



# The Shellback

Since 1867

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Norm Harris, Editor

## China Camp Cruise & Potluck with ALMA

Saturday, August 27th

Alma will once again head up to China Camp and Master Mariners are welcome to cruise up and join a potluck BBQ on the beach. Timing will be approximately 5:00 pm for the potluck after the park closes. The staff from Hyde Street Pier have permission from Frank Quan to use the BBQ pit on the beach, so bring your own food to cook and share. Members of the Traditional Small Craft Assn. (TSCA) will head up as usual also. During the day there will be park activities celebrating Heritage Day, details at this link: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=466](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=466). The barbeque pit will be available at about 5 pm after the Heritage Day's park activities are over.

## 2011 Chicken Ship Regatta Sept. 3rd-5th

Labor Day weekend is just around the corner which means it's time to start preparing for the 2011 annual Chicken Ship Regatta up the Petaluma River.

**For those of you planning to head up on Saturday, there will be a fleet rendezvousing around 0900 near the East end of Raccoon Straights.** Radio contact will be monitored on Ch. 72. Vessels should try to stay close together while heading up the River to minimize bridge openings at D street. Trophies will be awarded as deemed necessary by the Committee. Remember to WRITE A CHICKEN LIMERICK on your trip up the River because the loudest groan will be awarded. The Petaluma Yacht Club has been kind enough to let us use their clubhouse and BBQ for the dinner and festivities on Saturday night. Don't forget to pull out your chicken garb and strut your stuff because best costume will be also be awarded.

**On Sunday** there will be the Blind-Folded Dinghy Dash in the Petaluma turning basin somewhere around 1500 with dockside potluck to follow.

### What to bring:

- \*Your best chicken attire
- \*A chicken or sailing limerick
- \*An item for the bilge dive contest on Sat. night
- \*A dinghy if you have one
- \*Some yummy grub for Sunday's potluck
- \*A Chicken Ship Perpetual Trophy that you won last year.....and never returned



Chicken ship Regatta cont'd

**Bridge Operator Contact Info:**

VHF Ch. 9

If you are heading up on Friday.....707 778 4303

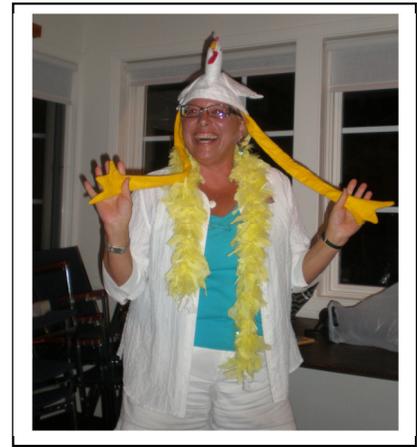
If you show up over the weekend....707 778 4372

**Please RSVP if you plan on attending by land or sea.**

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**Big Events at Hyde St. Pier coming up:**

October 1st will bring the 30th anniversary of the monthly chantey sing at Hyde Street Pier. There will be a day-long celebration with traditional sea music from local groups below from Noon to 5 pm, and the chantey sing that night aboard the ferry Eureka from 8 pm to Midnight.

Daytime performances by Skip Henderson and the Starboard Watch / Shay Black / The Barbary Ghosts / Dick Holdstock / The Dogwatch Nautical Band / Salty Walt and the Rattlin' Ratlines / Sons of the Buccaneers / Talitha Phillips/ Celeste Bernardo / David Lovine, and many others.

This year is also the 25th year that ALMA's First Mate Alice Watts has been serving up hot beverages for the monthly sing, and the 15th year that Park Ranger Peter Kasin has led the sing.

Here is the link for the event: <http://www.nps.gov/safr/parknews/thirtysing.htm>

Admission to daytime music is free. Admission to evening chantey sing is also free, but reservations are required for the evening sing. Reservations: 415-561-7171, or peter\_kasin@nps.gov.



