



The Shellback

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China Camp Sail

Saturday, August 25, 2007

Heritage Day at China Camp State Park is a great opportunity to participate with California State Parks in partnership with three maritime institutions- San Francisco Maritime Museum, Master Mariners Benevolent Association and the Sacramento Chapter of the Traditional Small Craft Association (TSCA). China Camp State Park has asked us back again to support the park's heritage day celebration with a flotilla of historic and traditional watercraft from around the Bay.



Again this year, the Maritime Museum's Small Boat Shop will be cooking a dinner on the beach. The menu is Pasta, Salad, Bread and Birthday Cake. Bring your own drinks and if you are so inclined an appetizer or side dish to share. Dinner will be at 1900. The cost for dinner will be \$8.00 – a bargain. **If you plan to have dinner you must RSVP to Bill Doll by Tuesday, August 21st.** Bill can be reached at (415) 859-6779.



Come, drop a hook and make your way to shore. Little Smokey is planning to be there to give rides, but there may not be a place for her to tie up. Usually, Little Smokey ties up to Alma, but Alma may not make it this year. She is in dry dock waiting for a new main mast amongst other repairs. So, be prepared to get to shore on your own if need be. You may be able to hitch a ride on one of the TSCA boats that will be sailing about.

Land Cruisers are welcome. The park closes at sunset. We do have permission to stay after closing time. If you plan to stay later, you must park outside the gate and

walk in. Camping will be permitted and you can set up camp after 1800. No open flames.

If you have any questions, let me know – DeeDee Lozier – (510) 653-8820 or ddlozier@gmail.com.

ChickenShip Regatta ~ Back by Popular Demand

“The Regatta most feared by Yachting Purists”

Labor Day Weekend ~ September 1-3

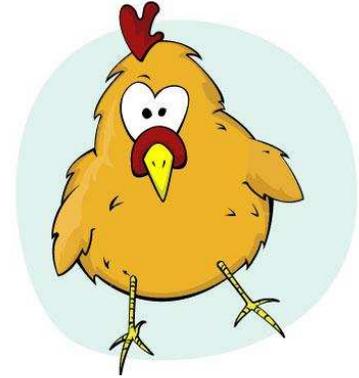
Eggspect favorable currents, fair winds, a fun race, nautical games, good food, outrageous trophies and good fellowship.

Weekend Activities

Saturday:	Race to Petaluma “D” Street Bridge
Saturday Evening:	“On Your Own” dockside party, Petaluma Yacht Club bar will be open
Sunday Morning:	Breakfast: Bagels, Cream Cheese & Lox, & Fresh Fruit (for a nominal fee)
Sunday Afternoon:	Nautical Games in the Basin
Sunday Evening:	Pot Luck Barbeque & Awards Ceremony at the Petaluma Yacht Club

ChickenShip Race Instructions:

Starting Line – Northern edge of South Hampton Shoals and the Committee boat west of the Shoals (If there is no committee boat on station – imagine there is one raising flags and giving time signals)



Timing:

- 9:30 10 minute warning for Gaffers
- 9:35 5 minute preparatory
- 9:40 Gaffers Start
- 9:45 5 minute preparatory for Marconi
- 9:50 Marconi Start

Finish: “D” Street Bridge

Note the time of your finish and the yachts immediately before and after you. Make sure you find a boat behind you so that you do not win the “last to come” trophy

Additional Requirements:

Each yacht shall compose a limerick on the way up the river. The limerick must contain a nautical and/or chicken reference no matter how remote (extra points for both). There will be a goanometer to rank your entry.

Extra Points:

Extra points will be awarded to yachts that display special colorful sails (especially tie dye), crew in fancy dress or chicken outfits

Protests:

Protests will not be heard, but the Race Committee does accept bribes.

Pot Luck Dinner

Bring something to barbeque. Marconis bring a side dish and Gaffers bring dessert. (Note if the club is able to put on a dinner for us we will do that instead of a pot luck - a notice will be sent out to those who RSVP)

Berthing

We have “reserved” berthing, but the city does not guarantee the space. La Serena will get to the dock on Wednesday and take up as much space as possible. Stroma of Mey and a few other boats will be arriving on Friday and plan to spread out. If you can come early and help us take up space, please do so. The berthing fee is \$20.00 / night

Volunteers Needed – Please give me a call

- Committee Boat to start the race
- Someone to build a “Bilge Box” for the Bilge Dive Contest
- Someone to build a Chicken Mask for the Colonel Sander’s Egg Race
- Volunteers to help run the individual games – if you run a game then you don’t have to make a fool of yourself playing the game)
- Musicians

Wish List of items

- Folding Tables (if you are driving)
- Stop Watches
- Mast Hoops & Belaying Pins for Ring Toss
- Small Sailing Dinghies (we have one – if we get two more we can have races)
- Megaphone
- Chicken Costume

RSVP

Please let me know if you are coming by Friday, August 24th. Contact me at (510) 653-8820 or better yet – ddlozier@gmail.com. Let me know how many people are coming and will be having breakfast and dinner.

