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Thanks

November's here; time to glance up at the old rear-view mirror as 2008 fades out of view. Reminiscing, I believe it's called.

If I remember correctly, we've had an Installation Ball, Super Bowl gathering, Mardi Gras revelry, Easter Egg Dying event, St Patrick's Day Dinner, Opening Day on the Bay festivities, KABOOM with kabobs, Fathers' Day celebration, 4th of July BBQ, 60's Summer of Love Hippie bash, SBYC 20th Anniversary observance (deep breath) and looking forward to Halloween and our Annual Crab Dinner.

Somehow, in between all of these events we slipped in the Island Fever Races, Friday Night Races, Jazz Cup Race, Youth Sailing program, Catalina 34 Regatta and cruise-outs from Santa Cruz to Glen Cove and Benicia, with the Lighted Boat Parade and Santa by boat right around the corner.

And this all comes to us through the courtesy of?

I'll give you a clue; It wasn't the members of the AFof L/CIO Gnomes, Trolls and Leprechauns union Local # 40. That was just an urban myth that they used to come into the clubhouse at night and arrange all our events, do all the activity planning, bookkeeping, party set up/clean up, etc, etc.\

The answer will be found inside the back cover of the South Beach Yacht Club Membership Directory and Handbook. These are the folks that make IT happen at South Beach Yacht Club. Some are back for their second tour of duty, others are completing their third and fourth tours while **Tad Sheldon**, Editor in Chief of

this fine newsletter goes for an indoor record completing his fifth (and final) tour. All are worthy of our sincere gratitude and recognition of their efforts—a smile, a pat on the back, a firm hand shake or a hug and a kiss (whichever is appropriate) will do. And I suggest that you act quickly, because we're fixing to kick these rascals out and fetch some new rascals in. You bet 'cha!

Ray Hall

DANCING BEAR

Commodore's Corner – Gary Van Giersbergen

Our auction "To the Next 20 years" on October 4th was affected by the economic situation all of us are experiencing. We felt it in the number of donations, the attendance and the bidding. However for the 60 plus members and guests that did attend we enjoyed a fine evening. This year we had two auctioneers, **Debra Phairas** and **Martin Fay**, and they did a great job. **Lori Wilkinson** did a fantastic job of tracking and setting up the donations. **Julie Wickland** created her magic flower arrangements that decorated the tables and bar. Our auction committee included **Lola Ford**, **Nancy Demauro**, **Bonnie Derieth**, **Virginia Golden**, **Christine Joyce**, **Judith Presley**, **Richard Forst**, **Bob Hammack**, **Paul Oliva** and **Mike Parodi**. **Evian Ketchem** took care of our very successful raffle. To all of you a heartfelt "Thank You". I will be contacting all of the donors and successful bidders to thank them for helping our club.

Our club hosted a PICYA event on Monday October 6th. Over 110 delegates enjoyed a fine dinner at our club. That's a lot of people for a sit down dinner. We were fortunate that it was a mild evening and it allowed the folding glass doors to be open. Combined with the infrared deck heaters everyone was comfortable.

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Cynthia prepared a first class meal, and her staff's service was exceptional. I received many calls and emails from the delegates expressing their appreciation of a beautiful club and nice evening. On behalf of South Beach Yacht Club I presented a donation to the recreational boaters of California organization (RBOC). RBOC is a statewide government advocacy organization which since 1968 has promoted the enjoyment, protection and responsible use of our waterways. Their web site is www.rboc.org check it out for the latest information on boating issues.

Parking in San Francisco is challenging! The harbor does a great job to provide comfort and security for SBH tenants and their guests while parking in their lots. However parking space is limited. Vehicles in the parking lot without a current pass after February 1, 2009 will receive a \$50 ticket. On the third offense the vehicle will be towed.

My year as your Commodore is coming to an end. This year was a challenging year for me personally and it affected my performance at the club. However my heart is with the club! I care about our members and their enjoyment of our fine facility. So although I didn't complete the agenda that I set for myself we did accomplish many positive things and set the stage for the next officers to take our club into the next twenty years.

