



The Shellback

Since 1867

July, 2002

Frances Dugdale, Editor

Regatta Highlights

The Shellback document is in two parts-the cover in one file and the contents in the other. I have changed the cover to reflect July dates but you may want to change the return address label and the names and telephone numbers of Board that are in the box. Both the notes on the cover are in WORD text boxes.

The other file is the contents-I have given you a preliminary version of the May/June issue. Suggest you replace each of these pages with text or pictures that you want. I have changed the footers to July issue.

Number of pages:

I am going to start trying to keep to 7 pages text + 1 cover-which makes 4 double sided 8 x 11 that can be xeroxed and stapled at top or 2 double sided 8 x 22 which they staple in a book (that's how the last 2 shellbacks have been but with 3 big pages- ie 12. Unfortunately this version is on the 1 stamp/2 stamp borderline so I'm thinking to try to stick with 34 c 8 pages. Our Corinthian newsletter is actually 9 pages of text and cover and they use a single 8 x 11 sheet inserted in the middle but that may be more expensive to get Xeroxed and collated. I get the Xeroxing done at RAM printing in Strawberry Village-they can find the other order under Frances Dugdale. I typically get 290 copies done although you may want to check how many paid-up members and how many sponsors we now have. I haven't done a correct tally.

Typically they come from RAM needing to be folded in middle and stapled and then mailing label and stamp put on. I'm trying to find out how to do mass mailing but haven't got that together yet.

Fonts:

You need font called Dubellay to print the Title Shellback-I've given you a copy. You put it into your fonts area of WORD.

Continuous and Columns-

I followed Ariane and combined these-to get columns, highlight text, click on format and ask for 2 columns.

Pictures:

Often easier just to get them together on a page rather than cutting and pasting into this word document. I put the race pictures into powerpoint and just printed out the pages in grey scale .

MMBA Annual Meeting (Sat 22 June) & Boat Show (Sun 23 June)

Having raced the boats now we can get to see them all in their fine glory at the MMBA Boat Show at the Corinthian Yacht Club. At the Boatshow you can share the history of your boat with other MMBA skippers and



with members of the public. Events during the Boat Show include the awarding of the Stone Cup and demonstrations and exhibits by the Arques School of traditional boatbuilding.

From the Quarterdeck

The 2002 Regatta, marking our 135th Anniversary, is in the book, as they say. I would like to be able to make some profound comment about the Regatta, but unfortunately my article deadline is before the actual race. Please see results and special Regatta articles for details. From a preliminary review of the entries it appears that participation is down this year. If you were not sailing we would like to hear from you so we can improve the event so that you will participate in the future. However, for those who are participating I sincerely hope you enjoyed the event, I know I will.

Reflecting upon the Regatta, I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the **Sponsors** for their continuing support, **Caleb and Barbie Whitbeck** for this years artwork and clothing selections, Director **Bob Cart** for managing the Sponsors program, Director **Terry Klaus** for the Encinal Yacht Club and St. Francis Yacht Club arrangements, Sausalito Yacht Club and **Pat Broderick** for the Race Committee Boat and Race Officer, Vice Commodore **Ken Inouye** for another fantastic Regatta and the many volunteers that help make this event the premier classical wooden boat regatta on the West Coast. Also congratulations to our poster yacht this year **BRIAR ROSE**.

Moving forward, the Annual Meeting and Boat Show are upon us. These events offer you the perfect opportunity to become more involved and support the Association. The first and easiest way is to participate in the Boat Show. I know it is hard to have strangers on your yacht but it is a great opportunity to talk with people about how special our yachts are. And as you know all of the proceeds from the event go to support the Master Mariners Benevolent Foundation. Our

support of the Foundation allows them to have the resources to promote worthwhile local maritime activities. For more details on the Foundation see Peter English's article in the last issue of the Shellback.

Occurring the night before the Boat Show is our Annual Meeting and election of officers. This is your second opportunity to support the organization, run for one of the Director positions or contact one of the Directors and volunteer for help with one of the many on-going jobs. Remember, you only get out of something what you put in, and the Master Mariners Benevolent Association is no different. The Association needs your support as a member, event coordinator, volunteer and participant.

By the end of June I think you will agree, we have spent a considerable amount of high-energy time on our boats. Therefore, July should be a time to unwind and just relax and there is no better place to do that than in the Delta. So mark your calendars, Saturday July 20th is the start of the Annual River Rat Cruise [see details in this issue or contact Bob Griffiths (925) 254-9467].

