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View From the Bridge



Vice-Commodore Bill Olsen and Holly are putting the “finishing touches” on the Staff Commodore’s Ball. This black-tie (encouraged) event on Saturday, May 5th will include live music. This annual event acknowledges and honors the service of our Past Commodores and their Spouses in addition to giving us an opportunity to wine-and-dine again! This promises to be yet another great party.

Your help will be greatly appreciated on May 12th. Please set aside some of your valuable time for Club Beautification Day. A variety of tasks will include painting, planting, fixing and general maintenance, and weed pulling. As in the past, lunch will be served to those participating. Not only does your help minimize the Club’s operating expenses, but you will likely meet and enjoy the company of some newer members.

I would like to thank Jim Prince’s harbor committee and the “Irregulars” for completing the upgrading of the “A” & “B” docks heads & lockers. Not only has its exterior walk-around been replaced, but the building has been repainted to blend with other structures on the site. Additionally, there are substantial landscaping improvements underway at the entrance of the Club. I thank Clive Endress, our landscape chair and architect, and John Brown, our Tennis-Facility Chair (and Director), for envisioning these improvements and seeing them through. Both projects will be admired and appreciated by our members for years to come.

One of our newest members, Douglas Honn, recently approached me with an offer to help. He is a certified diver, and is willing to set aside a day, to replace the zincs (anodes) of our boats. Please call him @ 209-339-4108 so that he can schedule a mutually convenient day. He is will provide the diving service free of charge but you will need to provide the zincs. Also, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be providing safety inspections at the Marin Yacht Club on June 16; perhaps that would be an ideal day for both. Thank-you, Douglas for your very generous offer.

On a sad note, I am sorry to report the passing of Jane Witzel. She had been active at MYC, with Mo, and will be dearly missed. I extend my condolences to the Witzel family on behalf of the Marin Yacht Club.

The Classic Car and Boat Show is scheduled for August 11. Portions of the proceeds will donated to Sailing Education Adventures (aka SEA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization), for the benefit our junior sailing program. S/C Chuck Essayan is the chair person this event. Given that this is a labor intensive day-long event, your help is needed. Please give Chuck a call to volunteer soon, as August is quickly approaching.

Again, have fun! Please take advantage of our food beverage service on Friday and Sunday nights. Spring is here and warm weather is just around the corner. Enjoy these evenings that give us all a break after a long week and provide us with “easy” and care-free dining.

Paul Simmons
Commodore

The Port Report

Just a reminder to everyone of the work party scheduled for Saturday May 12th at 9am. If not already assigned a project, report to the Clubhouse. Be sure to wear work clothes, painting and garden work are on the agenda for the day.

Since my last report some improvements have been made that are worthy of note. The mechanical hardware and wiring that operate our main entrance gates has been replaced. The gates have been operating erratically and due to the age of the equipment and condition of the wiring we felt replacement was necessary. I hope you have noticed the building at the head of A dock has been painted to match the clubhouse. We can thank the Irregulars, Scott Baxter, Wib Tapscott, Chuck Essayan, Don Lesley, and Jeff Hines for a great job. Our Harbormaster Jessica was there to make sure we did not mess things up.

I would like to again ask all our berth owner and renters to familiarize themselves with the Harbor rules and regulations. I'm in the process of revising some rules to insure clarification. One area of the Harbor rules that is frequently overlooked is berth renters must give 30 days notice in writing to the Port Captain prior to vacating the berth [Harbor Rule #4]. This also applies to the dry storage facility. If any member has questions or needs clarification on Harbor Rules or regulations please don't hesitate to call me or the Harbormaster.

On a safety note, I need to remind everyone to maintain a 5mph speed limit around the harbor. It's been necessary for me to remind members to watch their speed. A near miss accident recently has caused me concern. With summer activity and our Sail Camp starting, we will have children running all over the place. I appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

On the 16th of June between 10am and 2pm the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be in the Marina to offer to the Members free Boat inspections. I strongly recommend that you take advantage of this service. It will be a comfort to know your boat meets all the safety requirements. If you have any questions give me a call.

See on the docks.

Jim Prince
Port Captain

Membership News

Michael and Adelaide Jones were accepted as Regular Members at our March meeting. The Jones' have a home in Bayside Acres and another in San Francisco. Michael



Michael & Adelaide Jones

is a graduate of the Maritime Academy and a Marine Engineer. He owns a 36 foot Hunter which he plans to move into our harbor. Adelaide also has a boating background and is currently fashioning a nautical garden of anchors, fenders, wheels and chain. Please give these folks a rousing welcome when you see them in the dining room or on the docks.



Brian & Amy Ongaro

Brian and Amy Ongaro are also San Rafael residents with a home in Loch Lomond. They live next door to Paul and Terry Descalso who were proud to sponsor them for membership. Both Brian and Amy were raised here in the County and enjoy many out door activities with their children, Claire, 9 and Andrew, 7. Brian is the fisherman of the family and has recently purchased a boat that will take him out on the Bay. Welcome to Marin Yacht Club!

