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# The Wave Length



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South Beach Yacht Club

## We have a new on the Water Utility Boat



### Welcome to *Anabel*!

Last month, David Bogdanoff wrote an article for the *WaveLength* discussing our plans to buy a boat for the club's on-the-water activities. Well, things moved pretty fast. Another chapter in our club was opened in April with the acquisition of *Anabel*, a CHB 34 single diesel trawler. *Anabel* has already been put to use for several Friday Night Races. Junior Sailing will be using her, and expect to see her participate in Cruiseouts as our base boat on occasion. Congratulations to South Beach Yacht Club!

Tad Sheldon - Editor



## From the Log of *Anabel*

Anyone who has been involved with boats knows that, after a while, a boat becomes a part of you. It could be a good part or a bad part. But it becomes a part of your identity, and part of your life story. Our new committee boat, *Anabel*, is no different in this respect. She had two owners before we bought her. We don't know much about the original owner who bought her in 1972, but we do know his wife's name was Anabel.

Her second owner was Dr. **Ted McCarthy** with his wife, **Cay**, who took possession of her over 2 plus decades ago.

*Anabel's* two logs are meticulous in its detail. They tell many stories...not in detail, but in reading the logs you can read between the lines to see what happened on her. A dead battery at anchorage. Maintenance. Fishing. 5 layers of clear coat. Receipts of gas from 1989. Tightened seals. Rough seas. Compass headings. Weather conditions. Crew members.

An example is a log entry, written in ink in a neat, strong hand:

“18 Sep 87 Thursday SFYC to Inverness  
 Engine Start 0855 Engine Hours 23.4  
 Departure 0900

Course	Bonita Light to R “2”	313T	296C	2.3 mi
	R “2” to DR	285T	268C	6.3 mi
	DR to Point Reyes	297T	280C	17.7 mi
	Point Reyes to Point Tomales	000T	243C	15.3 mi

N Bonita Channel	1000
DR	1106
Point Reyes	1335
Point Tomales	1545
Marshall Buoy	1645
Anchorage Chicken Ranch	1725

Weather Clear  
 Wind SSW 10 Knots  
 Visibility 5 miles”

I can only imagine the anticipation (and perhaps some anxiety) the Doctor had in taking *Anabel* out the Gate. He went with 2 crew members, friends and trustworthy fellows I'm sure. They went and returned many times to Tomales Bay, most every year. The Doctor, a member of San Francisco Yacht Club, documented many trips. *Anabel* was based in Petaluma, but visited many places familiar to us all. The list includes Bodega Bay, Sausalito, Drakes Bay, Benecia, Vellaajo, Suisun Harbor, Jack London Square, Angel Island, Martinez, San Leandro, Coyote Point, Pillar Point, Berkeley, San Rafael, South Beach, Pittsburgh, Napa and Treasure Island.

*Anabel* was a part of the McCarthy family for many years, but as certain as the sun comes up every day, there comes a time where you have to move on to the next phase of your life that does not include a boat. The Doctor finally put her up for sale just recently, and it was fortuitous that **Mark Miner** spotted her and called Vice Commodore **Sherry Nash**. See Sherry's report for

more on her acquisition.

Anabel is a sweet little trawler-style power boat. She is a CHB 34, was built in Taiwan in 1972 as hull number 021, and is solid as a rock. She has one Ford Lehman diesel engine rated at 120 HP, a fiberglass hull that was awlgripped just recently, a spacious cabin for Race Committee and Junior Sailing, and comfortable bunks

for Club Cruiseouts. Her story began in 1972, but due to the vision of a few people and the support of the general membership she'll be a part of the life of South Beach Yacht Club and its members, generating stories for us for many years to come.

**Tad Sheldon - Editor**

### It's an Omen:



How about that! The twentieth anniversary of South Beach Yacht Club coincides with the Chinese lunar year of the Rat. What a coincidence, the similarities of the two events are astounding!

