



The Shellback

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February, 2006

Frances Dugdale, Editor

St. PATRICK'S DAY SPRING POTLUCK

SATURDAY, March 18, 2006



NEW FORMAT

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The tenth annual SPRING POTLUCK will be held at the POINT SAN PABLO YC
(www.pspyc.org/foghorn)
in Point Richmond. Come on Friday and stay till Sunday.

Dinner at about 1730 Saturday

**This is a new format started last year. Club is providing
traditional corned beef and cabbage with carrots and
onions. Members are requested to provide everything else.**

Hors d'oeuvres by Gaffers

Deserts by Marconi

**Of course if you require or desire other than the corned beef
please bring as you wish. Bread, salads etc.**

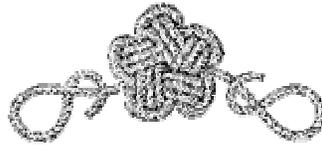
Master Mariner Regatta applications forms will be handed out
Reservations requested if you are COMING BY BOAT.

Information: contact Jeff Stokes (925) 935- 7096, cjeffstokes@msn.com
Volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean- up

DIRECTIONS:

By BOAT- Enter the Point Potrero Reach at Point Richmond Gust west of the RED OAK
VICTORY) and continue around to the left. The Club is at the head of the Santa Fe Channel.
Raft up starboard side to. We will monitor channel 68 Sat. pm (and Fri. pm if anyone comes in
then). Club Office 510-233-1046

By CAR- Exit highway 580 to Canal, St. Go south to Cutting Blvd one
block, then left one long block to 700 Cutting Blvd. Point San Pablo YC.



From the Quarterdeck

Another year older and the boats keep going. When Bill Vaughn restarted this MMBA thing in 1964 the boats were twenty five years old or so...Now, whatever. Strangely it seems the skippers have seen the same aging process. One nice thing about our group is that each of us knows exactly what the other is going through. The maintenance and even rebuilding goes on and on. Work should be under way at least in your mind now in the middle of February. The boat needs to be pretty good for the March Potluck. Even if you don't bring the boat you will need to be ready with stories of how good all the work is going. The Regatta sneaks up on you and then of course the boat has to be mechanically as good as it is going

to get for the year. I guess a little varnish could wait till the June Boat Show (probably get beat up anyway). After the Boat Show it is all fun. Just use the boat (Ha Ha) till the rains return. It seems after a few months of rain all the flaws are pretty evident for the process to begin all over again...I enjoyed seeing everyone at the New Years Party. MMBA puts on these events to enjoy the "Glamorous Classic Sailboat Lifestyle" so pick up a tool or at least have a plan together and I will see you at the St. Patrick's Day Potluck..

Commodore Jeff
Jeff Stokes
Commodore



MMBA Ships Store

If you wished you had bought an MMBA t-shirt, sweatshirt or hat at the Boat Show or Regatta and would like one now to wear or give as present we have a supply held with Patty Henderson. These include

recent regatta teeshirts	\$15,
older regatta teeshirts	\$8, \$10, \$12
regatta sweatshirts	\$20, \$22 \$24
MMBA embroidered cranberry vests	\$42
MMBA embroidered denim/khaki	\$32, \$34
MMBA orange baseball caps	\$12
MMBA khaki bucket hats	\$15
poloshirts in apricot/lime	\$30

Contact Patty at teeshirts@mastermariners.org

APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR

Many apologies for those of you who missed the ShellBack last November. I had plans to put one out and was almost ready but got overwhelmed with work and family duties. Then I was hit by the computer genie that corrupted my files. But hopefully you will enjoy this and the next 5 issues for 2006. Up to date announcements can always be found at a newly updated website (www.mastermariners.org) - see Page 5 for details. Happy New Year

Frances Dugdale

2005 Drakes Bay Ocean Cruise



For those of you that haven't already heard it through the grapevine, strong NW winds gusting to near gale conditions up and down the coast, along with rough seas outside the Gate, spoiled last year's oyster BBQ. Saturday, October 8th, was just not a good day to head up to Drake's Bay against the wind and seas. The few that left a day early found a windy anchorage Friday afternoon that required a good anchor set and reliable chafing gear. Unless you were prepared for a very cold and wet experience, making the beach at Drake's Bay on Saturday was not an option. Unfortunately the winds died down a day late; Sunday would have been a breeze.

