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BACK TO BUSINESS

RAY HALL

Now, where were we before the circus came to town? Oh yes, I remember: In April that zany **Tom Rogers** sent a silly little registered letter on government stationery to Commodore **Paul Oliva** informing him that he had been assigned to – don't laugh – Kuala Lumpur or some place like that. And Paul fell for it hook, line and sinker.

Oh, you didn't know about that? Yep, that's how it happened.

Good old Tom is always up for a practical joke but this one takes the cake. Anyway, Tom then just nonchalantly slid into the Commodore's chair and the deed was done. I think we can log it in the SBYC history book as a 'friendly' takeover as no looting was reported.

Unfortunately, there is a downside to this story. It seems that Paul was subsequently 'detained' when he got off the plane in Malaysia because his



story sounded like something out of a John le Carré novel. He is now sequestered in the American Embassy somewhere in that country in protective custody. But I'm sure that after his extradition... err... I mean his return to San Francisco, fun loving Paul will be the first one to say "That was a good one, Tom!" and we'll have a good laugh all around.

Yes, that was fun, all right, but the old fashioned way - like we just did for the 26th time - with good folks putting up their hands and volunteering to run our club, and other good folks taking the time to vote them into office - seems to work just fine too.

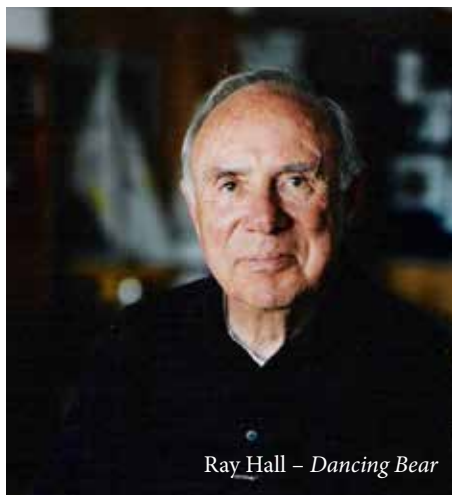
So let us now all join hands and sing the first 10 choruses of Kum-baya as we kick the old rascals out

and throw the new rascals in. The new rascals have a tough act to follow, yet year after year they always seem to pull it off.

Our job, yours and mine, is to support and encourage, aid and abet and in general help the new club officers in anyway we can. Just let them know you are ready willing and able. First of all, they'll welcome you with open arms and then they'll help you find a volunteer project that could use your talents.

Before I leave, I have a word of caution: if you ever get a letter from the mayor or the governor or even the president sending you someplace like Timbuktu, or Zamboanga, or Kankakee, Illinois, whatever you do don't quit your day job.

Happy Holidays to all...



Ray Hall - *Dancing Bear*



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Oh, No! Not PCS!
 Yes, I'm afraid I find myself experiencing early symptoms of the dreaded PCS. Some may have noticed the telltale signs: irritability, short attention span, lack of interest in certain topics, avoiding contact with others, and a general malaise.

While the PCS diagnosis is admittedly a self-diagnosis, having experienced it once before in 1998, I believe it to be an accurate one.

For those who are not familiar with PCS, its full name is Post Commodore Syndrome, and is frequently contracted by Commodores at or near the end of their terms. It develops after months of attending never-ending meetings, fielding complaints on how (poorly) the Club is run, and general member abuse.

The body does develop a defense mechanism to mitigate the effects of PCS, most notably a thickening of the hide. The only known therapy is a diluted, flavored solution of ethanol, sometimes containing slices or wedges of citrus fruit, taken orally, normally chilled. However, excessive use of this therapy can produce undesired side effects similar to that of a mild stroke e.g. slurred speech, a lurching gait, etc.

Once relieved of his/her duties at the end of the year, the afflicted Commodore usually disappears for



a period of time ranging from a few weeks to several months, or even longer in severe cases.

In most instances, when the weather improves and boating season resumes, he/she will appear around the Club once again.

Generally there are no apparent lingering after effects, other than the now Staff Commodore swearing to never again be an officer, director, or hold any position of responsibility in the Club again.

T O M R O G E R S

When they do return, they can often be found sitting in the area of the bar under the GOM flag. For a self-prognosis to go along with the self-diagnosis, I'm thinking that since I only experienced six months of Commodore induced trauma, my recovery time should be relatively short. As a precaution, I intend to continue the above-described therapy to ward off a rebound. In any event, after this year is over, I expect

to return to the Club pretty early in 2014. OK, enough of this nonsense, and onto a much more serious note.

