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View From the Bridge

I would like to offer my heartiest thanks and recognition to Staff Commodore Chuck Essayan and Lee for organizing the annual Staff Commodore's Spaghetti Feed. The event nearly "sold-out" and a great time was had by all. I would also like to thank S/C Jim Market for being the evening's emcee and conducting the raffle. The Staff Commodores are to be commended for events like the spaghetti feed, knowing full well that they are for the good of the Club. Proceeds from these events usually help finance special improvements to the Club that aren't budgeted or anticipated in the Club's operating budget.

The success of the Classic Car and Boat Show will allow us to donate \$10,000 to the Sailing Education Adventures (SEA). This was one of the hallmark events of the year and I again, thank S/C Chuck Essayan and S/C Tom Patterson for organizing and overseeing the function. I also thank those members that donated their time, money and silent auction items which contributed so much to the financial success of the event.

Twenty-four members, spouses and guests have returned from the International Cruise. The participants gave the trip very high marks. Starting in Istanbul, we ended one week later in Athens, aboard the "Windspirit". Lee Essayan cannot be thanked enough for organizing the trip and being "Mama Lee" during the trip. The trip was without any problems, we all stayed well and returned home with many special memories.

On November 10, I will relinquish the helm to Bill Olsen. He will be assisted in 2007-08 by Jim Purvis as Vice-Commodore and Justine Fairey as Rear-Commodore. Members of this new bridge are extremely competent and bring with them a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm. Please join Kay and myself in the celebration, not only of the end of this very successful year, but the beginning of yet another. No host beverages will be served at 5:00 p.m., the annual membership meeting and

election of officers will begin at 5:30. There will be a break after the reports of officers and during the tallying of the election ballot. The "Change of Watch" dinner and dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. Please make your reservations early for this festive, black-tie function. The Jules Broussard Band will be performing until midnight for your enjoyment. Please vote and mail your ballot to the Club if you are unable to attend the dinner. The by-laws require a quorum of the membership for a valid election and every vote is important.

This is my final article as your Commodore. Kay and I have enjoyed every moment of the year and will miss the involvement at this level. I considered it to be a great honor to serve the Club as Commodore in 2001, and an even greater honor to serve again this year. The Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons have been unselfish in the donation of their time, energy and expertise this year. I will never be able to thank them enough. They were always available as I searched for solutions, and advice, in the management of the Club's sometimes complex business affairs. Kay and I also thank you, the membership, for your support and participation throughout the year. Not only were many new friends made who we will cherish for the rest of our lives, but we appreciate the support of the many friends that we have made over the years. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to "say yes" when requested to serve on a committee or on the Board in the future. The Club will fail to thrive without your new ideas and the ability to implement those ideas.

One of the most difficult duties of Commodore is to inform the membership of the passing of one of our own. I am sorry to report the passing of Gordon Dunn, a member since 1973. Our deepest sympathies to Joanne and to Gordon's family and friends.

Paul Simmons
Commodore

Membership News

Ron Nass and his wife Maureen are our newest members. They are long time San Rafael Residents who have several friends in the Club.



Ron & Maureen Nass

Ron operated a salmon charter boat business for several years and now captains boats for others. They are looking forward to joining in our many social events. Please look for them in the dining room and give them a big welcome

On another note, there is still room to display a photo of your boat on the wall of the upstairs bar. Please contact me if we can help with the picture taking.

Don and JoAnne Lesley

MYC Entertainment Committee

Your Entertainment Co-Chairs are back for another year. After getting our feet wet the first year, we are now ready to dive in to bring you some great events, but we need your help. Whether you are a new member or seasoned member, we would love to have you join our committee. We are the fun committee for sure! Whether you are a creative leader or a worker who likes direction, we can use you. We brainstorm ideas, shop for bargains, creatively re-use some decorations and always have a good time decorating and watching our ideas come to life.

Just around the corner we'll be working on the holiday events and decorations. We'll start with the Tree Decorating party, followed by the Children's Holiday Party and then, the not to be missed, annual New Year's Party. Our theme this year will be Casa Blanca and we'll transport you back to old Morocco. We have some fun ideas and welcome you to assist and/or loan any props you might have to help us fully develop this theme.