Two MMBA boats, LITTLE PACKET and NAUTIGAL, made it up to Drake's Bay on Friday. NAUTIGAL's later start due to a fouled prop rewarded her crew with a rail-down spray-filled beat all the way from Duxbury Reef. The Richmond Yacht Club, invited to join us this year, also had two boats come up early – ANOTHER GIRL and TIVOLI. All but LITTLE PACKET left Saturday morning on a more tolerable, but no less exciting, downhill run back to San Francisco. Try as they might, NAUTIGAL'S crew just couldn't quite get their 65-year-old full-keel boat to surf down the waves, but they had a fantastic ride anyway. Due to a lack of cell phone service the word didn't get out to Bob Rogers (SUNDA) who showed up at the fish pier Saturday afternoon ready to off load 350 succulent oysters. A satellite phone would have come in handy. Well the oysters didn't go to waste. One hundred went to a large, and very appreciative, family group having a BBQ at Drake's Beach. Another two hundred went to a grateful chapter of the Sons of the Golden West, and the rest were enjoyed by friends and neighbors of the Rogers'.

Several crews attempted to make the trip on Saturday morning but wisely turned back after observing the conditions outside the Gate. Among them were those on AIDA and TERE'. The crew on TERE' were at the Gate by 0730 but heavy seas and the news of fisherman turning back for home convinced them that going to Drake's Bay would have to wait for another day. They headed for San Pablo Bay and had an enjoyable weekend on the hook. It wasn't windy everywhere on Saturday. Richard Haines reported that their engineless PEARL took four hours to make its way out of the Alameda Estuary to the Gate, by which time it was too late to head out. Apparently one crew member was not overly disappointed about not making what would have been a very wet trip on a 28-foot vessel. Having made a cruise up to Drake's Bay under similar windy conditions earlier in the year, PEARL's stout crew was hoping for a more relaxed, drier adventure.

Unfortunately there is related sad news to report. George Nunes, the owner of Ranch A, who along with his wife Betty, has provided MMBA members access through their property to set up the oyster BBQ, died of a heart attack on December 1st.

Well 2005 is gone; we have a whole new year's worth of adventures to look forward to. Let's all hope this year brings more favorable weather for a well attended ocean romp and oyster feed up at Drake's Bay in October.

John Vincent

End of Summer, China Camp

Another beautiful Saturday greeted guests and participants at the Chinese cultural celebration at China Camp. The weather was warm and swimmers were to be seen in the shallow bay. Alma was at dockside as our platform for a grand pot luck and to provide a general center of operation for the now-becoming annual get together celebrating the history of the area and several birthdays.



Quite a party for Jill Lutz and Alice Watts - Nicholas was missing this year as he and his family were just getting back from Greece. MMBA members brought great food and the cakes were provided by the board. Rousing music sprung up to make the party even more lively. A group of small wooden rowing craft had also arrived to swell our ranks and have a celebration of their own. Tom List aboard Smoky gave those members who had sailed over water taxi service. I was having so much fun that I have since been unable to remember all of you that arrived by sea and for that I apologize.

The Festival at China Camp has become a fascinating adventure. There are enough park service personnel and docents available to explain the history and the purpose of the camp. During the day activities included music and dance by several groups, a photographic display and crafts exhibits. Many folks were seen printing aprons and canvas bags with fish and other items found in nature.

Each year the Park Service offers more opportunities to appreciate the special history of this beautiful area. A warm weekend topped off good company and great food could not have been better. All those driving to participate should be aware that the rangers close and lock the lower gates when they leave. The party was very much alive on the Alma so this is just another great reason to sail over. Oh, bring all your quiet water toys - good dinghy sailing and kayak exploring abound.

Pattie Henderson, Aida

THE MMBA WEBSITE - an Update

To find out what has happened, is going to happen and general announcements, go to <http://www.mastermariners.org/>. How has it changed? See below

How can I communicate with the MMBA Board?

- Send an eMail to: Commodore@mastermariners.org
ViceComm@mastermariners.org
RearComm@mastermariners.org
Webmaster@mastermariners.org
- You can call and leave a voice mail at: **415-364-1656**
- You can submit a complaint, report a problem, or make suggestions by logging-on to the Website, in the left margin, click on **“Feedback”**, complete & submit your item

How do I post messages or notes on the Web Site?

- Log on to the Website
- In the left margin, click on **“Message Board”**
- Proceed.....
- Click on **“Click here to submit a message”**
- Type and mail your message.
- It will be filtered for virus and spam, and appear on the Message Board shortly.

How can I email the entire Membership?

- Send an eMail to <mailto:membership@mastermariners.org>
- Your note will be filtered for virus and spam, and then emailed to the MMBA Membership. (NB: not all members have registered their email address with MMBA)
- Messages to the entire membership are allowed, but may be subject to Board review prior to mailing, depending on the subject

How can the Association communicate with me?

