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I Reckon

Conjure up in your minds eye a wind swept stretch of sand dunes, winds blowing at 27 miles per hour. (For you power boaters; that's like when the little triangle sandwiches blow off the plate.) The date was 12/17/1903. Two men, Wilbur and Orville Wright, stood contemplating their 600-plus pound

invention, optimistically named the "Flyer." A curious group of five lifeguards who had been helping the brothers shuttle their contraption around the dunes for the past few days looked on as the last adjustments were made and Orville got his final instructions from his older brother.

Years of testing, trial and error, failures and triumph, defeat and discovery had led to this moment. A few days earlier they had flipped a coin to see who would be the first to fly. Wilbur won but unfortunately crashed attempting to take off from the 60 foot downhill launching rail. Now, three days later after repairing the damage, it was Orville's turn to give it a try on a *level* launching rail.

While Orville positioned himself face down on the lower wing, hips in the wing-warping saddle, throttle stick in his right hand, pitch control elevator in his left hand, Wilbur approached John Daniels, a member of the Kill Devil Hills Life Saving Station and asked him, "Say, if we get this thing up in the air, do you reckon you could take a picture of it with this here camera?"

John, who had never used a camera before, looked at the box mounted on a tripod, nodded and said, "I reckon."

The motor roared, the craft moved down the track and the miracle happened. The miracle wasn't the flight; half a dozen people all over the globe were working on powered flight and it would have happened sooner or later. The miracle of Kitty Hawk was that with all the noise, distraction and excitement of the moment, John Daniels pushed the right button at the

right time and took the famous photo which proved that the brothers actually *did* fly that day.

Speaking of pictures; don't you "reckon" SBYC should have a working party to put together a scrapbook of photos showing what happened to the old club house and how the new one came about? I reckon a number of members pushed the right button at the right time, but all the photos are now just sitting in a drawer. Let's work on this.

**Ray Hall - DANCING BEAR**

**COMMODORE REPORT- Nancy DeMauro**

*SBYC's Razzle Dazzle Roaring Twenties  
Auction  
October 17, 2009*

Well, the Auction Committee has outdone themselves with the theme and plans for the 2009 auction – Razzle Dazzle Roaring Twenties. Should be a blast to say the least!

This year we will hold the silent auction on the balcony area by the club instead of downstairs in the community room. We are hoping to have a Barber Shop Quartet to entertain throughout the evening. Doors will open at 5:00pm. Dinner will be served and the cost will be \$20.

In addition to our regular Auction, this year we will be holding 3 raffles throughout the summer. Raffle tickets will be sold at all club events, including races. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or 5/\$20. Drawings will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Members Meetings. The final drawing will be held at the Auction on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Prizes for the raffles will vary each time, but for the first drawing to be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> the prizes will include a Case of Wine, Four (4) Seafit PFD's and One (1) night at the Golden Gate Hotel.

All funds raised through the auction and the raffles will go to the Capital fund to be used for various activities such as Jr. Sailing, Club Improvements, Point of Sale System (cash register system for bar and acct system), etc to be voted on by the Membership.

So, hold the date of October 17<sup>th</sup> and more information will be sent to all Members as it becomes available. Be sure to watch for the Auction and Raffle page to be added to the South Beach website in the near future.

A reminder, the club will begin charging \$10 for non-member dinners at Member Meetings. This change was asked for by the Membership at the August Members Meeting. The change will take effect at the May Membership Meeting.

## Vice Commodore Report – Mark Miner

### Life's A Beach party Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

The party will be hosted by **Lynn & Aram Hadjian, Irene & Philip Hadjian, Doreen Back & Gary Van Giersbergen**. You can expect a fun filled evening with good food, music and a “beach like atmosphere” at the club! So mark your calendars because this will be a sold out event. Details to follow!

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I am at your service. Sincerely, **Mark Miner**

## Rear Commodore Report – Roger Ladwig

The Petaluma Cruise-out was attended by over 70 boats this year, of which 4 were from South Beach. As usual, Petaluma YC did their usual fantastic job of organizing meals and events. Our own **Dixie Miner** from “**Rubicon**” won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Cocktail Contest with her tasty “Zephyr Cove” shooter. And husband and our Vice Commodore **Mark Miner** won the 2<sup>nd</sup> best hand in the Poker Run. Thanks to the **Sorenson's (Pacific High)**, and **Bogdanoffs (Pt. Judith)** for joining in and shepherding our own **Anabel** on the trip.

Next up, is **Summer Sailstice Raft-up** June 20-21 in Clipper Cove, for the Treasure Island Summer Sailstice Festival. SBYC boats will start rafting up on Friday afternoon joining probably more than 100 other boats

throughout in the cove. There will be activities all day Saturday, ending with dancing until 10PM and the cost is FREE! So join in by registering on the SBYC website. If you've got a dink, bring it along. Here will be water taxi service available, but having several for our own raft-up would be great. For more info, visit [www.summersailstice.com/358/](http://www.summersailstice.com/358/).

