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# The Wave Length

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## 2009? Already?

Wow, I can't believe that we're already almost a decade into the new millennium. Decades ain't what they used to be. It seems like only yesterday everyone had a twist in their knickers about that Y2K issue. Now we have the global IOU mess. I guess it *is* our civic duty to cut back a bit as we wade through this repression.—that's between a recession and a depression. And with that in mind, I have some ideas.

How about quarterly membership meetings to save gas money on the commute? Instead of meeting once a month, we could slip three membership meetings in on one day, let's say the second Saturday of every third month. Or, better yet, twice a year let's make it a two day event, six meeting each, and spend the night on our boats? Everyone's clear on that? Great.

What do you say, gang? It would be like having a cruise out without, you know, the cruising part. Call it a cruise-out/in. Everyone already has a berth with water and electricity so there would be no rafting up, no rickety docks with splintery planks. Cynthia could serve breakfast, lunch and dinner while we, you know, meet. And, after a hard day of "meeting", I can just see all of us gathering around the clubhouse fireplace singing campfire songs, telling campfire stories, drinking campfire drinks until, tired but happy, we wend our way down to our boats.

Yes, during these uncertain times I feel we must all do our part to improve our nation's economic outlook. I, myself, after 20 years of retirement, am rejoining the work force! And, if I may, I'd like to take this

opportunity to talk to you about Amway Products and introduce you to a new line.... Oh, you're busy right now? I see. Okay, another time perhaps ...

Ray Hall

DANCING BEAR

## Commodore's Report

I am very happy to be able to serve my last year on the Board of Directors as Commodore for this great club. SBYC has come a long way since I joined – from less than 300 members in a double wide trailer to over 500 members in a magnificent facility. In addition, I've watched our water programs come from a "run of the mill" race series and a handful of cruise out's to a full program of races almost every week – including one design racing and a monthly cruise out program. Jr Sailing, well, what can I say. I don't think there is anyone prouder of where this program has come – and will go in future years. On the land side, we've come from a couple of events a year to at least one major event a month – including the infamous Crab Dinner and of course, KABOOM!

None of the accomplishments that we, as a club, have achieved would have been possible without the volunteers. The volunteers of this club are responsible for all of it – whether it is volunteering to be on the Board of Directors, help with Jr Sailing, working Race committee or help serve dinner. We couldn't do it without you all and would not be where we are without you. I wish I could thank each and everyone of you here now, but as there are too many to Thank individually, I want to Thank you all as a group.

This club was founded with volunteers and as we've grown it is still the cornerstone of what makes this club

our home. I hope as we move into 2009 and the calls continue to go out for volunteers for all the various programs that you will consider helping in one of the areas that is important to you.

As we move into 2009, as Commodore I hope to see both the water programs and the land programs continue to expand to serve the needs of the members. The Strategic Planning committee is working hard to help drive our growth in the direction that the MEMBERS want this club to go. Please take the time to help the committee better understand what your needs are of the club.

As always, I do welcome your feedback and comments. If there is anything I can do to help your experience in the club be a more positive one, please feel free to contact me anytime.

## **2008 Christmas Party and Officer Installation**

The Christmas parties are back at SBYC! And did we have a great one this year!! I was very excited to see all the members that made it to the party this year and helped celebrate bringing in the new Board of Directors and Thanking the previous Board for all their work.

We did try something new this year and instead of a sit down dinner, we had appetizers ranging from a seafood and sushi bar to lamb chops and ice cream for dessert. The band was fantastic – Joe Mag and the Kool Kats. Joe Mag was a great entertainer and the dancing went on well into the night. Catering for this party was by Concepts Culinaire.

I'm looking forward to the 2009 party already! Look for pictures on the website to see what you missed.