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be your Commodore for the last several years. Following the Annual Meeting the new Board of Directors will elect a new Commodore to carry forward the traditions of the Association. I have sincerely enjoyed my tenure and hope I am leaving the Association at least as shipshape as what I inherited. Reflecting upon what has been completed, we are solvent, membership has remained steady, the MMBA Yacht Registry was published (2001) and an updated

membership roster is available (2002). It has been my
pleasure to serve the Association.

Sincerely, .

*Bob Rogers,
Commodore*

Nomination of Officers: Hear, Hear !!

Dammit... Your officers and directors need some help. Specifically, if you want to serve as board director, or wish to nominate someone who is shy but otherwise qualified, do so in writing to me (Peter English, 104 Southern Heights Blvd, San Rafael CA 94901), no later than Friday 14 June 2002. We have three (3) incumbents whose 3-year terms expire June 30, 2002. That means there are 3 slots open, and some competition is healthy. The "erection" will be at the MMBA annual Meeting (23 June).

Peter English, Jr Staff Comm

2002 MMBA Sponsor/Skipper Luncheon

Like a good wine, MMBA events just seem to get better over the years. Thanks to the hard work of Bob Cart, Terry Klaus, Peter English, Michael Freinberg and long time friends and supporters like Frank Hoberg, the Sponsor/Skipper lunch held on May 17 at the St. Francis Yacht Club was a sell out event. Not only did we have a record turnout of 60 or so sponsors represented, we also had approximately 50 out of the 66 skippers attending the lunch.

Highlights of the event were the pairing up of sponsors and boats, the excellent lunch served by the St. Francis staff, donation of wine by Dry Creek Winery, and the traditional distribution of race packets to attending skippers. The most noteworthy announcement about the regatta was that the schooners from the Marconi I class (including Dauntless from San Diego) would be sailing against each other this year in their own class. If this works out, maybe we can keep this next year if we get 4 or more Marconi I schooners again.

This was the best sponsor's lunch that anyone could remember in a long time. Again, congratulations to Bob Cart and the sponsorship committee for a successful campaign this year. This year will be hard to top but plan to attend next year's anyway to keep the momentum fermenting.

RIVER RAT CRUISE

The Driftwood stop may not provide all as anticipated, so the alternative, favored by most, is to sail directly to Upper Steamboat on Saturday~ July 20, starting off Southampton Shoal at 0900. Past cruises have found this successful. Sorry for any inconvenience/confusion.. This means no in harbor draft or departure delay problems, no bonding on the veranda before and after, no yacht club dinners, no crew change nor breakfast and showers Sunday. As no boat/head count will be needed, deciding to join at the last minute would be great. There will be a couple of hours more sailing Saturday and late arrivals can raft up till morning, when we can all jump in the river and bond until whenever. Plan an onboard BBQ or some such Saturday evening.

Communications: Monitor VHF Channel **68** on the hour for current info. For real time info listen to Bay Traffic on **14** and commercial river piloting on **15**, Bascule and other bridge openings are requested on **9**. For future info, use the Tide Book.

What to bring: Use Charts 18652, 18661 18662. Necessary: awning, sun hats, sun screen, cold drinks with ice, 2 anchors with rodes, enough engine fuel, water sports gear" bug repellent. Optional; dinghy, swim ladder, crawdad traps, cheap dog food for trap bait, a GPS for spotting return waypoints, depth sounder, binoculars and cell phone.



How to get there: the following is from experience and observation for the orientation of the partially familiar, and not intended to substitute for good judgement and navigation skills. Cruisers departing from points up river from Southampton plan to pass Carquinez with the flood (max at 11.07-1.7). Entering

San Pablo Bay give room to No.2 (red) marking an obstruction. Skirt the East side of the (red) ship channel markers to take advantage of the stronger flood in deeper water. This is probably not how to do it coming back. NOTE: sailing within this channel is a no-no. From Davis Point stay well within the markers, alert for commercial shipping ahead and astern, allowing time to plan a safe passing. They are traveling fast, maneuvering to keep deep water, constantly changing course, are not all ways predictable, and have the RIGHT OF WAY. After the bridges at Martinez there are vast areas of real estate, only exposed at low tide -beware of birds walking on water. It's vital that the next marks are confirmed as being the next marks in sequence, going from 1 and 2 to 3 and 4, rather than to 5 and 6 etc., flying the chute while cutting across the Middleground can be a memorable family experience.