Please note: this year's Children's Holiday Party will change procedure on providing small gifts to the children. Instead we will ask each family to bring a gift for their child guest and Santa's helper will make sure it gets to the right child. We'll be providing more information as we get closer to the event. Please watch for our announcements.

We hope to do more events in 2008, but we need a larger committee to make this happen. We can't think of a better way to get to know your club or meet some new and old members. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping out on occasion, please e-mail dpurvis@mofa.com or call Donna at 415-453-5672. We'll do a kick-off meeting with wine and appetizers in early November.

As we close our first year, we'd like to thank committee members Donna and Van Sargent and Claire and Charlie McBride for helping us with our first year. We hope they will be back too. Also, a special thanks to Bob Edwards and Jim Purvis who didn't sign up for the committee, but always showed up to help us decorate, place the pizza order and provide wine from their boats. Our thanks would not be complete without a big thank you to Gabrielle who was always there to help out when needed and always amazed us with her talent to make things look great!

Donna Purvus

The Port Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boaters for their patience and flexibility during our dredging and dock replacement projects. In order to stay ahead of our deteriorating docks, it will be necessary to keep this project continuing on a yearly schedule. While on the subject of docks, I would like to point out the importance of properly securing your boat. Boats not properly tied, especially during our winter storm season, will cause unnecessary stress on the docks. Please take time to check your lines. It's especially important to use spring lines to minimize movement of the boat, which will reduce the stress on the dock. I have asked the Harbormaster to check the boats regularly to insure they are properly secured, and take whatever action is necessary to prevent damage to docks or the boat.

Revised copies of the harbor rules have been sent to all members. There have been quite a few changes and I encourage everyone to review them carefully. These rules protect our members and Club while

maintaining consistency in the operation of the marina. If you have any questions contact the Harbormaster or Port Captain.

The lighted boat parade will be December 15th. Information on specific details and time of departure will be forthcoming. We would like every boat in the harbor to be decorated for the holiday season. If anyone is unable to decorate or needs assistance putting up lights, members of the Harbor Committee stands ready to help. Members berthed outside the marina are welcome to bring their decorated boats into the harbor during the Holidays. Contact the Harbormaster for a slip assignment.

The majority of boaters berthed in the marina now have a copy of their insurance and registration on file in the office. We will be sending a letter to members who have not complied asking them to do so. If you have any questions, contact the Harbormaster.

All contractors now working in the harbor have a signed license of agreement on file and carry adequate liability insurance. This is a mandatory requirement for all maintenance and service people working on boats in the harbor. The Harbormaster is maintaining a list of approved contractors available upon request.

This will be my last Port Report under the current administration. I would like to thank my Harbor Committee, Bridge Officers, and the Board of Directors for their guidance and support during a year where significant changes and projects were accomplished. Thanks also to Jessica, our Harbormaster, who coordinated and supervised two dock replacement projects, a dredging project, and put into operation a new security program. Unfortunately we are faced with an aging facility, requiring a significant amount of work and expense needed to fix it. Ongoing support from the Officers, Board of directors, and membership is needed to get this accomplished. I look forward to these challenges in the coming year.

Safe boating.

Jim Prince
Port Captain

Rose Garden

A new addition has been added to enhance the Rose Garden, a Memorial Bench donated by Maria Mezzetta in loving memory of her parents, Dan and Cele Mezzetta. If you have a moment, drop by the

Garden, take some time to sit and enjoy the view down the Canal and out the Bay.

We hope to enlarge the Garden next Winter/Spring and improve the irrigation throughout the Roses. Many of you have called me about adding a Rose in memory of a loved one or friend. If you have a question about planting a Rose, donating a Rose, etc., please give me a call so we can make arrangements.

Lee Essayan
Rose Garden Committee

2007 Staff Commodore's Spaghetti Feed

Our Staff Commodore's throw a great party!...but not without the help of a great kitchen crew, bartenders, drink-ticket seller, door prize obtainer, Master of Ceremonies, greeters at the front door, and You, the members and guests who supported the evening.



