



Sierra Point Yacht Club



Spyglass Newsletter

**Weekly
Summer
Sailing
Races**

**Club
Social
Events**

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& Cruise ins**

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Dinners**

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by Volunteers**



August 2019 Edition

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1. Editor's Update

It is mid summer and we are in the middle of some hot weather. I have just returned from a road trip to Southern California to visit Craig and Anissa and it was pretty hot driving through the Central Valley - 100 degrees outside temp for over 200 miles. And this year I am suffering from severe allergies, a condition I have not suffered from in previous years - must be age. I have been so busy traveling that poor old Haven is lacking some serious TLC, so at the beginning of this coming week she will receive a good wash down and continuing teak prep for new teak treatment. Our wood expert Jay is building me a new cabin table which will almost complete the rejuvenated cabin. The last project to start will be the replacement of the coachroof's severely grazed windows. The aluminum frames are held together with screws from the inside. Now poor old Haven is over 40 years old and so I had assumed that the screws had long ago corroded into the frames. And so in a fit of madness I tried to unscrew one and to my amazement it unscrewed without snapping off...I was flabbergasted; the screw had been treated with an anti corrosion compound at the factory and it was still working after 40 years...good old Bristol yachts. I tried another screw and yeah - it also unscrewed. I tried all screws on all 6 windows and they all turned without snapping off - brilliant. Next phase will be to remove the old panes for templates and have new ones made and fitted before the winter rains set in.

Make sure to read the sections and our volunteer recognition section. I did not receive a monthly dinner update at time of publication as there there will be no monthly dinner in August due to event conflicts. Katie is selling her Cal 30, see details in the items for sale section.

There are also no article submissions for this month - ***so come on members - get those articles to me.***

Onward and upward
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2. Commodore's Commentary for August

We've had beautiful weather lately and plenty of boats heading out to enjoy it. This summer has been flying by. Be sure to get out and join us for cruise-outs, beer can racing and Sunday breakfasts while they are in full swing. You may have noticed that I didn't mention our monthly dinner; this is because we will not be having one this month. Star City Music Festival will fall on the same day and that tends to lessen our dinner guest count. If you haven't been, I highly recommend going.

Our kite fest was light on kites, but big on fun. Face painting seemed to be the big draw this year. Many thanks to our volunteer face painters, Andrea Domel and Tracie Hough, who worked tirelessly to make an endless line of children VERY HAPPY. Thank you to Charlene Larson behind the bar and Terry O'Connell working the grill. Hope to see you on the water and in the club.

Michael Bell
SPYC Commodore



*Kite festival face painting
volunteers Andrea and Tracie*

3. Club general Updates

Opportunities to Volunteer

Recently, Sarah Fitzgerald stepped down as the Monthly Dinner Coordinator. If you would like to help coordinate dinners and become the new monthly dinner coordinator please contact Sara Fitzgerald at asarahfitz@gmail.com.

Additionally, at the July Board meeting Terry O'Connell informed the Board that she will be stepping down as the Treasurer of the Sierra Pointe Yacht Club. Please contact Terry - toconnell@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in taking on this very important role.

We would like to thank both of these women for all their hard work!

Honoring our July Volunteers

Thank you to the following members who stepped up and helped SPYC members enjoy the various social events in July. They were all run well and amiably. None of these events could happen without you, our volunteer members – THANK YOU!

Beer Can Chefs (Renee Olson)

Anissa Brackett, Claudine Malouf, Terry O'Connell, Kathy Stern,

Other Beer Can Racing Volunteers (Quincy Bragg)

Start line: Terry Berger, Dylan Garrett, Dennis Lien, and Lee Panza.

Finish Line: Allen Edwards, Sarah FitzGerald and Michele Salmon.

Monthly Dinner Chefs : We really need somebody to take charge of organizing the dinners

Terry Berger, Andrea Domel, Dennis Lien, Terry O'Connell, Jason Reyes, and Michele Salmon.

Dessert: Kathy McCormac

Bar Stockers: Tony Bezzina, and Dennis Busse.

Flowers & Setup: Quincy Bragg, and Sarah FitzGerald.

Kite Festival : Michael Bell

Katie Harrison, Andrea Domel, Tracie Hough, and Terry O'Connell,

Breakfast Chefs (Alison Crossley and Tim Kelso)

Quincy Bragg, Sarah FitzGerald, Vera Jacobson, Jeff Michaud and Jason Reyes

Bartenders (Melissa Vivas)

Craig Brackett, Dave Byers, Ricardo Holbrook, Vera Jacobson, Charlene Larson, Jerry McDaniels, & Melissa Vivas

Let's see some new names on the list for August. If every member volunteered once we would be well on our way to being staffed for the year. This is what you do to participate. Fill in your interests on the website directory and check your profile while you are at it. Any problems with the website contact the webmaster (Martin Tali).

On the website click "volunteering and interests", and you'll see lots of chances to be a bartender. For other participation, contact the organizer named above and let them know how you would like to join in. Alison and Tim need chefs right now, and we are short of bartenders.

Charlene Larson : Volunteer Co-ordinator

4. Events Calendar

Monthly Dinner

Due to event conflicts, there will be no monthly dinner in August.

BREAKFAST AT SPYC

Alison and Tim invite you to the SPYC Sunday breakfasts, a perfect venue to enjoy a Sunday breakfast and catch up (gossip) with friends.

Mark your calendar! Come hungry! See your buddies!

