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We Were Novice Racer Once, and Young. Let me tell you about our first ever sailboat race. There we were with a reefed main, our one and only jib up and a copy of "Sailboat Racing for Non-racers," open to page one: So you want to race! Our location was the starting line out by the green buoy SC1; the occasion was South Beach Yacht

Club's first Beer Can (then politically correct) race. A multitude of boats (ten, if I remember correctly) swirled around us, every skipper looking like Ted Turner yelling authoritative things like "Mast abeam," "Barging," "Coming up," and "Starboard. Horns honked, red, white and blue barrel shaped signals were raised and lowered and shotguns went off at regular intervals. Suddenly everything went silent; we were all alone. "I'll bet that was the start!" we said as one.

Nowadays, we still use the same basic starting technique giving us a wonderful unobstructed view of the entire fleet every time.

Speaking of the Catalina 30 fleet, if you happen to own one of these sophisticated water rockets, know someone who owns one, crew on one or are now purchasing one, I want to give you fair warning: this coming September 18th 19th & 20th South Beach Yacht Club is going to host the International Catalina 30 Association 2009 National Championship Regatta. That's right, the big kahoona of high-tech yachting, the super bowl of speed sailing! You may think this "insider's" information is a little premature, but you will be surprise what preening and primping, evaluating and measuring, polishing and preparing goes into making a CAT—craft and crew—National regatta ready. We aboard DANCING BEAR have already unloaded the BARCO lounge I use when at the helm and the crew has been instructed to cut off the handles of their toothbrushes. Hey, it couldn't hurt. Keep an eye on the wavelength and be sure put a circle around September 18-19-20.

Ray Hall - DANCING BEAR

COMMODORE REPORT- Nancy DeMauro

BREAKING NEWS: Dave Weiss will be back to speak at the May Members Meeting!!

For all those who had the pleasure of hearing Dave speak at the March meeting, I know you'll be excited to have him back. Dave is a SF Bar Pilot and has had much experience with us all on the Bay. So, this month, instead of having the Members come close to lynching me for ending the discussion, the Meeting portion will be first and will only be a couple minutes. So, the entire evening will be Dave's.

The April Members Meeting was about our shortest ever! At the meeting, the Capital Budget was approved. We will be moving forward with some minor improvements on the club house, purchasing another dinghy for Jr. Sailing and begin the process of replacing our Point of Sale system at the bar. Oh, and pay that pesky sales tax on Anabel! The approved budget is posted on the "Now Hear This Page" on the club's website.

As we progress through the year and Opening Day is upon us, I wanted to take this month to remind you all to be safe out on the water. Last month, two sailors were rescued (by Dave Weiss) after their boat lost their keel and flipped over outside the gate during an ocean race. This was a story that could have turned into a tragedy very quickly but fate prevailed, they had prepared for an emergency and both sailors survived.

As you go out on the water this year, please take the time to be sure your boat is ready to go and that all the safety gear is in working order. Take the time to educate your new crew members to the basics and where things are located on the boat. Don't forget to wear your PFD – yes, for those who know me, I'm the worst offender and have working radios on board.

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For all the racers out there, as Tom Allard has said, when in doubt – bail out! Tom Allard gave a great rules seminar last month at the club and helped many of you clear up a lot of questions. We will ask him to do one or two more to make sure everyone knows the rules and the changes. Tom is going to be heading up our protest committee again this year. Remember, protests are there for a reason. It's better to bail out of a bad situation and file the protest than take a chance on someone getting hurt. And above all else, be sure to Thank the Race Committee for making your races happen, Thank the House volunteers for making your dinner and drinks happen and above all else – DON'T HIT ABABEL!

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

Vice Commodore Report – Mark Miner

We closed a busy March with our **Live Maine Lobster Dinner** on the 28th. We had a sellout night with 126 delicious dinners served. **Mike Taraban** of San Rafael Yacht Club provided live music and before the night was over we had our traditional **SBYC Conga Line** weaving its way through the clubhouse and deck areas. Needless to say everyone had a blast. A special thanks to the tireless group of volunteers who worked hard to make this event happen: **Susie Fay, Dixie Miner, Elissa & Tom Rogers, and Jayne Williams**

Our April 10, Membership Meeting was very pleasant and I would like to extend a warm thank you to our Membership Meeting Volunteers: **Nirmela Arsem, Janice Backus, Lola Ford, Wendy, Enya & Finnagh Hanrahan, Lorianna Kastrop, Brad & Evian Ketchum, Dennis Lenehan, Jean Ninos, Bonnie Sorenson and Sally Adamson Taylor**. This outstanding group did a terrific job of making the clubhouse a special place for our members to enjoy their monthly business meeting.

