

# The Wave Length



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## FORWARD MARCH

I don't know what kind of Yacht Club you belonged to before, but here at South Beach, we do things a little differently. You might say we march to the beat of a different drummer.

Last year, Gary VanGiersbergen was our designated drummer. He had a syncopated Scandinavian beat on that big, old bass drum of his that would really get you up-and-running. Gary's motto was "Nörga! Nörga!" (Polka 'til you're pooped) It was his second gig drumming for South Beach Y.C. and when that man played "THERE'LL BE HERRING IN THE FJORD BYE AND BYE" there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Our new drummer, Nancy DeMauro—aided and abetted by the other club officers and board members—is now accepting a limited (500) number of applications for the 2009 SBYC drum and bugle corps. If you hurry there are still positions open that just might be a perfect fit for your interests and talents. For instance, if your music preference is heavy metal, there are still some openings in the tuba section (ha-ha, little joke). There is only one rule: Be prepared by have a good time.

The next time you talk to one of the club officers, mention your interest in some particular club activity and I'm sure they will be happy to get you started and steer you in the right direction. This is also the best way to find what's available and the variety of interesting club activities needing A) many helping hands, B) brute force and awkwardness or C) finesse and artistic technique. "Willing to learn" could get you out on the Race Committee boat for the always entertaining Friday Night Race Series, or perhaps to enjoy some therapeutic sanding and varnishing of ANNABEL'S wood work. "Like to help

out" could get you on the house decoration committee or working on the *New Clubhouse Construction* scrapbook.

As always, there is the caveat: never try to pet the club officers while they are eating or take their food or drink away, don't tease them or pull their ears, and never bother them if they are sleeping. Thank you.

Ray Hall

DANCING BEAR

## COMMODORE REPORT- Nancy DeMauro

At the February Members meeting, the Membership approved the 2009 Operating Budget. Unfortunately, the Board of Directors was not able to present the Capital Budget at the same time. This will be voted on by the Board of Directors at the March meeting and presented to the Membership at the upcoming April Meeting for Membership approval.

Also at this meeting, all changes to the By-Law's were approved. Two changes to membership categories. Junior membership and changing Cruising membership to non-resident membership passed but with controversy and less than solid "yea" votes. The membership committee will Revisit these two rules and present any proposed changes at a later date.

One additional change that you will see in the near future is that 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.

The speaker for the upcoming March Member Meeting will be Dave Weiss. Dave is a San Francisco Bar Pilot and a member of the Catalina 34 fleet. He will be

telling of his experiences with boats in the way and other interesting stories. He will be taking questions at the end of his discussion.

“I am not afraid of storms for I am learning to sail my ship” Louisa May Alcott

### **Vice Commodore Report** – Mark Miner

February has been a very busy month at your clubhouse. On Saturday, February 7, Wendy Hanrahan hosted a wonderful children’s event. **Pizza, Popcorn & Pajamas** night was very well attended. The kids had a blast crafting their own pizza from scratch, eating fresh popcorn and watching movies on the big screen. Wendy was lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers. A special thanks to **Marcia Bever, Chris Joyce, Tim Weir** and **Lori and Kevin Wilkinson**. It is always such a pleasure to see our volunteers step in and roll up their sleeves to help make SBYC events so successful. Wendy and the gang are planning a **“Kung Fu Panda and Chinese food party”** so keep an eye on your master calendar for details.

On February 13, we had a terrific turn out for our membership meeting. **Pierre Le Chef** served over 100 delicious meals. After the dinner plates were cleared we moved through a tremendous amount of business issues and still had time to socialize. A special thank you to our member meeting volunteers, **Bruce Adornato, Helen Ingwersen, Sally Adamson Taylor & Bob Wertz** who did a great job of setting tables, serving meals and clearing tables.

