

# P RTHOLE

Presidio Yacht Club / Travis Marina



Second Quarter 2016

Cover photo: April's dinner [Shannon Elms]



*Club race fleet [Steve Hocking]*

## **Club Races**

The Club has had its first two races. The first was sailed in light airs with Dennis Webb and John Williams on "Roadrunner" finishing first, John Rolein on "Phoenix" finishing second, and Jason Funk on "Galini" finishing third.

The second race was also sailed in calm winds. So calm most of the racers were stuck in an ebb tide unable to get around the first mark. All except one; Jon Rolien on "Phoenix" managed to navigate his around the course and was eventually the only one able to finish the race.

Anyone interested in joining the races can do so by showing up at the Skipper's Meeting before the race at 11 AM on race day.

## **Ohana Racing**

Steve Hocking and Marika report that "Ohana" has been busy this year. "Ohana" just won second in the Twin Island Race skippered by Steve with crew members Lisa, Marika, Sarah, and Shannon, all PYC members. "Ohana" got a fourth in the OYRA Lightship ocean race. Next week is the always fun Vallejo 1 and 2 race. "Ohana" is also on the waiting list for the Pacific Cup race to Hawaii in July. Prospects look good. PYC members, Lisa, Judy, Shannon, Annyah, Steve, and Marika have chartered a race boat out of Key West to do the Conch Regatta to Cuba in January of 2017, a 11 day, four race regatta.

## CALENDAR

May	September
14 TRAVIS MARINA WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM. MEXICAN CLUB DINNER. 6 PM.	10 TRAVIS MARINA WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM. CLUB DINNER. 6 PM.
15 BAXTER-JUDSON THIRD RACE. 11 AM.	18 BAXTER-JUDSON SIXTH RACE. 11 AM.
27-30 PETALUMA CRUISE-OUT.	
June	October
11 TRAVIS MARINA WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM. CLUB DINNER. 6 PM.	8 TRAVIS MARINA WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM. OKTOBERFEST CLUB DINNER. 6 PM.
18 WOMAN SKIPPERS' RACE. 11 AM.	
July	November
4 FOURTH OF JULY BBQ. 11 AM	12 TRAVIS MARINA WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM. AWARDS AND CHANGE OF WATCH. 6 PM. CLUB DINNER. 7 PM.
9 TRAVIS MARINA WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM. CLUB DINNER. 6 PM.	
17 BAXTER-JUDSON FOURTH RACE. 11 AM.	December
August	10 TRAVIS MARINA WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM. CHRISTMAS CLUB DINNER. 6 PM.
13 TRAVIS MARINA WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM. CLUB DINNER. 6 PM.	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE.
21 BAXTER-JUDSON FIFTH RACE. 11 AM	

This is what we have planned, but the calendar is always subject to change. Visit the web site for the most current calendar.

## Dinners

So far this year all the Club dinners have been outstanding thanks to our volunteer chefs. In February, Steve Hocking, Marika Edler, and friends cooked the Valentine's Day Crab Feed. Our guest speaker was Cristina Rubke from the Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors. In March, Don and Carla Kavanaugh cooked an awesome traditional Irish dinner of corned beef & cabbage along with a few songs and a few jokes. Our guest speaker that day was Jane Piereth of Sailing Education Adventures. In April, Sarah Gambin and Pierre Kleiner cooked a fantastic French dinner for "April in Paris". They spent two full days working on it and it was fantastic! In May, we will have Mexican themed meal cooked by Andrea and Brad Delahanty.

## Kestrel

Roy Pitts, the Club's former Sailing Master, often spoke of his dream of sailing the high seas. When he retired from his full-time job he began to make



*Sarah Gambin, Pierre Kleiner, and friends [Shannon Elms]*

plans to do just that. His first step was to find and buy "Kestrel", a very well built and seaworthy 1979 Tayana 37 foot sailboat that the previous owner had put a great deal of effort into refurbishing. For the past year, Roy has been preparing "Kestrel" for a serious voyage. On Saturday the 16th, he finally set sail for the San Juan Islands with three volunteer deckhands. So far the trip has gone very well. There was an issue with one of the house batteries cooking itself dry and a dubious looking pool of oil under the engine. Currently, he is in Astoria, Oregon, making repairs and hopes to be in Bellingham, Washington, in two weeks.

