



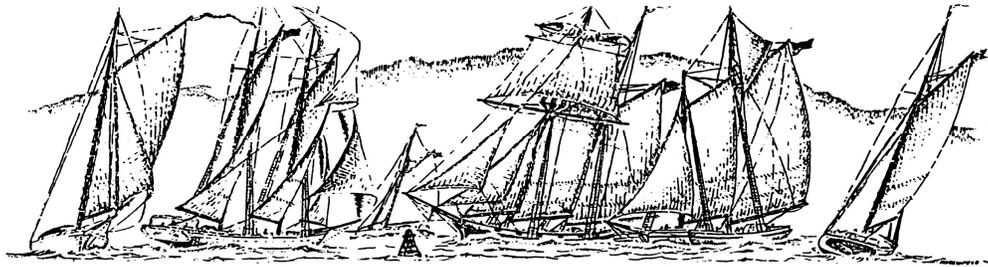
The Shellback

Since 1867

April/May, 2011

Dee Dee Lozier, Interim Editor

2011 Master Mariners Annual Regatta Saturday, May 28th



Invitations for this year's MMBA Regatta were mailed to all members in March – if you did not receive one and want to enter the race please contact the Regatta Chairman, Patty Henderson – seaharpy@hotmail.com or 510-289-9458. The Regatta will be held on **Saturday, Memorial Day Weekend, May 28, 2011**. A Race Packet including race instructions, starting times, etc. will be available at the Sponsors/Skippers Luncheon.

The **Sponsors/Skippers Luncheon** will be at the St. Francis YC on **Friday, May 20th**, starting at 11:30 a.m. Come pick up your race packet and see the unveiling of the new t-shirts and other clothes. If you can't make the luncheon a race packet will be mailed to you.

The after-race festivities will once again be at the Encinal Yacht Club. There will be outdoor bars, a buffet dinner, an awards ceremony and dancing. For boats staying overnight the Encinal YC will serve breakfast on Sunday and there will be a potluck BBQ later in the afternoon. The price for the buffet dinner will be \$20.00 and the Sunday breakfast should be the same as last year. More information will be in your race packet.

Be sure to get your reservations for berthing and dinner into Terry Klaus by **Monday, May 23rd**. There will be a form in your race acknowledgement letter and also the race packet. Dinners must be pre-paid to guarantee dinner. The prepaid dinner tickets will be available on the lawn – filed under boat name.

Regatta Application due date is April 29th without penalty

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS MAY 6TH

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From the Quarterdeck.....



Well, all hands are on deck helping prepare for our busy time of year. Patty has been busy networking with our many members getting them to dot their “i”s and cross their “t”s on the regatta entry form, I have been mailing, emailing, and speaking with our sponsors, Terry has been helping with our arrangements at both the St. Francis YC and Encinal YC, as well as working with Bill and Mike on boat show plans at Corinthian YC, and Patty and I have been in touch with the Sausalito YC that helps as Race Committee. Dee Dee is pinch hitting as Editor for this issue. If anyone is interested in taking a crack at being Editor, please let us know. We have a possibility of a long time member helping out with some new formatting, and it may be a way to share the load and be co-Editors if you are interested and can attend some meetings to stay on top of what needs to be covered. Just let any of the Board members know or email mastermariners@yahoo.com.

All that braved the storm had a great time at our Spring Potluck. Master planner and Irish Chef for a day, Steve Hutchinson, made some great corned beef that was the highlight of the spread at the Golden Gate YC. Probably due to the bad weather and another function’s cancellation at the GGYC club, we had to wind up the dinner earlier than expected, but had a good turnout of 40-50 people. Steve took his Monterey “Channel Pride” home in the storm that evening fearing the weather would get worse overnight. It seems that the email notices sent between Shellbacks helped to get more people at the potluck than you would have expected considering the rain – thank you all for coming and sharing in a fun day.

Recent months have been sad with the loss of several key people to our organization, most recently Gene Buck. Memories of our great friends will not fade among the group and we are happy to have known each. Gene was a bit on the quiet side from my encounters with him, but always charming along with Pat and their beautiful boat Ouessant.

About a fourth of the membership have returned their completed membership survey that was sent out in March, and we appreciate your feedback. It is online if you have lost your copy:

<http://www.mastermariners.org/PDF's/2011-MMBA-member-survey.pdf>

Please mail it back to me at: Ariane Paul, 1710 Stanton St., Alameda, CA 94501

Other than that, things have been a little slow for me due to personal matters, and I’ve only been out on one recent sail unfortunately. I hope the story is different for the rest of you. Looking forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Ariane Paul, Commodore

2011 Sponsors & Skippers Luncheon

May 20, 2011, 11:30 am
St. Francis Yacht Club

We have already received a number of regatta entries and renewals from loyal sponsors, and hope to see quite a few more come in during the next couple of weeks. As those, who have attended in the past can attest, our Sponsors/Skippers lunch is always a good time and a full house. It is great to see so many local companies represented at the event each year and we are happy to acknowledge our hearty appreciation for their help in keeping our historic regatta thriving year after year. Skippers' faces beam as they are presented with a sponsor flag at the lunch.

