



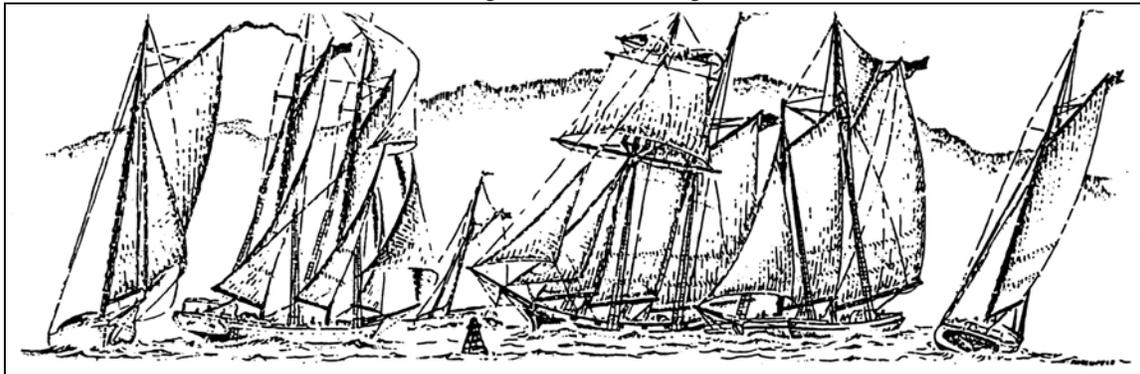
The Shellback

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2007 Master Mariners Annual Regatta Saturday 26th May 2007



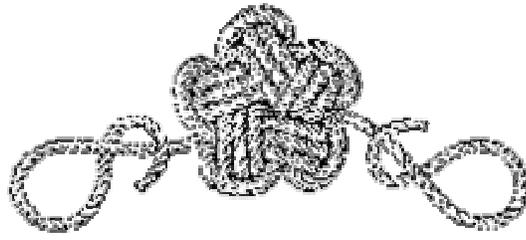
Invitations for this year's Regatta were handed out at the St. Patrick's Day Potluck at the Richmond YC and were mailed to the membership the following week. If you have not received yours yet, contact the Regatta Chairman, John Vincent, at: vicecomm@mastermariners.org or 650.692.3478. You can also download a registration form at www.mastermariners.org. The Annual MMBA Regatta will be held on Saturday, Memorial Day Weekend, May 26, 2007. The Sponsors Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 18 at the St. Francis YC starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information on MMBA Sponsorships contact Ariane Paul, Sponsorship Chairwoman, at sponsors@mastermariners.org.

The race will start 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. The deadline for Regatta Applications is **May 10th**. Race Packets will be available at the Sponsors Luncheon, however if you can't make the luncheon, they will be mailed to you. Your start time will be included in the Race Packet. After the race, a majority of the boats will raft-up at the Encinal YC in Alameda where there will be dinner, an awards ceremony and dancing. The dinner will be a fixed menu (salmon, steak, soup, salad, dessert) starting at 5.30 pm for those who have prepaid reservations (by May 21). On site reservations (\$25) will be limited. For boats staying overnight the Encinal YC will serve breakfast on Sunday and there will be a potluck BBQ later in the afternoon organized by MMBA members.

If you are planning take your boat to the Encinal YC on Friday submit berthing and dinner reservations to Terry Klaus as soon as possible, as space may be limited. Complete details are available on the MMBA web site: www.mastermariners.org.

Don't procrastinate; sign up for the Regatta NOW!

John Vincent, Race Chair



From the Quarterdeck

Greetings from the Quarterdeck!

As March ends and we move into April, the sailing scene opens for 2007. The regular YRA race program begins April 21, and many Master Mariners participate in races of the WBRA (Wooden Boat Racing Association).

Opening Day on the Bay is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2007 (12:00PM – 6:00PM).

Our own Regatta Luncheon and Race comes in May. The luncheon again is at St. Francis YC on Friday, May 18, 2007. We thank all our Sponsors for this event. The Race is Saturday, May 26, 2007 and the after race party at Encinal YC. This year we will return to a fixed menu at Encinal – check the recent mailing, the web site or page 7. We have a new perpetual trophy for the Marconi III class this year (Page 3)

We have learned that the topsail schooner **Lynx** will be joining us for the Regatta. She is a 122 foot replica of an actual privateer named Lynx built by Thomas Kemp in 1812 in Fell's Point, Maryland. She was among the first ships to defend American freedom by evading the British naval fleet then blockading American ports

and serving in the important privateering efforts.