The sold out **Valentine Cabaret** event was a huge success. To meet the demand for seats additional tables were added. The tables were assigned on the basis of registration date. The early registrations were rewarded with the best seating for the show. **Michel Saga** and his entertainment troupe put on an outstanding performance while our attendees enjoyed a gourmet meal prepared by **Pierre Le Chef**. The crowd voted **Ken Geiser** and **Christine Calloway-Holt** as the best-dressed couple in period attire and they received prizes. In attendance were 9 past Commodore’s representing 10 years of leadership at SBYC. The evening is best summed up by some of the comments we received:

“Hip Hip Hurray! Over all, that was the best Valentines Day I’ve ever had. Thanks to you, your team and of course Christine. Vive La Cabaret!!!” – **Ken Geiser**

“The party was great...it was one of the best nights at the club. I loved the group of entertainers and have many pictures to support their appeal. I still can’t believe how the club was transformed into a French Cabaret. Service, food and crystal were great details to complete the setting. Thanks again for the extra effort to make SBYC a special place to be and share the night with our club members and friends” – **Elissa Rogers**

“Congratulations folks on a brilliantly planned, organized and catered affair. We had a ball.” – **Geoffrey Daw**

“Thank You Thank You Thank You. You guys out did yourselves, over the top, a new standard for SBYC. What a great night. Thanks again from Karen and Me” – **Norman Pearce**

“The party on Saturday was the best event I have ever been to at SBYC! Wonderful in every way. Actually, it was the best event I have ever been to at any yacht club. Thanks so much for all of your efforts.” – **Dan Knox**

“Great event. You have raised the bar on club events.” – **Paul Janofsky**

“You guys are amazing you outdid yourselves and put on a great evening, the food was terrific as was the music and entertainment (I am biased of course loving Edif Piaf and all that is French!!!) it was a special evening and a great value” – **Valerie Schweyer**

It was our pleasure to serve everyone: **Hugh Coppen, Susie Fay, Mark & Dixie Miner, & Wendy Richards**, your volunteer hosts.

We need volunteer hosts for a **St. Patrick’s** day party on Sunday, March 15. Please contact me for details. Don’t forget to sign up for our **Live Maine Lobster Dinner** on March 28. **Pierre Le Chef** will be cooking the live lobsters and serving an entire compliment of delicious side dishes and dessert. We will also be introducing our new **South Beach Chowder** at the event. Space will be limited and the lobsters must be ordered one week in advance so be sure to sign up early to avoid disappointment. Last minute sign ups cannot be accommodated for this event.

## Rear Commodore – Roger Ladwig

### Racing

Race 4 of our **Midwinter Island Fever Series** was held February 21. At the time of this writing, I cannot say what the conditions were; but so far this year, we've been frustrated with a lack of wind. In fact, Race 3 in January was abandoned for that very reason. The lovely breeze we had allowed us to start all the fleets, but it slowly died until all that was left for the racers to do was drop an anchor to keep the flood from pushing them farther down bay. We have one more race on March 21. This will be followed by an awards ceremony that same afternoon.

We are starting to accept registrations for the **Spring Fever Regatta** to be held April 4. This will be a two-race event, using a windward/leeward course in the south bay. The NOR's are available on our website. You can also register there. This is a great chance to get crew practice in prior to the racing season. Awards will be presented immediately after in the clubhouse.

We have new **Racing Rules for 2009-2012**. There are a few changes, some of which are significant. We will be hosting an interactive seminar on the evening of April 9 in the club to discuss these changes and how they will affect racing. **Tom Allard** will provide the details and discuss their implications. This will be an open dialog where you can ask specific and general questions about these new rules as well as other aspects of racing. The cost will be \$10 per person, payable at the door, to cover handout materials. This should be a great way for you and your crew to learn how to compete properly and safely.

Our **Friday Night Series** begins April 24 with our practice race. NOR's and registration are now available on our website. We expect an even bigger fleet this year and look forward to some exciting racing.

### Cruise-outs

Our 1<sup>st</sup> cruise-out is scheduled for **March 14 & 15**. Join us as we cruise to **Aeolian Yacht Club** to help them celebrate St. Patty's day (a couple days early). Dinners

are \$16 per person. **Tom and Elisa Rogers** are our hosts, so contact them if you are interested. Navigation directions are instructions can be found on Aeolian's web page ([www.aeolianyc.com](http://www.aeolianyc.com)).

