



The Shellback

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Frances Dugdale, Editor

Annual MMBA Regatta, Saturday, May 29th The Clock Is Ticking

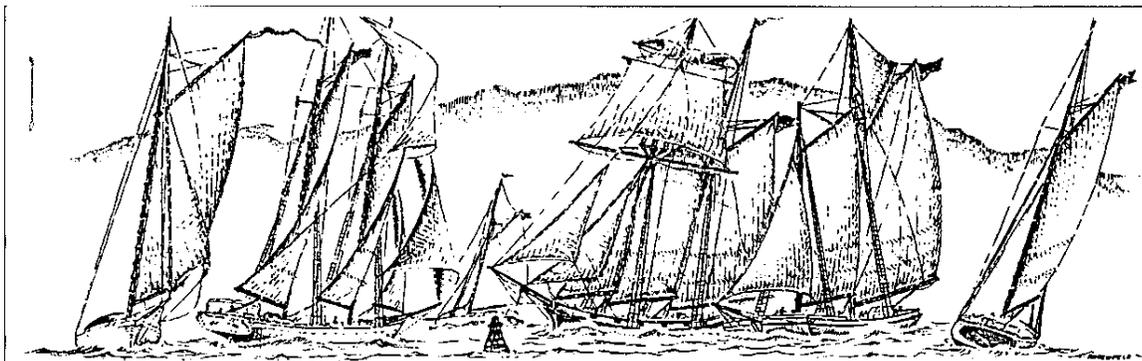
The clock is ticking away swiftly as our annual regatta draws near. If you have not sent in your race application (handed out at the Potluck or mailed in March), please take a minute to send it in to Jeff Stokes. If you have misplaced the paperwork, contact him at:

CJEFFSTOKES@msn.com

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR APPLICATION?
ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN RACE CHAIRMAN'S HAND BY
APRIL 30, 2004
EMERGENCY DROP DEAD DATE: MAY 8, 2004

Race packets including the sailing instructions, classes and race courses will be available at the skipper-sponsor luncheon on Friday May 21. Those not claimed will be mailed out the following week. Again, if you do not receive yours, call me. Also included in the race packets are order forms for dinner for you and your crew at the Encinal YC festivities after the Regatta. There will be a Dixieland band to greet the racers, followed by a dinner, trophy presentation and a Band. See you at the skipper-sponsor luncheon, and then at the regatta and post race festivities.

Jeff Stokes, Vice Commodore, Race Chairman
319 Strand Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523,
Fax: (925) 935- 0626 cjeffstokes@msn.com



Jessica Cup Reminder, October 23-24th

This year's Jessica Cup will be a 2-day invitational event for boats over 30' on deck, at St Francis YC with two races on Saturday and one on Sunday. Free berthing at SFYC Friday and Saturday nights. Dinner, Saturday night.



Mark your calendars.

From the Quarterdeck

Don't blink. This is a short article this time as Due to time constraints and business commitments, this installment from your Commodore is going to be quick and to the point. **Support the MMBA by participating and volunteering to help out at the following events!! It's your organization, make the best of it.**

Friday May 21. The sponsor's luncheon is at the St. Francis YC. According to MMBA history and tradition, the regatta sponsors remain an integral part of the Regatta. Please plan to have lunch with the sponsors and put a face with a name of the many companies that continue to support our Regatta. Without their support, we probably could not afford to keep this event going year after year. Dee Dee Lozier, Terry Klaus, Peter English, and Frank Hoberg have again promised to make this an event to remember.

Saturday May 29. Don't miss the Annual MMBA Regatta This is the Memorial Day weekend. This is the best reason to get your boat shipshape, go sailing with your friends, and have a fantastic party afterwards. In all sailing circles around the bay area, this is one of the best regattas and parties each year. Don't miss it!!

In addition to the normal MMBA classes, this year highlights the second year that the Ocean class will be sailing with their adjusted handicaps. New for this year are the introduction of the L36 class, and the resurgence of the Bird class.

