



# The Shellback

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## 2008 Master Mariners Regatta

Skippers and crew donned foul weather gear Saturday morning at Encinal, hours before the regatta start, just to be able to sit in their cockpits and make mental preparations for the day – the cold, grey, wet weather made it a challenge. Fortunately the rain stopped before the start and the wind never backed due south, as the NWS predicted, saving the race committee the unpleasant task of shifting the finish line to Southhampton Shoal to eliminate an up hill finish for the Big Schooners and Gaffs. They still had their challenges. The moderate, variable wind and the flood current turned the leg from Little Harding to Blackaller into a tactical battle for the Marconi yachts. And a wind hole behind Treasure Island made for a crowded finish and some last minute place changes. As in past years, you just never know what’s in store for a Master Mariners Regatta.

Fifty-four yachts started the race – all but one finished – with fierce competition and close finishes in many divisions. After thirteen miles of racing there were only 17 seconds separating the first two Bears. In the Marconi 2 division first and second was decided by a 50 second gap with the third place yacht only 25 seconds behind. The L-36 fleet had a similar finish with 32 seconds between first and second with third less than 50 seconds back. The Gaff 2 division’s close battle was for third place with three yachts spread over one minute 24 seconds. And, after seventeen miles only 39 seconds separated the two Farallone Clippers that started in the Ocean 2 division. The top three finishers in each division were as follows:

DIVISION	PLACE		
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Big Schooner	Lynx	Gas Light	Seaward
Gaff 1	Brigadoon	Aida	Yankee
Gaff 2	Black Witch	Pearl	Taihoa
Marconi 1	Santana	Elizabeth Muir	Bright Star
Marconi 2	Sunda	Nautigal	Saltana
Marconi 3	Corsair	Vixen	Adagio
Marconi 4	Eos	Morningstar	Kaze
Ocean 1	Kate II	Valiant	Bounty
Ocean 2	Ouessant	Credit	-----
L-36	Leda II	Ole’	Papoose
Bird	Robin	Widgeon	Oriole
Bear	Magic	Bongo	Camembert

The most hotly contested perpetual trophies were the Dead Eye, won by Dauntless who had the best elapsed time for a Marconi yacht over thirty feet on deck; the Billiken, won by Brigadoon who had the best elapsed time for a Gaff over thirty feet on deck; and the Homeward Bound, won by Vixen, the fastest Marconi 3 yacht. See the full results posted on the Master Mariners website for the remaining trophy winners.

The race committee from the Sausalito Yacht Club headed by Jeff Zarwell onboard the good ship Mercury did an excellent job officiating the race, as is their custom. Dick Wrenn was on hand to help identify yachts at the lines and took finish times as well, while Chris Newell had the task of compiling race results and identifying this year’s perpetual trophy winners. We owe them our thanks for another successful regatta.

Everyone had a grand time at the Encinal raft-up; the food and both bands were terrific. There is something especially welcoming about the sounds of Dixieland at the end of a long day of racing. The awards ceremony went extremely smoothly thanks to the efforts of Trophy Chairman John Tucker, assisted by his wife Anne. In addition to a Strutting Cock pennant each first place winner had the great fortune of receiving a magnum-sized bottle of wine donated by Ted Hall and Long Meadow Ranch – it pays to be first. Thanks go to Terry Klaus for taking care of the berthing and dinner arrangements and to Mike Douglas for procuring the bands. And thanks to all the skippers for making it another great regatta.

John Vincent, *Regatta Chairman*

***Regatta Photos Inside...***



## From the Quarterdeck...

*Where was the wind?!?* The week before the regatta Stroma of Mey was out crashing around in 25 kts of wind – practicing sail changes, getting to R4 and trying out “recycled” whisker poles. (Both Dean Gurke and Dick Wrenn took pity on me and loaned me their old cast offs.)