Past Commodores All in a Row

Many thanks to Linda Castaldo, Carol Clark, Amy Cordner, Joan Kurtz, Joanne Lesley and Judy Prince, who came to the aid of Lee Essayan on Friday for the pre preparation of the meal. Linda and Amy are the new "Lucy and Ethel" of the meatball factory.

Staff Commodore Dave Dorward and Marialyce assembled the Door Prizes to be awarded to the lucky winners, while Staff Commodore Frank Hall made sure you had enough drink tickets throughout the evening.

Our bartenders, Jim Markel, Jr., Kristi Market Cowan, Lee Cordner and Staff Commodore Chuck Essayan, made sure that everyone had their beverage of choice.

Meanwhile, Julie Myers and Marialyce Dorward greeted members and guests at the front door and made sure they had their lucky door prize tickets for the drawing.

The March of the Staff Commodores was drawing near, so the final touch of placing the antipasto and wine on the tables was taken care of by Toni Castaldo and Sarah Rubin.

Speaking of the wine.. our thanks for Roger and Anita Louer for their generous donation of their wonderful Calistoga Cellars wine for us to enjoy with our dinners.

Master of Ceremonies, Staff Commodore Jim Markel announced dinner was about to be served by Staff Commodores Carl Clark, Dave Dorward, Chuck Essayan, Jim Finnegan, Frank Hall, Don Lesley, Jim Markel, Paul Simmons, Wib Tapscott and Floyd White appeared with the salads for the tables marching to the song "That's Amore".



While we enjoyed dessert, Jeremy Rubin drew the winning tickets for the door prizes.

A special thanks to our great MYC staff members, Gabrille and her crew. The evening came together with their help and experience.

Most of all, the Staff Commodores thank you all for supporting this fund raising event, which will help fund various projects at MYC, which will benefit us all.

SEE YOU AT THE STAFF COMMORDORE'S CRAB FEED IN FEBRUARY!

*Chuck Essayan
Staff Commodore*

**Deadline for the December Bugle
is Thursday, November 15.
e-mail articles to:
simmonspk@comcast.net**

2007 COMMODORE'S INTERNATIONAL CRUISE ISTANBUL TO ATHENS ABOARD THE "WIND SPIRIT"

Twenty-four of us made our way to Istanbul, Turkey, prior to our sailing on the "Wind Spirit", which would be stopping at Turkish and Greek destinations on our way to Athens. While in Istanbul we were treated to a cruise on the Bosphorus viewing the European and Asian shores of Istanbul, a special treat for "boat people". Also included were tours of the famous mosques throughout the city, the lush Spice Market, the Grand Bazaar, and a demonstration of rug making (and selling).

On Saturday we boarded the "Wind Spirit", got settled in, and then the sails went up and we were treated to the music from "1492", the theme which was played every time we set sail and left for a new Port. We met in the Lounge for the evening's cocktail party (think Friday night at the Club), and went into our first excellent dinner. Everyone slept well, but was ready for the adventure to begin the next day. Sunday was a day at sea cruising thru the Dardanelles, with everyone getting their sea legs. Commodore Paul Simmons, together with Captain Andrew Walsh, hoisted the MYC Burgee making this an official International Cruise. Sunday evening Captain Walsh hosted a cocktail party to welcome all the Alumni and new cruising passengers while introducing his crew.

Monday we awoke to find ourselves in Kusadasi, Turkey, where many of our group took the tour of the famous and spectacular ruins of Ephesus. When the tour was over we returned to Kusadasi where we had free time to explore the city and do some shopping.

Tuesday we reached the city of Rhodes, Greece, a pleasant old walled city with much history; which made it a good place to walk, see the historical museums, see the sights, and have lunch in town. The tour to the Acropolis at Lindos offered wonderful vistas....after a long climb. Chuck rode a Donkey back to the bus! The evening cocktail party was highlighted by a traditional Greek dance group joining us, which had some of our group join them for some Greek dancing.

