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FUNCTION JUNCTION

We're having
A Function at the
Junction! In the
last millennium,
a quarter century ago, the Official
South Beach Yacht Club calendar for
the entire month of June had only
four entries on it:

Board of Directors meeting

(6:30 to 8:00~ Doug Gooding),

Membership Meeting

(6:30 to 8:00 ~ Bland McCartha),

a Sailing Race (TBA) and our regular
membership drive on the last Sunday
of the month (*all invited*).

There was a lot going on behind
the scenes; ad hoc committees prolif-
erated like fungi, but there was not a
lot going...on... if you know what I
mean. And as a brand new first-time-
ever member of a Yacht Club I don't
mind telling you I was vaguely dis-
contented; not to mention bewitched,
bothered and bewildered. This wasn't
anything like I expected! Blue blazers
with the club coat of arms elaborately
embroidered on the hanky pocket
were conspicuous in their absence.

*"...bewitched, bothered
and bewildered..."*

There were no thoughtful conver-
sations about the appalling scarcity
of "quality" caviar or that finding and
keeping a good au pair was "such a
bother." Nor were there confidential
mentions of stock "opportunities"
gossiped about over bourbon and

RAY HALL

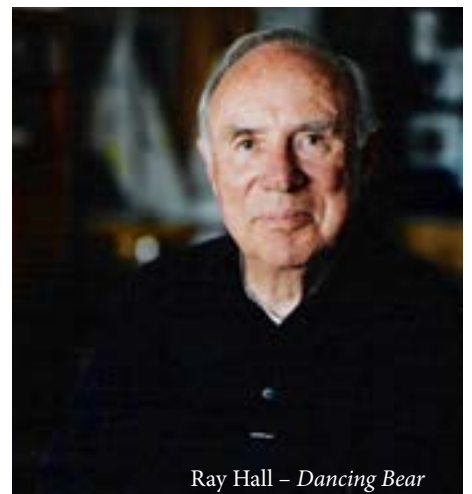


branch, and there was absolutely no
concern about whether to get the
new Bentley or tough it out with last
year's model.

While all I wanted to do was to
hang around with rich people, in-
stead I heard "Hi folks. We can sure
use some more people to work on the
club house and we need a race com-
mittee for this Friday night race. Say,
can anyone of you write an article for
the newsletter? By the way; Whose
turn is it to do dinner for the mem-
bership meeting, including tend bar?"

What I really found here were these
boating type folks who craved noth-
ing more than to enjoy San Francis-
co Bay and, you know, do boating
things. So, being the lemming that
I am, I boldly put up my hand and
volunteered "I'll bring the water for
the lemonade," and a hush fell over
the assembly (Ed. Note: Thus began
the legend of Ray Hall that lives on
and grows to this day).

In contrast, the current South
Beach Yacht Club calendar has at
least four activities scheduled for
each and every day of the year! Take
Thursday June 6th for instance: **Tying
A Knot**; for Power Boaters (08:00 to
20:00 ~ Richard Smith) - **Extreme
Tango lessons** (08:00 to 08:15:30
~ Emmanuel Uren) - **Book Club
Opinion Protest meeting** (12:01 to
whatever time it takes to resolve this
problematic issue ~ Mike Parodi mod-
erator) - **Wine Tasting vis-à-vis Time
Wasting** (Ample time, buckaroo ~ Rod
Neathery).



Ray Hall – Dancing Bear



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Well, it's deja vu all over again! As I write this, I've been at my second term as Commodore a little less than a week, and it's been a breeze so far...

Actually, I expect it to continue to be pretty easy mainly due to the superb group of officers, board members, committees, and many volunteers that are doing the real work of running the club - and making it fun. As I've said to some of you, I look at my job for the remainder of the year as just keeping the ship from going off course. Since I don't have much of a current update, I'll share with you my previous experience as Commodore.

