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Wow, BBQ'ed oysters the size of abalone, beaucoup kabobs grilled to a T(asty), garden fresh Caesar salad and cherry clafoutis to tickle your sweet tooth - that was the menu on

opening day! When the word gets out about the fine dining available at "The Club" it may be tough to get a table. As Yogi Berra once observed, "No one goes there any more, it's too crowded!"

When you combine that with one of the best racing programs on the Bay that fills the joint with semi-serious sailboat skippers and crews on a regular basis, then you *know* we have a wow, kind of now, kind of club.

And the future looks like things can only get better when you check out the junior sailing program. These little nippers - and some who are not so little - really know their stern from their starboard and can sail well. We had two hearty participants of the program aboard for the Friday Night Practice Race. It was great to have some crew along who didn't have to take medication between tacks. With young sailors like Andrew Wilkinson and John Alex Warnock coming up in the ranks and the America's Cup now residing in the Bay Area things are definitely looking up.

And how about us having a genuine San Francisco Chronicle newspaper journalist imbedded—love that word—right smack dab in South Beach Yacht Club! Paul "Stop the Presses!" Oliva, with a nose for the news, his ear to the ground, his finger on the pulse of the maritime community (just *try* typing in that position sometime!) has finally brought a regularly featured article to our doorstep about recreational boating: special events; worldwide and local, and an ongoing series of tips about great places to eat that cater to the wet-windblown set. After being studiously ignored for years we boaters now have a friend in the business that buys ink by the barrel and paper by the

ton; we have a voice. Thanks Paul, hoist the signal up WELL DONE.

**Ray Hall - DANCING BEAR**

## Vice Commodore – Susie Fay

Hello, it's me once again, you're ever weary Vice Commodore. Shall we start with a recap of the past month...The Mother's Day Brunch was a sellout with delights for the most discerning of diners. Pierre once again provided us with a feast fit for royalty. Those who were there can confirm this, those who were not...well so sorry but hopefully we will see you next year. The food service is still running at full steam ahead. Saturday nights the clubhouse is "THE" place to be! The energy is unbelievable. Talk about happy members. The floor captains have been training and doing an excellent job! So remember to say hay to them and be a little patient. We can still use a few more recruits, so if you have been considering joining us, hop to it! Friday night races are, as usual, blow outs! We have had members joining us as well to partake of the race night fare. Just a reminder to those of you who do wish to eat on race nights...the service for race committee and general members starts at 7:30 with the racers coming in about 8:30. I would advise coming early to eat before the crowd hits.

Pierre has changed his menu a bit and we now have a separate lunch (12:00-5:00) and dinner (5:00-9:00) menu. He has added some brunch type items to the lunch menu and a wonderful steak to the dinner menu as well as 2 desserts (yum yum). He will continue to offer a lunch special as well as a fish or meat dinner special. So come on by and tempt your taste buds!

Okay summer here we come! June already, can you believe it? On June 12<sup>th</sup>, Christine Calloway-Holt will be hosting a viewing of the Brits vs Yanks World Cup soccer match. There is no charge to attend the event however an RSVP would be nice so we can try to be certain seating has been arranged properly. (Again with reservations..eh?) Pierre will be offering his normal

menu as well as a choice of 2 meals befitting the countries involved. Information is available on the website.

**Just a head's up for July.** We will be having something at the clubhouse on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> as well as the "Return to Gilligan's Island" party on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Ken Ludlum has volunteered to host this event (Thank You Ken!) and has found an awesome band to play..So watch for the flyers, it's going to be a fun one! And....(here I go again) don't forget to RSVP! We do have Solano Yacht Club cruising in on this weekend and are inviting them to join us for this event.

On the bad news front, I am canceling the Casino Night. Well, actually just hopefully postponing until a future date. This is an event that calls for a team to pull it off and I have had no volunteers step forward after my request for a committee. So it is with much regret that I have to put this event on the back burner. As I explained in last month's article events are a lot of work and require much planning and effort. Some I can pull off alone or with little assistance but most I need hosts or a team to make them happen. If you as members wish to continue to see some events then you are going to have to make some effort to assist in making them happen.

Alright, what about the clubhouse? Well let's see.....we have our new planters / room dividers and YES! They are real..Not plastic, as someone has questioned. I believe they make a nice warm addition to the room and have already been tried and proven at their task of serving as room dividers. Coffee, well that's not such a little thing as one would think. I am working on this but there are costs and logistics involved. So hopefully I will have some news for you in the very near future. Just hang on, I haven't forgot about you coffee drinkers!

