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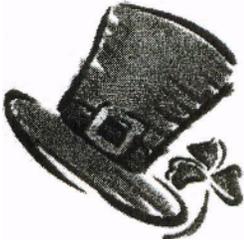
## 2005 Membership Renewal Is Due

Membership dues for 2005 are past due, so if you haven't paid, please return the self addressed, stamped envelope, with your check to Dick Wrenn **NOW!!!!!!**

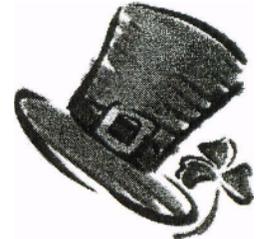
If you've lost the envelope, mail your membership renewal of \$60.00 (regulars and cruising) or \$30 (MMBA friend) payable to "MMBA" (write the name of your boat on the Notes section of check),

Master Mariners Membership  
139 Hagar Avenue  
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If you know someone/boat that should join our ranks-get a membership application form from Dick Wrenn (510)654-7704



## St PATRICK'S DAY SPRING POTLUCK



**SATURDAY, March 19, 2005**

The ninth annual SPRING POTLUCK will be held at the POINT SAN PABLO YC ([www.pspyc.org/foghorn](http://www.pspyc.org/foghorn)] in Point Richmond. Come on Friday and stay till Sunday.

### **Potluck Dinner at about 1730 Sat:**

- **Marconi bring salad and bread and butter for 12 people**
- **Gaffers bring entree for 12 people.**
- **MMBA will provide dessert and extras.....**

**Master Mariner Regatta applications forms will be handed out**

Reservations requested if you are COMING BY BOAT.

Information: contact Jeff Stokes (925) 935-7096, [cjeffstokes@msn.com](mailto:cjeffstokes@msn.com)

### **Volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean-up**

**DIRECTIONS:** By BOAT-Enter the Point Potrero Reach at Point Richmond Gust west of the RED OAK VICTORY) and continue around to the left. The Club is at the head of the Santa Fe Channel. Raft up starboard side to. We will monitor channel 68 Sat. pm (and Fri. pm if anyone comes in then). Club Office 510-233-1046

By CAR-Exit highway 580 to Canal, St. Go south to Cutting Blvd one block, then left one long block to 700 Cutting=Point San Pablo YC.



## From the Quarterdeck

Spring is in the air! We are blessed here on the San Francisco Bay that we sail all year. By the end of the rainy season the old boats (at least mine) get a little shaggy. Paint peels and rust runs. I decided to put out a little more effort on the boat this year, as I have missed the Regatta for two years due to Race Chairman duties. Here on the West Coast a lot of our owners do some of their own work. This may range from doing it all, to coordinating work with a combination of Yard work, private contractors, and owner sweat. This seems very different than the East Coast where most work is done by the yard with the owner just signing checks. This brings me to an idea that MMBA members need to exchange information on how the work gets done.

I stripped my bottom (**Nautigal's**) to bare wood with a double coating of "Aqua Strip", then scrapers, and an air powered disk sander with a water feed. This was after consulting with MMBA owner Dean Gurke who had just stripped **Unda**. I didn't follow his route to a tee, but after listening to his story I somehow got there. I also replaced some keel bolts with used stainless prop shaft. These bolts going into a cast iron keel were originally forged iron but had been replaced with stainless steel at least twenty years ago. The removed stainless steel, inspected in 1989 at about 10% gone, was now about 30% eaten away with crevice corrosion but had a lot of good metal remaining. I did renew

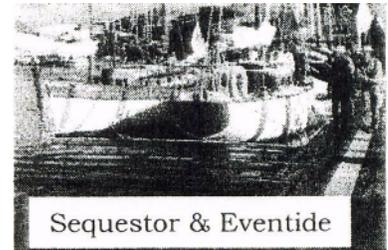
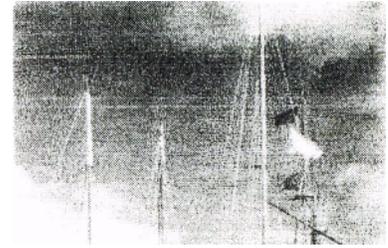
them. I removed and checked, (with a boat professional, and two MMBA as witnesses, or at least critiques) representative stainless steel wood screws that were installed in 1989, close to existing galvanized iron boat nails as plank refasten. The iron was of course impossible to remove. The stainless steel was in near new appearance. Nothing was sent to the lab, and we are not sure of any stainless steel formulas, but there they were, sparkling in the sun.