Stroma was set for the race. I even had a secret weapon on board, Jocelyn Nash. She was my guarantee of placing if not winning. But the morning of the Regatta was grey, drizzly and cold. There was no wind; the flags barely fluttered. Even with a picture perfect start and no mistakes on the race course, Stroma was at the back of the pack. There was just not enough wind. It was a year for lighter boats with spinnakers. In spite of all this, the crew on Stroma had a great time. The sun came out, the sailing was gentle (nothing broke – no one got wet), and the scenery was like eye candy. It was fantastic to see all these wonderful old boats out on the race course. I marvel at how we all manage to keep these boats going and looking so good!

The party and awards ceremony at the Encinal was once again a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. As the night progressed, the festivities moved down to the docks near Lynx and Dauntless. The crew on Lynx was so ecstatic that they won; they celebrated into the wee hours of the morning singing sea shanties and passing around bottles of rum.

Many hours of hard work on the part of volunteers goes into a successful regatta. We owe a special thanks to all those who made it this year’s regatta such a successful and enjoyable event:

- John & Carla Vincent - John was our Race Chairman and Carla spent many hours helping him
- Dick Wrenn & Chris Newell on the Race Committee Boat
- John Tucker for managing the trophies
- Ariane Paul for bringing in the Sponsors
- Terry Klaus for setting up the Sponsors’ Luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club and the Regatta Party at the Encinal Yacht Club
- Barbara Ohler & Dean Gurke for hosting the Sunday night pot luck barbeque at their house.
- St. Francis YC for the Sponsors’ Luncheon
- Sausalito YC for providing the Race Committee Boat and Race Officials
- Encinal YC for the Regatta Party
- Plus all of Sponsors

Speaking of volunteers... We need more people to become involved and share the work load. There will be three openings on the board in the upcoming elections at our Annual Meeting. If you think you might be interested, please don’t be shy or wait to be asked. Speak to myself or Jeff Stokes. Besides new board members, we also need a Secretary and event coordinators for the Petaluma wooden boat cruise-in to celebrate Petaluma’s sesquicentennial, the China Camp barbeque and the Drake’s Bay Oyster feed. Volunteers are what keep this organization running.

There was one sad note during the Memorial Day weekend. Chairman Bob and Eventide was missing... To honor Bob Griffiths’ memory, the board voted to donate \$350.00 to the Master Mariners Benevolent Foundation. The money is to be used for a scholarship to send a kid on a tall ship this summer or a girl on the Girl’s Tall Ship Semester at Sea.

Our next event is the *MMBA barbeque at the Spaulding Center on June 28<sup>th</sup>*. There will be plenty of food including oysters, hot dogs and hamburgers ably cooked by the master chef, Tom List. I know Tom will also bring fiddle and play with any other musicians who show up. This is a great chance to socialize, listen to music, see the progress of Freda and find out what else is happening at the Center. Show up around noon and enjoy.

Dee Dee Lozier, *Commodore*



*2008 Master Mariners Regatta*

*Tom Welsh*

## BARUNA TROPHY TRANSFORMATIONS

There were no more spaces on the Baruna Trophy base after the 2007 Regatta. Steve Hutchinson of Hutchinson Marine Services donated and built a new and enlarged base which will take care of about 40 more regattas. Since the Baruna no longer travels to the winner's yacht club the MMBA has ordered a "Traveling Baruna." Terry Klaus donated a nice silver trophy won by Brigadoon in the 1990 lighted yacht parade. John Tucker polished off 18 years of oxidation and varnished the new base donated by the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center and created from a beam of Iroka wood by Michael Wiener, Boatworks Manager.

John Tucker, *Trophy Steward*

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DID YOU KNOW... *Caleb Whitbeck*, our great friend and marine artist who creates our annual t-shirt designs each year, now has a web site where you can find out more about his great body of work and experience. Please visit [www.calebwhitbeck.com](http://www.calebwhitbeck.com) and enjoy samples of his other paintings.