See you all around the clubhouse.....

## Rear Commodore Kevin Wilkinson



As we all know by now, SBYC has become a world class yacht club with one of the most beautiful and well equipped facilities among the many outstanding Bay Area yacht clubs. We are all so proud to call South Beach our home. We hear often from visiting guests what an amazing and special place we have. To build our club house, our members labored, sacrificed and donated countless hours and personal fortunes and

the results speak for themselves. As spectacular as our facilities, so too are the on the water programs, which are known throughout the area as the place to be for racing, cruising and junior sailing.

A few years ago building the club house was the main purpose of our fund raising. Our annual auction raised significant funds which allowed us to reach our construction goals. We also purchased Anabel our club trawler with money raised through the auction and with member donations. Anabel has proven to be a wise investment as she is used continuously throughout the year supporting us in so many activities including racing, cruise outs and junior sailing.

Junior Sailing has grown as well right along with the club house and our racing program. This summer season, SBYC will serve about 75 students over four one-week sailing camps. The program has gained a life of its own and demand for class space exceeds our available capacity. This is good news for the future of our yacht club, because as we all know, junior sailors are the future officers and commodores. An interesting point of fact is to note how many new memberships we've had in the past few years where the family subsequently joined after their child went through junior sailing.

Which brings us to an important issue that should be discussed by the members, officers and the board of directors and that is how do we continue to fund the significant capital expenditures that are needed to provide for a professionally staffed and well equipped junior sailing program and to maintain all of our programs with the best gear and facilities? The income generated from junior sailing and racing and the annual auction has only generated enough money to sustain these programs but has not supplied sufficient capital to expand, grow and equip them with adequate boats, gear and equipment. We have done well enough with second hand budget dinghies and volunteer repaired gear, but it's time that we consider supplying SBYC junior sailing with top of the line new boats, facilities and equipment to allow our program to reach its full potential. As a long term goal I would like the members to consider setting up a separate and independent non-profit foundation specifically to fund and maintain the future of SBYC junior sailing. This could be a tax deductible charity, which would allow individuals, businesses and institutions to donate to this very worthy cause. So in the coming months I will be discussing this

important issue with members and the board of directors and I welcome your feedback, suggestions and most of all your personal support for the future of our yacht club.

### Upcoming events:

**Summer Sailstice at Treasure Island June 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**  
Join in the fun for a weekend raft-up with SBYC members in clipper cove. Party-on, at T.I. on the longest days of the year! [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com)

**Mid-Week-Sail-Out, Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Take the afternoon off and enjoy a mid-week mini-vacation with your friends sailing on the bay. Contact Jim Sell, [j.sell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.sell@sbcglobal.net) to find a boat or crew.

**Santa Cruz – Cruise-Out, July 1-9<sup>th</sup>** Join hosts Alan and Linda Maybruck for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July week long adventure cruise to Monterey Bay and the Santa Cruz Yacht Club. This annual southern migration of SBYC boats has proven year after year to be the place to be on the 4<sup>th</sup>! Register on-line [www.southbeachyachtclub.org](http://www.southbeachyachtclub.org) or contact Alan: [chance049@gmail.com](mailto:chance049@gmail.com)

**BAADS - The Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors** is always looking for volunteers. For more information about how you can help, please contact BAADS dock managers: **Jeff Breen** 209-815-3947 or **Ray Duran** at 925-786-1944.

**Friday night T-Shirts are available** for sale at the club or on-line. Special orders are available with your boat name printed on the front. Order a bunch for your crew! or 650-333-7873 for more information.

### **Flotsam and Jetsam ...By Martin Fay**

Both Flot & Jet Sam are on vacation this month but are expected back with the July issue!

### **NOT JUST ANOTHER SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE SBYC**

Last Saturday evening looked like a normal one at the SBYC. The NEW normal, that is.

Kind of slow not that many people at the Club. At first glance, it looked just like all the other slow Friday or Saturday nights you may have seen at the Club. But actually, things are very different this year, especially

now that summer is here. From my perch as OOD that evening, I noticed things have definitely changed. There were maybe five or six groups of anywhere from four to ten people, members and guests. Then there were a couple of couples, and some folks at the bar (of course). Most, or maybe all, of the groups were doing some entertaining of non-member guests. All of them were taking advantage of Chef Pierre's new menu offerings - and enjoying it quite a bit. The compliments were flowing as easily as the beer and wine the OODs were pouring.

