



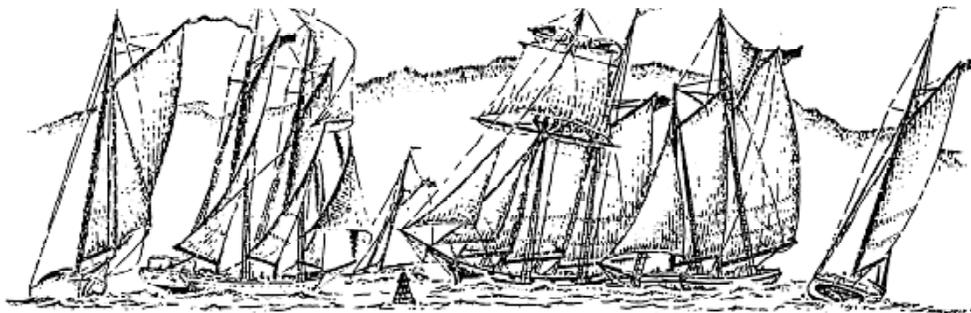
# The Shellback

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April, 2008

Dee Dee Lozier, Interim Editor

## 2008 Master Mariners Annual Regatta Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>



Invitations for this year's MMBA Regatta were mailed to all members on March 8<sup>th</sup> – if you did not receive one and want to enter the race please contact the Regatta Chairman, John Vincent, at: [vicecomm@mastermariners.org](mailto:vicecomm@mastermariners.org) or 650.692.8382. The Regatta will be held on **Saturday, Memorial Day Weekend, May 24, 2008**. Race instructions and starting times will be available the week before at the **Sponsors/Skippers Luncheon** held at the St. Francis YC on **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 11:30 a.m. If you can't make the luncheon a race packet will be mailed to you. For more information on MMBA Sponsorships contact Ariane Paul, Sponsorship Chairwoman, at [sponsors@mastermariners.org](mailto:sponsors@mastermariners.org).

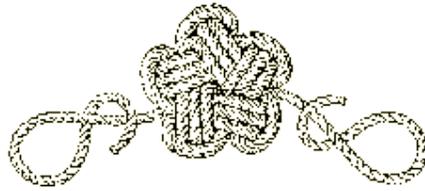
The race will start in front of the St. Francis YC with the first boats starting at 1200 and the last by 1300. The finish will be off the east side of Treasure Island with most finishing by around 1530. After the race, a majority of the boats will raft-up at the Encinal YC in Alameda where there will be dinner, an awards ceremony and dancing. 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 to 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](http://www.mastermariners.org).

Reminder, this year the Baruna Cup will be awarded to the Ocean Class yacht over 40 feet on deck that crosses the finish line first. This magnificent cup has recently been refurbished to provide space for winner's plaques for the next 20 years, so we hope those eligible will rise to the challenge and compete for the honor of having their name placed on it.

If you plan to enter the regatta but have yet to register, please do so now.

*John Vincent, Regatta Chairman*

**Regatta Application due date is April 30<sup>th</sup> without penalty  
Absolute deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>.**



## From the Quarterdeck.....

The rain seems to have stopped and the sun is shining. Time to shake the cobwebs out the rigging and the bird's nests out of the sails, touch up the varnish and practice for the regatta. The deadline for getting your regatta application to John Vincent is fast approaching – **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. After April 30<sup>th</sup> the price goes up \$10.00. **May 5<sup>th</sup>** is the absolute drop-dead date. The deadline is important. Once we know which boats are going to participate, the race chairman has lots of work to do – arrange the starts, finalize courses, create race packets, etc. Last minute entries just create havoc for the race chairman.



Hans List's Boat – Sequester at the Pot Luck

I am pleased to announce that Hans List joined the Board of Directors. He is taking Dean Gurke's position on the board. Hans will make a great addition to the board. Coming July, we will be looking for more volunteers for the board. It will be election time once again, and we will need to elect three directors. Please consider running for the board. If you have any questions, contact Jeff Stokes at (925) 935-7096 or speak with any other director. We need your help to keep the organization working smoothly.

We also need a new Secretary for the Board. Regina Kaler has been doing a great job for the past several months, but has had to resign. The Secretary's job entails taking the minutes at board meetings and distributing them to the board before the next meeting. It is a

great way to be “in the know” of what is happening in Master Mariners. If you are interested or have more questions, please let me know.

