



Sierra Point Yacht Club



**Weekly
Summer
Sailing
Races**

**Club
Social
Events**

**Cruise outs
& Cruise ins**

**Monthly
Dinners**

**Club Managed
by Volunteers**



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February 2018 Edition

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1. Editor's Update

Well! We are into February already; the year is moving fast and we will soon be into spring and summer sailing activities plus the change to summer weekly club breakfasts, and of course our monthly dinners and Friday night pot lucks will be continuing at a fast pace. Our dedicated Fleet Captain - Kathy Stern will soon be focusing on this year's cruise out and cruise in activities. Kathy and Captain Jack have been busy moving house to be closer to the marina and have just relocated to a very nice Condo in Brisbane with a magnificent view over the bay, so they have been very busy indeed with the move.

This has been a terrible flu season, and as predicted, yours truly went down with a nasty virus - even after having the yearly flu jab - and was in bed for 8 days and only now getting back to normal. So, be careful out there because this year's virus can cause other chest infections and be turned into a killer.

We have a Sea Ray advertised for sale in this edition, and a story about sailing in the Spanish Virgin Islands. So onward to this edition - please try to get stories or other tidbits to me by the end of each month to keep the newsletter viable.
Editor.

2. Commodore's Commentary for February

Of the many yacht club issues that nobody ever thinks about, our lease with the City of Brisbane is close to the top of the list. We have ground lease for an area slightly larger than our building; we built and paid for the building. In January the Board approved an amendment to the lease that extends its term to 2048. This assures that the club will be here for a long time.

Last year, 2017, was a strong year for membership growth which tells us the Club is doing something right. We had, and so far this year continue, to have new incoming members and fewer resignations than in the past. We benefit from having a clean, well operated marina for our membership base. Our club runs on volunteerism and enthusiasm so if you have ideas for more activities or events let me or one of the other Board members know.

The bar remodel project is underway, if somewhat invisibly: the committee running the project has begun to order materials! Much of the work will be done off-site with pre-assembly beginning late this month. Demo of the existing bar will take place in March, followed by electrical and plumbing upgrades, and the actual bar will be in place and running by the April monthly dinner on April 21st.

If you would like to help with this project contact me or Sarah FitzGerald (asarahfitz@gmail.com). We have most of the fabrication and assembly covered but will need help with demo and finishing. Skilled tradespeople welcomed!

There will be no monthly dinner in March and once the existing bar is demolished we will have a temporary bar with beer and wine available but no hard liquor.

We have had an upsurge recently in members using the club address for mail or package delivery. The Club's policy is that we are not your address and we take no responsibility for forwarding members' mail or providing security for packages. There are plenty of places, including the Brisbane post office that can provide these services.

Last fall the Board approved a policy stating that during a calendared, club-sponsored event members may not have separate events within the club or use kitchen and cooking facilities. We request your cooperation with this policy to assure that club-sponsored events are successful.

Finally, in the boring day to day category, we are enjoying improved kitchen housekeeping. If you are going to use the kitchen please put away clean dishes that are there when you start and clean your pans and dishes before you leave. This makes it work better for everybody. Thanks for your help with this.

Quincy Bragg
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3. Club General Update

No updates other than the Commodores update have been reported to me for the December edition from neither members nor the board.

4. Events Calendar

Monthly Dinner

Don Polishuk is creating a special 4 course dinner to celebrate Valentine's day.

Appetizers, a salad course and then pork loin followed by chocolate mousse. The music is performed by Soul Delights, a band who have been very popular every time they have played. A sextet, with three women, including Keta Bill, singing in harmony. They are amazing.

I would like everybody to enjoy these dinners. If you have a special dietary request, that I don't already know about, please tell me and I will see if we can accommodate your special needs. If we show a carnivorous menu, and you are vegetarian, I will supply a special entree, so long as you give me a week's warning and pay on line. In these circumstances, there will be no cancellation permitted.

Sarah FitzGerald
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BREAKFAST AT SPYC

Sunday breakfast at the club is now on the winter schedule, which is the first Sunday of each month until May 2018 when it will revert to a summer weekly Sunday schedule.
from 9 to 11 a.m.

Breakfast is from 9am to 11am and is the best deal in town: Eggs, sausage, bacon, vegetables, fruit and waffles with choice of coffee or tea.
All are welcome - members \$7, and guests \$10. And the bar will be open for those 'breakfast cocktails'



Jim and Terry are still looking for volunteers for the Sunday breakfast program: folks to take responsibility for one of the Sunday breakfasts for the foreseeable future. Jim and Terry will take responsibility for ensuring you have the basic grocery supplies you need, as well as coordinating bar staff via Patrick, and set-up/clean-up support via Diane. Please contact Jim at: jklawrie@att.net or Terry at: mountainterry@yahoo.com

5. Cruise-Outs/Ins Update

No new updates for this month, but I will be working with our energetic Fleet Captain on some exciting new cruise out activities for next year....how about a few days on the Delta? It is warm and we can swim and have a water volley ball contest...just seeding some ideas.

