



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**



September 2019 Edition

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1. Editor's Update

Firstly, I must apologize for the late publication; several reasons, I have been swamped with sailing club duties over here, and waiting for last minute input from some of our members, all is well.

September is already with us.....I cannot believe just how fast this year is passing - frightening. Anyhow before I talk about my activities this last month, I want to highlight some key aspects of this months newsletter. I think we are all passionate about the state of our environment, especially our obscene use of plastics over the years that have now polluted our oceans. Our dear Katie has asked me to consider including her views and needed actions to curtail and solve worldwide plastic pollution and I am so happy to help her by including her aspects in an article in this edition of how we as a club can do better to help solve this major pollution issue. I will be working closely with Katie in future editions of Spyglass to further highlight our growing plastic problem; please read Katies article in this edition.

Another point that was raised to me by one of our members was the lack of use of our items for sale and tech tips sections, a point well taken - hardly anyone has contributed ton these sections and I sometimes wonder wether I should remove them, so come on members, at least try to send me some tech tips in the world of boat maintenance, and/or any boating related items for sale.

As for Spyglass man, I have been extremely busy over here on the Isle of Wight both sailing and doing safety boat duty at the Brading Haven Sailing Club (BHYC). I volunteer a lot for safety boast helming duty on our summer sailing race schedule - as I love helming a fast RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat). This August we also held the Swan world sailing championships but as I had a dodgy right elbow, offered my Swan Frolic to two of our best cadets to sail in the race; I was helming our safety RIB that day and observed the racing. Our cadets, Kristian and Sam sailed Frolic incredibly well and won all 5 of the Swan races that day and walked away with the Swan trophies. I was extremely prod or our Cadets, and especially my Swan Frolic, I could never have sailed Frolic as fast as our Cadets, and so now I have to sneak out in Frolic under the cover of the night to enjoy a sail without embarrassment

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Our Cadets in action on Frolic in the lead on the course



The awards ceremony - the Swan trophy and the first wooden Swan home trophy - well done to our BHYC Cadets

I need more articles from our members top make our Spyglass a true members input newsletter - ***so come on members - get those articles to me.***

Onward and upward
 Spyglass editor.
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2. Commodore's Commentary for September

Notice of Election

Hello All,
 The SPYC Annual Meeting is on October 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Yacht Club. We will hold elections on that evening for the 2020 Board of Directors. Members are encouraged to join us for the meeting and October Dinner. However, for those who are unable to attend, they will be able to vote electronically on our website. The electronic voting will open on October 4, 2019

and close on October 19th at Noon. The 2020 Board will be announced after all the votes are counted.

We hope to see you at the meeting,

Michael Bell
SPYC Commodore

3. Club general Updates

Honoring our August Volunteers:

Thank you to the following members who stepped up and helped SPYC members enjoy the various social events in August. None of these events could happen without you, our volunteer members – THANK YOU!

Beer Can Chefs (Renee Olson)

Michele Salmon, Dennis Lien, Carolyn Parker, Claudine Malouf, Paul Zell, and Quan Bader.

Quan Bader and Tony Bezzina have also been making sure we have clean towels.

Other Beer Can Racing Volunteers (Quincy Bragg)

Dylan Garrett, Melissa Vivas, Jerry Kuhel, Lee Panza, Terry Berger, Dennis Lien, Michele Salmon, Sarah FitzGerald, Terry O'Connell, Martin Tali, Andrea Domel.

Breakfast Chefs: (Alison Crossley and Tim Kelso)

Dariusz and Daria

Dylan Garret, Jason Reyes, Vince, Alison Crossley and Tim Kelso

** (Dylan's girlfriend not sure about her name) **

Bartenders: (Melissa Vivas)

Dylan Garret, Martin Tali, Vera Jacobsen, Charlene Larson, Scott Harms, and Melissa Vivas

Building Maintenance (Ed Wilkinson)

Will Taylor, Cleaned the balcony.

Let's see some new names on the list for September. 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. We are always in need of bartenders.

Charlene Larson : Volunteer Co-ordinator

A club update regarding Scott Wall's Art-

It is a pleasure to hang my nautical fine art photographs in Sierra Point Yacht Club for the very first time.

For many years, I have traveled to many locations around the world photographing all kinds of ships, small boats, harbor scenes, seascapes or anything interesting that caught my attention.

These kind of images have been displayed in galleries located in New York, Marin County, San Francisco and I have also have been published nationally as a finalist in an Outdoor Magazine photo contest sponsored by National Geographic and Photo District News.

There are many influences I am fond of including the timeless marine paintings of J.W.M. Turner, Winslow Homer, Montague Dawson, Édouard Manet, the Dutch artist's of the 17th century and many more that are too numerous to mention.

For this "sampler exhibition" , I have been given permission to hang just a few images from my large collection of photographs some of which, have never been shown before.

