

## Commodore's Log



Mike Tryon

### The Great Octopus Race

I've worn many hats in my time and one of the most enjoyable, was when I became a Seabee Diver, when the Navy opened that door..

On receiving my certificates from NAUI (National

Association of Diving Instructors) and PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors), I was a scuba diving Instructor, and I taught at our home in San Diego (Janice thinks we should still be there, ...now I can't argue with that), where we had an in ground pool that was ten feet deep.

After their training, we would take students out to the Coronado Islands for their certification dives and the following happened on one of those dives.

Roy, a good friend and neighbor, was my diving buddy that day. The dive was a first for him. Roy was breathing heavy and using lots of air. We were on the bottom at about forty feet of water and while calming him down, we kicked up an octopus who was hiding near a rock, half buried in the sand.

Octopus Facts: The octopus expels water from their mantle, creating a jet like thrust approaching twenty MPH, but they can only do this darting maneuvers two or three times before needing to rest. Well this particular eight legged creature

took off like a rocket, across the bottom into an open area free of rocks, ...and the chase was on.

As one of most intelligent creatures in the ocean, the octopus make great pets but they don't live very long, maybe three years. They haven't any bones and they are the only creature we know with three hearts. They're stone deaf, but have excellent vision and they taste with their tentacles. (OK, They're not really tentacles, but arms with suction cups, tentacles are at the end of creatures, like the squid). The octopus eat crabs and mollusks, mostly. They can get to be ten feet across and weigh up to four hundred pounds. (but references don't agree)



*"Heh! Go away, I'm hiding..."*

Continuing On: When this one stopped he changed colors to match the light brown sand he was on. We hovered over him but when I tried to grab him he darted off even faster. We kicked hard and caught up, but off he went again.

It was during this final chase that Roy ran out of air. I managed to grab the octopus this time, before

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## Club Officers for 2011

To Email a Club Officer, see Club Hotlines on the club's Web Site: [www.marinabayvc.com](http://www.marinabayvc.com)



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## New Membership Applications

No new applications at this time



## New Members

No new members at this time



## True Story

An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color.... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow. After a while the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him.

"What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?"

The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"

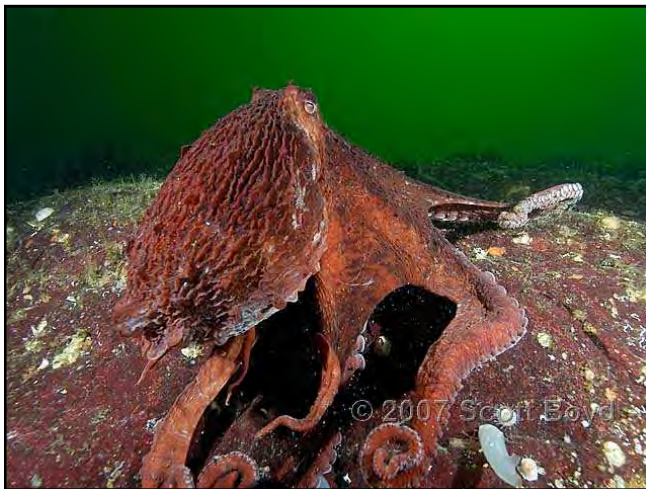


*Why does anyone love to sail???*

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he could fire up his afterburners (again). So I'm holding, ...or rather the octopus is holding me as Roy approached us in a complete panic. I reached around him and switched his valve over to the reserve position and he took a deep breath.

My depth gage said we were down sixty-five feet when I motioned for us to begin our ascent, ...but slowly.



*"In case you haven't figured it out, I'm a rock and you don't belong here. So Scram!"*

At about thirty-five feet Roy was again out of air. The Octopus had rapped itself completely around my left arm and was trying to wrap a couple around my neck. Now Roy was completely freaked.

I gave him my regulator and motioned for us to continue our ascent and he didn't give it back, but that was fine with me. On an ascent a trained diver knows that the air in your lungs will expand and so you must let that air bubble out during the ascent.

We surfaced a few moments later and Roy started apologizing. I just smiled and pointed to our new friend. We swam to the dive boat and climbed aboard. Most of the other students and my beautiful wife had already completed their dives.

Everyone circled around, wanting to touch this creature.

My wet suit was protecting my skin from its Parrot like beak, but Janice noticed a large welt on my neck, which I hadn't felt. (Note: all Octopi are venomous, but they aren't necessarily deadly.) Several divers helped me un-wrap the tentacles and another measured him from top to bottom. This one was seven feet long.

We lowered him back in the water and watched as he/she disappeared. One more unknown fact: the octopus has both short term and long term memories. Interesting creatures, huh?

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

### **Club Officer Positions**

*To encourage MBYC Members to serve as a club officer. we will provide information on one of the Officer positions that govern your club.*



**VICE COMMODORE:** The Vice Commodore, in the absence or disability of the Commodore,

shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Commodore, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

### **Call 911?**



*Ok,...hard aleeeee...*

## Board Minutes, October 29

MBYC Board Meeting/Open House on Oct. 29th Harbormaster's Meeting Room, Pt. Richmond.