Sincerely, Gary Van Giersbergen, Commodore SBYC

Vice Commodore Report – Nancy Demauro

Last Events for 2008

November and December will be busy months for us all. To give you all a heads up on the events we have at the club:

- November 8th – Crab Dinner – Hosted by **Susie Fay** and **Mark & Dixie Miner** – Reservations are required and can be made on the website
- December 6th – SBYC Lighted Boat Parade
- December 13th – Christmas Party and Officer Installation – the party will begin at 7:30pm and will be \$65 per person. Reservations can be made on the website. Dress will be Semi-Formal. Band will be Joe Mag & the Kool Kats.
- December 14th – Santa by Boat – Hosted by **Chris Joyce**
- December 31st – New Year's Eve Party –pot luck this year with a DJ performing, cost will be \$5.

2009 Election Absentee Ballot– Libbie Sheldon, Secretary

Hello SBYC members. Two things for you:

1. Absentee Ballots: Please find the 2009 Officer and Director Absentee Ballot on Page 3 in the Wavelength for your voting convenience.

If you cannot make it to the November Member's meeting on November 14th to cast your ballot at the meeting, you can use the ballot in the Wavelength and mail it to the address indicated on the ballot.

Please allow enough time for your ballot to arrive at SBYC before November 14th. Ballots received after November 14th will not be counted. You can also drop your ballot off at the SBYC where it will be placed in a safe location. Thanks for voting.

2. Board Meeting Minutes are now posted for your information on the club Website. Log in and click on "Meeting Minutes."

Members in the news...

Dawn Riley was recently elected to US Sailing's Board of Directors. Dawn is a firm believer that US Sailing must do more to reach all of its constituents. One of her goals as a Board Member is to use her experience as former President of the Women's Sports Foundation and other experiences to enrich the services of US Sailing and broaden the base of the sport of sailing through outreach, marketing and common sense programming.

Dawn's experience includes two Whitbread Round the World races; three America's Cup challenges; and she was the first woman to manage an America's Cup syndicate. Dawn remains President and CEO of America True, based here at South Beach Harbor. Locally, America True provides Summer Sailing Programs for kids in the Bay Area- a two week program for Marin City kids, a 10 week program through SFSU for San Francisco youth and a one day event at India Basin/Hunter's Point.

Dawn and Staff Commodore and Redwood City Port Commissioner, **Lorianna Kastrop**, are already talking about doing an "America True Day" on the Bay next spring. Plans may include getting kids out on the Wednesday Night Racing Series with the Sequoia Yacht Club.



SOUTH BEACH YACHT CLUB – 2009 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

ABSENTEE BALLOT

SBYC’s annual Election to appoint officers and directors for 2009 will take place at November’s Membership Meeting on Friday, November 14, 2008. Voting members may also vote by Absentee Ballot. Absentee ballots must be received at SBYC prior to the November Membership Meeting. All ballots will be held in confidence and may only be viewed by the election committee. Further details of the Elections process can be found in part III of our Rules and Regulations, available in your SBYC member handbook.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your name and membership number in the space provided below.
2. Indicate your vote for officer and director candidates by checking the relevant box .
3. For a write in candidate, write the name in the space provided and check the relevant box .
4. **SIGN and DATE** your ballot, to indicate you are a voting member in good standing.
5. This ballot must be received at the Club before the November Membership Meeting and may be mailed to **SBYC, Pier 40 on the Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94107, Attention: Elections Committee.**

<p>Commodore <input type="checkbox"/> NANCY DEMAURO <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Vice Commodore <input type="checkbox"/> MARK MINER <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Rear Commodore <input type="checkbox"/> ROGER LADWIG <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>	<p>Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> PAUL FARR <input type="checkbox"/> LISA GIDLEY <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> PAUL LAROSE <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Membership Controller <input type="checkbox"/> ALAN MAYBRUCK <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>	<p>Director (check TWO only) <input type="checkbox"/> HAROLD ARSEM <input type="checkbox"/> JOE ASKINS <input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL BLASGEN <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>
<p>Voting Member* - I am a voting member in good standing:</p> <p>Print Name: _____ Member number: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>		

* VOTING MEMBERSHIPS ARE:

Individual Members – 1 vote

Partnership Members – 1 vote per owner-partner to a maximum of 4 adult votes

Family Members – 1 vote per adult to a maximum of 2 adult votes per household

Non-Voting memberships are: Associate, Racing, Junior, Honorary and Cruising memberships