Don and JoAnne Lesley

Marin Yacht Club Tennis Facility Update

Summer is almost here, and I would like to remind all of you of some upcoming events

We are currently signing up members for the following Spring/Summer Activities:

*TWILIGHT LEAGUE. (May to July) This is a doubles league (Men's, Women's and Mixed), which is played in the evenings, with home and away matches against teams from other county clubs. Folks, this is social tennis as it's finest, and Twilight has been around a LONG time because it is low-key, fun tennis. People enjoy meeting folks from other clubs and nobody takes the results too seriously, so it's a great introduction to match play for those of you who may find USTA League tennis too cutthroat. We will have a team at the 6, 5 level (combined ratings). Play will begin in Mid-May and end in Mid-July. Matches are played weekly but you do NOT need to be available for each match.

*CLEAN-UP DAY. Mark your calendar! May 12th is the day!!!! We need you to help make our club more beautiful! We will have numerous jobs for people of all skill levels and ambitions to participate in. The Tennis Facility is looking for donations of used (but not too old) stereo equipment, a universal gym setup, and any outdoor furniture that would compliment our club.

*POOL OPENING DAY. May 1st! Time to look in your drawers and get your bathing suit out! Management is wondering if Louise Jacobsen will be the first one in the pool!

*BBQ at the Pool. May 13th at 5pm will be our first BBQ of the season. Please call RSVP 456 2700.

*SUMMER CAMP. Now is the time to sign up for our Tennis and Golf Summer Camp. Call 456 2700 for info.

We have recently added a pool table to the upstairs portion of the TF and we are going to install a basketball hoop on the back fence of tennis court by the pool.

We are trying to make the Tennis Facility a more fun and casual place for all of the club members, cruise-in visitors and guests to enjoy anytime they can.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon, have a great Summer!

Jade Nguyen
Tennis Club Director
415 456 2700

Director - Karl Goldberg

Writing these profiles as I have for the past several years (this is #30!) has been a rewarding experience. It has, among other things allowed me to get to know details about some of our fellow members that otherwise I most likely would not have come to know.

Karl's boat occupied the berth just to the north of mine on C dock back in the "old days" when he and I both owned boats. (Not the case for either of us now.) It is odd but there never seemed to be a time when we could just sit down and chat, so our conversations often were limited to "how's it going?" or "haven't seen you for a while, been out of town?". In other words, we really didn't get to know much about each other.

This situation was due to Karl's business travel and in part to the fact that since Karl's wife, Pat, has been a Travel Agent for 30 years or so, and has spent a great part of the past several years traveling. I found out that Travel Agents like to "test" the trips they were sending people on and the best way to do this was to take the trip themselves.

I have always found that boat names are often great conversation starters, but (for whatever reason) Karl had failed to put a name on his boat. Had he done so, it would, in fact, have destroyed some of the mystique. I now know that the name of the vessel was "Opportunity" and it wasn't painted on the boat merely because there just wasn't enough time (?).

After quizzing him about the early days, I discovered that Karl was born, raised and schooled in Brooklyn, N.Y and attended Brooklyn College, earning a degree in Business.

He spent 34 years with Portal Publications serving as Senior Vice President. During his career, he helped build the largest graphics art company in the United States by developing and successfully marketing product to all retail and mass-market distribution channels in the graphic arts, stationery and gift industry; domestically and internationally

He served two years on the New York Stationery Show Advisory Board. In addition, he served on the California Gift Show Advisory Board for seven years, four years as Chairman. In 2000, he joined the AmericasMart Advisory Board, becoming chairman of the Board in 2002.

After retiring from Portal Publications in 2002, Karl started another company, Somerset Marketing Group, a company that provides business development, marketing and distribution support in the graphic arts, stationery and gift industry.

As with many people who were raised on the East Coast, Karl was exposed to boating at an early age. Although I have not had the experience, I understand the pull of the Atlantic coastline, Long Island Sound, the Hudson River, and let's not forget to mention Block Island, is hard to ignore for many easterners.

Karl and Patricia were married in 1966 and they moved to San Rafael in 1985. They have two children, one married, and two grandchildren. Their home is just a short distance from the Club and, when they're not traveling, they spend a considerable amount of time enjoying the Club facilities.

Karl has been boating since 1973 and managed to enjoy on-the-water experiences on a 16' Catamaran, a 36' Houseboat, a 34' Silverton Convertible and lastly, an (unnamed) 37' Silverton Convertible that was my neighbor on C dock for six or seven years. Karl has been a member of the MYC since 1993.

Karl is presently a Director of the Friends of Marin Center, a non-profit organization serving under privileged children, the handicapped and the elderly; providing them with the opportunity to experience the arts.

He has served on the House Committee, as chair of the House Committee and, in addition to serving as a Director, is presently a member of the Membership Committee.

