

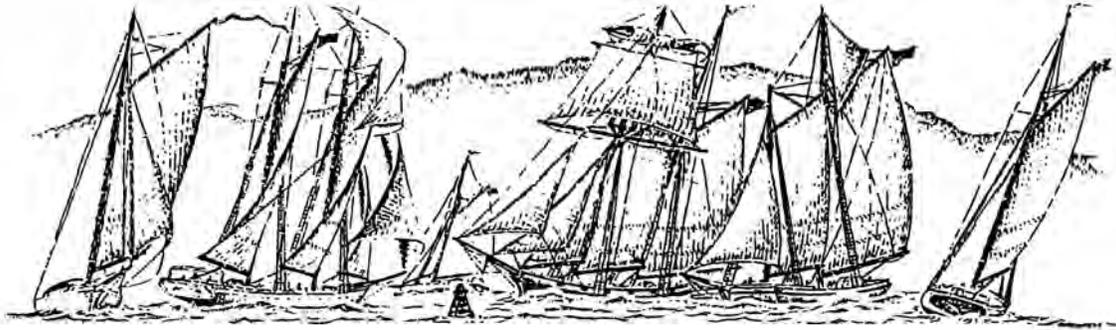


The Shellback

Since 1867

May, 2010

Hans List, Editor



2010 Master Mariners Annual Regatta – Saturday, May 29th

The Regatta applications have been sent. I've spoken to the various wind gods, and we should have plenty of wind. The current will keep you on your toes. So, this year's Regatta is shaping up to be a fun race.

The Race packet including the race instructions, courses, start times, etc. will be handed out at the Sponsors / Skipper Luncheon which will be held at the St Francis Yacht Club on Friday, May 21st. The bar opens @ 11:30a.m., and the lunch will be served @ noon. If you cannot make the luncheon, the race packet will be mailed to you. If you need to make special arrangements to receive the packet, please contact me. The race instructions and courses will be posted to the Master Mariners website by May 21st.

The race will start in front of the St. Francis YC with the first boats starting at 1200 and the last by 1300. The finish will be off the east side of Treasure Island with most finishing by around 1530. **Please Note:** The finish line will be a little further north than usual in order to avoid all the bridge construction obstructions. The exact location will be in the race instructions. To get to the Oakland Estuary after your finish, use the new buoyed channel between the India (I) Julliet (J) span of the Bay Bridge. The Vertical Clearance is 122' at Mean High Tide. The spans under the Bay Bridge closest to YBI are closed. Cal Trans is not expected to be working on that day, but they urge caution when navigating around the new bridge piers, barges, etc. A number of recreational boats have managed to snare the anchor wires. Please refer to your Local Notice to Mariners. Skippers, who are uncomfortable going under the bridge on the east side, may go around the West side of Treasure Island.

To avoid late penalties, send your race application in before the deadline on April 30th. ***The absolute last date that Race Applications will be accepted is Monday May 7th.***

If you have not yet received an invitation or have any questions, please contact us:

Dean Gurke and Patty Henderson

Co-Race Chairs

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New Members

Please welcome John Apley to the MMBA. John is to continue the maintenance and restoration of the vessel Bullfrog the Robert Briscoe has loved for many years. He has just finished a haul out at Berkeley Marine Center. Bullfrog is a stout William Garden Cutter built in Seattle in 1947.

Kers Clausen has recently restored the Hurricane Class vessel Random (#7), which was built in Sausalito in 1949. The vessel has been in Ker's family since 1952 and required cold molding of the hull to save her. The MMBA now allows the possibility of cold molding in order to restore a vessel. Kers is planning on participating in the up

coming regatta and has ordered new sails from Pineapple as part of his restoration. Please congratulate Kers on his fine restoration.

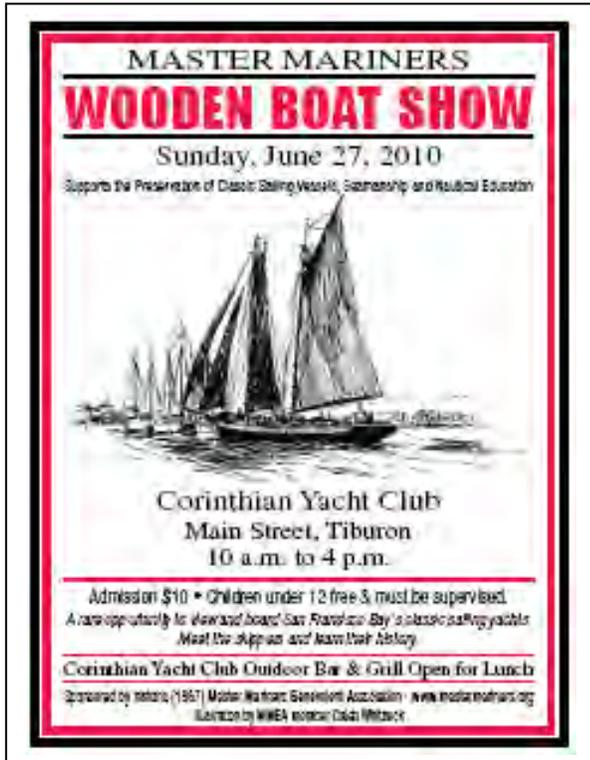
Patience an L.F. Herreshoff ketch which was owned by ex commodore Ed Gibson Sr. and his wife Phyllis for many years, has rejoined the MMBA. The new owners are their sons Ed and Bill Gibson. After many years of neglect Patience is being brought back to her old glory. Please welcome second generation caretakers Ed and Bill to the MMBA.

