for 2010



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For our member's review and consideration, each issue will list a club officer's responsibility, ...as stated in our By Laws

Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Membership and of the Board of Directors.
2. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the aforesaid meetings and shall cause to be published in the official publication, The Signal, a summary of the Board of Directors' meetings.
3. The Secretary shall act as the official clerk for all elections.
4. Should both the Commodore and Vice Commodore be absent, the Secretary shall act and perform the duties of Commodore.
5. The Secretary is a voting member of the Board of Directors.

OCTOBER MEETING

October 17th, General Membership Meeting at the Marina Bay Meeting Room.

Last Saturday evening the Board met with those members attending for the yearly Membership Dinner.



...Membership Meeting at the Marina Offices

The Agenda was full and under Commodore Mike's leadership, we trudged through in quick time.

The Officers for 2010 are as follows:

Commodore: Mike Tryon has agreed to continue for another year. Thank you Mike for a job well done. We are looking forward to your leadership and guidance over the next year.

Vice Commodore: Barry Eldridge has agreed to take on this responsibility, and he will strive to bring up the membership numbers during this period.

Treasurer: Tom Wolinski has agreed to continue in this position for another year. Thank you Tom, everyone thanks you for doing such a great job.



Not True: Actually, the Treasurer is decoding the dinner chit...

Fleet Captain: Earlene, after two years behind the helm is stepping down from this responsibility. Thank you Earlene for all your time and considerations, for a job well done. Glen Bigalow has agreed to take on this responsibility, and he will be in contact Earlene Lagier for information and guidance in this area.

Secretary: Judy Murray has agreed to continue for another year. Thank you Judy for all your work during the last year.

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By-Laws:

The May 4, 2009 draft of the By-Laws revised to meet current conditions, were adopted by the General Membership.

Storage Unit:

The \$600 a year cost was discussed and after some debate, it was decided to empty this unit and dispense with this expense.

Mike and Tom brought the beer, soft drinks and alcohol to this dinner, and what we didn't consume during the evening was distributed to those in attendance. Barry Eldridge agreed to put the bar top and cash register onto Ebay or Craigs List. As for the records, Mike Tryon agreed to keep these in their storage area until another solution surfaces.



Building Fund:

After some discussion, in which the fund and it's original purpose was clarified, i.e. saving for a permanent location, it was agreed that finding new members and keeping the club financially solvent occupied a higher priority. However, the building fund will be continue, as is, into 2010.

Liquor License:

The Club's annual Liquor License fee, + \$400.00, is now due. Tom Wolinski asked, if this expense was something we wanted to continue? The license has been inactive for a few years now, ever since we left the Boathouse.

After some discussion, it was determined that we didn't have enough information, i.e. (1) how much time and

expense would be required for a new license in the future, assuming we cancelled the one we have? (2) Would 'event license' be more practical for us while we meet at the Marina facility? (3) Is the Marina Management interested in our installing a bar in their conference room? Barry Eldridge agreed to contact the Marina and the ABC to address these questions. After more information is at hand, the Board can make their decision via the Net.

Follow-up Note:

The Marina failed to respond to our inquiry about assigning our liquor license to their meeting room. Following up on this with the Board, the decision was made to let this license laps.



OK... when does the music start?

DID YOU KNOW: HO, HO, HO

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was created for Montgomery Ward department stores.

Santa's Reindeer: Two of them, were originally named 'Dunder' and Blixem,' not 'Donner' and 'Blitzen.'

Gatherings:

People didn't gather together just because it was cold outside and cheery inside, ...they did so because it was cold and dangerous outside.

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The dark months were scary months, a time when everyone knew evil forces were lurking just out of sight. It became custom to hold loud, cheery celebration at Winter solstice, when it was thought the fabric drawn between our world and that of malicious spirits was the weakest, when harmful spirits could slip through and claim a victim or two.

Yet that meant that one might be able to peep back and see into the evil world and learn something from it. Thus...

Decking the Halls:

Evergreens are symbolic of enduring and renewed life. Gathering green branches is a magical rite that ensures the return of vegetation at winter's end, including: rosemary, bay, laurel, and anything that was green. The Christmas tree is the centerpiece of this belief.

Holly:

Is celebrated in lore for its protective powers, especially against witches and lightning. Take care which holly is brought into the house first on Christmas Day, i.e. Prickly holly indicates the man will hold sway, but the smooth sort guarantees the wife will reign. Prudent couples bring both in together to assure a balanced and harmonious home.

