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2005 Master Mariners Annual Regatta,

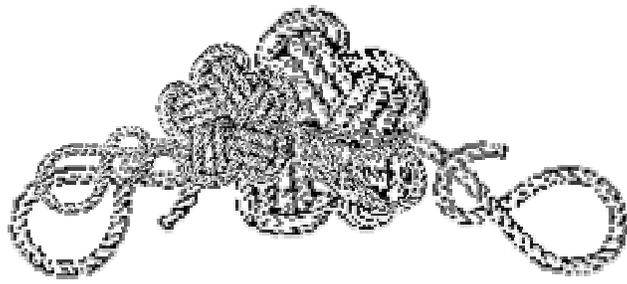
The weather was clear and blowing - a good day for a sail. There were 65 boats registered to race, and 60 actually competed. The view from the Committee Boat was spectacular, there were no protests, no collisions. There were a few withdrawals - this year's boat, **Little Packet** broke a headstay; **Robin** had leaking problems, and **Dutch** broke an upper gaff boom. We understand that no one was hurt, and everything appears repairable. Major thanks go to George Shea and the crew of **Mercury**, from Sausalito YC, for their expert management of the Race Committee Boat. All boats were away on time between 12:00 and 12:50 and the first finishers were at Treasure Island starting at 14:15. We had set the inflatable and were scurrying to anchor the Committee Boat as **Trigger**, followed by **Leda**, and **Polly** came streaking home. 12 vessels finished within 15 minutes - great times! There were only three minor problems with race management: We had a misfire (bad cartridge) on one start, accidentally called two firsts for M1 - won by **Barbara**, our apologies to **Rowena**, who took 2nd and we ran out of shotgun shells and had to use multiple horns for the last three finishers. All in all, the Regatta went well, my thanks to those who pitched in to help, especially John Tucker and Chris Newell who worked with me on the Committee Boat.

Stephen Gort, 2005 Regatta Chairman

Then was the raft-up at the Encinal YC in Alameda. Boats were greeted by a jazz band, got to buy MMBA clothing. Later there was a Tri-Tip and salmon dinner, the Awards Ceremony, and dancing to a great rock and roll band. The 1st place winners, besides, collecting their strutting cock flags, were also given magnum bottles of wine donated by Long Meadow Ranch Winery. Boats that stayed overnight enjoyed breakfast put on by EYC with a make-your-own Bloody Mary Bar and the potluck BBQ Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to Encinal YC for their hospitality over Memorial Day weekend.

Perpetual Trophy	Year Donated/Criterion	Winner
Baruna	1976;orig Bermuda Cup, Ocean 1 yacht 1 st to finish	Odyssey
Farallone Clipper	1 st Farallone Clipper to finish	
Billiken	1978, fastest Gaff rig yacht over 30' on deck	Yankee
Kermit Parker	1998, fastest Gaff II yacht	Pearl
Dead Eye	1968, fastest yacht over 30' on deck, any rig, non ocean	Volunteer
Aloha	1996, fastest Marconi II or III (30-40' on deck)	Lydia
Everett J Hanson	1 st Bird Class Sloop to finish	Polly
Lyle Galloway	1984, fastest yacht under 30' on deck, any rig	Trigger
Gerry O'Grady	1 st Bear Class Sloop to finish	Trigger
L36 plate	1 st Lapworth 36 to finish	Leda II
Division	1 st Place Winner	
Bird	Polly	
Big Schooners	Gaslight	
Gaff 1	Brigadoon	
Gaff 2	Pearl	
Marconi 1	Barbara	
Marconi 2	Unda	
Marconi 3	Makai	
Marconi 4	Trigger	
Ocean	Odyssey	

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From the Quarterdeck

Nautigal got her last coat of decking rubber stuff two weeks before the race...A few days of more rain (remember that?) and then paint the decks and then tape off the waterways and paint again and throw on the sand. Another coat of paint laid on hot and we got to call it. Paint the house sides. Pack tools and take the junk off the boat. Floorboards back in and a few interior items added. An unbelievable amount of work. Sorry about the rough topsides and no Teak cap. My son helped move the boat over to the Encinal YC on Thursday. Friday I picked up some beer and crackers and cheese for the crew and everything was ready to go. Not too many boats in the basin race morning, but the crew is there, and off we go. Son brought a couple of young men, ready and willing for anything, and Steve the boat carpenter who ran the deck job (with me as house carpenter crossover) brought a skipper of a plastic boat that is raced currently. Bill of the Express 37 was thrilled to be among the boats of his youth. Due to the deck replacement we were not making a 100% appearance. We were without practice and my sails suck. The race was awesome. Plenty of wind for power, the sun came out and no close calls. No guts for the chute on the City front but used it in the Estuary to justify the pack. You know, break the bands. The engine chose to "not start" for the berthing dance and we let the rubber boat navy do their thing.

The skippers who chose to forgo the raft up really missed out on something special. MY wife showed up with wine and we unwound for dinner. Food was good and the awards ceremony was tight. We even won a second. Dean (of **Unda**) started the year with less but I guess he worked harder. Band was good and dancers were in abundance. Off to bed and Sunday was spent leisurely trouble shooting the engine with Chairman Bob (of **Eventide**). Abandoned the engine and went to the store for grub for BBQ and upon return, for no reason, engine started. I was scared for the BBQ but at about five-thirty people came from their homes, the boat yard and the few boats remaining and about thirty diehards eat once again. I went home and returned for **Nautigal** Wednesday. Had a talk with Tom Hunt manager of the Encinal YC and thanked him for everything and discussed next year. Dick came and got me at the PSPYC and for the price of a bowl of Pho shagged me back to my car. That is how I spent Memorial Day weekend 2005. Pretty much as I have spent every Memorial Day since 1981.