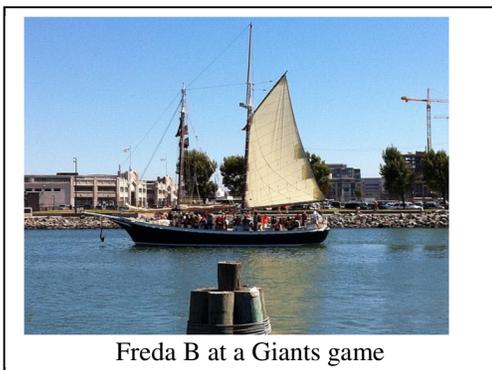
Beginning in September, **ALMA** will become the stage for the local theatre company — “**We Players**” new production of *The Odyssey*. Reservations for the first five performances will open on August 22nd. The performances will run from September 17 through November 18. Each performance will take place during a three hour sail on San Francisco Bay.

For more info, please go to these links:

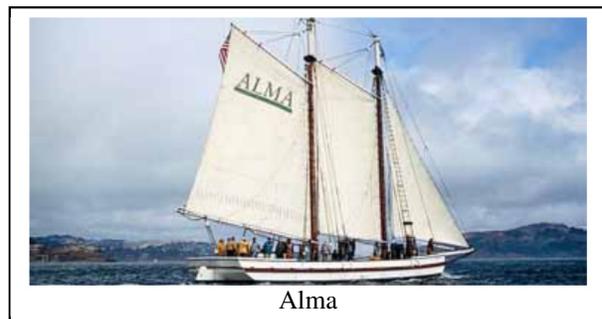
<http://www.nps.gov/safr/parknews/almaodyssey.htm>

<http://www.weplayers.org/events/the-odyssey-on-alma>

This great photo of **Grace Quan** sailing by Hyde St. Pier is by local musician Kurt Ribak of the **Kurt Ribak Trio** and the **Pickpocket Ensemble**. Kurt is an avid rower and snapped this shot recently.



Freda B at a Giants game



Alma

## *From the Quarterdeck*

It is time to welcome our new board members. Each will be giving up some of their already busy time to make Master Mariner events more fun for all of us. I was a member for many years before I decided it was time to give back to this organization that had offered me so many pleasurable events and get-togethers. This year we welcome re-elected board members Dick Wrenn, and Steve Hutchinson; and new board members Norm Harris, Paul Dines, and Peter Miller. Dick has been a board member for many years, Steve has previously helped with various projects, Paul and Peter will be offering some very fresh insights. Volunteers Norman Harris will be editing the Shellback, Ali Immel is taking care of trophies and Ariane Paul will be maintaining our website. Again, thank you all.

Every year we ask for assistance from our members. This makes lighter work for the board if someone is willing to lend a hand. You might be helping to plan a trip to Petaluma, the Off-Shore Cruise, working on Regatta festivities or visiting with the entire membership selling our now world famous t-shirts. Having taken care of t-shirts for a number of years, I can assure you that you will know everyone in the organization. It's really fun, all these events do not take up great amounts of your time and you really make the event special for the entire membership.

So now is the time. Think of all those special trips we've all taken with the Master Mariners. We are the history of the Bay. Make each event even more special or find yet another venue for each lovely boat to attend. The annual Pot Luck or Chile New Year's Race can always have a few more helpers. We have all enjoyed the benefits of Master Mariners now is the time to step up and help. Volunteer. It's great fun to get to really know some of our members that you only see a few times a year.

*Patty Henderson, Commodore*

### **Membership Notes**

Please welcome Dark Star back to the MMBA. Alex Kleemam (and friends) has been restoring her after after she fell on hard times, about five years ago when she was sold due to damaged planking.

She is a 33' Cutter, designed by Edson B. Schock and built in San Pedro by Reynolds in 1939. A very pretty vessel, she displaces about 12,000 lbs., and has done well in MMBA races in past years.

Jeffrey Reid and Jessica Brainard are restoring Serena, a beautiful Island Clipper 44.