The food was suburb! And reasonably priced! For those of you who have not had a chance to sample it, you really should. These members and their guests were in the most relaxed atmosphere imaginable for dinner and I cannot imagine a more beautiful setting for boaters than our clubhouse overlooking the marina. And they did not have to hurry up and get going to a dinner they had scheduled somewhere. They could have dinner right at the Club. And they could take as long as they needed or wanted to have their dinner.

About 8:20 the setting sun was flashing "lumineres" (I was told that is what they are called, the sun's vivid, pinpoint reflections off glass and other objects) from the Oakland Hills and a short time later, as dusk lowered its curtain over the Bay, the OOD lowered the overhead lighting in the club down to "dinner romantic". Then the new table and floor lamps were turned on, but kind of low. Then someone had the brilliant idea to put on classical music for the diners. Viola, the mood was complete. Chopin, Beethoven, Mozart and others gentle music all wafted over the room. Even the seven or eight barflies (you know who you are) were pleased with the ambiance. This mood continued for the remainder of the evening, complete with a late last call to keep the evening going as long as possible.

So off evenings at the South Beach Yacht Club are not what they used to be. You should come in for dinner sometime and experience one of the nicest places in San Francisco for a casual, fun, relaxed, unrushed, sophisticated, delicious dinner. I think all those adjectives could describe our Club that evening.



**Ken Ludlam**

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## 2010 Summer Sailstice Invite – reminder

All Bay Area sailors should plan to sign up and sail to Treasure Island June 19 for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Sailstice. Begun in 2001, Summer Sailstice was created as a holiday just for sailors to be celebrated wherever you sail in the Northern Hemisphere. To participate San Francisco sailors need to simply sign up at [www.summersailstice.com/sf](http://www.summersailstice.com/sf) and then go sailing on the weekend of June 19/20.

The day-long Treasure Island sailing festival includes a musical line-up, YRA racing, exhibit booths, Polynesian dancing, boats on display, sailboat rides, beach treasure hunt and lots more. You can cruise in and anchor out in Clipper Cove for Friday and Saturday nights with yacht club hospitality provided by Treasure Island Yacht Club. The festival connects SF sailors to the global sailing holiday and supports Treasure Island Sailing Center's community sailing programs.

## Ask Bog – Dave Bogdanoff #1

### SBYC Member Recommendations

As mentioned in the previously *Wave Length*, Ask Bog has finally got together a listing of member recommendations for boating services and supplies. This listing at present is only available to Club members at our website. If you have a recommendation for someone that has provided you with good service or a vendor which has supplied your boating needs, share it with our members by sending their info and your comments to: [ask.bog.sbyc@gmail.com](mailto:ask.bog.sbyc@gmail.com)

To get to the listing, go to: [www.SouthBeachYC.org](http://www.SouthBeachYC.org),  
Login as a Member,  
Click on About SBYC,  
Click on Ask Bog,  
Then click on Vendors - Recommended by SBYC Members

You should end up at our members' recommendations site.

I would like to thank **Marilyn Smith** for her help in getting this project up and running.

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## Membership – Alan Maybruck

### Membership Drive (Day 1)

I'm going to start with day -1, because during the membership meeting on Friday evening we received two completed applications for Family Membership.

Also, Friday night we inducted **Jack and Sylvia McDermott Family Membership.**

- Member Santa Cruz Yacht Club
- Currently owns 2 boats
  - Catalina 30 (Racer)
  - Perry Cutter 47 (Cruiser)
  - Boats have same name Adventure, and Adventura (Spainish/Portugese – Sylvia is from Brazil)
- Won Jazz Cup in his division
- Lives in neighborhood, and is on his boat frequently
- 2001, 2004, 2005, Catalina 30, National Champion
- Jack is retired and is excited about volunteering for the club



When you see these new folks at the club be sure and welcome them.

On Saturday (Day 1) We received 1 more completed application, and we are following up with the other 7 completed mini applications.