Jeff Stokes and his race committee will be on the Sausalito YC boat *Mercury*. It's difficult to keep out of trouble running a regatta for 70+ boats. Make sure you thank Jeff (and Karen) and the race committee for all their hard work. This regatta is a lot of work and is always a crowd pleaser from both on and off the water.

Dinner, Awards Ceremony, and all around good party. Enjoy the fruits of your labor with family and friends at the Encinal YC. No need to stock your boat with dinners for the crew if you purchase dinner tickets ahead of time. No fuss and no worries. Dinners keep improving year after year and drinks keep getting colder as the night wears on. Try it, you'll like it.

Sunday May 30. Please plan on staying for Sunday's informal BBQ and potluck by the pool. This is a great way to unwind during the weekend and meet more of the MMBA members and their boats. The grocery store is within easy walking distance of the yacht club. This makes shopping for dinner easy during the afternoon before the BBQ is lit.

Saturday June 26 and Sunday June 27. The Annual MMBA Meeting and Boat Show, respectively. Craig Swayne, Terry Klaus, Steve Gort, Corinthian YC and San Francisco YC have all been working on this since January.

Thereafter will be the River Rat Cruise with Bob Griffiths leading the way to the Delta for some R & R around 4th of July. I will be planning the End of Summer Regatta with Coyote Pt. YC for the Labor Day weekend in September. Watch for details in future Shellbacks.

Fair winds,

L-36 Fleet to Race in the Master Mariners Regatta

For nearly 20 years, from 1958 to 1977, L-36's raced all summer long as a one-design class. But as active racers became cruisers and the number of boats hitting the starting line declined, the 1977 racing season, won by *Wild Wind*, was the last. Bob Holm took the perpetual trophy home that year and put it in his bookcase. There it sat for the next 27 years. 2004 is the 50th anniversary of Bill Lapworth's design, and Bob agreed to deed the trophy over to the MMBA so that L-36's could come out and race for it again. For the 2004 MMBA Regatta no less than 5 L-36's have already signed up, and at least one more may race. Those in for sure are *Eventide*, *Finesse*, *Leda II*, *Olé* and *Papoose*.



If you know of any L-36 that have not signed up, please let them know about this year's race. There's a **deadline approaching (May 8th latest)**, and they'll need to get in touch with Jeff Stokes ASAP (cjeffstokes@msn.com). Even if they aren't going to race, they may want to get in touch with Bob Griffiths of *Eventide* (bgriffiths@ifn.net) or John Hamilton of *Olé* (jhamilton@depomedinc.com) to make contact with the rest of the fleet. There is a friendly pool of L-36 knowledge out there that they can access with ease.

John Hamilton, Olé

SPONSORS' LUNCHEON: May 21st

The Master Mariners Regatta **Sponsors' Luncheon** and Skippers' Meeting will be held on Friday, May 21st at the St Francis Yacht Club. The bar will be open from 11:00 am and lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservation requests were included in the race-packets. If you wish to reserve seats at this first class event (or even to enter the Regatta), contact Jeff Stokes at (925) 935-7096.

At the luncheon, Sponsors will meet the skippers of the yachts they are sponsoring and present their "house flags" which will be flown from the sponsored yachts in the Regatta and at the boat show. Flags play an important part in the tradition of Master Mariners. In the early regattas, merchants raced their own working schooners and prominently displayed their flags.

Joining us at the luncheon is a way to show thanks to our sponsors for their support. Also at the luncheon, the Regatta trophies will be on show, the Regatta race instructions will be handed out and most importantthe new 2004 line of clothing will be unveiled.

We are still looking for Sponsors for the 2004 Regatta. Sponsors are a major support the MMBA. If you know any business or individual who may wish to sponsor, please contact Dee Dee Lozier at (510) 653-8820. I would

also like to take this opportunity to thank the 2004 Sponsorship Committee, comprised of Peter English, Frank Hoburg, John Blakemore and Terry Klaus.