Other MMBA Summer Events China Camp Race & Pot Luck

August 10 & 11

Fun Race to the China Camp

Race Instructions:

- ?? Race starts:
 - 0950 – 10 minute warning for Gaffers
 - 0955 – 5 minute preparatory
 - 1000 – Gaffers Start
 - 1005 – 5 minute preparatory for Marconi Rigs
 - 1010 – Marconi Rig start
- ?? Starting line is between Southampton Shoal Platform and the committee boat – Stroma of Mey
- ?? Listen for a horn and watch the shapes
- ?? Boats cross starting line heading south
- ?? Course: from the starting line under sail round Angel Island any direction, then under the Richmond bridge towards China Camp.
- ?? Finish Line: when your boat approximately 100 yards off of the Fishing Pier at McNear's beach – relative bearing of 210 degrees from your boat.
- ?? Mark the time of your finish along with the boat ahead and behind you. You will be given a sheet to fill out after you arrive.
- ?? Monitor channel 68 for any last minute race instructions

Pot Luck Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Alma

- ?? Alma will be at the dock at the pier
- ?? Gather around 5p.m.
- ?? Bring your own drinks
- ?? Appetizers will be provided
- ?? Marconi vessels bring main dish.
Gaffers vessels bring salads and dessert.

Other Activities Available

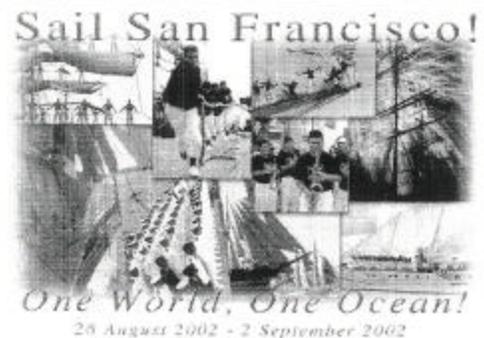
?? Chinese Heritage Festival will be held that the part this weekend

?? Hiking around China Camp State Park

Tall Ships Parade

August 28

All members of the MMBA are invited to



participate in the tall ship parade on August 28 from 12 pm/noon - 2 pm. The parade will start at the Golden Gate Bridge and end at the Bay Bridge. For more information, tel: 415 447 9822, fax: 415 447 7320, www.sailsanfrancisco.org

Raft-up at Aquatic Park

Labor Day Weekend

Mark your calendars for Labor Day Weekend. We are developing plans for an informal raft-up at Aquatic Park. It would be great to fill the basin with Master Mariner boats! Arrangements are being made to use the dock near Alma as a dinghy dock for going ashore.

Some thoughts for things to do.....

- ? Join Sail San Francisco – Tall Ship Festivities
- ? Explore the city
- ? Have a party on Alma
- ? Race Pelicans

Suggestions are welcome!
Contact Dee Dee Lozier (510) 653-8820 or
ddlozier@pacbell.net.

More information will be in the next
Shellback and on the Web site.

Whats happening Next: China camp Instructions etc.....

Notices, Ads & General "What have you's"

MMBA WEBSITE: <http://www.mastermariners.org>
OUR GROUP WEBSITE: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mastermariners-sf>
GROUP EMAIL ADDRESS: mastermariners-sf@yahoogroups.com
OUR CLUB WEBSITE: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/mastermarinerssf>

If you aren't receiving any MMBA group emails, I need your address! Please send to: **mastermariners@hotmail.com**

Thanks, *Ariane*

Material to be published in Shellback, send to Frances Dugdale (fwilkers@sfsu.edu)

BOATS FOR SALE

Unda For Sale For The First Time Since 1960 - Asking \$40K

Unda was designed by Aage Utzon in 1938 and built by Egor Nielson in Denmark during 1948-1949. Her hull is fir on oak frames with a teak cabin and deckworks. Her present caretaker found her in Denmark in spring 1960, and bought her and cruised Denmark, Western Sweden, the Baltic coast of Germany, the Kiel Canal and the Elbe River from Hamburg to the North Sea, with his wife and family. Double ended ketch, copper fastened, Buuk diesel and variable pitch prop
40' LOD, 33' LWL, 10'1" beam, 6' draft