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## Spaulding Wooden Boat Center / Master Mariners 2008 BBQ

Saturday, June 28, 2008

Foot of Gate Five Road, Sausalito, CA 94965

[www.spauldingcenter.org](http://www.spauldingcenter.org)

(415) 332-3179, [info@spauldingcenter.org](mailto:info@spauldingcenter.org)

RSVP if attending: [mastermariners@yahoo.com](mailto:mastermariners@yahoo.com)

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## Wooden Boat Show – Corinthian Yacht Club

[www.cyc.org](http://www.cyc.org)

43 Main Street, Tiburon



Annual Members Meeting, Election & Dinner Party – Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Boat Show – MM Benevolent Foundation Fund Raiser – Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 4:00 pm, \$10.00 admission, children under 12 free



Magic,  
Camembert,  
Stardust, Pegasus,  
Gas Light,  
Valiant, Runa IV,  
Alma, gaffs

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Tom Welsh  
Pegasus crew  
Ariane Paul



## MASTER MARINERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION - 2008 Regatta Finishes

Sail #	Vessel	Assigned Start	Actual Start	H-cap	Time given	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Correct'd Time	Place	Perpetual Trophy	Sponsor	SKIPPER
<b>Division Bird, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>15.60</b>								
18	ROBIN	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	14:51:12	2:51:12	2:51:12	1	<b>J. Everett Hansen</b>		PAT KIRrane
21	WIDGEON	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	14:52:44	2:52:44	2:52:44	2		DAVID COBB	
11	ORIOLE	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	14:55:18	2:55:18	2:55:18	3		DANIEL McLEAN	
19	POLLY	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	14:59:00	2:59:00	2:59:00	4		The Mechanics Bank	WILLIAM STUCKEY
6	SKYLARK	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00		#####	#####	DNS		Engman Architects	JAMES JOSEPHS
<b>Division BIG Schooners, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>14.20</b>								
LYNX	LYNX	13:00:00	13:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:25:10	2:25:10	2:25:10	1		Grand Marina	CRAIG CHAPMAN
G6	GAS LIGHT	12:25:00	12:25:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:30:08	3:05:08	3:05:08	2		Butler Construction	BILLY MARTENELLI
M48	SEAWARD	12:55:00	12:55:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:30:44	2:35:44	2:35:44	3		SF Bar Pilots	KEN NEAL
Alma	ALMA	12:00:00	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:14:53	4:14:53	4:14:53	4		Golden Gate Tall Ships Society	AL LUTZ
<b>Division Gaff 1, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>14.20</b>								
888	BRIGADOON	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:07:26	2:22:26	2:22:26	1	<b>Billiken</b>	American Presidents Line, The Hitmen	TERRY KLAUS
G90	AIDA	12:20:00	12:20:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:10:29	2:50:29	2:50:29	2		Quinn's Lighthouse, Brian Linke Fine Carpentry	SKIP HENDERSON
K103	YANKEE	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:29:03	2:44:03	2:44:03	3		KKMI	JOHN COLLINS
<b>Division Gaff 2, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>14.20</b>								
G 52	BLACK WITCH	12:40:00	12:40:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:03:05	2:23:05	2:23:05	1	<b>Kermit Parker</b>	Starbuck Canvas	RICK HASTIE
G43	PEARL	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:30:34	2:55:34	2:55:34	2			<b>Lyle Galloway</b>
