

Commodore's Log



Mike Tryon

I knew That Too, 1971:
This was a busy year. Early on, after receiving my Seabee Diver designation, I became a NAUI and PADI certified diving instructor. We had a pool in San Diego and I held diving classes there in the evenings.

Of the many things I taught my students, there will always be one particular rule I didn't fully appreciate. It was when I went diving in Bermuda. I was dazzled by the marine world around me. The coral heads, which surround the islands, look like giant mushrooms. Their thin stalk can get thirty feet long and the caps on top can be 80 feet wide, which made them a hazard to navigation. The top of the caps are exposed during low mean tides.



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Coral reefs of Bermuda

There've been many shipwrecks in the region, simply because the navigator didn't follow his

or her chart. The boats just strayed off course and ran into these coral heads.

While diving in Bermuda it is common to have 70 to 100 feet of visibility and you are never alone. Little fish called Sergeant Major, are pretty white fish with wide blue vertical stripes and splotchy yellow along the dorsal fin. They love to bite the tiniest hairs off your body. They're more of a nuisance than painful and one simply swats at them like a mosquito and they'll leave you alone for a few seconds. For some reason, they are rarely seen around the famous pink sand beaches.



The Sergeant Major

One time, while diving, something happened that caused a lesson plan to flash into my thoughts. The Sergeant Majors stopped biting and all the fish around

me suddenly disappeared. I taught my students if that should happen while diving on a reef or in a kelp bed, then watch out! There is always a good reason why everything went into hiding.



A friendly Barracuda

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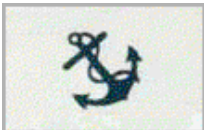
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New Members

Rick and Maryalice Falconer, from Citrus Heights. Their boat Notre Isle, is a Rifiki 36.75
Charles and Margie Oldfield (sister), from Daly City.

A hearty welcome to the Marina Bay Yacht Club

Club Officer Positions

To encourage MBYC Members to serve as a club officer, we provide information on an Officer's position in each issue of the Signal.

REAR COMMODORE: The Rear Commodore is responsible for the development and management of Club Membership. The Rear Commodore is a voting member of the Board of Directors.

1. New Members: Presents new membership applications to the Board of Directors, for review and approval, in compliance with Article III, Section 3 of the Bylaws.
2. Membership Roster: Maintains the membership records for the Club.



Hawaii, the Big Island : Sailing around the islands of Hawaii, offers a variety of experiences on many levels.



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That's when chills run down your back? I was twenty-five feet deep when I turned my head to the right and saw a mouthful of teeth hovering over my right shoulder, just inches from my ear.

If you place your right elbow on top of your left hand and, you can raise your arm like a lever up and down. This was the size of the mouthful of six inch teeth that opened and closed. It's as if to say, 'I'm ready to bite you now!' The barracuda was longer than me and in its Barracuda telepathic way, it was telling me that I was invading his space. With that, I saluted him and got back on the boat.

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

MBYC Board Meeting

17 May 2014, Alameda Y. C., Alameda, Ca.
Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Commodore Mike Tryon. Officers present include: Mike Tryon, Glen Bigelow, Barry Eldridge, Tom Wolinski, Judy Murray.

Web Site: The errors in the MBYC website were discussed, relative to upgrading the information available on this site. According to Webmaster, Ed Johnson, the word "commodore" is deliberately misspelled to discourage spammers. Mike Tryon's phone number should be 408 718 4180. Under Rear Commodore, the position is vacant but the phone number still listed. Glen offered to make these changes.

Treasurer's Report: Miscellaneous accounts payable include: PICYA yearbooks, post office box rental, Secretary of State online filing fees, new checks, miscellaneous supplies, mailing and engraving fees for badges. This report was approved as presented.

Vacant Officer Positions: Some of the Boards positions have not been necessary since we va-

cated the Boat House. The responsibilities relevant to current activities have been assumed by current positions. For example: Port Captain's responsibilities, as they may comply with current events, are now being carried by the Fleet Captain.

Officers: General Membership will be asked to make their nominations for the 2015 officer positions, well before the October general membership meeting.

The MBYC By-Laws: Revisions have been discussed over the last year by the Board. To move this along, Barry agreed to make suggested corrections on the current draft and email this to the board for their review, suggested revisions and/or approval.

Recognition: Mike recognized Glen for his efforts arranging our cruise-outs and Barry for his work on publishing the Signal.

Checking Account: Tom will review Bank of America's records on file to see who is officially able to sign club checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Murray, Secretary



Alameda Yacht Harbor, at the end of the day...

Cruise-Out to Alameda Y.C.

May 17th Cruise-out to Alameda Yacht Club

The May 17th cruise-out to Alameda YC was the typical great time, and if you've ever attended an event at AYC, you know what I mean. I don't think any club on the bay has more fun than AYC...they are a great group of sailors.



Waiting For Dessert...: LeeRoy Brock, Jackie Mucha, Ed Jarmillo, Sarah Molina, Fleet Captain

The Saturday event was AYC's Memorial Day Celebration honoring all veterans. The pot roast dinner was delicious and after dinner dancing was provided by "East Bay Live".



The Rogue Board of Directors: Secretary Judy Murray, Commodore Mike Tryon, Vice Commodore and Signal Editor Barry Eldridge, Treasurer Tom Wolinski and Fleet Captain Glen Bigelow.