Both are important events celebrated around the world, or in our case, around the clubhouse. Both events signify a time for people gathering together, eating

rich food, and paying respect to the elders, i.e. the original members of the club. (I made up that last part, but it's not a bad idea) The Chinese lunar New Year festivities last for 15 days, while our celebration will be on... the day after the 15<sup>th</sup> - August 16th. (That's a bit of a stretch, I know)

The Mandarin "Gong xi fa cai" or the Cantonese "Gong hai fatt choy" meaning "Happy New Year" is the traditional Chinese greeting, while the motto of South Beach Yacht Club has

always been "Gung Ho, fat chance" which is self-explanatory. The days before the Chinese New Year celebration are spent cleaning house, sweeping away all the old bad luck, making way for the new good luck to enter—we have the cleaning people come in once a week—along with the filling of red envelopes with money to be given to the older members of the family, or in our case the original members like... me, for instance. I can't emphasize how much those little money filled red envelopes brighten up the event.

And finally, boisterous groups of Chinese dragon dancers in a gaudy serpent costume ramble around in an erratic pattern to the snap of firecrackers and the crash of cymbals in a ritualistic dance in order to drive away evil spirits and usher in good luck and good fortune. Not unlike the gathering of our members at the bar, jostling around for an open spot, talking loud and waving money at the bartenders in the hope of getting lucky and being served.

What the Rat has to do with this whole thing, I haven't the slightest idea, but I'll find out and get back to you on that.

**Ray Hall - DANCING BEAR**

### Salsa Dancing Starting Soon!

We will be having a Salsa Dancing Class series beginning the end of May. Please see our club calendar for exact dates. Philip and Irene Hadjian are leading up this effort to organize it (thanks, Philip and Irene!). They can be reached for more information and/or RSVP signups at (510) 653-9350 or email [philip\\_hadjian@hotmail.com](mailto:philip_hadjian@hotmail.com). Cancellations accepted until May 18th.

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## From the Chairman:

Congratulations SBYC! This year we celebrate our 20 year anniversary. As this years Board of Directors Chairman, and on behalf of the membership, we offer great appreciation to all those who provided the leadership and dedication over those 20 years. And to those who provided the countless hours of selfless volunteering, thank you. Those contributions translated into so many good times and memories we have all enjoyed.

I can only trust that we will continue to be blessed with comparable talent who will step up to similar tasks of the past and the challenges of the future. Now that we are settled comfortably into our beautiful new facility and resolved many of the most pressing issues, I cannot help thinking about our next 20 years. What is our vision-what can it be, should be or will be?

Toward that goal, the Board will be proposing that we establish a Standing Strategic Planning Committee. We have begun the task to establish the charter and mission statement for membership approval. The process we will develop will be extremely important. With 500+ members, one can only imagine how many diverse visions might exist among our members.

Our process must assure that the broadest vision evolves. The planning and implementation that follow must be well founded, consistent with our mission and withstand the critique of our regularly changing management. I look forward to working with the Board and membership to develop our vision.

**Tom Enright - Chairman**

## Commodore Report: 2008 Goals - Update

In the January edition of the WaveLength, I listed 8 goals for 2008. I'd now like to update you on four of those goals.

**Twentieth Anniversary Celebration:** **Nancy DeMauro** has formed a committee to lead and plan the festivities for our main celebration of this historic event, which will take place on Saturday, August 16. Historian **Frank Navarro** and former Historian, **Ray Hall** are among the planners, along with **Chris Joyce**, **Elissa Rogers**, **Julie Wicklund** and myself. Please contact **Chris Joyce** at 415.821.4467 if you have club memorabilia such as old directories, Jazz Cup burgees, tee shirts, or photos we can display during the celebration.

And thank you to all those who submitted your recipes to **Julie Wicklund** and **Karen Thomas** for the SBYC 20th Anniversary Cookbook. They are leading an editorial committee who now have the challenging task of putting it all together - good luck!

**Annual Auction** - The date is set for Saturday, October 4th. Please be thinking of donations you can make to this event which is our annual fund raiser. Not sure what you can donate? How about: A day sail on the bay in your boat; a gourmet dinner; gift certificates for hotels, restaurants, a round of golf or a day at a spa; time at your vacation home; tickets for the Giants or other sporting events; or a

gift basket. Any members interested in volunteering for this important event, please contact me at [vangiersbergen@msn.com](mailto:vangiersbergen@msn.com). Areas where volunteers are needed include: phone solicitation for donations, planning, publicity, decorating, entertainment, desktop layout skills for the auction catalogue.

