



The Shellback

Since 1867

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Hans List, Editor

SPRING POTLUCK



Saturday, March 21, 2009

At

Richmond Yacht Club

Bar Opens Mid-Afternoon
Dinner will start about 1830

Gaffers bring main dishes and casseroles.
Marconi bring appetizers, salads and side dishes.
MMBA will supply dessert

Master Mariner Regatta applications forms will be handed out

Volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean-up

For driving directions, check the club's website www.richmondyc.org

***Reservations requested by March 16th
if you are sailing in***



For more Information and boat reservations contact:
Dee Dee Lozier at 510-653-8820 or ddlozier@gmail.com



From the Quarterdeck

While our nation's economy slides further into debt as our largest banking and financial institutions absorb more and more of our country's wealth to stave off their own insolvency and taxpayers are being called upon to help stimulate the economy as over half a million Americans lose their job each month, you can gain some comfort in knowing that the MMBA is alive and well planning another great sailing season. The wind and water remain free and will continue to support one of life's great pleasures.

The soundness of the MMBA and its ongoing success is the result of your past and ongoing support. It's your yearly membership dues and volunteer efforts that make the Association and its events possible. Dick Wrenn has sent out this year's membership renewal notices so please take the minute or two necessary to write and send in your check today and we can look forward together to another great year.

The MMBA Board received and reviewed two scholarship requests last month and forwarded recommendations to the Foundation for a final determination. These requests by no means preclude further benevolence on the part of the Association and we encourage you to identify any young man or woman interested in pursuing a traditional maritime education who may need financial assistance to achieve his/her goal. If you know of a worthy candidate, please contact me and I will help move the application process forward.

Our board secretary stepped down last month and John Tucker has graciously agreed to pick up the slack while continuing with his ongoing duties as Trophy Chairman. John has requested that we identify and enroll a trainee to work with him on trophies this year so he/she can take over next year. Our Trophy Chair fulfills the important role of maintaining our perpetual trophies, and selecting, purchasing and distributing the keeper trophies at our Annual Regatta. This position is open to anyone who is interested, so if you or someone you know can rise to the occasion please let me know and we can discuss it further.

The Board selected our new T-shirt vessel earlier this year and the artistry of Caleb Whitbeck is now in full production. It's a Marconi rig this time and you'll just have to come to our annual Sponsors-Skippers luncheon to find out which lucky member it is.

But before that, our next big event is our Spring Potluck on March 21st at the Richmond Yacht Club where you can enjoy great food, hearty drinks and good company while picking up your regatta application from Dee Dee Lozier. You'll find additional details for this event elsewhere in this issue of the Shellback.

Yes, it may be stormy with few opportunities to go sailing now but it is not too early to start making plans and getting ready for spring. Now's the time to patch your sails, tune the engine, check your rig and running gear and make those improvements you've been putting off so you'll be ahead of the game and can spend more of your time out on the water when the weather improves.

As the late Studs Terkel would have said: take it easy, but take it.

John Vincent
Commodore

New Year's Day – out in the fog

A last moment turn of events (vanishing crew) found me on AIDA helping Skip Henderson start the "race" rather than sailing my own boat (grrr). The day turned out great never-the-less.

About six or seven vessels participated in some way or another. There were two "competitive" starts: Marbara vs. Sequestor, out in the fog somewhere; and Bolero vs. Pegasus, passing Southhampton Shoals every-which-way.

Marbara came in to Pt. San Pablo YC first, Bolero came in next, then Pegasus. Sequestor finished the "race" and came in. Huck Finn and Briar Rose had nice sails and just came in.



Pegasus and Bolero at Southhampton Shoals

Patty Henderson stayed high and dry and readied the PtSPYC clubhouse for us and we all appreciated her efforts (seeing as it was after the club's NY's event the night before.) The tacky trophies were presented with all the proper pomp and circumstance. Several of us chose to bestow them upon Steve Hutchinson who has worked on several of our boats and has now gone over the deep-end and bought himself a great boat, the Winslow gaff ketch DUTCH. Pegasus took out a big crew on a volunteer sail. The potluck crowd swelled up pretty big in the early evening.



