



The Shellback

Since 1867

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Hans List, Editor

August 29th China Camp 2009 – Potluck on Alma

Saturday, August 29th is Heritage Celebration Day at China Camp State Park. There will be various events throughout the day celebrating the history of China Camp. In addition, there are trails for hiking and a nice beach for sunbathing and relaxing. Afterwards, we will have a potluck on Alma.

Bring your boat and anchor off the Park. Bring your own transportation to get to shore or hail a passing boat. If you are stranded, give a hail on channel 16. Do beware of the strong currents and chop from the wind when rowing in. Last year, the Coast Guard had to rescue a dinghy that was swept past the park. Those blow-up things don't row very well. Alma will be at the dock (probably sitting in the mud). She will be open to the public for tours until 5:00 pm (1700). After that, we are invited on-board for dinner.



What to bring.....

- ✿ A main dish or large salad – bring some extra for the hungry Alma crew
- ✿ Your own plates and utensils
- ✿ Your own drinks

Master Mariners will provide birthday cake for dessert - we will be celebrating some birthdays. Unfortunately, there are no cooking facilities on Alma so please plan accordingly.

If you have never anchored at China Camp before and want some additional information about where to anchor, please email me.

If you drive, check out the Park's website for directions -

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=466. The Park closes at sunset. If you want to stay later, make sure you park your car outside the gate and walk in.

This event has always been a fun event. If you have never been, I encourage you to come.

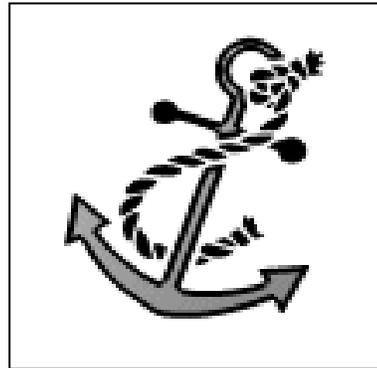
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From the Quarterdeck...

Each summer that goes by seems to accelerate faster and faster as so much is going on and it's all a great time. Starts out with a bit of work and planning by a few, and then is enjoyed by many. MMBA has had some wonderful events come and go already recently, but there are more coming up. China Camp, Chicken Ship, Offshore Cruise and Jessica Cup will keep us all busy for the next few months, more on each of those in accompanying articles. Not having our own facility, we have the privilege of being hosted by several yacht clubs around the bay and always appreciate their kindness. Regatta is aided by: St. Francis YC, Sausalito YC and Encinal YC. Boat Show: Corinthian YC with help from San Francisco YC letting CYC members move their boats over for the weekend. New Year's and Spring Potluck have been moving around between: Pt. San Pablo YC, Richmond YC, and Aeolian YC. These clubs also often host our Board meetings, and there are other clubs that we've gone to in recent years. When you visit these clubs, please let them know how much we thank them for their support and open doors.

After the annual membership meeting and election during the boat show weekend, we ushered in a new line-up to help keep our group going strong. Our long time Director and Staff Commodore, Terry Klaus, decided to step down but will still be involved in a few areas, and continues on the MMBF Board. A big thank you Terry for all the years you've put in. Also, thanks are in order to Dee Dee Lozier for her work as Commodore and it's great that she's continuing as a Director. We have two new Directors, Dean Gurke of UNDA and Maggie Hutchinson of DUTCH. Here is our current roster:

Commodore -	Ariane Paul
Vice Commodore -	Patty Henderson
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Stephen Carlson of SEA QUEST ran this year as well and we also have Ted Hoppe of BLACK JACK interested in getting more involved, and we are happy for their help. Patty and Dean will be co-Chairs for the Regatta next year, and Maggie will handle 2010 Sponsorship. Dean is also setting up a new online MMBA member forum and you'll hear more on that from him. As Dee Dee mentioned in the last Shellback, we are setting up committees to share the work load and get more members involved. Please contact a Board member if you have some time you can put in and we'll go over what is involved. In particular we have an opening for a new Trophy Chair, and John Tucker will be glad to tutor a volunteer on what that entails. Pitching in a little has its rewards and you'll get to know a lot of your fellow members a bit better that way, so don't be shy.