G94	TAIHOA	12:30:00	12:30:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:31:35	3:01:35	3:01:35	3			JODY BOYLE
G 77	MAKANI KAI	12:30:00	12:30:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:32:52	3:02:52	3:02:52	4		Comcast Spotlight, Mariah's Eye	KEN INOUE
G32	STARDUST	12:20:00	12:20:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:32:59	3:12:59	3:12:59	5			JOHN T. OUGH
G11	POLARIS	12:30:00	12:30:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:50:17	3:20:17	3:20:17	6		List Marine, Spaulding Wooden Boat Center	TOM LIST
G4	REGULUS	12:20:00	12:20:00	0:00:00	0:00:00		#####	#####	DNS		American Rope & Tar	ED & LINDA WITT
18	SARAH	12:05:00	12:05:00	0:00:00	0:00:00		#####	#####	DNS		USS-Posco Industries	WILLIAM GARVIE
<b>Division Marconi 1, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>15.60</b>								
X9	SANTANA	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:26:08	2:41:08	2:41:08	1		Mariners Gen'l Insurance	PAUL KAPLAN
1991	ELIZABETH MUIR	12:40:00	12:40:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:29:20	2:49:20	2:49:20	2		Matson	PETER HAYWOOD
M139	BRIGHT STAR	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:31:37	2:46:37	2:46:37	3		Long Meadow Ranch	TED HALL
97381	DAUNTLESS	12:55:00	12:55:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:34:31	2:39:31	2:39:31	4	<b>Dead Eye</b> <b>Longest Distance</b>	Latitude 38	PAUL PLOTTS
M14	MARBARA	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:35:57	3:00:57	3:00:57	5		J.P. Boatworks	SUZI OLSON
100	PEGASUS	12:40:00	12:40:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:52:33	3:12:33	3:12:33	6		Sugar Dock	PETER HAYES
8594	ROWENA	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:00:03	3:15:03	3:15:03	7			CRAIG SWAYNE
2001	GOLD STAR	12:20:00	12:20:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:12:34	3:52:34	3:52:34	8		West Marine	JIM CULLEN
67861	ROSE OF SHARON	12:55:00	12:55:00	0:00:00	0:00:00			0:00:00	DNS			BYRON CHAMBERLAIN
<b>Division Marconi 2, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>15.60</b>								
17024	SUNDA	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:27:50	2:52:50	2:52:50	1	<b>Aloha Trophy</b>		BOB ROGERS
F660	NAUTIGAL	12:25:00	12:25:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:28:40	3:03:40	3:03:40	2		Marina Village Yacht Harbor	JEFF STOKES
J252	SALTANA	12:15:00	12:15:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:29:05	3:14:05	3:14:05	3			JOHN VINCENT
223	INGWE	12:25:00	12:25:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:32:59	3:07:59	3:07:59	4			JAY GARDNER
134	NOMAD	12:15:00	12:15:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:36:43	3:21:43	3:21:43	5		Dry Creek Vineyard	RICHARD RUDDICK
1936	STROMA OF MEY	12:20:00	12:20:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:41:39	3:21:39	3:21:39	6		Hutchinson Marine Services	DEE DEE LOZIER
98	HOLGANZA	12:15:00	12:15:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:02:31	3:47:31	3:47:31	7			PATRICK DYER
M 77	TEHANI	12:05:00	12:05:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:35:40	4:30:40	4:30:40	8		Gaetani Realty	PAUL GAETANI
8199	CHORUS	12:45:00	12:45:00	0:00:00	0:00:00		#####	#####	DNS		The Tidebook Co.	PETER ENGLISH
2	RUNA IV	12:25:00	12:25:00	0:00:00	0:00:00		#####	#####	DNS		Berkeley Marine Center	TERRY TUCKER
M60	JOHN T	12:10:00	12:10:00	0:00:00	0:00:00		#####	#####	DNS			ARIANE PAUL

