



# The Shellback

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Frances Dugdale, Editor

## *2006 Master Mariners Annual Regatta,*

The weather was clear and blowing, a good day for a sail, at least at the start. There were 71 boats registered to race, and 65 actually competed. The view from the Committee Boat was spectacular; there were no protests filed and no collisions. Northwest winds and a strong flood tide caused serious trouble at Yellow Bluff to all but the earliest boats and fluky wind conditions on the way up to Southampton Shoals stretched the fleet out over the full 5 ½ hours of the race. Both Gaslight and Alma showed remarkable sailing skill in getting up and around Southampton while others could make no progress! A small group in Gaff II (*Polaris*, *Sequestor* and *Taihoa*) accompanied by *Lara* had their own race at the back of the fleet and finished after the formal regatta finish time.

There were a few withdrawals – we were saddened to see *Lydia*'s mast fall a mere 200 yards after her start! Apparently, a chain plate failed. We also learned that *Bright Star* and *Ole'* suffered damage. Our best wishes go out to these skippers for a quick and painless repair, happily there were no injuries.

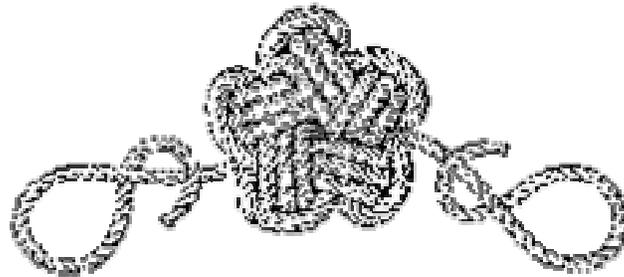
Major thanks go to Jay Rigler, Sausalito YC Race Chairman, and Jeff Zarwell our U.S.Sailing Race Official and the crew of *Mercury*, from Sausalito YC, who helped us records starts and finishes. I would also like to thank Dick Wren and Chris Newell both of MMBA of course, for their help with spotting vessels and recording times. All boats were away on time between 12:00 and 13:00 and the first finishers were at Treasure Island starting at 15:16. We had a fleet of 6 Bear Boats this year, with a one design start. This is the first time in over 10 years that we have had so many Bears. We also had 5 Bird Boats and 4 L-36s competing.

All in all, the Regatta went well, my thanks to those who pitched in to help. The raft-up at the Encinal YC in Alameda, was colorful and merriment abounded. Boats were greeted by a jazz band, and got to buy MMBA clothing. Later there was a "Food Court" setup with various eating choices. We understand there were some highs and lows in the food service; this was in part caused by the extremely long time the overall race took, and people arriving over a much longer range of time than was expected. As always, we will take lessons learned this year and make improvements next year. The Awards Ceremony and dancing to a great rock and roll band took place starting at about 20:30. There were problems with the PA system for one side of the room, and we will endeavor to correct this next year as well. 1st place winners, besides, collecting their strutting cock flags, were also given magnum bottles of Cabernet Sauvignon donated by Ted Hall of 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 following the informal races between *Flotsam* and *Vixen*. *Dauntless* and *Volunteer* planned to race to Pillar Point on Monday. Many thanks to Encinal YC for their hospitality over Memorial Day weekend.

*Stephen Gort, 2006 Regatta Chairman*

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<b>Perpetual Trophy</b>	<b>Year Donated/Criterion</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Baruna	1976;orig Bermuda Cup, Ocean 1 yacht 1 <sup>st</sup> to finish	Odyssey
Farallone Clipper	1 <sup>st</sup> Farallone Clipper to finish	Ouessant
Billiken	1978, fastest Gaff rig yacht over 30' on deck	Brigadoon
Kermit Parker	1998, fastest Gaff II yacht	Pearl
Dead Eye	1968, fastest yacht over 30' on deck, any rig, non ocean	Santana
Aloha	1996, fastest Marconi II or III (30-40' on deck)	Flotsam
Everett J Hanson	1 <sup>st</sup> Bird Class Sloop to finish	Curlew
Lyle Galloway	1984, fastest yacht under 30' on deck, any rig	Corsair
Gerry O'Grady	1 <sup>st</sup> Bear Class Sloop to finish	Trigger
L36 plate	1 <sup>st</sup> Lapworth 36 to finish	Leda II
Longest Distance		Dauntless
<b>Division</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner</b>	
Bird	Robin	
Bear	Trigger	
Big Schooners	Seaward	
Gaff 1	Brigadoon	
Gaff 2	Dutch	
Marconi 1	Santana	
Marconi 2	Sunda	
Marconi 3	Flotsam	