On April 18 & 19, **Richard and Pat Forst** will be our hosts as we reinvent our **Yoshi's Jazz Cruise**. We will cruise to Encinal YC for the weekend. Anabel will be along as our water taxi and take us to and from Jack London Square and Yoshi's for a night of cool jazz. And don't forget breakfast at Encinal Sunday morning before heading out. Contact Richard or Pat for reservations.

Upcoming cruises:

May 23-25 - Petaluma

June 20 & 21 Summer Sailstice Raftup - Clipper Cove

July 3-5 (or longer) 4th of July Bluewater Cruise – Santa Cruz

August 15 & 16 – Paradise Cay - Tiburon

September 5-7 – Annual Jazz Cup/Glen Cove Cruise (possibly Martinez instead)

September 7- 20 – Delta Cruise

**Economic and world news getting you down?  
Nothing beats getting out on the water with friends  
and family to put a dose of sanity in one's soul.**

**ASK BOG** By David Bogdanoff

**A Call to All Hands and Feet on Deck!!!**

I know you were dying for my article on “the components of fresh water cooling systems used on boats” that I had promised last month, but we'll run that next month (unless something better comes along). But instead, we will be kicking off a contest here at ASK BOG. We are looking to pass on to the Club, your good ideas. These are the ones that you use around your boat that have made your life a little simpler, get things done a little quicker, or save a little money, or are just a good idea.

We have assembled a disrespectful bunch of old salty adjudicators that will critic these entries. The two best entries (or they could be the two worst) will each win a \$50 Gift Cards from West Marine. With our editorial discretion, we will publish the entries on an ongoing basis. So don't worry about format or spelling, just get

to us what you know, but most of all, let us know what works.

Submit your entries by email to:  
**ask.bog.SBYC@gmail.com**

At some point in time, this unqualified bunch of saltines will pass sentence and we will announce the winners. *Now from the lawyers:* All decisions by these esteemed judges could be considered final (unless they are convinced otherwise by graft, corruption, booze, sex, or rock-n-roll).

Below is a disqualified entry from Ask Bog:  
How many hundred times have you attempted to plug in the shore power twist-lock? You got down on your knees, you looked at the receptacle, you looked at the plug in your hand, you looked at the receptacle, and then tried to connect the two, and you still missed and snarl "sh\*t!".

Try this:  
Plug the twist-lock in correctly, rotate it back to the point it is ready to be withdrawn, using a permanent felt tipped marker, make a line, dot, star, or picture of your first born, on the top dead center of the plug. This way, the next time you walk or crawl up to the reciprocal on the boat or on the dock, you know which side of the plug is going to be facing heaven and you slip it right in, and twist, "O'La".

So, get us your entries. We look forward to spreading your good ideas to the Club.

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.

Regards, bog

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

From *the Wind and the Willow*

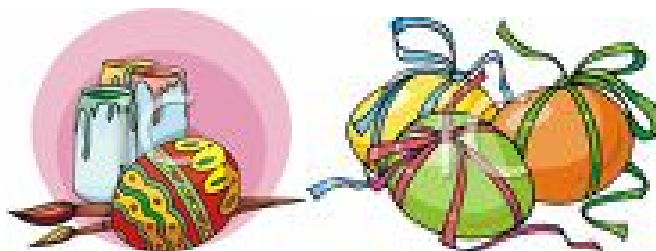


**EGG DECORATING**  
**11 AM – 1 PM**  
**SUNDAY, April 5, 2009**

**BRING YOUR OWN HARDBOILED EGGS**  
**DECORATING MATERIALS PROVIDED**

**\$2.00 PER FAMILY**  
**Includes Continental Breakfast**

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**[www.southbeachyachtclub.org](http://www.southbeachyachtclub.org) or call 415.821.4467**



**SBYC Cookbook** – See our website for a link to purchase the book – the price is \$35 (\$5 goes to the club) It's a very well done professional cookbook. Go to [www.southbeachyachtclub.org](http://www.southbeachyachtclub.org)