A Good Time Was Had By All: From the left: Guest Dave Austin, Sydney Russell, Gary Owens and guests: Paula Austin and Jim Stack (did someone



LeeRoy Brock, Commodore Mike and Janice Tryon, Fleet Captain Glen and Pam Bigelow, Treasurer Tom and Kathleen Wolinski and LeeRoy's son, Gary Brock

Those in attendance included Mike Tryon; Tom & Kathleen Wolinski; Barry Eldridge & Judy Murray; LeeRoy Brock; Ed Jaramillo & Jackie Mucha; Gary Owens & Sydney Russell and their guests Dave & Paula Austin and Jim Stack; Glen Bigelow with guests Bob Rectenwald & Sarah Molina.

Glen Bigelow
Fleet Captain, MBYC



Cruise-Out to Half Moon Bay

Over the Labor Day weekend, a few members attended the lively three-day event at the Half Moon Bay Y.C.

The weather was outstanding and several yacht clubs from throughout the Bay Area attended, some by boat and some by land yacht.



The popular Pillar Point golf ball...

The walks along the beach and around Pillar Point, provide a wonderful view of folks with their kids, dogs and friends, enjoying the bay, the warm sand and each other.



Commodore Mike Tryon, Treasurer Tom Wolinski and his wife Kathleen and our Secretary Judy Murray.

As the day ran down on Sunday, folks settled along the shore in front of the club, for an afternoon repast and to enjoy the seascape before them. After a wonderful dinner of pork or chicken, the music started and what a fine group it was. The place was jumping on into the evening.

We're hoping for a better turnout during the Gen-

bership Meeting at Marina Bay on October 18. Please try and attend this important meeting.



Pillar Point at the end of the day...



Plenty of beach for everyone...



The say that sailing in China can be a challenge

Something To Dive For

Sailors believed that strange, gigantic creatures roamed the sea. This was definitely a fear in the time when Columbus sailed for America.

Going back to the year 1734, a Norwegian missionary named Hans Egede took a voyage to Greenland. Here is his report: "On the 6th of July 1734, there appeared a very terrible sea-animal which raised itself above the water. Its head seemed to reach the main-top. It had a long sharp snout, it blew like a whale, had broad large flappers and the body was, as it were, covered with a hard skin, very wrinkled. Moreover, the lower part was snakelike. When it submerged it raised its tail above the water, a whole ship length from its body."



Perhaps the most astounding case reported, came in Japanese waters back in 1977. A fishing trawler netted a huge heavy catch.

Loch Ness Monster

When the fishermen brought it aboard, they saw the badly decomposed body of a strange unidentified gigantic sea creature. Its long neck dangled when they hung it up. This was no figment of their imagination. This decomposing sea creature's body weighed in at 4000 pounds. Upon careful observation, it was definitely not a fish, nor a whale nor any other recognizable creature. The captain of the ZUIYO MARU took pictures. The captain said it measured 32 feet long! Flesh samples were taken along with full color pictures.

When the captain returned to shore, he developed the pictures and brought the findings to marine scientists. After they scoured over the information



Washed up on Moore's Beach in Monterey Bay, CA in 1925



The Plesiosaur at play...

photos of the remains, the scientists were baffled. This creature was totally unknown and could not be classified.

However, after

piecing together clipped samples of dead flesh, Japanese scientists concluded the creature was perhaps closest to the large land dinosaur the Plesiosaur, evolutionists claim became extinct some 70 million years ago

Editor's Note: Should you ask, the fishermen's photos were gross



True Story

Long term member Brenda O'Malley was home as usual, making dinner, when an old friend, Rear Commodore Tim Finnegan, arrived at her door. He asked if he could come in, for he had something to tell her.

Of course she had him come in and she started to pour him coffee. She asked if he knew where her husband was, as he left the house early that morning.

Tim then hesitated, for he had some bad news. He went on to tell her about the accident over at the Marina Bay Brewery.

Expecting the worst Brenda, who was suddenly very upset, told him not to tell her.

Tim motioned for her to sit down, then he told her that her husband Seamus was dead. That he and his family want to support her during her time of grief.

Brenda slowly gripped the arm of her chair and collapsed in tears. She wept for many minutes and when she finally looked up, she asked how it happened?

Tim didn't mince his words and said it was terrible, Seamus stumbled and fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."

Brenda was horrified and wanted to know that he didn't suffer.

"Apparently not," Tim said. "Fact is, he got out three times to pee."



Marina Bay Yacht Club

CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE for: 2013

April

12-13 Ballena Bay Y.C. - for Dinner...
...And Their Blond Party

May

Alameda Y.C. - for Dinner...
17-18 A Western Evening
Board Meeting At 4 p.m.

June

Oyster Point Y.C.
14-15 Cruise-Out Cancelled

July

Sierra Point Y. C.
19-20 Cruise-Out Cancelled

August-September

30-1 Half Moon Bay Y.C. Bar-B-Q
Labor Day Weekend with lots of clubs
This one is always a fun weekend...

October

18-19 General Membership Meeting
Marina Bay Yacht Harbor Mtng. Room
Pizza and Salad 5-7pm

November

15-16 Schoonmaker Point Marina,
Sausalito. Dinner house to be selected

December

6-7 South Beach Marina, South S.F.
Holiday Gathering at BoBo's



Make reservations for each Cruise Dinner you would like to attend by contacting the Fleet Captain - (916) 996-4241 - for email info, see the Club Hotlines page.

Sailing Definitions

Crew: Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts, anchor cushions in place and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

Estimated Position: A place you've marked on the chart, where you are sure you are not.

Flashlight: Tubular metal container used on shipboard for storing dead batteries prior to their disposal

Ketch: A sailboat with good wine in the cabin.

Foul Wind: Breeze produced by flying



Pets are a wonderful way to meet people