



The Shellback

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February, 2007

Frances Dugdale, Editor

SPRING POTLUCK



St. Patrick's Day
SATURDAY, March 17, 2007

Same good food - Same old friends - *New Venue*

This year, the Spring Pot Luck will be at the *Richmond Yacht Club*.

Dinner will start about **1830**

Gaffers bring main dishes and casseroles.

Marconi bring hors d'oeuvres, salads and side dishes.

MMBA will supply dessert

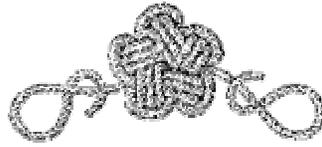


Master Mariner Regatta applications forms will be handed out
Volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean-up

For driving directions, check on the address at the bottom of the
club website - www.richmondyc.org

Reservations requested if you are coming by boat

For more Information and boat reservations:
contact DeeDee Lozier at 510-653-8820 or ddlozier@gmail.com



From the Quarterdeck

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2007!!

We are off to a new year on the water.

Our next event, which is being managed by DeeDee Lozier, is the Annual Potluck Dinner which will be held this year at Richmond Yacht Club (see announcement Page 1). You will remember that attending the Potluck gives you an early chance to pick up your package covering the 2007 Regatta. John Vincent is already at work planning this year's race.

There are a few recent changes with your MMBA Board of Directors. Bob Griffiths asked to end his Board Member term early, for health reasons. Dean Gurke, Board Member runner up at the last election, agreed to complete Bob's term, which ends in June, and has been appointed to do so. DeeDee Lozier has agreed to assume the secretarial duties for now. Bob still plans to stay active in MMBA and wishes the Board well in its endeavors. We are all very grateful to Bob for his efforts over the past years on the Board.

Speaking of DeeDee, many of you will know that she has had a patch of rough water recently with some medical problems, but we are delighted to learn that she has bounced back and is feeling better than she has for some time! DeeDee was on the Commodore track prior to her problems, but is back and has been re-confirmed by the Board as Rear Commodore.....great news! and thank you DeeDee for your contributions.

We try to keep the organization moving by hosting events that everyone enjoys. Toward this end, and in light of recent low participation, we will not be running the River Rat Cruise to the Delta in 2007.

However, we will be bringing back a long time favorite – ***The Chickenship Regatta***. This is a race and cruise up the Petaluma River to the turning basin at the Petaluma Yacht Club. The event will be run on Labor Day Weekend, 2007.....so mark your calendar. Further info will follow.

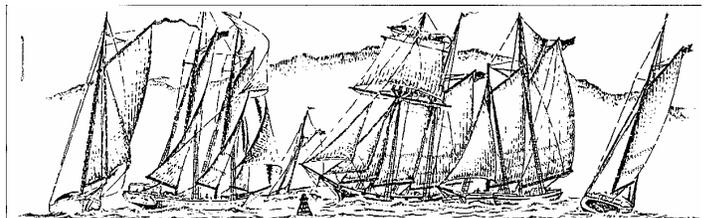
In two weeks I plan to get an early jump on prep for 2007. I will be hauling out for bottom paint and the off-year insurance survey at the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center. I know it's only January, but I am already chaffing to be back out on the Bay.

Best of everything to you all for a successful season in 2007!

*Stephen Gort,
Commodore*

2007 Annual Master Mariners Benevolent Association Regatta

Hold the Date



**Reminder that the Regatta will be on
Saturday 26th May 2007**

Race packets will be handed out at the Annual Pot Luck

For more information contact Race Chair
John Vincent (650-692-8382)

Our Outreach Program - The Master Mariners Benevolent Foundation

What is the Foundation?

- Formed in 1988
- Since inception, Foundation Directors have been MMBA Staff Commodores. This has been done to assure consistency of objectives and commitment.
- The original undertaking was a restoration project.
- It has since focused on supporting mostly educational activities, using proven maritime oriented programs.

How and Why is it different/separate from the Association?

- Both share the same fundamentals – interest in the preservation of wooden sailing vessels and the skills associated with their building, maintenance and restoration.
- The Master Mariners Foundation is a 501 c(3) – allowing the foundation to accept and manage tax free donations to worthwhile charitable projects. It is the outreach arm of the Master Mariners giving truth to the word “Benevolent”.
- The Master Mariners Association is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation, which exists for the benefit of its members.
- The Master Mariners Foundation has its own Board of Directors, which is separate from the Master Mariners Association Board.