A new member and sponsor directory is coming out shortly, just trying to gather a bit more missing current contact data on some members. If you aren't receiving the member email notices, we need your current email address so please send to mastermariners@yahoo.com and we'll update the database. Email notices on upcoming events are sent to members in between issues of The Shellback. We also need photos of new members' boats under sail for the website, so please email a JPEG file to the same address. ---- Ariane Paul, *Commodore*

Chicken Ship Regatta September 5th-7th

Our annual Chicken Ship Regatta is just weeks away. This year it will be held over Labor Day weekend which will allow us an extra day of fun up the Petaluma River. The Regatta will start at approximately 0900 at the east end of Raccoon Straits and finish at the D Street Bridge in Petaluma. Vessels participating in the event should be fully aware that this is a very competitive and serious race with very strict rules that shall be disclosed at the race finish. Anyone who does not follow these racing rules may be subject to mockery, discrimination and in very extreme cases, chicken fighting. Please note that throughout the whole day of Saturday the object will be (aside from not running aground) to accumulate points. Points will be awarded for style, color (not that of your skin), promptness (or the lack of) and also for your overall mood. While you are underway, you are instructed to come up with a **CHICKEN / NAUTICAL LIMERICK** which will be read during the evening festivities. If you do not know what a limerick is, please still write one for the sake of entertaining the rest of us. Points will be awarded accordingly.



Saturday night the Petaluma Yacht Club has invited us to use their balcony and BBQ where we will be cooking...you guessed it...CHICKEN. MMMmmm. Vessels are encouraged to bring a side dish as to avoid a chicken overdose which could result in uncontrolled chicken dancing. Along with our fine dining on Saturday night, we will be hosting some of our famous and infamous Chicken Ship events such as The Bilge Dive. Here, each vessel contributes an item to the Dive Box that may be found in the bilge. The point of the game is to name as many items as you can in the allotted time (without looking of course). Following the festivities there will be an awards ceremony and an opportunity to spin some yarns at the bar.



Sophie List practicing her chicken moves

Vessels are encouraged to monitor VHF Ch. 68 while the Regatta is underway. If you get stuck in the mud or are need of some assistance, this may be your only help. The trip up the Petaluma River has always been one of my personal favorite trips. I strongly recommend casting off your dock lines along with your excuses and having a great weekend with some great company. The Yacht Club has graciously offered the use of their facilities for the weekend including their showers and full bar (what more could you ask for?).

If you are planning to make the trip, please contact me at hanslist09@yahoo.com and let me know. The bridge operator requests us to call 24 hours ahead of time so he can greet us since he is no longer in the operators booth full time. It is then encouraged for vessels that are able to stay close together to do so in order to minimize bridge openings. The number for the bridge operator is **707-778-**

4372 or VHF Ch. 9. Please let me know if you are coming and your approximate time of arrival so I can give the bridge operator a 24 hour approximation.

Hans List

Mid-Summer Fun

On all levels our annual wooden boat show was a big success this year. It is a great union between our event and the Corinthian Yacht Club that serves as the venue, such a beautiful wood building. Our gate entry levels were up this year which raises funds for our benevolent foundation. CYC does a great job setting-up for us and cooking good meals, and their membership is very accommodating making berth slips available for us. We've heard Ingo Schreiber will be leaving CYC soon and want to thank him for all the help he has given us year after year. Each year brings a new mix of vessels, some regulars, some first time, or returning after big restoration projects. This year's trophy winners were: Stone Cup, SANTANA; Corinthian Cup, GLORY; and People's Choice, EROS. It was great to see EROS after the many years that Bill and Grace Bodle have spent restoring this impressive schooner. I'm eager to see it sailing on the Bay before they go off cruising. At our membership meeting, Dee Dee presented Terry Klaus with a thank you plaque etched with a BRIGADOON image done by Caleb Whitbeck, and a ship's clock to Mike Douglas in appreciation for the decades of service they have both given MMBA.