So my suggestion is that if a MMBA owner is going to bite off a boat project look to the membership. Everyone needs to learn from somewhere. I learned my woodsman, hunting, fishing, sportsman knowledge at my father's knee. I learned my yachtsman knowledge by going to the water with nothing. The first thing I saw was the half done Trimarans, but thank God that passed. Then there was Donald Street and The Ocean Sailing Yacht. Then Woodenboat Magazine. Now there is the online Woodenboat forum. These are all learning centers but beyond this, among the MMBA owners, are people who have actually done what you are planning doing. I suggest you seek their experience to help you in your decisions. We have the knowledge. Sweet sailing,

*Jeff Stokes  
Commodore*

# 2005 New Year's Day Race & Chili Feed

The Year started off with a drizzly morning, up until about 11:30, when spots of sunshine started poking out around Treasure Island for a glorious start. **Finesse, Aida**, with Mike and Sue Proud foot on the foredeck, **Eventide**, and **Royalist** were off, wing and wing to the north for Red Rock, with a starting gun from **Smokey**. Runa joined in from the east right after the start, as did **Sequestor** from the west. A very light southerly built to about ten knots or so by the time of rounding Red Rock. Midway to Red Rock, **Spirit** passed, tacking to the southwest. After that a mild squall cell came through seemingly to cause royalist to be over powered, as she headed up, chose the short course option and went to the RYC, colored sails, cannons, and all. **Eventide** anticipating the usual short course, hadn't brought the race instructions, and needed to poll the fleet on VHF as to the prescribed rounding side of Red Rock, port or starboard. The consensus was to starboard from all but **Smokey**, the modest motor-sailor, used her red Marconi rig, engine allowance, and short course option to a spectacular first to finish. Those rounding Red Rock finished in the order, **Eventide, Aida, Runa, And Finesse**, All in all conditions were ideal, a long run with a medium tack to the finish. All docked at Richmond Yacht Club, except **Runa**, choosing the non-stop return to Berkeley. It's too bad more didn't have a more optimistic feel for



Sequestor & Eventide



Skip and Robert

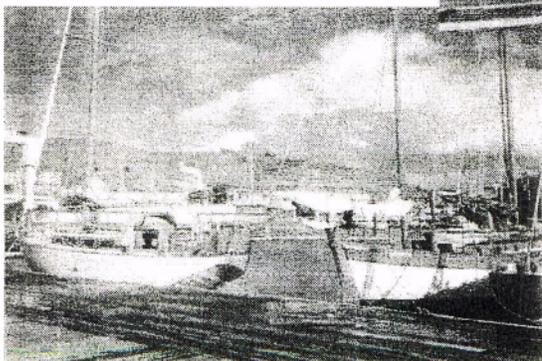
Royaliste



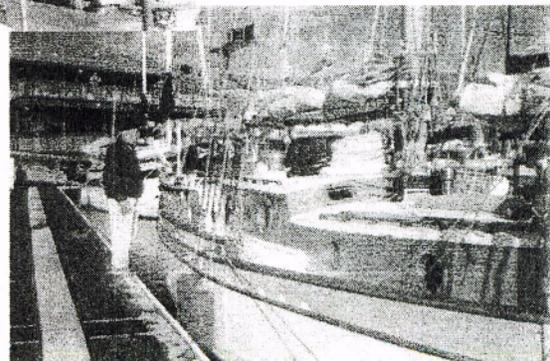
Dee Dee Lozier, Bob G, Tom List



Pictures by Ariane Paul



Aida



## MMBA Ships Store

If you wished you had bought an MMBA t-shirt, sweatshirt or hat at the Boat Show or Regatta and would like one now to wear or give as present we have a supply held with Patty Henderson. She has MMBA denim shirts, 2004 tee-shirts and sweatshirts, lady's tee-shirts, caps and hats, and some tee-shirts and sweatshirts from earlier years. Contact Patty at [seaharpy@hotmail.com](mailto:seaharpy@hotmail.com)



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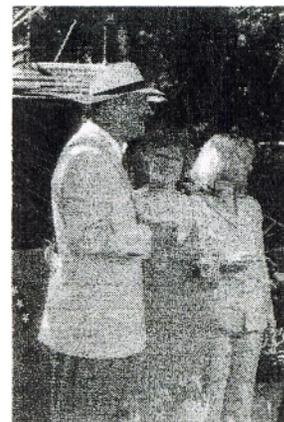
Your board (MMBA Board) welcomes your opinions, ideas and complaints. Any Member can attend the Board Meetings and address them on any subject relevant to MMBA. These are held monthly at Point San Pablo YC. Call any Board Member (see cover for phone numbers) to secure the date and time of next meeting.

We have been considering supplying the Shellback electronically to the Membership rather than hard copy. We have not had much feedback from you all as to whether this is of interest. Please let us know, send to [mastermariners@hotmail.com](mailto:mastermariners@hotmail.com) and it will be forwarded to the Board..