See you all at the Annual Meeting and 2005 Wooden Boat Show in Tiburon at the Corinthian YC.

Commodore Jeff



Notice of Election of Officers at the Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 25, 2005
Corinthian YC, Tiburon, CA

The 2005 annual meeting of the membership is hereby formally announced as required by the MMBA By-Laws. The annual meeting will be called to order at or about 1800 hours on Saturday June 25, 2005 in the "Sail Loft" (upstairs dining and bar area) of the Corinthian YC. Immediately following the meeting, a no host dinner will be served by the Corinthian YC in the upstairs dining room, followed by dancing. MMBA members/vessels participating in the Boat Show on Sunday are welcome to spend the night.

In addition to providing members with a brief update on the State of the Association, the Annual meeting is also the time we elect three (of the nine) Directors-at-Large to the MMBA Board. Each Director-at-Large is elected for a three year term. The terms of Jeff Stokes, Dee Dee Lozier and Frances Dugdale (took over during 2005 for Ken Inouye) are expiring. Jeff Stokes (present Commodore) and Dee Dee Lozier (Rear Commodore) have agreed to run for another term. Frances Dugdale (Shellback Editor) is willing to stand as candidate for the 3rd Board position. We expect other candidates to be named by the time of the election.

As you know, the MMBA is an all volunteer group. We have great events like the Regatta, the Boat Show, Pot Luck in March, the River Rat Cruise in July, Labor Day Rendezvous; the list goes on and on. None of these events happen by chance, each is coordinated by a Board Member with additional help from dedicated volunteers.

Nominations are still open for the one Board Position. To add your name to the nominees, please contact any of the current Board of Directors or Junior Staff Commodore, Bob Rogers (415-383-8962) by June 22nd.

THE ELECTION

Members are requested to pick-up a ballot on SUNDA and place it into the ballot box before the opening of the annual meeting (1800 hours). With your cooperation, winners will be announced during the meeting.

2005 MMBA Sponsor/Skipper Luncheon



This took place May 20th at the St. Francis YC. The Regatta trophies and awards were displayed. The sponsors were able to display their flags to be flown at the Regatta. The sponsor gift was an MMBA mug with a drawing of the MMBA boat for the year (**Little Packet**). **Little Packet** was also on olive green teeshirts and sweatshirts for sale with matching hats and MMBA fleece vests in cranberry color. Many thanks to Caleb and Barbie Whitbeck for their hard work with the MMBA merchandise. Skippers who have sponsor flags, please remember to *fly the sponsor's flag at the boat show*. If your boat will not be at the show, let me know, and we will arrange for another boat to fly the flag. After the boat show, please *return the flag to the sponsor*. If you have questions or need help contacting a sponsor, let me know. Thanks to all

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Dee Dee Lozier

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M'Madv. Marconi 2



Volunteer, Dead Eye Trophy



Robin. deluged with water



Dutch. broken main gaff boom



Pearl. Winner Gaff 2

Some of the Awards



Awards for the crews of Barbara, Unda, Trigger and Lydia



Pot Luck on Alma, Saturday 27th August

Come over to China Camp and anchor out. Alma will be tied up at the dock. She will be available for us after 5:00 pm. Everyone, bring a casserole or "hardy" salad and extra snacks. We will be feeding the Alma crew and in the past the food has run out. We will be celebrating a couple of Birthdays. If anyone's birthday is close to the 27th, let me know. There will be cake.

Contact Dee Dee Lozier

*****Is anyone willing to provide taxi service to anchored boats?***"**

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Master Mariners Benevolent Association
ANNUAL MEETING & WOODEN BOAT SHOW

Saturday June 25th

Sunday, June 26th

Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon

Saturday June 25th is date of the 2005 MMBA Annual Meeting when new officers are elected will be held at **6 pm** at the Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon

This is followed by dinner and dancing (usually well in to the night). This is followed by dinner and dancing (usually well in to the night). This year, a new menu Dinner and Dancing with a new singer dance band will take place upstairs in the Corinthian Sail Loft/Ballroom. **Dinner is \$20**

Don't miss this party !!

Sunday, June 26th: Breakfast will be served at Corinthian YC from 8:00 to 10:00 for a nominal fee; all members of the Master Mariner Vessels, and members of SFYC and CYC are invited.

Then is the Boat Show, from 10:00 am to 3:45 pm, when MMBA boats are open for the public to view along with model boat building for children conducted by the Arques Traditional Boat Building School. The gate fee is \$10.00 to the public (free to under 12's). Entry is free to MMBA members with boats in the show and regatta sponsors. There will be food and a jazz band playing. Boat show proceeds go towards our Master Mariners Benevolent Fund, which provides funding for sail training scholarships and skills associated with restoring traditional sailing craft. We generally have close to 60 vessels in the show.

A wonderful day for the entire family !!

Invitations were sent out to MMBA members- if you would like to register your boat, contact Terry Klaus (tgklaus@aol.com) with name of vessel, LOD, years designed and built, and designer and place where built. You can also provide a short paragraph of history of the boat. Please give estimate of number of crew likely for dinner on Saturday.

Boats should be brought over to Tiburon on Saturday, once you are registered, a berth will be reserved