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Presidio Yacht Club / Travis Marina



Fourth Quarter 2017

A lot of good stuff has happened this year!

JAZZ BY THE BAY

For the second year the Club has reserved a table at Sausalito's Jazz by the Bay summer evening free concerts and it has been a blast. I understand the plan is to do it again next year, so if you like jazz and want to hang out with Club members, you will definitely want to put this on your calendar for next year.



The Club's table at Jazz by the Bay.

CLUB BOATS

In case you missed the announcement in the Club e-mails, the Club now has two boats that will be coming up soon for rent by Club members. (These boats are in addition to the three boats the Air Force has for rent. Since people who are not serving in or retired from the American Armed Forces or are not civilian government employees cannot rent the Air Force boats, these two Club boats will be available to all members regardless of service status.) The two boats are a Lancer 29, "Venture", and a Ranger 26, "Roadrunner". "Roadrunner" is the boat Steve Hocking uses to win all the Club races!

Garrett Ruhland has volunteered to be the Fleet Captain. He is right now formalizing the requirements for renting the boats. He is planning to have people fill out a generic sailing resume to be submitted before they can rent and do an on the water test to get checked out. Renting will be done through a web site that Ruhland is putting the finishing touches on now. The web site will be announced in a Club e-mail when it is ready to go.

The boats needs some items. If you have any of these things you are not using, please donate them to the Club for use on the boats:

- 4 Adult life jackets
- 1 or 2 Child life jackets
- 2 fire exchangers (or have existing ones refilled)
- flares/visual distress signal set
- air horn
- hand-held radio
- hand-held compass
- boat hook
- 3 or 4 medium or large fenders
- first aid kit

In addition, Ruhland could use some help performing routine maintenance on the boats.



The Penningtons at Jazz by the Bay.

Feel free to contact him at "fleetcaptain@presidioyachtclub.org".

NEW BRIDGE

The election results are in! As you may have seen in one of the Club e-mails, the crew starting after the November Change of Watch will be:

Commodore: Shannon Elms
Vice Commodore: Sarah Cherif
Rear Commodore: Charlotte Hampton

Council Members: John Williams, Garrett Ruhland, Steve Hocking, Lisa Theodoratus, Marika Edler, Edwin Crouse, Anya Bandt, Jim Earhart, and Jennifer Hinkel

CRUISE-OUT

This summer the Club hosted a cruise-out to visit the South Beach Yacht Club and watch a San Francisco Giants baseball game. Much fun was had by all that came. The people at the South Beach Yacht Club were great as always and the game was fun to watch in spite of the fact the Giants lost again.

By the way, if South Beach Harbor is full up during a game, which it usually is, Pier 39 is a great second. There is lots to do around Pier 39, of course, and it is actually pretty easy to get from Pier 39 to the ball park. If you walk, it's about one hour along the Embarcadero; the Muni E tram runs the whole length of the Embarcadero and will get you to the ball park; and if you are in for something more interesting, you can ride the "rubber duck" (water taxi) that runs between Pier 39 and pier 40 near the ball park.

OPENING DAY

The Club was represented again in this year's Opening Day on the Bay parade. This year's parade celebrated the 100th year of the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association. I took "Galini", my boat, out this time. We entered in the



Some of the Club members at South Beach.



The view of the game.

"undecorated" category, but I put the Club's long red banner along the lifelines and flew a medium sized American flag from the spinnaker halyard. We won the prize for our category!

FOURTH OF JULY

The annual Fourth of July barbecue and boat rides was a great hit again this year hosting a little over 200 service members. Thanks go to all of those that helped decorate, take military members on boat rides, and served food. And thanks to Grill Master Ed Crouse who cooked most of the burgers and hot dogs!



Fourth of July.

POLITICAL FRONT

Some political news from Boat U.S. Their Government Affairs desk published this regarding increased ethanol in gasoline: "The Renewable Fuel Standard is the 2005 law that requires the blending of biofuels such as corn ethanol into our gasoline. To meet this government mandate, in 2010 the EPA permitted E15 (fuel containing up to 15 percent ethanol) into the marketplace, but only for model year 2001 or newer automobiles. Using E15 in marine engines as well as snowmobiles, motorcycles, and small engines, like lawnmowers and leaf blowers, is prohibited. In addition, it has been proven that E15 will damage boat engines, making it vital that E10 and ethanol-free gasoline is readily available."

Their fear is that gasoline stations will stop selling E10 once more cars are made to be able to use E15. This will make it very difficult for boaters with gasoline engines to get fuel. (Those with diesels are not at risk for the time being.) It will likely make E10 much more expensive too.

More news in the political arena, the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) has adopted a position in opposition to California's proposed WaterFix project in the Sacramento Delta area. They say the massive 15 year construction project could seriously impact boaters' access to the Delta for years to come.

DINNERS

This year we have been blessed with quite a few excellent dinners. Thank you to all of our volunteer chefs:

- New Years Eve: Crab and Champagne, Steve



Ed Crouse, Grill Master.

Hocking and Marika Edler.

- February: Pilbil Mayan Pork, Louis Canotas and Miguel.
- March: Irish Corned Beef, Steve Hocking and Marika Edler.
- April: Cuban Ropa Vieja, Diaz, Krasnow, and friends.
- May: Italian, Nori Desmas
- June: Barbecue
- August: French Duck Confit, Pierre and Sarah.
- September: Chix and Plantains, Catered Senagalese/West African
- October: Beer and Brats, Marika Edler
- November: Chicken, Pierre and Sarah.



The crew of "Ohana" helping in the kitchen.

IN THE NEWS

Check out Marin Magazine's article "Not So Haughty Yacht Clubs". The Club is featured! Read it at "http://digital.marinmagazine.com/marinmagazine/september_2017?folio=68".

PACIFIC CUP

Next year will be the twentieth running of the Pacific Cup race, "the fun race to Hawaii". This is the race that Past Commodore Steve Hocking took his boat "Ohana" on last year. With just under one year until the start of the 2018 Pacific Cup race from San Francisco to beautiful Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii, enter now and start preparing for the adventure of a lifetime.

They have divisions for monohulls and multihulls, double-handed, and fully-crewed boats, racers and cruisers. Their team of experienced inspectors/coaches is prepared to provide a personal touch to support your preparation. Enjoy a week of pre-race festivities at Richmond Yacht Club's Pacific Cup Village as you look forward to days of downwind runs followed by Mai Tais on the lawn at the friendly Kaneohe Yacht Club.

Race documents, knowledge base, and entry form can be found at "<http://pacificcup.org/18/enter>".



The FUN Race to Hawaii

2018

BOATER CARD

You should have seen in the news or may be on posters around some marinas, California is going to mandate a Boater Card starting next year. It will be phased in by age. To get the card you must apply on-line, pay a \$10 fee, and upload a safety training certificate from one of the approved course providers.

For more information, go to "<http://californiaboatercard.com>".

2018: Persons 20 years of age or younger
2019: Persons 25 years of age or younger
2020: Persons 35 years of age or younger
2021: Persons 40 years of age or younger
2022: Persons 45 years of age or younger
2023: Persons 50 years of age or younger
2024: Persons 60 years of age or younger
2025: All persons regardless of age

BURGEES

James Earhart has added more yacht club burgees to those hanging in the bar, added numbers to those that didn't have them, and updated the list. You can see the list on the Club web site. There are a number of burgees that are unidentified. Please take a look some time and see if you can figure out where they came from. E-mail your answers to the Club!



South Beach Harbor during the cruise-out.



"Kestrel" giving boat rides on the Fourth.

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