I cannot close without a most sincere and appreciative thank you to the Officers, Board, Committees, Volunteers, Members, and our Staff, whose efforts were the real engine behind a most successful and enjoyable 2013 here at South Beach Yacht Club. I really do look forward to being around in 2014 for what is shaping up to be yet another great year at South Beach Yacht Club.

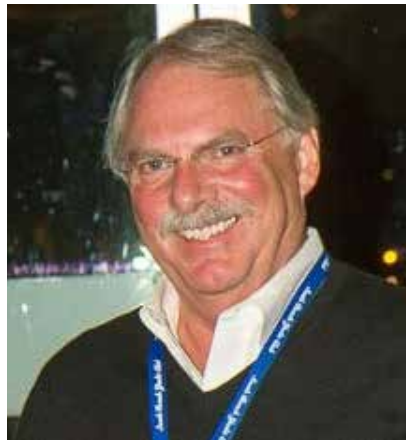
See you under the GOM flag,



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Holiday season marks the end of a wonderful year of special events, and the traditional celebrations of South Beach Yacht Club. I would like to thank the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to provide the energy that allows our Club to succeed.

We have a truly unique model of members contributing their time to plan, organize and produce the growing list of annual gatherings which make our Club what it is. I hope our team of volunteers will continue to work on our events, and those who enjoyed the events, will take a more active role next year.



B I L L A D A M S

We have learned that our efforts are returned thousand fold in the pure joy of creating enjoyable parties for our members. Join in on our fun!

To wrap up, December brought us Santa by Boat, and a holiday week beginning with **Deb Phairas's** famous homemade fig marmalade at her Champagne & Pearls Pairing & Sharing. Our member meeting and gift exchange was hilarious indeed and well attended. Saturdays boat decorating afternoon was followed up by a Christmas crab celebration

of fresh cracked crab, sourdough, and linguine shared with good friends.

The Stephanie Teel band, one of our favorites, provided dance music throughout the evening.

The Sunday Bloody Mary Bar and Brunch Buffet cured the hangover and completed our annual weekend cruise in to South Beach.

The New Years Eve party was hosted by nascent member **Jessica Chase**. Get Down, Countdown was a party with multiple personalities. The band "Jordan and the Ritual" opened with traditional music and began to add "Funk" for those who enjoy a more contemporary style.

While you are in the Club this Holiday season, be sure to try the Anchor Brewing Christmas Ale on tap. According to Anchor, "The Ale's recipe is different every year—as is the tree on the label—but the intent with which we offer it remains the same: joy and celebration of the newness of life."



See you at the Club!



S P L I C E T H E M A I N B R A C E

Sunday November 24th, 2013 marked the end of an era at SBYC.

Ray Hall, the last of our founding members who has consistently remained on active OOD duty “hung up his swizzle stick” - to use his own words.

Think about it for a minute. All those years of standing duty at our bar five or six times a year, Ray served up a wonderful concoction of good drinks and great stories – always with a welcoming smile and, of course, his quick wit and smart repartee!

In recent years, Ray worked OOD shifts with our dearly departed friend **Joe Askins** – a bar partnership that worked very well according to Ray: “I told the stories, and Joe poured the drinks!”

Ray leaves an irreplaceable gap in our OOD corps – but happily, the stories will go on, just from the other side of the bar!

Today’s OOD shifts are four or five hours, and usually in pairs or with some overlap so that each can get a little break in the shift. Not so in Ray’s first 17 years of OOD duty in the double-wide. In those days, except for Friday race nights, OOD’s served their shifts alone.

The ‘killer duty’ that we all dreaded was the 10-hour shift by yourself on Saturdays from noon until 10pm – except of course we never closed until the very last person left!

Ray served all those shifts! I figure 1,000 hours behind the bar!



How do we say thank you for that kind of commitment? Well, we tried to do so at the end of his final duty.

We presented him with his very own inscribed ship’s bell with a plaque reading: Ray Hall~SBYC’s longest serving OOD.

Ray, for all your hours behind the bar, And all your stories (some of which were actually true), we sincerely thank you!

We were fortunate enough to have a serving Marine in the club to honor Ray, who is a former Marine himself, by ‘piping him off the ship’.

What more can we say than “Thank you, Ray!”

Splice the mainbrace, y’all!

OOD TIP OF THE MONTH

Re-cork open bottles of wine and finish them before opening another bottle! On Sunday’s sell all the open wine before opening another - just offer the premium at a lower price!



H U G H C O P P E N



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

LAME DUCK noun 1. An official in the final period of office, after the election of a successor.