There are lots of events coming up. You can read about them in other parts of the newsletter. Meanwhile, see you at the ***Sponsors' Luncheon on May 16<sup>th</sup>***.

Dee Dee Lozier, Commodore

## *Newly Restored and launched boats.....*



Stardust  
John Ough

The other boat is Morningstar, a pretty 29' sloop. She had been abandoned on the hard at Berkeley Marine Center for many years. Dean Gurke took possession of her and has been working on her all winter. Her maiden voyage was to the Pot Luck. Both boats are going to race and you can find out more about them at the Encinal Yacht Club after the race.

*Dee Dee Lozier*

It is a pleasure to report that two classic boats that were imminently facing the buzz saw and dumpster have been brought back to life. The first is Stardust, a sweet gaff “picnic” schooner that John Ough has revived after she sunk in the Estuary last May. She is only 27’, but she looks like a 45’ boat from a distance. John is looking for petite crew for the race.



Morningstar  
Barbara Ohler & Dean Gurke

# **Sponsors & Skippers Luncheon**

## **May 16, 2008, 11:30 am, St. Francis Yacht Club**

A big crowd will gather once again at the St. Francis Yacht Club on Friday, May 16th for our annual Sponsors Luncheon. Nearly half of last year's regatta sponsors have already signed up again and I'm hearing from potential new sponsors as well. If you have a contact at a company that you think may want to throw its support our way, please let me know. You can also download the sponsor brochure and sign up form from our website.

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.

The luncheon last year was a full house, so please sign up early. The tie between sponsors and the regatta is rooted to the earliest days of the Master Mariners. Be sure to arrive early to check out and buy the new MMBA clothing before the most popular sizes start disappearing.

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## **Spring Pot Luck at the Aeolian Yacht Club**

The food was plentiful and delicious, the company was terrific, and the speakers were captivating. About 70 people attended the Spring Pot Luck at the Aeolian Yacht Club on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Taihoa and Sequestor sailed in and Little Smoky tagged along. Morningstar lives at the Aeolian Yacht Club, but she went out on her maiden voyage and joined the other boats on the guest dock.

The Proudfoots showed photos and talked about their travels last summer. They sailed from Dublin through Scotland to Norway. They attended the wooden boat show in Risør, Norway. Farida was built in Risør so she was welcomed with open arms and stole show. Their talk was so interesting that everyone came back after the break and stayed late. In our aging group, it is rare that events last much beyond 9:00pm.

*Dee Dee Lozier*



# NOTICE OF MMBA ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTIONS

**JULY 12, 2008 - CORINTHEAN YACHT CLUB  
EVENING BEFORE BOAT SHOW**

***THREE OPENINGS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - INCUMBANTS MAY RUN BUT NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED*** - MMBA needs new Board of Director Members to go through the officer chairs and take the organization on into the future. Everyone should know there is work involved. Chairmanships of big events such as regatta and boat show. Jobs such as secretary and editor and membership. Organize potlucks and parties. Sell clothes and so on. Make sure there is money coming in and bills are paid. Keep it all together.

All work and no play make a dull board. My years on the board we have met once a month except July and December. Meetings have been held at the Aeolian recently, but location moves with commodores. We have met at clubs, houses, motor shops, boats, etc. We eat and talk boats. Meetings have the standard stuff but remember it all revolves around the boats. We get to look at the new applications. Who has seen it?? Who owned it in 1968? Is that picture currant? Who will she race? Is that a doghouse someone stuck on there? I think this boat raced in '83 but I sure don't remember that bowsprit. This has got to be another boat. The owner says she has a 14' beam. How can that be? Someone has to go by and see this vessel. Where is she berthed? Who lives down there? Meet with eight or so MMBA skippers once a month that are from all over the bay. Hear stories from marinas that are on the other side. Who is working on that vessel over there? The old schooner on D dock sure is looking good or bad.

How can we get more boats? What should we change? What about cold molding? Where should the luncheon be this year? What color will the t-shirt be? Should we change handicapping this year? How is the course with the tide? Will there be room for that big boat in the show this year?

With computers, email, and the web site the mundane things have gotten easier and easier. Mailing out 120 letters is not what it used to be. Sticking on address labels is still not fun but better than hand addressing. Over the years we have tried to catalogue and set up time lines with details on what has worked in the past. These jobs are more doable than ever.