- The MMBA will post current information on various topics to the Web Site.
- If you have registered your email with the MMBA, you will receive notices by eMail from time-to-time on Events and Activities.

How can I register my eMail address with the MMBA ?

- Send an email to webmaster@mastermariners.org requesting that you be added.
- You should follow the same process to update or change your email address.

How can I update my basic membership information with the Association?

- You can change your basic information by simply sending an email to webmaster@mastermariners.org including:
Name, Address, Phone Number, Boat information, Marina location, etc., etc.

How “safe” is the MMBA Web Site, and my personal information ?

- Our Web Site has extensive virus and spam filters to protect MMBA data.
- The MMBA will not release information on members to anyone, for any reason. All submissions of messages, feedback, and member mailings are filtered to prevent access by anyone outside the MMBA, as well as for viruses and spam.

Stephen Gort, Vice Commodore,

2006 New Year's Day Race & Chili Feed

You remember New Year's Day??!! It was raining – no make that storming. And yet the Master Mariners did race to the Chili Pot Luck at Point San Pablo Yacht Club. A quick change of plans moved the final destination and we hoped for the best. About 40 brave souls showed up bringing great salads, desserts and pots of chili. With no lack of food and the hospitality of the PSPYC bartenders the gloom grew bright and cheerful.



With an extraordinarily high tide, big winds (30knots plus) and the torrential downpour one brave, maybe deranged mariner, actually sailed to the club from Berkeley. As **Runa IV** is still afloat we know that Terry Tucker made it. He did say that it was way too rough to subject his dog Cuervo, a constant sailing companion, to the elements! The breakwater in front of BrickYard Cove and the Richmond Yacht Club had disappeared under water and the reach was subjected to a four-foot swell and chop. No wonder the rest of us drove.

Among members attending were the crews of **Aida, Nautigal, Farida, Stroma of Mey, La Sirena, Genii, John T, Briar Rose, Huck Finn, Unda, Emperor Norton**, and a few I missed. We also had the crew from Delores E., Point San Pablo members, who also should be loudly cheered for all their assistance in the final clean up. Thank you both.

A race/drive questionnaire was available for participants. Questions included:

What were your sailing hardships?

Ran out of beer, Couldn't make SW Farallon because of big seas and forced to turn back at Light, bucket, water on the roadway, ticket for a stop light.

Match racing with other boats/autos?

CHP Patrol, No, the matches were wet as well as the skipper, I waited nobody came.

Lies, lame excuses and smart remarks?!!

I sailed naked and nobody was there to see (it was cold anyway), chipped nail polish, bear hibernating, my hair got wet.

Why are you the winner?

Brought the most musical instruments, forgot the trophy so will give an IOU, It's just natural, because we are Master Mariners, because my new decks look great.

Who finished before and after you?

Dunno, everyone, most at bar when I arrived, you did mean sex, right?

What about kids?

None—didn't see a single goat, there was a stray sheep, none aboard – sorry, Not on your life!

Then came the highlight of the afternoon.....The Tacky Trophy Awards. There were Viking Figureheads, animated teddy bears, stained glass, vocal candles, Scepters of Authority, and a host of others dredged from our bilges. Unfortunately, your reporter was washing dishes during most of the presentation and did not get to see all the wonderful treasures.

We all look toward next year when the weather will be perfect and warm. Then all we Master Mariners will sail our boats for the

first “race” of the year. Hope to see you then for the festivities.

Patti Henderson, Aida

SPAULDING CENTER FOR WOODEN BOATS



Ouessant hauled out at Spaulding’s last Fall. We have been out there several times and were surprised to learn that we were the only Master Mariner member they have hauled in recent memory. We think that MMBA members are missing a bet. This is the most wooden boat friendly yard in the area. The staff has long experience with wooden boats and the necessary tools and equipment to perform extensive woodworking tasks. When necessary, they can draw on other skilled craftsmen in the area for special work.

This time, we had some extensive caulking, a bottom plank replaced and a beautiful topsides paint job applied by brush. Additionally, there was the usual bottom painting and zinc replacement.

We have always found their rates reasonable. The big crane is rated for 12 tons. **Ouessant** weighs a little over nine tons and lifts easily and securely.