Schooner Lynx to be in the Regatta

The Annual Membership Meeting and the Wooden Boat Show will be held once again at Corinthian YC, June 23 & 24, 2007. There will be applications and schedules for the Boat Show weekend in the mail and on the web site (www.mastermariners.org). See elsewhere in this edition of the Shellback.

Stephen Gort

Commodore, commodore@mastermariners.org

Sponsors Luncheon – Flags, Fun, Friendship

May 18, 2007, 11:30 am, St. Francis Yacht Club

Less than a month away, a great excuse to escape the workday and share in a great tradition – the Master Mariners Sponsors Luncheon. It is a day of mutual support between our members and local businesses around the bay, celebrating our local maritime history. 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. Be sure to arrive early to get first crack at this year's clothing line up with Caleb Whitbeck's newest artwork of the MMBA vessel to be profiled for 2007 and unveiled at the lunch.

I have received quite a few renewals from previous sponsors, but a little help will go a long way. If you have ties with previous sponsors, or possible new ones, please touch base with them to see if they are on board again this year and let me know. Information and a sign up form are available on our website.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 18th!

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/>)

*Ariane Paul,
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New Trophy for M III Division

The Board of Directors and the 2007 Trophy Committee is proud to announce that a new trophy has been created for the M III Division. The trophy is to be awarded annually to the M III Division yacht with the "FASTEST ELAPSED TIME" during the annual Master Mariners Regatta. The trophy to be known as "Homeward Bound" is centered on an original aft steering wheel from a small fishing vessel. The wheel was donated by the Charlie Merrill Family of Sausalito in Charlie's memory. Finishing off the trophy is a picture of several classic sailing vessels returning to port from a long passage at sea. The trophy was created by Staff Commodore Bob Rogers.

With the development of this trophy, the Deed of Gift for the Aloha trophy has been revised by the Rogers family to read: "to be awarded to the M II Division yacht with the Fastest Elapsed Time."

The 2007 Trophy Committee has picked some nice 2nd and 3rd place prizes for you this year and wishes you smooth sailing and good luck.



*2007 Trophy Committee
John Tucker and Bob Rogers*

MMBA Annual Meeting June 23 Saturday Night before the boat show.

Board of Directors Elections!!!

Ballots will be available through the afternoon from Jr.
Staff Commodore Jeff Stokes

Each year we replace three Directors. If you are interested in being a part of the board, please submit your name in nomination and you will be on the ballot in the member election at the Annual Meeting in June. Some current Directors will also be running as incumbents but if you are at all interested in being a part of the board please submit your name.

If you don't get elected this year there is always next, and you will be showing your interest for a future campaign. The presiding officers are always looking for the next interested member who wants to get involved.



*Jeff Stokes
Jr. Staff Commodore*

New Members

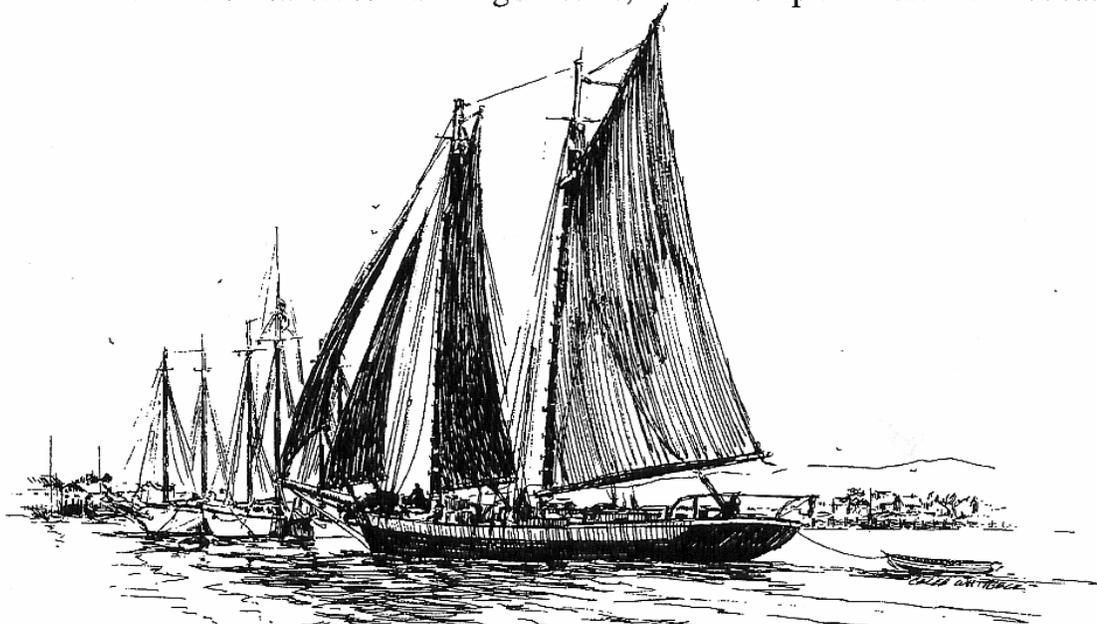
Welcome all new members of MMBA:

Privateer Lynx (2001, topsail schooner)
Freda (1885 Gaff Cutter) Spaulding Wooden Boat Center
Patita (1961 O'Farralan marconi sloop) P.Michael Schmale
Danneborg (1961 30' Angelman gaff) Peter Ogden
Spaulding 28 (1958 Spaulding 28) Tom Miller
Santana (1950 Rodes Marconi sloop) Richard Haines
Liebestraum (1972 40' Winslow marconi ketch) Peter Miller
Empress Kwan Yin (1970 53' John Alden marconi yawl) Veronica and Monica Thompson
Kittiwake (1946 Kettenburg 46' marconi sloop) Archie Conteras
Carmen (L36) Charlie Gurke
Black Jack (28' Barney Bucaneer) Ted Hoppe.
Kathleen (30' Gaff Cutter) Lila Scott -.
Rose of Sharon (51' Sterling Burgess Staysail Schooner) Byron Chamberlain –
Sea Bird (25' gaff rigged Seabird Yawl) John Muir
Chance (Bear boat)
Magic (Bear boat)

MASTER MARINERS WOODEN BOAT SHOW

Sunday, June 24, 2007

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

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Wooden Boat Show

Sunday, June 24, 2007



The Annual Boat Show is our only fund-raising function for our Benevolent Foundation

Saturday Evening, 23 June - Annual Membership Meeting, Elections of New Directors

Saturday Evening, 23 June - Dinner Dance - Details to follow

Sunday Morning, 24 June - Breakfast will be served at Corinthian YC from 8:00

Sunday 24 June - The Master Mariners Wooden Boat Show

This year's Boat Show will be held on **Sunday, June 24, 2007** at the beautiful Corinthian YC in Tiburon from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Members take pride in giving the public a close look at their wonderful boats and sharing their history and there will be model boat building for kids too. The gate fee is \$10.00 to the public which includes a detailed program of attending boats. Children under 12 free but must be accompanied by an adult. (Free to MMBA members with boats in the show and regatta sponsors.) The boat show proceeds go towards our Benevolent Fund which provides funding for either sail training scholarships or skills associated with restoring traditional sailing craft. There will be a number of trophies awarded including

To register your boat to participate in the Boat Show, see the web site, www.mastermariners.org

To contact the Director in charge of the Boat Show write to: boatshow@mastermariners.org.



Chicken Ship Cruise .. and more Labor Day Weekend

Mark your calendars for a cruise up the Petaluma River on Labor Day weekend. Glenn Burch is dreaming up games to keep us entertained. Pass any ideas for games on to him – H20pilgram@aol.com. More information about the weekend will be in the next issue of the Shellback.

DeeDee Lozier

Activities at Encinal YC During the Regatta Weekend



Friday	Boats with reservations may arrive after noon	12:00-15:00	Standard club lunch, dinner & bar are available
Saturday	Spouses and Yacht Widows welcome all day	12:00-15:00	Standard club lunch & bar are available
15:00-18:30	Bars open on lawn & west stairs	15:00-18:30	Mixed drinks and beer
15:30-18:30	Dixieland band	17:30-20:15	<u>Dinner Includes:</u> Grilled Salmon and Sliced BBQ Steak with Soup, Green Salad, Bread and Butter, Pasta Salad, Wild Rice and Dessert
17:30-19:30	Prepaid Dinner Service		
19:00-19:30	Non-Prepaid Dinner Service \$25.00 at the Door		
20:30-21:15	Awards ceremony	18:00-19:00	Special Draft Beer Bar Open
21:15-24:00	Live Music and Dancing		
Sunday			
08:00-10:00	Buffet Breakfast - \$10.00 at the Door	08:00-10:00	<u>Breakfast Includes:</u> Bloody Mary Bar Scrambled Eggs Assorted Juices Coffee, tea, decaf Bacon & sausages Home style potatoes Sticky Buns Fruit Salad Salsa
10:00	Begin boat departures		
17:00	Potluck, poolside BBQ for Sunday overnights		

Please make sure to a) ask for a berth if you want to stay Friday night and b) if you and your crew want dinner to order it before May 21st. Reservation form available on website.