Steve Hutchinson and his "award"

While we were having fun up here, Alice Watts of ALMA, her brother Neal, and Christine Weaver, and many cetaceans were in sunny San Diego for a sail with Dauntless hosted by Paul Plotts and his family. Alice reports:

"WHAT A WONDERFUL START TO THE NEW YEAR 2009! A beautiful day in San Diego with a bit of a breeze (imagine that), great water complete with a whale as we sailed alongside the Schooner AMERICA out on the Pacific. Taking the helm was a treat as we sailed

back into San Diego Bay to find ourselves abeam of STAR OF INDIA at the San Diego Maritime Museum. After the sail all hands went below deck to celebrate this wonderful day and toasted the New Year. Thanks to Paul and the crew of DAUNTLESS for an unforgettable time for myself and my brother, Neal."

2009 is off to a great start!

Participating vessels:

AIDA - Skip Henderson and Ariane
Paul - starting line with Southhampton
Shoal
Bolero - Tim Murison
Pegasus - Captain Richard Gillette
Marbara - Suzy Olson
Sequestor - Hans List
Huck Finn - Margie Siegal
Briar Rose - John Ough



Alice Watts on the bow of Dauntless

Many other wooden vessels were represented by their owners showing up in "land yachts":

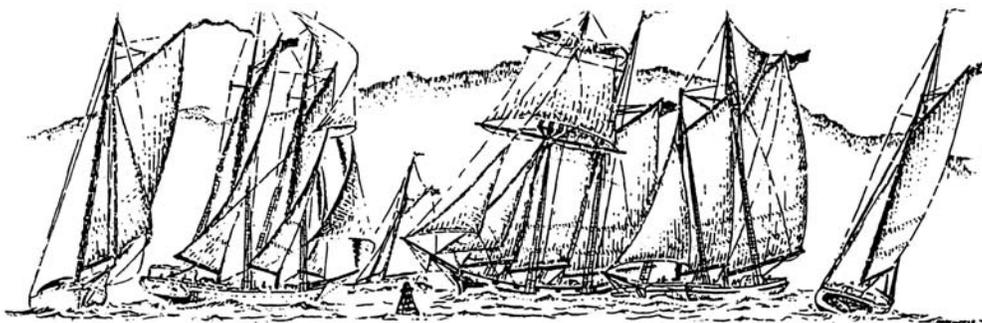
Farida - Mike & Sue Proudfoot
Little Packet - Dick Wrenn
Makani Kai - Ken & Kristine Inouye
Regulus - Ed & Linda Witt
Nautigal - Jeff Stokes
Dutch - Steve & Maggie
Hutchinson
Rowena - Craig & Virginia
Swayne
Liebestraum & Kodiak - Peter
Miller
Vixen - Steve & Linda Kibler
Polaris (SWBC) & Smoky - Tom
& Suzanne List
John T - Ariane Paul
Brigadoon - Terry Klaus
Bullfrog - Robert Briscoe
Sunrise - Suzy Savage
Patience - Don Mollett
Swift - Brian Linke



The Schooner AMERICA sails from San Diego

Ariane Paul, Vice Commodore

Time to start thinking about.....



2009 Master Mariners' Regatta
Saturday, May 23rd

The invitations will be handed out at the ***Spring Pot Luck, March 21st***. For those unfortunates who cannot make it to the Pot Luck, the invitations will be mailed out the following week. Please, return your application early. It makes life a lot easier for the organizers. ***The due date for your application is April 27th. The Sponsor's Luncheon is Friday, May 15th.*** This is such a wonderful event. I hope you are all able to make it this year.

Dee Dee Lozier
Regatta Race Chairman

2009 Sponsors & Skippers Luncheon
May 15, 2009, 11:30 am, St. Francis Yacht Club

Though it may be dark and stormy outside now, your late night dreams probably include sunny days out on the water enjoying our beautiful bay and an escape from your everyday cares. I think most of us share this anticipation of what is coming up right around the corner as winter starts to wane.

Something we all have to look forward to is our annual regatta and great times with our friends at the sponsors lunch and regatta weekend. This year the lunch will be on Friday, May 15th at the St. Francis Yacht Club in the Golden Gate room (to the left of the entrance lobby).