My last term (1998 AD) didn't start quite so well. I became Commodore, not because of a mandate, but because no one else would take the job. On election night when the results were announced, there was no Vice-Commodore. Bob Mason, bless his heart, stood up and said "I don't think I'll do a very good job, but I'll be the Vice".

It turns out that Bob did an excellent job, repeated one more year, and went on to be Commodore.

That's just the beginning - it gets more exciting:

In December of the prior year, an ill-conceived dues increase was passed by a slim majority of the handful of members present at the December member's meeting.



Not surprisingly, this did not set well with the larger majority of members that were not present. It set so poorly that our membership rapidly declined from over 200 members on January 1, to 158 members in March - a number I will never forget. I thought for sure that the Club would dissolve on my watch...

Fortunately, the member majority voted to rescind the dues increase. The Club stabilized, and we began a healing and recovery period. By the end of the year, the membership had returned to over 200 members again, and we were able to initiate some new programs, including the rudiments of a Junior Sailing Program which has been taken to much greater heights by **Kevin and Lori Wilkinson**, et. al.

So, thanks to the officers, board, and volunteers of 1998, we were able to hand off a happy, healthy club to the newly appointed Commodore **Martin Fay** in 1999.



T O M R O G E R S

This year, the excitement I'm looking for is of a different flavor - like the 25th Anniversary Celebration, America's Cup, the Jazz Cup, Cruise outs, and other fun stuff. As always, any ideas, and especially any volunteer assistance in creating the "fun stuff" are more than welcome. See you around the Club!



Tom Roger ~ Marara



Photo: © Tommy Bonbon

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Club is now officially 25 years old and it's time to celebrate! The Anniversary Committee, along with **Elissa Rogers**, has created a memorable extravaganza with a great band, "The Riptides," extraordinary food prepared under the direction of Heiberger, fine champagne and great wines arranged by Dorian Cougias. What more could you ask for? Perhaps a bigger dance floor! We now have a waiting list and it is SRO, so get ready for Saturday night, June 8th, and perhaps the best party in a quarter century.

Sunday Brunch on the dock will bring more than 20 boats hosting different food and beverages, so get a peek at your fellow members boats and enjoy their hospitality on board at the dock. Lorianna Kastrop is hosting and will organize a creative combination of culinary delights prepared by our members. Register to attend... it's not yet sold out... and participate in this unique progressive dining and drinking party.

On the evening of the 13th, come on down to the club for the **Clipper "Around the World"** event. The



B I L L A D A M S

race organizers will be at our Club with the Britweek event to announce SBYC as the host Yacht Club for the 2014 stopover in San Francisco!

Leg six of the race will take these 70 foot yachts from China to San Francisco where they will stay over for two weeks, in April 2014, on Pier 40. They will be holding events at the Club, providing some demonstration sailing in the Bay and preparing for the next leg of the race. This evening will give you a chance to hear about potential participation in the race, meet the winner of the latest contest

for a free berth on Leg 6.

Member **Roland Medel** is bringing his interesting group, "Knights of the Vine" to the Club for a most extraordinary wine tasting. This June 15th evening will include a fine dinner along with five wines selected by the group from two boutique wineries, James Cole Winery and T-Vine Cellars. You will hear about membership opportunities within this group and enjoy the company of those who appreciate fine wines. Register to attend this luxury dinner evening... there is still space available.

Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th is a great opportunity to use the member grill at the Club and create a casual event for your family and friends before or after sailing. The Club will be open regular hours and the Galley will be available for your use.

On June 29th, long time member **Ken Ludlum** will be hosting one of his signature dance parties with the band "The Hot Rods" band! "Life's a Beach" is the theme décor so dress accordingly and look forward to a traditional clambake! June at SBYC is filled with summer fun, sailing and celebrations.

See you at the Club!