Mistletoe:

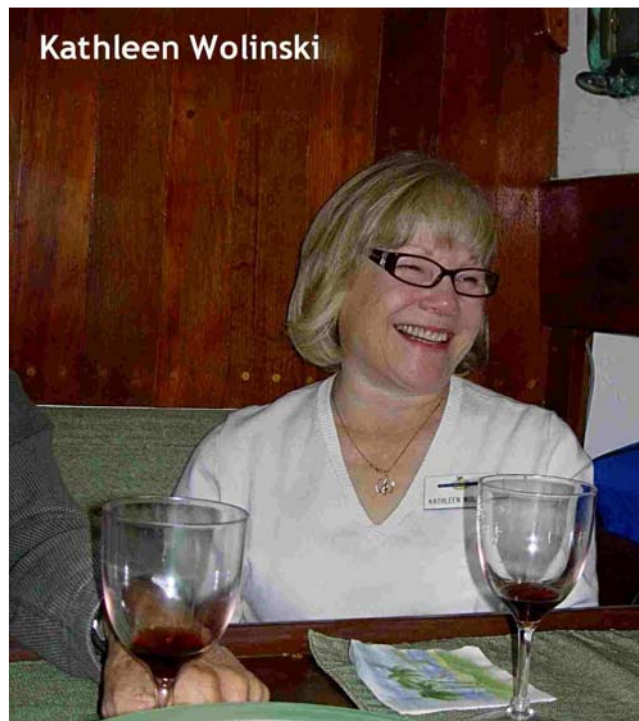
Also considered a powerful charm against witches and lightning, as well as a cure for poison, epilepsy, barrenness and whooping cough. The custom of kissing, traditionally, is a man may take a kiss from a girl standing beneath, but only if he plucks a berry from the plant and presents it to her, . . .one for each kiss. When the berries are gone, so's the kissing.



NOVEMBER CRUISE-OUT

November 14-15th cruise-out was to Schoonmaker's, in Sausalito.

LA DOLCE VITA left the slip at Pt. San Pablo at about 10:00 AM and we had a very nice ride over to Sausalito. Arriving about Noon, we squeezed into our slip, there wasn't much maneuverability.



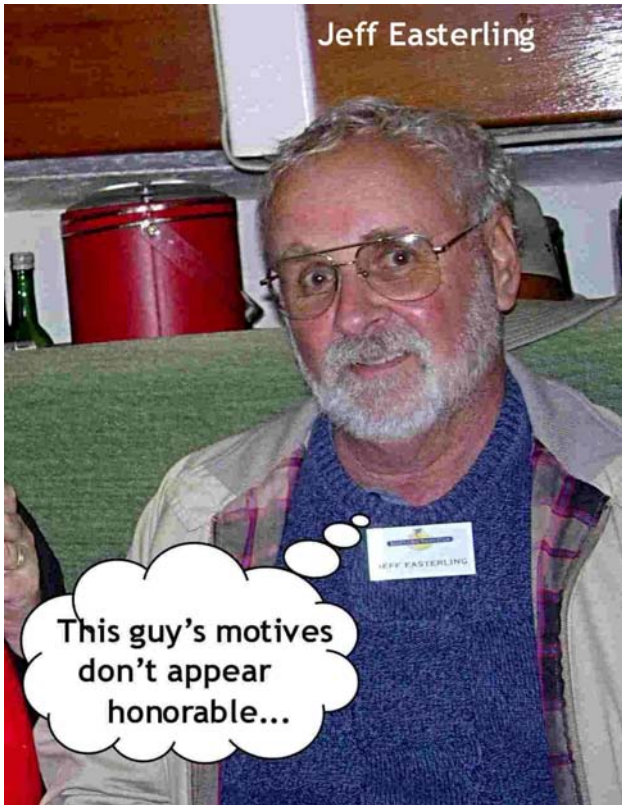
Now what is 1st Mate Kathleen laughing at??

Tom and Kathhleen Wolinski soon arrived on GRACE, Beth and Jeff Easterling arrived in their power boat, as BARCAROLLE had some engine problems, and Glen Bigelow arrived in GRATITUDE. Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray arrived by land yacht and stayed the night in Sausalito.

Earlene and Paul Lagier hosted cocktails before we all took the short walk to Paradise Bay Restaurant for dinner, where everyone enjoyed a fine meal and the good company.

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This sailor will not lend you his boat...

The weather could not have been better for a November cruise (except for the absence of wind) and we always enjoy our time in Sausalito.

The Wolinski' s stayed an extra day to enjoy the fine weather and the waterfront of Sausalito.