During these rocky times, I encourage you to look up our online sponsor directory (<http://www.mastermariners.org/PDF's/2008MMBADirectorySponsors.pdf>)

when you are looking for goods and services and support one of the companies that also support MMBA. The directory has a brief description of each company and their contact info. If you have trouble viewing the PDF file, please let me know and I will mail you a copy.

Not only does our sponsorship program help put on our annual regatta, but a portion of the funds coming in helps build up our reserves which in turn are channeled in to our benevolent foundation's donations towards apprenticeships, cadet programs, and other maritime programs. If you know of a potential new sponsor company, please contact me with details.

The luncheon is included in sponsorship as always, additional guests can attend for \$40.

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Mike Douglas, MMBA Treasurer, at Sponsors Luncheon

2009 Membership Dues

Dear Master Mariner,

Your \$60 membership dues for the 2009 season are due now.

If you haven't received your request for 2009 dues, please send me an e-mail at dickw8@pacbell.net.

Your dues are needed, so don't delay, send your check today.

Sincerely,
Dick Wrenn
510-654-7704

New Members

Chorus has been sold by past commodore Peter English to Bradley Asztalos of Oakland. Bradley plans to keep Chorus in her same berth in Sausalito and wants to learn to race her with the help of Peter and some of his racing crew. We are pleased that Chorus will remain in the MMBA. Please welcome Bradley to the club.



Eulalie PCC # 1 is a Pacific Cruising Class Sloop, designed by George Kettenburg and built at the Kettenburg boat yard in San Diego in 1946. PCC's are 46'4" on deck, have a waterline of 31'6", beam of 9' and displace 17,500 lbs. She is currently kept in Seattle and her caretaker Neil Atwood is a member of the Ancient Mariners Sailing Society and participates in their events in San Diego. Neil plans on spending more time in the Bay Area, so please welcome him to the MMBA.

Andrew Mulligan is a variant of the traditional "Nomansland" sailing fishing boat developed for use in Cape Cod around 1870. This type was recorded by Howard Chapelle in "American Small Sailing Craft". She is 25' on deck, has a beam of 8' and has an 18" center board. She was built by Brad Story, and her current caretaker is Stephen Canright. Stephen works at the National Parks Service facility at the foot of Hyde Street in San Francisco.

Pegasus is a Myron Spaulding 33' sloop that has been donated to the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center, by Ruth Schnapp. Ruth's husband Michael built and cared for Pegasus over many years. The vessel is now one of The Spaulding Centers' ambassadors and is proudly sailed by volunteers.

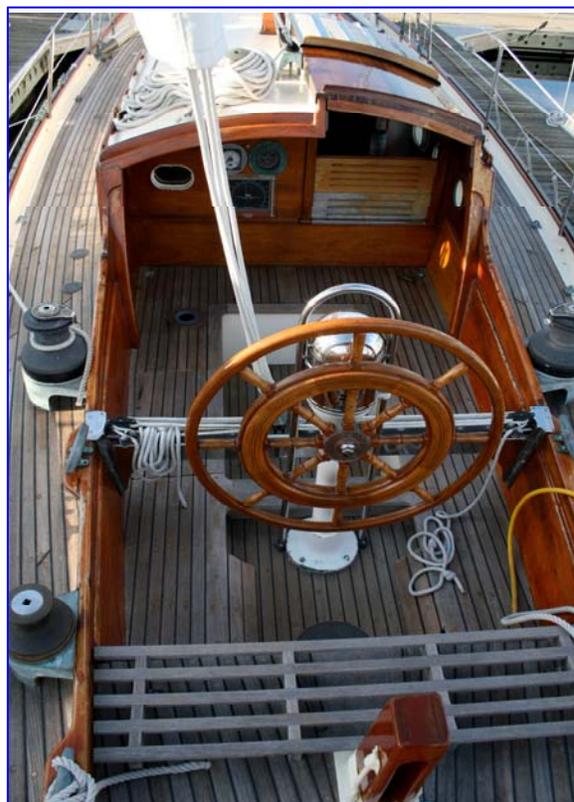
Chrysopyle is a Myron Spaulding 46' sloop that was launched in 1961, just in time to race the Transpac to Hawaii. Dean Morrison raced and cruised the boat heavily for 25 years. The boat was sold to Victor Segal, a Master Mariner who sailed the boat out of Richmond until 1993 when dean's son Bruce brought it back into the Morrison family. When Bruce passed in 1997 the boat was passed on to Kirk Morrison, who has owned and cared

for her over the last 10 years. We hope to see Kirk race her in the annual regatta. Please welcome Kirk into the MMBA.