These vessels were designed by Merle J. Davis, and built by Fellows & Stewart in Southern Calif in the 1940's.

With a beam of only 9'6" and a LWL of 33' these vessels sail very well. They carry their 26,000 with authority in little or lots of wind.

Both vessels have quality of design and construction. Please welcome the vessels and their owners to the MMBA.

*Dick Wren, Membership Chair*

## 2011 Wooden Boat Show

As promised, we had another great boat show at the Corinthian Yacht Club with blue skies, great jazz from the San Francisco Feetwarmers, fun for the kids with the Arques School boat building. This year we also had the addition of a bunch of wonderful ship models built by the **Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights**. Awards went to a small group of boats after the judges pulled their hair out for a couple of hours trying to decide. The winners were:

**Stone Cup – Elizabeth Muir**  
**People’s Choice – Simpatico**  
**Corinthian Cup – Bounty**  
**Alma Award – Folksong**

Dick Wrenn gave each of the winners a chance to tell a little bit about their projects and love for their boats and that was a lot of fun to listen to. Remember to tell your friends to come to our Benevolent Foundation’s annual fundraiser next year – the date has already been set for Sunday, June 24th. Thanks to Mike Douglas, Terry Klaus, Bill Belmont, Ken & Kristine Inouye, Patty Henderson, and all the volunteers that weekend that help put this great event on, and to the wonderful staff and members of the Corinthian Yacht Club and San Francisco Yacht Club for hosting us and making room for our vessels!



**More from the Wooden Boat Show:**



# Drake's Bay Cruise 2011

## September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

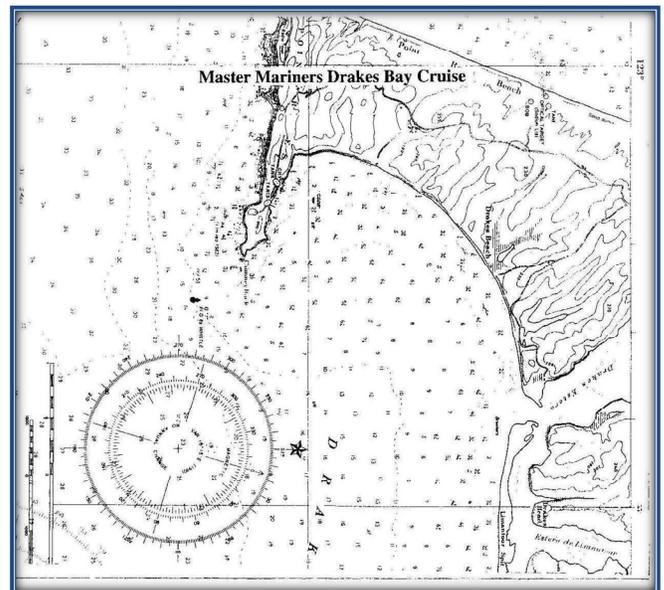
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Join us for our annual offshore cruise to Drake's Bay, rendezvous under the Gate at 8:00 am to catch the morning ebb.

Evening on the beach, bring something to share, MMBA will provide oysters and BBQ.

Monitor Channel 68 to communicate with other vessels.

Please RSVP to Dean Gurke at: [deangurke@gmail.com](mailto:deangurke@gmail.com)



## Summer Fun & Events – 2011

This summer started out slow, temperature wise, but has been busy all the same out on the Bay. July saw our annual BBQ at the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center and Tom List kicked things up a notch with some great tri-tip. John and Ann Tucker and Jim and Sharon White, and other SWBC and MMBA members helped pitch in to make it an entertaining and flavorful day. Galilee Harbor in Sausalito had its annual **Maritime Day** and Hans List and Jody Boyle were on hand with their families both to compete in the dinghy races as well as perform tunes for the crowds. Besides our own traditional craft and activities, we've had some interesting visitors this Summer. The tall ship

