



The Shellback

Since 1867

May/June, 2003

Frances Dugdale, Editor

Regatta Highlights

The Annual MMBA Regatta in Central San Francisco Bay was held on Saturday, May 24, 2003 at with the start off the City front at the St. Francis YC, 12.00. Seventy-one boats signed up for this year's race with fifty-two finishing at the east side of Treasure Island about 1430. The race started. The race is,. This years race was exhilarating, exciting, windy, wet and cold. After the race, most of the boats headed over to a raft-up at the Encinal YC in Alameda. They were greeted by a barber band, and later spent the evening sharing stories, eating a fine steak and salmon dinner and dancing to a great band. New this year was the donation by Long Meadow Ranch Winery of a Magnum bottle of wine to all the first place winners. Boats that stayed overnight also enjoyed a breakfast Sunday put on by EYC and a potluck BBQ Sunday afternoon organized by Bob Rogers of *Sunda* who supplied mountains of strawberry shortcake, and supplied by donated beer by Buffalo Bill Brewing Co. Many thanks to Patrick Broderick and the Sausalito YC for Race Committee Boat and Officer and Encinal YC for their hospitality over Memorial Day weekend.

Perpetual Trophy	Year Donated	Winner
Baruna	1976;orig Bermuda Cup, Ocean 1 yacht that is 1 st to finish	Spirit
Farallone Clipper	1 st Farallone Clipper to finish	Credit
Billiken	1978, fastest Gaff rig yacht over 30' on deck	Brigadoon
Kermit Parker	1998, Fastest Gaff II yacht	Makani Kai
Dead Eye	1968, fastest yacht over 30' on deck, any rig, non ocean	Bright Star
Aloha	1996, fastest Marconi II or III (30-40' on deck)	Lydia
Everett J Hanson	1 st Bird Class Sloop to finish	Curlew
Lyle Galloway	1984, fastest yacht under 30' on deck, any rig	Flirt
Gerry O'Grady	1 st Bear Class Sloop to finish	Camembert

This year the Longest Distance trophy was not awarded as there were no boats from beyond the Bay that participated although we welcomed the sailor that had traveled the furthest to crew in the race: **Hank Decker**, a blind solo yachtsman who came from Florida to sail on *Adagio*. **Times, and results are on Page 5-6. Photos, Page 9, Article Page 8.**

**MASTER MARINERS
WOODEN BOAT SHOW**

Sunday, June 29, 2003

Supports the Preservation of Classic Sailing Vessels, Seamanship and Nautical Education



Corinthian Yacht Club
Main Street, Tiburon
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission \$10. • Children under 12 Free & must be supervised.
A rare opportunity to view and board San Francisco Bay's
classic sailing yachts. Meet their skippers and learn their history.
Corinthian Yacht Club Outdoor Bar & Grill Open for Lunch.

Sponsored by Historic (1967) Master Mariners Dependable Association
Illustration by MMBA member, Caleb Whitbeck

MMBA Boat Show (Sun 23 June)

Having raced the boats now we can get to see them all in their fine glory at the MMBA Boat Show at the Corinthian Yacht Club. At the Boatshow you can share the history of your boat with other MMBA skippers and with members of the public. Events during the Boat Show include the awarding of the Stone Cup and demonstrations and exhibits by the Arques School of traditional boatbuilding. For more information contact Terry Klaus (510 337-0514) or Craig Swayne (415 285 1500, 710 6396). Volunteer help needed.

Annual Meeting (Sat 22 June)

Plan to arrive on Saturday, 22 June for the Annual Meeting of the MMBA that will include election of new officers -see **Page 4**, followed by steel drum band and Caribbean Barbeque.