**MASTER MARINERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION - 2008 Regatta Finishes**

Sail #	Vessel	Assigned Start	Actual Start	H-cap	Time given	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Correct'd Time	Place	Perpetual Trophy	Sponsor	SKIPPER	
<b>Division L-36, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>15.60</b>									
71	LEDA II	12:05:00	12:05:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	14:50:41	2:45:41	2:45:41	1	<b>L-36 Perpetual</b>	Svensden's Marine	DAVID JAMES	
7	OLE	12:05:00	12:05:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	14:51:13	2:46:13	2:46:13	2		Pineapple Sails	J HAMILTON & C LEONARD	
5	PAPOOSE	12:05:00	12:05:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	14:52:02	2:47:02	2:47:02	3			ALLAN EDWARDS	
41	CARMEN	12:05:00	12:05:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:16:17	3:11:17	3:11:17	4			CHARLES GURKE	
<b>Division Marconi 3, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>15.60</b>									
22	CORSAIR 2	12:25:00	12:25:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:27:58	3:02:58	3:02:58	1	<b>Homeward Bound</b>		MIKE O'CALLAGHAN	
44	VIXEN	12:30:00	12:30:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:31:31	3:01:31	3:01:31	2			STEVE KIBLER	
28263	ADAGIO	12:30:00	12:30:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:47:32	3:17:32	3:17:32	3		RhodyCo Productions	DAVID HOWELL	
<b>Division Marconi 4, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>12.80</b>									
M24	EOS	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:41:41	3:06:41	3:06:41	1	<b>Baruna Trophy</b>		KEITH DUNLOP	
510	MORNING STAR	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:53:34	3:18:34	3:18:34	2		Berkeley Marine Center	DEAN GURKE	
6	KAZE	12:30:00	12:30:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	16:15:57	3:45:57	3:45:57	3		North Beach Marine Canvas	ELIZABETH DIAZ	
M110	BELLA	12:35:00	12:35:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	#####	#####	#####	DNS		Bay Marine Boatworks	CRAIG SOUTHARD	
L203	ARGO	12:25:00	12:25:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	#####	#####	#####	DNF		Hackworth & Co. Insurance	JIM NISBET	
8	BLACK JACK	12:15:00	12:15:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	#####	#####	#####	DNS		Horizon Lines	TED HOPPE	
<b>Division Bears, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>12.80</b>									
65	MAGIC	12:10:00	12:10:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:14:22	3:04:22	3:04:22	1		<b>Gerry O'Grady</b>		TIM MALONEY
64	BONGO	12:10:00	12:10:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:14:39	3:04:39	3:04:39	2	OCSC Sailing		JILL LUTZ	
57	CAMEMBERT	12:10:00	12:10:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:21:33	3:11:33	3:11:33	3	AMNAV		TODD GREENBERG	
17	HUCK FINN	12:10:00	12:10:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	15:25:21	3:15:21	3:15:21	4			MARGIE SIEGAL	
<b>Division Ocean, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>17.00</b>									
								<b>MMBA Baseline Sec</b>	<b>114</b>				
1946	KATE II	12:40:00	12:40:00	114	0:00:00	15:46:14	3:06:14	3:06:14	1	<b>Baruna Trophy</b>	Arke Garvey Marine Insurance	ROGER EMERICK	
45	VALIANT	12:40:00	12:40:00	138	0:06:48	15:59:24	3:19:24	3:12:36	2		Barber & Gonzales Consulting	JEFF MCNISH	
28170	BOUNTY	12:40:00	12:40:00	126	0:03:24	16:21:18	3:41:18	3:34:30	3		The Pasha Group,	DAN SPRADLING	
23	KACHINA	12:40:00	12:40:00	114	0:00:00	16:29:58	3:49:58	3:49:58	4		Rutherford's Boat Shop	JOSHUA BERGLUND	
<b>Division Ocean, Course Nautical Miles=</b>				<b>17.00</b>									
								<b>MMBA Baseline Sec</b>	<b>154</b>				
8214	OUESSANT	12:50:00	12:50:00	154	0:11:20	16:25:33	3:35:33	3:24:13	1	<b>Farallone Clipper</b>	SAIL Magazine	GENE BUCK	
8708	CREDIT	12:50:00	12:50:00	154	0:11:20	16:26:12	3:36:12	3:24:52	2		WoodenBoat Magazine	BILL BELMONT	
11	MISTRESS II	12:50:00	12:50:00	154	0:11:20	#####	#####	#####	DNS			JIM PATT	
FC12	ECHO	12:50:00	12:50:00	154	0:11:20	#####	#####	#####	DNS			JACK COULTER	



Santana, Mike & Sue Proudfoot  
with Olar in Norway, Kaze crew,  
Dauntless, Bear crew,  
Dean Gurke with Bill & Shirley  
Rickman, bow action, EYC raft up

*Photos by:*  
Mariah's Eyes  
Tom Welsh  
Ariane Paul



## Summer Sailstice 2008

Saturday, June 21st – Treasure Island  
[www.summersailstice.com/sf](http://www.summersailstice.com/sf)

Those who plan to cruise-in and anchor overnight, please send me a RSVP so that a gate key will be available and can be arranged for you. Water taxis will be available up until 8:00 pm Sat. (three blasts of a horn to hail), and a dinghy dock will be available. I am sending out a separate flyer with more details on the event. If you plan to cruise-in, want more info, or would like to help with the boat building contest, please contact Ariane, [arianepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:arianepaul@yahoo.com), cell (415) 806-2299.



