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**Drakes Bay Cruise & Oyster BBQ**

**Saturday and Sunday October 14-15, 2006**

The Master Mariners Drakes Bay Cruise and Oyster BBQ will be held in its traditional location and format on the weekend of October 14-15, 2006. We encourage all members, and especially those new to MMBA, to come; it's a great venue and a good time of year to cruise up the coast. There are 9 boats signed up already.

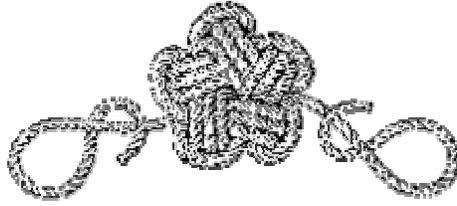
Max ebb (1.3) at the Golden Gate on Saturday morning will be at 1140, with slack water mid morning at 0909 Max flood (2.9 ) at 0553 Those wishing to sail in company should plan to rendezvous under the Gate by 0800 this should leave plenty of time to get to Drake's by early afternoon. Please monitor VHF Channel 16 and communicate on channel 71 (alternate 68 but it can be very busy).

The Oyster BBQ will be located on our traditional beach, 0.4 miles west of the old fishing pier. Vessels should plan to arrive and get their anchors down by late afternoon. Remember, it gets dark early in October; sunset will be at approximately 1830. Bring a small boat to get to and from the beach. The MMBA formally requests that life jackets be worn during this transit.

**Concerning the oysters, we will be getting our oysters from the Johnson Oyster Co. Health officials recommend against eating raw oysters. Oysters should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 145F. The California Department of Health Services maintains a Shellfish Hotline (800-553-4133) that will alert you of any warnings.**

While the MMBA will provide the oysters, fire and grilling equipment, we suggest you bring complementary items such as bread, sausages, drinks, lemons and hot sauce, and side dishes. And, don't forget to bring tongs, gloves and heavy bladed knives for your negotiations with the oysters. This is an informal potluck event and those who wish more than oysters for dinner should bring a dish ashore that can be shared. In any event, we also suggest each boat bring an alternative on-board meal just in case you cannot get ashore due to inclement weather.

We'd appreciate your calling us to let us know that you're coming and how many are in your party. And of course, call with questions and comments. Please contact Dean Gurke at 510-910-6289 or e-mail @ schoonerman@sbcglobal.net.



## From the Quarterdeck

Summer has a way of ending, and so we bid adieu to Summer, 2006. It was a busy year, with a good number of MMBA events, including a Regatta with 71 boats registered to race. This being the largest number of vessels in ten or more years – a great turnout!

I am happy to announce several of our new Board responsibilities:

- **John Vincent** (after producing a record year with Sponsors) will take on the 2007 Memorial Day Regatta.
- **Ariane Paul** will take over Sponsors and she will also manage MMBA Publicity efforts, and maintain the MMBA phone mail and e-mail-box.
- **Bob Griffiths** will continue to act as Board Secretary.
- **Bill Belmont** takes over as Membership Chairman, as Dick Wrenn leaves the Board after many years of tireless contribution.
- **Patty Henderson** will continue to manage our “Ship’s Store” for T-shirt and other MMBA apparel.
- **Terry Klaus** will work with Craig Swayne and myself on the 2007 Boat Show.
- **Mike Douglas**, Staff Commodore, continues as our Treasurer
- **Frances Dugdale**, previous Board Member has agreed to continue as our editor-in-chief of **The Shellback**.

I am very pleased to note that Dean Gurke has risen to the occasion of managing the Drake’s Bay Ocean Cruise which is coming up the weekend of October 14. (See article on page 1).

In addition John Vincent was recently elected as Vice Commodore for 2006-7.

While there are a few remaining assignments to make, I would like to personally thank all of the members mentioned above for their contributions that help make our Association

function. If you come across any of these folks in your travels, take the time to extend a handshake and a “Thank You” for the work they do for us.

**HELP WANTED:** After many years helping out with trophies, Bob Rogers will be leaving this work. **THANK YOU BOB!** MMBA needs a volunteer to pick up this responsibility. This job basically includes: keeping track of all of the various MMBA trophies; Collecting them all for the Memorial Day Regatta; Helping with the Awards presentations at Encinal YC; and then getting the trophies to the Yacht Clubs of the Regatta winners. It’s largely a busy 3-4 weeks in and around Memorial Day.....and quiet the rest of the year. If you would be willing to pick this up, please drop me a note at:  
[commodore@mastermariners.org](mailto:commodore@mastermariners.org).