From the Quarterdeck

54 sponsors, 71 entries, and 52 finishes. Not too bad of numbers for a regatta, considering a weak economy and the snotty weather. I have a modified Beaufort scale posted on my refrigerator that has 8-10 listed as Master Mariners weather. This is to remind me that our regatta usually has a fair amount of wind. Some of us old timers remember it gusting to 66 knots in 1988 and 63 knots in 1989 off of the St. Francis. This year it was blowing in the 30's and did get gusts in the low 40's but with the 2.8 knot ebb at the start it made sailing in the 6 foot square waves challenging. Fortunately for the Master Mariners, we are still an organization of wooden boats and iron men and women. The safety and survivability of our boats is a tribute to the sea worthiness of our designs and the seamanship of our members. Congratulations to all the skippers and crews that sailed in the regatta.

Kudos go to Vice Commodore Jeff Stokes and his supporting staff for running a flawless regatta. As always, Pat Broderick, Tim and Wrenn Prouty, and Paul Hartnett from Sausalito Yacht Club did another outstanding job running the committee boat. Jeff was also responsible for booking the evening band that got rave reviews from our members. So thank him for that too. Encinal Yacht Club did a fantastic job accommodating us with the help of Terry Klaus and Tom Hunt the general manager. Be sure to plan on having your post regatta dinners at the club to help support the club and ensure we continue our good relationships. Dee Dee Lozier and her staff of Terry Klaus, Peter English and Frank Hoberg did a great job with sponsors this year. Also John Tucker and his staff of Ann Tucker, Caleb Whitbeck, Barbi Whitbeck, and Karen Stokes did a wonderful job selling t-shirts at the sponsors luncheon and regatta. Caleb's designs and Barbi's ensembles just get better each year. If you missed buying some items at the sponsor luncheon or regatta, bring your checkbook to the

boat show. John Tucker will be re-ordering a limited amount of goods that sold out early and Dee Dee Lozier will be in charge of selling.

Now that the regatta is over, it's time to focus on the upcoming general membership meeting on June 28th and boat show on June 29th. This will be our 11th boat show at the Corinthian and as usual all proceeds will be going to the MMBF to help support various sailing programs throughout the bay area.

A short membership meeting will be held by the boat hoist at 1800 on Saturday evening. We will be taking nominations between now and then and handing out ballots for members to vote for new board members. Please contact Bob Rogers if you are interested in running for a board position.

I may be biased (or maybe it's the rum drinks) but I think we have one of the best post-meeting parties. Corinthian Yacht Club will be serving a Caribbean faire and the steel drum band from Trinidad will be there to entertain you into the night. Be sure to make reservations for the dinner and party for you and your crew. Please plan on helping out with the boat show the next day and contact Craig Swayne or Terry Klaus for specific duties. Remember, this is a fundraiser and all crew and friends coming in on Sunday will be charged at the gate.

After the boat show, the Master Mariners basically goes into cruise mode. Bob Cart will be handling the River Rat Cruise and Dick Wrenn will be taking care of the Chicken Ship cruise/race. Contact them for further information.

We hope to see you at this year's events and wish you smooth sailing.

*Ken Inouye
Commodore*

2003 MMBA Sponsor/Skipper Luncheon

The 2003 Luncheon took place on May 16th at the St. Francis Yacht Club and after a delicious lunch of chicken and tiramisu with wine donated by Dry Creek Winery, the Regatta trophies and awards were displayed and sponsors and boats were paired up (some examples shown right). There was the traditional distribution of race packets to attending skippers and an overview of the Regatta was presented by Race committee Chair, Jeff Stokes. T-shirts and sweatshirts, starring a great rendition by Caleb Whitbeck of this years Master Mariners boat, *Chorus* (owned by Kathleen and Peter English) with her spinnaker flying, were available for sale. Barbie Whitbeck also had selected some more classic Master Mariners clothing including hats and womans t-shirts this year. Many thanks to the 10 Benefactor Sponsors and the 47 Regular Sponsors.



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**Notice of Annual Meeting
&
Election of Officers**



**June 28, 2003
Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon, CA**

The 2003 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 1730 hours on Saturday June 28, 2003 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 Caribbean feast will be served by the Corinthian Yacht Club on the main clubhouse deck and then dancing to the steel drum band, Pan Ecstasy into the wee hours of the night. MMBA members/vessels who are participating in the Boat Show on Sunday June 29th are welcome to spend the night.