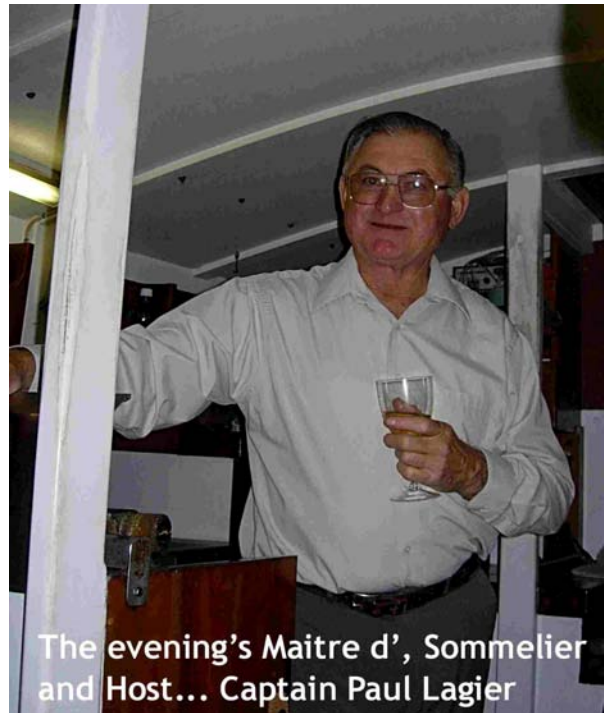


Judy Murray, Secretary 2010 & Barry Eldridge Vice Commodore for 2010

The next Cruise-out is to South Beach-San Francisco, December 5-6th. Then this will be it for 2009. Hope to see you there.

...Happy Sailing

Earlene Lagier
Fleet Captain, MBYC



One can tell a seasoned sailor when you see him holding on...

NEWS YOU CAN USE

A chronic problem with the diesel exhaust system is the carbon buildup in the cooling elbow. Your editor learned this the hard way recently.

Apparently, many sailors turn their engines off as soon as they can, i.e. as soon as they're out of the slip and have a sail up, ...thus, carbon builds up as hard as concrete. So..., let them warm up.

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Fleet Captain for 2010 is Glen Bigelow

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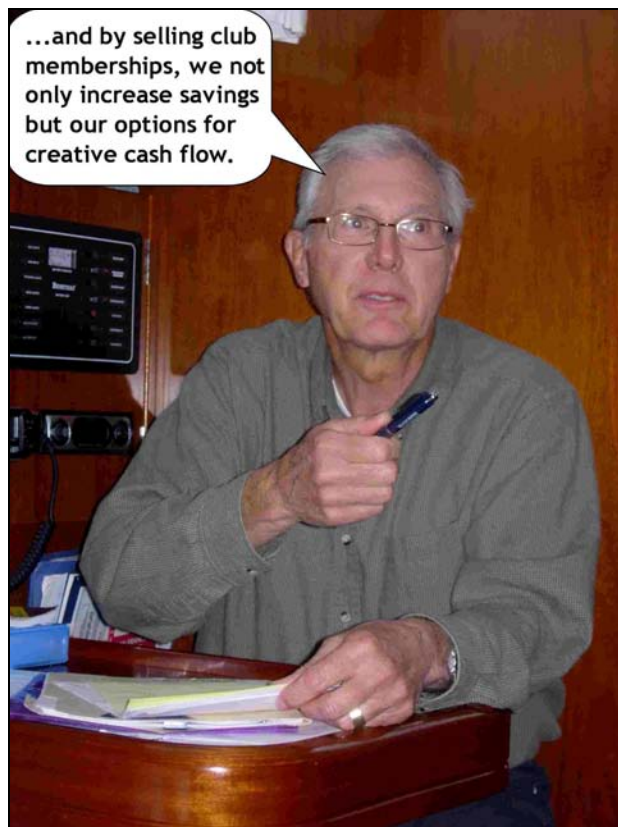
Dec. 5-6th Cruise-out to South Beach, San Francisco



**Can't tell if Earlene wants this or not...
I wonder what it is?**

After checking in we made our way to the Farmer's Market and our first stop, the Hog Island Oyster Company. YUMMY! We found our neighbor and Paul's cousin at their respective

booths for good candy and a yummy almond-date milk. Delish! We decided then that our family will be getting a goose for Christmas.



Our Treasurer, Tom Wolinski has agreed to stay on for another season, ...Thanks Tom

Lou Berg and Roy Edwards arrived on WILDCAT and Glen Bigelow on GRATITUDE later in the afternoon. Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray, Mike and Janice Tryon, and Beth and Jeff Easterling joined is by land yacht. A board meeting was held on GRACE and cocktails later on LA DOLCE VITA.



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Our dinner was held at Gordon Biersch this year, the nice walk, wonderful weather, good food and great company was enjoyed by all.

that evening in Ripon @ 5 PM. This has been a great cruising year. My thanks to all who have participated the last 2 years. I truly enjoyed working with other Yacht Club's throughout the bay area. So much fun, and I've made some good friends too.

