

AEOLIAN

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Vice Commodore's Report

We have had a wonderful June at the Club. Even the Board meeting was fun! We had five new members join us this month.....welcome aboard to our newly inducted members; **Nancy Hill, Anthony Santare, Susan Nett, Shawn Jonutz, Brock & Faith de Lappe**. And as I write this, there are four more applications waiting on the Office desk to be approved. The decision of the BOD to lower our initiation fee and the Tuesday night dinners have been a huge success! Please introduce yourselves to these new members when they are at the Club and help to familize them with our club house.

Not only did we up our membership this month, we also had the return of our Friday Night Hot Dogs, Tuesday Night Dinners, a BBQ June Birthday dinner, an impromptu Fathers Day BBQ, and another impromptu BBQ on the back-porch for the wonderful members that made it possible, by their generous donations, to purchase some new deck furniture. Kudos to Shirley Ross and Judy Barker for time spent on this project and especially to our generous members for their donations.

This is such a great example of our Club at its best, and we have a lot more fun left for the year: Friday nights and Tuesday dinners are booming, we have our big back-porch party scheduled for Sunday, July 4th, a cruise-in July 16, 17 & 18, Potlucks on Friday nights, and with this great warm weather more BBQ dinners will be coming up.

Oh.... you can't forget another fun day..... **Please mark your calendars for our annual "Caribbean Party" scheduled for August 21st.** Another fun day at Aeolian, not to be missed! Bring your family and friends, come by land or come by sea!

Our Tuesday evening Charity dinners are doing well. We had 34 members attend one night, and hope to see more members on Tuesday evenings to help support these great charities. In the month of May, our Tuesday dinners made it possible for Aeolian YC to donate \$380 to Alameda Meals on Wheels. Our June donations will go to the Alameda Food Bank. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you again, to Shirley Ross for all the work and time she spends on these dinners, and for her success in selling raffle tickets; and to Gina Catalano for being our "waitress" for folks downstairs that do not wish to take on the stair case. And of course to all our volunteer bar tenders, I thank you! Last but not least, many thanks goes to Susan Timney & Lynda Kretlow of High Street Station Café, for their hard work and time preparing the meals, and especially for inviting Aeolian to be part of this wonderful Charity Event.

Remember every **Tuesday evening and Friday nights our bar is open** with evening food. Tuesday, bar is open for cocktails at 4:30pm – Fridays, bar is open at 5:30pm - it's not fancy or expensive, just casual comfort food and filled with camaraderie! Come join us!!

Wishing you warm winds & cold beer! Jeanette Clark

Vessel Safety Check

The U. S. C. G. Auxiliary has a Vessel Safety Check Program which assists boaters in conducting a safety inspection on their own boat. The self inspection form can be found at the website: <http://SafetySeal.net/GetVSC/>.

It's also posted on the bulletin board and forms may be found in the file bins on the wall. After you have completed the self-examination, you can request that one of the CG Auxiliary examiners perform an actual Vessel Safety Check by going to the "[I Want a VSC](#)" page and entering your ZIP Code to contact an examiner near you to perform the safety inspection and award you with the safety sticker to display on your boat.

Aeolian Yacht Club Safety Officer

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Membership

Ellen and Gary Barrett - This San Francisco couple, a city gardener and a wood worker would love to bring their skills to the Aeolian Yacht Club! Avid boaters and volunteers, longtime friends of Al Lutz and familiar with the Aeolian have applied for membership. They are sponsored by Elizabeth Evans and Jason Rucker.

Joe and Sharon Eandi - The Eandi's are a well known name in the area, with their longtime family business (Eandi Metal Works Inc.). They reside in Castro Valley (although Sharon is a native Alameda-ian) with their son James and daughter Sarah. Active in many organizations, owners of at least two power boats, and Joe is an avid fisherman. They have applied for membership in the AYC and are sponsored by John Roderick and George Carmignani.

Julie Cooper,
Financial Secretary
Membership Committee Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

Your \$10/mo Additional Assessment Hard at Work

The **Dredging, Piling and Dock Maintenance Committee** has been hard at work upgrading our Harbor. You have probably noticed the progress on "A" Dock already. Please refer to Kim Arrivee's "Harbor Maintenance" article. The more volunteers the faster "A" Dock will get done and the less man-hours AYC will have to pay out to accomplish that goal. We are rapidly reducing the "A" Dock Fund, but would like to continue to build it back up (with the Additional Assessment) for additional improvements once we accomplish another long-term goal: Upgrading the Power and Water to the docks. But first things first. We are using our Dredging and Harbor Funds for their intended purposes and will have to project ahead to replenish those funds for the future.

We took what appears to be a big hit in May (\$22,400). But we paid off the Bond Notes and are no longer paying 6% interest on money that could only get 1.5% at the most. Our berth and general membership income was on the downside too. But our Membership Drive has brought in 6 new members just approved by the Board in June and we have 6 more applicants posted on the Board awaiting approval. And we are gradually filling in the empty berths with paying customers. With all those new volunteers we should be able to continue with our Club House, Workshop and Landscaping improvements with minimal expenses going towards outside labor. Sherri is also looking forward to using some of those volunteers to help out when it comes time to assemble mailers etc.

Bottom Line: We still have to be frugal, but the club has turned the corner and I am happy to say I feel comfortable with the turn-around of our finances.

A NOTE OF THANKS:

I would like to thank the Aeolian members who generously donated funds enabling Aeolian Yacht Club to purchase ten sets of new patio furniture for the back deck. Each table will have a donated plaque with the members name on it.

Our sincere thanks to **Bob & Dottie Frey, Sr., Leon Kolinski, Judy & Gary Barker, John & Sue Roderick, Keith & Kay Schardein, Don Crestetto, Jeanne Edgar, Mario Cerrato, George Carmignani, Jr., Curt Poikko, Kim & Dale Arrivee, Bob Whitney, Stan Zdral, Bud & Dona Fuller, Steve & Linda Kibler, Bill Murphy, Barbara & Walter Morris, Gary McAfee, Nancy & Steve Brandt and yours truly in honor of Tom Ross.**

Our next project is new umbrella's and stands for the tables. All donations will be gladly appreciated. Your check can be mailed to the office, please designate that your donation is for "Patio Accessories", or you can call me with your pledge at (510) 387-6458.

Thank you fellow Aeolian's for all your support!

Sheldon Ross

Harbor Maintenance

Aeolian Yacht Club is in the process of completing the maintenance dredging and piling replacement that was started in 2008. As reported in the May 13 General Membership meeting, the process is overly complex due to numerous regulatory requirements. The next major event is the Dredging Material Management Office (DMMO) meeting in San Francisco on July 8. Here, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and seven other agencies will weigh-in on our dredging plans. The projects are moving ahead as scheduled.

In addition to the dredging and piling work, A-Dock is also being rebuilt. Several head floats (walkways) and fingers damaged during the previous dredging operation need to be replaced before work starts in earnest on the remaining portions of A-Dock. Materials to rebuild the next few floats, including lumber, floats and fasteners, are temporarily being stored in the shop area. Mike Baldwin and volunteer members are rebuilding the floats alongside C-dock, on the dry-dock and eventually outside the shop area.

Members are invited and encouraged to attend the scheduled meetings and functions or just stop by to learn more about their Club's progress on harbor maintenance.