Gene Buck, Ouessant



JESSICA CUP REGATTA

September 24-25, 2005

Final Overall Results

Marconi 1							
	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Sail #	Race #1	Race#2	Race#3	Total
1	Rick Pfaff	Alpha	8802	1	1	1	3
2	Paul & Christine Kaplan	Santana	X9	2	2	2	6
3	Daniel Spradling	Bounty	28170	5	3	3	11
4	Robert Klemmedson	Barbara	M113	3	4	5	12
5	Tim McDonald & Ken Lundie	Volunteer	M45	4	5	4	13

Marconi 2							
	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Sail #	Race #1	Race#2	Race#3	Total
1	Renee Clerk	Flotsam	Y42	2	1	1	4
2	Ian Rodgers	Sunda	17024	1	2	2	5
3	John Hamilton & Carol Leonard	Ole	7	3	3	3	9
4	Mike O'Callaghan	Viking	120	4	4	5	13
5	Tom McGowan	Simpatico	20	6	7	4	17
6	Terry Tucker	Runi IV	2	5	5	DNS	21
7	William Thomson	Makai	5	9	6	6	21
8	Glen Margolis	Tere	63	7	DNF	7	25
9	John Vincent	Saltana	J252	8	8	DNF	27
10	John Farley	Scotch Mist	8703	DNS	9	DNS	31

Farallon							
	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Sail #	Race #1	Race#2	Race#3	Total
1	Jack Coulter	Echo	FC12	2	1	1	4
2	Bill Belmont	Credit	8708	1	DNF	2	7
3	Don Taylor	VIP	FC 7	3	2	3	8

Gaff							
	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Sail #	Race #1	Race#2	Race#3	Total
1	Terry Klaus	Brigadoon	888	1	1	1	3
2	Ken & Kristine Inouye	Makani Kai	G77	2	3	2	7
3	John McNeill	Yankee	K103	3	2	DNS	10
4	Glenn E. Burch	La Sirena	999	DNS	DNS	DNS	15

This regatta is organized by St Francis YC and is a two day event for larger wooden boats. It will take place October 14 - 15th, 2006

JESSICA CUP 2005



Photos by Carol Leonard (Olé).



Photo by Bob Rogers



2006 Membership Renewal Is Due

Membership dues for 2006 are past due, so if you haven't paid, please return the self addressed, stamped envelope, with your check **NOW!** If you've lost the envelope, mail your membership renewal of \$60.00 (regulars and cruising) or \$30 (MMBA friend) payable to "MMBA" (write the name of your boat on the check), Master Mariners Membership
139 Hagar Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611

If you know someone/boat that should join our ranks tell Dick Wrenn (510) 654-7704



NEW MEMBER: Please welcome, Ron MacAnnan and his vessel **Pursuit** to the Master Mariners. Ron has owned **Pursuit** for 45 years. She is an M Class Racer, designed in 1927 by Starling Burgess & Morgan and built in 1929 by Abeking & Rasmussen in Germany of composite construction. Her dimensions are: 82' LOA, 80'6" LOD, 56'8" LWL, 14'9" beam, 10'6" draft. She displaces about 100,000 lbs and has a sail area of 3,250 square feet. Her mast is 95' off the deck, and her T-beam boom is 39' long. Many years ago Ron raced her to Hawaii in a couple of Transpacs. On the last race they lost both the main rudder and a separate skeg rudder that was added to help control the big racer on a down wind ocean course. Even with a jury rigged rudder, made out of a broken spinnaker pole, they were the 4th boat to finish out of a fleet of 71 starters. Ron does much of his own maintenance on **Pursuit**.

In his retirement he spends 6 1/2 days a week on upkeep and improvement. He does his own welding, has rewired the vessel, and worked with a small crew to replace the teak deck on a job that required over 1 1/2 years of hard work. He is currently replacing the old winches and deck hardware. **Pursuit** most recently sailed in the latest Tall Ships event, and Ron is looking forward to Master Mariner events. Make sure to say hello to Ron. He has a lot of great stories to tell of **Pursuit** and the Sausalito waterfront.

Dick Wrenn, Little Packet

LOST MEMBERS: Dick Wrenn has been looking through MMBA past membership and we would like to know if you know what might have happened to the following boats that were members in the past. These include:

Apster, Athene, Aguilucho, Alisio, Alita, Allegro, Amedeus, Andale, Apogee, Argo, Auwana, Biscuit, Camarada, Cavu, Coral Seas, Cubana, Chi, Chiron, Cumulus, Debutante, Elsie B, Empress Kwan-Yin, Enkidu, Erica, Euphoria, Faith, Fair Lady, Guardian Angel, Halcyone, Hatsukoi, Independence, Isis, Kanwara, Kathleen, Lark III, Mary Beth, Mickey, Mistress, Pegasus, Pilgrim, Queen Bee,

Ragina, Renegade, Rollo, Samara, Sea Biscuit, School Girl, Sea Bird, Sea Ghost, Sea Mist, Sea Runner II, Seaweed, Smile II, Shamal, Shu Jitsu, Sayonara, Trenayle, Vectis, Viajara, Viking, Viveka White Fin, Witch Craft, Wizard of Bristol, Wood Echo, White Wing.