**Esmeralda** from Chile made a visit in July and was heartily welcomed by the Bay Area and Sausalito in particular as they are "sister cities" with Viña del Mar in Chile. The Sausalito Yacht Club was very involved in the visit, and the schooner Seaward accompanied the ship through the bay. After that we had a week long visit by the **Pacific Voyagers**

([www.pacificvoyagers.org](http://www.pacificvoyagers.org)) which are a group of six "vaka moanas" (catamarans) that were built in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and represent several Pacific Island groups, both the vakas and their crews were comprised of people from Aotearoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tahiti (French Polynesia), Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Hawaii (USA), and Vanuatu.

There were several events held around the bay with these beautiful craft before they headed down the coast. Next we will have a visit from the Russian tall ship **Pallada** that will be here August 19th through the 23rd. It will most likely be berthed at Pier 27 in San Francisco. The open hours for visiting the ship are scheduled to be:

OPEN HOURS (FREE admission):

August 19: 2-6 pm

August 20: 10 am - 6 pm

August 21: 10 am - 3 pm; 5-9 pm - Charitable reception on board (75\$)

August 22: 10am - 3pm

Learn more about "Pallada"

(in English):

<http://en.rian.ru/video/20110704/165007345.html>

Saturday, August 27th there is loads to do whether "by land or by sea." In the morning, the **Spaulding Wooden Boat Center** will have a boat launching and BBQ at 11:00 am for the launch of the Spaulding 16 built by their youth program's students and their volunteer mentors. Originally drawn up by Myron Spaulding in 1926, the design was completed by Tom Wylie in 2010 for the program and has now become a reality. RSVP by August 22ND, email: [youthprogram@spauldingcenter.org](mailto:youthprogram@spauldingcenter.org), or (415) 332-3179



Aug. 27th is also the date for the Great San Francisco Schooner Regatta and China Camp potluck with Alma. see articles on both in this issue.

We had a lot of fun with the boat building contest at Summer Sailstice at the Encinal Yacht Club again and I plan to try and get various boat builders around the bay together for a BBQ this fall to get to know each other better and share tales of their projects.

If you are interested in attending, please let me know, [arianepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:arianepaul@yahoo.com). It will be in either late Oct. or early Nov. This is separate from the contest, and grows out of seeing how interested people are in hearing what others have been building on their own time.



Have a great remainder of the Summer!

*Ariane Paul, "John T"*

## For Sale

"1957 38' Stephens 'Farallone Clipper' Sloop  
\$24,500 OBO

This well maintained, well equipped SF Bay Classic sloop, 'ECHO' has some interesting history and has participated in Master Mariner events for many years. For more information about the boat paste

[www.sailboatlistings.com/view/23766](http://www.sailboatlistings.com/view/23766) into your web browser. Although the online listing price is \$28,500, preferential pricing offered to MMBA members or associates. Contact Jack Coulter (510) 387-0240