Bulletin Board

FOR SALE : DUCHESS, 26' LOD, 33' LOA Sea Bird yawl

Seeking qualified buyer to assume care of classic Sea Bird yawl, Duchess, a member of MMBA for many years. 26 ft on deck and 33 ft overall, full keel, Marconi rig, inboard diesel auxiliary. Circa 1939 by Bowles at San Pedro Boat Works. Mahogany on fir with ply decks, wood spars. Recent Yanmar installation by List Marine. Hauled out at Spaulding in July for bottom paint. Brightwork refurbished this month by Hutchinson. In the water, fully operational, at Point Richmond (Pt San Pablo YC). A photo of Duchess is on the MMBA website. Asking \$6,000. Moving to Baltimore. Please contact John Coulson at 415-699-0837.



NEED CREW? Peter Eklund sent MMBA this message:

My name is Peter Eklund and I am a 28 year old Swedish/American sailing enthusiast. I was born in Stamford, CT but grew up most of my life in Stockholm, Sweden and I have been living in San Francisco for about a year. I am an experienced sailor certified by various organizations in Stockholm, Sweden, and would like to get back on the water in the Bay Area. I have previous racing experience on Avance 36, and I have been working a lot on the Swedish/French ship **Le' Marite**: <http://normandie-zoom.com/blog/images/live-armada/2007/marite-goelette.jpg> I am willing to help with all tasks on board and I am experienced with everything from cleaning and maintenance to piloting on day long trips. Getting back out on the water is my highest priority for I love to sail like no one you have met! If

you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Peter Eklund, peter.eklund@k-werks.com

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VOLANTE-Looking For a New Home

Designed by George Wayland. Built by the Nunes Bros. in Sausalito in 1936. Full length planking. Great vessel with local history and beautiful lines. Currently in covered berth in San Rafael. Dry bilge. Contact Al Blair for details. 415-314-7906

42' LOA

10' 6" Beam

7' Draft



2009 Spaulding Youth Boat Building & Sailing Program
Open House - Saturday, March 14th - 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Spaulding Wooden Boat Center
Foot of Gate Five Road, Sausalito, CA 94965, (415) 332-3179

REMINDER: SWBC offers 10% off your haul-out if you are a MMBA member.

Attention Master Mariners

As the new editor of the Shellback I would like to remind all of you to feel free to share your stories, notices and or photos with the MMBA community by emailing them to me at hanslist09@yahoo.com.

Hans List
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- Spring Potluck
- Sponsors Luncheon
- Annual Regatta

Recent Happenings:

- New Years Day Race
- Membership Dues

and more:

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2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

<i>JANUARY 1</i>	New Years Race	<i>PT SAN PABLO YC</i>
<i>MARCH 21</i>	Spring Potluck	<i>RICHMOND YC</i>
<i>MAY 15</i>	Sponsors Lunch	<i>ST. FRANCIS YC</i>
<i>MAY 23</i>	Annual Regatta	<i>ENCINAL YC</i>
<i>JUNE 20</i>	Annual Meeting	<i>CORINTHIAN YC</i>
<i>JUNE 21</i>	Wooden Boat Show	<i>TIBURON</i>
<i>JULY 18</i>	SWBC-MMBA BBQ	<i>SAUSALITO</i>
<i>AUGUST TBD</i>	Petaluma Cruise	<i>PETALUMA YC</i>
<i>AUGUST 29</i>	China Camp Sail-in & BBQ	<i>CHINA CAMP</i>
<i>SEPT-OCT TBD</i>	Offshore Cruise	<i>TBD</i>
<i>OCTOBER 17-18</i>	Jessica Cup	<i>ST. FRANCIS YC</i>



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