Bar open : 11:00 am
Lunch: 12:00 pm
Presentations: 1.00 pm

Location and directions to St Francis Yacht Club, (<http://www.stfyc.com/>)

DeeDee Lozier, Sponsor Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

“Sadie is Back”

This beautiful gaff schooner was for many years raced in the MMBA by David Kimball. Picture courtesy of the Berkeley Marine Center. Please welcome Jeff Morris, *Sadie's*



new caretaker to the MMBA. Jeff has joined the Master Mariners as a “friend” while he restores ***Sadie***. He has a long history in yachting, starting from his childhood when his father owned a Bristol 27 and his teen years

when he spent four years in the seas scouts sailing a Hinckley Bermuda Forty.

He was crew aboard the good ship *HMS Rose* which did a two week cruise from Connecticut to Washington DC. During college Jeff came to love wooden boats for their feel and sailing qualities. He has helped build small boats including a Swampscot dory. Jeff is twenty-nine years old and he has been shopping for the perfect wood boat that would fit his budget for the last three years. *Sadie* was the perfect fit in terms of feel, size, and budget. As he is new to wooden boat restoration Jeff is looking for any tips on restoration. He is taking a step-by-step approach to this large project, starting with commissioning an MD 11 C Volvo engine to sit on the engine bed of

the MD2B that had died. Jeff is employed as a Marina attendant at Pier 39 in San Francisco and would welcome any historical information about *Sadie*. He can be contacted at redfsailor@yahoo.com.

Mahalo, is a Hurricane Class Sloop #8, launched in 1947 and owned by Master Mariner Gene Buck for many years. Please welcome her new caretaker, Fred Fielding to the club. Fred has owned *Maholo* ex. *Chorus Girl* for two years and has already reframed much of the bow and refurbished and re-rigged the vessel. He is currently hauled out at Svendsen's and will bring *Mahalo* to MMBA events after the big race this season.

Escapade, is a William Garden topsail Schooner. She was converted from a ketch to a Schooner rig in 1998. Her new caretaker is Dennis Wahlberg, who plans to take the vessel to the Carribean for charter work. Dennis plans to be in the Regatta this year, and *Escapade* has a new set of sails for the race.

Please welcome Robert and Gale Schulke to the MMBA. They have a 32' William Atkin double ender, ***Iolanthe***, which was built in 1978 by Robin Fung in Hong Kong. It has been around the Cape to Europe, cruised the East Coast of the US and been through the Panama Canal with the prior owner.

Leda is rejoining the MMBA to race in the L-36 fleet for the 50 year anniversary of the William Lapworth design. Her caretaker is David James, who is planning on winning. Please welcome David back to the MMBA..

Dick Wrenn, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you want to still receive the Shellback and want to be involved in MMBA activities-you need to be a member. Please mail your membership renewal of **\$60.00 (regulars and cruising) or \$30 (MMBA friend)** payable to "MMBA" (write the **name of your boat** on the Notes section of check) to:

Dick Wrenn, MMBA Membership Chairman
139 Hagar Ave. Piedmont, CA. 94611
(510) 654-7704

MASTER MARINERS **WOODEN BOAT SHOW**

Sunday, June 27, 2004

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.

Sponsored by historic (1867) Master Mariners Benevolent Association

Illustration by MMBA member Caleb Whitbeck

www.mastermariners.org

Ninth MMBA Spring Potluck with Pirates Included

The MMBA held its Ninth Annual spring potluck on March 20 at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club (in Pt. Richmond). This seems to be one of the MMBA's favorite events. Seven boats came this year, most of them on Friday nite to take advantage of the warm weather and the calm harbor: *Makani Kai*, *Aida*, *La Sirena*, *Adagio*, *Valkyrien*, *Eventide* and *Nikki J* (John Ought's Monterey). David Howell got a good lesson in piloting when he didn't study his chart enough and went hard aground on the outside of the Pt. Potrero Turn. John Ough with Bob Briscoe as deck hand rescued *Adagio* in the *Nikki J*. There were about 65 people for dinner and they brought ample food of an interesting variety. Our thanks to PSPYC members Chris Vaile, Susan and Robert Richard who took care of the bar in fine style. John and Anne Tucker were in charge as hosts being members of both organizations. Before dinner entertainment was a sword fight between two pirates in full costume with real swords, daggers and black powder pistols--and a good supply of fake blood. Two wenches were in attendance as well. John Blakemore arranged this great show. After dinner a DVD of last years race was shown, produced by a friend of Jeff Stokes. It is well done, has the name of each boat shown on the screen as the boat finishes and a nice musical sound track. Prints are available for \$15.00.

