



# Sierra Point Yacht Club



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# 1. Editor's Update

As you may have noticed, the February edition of Spyglass is later than usual in publication this month. This is mainly due to late submissions and lack of input, including articles to make Spyglass an interesting read. I urgently, once again appeal to our members to submit any updates and articles to the editor by the end of the month if possible. It is increasingly frustrating for me to keep pleading for input each month. So, pleeeese input to my email address:  
[nigelbaker10@yahoo.com](mailto:nigelbaker10@yahoo.com)

I have recently returned from Singapore after spending a month on the island visiting with friends and enjoying the hospitality of the Changi Sailing Club at the eastern edge of the Island. One day I was invited to participate in the Sunday handicap race and to be in the race control 'hut' which is a rickety wooden hut with a thatched roof perched at the end of the club jetty. To add to the ambiance, a fat pigeon had decided to build a nest in the rafters above and pigeon shit would periodically rain down on us poor race officers trying to control the race. The race this day was to be a three class handicap race around Palu Ubin Island just to the east of Singapore which is actually part of Singapore. An exciting day of racing was held and I had fun helping with that race officers and dodging the pigeon shit.

After the race, the prize giving was held in the clubhouse. I was called up to the stage as an honored guest from another Yacht Club. What I did not know at the time was that the 'honoured guest' had to drink a shot of heavy duty Tequila and give a speech.

Needless to say I was wobbly on my feet when I eventually left the club - in true SPYC fashion.



The rickety race control hut at the end of the jetty



Spyglass editor.

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## 2. Commodore's Commentary for January

While the much needed rain may be curtailing our boating adventures, I know we're all grateful for it (except for that member on dock 3 with the flapping jib – you know who you are :).

Since we are avoiding the elements on some of these days, this may be a good time to un-avoid familiarizing ourselves with the Sierra Point Yacht Club website. I recently sent out an email regarding the PICYA 2019 Yearbook which lists our members and their vessel names. If this is new news to you, something in your membership profile is probably in need of updating. Although it is too late to make the 2019 yearbook by the time you're reading this, it's never too late to update and augment your profile including “additional member data”.

What better way to register for our monthly dinner on Saturday the 16th; a Cuban event that is sure to delight? Have you always wanted to volunteer to your club but just never knew how to go about it? Want to register for our fast approaching beer can races from the comfort of your digital device? BTW... when DO the races start? All of these answers and more lie just a few keystrokes from revelation.

Simply log into [SierraPointYC.org](http://SierraPointYC.org) and there you have it. If you've forgotten your password contact our Vice Commodore at: [Vice\\_Commodore@SierraPointYC.org](mailto:Vice_Commodore@SierraPointYC.org) and Dylan will send you a new, temporary password that you can update to whatever you wish....1-2-3-4, your birthday... you get the idea.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and at the club.

Michael Bell  
SPYC Commodore

### 3. Club general Updates

No general club updates to report this month

### 4. Events Calendar

#### Monthly Dinner

Jann and Melissa are creating a Cuban flavor to match the atmosphere created by the Miguel Govea Trio.

We are pleased to welcome Oakland Yacht Club for a cruise in. It's going to be a great dinner with great friends, new and old.

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#### A TASTE OF OLD HAVANA

**February 16th**

Appetizers : 6 pm : Dinner : 7 pm



#### BREAKFAST AT SPYC - Important Notice

I'm sorry to report that there will be no Sunday breakfasts at the club for the time being. We need someone willing to coordinate (wrangle) the volunteer cooks. Jim Lawrie did a terrific job for a couple of years (Thanks, Jim.), but is now ready to pass it on to someone else. Anyone interested, Jim will be happy to give you the benefit of his wisdom. Remember, we are an all-volunteer club. If you loved those sunny Sunday mornings eating delicious breakfasts on the deck and socializing with your fellows, this may be your perfect chance to contribute.

Melissa Vivas.

Editor's Note:

I think our breakfast sessions are a great venue for club members and guests to get together on a Sunday morning to enjoy a hearty breakfast and to catch up on all the latest gossip. So please help re-start this event by volunteering as a full time coordinator or as a roster cook.

## **5. Cruise-Outs/Ins Update**

SPYC had a busy 2019 kickoff weekend January 19th and 20th. Our monthly dinner was a delicious, fun-filled, French "Bistro" offering of Chicken, potatoes and carrots with irresistible desserts,, all prepared by Dylan Garrett and Emily Balestiere.

When the music died, our volunteers got the main room in order, replaced the table cloths and got 40 winks before showing up to host the COYOTE POINT YACHT CLUB's awards brunch. Chile rains did not deter the 40 guests, some of whom arrived by boat with very wet Patagonia and West Marine jackets which we hung in the club entry way to dry. While our guests enjoyed Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, or hot tea, a delicious brunch was prepared by our hard-working galley crew. Michelle Salmon managed the Eggs Benedict offering with the able assistance of Jim Lawrie (also the clean-up, planning and oversite guy). Kathy McCormac, Tall Terry Berger, and Not-So-Tall Terry O'Connell managed the galley and served up delicious baked egg & veggie casseroles, bacon, sausage, potatoes, fruit, and 3 varieties of Woodside Bakery breakfast breads.

When the galley heated up from all the cooking, the fire alarm went off in protest, just to add another dimension to the event. Otherwise the event went off without a hitch and we hope to have the friendly group from the South Bay back again next year. Thanks to Melissa Vivas, and Kevin and Renee Olson for managing the bar and keeping track of the finances. Your specialty offerings were delicious!

Special events like this one are fun to work on and a great way to reach out to neighboring yacht clubs while showcasing our newly renovated club. If we want to keep our costs down and continue to operate as an all-volunteer club we need all of our members to volunteer for events such as this, clean up and club maintenance jobs, and other jobs that draw on your skills.

### **CRUISE INS**

Oakland Yacht Club will be cruising in February 15th - 17th, with 15 to 20 people joining us for the monthly dinner on Saturday. Please welcome our visitors at

the Friday pot luck and if you see them on Saturday afternoon. Our chefs will be preparing dinner in the galley, but we can offer to serve them drinks on the deck. We'd like to offer a light Sunday breakfast as well. Contact me if you'd like to plan and prepare Sunday continental breakfast.

Fleet\_captain@sierrapointyc.org or 773-459-3745.

We've confirmed a cruise in for Nov 16th – 18th by the Singlehanded Sailing Society forum. We look forward to welcoming them in the fall.

## CRUISE OUTS

Here's a quick list of cruise outs that Jack and I have confirmed so far for 2019:

- ***Ballena Bay – March 23rd***
- ***Oakland - April 27th***
- ***St. Francis - July 5th***
- ***Richmond - August 10th***
- ***Berkeley - October 26th***

We'll add them to the club calendar as soon as possible. Sign onto the website: [www.sierrapointyc.org](http://www.sierrapointyc.org) to register.

More to come!

The 2019 sailing season is almost upon us! Stay tuned.....

For more information on our cruising calendar please go to our web site cruising section on [www.sierrapointyc.org/cruising](http://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](mailto:fleet_captain@sierrapointyc.org)

Your Fleet Captain Crew  
Kathy Stern & Jack Ritter

## 6. Beer Can Racing Update Closed for the Winter

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## **7. Tech Tips. Items for Sale**

No tech tips or items for sale submitted this month

## **8. Member Articles**

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That's all for this month.

Spyglass Editor