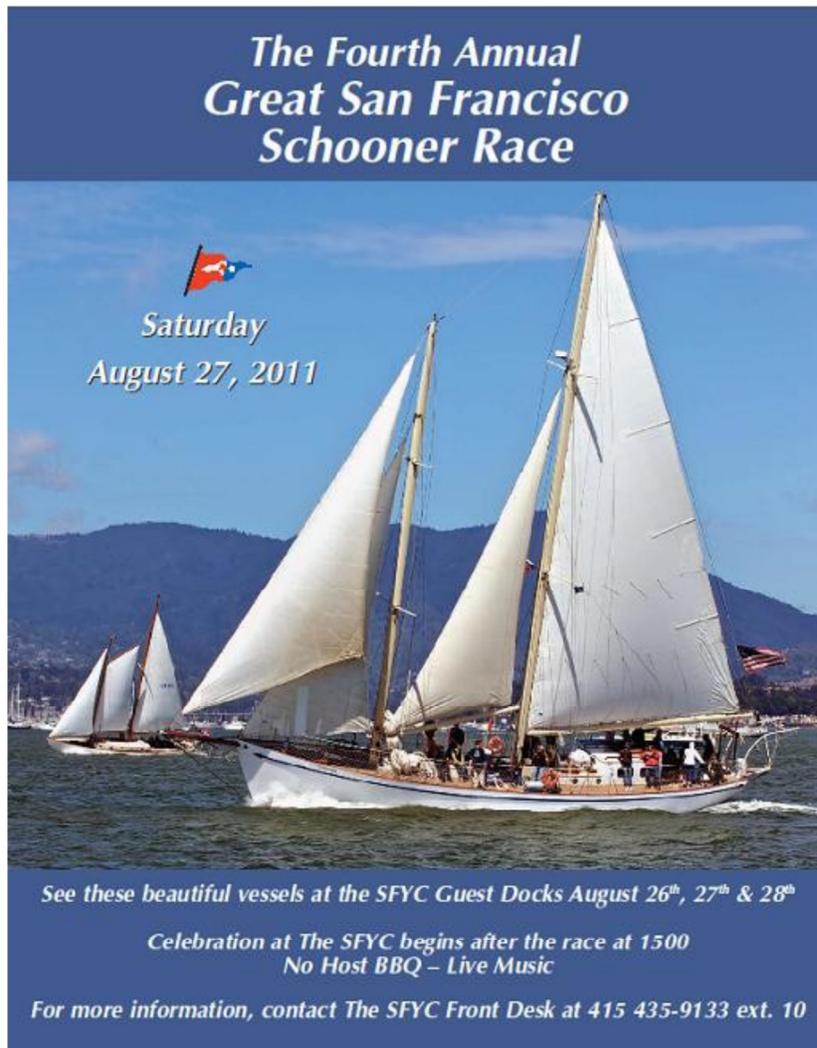
[jack.coulter@comcast.net](mailto:jack.coulter@comcast.net) for more information."



## VECTIS is for sale.

Built in New Zealand at the Percy Voss shipyard, by Bert Woollacott as a marconi cutter. 32 FT on deck. Full length kauri planking ,bronze fastened, tight ,lead keel. Intensive refit in the past 10 years, new inside, Yanmar 20 hp diesel, complete sail inventory ,all new plumbing and electric. Sails very well to weather, safe and strong, just passed a rigid survey with compliments. Need little to be perfect, I am selling her due to lack of sailing time....Twenty thousand dollars.  
[louisnickles@aol.com](mailto:louisnickles@aol.com)





**Great San Francisco Schooner Race “Notice of Race” PDF link:**  
[http://www.sfyc.org/files/11\\_schooner\\_nor.pdf](http://www.sfyc.org/files/11_schooner_nor.pdf)

### **Call of the Sea Benefit**

You are invited to join us for a dinner benefiting Call of the Sea

Where: San Francisco Yacht Club, 98 Beach Road, Belvedere, CA  
(parking lot located at 100 Beach Rd)

When: Friday, 26 August 2011, Cocktails: 6 PM, Dinner: 7 PM

Cost: \$100 pp

The dinner takes place the night before the Great San Francisco Schooner Race and there will be several schooners, including Call of the Sea's *Seaward*, and classic vessels at the guest docks for on board tours.

For more information and to make a reservation please call the San Francisco Yacht Club front desk at 415-435-9133.

## Patience Lives!

In 1974, Past MMBA Commodore Edward S. Gibson purchased the 36' Herreshoff Nereia Ketch "Patience" from Kermit and Fritz Parker. Ed, his wife Phyllis and son Eddie (myself) lived aboard in Pelican Harbour in Sausalito and raced in the Master Mariners for 19 years. Ed ended up selling "Patience" in 2000, and sadly he passed away in May of 2009.