Spring Potluck at Richmond YC

Well, the food at the annual Pot Luck must have been good because there was nothing left except for a few cup cakes and some carrot cake. The rest was gone well before the end of the meeting. A special thanks to Gary Costigan and Warren for making the corned beef and cabbage. It was delicious. I got them to promise to cook it for us again next year.

Skip Henderson greeted everyone as they arrived with his music. He was playing in the bar for Bushmills' in honor of Saint Patrick's Day. Others joined in from time to time including Mike Proudfoot who joined in with both the music and the whisky.

Seven boats sailed to the party. **Alma** was a big hit coming into the turning basin. We had to chase a cigarette boat away to make room for her. What a contrast in boats! The other boats that sailed in were **Regulus, Unda, Polaris, La Sirena** and **Huck Finn**. Little Smokey showed up as well.

The main entertainment for the evening was a presentation about the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center and the restoration of Freda. Tom List introduced us to the new Executive Director of the Center, Mark Welther. Mark gave us background and news of the Center. Then, Mark introduced us to Dave Barr. Dave is a graduate of the Arques School of Traditional Boat Building and is currently working with Bob Darr on the restoration of Freda. Dave gave a very interesting talk about the challenge of building a hull under the current deck and cabin top. Freda's cabin and deck had been worked on in the recent past and are relatively sound. The hull is being totally rebuilt underneath. After her restoration, Freda will become the flagship for the Center.

Another bit of Spaulding Center news is that David and Corinne Bressler donated Polaris to the Center. Polaris is in relatively in good shape. She is to become an ambassador for the Center. They plan on using her among other ways to introduce people to sailing on old wooden gaffers. In the meantime, Tom List will be sailing her in the Regatta.

Other entertainment included a video of the 2006 Regatta. My apologies to those I dragged away from the video to eat dinner with promises of watching more after the presentation. Steve Gort thought that everyone had seen it and left with the video right after the presentation. But, Ariane Paul and I are planning to convert the vhs tape to digital and making copies available.

The Richmond Yacht Club closed up around 10 p.m. but the diehards gathered on Polaris and drank scotch until the wee hours of the morning. Thanks to the Richmond Yacht Club for having us and to everyone who helped bring the dinner together and clean up afterwards. It was another successful Pot Luck.

DeeDee Lozier

Notices and such.....

I have four pieces. vertical grain Sitka spruce surfaced on two sides, left over from a wooden boat project in 1957.
two pcs 1" X 8" X 24 feet
two pcs 1" X 8" X 12 feet
moving and need to get them out of my shop.
Charlie - Napa, CA.
eMail : twoaboard@sbcglobal.net

HISTORY WANTED -

Hi,
We have recently purchased s/v **Fandango** which used to belong to Scott Kranzler. We're very interested in her history so if anyone has any tidbits and/or know how to contact Scott, we'd love to hear from you. Thanks, Mary and Doug Solomon,
marydoug@hotmail.com

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- Sponsor Lunch
- Regatta
- Annual Meeting/Elections
- Boat Show
- Chicken Ship Revival

Recent Happenings:

- Spring Potluck

and more:

- Commodore's Notes
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- Announcements / Ads

MMBA 2007 Events Calendar

<i>January 1</i>	New Years Race	<i>Pt San Pablo YC</i>
<i>March 17</i>	Spring Potluck	<i>Richmond YC</i>
<i>May 18</i>	Sponsors Lunch	<i>St. Francis YC</i>
<i>May 26</i>	Annual Regatta	<i>Encinal YC</i>
<i>June 23</i>	Annual Meeting	<i>Corinthian YC</i>
<i>June 24</i>	Wooden Boat Show	<i>Tiburon</i>
<i>July 21</i>	MMBA BBQ	<i>Spaulding Center Sausalito</i>
<i>August 25</i>	Sail-in and BBQ with TSCA & Alma	<i>China Camp</i>
<i>September 2</i>	Chicken Ship Cruise	<i>Petaluma YC</i>
<i>September 29-30</i>	Offshore Cruise	<i>Half Moon Bay YC</i>
<i>October 20-21</i>	Jessica Cup	<i>St. Francis YC</i>



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