



# The Shellback

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Frances Dugdale, Editor

## 2005 Master Mariners Annual Regatta, Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>



### Waiting for the Starting Gun - The clock is ticking !!

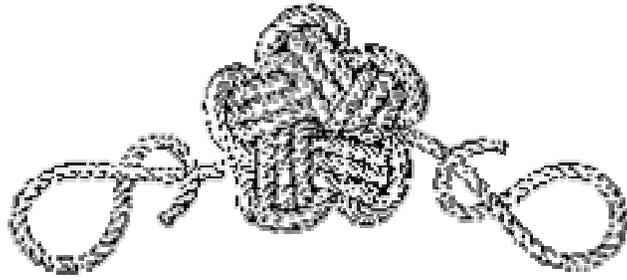
Invitations for this year's Regatta were handed out at the Potluck Supper and mailed to the membership that week. If you have not received yours yet, contact Stephen Gort at: [ViceComm@mastermariners.org](mailto:ViceComm@mastermariners.org) or 707-265-9624. The Annual MMBA Regatta will be held on **Saturday, May 28, 2005** (Memorial Day Weekend). The Sponsors Luncheon (skipper's lunch included with application) will be held on **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at the St. Francis YC. For information on MMBA Sponsorship email your inquiry to [rearcomm@mastermariners.org](mailto:rearcomm@mastermariners.org) and it will be forwarded to DeeDee Lozier, Sponsorship Chairman.

The race starts off the City front at the St. Francis YC. First boats start at 1200, last boats by 1300. The finish is off the east side of Treasure Island about 1500. After the race, a majority of the boats congregate at the [Encinal YC](#) in Alameda for a raft-up. That night participants enjoy a dinner (clam chowder, salmon, tri-tip and dessert), awards ceremony and dancing to a live band. Boats that stay overnight also enjoy a breakfast Sunday put on by EYC with a new touch, a Bloody Mary Bar. Then on Sunday afternoon there's a potluck BBQ by the pool organized by MMBA members.

This year's Regatta Chairman is Stephen Gort, Vice Commodore. You can contact him for more information or questions at [vicecomm@mastermariners.org](mailto:vicecomm@mastermariners.org). Our Sailing Instructions have been reviewed for compliance with the new "Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008", and are now complete. They will be available in the Race Packets at the sponsor's luncheon.

All forms are downloadable at: [www.mastermariners.org](http://www.mastermariners.org)

Absolute Deadline for regatta applications to be received by Stephen Gort: **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Deadline for Encinal berthing and dinner applications to Terry Klaus: **Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**



### **From the Quarterdeck**

The Potluck is over and the Regatta is upon us. Suddenly it is crunch time to get the boat ready to race. I remember as a kid, "When are we going to get there?? When are we going to get there?? Now a yearly event seems right on top of the year before...Not only does the boat have to be ready to race but then the boat show is right behind and she has to look good...Oh well....**Nautigal** has two coats of rubber on her new decks with more to go and a pile of old hardware sitting in my backyard...Splattered with old paint and is it worth putting the old worn out

mechanical parts back on at all?? The catalogue is full of new shiny bronze stuff?? It's only money.....Boat sure looks nice with the lifelines off....Should not even think like that with the cold water and a long swim...I know everyone is struggling with their own boat and I hope to see everyone out there on Memorial Day Weekend and then the Boat Show in June. It is all worth it, and there is no going back now anyway...

Commodore Jeff

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### ***Jessica Cup Reminder***

Don't forget this year this race (organized by St Francis YC) is earlier than previous years (24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 ) and will be a two day regatta.

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### **2005 MMBA Merchandise Available**

The new clothes with MMBA logos will be on sale at the Sponsors' Lunch at St Francis YC, After the Regatta at Encinal YC and at the Boat Show at the Corinthian YC. Besides this years t-shirt and sweatshirt with the MMBA wooden boat -of-the year, there are also hats, khaki work shirts, fleece vests and polos all embroidered with the MMBA logo. Don't forget to thank your crew or pick up some presents for later, by buying some of our merchandise at these events

## SPONSORS' LUNCHEON: Friday May 20th

As a great way to meet and learn about the sponsors that support the MMBA and to socialize with other skippers of master mariner boats participating in the Annual MMBA regatta, plan on spending lunchtime on Friday, May 20th at the St Francis YC.



The Master Mariners Regatta **Sponsors' Luncheon** and Skippers' Meeting will be held on Friday, May 20th at the St Francis YC. 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. Skipper's lunch is included with your regatta application. If you wish to reserve seats at this first class event (or even to enter the Regatta), contact Stephen Gort at 707-265-9624 ([ViceComm@mastermariners.org](mailto:ViceComm@mastermariners.org)).