## **Vice Commodore Report**

I am very pleased to have been elected as your Vice Commodore for 2009. I look forward to overseeing your clubhouse operations and helping to facilitate an active schedule that offers a diversity of quality events. We are forming a new Events Committee to help create, coordinate and recruit volunteers to plan and support events. We are also forming a Meetings Committee to find guest speakers and line up interesting presentations at our monthly membership meetings. Please contact me if you would like to serve on these new committees. All members should consider hosting or volunteering to

help work an event. Getting involved with events at the club is both rewarding and fun. The Statement of Vision and Purpose in our membership application includes "South Beach Yacht Club is a volunteer-based organization that requires the active involvement of all of its members." While volunteerism keeps our dues down and the food and drink prices reasonable, volunteerism's main benefit is that it promotes a close relationship among the members. Members who do volunteer invariably feel paid back many times over for their efforts. Please be open to volunteering requests you may receive this year. Please contact me at any time with questions or suggestions.

By now you are all probably aware that **Geoffrey Daw** has volunteered to assume the challenging position of HOOD. Our outgoing HOOD, **Rob Moon** left large shoes to fill and I am delighted to have Geoffrey working for us in this key position. **Martin Fay** has volunteered to be our new Port Captain and he will be welcoming our reciprocal friends from other clubs and insuring they receive first class treatment. From January 1, to January 16, the clubhouse will be closed for floor refinishing. During this time there will be no keys available in the lock boxes to enter the clubhouse. Due to the tremendous amount of dust generated from the sanding of the floors we have scheduled a **Post Holiday Spruce Up** on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are encouraged to come down to the clubhouse that day from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM and help us get the club ready for the New Year after a busy holiday season and the floor refinishing.

February is already shaping up to be a very busy month at the clubhouse. On February 7<sup>th</sup> **Wendy Hanrahan** will be hosting a **Pizza, Popcorn & Pajamas** night for the kids. It will be a fun filled evening where the kids will craft their own pizza from scratch and enjoy fresh popcorn, games and movies on the big screen. On Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> **Susie Fay** will be hosting a very special **Valentines Day Cabaret Dinner** at the clubhouse. With a multi course meal and a live floor show this promises to be a very special evening that will fill up quickly. Details of this event will follow shortly. **Cathy & Greg Sherwood** will be hosting our **Mardis Gras Party** on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Cathy and Greg are seasoned veteran hosts of this great event and this year they will be featuring Samba Dancers, a Bateria drum line and traditional Mardis Gras fare. Don't forget to save the date on March 28<sup>th</sup> for our first annual **LiveMaine Lobster Feast**.

## ASK BOG

by David Bogdanoff

### Bog's Rules of Boat Metals

Any underwater metal parts which are immersed in seawater (i.e. fasteners, thru-hulls, struts or other items) should only be made of BRONZE.

Metal fittings which are inside the boat and are in contact with sea water (valves, pipe fittings, usually some kind of plumbing part) should only be made of BRONZE.

Never, NEVER, NEVER use BRASS, if it is to be in contact with seawater!!! If you bought that valve at a hardware store to put on the underwater thru-hull for that sink drain, you may be asking to sink your boat. As mentioned, brass is alloyed with zinc and if the zinc acts as an anode, the zinc will corrode away, leaving the metal porous like a sponge and without any strength. (From a friend's first hand experience).

### **Exception** to Bog's Rule of Boat Metals:

Propeller Shafts are made of SS or other alloys because they have free flowing water around them. SS can be "passified" from the flowing water (H<sub>2</sub>O) around it. That is why you see usually only see some corrosion on the shaft at the packing gland or under the prop (no flowing water). But also, use a zinc anode on your prop shaft.

### **Other misuses of SS:**

Swim platforms commonly use SS supports, of which a portion may be under water. Also, SS bolts are used to fastening the struts to the hull. These bolts are subject to crevice corrosion, thus failure over time. Put a small prop shaft zinc on each strut to act as an anode to reduce this corrosion.

Sometimes stainless steel thru-hulls are used on trailerable boats. But these should be replaced with bronze if the boat is to left in the water for any extended period of time.

### **Notes:**

SS passification can be accelerated by use of various chemical processes, resulting in the metal being less susceptible to corrosion. One process is Electropolishing. It is a cleaning and preparation process often used on SS which results the passification of the SS. I am presently doing some research for a

DIY method for passification of SS to increase the corrosion resistance.