It should be noted that seven members of MMBA are also members of PSPYC, up one from last year. Anyone interested in a nice small club with a protected marina, call me.--John Tucker.

Aeolian Wooden Boat Cruise Cancelled

PLEASE NOTE- The Aeolian Wooden Boat Cruise-in for September 24, 25, 26 has been cancelled for 2004. Please note that there is a very good reason for this cancellation. The cruise-in is expected to resume in 2005 as part of the Aeolian centennial celebration. Please call if there are any questions.

Barbara Ohler & John Tucker
510-523-9824

Wooden Boat Happenings on the West Coast

Caleb Whitbeck's Painting Exhibit in

If you happen to be in Southern California next month, there will be an exhibit of Caleb Whitbeck's maritime paintings at the Nautical Museum in Newport Beach www.nhnm.org (Wait `til you see what he can do when his canvas is bigger than our-shirts!)

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Captain Raynaud International Schooner Race - 7th Annual CRISR

Rendezvous at Deer Harbor, WA on Sunday, July 18th for a dockside potluck salmon dinner. Race legs in the San Juan Islands, through the Gulf Islands and across the Strait of Georgia to Pender Harbour from July 18-25. There will be an optional additional week, from Pender Harbour to Desolation Sound and return to Deer Harbor. A fun, family-oriented event with emphasis on sail training, good seamanship, and exciting schooner sailing. After-Race raft-ups and potlucks with music, good food and tall tales.

CISR is open to all schooners. Send up your rigging, flake out your gollywobblers and join an international fleet of schooners for some fine Pacific Northwest sailing.

For further information, contact:
schoonermartha@yahoo.com, phone:

(206) 310-8573

Master Mariners Benevolent Association

WOODEN BOAT SHOW

Sunday, June 27th

Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon

Gates open at 10:00 am

\$10.00 Entrance Fee for Public

The MMBA Wooden Boat Show will be held Sunday, June 27th, at the Corinthian YC, located at the foot of Main Street in Tiburon. The event lasts from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Well known for its annual regatta, the boat show gives the Master Mariners a chance to show off their classic boats and share their history with the public, and model boat building is set up for small children to assist them in assembling their own, free, floatable toy wooden sailboat. The gate fee is \$10.00 to the public which includes a detailed program of attending boats, children under 12 years of age are admitted free and must be supervised by an adult (entry is free to MMBA members with boats in the show and regatta sponsors).

Refreshments and a BBQ will be available. Boat show proceeds go towards our Benevolent Fund which provides funding for either sail training scholarships or skills associated with restoring traditional sailing craft. We generally have close to 60 vessels in the show.

Invitations will be sent out in May to current MMBA members. New members, be sure to come to our **Annual Meeting** Saturday night June 26th at Corinthian YC to get to know the rest of the gang (a lot easier to talk than on Sunday when we are all busy showing our boats). There will be a dinner Saturday evening with a band. Make a point of letting the CYC staff and members that you meet know how much we appreciate their hospitality in making their beautiful club available for this fun MMBA weekend event.



Photo by D. Moskovitz

Boat show forms will be mailed out the first week of May. Please complete and return to Terry Klaus if you wish to participate or/and sign-up to help.

For information or to offer help, contact Terry Klaus or Craig Swayne

2004 MMBA Annual Meeting (Saturday 26 June)

The 2004 MMBA Annual Meeting will be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon, the evening before the Boat Show. The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be **at 6**

pm, on Saturday night at the Corinthian YC before a night with a Caribbean BBO Buffet (price is \$15) and Caribbean/Reggae band and dancing.