Wednesday we were back in Turkish water and our port was Bodrum, Turkey. The harbor was filled with the picturesque local boats, called Gulleys. A bus tour was offered, which took us first above the city for panoramic views, then on to a local farmer's market featuring local produce and household items. From there we drove to a lovely fishing harbor where we had a "tea break" at a cafe at the water's edge. We were next taken to another fishing harbor, where we had our traditional Turkish lunch at a restaurant overlooking the sea. As if we had not seen enough of beautiful harbors, our tour took us to a resort on another harbor, where some of our group swam in the Aegean Sea and the resort's swimming pool. A full day! The fun not was over, as a local Turkish dance group came aboard and treated us to their skills. Again, some of our group was asked to participate.. The final act was an excellent Belly Dancer, who charmed everyone with her skill. Actually, the final act was the Full Moon that appeared over a hill of the city after dinner. We were on the aft deck when the Ship was getting ready to sail, waiting for the music from "1492", and up popped the Moon. Great special effects.

Thursday our Ship moored beneath the spectacular cliffs of Santorini, Greece. Some of us were taken by tender to the base of the cliffs, where we boarded a bus that would be our means of touring the Island, first we saw the city of Profitis Ilias before disembarking for a walking tour of Oia Village. While we wandered thru the beautiful white walled houses cascading down the hillsides, we were treated to the visual charms of Santorini at each turn. At the end of our exploring, we boarded the bus back to the point where we would decide our means of returning from the top of the cliffs to the base where our tender was waiting. We had the choice of donkey ride, finnicular or walking down the donkey path, which was a long way. Our evening meal was a Barbeque on the aft deck. There was nothing to want for: perfect weather, excellent food, good friends.

Friday we arrived at the charming village of Mykinos, Greece. We were anchored offshore so we took a tender to shore, where the famous Mykinos Pelicans were waiting to greet us. This is another wonderful walking village with vistas featuring wind mills, white walled houses accented with bright blue roofs, surrounding a beautiful harbor.

Friday night, our last night on board, we were treated to a private hosted cocktail party for the Marin Yacht Club group. Commodore Paul had received our Burgee back from the Captain, so it joined our group picture.

Saturday morning we arrived in Athens, Greece, our disembarking Port. We all went on a half day tour to the Acropolis and then transferred to our hotel. We were at the Grand Bretange Hotel, which is on Constitution Square. The next morning we were able to see the ceremony of the Changing of the Guards, highlighted by the local dogs that led and directed the parade.. you had to be there!!! By this time, it was "run free" time for everyone, so for personal tales of the city of Athens, and/or the Cruise, you can get the full story from this year's group: Commodore Paul and Kay Simmons, Staff Commodore Steve and Janie Adams, Janet Cella and Marian Cotter, Staff Commodore Carl and Carol Clark, Jerry and JoAnne Commins, Ray and Linda Doving, Staff Commodore Bill and Lisa Eastman, Dr. Don and Barbara Frier, Staff Commodore Chuck Essayan, Charlie and Claire McBride, Staff Commodore Ron and JoAnne Witzel, Paul and Linda Zwimpfer.

Don't miss the fun on the 2008 Commodore's "Wind Surf" Cruise. Monte Carlo to Rome...July 27th to August 3rd. See Flyer in the "Bugle"

Lee Essayan Cruise Committee

2008 Commodor'es International Cruise

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 4:30 PM AT THE UPSTAIRS BAR FOR INFORMATION REGARDING NEXT YEAR'S CRUISE ON THE "WIND SURF". WE WILL BE SAILING FROM MONTE CARLO TO ROME, LEAVING ON JULY 27TM UNTIL AUGUST 3TM, SPACE IS LIMITED WITH THE SPECIAL GROUP RATES. PLEASE SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.

*Lee Essayans
Cruise Committee*

Blue Water Cruise

On October 4 "AFew Good Men" namely Don Lesley with guest and new member Latham Woodward on board INTREPID, Dan Wambach with first mate

Chris on NORTH STAR and Charlie McBride with first mate Claire on SUNQUEST left Marin Yacht Club in route to Santa Cruz Yacht Club. We were joined for an enjoyable evening in Santa Cruz by JoAnne Lesley who opted to go by land. After cocktails on SUNQUEST, we dined at the very popular Sestri Restaurant, owned and managed by past member John Mootz who provided limousine service from and to our boats. Friday morning saw us cast off at 09.30 to proceed to Stillwater Cove. Don and Latham spotted whales. Intrepid's transmission was picked up by an old acquaintance of Don's who was quite excited to hear him and his whale information. We were greeted by wind and heavy swells in the Cove. We gathered for cocktails on Intrepid at 1800 where we were joined by Charlie Kurtmen (Stillwater Cove port captain) and his companion Anna Yoffie. Despite the turbulence, Don managed to pour some good drinks and Joanne provided a gourmet meal from her galley for all nine of us (don't know how you did it JoAnne).

