



PRESIDIO YACHT CLUB

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Editor's Log

By Henriette Gordon

Saturday, June 24th three of our members, Jack Gordon, Bob Hallin and Jon Rolien will be participating in the **Jesse L. Carr Sailing Regatta**. The regatta is sponsored by the PICYA and PCYA. The regatta rotates north and south and this is the year for the northern California participation. We have offered our Cal 20's for the event. There will be two teams from four geographic areas on the West Coast: Seattle, Vancouver, B.C., Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. Jon will be the skipper with Jack and Bob as crew. Three practice races will be held on Friday the 23rd. The winner of the best of three Saturday races will be awarded the perpetual trophy. Watch our web site for more information.

Nominating chairperson, Mary Jane Hutchinson is open to nominations for Rear Commodore.

The pump out station at Hyde Street Pier in San Francisco is open again, but by appointment only. Call 415.274.0533.

It was a sad day when we received the word that the beloved wife of Carl Lischeske, Janette had passed. Janette, a long standing members was a happy face at just about every social event. Our deepest sympathy to you, Carl.

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At Close Reach

By Marci Stern, Commodore

Before calling your attention to what has been scheduled for the months of July and August, I wish to take this opportunity to thank my co-bridge, Steve and D'Vonne for an outstanding job of organizing the Opening Day festivities on April 30, 2006. PYC's entry in the parade scored a 2nd place for "sailboat decorated to theme." Many thanks to the outstanding planning, dedication, and participation of several of our members: Steve Peters, Mary Jane Hutchinson, Jack Gordon, Don and Carla Kavanaugh, Roy Stern and Gary Howell. Great Job! And, to start the day on the right course, D'Vonne and Mary Jane sent off the entire crew with a scrumptious and beautifully prepared breakfast including mimosas. Thanks ladies, it was a nice beginning! After displaying our best in the parade and sailing through a 3.8 flood to return to Horseshoe Cove, we were greeted with a fantastic barbeque lunch prepared by our own Bob Thompson and Louie Canatos. One of our guests from Travis commented, "they are the best ribs I've tasted this side of the Mississippi". People could not stop eating those ribs; they were truly a big hit of the day!

Fast forwarding, let me give you some tidbits on what your Bridge has in store for you. Our 4th of July party will be upon us soon and again Steve and D'Vonne have a special day for us. Steve is organizing a race in Horseshoe Cove, weather permitting, as well as other fun filled activities. D'Vonne is putting together a wonderful, all- you-can-eat buffet. Watch for D'Vonne's colorful flyer with all the details.

Please take special note; there will not be a July workday dinner after the scheduled workday. Look for Jack Gordon, our Port Captain's, wish list. I'm certain he has much in store to keep us busy.

Vice News

By Steve Peters, Vice Commodore

Opening Day on the Bay has come and is long gone as you read this; however, I wanted to thank Don and Carla for letting us use their boat to decorate and secure 2nd place for Sailboat Decorated to Theme. It was a fun project and my guests who came over from Australia just for this event enjoyed themselves thoroughly. There were 125 boats registered for the parade with 26 yacht clubs participating. Manny Mier and his staff at PICYA are to be commended as well.

Our first cruise-out to Oyster Point Marina and Yacht Club was a success for those who participated. Roy and Marci Stern and Bob Hallin, with crew, sailed over while several other members drove to join us later that evening for a wonderful dinner prepared especially for us. These cruises are fun and the receiving yacht clubs are eager to have us and show us a good time. There are two more this season so let's sail or drive in and make our presence known. The next one is July 22-23 to Pt. Richmond Yacht Club. This is a beautiful trip across the bay through Raccoon Straits. I'm going! Our third cruise out is September 2nd, 3rd, 4th to Ballena Marina on the bay side of Alameda. Ballena Yacht Club is having a fun regatta that weekend and has asked our racers to join them. This will be a wonderful opportunity to interact with another yacht club and really get to know some of their members. As a bonus, if you haven't been to Alameda lately this marina is beautiful and the area is filled with lovely shops and restaurants.

Don't forget about tickets to the Giants vs. Padres game on September 10th. I'll go if you will. But whoever sits next to me has to explain what is going on; I've never been to a baseball (football, basketball, et al) game. Contact Henriette at hjg2706@sbcglobal.net for tickets.

Since we are on a subject that is non-sailing, there is a wonderful exhibition coming up at the Legion of Honor

in Lincoln Park. 'Monet in Normandy' opens June 17 and runs through September 17. If anyone would like to see this exhibition and experience some of the museum's collection, I would be pleased to meet you there and be your "vice docent". Contact me at Selavy01@msn.com for information.

