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Presidio Yacht Club / Travis Marina

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Editor's Report

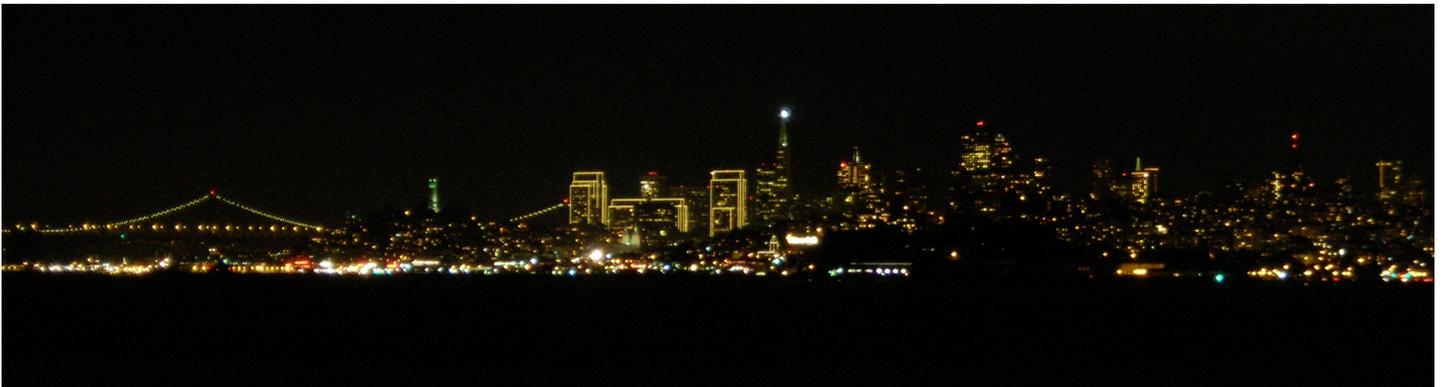
BAY OR COVE?

Most of us refer to our home as Horseshoe Cove. So does the Park Service. Former Commodore Earhart tried to tell me that it was actually a bay but I didn't believe him. I've since looked at all the nautical charts and they all label our little area as Horseshoe BAY, so officially it's a bay and not a cove; although that probably won't stop any of us from calling it a cove.

CONSTRUCTION

The Park Service has announced several construction projects for Fort Baker. The text that follows is taken straight from their web site: "Excavation using large equipment on Alexander Avenue [will be] starting on April 1st [and] will result in delays (up to 15 minutes) and will continue through June 28th. Bicycles and pedestrians are advised to take a detour to Sausalito for their safety during the Alexander Avenue construction period. There will also be minimal delays on Bunker Road, Old Bunker Road, and Mitchell Road due to grading operations starting April 1st. Up to 15 minutes delays on Alexander Avenue from April 1st to June 28th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Minimal delays on Bunker Road, Old Bunker Road, and Mitchell Road."

In addition, we have been told a couple of times that the Park Service is going ahead with its plans to pave the dirt parking lot to the east of the marina. This construction is supposed to begin "in the summer as soon as the rain stops" with the most likely start date being in June or July. The plan is to turn the road that goes up and over the hill next to the boathouse into a two-lane road. The part of the road that goes past the fortifications at the very top will be closed. The entire dirt lot will be paved for parking. This will have the greatest impact on us, because during construction there will be absolutely no vehicle access to the docks. Pedestrian access will be preserved, but we will have to park our cars in the dirt lots to the west of the boathouse and walk to the boats. The purchase of a small cart may be in order.



SLIP FEES

Travis Air Force Base announced last year that it was increasing the slip fees in the marina. The rate increase seemed a bit high and the Club leadership discussed this at the last Marina Meeting. Louie helped out by delaying the rate increase until it could be debated. Travis took the inputs from the Club into consideration and has revised the fees. The slips fees will go up effective 1 May, but not as high as was originally planned. The new rates will be \$7 per foot for military and \$9 per foot for civilians.

NAMETAGS

A reminder: If you would like a real name tag - not a flimsy paper tag - for when you visit other clubs are go to sailing events or for use around our club, new member Nancy Hensley found a company that will make it for you: F & P Trophy on 475 Military East in Benicia. Having a name tag is a real bonus when going to events since it makes it easier to place names with faces and everyone becomes less of a stranger!

STRICTLY SAIL

To finish I would like to put in a word in for the Pacific Strictly Sail Boat Show that occurs every year in Oakland at Jack London Square. This year it runs from April 11 through to April 14. I have gone several times and would be there this year if it weren't for the fact I'm deployed. It's a great opportunity to see the latest products, drool over new boats, and attend classes about boating. And that last item I think is the best part. See "strictlysailpacific.com" for more information.

Commodore's Report

Your Commodore has two goals during his time in office in 2013. First, to increase the number of members in our Club. Second, to increase the participation of the membership in Club activities.

In an effort to increase the number of members we took a look at our membership list. A large amount of the

CALENDAR

April

13 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
21 FIRST RACE.
28 OPENING DAY ON THE BAY.

May

11 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
19 SECOND RACE.

June

8 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
16 THIRD RACE.

July

4 FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUE.
13 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
21 FOURTH RACE.

August

10 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
18 FIFTH RACE.

September

14 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
15 SIXTH RACE

October

12 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. 6 PM.
WORKDAY SUPPER. 7 PM.
20 LADY SKIPPER'S RACE. 11:00 AM.