Funding

Having pointed out that MMBA and MMBF are separate organizations, it is important that everyone understands that the Master Mariners Benevolent Association is the chief source of funding of the Master Mariners Benevolent Foundation. The Annual Master Mariners’ Association Wooden Boat Show donates the proceeds to the Foundation, which then manages charitable gift giving.

Regular Recipients

There are two programs which are currently, regular recipients of Master Mariners Foundation support:

- The Tall Ship Education Academy – Their Tallship Semester at Sea for Girls, an accredited program for high school girls to spend a semester at sea learning behavioral, academic and leadership skills not found in traditional classrooms. We provide funding in support of their expenses, the programs involve young people judged capable and bright by counselors, but who appear unlikely to find success in preparing for life without intervention, and these programs do that. You can learn more about this organization at their web site: www.tallshipacademy.org
- The Arques School of Traditional Boat Building – This is a small educational institute devoted exclusively to wooden boat skills. The Foundation provides funds for purchasing tools which the students must have for their education, and which are expected to last each candidate’s entire career. *"We at the Arques School of Traditional Boat Building would like to thank your members for the generous support they have given us in the form of student grants. The funds raised at the Corinthian YC show help students and graduates of the school pursue their dreams of becoming boat builders and skilled tradesmen. The school looks forward to involvement at the next boat show as well as other Master Mariners Association events.".....John R. Bums, Assistant Director* You can learn more about the Arques School at their web site: www.arqueschl.org

NEWS FLASH! It has just been learned that the Arques School is moving to a new home in the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center !

Occasional Recipients

- From time to time, the Foundation contributes to individuals, and one-off projects:
- The **California Gold Rush** – a California sesquicentennial celebration in which MMBF provided significant administrative help.
 - The **Golden Gate Tall Ship Society** and their “Summer Afloat” program.
 - The **“Sail San Francisco”** periodically arranges Tall Ship visitations to San Francisco.
 - Individuals applying for educational grants pertinent to tall ship sailing.
 - The Foundation has assisted both the Bear Boat and Bird Boat Associations in their fund-raising efforts to save foundering class boats. (Assisted, not contributed to).
 - In 2004, the Foundation acquired the ***Freda*** the oldest active sailing yacht on San Francisco Bay which had sunk in her berth in San Rafael. She was then donated to the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center and is now undergoing restoration.

How Does the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center figure in all of this?

According to its charter the *“Spaulding Center’s mandate is to preserve the site as a working and living museum; to restore and return to the Bay waters, historic and significant wooden vessels; and to teach others traditional wooden boat building skills”*. In 2003, the Spaulding Trustees approached MMBF about working together to build a center for wooden boats, per the considerable requirements of the Spaulding Trust. MMBF ultimately agreed to do so, on the condition that our (MMBF) Directors would round out the new 9 person Spaulding Board and that at some point this boatyard would serve as a “home base” for MMBA and MMBF – including exhibiting MMBA memorabilia. The Spaulding Trust governs the Center’s direction and activities, but MMBA/MMBF have become a critical component of this venture.

Naturally, given the Center’s objectives, its success and its future are very close to the hearts of all Master Mariner members.

Who is Eligible for MMBF Charitable Gifts?

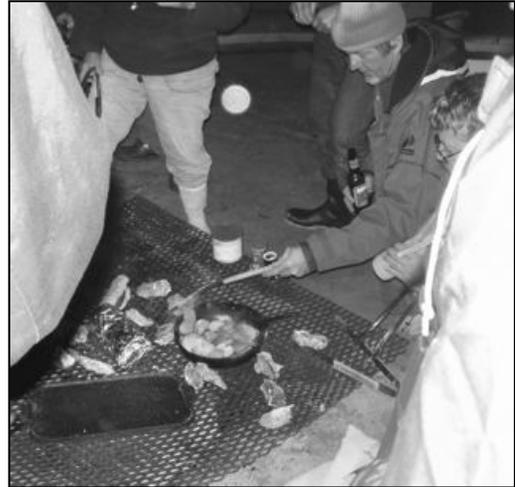
In terms of monetary grants, the MMBF’s first priority is towards scholarships for maritime related programs that provide proven educational benefits. And yes, “once in a blue moon” the Foundation will find a way to support a renovation project without either "betting the ranch", or favoring one MMBA member over another. One award was made several year's ago to the *Balclutha*; one of her new deck planks was paid for by MMBF; and more recently the Foundation took title to the 1890 sloop ***Flirt***, which then legally enabled another foundation (Arques), and other private monies, to undertake her restoration.