On Sunday, April 12, **Susie Fay** hosted a lovely **Easter Sunday Brunch**. The clubhouse was beautifully decorated in pastel colors with fresh cut flowers. We served 103 delicious meals while the kids enjoyed an **Easter Egg Hunt** around the clubhouse. Feedback from attendees was extremely positive and we are

planning to do both a **Mother's Day Brunch** on May 10, and a **Father's Day Brunch** on June 21.

A few words about our **Volunteer Club**. I am receiving a number of comments and some concerns about the direction in which the club seems to be moving. As in any club or organized group there are differing opinions about how club events and parties should be managed. We are still very much a volunteer organization and I personally believe it should remain that way. I enjoy my interaction with other volunteers when working an event and I have found that quality friendships can be forged as a result of volunteering at the club. That being said, it is important that we do not overlook the amount of work that is involved in hosting events. SBYC events have become larger and we are routinely drawing sellout crowds. We are usually serving 100 – 125 meals at events. We have a limited number of volunteer hosts who are capable of devoting the time and effort needed to plan and execute events of this magnitude. My Mission Statement as Vice Commodore this year is **“Improve The Clubhouse Experience”**. Some members are concerned that we are utilizing professional help in the galley at our special events. We are able to schedule and execute more events and serve better quality food with a professional preparing the food and taking responsibility for the galley. Using volunteer help in the galley would require an additional 4-8 people. There are still many tasks that require volunteers to handle aside from food preparation and cooking. We are a volunteer club and it is my intention to keep it that way. Please consider hosting or volunteering to help with an event this year, we sure could use your help. We need volunteer hosts for our **Life's A Beach** party on Saturday, June 13. I look forward to seeing you volunteering at the next event. Please contact me directly with your comments or questions at vicecommodore@southbeachyachtclub.org I am at your service. Sincerely, **Mark Miner**

Rear Commodore Report – Roger Ladwig

April started our **Friday Night Series**. This is the 20th year for the series. Over the years we have seen it grow and ebb. Last year's fleet was in excess of 50 boats, with most of them racing each week. If you've not been to the club after a race, you've missed quite a fun group. Come on down and check it out. Dinners are typically \$10.

On June 13th, we will be hosting the 1st **Celebrity Regatta**. This event is an informal race that will allow local radio, TV and print media reporters get a feel for what sailboat racing is all about. The organizing group, CMSR, has arranged for a fleet of J120's and J105's to race from McCovey cove into the South Bay and back, with the reporters at the helm. The idea is to promote sailing and boating in general and hopefully get some positive local coverage for the industry. More info is available at www.gosailingsf.org.

Our recent seminar on the new USSA Racing Rules was well attended. The 3 hour program was finally forced to break up after the 4th hour. **Tom Allard** did an excellent job simplifying and demonstrating typical rule violations, especially during the starts and windward mark roundings. The goal is to learn how to use the rules to race competitively and safely, not to intimidate others.

Cruise-outs

Petaluma Yacht Club (May 30 – June 1)– We still are planning a cruise-out to Petaluma for Memorial Weekend. The theme this year is Tropical Island, with their famous Cocktail Contest and a Costume Contest. You will receive an email on this shortly, so think about spending a lovely, warm weekend, cruising up the Petaluma River.

Summer Solstice Raft-up (Clipper Cove, June 20 – 21) - This festival is growing each year and this year is no different. Food, drinks, live music, treasure hunts, new boat showings plus other events will be take place from noon to 10PM adjacent to the TI Marina. Cost is free. Last year SBYC had 14 boats in 2 raft-ups among the 100 boats anchored in the cove. Let's go for more this year. Water taxi service from to and from the marina will be provided if you don't want to bring your dinghy.