Terry Klaus has made all the arrangements for the lunch again which will be on Friday, May 20th at the St. Francis Yacht Club (www.stfyc.com) – Thank you Terry!

Please look online at our list of 2010 sponsors:
<http://www.mastermariners.org/sponsors.html>



When you are looking for goods and services and support these companies that also support MMBA. Not only does our sponsorship program help put on our annual regatta, but a portion of the funds coming in helps build up our reserves which in turn are channeled in to our benevolent foundation's donations towards apprenticeships, cadet programs, and other maritime programs. If you know of a potential new sponsor company, please contact me with details – information and forms are online at the sponsor page link listed above. The luncheon is included in sponsorship as always, and additional guests can attend for \$40.

Ariane Paul, Sponsor Chair
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Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

June 18, 2011

Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon, CA

The 2011 annual meeting of the membership as required by the MMBA By-Laws will be on Saturday June 18th at the Corinthian Yacht Club. The meeting will be called to order on or about 1800 on the boat deck near the main small boat hoist. Immediately following the annual meeting will be a no host dinner.

Before the annual meeting we will hold elections for three Directors for the MMBA Board. There are nine Directors. Each is elected for a three-year term. The terms of Dee Dee Lozier, Dick Wren and Steve Hutchinson are expiring this year.

Nominations Are Open....

Please consider running. Do not be shy and wait until you are approached. If you have any questions, please talk to Dee Dee Lozier or any other Board Member. To add your name to the list of nominees, please contact Dee Dee Lozier (510) 653-8820 or ddlozier@gmail.com by Monday, June 13th.

On the afternoon of the Annual Meeting, Members are requested to pick up a ballot from Dee Dee Lozier and place it in the ballot box by 1730. If you are unable to attend, you may vote by mail. Mail your selections (no more than 3) along with the name of your boat and your signature to Dee Dee Lozier, 481 Pedestrian Way, Oakland, CA 94618. It must be received by Thursday, June 16th.

Dee Dee Lozier, Junior Staff Commodore

Eight Bells for Gene Buck

It is with great sadness to report the passing of Gene Buck. He was a long time member of Master Mariners as well as the Corinthian Yacht Club. Our hearts go out to Pat, his wife. Here are some messages about Gene from member

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I was touched by Gene's passing and wrote this small passage. He was a calming person considering the sometime radical behaviors we as mariners know the sea can hand out. Our sympathy goes out to Pat in this. Anyway, I wrote this in his memory:

"Away from the dock, we may miss them from time to time

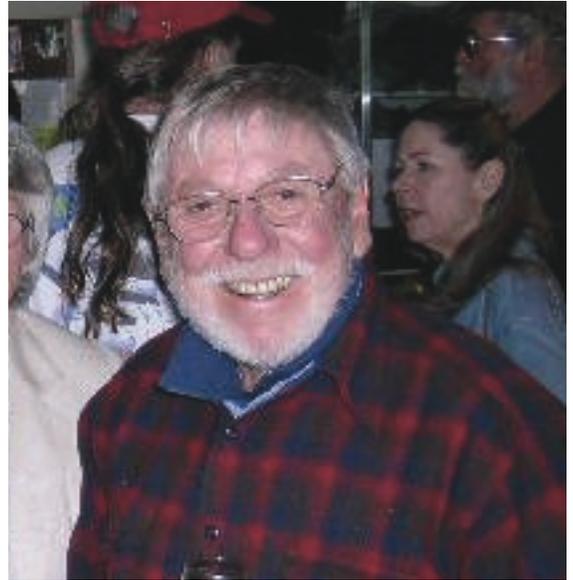
They wander now in currents we can only dream.
The winds and seas take up most of our earth.

Much as we would like to slow their progression it is our fate to wind up where ever they carry us. "

Will LeRoy

Just lost our classiest guy!! This is awful!! - Peter English

Gene's passion for sailing and preserving classic wooden boats inspired many of us. He was a true competitor on the water, yet always a friend. - Jack Coulter



Annual Boat Show...

The boat show will be on **Sunday, June 19th** at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Invitations to the boat show will be sent out at the end of May and more information will be in the next Shellback. Meanwhile, mark your calendar and plan on coming.

The Master Mariners annual meeting will be the evening before, **Saturday, June 18th**. After the elections and meeting, there will be a buffet dinner for \$25.00 accompanied by a string trio.



Activities at Encinal YC - Regatta Weekend



Friday	1200	Boats with Reservations may arrive after noon Standard club lunch, dinner & bar are available
Saturday	1200–1500	Standard Club lunch & bar available
	1500–1830	Bars open on lawn
	1530-1830	Dixieland band
	1730-1930	Prepaid Buffet Dinner
	1900-1930	Non-Prepaid Dinner Service - \$25.00 at door # of dinners depend on availability
	2030-2115	Awards Ceremony
	2115-2400	Live Music & Dancing
Sunday	0800-1000	Buffet Breakfast
	1700	Potluck Dinner on the docks – eat different courses on different boats

Reservations for berthing are required. Dinner reservations for Saturday are strongly recommended. The reservation form is in the race acknowledgement letter and on the website. The reservation form and dinner payment must be sent to Terry Klaus no later than **Monday, May 23rd**.