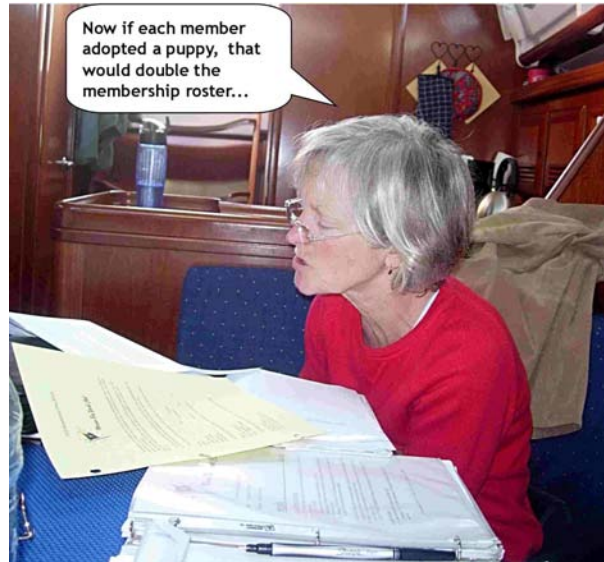


Commodore Mike Tryon is Holding Court

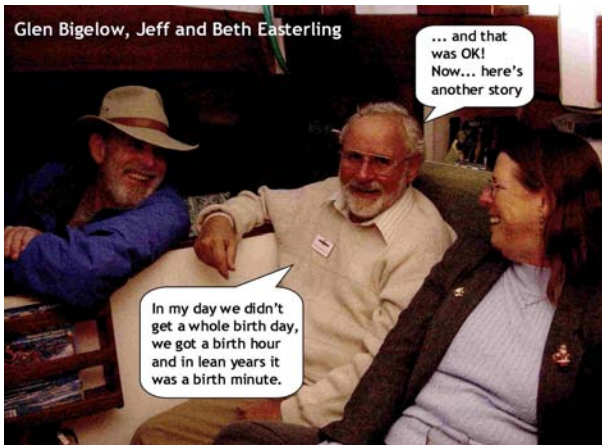


Glen Bigelow will be the MBYC Fleet Captain for 2010. I know you will support him as you have me.

On Sunday a.m., the Wolinski's and myself walked up to St. Patrick's Church on Mission St. for the 9 AM Mass. Back to the marina at 10:30 and LA DOLCE VITA was underway to Pt. San Pablo as we had another engagement



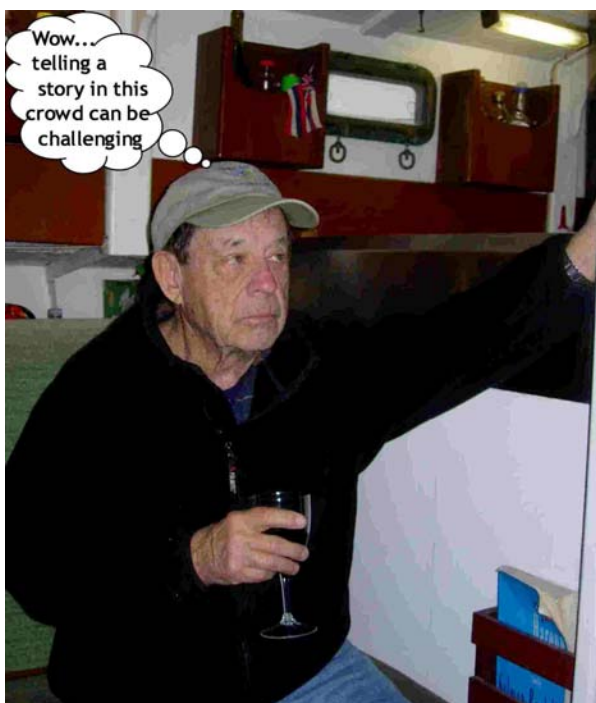
Judy Murray, has agreed to take on the Secretaries position for another season, ...many thanks Judy.



Our group is never short of stories to share...

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Past Commodore, Lou Berg. Good to see you sailor...

NEW YEARS 2010: If anyone wants to join us at the Pt. San Pablo Y.C. on New Year's Eve, Here is some info:

Theme is MARDI GRAS

Time: 7pm to 2am

Cost: \$20 per person

Includes:

Live Band, hors d'oeuvres, champagne, decorations, games, etc.

Bring your best appetizer for appetizer contest...

We would love to entertain MBYC into the New Year--2010

Earlene Lagier, Fleet Captain for 2008 & 2009



Our restaurant, ...and a good time was had by all

At the End of the Evening: Everyone was in good conditions, however the camera was having a hard time...



Paul, Earlene and their crew when times were better...

Looking forward to great cruising in 2010. Paul and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

MBYC 2010 Calendar of Events

**We are forming our calendar for 2010,
and this will be distributed to our mem-
bers as information becomes available...**

January

16 Marina Bay, New Year Dinner Wine
Tasting on La Dolce Vita at the Guest
Dock, followed with dinner at Salute's

July

February

August

March

September

April

October

May

November

June

December

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

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