**Officers Present:** Glen Bigelow, Tom Wolinski and Anny Caya. Absent were Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray do to a scheduling conflict.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Mike Tryon. 4:30 p.m.

**Club Status:** After weighing the pros and cons of folding into another club, the board decided to remain a paper club, while increasing efforts to attract new members.

**Dues:** Annual dues will remain at \$125 and new applicants will pay a \$50. Initiation fee.

**Officers for 2012:** Our current Officers agreed to continue on during 2012, as follows:

**Commodore:** Mike Tryon

**Vice Commodore:** Barry Eldridge

**Rear Commodore:** Anny Caya

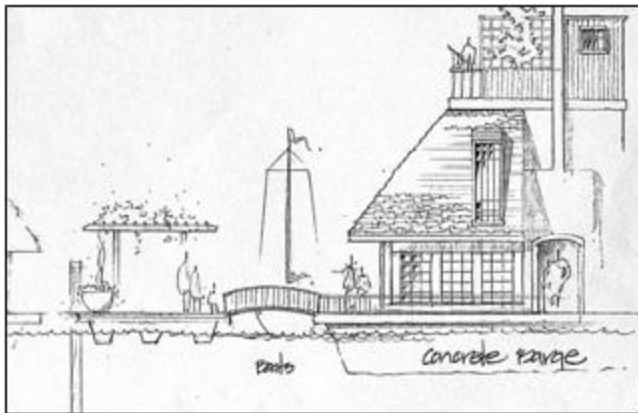
**Fleet Captain:** Glen Bigelow

**Treasurer:** Tom Wolinski

**Secretary:** Judy Murray

**PICYA Status:** Glen Bigelow informed the Board that PICYA memberships are based on a tiered system, according to size. So the MBYC is a PICYA member in good standing.

**Club House Options:** Commodore Mike offered the concept of purchasing a house boat to fix it



*A houseboat clubhouse could be a fun place...*

up for a clubhouse, to host more events, including cruise-ins. A lively discussion centered on: birth fees, remodeling cost, liability insurance, support liquor license and whether the Marina would accept this kind of vessel.

**DECISION:** To increase our membership before considering projects of this magnitude.

**The Americas Cup:** Fleet Captain, Glen informed the Board about the PICYA website posting of events leading up to this race. Suggested the possibility of a club presence during these events, a way to attract new members. Glen agreed to review the website for the Board.



*...and the dinner with guests continued after the Board meeting*

**Membership:** Rear Commodore Anny, and Art Caya offered to approach the Tradewinds Sailing Club, to discuss forming a fellowship with the MBYC in 2012. Perhaps offer a discount on membership to grads from their Bay Skippers class. Of course they could then enjoy our PICYA membership..

**Pacific Sail Boat Show:** Perhaps sharing a booth with Tradewinds.

**Having a MBYC Booth:** Having a MBYC booth at the trade show, or with MB Yacht Harbor.

**Market Other Marinas:** Have another Open House and advertise the event at those Bay Area marinas which don't host a yacht club

**2012 Cruise Outs/Ins:** The Board decided that during 2012, we would have 6 cruise outs: four

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during the warmer months: May through September and two in Fall, early Winter months of October and December.

Destinations: Benicia, Glen Cove, South Beach, Loch Lomond, Mandeville Island, and Papa Trevino's on the Petaluma River. Other destinations are also being considered. A 2012 schedule will be available in March 2012.

Cruise-Ins: Fleet Captain, Glen will check into having a "no-host" Cruise-In dinner at Salute's.

Annual December Gathering: South Beach Marina. Dinner to be held at the Gordon Bierisch north of the marina, . The MBYC plans to host this dinner. Rear Commodore, Anny will send out invitations to members of record.

Respectfully submitted by  
Rear Commodore, Anny Caya, , for  
Secretary, Judy Murray



*A good life, but one has to love fish & take lots of naps...*

**Useful This and That**

**When you think of it...:**

- ◇ Every now and then, pour a shot of cooking oil into your marine toilet, especially if it's difficult to pump. This will lubricate the seals, "O" rings and moving parts.

- ◇ Add a little rice to your salt shaker to help keep the contents flowing easily
- ◇ Increasing a propeller's pitch by one inch will reduce the rpm by 50 to 100.
- ◇ Next time you haulout, polish your propeller then coat it with Teflon grease. No living critter can hold onto it. It will last for months.
- ◇ For a quick clean up of your fish blood stained and smelly cutting board, rub in meat tenderizer paste, let sit for 20 minutes. Rinse with cool water then rub with half of a lime.
- ◇ Use liquid neoprene to seal electrical connections that won't stay dry. It seals as well as insulates.
- ◇ ...and lastly: To find the eye of a hurricane, face the wind and with your right hand, point 112 degrees to your right. In the southern hemisphere face the wind and with your left hand, point 112.