We all owe our thanks to people like Karl who are willing to give of their time not only to the Club but also to a worthy public cause.

Dave Dorward

April Showers...May Roses!

Many thanks to Julie Myers and Janet Cella for backing up the one-armed Rose gardner. A surgery the end of March has taken me out of full commission and these ladies have been spraying and weeding to make the garden come out in full bloom....don't tell the Deer.

I would like to invite anyone that would like to plant a Rose to contact me so we can add your memory to the garden. Two very special ladies will be remembered in the garden this month with Roses planted in their honor, Ann Patterson and Jane Witzel.

If you haven't visited the Rose garden, this might be one of the best viewing times of the year. Come see us.

Lee Essayan
Rose Committee

In Memorium

Marin Yacht Club extends our sympathy to the family of Jane Witzel

Jane is survived by her husband Everett (Mo), three sons, Kenneth (Marilyn), Tom (Carla), and Jim (Leigh); five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; five nieces and nephews; her brother Albert; and sister, Suzanne. Her Labrador "Jenny" will miss her also. Cruising aboard the yacht "Sandpiper" was a summer-time pleasure with family and friends. She was truly loved and will be missed by all who knew her. Jane requested her remains be cremated. A private memorial service at sea will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations made in Jane's name to Hospice by the Bay or the Marin Humane Society.



*Marin Yacht Club extends our sympathy
to Lisa Klairmont, Howard Kleiderman
and family*

Jacob Samuel Freeman, a third-year Northeastern University senior who grew up in Tiburon, died April 2, 2007, of head injuries suffered when he fell down a flight of stairs in the kitchen at Our House East, a Boston pub and eatery popular with college students.

Services were held in Marin and on the Northeastern University campus. A scholarship fund in Mr. Freeman's name is being established at Northeastern.

On behalf of my wife, Lisa, and Jake's entire family, thank you very much for the many expressions of sympathy from the members of the Marin Yacht Club. The flowers and the condolence cards were very much appreciated. We would also like to give a special thanks to the many members who gave up part of their Easter Sunday to come to Jake's memorial service. We were very moved that over 200 people came that day, many, many more than we expected. What was especially moving for us was that many of the people had not ever met Jake, but went out of their way to pay their respects to the family. We were sorry that we could not greet everyone personally at that time.

*Lisa Klairmont
& Howard Kleiderman*

**Deadline for the June Bugle
is Tuesday, May 15.
e-mail articles to:
simmonspk@comcast.net**

BERTHRIGHTS FOR SALE

4/13/07

SIZE	INITIAL LISTING DATE	BERTH NUMBER	ASKING PRICE
36'	1/14/04	A 31	\$15,000
36'	3/31/04	A 1	\$7,000
36'	6/7/05	A 17	\$10,000
36'	7/8/05	C 89	\$11,000
36'	11/10/05	A 3	\$11,000
36'	9/13/06	A 46	\$8,000
36'	9/28/06	A 23	\$10,000
36'	3/13/07	A 7	\$6,500
46'	2/17/05	B 53	\$25,000
46'	4/13/05	A 2	\$10,500
46'	5/12/05	A 12	\$17,500
46'	9/1/06	A 38	\$12,000
46'	2/13/07	A 8	\$15,000
46'	3/15/07	B 57	\$12,650
56'	9/1/06	B 64	\$28,500
80'	10/23/06	C 88	\$60,000

**A BERTHRIGHT OWNER WISHING TO SELL A BERTHRIGHT
MUST COMPLETE A LISTING FORM.
FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB OFFICE.**

BERTHRIGHTS SOLD IN 2004 - 2007

4/13/07

SIZE	SALE/CLOSE DATE	BERTH NUMBER	SELLING PRICE
36'	8/1/04	A 11	\$13,000
36'	7/2/05	A 46	\$8,000
36'	10/13/06	A 13	\$9,000
36'	1/20/07	A 46	\$8,000
42'	8/1/05	C 99	\$5,750
42'	10/1/05	C 101	\$9,500
46'	8/11/04	A 34	\$10,200
46'	11/1/04	B 65	\$15,000
46'	12/22/04	A 38	\$12,000
46'	5/1/05	B 79	\$10,000
46'	3/1/06	B 84	\$4,000
46'	4/20/06	B 59	\$10,000
46'	5/16/06	A 32	\$9,500
46'	11/1/06	A 42	\$9,000
46'	3/10/07	A 24	\$6,000
56'	4/1/04	B 86F	\$18,000
56'	4/1/05	B 60	\$24,000
56'	5/1/05	B 62	\$23,000
56'	10/1/05	C 102	\$23,000
56'	10/1/05	C 100	\$23,000
56'	10/29/06	B 86A	\$16,500
56'	11/8/06	B 66	\$17,500
72'	9/1/04	B 80	\$25,000
76'	1/1/04	C 94	\$38,800
80'	4/15/05	C 90	\$40,000

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