**Membership – Alan Maybruck**  
Welcome to two new members

**Lorraine Weiss** – Grew up sailing on SF Bay and is bareboat certified through MSA.

**Todd McPherson** – Started sailing at age 16 on Lake Michigan. Extensive cruising, racing and bareboat experience on boats 22' to 49'

## Announcements – General Information

**Opening day on the Bay** – Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 9 AM. Enjoy a cruise aboard the Empress Horn Bloer Yacht. Light breakfast and gourmet lunch will be included. Encinal YC – Cost \$65 pp \$75 pp after April 6<sup>th</sup>. Ph 916-771-5685 (PICYA)

**From George E. Barantseff** (member #1676) Go to [www.teamcoastguard.org](http://www.teamcoastguard.org) to read an article about what he has been doing since retiring from active duty.

**RACING** – Interclub race series announcement – Ken Naylor. 6 race series in the south bay waters on the second Saturday of each month (May to September) \$50 for the season! Contact Ken at 408-446-1160 or Chris Owen at 650-341-9209 – Website [www.SFBAMA.com](http://www.SFBAMA.com)

**Walk down any dock** in any port around the world and you will witness a sight that sends old salts into paroxysms of angst! Enter [www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com) set up to teach people how to tie proper knots.

**Harbor office** phone numbers: 415-495-4911 – Security 415-608-1951 (after 5 PM)


**Guest Speaker March Membership meeting** – Dave Weiss, San Francisco Bar pilot, sailed El Toros on lake Merritt as a kid and raced his Laser on Junior and Senior high school teams. After attending the California Maritime Academy and San Diego State, he returned to the Bay area and worked on Crowley and Westar tugs. A bar pilot since 1993, Dave is also an active member of the Catalina 34 fleet One and a South Beach Harbor tenant.

### 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).

South Beach Yacht Club Is Pleased To Present

 **St. Patrick's  
Cruise-out**

to

**Aeolian Yacht  
Club**

on

**March 14 & 15,  
2009**

**The good folks at the Aeolian have invited us to join their St. Patrick's Party and dinner. Corned Beef dinner for \$16 per person. This is always a fun event at the historic Aeolian Yacht Club in Alameda.**

**register @ [www.southbeachyachtclub.org](http://www.southbeachyachtclub.org) or with our hosts  
Tom and Elisa Rogers**

San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron's Skipper Saver – Classes on May 2 – 3, June 6 – 7, August 1 – 2, and September 12 – 13<sup>th</sup>

Weekend class held in the Delta with your boat. Will teach first mate how to handle a boat in an emergency. Free docking two nights. Cost is \$80 for Skipper & First mate.

6:30 P.M: A great dinner supplied by the instructors. Certificates of Completion presented along with Skipper Saver coffee mugs.

For more information contact David or Peggy Sieber at 209-339-1960 or [skippersaver@siebercity.com](mailto:skippersaver@siebercity.com)

## Valentines Day Caberet Pictures





## The Judy – Tad Sheldon

One of my childhood memories was waking up at my mother's parents place on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix in Northern Michigan early in the morning, listening to the purring of wooden boats purring up and down the lake. There were fishermen, workboats, and people fortunate to "commute" to work – my grandfather being one of them. In good weather, "Grampa" as we called him would walk out on his long dock made of pilings and hop into his 22 Chris Craft Runabout, the "*Judy*," and take her to work.

The "*Judy*", named after my mom, was one of my favorite childhood memories. She was an absolutely beautiful boat. I remembered playing with the chrome stick shift for the transmission, the throttle in the steering wheel, and the knob that controlled the search light. Her Bristol finish on her mahogany wood was brilliant in the sun. And the chrome covering on her bow was always reflecting the sunlight onto the water. My dad was a mechanic by trade, so he would sometimes spend an afternoon changing the oil, or doing other work on her, and I learned a lot helping him.