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

Did you know that for as long as SBYC has had a bar, whenever you have asked for a Coke or a Diet Coke from our soda fountain, you've actually been getting a no-name cola, not the real thing? (I know, shame on us, right?) The fact that nobody has ever complained says that you either never knew the difference or you never cared anyway, so why do anything about it?



Well, in our never-ending search to bring our members the best bar values on the planet, we found a way of buying genuine Coke, Diet Coke and other brand name soft drink concentrates for about the same as we've been paying for the no-name stuff. So, voila!, enjoy 'the real thing'!



There's one smallish group of our members who are really going to welcome the change to branded sodas and that's the people who drink tonic with their gin. Not only will our popular 'Geoff Daw' cocktail taste even better, (Bombay Sapphire gin & tonic with a Bombay Sapphire float – try it!) but the fresh tonic will go exceptionally well with our newest gin, Anchor Junipero, made right here not far from South Beach! If you like gin, you may just get hooked on Junipero!



OOD REMINDER

Please volunteer! The summer of AC34 is here and Vice Commodore **Bill Adams** is being bombarded with requests for AC related events at the club – it's good for club revenues (which makes our Treasurer **Pete Hamm** very happy), and it keeps things ticking over nicely at the bar – which makes me happy!



H U G H C O P P E N

Many of these events are being booked at very short notice, long after I publish the OOD duty schedule. So please, when you receive requests for extra OOD's for an event, PLEASE help by volunteering if you possibly can. We have a wonderful group of 102 OOD's and we really need to be able to count on each and every one of you to help out during this exciting 2013 Summer of the America's Cup.

Splice the mainbrace, y'all!



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

MILT SMITH

This year SBYC yachts prevailed in the X-BAY Regatta to bring the trophy back home! In addition the cruise-out to the Corinthian YC was memorable. It's always a pleasure to visit other yacht clubs!

On May 25th we provided race committee and chase boat support for the highly successful BAADS Awareness Regatta. Meanwhile we took delivery of our spankin' "new to us" 21 ft. Zodiac. The Zodiac will allow us to perform on the water activities in a much safer and more efficient manner. By the end of June



our 40+ Friday night racers will be halfway through their season, SBYC's Race Committee will have completed the Duxship, the Summer Sailstice

regatta, and the Ballena Bay Cruise out will have limped home. You can still catch a ride south to Half Moon Bay and Santa Cruz for the long holiday weekend if you act now.

This month we are priming all the gear for the beginning of Jr. Sailing on the newly acquired boats.

These events alone represent more than two hundred boats and somewhere north of 500 racers and cruisers taking advantage of one of the world's greatest racing and cruising venues. If you want to take advantage of some of these great opportunities register now for upcoming events and step up to volunteer.

Life on the water at SBYC is good!

RACING
Friday Night Series is underway with 3 race nights coming up plus the *Lipton Series Regatta* is July 13th!



CRUISE-OUTS

Co-Chairs *Kathleen Dunn* & *Diane Thompson*

- > Ballena Bay ~ June 15th & 16th
- > Half Moon Bay & Santa Cruz departing June 26th for over 4th of July
- > Treasure Island ~ July 26-27th - registration is open!

The cruising season is heating up and many fun events are still open for registration. I hope you have found your dancing shoes and can join us for Ballena Bay's Annual Motown Dance and BBQ, June 15 & 16th.

Pete Sorensen is hosting the coastal cruise south to Santa Cruz for the 4th of July week. This is a great opportunity to join experienced coastal cruisers for a trip down the beautiful California coast. There are many options to join part or all of the events. **Roger Ladwig** has put together another action packed weekend on Treasure Island July 26 through the 28th. The Coast Guard Station tour is a do not miss event. We will be cruising the Jazz Cup weekend at the end of August; details to follow when finalized.

To register for any event, go to the Cruise Out page or to the Calendar. You can contact **Kathleen Dunn** or the Cruise Out hosts with any questions.