DeeDee Lozier



From the Quarterdeck

August 25th & 26th – China Camp
Labor Day Weekend – ChickenShip Regatta
September 29th & 30th – Half Moon Bay

Unfortunately for us, Stephen Gort sold his Bird boat, Polly, and declined to run for another term on the Board. This left the Commodore position empty ahead of schedule. Normally, the Commodore holds the position for two years. The Board of Directors has voted me to be the Commodore for the rest of Stephen's term. I am honored and hope to serve the organization well.

Stephen has made it easy for me to step in. I want to acknowledge all the hard work he has put into the organization. We are thriving with lots of new members and money in the bank. So far, we have had a great regatta and successful boat show this year. Behind the scenes, Stephen has re-worked the website and redesigned and expanded the database. I know he has also spent countless hours on all the different events. Hopefully, Stephen will come to his senses, buy another wooden boat and become actively involved again.

With Stephen declining to run again we had an open position on the Board. At the annual meeting Al Lutz was voted in as a new Director. Al will be a great addition to the Board. He has been actively involved with the organization for many years and is obviously very knowledgeable about traditional boats. In addition, Dean Gurke and Patty Henderson's terms were up. I was pleased that both decided to run again and were re-elected. At the next Board meeting we will be sorting out all the different positions and jobs on the board.

The weather was perfect for the annual meeting and boat show. Judging from the crowds the boat show was a success again this year. It was wonderful to have the lovely schooner, Rose of Sharon, at the show before she headed off to home in Newport Beach. Thank you to all the people who put in a lot of hours to bring this show together - particularly, Terry Klaus, Craig Swayne, Kristine & Ken Inouye, Mike Douglas, and the great staff at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

If you didn't make it to the annual Spaulding Center Barbeque, you missed a nice party. There was good food including oysters, good friends to visit with and towards the end good music. Tom List couldn't wait to turn his spatula in for the fiddle. It was interesting to see Freda. She looks half naked with her whole hull missing. Thank you to all the people who brought it together including Tom List, Mark Welther, Susanne Statler, Patty Henderson, Ariane Paul and Kristine Inouye. I am sure there were others and apologize if I missed your name.

Now that the tension of the regatta is over and the boats have been all spiffed up for the boat show, it is time to just relax and go sailing. I, for one, do not seem to do enough of that. But, we have some low-key events coming up before the Jessica Cup that include a lot of both sailing and socializing.

There is more information about all these events in other articles in the newsletter. I hope to see you all there.

DeeDee Lozier, *Commodore*

Half Moon Bay Offshore Cruise

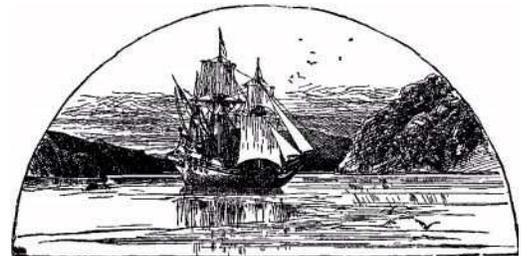
September 29 ~ 30

We have decided to cruise to Half Moon Bay this year instead of the usual Drakes Bay trip; the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club will be hosting us.

Rendezvous at the Gate at 0800 on September 29th, max ebb at 3.3 knots is at 0634 with slack water at 0944 going to a flood of 3.2 knots at 1239. If you choose to cruise back on Sunday you will have max flood at the Gate of 2.8 knots at 1325 going slack at 1610 with max ebb of 5.2 knots at 1938.

Oyster BBQ on the beach is planned for 1600 and we are inviting the members of Half Moon Bay Yacht Club to join us, the club is having its usual Saturday dinner and a movie night and have invited us to join them, pricing and menu will be available with your cruise packet.