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. Learn about the pail of potatoes given to the big racing schooners...Also at the luncheon, the Regatta trophies will be on show, the Regatta race instructions will be handed out and most important .....the new 2005 line of clothing will be unveiled. Come and see which MMBA boat adorns this years t-shirt with the great artwork of Caleb Whitbeck. Also on sale will be our more regular styles with MMBA logos-workshirts, hats and fleece vests.

We are still looking for Sponsors for the 2005 Regatta. Sponsors are a major support for 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 2005 Sponsorship Committee, comprised of Peter English, Frank Hoburg, and Terry Klaus.

**Bar Open : 11:00 am**  
**Lunch: 12:00 pm**  
**Presentations: 12.30 pm**

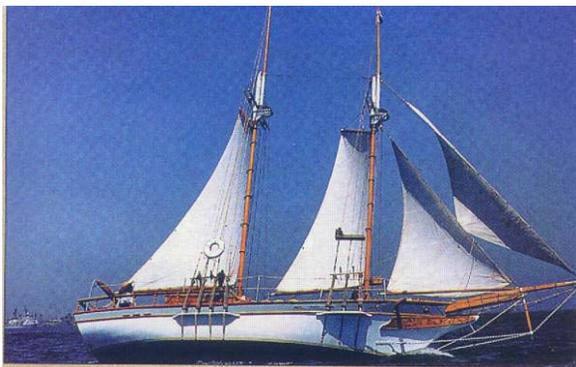
Location and directions to St Francis Yacht Club, (<http://www.stfyc.com/>)

*DeeDee Lozier, Sponsor Chairman*

## ***NEW MEMBERS***

**Goza** is back!!! The 29' Big Bear that was once owned by Jazz musician Cal Jadder and raced very successfully in Master Mariners for many years by Ed & Linda Witt, had a major restoration a few years ago, and is now being brought back up by Michael Gregg of Benicia and Dean Ricker of Santa Cruz. The new MMBA members will not race **Goza** this year, but are looking to crew in the regatta. If you are a racer looking for crew contact Michael at 510-701-5805.

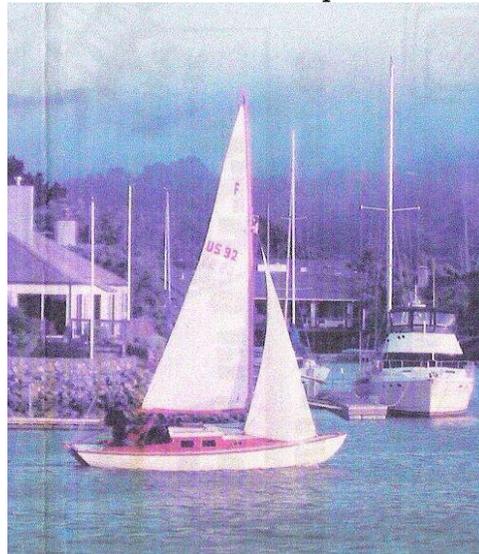
**Mystic**, a 34' teak hulled Ketch owned by Jerre Akers of Goleta California has joined the MMBA. Jerre wants to support the love of wooden boats, and her beautiful Gene Wells design which she keeps in Ventura West A-61 is a great traditional vessel. Jerre's vessel is to be renamed **Margarita** which is her original documented name. Master Mariners, Pete and Tracy Caras, who have **Foxen** (now in Ventura) have recommended Mystic to the club.



**Bright Star**, a 32' Murray Peterson schooner has been accepted into Master Mariners as a cruising member. This beautiful little vessel looks like a scaled down Coaster Schooner 3. She was built by Haj Jepson in Oakland in 1978. She is stripped planked with 1"x1" cedar and has varnished spruce masts and is currently being brought up to shine at E dock in the Berkeley Marina. Marco Miller, her skipper has sailed on traditional big schooners out of Maine, and has

cruised with the schooner charter fleet in the Caribbean. He hope to have her looking great for the boat show.

**Poppywog**, a 47' William Garden Ketch that was originally built for Bud Lowrie of San Rafael, has just joined the MMBA. In 1973 Garden modified his Porpoise design, by adding a counter stern, an additional 1 1/2' to her overall length. Carroll Ballard her owner since 1979, has spent 15 years restoring her to her current beautiful state. She is one of the nicest Porpoises around.