Sea Quest at the Boat Show

In July, a big group of us attended the annual MMBA BBQ at the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center. There was even more activity during the BBQ this year as several Arques programs were in session during the day and the center was very active. One of the volunteers that is also an MMBA Friend member, Rod Bauer, has done a great job of creating several online sites for SWBC. Andrea Rey and Tom List each gave us an update of all the current programs and activities, Tom kept us all well fed with his BBQ skills, his wife Suzanne and several others helped set the whole thing up. Tom, Skip Henderson and Hans List also made a bit of music for us in the afternoon, and the newest List, Sophie modeled the latest in Chicken Ship headgear.

At Summer Sailstice on Treasure Island this year, it was good to see some of our membership and friends represented. ALMA swept around Clipper Cove a couple of times just as the cannons were being fired to acknowledge the sun at its highest point for the year. POLARIS was on hand to let the crowds know more about the Spaulding Center. The second annual boat building contest included a team from the Hyde St. Pier that runs youth boat building projects. These guys brought some extra color to the contest with their wigs and crazy attire. Both Berkeley Marine Center and WoodenBoat Magazine sponsored the contest for the second year in a row, and BMC also entered a team again. We hope to expand it to include more teams next year as everyone has a fun time watching the building and the water race afterwards.

The Cuauhtémoc sail training tall ship of the Mexican Navy came in to SF Bay for five days in mid-July on its way back from Japan. The schooner SEAWARD and Golden Gate Tall Ship Society went out to meet the ship as it entered under the GG Bridge, and to bid farewell as it departed. The SEAWARD also hosted a group of the ship's cadets for a sunset sail. Several former Sail San Francisco volunteers pitched in with Alison Healy during the week to help with



EROS debuts at the Wooden Boat Show, Corinthian YC



Elise Brewster touching up CORSAIR for the show



ALMA's bow and her skiff



Cuauhtémoc visit July 2009



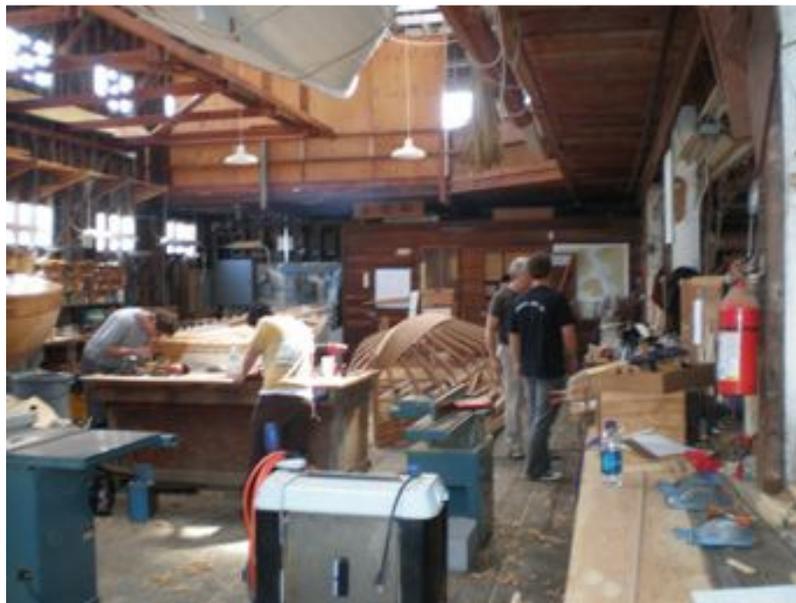
Hyde St. Pier Team at Summer Sailstice



ALMA at Summer Sailstice



Tom List & Skip Henderson at Spaulding BBQ



Class in session during Spaulding BBQ



Oil rig GINA, AMERICA II and PACIFICA at McNish Classic



Bill of Rights at the McNish Classic

off-the-ship activities for the cadets, and approximately 20,000 people visited the ship during its visit. This is the third time I've seen the Cuauhtémoc here in the Bay and I have great memories of its warm crew and each visit.