Yep, as a “lame duck” this is my last article, as Rear Commodore. Taking a look in the rear view mirror I can honestly say 2013 was quite a year on the water, here is a highlight list...

*New bottom and paint job for Anabel –
Purchase of a great new Rigid Inflatable –
Purchase of six new Jr. Sailing boats –*

Our race committee ran more than 25 races, including an ocean race, the BAADs North American All Access Regatta, our Friday night series, the Jazz Cup and X-BAY, The Red Bra Regatta and several more. We assisted in running the Big Boat Regatta. Added five new members to the Race Committee. One new Club Race Officer. Six cruise outs. Anabel won a prize on Opening Day. Fifteen members completed the training for America’s Cup Course Marshals and we were on the water for every race! We retained the Jazz Cup and X-Bay trophies. Put another 100 kids through Jr. Sailing. Put together a well-trained solid group of Anabel skippers. And christened the big RIB as *The Ed Mackin* and ’13-’14 Island Fever races are underway.

My conservative estimate is that we created 13,000 man/woman/kid hours of on the water activity which supports, in spades, the SBYC mission “...To from a sociable community of persons having common interests to promote yachting on San Francisco Bay, to provide a common bond for recreational boaters and their families, to sponsor and encourage yacht racing, to encourage family participation in boating, and to enjoy the beauty of San Francisco Bay and its environs.

Now let’s talk volunteer time and dedication. Each of these activities are supported by innumerable volunteers, we try to keep track but it is tough...6-8 volunteers for every race, five or six all day everyday for Jr. Sailing, pre-planning, post-planning, boat maintenance, gear maintenance, etc. etc. My best estimate is about 25-30 volunteers provided around 2,500 hours of their time and skill to support our on the water activities. Volunteers are key, without them we cannot provide all these activities. In the upcoming year be sure to pick up the phone, call the new Rear Commodore, **Gerard Sheridan**, and talk it over.

A very sincere and big thank you to all the volunteers who helped me in 2013 it was a great year!

I’ll see you around the club... or on the water.



MILT SMITH

RACING
Island Fever Series
Register now for the races that began in November and run thru March 15, 2014. Registration details are on the SBYC site and for information, contact Race Chair, [Janelle Van Rensselaer](#) at (650)303-8236.



SBYC CLUB NOTABLES

Looking forward to a spectacular 2014 at SBYC!

The annual election of the SBYC Officers and Directors was held at the November members meeting. Here is your Board for 2014:



Commodore: Bill Adams



V. Comm: Barrie Wheeler



R. Comm: Gerard Sheridan



Treasurer: Roger Ladwig



Secretary: Kathleen Dunn



Members: Lynda Maybruck



D. Tony Amable (2016)



D. John Tennyson (2016)



D. Debra Phairas (2015)



D. Eleanor Harrison (2014)



D. Tim Weir (2014)

D. Director

Heartfelt Thanks to all!

It has been many months since SBYC organized an 8 Bells Ceremony and flotilla to scatter Ed's ashes but I want to offer a belated thanks to all who participated.

Paul Oliva orchestrated a very touching ceremony. It was good to see so many past and present officers and friends there and to hear their memories of Ed, both serious and humorous - but spot on!

We were very fortunate to have such a clear, sunny, and calm day for the flotilla lead by skipper **Milt Smith** and helmsman **Paul Janofsky** to position Anabel to catch Ed's ashes and flowers on the swift ebb tide under the Golden Gate Bridge to the Pacific and beyond. There was even a lone dolphin playing in our wake!

Thanks to all the skippers and their crews. Ed was proud to know you all; to the potluck donors and for the lovely Petite Sirah - thanks!

I especially appreciate the articles by **Paul Oliva**, **Ray Hall**, and the newsletter editor **Patti Mangan** for the beautiful and first full color edition of the *Wavelength*. It gave us a wonderful keepsake to cherish. Thank you.

—Mary Mackin



HOLIDAY HURRAHS



SBYC CLUB NOTABLES



Looking for a boat & berth at South Beach?

Norman Pearce is seeking up to three boat parnters for a 1981 Islander 36.
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Ellyn Daugherty & Paul Robinson celebrated their 16th Wedding Anniversary on November 23rd.

The Best Thanksgiving with BAADS

Many thanks go out to the crew that helped *Les Hennessy* and **Tammy DeSliva** put on the Thanksgiving meal for the BAADS this year! Les and Tammy brought sixty pounds of turkey while **Alex Goldstein** brought a large ham and sharp knives. With **Norm** and **Karen Pearce**, **Ken Ludlum**, **Robert Moore**, **Ana** and **Chris Rubke**, and **Jack McDermott** the some forty BAADS folks had a ball. The pot luck, brought by all had some special treats as lamb, scalloped potatoes, and homemade babakanush were a couple of the highlights. Thanks to **Christina Rubke**, the Commodore of BAADS, for great coordination.