### **From the Quarterdeck**

Another Regatta in the books. Wind was pretty weird. As far as I know no boats collided with each other and that is a good thing. There was some damage from gear failure and miscalculations but it seems everyone was responsible for themselves. There were some bodily injuries but hopefully all are healing nicely and will miss not a single sail.

I felt a sort of renewed spirit at the party after. The weather was beautiful and the socializing was energetic and loud. It harkened of years past.

Nothing is perfect. Now that everything is over I encourage the membership to let the board know of any problems or disappointments. Phone or drop me a letter

and I assure you the board will address your concerns. We exist to provide a venue for the classic wooden sailing yachts of San Francisco Bay to be used and loved by their skippers and those that just love to see these works of art

Remember everyone is encouraged to run for the board or if you have an interest in future service, ask myself, or a board member, and you will be invited to attend a meeting and find out what it is all about, if you have a single idea that you think would benefit the organization, speak up. We need the help of everyone to have the best experiences possible.

Thank you

*Commodore Jeff*



**Notice of Annual Meeting  
&  
Election of Officers  
June 24, 2006  
Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon, CA**

The 2006 annual meeting of the membership is hereby formally announced as required by the MMBA By-Laws. The annual meeting will be called to order on or about 1800 hours on Saturday June 24, 2006 on the boat deck near the main small boat hoist of the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon, CA. Immediately following the meeting a no host dinner will be served by the Corinthian Yacht Club followed by dancing into the evening. MMBA members/vessels who are participating in the Boat Show on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> are welcome to arrive anytime Saturday afternoon and spend the night. Members wishing to also spend Friday night and participate in the "Friday Night Party on Main Street" should make special arrangements with the Corinthian Yacht Club.

In addition to the Commodore 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 term. Terms of Terry Klaus, Bill Belmont and Dick Wrenn are expiring. Both Terry Klaus and Bill Belmont have agreed to run for another term. Good luck gentlemen! For Dick Wrenn, please join me in thanking him for his past years of service and wishing him fair winds.

Joining the two incumbents, Terry and Bill are two members at large, Dean Gurke and Ariane Paul. Thus we currently have a field of four candidates for the three open directorships. In addition, **Nominations are still open. 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 20<sup>th</sup>.**

The Candidates:

**Terry Klaus** – Master of the sailing vessel BRIGADOON. Terry has been a member since the early 70's. I am not sure exactly when he joined the Board, however, he has held all Board positions, is a Staff Commodore and is currently a Director-at-Large. Terry has worked tirelessly for the Association over the years either directing or assisting with all aspects of the Regatta and Boat Show. Terry is also a member of the Master Mariners Benevolent Foundation.

**Bill Belmont** – Master of the sailing vessels CREDIT and ARGOSY VENTURE. Bill is a long time member of the Association, has actively raced in the Master Mariners Regatta, YRA-HDA and OYRA (Offshore Yacht Racing Association) since the 1980's. Bill holds a USCG Master's License and has participated

in and actively sailed on numerous ocean crossings, expeditions and coastal voyages as “Master” on the beautiful 100’ (LOA) Nevins motor sailor ARGOSY VENTURE which he has brought to several of the MMBA Boat Shows. Bill is also an author and has had articles published in WoodenBoat and Latitude 38.

