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Spring Potluck

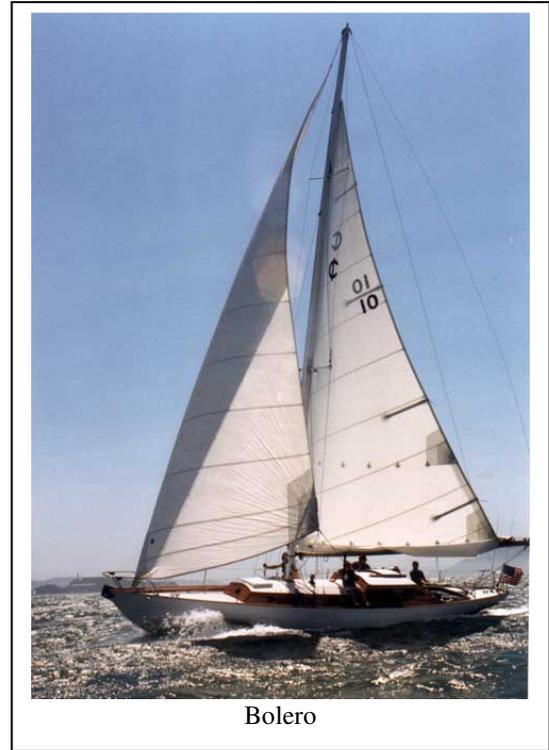
*Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club
Saturday, March 13th*

Bar Opens Mid-Afternoon, Dinner will start about 1830

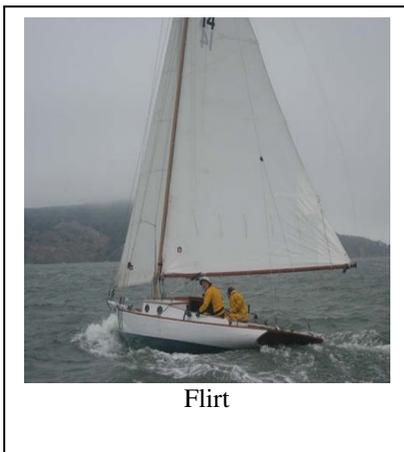
Marconi bring main dishes and casseroles.
Gaffers bring appetizers, salads and side dishes.
MMBA will supply dessert.

This event has traditionally been a good opportunity for potential new members to come and get to know the group, so please invite any of your marina neighbors and acquaintances who have traditional sailboats to come and participate. We have quite a few new members already this year, so make a point of getting to know each other while partaking on this great feast – best potluck on this side of the bay (maybe the whole bay)!

We will be ordering MMBA sweaters and jackets in advance of the regatta on a pre-paid order basis this year and plan to have a sample of each and order sheets on hand at the potluck.



Bolero



Flirt

2010 Master Mariners Regatta applications forms will be handed out to current members, and then mailed to any who are not able to attend.

Volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean-up. For driving directions, check the club's website: www.pspyc.org

Berthing reservations requested by March 8th if you are sailing in.

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From the Quarterdeck

It's been wet enough this winter that I've hardly had to turn my hose on the garden, but we did have enough of a break on New Year's Day that we had a great turn out for the start of the year. Not only did a lot of prospective new members show up, but some returning old friends came around. I was happy to finally meet the Gibson family and can't wait to see Patience out on the bay again. The new members are coming in all different sizes, from Folk boat on up to the big ketch Minerva. We are hoping enough Folk boats join so that they can have a class start this year. Instead of having any wallflowers this time around, everyone really seemed to be getting to know each other – and that's a good thing. The MMBA Board is always discussing how those that have been involved for a while need to make an effort to welcome in the new members so they aren't shy about coming around, asking questions, joining in on a chantey sing here and there, sharing their stories on what has drawn them to the boats they lovingly care for, and the joy they feel gliding by on the bay in these wonderful vessels.