SBYC's Latest Perpetual Trophy!

Next time you drop by the Club check out the shiny new trophy in the office! Each year, the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association awards the **Edwin H. Wilder Perpetual Trophy** to three clubs whose newsletters best typify outstanding and distinguished service to yachting. The award was established in 1982 in memory of Ed Wilder for his long service as Chairman of the PICYA Publications Committee and for his service as Publisher of the Northern California Yachting Yearbook. The 3rd Place Wilder Trophy was awarded to SBYC's **Patti Mangan** for the *WaveLength* at the Annual PICYA Awards banquet in November. First place went to [San Jose Sailing Club Backwind](#) and second place to St. Francis Yacht Club *Mainsheet*. It was a close call with a 3 point spread between each of the winners out of 940 points possible! Patti is following in Ed's footsteps, having just won the publishing contract for the 2014 PICYA Yearbook!

AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

The annual auction was a huge success! Over 100 items were bid on by over 100 attendees! The Club was stunning in a Fall colors motif. The food was sumptuous! And the auctioneer was handsome and charming (think of the children). This auction was hands down a major success! But it was the spirit of the members as they clawed over each other to win one of 15 exciting live auction items - now that was thrilling and revealing!

Who knew we had such big spenders in our midst?

The entire evening brought in roughly \$28,933 in funds including dinner ticket sales, cash donations, three wine locker raffles and live/silent auction items!

What was the hottest items on the auction block you ask? How about those tickets to NYC Fashion Week! They went for \$2,500, 150% over offered value! And the bidding for a 3 day weekend getaway to a mansion in Tahoe Donner was red hot!

The funniest win was the Guys Ski Getaway to Squaw won by **Janelle Boltz** who wasn't paying attention to the details but got caught up in the moment! That should be a fun weekend!

Who won the cruise on the green Zapote Verde? We know **Jack McDermott** will be easing into the private 50 foot slip down in San Diego at the Marriott next fall when he heads south for the long journey! Did Jack pick up the stay at the Coronado as well? The details are fuzzy but the memories are great!

Don't forget the three member-donated fine wine lockers raffled off! The lucky winners were **Bill Adams, Gerard Sheridan** and **Pete Sorenson**. Each locker had 36 bottles of wine roughly valued at \$900. Whose your buddy now? Thanks to **Richard Forst** for building and donating the wine lockers to the club.


And speaking of thanks - a huge shout out to the Committee Chair **Cat Reining** and the entire auction committee: **Wendy, Jocelyn, Eugene, Janelle, Johanna, Carol, Lynda, Tom, and Dave!** Plus design kudos to **Patti Mangan** for a brilliant poster and catalog and a ferocious Facebook campaign!

Together they pulled off one of the most successful fundraising auctions the club has ever had! Brava!

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VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Terry Kenasten is a 10 year race committee volunteer who rarely misses a race whether it is a Friday Nighter or the Ocean Race SBYC ran in August. After, volunteering for about 18 races this year, Terry is one of the most dependable volunteers we have on the water. He's also an OOD and an example of a perfect SBYC "volunteer". Thank you Terry!



FALL HARVEST
AUCTION



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SOUTH BEACH YACHT CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 8	Santa by Boat	11:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec 11	Wine Pairing: Pearls & Champagne	7:00 PM
Friday, Dec 13	Member Meeting ~ Gift Exchange	6:00 PM
Saturday, Dec 14	Light the Harbor & Christmas Crab Celebration	6:00 PM
Sunday, Dec 15	Holiday Brunch & Bloody Mary Bar	11:00 AM
Tuesday, Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	7:00 PM
Friday, Jan 10	Member Meeting - Officers Installation	6:00 PM
Saturday, Jan 11	Sea Scavenger Shoreline Cleanup - join in on the morning fun	10:00 AM
Saturday, Jan 18	Island Fever Race	10:00 AM
Saturday, Jan 25	2014 Three Bridge Fiasco Race	10:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan 30	Wine Pairing: Italian Wines & Cioppino	6:00 PM
Sunday, Feb 2	Super Bowl XLVIII "Pigskin Pig Roast II"	2:00 PM
Saturday Feb 8	US SAILING One Day Race Management Seminar at EYC	8:00 AM
Friday, Feb 14	Save the Date! Dine at the Club in style!	6:00 PM

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