**Dean Gurke** – Master of the sailing vessel UNDA. An international 110 was my first boat and first sailing experience in 1974, in 1979 I purchased Marybeth a forty foot George Weyland yawl and joined MMBA, in 1987 I sold Marybeth and purchased Moonfire a L-36 which at the time was not allowed to compete in the MMBA Regatta so I crewed aboard the Schooner Barbara for a few years until I purchased the Schooner Valkyrien in 1994 competing in the Big Schooner division and attending other events. A few days after turning Valkyrien over to her new owner following the 2004 regatta Cree Partridge of the Berkeley Marine Center talked me into taking on the restoration of Unda and I am now happily enjoying competing in M-2 and sailing her to other MMBA events with my wife Barbara. I now feel after a 27 year association with such a wonderful organization it is time to volunteer and give something back.

**Ariane Paul** – Master of the sailing vessel JOHN T. Ariane served as a Director-at-Large and the Editor of the Shellback in the mid 90’s. Currently, she is our Web Coordinator

for membership related email traffic and is the assistant Editor of the Shellback for the summer issue. Ariane has been an active member of the Association since the early 90’s.

As you know, the MMBA is an all volunteer group. We have great events like last months Regatta, the up coming Boat Show, the River Rat Cruise in July, Labor Day Rendezvous; the list goes on and on. But none of these events happen by chance, each is coordinated by one of the Directors-at-Large on the Board, with additional help from many other dedicated volunteers. **Nominations are still open to join the above nominees. 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 20<sup>th</sup>.**

#### THE ELECTION

Members are requested to pick-up a ballot on SUNDA and place it into the ballot box by 1730 hours on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. With your cooperation, winners will be announced during the annual meeting. If you are unable to attend, you may vote by indicating your selections (no more than three), signing (vessel name and owners signature), dating and mailing your selection to **Junior Staff Commodore, Bob Rogers, 60 Pamela Ct., Tiburon, CA 94920 postmarked by Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

*Bob Rogers, Junior Staff Commodore*

## WEDNESDAY YACHTSMEN’S LUNCHEON: SPEAKER SERIES

As members of PICYA all members of MMBA are invited to attend the Wednesday Yachtsmen’s Luncheon Speaker Series held at the S Francis YC. A buffet lunch starts at 11.45, cost of \$12 that can be paid by cash or credit card. RSVP’s are requested (415 563 6363). Lecture ends by 1:00 pm with Q and A following.

Speakers in June are Nettie Kelly (Founder and Executive Director of the Tall Ship Educational Academy) on June 14<sup>th</sup>, John Hutton MD (President Reagan’s Personal Physician) on June 21<sup>st</sup> and Manual Mier (Commodore PICYA) who will talk about the history of yacht clubs on SF Bay on June 28<sup>th</sup>

## 2006 MMBA Sponsors' Luncheon

Thanks to the participation of our sponsors this year we had a terrific luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Every available seat was filled. After a welcome to all by Jeff Stokes, Stephen Gort announced that 70 yachts had signed up for the regatta – the largest number in years. Terry Klaus noted that we had a total of 50 sponsors, eleven of which are new. Stephen also acknowledged Bill Garvey as a new member and the accomplishment he's made completing and launching his yacht SARAH. Not bad for an octogenarian. As our sponsors and their guests, and the skippers and their crews discussed the upcoming regatta over food and wine, Terry Klaus kept the program rolling. Even ALMA got in the act, sailing down past the City front as sponsors presented their house flags to the skippers who'd fly them. In return sponsors received complimentary gift mugs featuring the gaff schooner REGULUS. Two out-of-town skippers were at the lunch, Paul Plotts who had brought up DAUNTLESS from San Diego the week before, and Cecil Rossi with ODYSSEY from Newport Beach. ODYSSEY recently won the 2006 Corona Del Mar to Cabo San Lucas Race in her division.