Sunday Breakfast at the Sierra Point Yacht Club - now on the weekly summer schedule. We welcome members and guests to enjoy a hearty breakfast and a chat - and what a view from our deck to add to the ambiance. The bar will be open and staffed by volunteers...what better to enjoy your favorite weekend tippie with or after a good breakfast.



If you'd like to cook this spring/summer, please contact Alison (Alisondahlcrossley@gmail.com) with dates you can cook. Dates we need people are May 5 and then weekly throughout the summer.

We're looking for groups, individuals, whoever can pitch in and make breakfast happen. If you enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the past maybe you might like to get in the kitchen. It's fun!

Thanks!

Alison Crossley and Tim Kelso

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5. Cruise-Outs/Ins Update

ST. FRANCIS YC 4TH OF JULY CRUISE OUT & MORE

13 Vessels, crowded onto the docks of the St. Francis Yacht Club nestled between the beautiful Marina Green and Golden Gate Bridge for a fun-filled 3-

day weekend. Many thanks to the Bracketts, Lydons and Russells for hosting - cooking, serving, cleaning up, and dealing card games – for those of us with lesser accommodations. Thursday evening we grazed and sipped with a potluck at the docks and fireworks barely seen through the cloud layer.

Friday morning our delightful brunch began with a communal fruit bowl collected and prepped by Tall Terry and the beautiful Kristen, bacon by Capn Jack, potatoes and eggs by the Bracketts, and sides by the rest of the cruisers. That evening the majority enjoyed the famous Friday night seafood buffet in the main dining room of the Yacht Club. It's amazing and delicious!

Saturday many of us "Ubered" to the Filmore Jazz Festival for a leisurely afternoon in the city, later some of us enjoyed another dinner at StFYC in the Grill dining room. Sunday morning we set off as we were ready to head back home, with gratitude to our hosts at St. Francis for graciously opening their beautiful club and facilities to our members for a wonderful getaway in that most beautiful part of San Francisco Bay.

We're looking forward to cruising to Aolian YC in Alameda August 16th to 18th.

This is a new date to accommodate the monthly dinner schedule at SPYC.

Check Aolian's website – www.aolianyc.org - for the festivities they have planned for that weekend. We'll be communicating later about gathering before the bridges in Alameda to form "convoys" as we navigate the waterway through town.

Richmond remains on the calendar for August 9th – 11th but since it's only a week before the new date for Aolian we'll watch to see how many boaters want to sign up for either or both of these cruise outs. We'll decide in the next week or so whether to cancel Richmond if we don't have enough takers. So make your decision now regarding those two. It's the only date they have room for us this season.

Schoonmaker/Sausalito is on for Oct 10th – 13th, and Berkeley YC for Oct 25th – 27th. September is a busy travel month for your fleet captain and co-captain Jack, but we'll try to set something up for anyone who wants to take on the responsibility of the final steps in our absence. We'll reach out to our regular cruisers to see if something can be arranged.

Enjoy the rest of the summer sailing season and remember that we need all of our members to be active participants in our yachting activities and proud representatives of Sierra Point Yacht Club as we interact with other yacht clubs and their members around the Bay.

For future cruise outs we're confirmed for Berkeley October 25th - 27th and Schoonmaker's in Sausalito Oct 10th -13th. Golden Gate/SF Marina Small Craft Harbor in September and South Beach in November are pending.

Many thanks to Anissa and Nancy, and all of our cruisers who make it fun to own a boat in the San Francisco Bay. We hope more of you will join the fun!

Fair winds: Kathy and Jack

2019 Cruise Out Schedule:

Richmond Yacht Club
Aug 9th - 11th

Aug 16th – 18th
Aeolian YC

Aug 9th -11th
Richmond YC

Oct 10th – 13th
Schoonmaker Marina (Sausalito)

Oct 25th - 27th
Berkeley YC

Planning : Golden Gate - September, South Beach - November

Log in to sign up for individual cruise outs at: <http://www.sierrapointyc.org>

Kathy Stern, Fleet Captain
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6. Beer Can Racing Report

The Last Month of Racing Season

On July 23rd we ended our second race series of the season. Check on our site at Racing/Latest News for results. We have 4 more races in August before the season ends. I hope you can make it down to the club to give racing a try, or just to have dinner with us after the races.

This is one of the most pleasant times of the year to sail – it's sunny and there's plenty of breeze. July 30th's race was a good example – a strong start with winds consistent over our race area. Except for the holes. There are always a few wind holes. But they're part of the learning process we encourage: spot the holes and go around. That's one way the winners win. Talking with other racers at dinner afterwards is part of the process, too.

Mark your calendars now – the Racing Awards Dinner will be the Club monthly dinner for September. This year Saturday September 21st. Hope to see you all there.

Everyone is welcome to compete – see details on our website. Go to www.sierrapointyc.org and highlight Racing, or, write to racing@sierrapointyc.org

Quincy Bragg
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7. Tech Tips. Items for Sale

Katie is selling her Cal 30 and looking to buy a stink pot - sorry, a powerboat - shocking.

A few details:

1974 Cal 30

Atomic 4 gas engine - works, but needs some attention.

Includes five sails.

Working head, water & electricity.....

Bottom was just completed at KKMI Sausalito a couple weeks ago.

Rigging needs some love. Otherwise she's in good condition.

Price \$10,000 or trade for power boat 28' and up - open to offers. 3107398787

8. ARTICLES - NON SUBMITTED FOR THIS MONTH

Come on members, lets get creative and write some interesting articles for Spyglass. The subject can be boating or life 'experiences'. Your articles will make Spyglass more interesting and readable for our members and guests.

That's all for this month folks.

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