



Sierra Point Yacht Club



Spyglass Newsletter

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October 2019 Edition

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1. Editor's Update

I am back from my travels to the Isle of Wight, just in time too as the weather has really deteriorated with heavy rains and high wind. Luckily we managed to get Frolic hauled and winterized - she is now snug in my friends boat workshop for the winter. Poor old Haven needed immediate attention on my return, being covered with two months worth of dirt and grime from the construction site - it took hours to get her cleaned up. I think most of us with boats in the harbor, and cars in the parking lot will be glad when they have finished creating so much dust.

Very important for the month of October: It is time for for the election of officers and directors for the coming year, and there two ways of voting - online, using our website starting on October 4th, and a paper vote submission at this month's election dinner on the 19th October.

While walking the dog on our local beach on the Isle of Wight one morning in a pretty high wind I happened to look out across the Solent and spotted a racing yacht moving at a high speed down the Solent channel. She had to have been approaching 45 knots maybe more out there in 25 Knot winds. Turns out it



was the British entry for the next America's Cup race to be held in New Zealand during March 2021 out practicing in rough weather - and boy was she moving. The next Americas cup is going to be very exciting indeed with these new high tech foiling monohulls that will approach the speeds sustained by the last design - the 72 foot foiling Cats; they are far more nimble than the previous generation Cats and so tactics sailing will be exciting indeed.

Copied from INEOS Team UK website (the Royal Yacht Squadron is located in Cowes on the Isle of Wight):

“The history of the America's Cup started at the Royal Yacht Squadron in 1851 when fifteen of its boats raced and lost to a US yacht called “America” from

where the cup eventually got its name. 167 years later and Britain has still not won the trophy. The Royal Yacht Squadron Racing has issued the challenge to their rivals and the current Cup holder, the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.”

I have an idea, any club members want to arrange a group trip to New Zealand to watch the racing? The regatta will be in March 2021 in Auckland NZ.

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

It's once again time to vote for our next round of officers and directors. The SPYC annual meeting / dinner 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. You will see a voting link on our website after you have logged in. The 2020 Board will be announced after all the votes are counted.

Here is the list of nominees for our 2020 Board:

Officers:

Commodore	Michael Bell
Vice Commodore	Dylan Garrett
Treasurer	Lee Panza
Secretary	Jim Lawrie
Rear Commodore	Melissa Vivas
Port Captain	Ed Wilkinson
Fleet Captain	Craig Brackett

Directors :

Nigel Baker
Alison Crossley
Terry O'Connell
Phil Betney
Kathy McCormac
Martin Tali

I hope to see you there.

Michael Bell
SPYC Commodore

3. Club general Updates

Honoring our September Volunteers

Thank you to the following members who stepped up and helped SPYC in September. THANK YOU!

Kitchen Remodel:

Ed Wilkinson
Charlene Larson
Melissa Vivas
Jim Lawrie
Dylan Garrett

Kitchen cleaning and dishes:

Will Taylor

Beer Can Awards Dinner:

Terry O'Connell
Patrick Lydon
Kathy McCormac
Renée Olson

Quincy Bragg
Charlene Larson

Bartenders:

Melissa Vivas

We are still in need of a **monthly dinner coordinator**. Please reach out to Michael or Dylan to let them know you are interested. If you are interested in volunteering in other areas please 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.

Let’s see some new names on the list for October. 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).

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Charlene Larson : Volunteer Co-ordinator

4. Events Calendar

Monthly Dinner

The October 19th monthly dinner will be a very important event as the dinner is combined with our annual officers and directors election for the upcoming year. And so it is important for our members to support this months dinner and attend

if possible to vote by paper ballot if you have not voted online - starting on the 4th October.

The dinner venue and menu will follow by email

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 held 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

Remaining cruise-outs planned or in planning stage for 2019

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
Fleet_captain@sierrapointyc.org

6. Beer Can Racing Report

Racing Wrap-up for 2019

September 21st at the Club monthly dinner trophies were awarded to our Beer Can racers for 2019. This was the final event of the season and a good time was had by all. Highlights included a slideshow of race season pictures on the big TV – Dennis Lien organized pictures, as he has for a few years now, from several members (including himself) into an excellent display of our racers and their boats in action. It's always fun to see pictures of your boat sailing; that's one of the things difficult for us to do on our own. I'm sure if you want a copy Dennis can put one on a flashdrive you provide.

Dinner was great also. Terry O'Connell and her crew cooked a fabulous roast beef and sides. Melissa Vivas tended bar. Thanks to all who helped make the last event of the racing season a great success.

Which brings me to volunteers: Beer Can Racing uses a lot of them, most of whom help out at least a couple of times. Here's this year's list:

Committee Boat

Andrea Domel
Charlene Larson
Dennis Lien
Dylan Garrett
Jerry Kuhel
Lee Panza
Melissa Vivas
Sarah FitzGerald
Terry Berger
Vera Jacobsen
Vince Benson

Finish Line

Allen Edwards
Kathy McCormac
Martin Tali
Michele Salmon
Sarah FitzGerald
Terry Berger
Terry O'Connell

Dinner

****Renee Olson****
Andrea Domel
Anissa Bracket
Carolyn Parker
Charlene Larson
Claudine Malouf
Kathy Stern
Michele Salmon
Paul Zell
Quan Bader
Sarah FitzGerald
Terry O'Connell

Bar

****Melissa Vivas****
Charlene Larson
Craig Bracket
Kathy McCormac
Lisa Lacasse
Martin Tali
Michael Bell
Scott Harms
Colin Thom

If I missed anyone I apologize. I particularly want to thank Renee who organized dinners for the season and Melissa who provided a steady stream of bartenders. With at least 18 events during the season there are plenty of chances to participate even if you don't race so keep us in mind next spring as the new season starts. We have fun!

This year was my last as Race Director. Dylan Garrett and Lee Panza will be managing the races in 2020 and will do a fine job. I'll be around and with any luck I might actually get to race! My sincere and deeply felt thanks to all the people who have helped me stage the Beer Can Races and to all the boat captains and their crews who have participated in the racing. Together you have all made the races such a successful event for the Club year after year.

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

That's all for this month folks.
Spyglass Man
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