*Awww, ...for the good ol' days...*



**From Captain Nemo**

If ;you can't fix it with a hammer, then you've got an electrical problem.

## December Holiday Dinner



*...and a good time was had by all.*



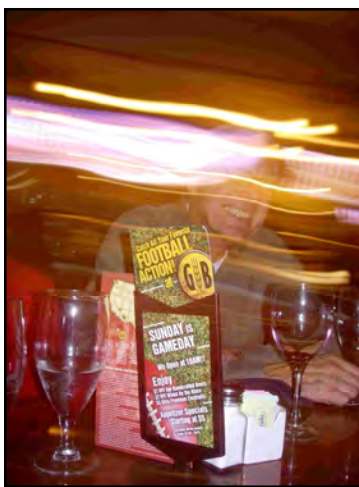
*Art Caya, Barry Eldridge and Judy Murray,*



*Stalwart Sailors: Rear Commodore Anny and Art Caya,*



*Earlene and Paul Lagier, enjoying the mob ...when suddenly the room listed to Port*



*We don't know who this is. Best guess is he's an extraterrestrial, or perhaps just another sneaky sailor..*

*( camera's fault )*



## AHOY Out There

MBYC Board of Directors: If you are past member of MBYC and you no longer have a boat, or belong to another YC, then the MBYC Board of Directors extends their invitation to you and your family, to rejoin the MBYC as an Associate member. Then join us at our Bay Area, Cruise-out Ports of Call. As an Associate Member, you would pay an annual fee of \$25.00 to help support MBYC. We sincerely hope you will consider this offer, we would love to see you again. If this sounds like a good sail, please contact:

Rear Commodore Anny Caya  
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## Board Meeting of Dec. 10th

MBYC Board meeting on Dec. 11th  
South Beach, San Francisco, Ca  
Aboard Wind Lock

Officers Present: Mike Tryon, Glen Bigelow, Tom Wolinski, Barry Eldridge, Anny Caya and Judy Murray

Attending Members: Earlene and Paul Lagier, Kathleen Wolinski, Janice Tryon, Art Caya

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Mike Tryon at 4:10 p.m.

**Possible Website Problems:** Mike questioned whether the website links were working properly, as none of the 4 couples who attended our October open house, followed up afterwards. Apparently others have also had trouble making contact using numbers posted in the Signal. **DECISION:** Provide a sign-in roster for attendees at future open house meetings.

**Application Form:** The Board discussed the MBYC Web Site version and related concerns. **DECISIONS:**

Application Form: The wording will be changed to reflect a warmer approach.

Sponsors: Given our email options, the request for sponsors will be eliminated

Club History: Repetitions found relative to the club's history will be updated.

Cruise-Ins: Current information relative to cruise-ins will reflect our Paper Club status.

Fees: The Associate Membership fee of \$25 will be added.

Fleet Captain, Glen offered to review contact numbers and related concerns on our web site. He'll email his recommendations to board members for their review and consideration.

**S. F. Business Times:** Regarding an inquiry and request for club data, for their list of Bay Area yacht clubs.

**DECISION:** Although the Sacramento version of this publication seemed well done, the decision: not to respond was based on costs anticipated.

**Treasurer's Report:** The club spent \$275 since the last report, \$235 on the open house and general meeting and \$40 on miscellaneous supplies.

**Fleet Captain's Report:** Several inquiries are out to several clubs for 2012. We're on for the March 10<sup>th</sup> Cioppino Feed at Point San Pablo YC.

**Tradewinds Sailing Club:** Rear Commodore, Anny continued the Oct. discussion regarding a collaboration with MBYC in 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Secretary, Judy Murray



Mike Tryon caught this during Fleet Week on the Bay

## When Insults Had Class

*These glorious insults are from an era before the English language boiled down to 4-letter words. . .*

- "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain
- "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill
- A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

- "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.." - Oscar Wilde
- "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West 😊



## Marina Bay Yacht Club

### June

25-26 Loc Lomond Y. C.  
Board Meeting & Dinner

### July

30-31 Ballena Bay Y. C.  
Board Meeting & Dinner  
Island Party

### September

3-4-5 Half Moon Bay Y.C.  
Labor Day Weekend  
With lots of other clubs...

### October

29th Marina Bay Meeting Room  
"Open House" with Pizza, Salad and Desert of course

### December

10-11 San Francisco  
South Beach Marina  
Board Meeting & Xmas Gathering  
at Gordon Biersch



Make reservations for each Cruise Dinner you would like to attend by contacting the Fleet Captain - (916) 424-1907 - for email info, see the Club Hotlines page.

### Great Truths that Captains and First Mates will have Learned

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge....mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy..
- 7) At age 35 success is, ...Having money  
At age 50 success is, ...Having money  
At age 70 success is, ...Having a drivers license  
At age 75 success is, ...Cleaning your gutters  
At age 80 success is, ...Walking the dogs  
At age 90 success is, ...Having someone else clean gutters while you have another glass of wine



Scratch a little more to the left please...