I will be presenting to the board at the next meeting an Individual and a Family membership. If approved they will be inducted at the June Membership Meeting. Also, at the June Membership Meeting we will be inducting another Family Membership (when they return from Italy) **Rob and Michelle Swenson.**

### New options available on our web site:

1. You can now our review current applications on our website. From the home page click on members portal. After logging on, click on applicants and then on the applicant you wish to review.
2. The Volunteer Page  
Log on  
Click on Volunteer Help Needed  
Several Flag Officers have listed volunteer help  
Get in touch with the person and volunteer!
3. Once again we are Going Out The Golden Gate and Turn Left to see the Greatest Display of Civil Disobedience on the Planet (a chaotic fire works display) on the beach at Santa Cruz Harbor. There is no fee for this cruise out. Every one is responsible for their own dock fees. Santa Cruz Yacht Club is very welcoming and has a unique Club overlooking a very active harbor. My wife, Lynda and I are cruise-out captains for this very fun event. We currently have 6 boats going. Get out there and stretch your sea legs.  
Here's how to join us:  
Log on  
Click on "on the Water" from the home page  
Click on Santa Cruz Cruise out  
Click on Register Here

## Ask Bog by David Bogdanoff #2

Recently, one of our members, Bruce Adornato of Amelia, sent me this tip on his dock power cord procedure:

*"I have seen more than once on my dock a happy rapid slip departure in which the owner/crew detaches the 30 amp power cord from the boat (hot) and throws it on the dock. When they return, they plug it in (hot) into the boat.*

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This hot connection process creates arcing on the prongs which set up corrosion, increased resistance and eventually the plug gets thermally hot and burns. It is also risky when you have a wet boat/socket/plug as a shock hazard. And more importantly, when they leave an electrified cord on the dock there is a major risk someone will trip over the hot cord which falls in the water with the tripper who is electrocuted.

I have to tell my crew over and over again I want the switch off at the dock box when plugging in and pulling out and always leave it off when departed from the slip.”

I have to say, Bog leaves his cord hot when leaving the dock too. Here are some other thoughts on this matter:

- Bruce is right about switching off the circuit breaker on the dock box. If you are the electrical path between the cord (and if it is hot) and the water (a very good ground), even if the circuit breaker trips (i.e. breaks the power circuit), there is a very good chance you will not be around to discuss the thrill of it all.

- As I had mentioned in a past article, a standard circuit breaker needs a couple of cycles to trip (of courses you remember US alternating circuit (AC) power is 60-cycles per second and European is 50-cycles per second). This means the power continues to flow for a short period of time before the circuit breaker trips and shuts off the power.

- In reality, circuit breakers are not design to be used as power switches on a regular basis. But lacking an appropriate switch at the dock box, this is the best thing going. Using the circuit breaker as a switch will shorten its useful life and at some point in time, it will start constantly tripping. When this starts happening, contact the Harbor for repair.

- The safest circuit breakers are those that incorporate Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). These break the circuit in milliseconds and are now common in kitchens and bathrooms. I suggest all AC outlets on your boat be the GFIC type.

Unfortunately, a 30 amp GFCI circuit breakers is pretty expensive. Also, GFCIs are very sensitive to moisture as well as any slight ground fault (i.e. short circuit) in your boat's AC power system. They can drive you crazy for tripping for what appears to be, no good reason. And one more thought on power cords. **DO NOT** let power cords hang into the water. As power flows thru the wire, it sets up an electrical field around the wire. This field can be transferred to the water which could make it detrimental to the zincs on any boats in the area. Out of force of habit, as Bog walks down B-Dock to Point Judith, he will drag the underwater power cords (and for that manner, hoses and dock lines) out of the drink. If nothing else, these will stay a lot cleaner.

Drop me an email if you have a tip for members, or question or comment on anything from my articles. If you would like my two cents worth on how to fix, change or modify something about your boat or about boats in general, let me hear from you.

Email them to: **Ask.bog.SBYC@gmail.com**

Sailing Scuttlebutt featured comments on "What's really wrong with yacht clubs" from Nick Hayes. Nick has spent a couple decades trying to figure out the downward trend in sailing participation. I'll warn you he has a bias toward sailing and against power boating, but that bias is not relevant to what he has to say about increasing participation in SBYC. Take a look at what he has to say, and then think back on what our own survey work has been telling us: large gap in under 40 (and especially under 30) members, desire for increased participation, some mixed feelings about how to handle kids and young adults at the club, the challenge of defining our junior and corinthian member categories. It was an interesting contrast to hearing one of our newest young members, **John Warnock**, enthusing yesterday about going out with one of our older members **Ray Hall** on Dancing Bear for race night last Friday. Nick doesn't provide definite solutions, but he offers some definite though tough to hear thoughts on the issues. Check it out:

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/news/10/0423/>

Might be interesting to reprint in Wavelength. Perhaps a bit controversial, but interesting.