MEMBERSHIP AT PLAY

On behalf of the Vice Commodore, I would like to announce we are bringing back the Saturday night dance parties to the Club this summer! Some of the long-standing members may remember the **Great Dance Parties** of yore. Remember those warm summer Saturday nights; with cocktails, dinner and a kick-out-the-jams band to dance the night away? Well, they are coming back.

KEN LUDLUM

The first will coincide with the 25th Anniversary Celebration on June 8th. Bringing back a favorite The Rip-Tides. They will entertain us with their great blend of surf music, 60's Rock & Roll, old Beatles and all around great dance tunes. Next up is the traditional **Life's a Beach Party** on June 29th, with the well-known band - The Hot Rods. Classic oldies, Motown, 70's music and great dance tunes as well.

After a breather for the start of the America's Cup, on August 3rd we'll have our **Surfin' Safari Party**. We're trying a new band that night called the Stephanie Teel Band, a great band that has been personally auditioned by me. Finally, on September 14th, we'll have our **Aloha to Summer Party** - the band tbd.

So grab your Honey, get a date or invite your friend, and sign up quick when the announcements come out. See you on the dance floor!



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INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

While visiting Barcelona, Spain in May, members **Denise & Thomas Lyle** joined the Quantum Racing team for day #2 of the **Conde de Godo Regatta**. They spent the entire day on a 38' protector supporting the race program's TP52 for the two races held. Quantum did well that day with 20 - 25 kts winds and 5'-7' seas ultimately winning the regatta.

How fun to incorporate racing into a European holiday! The race was hosted by the local yacht club: Royal Barcelona Yacht Club.

\$2,500 IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Western Boating Safety Group and the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association have joined together to offer student scholarships for students whose parents, grandparents or guardians are members of a yacht club that belongs to PICYA. That is all of us!

Scholarship application is simple. A few forms, a written essay on one of three topics and submission of student status. This effort is one that begs for your attention and action!

Three scholarships will be awarded on November 4, 2013, at the PICYA Awards Dinner meeting at Encinal Yacht Club. Deadline is September 30.



THE SECOND HALF

JANELLE VAN RENSSALAR

Save the date! It's a party on Saturday, October for the 12th Annual Dinner & Auction at SBYC.

It's never too soon to consider how you can contribute to benefit our Jr. Sailing program, BAADS and SBYC overall. Great food, good friends! There will be plenty of goodies to bid on both in 'Silent' and 'Live' auction formats.

CAT REINING

The wine lockers are back! Each of the three 18 bottle lockers last Fall were valued at \$600! Please donate a bottle of your favorite to add to this year's mix (\$20+ value please).

Our dear Rear Commodore Milt has secured a professional auctioneer which should prove to be very entertaining. We appreciate your considerate well thought out donations to support the cause.

Typically tickets to shows and sporting events are very popular. Boating items are even more popular - wonder why?? Should you have something you would like to donate now, please contact myself or Curtis Lew. Donor forms are available online on the web site and in the office. Your Dinner Auction committee looks forward to continuing the success of previous years and can only achieve our goals with your support. Thanks to all in advance.

Now that the year is almost half over, it's time to begin thinking about next year. Joining me on this year's Nominating/Election Committee is **Eleanor Harrison, Elissa Rogers, Libbie Sheldon, Pete Sorenson, Gary Van Giersbergen, and Karen Wheeler.** November elections might seem a long way off, but we need your help beginning now to identify suitable candidates.

QUALIFICATIONS?

SBYC is 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: the ability to organize, budget, communicate and execute on programs, experience in management positions in for-profit or non-profit organizations, a love of boating and a commitment to serving our members with 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 of their experience, skills and suitability for the post they are seeking.

As members, we want to see race programs, parties, cruise-outs; fishing derbies, etc. happen on time, on

budget and let us spend time 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! 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, Events Committee, Membership Committee, Junior Sailing Program, 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.