Next up is our Spring Potluck on Sat. March 13th – at which you'll start hearing a lot of buzz on the Memorial Weekend Annual Regatta coming up Saturday, May 29th. Both the regatta, and the previous week's Sponsors/Skippers luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club Friday, May 21st are main highlights of the local traditional sailboat crowd. We have visiting yachts from far and wide come to join in the fun – spread the word if you know anyone who would like to participate. The perennial support of our sponsors is key to this regatta, and we give a heap of gratitude to them for their continued support. If you have a potential new sponsor company, please let a board member know and we will follow up.

A few members groan about their regatta handicaps now and then – if you have any strong grudge, please let the board know so we can address it as best as possible. We know how important this regatta is to many and want to make sure it is fun and something to look forward to for all of our group.

After the regatta everyone spiffs up their varnish once again for the Wooden Boat Show, coming up this year on Sunday, June 27th. This show was started by the MMBA and continues for the purpose of raising funds for our benevolent activities, which are handled by the Master Mariners Benevolent Foundation. Just like our sponsors, the benevolent aspect of our organization goes back to its founding in 1867 and remains a key part of our organization. It all comes together to preserve the history that has brought us together.

The new MMBA Forum is going live and can be found on the website at this link:

<http://www.mastermariners.org/mmbaforum/>

After discussion it has been decided that participation in the forum will be for MMBA members only. More information will be sent out by email to members shortly.

See you at the Spring potluck!
Ariane Paul, Commodore

New Members for a New Year

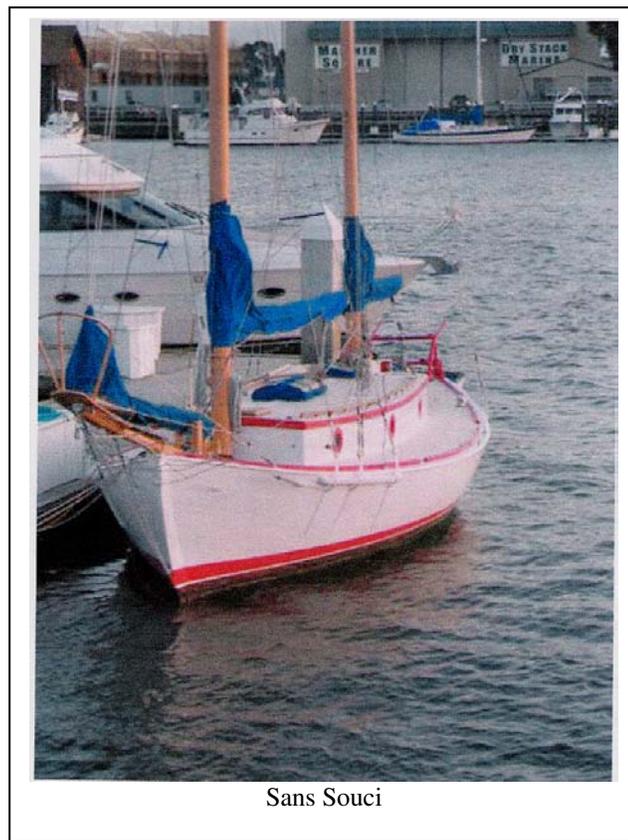
Please welcome Scott Wall, a new friend to the MMBA. Scott recently bought Danish Folkboat FD 90, which he hopes to restore. He hopes to learn from other MMBA members about wood restoration as it applies to Folkboats. He is looking forward to joining as a member when he gets his vessel in sailing condition.

Norman and Karleen Harris have brought Sans Souci into the MMBA. She was built in 1943 by William Bennett in Newport CA. Ketch rigged, she is 41' overall, 33' on deck with a 28' water line and 13.5' of beam. At 24,000 lbs. she is a very seaworthy looking vessel. To my mind she has an Anglemans kind of look to her with a pleasing sheer.