The 32nd annual McNish Classic was on August 1st. This is another great classic yacht race held down at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club in Channel Islands Harbor. If you plan a trip down the coast during the summer sometime, try to include it in your schedule. It is another fun group of folks to get to know, and it's great when they occasionally make it up here for our regatta. This year it was a more exciting race as there was consistent wind all day. Paul Plotts brought DAUNTLESS up from San Diego once again and raced against Dennis Conner on AMERICA II and Byron Chamberlin on ROSE OF SHARON in the schooner division, and Dick McNish raced CHEERIO II against CIRCE and PACIFICA in the yawl division, and there were several other classes competing.

Ariane Paul

Offshore Cruise – Half Moon Bay

We will be heading to Half Moon Bay this year the weekend of September 26th. Tides are favorable and we can only hope the wind gods will cooperate with us, those of you who participated last year will remember conditions were horrible and the fleet unanimously decided to forego heading out the Gate, we all ended up at Point SanPablo Yacht Club for a wonderful weekend.

Plan to rendezvous at the Gate at 0800, the slack after the flood is at 0857 with maximum ebb of 1.1 knots at 1053, for the return trip on Sunday slack water at 1539 with a maximum flood of 1.4 knots at 1819. As you can see the currents are mild this year and should not be an issue.

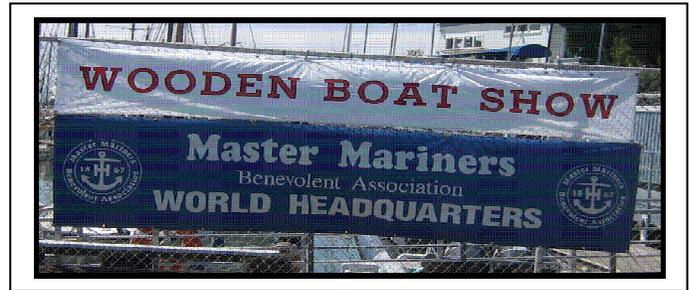
As usual MMBA will host a beach side oyster BBQ in the late afternoon and Half Moon Bay Yacht Club will host a dinner for us at a minimal price. The folks at this club loved having us two years ago and are looking forward to our return this year.

The anchorage in Princeton Harbor is well protected in all conditions and the holding ground is good, as an alternative guest docks are almost always available in the harbor at the rate of 75 cents a foot, contact the harbormaster by phone at 650-726-5727 or by VHF. If you choose to anchor please bring your own dingy or arrange directly with another boat to provide ferry service to the clubs dinghy dock.

Contact Dean Gurke at deangurke@gmail.com or by phone at 510-910-6289 by September 16th if you are planning to go, the preferred contact method is by e-mail. A cruise out packet will be e-mailed to all planning to attend on the weekend of the 19th.

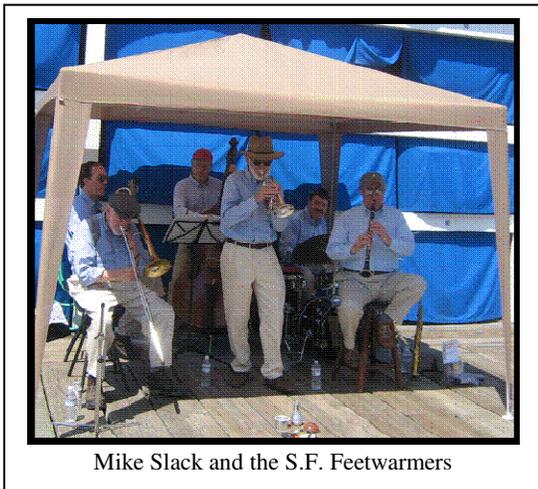
Dean Gurke

WOODEN BOAT SHOW 2009 was a wonderful event and a great success this year. The “Front Gate Crew” (Please forgive me if I misspell a name or two) sold, cajoled and stole people off the streets of Tiburon and over 1000 people viewed the tremendous array of wooden boats on display at the Corinthian Yacht Club this year.



Paid attendance was the highest in several years, 100 children built small boats to sail in amongst the docks. 180 sponsors, MMBA Members and Crews, CYC members and their guests roamed the docks. On an average hour more than 150 people passed through the gate with more than 200 going through each hour between noon and two o'clock. Believe me, 1027 going through kept the “Front Gate Crew” on their toes.