The Rear View

By D'Vonne Hutchins, Rear Commodore

Winter is finally over! Not that our cuisine suffered! We had fabulous meals and I thank all who cooked, cleaned, ate and partied with us. You are all the greatest!! My only complaint is that we miss some of you! Plan to join us in the coming seasons!

Spring has found us at last! The French feast "April in Paris" was a beautiful success. Many thanks to the Beauchamps! The dinner was lovely, on budget and well attended. Our "Trece De Mayo dinner was a potluck – great food with good company and Doc Kraft's band – I wish you all could have been with us. Carla Kavanaugh's white enchiladas were a show stopper!

Spring was brief, and on to summer. The Santa Maria BBQ, presented by Bob Thomas, is next on the calendar for June 10th and is sure to be a delicious! It was great last year and our menu is to be repeated this year. All you can eat Tri-tip and chicken, with Bob's famous beans. A perfect June BBQ! And always the big bang – Fourth of July! We will have games, we will have prizes, we will have BBQ! Watch for our flyer. Come over and enjoy the festivities. Families are most welcome and the games will be enjoyable by all ages. Later – fireworks over the Bay!! You can't celebrate the Fourth in a more meaningful place than our beautiful marina in Horseshoe Cove. August will be "Elegant August Nights" presented by the Penningtons with a "Blues" theme. If anyone has music to match and a player, please contact me at dvon48@winfirst.com or 916-764-0122. We would love to present our dinner to "The Blues".

And for Fall. The September Workday dinner is planned as a Member Appreciation Potluck. You all are such good cooks! Come on over and enjoy the

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PORT CALL

Thanks to Louis and all who made the May workday a success in spite of my absence on a mere hedonistic vacation. Lots of work done and done well. For June, July, and August we will refloat a finger each month. There are still some ADA (American Disabilities) work to be done on the railing and parking place outside Mike's Place – we'll get that in June. While we're planning on new pilings in some places, we are going to have to reinforce some pilings, which are not to be replaced. Further, we have a problem with the ramp to the North/South dock, which continue to slip to the North side, for reasons that are not clear. I would like to have any ideas on how to fix this. See you on workday.

- Jack Gordon, Port Captain

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great camaraderie, good food and fabulous views! In October, the Pennington's return with their now famous Oktoberfest played out in the foreground of fleet week! There will be boats on the water, planes overhead and much to do and see around the bay. Put us in your plans! -DH

WHAT THERE IS TO DO

JUNE

24 – Jesse L. Carr Regatta
25 – Race. Skipper's meeting 11AM.

JULY

4 – Annual BBQ.
8 – Workday. No dinner.
16 – Race. Skipper's meeting 11 am.
22 – 23 Cruise-out to Pt. Richmond.

AUGUST

12 – Workday and dinner.
20 – Race. Skipper's meeting 11 am.

SEPTEMBER

2-4 – Cruise out to Bellena YC
10 – Baseball game

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On July 22 and 23, our destination for the second cruise-out is Pt. Richmond YC. It's a short cruise and it can be challenging, but it's a lot of fun getting there. Steve will be putting out more details about the cruise and yacht club closer to the date.

Be on the lookout for details on the August workday dinner. We've got something special planned which for the moment is "top secret". I promise you this will be something to remember and a Presidio Yacht Club first!

As always, it's wonderful to see the many old and new faces at club activities. Take part, don't be shy and enjoy the camaraderie and fun your club has to offer. Questions and suggestions are always welcomed. You can contact me by e-mail presidioyachtclub@hotmail.com or call at 415.771.1444. See you at the Club or on the water. -MS

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

If you have a Lifesling along with the block and tackle and have never practiced hooking it up, you will be fumbling around figuring it while trying to rescue someone overboard. To say the person in the water loses confidence in your ability is an understatement. Just reading the instructions on the side of the bag is not enough. You have to take the contents out of the bag and practice hooking things up. A good place to do this is at dockside. Practice hauling a crew member from the dock onto the boat. Sounds easy? Not really. Last spring Alan Johnson demonstrated the procedure to a group at dockside, then asked one of them to do it. It was morbidly humorous. Nothing went right. The moral that everyone learned was, to get it right, practice, practice, practice.

While we are thinking safety, how many of you file a float plan when you go out for a cruise? Just as I thought. NO ONE. The Coast Guard recommends that a float plan be filed listing the names of all the people on board. It helps them during any rescue operation to have that information.

It is prudent to follow the advice of the professionals.

-Jack Gordon, Port Captain