And don't forget the 4<sup>th</sup> of July blue water cruise to Santa Cruz with your hosts, Tad and Libbie Sheldon. Check the SBYC website for more info on that.

## Racing

We are halfway through the 1<sup>st</sup> half of our **Friday Night Series**. To date, 53 boats are signed up, with several newcomers this year. Results to date are available on the website. We've had really good winds and lots of tight competition. This looks to be a great season again. Thanks to all on the Race Committee for your time and effort. Without them this would not be possible.

June will be especially busy for us. Besides the FNS races on June 5, 19 and 26, were running a make-up race for the **Islander 36** fleet on June 13, a **Media Celebrity fun regatta** on June 14, and a **YRA** race on June 20. South Beach is becoming very popular as a race venue thanks to the steady winds, flat water and quality of our race program over the last 3 to 4 years. Nice work all.

## Junior Sailing

Our first week of Junior Sailing begins June 22 – 26. We are almost booked up for all four weeks at this date. **Kevin and Lori Wilkinson** and **Pete Sorenson** are doing a fantastic job with this program for the last 3 years. If you would like to help with this first week and any of the others, please contact either of them. I know they would love to have more help.

## Cruise-outs

**Summer Solstice Raft-up** (Clipper Cove, June 20 – 21) - This festival is growing each year and this year is no different. Food, drinks, live music, treasure hunts, new boat showings plus other events will be take place from noon to 10PM adjacent to the TI Marina. Cost is free. Last year SBYC had 14 boats in 2 raft-ups among the 100 boats anchored in the cove. Let's go for more

this year. Water taxi service from to and from the marina will be provided if you don't want to bring your dinghy.

**Santa Cruz Blue Water Cruise** (July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend) – Plan to cruise down with **Tad and Libby Sheldon** for the biggest “illegal” firework display on the West Coast. It's a great place to blow off those old fireworks you've got hidden in your closet.

Save these dates and join your friends  
for some fun.

**SBYC**  
**ROARING TWENTIES**  
**RAZZLE DAZZLE**

**RAFFLES and AUCTION**

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**3 RAFFLE DRAWINGS \*\***  
**3 GREAT PRIZES each drawing**

Drawings at **July 10<sup>th</sup>** and **September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Member Meetings  
and  
**October 17<sup>th</sup> Auction**  
Prizes announced one month in advance of drawings.  
Tickets are **\$5 each or 5 for \$20**  
Sold at All Club Events

**\*\* and then \*\***

**LIVE and SILENT AUCTION**  
SBYC Club House \* **October 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**  
**\$20 per person \*\*\*** Includes Appetizers,  
Dinner and Live Entertainment

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**ASK** **BOG**  
by David Bogdanoff

This month I will give you a few words on painting and by extension, varnishing. The weather is warming and maybe we have seen the last of the rain. To be perfectly honest, I hate painting. But it is a necessary evil if we want things to look good (or a least looking a little better). Also paint will make the underlying

material last longer. So even if you have one of those plastic boats, I would bet there are some painted (or should be painted) surfaces on the inside or the outside.

As everyone knows, the hardest and most important part of painting is the prep work. The sanding, the filling, the sanding, the filling, the sanding, the cleaning-up, the ... Just thinking about it is exhausting. Thus we will discuss that aspect of painting another time. Why discuss something today when we can put it off until tomorrow (or next month).

Below are some dos and don'ts on putting on a good paint job.

#### Your Paint Brushes

Use a good quality china bristle brushes for a smoother finish. A badger hair is the best thing for varnishing.

Clean or change brushes every 20 minutes or so when doing larger areas.

Use a worn brush for the final coat. This will help reduce brush marks.

#### Your Paint Containers

Always pour the amount of paint that you expect to use at any one time into a separate clean container.

Do not apply direct from the original can, as this may introduce contamination.

Stir the paint container occasionally during the work.

#### Your Painting Plan

Painting is best achieved on warm, dry mornings. Cold weather may retard drying and dampness can spoil a paint's gloss.

Dampen the ground/area around where you will be painting with water before commencing the painting. This will reduce any dust rising up onto the work. (Auto body shops do this in their paint booths.)

The best finish is achieved on large areas by using two people. One person applies the paint (possibly using a paint roller), the other following immediately behind and smoothes out the finish with a brush.

To help ensure an even spread, hold the brush at 45 degrees to the painted surface. This will help minimize brush marks.

Final brush strokes should be in the horizontal if possible. This allows the brush marks to flow together.

### \Other Painting Issues

Use a tack cloth after any sanding or if the surface may have any dust on it.

Use lint-free cleaning cloths.

Use high quality fine line masking tape to ensure good crisp lines.

Wear latex gloves.

If painting over several days, just clean most of the paint from the brush with paint thinner, wrap it up tight in a plastic bag, and put it in the freezer. The next day, warm the brush by working it in your hand, and you are ready to go.