The Bear fleet is currently the fastest growing group in the MMBA. A recent addition is the vessel Renegade. Built in 1946, and once rumored to have sailed to Mexico, she was saved from sinking in 2009 and is undergoing a fine restoration. Please give a warm welcome to the new caretakers Russell and Christine Katz.

A Wendel Calkins 40' vessel has just been voted into the MMBA. She currently has "no name", and will need a sail number in order be in the regatta. Dan Bohn is the current caretaker and has been restoring the 1962 vessel for some time. She is stripped planked, has a 35' waterline and a fin keel. Dan is a sailing instructor at the OCSC sailing school, and has been warned that he will probably not be favored by the handicapping committee. Dan has worked at the Center for Wooden boats in Seattle, and has a long history in wooden boats. Please welcome him to the MMBA.

Dick Wrenn, Membership





Notice of Annual Meeting &
Election of Officers
June 26, 2010
Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon, CA

2010
Master Mariners Regatta Festivities

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Friday, May 21st
Sponsors Luncheon
St. Francis Yacht Club
Bar opens @ 11:30am * Lunch @ noon
T-Shirts / Denim Shirts / Boat Jackets
Sponsor Flag Display

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Friday, May 28th
Bring your boat early to Encinal Yacht Club
Dinner available in Club Dining Room

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Saturday May 29th
Race begins @ Noon
City Front off the St Francis Yacht Club
Party @ Encinal Yacht Club
Dixie Land Band on deck starts @ 3pm
Lawn Bar All Afternoon
Dinner from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Music and Dancing @ 7:30pm
Awards Ceremony @ 8:00pm
More Music & Dancing

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Sunday, May 30th
Breakfast from 8:30am to 10:00am
MMBA Pot Luck in the planning stages

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The 2010 annual meeting of the membership as required by the MMBA By-Laws will be on Saturday June 26th at the Corinthian Yacht Club. The meeting will be called to order on or about 1800 on the boat deck near the main small boat hoist. Immediately following the annual meeting will be a no host dinner and party.

Before the annual meeting we will hold elections for three Directors for the MMBA Board. There are nine Directors. Each is elected for a three-year term. Every year we elect 3 Directors. The terms of Hans List, Patty Henderson and Al Lutz are expiring this year. Al Lutz will not be running again. Patty Henderson and Hans List have yet to commit.

Nominations Are Open. We need more volunteers willing to be on the Board. Please consider running. Do not be shy and wait until you are approached. If you have any questions, please talk to Dee Dee Lozier or any other current Board Member. To add your name to the list of nominees, please contact Dee Dee Lozier (510) 653-8820 by June 20 th. An email will be sent out a few days before the election listing all the candidates along with information about each. This information will also be on our website.

On the afternoon of the Annual Meeting, Members are requested to pick up a ballot from Dee Dee Lozier on Stroma of Mey and place it in the ballot box by 1730. If you are unable to attend, you may vote by mail. Mail your selections (no more than 3) along with the name of your boat and your signature to Dee Dee Lozier, 481 Pedestrian Way, Oakland, CA 94618. It must be received by Thursday, June 24th.

The agenda for the annual meeting will be the results of the election along with a brief update about what is happening in the Association. Also, members are encouraged to bring forward any new ideas or suggestions for the organization. The meeting will be brief. So any new ideas and suggestions will be recorded and discussed in full at a later date.

Dee Dee Lozier Junior Staff Commodore

Master Mariners Member Forum

A new forum for Master Mariners has been launched, the intent is for our membership to communicate on matters of interest to other members therefore for now, only members of MMBA will be allowed to register and participate.

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

If you would like to ask a question about maintenance or repair we think there might be another member out there who has the answer, do you have something you want to sell or donate to another member this could be the place to let others know about it, looking for a supplier of antique hardware, most likely there is a member out there who knows where to find it.

The only way a forum like this will work is if you participate so please go to the MMBA website and click on the Forum link and register, after you are registered please log on frequently with your questions and replies.