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

Membership Committee Report - Alan Maybruck

New Member: Aanand Varanasi Child member of the San Diego Yacht Club through grandparents Member of the Pittsburg Yacht Club for the past 10 years Owned many

boats both power and sail Raced YRA/YRC and beer can series Currently owns a 1953, 35' Chris Craft powerboat. The membership committee recommends the board accept Aanand for membership.

New Members: Bob and Paula Ausano Bob have had 20 to 30 years boating experience Skills include trouble shooting motor and electrical boat systems Interested in social aspects of club and meeting others who have a passion for boating Retired and have time and energy to support the club Bob is a member of the “What a Tomato Boat Racing Team” since 1991. The membership committee recommends the board accept Bob and Paula Ausano for membership.

Applicants in the Pipe Line: Mary Licwinko

Ask Bog – By Dave Bogdanoff

A few more words about Cooling and Exhaust Systems. We are wrapping up this review (it's about time) of common marine cooling system used on pleasure boats. Fresh Water Cooling with a Keel Cooler Keel cooling systems are not often seen in the Bay Area, but are more common in the Northwest. Instead of a heat exchanger through which raw water flows for engine cooling, there is a series of tubes, located on the outside of the hull of the boat. These are usually located near the keel, thus the term “Keel Cooler”. The engine's fresh water is circulated through these external tubes, transferring the engine's heat to the surrounding seawater. Unlike a heat exchanger, where the raw water is forced past the tubes to absorb the heat, the transfer of heat from the keel cooler to the surrounding seawater is dependent on seawater flowing over and around the tubes of the exposed keel cooler, either through water movement or vessel movement. The sizing of the keel cooler is thus, more dependent on the seawater's temperature.

Your Sunbrella acrylic canvas sail cover (bimini top, winch cover or whatever) has chafed a small hole (or tear) at a contact point with a fitting and you really not in the mood to take it to our local canvas shop for a repair. Try this: Locate a notions shop (a store that sells fabric, buttons, dress patterns, that kind of stuff). They have iron-on patches used for fabric repairs which come in various colors and in a couple of sizes. I suggest you buy the largest piece available that will sort of match your canvas color (a couple of bucks for 6'' x 12'' piece). **Page 3** – continued on page 4

These iron patches are made of a fabric covered with heat sensitive glue on one side.

1. If you don't feel like carrying your ironing board (if you even have one) down to the boat, just take a piece of plywood, wrap a towel around it, and iron the towel flat on the top side. Set the iron to the acrylic heat setting.

2. Lay your sail cover outside or inside up (as you to which side you want your patch) on your ironing board and iron the canvas piece to flatten it out.

3. Cut the patch material to size to cover beyond the hole, tear or chafed area by couple of inches. Trim or round the corners of the patch material.

4. The iron-on patch's package will say to use the iron's cotton heat setting, but this is too hot for acrylic canvas. Use the iron's acrylic heat setting. Lay the patch over the hole with the glue side (the shiny side to the patch material's fabric) towards the canvas piece, centering as necessary.

5. Keeping things smooth and flat, Iron down the patch material, make sure the edges are bonding well. If it appears the patch is not fully bonding to the fabric, increase the iron's heat a little.

6. Turnover the cover, and iron from the reverse side also. Or add another matching patch on the reversed side. Be sure to go back and iron all the edges of the patch, one more time.

7. After a couple of months, you may want to check and re-iron the patch again if necessary to make sure things staying in place. That's it. Your cover is good for a couple more years.

Don't forget to email your entries for our **Good Boating Ideas Contest** which we started last month. Email your entries to: **Ask.bog.SBYC @ gmail.com**

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We are pleased to announce a series of six **Port O' Call** Potluck Dinners at the clubhouse. Past Commodore's **Norm Pearce** and **Richard Smith** have decided to bring back a popular SBYC theme potluck that dates back to the early days of SBYC. Our second port of call is for **Italy on 5/16**. Members attending should prepare a dish large enough to feed 8-10 people. Additional Port O' Call potlucks will be, 6/27 **Greece**, 7/18 **Argentina** and 8/29 **St. Lucia**.