Russell Johansen has joined our ranks as a friend, until he can get his ketch into sailing condition. He saved her from the dumpster, and from the pictures he sent she looks like a Kettenberg to me, though there are rumors that she has Alden heritage. Russell is looking for any input he can get. He plans to name her "Sage" when he gets her sailing. Her dimensions are 36' LOA, 33' LOD, 23' LWL, with 9.5' of beam.

I look forward to interacting with our new members, whom I know are all looking forward to meeting other club members. Most are very interested in learning the many secrets of keeping a wooden boat alive and well.

Dick Wrenn
Membership



Sans Souci



**17th ANNUAL MASTER MARINERS
WOODEN BOAT SHOW
SUNDAY JUNE 27th, 2010**



MMBA has come a long way since the first Wooden Boat Show at the Corinthian Yacht Club seventeen years ago. A lot of young folks have been to sea since the **Master Mariners Benevolent Association (MMBA)** Board of Directors directed in 1995 that the Wooden Boat Show would be the annual fund raiser for the benevolent outreach arm of **MMBA**. Known as the **MMBA Historic Small-Craft Preservation Foundation**, it was formed in 1988 as the financial sponsor for restoring the Bird Boat **Polly**.

In 1998 **MMBA** was approached by Mercy High School in San Francisco for assistance in funding their new program, *the Tall Ship Semester at Sea for Girls*, (TSSG). The **MMBA** Board liked the presentation given to them and agreed to have the 501(c)3 Foundation provide the requested assistance to their program. That same year it was also agreed to help graduates of the *Arques School of Traditional Boatbuilding* purchase tools for their new career.

It appeared that the function of **MMBA** had now been increased to being more than just the **MMBA** Regatta and the **MMBA**'s several annual events. It was then determined that the mission statement of the Preservation Foundation should be amended to include the above activities and future requests that may relate to enhancing the 'Benevolent' part of the **MMBA** name. This was accomplished in May of 1999 and the Preservation Foundation became the **MASTER MARINERS BENEVOLENT Foundation**. Now the **MMBA WOODEN BOAT SHOW** as a fund raiser became a very important part of **MMBA** activities.

Looking at the past sixteen Wooden Boat Shows, you can be proud to see that **MMBA** has helped over 90 young ladies from inner-city San Francisco attend a semester at sea that included class room studies and six weeks of life aboard a Tall Ship. Thirty eight graduates of the *Arques School of Traditional Boatbuilding* have been aided in buying tools for their new trade. In 2004 a San Francisco High School graduate went on an educational voyage aboard the 188' barkentine **CONCORDIA**. In 2006 an **MMBA** teenager spent a week aboard the **LADY WASHINGTON**. In 2007, another **MMBA** teenager spent five days aboard the 82' schooner **SEAWARD** and in 2009; five more SF Bay Area teenagers were aboard **SEAWARD** on five day educational cruises. All of these young folks were able to participate in these sea going cruises because of the **MMBA WOODEN BOAT SHOW**.

Plan to participate in the 17th Annual Wooden Boat Show at Corinthian Yacht Club, June 27, 2010 and perhaps you will help send a young sailor out to sea, or help an **ARQUES** student get new tools. Bring your boat and show it off to the public, or just come and enjoy other's boats. The music, Pelican Grill food and shining varnish ensures a grand time at the Corinthian Yacht Club. And, if you know of a young sailor that might be interested in going to sea, have him/her contact the **MMBA** Board and the request will be forwarded to the **MMBFUNDATION** for review.

Mike Douglas

New Years Day Recap

Our annual New Years Day Race to the Chili Pot proved to be another success. Although the weather was light and overcast and most vessels were unable to sail the entire course, there was still a great time to be had, both on the water and at the Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club. All said and done there were eight sailing vessels and at least twice as many "land yachts" that showed up.