Roy will be sailing among the San Juan Islands for several months. If you would like to join him, please e-mail him at "svkestrelt37@gmail.com".

### **PICYA Scholarships**

The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) will be awarding scholarships to graduating high school students or college students wishing to continue their education in approved institutions of higher learning. To be considered applicants must be:

- Students whose parents, grandparents, guardians or mentors are members of a yacht club belonging to PICYA. (The PYC is a PICYA member club.)
- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors of the current year, or college students continuing to pursue their educational goals.
- Scholarships are not renewable. However, previous recipients are eligible to reapply, provided they still meet all other qualifications.

Applications are due 30 June. For more information, go to "<http://picya.org/scholarships>".

### **Council Members**

The Club has two openings on the Council. One member, Roy Pitts, is away on his sailing adventure and Chris Grewell has moved. If you are interested in serving on the Council or would like to nominate someone, please e-mail the Club at "[presidioyc@gmail.com](mailto:presidioyc@gmail.com)".

- Jason Funk

### **Jazz by the Bay**

As an added benefit of membership this summer the PYC will have a table at



*"Kestrel" heading out the gate [Pete Petersen]*

Jazz by the Bay! We were able to secure table #13 which is at the back of the central grass area on the Sausalito Yacht Club side of the park with 6 chairs included. This will be a great meeting place for Friday nights throughout the summer with a reserved table for our members as well as an area to place blankets on the grass in front of our table (come early to secure your blanket space!).

Each week we will have a PYC member "Table Captain" who will be responsible for hosting the table. Duties include showing up early on your assigned Friday evening, providing a cooler with ice for beverages, and bringing a few snacks to share. You can also declare a theme for the evening with a type of food or ideas like pirate night or wear a Hawaiian shirt night. The sign-up sheet will be available soon so watch the dinner e-mails for the link!

Our table has 6 chairs but as we are at the edge of the sidewalk on the water there will be plenty of sanding and mingling room behind the table as well as blanket space in front so come join us.

- Lisa Theodoratus

## **Eight Bells**

Ernest A. Filippo, Jr.

29 September, 1940 – 9 March, 2016

Ernest "Ernie" Filippo died peacefully after a year-long series of illnesses that finally wore him out.

Ernie, a third generation San Franciscan, grew up in the Marina District among many other Italian-American kids of his generation. His parents were Ernest and Lina Filippo. A bachelor, he is survived by his sister, Dorothy Caldwell of Foster City, by various cousins, and by numerous people who encountered him as a friend and willing aide.

For a self-described crusty old bachelor, Ernie was a gregarious individual, volunteering his time with many organizations - most visible of which was being Santa at the annual Brisbane Lions' Club Christmas party. For this role he started growing a beard about July each year.

Ernie was active in the Brisbane Lions' Club, the Presidio Yacht Club, had been a founding member and Commodore of the Oyster Point Yacht Club, a trustee of the Chinatown/91st Division of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a working member of the American Radio Relay League, San Francisco Trains restoring steam engines, and many other organizations.

A modest man about his past, he seldom talked about himself: he was a graduate of Galileo High School, where he took the craft



*Ernie Filippo*

curriculum. He served in the Army, got called up with his unit, and went to Vietnam in 1965. Ernie subsequently went to work for the U.S. Government as a diesel mechanic, serving both the civilian side and the military. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a staff sergeant.

Ernie was a fixture around the Presidio Yacht Club attending virtually every Workday, most of the dinners, and listening to the bands after dinner upstairs. He was also the chief Grill Master at all of the Fourth of July bar-be-cues.

Engines were Ernie's great love, be they in cars or on boats. He boasted having driven his twin-engine cabin cruiser from Antioch to Oyster Point in record time. His boating friends hired him at discount rates to fix their marine engines - but had to work as tool handlers to get the job done. He owned several classic cars and subscribed to many motor magazines. Given this background, it is surprising that his last car was a Prius. Ernie had few close friends, but he was very solicitous of those he had. He ensured that their welfare came before his.

May he rest in peace.

- Jim Earhart

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