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BERKELEY YACHT CLUB

JANUARY 2019

Calendar of Events

Midwinters
January 12/13

Member Dinner
January 19

Superbowl Party
February 3

Member Dinner
February 13

Board of
Directors
Meeting
March 12

St Patrick's Day
March 16

Wheeler Regatta
April 5-7

Member Dinner
April 20

From the Helm

The new Board's first meeting was a chatty affair with lots of things on the agenda and even more things to be addressed as the year moves on. Everybody had something to say. We also had a very nice group of prospective new members that I hope to be seeing more of in the coming months.

So I think I may have mentioned something about 2019 being the "Year of The Volunteer". The main reason, of course, for this is that I am lazy. The more help the easier the job and thus, more couch time. We, at the Berkeley Yacht Club like to keep a busy schedule so there is a plenty to be done around here. Idle hands. Devil's playthings. Why just next month we have the Berkeley Midwinter Races on January 12 & 13. Why not join me, your Friendly Commodore, on the water to help run the committee? Other notable upcoming events include the North U Sailing Seminar on February 23 hosted right here at the BYC, more Midwinter races in February, the St Patricks Day dinner in March and Wheeler Regatta on April 5 -7. The Wheeler is our signature event so it will be all hands on deck. This is a great weekend of fun and food don't not do that.

Of course with June comes Kid's Kamp: a weeklong event in which the BYC hosts kids from the community teaching



Mark Bird
Commodore

sailing, life, kite flying and whatever rugrattery our Vice Commodore decides to put on the syllabus. This is a volunteer heavy event so sign up early and often.

Once again the Berkeley Yacht Club will be hosting the Express 37 Nationals this year on October 5-6. This has been a terrific event in past years; well run by Ms. Bobbi Tosse which is why the Express 37 Association keeps coming back to us. This year we had two boats make their way up from Southern California to race in this event and eat paella. The racing is awesome and the paella is even better.

Let's not forget about our cruising calendar. We have 11 cruises planned this year including the January 1st Commodore's Mystery Cruise. Our various cruise coordinators will be taking us to places like Corinthian Yacht Club, South Beach Marina for Baseball, Up the Delta for a little back water bayou

shindig and of course Half Moon Bay among others. Take a look at the BYC Website for the all the info for all the cruise outs.

As if all of that is not enough for you do not forget about the Sunday Chowder and Friday Night races as well as the Winter Friday Nights and the monthly dinner meetings each with a riveting presentation and a dessert.

For those of you that have been living n a cave, we have a new manager: Mr. Phillip Straus took the helm in November and has been managing the heck out of the club since. This is a result of the efforts of our 2018 Commodore, Mr Chuck Bullet and the 2018 Board. Many thanks to them for their efforts in putting together what is a terrific staff. Also, some of you may have been expecting Colin Thompson to be the 2019 Commodore and are saying to yourself; "Who the %\$@! is Mark Bird and where's Colin?" Colin made his mark on the BYC by being absurdly capable and knowledgeable in all things he endeavored to do. Unfortunately, other people noticed this as well and he was offered a job far far away from the BYC and he took it. It's actually only a couple of hours away so we expect to see him around now and then. So, you have me. You also have Ms. Julie La Plant as your new Vice Commodore who stepped into the

position but is no greenhorn. Julie has many years of experience serving on the BYC board and a number of other boards in our community.

So, back to volunteering. We have some positions of responsibility that need to be filled. They include:

- Membership Committee (2)
- Wheeler Regatta Event Coordinator
- Web Site Manager

If you are willing to put a little time into the club and take on one of these positions please contact me at markwbird@yahoo.com and I will get you going in the right direction. This is how we role.

I am looking forward to a great 2019. We have a great staff and lots of great events on the calendar. Whatever you like to do we should have something for you. If not, let me know, we will shoehorn it in.

Cheers,

Mark Bird, Commodore

A Message from the Vice Commodore

Happy Holidays Everyone! It's been a busy 2018 and we ended on a very positive note. We have a great new BOD, a new Club Manager Philip Strause, a new Office Manager Rachelle Melendres who are a wonderful addition to our club.

We had two great events in December, the Commodore's Ball and the Children's Christmas Party which was my first responsibility as the new Vice Commodore. I want to thank All that attended and helped with the Children's Party. Also a special thanks to Mark B., David, Christine, and Fran for making ornaments and keeping the kids busy. Thanks to Chris, Steve and Bob in the kitchen keeping us all fed. Thank Mari for our delicious Adult chili. Thanks Betty and Bob for helping in so many ways and of course Santa and his elves. Thanks Stephanie for delivering Santa safe and sound even in the rain. Thank you Pat Lowther for arriving every year with your Ukulele group and entertaining us with your Christmas Music. Thanks Lisa for keeping us all hydrated and happy. I think everybody had a great time.