What’s in the Future?

MMBA, MMBF, and SWBC are each distinct and unique. In the best possible future, all of these organizations: The Master Mariners Benevolent Association, The Master Mariners Benevolent Foundation and the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center will work closely together to foster education about, and the preservation of, wooden vessels, their history, and the crafts, skills and methods associated with them for future generations.

2006 Drakes Bay Ocean Cruise

Last year's successful Drakes Bay Cruise and Oyster Feed was due to the work of Dean Gurke and Gary Costigan. Dean, who was in recovery from shoulder surgery, handed off the job to Gary who pulled it off beautifully. Music was supplied by Skip Henderson and his infamous concertina along with fiddle player, Brian Theriault. The excellent food being shared completed a most perfect setting overlooking the **Aida, La Sirena, Elizabeth Muir, Lara , Ouessant, Genii, Tehani, Nomad & Mistress II**, quietly at anchor. It was a grand time with friends old and new sharing stories over bottles of wine. Before long even the oysters were opening up. A low to the South kept a good breeze going through the night and by morning it freshened out of the North as our boats chuffed at their bits for the trip home. Being able to sail all the way home always adds a nice touch and simply put, it was the greatest year ever, (provided of course you weren't an Oyster).
Will LeRoy, Mistress II



Regatta Sponsorship – Get a Head Start

Soon I will be sending out letters to our steadfast sponsors asking them to once again jump on board and support this year's regatta. If you have ideas or contacts at firms that you think would be interested in flying their company flag on one of our member vessels and being part of the MMBA tradition, please let me know. You can either send me their contact info, or I can supply you with some Sponsor brochures and let you make the initial outreach in your own personal manner. There are three levels of sponsorship: Corporate, \$500; Benefactor, \$300; and Regatta, \$150. This year's Sponsors Luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club will be held on Friday, May 18th, a week prior to the regatta. Since the beginning of the Master Mariners, sponsors have played a key role – especially given that the regatta was originally a race between competing shipping company sponsors to see who had the fastest vessels. Since we are a tight-knit group, sponsors benefit from members' word of mouth recommendations to patronize "one of our own" and employ their expert services. Looking forward to your suggestions:

Ariane Paul, arianepaul@yahoo.com, cell (415) 806-2299

More 2006 Drakes Bay Photos



2007 New Year's Day Race & Chili Feed

Year's Day 2007 saw the best of intentions get blanketed by fog. An all woman crew headed out on the ketch Unda early morning down the Oakland estuary with Barbara Ohler, DeeDee Lozier, Alice Watts and Jodi Yukich aboard. Later the crew found itself arriving at the Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club after the stroke of twelve in a pumpkin, er, I mean various land yachts – as did I. The Hendersons and Aida went out to wait for the racers near T.I. and came back alone, well not quite – they had crew of Mike and Sue Proudfoot who are temporarily back from Ireland, while Farida is berthed in Dublin bathing in Guinness. A few vessels did make the trek, La Sirena – Glenn Burch and Judy, Briar Rose – John Ough, Sequestor – Hans List (kissing cousins by the looks of their “Tahiti ketch” hulls), and Runa IV – Terry & Melanie Tucker and Cuervo. The fog lifted and many more land yachts arrived bringing people, their tasty potluck offerings, and plenty of tacky trophies. Patty Henderson and DeeDee Lozier helped keep the ball rolling for the day's activities. If you forgot to bring a tacky trophy, no problem, you could always dig one out of the mud at the club as Hans List's crew did – a sparkling model ferry out of copper sheeting (I think). The trophy passing is a bit of a haze for me, but I believe the ferry was passed from Hans

to John Ough, Dick gave Patty the infamous “Winch Wench” and a pirate book to Glenn, DeeDee passed on a book of How to Win Races to Barbara Ohler and Dean Gurke (or vice-versa), I received a musical candle replete with seagulls from DeeDee, Glenn gave a very generic wood plaque to Hans titled “Trophy”, Barbara and Dean passed on a large vintage bottle of Cribari wine on to DeeDee, Mike and Sue gave Alice port & starboard earrings, and Margie made a presentation as well – haze I tell you (seems the fog found a place to settle between my ears). Bob Griffiths was the evening's photographer, snapping the likes of Tom Bamberger, who gave away a big box of nautical books to the group, and his wife, Ken and Kristine Inouye, Robert Briscoe and Margie Siegal, Bill and Shirley Rickman, Dick and Barbara Wrenn, Jeff and Karen Stokes, Steve Hutchinson, Brian Forester, Richard and Nick Haines, and others already mentioned. The Haines are a very ambitious family team, not only busy with their fast little gaffer Pearl, but now also restoring the Windward “Santana”. As always, it was a lively and fun gathering of our colorful group – next up Spring Potluck on March 17th at the Richmond Yacht Club.