I have been on the board for ten or so years and I think I have become pretty knowledgeable about the history of MMBA, the people, the boats, and the gossip of the wooden boat scene. I don't know if this is really important in the big picture but I have had a lot of fun and I would certainly encourage anyone who is interested to run for the board....*Jr. Staff Commodore Jeff*

# *Activities at Encinal YC - Regatta Weekend*



Encinal Yacht Club– Regatta 2007

<b>Friday</b>	1200	Boats with Reservations may arrive after noon Standard club lunch, dinner & bar are available
<b>Saturday</b>	1200–1500	Standard Club lunch & bar available
	1500–1830	Bars open on lawn
	1530-1830	Dixieland band
	1730-1930	Prepaid Dinner Service Dinner Includes soup, grilled salmon, sliced BBQ steak, wild rice, green salad, pasta salad and dessert
	1900-1930	Non-Prepaid Dinner Service - \$25.00 at door # of dinners depend on availability
	2030-2115	Awards Ceremony
	2115-2400	Live Music & Dancing
<b>Sunday</b>	0800-1000	Buffet Breakfast - \$10.00 at the door Breakfast includes a Bloody Mary bar, assorted juices, coffee, tea, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, home-style potatoes, sticky buns and fruit salad
	1700	Potluck BBQ at the poolside patio

Reservations for berthing are required. Dinner reservations for Saturday are strongly recommended. The reservation form is on the website. The reservation form and dinner payment must be post marked no later than **Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**.

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## Over the Bar.....



Chairman Bob with his Crayfish Traps

Bob Griffiths passed away on April 16<sup>th</sup> after battling a very rare but aggressive form of lung cancer. Chairman Bob was a well liked and known Master Mariner and friend that will sorely be missed. He sailed his vessel *Eventide* many times to the Channel Islands, so he was well known in Southern California as well. He donated *Eventide*, a well looked after vessel, to the Spaulding Center for Wooden Boats, both to support the center and to place the boat in knowledgeable hands.

He was a graduate of the California Maritime Academy and worked as a marine engineer during most of his career. He also was a licensed Captain and when he was still a youngster he worked on fish boats. One had to pry the licensed Captain part from Bob; he never told anyone about it unless pushed. He is survived by his

daughters Cathy and Beverly, and their families. He was on hospice care for a short time and went out in full command of his faculties, probably even picking the day after tax day.

*Dick Wren, Little Packet*

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Chairman Bob Griffiths: I really don't know how Bob picked up the title of Chairman, but in wooden boat sailing circles that was how he was addressed. I got to know Bob some years ago through the Master Mariners Benevolent Association, where he served on the board and championed the L-36 class.

Bob bought his L-36, *Eventide*, in 1976, and he was an active racer and cruiser for the next 30 years. Never keeping the boat tied up for too long, he regularly sailed down to Southern California to cruise the Santa Barbara Channel Islands and on down to Catalina. At the end of each cruise he also sailed the boat back to San Francisco. To the non-sailor, that may sound pretty obvious. But as any sailor knows, the homeward bound trip to San Francisco is against the prevailing winds, and it's a lot colder, a lot wetter, seems a whole lot longer and is genuinely less comfortable. However to the veteran sailor Chairman Bob it was just part of the cruise and I never heard him remark about the difficulties.

2004 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the L-36 class. Bob thought that something ought to be done to recognize the class having hit such a milestone. At his instigation, *Latitude 38* published a feature article on the class, with much of the history provided by Bob. He also began calling the owners of L-36's around the Bay and urged them to come out for the 2004 Master Mariners Regatta to sail together as a class. Not everyone was ready or initially willing, but his enthusiasm and persistence paid off. His success was measured in six boats turning out and racing together as a class for the first time in more than two decades. That we continue to race as a class each Memorial Day weekend continues to be thanks to Bob.

Bob was always upbeat, especially when talking to owners about how to keep these old wooden boats maintained and seaworthy. The lessons he learned along the way he freely passed on to others with characteristic modestly and encouragement.

We're going to miss Chairman Bob. But each time you see an L-36 out there, think of how many he touched and how fondly he is remembered by them.