In addition to 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, Chris Newell and Dick Wrenn are expiring. All three have agreed to run for another term. However, additional nominees are being solicited.

Director-at-Large Candidates & Nominees
(3 positions to fill)

VOTE	Candidates	VOTE	Nominees
	John Blakemore (Patience)		YOUR NAME HERE!
	Terry Klaus (Brigadoon) incumbent		?
	Chris Newell (Pampero) incumbent		?
	Dick Wrenn (Little Packet) incumbent		?

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 Board of Directors with additional help from many dedicated volunteers. Now is your opportunity to really serve the Association, become more involved, give something back for all the good time you have had. **Nominations are currently open. To run for the Board please contact any of the current Board of Directors or Junior Staff Commodore, Bob Rogers (415-381-3498) by June 22nd** to have your name placed on the ballot. Ballots will be handed out before the annual meeting and must be in the ballot box by the close of the meeting. The winners will be announced during the evening activities. If you are unable to attend, you may vote by copying the above table, indicating your selections (no more than three) signing (vessel name and owners signature), dating and mailing your ballot to **Junior Staff Commodore, Bob Rogers, 60 Pamela Ct., Tiburon, CA 94920 postmarked by Tuesday June 24th.**

The Board is also in need of a Secretary. Anyone interested? Just contact any Director. For those of you that are not sure of the time commitment of being a Director, starting as the Secretary will give you a good understanding of the Association and what is involved with running it. I started as the Secretary in 1998 and it has been most rewarding.

Bob Rogers, Junior Staff Commodore

MMBA 2003 River Rat Cruise

July 26th



*“And you really live by the
river?”*

What a jolly life!”

Been thinking about taking that wooden classic on a cruise to the warm weather south but just can't seem to make it happen? Why go to all that trouble when you can just melt in the sun and mellow in the fresh water of

the Delta only a day's sail from the Bay? After all, Baja is so crowded....

Cruise to Steamboat Slough

We'll meet at the Southampton Shoal What a beautiful place to hang out. Clocks don't even work there. Heck, if you feel an unfortunate summer cold coming on you need to take a break. The Delta sun will cure whatever ails you. The Delta is good for you and a lot of fun.

***Sail back in time...
Sail back on your own time
Steamboat Slough***

Rendezvous to ride the bubble

We'll meet at the Southampton Shoal channel marker at 10 AM and catch an ideal tide to float us up the river. The temporary MMBA World Headquarters will be on the West side of Steamboat Slough about a mile before the entrance to the old Sacramento River south of Courtland.

It's 55 nm but with a flood current of 1-2 kts it goes fast. With the wind is right, we'll sail all the way. If you can make 5 knots under sail or power, you'll be in by about 18:30 either way. That's plenty of time to set the hooks, have a cocktail, and see the sunset at 20:22. If you are late, the early arrivals will help you anchor – or provide a hot dinner. Ever tried Delta Dad Risotto?

Get Hooked on the Delta

When you get to Steamboat, set a bow anchor out in the middle of the channel then drop back and set your stern anchor. Then take a swim (or a dinghy ride) to tie a long line to a tree and pull in close. This 3- way rig secures you out of the channel and makes for a beautiful sunrise and

cool sunset under the oaks. An awning for the sun is a must. A dinghy is nice but not needed. You can swim to the other boats or to the levy if you want to explore the area or just walk to the bridge to float back down.

*Put the wind at your back
and enjoy the warmth of
Delta mode...*

**Spend the weekend,
or a week, stay the
summer!**

Activities

Activities include swimming, crawdad fishing, telling stories, knot tying, parties, BBQs, music, naps, and just hanging out. Nature tours, shopping, and Delta dining at historic Locke. The major event for miles is the annual Courtland Pear Fair Sunday the 28th. Don't miss pear fritters, pear aid or the pear queen parade.

Where are we?

We'll be near Walnut Grove and Courtland, where provisions, ice and public transportation are available. We'll have people coming and going by car so you can leave the boat there if you need to return to city life.