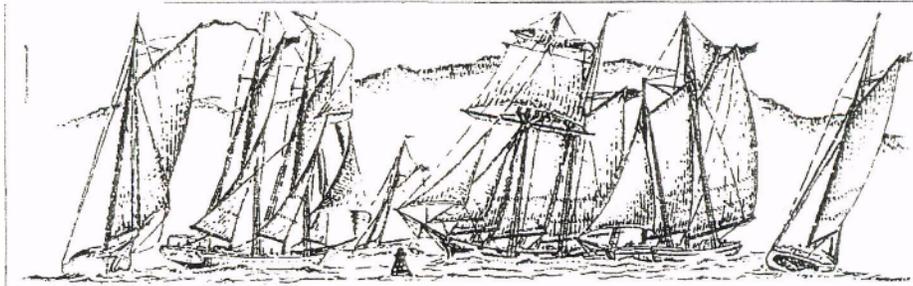
### TRADITIONAL SMALL CRAFT ASSOCIATION AEOLIAN YC CRUISE-IN FOR WOODEN BOATS Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2005

This is to advise all that the Aeolian Wood Boat Cruise-in is scheduled for Sept. 30, Oct 1, and Oct 2. As before, there will be an inexpensive dinner in the upstairs bar Friday night. There will be a really good dinner Saturday evening. A big breakfast will be available Sunday morning Food, Beverages, Music, Friends, and Wood boats. What more is there? More on this topic later.....

Barbara Ohler, **Unda**



Wedding Congratulations  
to Barbara Ohler and Dean Gurke  
of Unda



## THE 2005 MMBA REGATTA

The Annual MMBA Regatta will be held on **Saturday, May 28, 2005** (Memorial Weekend). 71 boats, ranging in size from 19' to 103', signed up for last year's race. The race starts off the City front at the St. Francis YC. First boats start at 1200, last boats by 1300. The finish is off the east side of Treasure Island about 1500. After the race, a majority of the boats congregate at **the Encinal YC in Alameda** for a raft-up. That night participants enjoy a dinner, awards ceremony and dancing. Boats that stay overnight also enjoy a breakfast Sunday put on by EYC and a potluck BBQ Sunday afternoon organized MMBA members.

Early race packets and applications will be available at the March 19 Potluck Supper at Point San Pablo YC. If you are unable to attend, others will be mailed to current members in late March.

This year's Regatta Chairman is Stephen Gort, Vice Commodore. You can contact him for more information or questions at [SGort@att.net](mailto:SGort@att.net).

The Sponsors Luncheon will be held on **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at the St. Francis YC. For more information on MMBA Sponsorship you may email your inquiry to [mastermariners@hotmail.com](mailto:mastermariners@hotmail.com) and it will be forwarded to DeeDee Lozier, Sponsorship Chairman. If you know of anyone interested we would love to add more sponsors.

Our Sailing instructions are being reviewed for compliance with the new "*Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008*", which has just been published.

Information on the rules and courses will be available in late March.

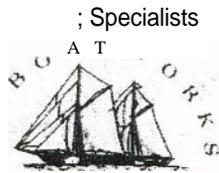
*Stephen Gort  
Vice Commodore  
Regatta Chair*

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### Question

Boat Name: Mistress II, Farallone Clipper Comments:  
My stainless steel lead tracks have 6 screws that have steel rotted my gunwales. Also need advice about pump-outs and float switches. Any advice welcome.  
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### FOR SALE:

#### Wayland yawl "Mary Beth"

I am trying to coordinate a sale of the 1927 George Wayland 40' yawl, "Mary- Beth" so that she doesn't end up in a dumpster. This boat is in fair shape but the last owner died and left it to his infirm sister in Oklahoma, and she hasn't a clue about selling it. Mary Beth raced Master Mariners for years and has some hardware aboard that shows a winning way. The boat is \$5000.00 as is, OBO of course. The condition is solid for the most part, since the last concerned owner did a lot of work and kept her going. Unfortunately, he died about 6 years ago, and work stopped. No motor, and very little interior. I have heard she needs keel bolt work, engine beds and some planks replaced. Her rig needs TLC and so far I haven't found any sails but I am working on a lead for them. She is a solid woodie though. Hope she can be saved! Please contact me by email or phone. Thanks, Bill Price, Harbor Administrator Richardson Bay Regional Agency  
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### FOR SALE

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<i>March 19th</i>	<b>Spring Potluck</b>	<i>Pt. San Pablo YC</i>
<i>May 20th</i>	<b>Sponsors Lunch</b>	<i>St. Francis YC</i>
<i>'May 28th</i>	<b>Annual Regatta</b>	<i>Encinal YC</i>
<i>June 25th</i>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<i>Corinthian YC</i>
<i>June 26th</i>	<b>Wooden Boat Show</b>	<i>Tiburon</i>
<i>July 'Early</i>	<b>River Rat Cruise</b>	<i>Delta</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<b>Summer's End Cruise</b>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Sept. 24-25</i>	<b>Jessica Cup</b>	<i>St. Francis YC</i>
<i>October</i>	<b>Offshore Cruise</b>	<i>Drake's Bay</i>

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