Below is a brief of the Galvanic Table which in general, tells how corrosive a metal is. Zinc being the most active and titanium the least active. Seawater makes all the difference in how actively corrosive a metal is.

Zinc  
Aluminum  
Carbon Steel  
Cast Iron  
Stainless Steel ("non-passified")  
Brass  
Bronze  
Stainless Steel ("passified")  
Titanium

So if you think you would like my two cents worth how to fix, change or modify something on your boat, send me an email to: Ask.bog.SBYC @ gmail.com, I will do my best to respond and make your boating life as uncomplicated as possible.

## **Santa by Boat**

Well, not only does it take a village of volunteers, it also takes a twin-engine power boat, a Santa, 4 elves, good food, and lovely decorations for the best ever Santa By Boat celebration at SBYC!!

I will never forget **Martin Fay** coming into the club after handling first mate duties on *Rubicon* saying, "Where did all these kids come from?"

Well, they are members' children, grandchildren, their neighbors' kids, junior sailing graduates, etc...We had a rough count of 62 kids though it was difficult to count them because they moved around so quickly.

**The galley wenches** (Nancy DeMauro, Nancy Stephens, Lorraine Weiss (an applicant), Catherine Orr) performed above and beyond. The food was gobbled up for the most part yet we managed to put aside some for the volunteers and incoming OODS. I think the dinosaur-shaped PB&jelly sandwiches were perfect...**thanks Nancy D** for finding the mold.

**Decorations...**thanks to **Susie Fay** for leaving them in place for us on Sunday. The attendees - well, the adult ones - were so impressed with the setting.

**Mike and Lorianna Kastrop** - again for the third year provided - I think even better than last year - wonderful, live Holiday music. Your sound system really added to the vocals and guitar. I heard so many compliments ...They also helped set up the club in the early a.m. - moving furniture in from outside, etc.

A debut this year for **Brad Ketchem as Santa**...a wonderful performance. Thank you. **Evian Ketchem** handled the door with great record keeping in spite of the bad rsvp list I gave her. Both also helped set up the room so we had places for the various activities - coloring, cookie decorating, and balloon artistry.

The Boat...well, flexibility is our name. We first thought **Anabel** would be the boat; then **Richard and Pat Forst** connected with **Mark and Dixie Miner** who volunteered **Rubicon** to take Santa and the elves to the Club. Another great performance - north to south outside the breakwater; then south to north into the harbor, a great backing job to let the stars disembark. Many thanks...it was so cool and thoughtful of the **Miners** to jump in and help.

And what's a yacht club without a good bartender who makes killer bloody marys and mimosas. **Thank you Paul Oliva**..I believe this is your third year also volunteering as OOD.

And for the second year, **Wendy Hanrahan** baked countless cookies (gingerbread men) for the kids to decorate. So much fun for everyone...and the messier the better.

**John Lewis**, who started the day thinking he was to be first mate on **Anabel**, jumped in to the gingerbread production and was a great help handing out the cookies and keeping kiddie order only as a father can do.

**And another thank you to Wendy** for "volunteering" her friend **Sachiko** for the balloon artistry. My favorite, in addition the Christmas tree, was the penguin...or was it the bumble bee? I can't make up my mind.

**Frances Larose**...great photos from the day that have been sent to Gary Van Giersbergen to select a few for the **January Wavelength**. And her daughter, **Michelle and friend Morgan** were so helpful as elves stashing the presents surreptitiously under the tree as the parents

arrived...then did double duty on **Rubicon** and handing presents to Santa.

My neighbor, **Emilia Omberg and Mary Katherine Michiels** (both 2008 Junior Sailing graduates) were the more senior elves - great work on **Rubicon** and with Santa and the kids. This is **Emilia's** second year as an elf.

Finally, thanks to **Bob Wertz and John Tennyson** who arrived for 2pm OOD duty and were expecting a quiet rainy afternoon. After the event, they along with **Paul Oliva** moved the tables and chairs around and got a good sweeping done of well...burst balloons, food, etc. They were also helpful making sure the caterers stuff from the night before was all in one place...and got the rattan furniture out of the library. They left the place in good shape for the janitors to finish off the job later in the evening.