**Tivoli**, is a Debutante class sloop of 25' on deck. The class is very much like a Folk Boat, but with a small deck house and an inboard engine. She is owned by Herb Recktenwald, and will be in this years Regatta with his daughter Heidi skippering the vessel. Herb has owned Tivoli since 1966 and keeps her behind his house in Paradise Cay.

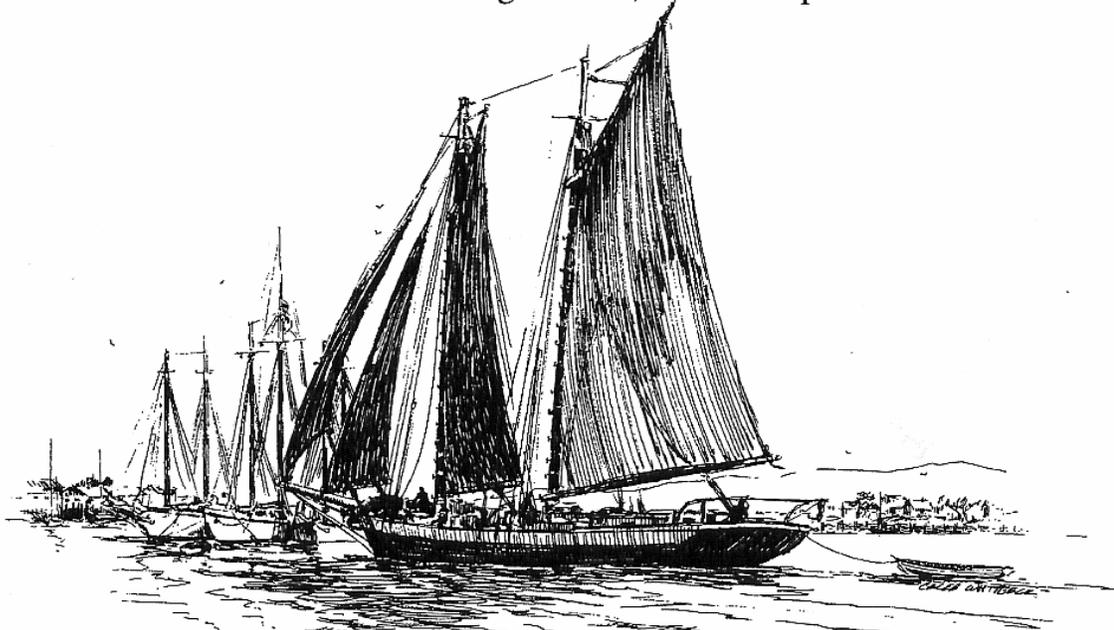
**Volunteer** is a 60' Edson B. Schock marconi schooner, built in 1935. She is kept in Pillar Point Harbor by Ken Lundie her new owner. She is reported to be original except for hr engine being replaced by a GMC 471 diesel. Her original name was Zoe H. She will start a major haul out at KKMI boat yard on May 6th.

*Dick Wrenn, Membership Chair  
Little Packet*

# MASTER MARINERS WOODEN BOAT SHOW

*Sunday, June 26 2005*

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



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

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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.*

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Corinthian Yacht Club Outdoor Bar & Grill Open for Lunch.

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Sponsored by historic (1867) Master Mariners Benevolent Association  
Illustration by MMBA member Caleb Whitbeck

[www.mastermariners.org](http://www.mastermariners.org)



## St Patrick's Day MMBA Spring Potluck Dinner

The MMBA held its tenth annual spring potluck on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club (in Pt. Richmond). This is a popular event with the MMBA membership. This year besides the great food that everyone brought that ranged from tabouli to chilli to exotic chicken wings there was a never-ending supply of corned beef and cabbage supplied by MMBA (and hard work of Jeff Stokes and friends) to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Great desserts followed-especially if you liked cheesecake. A few arrived by boat (including **La Sirena**, **Briar Rose**, **Eventide**, **Aida** and 101 year old **Vixen** on her first MMBA trip). The cold front that came through on Friday persuaded more to arrive by land. Those attending were able to pick up their regatta applications and sign cards for Peter English and Ken Inouye. We were also fortunate to be entertained with Irish jigs by Skip Henderson (**Aida**) on concertina and Robert Shasida (**Emperor Norton**) on fiddle and pipes, who even dressed for the occasion with a kilt.! Our thanks to all the PSPYC members who made this possible. Jeff Stokes (as commodore of MMBA and member of PSPYC) was our host.