Let us know

Up for a good time? Questions? Please call this year's River Rat Cruise director, so we know you are coming up the river.

Bob Cart (510) 914-0673
email bob@thecarts.net

A View of the Regatta from Makani Kai

Well, it's Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend, and the Annual MMBA Regatta is now history. I'm happy to say my aches and pains have subsided, and my boat tattoos (AKA bruises) are starting to fade. As usual, we sailed Friday to Encinal YC by way of Little Harding to check the winds and currents. It was a lumpy, wet and windy day. This was definitely the pre-cursor to the main event on Saturday.

On Saturday, our crew arrived and we soon motored out the Estuary. By the time we arrived at the city front we knew it was going to be a heavy wind day. We hoisted the cruising jib and main, and then reefed the mizzen. I was relieved that there would be no sail changes this day because I was part of the foredeck crew. We practiced beating, tacking, reaching, and jibing in the lee of the Marin headlands looking for some relief from the gusty winds and steep chop. Finally we headed for Blackhaller to check out the currents on the city front and start our pre-start maneuvering. The start was perfect. We couldn't have asked for anything better.

Our strategy from the start was to stay up with Terry on Brigadoon, even though they were in a different class and much faster than Makani Kai. Brigadoon beat us to Little Harding and then tacked back across the bay to Blackhaller. And like a shadow, we followed. Sailing across we encountered ferries and tankers crossing our paths. We held our course a little longer and gained the advantage to Blackhaller. Who needs video games when you can experience the real thing on bay?

After Blackhaller we poled out the jib and ran down the city front, hugging the shore to take advantage of the on-shore flood. We were able to keep Brigadoon behind us since they opted for more winds (though with the stronger ebb) and went to the center of the bay. Did I get to see it? Heck no! I was down below the entire time pumping out the bilge. Needless to say, at the end I became quite efficient at it. Soon my presence was needed for the rounding of Blossom this time having to skirt around a container ship.

After rounding Blossom we reached off to South Hampton carefully searching for other boats in our class. We couldn't see any, so we were either way behind or way in front. Our only gauge of how we were doing was Brigadoon. On this leg however, Brigadoon was tired of messing with us. They sailed under us and put the pedal to the metal (that was the last we saw of them until we hit the docks at Encinal).

With one more turn at South Hampton, we thought it was smooth sailing to the finish until we caught a glimpse of Regulus power reaching to the finish ahead of us. There dashed any hopes of winning the strutting cock and a great bottle of wine from Long Meadow Ranch. Oh well, maybe next year.

My best memories of this regatta will be the fun and excitement that our crew had performing as a team in the challenging conditions, with little to no mishaps (okay, we will be visiting our local sail maker for some repairs). I will also remember the great raft-up and party at Encinal with our friends who enjoy sailing these old woodies as much as we do. Until next time, we hope to see you on the bay.

Kristine Inouye

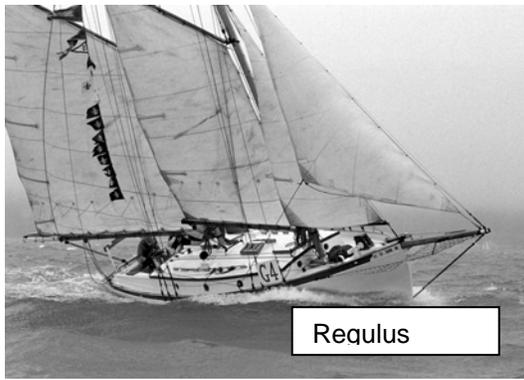
Shanties or Chanties?

This is a condensed answer to a lady's inquiry about the origin and possible historical impact of shanties (chanties) on British history that I wrote for a chat column a couple of years ago.