In the News: Up and coming racer **Matt Van Rensselear** (graduate of SBYC Jr sailing) and Grandson of Jack & Rada Ford! NorCal High School Championships — The Burlingame/Menlo Atherton team of **Matt Van Rensselear**, Tim Malouf, Mike Deady and Chris Ford obliterated an 18 boat field to win the NorCal High School Championships, raced in CFJs (two per team) off the Cityfront. In the 15-race series, the BMA 'A' team took 12 bullets, while the 'B' team took 5. Overall, the team scored 60 points to second place Gunn's 90 and third place Summit/Nortre Dame's 134. For more: www.stfyc.com.

SCUTTLEBUTT 2828 - Wednesday, April 22, 2009
(www.sailingscuttlebutt.com)

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY - APRIL 22

Paul V. Oliva Among the exhibits at the Strictly Sail Pacific boat show was the Derek M Baylis, which was designed and built by Tom Wylie with the express purpose of doing ocean conservation work. I had the chance to chat with David Robinson, who is the managing director of Sea Life Conservation and captain of the Baylis. Launched in 2003, it took about a year for Tom to seize upon an interesting concept with the Monterey Bay Aquarium: take people out for two-hour sails and use various marine biology tools to show the marine ecosystem.

After the program was launched in 2004, they started collecting garbage they found in the water. They ultimately realized the power of GPS-based geocoding of the collection point of the garbage and analysis of the type and age of the garbage. By 2005 they had a year's data and were on their way to the program they have today: working with local politicians and merchants to reduce plastic and other garbage making its way into our bays and ocean. The demise of

Styrofoam chowder cups at Monterey Bay fisherman's wharf was an early example of their work. The cups appeared as more than 7 percent of the garbage around Monterey Bay. David's group was able to drive the change from cups made out of Styrofoam to a biodegradable alternative called bagasse, and they can show the resulting decrease in Styrofoam in Monterey Bay.

David has the Derek M. Baylis staying berthed at Jack London Square (Oakland, CA) in preparation for taking out local politicians and staff from Palo Alto and Redwood City on Earth Day (April 22nd). The focus will be on efforts to reduce plastic bags and Styrofoam in San Francisco Bay. Aside from that, the no-shroud, cat ketch rigged Derek M. Baylis is a beautiful example of Wylie's design and marine engineering vision. Really stunning! * Sea Life Conservation website: <http://www.sealifeconservation.org>

Our own **Paul V. Oliva** has an active column in the San Francisco Chronicle – Go to www.SFGate.com and search for Oliva.

USEFULLWEBSITE INFORMATION!

Instructions for use of the Crew List

First, sign into the webpage. Then, go to your profile. Click on Forum General Preferences. you will be able to decide if you would like to receive emails from the forum (crew list), how you want your information shown, how you'd like to view the postings, etc. **IF YOU DO NOT AUTHORIZE THE RECEIVE EMAILS FROM THE FORUM YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE REPLIES – ONLY POSTINGS TO YOUR MESSAGES.** This step is up to the individual member to decide and take action on. On the left hand column, you will now see an option for the crew list. You may see all the postings when you are not signed in (or non-members may view) but you will have to sign in to be able to post or reply to a member. The Crew List option is also available on the left side once you sign in. Once you've signed in, go to the crew list, and pick the area that interests you. The areas listed are:

Racing – *both looking for crew and looking for a boat to crew on*

Day Sailing – *if you are going out and can/willing to take others with you, post it here. If you're looking for*

Someone to hop on with for the day, post it here

Cruise Out's – *if you're looking for a boat to go on a cruise out or looking for crew for your cruise out, post it here*

Power Boats – *If you're looking for a power boat to go out on or crew for your boat, post it here*

You can now post a message through clicking the “post a new thread” button. Or, you can reply by clicking the “reply” button. You can also send private replies only to the poster. If you have any questions on how to use the Crew List, please feel free to contact Nancy DeMauro or our webmaster, Marilyn Smith.