Special thanks go to Caleb and Barbi Whitbeck for this year's artwork and merchandise. Many thanks go to our Corporate, Benefactor and Regatta level sponsors who make it all possible. *John Vincent, Sponsor Chair*



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IMBA 2006 Regatta Finishes											
Start #	Vessel	Assigned Start	Actual Start	H-cap	Time given	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Place	Perpetual Trophy	Sponsor
			<b>Division Bird, Course Nautical Miles-</b>	<b>16.25</b>							
18	ROBIN	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:17:56	3:17:56	3:17:56	1	J. Everett Hanson	
2	CURLEW	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:19:31	3:19:31	3:19:31	2		Wester Marine Services
6	PETREL	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:26:26	3:26:26	3:26:26	3		
22	HUMMINGBIRD	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNS					
25	MAYIS	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					
			<b>Division BIG Schooners, Course Nautical</b>	<b>14.50</b>							
G16	SEAWARD	13:00:00	13:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:39:33	2:39:33	2:39:33	1		S.F. Bar Plots
G6	GASLIGHT	12:30:00	12:30:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:14:22	3:44:22	3:44:22	2		Cass Marina USS-Pasco Industries
Alma	ALMA	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:14:33	4:14:33	4:14:33	3		Golden Gate Tall Ships Society
			<b>Division Gaff 1, Course Nautical Miles-</b>	<b>14.50</b>							
888	BRIGADOON	12:30:00	12:30:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:54:09	3:24:09	3:24:09	1	Elliken Trophy	APL Hilmen Termite & Pest Control Armada Companies LLC deWitt Gallery & Framing Eagle Marine Services
K103	YANKEE	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:12:00	3:37:00	3:37:00	2		KIMI
G90	AIDA	12:15:00	12:15:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					Quinn's Lighthouse Restaurant & Pub
RS 40	FRIT-HOF WIESE	12:20:00	12:20:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					
999	LA SIRENA	12:10:00	12:10:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					W.K. McLeellan Company
			<b>Division Gaff 2, Course Nautical Miles-</b>	<b>14.50</b>							
7	DUTCH	12:40:00	12:40:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:17:09	3:37:09	3:37:09	1		
M65	PEARL	12:50:00	12:50:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:20:07	3:30:07	3:30:07	2	Kermit Parker	
G 77	MAKANI KAI	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:20:30	3:45:30	3:45:30	3		Meriah's Eyes Photography
G3	BRIAR ROSE	12:15:00	12:15:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:21:17	4:06:17	4:06:17	4		
18	SARAH	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	17:46:00	5:03:00	5:03:00	5		Sail Magazine
G11	POLARIS	12:10:00	12:10:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					Rutherford's Boat Shop
G4	REGULUS	12:20:00	12:20:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					American Rope & Tar
G 31	SEQUESTOR	12:15:00	12:15:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					List Marine Services
G 94	TAHOA	12:15:00	12:15:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					North Bay Boat Works
			<b>Division Marenni 1, Course Nautical Miles-</b>	<b>15.25</b>							
X 9	SANTANA	12:50:00	12:50:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:23:57	2:33:57	2:33:57	1	Dead-Eye	
IC-10	BOLERO	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:25:52	2:40:52	2:40:52	2		McGrath Yachts, Inc.
1991	ELIZABETH MUIR	12:25:00	12:25:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:27:27	3:02:27	3:02:27	3		
97981	DAUNTLESS	12:55:00	12:55:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:38:52	2:43:52	2:43:52	4	Longest Distance	Latitude 38 Presidio Yacht Club Starbucks Baristas Works
M 113	BARBARA	12:40:00	12:40:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:46:13	3:06:13	3:06:13	5		
M 43	VOLUNTEER	12:55:00	12:55:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:57:53	3:02:53	3:02:53	6		
8594	ROWENA	12:40:00	12:40:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:16:25	3:36:25	3:36:25	7		
2001	GOLD STAR	12:20:00	12:20:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:56:54	4:36:54	4:36:54	8		
M 139	BRIGHT STAR	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					Long Meadow Ranch Winery
M 27	LARA	12:10:00	12:10:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					
100	PEGASUS	12:40:00	12:40:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					
2	INISMORE	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	DNF					





## 2006 RIVER RAT CRUISE – FINAL NOTICE

Come Ride the Bubble to the Delta Put the Wind to Your Back  
Enjoy the Warmth of Delta Mode Sail Back in Time, Sail Back in Your Own Time  
Join the 2006 River Rat Delta Cruise

