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- ✉ Email for the Aeolian Office: aeolianyc@aol.com

The following Birthdays were celebrated at the March Birthday Dinner

March Birthdays – Aeolians celebrated the birthdays of Jeanne Edgar – her 90th birthday – congratulations Jeanne and may you have many more great birthdays! Also celebrating their birthdays in March were David Little, Frank Nigro and Richard Smith. And, a brand new member, Scott Saylor had his birthday in March! Happy Birthday, Aeolians!!

Commodore's Log

– Jeanette Clark



To Nancy Brandt and the Long Family, on behalf of the Aeolian and her members, I would like to say thank you for the donation in your father's memory towards the purchase of a new galley stove. Knowing your father, Leonard Long, and his love of the Aeolian Yacht Club and its members has been a treasure chest filled with cherished memories for all of us. We thank you!

To help build up the galley stove donation from Nancy and the Long Family, you can send in a check to the attention of our Office Manager, Sherri. Please be sure to mark your checks "galley stove".

At our Board of Directors meeting March 16th, the board decided: 1) to extend the reduced initiation fee, 2) approved Jim LaMar's live-aboard status effective immediately, 3) continue with our Tuesday weekly Charity Dinners, and 4) proceed with the decking and repair work on A-Dock.

We also approved membership for Marvin Scott Saylor and Mari Miyaki, Kristy and Ted Hoppe, and Marilyn Spent. These new members will be invited to our April Birthday Dinner for introduction to the membership. Please join us on April 16th to welcome and meet our new members.

In closing.....a small reminder:

"There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing,..... as simply messing about in boats"

Board members, committee chairs and others: Please submit your articles for the Jib directly to Sue Roderick rodsroost@comcast.net and she will see that they get to the editor.

Gone Fishin'

– Gene Covello



Sturgeon fishing is about over, halibut and stripers should be in the South Bay soon. A few weeks ago, I had Tom Everett and Jason Barrett on my boat fishing for Sturgeon. They're both new members of the club and had never fished for sturgeon before.

After my third move, looking for fish, Tom's pole doubled over, he had hooked a big fish. It made a few jumps out of the water as a tarpon would. After about 15 minutes, the fish gave up and we were able to boat it. It was over 5' long and weighed about 65 pounds. Sorry to say, it was a male, so no eggs. (caviar)

Jason's line started to run off the reel, he set the hook, but couldn't budge the line. So we lifted the anchor and followed the line. To everybody's amusement, it turned out to be the branch of a tree that someone had cut. I told him not to feel bad, at least he had caught something.

I read in the Chronicle this morning that there's going to be a salmon season. They claim that almost a million fish are out in the ocean. The season may be short, June thru September. When all is finalized, I will report the results.

It's been a long time since I smoked salmon, actually I kippered the fish. To do this, place the fish in a brine of brown sugar, salt and teriyaki. Let it soak overnight, then rinse the fish, put it into the breeze of a fan to form a glaze. Place the fish into a Big Chef Smoker for 12 hours. I use cuttings from my apple tree for the smoke. Served warm, right out of the smoker is the best tasting fish that you'll ever eat.

With the cost of fuel going up, it pays to have your engine tuned up, a clean bottom

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Vice Commodore's Report

Shirley Ross

Dear AYC members

and our guests from South Beach Yacht Club -

I am starting my report with our latest event – **St. Patrick's Day Birthday Dinner**. What a day and night with our cruise in guests from South Beach YC! The weather was wild on Saturday, wet and windy all day. However ten boats safely came into our harbor with the assistance from many of our member volunteers under the leadership of Kay Schardein our Cruise in Chairperson and Port Captain Jim LaMar. We had all hands on deck to also assist and to enjoy the weekend festivities! The entire clubhouse was all in GREEN and the Larry Knight Room looked like something straight from Ireland!

Over 100 members and guests enjoyed a scrumptious traditional Irish dinner prepared by our own members Chef Richard Purdy and his lovely wife and sous chef Ching Ching. A big thank you to both of them for their hard work so we could all enjoy their delicious and perfect dinner.

A big treat was for us to entertain our guests from South Beach YC and I must say a very nice group of boaters. With dinner served, it was time to enjoy our beautiful and talented girls from the McBride Irish Dancing School from Dublin (Ireland) California. Their hard work and talent showed through this very special program. Their dancing instructor Eileen McBride-Parker is to be complimented for their dedication and accomplishments.

From there it was time to find who had the lucky shamrock sticker on their chair in order to win the prize of a Round the Island Sweatshirt, donated by our member Jeanne McCaffery of our Ship's Store. To a very surprised and delighted long time member our own Dolores Hand won one of the beautiful sweatshirts along with Karen the seafaring member from South Beach YC.

Wait, it doesn't stop there! The evening is still young and another beautiful raffle basket

crafted by our member Judy Barker – what a show stopper – included in the basket a bottle of Baileys, Seagram's Lime Green Gin, green coffee, Aeolian great glasses and mugs and other things too many to mention. The raffle was very profitable and another seafaring South Beach member was the winner!