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News Flash:

Tim Murison and BOLERO entered the 2010 Newport to Ensenada Yacht Race on April 23-25, 2010. Bolero, a 64-year-old Islander CLP 44 racing in PHRF-F, logged the second fastest corrected time and won his class, only 41 minutes slower than Taxi Dancer's claim on the watch. His finish time was ET 22:4715/CT 17:39:47. Congratulations Tim, and don't forget to head back home after all the fun!



From the Quarterdeck



I don't know about you, but this always seems like the busiest time of year. Never enough time to do it all, and a nice break is needed now and again. The best breaks are out on the water, away from the hustle-bustle, just enjoying the elements, good times with your friends, and the sights around the bay. Passing boats generally shout out to the Master Mariners' vessels as they go by at what beauties they are, and that makes all the work worth it.

At the end of the month we'll really give the other sailors something to look at when our annual regatta has its first gun at noon, Sat. May 29th with the awards party and raft-up later that night at the Encinal Yacht Club. We'll have race committee help from the Sausalito Yacht Club once again. Of course the regatta is preceded the week before by the Sponsors / Skippers Luncheon on Friday, May 21st at the St. Francis Yacht Club. Maggie Hutchinson is co-Sponsor Chair with me this year. We are happy to report that we've already received quite a few checks from returning sponsors, and have verbal confirmation from several others. If you have a new sponsor possibility, please let us know – the forms are on our website, www.mastermariners.org.

If you are still on the fence about entering the regatta as you read this, now's the time to decide. The handicap committee is meeting the second week of May and needs to know all the participants by then.

Later on Sat. June 26th we'll have our annual meeting, election, and member's dinner party. Please let Dee Dee Lozier or one of the other Board Members know if you would like to run for an open Director position. Yes, there is work involved, but you will get a lot more out of your club if you put a little in to it, and get to know more members. The Wooden Boat Show is the following day, Sun. June

27th at the lovely Corinthian Yacht Club. Entry forms will be distributed to current members by the end of May/early June.

As always, please show your appreciation to the yacht clubs that host us for these upcoming events, and others throughout the year.

Recently on a trip to attend my niece's wedding, I made a side trip to meet a man that sailed on my brother's and my ketch JOHN T frequently in the late 70s early 80s. Lee "Doc" Motts now lives in Molokai and was good friends with Bob Hussey of Piedmont who owned JOHN T from 1971 to 1994. Bob took the boat annually to Cabo San Lucas for about twenty years and I've met a few others that sailed her down there with him and had a great time. Lee turned over some old logs of Bob's that go way back to the 1930s. Bob went to sea on the last of the sailing merchant ships when he was 16. Somewhere I have the list he gave me of all the ships he sailed and worked on. Later he did boat deliveries. He spent pretty much his entire life on the sea and never had an auto license. I have to transcribe the logs, but on the following page is a sample. It is like reading a novel as he talks about eating hardtack, trying to avoid the brig, faraway places, etc. I'll be happy to share some more once I have it all copied, just let me know. Lee also told me that he thought my step-dad Pierre (who built our ketch) was a wizard from watching him work on projects, etc. It was good to meet Lee and I appreciate the gift he gave me with these logs.



The people I've met through sailing and our group will always be treasures to me.

See you all in a few weeks.

Ariane Paul, Commodore

WANTED: A FEW GOOD SAILORS!

Get more involved – VOLUNTEER! Become an MMBA Director! Don't be Shy.

Find out more, talk to a current Director,
let us know how you can help, and tell us if you'd like to run in the June 26th election.

Your club and its membership, *THANK YOU*.

not falling so hot. Scraped paint off compass
 + mika in wheel house in afternoon. Fine
 weather + perfect sailing breeze.
 Tues. Feb 7. Perfect weather all night + day
 although hot in afternoon. Good breeze.
 Wed Feb 8. Picked up San Antonio light
 about 1 P.M. Got into Havana at 3 P.M.
 This is really the best place I have
 seen so far. Awful pretty coming in
 from sea passed Morro Castle. Lots of
 trading schooners in here, one battleship
 (span. am. war survivor) that is almost
 the complete Cuban Government. Anchored
 off quarantine for a while + then went to
 pier 9. Stood gangway water until 4 +
 then went for a walk. Went down
 to see some of the schooners. Interesting
 to watch them unload them. Went way
 up the town and was just walking

around the streets when one of the
 ordinays came along in a taxi. I
 got in + we were driving around when
 he saw some friends of his. Now have
 date for next time in Havana. There
 is only one thing wrong with this
 place. There is too many buses etc.
 I would like to stay here for about
 2 weeks and really look the place over.
 Didn't have a drop which is pretty good
 I think considering all the saloons here.
 Sailed at 7 and passed 2 schooners on
 the way out.
 Thur. Fine weather but starting to cloud
 up about 1:30 AM, at 3 wind started
 strong from north and raining.
 Fri. Feb 10. Blowing hard and turned cold.
 Passed 2 small schooners about 2 P.M.
 Sat. Feb 11. Still Blowing + cold. At