Saturday, July 8 has been selected for the start of the 2006 Delta Cruise, off Southampton Shoal about 10 AM. with the final destination of Upper Steamboat Slough Sunday Afternoon. There will be an overnight at the Driftwood Yacht Club in Antioch allowing for a get together with Land Cruiser Members for drinks on the deck and dinner, crew changes etc, and sailing for Steamboat mid morning Sunday. July 8 is the second weekend after the Annual Meeting and Boat Show, with Flood currents at the Gate 3.3 at 0954 and at Carquinez 2.6 at 1521. The route is from the Bay, through San Rafael and San Pablo Bays, Carquinez Strait, Suisun Bay, the San Joaquin River, Pittsburg/New York Slough and after the Antioch Bridge a hard right to the DYC. VHF Communications: Boats - channel 72, Bay Traffic-14, River Pilots-15, and Bridge Openings-9.

Some DYC boats head up the Delta for the weekend, so there will be room at the side tie area and empty slips. If you can't make it on your own boat, contact the Cruise Chairman (contact information below) who may be able to arrange crew positions on other boats to the Driftwood, or on to Steamboat Slough. If you can't make it by boat, please consider doing the Land Cruiser thing. Dinner is reasonable, and this is a fun place to hang out. There's ample parking, a river view deck, fine bar and dining room and the warmer River/Delta ambiance, and the DYC people are a lot of fun, too. Showers are available and perhaps a buffet breakfast on Sunday morning.

Departure from DYC will be mid morning, after all are ready, up then up the San Joaquin, through Three Mile Slough, to the Sacramento River, up under the Rio Vista Bridge, and Steamboat Slough is the second waterway on the right (starboard). The final destination is at the upper end of Steamboat, along the left bank (West Side) next to the trees, with anchors in the river, and lines to the trees fore and aft.

Activities include swimming, crawdad fishing, gaming, Barbeques, music, naps, and just hanging out. Steamboat is just a couple of miles from Courtland (groceries and ice) and Walnut Grove/ Locke (the Big Store and Al the Wop's). What to bring: Use charts 18652, 18661, and 18662. Necessary:: awning, sun hats, sun screen, cold drinks, ice, two anchors with rodes, fuel, water, groceries, sports gear, bug repellent. Optional: dinghy, swim ladder, crawdad traps, binoculars and cell phone.

Return is as you wish. As in the past, some have returned to the Bay Area mid week to take care of business, leaving their boats under the care of those remaining, and returned by boat a week or so later. Crew changes can usually be arranged at the Driftwood, sometimes with Land Cruisers, think about it. Dinner reservations need to be made days in advance, so checking in for dinner at the last minute is not an option.

For more information, helpful hints on river navigation, to sign up, or any other questions about this fun event, please use the contact information below, or make contact at the General Meeting and Boat Show.

Thanks, Bob. (925) 254 9467 [bgriffiths@ifn.net](mailto:bgriffiths@ifn.net) (925) 360 0826

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*Sunda, Volunteer  
and Bounty*



*Tere*

*Unda*



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*Sarah*



Call Mariah if you have not seen your proofs from the Regatta, 510-864-1144

***Master Mariners Benevolent Association***  
**ANNUAL MEETING & WOODEN BOAT SHOW**

**Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon**

**Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>** 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).

*Don't miss this party !!*

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>:** 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 from the grill 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 ~ 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, or get more information contact Bill Belmont (bbelmont@fantasyjazz.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



**Pot Luck on Alma,  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 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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<i>June 24th</i>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<i>Corinthian YC</i>
<i>June 25th</i>	<b>Wooden Boat Show</b>	<i>Tiburon</i>
<i>July 8th</i>	<b>River Rat Cruise</b>	<i>Delta</i>
<i>August 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Potluck on Alma</b>	<i>China Camp</i>
<i>Early Sept.</i>	<b>Summer's End Cruise</b>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Oct. 14-15th</i>	<b>Jessica Cup</b>	<i>St. Francis YC</i>
<i>Oct.</i>	<b>Offshore Cruise</b>	<i>Drake's Bay</i>



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