MMBA DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

The Association's Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching and with it the election of three directorships. The annual meeting will be held on Saturday June 26th at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon. And, in accordance with the Association's By-Laws, three Directors positions are up for election. Nominations are currently open. Anyone interested should contact Junior Staff Commodore Bob Rogers at (415) 383-8962 or through the Master Mariners website.

The Association needs your help and the Board needs your fresh ideas to maintain the momentum. The Association can only grow through membership participation, now is your opportunity. As a Director you can influence the events and activities of the Association. You can help make the great events the Association sponsors happen, like the Regatta and Boat Show. If you enjoy the Master Mariners and have ever thought of giving back to the organization, **now is the time.**

Directors serve three year terms and are generally responsible for coordinating one event or overseeing one major organizational program. Further, the Board of Directors elects from within it's ranks the Officers of the Association. The Board currently meets monthly (generally on the third Wednesday) to conduct the Associations business.

As you know, one of the most significant projects in recent Association history, a review of our Handicapping system, is currently underway. Other significant Board projects include formalizing our data base, updating the membership picture registry, and overseeing the Fall event calendar. What a perfect time to get involved, there is much to do. Help shape the Association for the future!

**Now is the time
Nominations are open.**

Bob Rogers, Jr. Staff Commodore

DONATIONS APPEAL

The San Francisco Bay Bird Boat Association has established a Restoration Committee (BBRC), and is being generously supported by the San Francisco Master Mariners Benevolent Foundation.



This new undertaking will help to lovingly restore Bird Boats which may have not had the best of care in recent years, and return

them to sailable, raceable condition on the Bay.

The BBRC would gratefully welcome donations from MMBA Members (and others), and your kind donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Please send your check to:

Mr. Mike Douglas, *Treasurer, MMBF*
1725 Marion Ave #E-1
Novato, CA 94945

Be sure to specify on your donation: *Bird Boat Restoration Committee or "BBRC"*
For further information contact:
Stephen Gort
President, SF Bird Boat Association

(and Rear Commodore, SF MMBA)
SGort@att.net
707-265-9624

THANK YOU!

RIVER RAT CRUISE: JULY 2nd, 2nd Notice

The **2004 River Rat Cruise** will be **starting** on Friday morning **July 2nd**, to Steamboat Slough with an overnight stop at the **Driftwood Yacht Club**, just below the Antioch end of the Antioch Bridge. For any who can't make it on Friday, there will be a **second start**, using the direct non stop route. Each group will end up at the upper end of Steamboat Slough Saturday afternoon, y joining up around Rio Vista. 4.7 knot floods at the Golden Gate both days and the long holiday weekend should provide as much as could be expected. Starter both days should try and transit the Southampton shoal area around 10 a.m.



The **Driftwood YC** is a full service Club with slips, bar dining, river view deck, and a lot of other neat stuff, and the're great people too. This stop will provide an opportunity for crew exchanges, drive up land cruisers, hanging out on board, on the river view deck, at the bar, at dinner, breakfast and all the camaraderie experienced in the past. The Driftwood requests a head count for boats and dinner reservations at the beginning of the week, so the Boat Show (Jun 27th) will be the **last chance** to sign up for dinner. Please mark your calendars now.

Flood Currents: Golden Gate - Friday 1135- 4.7, Saturday 1223 - 4.7 Carquenez - Friday 1420 - 2.0, Saturday - 1508 - 2.1

Communications: VHF Channels 68 for check ins and hourly, **14** Bay Traffic, **15** River Pilots Traffic, **9** Bridge Openings

Charts: 18652, 18661, and 18662

Bring: Awning, Sun Hats, Sun Screen, Cold Drinks, Ice, Enough engine fuel, Bug repellent, Two anchors with ropes and extra line, and Water sports gear. **Optional:** Dingy, Swim ladder, Crawdad traps, cheap dog food for trap bait, BBQ, GPS, binoculars, cell phone, other stuff?