There are quite a number of mooring buoys available on a first come first serve basis in the outer harbor and slips are generally available for those that do not want to bring a shore boat, if you would like a slip or mooring please contact the harbormaster via VHF on your way in for assignment, of course anchoring is always an option. The club has a



nice dingy dock just off the beach in front of the club in about six feet of water with a cable ferry connecting it to the beach. If you plan to anchor out or take a mooring and do not have a shore boat please make arrangements ahead of time with another vessel to get you ashore.

Winds are generally light at this time of year and the fog patterns are usually favorable but as you all know conditions can be adverse at any time of the year outside the Gate so it will be the responsibility of each skipper to decide on the advisability of making the trip. Communications will be on channel 68 via VHF.

Please contact Dean Gurke at schoonerman@alamedanet.net or 510-910-6289 if you plan to go or have any questions, a cruise packet will be sent out in early September to those expressing an interest.

Jessica Cup

St. Francis Yacht Club, October 20-21

The Jessica Cup will be held on Saturday, October 20th and Sunday the 21st at the St. Francis Yacht Club. It is open to all yachts of traditional design and construction that are 30' or longer on deck. There will be two races on Saturday followed by a no host crew/friends dinner, and one race on Sunday followed by the trophy presentation.

Gaff and Marconi rigged yachts will be in separate divisions. Marconi rigged yachts may be further divided into separate divisions depending on the size and number of yachts entered. If five or more of one design enter, they will race in their own division.

Online entry forms and information can be found at www.stfyc.com or by contacting Terry Klaus, tgklaus@aol.com or (510) 337-0514. Schedules, entry fees and sailing instructions will be posted on the STFYC web site, www.stfyc.org.

Berthing is free Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Please call dock master for reservations, Mark Mayer (415) 305-3995. If you have any questions, please use contacts above.



Another Great WOODEN BOAT SHOW Weekend

The 15th Annual Master Mariners Wooden Boat Show at the Corinthian Yacht Club was held on June 24 and turned out to be one of the best. The weather could not have been better and a big mellow crowd enjoyed over 55 yachts of various sizes. Alma, as always, was a big hit along with several new boats never before shown. The schooner Rose of Sharon from Newport Beach won the Peoples' Choice vote, and Stroma of Mey was the Stone Cup winner. Black Witch was back after a major refit and looked just great, winning the Corinthian Cup.

Many small craft were in the show for the first time, members of the Traditional Small Craft Association, and they were a big hit. Lydia was back with her new mast looking great, Rowena, Brigadoon, Alpha and Bounty added to the A line along with

Argosy Venture, the longest yacht in the show. Yucca, Elizabeth Muir, Nomad to name a few are always crowd favorites. B and C lines had a fine collection of Birds, Bears and Farallone Clippers. Alert, Harold Sommers' small tug of Wanderbird fame, added a different touch as well as a great number of smaller yachts and work boats that have been beautifully maintained. All the boats looked great and are looking better every year. I am sure the judges had a difficult time picking the winners.

Arques Traditional Boat building school did the model boats again and that is always a big attraction with the kids. Thank you Bob Darr. We had several other displays representing the organizations the MMBA/MMBF contribute the Boat Show funds to.

With the Jazz band playing in the background and the Pelican Grill cooking burgers, the crowds looking off the deck of the Corinthian Yacht Club to the City skyline or at the varnished masts and bright work of the Master Mariners fleet, it is hard to beat that on a Sunday afternoon.

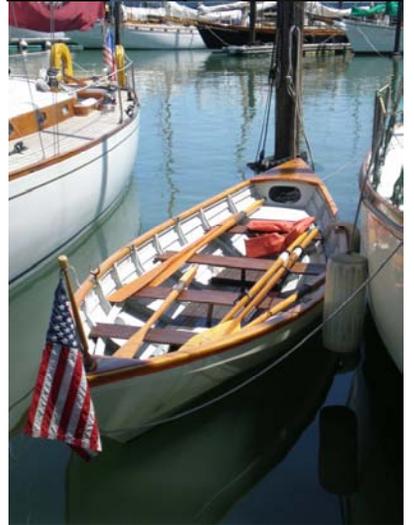
Terry Klaus



Alma, Black Witch, Oriole, Radiant, Tacoma, Brigadoon, Sarah, Bears, Kaze crew, La Sirena

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Pearl, raft-up, Flirt, Kaeresta, after-hours crew, Hans List, Eros deck, Carla/Saltana, Lynx, TSCA, Dean/Unda, Alma crew (Pate 6)



Miscellaneous Musings from Snug Harbor



As promised, this issue is full of photos. A big thank you to all the shutterbugs represented here: Jim Shubin, Linda Hanson, Dave Gissendaner & Rosella Pusateri, Sam LaVanaway, Will LeRoy, Louise Ann Noeth, Mike Douglas, John Riise at *Latitude 38*, Steve Cooper, and a few of mine as well.