### Boat Building Contest – Sponsored by WoodenBoat Magazine & Berkeley Marine Center:

9:30 am – 4:00 pm - construction

4:15 pm – 4:45 pm - launch and row contest

**YRA HDA race - Spring 3\*** – South Bay, Alameda Side, hosted by the Encinal YC, racers anchoring at TI can use Channel 72. Notice of Race links:

[http://www.yra.org/HDA/hda\\_race\\_instructions.html](http://www.yra.org/HDA/hda_race_instructions.html)

[http://www.yra.org/HDA/docs/SailingInstructions/HDA\\_2008\\_NOR.pdf](http://www.yra.org/HDA/docs/SailingInstructions/HDA_2008_NOR.pdf)

*A great music line-up (12:30 – 8:00 pm):*

**Blind Willies ~ Skip Henderson & The Starboard Watch ~ Pixie Kitchen  
Carne Cruda ~ Alexa Weber Morales ~ Kalbass**



## Festival of Sail San Francisco, July 23-27

Parade of Sail, Wednesday, July 23rd – 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Details and events schedule online: [www.festivalofsail.org](http://www.festivalofsail.org)

For more info. contact: Joanne Fedeyko, Exec. Producer, (415) 307-1382, [jfedeyko@maritime.org](mailto:jfedeyko@maritime.org)

## McNish Classic, Saturday, August 2, 2008

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, [www.pccyc.org](http://www.pccyc.org)

2600 South Harbor Blvd.

Channel Islands Harbor, CA 93035

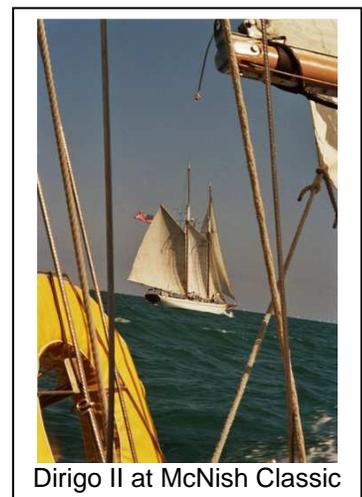
(805) 985-7292

Dick McNish gets to kick back and just race as his namesake regatta continues under the reins of other enthusiasts.

### **VIDEO MEMORIES OF PREVIOUS McNISH CLASSICS:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YT3wKIRiiM4>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY5gp\\_0fsjo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY5gp_0fsjo)



Dirigo II at McNish Classic

## Tall Ship Semester for Girls Update ( [www.tallshipacademy.org](http://www.tallshipacademy.org) )

Sarah DeNicola: TSSG 2004 Alumna

*April 2008* -- As I'm sitting here looking out of my window in Granada, Spain at the accumulating clouds, I can't help but shout "cumulus nimbus!" in my head and remember our first day out to sea from Florida, and the way the clouds had just parted after drizzling on us for days. The excitement was rising as I looked at the faces of my soon-to-be very close companions. The wind was whipping all around us, the spray lightly coating everything with a fine layer of sea salt, goofy grins spreading across every girls face; and then we all got sick. But ever since that unforgettable voyage, four years later, I am still chasing that monumental feeling of adventure, knowing that it will be rough, aware of the challenges that trying something completely different and new will bring, and knowing that at times we may all be face down on the deck, sick as dogs.

As our voyage went on, I was amazed at how quickly the personalities of the girls began to truly show through, myself included. At times there were conflicts, but most of the time I was amazed at how everyone looked out for one another. I remember one night coming off of watch at 3am, feeling so sick with every pitch and roll of the boat, and as soon as I went below I had to run right back up barefoot and hang on to the side of the rail for dear life. The next thing I knew, my friend was strapping me into a harness and talking me through the worst of it as the ship bounced ferociously against the waves, pelting us with the nighttime waters. From that moment on, I knew that these girls had my back, literally. For me, this was a profound revelation, since for most of my life growing up in San Francisco I had never allowed myself to really trust many girls. With Tall Ships, this was inescapable, and the friendships I formed and solidified on that trip to this day are some of my strongest, (and goofiest), relationships.