2018 program to be developed and to be posted in Spyglass as soon as available.

For information on our cruising calendar please go to our web site cruising section on www.sierrapointyc.org/cruising where you can find detailed info and sign up procedures. You can also contact our Fleet Captain Kathy Stern on: fleet_captain@sierrapointyc.org

Happy Cruising!
Kathy Stern, Fleet Captain

6. Racing Update

Tis the winter break
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7. Bulletin Board

No input for this month

8. Tech Tips. Items for Sale

For sale: Sea Ray 360. 37,000USD

The Sea Ray 360 Aft Cabin was a very popular boat during her productions years. Very much at home at economical 7-8 knot trawler speeds but able to get up on plane if required. A solid fibreglass hull with a shallow full length keel and prop pockets. Twin single berths in the aft cabin that is equipped with its own head. A very functional galley that is equipped with a stove, oven and microwave. Teak paneling throughout for a very attractive interior. Room for a couple of deck chairs and a table on the full width aft deck. Stairs to the Fly Bridge for easy access. The wide decks make it easy to get around the outside of the boat. This is a great live aboard boat.

New bottom paint in February 2016. New isinglass on the flybridge.

Dimensions

LOA: 36 ft 3 in

Beam: 12 ft 6 in

Minimum Draft: 2 ft 11 in

Deadrise: 9 ° at Transom

Dry Weight: 15100 lbs

Engines

Total Power: 520 HP

2 Mercruiser 260



Tanks

Fresh Water Tanks: (120 Gallons)

Fuel Tanks: (270 Gallons)

Holding Tanks: (20Gallons)

Accommodations

Number of single berths: 2

Number of double berths: 1

Number of cabins: 2

Number of heads: 2



Electronics

Radar
Compass
Radio
VHF
GPS
TV set

Inside Equipment
Refrigerator
Battery charger
Hot water
Microwave oven
Vacu flush heads
Electric bilge pump

Electrical Equipment
Generator
Shore power inlet
Electrical Circuit: 110V

Contact: dalexander120@gmail.com

That's all for this month Folks.
The Editor



9. A Sailing Trip in the Spanish Virgin Islands

I've just returned to the bitter cold of my home in AK from the beautiful islands off the east coast of Puerto Rico, known as the Spanish Virgin Islands. My wife and I chartered a Jeanneau 409 Odyssey out of Fajardo, PR with 3 friends and sampled the coves, harbors, and beaches of Culebra, Vieques, and Culebrita islands. Yes, they had a major hurricane season, and Yes, there is visible carnage from the storms. But! don't be like our TV news stations and focus on the damage, look to the people and the major steps they've already made in recovery. Everyone we met was cheerful, helpful, and beamed with resilience. This ain't their first big storm. The marinas are fully functional with fuel, water, restaurants and bars. There are fully stocked grocery stores nearby. Even the hard hit islands have electricity in the small towns now, and the grocery stores will keep you stocked.

We sailed for 10 days with only one day of large (8') swells and winds over 20. All the rest were incredibly consistent days with 14kt trades out of the east and 2-4' seas at most. Mooring balls are very available as there are very few cruisers right now. Sandy bottom areas between reefs make occasional anchoring easy and secure. Some reefs show signs of storm damage and others looked untouched. Many of the beaches have already been cleaned, while a few have occasional piles of detritus from trees and sea. Sea life is plentiful with fish, turtles, rays, and LARGE sharks (ok, i only saw one, but it was a 10' Lemon shark and I'm never leaving the boat again...).

The only downside I would like to share is a caution to future renters... The storms definitely leave some, mostly cosmetic, dock rash on the boats. And, in our case, a few minor maintenance items that had been overlooked in the rush to get things operating down there. So take a long, slow video of the outside and inside of your boat before you leave the dock. Talk to the video about what anomalies you see as you go. Then use a checklist MORE thorough than the company's version to itemize and document any non-present or non-working parts. When they see you being thorough, they gain confidence in you as someone that cares about the vessel.

There have been lots of cancellations down there since the hurricanes and there are some awesome deals to be had! Get to it before the crowds return- if there ever was a crowd.

Cheers,
Bill Moody
34' Irwin - IMAGINE