**Community Relations:** **Frances Larose** and **Chris Joyce** are in the beginning stages of forming a standing committee whose mission will be to ensure SBYC is a pro-active participant in the Bay Area boating community through appropriate civic and non profit activities.

The committee is already working with a great local youth organization, FOTC (Friends of the Children), to partner with our Junior Sailing program this summer. In addition to working with **Kevin Wilkinson** to identify scholarship students for our Junior Sailing program, FOC provides mentors for children through its own programs.

The Community Relations committee will also lend our support, for the third year, to the South Beach Block Party which is scheduled for Sunday, September 14. Mark your calendars as it promises to be another great event.

**WebSite Upgrade:** Everyone appreciates the great contributions that **Greg Sherwood** made to SBYC with our website. Greg's efforts were a big part of communications with our members and the world at large about upcoming events and activities at the club. As

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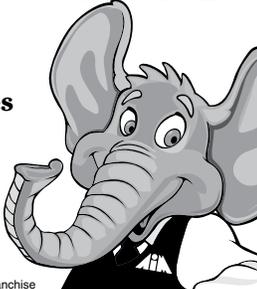
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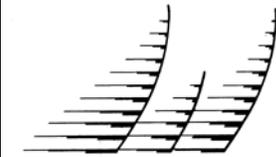
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## Vice Commodore Report:

### Spring Clean-Up 2008:

Spring Clean-up this year was held on April 12th. Although a lot of work was completed, only 8 members showed up to help with the event. The Galley and Bar have not been as clean as when we moved into the club almost two years ago. In addition to that, all the woodwork, carpets, and floors were cleaned. There is still much to be done but at least this was a great start.

A special thanks goes to the volunteers who made it: **Chris Joyce, Winnie Kelley, Julie Wicklund, Bruce Blackie, Karen Wheeler, Tom Rogers, Richard Forst and Gary Van Giersbergen.**

### Race Night Volunteers Needed - Free Dinner and a Drink!

We need approximately 8-9 volunteers to help with Race Night dinners. Each person will only be asked to help with four races during the season, at 2 hours per race. Although I'd like to build a regular crew for race nights, if you can help out with even one race please contact me ([ndemauro@hotmail.com](mailto:ndemauro@hotmail.com)). This is a great way to participate in busy, fun events at the Club and to meet SBYC members and racers from other clubs.

### May Events:

May events will be as follows. Be sure to watch the Club calendar for all updates as they happen.

**May 9th** – Members Meeting – drinks start at 6:00pm followed by dinner and the Members meeting

**May 10th** – **KABOOM!** The SBYC Kaboom party will start around 4pm on Saturday, May 10th. The band will play from approximately 4:30 – 7:30pm with the fireworks kicking off shortly after that. We will be serving dinner from approximately 5:00pm until we run out. Please check back to the website for additional details.

**Nance Demauro - Vice Commodor**

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Karen Wheeler and Bruce Blackie worked hard to clean the bar!



Commodore Gary Van Giersbergen was assisted by Staff Commodores Tom Rogers and Richard Forst in handling some of the more important garbage

## WHAT'S GOOD AT BAADS? SBYC Evening Program

Thursday, May 22, 2008 - 6:30 – 7:45 pm

### Agenda:

#### Video Presentation

Dinghy Sailing – San Francisco Bay  
Plans for the new Islander 36, Orion  
BAADS On-Going Accessible Dinghy Program

New Grant - to introduce the developmentally disabled to sailing  
Role of the able-bodied

## Rear Commodore Report:

Yikes, is it ever busy around here with the On-the-Water activities! This past month, we found a great boat for the club and purchased her. The process hasn't been hard but it has been very time consuming and an adventure. First, we had to find the boat. We looked at a variety of boats and then **Mark Miner** pointed out a boat named *Anabel* and told us we should look at her. It took two trips to Marin before we finally got to see her; one to Sausalito and one to Petaluma. We knew the minute we saw her that we were interested. She appeared to meet all the criteria **David Bogdanoff** outlined in last month's *WaveLength*.