Skip Henderson

The earliest mention of sea shanty music in British literature, the "sing-out" or wild yell, was found in a manuscript written in the time of Henry VI describing the events during the passage of a pilgrim's ship in 1400 toward the port of the shrine of St. James of Compostella. At this time, and for the next 100 years or so, there was not much difference between military and commercial ships. As Britain progressed toward her immense commercial and colonial expansion, ships became larger and more specialized. Some were used for military objectives exclusively, being heavily manned with sailors and troops, and did not need a chant other than a rudimentary calling of numbers or the playing of a pipe, fiddle, or drum to carry on the work of hauling, setting sails, or raising anchor. On the other hand, the commercial ships were chronically undermanned and used the shanties to help fewer men coordinate their tasks.

British folk music had a traditional purpose other than dance or delighted amusement. In some cases it also informed the listener of news or rumors. Traveling musicians called Bards or Minstrels went from place to place incorporating stories of events, persons, battles, scandals, and anecdotes into their music for the delight of audiences. It did not take very long, historically, for the sailor to do like-wise. There are many instances of authors writing of maritime events, voyages, storms, sea battles and distant lands who have relied on the verses of old sea shanties and songs for some of their literary material.



Regulus

Some pictures from the Regatta by Mariahs Eyes

(510-864-1144 or
meyesphoto@mindspring.com).



Farida



Adagio



Rowena



Viking



Bright Star

For other pictures also
see

www.mastermariners.org

www.paparazzih2o.com

www.strangebird.us

Details on P. 11



Tunami



Corsair

Other MMBA Summer Events

MMBA Labor Day Cruise/Chicken Ship Race

August 30-Sept. 1
Petaluma YC

Cruise and race to Petaluma Yacht Club.
More info in the next Shellback. Contact
Dick Wrenn (510 654 7704

THE CHICKEN LIVES----- LONG LIVE THE CHICKENSHIP

Summer Sailstice 2003 falls on a
Saturday, a few weeks away!

Summer Sailstice is pleased to announce the launch of its redesigned website for 2003. "The improved site along with a number of new locations and events for this year are indication of the popularity that this sailing holiday has developed in its first two years," said John Arndt of *Latitude 38* magazine, **Summer Sailstice** founder. **Summer Sailstice** is the only international sailing event that truly celebrates the summer sailing season on the first day of summer and the longest day of the year. Launched in 2001, the event has enjoyed growing support from sailors and sailing businesses

Go now to www.summersailstice.com and sign up to register for great prizes. The site is designed so people can find crew, a boat to crew on, announce their individual participation or offer to host a gathering or raft up, enabling sailors anywhere to connect with various **Summer Sailstice** celebrations in their area. With the solstice only a month, information on event locations, prizes and other **Summer Sailstice** developments will continue to be posted at the website up until June 21st.

Bay Area SUMMER SAILSTICE Events:
www.summersailstice.com/northern_california.cfm

In the spirit of sailing and participation in **Summer Sailstice**, the San Francisco Yacht Club (Tiburon, Calif.) has announced that it will host a new event, "The Blue Chip Perpetual Trophy" on June 21 with a trophy donated by Walt Logan. The PHRF race will be sailed from SFYC to Bonita Cove and back. Complimentary beer & hors d'oeuvres, with a BBQ & music on the club deck will follow - Entry Fee \$25.00, Dinner \$8. For information contact Kyla Moore on (415) 269-4443 (cell) or Sean Callinan on (415) 497-1675 (cell), www.sfyc.org.

WOOD BOAT CRUISE-IN September 26, 27 and 28, 2003

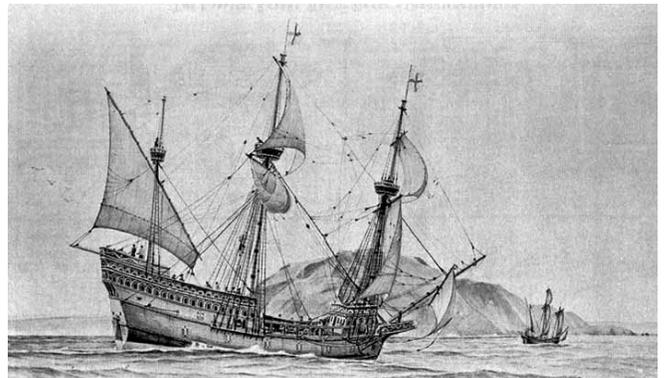
The Aeolian Thursday Night Rowing and Dining Society is proud to present the fourth annual Aeolian YC Wood Boat Cruise-in.