## 2011 Officers and Directors

**Dear Members:** the Nominations Committee would like to remind you that the election for our officers and directors for 2011 will take place at the monthly **members meeting on November 12, 2010**. This might seem a long way off, but we do need your help 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 Nominations Committee, you'll find our details below. The Nominations Committee will speak with potential candidates and will give its recommendations to the Board over the coming weeks. Here are the Officer and Director positions for 2011 - further details of each officer position and the Board's duties are described in our bylaws and rules which can be found on our website: <http://www.southbeachyachtclub.org> on the [Now Hear This](#) page and we're happy to provide more detailed job descriptions for each role to interested candidates.

### JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

**Officers:** each Officer takes office on January 1, 2011 and serves a 1-year term. Officers are also members of the Board of Directors and their responsibilities are listed in section 5 of our bylaws (see link above).

**Commodore:** The Commodore is the chief executive officer of the Club, s/he reports to the Board and supervises the affairs of the Club (*Committees and positions* reporting to the Commodore: *Wavelength*, website, fund raising/auction and PICYA).

**Vice Commodore:** The VC is the chief administrative officer of the Club and generally controls operations on dry land (*Committees*: house, cruise-ins, events, ships store, programs, HOOD).

**Rear Commodore:** The RC is in charge of on-the-water activities, think: racing, cruise-outs, regattas, junior sailing programs (*Committees*: race, fleet captain, race promotion, junior sailing, lighted boat parade and cruise-outs).

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for the Club's funds, assets and deposits; s/he keeps our accounting records and oversees payment of our bills, and prepares monthly and quarterly financial statements (*Committees*: finance, point-of-sale/IT systems, billing volunteers).

**Secretary:** The Secretary takes minutes of meetings, sends official notices, keeps the bylaws, rules and records (*Committees*: nominations/elections committee, historian, photographer).

**Membership Controller:** The Membership Controller has charge of membership related operations in the Club and chairs the Membership Committee. Other responsibilities include our Club ambassadors and volunteer coordination.

**Directors:** we have six directors, each of whom serve a 3-year term. We'll have two director positions to fill in 2011. The primary duties of the non-officer directors are to provide long term planning for the Club and financial oversight of the operations of the flag officers - further details in section 4 of our bylaws, see link above. Director candidates usually have knowledge of Club operations, such as participation in one or more committees.

### QUALIFICATIONS?

We're a sizeable volunteer Club, with a full program of on-the-water, cruise-out and Clubhouse activities, so the main attributes we're looking for in our candidates are:

- ✚ experience in management positions in for-profit or non-profit organizations
- ✚ the ability to organize, budget, communicate and execute on programs
- ✚ a love of boating and a commitment to serving our members
- ✚ fiscal responsibility, honesty and integrity

It goes without saying that all candidates need to have a familiarity with, and willingness to uphold and support the Club's mission statement, bylaws and policies. Candidates will be asked for written submissions on their experience, skills and suitability for the post they are seeking.

Let's face it, as members, we just want to see race programs, parties, cruise-outs, fishing derby's, etc. happen on time, on budget and let us hang out with our boating friends! But remember, it is our core values of Volunteerism and of being a Member-run Club that lies at the heart of SBYC being such a great place to be a member! Members who serve on the Board of Directors exalt this core value and continue to demonstrate that we know best how to manage, develop, and grow our own Club.

You should be aware that there are generally not a lot of thanks in serving in these roles, so if you require praise and appreciation, this is probably not the job for you. But if you are an organized, motivated, self-starter who wants to take on management responsibility in the Club, then give us a call!

### **NOT QUITE READY...**

...for such a serious role? Then consider joining one of our standing or ad hoc committees to learn more about Club activities and operations. Key committees with significant input into Club programs include the Race Committee, House Committee, Membership Committee, Junior Sailing Program, Auction Committee, and many more. Get in touch with any of us to see where your skills and experience can help contribute to the full range of programs, activities and family-friendly events offered to members.

### **QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS?**

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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
06/11/10	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
05/12/10	WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCH
06/18/10	FRIDAY NIGHT RACE
06/19/10	SUMMER SAILSTICE & YRA RACE & BOOK CLUB MEETING
06/20/10	FATHERS DAY & SUMMER SAILSTICE
06/21/10 – 6/25/10	JUNIOR SAILING CAMP
07/01/10 – 07/09/10	SANTA CRUZ CRUISE OUT



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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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