



Sierra Point Yacht Club



Spyglass Newsletter

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Summer
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Social
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by Volunteers**



November 2019 Edition

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1. Editor's Update

My apologies for the late posting this month. Yours truly had a senior moment and while out walking in his stupid crocs (they are not really walking shoes), I tripped and stumbled and crashed to the ground - not noticing the bloody curb in front of me. 5 stitches and a bandaged hand later and I am mostly back in action today - bloody fool. Always look before you leap.

As for my trusty yacht Haven, I am finally renewing the cabin Acrylic windows. New windows have been cut by Tap Plastics and so far I have removed three of the six cabin window aluminum frames. Luckily the screws holding the frames still turned - no corrosion lockup and so the frames came out easily. The sealing around the frames was in a terrible state - no wonder the windows leaked.

Our yearly officers and directors election is complete and the list is posted in our Commodores update. Also, Craig Brackett, our new Fleet Captain has included an introduction in the cruise out section so please welcome Craig and his lovely wife Anissa. I am sure we will be looking forward to some great cruise outs during 2020.

We are still in need of a monthly dinner coordinator volunteer, as well as volunteer cooks. So members, please consider volunteering for this function. For the interim, Terry O'Connell and Michelle Salmon are doing outstanding work in temporally managing the monthly dinners.

I would like to note that some members are still not cleaning up after using the galley, leaving dirty dishes and a mess in the kitchen. This is not fair on others having to clean up the mess.

And once again I am pleading to our members - I need articles from our members to make our Spyglass a true members input newsletter, any story will do - land or sea - ***so come on members - get those articles to me.***

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

November is upon us and the Holiday season is fast approaching. While many of us are away visiting family and friends, boats may sometimes get overlooked.

I want to remind everyone to keep up on crucial maintenance including batteries topped off and bilge pumps working properly,
The member meeting dinner was a great success and had a terrific band. Thank you all that voted and allow me to introduce our board for the next year:

Officers and Directors for the 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
Kathy McCormac
Jack Ritter
Phil Betney
Terry O'Connell
Martin Tali

I also would like to thank our outgoing members that have volunteered their time to keep our club running smoothly: Kathy Stern, Matthew Denson, Charlene Larson and Renee Olson... Thank you so much!
Happy Holidays and fair winds,

Michael Bell
SPYC Commodore

3. Club general Updates

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 the foreseeable future. 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

Ahoy, SPYC Members!

It's time for some Fall fun! Now that the weather is getting chilly, are you ready for a "HOT" time on a Saturday night?

YES! It time for the SPYC Chili Cookoff! Bring your best homemade "CHILI" to share. Please bring your chili "ready to serve" as the kitchen will not be available after 3PM. We will try to have electricity available for crock pots,

etc. The Club will provide yummy Salad, Cornbread and Dessert.

For "Chili" contestants, there will be prizes for Best in Show in a variety of categories!

Not a chili cook? No problem - just contribute \$10 at the door.

Please register online or let us know that you are coming so we have an idea of how many for sides and set-up, but please do not pay online...For non-cooks, we will collect \$10. at the door per person. Friends welcome!

If you have questions, please contact Terry O'Connell at 415-722-8000 or by email at toconnell11@sbcglobal.net.

Looking forward to a fun-filled evening...

Best, SPYC Yacht Club. - Michelle Salmon and Terry O'Connell

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 volunteer to cook future breakfasts, 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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Editors note: Many thanks to Tim and Alison for the superb breakfast this last weekend (first Sunday of November). Also please note that Tim and Alison had to clean up the mess made in the kitchen the night before - Please members, clean up the kitchen after you have used it.

5. Cruise-Outs/Ins Update

Note from the editor:

First, I would like to thank our Fleet Maiden - Kathy Stern, aided by her faithful (I think) Captain Jack Ritter for the outstanding work in managing our cruise in, cruise out program over the last several years. Kathy is extremely busy with her charity work, and Jack with his painting and so time to hand over the reigns to our new Fleet Captain Craig Brackett, assisted by his lovely wife - and my Sister Anissa. I will therefore hand over this section to Craig:

“Hello Friends and Fellow Yacht men and women, my name is Craig Brackett and I have just been given the privilege to be your Fleet Captain and organize our upcoming cruise outs. I am looking forward to planning fun trips for us and I am super happy (and grateful) that my beautiful bride Anissa will be by my side helping me plan great trips for us.

Before we go any further though, I want to put a huge shout out to Kathy Stern (and Jack Ritter) for their several years as our fleet captain. THANK YOU!! You both have helped to provide great experiences for all us cruisers and I hope to continue with that trend.

Cruise out planning has already begun for 2020. Stay tuned for fresh updates in the SPYC calendar and also messages in future spy glasses.

Also, mark your calendar for January. In early to mid January, we are planning on having a special Q&A for the 2020 cruising year. The goal of this event will be to discuss current and future potential cruise outs and also provide an opportunity for new cruisers to come and meet other cruisers and also get questions answered. If you have never cruised before and have questions, you need to come to this event.”

See you soon friends and cruisers,
Craig

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

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6. Beer Can Racing Report

The beer can racing program is currently in winter hibernation and this section will be updated with next years racing info and program as soon as available.
Editor

7. Tech Tips. Items for Sale

No new tech tips or items for sale this month

That's all for this month folks.
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