



Mike Baldwin, Kim Arrivee and Keith Schardein prepare a new finger pier for A Dock



Mike Baldwin, Kim Arrivee and Gary McAfee push while Keith Schardein and Bob Frey control the first "splash" of the finger pier for A Dock



The dredging company platform pulls into position between B and C Docks to add sleeves to pilings.

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Aeolian Yacht Club

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Announcing
AYC's Annual

Saint Patrick's Celebration!

Please help welcome our weekend guests who are cruising in from South Beach Yacht Club and Women Aboard.

DINNER: 6:30 PM, Saturday, March 19
Chef Purdy's Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage

Irish Dance Performance
Mr. Pete - Magician, Clown
(Definitely not to be missed!)

\$20/per person

SUNDAY BRUNCH: 9-10:30 AM, March 20

Green Chile/Sausage/Cheese Egg Bake
Fresh Fruit and Pound Cake
Coffee/Tea/Juice
\$10/per person
Mimosas and Bloody Mary's - \$3⁰⁰/each



Reservations required - each meal.
"No show" Members will be billed.

E-mail or call Kay Schardein:
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The following Birthdays were celebrated at the February Valentine's Day Birthday Dinner

Les Clark John Hanan
 Bob Frey, SR., Lillan Nigro, Lynne Lathbury
Happy Birthday Aeolians

SUNSHINE CORNER

The following Aeolians have been under the weather and we wish them well ..

Debbie Morris Delores Hand Judy Barker

Commodore's Log



— Jeanette Clark

Welcome aboard to our members who have volunteered to serve on our Harbor Committee. The following volunteers will be working with Port Captain, Jim Lamar. Chairing the Harbor Committee will be Tom Charron with members Kim Arrivee, John Ough, Gary Barker, Les Sutton and Les Clark with Dave Mc Daid as Consultant. Welcome Harbor Committee! We are delighted to have you on board!

A tremendous amount of thanks and recognition goes to Stefan Hofmeyer for his work, last year, on the Estuary Bridge Reduction in Service issue. Thank you Stefan! As for the present issue regarding the Fruitvale Bridge, we have Tom Charron continuing to work with the U.S.C.G. to find the best alternative for the seismic bridge retrofit work schedule. This will have a huge impact on the Aeolian Yacht Club. Thank you Tom for stepping in.

Sue Roderick has spent some time putting together a new and updated Club Roster. Please contact Sherri and she will send you a copy of our latest roster.

Lastly, please remember that we have another work party scheduled for **March 5th at 9:00 AM.** A late lunch will be served to all workers by the Events Committee Chair, Shirley Ross. No sign-up is necessary, just show up! This is an **open invitation** to all Board Members and the General Membership, (new and old alike) Come join the fun of work and play for your **Volunteer Club!** Volunteers are needed to make this a successful work party. A lot of work and cleaning-up to do, inside and out! Mark your calendars now! Work parties are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month.

Until then, stay SAFE, WARM & DRY.

Jeanette Clark

*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.*

Prospective Members

Marilyn Spenst of San Ramon is sponsored by John Hanan & Kim Arrivee

Marvin Scott Saylor / Mari Miyaki of Alameda are sponsored by Jeanette Clark & Kay Schardein

Ted Hoppe of Alameda is sponsored by Jeanette Clark & Jim Lamar

DIFFERENT STROKES



The Aeolian Club has a number of rowers and kayakers--and that number may be growing as a result of our recent membership drive. We would like to put an informal group together to look at storage options and other possible improvements to the facilities. We know that rowers and kayakers enjoy their independent sport in peace and quiet but we'd like to know who you are! Please send an email to Diane Grant at sailgemini@yahoo.com with your contact information so you can be included in the rowing news and tell us about your interests. Please use the word "ROWER" as the subject



Vice Commodore's Report

Shirley Ross

To begin with, I would like to thank all the volunteer members who have supported our events this year. 2011 still brings a number of events and work parties for you to enjoy and participate in. Speaking of work parties, we had 30 members show up for the February 5th work party and many projects were accomplished for our club, house, docks and landscaping. I could not have been happier to see and feed 30 wonderful volunteer members! Projects included polishing silver in trophy case, scrubbing galley stove, cleaning the refrigerators, woodworking for the dock boxes, landscaping, general clean up and much more! Thank you to all volunteer members for your generous time and effort, not to leave out the wonderful day of camaraderie. Mark your calendars for March 5th which is our next scheduled "Work Party"....see you here!