Saturday morning was glorious, the sea was calm and the sky was blue. We met for a lovely luncheon at the Beach and Tennis Club after which we bid farewell to Latham who was returning to home port by bus and train. Saturday evening found us all wining and dining on NORTH STAR and enjoying tasty food provided by Dan and Chris. Sunday was a leisurely day walking and sightseeing, concluded by cocktails and food on SUNQUEST. We decided to up anchor on Monday morning and head north as a southwesterly was forecast. Despite rolling seas and dense fog all three boats were securely anchored by 1500 in Pillar Point. We enjoyed cocktails and food on NORTH STAR (thank you Dan and Chris we really did not want to go ashore) before retiring to our boats for an early evening. October 9th we returned to MYC. A good time was had by all with fair weather and following wind.

Claire and Charlie McBride

Captain Fast Race, 2007 First Try

The annual MYC Captain Fast Race was held on Sunday October 22, 2007. This year the race was initially delayed by differences of opinion on the location of the committee boat, the large yellow object on the Committee boat and the way the participants crossed the start line.

The differences were finally settled by the senior race judge on declaring at the last minute. It was decreed that ;

The participants were to pass between the committee boat and the San Rafael Outfall marker;

The official clock was the Senior Judges wristwatch and not any other watch official timekeeping device.

If a participant crossed the line earlier, the time of departure will be noted and used as a penalty to avoid re-starts.

The weather forecast of the day was predicting northwesterly winds of 10-15 knots gusting to 25 knots. However, the reality on the ground (water?) was sunny, warm and a sad NO WIND status.

The race started at 13.00 and some of the participants including Athesa, Xanadu, Harpoen and Gipsy Girl. In spite of the earlier decision a re-start was called and Harpoon, Miss Demeanor and Sobrante attempted to get back and re-start however the relentless 2-1/2 knots ebb tide would not cooperate fully. The race was in effect being decided on the speed that the boats could drift downstream. Xanadu and Gipsy Lady drifted to the San Rafael Bridge quickest but Athesa succeeded in beating them to it by gliding under the bridge sideways. Xanadu and Gipsy Lady followed suite heading north and going backwards under the bridge. Dona Mia and Harpoen anchored, to avoid the drift and wait for better times that never came. Finally the fate of the race was decided by several of the boats discontinuing the race.

The participants got together in the Clubhouse for the traditional post race party. This event was a great success thanks to the masterful preparations of the Race Committee Chair, Marty Griffin. Commodore Paul Simmons attended the ceremonies and was there to offer his thanks to the Race Committee: Staff Commodore Frank Hall, Secretary Ted Phillips and Committee chair Marty Griffin. He also offered his thanks to the winners and losers. All participants shared the same title. This race will go down in the Club's history as a fine presentation of Equal Opportunity Race with a perfect handicap system.

Participant boats were:

Athesa, Dona Mia, Gipsy Lady, Miss Demeanor, Sobrante and Xanadu .

NEW DATE FOR THE RACE IS NOVEMBER 4

BERTHRIGHTS FOR SALE			
10/13/07			
SIZE	INITIAL LISTING DA	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,	9/13/07	A-29	\$11,000
36'	9/20/07	A-31	\$7,500
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
46'	4/23/07	A-26	\$12,000
56'	6/7/07	B 62	\$26,000
56'	7/24/07	B-86-F	\$20,000
72'	9/17/07	B-72	\$38,000
80'	10/23/06	C 88	\$60,000
<i>A BERTHRIGHT OWNER WISHING TO SELL A BERTHRIGHT MUST COMPLETE A LISTING FORM. FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB OFFICE.</i>			
BERTHRIGHTS SOLD IN 2004 - 2007			
10/13/07			
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
36'	9/1/07	A -7	6,500
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'	7/1/07	B 64	\$25,000
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

2007 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS	
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