These connections surpass even the girls who were on the same trip as I was. As I meet girls from other trips, other years, I realize how our shared experience bonds us together even though we may have only just met. We know how it feels to be at sea for weeks, to pull in an anchor, to make up a sea shanty, and we know that feeling of excitement that Tall Ships inspires. That same feeling of excitement rises in my chest once again when I think of my little sister, who currently is on her own Tall Ships voyage. I know there must be times when she wants to



come home, and times when she struggles with the tasks presented to her, but I also know that she is discovering strengths she didn't even know she had, and who knows what stories she will bring home to us!

Knowing my strengths and the extent to which I can adapt to new situations has given me the confidence to work towards my academic goals in college, and to never sell myself short. Tall Ships has shaped the paths that I have chosen since then, from the way I deal with my relationships with other people, to my decision to study abroad this semester in Spain. I am so excited for my sister to come home in a few weeks, and I am also curious to see if she will have caught the same incurable wander-lust as I did. But as amazing, life-changing, and stimulating as these experiences are, it is always a beautiful thing to come home.

### 2008 MMBA Regatta Photo Links (a slideshow will also be added to our website):

[http://www.pbase.com/mevesphoto/mmba\\_08](http://www.pbase.com/mevesphoto/mmba_08)

[http://www.norcal sailing.com/archives/Entries/2008/5/26\\_Master\\_Mariners\\_Regatta.html](http://www.norcal sailing.com/archives/Entries/2008/5/26_Master_Mariners_Regatta.html)

<http://www.norcal sailing.com/MasterMariners.video.html>

<http://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/lectronicday.lasso?date=2008-05-28& david=119#Story2>

<http://accidentalcruiser.com/galleries/Master%20Mariners%20Regatta%202008/index.html>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lben/sets/72157605244353440/>

[http://lyonsimaging.smugmug.com/gallery/5016627\\_NRLX2#301088469\\_gvMHs](http://lyonsimaging.smugmug.com/gallery/5016627_NRLX2#301088469_gvMHs)

<http://picasaweb.google.com/pegasusvoyages/MMMay2408>

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## The MARYBETH ~

A very short history of a true San Francisco Bay yawl

*Way Hey and up she rises.* Barry Kulmann is hoisting the main sail on the nearly demolished 1927 Marybeth. Once again this beautiful wooden yawl is sailing the seas much to the delight of Barry as well as former owners (Dean Gurke of the MMBA) and sailors of the Marybeth. One fine sailing day, Barry was hailed by a sailboat. A woman yelled, "Is that the Marybeth?" When answered affirmative, she crossed her hands over her heart and yelled back, "Thank you for saving her. I love that boat." Such is the affection for this much sailed and well known boat that has plied the waters of the bay area since the late 1920s.

Marybeth's design history comes from the classic bird boat. To tackle the bay's strong winds and chop, a group of sailors in 1919 designed the original bird boat which was modified by John Alden, the premier boat designer in 1921. The raised deck boat had a huge mainsail, a club footed jibe, a thin short lead keel, and a huge cockpit. George Wayland, local boat architect, built and modified the bird boat design.

In 1927 George Wayland was asked to design two 40' boats: Mary Jane for Larry Knight and Marybeth for F.W. Varney named for his daughter. Her design varied slightly from Knight's including a wheel and beautiful detailing. The boat was built by United Ship Repair located under the Bay Bridge. These 'giant bird boats' resemble bird boats from the waterline up. The shape of the keel distinguishes them. The Marybeth has a canoe shaped hull, full keel, and a centerboard; the 'classic' bird boat has a long flat shallow underbody. (a complicated story here)



A handful of owners have raced, pleasure cruised, and done lots of restoration work on the Marybeth. The Fisher family owned the boat for 31 years racing with passion winning many championships. They sponsored junior sailors who as adults have a great

fondness for as well as many stories of the boat.