If the boats are still sailing we would like to invite them to participate with the MMBA, with their original or maybe new owners. If you have any news or information about any wooden

boat that was in the Bay area with one of these names, please let Dick Wrenn know at members@mastermariners.org or 510 654 7704.

BOATS FOR SALE

SAN FRANCISCO BAY PUMPKINSEED SLOOP **POLARIS.**



POLARIS is a gaff rigged sloop 34' on deck, 29' on the waterline, and has a beam of 12'. She draws 4'6" and has a sparred length of 42'. *POLARIS* is carvel built (fir on oak) and has mast and spars of spruce. She was built in Oakland very early in the twentieth century. The builder is unknown. She is powered by a

new YANMAR diesel engine (fewer than thirty hours on it). I am asking \$22,000 for her. Much of that sum represents the cost of the new engine. Since I took over the custodianship, six years ago, I have installed a holding tank, an automatic bilge pump, and a teak table on gimbal rings. The mast and spars have all been stripped and varnished within the past year. Serious wooden boat fanciers, such as members of MMBA, know the responsibility and work of maintenance in a vessel the age of *POLARIS*. I feel obliged to seek out the right sort of caretakers for this piece of San Francisco maritime history. Also willing to partner. D.W.Bressler tel: (530) 758-1462 e-mail: cfrdwb@dcn.org.

DIDDIKAI is reluctantly for sale

The original L. F. Herreshoff ketch "**Diddikai**". Built in 1956 by Wilf Wild in Capetown, S. Africa, and featured in Herreshoff's "Sensible Cruising Designs" (Design #70), Herreshoff called this his best cruising design. (I have the letter, somewhere!) 36'6" on deck, 41' overall, strip planked Jarrah and yellow cedar on a combination of oak and laminated frames, bright finished teak doghouse. Diddikai has been my family's summer haunt for 17 years. Canadian registry, located Half Moon Bay. Relocation forces sale. Diddikai is in great shape, with a few hundred hours on a Yanmar 30 hp diesel, radar, new fancy VHF with remote, gps, autopilot, wind, depth, etc. Most of the interior has been refurbished, new bulwarks & foredeck rebuilt ~1993. Priced at \$40,000 in the spring after a fresh coat of paint & new sailcovers, or \$35,000 now.

Call Peter Carrie 408-761-2925 or 519-848-2400 (eastern time), petercarrie@yahoo.com.

ROBIN is for Sale



1928 Frank Paine/Lawley designed Q class sloop.

51' LOA , 31' LWL , 9'6" Beam ,7'6" Draft
Interior has been removed for installation of new floors
bronze floors, installed by Jeff Rutherford in 2004. Main
and two jibs 105 and 135. Backup main and many jibs,
two spinnakers. New Sutter sails/sailcover. Yanmar 3JH
installed in 1999

Bright spruce mast/boom/spinnaker pole.
She's a fun boat, but my time for maintenance is being
spent with my family lately. I'd love her to go to someone
who can keep her up to the standards she deserves. Price
recently reduced to \$35,000 . Contact Paul Heath at
paulq11_2000@yahoo.com or 925 461 7478

May Yan For Sale

(formerly Bruno Heidrich's boat) The bottom was recently done, every silicone bronze fastener is perfect. There is no rot. This should be expected since the teak hull has been carefully maintained her entire life. She is a 1958 Pacific Clipper by Cheoy Lee with a Ferryman Diesel inboard. The zincs are all new. The canvas decks are in fine condition. She has a new set of North Sails and several sets of older sails. Ground tackle is a CQR with chain and line rode with plenty of scope. The bright work is in good condition. Down below needs to be cleaned and oiled, I hope to do this. \$8,000 or best offer. Contact Carl Pearson at 603-284-6628 or 603-986-4190

BEAR BOAT FOR SALE

Boat #64 "BONGO" in great shape with very good sails and full equipment, \$3200 OBO.
Contact John T Ough, 510 830 7982

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www.mastermariners.org

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MMBA 2006 Events Calendar

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<i>Oct.</i>	Offshore Cruise	<i>Drake's Bay</i>

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