More details later.

Contact people:

John Tucker: 510-215-6620

Barbara Ohler: 510-523-9824



TALL SHIP NEWS:

From July 11th the "Nippon Maru", a 330' Japanese Sail Training Barque, will be arriving from Kobe, Japan enroute to Hilo, HI. The ship will be here in SF until July 16th and will be open for tours. For more info., please contact:

www.SAILSANFRANCISCO.org

(415) 447-9822

Notices, Ads & General "What have you's"

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OUR CLUB WEBSITE: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/mastermarinerssf>
If you aren't receiving any MMBA group emails, I need your address! Please send to: **mastermariners@hotmail.com**
Thanks, *Ariane*

Material to be published in next Shellback, send to Ariane Paul

BOATS FOR SALE

Finesse is a very good Laphworth 36 under the same ownership for the past 35 years. She is an excellent bay or ocean boat and or a live aboard. \$18,000 was recently spent on her at one of the bays principal boat yards; she is in very good condition located in Marin county. Her owner because of adverse physical conditions can no longer use her. "Finesse" is for sale for \$18,000. Please contact R. C. Keefe at rkeefe669@aol.com or 415 202 0156

Foxen, 1957, 40' Alden Sloop, excellent condition, cruise-ready. Currently in Ventura (perfect location for Channel Islands

excursions!). Please contact: Peter Caras (805)654-1142, foxen57@hotmail.com

Cedalion, Farallon Clipper #17, 38' Built by Stephens in 1959, mahogany on oak in excellent condition. In last 5 years; new sails, transmission, SS rigging, all electronics, roller furling, decks, cabin tops, bottom stripped and faired, and more. This is possibly the finest Farallon Clipper on the Bay. Located in Sausalito. Two boats so must sell. \$35,000 obo. Call Cris Hammond (415) 332-1580.



Hackworth & Company is happy to announce a new website that allows Master Mariner members to rate their insurance online. Jim Hackworth, who has enjoyed a long relationship with the Master Mariners group said "We tried to make the site fast and easy." You can get a rate online in about 2 minutes and download our application for quick approval." Master

Mariners will receive a 10% discount on their premiums as long as they are members of the association. The website address is: www.woodenboatinsurance.com

Mariah of Mariah's Eyes Photography took some great photos all the boats in the Regatta. You can contact her at 510-864-1144 or meyesphoto@mindspring.com.

To MMBA members; Thank you for a wonderful time on Saturday, May 24th 2003 for the Master Mariner's Race. The **Paparazzi Crew** enjoyed sponsoring the Simpatico crew and hope we can contribute again next year. We had over 400 pictures showing at the EYC. If you missed the slide show, go to www.paparazzih2o.com, event named "May 24, 2003 MMBA". There's a pull-down list of boat names, and/or sail numbers to find your boat or look under the category, "Z-racing", with pictures of multiple boats. I feel honored to be able to be apart of a group of people committed to the history and beauty of classic sail boats and look forward to being part of any event that the Master Mariner's are having in the future. Mark Holtze, Head Paparazzi, Cris Hammond, Founding Papa, Diane Dresbach, Head Muse

From: Jay Ailworth <isailsf@strangebird.us>

I was out on the bay during the race this past weekend and shot a number of digital photographs with a Nikon D100, a 6 mega pixel camera, while sailing single handed on my boat, the Strange Bird, a Catalina 42. I have posted those photographs on my web site: www.strangebird.us. Any boat owner or crew for that matter that may want a copy of a photo on the page can email me at isailsf@strangebird.us and I will email them the .JPG file they are interested in. I am doing this for my own pleasure so there is no cost or obligation. I do have more shots than are posted on the page so I will be happy to include those as well if anyone is interested. Once the page is open all they have to do is click on Sailing Galleries. The page that comes up next is an index with links to my "Drive by Shooting galleries. Jay Ailworth, Strange Bird