February 6th Super Bowl Party: About 20 members gathered to enjoy the game, share stories and eat Pizza. Thank you to Gary Barker for setting up the football pool for all of us to place our bets. First half went to Les Clark and Kay Schardein got the second half! GO PACKERS!!

February 12th - Valentine's and Birthday Dinner. I want to give a big thank you to Keith and Kay Schardein for accepting the challenge to bartend for us rather than to go away for a romantic weekend celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, KEITH & KAY!! I am a bit in the fog about the Dinner. If you missed this dinner, you missed seeing your Vice Commodore in the galley as head Chef. (I don't cook!) Thank goodness for Linda Kibler for marinating the delicious Pork Loin. We served dinner a bit late; however, I was told it was worth waiting for with help in the galley, everything came together. Thank you to sous chef Don Keleher. Peter Dragula's sons, Marco and Caesar, presented a long stem red rose to each lady in attendance.

March 19th - St. Pat's Day Dinner. Please mark your calendar and call me to make reservations

(510) 337-0458 or sign up on back porch. If you sign-up or make a reservation, no shows will be billed. Chef Richard Purdy will again provide us with his special Corn Beef and Cabbage. Entertainment will be provided by Irish dancers; Peter Dragula (aka Mr. Pete) will also be entertaining us with his magical talents! Guests will be cruising in from South Beach Yacht Club and Women Aboard to join all of us for the dinner.

Breakfast will be offered on Sunday March 20th for \$10.00. I hope members will sign up for the breakfast to help host the two cruise-in Yachties. Breakfast will be served and prepared by Keith and Kay Schardein.

PICYA - April 4th -Delegates Dinner: We need as many volunteer members as possible to help prep, set-up and serve at this dinner of over 100 PICYA Delegates who will be in attendance. Please call me if you can help in anyway (set-up, servicing, and prep-ping). Again I can be reached at (510) 337-0458. ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THIS EVENT!

In closing, if we have not seen you at the club lately, please stop by to enjoy the view or come on a Friday for Club Camaraderie..

HAPPY ST. PAT'S DAY AND SAFE AND HAPPY BOATING TO ALL.

Shirley Ross

WE GET LETTERS

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To Commodore Janette Clark and Vice Commodore Shirley Ross,

I just want to thank you for all the hard work and the best meal I think I have had at the Aeolian.

The pork was perfect and so was the vegetables and salad.

The price was very good and I wish more members would have been there.

The big Valentine cake was beautiful with the coffee and everything else.

The tables were set up so cute with the price on the chair, made it special.

What a nice evening.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Lillian Nigro.



WE GET LETTERS

We were pleased to attend last night's BOD meeting and are taking a minute to offer our gratitude as we think many other Club members may not understand and/or appreciate all the hard work you are each doing as volunteers to keep the Club running.

We especially want to thank Steve Brandt for his clear explanation of the budget status on John Roderick's behalf. Also, Kim Arrivee and Tom Charron for their attention to dock matters in assisting Port Captain Jim LaMar - all three walked the docks and yard yesterday in less than welcoming weather. We know they are working together to suggest best use of the Club's very limited funds in managing the entire harbor.

Finally, the suggestion to propose better marking and dredging of the channel in the waterway west from Bay Farm Bridge is an excellent one. We trust that Tom and others will offer that in negotiating with the USCG and the County regarding the current proposed Fruitvale Bridge retrofit schedule.

Thank you again for all each of you do on behalf of members who can't make the meetings so easily as we can.

Keith and Kay Schardein

Kay informed me that at the general meeting I was presented with a gift certificate for my work last year on the Estuary Bridge reduction in service issue.

Thank you all very much for the gift certificate to Angela's Bistro. As I am currently getting my own business started and heading back to school part time, the dinner will be a great respite from mac and cheese! (Thanks Kay for delivering the certificate).