Shortly after Dad's passing, brother Bill and I were contacted by the current owner who was in a position to sell the boat. We jumped on the chance to have the beautiful old girl back in the family. Patience had seen better days, after having been owned by a couple of absentee owners, she had been partially sunk and then left on the hard for several years surely to the fate of the chainsaw. Then Mr. Don Mollett (whom we bought her back from) came along, rescued her and spent 2-1/2 years on the restoration and ended up in Santa Barbara where we took ownership. I sailed her down to Oxnard where I spent a week dismantling her to prepare for the truck ride home.

Since then, Patience is looking more and more like her old self again. We're probably 75% through the refit, having replaced 23 hull frames and refastened the aft 1/3. The mainmast is stepped, and the mizzen is ready to go as soon as Tom and Hans List complete the repower. We want to keep her as close to the original plan as we can, and we're in no hurry...just want to get it right!

A couple of weeks ago, my girlfriend Lisa and I had the opportunity to sail on "Princess"(now under the command of Don Mollett) Patience's sister-ship in the McNish classic out of Channel Islands, Oxnard. We sailed the 17 mile course in 2:29:55, averaging 6.8 knots. The only boat to pass us was Dennis Connor's "Fame" a beautifully restored 1910 42' gaff schooner, so WATCH OUT MASTER MARINERS, PATIENCE IS COMING!

We're looking forward to seeing you all out on the bay!

Ed Gibson (Eddie)



Patience as Found



Re-launch

## McNish Classic Results

Paul Scripps was victorious in last Month's McNish Classic Yacht Race.

Scripps' 78-foot ketch, Miramar, had a best elapsed time of 1 hour, 45 minutes, 29 seconds, over the 17-mile course. The Strathmore Cup went to the first boat to finish, which was Finesse, a 52-foot ketch skippered by C.F. Koehler.

The Bristol boat was Fame, a 101-year-old gaff rigged schooner skippered by Dennis Conner, who was third to finish and first in the schooner class.

Twenty-eight classic wooden boats competed in the race, hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. The format was reverse handicap pursuit style race, with slower rated boats starting first. Miramar stormed around the course at a speed of 9.67 knots. The going was much slower for a few boats, with five boats taking more than five hours to complete the course.

Classic boats ranging from 27 feet to the massive 78-foot Miramar competed. The top local boat was the 28-foot ketch, Splinter, owned by Dan Chepley of Ventura Yacht Club. Splinter was the fourth boat to finish and placed third in the Ketches Class.

Race founder and namesake, Dick McNish, and Conner are working on expanding classic yacht racing, including a series including the Ancient Mariner Race in San Diego, the Dick McNish Classic, and the One More Time Regatta in Marina del Rey.

### Elapsed time leaders:

1—Miramar, Paul Scripps, 1:45:29; 2—Sabrina, Doug Peterson, 1:58:50; 3—Sumatra, Carpenter, 1:59:37; 4—Circe, M & C Bohanan, 2:03:13; 5—Rose of Sharon, Byron Chamberlain, 2:09:06.

### Finishing leaders:

1—Finesse, C.F. Koehler, 15:51:59; 2—Osprey, Jesse Alstatt, 15:53:42; 3—Fame, Dennis Conner, 16:00:25. 4—Splinter, Dan Chepley, 16:03:12; 5—Princess, Don Mollett, 16:09:58.