Getting There: Note; To DYC take New York Slough at the Pittsburg PGE Plant (stack) to Starboard.

To Steamboat Slough Direct take The Sacramento River at the PGE Plant to Port

The following is from experience and observation and not intended for substitute for good judgment and navigation skills, but just for the orientation of those not familiar with the route(s).

To Pittsburg: Entering San Pablo Bay Red No. 2 marks an obstruction. Skirt the East (Red) side of the Ship Channel to take advantage of the stronger currents in deeper water. This may not apply on the return, however. Sailing in this channel is a No No. After Davis Point, stay well within the markers, alert for commercial traffic ahead and astern, allowing time for a safe passing. They are traveling fast, maneuvering to keep deep water, constantly changing course, are not always predictable, and have the **right of way (Rule 9)**. Above the Martinez Bridges there are vast areas of real estate, only exposed at low water, beware of birds walking on the water. It's vital that the next marks in sequence be confirmed as being correct, going from 1 and

2 to 3 and 4, and not 1 and 2 to 5 and 6.etc., flying the chute on a shortcut across the Middleground can be a memorable family experience.

To DYC: Take New York Slough to Starboard, passing the Pittsburg waterfront area and on past the **North** side of **West Island**, and under the Antioch Bridge and here make an immediate 90 degree turn to the Starboard and the narrow Driftwood entrance will be dead ahead. Berthing is arranged inside.. Arrive around 4 or 5 p.m There should be ample depth at the entrance at this time.

To Steamboat Slough From DYC: Departure from the Driftwood will be about 9 to 10 Saturday morning, after breakfast (ashore available) and everyone is organized. Typically there will be a good following breeze and some opposing current on the run up river to Three Mile Slough, which is the crossover back to the Sacramento. Entering Three Mile there is a spit to Starboard extending into shallowness off the point, so favoring the Port bank is recommended. Three miles later and after a bridge opening the Sacramento is entered and upriver to the Rio Vista Bridge, which also requires an opening.

To Steamboat Slough Direct: At the Pittsburg PGE Power plant stay to Port and head up the Sacramento to the previously mentioned Rio Vista Bridge.

Up River from Rio Vista: After Rio Vista there are two major waterways to Starboard, the first is the Sacramento River. Some deep draft cruisers may choose this "no worries" route, cutting back through the Steamboat Slough Bridge into upper Steamboat. The second is Steamboat Slough, which has some shallow areas. Use your charts here. A 5 ft. spot at the entrance, later to Starboard at "windmill", just below "cable area", and below and above "Howards Landing Cable Ferry". Staying somewhat near the banks where the dredges scoop, and swooping with the outside of the bends, can be expected to carry the most depth. When following, allow enough distance in the event the vessel ahead bottoms out and stops suddenly, and encourage those following too close to pass.

Mooring at Steamboat:The area used is the East bank about a half mile or so below the Bridge (to Sacramento River). Some years there is more current than others, and some years there is a slight reverse current, which varies in time with the tide. Pick out a spot, anchor fore and aft, and then run a couple of long lines from bow and stern to handy trees with long bowline loops, for easy letting go, and you're set.

Activities: Swimming, Water Sports, Crawdad fishing and Crawdad Boils, BBQs, Trips to Courtland for Tacos and ice, and to Locke and Al the Wops for Steak, Fries, and Peanut butter, shopping at Walnut Grove's Big Store. In the Delta, the possibilities are unlimited. On the way back there are other spots to visit, the Meadows, Potato Slough, Georgiana Slough, and all the hot spots around Brunos and Owl Harbor

Sign On: Bob Griffiths at (925) 254 9467, (925) 360 0826, bgriffiths@ifn.net

Sail San Francisco Upcoming Events

Fri, Apr 23 Irving Johnson
arriving



Sun, Apr 25 Irving Johnson in Opening Day Parade
May 1-2 McGrath Pacific Boat Show
Thu, May 13 Maritime Career Fair on the Eureka
at Hyde Street Pier, 9-5
For more info or to volunteer contact:

Claire Raffel (415) 447-9822,
claire.raffel@sailsanfrancisco.org
Sail SF! 2005 - July 28-31, 2005
List of ships invited to Sail SF! 2005:
www.sailsanfrancisco.org/events-sailsf-2005.htm
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**27th McNish Classic Wooden
Yacht Races**

Sat, August 7, 2004
Sponsored by Pacific Corinthian YC,
www.pcy.org
Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard
(805) 385-2482

Notices, Ads & General "What have you's"

MMBA WEBSITE: <http://www.mastermariners.org>
OUR GROUP WEBSITE: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mastermariners-sf>
GROUP EMAIL ADDRESS: mastermariners-sf@yahogroups.com
OUR CLUB WEBSITE: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/mastermarinerssf>

Sometimes our club Hotmail account gets full (because of horrible SPAM) If you are having trouble getting a message through, please also try: mastermariners@yahoo.com, arianepaul@yahoo.com

If you aren't receiving any MMBA group emails, I need your address! Please send to: mastermariners@hotmail.com

Material to be published in Shellback, send to Frances Dugdale (fwilkers@sfsu.edu)

The Classic Boat Festival, September 3-5, 2004 in Victoria, BC

Sponsored by: The Victoria Real Estate Board, www.classicboatfestival.ca, (250) 385-7766, vreb@vreb.org

REGATTA CREW CANDIDATES: If any of you are looking for crew, or know someone looking for a boat to crew on who has good skills to contribute, email mastermariners@hotmail.com.

Wants to crew: Brian Forster bforster@sccaracer.net (has raced in MMBA regatta previously)

Monika Zwerchomeuska monikaz@stanford.edu, a doctor who also has her Captain's license and has raced quite a bit in Europe.

PUBLICITY: If any of you have any good personal contacts with local media (print, radio and/or TV) please let us know if you can help in advance with publicizing our Wooden Boat Show, Sunday, June 27th. Best regards, Ariane (mastermariners@yahoo.com, arianepaul@yahoo.com, mastermariners@hotmail.com)

From: "bjmifsud" <bjmifsud@yahoo.com> I am planning on removing a deteriorated 42 year old plywood bulkhead below the mast partners in my cutter, and replacing it with some stout grown knees. This will open up the interior arrangement options, and provide very positive stiffness in the mast partner-to- frame/hull interface which is lacking right now. I've been using locally milled lumber (Monterey Cypress) for my Cabin Sole/ Cabin Sole Risers, and Ceiling (beautiful clear material from an old and rare 6' diameter tree felled on the Peninsula some years ago). While the Cypress is very decay resistant and lovely to look at, it is a softwood. I'm trying to locate someone who may have access to grown knees. Typically, they are milled from the root to trunk joint from hardwoods. I understand there is a variety of locust which grows in California which has good decay resistant properties. Anyone who can help me locate these?

Thanks, Brian Mifsud, "Spray" <http://community.webshots.com/album/130362711rkXVOt>

From: nick@cherney.com Hello, I am looking for some help researching the history of my boat and its builder. The previous owner has left for New Zealand and I am unable to contact him. The boat is a 1943 Block Islander 33'. The designer was W.E. Bennett and I believe she was built in Newport Beach. she is currently called the **Sans Souci**, although I believe she was originally the Ugly Duckling (although I am not too sure about this and am hopeful that it is only a rumor!). The previous owner, Scott Rhone, may have been a member of MMBA. I bought the boat from him a little under a year ago. If you have any information about this boat, or know how I could go about doing further research I would be extremely grateful. So far I have been unable to turn up anything at all. Thank you very much for any help you might offer, Nick Cherney, "Sans Souci", Oakland

FOR SALE: Two 10" bronze round portlights in very good condition, \$250 for the pair and 100 ft. of 3/8 high test anchor chain \$150

Call or email for questions and pics. Lance Buckley, LARA, (510) 336-0701, mebucko@sbcglobal.net