"Bleu" is a study in hues of blue monochrome depicting a painter attached to a house barge I came across in the charming French port of Dinan.

"Tethered" was part of a Museum of Fine Arts show I participated in during the America's Cup in 2014.

"Race Day" was photographed during the Jessica Cup wooden boat race illustrating the traditional Bird class boats with Brigadoon firmly in charge as they are about to cross each other's bow.

"Hello Alcatraz" is a moment captured as the Hornblower excursion boat steamed towards the "Rock" on a typical Saturday outing.

These framed pieces are for sale and if you wish to see additional work or obtain a quote of these existing images for your home or office, please email me at: scottwallphoto@gmail.com

I will be happy to consult with you and offer a fair price to our club members and their guests.

Cheers Matey!

Scott Wall

Will Taylor Art:

As most active club members know, Will is a reasonably accomplished artist, specializing in paintings of active, dramatic sailboat movement in crashing waves. To this point, Will's lack of marketing opportunity has limited his financial reward.

Good News. Will has had his work juried and has been admitted as a member of the San Francisco Artist's Guild, <https://artistsguild.com>.

This, 60+-year organization, is a select group of artists recognized by S.F., allowing them to show their art in "park" settings such as Union Square, park adjacent to DeYoung Museum, Huntington Park on Knob Hill, Washington Square and Marina Green. These showings are held weekly on either Sat. or Sun. While this entails much on-going work by Will, it will offer him the opportunity to have his talent more broadly recognized and financially rewarded. Will is soliciting commission work for anyone wanting a painting of their boat, sail or power.

Congratulations to Will.

4. Events Calendar

Monthly Dinner

The September 21st monthly dinner will celebrate the end of our Beer Can racing season and rewards will be given at the dinner. Our celebrated really good cook - Terry, will be preparing one of my favorites - Roast Beef with all the trimmings - So sad I won't be returning until September 25th and won't be able to sample this delicious fare. So, don't miss this special dinner evening, sign up as early as possible.



Mark This!
Sierra Point Yacht Club
Race Dinner & Celebration
Saturday September 21st
Appetizers at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm

Voice of the Race Committee, chef Terry O'Connell, will be cooking a luscious Roast Beef with all the sides, a delicious Vegetarian dish & sumptuous dessert.

Beer Can Racing is its own reward - wind, salt spray, luffing sails as the sun sets...however, there are Race Awards, so come get yours, Racers & Yachties! Bring your friends, too!

Please RSVP online at SierraPointYC.org
ASAP!
Adults \$20 Children \$12

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 is now on the first Sunday of each month winter 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. 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

AEOLIAN YC: Friday, August 16th our cruise out kicked off with Commodore Michael, setting out ahead of the rest of us toward Alameda Island. Shallow waters in the San Leandro Channel made the timing of our arrival at the Bay Farm Island Bridge critical. High tide was 2:43 and we needed to hit it then. With Jay & Shirley Russell on Grey Pelican guiding us in, Lee Panza, Sea Fever, and Tiger Beetle navigated with no incidents. Cleo II, however, chose the Estuary route and, as fate would have it, got stuck in the mud, but only briefly thanks to the skilled maneuvering of 1st mate Bruce and captain Robert. The small marina owned and operated by Aeolian Yacht Club offered great accommodations for our 6 vessels and for the 2 others that arrived Saturday. Although two of us, Sea Fever and Cleo II, were tied up at the guest dock, the others, with shallower drafts, were in slips on another dock. To save time and steps, some folks took the water shortcut & swam over to visit us when they saw that happy hour was evolving on Sea Fever. The group wiled away the afternoon until the dinner hour when the hospitable folks at Aeolian served a lovely dinner for us. Early to bed for us old folks. No info (or comment) on what happened with the rest of the group after that. Saturday was low key as we each chose how to stay comfortable in the extreme heat until the bar opened and the band started playing. All decked out in our

Hawaiian shirts and flip-flops, we joined the Tropical Party while the Jones Gang entertained. We enjoyed a Caribbean-themed catered dinner, Hawaiian dances performed by young and old Aeolian members and friends, and a yacht club burgee exchange. After that we burned some calories and made new friends on the outside deck/dance floor until the music stopped. They sent us off with a nicely thought out "bagged breakfast" for each of us, and that about says it all about their volunteers and the welcoming atmosphere of this club.

Our thanks to all of the friendly folks at Aeolian Yacht Club for all they did to make our cruise so delightful. We highly recommend the Jones Gang band for our future events. They're a talented group of local guys and the keyboard player is one of our own – a Brisbane resident!

Coming up....

Sequoia YC in Redwood City October 4th to 6th. Check the website to sign up.
Berkely YC, October 25th – 27th.