On uneven, pitted or rough surfaces, consider using a semi-gloss paint. Imperfections will then be less obvious. If semi-gloss is not available in your color, a gloss paint's sheen can be reduced by adding a flattening agent. (Available from a real paint store.)

And, when all else fails, read the directions on the paint can.

There you are. You know a little more about painting. So now get with it.

### **Do not forget to email your entries for our Good Boating Ideas Contest.**

And if you think you would like my two cents worth on 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.

Regards, bog

*"There is nothing ~ absolutely nothing ~ half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats..."*

from *the Wind and the Willow*

### **SECRETARY REPORT - Lisa Gidley**

#### **Election Committee:**

Now that the year is almost half over, it is time to begin thinking of next year. I'm happy to announce the Election Committee held its kickoff meeting on May 8, 2009. Joining me on this year's Election Committee is **Charles Cunningham, Chris Joyce, Catherine Orr, Paul Osborn, Debra Phairas, Elissa Rogers, Pete Sorenson, and Karen Wheeler.** November elections

might seem a long way off, but we need your help beginning now to identify suitable candidates. Club rules allow any Voting Member in good standing to nominate or be nominated as a potential candidate by notifying the Secretary- so please let us have your suggestions! Email or call any member of the Elections Committee listed above. More details on the 2010 Officer Elections process will appear in the July Wavelength. Be sure to read the Officer and Director descriptions in Article V of the 2009 By-Laws found on the website under "Now Hear This".

### **SBYC Historical Committee:**

This year, we are taking a little different approach to the Historian role that falls under the Secretary. This year we are forming a historical committee (name to be determined by the committee) whose purpose will be not only to preserve and share relevant Club history and memories, but to also make them come alive for the membership. All time periods of the Club will be explored from the Club's inception through the building of the new Club, to now. Joining me on this committee is of course **Ray Hall, Ed and Mary Mackin, and Tim Gaughan.** We need more of you to join us! Keep an eye out for our first meeting which will be announced shortly. One of our first projects will be to show how the design of our Club Burgee came about. Other projects for future consideration include an annual Club memorabilia day, Club history storytelling/seminars for youth, and a "ye olde salts" cocktail hour. If you have relevant or unique Club history perspectives to share, please come join us!

### **Coastal Marina Permit (SWRCB) Developments** By **Vivian Matuk**

#### Environmental Boating Program Coordinator

The State Water Resources Control Board is in the very early stages in developing of a Coastal Marinas Permit and invites your interest, information, and participation in the process. Please join the listserv so that you are informed of upcoming meetings, workgroups, and other events. To join the list please click on the following link, [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscriber.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscriber.shtml) Type your name and email address in the boxes, and select the box next to "Coastal Marinas Permit" (the

subscriptions are in alphabetical order). Then hit the subscribe button. You will need to reply to the automated email in order to confirm your subscription. Also, information on the development of the Coastal Marinas Permit, Power points from yesterdays meeting and the DRAFT Marina Monitoring and Reporting Program is available for your reference. You can access it by clicking on the following link

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/nps/reg\\_solutions.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/reg_solutions.shtml)

Please check the attached file to read the **SPRING Issue of the Changing Tide newsletter.** You can also check previous issues at

[http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbnhomenew.html#Changing\\_Tide](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbnhomenew.html#Changing_Tide)

The **Changing Tide newsletter** is the quarterly publication of the **California Clean Boating Network (CCBN)** and it is presented by the **Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, the California Department of Boating and Waterways, the California Coastal Commission, The Keep the Delta Clean program and Save Our Shores.** The newsletter is dedicated to promoting clean boating practices in California by focusing on new trends in clean boating practices and environmental services for boaters. Each issue also showcases great boating destinations throughout California.



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Petaluma Cruise out Photos 2009





Our very own Vice Commodore Mark Miner on his way to Petaluma!



Just like our Friday night races? (The Rolex Capri!)



## The "Wave Brief"

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## South Beach Yacht Club Events Calendar

Club Calendar – Go to [www.southbeachyachtclub.org](http://www.southbeachyachtclub.org) for complete data

Date	Event
06/12/09	MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 6:00 PM
06/14/09	CELEBRITY REGATTA & O'PEN BIC DEMO DAY – JUNIOR SAILING
06/19/09	FRIDAY NIGHT RACE & SUMMER SAILSTICE (CLIPPER COVE)
06/20/09	BOOK CLUB MEETING & SUMMER SAILSTICE (CLIPPER COVE)
06/22/09	JUNIOR SAILING (ALSO ON 06/23, 06/24 & 06/26)
06/26/09	FRIDAY NIGHT RACE
06/27/09	ANNUAL MCCOVEY COVE FUN REGATTA & PORT O'CALL DINNER (GREECE)
06/30/09	BOARD MEETING (MOVED FROM 07/07/09)
07/04/09	JULY 4 <sup>th</sup> BARBEQUE

Check out our complete calendar at [WWW.SOUTHBEACHYACHTCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.SOUTHBEACHYACHTCLUB.ORG)

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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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