Ariane Paul, John T



Hans List and crew



DeeDee presenting tacky trophy,

more photos on P.8. Photos by Bob Griffiths

More Photos



Kristine Inouye and Karen Stokes



Alice, Jodi, DeeDee, Dean and Barbara



Patti, Ariane, DeeDee, Margie, Robert



Bambergers, Proudfoots, Ken and Patti

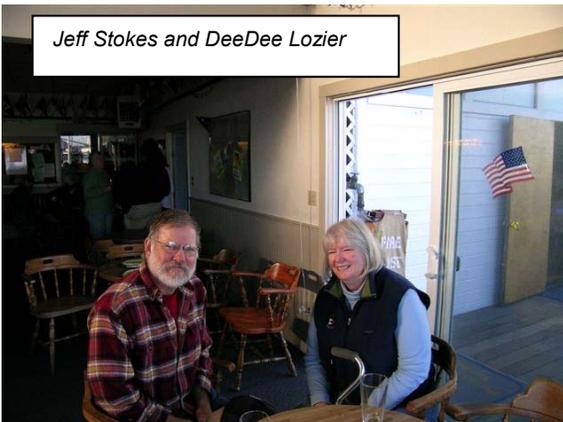


Shirley and Bill Rickman, Ariane



Glenn Burch and Judy

To be able to see better quality photos read your Shellback at the MMBA website
<http://www.mastermariners.org/>



Jeff Stokes and DeeDee Lozier

John Ough, crew, Barbara Ohler

Photos by Bob Griffiths



2007 Membership Renewal Is Due

Membership dues for 2007 are past due, Annual membership renewals were sent out. Many of you have sent them in already--we thank you. Those still thinking about it—please send your dues (\$60) payable to MMBA in promptly (Bill Belmont, MMBA Membership Chair, 2600 Tenth St, Berkeley CA 94710). It would be very helpful if you could write your boat's name on your check. If there any problems with the Invoice, like a name change or new ownership, please refer to it at this time. Problems, questions, advice or complaints will be addressed in the order received. Let us know about anyone/boat that should join.

Bill Belmont (bbelmont@fantasyjazz.com), 510 486 2156



Freda Restoration / Spaulding Wooden Boat Center Lecture January 25, 2007 Sponsored by the Richardson's Bay Maritime Association



Mark Welther, Bob Darr, and Tom List

Mark Welther, SWBC Exec. Director, Tom List, MMBF and SWBC Board Member, and Bob Darr, Director of the Arques School of Traditional Boatbuilding put on a presentation on the history of the 1885 yacht Freda at the Bay Model this week. Though I have been aware of the project for some time, and attended the SWBC open house last August, I found the depth of this lecture very interesting. Bob Darr has been closely involved with this project for quite a few years now, and pointed out various local shipwrights and Arques students who have put in many hours of labor, and gave credit to the numerous individuals who have helped towards saving Freda in various manners.

Besides going through the details of the work already done, he spoke at length about the current projects and the lofting of Freda's lines which was discussed further during the audience Q&A. Recently it was announced that the Arques School is moving its classes over to the SWBC with classes scheduled to begin there Fall 2007. The SWBC recently received a very generous donation from MMBA members David and Corrinne Bressler of the 1906 gaff sloop Polaris (formerly owned by Tom List), which the center will sail while Freda's work is being completed, and then restore in turn. The addition of the Arques School to the SWBC brings the organization further along towards its goals of being a driving force in the preservation of our local maritime heritage and a strong community center bringing various groups together to work collaboratively. Mark invited people to come by Thursdays before noon to get a closer look at the center. www.spauldingcenter.org , 415-332-3179



Ariane Paul

Update on Past Members from Bill Vaughan, Staff Commodore Emeritus

Last November Walt and Fran Petersen of TROPIC STAR reported that **Ash Townsend** passed away at his home in Anacortes. Fortunately Ash now resides in "Fiddler's Green", the legendary Sailor's Heaven, where there are always sunny skies, fair winds and collegial mariners from all eras.

Ash and his wife, Emi, who survives him, contributed substantially to the Master Mariner's Regatta's status when they wrote and published several books during the 70's featuring the Mariners, their vessels and sponsors. Their son, Ron and his wife Vicki are continuing the family tradition as friends of the MMBA.