Sausalito/Schoonmakers CORRECTION.....Dates on the cruise out calendar are incorrect! We can have most of the guest dock from Tuesday, October 8th through Thursday, Oct 10th. Up to 3 vessels can be accommodated for Friday through Sunday Oct 11th through 13th nights. This is Fleet Week and the Air Show this year is 3 days – Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. Please sign up ASAP if you're interested in any or all of these dates.

EASY & FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY COMING UP:

CRUISE IN: Northern California Westsail Rendezvous. GALLEY & BAR HELP NEEDED to coordinate this catered event!

DATES:FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH TO SUNDAY, OCT 6TH. 40 Guests expected.

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 remaining Schedule:

Sequoia YC in Redwood City
October 4th to 6th.

Schoonmaker Marina (Sausalito)
Oct 8th – 10th (most Berts available 11th -13th (three Berths available)

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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A report from Dennis Lien on his 'adventure' to Aeolian on Cleo 11 with Bruce and our French 'ladies man' Robiere

Fun weekend for all
Seven boats set sail
A cruising to Aeolian
Michael & Scott
"Queen Bee"
Jack & Kathy
"Sea Fever"
Robre & Bruce
Andrea & Dennis
"Cleo II"
Dylan & Trisha
"Tiger Beetle"
Jay & Sherly
"Gray Pelican"
Brian & Lisa
"Pakele"
Lee
"L'Aventuriero"
Our Captn Robre
Chose the scenic route
Long colorful channel
Marinas & boat yards
Houseboats
Houses with boats
Some homeless

Livin on the waters
Edge
Container ships
Tanker ships
Coming & going
Going & coming
Motoring boats
Sailing boats
Police boats &
Tow boats
Fire boats train water
No fire on the water...today
Drawbridges gracefully
Raise their arms
Welcoming us
A pleasant
Sail
On this Alameda channel
Just stay in the groove
No worries
If you drift out
Whoops
Stuck in the muck!
(Due to the skills of Bruce
In a short time we're
Back in the channel again)
Just around the bend
Our destination
Aeolian Yacht Club
The party begins
All getting
Leid
Our gracious hosts
Know how to party
Catered variety
Dance band &
Hula girls
Dancing
Yachties

Dancing
Some romancing
The party went on
And on
And on
Some retired
Some grew tired
Partying
On boats
Later on
We lined up seven
Returning to
SPYC
A fun weekend for All

Thank you all,
Dennis Lien

Below is a selection of pics taken by Dennis the camera man at the Aeolian cruise out. A full range of Dennis's photos can be viewed on our club website



6. Beer Can Racing Report

Racing Season Ends With A Strong Breeze

August 27th was our last race and it was a good one: we had double the winds that were forecast and the fleet had a brisk run to #6 with the flood behind it. Wind at the finish held up at about ten knots until after the last boat finished. Everyone was back in under ninety minutes so there was plenty of time for dinner, and it was a cheerful scene.

I want to thank all my volunteers who worked through the season to make the Beer Can Racing program the success it is. I certainly can't do it alone! Especially I want to thank Renee for organizing the dinners, Melissa for wrangling bartenders, and Dylan for backing me up as second in command.

With the final race we finished the third series of races and the winners were:
First Race.

Outrageous – First
Lackerli – Second
No Name – Third

Second Race.

Papoose – First
Nessie – Second
Giselle – Third

The Racing Awards will be presented at the monthly dinner on Saturday September 21st. Terry O'Connell will be cooking roast beef plus a vegetarian alternative. I hope to see all the racers and crews and hearing their stories of the season. Mark your calendars now!

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
racing@sierrapointyc.org

7. Tech Tips. Items for Sale

Frank Solinsky is selling a West Marine folding bike. For more details please contact Frank on:
dubug7@gmail.com



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. 310739878

8. Plastic - An awareness, by our own Katie

Hi SPYC!

I'm writing an appeal to all of you, all of us, to use less plastic! Being that we are all "yachties" in one way or another, we have a direct connection and relationship with the ocean. The

ocean is in need of our help to do everything we can to try to reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in the ocean (as well as landfills). You may or may not know this, but plastic never fully decomposes; it in fact breaks down eventually into tiny particles the size of plankton, so the fish eat it thinking it is plankton. Then other fish & birds eat those fish. We eat those fish. The amount of this plastic "plankton" in our oceans has reached a critical amount, & we all can play a part in trying to reduce that number, or at least prevent it from growing at the rate that it is now.

The least each of us can do is try to use less single use plastic items to start. With all of our wonderful potlucks, I know this is a tough challenge, but it's not impossible. I wanted to suggest if we all perhaps started bringing our reusable containers and bags from home for instance. Then perhaps we could use less Ziploc bags, & less plastic wrap even.

Anything that comes in a glass jar, instead of throwing out the jar, how about we throw it in the dish washer, & designate an area in the kitchen where we all can share reusable jars, containers, bags, etc?

Katie:

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That's all for this month folks.

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