<i>Club Use Only:</i>	<i>Eligibility:</i>	<i>Recorded:</i>
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Ask Bog

Another in a series of articles from Dave Bogdanoff



Marine Control and Steering Systems

Your boat may have control and steering cables which are “push-pull” type cables. These cables consist of an inside flexible cable/rod with an outside flexible jacket. By flexible, we mean able to being able to be installed with bends or loops. New cables come packaged from the manufactures in a flat coil of about 2 feet in diameter. This is pretty much their minimum bend radius. They can not make sharp turns. These cables consist of an outside jacket, that is plastic coated, which is fixed at each end. And an inside cable, which is able to move back and forth within the outside jacket’s tube. This back and forth (push-pull) movement of the cable is what shifts your transmission, controls your throttle, or steers your boat.

There are a couple of manufactures of control and steering cables, of which Morris / Teleflex is the major player. If you call these cables “Morris cables”, those in the marine business will know what you are talking about.

For controls, the outside jacket will be fixed, i.e. clamped to your helm’s control lever housing at one end and at a bracket on your transmission or engine at the other. For steering, one end the jacket will be attached to the steering helm and the other to fixed point near the rudder arm or to an outboard engine. On some steering systems, it may have two cables, so one is pushing and the other is pulling while in operation. During normal / proper operation, the outside jacket should not move when the inside cable moves.

My throttle lever (transmission lever or steering wheel) is stiff (or frozen) or it is difficult to move (turn)

The first thing is to isolate the problem. Let’s take the case of gear shift control lever which takes a lot of effort or force to get the transmission into gear. I would follow this procedure to find out what’s the problem. This would be done when the engine is not operating.

1. Trace the cable thru the boat, looking for any sharp bends, pinch points or points of wear from the cable’s jacket’s movement. With your first mate moving the helm’s transmission control lever into forward and then into reverse, look for movement of the cable’s jacket

back and forth or sideways from bowing. Observe the cable over its entire length.

- a. If the cable jacket does not move, see #2 and/or 3.
 - b. If the cable jacket does move backwards and forwards, one of the end clamps or attachment points of the jacket is loose. Check the ends and tighten as necessary. This movement may also prevent your transmission to fully engaging or not allow full throttle.
 - c. If the cable bows, the cable is probably crimp and damaged at some where along the run or at an end point where the cable exits the jacket. To confirm, disconnect the inside cable from the transmission arm, move the helm’s lever back and forth. If the bowing or the hard movement does not go away, you will need to disassemble your helm’s control lever housing. (Important: Take note of the positions of the jacket and cable end point attachments and fasteners). Then move the inside cable back and forward. This should be able to be done by hand or by grabbing the inside cable nut with pliers.
 - d. If still hard, the cable may need to be replaced. At this point, I would remove any nuts from the lower end of the inside cable and pull the entire cable out of the jacket. If it does not want to come out, the cable will need replacement. Time spent is not all lost since you will need to get access at the helm to replace the cable.
2. It is possible that there is corrosion in the cable which may make for hard operation.
- a. If the inside cable can be removed, the jacket tube can be cleaned with a small wire brush, and lubricated with a water resistant grease. Clean and lube the inside cable as you reinstall it.
- b. I would be inclined to replace the entire cable assembly vs. lubricating. Lubricating may be just postponing the whole effort for another time.
3. Another possible problem may not be with the cable at all.
- a. The attachment point of the cable may not be properly aligned with the transmission or engine throttle arm. The cable should, as far as possible, be inline with the transmission’s arm, both moving

in a single plain. In some case, this may not be entirely possible, with 5 to 10 degrees of misalignment. If greater than this, the jackets attachment point will need adjustment, or a new attachment arm may need to be fabricated, or the cable may need to reoriented with changes to the transmission arm, to bring things into a single plain.

- b. The attachment point maybe damaged or corroded or incorrect. In most cases, a ball assembly is used for the transmission or throttle attachment. If there is any misalignment over the full swing of the arm, a ball attachment is required. Disconnect the cable end and inspect.
- c. Check the system for any play as the cable is moved. There should be none. If so, inspect all end connections for looseness.

My transmission's Morris cable is shot, how do I replace it?

Before you pull the whole thing out, you should figure out what the new replacement you should buy.