*Stephen Gort  
Commodore*

### Are you Missing-Out ??



**MMBA is making increased use of electronic mail to keep members informed of association events. If you have not been receiving eMail from us, send a note to [webmaster@mastermariners.org](mailto:webmaster@mastermariners.org), and you will be included**

# Jessica Cup Regatta 2006

Only eight boats raced in this year's Jessica Cup but, for those that did, it was a challenging and rewarding day on the Central Bay. Light winds and a strong flood in the morning proved to be too much for all but the Farallone Clipper fleet in the first race. Getting from Harding Rock to Fort Mason and back up the City front was a long up hill battle that took its toll on the Gaff and Marconi 2 divisions. Alcatraz played a more central role than anyone cared for. Jack Coulter's ECHO won the first race, with MISTRESS II and CREDIT taking second and third.

In the afternoon everyone was rewarded with a strong breeze and manageable ebb that made for close racing. The Marconi 2 SALTANA got a jump on the Farallone Clippers in their common start before being overtaken around Harding Rock – it was fun while it lasted. MAKANI KAI continued her battle with the larger BRIGADOON, and TEHANI the only other Marconi 2 kept the heat on. ECHO took another first with CREDIT, MISTRESS II, and VIP finishing in that order. BRIGADOON won the battle of the Gaffs and SALTANA stayed out ahead to edge out TEHANI on corrected time. There were no Marconi 1 yachts racing this year.

There was no shortage of hors d'oeuvres and wine at the awards ceremony this year – the St. Francis was an excellent host as usual. Next year's Jessica Cup Regatta has been locked in and will be held September 22 - 23, 2007, so mark your calendars.

After the awards ceremony the skippers of Marconi 2 yachts ADAGIO, TEHANI and SALTANA were lamenting that there weren't more opportunities to race their woodies against like boats. There was talk of an informal pickup race with a bottle of champagne on the line. Are there other Marconi 2 skippers wishing there were more opportunities to race their boats against other MMBA fleet members? If so, perhaps another race could be arranged this year with a possible post-race raft up at a local club. If you are interested or have comments please send an email to [vicecomm@mastermariners.org](mailto:vicecomm@mastermariners.org).

*John Vincent , Saltana*

( Entries=8) [Farallon](#) · [Gaff](#) · [Marconi 2](#)

## Division: Farallon (4 boats) [\(top\)](#)

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Sail</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Pos</u>
1	FC 12	ECHO	Jack Coulter	1	1	2.00		1
2	8708	Credit	Bill Belmont	3	2	5.00		2
3	11	Mistress II	Will LeRoy	2	3	5.00		3
4	FC 7	VIP	Don Taylor	5/DNS	4	9.00		4

## Division: Gaff (2 boats) [\(top\)](#)

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Sail</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Pos</u>
1	888	Brigadoon	Terry Klaus	3/DNF	1	4.00		1
2	G 77	Makani Kai	Ken Inouye	3/DNF	2	5.00		2

## Division: Marconi 2 (2 boats) [\(top\)](#)

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Sail</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Pos</u>
1	J 252	SALTANA	John Vincent	2	1	3.00		1
2	M 77	TEHANI	Paul Gaetani	1	2	3.00		2



*Photo by Will LeRoy*

## More from Jessica Cup.



## Spaulding Wooden Boat Center Open House with BBQ and Oysters

We had a big and enthusiastic turn out for the SWBC Open House & BBQ on August 19<sup>th</sup>. About 90 curious Master Mariners showed up to tour the Spaulding boat yard and find out Steve, John, Bill, Terry, Melanie, Dean, DeeDee, Nicholasmore about what the center is up to and what the future holds in store. Tom List did double duty flipping burgers and portobello mushrooms on the BBQ, and playing fiddle in accompaniment to Skip Henderson and his concertinas – and his son also jumped in with his clarinet. Terry Klaus presented the SWBC board members and they all