*John Hamilton, L-36 Olé*

## *Miscellaneous Odds & Ends*

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### **Cruiser's Blog – La Sirena:**

At long last I've learned little about using WiFi and Judy taught me to create a blog...blob...glug.... whatever. You can keep up with my mis-adventure by going to:

<http://goletalasirena.blogspot.com/>. I hope you enjoy it.

*Glenn Burch*

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### **Looking For Regatta Crew?**

We have three eager people if you are looking for crew:

Ann Meredith (MMBA Friend member)

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Barry (owner of "Mary Beth" in Ft. Bragg)

[4barrykul@gmail.com](mailto:4barrykul@gmail.com)

Rebecca Bevirt (writes about traditional boats)

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### **A few photos from the potluck and of La Sirena:**

<http://picasaweb.google.com/arianepaul/ShellbackApril2008>

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### **Festival of Sail – Parade**

If you are interested in being in the Parade of Sail with the Tall Ships on July 23rd, you may still be able to register. Contact George Knies at 925) 939-023

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### **Summer Sailstice™ 2008, June 20-22:**

There will be a fun event on Treasure Island the weekend of June 20-22, "**Summer Sailstice**." John Arndt of Latitude 38 started this annual event eight years ago to celebrate everything to do with SAILING, and each year it gets bigger, with other simultaneous events happening beyond the Bay Area. A group of us have been meeting regularly since October planning all sorts of activities for TI Cove. We have some great bands lined up to play on the main day, Saturday, June 21st some of which include MMBA members: Carne Cruda – a Latin Jazz band (Charlie Gurke of CARMEN is a member), and Skip Henderson and the Starboard Watch. There will also be the Blind Willies, Kalbass, and Pixie Kitchen. Cruise-in Friday night, anchor in the cove, and stay the weekend to enjoy all the activities. There will be access to the dinghy dock, and we are trying to line up some water taxis as well. Scheduled activities include a boat building contest, youth sailing, YRA races, free public sails put on by a few of the local sailing schools, and a photo scavenger hunt. If you want more information or want to get involved, please contact me, [arianepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:arianepaul@yahoo.com). The website will be updated with more details as we firm up the schedules, so check back: [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com)

Ariane Paul

## *Miscellaneous Odds & Ends - continued*

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## **Boat For Sale.....**

30 ft Gaff Cutter-Double ended Colin Archer style. Built by William Garden in 1947. Wood Classic listed in three books on wooden boats. Long time Master Mariner vessel. Needs paint and some intermediate level woodwork. Full cover. Berthed in Alameda. Asking \$ 10,000 all offers considered. (No Trades) health issues sale. (510) 337-9807 - leave message.

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## ***Up & Coming Events***

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

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spaulding Barbeque***

June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center. Starts at noon. Hot dogs, hamburgers, oysters, music.....

### ***Annual Meeting***

July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Elections, Dinner & Dancing.

### ***MMBA Annual Boat Show***

July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

### ***Petaluma Sesquicentennial***

August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> in the Petaluma Basin. The public dock is being reserved for wooden boats – Alma, Master Mariners, Classic Boat Society and TSCA.

Saturday there will be a Jazz Festival within a two-block area of docks.

Sunday is a River Festival including Mayor's boat parade, games in the basin and a wooden boat show.

Participation in the boat show will be optional, but Skippers are encouraged to open their boats to the public during the show from 11:00am to 2:00 or 3:00pm. If it is necessary to raft out, boats that are willing to be open to the public will be placed next to the dock.

If possible, plan on coming up the river on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> and leave on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Boats that must leave on Sunday will need to leave before the festivities begin in the basin or after 3:00pm.

Details of the weekend are still being worked out.

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- Sponsors Luncheon
- Master Mariners Regatta
- Annual Spaulding Barbeque
- Master Mariners Boat Show
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- Spring Pot Luck

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## **MMBA 2008 Events Calendar**

- January 1* ***New Years Race***  
*March 29* ***Spring Pot Luck***  
*May 16* ***Sponsor Luncheon***  
*May 24* ***Annual Regatta***  
*June 28* ***Spaulding Center BBQ***  
*July 12* ***Annual Meeting***  
*July 13* ***Wooden Boat Show***  
*August 8-10* ***Petaluma Cruise***  
*August TBD* ***China Camp BBQ***  
*Sept / Oct TBD* ***Offshore Cruise***  
*October 18-19* ***Jessica Cup***



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## ***Shellback April 2008***

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