## Wooden Boat Happenings to Mark on Your Calendar

**Aeolian YC Wooden Boat Cruise-In**  
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2005

For more information contact Barbara Ohler



**Festival of the Sea**  
**Saturday, September 10**  
Hyde Street Pier, San Francisco

A full day of music & events highlighting and celebrating the 50th anniversary of **Balclutha!** Additional details TBA.

<http://www.maritime.org/calendar.htm>



**Sail San Francisco! 2005**  
**July 28th-31st, 2005**

See invitation to MMBA skippers on P. 9

Includes Tall Ship, training ship, parade of sail; international & US tall ship and training ship tours; Maritime Career Fair: Hands-on tours of working vessels

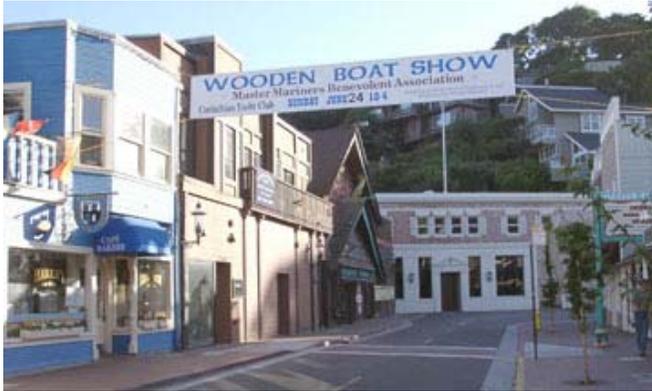
### Tentative list of ships...

Australia	Young Endeavor
Canada	Concordia
Chile	Esmeralda
Colombia	Gloria
Ecuador	Guayas
Germany	Gorch Fock
Indonesia	Dewaruci, Arung Sumadera
Japan	Kaiwo Maru, Nippon Maru II Kojima Kaisei, Kojima
Mexico	Cuauhtemoc,
New Zealand	R Tucker Thompson
Norway	Christian Radich
Oman	Shabab Oman
Peru	Mollendo
Poland	Dar Mlodziezy
Romania	Mircea
Russian Federation	Pallada, Nadhezda
Spain	Juan Sebastian De Elcano
United States	Eagle, Jeremiah O'Brien, Balclutha, Privateer Lynx, Californian, Irving Johnson, American Pride, Tole Moar, Lady Washington, Alma, Gas Light, Pilgrim Of Newport, Zodiac, Royaliste
Uruguay	Capt Miranda
Venezuela	Simon Bolivar

***Master Mariners Benevolent Association***  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**and**  
**WOODEN BOAT SHOW**  
**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon**

The 2004 MMBA Annual Meeting will be held at 6 pm the Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon, on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> ; the evening before the Boat Show. The Annual Meeting is the time that new officers are elected. This is followed by dinner and dancing (usually well in to the night). This year, dining and dancing will take place in the Corinthian Sail Loft.



The following day is the Boat Show. 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). The Pelican Grill will be open for food and there will be a jazz band playing. 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 in 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**

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Staff Commodore Bob Rogers at (415) 383-8962 or through the Master Mariners website ([www.mastermariners.org](http://www.mastermariners.org)).

The Association needs your help and the Board needs your fresh ideas to maintain its 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.

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.

If you enjoy the Master Mariners and have ever thought of giving back to the organization, now is your opportunity.

*Bob Rogers, Staff Commodore  
Sunda*



### MCNISH CLASSIC YACHT RACE - SAT. AUGUST 6, 2005

The 28th Annual McNish Classic is coming up at Channel Islands Harbor. Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, [www.pcy.org](http://www.pcy.org), (805) 985-7292 Telephone: (805) 385-2482,

One of four gingerly contested regattas on the western seaboard; the race attracts a remarkable mix of veteran and novice sailors. Sponsored by the Pacific Corinthian YC, the living history fleet consists of sloops, cutters, ketches, yawls, schooners, tiny thistles and fun-filled "flatties." All designed before 1952, the yachts range in size from a diminutive 17' to 82'. Mumm's Champagne will present the winner of McNish Strathmore Cup their weight in champagne. Some sailors are wondering if that means just the bubbly or if the sponsor will count the bottle weight as well.