Dean Gurke owned the boat from 1979 to 1988. According to one source, he wanted to sell the boat to someone who would restore and care for her. Well, he did just that. Darryl Porter lived on the boat in Sausalito pouring vast amounts of time and money into restoration. He wore a wedding band showing the affectionate bond between himself and the boat. He died around 2002/3.

The Marybeth was left derelict moored in Richardson Bay. The once well loved boat started drawing water, losing rigging, and generally decaying with weather and time. Bill Price of the Port Authority quite liked the boat. But there was pressure to demolish her. So he placed an ad in the Latitude 38 in desperate hopes of finding a buyer.

Barry Kulmann spent years looking for that special sailboat. He was reading the For Sale ads in Latitude 38 and reached the 'Too Late to Classify' section. There was the Marybeth ad. It was very

personal sounding stating the boat needed work but was salvageable. It took a year for Barry to finalize the sale. Then



Marybeth was towed up to the Berkeley Marine Center in 2006.

The Marybeth was in dry dock for 4 ½ months. Holden Crane, Barry's shipwright, assessed the boat's condition. The Marybeth actually looked

worse than she was. The major damage consisted of hull rust bleeding on the starboard side and two rotten mast spreaders. Most of the planking and the frames were in good shape. Marybeth did not need refastening much to their surprise.

To make the boat seaworthy, heavy and sturdy Kulmann and Holden replanked the hull replacing shorter for longer planks, added two new frames and rub rails, replaced the rotten mast spreaders, and did other small projects. The Berkeley Marine Center provided enthusiasm as well as huge moral and tactical support. There was a real family atmosphere around this phase of Marybeth's restoration.



The Marybeth was moored in San Pablo harbor for 10 months. Then it was time for the Marybeth's first journey in years! Kulmann

motor sailed up the coast to Noyo Harbor, Ft. Bragg in September 2007. The boat did well; the glassy seas, light winds and lack of headwinds made for a really lovely trip. At the end of the trip, light steady southern winds came up giving Kulmann his first real chance to sail the Marybeth. He was delighted.

Kulmann continues the renovations. Next on the agenda, he is going to pull the mast and re-rig the boat. Of course, there is a lot of work to be done on the boat but such is restoration work.

The current specs are: 40' yawl, 11' beam, Douglas fir over oak, 5'2" draft, 5,200 external ballast, 2,000 internal ballast, 18,000 +/- total weight.

So the Marybeth lives on - a legacy of San Francisco design, workmanship, and seamanship. A truly unique one-of-a-kind yawl which will grace bay waters from time to time.



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- Spaulding Wooden Boat Center BBQ
- Wooden Boat Show
- Summer Sailstice – Sat. June 21st

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## MMBA

### *2008 Events Calendar*

<i>January 1</i>	<b>New Years Race</b>	<i>Pt San Pablo YC</i>
<i>March 29</i>	<b>Spring Potluck</b>	<i>Aeolian YC</i>
<i>May 16</i>	<b>Sponsors Lunch</b>	<i>St. Francis YC</i>
<i>May 24</i>	<b>Annual Regatta</b>	<i>Encinal YC</i>
<i>June 28</i>	<b>Spaulding Center-MMBA BBQ</b>	<i>Sausalito</i>
<i>July 12</i>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<i>Corinthian YC</i>
<i>July 13</i>	<b>Wooden Boat Show</b>	<i>Tiburon</i>
<i>July 23-28</i>	<b>Festival of Sail</b>	<i>SF Bay</i>
<i>August 8-10</i>	<b>Petaluma Cruise</b>	<i>Petaluma YC</i>
<i>August TBD</i>	<b>China Camp Sail-in &amp; BBQ</b>	<i>China Camp</i>
<i>Sept-Oct TBD</i>	<b>Offshore Cruise</b>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>October 18-19</i>	<b>Jessica Cup</b>	<i>St. Francis YC</i>



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