So the year has ended and we are on to new adventures. December 2018 has 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays. This won't happen again for 823 Years. The Chinese believe this is lucky. So I wish you all a very Happy New Year and Much Luck.

Julie La Plant
Vice Commodore



Hi, From Your New Fleet Captain

Tiburcio de la Carcova is a weird and unpronounceable name for most, so my marine name is Tibu.

Originally from Argentina, the land of the beef, married to Brazilian (Sacha), father of two (Helena 11, Tibu jr 8), I live in Woodside, and I chose Berkeley and the BYC as my sailing family. Proud owner of "Sarah", a Contessa 26, actually the last one ever made.

I just completed a 2,885 nm on an Atlantic race from the Canaries to St Lucia in a Beneteau First 40.7. An amazing 17-day passage with the right amount of fun and terror to make it a proper adventure. Generous trades with almost constant 20 to 25 Knots of wind in the right direction.

From all the challenges, like a broken boom and vang, snap halyards at night, giant weed on the rudder, tropical squalls, the biggest hurdle was to survive one of the crew's shoe stench with the power to melt fiberglass.

Looking forward to being your fleet captain.

Tibu



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Our New Treasurer

Thank you for confirming my nomination to the Board of Directors. I was a member of Berkeley YC

in early the 2000's, and then rejoined the club about 10 years ago. I started racing at BYC Friday nights back in 1995 with members Jim and Diana Freeland on their Dehaler 34 also racing ocean and Midwinters with Bill Chapman



on Latin Lass. I currently am the jib/spinnaker trimmer on the Express 27 Motorcycle Irene and the J/125 Velvet Hammer here in the bay and offshore. I also race in the Wylie Wabbit fleet and pretty much on any other boat who asks. I have won 5 National Championships (3 in the Express 27 fleet) including this year in the very competitive Express 37 fleet trimming for the "out of town boat" Limitless, hosted by BYC. I manage a local sailing club and charter company in Richmond where I live on my 1978 Irwin Citation 39' with my cat Scout. My hope is to join in for some of the cruise outs in 2019 if they don't conflict with my racing schedule! I look forward to serving on the board, being more involved with the club and meeting new club members this year.

Angie

Aloha BYC members

I have enjoyed being your fleet captain for the past year. What a fun experience and a fun position it is being out there on a weekly basis watching all you sailors race. As my fleet captain tenure ends, the new horizons of being rear commodore begins. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with race committee this past year as the weekly race is a staple for our club activities. I feel I am leaving the fleet captain responsibilities in excellent hands. I look forward to seeing you on the water as a racer and around the club at the monthly dinners.



David Janinis
Rear Commodore



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you

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*To Everyone who made the Children's
Christmas Party a Great Success!!*



Berkeley Marina Parking Plan: It's not as bad as it could be, but we still have work to do.

Where was Berkeley Yacht Club at the last Parks & Waterfront Commission Meeting? Cal Sailing Club was there in force for the second consecutive month, with about 25 speakers, and they got what they needed: No restrictions on South Cove parking after 9:00 AM. This will keep the ferry commuters out but leave CSC operations unimpeded.

BYC is not so fortunate. There was only one person who stood up on our behalf (thank you David Janinis). Actually the proposed parking policy is not so bad for the O-Dock lot itself: Berthholder parking permits will be required from 2-6 AM only, to prevent overnight parking by non-berthers. The lot is left unregulated for the rest of the day.

The problem is ferry parking. Under the Marina's newly published preferred alternative, the only places for ferry commuters to park all day for free will be on the gravel on the east side of Marina Blvd. (opposite the hotel) or in the O-Dock lot by Berkeley Yacht Club. All areas that are closer to K-Dock, where the ferry boards, are time-regulated or charge \$10 for the day.

Note that the proposal's "Option A" imposes a 5 hour time limit on parking in the lot across from Skates. (No, the "Skates lot" is not included in their lease and the restaurant has no special right to regulate parking there.) So ferry commuters will come to O-Dock. Also of interest, Prop SF's new 70-passenger catamaran was recently seen entering and leaving the Berkeley Marina. This means even more ferry commuter cars if they upgrade from the 48-passenger cats now serving their routes.

The Skates lot is the natural place to put ferry commuters. It's big, closer to K-Dock, the path is well-lit and does not cross any streets, and the last ferry is back by 6:00

PM, before the restaurant dinner business begins to pick up.