- 1. If your builder is still around, they may be able to tell you what size is needed. The length is the important thing.
- 2. If your builder is dead and gone, you could do the following to figure out what you will need:
 - a. Pull the inside cable in one direction so end of the inside cable is flush with the end of the jacket. At the other end, measure the distance from the end of the jacket to the end of cable. (Recheck that the other end is flush and measure again before proceeding)
 - b. Pull the cable out of the jacket. Measure the cable and you will have the length you need. Subtract the dimension for 2.a., and this will give you the length of the jacket you will need.
 - c. You have all the info. Take the inside cable with you to your marine supply house with your dimensions and purchase a replacement. Also consider replacing your end fitting at the same time. Keep the old ones as spares.
 - d. When you get the replacement, trace the existing cable jacket thru the boat, removing any clips, brackets or other supports. Pull back and forth on the jacket to assure it is free of any restraints.
 - e. Attach the new cable unit to existing jacket by slipping the end of the cable into the existing jacket and tape together the two jackets securely.

- f. With help from your mate, pull the old jacket thru the boat, at the same time feeding the new cable assembly..
- g. When in the new cable emerges, remove the tape and check that the new cable moves freely, If things are ok, reinstall any intermediate clips/supports/etc.
- h. Attach the jacket's end clamps. Install the end connectors. Attach cable assembly to the helm controls. Check again the cable is operating easily
- i. Place the transmission helm control at about the neutral position. Put the transmission arm in the neutral position. Adjust the cable's end connector so that it aligns to transmission arm and fasten it.
- j. At the helm, put the transmission in forward. Unfasten the cable's end connector. The transmission arm should be in the full forward position. If not, the cable and/or the jacket end clamps may need repositioning to assure the transmission fully engages. Repeat this for reverse. This may take a few tries to get working right.
- k. With the boat securely tied to the dock, start your engine in neutral. Place the transmission in forward, the transmission should engage the boat should want to move forward. Return to neutral. Place the transmission in reverse, the transmission should engage the boat should want to back down.
- l. If things seem OK, tighten up all lock nuts securely on the cable. I suggest placing a wire tie diagonally around the jacket and its clip attachment to prevent the clip's arm from opening up from vibration or movement. Also if your attachment point is a ball & socket, place a wide cable tie round the cable eind to prevent the fitting from disengaging.

Retest the whole thing again while tied to the dock. Nothing is more hair raising than backing out of your slip and your transmission does not want to go into forward. Until you are sure of everything is right, do it all in slow motion.

That's it. You are good for another 20 years.

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.

Remember: *"There is nothing ~ absolutely nothing ~ half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats..." from the Wind in the Willows*



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South Beach Yacht Club Events Calendar

Club Calendar

Day	Start Date	Start Time	Title	Contact
Thursday	11/6/08	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Saturday	11/8/08	6:00 PM	Crab Dinner	Susie Fay
Thursday	11/13/08		BAADS Board Meeting	
Friday	11/14/08	6:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Gary Van Giersbergen
Saturday	11/15/08	11:00 AM	Island Fever Race	
Sunday	11/16/08	7:00 PM	Book Club	
Tuesday	11/18/08	6:00 PM	Membership Committee Meeting	Gerard Sheridan
Thursday	11/27/08		BAADS Thanksgiving Dinner	
Sunday	11/30/08		Pancake Breakfast	
Sunday	11/30/08	2:00 PM	Holiday Decoration Of The Club	
Thursday	12/4/08	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Saturday	12/6/08	6:00 PM	Lighted Boat Parade	
Friday	12/12/08	12:00 PM	Heyneker Party	
Saturday	12/13/08	7:00 PM	Christmas Party & Officer Installation	Nancy DeMauro
Sunday	12/14/08	10:00 AM	Santa By Boat	Christina Joyce
Tuesday	12/16/08	6:00 PM	Membership Committee Meeting	Gerard Sheridan
Thursday	12/18/08		BAADS Board Meeting	
Friday	12/19/08	7:00 PM	Book Club	
Saturday	12/20/08	11:00 AM	Island Fever Race	
Wednesday	12/31/08	8:00 PM	New Years Eve Party	
Thursday	1/1/09		CLUB CLOSED FLOOR REFINISHING	

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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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