Instructions for Registering for an Event

As we move more towards on-line registration for an event, I want to be sure all members know how to use the system. You can register two ways:

1. Either go to the calendar page and click on the specific event you would like to register for.
2. Next to the event you are looking at, there should be a button to register with. This will take you directly to the registration page. Once you're at the registration page, go ahead and fill in the information asked for. If you're signed in it will automatically fill in your data for you so you don't have to. If you are bringing a guest, there is a section at the bottom of the page for their name(s). **YOU DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME IN A SECOND TIME – ONLY THE GUEST.** When you get to the payment information, you can either send a check in to pay for the event or it will automatically be billed to your account. Most events you can also pay cash at the door and you will be marked off as paid and not billed on your account. SBYC does not do any billing at this time through the website or with credit cards. When you finish, be sure to click the **COMPLETE REGISTRATION** button. This will ensure you are registered. For every event you register for, you will receive an email confirmation -

IF YOU DON'T GET THE EMAIL CONFIRMATION, YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED!!

If you need to cancel on an event you have already registered for, you will need to call or email the host of the event. Unfortunately, at this time, only the host can cancel your registration. Club Express is working on the fix for this but it's not there yet.



SFFD PHOENIX Opening Day 04/09,



SBYC Burgee at Vallarta YC – Carol Itami & Dick Locke with them were Cynhia & Bill Noonan (founding members) they reminded us that it's 82 degrees there in Jan/Feb. Hmmm.....



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 Opening day at Half Moon Bay YC – Paul Janofsky & Judy



Paul Oliva – Planning meeting and Brunch at SBYC Page 7 – continued page 8
Who wants to be an OOD? By Geoffrey Daw

Well, about twenty percent of our club's members do, for a start. For some it's a painless way to scratch the itch to volunteer - once every couple of months on a convenient date you give four hours or so of service to your fellow members. For others, particularly new members, it's an easy way to meet more people and make new friends. Then there are those who have secretly always savored the glamorous life of a bartender!

Whatever your motive, now is the opportunity to join the ranks of our vital volunteers. Just go to the OOD page on the club website and send me, the HOOD, an e-mail expressing your interest. Please use the word VOLUNTEER as the subject - it will help me spot your note.

Once I've identified the OODs-to-be we'll discuss how and when you wish to be shown the ropes. That doesn't take long - none of us is a mixologist - and I'm a firm believer in on-the-job training. I know it's a little scary at first for a new OOD, so you won't be thrown in at the deep end. At first you'll serve alongside experienced old hands until you tell me that you're ready to take responsibility for opening, running and closing the club.

Looking forward to working with you,

Your obedient servant,

Geoffrey Daw (AKA: The HOOD)



Roger Ladwig & Elisa Rogers (Aeolian Cruise out - St Patrick's Day)

Membership Drive – Join us May 16th & June 6th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for an open house. For those of you who have never been to the club it's a great facility with lot's of special events. We encourage you to take this opportunity to check us out.

KABOOM – Is on May 9th. Please be aware that the following will be strictly enforced by South Beach Harbor. Tenants must have a current parking pass – No tenant parking passes (annual or temporary) will be issued – No guest parking permits will be issued – Race crew permits are not valid – No visitor parking on Pier 40 after 2 PM – No Barbeques on the docks – **Harbor office phone 415-495-4911 Ext 0 – Security 415-608-1951 (after 5 PM)**

WHALE WATCH – Boaters are asked to steer clear of whales which migrate through the San Francisco Bay Area in large numbers during this time of year. Gray whales are at a particularly high risk of collisions with vessels, as they often travel near shore and may wander into the bay itself. **Boaters should NOT** approach within 300 feet of any whale – Cut across a whale's path – Make sudden speed or directional changes – get between a whale cow and her calf.

NEXT ISSUE – Boat Insurance 101 –



Tom Rogers playing his air guitar at the Aeolian Yacht Club – Cruise Out St Patricks day



The "Wave Brief"

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South Beach Yacht Club Events Calendar

Club Calendar – Go to www.southbeachyachtclub.org for complete data

Date	Event
05/08/09	MEMBERSHIP MEETING – GUEST SPEAKER DAVE WEISS
05/09/09	KABOOM PARTY
05/10/09	MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
05/15/09	FRIDAY NIGHT RACE
05/16/09	MEMBERSHIP OPEN HOUSE
05/22/09	FRIDAY NIGHT RACE
05/23/09 – 05/25/09	PETALUMA CRUISE OUT
06/05/09	FRIDAY NIGHT RACE

Check out our calendar at WWW.SOUTHBEACHYACHTCLUB.COM

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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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