Hearing the music from the San Francisco Feetwarmers Dixie Band wafting through the streets of Tiburon, folks that were just walking around town would come to the front gate to see what was going on. The “Front Gate Crew” jumped at the opportunity to get these folks through the boarding gate and into the show. They told them about the kids boat building



Mike Slack and the S.F. Feetwarmers

booth manned by the Arques School of Traditional Boatbuilding. They let them know they would be able to go aboard the boats, talk to the owners and vote for their favorite boat. Of course this brought on some politicking by any owner that happened to be on the “Front Gate Crew” at the time, but all in good fun. Always mentioned was the fund raising aspect for the Foundation and its’ scholarship programs. The music brought some folks in that were actually waiting in line at Sam’s for their table. The “Front Gate Crew” convinced them they could probably enter the show, tour the boats, AND buy lunch at the Pelican Grill, while having a better time and still spend less money.

The “Front Gate Crew” consisted of four volunteers from the ranks of MMBA Members and their crews that manned the gate each hour, taking money, tallying the categories of entrants, stamping hands for ‘out and in’ situations, and just answering questions in general. It looked as though all had a good time, not only with doing the job, but also trading stories with each other about (boats?).

The opening watch crew of (then) Commodore Dee Dee Lozier, (now) Commodore Ariane Paul, Gary Coastigan and Danny McGinley crossed the starting line at ten

Rounding the first mark the eleven to noon watch was handled by Board Member Al Lutz, Steven Canright, Sarah and Michael Schmale and former Bear owner Alice Merrill.

Rounding the second mark to head down wind the noon to one watch crew was Board Member Bill Belmont, (who was mainly responsible for organizing the boats that were in the show.,) Barbara Sharon R., Jill Lutz and Vickie Van Heflin..

Continuing the downwind run from one to two watch crew was Pat Buck, Cheryl Wyborny, Steve Hutchison, (a sponsor and now the owner of an MMBA yacht) and Tim Maloney.

The two to three watch of Louie, John Hamilton, Ted Hall and Will Diamond handled

rounding the next mark so that the final watch of James Welch, Elise Bukta ad Rich Salbry could take over and get us to a very successful finish line at four. This crew even convinced some folks to pay the boarding fee just to watch the boats leave the harbor.

The weather was great, the boats were fantastic and the entire group above was really outstanding. All were there on time, organized yourselves for your tasks, and made it very easy for all those at the gate to get into the show with a minimum of fuss. You really set the tone for those attending with your warm, friendly and humorous information you gave to those coming aboard the show.



Show Boats at CYC

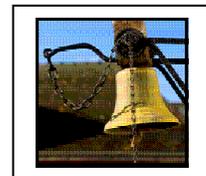
Realizing that all of you took an hour from your boat duties to help at the gate, I hope you enjoyed your time there. It was good to meet some of you for the first time and I certainly enjoyed working with each of you. Thank you all for helping to make Wooden Boat Show 2009 such a great success.