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Miscellaneous Odds & Ends

Pirate Party - Saturday, May 7th:

@ Pt San Pablo Yacht Club; Pirates galore, duels, magic, roasted pig, music and more. \$20.00 included dinner. Check Pt San Pablo YC website for more info -

<http://www.pspyc.org/>

Summer Sailstice™ – Saturday, June 18th, 2011 at

Encinal Yacht Club (www.encinal.org)

1251 Pacific Marina, Alameda, CA 94501

<http://www.summersailstice.com/sf>

Free family festival with music all day, children's activities, sailboat rides, nautical art, and the always entertaining boat building competition and race!

Up Coming Events

Here are some of the events being planned for this summer. Mark your calendars. More information about each one will follow in the next newsletter.

Annual Meeting

June 18th at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Elections, Dinner & Music.

MMBA Annual Boat Show

June 19th at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Invitations will be sent in May

Spaulding Barbeque

July 16th at the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center. Hot dogs, hamburgers, oysters, music.....

Chicken Ship Regatta

Labor day weekend, September 3rd, 4th & 5th. Don't miss it this year – you will be sorry if you do!

Check Out The Website For Full Calendar Of Events

www.mastermariners.org

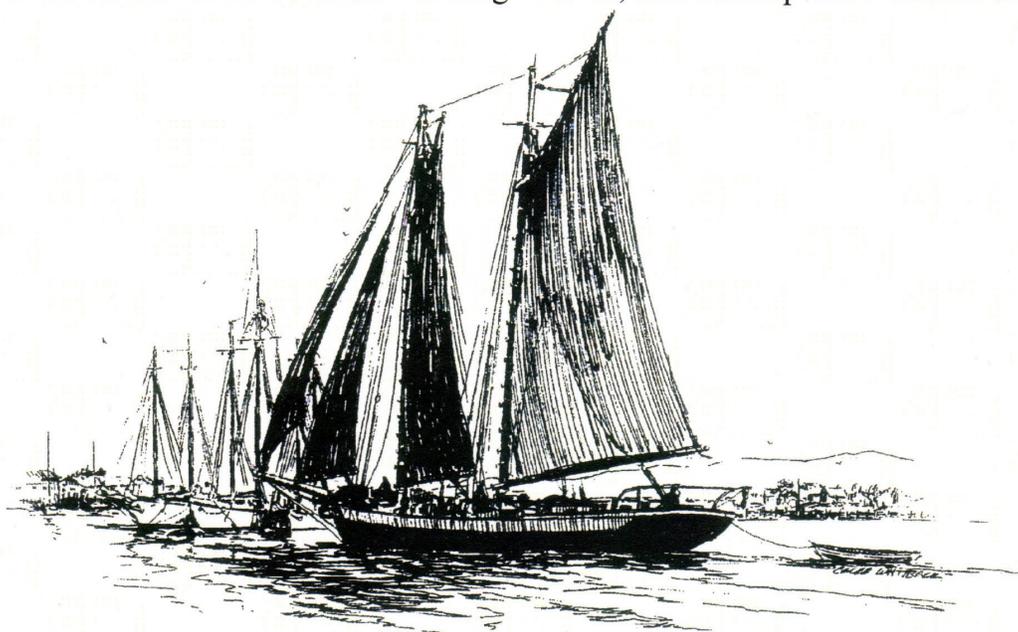
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WOODEN BOAT SHOW

Sunday, June 19th 2011

Supports the Preservation of Classic Sailing Vessels, Seamanship and Nautical Education



Corinthian Yacht Club
Main Street, Tiburon
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission \$10 • Children under 12 Free & must be supervised.
*A rare opportunity to view and board San Francisco Bay's
classic sailing yachts. Meet their skippers and learn their history.*

Corinthian Yacht Club Outdoor Bar & Grill Open for Lunch.

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MMBA 2011 Events Calendar

Jan 1	New Year's Race & Chili Potluck	<i>Pt. San Pablo YC</i>
Mar 19	Spring Potluck	<i>Golden Gate YC</i>
May 20	Sponsors Lunch	<i>St. Francis YC</i>
May 28	Annual Regatta	<i>Encinal YC</i>
Jun 18	Annual Meeting	<i>Corinthian YC</i>
Jun 19	Wooden Boat Show	<i>Tiburon</i>
Jul 16	SWBC-MMBA BBQ	<i>Spaulding Center</i>
Aug 27	The Great Schooner Regatta	<i>SFYC</i>
Aug 27	China Camp Sail-in Potluck	<i>China Camp</i>
Sep 3-5	Chicken Ship Cruise	<i>Petaluma YC</i>
Sep 17-18	Offshore Cruise	<i>Drakes Bay</i>
Oct 15-16	Jessica Cup	<i>St. Francis YC</i>

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