The second annual MMBA / SWBC barbeque at the Spaulding Center was a lot of fun and had a good turn-out. About 80 people came to devour Tom List's scrumptious burgers and oysters. Craig Swayne put down a donation challenge to the group and approximately \$1,600 was raised on the spot towards purchasing another frame for *Freda*. During the BBQ one of the Center's public sails was happening aboard *Polaris* with six passengers who were making their first visit to the Center. Anyone interested in these free weekend sails should contact Mark Welther:

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Just this past weekend there were two noteworthy events in other locales. First off, we received great news that Mike and Sue Proudfoot won "Årets båt" (best of show) with *Farida* at the Trebåtfestivalens in Risør, Norway. It was a homecoming for *Farida* as she was built there some 47 years ago. I am sure Mike and Sue won over the locals as well and are having a blast over there. A write up can be found at the local news link SEILAS, but my language abilities do not extend to translating Norwegian. If any of you can help decipher, please let me know.

Sue og Mike Proudfoot om bord i Colin Archeren "Farida"- som ble året båt.



The 30th and final *McNish Classic* was held down south at the Pacific Corinthian YC on August 4th. There were thirty boats participating including our friends on *Dauntless*, and *Rose of Sharon* which was fresh off its participation up here in both the MMBA regatta (winning the Dead Eye perpetual) and our boat show where it took the People's Choice award. *Rose of Sharon* won the schooner division, the K40 *Elusive II* won the Strathmore Cup, and the sloop *Sally* won best elapsed time. Hopefully another classic yacht regatta will be started to replace the McNish in the near future. In the meantime, rather than event planning, Dick McNish will get to enjoy sailing and competing a little more, and may even have the time to bring *Cheerio II* back up to our bay once again.



MMBA members sometimes find themselves on boats made of materials other than wood (ah, hem) – but they make the most of it. Father and son teams Peter & Mark English and Bob & Ian Rogers joined their friend Don Grind on the Cal 40 "Far Far" to win the Encinal YC's Coastal Cup, finishing June 23rd at 3:07 am, and then the

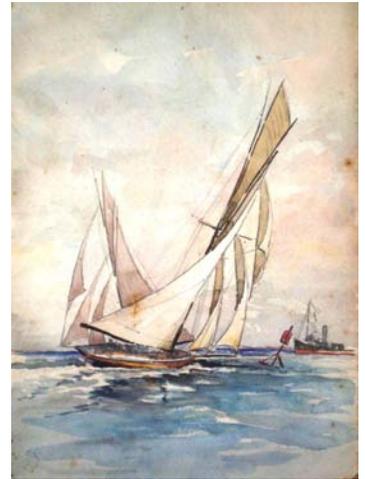


group went on to race the TransPac 2007 (minus Bob) and came in 2nd in Division 6 finishing at 22:44:58 on July 24th. Congratulations!



Many of you know that my stepfather Pierre Vawter built the boat I share with my brother Alex, and some of you met him over the years. He raced with us on the Jessica Cup in 2001, and helped us with quite a few of our haulouts, including replacing nearly all John T's keel bolts. John T is named after Pierre's father who was an architect and an artist. Pierre passed away last month. I have included a photo of him sailing with his dad and brother when they were young, and a painting John T. did of a couple of gaffers (around 1910 I believe). Pierre had ties to some of the other MMBA member vessels, clueing me in that our mizzen boom was once on

Robert Briscoe's *BullFrog*, and that he had been long-time friends with *La Sirena's* original owner. My brothers took great care of him the last couple of years and the hospice workers were so taken by him and his friends they seem to want to stick around our Nipomo mesa compound, drinking Pierre's friends' home made junk yard wine, going for golf cart rides around the surrounding land, etc. Next thing you know they'll be speaking "shipper talk" with my brothers. I am glad he raised us, just wish I would have paid attention a bit more... Ariane Paul



Gaffers by "John T", rounding, Gary & DeeDee - separated at birth, Virginia & Dustin, jazz at EYC, Loran Mebine of *Machree* turned 94 years young at the boat show, *John T* crew, *Flotsam*



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MMBA

2007 Events Calendar

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<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>	SWBC-MMBA BBQ	<i>Sausalito</i>
<i>August 25</i>	Sail-in and BBQ with TSCA & Alma	<i>China Camp</i>
<i>September 1-3</i>	ChickenShip 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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