Thanks also to Tom Charron (and everyone else) who was instrumental in our efforts. From this effort, Tom joined the Aeolian and is a wonderful addition to our club. I know Tom, Kay, Jeanette, and others are continuing to work with the USCG to find the best alternative for the seismic bridge retrofit work currently scheduled during our prime summer season. Thank you for YOUR efforts!

Sincerely, Stefan (Hofmeyer)

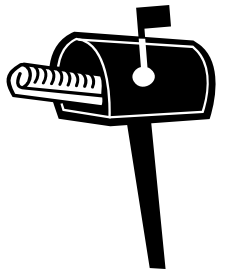
My name is Ben Braden, a Pacific Northwest sailor and editor for the sailing website pressure-drop.us. We at Pressure Drop pride ourselves on posting content about the type of sailing that the "normal" sailor is doing. We enjoy reading about the local races along with what is happening on the international scene. To encourage article submission from sailors and Yacht clubs outside of our editors areas we've come up with this Race Write-Up contest attached to this email.

We encourage each of you to pass this on to the people you know in your yacht club or organization that enjoy writing about what your doing for your newsletters or websites. We want to hear about kids sailing on Friday night, adults racing on the weekend, keel boats racing PHRF, one design - you name it - if it has something to do with racing sailboats or teaching sailing we want to know about. The prizes aren't the best piece of pie in the contest -the exposure you will get simply by entering will be an amazing reward as your article and pictures with links will be posted at pressure-drop.us for all to see. The winning article will receive the prizes, but every entry will get the exposure you, your yacht club and your sailing deserve.

So I ask you to please take the time to read this and pass it on to the people that will promote your yacht club or organization. We want to hear from you.

Thank you for your time, Ben Braden

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REGATTA COMMITTEE

ATTENTION!

AEOLIAN YACHT CLUB 2011 MING-PERATA RACE SERIES

Open to all Aeolian Yacht Club members

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 and 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 crew list —
Great Fun!!!**

Questions ?? Call Gary Barker at 522-6646

PICYA Report

Commodore Jeanette Clark, Vice Commodore Shirley Ross and Past Commodore Peter Dragula attended the Commodore's Ball at the Doubletree Hotel in Berkeley on January 29,2011.



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AYC Cruising INs & OUTs!

We have three each confirmed, thanks to Lillian 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 Lillian 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".

Our first one on St. Patrick's weekend promises to be loads of fun with dinner entertainment (Irish Dancers and "Mr. Pete" - aka Peter Dragula performing); a great breakfast (reservations required) like we had last summer at the Tropical Party - open to everyone with advance reservations. Watch for sign-up on the Back Porch and detail in your "This Week" email notice.

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:

March 11-13th - Treasure Island - Raft up

March - Ka Boom Festival

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

Lillian 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 Lillian Nigro, Cruise out Chair, 520-599-1203, or lillian.nigro@gmail.com)

Cruise-Ins:

March 19 - South Beach YC

June 18 - Richmond YC

Tropical Party (TBD):

Oyster Pt YC, San Jose YC

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SLIPS AVAILABLE @ AEOLIAN HARBOR:

We have 20' to 30" slips available **NOW**, and our berthing fee is only **\$4.76** per foot plus \$20.00 monthly for utilities. You **MUST** be a club member and our initiation fee has been reduced to \$100.00 during the Month of March. Contact Jim Lamar, Port Captain @ 510-769-9205 or 510-456-5911.

NOTICE OF LIVE ABOARD VACANCY:

Per the AYC "Live Aboard and Stay Aboard Rules", (last revised 1/30/11) notice is hereby given of a vacancy for live-aboard status.

Priority consideration for this status is due to member **Pete Cahalen** per the posted list for live-aboard status. (This notice posted on back porch 2/16/11)

GET WELL WISHES:

Jeanne McCaffery has volunteered to track those who need the "Sunshine" greetings. All Aeolians who have information regarding "Get Well Wishes" please send that information to: Jeanne@flyhigh1979@sbcglobal.com