Mike Douglas



EIGHT BELLS FOR TWO MMBA MEMBERS

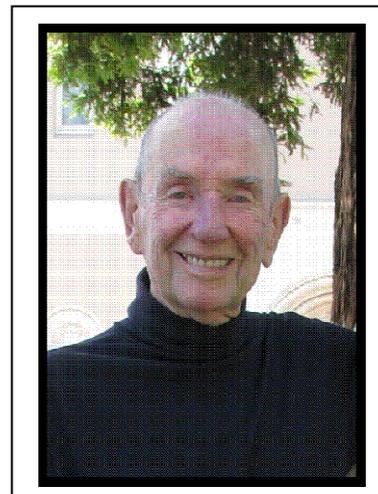
Ed Gibson and Bill Garvie

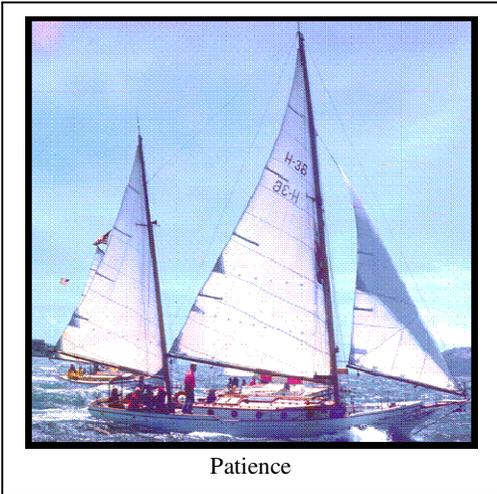


PAST COMMODORE (1978) Edward Scott Gibson passed away on May 9, 2009 after a short illness. Born June 27, 1923 in Berkeley, he grew up in Sacramento where he attended Sacramento High. Here he met Phyllis his wife of 60 plus years, graduating in 1941. Enlisting in the Coast Guard in '42 he spent most of his time in the Aleutian Islands on a Patrol Frigate. After his discharge in '46 he and Phyllis married and in '47 Ed entered UC Berkeley, graduating in '51 with his degree in architecture. They returned to Sacramento where Ed went to work for an architectural firm. In 1962 a business opportunity arose and they moved back to the SF Bay Area. He retired in 1989 as the Architect of the Port of San Francisco.

Ed's affair with water started in his high school and Sacramento Jr. College days when he was coxswain of championship crews of both schools. After moving back to the SF Bay Area, the Gibsons' bought *LISSI*, an 18 foot Danish Spitzgatter in 1967. Ed once sailed her up river. After passing Rio Vista, and losing the wind, he said that for the rest of the trip he could hardly keep up with people walking on the levee.

In April of 1973 they sold *LISSI* and purchased *STARDUST* at Kermit Parker's Yacht Brokerage. Kermit told Ed about MMBA and that he should join and sail in the annual MMBA Regatta. Ed did, and *STARDUST* took first in class and second overall. Phyllis says that since *STARDUST* was a new entry she had been given a pretty generous handicap, but, it was still very heady stuff for Ed and his crew. *STARDUST* also sailed in the 1974 and 1975 Regattas. She never won again but she was always in their





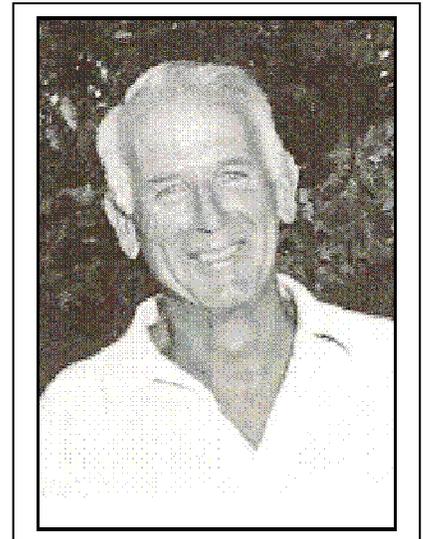
Patience

fighting.

In 1975 Ed and Phyllis wanted a boat they could live aboard. They purchased *PATIENCE*, a 36' Hereschoff Neria Ketch from Kermit Parker in October 1975 and moved aboard in February '76. They lived aboard her in Sausalito's Pelican Harbor until March '89. They raced *PATIENCE* in every Master Mariners Regatta during those years. Those races were family times that they have always treasured, even more so now that Ed is gone. All of us will miss his quick smile and great sense of humor.

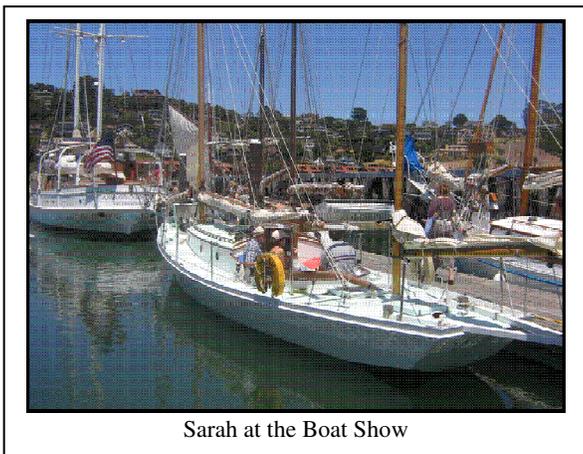
William Charles "Bill" Garvie. Born on May 27, 1919, passed away June 5, 2009. Bill, a native Californian, was born in Los Angeles and came to the San Francisco Bay Area just prior to World War II when he was accepted into the Mare Island Naval Apprentice School in Vallejo. Bill was drafted into the navy and spent his time serving in various SEA BEE locations.