Defending Strathmore Cup Champion Vignette II, a 1972 cutter, hand built by owner Walter Russakoff of Oxnard will return shaking out its sails along with perennial entries: 71' Dauntless, a superb 1930 schooner still actively racing in the Pacific; 65' Orient, a stunning 1937 cutter that was inspiration for the Barient Winch; 70' Alsumar, a luxurious 1934 yawl that would rival the salons of Versailles; 46' Cheerio II, a 1931 yawl once by Errol Flynn; 49' Pacifica, a 1947 yawl skippered by master shipwright Doug Jones of San Diego

Conceived in 1977, the race is sailed, using an ingenious, specially developed handicap system, on a triangular course designed so that each classic sailboat skipper -- even those with only basic sailing and seamanship knowledge -- can be competitive. Not only will the venerable McNish Classic Yacht Race be contested, but Channel Islands Harbor is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. To mark the occasion Ventura County has invited more than a dozen tall ships to visit. Partnered with the American Sail Training Association to be part of the 2005 Tall Ships Challenge Race Series, the harbor will take part in the annual series of sail training races, rallies, cruises and port festival where the public have opportunities to tour and sail aboard.

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

MMBA WEBSITE: <http://www.mastermariners.org>

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

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### Regatta Crew Needs:

I have already heard from a couple of people who would like to crew in our annual regatta, and also Jan Pehr from the Marin IJ (press) would love to cover the race. I will send out emails closer to the event with contact info of anyone looking for a spot, but if a vessel is short-handed, please let me know as well.

Best regards, Ariane - [mastermariners@yahoo.com](mailto:mastermariners@yahoo.com),  
[arianepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:arianepaul@yahoo.com)

### FOR SALE:.

21' Bay Lady- Double planked hull, copper riveted, mahogany cabin. Port Orford cedar mast. Full canvas cover. Reliable 5 HP Nissan. \$1,500  
Call Erwan @ 510-847-2898

### ENGINE ADVICE / HELP NEEDED:

Desperately need help with engine - Gray Marine Sea Scout. Spark plug stuck in head. (broke off). Tried all usual ways to remove. Head probably needs to be removed and new valve job done. Please advise if you know of anyone who could do this job. Boat "Garnet" at Oakland YC, Alameda  
Please call Nick Backovich at 925-933-4252,  
[nickbackovich@aol.com](mailto:nickbackovich@aol.com)

### CHANNEL ISLANDS TRIP SEPT. 2005

I'm planning a two week sail to the Channel Islands off Santa Barbara next September. Are there other boats interested in making the trip? I'm planning ahead and am somewhat flexible on the dates. If interested :

Lance Buckley, LARA  
(510) 708-0701, [mebucko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mebucko@sbcglobal.net)

### INVITATION FROM SAIL SAN FRANCISCO FOR JULY 2005 EVENT:

Dear Master Mariner Members,  
I am pleased to personally extend an invitation to any member vessels to participate in Sail San Francisco! 2005, scheduled for July 28-31, 2005..  
All of us at Sail San Francisco look forward to welcoming your vessel along with many others from across the sea, and culminating in a spectacular parade of sail under the Golden Gate Bridge. We are currently waiting for the USCG to confirm a parade start time of 1200 on July 28, from bridge to bridge. Please call 415-447-9822 for ship

registration information. Warm regards, Alison Healy, CEO Sail San Francisco, [info@sailsanfrancisco.org](mailto:info@sailsanfrancisco.org), (415) 447-9822, Fax: (415) 447-7320, [www.sailsanfrancisco.org](http://www.sailsanfrancisco.org)  
P.S. Upon your acceptance we will notify you of our official captain's reception as well as otherVIP receptions

### JUNE 21, 2005 - THE 5th ANNUAL SUMMER SAILSTICE!

This year there will be a full moon on Tuesday, June 21, the actual solstice! This is cool and rarely happens (actually, it's technically after midnight so on the 22nd but close enough!). Play hooky Tuesday afternoon and go sailing well into this full moon evening. Sign up now: [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com)

John Arndt, [john@summersailstice.com](mailto:john@summersailstice.com). Summer Sailstice - 6 Jersey Lane - San Anselmo CA 94960 - 415-482-6069

### LORD JIM - LOOKING FOR CREW:

The schooner Lord Jim is preparing for her fifth circumnavigation and is looking for crew. For more information, please call Holger and Tracy (415) 847-1850

### PHOTOS OF 2004 MASTER MARINERS REGATTA

I've posted a couple dozen photos of last year's master mariner's race:  
<http://www.boatingsf.com/photothumbpage.php?infocategory=masterm> I hope to make it out to photograph this year's race as well. I'd also love to add captions to these photos with the names of the boats, if anyone is interested in helping me figure out which is which.

Michael Slater, [michael@boatingsf.com](mailto:michael@boatingsf.com), (707) 829.6447

*The Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival  
29th Wooden Boat Festival  
September 9, 10 & 11 2005  
For more information call 360.344.3436*