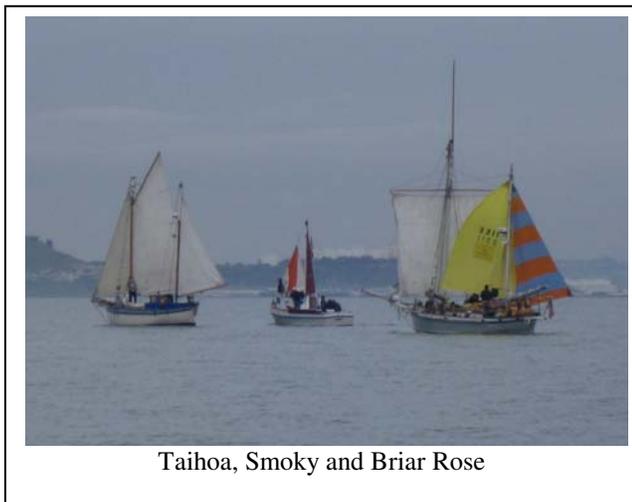


We had the usual battle of the Tahiti Ketches (Taihoa, Briar Rose, and Sequestor) which is always an entertaining sight in such light air. Flying only our mains'l and genoa aboard Sequestor (due to the recent shredding of our mizzen) we were hardly making any way at all. It became apparent how slow we actually were going when the "sailing vessel" Smoky sailed up to our stern and threw us a "sympathy sail" which we wasted no time in hoisting.

Even though it was a great day to be on the water (New Years always is) I think we were all relieved to hear the race being called off by the committee vessel Aida. Then it was full-tilt- boogie to the yacht club. The food was delicious and spirits were high. It was great to see some new faces and new members attending the festivities.

Special thanks go out to the Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club for hosting us, all who attended and contributed to the Bay Areas finest collection of tacky trophies and especially to the clean up crew who did such a good job in leaving us in good standing with the Yacht Club.

Hans List





SF Maritime National Historical Park's Hyde St. Pier – Adult maritime skills classes coming up:

Half Hull Model Making, starting February 23rd

Oar & Paddle Making, March 27 & 28

Maritime Sketchbook – Boats on the Bay, March 27

Pelican Sailing & Racing Series, Tuesdays, April 6 – May 18

All classes are held in San Francisco, at the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park's Hyde Street Pier. Half of all proceeds from adult education classes go directly to non-profit education programs for at-risk youth. For more information about these classes and the Association, please visit www.maritime.org

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For Sale

82' Classic Racing Schooner KELPIE

- Year: 1928
- **Current Price: US\$ 324,000**
- Located in Oakland, CA
- Hull Material: Wood
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Built for beauty and speed in 1928, Kelpie is still winning races today. The COI for 41 charter passengers or 24 under sail. Kelpie holds many records and is often referred to as "the fastest schooner on the West Coast". With extensive refits over the last 20 years and continual maintenance, Kelpie is as fast and elegant today as when she was first launched.

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- Spring Potluck
- Sponsors Luncheon
- Annual Regatta

Recent Happenings:

- New Years Day Race
- Membership

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- Commodore's Notes
- 17th Annual Wooden Boat Show

MMBA

2010 Events Calendar

<i>January 1</i>	New Years Race	<i>Pt San Pablo YC</i>
<i>March 17</i>	Spring Potluck	<i>Pt. San Pablo YC</i>
<i>May 21</i>	Sponsors Lunch	<i>St. Francis YC</i>
<i>May 29</i>	Annual Regatta	<i>Encinal YC</i>
<i>June 26</i>	Annual Meeting	<i>Corinthian YC</i>
<i>June 27</i>	Wooden Boat Show	<i>Tiburon</i>
<i>July 17</i>	SWBC-MMBA BBQ	<i>Sausalito</i>
<i>August TBD</i>	China Camp Sail-in & BBQ	<i>China Camp</i>
<i>Sept 4</i>	Chicken Ship Regatta	<i>Petaluma YC</i>
<i>Oct 9</i>	Offshore Cruise	<i>TBD</i>
<i>October 16-17</i>	Jessica Cup	<i>St. Francis YC</i>



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