Santa and Elves arriving at SBYC!



Santa's Frightening me!!

## Reminder Message from the USCG

**USCG – 406 MHz EPIRB Reminder**  
The US Coast Guard issued a press release reminding the maritime community that older Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) that broadcast analog signals on the 121.5 or 243 MHz frequencies will not be monitored by the COSPAS/SARSAT satellites as of *1 February 2009*. Mariners should promptly replace the old EPIRBs with newer ones that transmit digital signals on the 406 MHz frequency. (12/19/08).

## Proposed SBYC By-Law and Rule Changes

Included in this month's Wavelength are the proposed changes to the SBYC By-Law's and Rules. These changes will be voted on at the February Members Meeting. For those that cannot attend, please complete the absentee ballot and return to the club no later than February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Check the website for the full version of the Recommended By-Law's and Rules.

## COMMODORE'S AWARD FOR 2008 GOES TO JULIE WICKLUND!

As you know the commodore selects a person every year that supported the club with that extra effort. A person who went out of their way to help, who could be counted on to be there! Julie it was my great pleasure to announce your name for the "commodore's award" at the Christmas Party/Officer's Installation. Lot's of people helped throughout the year but as I reviewed the year your name easily came to the top. I appreciate your help this year and last year! Thank you Julie from me personally, and from the entire membership.

Gary Van Giersbergen  
Staff Commodore

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS (Sponsored by West Marine) Events listed at  
<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/calendar>

## SBYC Wi-Fi

**Good news - the wifi is back up and running at the club. Below is the information you need to be able to use it. If you need to reference the info again, check out the "Now Hear this" page on the website for instructions as well as additional club news.**

**SBYC has WiFi again... at least in the club and within a few hundred feet of the club.**

There's new hardware, so you need to set up your computer WiFi connection via: WPA encryption (rather than WEP) **southbeachyc / pier40-2008**

Harbor Master's Wi-Fi hotspot - **2WIRE353** - is available in and near the **Community Room** on the 1st floor. The 64 bit WEP encryption key is **1967431175**.



Passing of the Vice Commodore's New Year's Eve Antenna's!

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## Proposed SBYC Rules and Regulations Changes 2/13/2009

Voting Members: Please check box with your selection. Absentee Ballot must be received no later than 5:00pm on February 13, 2009

<i>Paragraph</i>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Absentee Vote</b>
<b>I.A.2.b – Member applications approval</b>	1) Deletes statement about Board voting on terminations. 2) Board does vote on new applicants.	1) Covered elsewhere in R&Rs. 2) Adds extra level of applicant review.	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I.A.2.c –Member terminations approval for non-financial reasons</b>	New paragraph requiring Board involvement in non-financial member discipline	Makes R&Rs consistent with current practice	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I.C.4, 6 – Removal of Director</b>	Moves rule I.C.4 to I.C.6	Clarity	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I.C.5 – Removal of Director</b>	Add procedure for removal of a director	No procedures existed. Eliminates prior circular confusion referring to R&Rs	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I.C.6 – Multiple Board vacancies</b>	Paragraph eliminated and moved to By-laws	This should be in the By-laws with the general rules for filling Board vacancies	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>II.B.2 – Officer Vacancy</b>	Refers officer vacancy procedures back to By-Laws	This should be in the By-laws with the general rules for filling Board vacancies	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.A.1. &amp; 2- Change in application process</b>	Adds requirement for 3 sponsors	Makes R&Rs consistent with current Applicant Procedures	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.B.3 – Partner membership sunset clause</b>	Keeps current partner memberships but does not allow additional	Help keep the membership categories fair from an equity standpoint.	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.C.1 – Junior membership</b>	Removes restrictive participation clause.	We want to encourage youth to be our next generation of boaters and	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>