took turns laying out the vision and ambitions of the center, which has three key objectives to guide it: Preservation, Restoration, and Education. Master Mariners are encouraged to take advantage of the boat yard when they need to haul out and a 10% discount off the total haul out bill will be given to MMBA members, on their first haul out. Several people I know have had good experiences with work that has been done there this past year. Mike Douglas discussed the ongoing fund-raising efforts, and pointed out that a little bit from a lot of people can really add up, and asked that we dig in to our pockets and contribute what we can. His donation of \$100 resulted in a total of \$2,441. Mike recently wrote an article in the April 2006 issue of *The Shellback* giving us a good background on the center's creation, activities, and MMBA/MMBF's involvement. It was great to see the recently completed 28' sloop that had been longing to get in the water for many years and finally got its wish, as well as the initial progress on the Freda restoration project. The IYRS school is scheduled to launch the fall of 2007. I look forward to watching the SWBC grow and become a vital part of our maritime community and help in keeping the history and traditions alive.

*Ariane Paul, John T*



## ***China Camp Pictures***

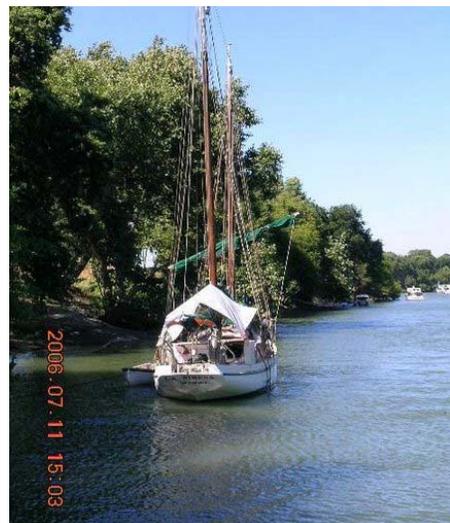


Some MMBA members joined the Maritime Museum and Traditional Small Craft Association at a Sail-in and BBQ at China Camp.



## ***River Rat Cruise***

In the Delta during a 57 year high heat wave....



# Special Offer for New and Returning Members

## Free Winter Haulout

As a gesture to encourage increased participation in our Regatta, our Benefactor Sponsor, Berkeley Marine Center, (510) 843 8195, [www.berkeleymarine.com](http://www.berkeleymarine.com) , has offered a free haul out (within lift capabilities of the yard) and launch during the coming months of December, 06 and January 07, for those old and new members signing up for 07 Membership and the 07 Regatta before the end of this year.



Please sign up for 2007 MMBA membership and regatta entry before 2007! Send your check now with membership renewal of **\$60** and regatta entry for **\$60** (\$120 total). Prices maintained at previous level. Make check payable to "MMBA" (write the name of your boat on the check) and mail to

Master Mariners Membership  
C/o Bill Belmont  
2600 Tenth Street, Berkeley CA 94710

If you know someone/boat that should join our ranks tell Bill Belmont (510) 486 2156 so they can also get this offer.

For more details, please check out the MMBA website, **What's New**, or contact our new Membership Chairman, Bill Belmont, see above. Remember, you must sign up by December 31, 2006. The November Latitude 38, is expected to have more details in their Berkeley Marine Center full page spread.

Members and prospective members are encouraged to take advantage of this very generous offer. Please pass the word!



### New Members

Please welcome two new members with Farallone Clippers; Jin and Karen Foley with "Debit" (FC #9) and Peter and Michael Schmale with "Patita II (FC #1).

Patita II is of course the first Farallone Clipper originally owned by Dr. Jesse Carr. She has been owned by the Schmale family for over 40 years and cruising extensively to Mexico. Debit, built and raced by Theo Stephens, was a class, CCA and Transpac winner. Campaigned extensively, she was later owned by Al Simpson and Peter Culley. The only Farallone with an aluminum mast, which the boat has had since the 60s. This brings the Farallone Clipper roster in the MMBA up to 7 class boats.

## Eight Bells for Member Herb Recktenwald

We were saddened to learn of the passing of MMBA member, Herb Recktenwald. I have sent the Association's condolences to his family.

His beautifully cared-for vessel is for sale. Herb was able to get a complete new varnish job on **Tivoli** about three weeks before he died, so she is looking especially beautiful right now. The boat is docked at Paradise Cay and could be kept there until at least Spring, with no charge. **Tivoli** is a Debutante-Folk Boat, built in 1962. She is LOA 25.3', Beam 7.7"



Asking price is \$15,000, but the most important thing to the family is getting **Tivoli** into the hands of someone who appreciates a pretty wooden boat.