Plus, the Skates lot is vital for overflow from both the M-Dock and O-Dock lots. Whether it's a boat owner's guests, or a dragon boat practice, or a BYC rental event, Skates is needed when the O-Dock lot is full.

We need to lobby the City for two things:

1) Keep the lot across from Skates available for all-day ferry commuter parking. It will be more convenient for ferry passengers, and it will more space at O-dock for berthers and for BYC weekday rental events. Ferry parking at Skates will not compete with restaurant customers. It will also give berther's guests and crew, especially for boats berthed on L- or M-dock, an easy option for all-day parking without a trip to the Marina office for a day pass.

2) Keep the driveway between M-Dock and Skates open, and open the south entrance to the O-Dock lot. These three parking areas have enough capacity to handle all the variable loads, and this is facilitated by making flow among all three lots as easy as possible. Those access routes were closed in the interest of parking lot security, but there's no evidence of any positive effect.

Please try to attend the next Parks & Waterfront Commission meeting on Wednesday January 9, 7 pm at the Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St. in South Berkeley. Fill out a speaker card and say something short, polite and to the point.

Ancient proverb: "If you're not at the table, you're probably on the menu."

Paul Kamen



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Bringing Back the Officer of the Day Program

Our Rear Commodore, David Janinis, will be bringing back the Office of the Day program.

Please remember that this important duty is an obligation of club membership pursuant to Article III Section 11 of the BYC Bylaws. Please note also that if you cannot fulfill your obligation as Officer of the Day, it is not only your responsibility to find a replacement, there may be fees assessed pursuant to our House Rules (II)(F):

- The fee to be assessed where the member advises Club staff in advance of their inability to serve is \$75.
- The fee to be assessed where the member fails to advise the Club staff of their inability to serve is \$150.

You can also trade your duty with another member on the schedule, but you must let the BYC club staff know in advance.

The Officer of the Day is our club's ambassador to all members and visitors alike. So plan ahead and please have some fun serving as the Officer of the Day when your turn comes!

February Officer of the Day:

- Feb 2: Ryan Alder
- Feb 3: Gordon & April Andrews
- Feb 9: Steve Armstrong
- Feb 10: John Arnold & Jennifer Shaw
- Feb 16: Douglas & Marsha Asche
- Feb 17: David & Candy Asche
- Feb 23: Linda Aube
- Feb 24: Robert & Diane Baczek

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March Officer of the Day

- Mar 2: Peter Baczek & Wanda Simpson
- Mar 3: Boyko Baharov
- Mar 9: Hal Bain
- Mar 10: Ray & Betty Barnett
- Mar 16: Tom Barr
- Mar 17: Tom & Linda Beattle
- Mar 23: Roger Behnken
- Mar 24: Steven & Kanyakon Belcher
- Mar 30: Louis Benainous
- Mar 31: Jack Bieda & Jennie Hurley

April Officer of the Day

- Apr 6: Kevin Biggerstaff & Lawrence Chyall
- Apr 7: Paul & Allison Boatman
- Apr 13: Anne Boehm
- Apr 14: Chris & Julie Brady
- Apr 20: Claudio Brasca & Jo-Anne Ting
- Apr 21: Robert & Chris Bratton
- Apr 27: Patti Brennan
- Apr 28: Dominic & Jessica Brennan

2019 Cruising Schedule

Jan 1 – Mystery Cruise hosted by Mark Bird

Feb 2/3 – BYC hosted by Patrick Hind-Smith

Mar 9/10 – Sausalito hosted by Steve Colitz

Apr 13/14 – Marin YC hosted by Wil Hand

May 25 thru 27 – Angel Island hosted by Kelvin Phillips

Jun 8/9 – Southbeach/Baseball Game hosted by Mark Bird

Jul 3 thru 10 – Delta Cruise hosted by Patrick Hind-Smith

Aug 10/11 – Encinal YC hosted by Joe Cunliffe

Aug 31 to Sept 2 – Half Moon Bay hosted by Peter Masson

Oct 26/27 – St. Francis YC hosted by Zara Haimo

Nov 23/24 – Coyote Point YC hosted by Glenn Fagerlain



Berkeley Yacht Club Information

Officers and Directors

Commodore – Mark Bird

Vice Commodore – Julie La Plant

Rear Commodore – David Jannis

Fleet Captain - Tiburcio de la Carcova

Port Captain -Fran Stateler

Secretary – Alan Poropat

Treasurer – Angie Liebert

Director – Joe Cunliffe

Director – Steve Colitz

Director – Vanessa Valdez

Director – Peter Masson

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