Finesse



Cheerio II

## Results by Class

| Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club McNish Classic Yacht Race |        |       |                |                 |      |       | 30-Jul-11          | Race Distance |
|---|--------|-------|----------------|-----------------|------|-------|--------------------|---------------|
| Start   | Finish |       |                |                 |      |       |                    |               |
| No  | O      | Class | Boat Name      | Description     | Year | Sail  | Owner              | Start Time    |
| 25  |        | S/CA  | Sabrina        | 50' Sloop       | 1960 | 119   | Doug Peterson      | 14:20:00      |
| 26  |        | S/CA  | Sumatra        | 50' Sloop       |      | N/A   | Carpenter          | 14:26:00      |
| 17  |        | S/CA  | Spartan        | 42' Cutter      | 1960 | 17099 | Tom Zetlmaier      | 14:04:00      |
| 24  |        | S/CA  | Scarlett       | 38' Cutter      | 1959 | N/A   | Kathy Roche        | 14:15:00      |
| 22  |        | S/CA  | Raiatea        | 43' Sloop       | 1965 | 67437 | Jon Duff           | 14:12:00      |
| 27  |        | S/CA* | Malaya         | 45' Sloop       | 1983 | N/A   | Neal Rosenthal     | 14:29:00      |
| 13  |        | S/CB  | Antares        | 40' Sloop       | 1961 | 32    | Steven Guilford    | 13:54:00      |
| 10  |        | S/CB  | Bequia         | 40' Gaff Cutter | 1978 | N/A   | Lopez              | 13:42:00      |
| 15  |        | S/CB  | Elusive II     | 40' Sloop       | 1961 | 34    | Don Green          | 13:56:00      |
| 2   |        | S/CB  | Lady Sarina    | 27' Sloop       | 1938 | 7174  | Jon & Edi Reber    | 13:05:00      |
| 16  |        | S/CB  | Vignette II    | 43' Sloop       | 1973 | 77119 | Walter Russakoff   | 13:59:00      |
| 4   |        | S/CB  | Savannah       | 36' Sloop       | 1963 | 983   | Bill Proctor       | 13:16:00      |
| 11  |        | Sch   | Fame           | 40' Gaff Schn   | 1910 | N/A   | Dennis Conner      | 13:45:00      |
| 18  |        | Sch   | Rose of Sharon | 59' Schooner    | 1930 | 67861 | Byron Chamberlian  | 14:05:00      |
| 12  |        | Sch   | Mischief       | 42' Schooner    | 1978 | N/A   | Jack Givbilato     | 13:52:00      |
| 20  |        | Sch   | La Volpe       | 54' Schooner    | 1926 | X3    | Jim O'Brian        | 14:07:00      |
| 5   |        | K     | Finesse        | 52' Ketch       | 1958 | N/A   | C.F. Koehler       | 13:20:00      |
| 1   |        | K     | Osprey         | 34' Ketch       | 1985 | N/A   | Jessie Alstatt     | 13:00:00      |
| 3   |        | K     | Splinter       | 28' Ketch       | 1967 | 498   | Dan Shepley        | 13:12:00      |
| 9   |        | K     | Princess       | 45' Ketch       | 1955 | N/A   | Don Mollett        | 13:40:00      |
| 28  |        | K     | Miramar        | 78' Ketch       | 1943 | 7100  | Paul K. Scripps    | 14:34:00      |
| 6   |        | K     | Charity        | 38' Ketch       | 1962 | N/A   | Armand & Kym Renga | 13:23:00      |
| 8   |        | K     | Fairwind       | 40' Ketch       | 1968 | 87965 | Tim Bercowitz      | 13:37:00      |
| 19  |        | K     | Spitfire       | 52' Ketch       | 1968 | 69936 | Jeffrey Woods      | 14:06:00      |



Fame



Some of the McNish Fleet

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## MMBA

### 2011 Events Calendar

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|---------|---|
| Jan 1   | <b>New Year's Race &amp; Chili Potluck</b> Pt. San Pablo YC |
| Mar 19  | <b>Spring Potluck</b> Golden Gate YC                        |
| May 20  | <b>Sponsors Lunch</b> St. Francis YC                        |
| May 28  | <b>Annual Regatta</b> Encinal YC                            |
| Jun 18  | <b>Annual Meeting</b> Corinthian YC                         |
| Jun 19  | <b>Wooden Boat Show</b> Tiburon                             |
| July 16 | <b>SWBC-MMBA BBQ</b><br>Spaulding Center Sausalito          |
| Aug 27  | <b>The Great Schooner Regatta</b> SFYC                      |
| Aug 27  | <b>China Camp Sail-in Potluck</b>                           |