We put in a written offer, we received a counter offer, and then submitted the offer that was finally accepted. The offer was contingent upon a sea trial and survey. We had to find a surveyor and a boat yard that could haul out *Anabel*. We found **Terry Tucker** and Berkeley Marine Center (once again through **Mark Miner**). **Roger Tennyson** and I went to Petaluma and helped crew the boat from Petaluma to Berkeley where they lifted her out of the water almost the minute we arrived. While *Anabel* needs a bit of work such as an engine service and hose/clamp replacements, there was nothing in the survey that was a Show-Stopper. Yipppeeeee!!!!

Based upon the survey, we went back and negotiated a new price for her and came to an agreement. Meanwhile, we got her insured, **Bob Hammack** electronically transferred the funds (while he was on vacation and out of town!), **Gary Van Geirsbergen** signed all the title company paperwork and **Nancy Demauro** found us a slip at South Beach Harbor. We are now waiting for the final paperwork back from the Coast Guard and we can put the purchasing part of *Anabel* to bed.

That is not the end of the *Anabel* adventure and in fact, it's just the beginning. As soon as we got her to South Beach Harbor, **David Bogdanoff** brought *Anabel* over in front of the club during the Member's Meeting and we had an Open House (or is that Open Boat?). It was a lot of fun and I heard many nice comments that evening. *Anabel's* next job was to be the committee boat for the April 18<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Practice Race. **Tad Sheldon** was our Skipper and did a fantastic job getting her back into the slip with 20+ knots of wind. It's very exciting to have a boat and the uses and possibilities are endless.

While *Anabel* has been extremely time consuming these past few weeks, other items have suffered. Our Cruise Out web page is now my top priority, along with getting ready for the Friday Night Races to kick off in full force, setting up other On-the-Water programs, etc. There is so much to do and do we need volunteers to help. In particular, we need several volunteers to come forward and help with Race Committee this year. It's a lot of fun and it's one of the great Yacht Club committees! If you've been looking for a way to volunteer on the water, this is it. I hope to hear from you.

**Sherry Nash - Rear Commodore**

## Membership:

### New Members for May:

Please welcome **Jack Walker** as a new member (Partner2). Jack is a boat partner of **Christine Calloway-Holt** (member since 98') in Luna Sea a Catalina 27.

### New Applicants:

**John Lewis** of Elk Grove is a recent applicant and is sponsored by **Nancy DeMauro** and **Tad & Libbie Sheldon**.

### Open House – June 8th, 11am

We're having an open house for prospective membership applicants on Sunday 11am, June 8th. We'll serve a light continental breakfast and we invite you and your friends who have been thinking of becoming a member for ages but never got around to doing it. So pass the word around and we look forward to seeing your dock mates, your cruising or race crew and friends with a genuine interest in sailing and boating to come join us between 11am and 2pm.

### Membership Committee News

I'm pleased to announce that we have two new Membership Committee volunteers: **Christine Holloway-Holt** and **Alan Maybruck**. Christine and Alan are long term members and we're delighted both of them have volunteered for the committee.

**Gerard Sheridan - Membership Controller**

### Terry Tucker

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## SBYC Junior Sailing: Summer 2008

SBYC Junior Sailing has had unexpectedly large demand this year for our limited available class space. This season we are running three one week summer sailing camps, June 23-27, July 21-25 and August 11-15. At press time, all camp spaces were filled with a total of at least 42 paid students and six scholarships kids.

We are providing class space this year for "Friends of the Children", a mentoring program for kids at risk in San Francisco. FOTC provides inner-city kids with a lifelong adult mentor to guide the child from infancy to college age. These are kids from the most disadvantaged and at risk families in the city. By providing kids the chance to experience sailing and the beauty of the bay, we hope to offer them an outlet from their difficult circumstances and hopefully provide a positive life building experience. FOTC will be bringing two children to each class session, along with their mentor. The mentor will participate along with the kids and help our volunteers and paid instructors.

Through the generous donation of so many people we have been fortunate this year to purchase three CFJ trainers and we also plan to buy one or two more Lasers. We have been fortunate to sell all of our aging El Toro's at a decent price, which allowed us additional funds to expand our new fleet even further.

We wish to acknowledge the recent sad passing of **Alyce Long** who was such a generous donor and supporter for SBYC Junior Sailing. Alyce will be sadly missed by all, but her support will live on and continue to provide our kids with the resources and facilities to fulfill their sailing dreams.