November

9 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
AWARDS AND CHANGE OF WATCH. 6 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.

December

14 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE.

data is out of date. We are missing correct street addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers. We did not have an accurate list of which members paid their dues. Most of that list is now up to date. We have a number of members who are yet to pay their 2013 dues because we do not have a current credit card for them. Those members will receive reminder letters in April. A follow-up email will be sent. If a member has not paid dues by May 31, his or her name will be removed from the list. Yes, we want you as a member. We also ask you pay your dues.

In January the Council authorized the creation of a Membership Chair. I have appointed Lisa Theodoratus to that position. She is doing a superb job in making our presence known to those in the racing fleet and elsewhere.

You may have noticed our April dinner invitation has a new look. Thanks to Shannon Elms, our IT guru, we are using a different platform both for advising the membership of the dinners and for making it easier to respond to the invitations, Shannon, thank you, again.

As a result of the efforts of former Commodore James Pennington we were privileged to have LCDR (Ret) Theodore "Ted" Robinson speak prior to our March dinner. Robinson spoke of his service in the South Pacific and his relationship with John Kennedy. We hope to have him back.

Our April dinner speaker will be Mark Reid of "Yachtsman" magazine who will speak about the Red Bull Youth Series and America's Cup 34. In May we will have one or more speakers who will tell us about the America's Cup World Series finishing up in Naples, Italy in April as well as to bring us up to date on the America's Cup races in San Francisco.

We held our warm up race on March 17. Thanks to Annie Springer, our scorer, and to Steve Peters who did a superb job hoisting and lowering flags. We had six boats in the warm up. We missed Jason on "Galini", Louis on "Jazman", and John on "Blue Mist". We'd also like to see Roy and Marcie Stern on "Bold Flight". Now, Roy, you do know how to sail, don't you?

A quick word about our finances. Anne Jahn is now the Club treasurer replacing Kent Eff who resigned because of the press of business. Kent did an outstanding job; he is missed. Yes, \$25 was a bit much to pay for the March dinner but, on the other hand, the Kavanaughs were worth every penny. Besides, as a result, we now have an adequate sum in our bank account. And, yes, our books are open to any member on request.

As to the Expressions of Interest submitted to the National Park Service in February, summaries have not yet been published. Our point of contact with Park Service emailed me in March that six Expressions of Interest had been submitted, not all of which were complete. The



publication of the summaries is being somewhat delayed by the current federal sequestration. As soon as we have any information we will promptly convey it to the membership.

The organizing authority for the America's Cup is looking for volunteers. We will be sending information on how to volunteer for one of any number of positions. We look forward to your participation.

An exciting year ahead of us. We have just begun.

Note to all members: your Club now has email addresses so you can contact the appropriate officer with your questions, comments, suggestions, and, yes, criticisms.

Please contact your Commodore with any matters which do not fit into the categories mentioned below

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The Vice Commodore is responsible for our sail races and club cruise-outs.

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The Rear Commodore is responsible for dinners. If you have any suggestions for future dinners, wish to make comments about past dinners or wish to volunteer to cook a dinner this is who you contact.

rearcommodore@presidioyachtclub.org

Interested in membership? Do you have a change of information, including, but not limited to, street address, email address, and telephone number? Please let us know. We maintain our membership list - not Travis.

membership@presidioyachtclub.org

Have a question about space for your boat? Want to overnight? Please contact the Marina Manager with this email address:

travissailing@sbcglobal.net

BAYCA Report

Your three Club representatives, John Cashman, Marika Edler, and Steve Hocking, attended the Bay Area Yacht Club Alliance (BAYCA) meeting at the Golden Gate Yacht Club on March 20. Speaking were Norbert Bajurin and Tom Ehman, Commodore and Vice Commodore of the Golden Gate Yacht Club, and John Craig, Principal Race Officer of America's Cup 34.

John spoke at length about the 72 foot boats being up on foils. With the increase in boat speed the race courses are now being run in 30 minutes. With speeds in excess of 40 knots, wind chill is becoming an important factor.

The television graphics developed by Stan Honey have been enhanced with a graphic that now shows the "dirty air" to the side and behind a boat, thereby illustrating how one boat's air can affect following boat.

We learned why the Oracle 72 foot boat bears the number 17. That number is auspicious in Japan. Larry has an affinity for Japan and he funds the boats. Hence, he picks the number.

Nine teams, using the America's Cup 45 foot boats will be competing in Naples, Italy, from April 16 to 21. Ben Ainsley will be the skipper of the US entry in these races. Jim Spithill and Ben Ainsley will later be in competition to determine who will skipper the 72 foot boat which will defend the Cup.

[Opening ceremonies will be held in San Francisco on the Fourth of July.] July 5 will find a fleet race on San Francisco Bay with the three challengers: Italy, New Zealand, and Sweden joining the US boat. The Louis Vuitton challenge series will take place beginning July 7 and will consist of a round robin series of races. There will be one race a day, typically on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The semi-finals of the Louis Vuitton series will take place beginning August 7 with the challenger for the Cup being decided by August 17.

The actual America's Cup races will take place beginning September 7. The Cup will go to the winner of nine races.

[The course will be:

Start one mile east of the Golden Gate Bridge

Turn 1 in front of the Saint Francis Yacht Club

Turn 2 SE of Alcatraz

Turn 3 N of Crissy Field

Turn 4 SE of Alcatraz

Finish near pier 29]

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