Okay are you all so excited about what I am reporting? Well the evening even got better. Our own Mr. Pete aka Peter D. not only is a clown and magician but also a special education teacher and tonight it was MC at a circus and a magician at large. I have never heard so much laughter from children and adults in our club house! Pete was brilliant and performed many acts, interacting with our guests and members. His performance was not to be missed. Oops – if you weren't there you missed entertainment that was fabulous. Maybe in the future we can talk him into doing for another dinner. Pete is a juggler, magician, comedian, story teller and very talented. Thank you so much Pete!

Finally I personally and with heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer members who participated in making this dinner so successful. It can't be done without you. It calls for many hands that make the AYC the place you want to come and everybody knows your name (Cheers). Also, I want to give a big Thank you to Debbie and Max Morris' children for all their help with the dinner. They were our "could you do this? Could you do that," whatever the request they were there along with Morgan Morris friend her first time doing all this and of course Frenchy.

Again a big thank you!

Okay, now you know I am not done with my report (but soon will be!). I must thank Kay and Keith Schardein for all their hard work in preparing a delicious brunch on Sunday for our members and our guests. Lots of thanks too to Jeanne McCaffery for opening the Ship's Store and selling many items to our guests and members. It was overwhelming what they purchased. You guys are great!

March 4th – AYC Bar – Open – Let the fun begin. Twenty-five members en-

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joyed huge hot dogs and chili with all the trimmings. Just \$3 and everyone got to enjoy one another. What a night!

March 5th – Work Party – Volunteers everywhere! All 24 volunteer members working hard painting, sanding, scrubbing pans, turning boards on deck and lots more was accomplished by these dedicated AYC members. I send a big thank you to Linda Kibler for her homemade and delicious beef stew with salad and garlic bread.

Remember the **NEXT WORK PARTY is APRIL 2nd**. That day is also the AYC Race Day with a BBQ to follow.

Okay, I am almost finished.

Charity Dinners at Aeolian - Every Tuesday night is our Charity Dinner at our club. The dinners are prepared by High Street Station Café. We have a wonderful relationship with them and their dinners are great. It is a very social evening and entertaining by yours truly. Well sometimes. Anyway, if you find yourself thinking about what to have for dinner drop on by at 5:30 for dinner (first come first served) or just drop by for a drink in the bar which opens at 4:30 on Tuesdays.

I wish I could list everyone's name who has diligently volunteered for so many reasons. However you know I know who you are and like I said, Heartfelt thanks!

Well, as Bugs Bunny would say "THAT'S ALL FOLKS!" See you at your clubhouse. Many thanks and Happy Boating and see you all soon!

Shirley Ross, Vice Commodore

Attn: AYC Members
Please meet with the Bylaws Committee on April 3rd for your input regarding the new "Grievance Procedure" put together by the Bylaws Committee. This meeting (informal) is scheduled for April 3rd at 2pm to 4pm, followed by a BBQ on the back porch. For the BBQ bring something for the grill, a dish to share and BYOB. If you are interested in our Grievance Procedure, which will be presented at the May General Membership Meeting, we hope that you will join us, as we would appreciate your input and comments.

GONE FISHIN' (cont'd)

and the correct prop for your boat.

Years ago, I put a flow meter on my boat. It was one of the best investments that I ever made. It tells me the correct speed to go for the best economy. If you haven't a meter, get your boat up on plane, throttle back, hold the pane, You should be doing about 10—12 knots, not very fast, but a lot easier on your pocketbook.

2011 MING-PERATA RACE SERIES

On to all Aeolian Yacht Club members
Our first race will be held April 2nd with the first gun at 1300. As in the past, boats from the Aeolian harbor will leave around 10:30. It is the skipper's responsibility to get to the starting line on time. Come on back to the clubhouse for a BBQ after the race. Bring your bottle and a dish to share with something for the grill for yourself.

Here is the Race Information for this season:
The Series will be six (6) races with one throw out. Send the entry form to the Aeolian Yacht Club office. Completed entry form must be received by

3/31/11 @1700, we will accept late entries. We encourage any members who are thinking about racing or would like to learn more about Yacht racing and the social aspects of racing contact the Regatta committee. A great way to get initiated is to help out on the committee boat, where you will see the start and finish of the race have a great day on the bay. There are usually opportunities for crewing on racing boats.

The race schedule is as follows: April 2, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, and September 17. All courses are South Bay courses and the first warning gun will be at 1300. The entry forms and sailing instructions are located on the Cube located on the back porch at the club.

This series is governed by the 2005-2008 ISAF Racing Rules and the prescriptions of the USSA. The series is open to non-spinnaker monohulls of 20 feet LOA or greater. Scoring will be by the low point system with one throw-out for the series. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries in the Regatta. The award ceremony for place awards and participation will take place at the Change of Watch Dinner.