Bill was a noted Bay Area boat builder and sailor. He started his boat building career at Lowries Yacht Harbor on the San Rafael Canal in 1953. Most of us though, knew him as the owner/operator of the San Rafael Yacht Harbor where he had established Garvie's Boat Yard, just up the Canal, from Lowries in 1960. He designed a unique marine elevator for the yard so he could haul out large vessels. He sold the yard in the mid-seventies and became the Harbor Master for the San Rafael Yacht Harbor.



It seemed as if Bill always had a boat building project of some sort going on in the large Quonset hut that was located next to the boat yard. He built all types of boats from small tug boats used to move boats and docks around in the marina, to ocean going sailboats, many of his own design.

Bill built some eighteen boats, frequently sailed the coast of California and made several Pacific crossings to Hawaii and Tahiti. One particular boat was *EMILY*, a 27' sloop he designed and built specifically for ocean sailing. In the spring of 1975 Bill sailed *EMILY* to Hawaii and back to fulfill a long awaited dream.



Sarah at the Boat Show

His last boat, a 38' skipjack type, gaff rigged yawl, designed by Thomas Claphan of Long Island, New York in 1884. Bill and Florence, his loving wife of 55 years, would go back East on occasion and go sailing on the Tall Ship Wind Jammer Cruises. He once told me that the skipjack types of boats are all over that area and he decided that he was going to build one. It was amazing to stop by every once in awhile and see the progress this amazing 80 plus year old boat builder had accomplished all by himself. *SARAH* was launched in 2006 and in 2007 Bill sailed her in the 2007 Master Mariners Regatta.

Many of us will miss stopping by that large Quonset

hut to talk with Bill and see the progress in his latest project. Bill will not only be missed by his loving family, but also by all of us that knew him, whether doing business with him, or just talking about boats.

Mike Douglas

Jessica Cup

October 17-18, 2009

St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco City Front

www.stfyc.com

The Jessica Cup Notice of Race and online Entry Form will be available on the St. Francis YC's website closer to the race date, so please check their website in mid to late September under "On the Water / Racing" and then scroll down the calendar to Oct. 17. It will once again be a two day event with a dinner Saturday evening, and awards presented Sunday afternoon. Yachts of traditional design and construction with a minimum of 30 ft. on deck are eligible to compete in this regatta.

Here come the Bears!

The first Bear Association meeting in many years was held at the 2009 Master Mariners Barbecue on June 27. Interim officers have been selected and the Articles of Association are being reviewed for updates. If you are a current or former Bear owner, or know of one, or have spotted one of these boats in the past year please contact the association at katzhome@pacbell.net.

On August 5th I attended the second Bear Association meeting at the Aeolian YC. These guys are really serious about getting the Bear fleet going again. One of the discussions was about getting a 501 C3. This would enable them to solicit for charitable funding from the philanthropic organizations. I explained to them that in my experience Fuzzy old guys in old boats (further known as Fogwobs) are not the demographic that these organizations cater to. I explained that if we were the Single Latina Lesbian Mothers Overcoming Drug Habits who are Adopting Abused Puppies for Environmental Awareness (further known as SLLMODHAAPEA) we would get money thrown at us. As I was driving home I had an epiphany. We are saving the San Francisco Bay Indigenous Boats for Environmental Awareness (further known as SFBIBEA). With all the cultural implications in this statement we could rake in quite a haul. What do ya think?

Al Lutz

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MMBA

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<i>October 17-18</i>	Jessica Cup	<i>St. Francis YC</i>



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