The Nominations Committee will speak with potential candidates and will give its recommendations to the Board over the coming months. Details of each officer position and the Board's duties are described in our bylaws which can be found on our site Club Business Page and we're happy to provide detailed job descriptions for each role to all interested candidates. Email or call any member of the Nominations Committee - anytime.



YACHTSMEN AS MASTERS

The Masters, both on the water and in art, are making an appearance to coincide with the arrival of the challengers for the [34th America's Cup](#) in San Francisco.

An exquisite exhibit that showcases nautical life as understood by the artists, the pleasures of boating and the art of competition are on display, more than 80 remarkable paintings and works on paper. A few of which have crossed the seas for the very first time in history.

The late 19th Century brought both impressionism and sailing to France. Outsiders at the time, artists such as Monet, Boudin, and Renoir would take to creating what would later become masterpieces on the shores of the water they sailed upon. They included themselves and their boats in their compositions. These are not just beautiful scenes but moments in time as they went about their days.

Gustave Caillebotte was a talented boat designer and builder, Claude Monet painted aboard a floating boat studio, and Paul Signac sailed the coasts of Europe extensively in the roughly 30 boats he owned during his lifetime. These artists' hands-on sailing experience lends itself to many of the paintings and works on paper in this exhibition, showcasing a precise level

of detail and an evident sense of practical knowledge of sailing, yachting, and rowing.

Experienced yachtsmen of today will recognize the details in the masts, sails, lines, woods and water that underline the intimacy of which they knew their craft.

Impressionists on the Water features approximately 85 works by Pre-Impressionists, Impressionists, and Post-Impressionists as well as two full size boats and six boat models that further demonstrate the important role sailing, rowing, and yachting played in the social and artistic contexts of 19th-century France.

America's Cup has a rich history of bringing together elite sailors from around the world, who are all competing for the top prize. To understand the masters of yore we can look at a living example today in [Loïck Peyron](#), a French yachtsman, a master in his own right. Loïck is residing here in San Francisco, training on the bay as he looks to challenge the Golden Gate Yacht Club as helmsman for Sweden's Artemis Racing.

To have a deeper exhibit experience, attend one of the three Docent Lectures at 1:00 pm on June 4, 16, or 30th.

To learn more visit the Legion of Honor's [calendar of events](#).

—Editor



Impressionists on the Water

June 1–October 13, 2013

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Gustave Caillebotte, *Regatta at Argenteuil* (detail), 1893. Oil on canvas. Private collection. Photograph © Comité Caillebotte, Paris

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SOUTH BEACH YACHT CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday June 6	Board Meeting	1800 - 2100
Friday June 7	Friday Night Race	1700 - 2100
Saturday June 8	Sea Scavenger India Basin Shoreline Park Cleanup	1000 - 1200
Saturday June 8	25th Anniversary Party	1800 - 2100
Sunday June 9	25th Anniversary Dock Party	1000 - 1400
Thursday June 13	Clipper Around the World Reception	1830 - 2200
Friday June 14	Members Meeting	1800 - 2100
Saturday June 15 & 16	Ballena Bay Cruise Out	1000 - 2200
Saturday June 15	Book Club ~ "The Partly Cloudy Patriot" by Sarah Vowell	1500 - 1700
Saturday June 15	Knights of the Vine Wine Tasting	1830 - 0145
Tuesday June 18	SBYC Membership Committee Meeting	1830 - 2100
Friday June 21	Friday Night Race	1700 - 2100
Mon/Tuesday 24/25	Course Marshall Training	0800 - 1600
Thursday June 26	Coastal Cruise Departs for Santa Cruz and/or HMB	1100
Friday June 28	Friday Night Race	1700 - 2100
Saturday June 29	South Beach Harbor Undaria Removal - volunteers needed	0900 - 1300
Saturday June 29	Life's a Beach Dance Party with Band	1800 - 2100
Thursday July 4th	Club BBQ - Potluck Style	1200 - 1700

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