Grampa lost an arm as a young man, but he did not treat it as a disability, and in fact he was a heck of a water skier. He would put an intertube tied to a towline around his shoulders and get pulled up and off we would go. The *Judy* could easily tow 4 skiers behind her with her big engine, and my grandfather would have great fun zipping around other people's towlines, banging into the towlines or ducking under them, and (with one arm and all) occasionally knocking other people down, much to his great delight. We kept an eye on Grampa!

After a few years, Grampa and Gramma decided they needed to upgrade to a 28' Chris Craft Sedan Cruiser to do summer cruising on the water around points in the northern Great Lakes. We had fun with that boat, but I missed the *Judy* and as an adult often wondered what happened to her.

Last summer, we went back home to Northern Michigan for a family reunion. I reminisced with an uncle about her and asked him if he ever knew what the *Judy*'s fate was. As it turned out, the *Judy* was sold to a man from Southern Michigan who had a cabin across the Straits of Mackinac in the Les Cheaneux Islands around Cedarville and Hessel. He had renamed *Judy* very appropriately *Pretty Girl* and still kept her in the Hessel area.

The Hessel Antique Boat Show was underway one of the weekends we were there. So, I packed up Lib and the girls and we headed to Hessel to see if we could find her. I was hopeful, but I surprised myself in that I was very nervous, perhaps like one who is about to see an old girlfriend not seen in years. We arrived at the marina and looked around, seeing many beautiful boats...but no *Pretty Girl*. But as we prepared to leave, we noticed a boat entering the harbor...and *there she was*. *Pretty Girl* purred across the harbor to a dock on the other side. The owners got out, and walked off, so I did not get a chance to meet them. But there sat *Pretty Girl*, so I went to her and stood a long time...looking...and remembering...all the good times she represented.

I'll never forget her.



Tad, his mother Judy, and her namesake, the *Judy* in Hessel, Michigan in August 2008





# The "Wave Brief"

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## South Beach Yacht Club Events Calendar

### Club Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Sunday, Mar 8, 2009	Member Brunch: Strategic Planning Focus Group 1	10:00 AM
Sunday, Mar 8, 2009	Catalina 30 Nationals- Organizational Meeting	6:00 PM
Friday, Mar 13, 2009	Membership Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, Mar 14, 2009	St. Patrick's Cruise Out To Aeolian YC, Alameda	8:00 AM
Sunday, Mar 15, 2009	St. Patrick's Cruise Out To Aeolian YC, Alameda	8:00 AM
Sunday, Mar 15, 2009	Member Brunch: Strategic Planning Focus Group 2	10:00 AM
Sunday, Mar 15, 2009	St. Patrick's Day Party - Volunteer Host's Needed	2:00 PM
Tuesday, Mar 17, 2009	Membership Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Mar 18, 2009	Let's Cook With Pierre Le Chef	7:00 PM
Saturday, Mar 21, 2009	Island Fever Race Series #5	1:00 PM
Saturday, Mar 21, 2009	Book Club Meeting	3:00 PM
Sunday, Mar 22, 2009	Member Brunch: Strategic Planning Focus Group 3	10:00 AM
Saturday, Mar 28, 2009	Live Maine Lobster Feast	5:00 PM
Sunday, Mar 29, 2009	Member Brunch: Strategic Planning Focus Group 4	10:00 AM
Thursday, Apr 2, 2009	SBYC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday, Apr 4, 2009	SBYC Spring Fever	12:00 PM
Sunday, Apr 5, 2009	Egg Decorating	11:00 AM
Sunday, Apr 5, 2009	Catalina 30 Nationals- Organizational Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday, Apr 9, 2009	Race Rule Seminar - Hosted By Tom Allard	7:00 PM
Friday, Apr 10, 2009	Membership Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, Apr 11, 2009	Biscuits & Blues Night	7:00 PM
Saturday, Apr 18, 2009	Yoshi's Jazz Cruise Out	8:00 AM
Saturday, Apr 18, 2009	Book Club Meeting	3:00 PM
Saturday, Apr 18, 2009	Kids Party Night - Chinese Food & Kung Fu Panda Night	4:00 PM
Sunday, Apr 19, 2009	Yoshi's Jazz Cruise Out	8:00 AM

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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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