	Increases age limit from 21 to 25 years.	members. Allows reduced membership fees until out of college and into a paying job.		
<b>IV.C.4 - Cruising membership replaced with Non-resident membership</b>	Replaces cruising membership category with non-resident membership category	Cruising membership consists largely of non-residents. Clarifies category name and adds stipulations.	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.C.5 – Non-voting member privileges</b>	States that non-voting members may not hold office, vote, or serve on Election Committee.	Non-voting members should not be involved in election activities	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.E.5 - New paragraph for suspending or expelling a member</b>	Adds procedures for 90 day suspension in addition to expulsion by BOD vote	Allows for disciplinary action less than expulsion	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.F.5 - Termination due to delinquent dues</b>	Moves responsibility for terminations due to dues delinquency from Board to Treasurer or Membership Controller	Board does not need to act as R&Rs are clear about delinquency	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.G - Change of Membership Category</b> <b>IV.G.1 –</b>	Paragraph title change  Change the word “transfer” to ”change”	Since Article VIII, Section 8.05 of the bylaws states that memberships are “non-transferable,” this eliminates any confusion by use of the word “transfer”	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.H – Resignation/ Reapplication/ Temporary Hardship</b>	Paragraph title change	Adds more information to paragraph title for easier access to information contained in it	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>V.A.8 –Committees and their duties</b>	Adds additional applicant review and processing duties to Membership Committee. Deletes Facilities Committee. Adds Strategic & Long Range Planning Committee and Finance Committee.	Brings R&Rs in line with current Applicant Procedures. Now that the new facility is complete, recognizes need for long range strategic and planning. Recognizes existing Finance Committee.	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>VI.A.3 – Capital fund sources</b>	Adds “interest” to revenues reserved for the Capital fund. Designates that all annual net income at end of year is applied to the capital fund.	Brings R&Rs into line with established procedures	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Exhibit one – Initiation fees and Dues</b>	Changes Cruising membership to Non-Resident membership	Consistent with IV.C.4	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Proposed SBYC By-Law Changes 2/13/2009

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<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Absentee Vote</b>
<b>Article IV Section 4.11 Board Vacancies</b>	Adds the procedure for filling more than 2 vacancies on the Board	Moves rule from R&Rs I.C.6 to By-Laws	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article V Section 5.03 Board Vacancies</b>	Eliminates wording stating that Officer vacancies are filled by Board of Directors	Wording is redundant to that in Article IV Section 4.11	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article V Section 5.04 Officer Removal</b>	States that rules for officer removal are in R&Rs	Clarity	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article VIII Section 8.02 Non-discrimination</b>	Adds non-discriminatory language required in our lease	Brings us in line with our lease	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article VIII Section 8.03 Membership Requirements</b>	Adds language requiring prospective members to have a “demonstrated interest in boating.”	Reflects our SBYC Statement of Vision and Purpose	Admin	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article X Section 10.04 Standing Committees</b>	Adds Finance Committee and Strategic and Long Range Planning Committee to list of club standing committees, deletes Facilities Committee	Now that the new facility is complete, recognizes need for long range strategic and planning. Recognizes existing Finance Committee.	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article XI Section 11.01 By-Laws Changes</b>	Changes words “mailed” to “delivered” and “voting” to “membership meeting”.	Allows delivery of By-Laws amendments electronically as well as mail.	Change	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/>

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## South Beach Yacht Club Events Calendar

### Club Calendar

Day	Start Date	Start Time	Title	Contact
Thursday	1/1/09		<b>CLUB CLOSED FLOOR REFINISHING</b>	
Saturday	1/17/09		Post Holiday Spruce Up Island Fever Race	
Thursday	2/9/09	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Saturday	2/7/09	4:00PM	Pizza, Popcorn and Pajama Party	
Thursday	2/12/09	6:00 PM	BAADS Board Meeting	
Friday	2/13/09	6:00PM	Members Meeting	
Saturday	2/14/09	5:00 PM	Valentines Cabaret Dinner	
Saturday	2/21/09		Island Fever Race	
Saturday	2/28/09	7:30PM	Mardi Gras Party	

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**Our Mission**

.... to form 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.

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