Protests will be heard through mediation. Join in--- sign up your boat---sign up on the crew list---Great fun!!! Any questions, call Gary Barker at 522-6646

LETTERS

February 28, 2011

The Long Family

To: The Commodore and Board of Directors
Aeolian Yacht
980 Fernside Blvd.
Alameda CA 94501

Re: Gift in Memory of Leonard Long

Please accept the enclosed check in the amount of \$3,000 in honor of Len Long's love of the Aeolian Yacht Club and its members.

We ask that the funds be placed in an account toward the purchase of a new stove/oven to replace the "historic" one in the galley, where my brother learned to cook with the Italian fishermen in the '60's, Mom spent so much time making her famous Caesar salad, where I learned to cook for a crowd, and where Dad helped peel more than his share of potatoes and crack more than his share of crab.

While we would have loved to make the gift to some more nautical need, we understand that the need to replace the stove is urgent.

As Mom and Dad so enjoyed the camaraderie of the club dinners and other social events, we think a new stove would be a fitting tribute in Dad's memory.

We would also like to purchase a plaque to be affixed to the stove to commemorate this gift, if you think it appropriate.

Warm regards,

The Long Family
Betty, Craig and Nancy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cruise-In Chair Needed:

Our present cruise-in chair, Kay Schardein and her husband Keith will be leaving end of May to continue with their plans to cruise South. If there is a member interested in taking over this position as Cruise-In Chair, please contact our VC Shirley Ross ASAP. Shirley can be reached by phone or email.

Prospective Members

Steven C. Anderson
of El Cerrito is sponsored
by Jeanette Clak &
Thomas Charron

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of Oakland is sponsored
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AYC Cruising INs & OUTs!

We have three each confirmed, thanks to Lillan Nigro (the "out's") and Kay Schardein (the "in's"), 2011 Chairs. Please watch for more additions as we continue to confirm dates for both types of cruising, and mark your calendars so you can join the fun. Let Lillan know if you want to crew on someone's boat going "out", and inform Kay if you want to volunteer to help with the clubs coming "in".

Cruise Ins and Outs are the fun things we do to get to know each other better and to have a good time at different Yacht Clubs. Here are the cruises schedule for this year so far.

Cruise-Outs:

April 9th - Marin YC ... May 14th - Angel Island Raft up

May 28th - Sierra Point YC, Memorial Day Weekend

June - Weekend at Mc Covey Cove, for baseball game and dinner ... October 22nd - Loch Lomond YC

September 23 - 25th Half Moon Bay - Labor Day Weekend

Lillan is continuing to work on the following dates and locations

July 9th - Richmond Yacht Club (not confirmed yet)

August - Point San Pablo Yacht Club

(If you have any suggestions or other interests notify Lillan Nigro, Cruise out Chair, 520-599-1203, or lillan.nigro@gmail.com)

The first Aeolian Cruise Out of the year was March 11,12,13.

Gary Costigan and I sailed on "Morningstar" Friday afternoon and met Pete Evans and Richard and Susan Geiger at TI Cove just in time for dinner. We all dined aboard "Morningstar" and Geigers stayed aboard Friday night.

Pete went home Saturday and the rest of us sailed out "The Gate" and back to TI. It was a lovely sunny day with dolphins and good friends. After turning our clocks ahead, we and Geigers returned Sunday against a strong ebb. As soon as we returned and were cozy at home, a light warm rain started. A fine time was had by the few who attended.

Barbara Ohler "Morningstar" Alameda

Cruise-Ins:

June 11 - 12 - Richmond YC ... August 6 - 7 - Oyster Pt YC, Ericson Fleet One ... Sept 16 - 17 San Jose YC

(Comments, Suggestions, Kay Schardein, Cruise-in Chair, 562-209-0093, or chamisa42@gmail.com)

South Beach YC Cruise-In

An intrepid group of Captains sailed their crew into AYC on Saturday, March 19 to celebrate the "luck of the Irish" despite one of the windiest, blusteriest days of this season in our little harbor. (Dear readers: please note that this is, after all, the **Aeolian** Yacht Club - a name that honors the ancient Greek god of wind, **Aeolus**.)

Tom and Elissa Rogers, SBYC Cruise-In Co-chairs, organized their mighty flotilla of eleven boats at Jack London Square with lead boats assigned for each fairway.

However, sturdy southeast winds forced many boats to grab "first available" rather than try to reach their assigned slips. "Drifter" was such a snug fit after losing B-26 to their buddies on "Chance" that no fenders were possible - let alone needed!

A tasty corned beef dinner and a peppy performance by youthful Irish dancers were followed up by Captain Pete drawing in children and adults from the audience as part of his amazing magic, juggling and unicycle feats. (Most of you already know that Captain Pete is our own Past Commodore, Peter Dragula.)

All in all a very successful cruise-in with a relaxed Sunday brunch before the "intrepids" made their way back home via the Bay Farm Bridge. Many thanks to all the AYC volunteers who helped plan, shop, set up, cook, clean up, tend bar and dock/undock boats...a great time by everyone in attendance!

Kay Schardein, AYC 2011 Cruise-in Chair