Contact Suzanne Jolma: 415-307-1655 or [s.jolma@comcast.net](mailto:s.jolma@comcast.net)

*Stephen Gort  
Commodore*

### News from Tall Ship Education Academy

An interesting article and photo essay about TSEA are on the sfgate.com website:

<http://www.sfgate.com>

Mark your calendars for their annual reception on NOVEMBER 3, 2006

More information: Nettie Kelly, Executive Director  
Tall Ship Education Academy  
RLS Dept, 1600 Holloway Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94132-416

[www.tallshipacademy.org](http://www.tallshipacademy.org)

Don't forget we have a great selection of MMBA merchandise that can be bought- great for presents. This includes tee shirts, sweatshirts, hats, bags, vests, etc. Please Patty Henderson  
510 531 1195

# New Year's Day Race

*Chili Potluck & Tacky Trophy Exchange*  
*Monday, January 1, 2007*



New Year's Day Welcome

Point San Pablo Yacht Club

The end of the Santa Fe channel

Race if you can or come by car if you must

Fire will be turned up by one o'clock and potluck served when the boats arrive

Marconis bring chili and bread

Gaffers bring salad and desert

Stay a while and boats are welcome to stay overnight

Race Chairman Patty Henderson 510 531 1195

Race::::: take your time as you leave your berth, clock your engine time and sail as much as you can with the object being to reach the PSPYC at 2.30 pm

Watch for schooner "AIDA" which will be sailing away from the PSPYC until she determines it is time to turn and race to a 2.30 finish. Race Chairman Patty will be watching the fleet for Corinthian sportsmanship and Skip will be wearing black.

Boats are encouraged to match race others as they meet them and are to report to the bar upon reaching the PSPYC and fill out a race form explaining with times and distance and hardships endured why they are a winner. Tacky trophies are to be exchanged as decided by the race committee you need not race to be tacky.....

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**AND THANKS TO THE YACHT CLUBS....**

Many thanks also to the local Yacht Clubs that have supported the MMBA throughout the year - Point San Pablo Yacht Club, Sausalito Yacht Club, Encinal Yacht Club, St Francis Yacht Club, Corinthian Yacht Club and San Francisco Yacht Club.



Bird Boat Asscn. BBQ on Petrel



### Notices, Ads & General

To find out what has happened, is going to happen and general announcements, go to <http://www.mastermariners.org/>. Boats for Sale are listed there.

You can call and leave a voice mail at: **415-364-1656**

#### FOR SALE "DARK STAR"

33' O.D. 40' O.L. Edson Schock Pilot Cutter. Beautiful Boat. Thirteen years Master Mariner's races. Now hauled at Napa and found to need 3 topside planks replaced. Slow work due to injury of first mate. Would sell for \$10,000 as she sits or \$20,000 if repaired obo.

Tom Marcin (925) 254-7734  
hmstom@pacbell.net

#### "FOR SALE "DUCHESS"

Seabird yawl (marconi)-LOA 33"--LOD 26"--full keel--NEW Yanmar--see picture at <[www.mastermariners.org](http://www.mastermariners.org)> (she has a boomkin and new main and mizzen sails since the picture). Call for list of upgrades and misc. stuff--\$12,000 (2004 survey says \$15,000) John Tucker 510-215-6620 (mess) or jtucker903@sbcglobal.net.

#### FOR SALE "TEHANI"

1926 36' Danish Double Ender Tehani has sailed all over the world and has a real colorful history. She is planked with Larch with hardwood frames. Hull is in perfect condition with no worms or rot. New Yanmar 29hp with only 100 hrs. Boat has been completely painted top to bottom along with varnish being in great shape. Boat participated in this years MMBA Regatta and Boat Show. I also have a full boat cover for her. Pictures at <http://www.sonic.net/~colinr/tehani/>  
Weights 9 tons, full keel, ready to cruise anywhere. Contact Paul at 415-246-7712, pgaetani@gmail.com  
Asking \$45,000



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## MMBA 2006/7 Events Calendar

Oct. 14-15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Offshore Cruise</b>	<i>Drake's Bay</i>
Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Brisbane Marina Festival</b>	
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>New Years Day</b>	<i>Point San Pablo YC</i>



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