Captain Cy Lee former Skipper of ALMA as reported by his daughter, Kelly, this Fall, was confined to quarters having been disabled by a stroke during his world-wide surveying duties for EXXON MARINE He is now in an assisted living facility in Pacifica where he has an Ocean View.

Cy retains the family home In Millbrae where he and his late wife, Dolly, held informal reunions to which Alaska Packer Mariners as well as maritime history "buffs" including the late Harry Dring of the San Francisco Maritime Museum and I attended. Each such gathering featured great food and convivial companions.

Cy a former Vice President of JOHNSON & JOSEPH located at the Foot of Hyde Street and in Oakland at Jack London Square, has always been a staunch supporter of the MMBA as both as ALMA'S Captain well as serving as a sponsor's representative aboard the several J & J entrants since 1965. Cy came from a long line of seafarers ... his brother was born on the Schooner, C. A. THAYER whilst his father was in command. Another relative was Master of the Square Rigger; KURT now renamed and homeported in New York's South Street Seaport Museum.

The Mailing Address for Captain CY Lee is Pacifica Nursing & Rehabilitation 385 Esplanade, Pacific CA 94044, Room 309B. Cy would love to hear from his friends and

shipmates.

The Year 2006 was the last one for **Lloyd Ryland**, PICYA Historian, who often attended our MMBA Spring Potluck with Ward Cleaveland ostensibly as Ward's Driver. Lloyd has now joined Ward in Fiddler's Green. As a Vice President of PICYA, I listened to Lloyd's research reports with great interest. One of Lloyd's last projects at my suggestion was assisting OYC Historian Diana Jessie in researching and transcribing the Oakland Yacht Club History, which was founded in 1913. Lloyd was a life-long resident of The Bay Area. Lloyd was a camper at the Alameda Contra Costa Boy Scout Council's Camp Wolfboro in the High Sierra in 1927, three years before your correspondent was born.

Eight Bells

Ash Townsend

Lloyd Ryland

Chicken Ship Revival

Mark your calendars for Labor Day weekend. We are going up to Petaluma again. There will be a lazy race of sorts with prizes. We've found the Cluck Up Award and the last place trophy. (If you are not familiar with the last place trophy, just know you do not want to be the last one to arrive.)

The plan is to cruise up the river on Saturday, spend Sunday enjoying Petaluma and head for home on Monday. We will be having dinner at the Petaluma Yacht Club on either Saturday or Sunday night.

More information will be coming. Anyone who would like to help or has some ideas for games in the basin on Sunday, please contact Dee Dee Lozier at ddlozier@gmail.com or 510 653-8820.

TALL SHIP NEWS

February 25th 2007 Join the Golden Gates tall Ships Society for their first membership meeting of the 2007 at the Sausalito Yacht Club on Bridgway, right next to the San Francisco passenger ferry terminal. You can joins for a no host bar and dinner (cafe menu) any time between 16:00hrs and 18:00hrs. Our meeting will start at 18:00hrs with elections and 2007 sail program review. There will be a presentation on Lucy Brown Reynolds, a Captain's Daughter at 19:00 by special guest Martin Graham. He is the great grandson of Lucy Brown and has written a book on her adventures of life aboard a square rigger at the turn of the century. The presentation covers her voyages from 1870 to 1885 (two of which terminated in San Francisco) and will be illustrated by numerous family photos.



The Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftan Visit SF and Sausalito

March 1st - April 15th

March 1 Grand Arrival under Golden Gate
March 1-5: San Francisco (Pier 40)
March 8-19: Redwood City
March 23 - April 3: Oakland
April 4-15: Sausalito

Most days there are dockside tours, battle sails and adventure sails See
http://www.historicalseaport.org/calendar/lw_marchsanfrancisco.htm

Lady Washington now Official State Ship

February 12, 2007

The state House of Representatives has approved a bill sponsored by Rep. Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen, naming the Lady Washington the official state ship of Washington.



Week of March 12: Alma sailing again!

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<i>May 18th</i>	Sponsors Lunch	<i>St. Francis YC</i>
<i>May 26th</i>	Annual Regatta	<i>Encinal YC</i>
<i>June 23rd</i>	Annual Meeting	<i>Corinthian YC</i>
<i>June 24th</i>	Wooden Boat Show	<i>Tiburon</i>
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<i>Oct.</i>	Offshore Cruise	<i>Drake's Bay</i>



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