Portion of Bob Hussey's logs, 1930s



Master Mariners
Sponsors / Skippers Luncheon
Friday, May 21st - 11:30 am
St. Francis Yacht Club

www.stfyc.com
www.mastermariners.org/sponsors.html

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 open to the public 5/8, www.cgjsf.org



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Spring Potluck

This year's Spring Potluck at the Pt. San Pablo YC was a blast. We had way more people arrive by land yacht than sailboat for some odd reason (the sun was shining, so ya got me?), but the party was lively. Skip Henderson and Brian Theriault and a few others shared some great tunes with the crowd, and were joined by PtSPYC club members Barbara with her great voice, and Steve Hutchinson on guitar. Mike Douglas arranged for Ken Neal to make a presentation on the Call of the Sea's winter voyage on which Master Mariners had sponsored a couple of Sea Scouts and another young man from the Pegasus Project. The two Sea Scouts also spoke after Ken's presentation and they knocked our socks off with how poised and well spoken they were. A few photos are below. A big thanks to Pt San Pablo YC for once again hosting our little gang and to Patty and Dee Dee for helping to organize.

Ariane Paul



Marinship Day

West Marine Flea Market and Trade Show

On Saturday, April 24, the Sausalito based West Marine hosted a celebration for the Sausalito maritime community to benefit the Spaulding wooden boat center. The sun was shining bright as if summer had finally arrived and all were in good spirits.



All morning the West Marine parking lot was bustling with mariners of all sorts buying and selling a smorgasbord of marine gear. It was much like watching a candy store full of kids who had just received their monthly allowance and were all trying to get the most bang for their buck. All the marine jewelry glistening in the sun and the smell of fresh cut oars made by North Bay Boatworks all made it feel as if it were the days of old.

Organized primarily by Karen Mentzer of West Marine, the day really turned out great. The barbecue was going all day and the cooks could hardly keep up with the demand for the delicious tri-tip sandwiches. A handful of us waterfront folks began playing music around mid-day and continued to do so throughout the afternoon.

Across the street, the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center was proudly hosting an open house showcasing their restoration and educational programs. Freda truly looked great with all her new planks on. It was really exciting to see her with her nearly complete hull and ready for the next phase of restoration.



Freda with nearly all her planks on

The highlight of the day was the much anticipated raffle. With all sorts of great prizes including a free haul-out by Spaulding, sails on Polaris and Seaward, bottom cleaning by Dave's Diving, goodies from West Marine, and much more, the crowd couldn't help but stick around. The winning tickets were pulled at 1600 and the lucky winners took home their prizes. Thanks go out to West Marine and The Spaulding Center for hosting this great event. We look forward to doing it again next year.

Hans List

Memorial Sail & Gathering for Staff Commodore Noel Ducket

There will be a memorial sail on Sunday, June 13th to scatter Noel Ducket's ashes. After the sail, there will be a gathering currently planned at the Presidio Yacht Club. All are welcome. Please come to celebrate Noel's life and share memories of him.

Specific details such as the time of the sail and the gathering afterwards will be in the next Shellback. The information will also be sent out to members via email.

If you have any questions, Please contact Dee Dee Lozier @ ddlozier@gmail.com or call (510) 653-8820.

Featured Vessel:

The Atkins Eric 32'

Viking

If you've been to the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center lately, you've most likely been lucky enough to witness the beautiful lines of the Atkins ketch, Viking. Owned for the last several years by Geoff Stanton, Viking is currently in the process of undergoing a major refit in quite a short period of time. With an aggressive project list that



Viking

includes wooding the bottom, several new planks, new caulking, overhaul on masts and sprit, all new navigation systems, and a rigging overhaul, you can't help but admire the determination that Geoff has to get her ready for race day. As an old Master Mariner, Viking, and her design, have proven themselves throughout the years to be elegant and seaworthy. With Geoff being a new and inspired wooden boat junkie, taught through the Arques wooden boat school, it seems as though the vessel and owner are a perfect match for each other. We wish Geoff and Viking the best of luck and hope to see them on the race course.....or at least at the 2010 Wooden Boat Show.

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<i>March 17</i>	Spring Potluck	<i>Pt. San Pablo YC</i>
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<i>May 29</i>	Annual Regatta	<i>Encinal YC</i>
<i>June 26</i>	Annual Meeting	<i>Corinthian YC</i>
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<i>Sept 4</i>	Chicken Ship	<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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