**Kevin Wilkinson**



Our commodore turns back the clock of time



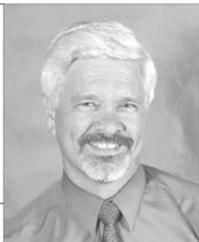
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## FNS Results Practice Race 4/18/07

Skipper	Boat Name	Place
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JY Lendormy	Acabar	1
Paul Osborn	Savoir Faire	2
<b>Spinnaker PHRF 112 or greater</b>		
Bob Izmirian	Jane Doe	1
Bill Hackel	Highlighter	2
Rod Neathery	Northern Light	3
Daniel Alvarez	Travieso	4
RDK Partners	Double Play	5
BGS Partners	Moondoggie	6
Dan Knox	Luna Sea	7
Max Crittenden	Solar Wind	8
Edward DeMasi	Odyssey	9
<b>Non-Spinnaker PHRF 130 or lower</b>		
Chris Lewis	Carmelita	1
Kevin Wilkinson	Reality Cheque	2
Chips Conlon	Fancy	3
Lewis Lanier	Spirit of Elvis	4
Bob Romano	Gusto	5
Pete Hamm	Seaview	6
<b>Non-Spinnaker PHRF 131 or greater</b>		
Larry Weinhoff	Synergizer	1
Bill Davidson	Ruth E	2
Paul Oliva	Time & Tide	3
Michael Finn	Alles Klar?!	4
Bob Heyse	Apale' Ale	5
Garret Law	Leeward Caye	6
Ken Naylor	La Maja	7
Sallie Lippe	Auggie	8
<b>Non-Spinnaker PHRF 180</b>		
Woodruff Bill	Huge	1
Roger/John Tennyson	Grinnin' Bear	2

Commodore from Page 4

Commodore I want to say "Thank You" for all of your hard work on the website! Now, as the technology evolves and new services and systems become available, we're ready to take advantage of that and add new attributes to our website. The 2008 operating budget approved by the membership included funding for updates to our website and I'm pleased to report that as of April, we are pilot testing a new web site provider, Club Express. Upon a successful conclusion of the pilot program, the new web site will be rolled out in the coming weeks. Enhancements to the website include:

- A more robust calendar function with the option to make event reservations online

- A password protected area to enable us to set up a members-only portal (with excellent security)

- Enhanced online forums for members

- Committee areas

- Member profiles, which members will be able to update themselves online for changes of address, new boat, etc.

- Club specific email, to remedy the problems receiving emails

that some of our members have experienced

You will get an email shortly with details of the test site, so please check it out and give us your feedback.

**Gary Van Giersbergen**

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Event	Date	Start	End
Board Meeting	5/1/2008	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Friday Night Races	5/2/2008	6:00 PM	11:00 PM
Chef Cynthia Wine Class	5/6/2008	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Membership Meeting	5/9/2008	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
KABOOM!	5/10/2008	3:00 PM	09:00 PM
Friday Night Races	5/16/2008	6:00 PM	11:00 PM
IYFR Cruise In	5/18/2008	12:00 PM	10:00 PM
Membership Committee Meeting	5/20/2008	6:00 PM	8:00 PM
Petaluma Cruise Out	5/24/2008		
Friday Night Races	5/30/2008	6:00 PM	11:00 PM
Tiburon YC Cruise-In	5/30/2008	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
OOD Training	5/31/2008	10:00AM	12:00PM
Board Meeting	6/5/2008	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Friday Night Races	6/6/2008	6:00 PM	11:00 PM
New Membership Open House	6/8/2008	11:00 AM	
SSS Trans-Pac Medical Seminar	6/9/2008	7:30 PM	10:00 PM
Chef Cynthia Wine Class	6/10/2008	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Membership Meeting	6/13/2008	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
Islander 36 Cruise In	6/14/2008	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
Membership Committee Meeting	6/17/2008	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
Friday Night Races	6/20/2008	6:00 PM	11:00 PM
Jr Sailing	6/23/2008	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
Chef Cynthia Wine Class	6/24/2008	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Friday Night Races	6/27/2008	6:00 PM	11:00 PM

**Send in your articles!**

Send in your articles to your friendly *Wave Length* Editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month  
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.... 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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