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From the Helm

by Don Durant

When I was growing up my dad was fond of saying, "If you live near San Francisco Bay and don't sail, you might as well move back to Oklahoma."



There's a good deal of wisdom in that statement. We are blessed with virtually guaranteed wind from early spring to late fall. We take for granted a huge sailing area. The central bay alone is large enough to contain the entire Virgin Island chain. On top of that we have San Pablo Bay, Petaluma River, Napa River, and over one thousand miles of waterways in the Delta. Once we tire of protected waters, we can head out the Golden Gate. We have choices from too much wind to too little wind, chilly to hot, salt water to fresh, and crowded to deserted anchorages. In other words, there's something for almost everyone.

What we hear often at Club Nautique is, "Now that I've earned my _____ certification, what do I

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Cruise to Catalina

by Rod Witel



Casino and harbor at Catalina

Holder of the unofficial title "Ms CN Charter Share Organizer" Patricia Salmon and I flew down to southern California on Friday July 13th and met up with her friends Dave and Heidi (non sailors) to give them a 10th wedding anniversary weekend sail to Santa Catalina. We rented *Guac-Amore*, a 34' Catalina,

from Marina Sailing in Redondo Beach (marinasailing.com).

After a pre-sail check of the boat on Friday afternoon we departed early Saturday morning. Sadly the winds were light so we motored the entire 32 miles passing huge schools of dolphin on the way.

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Charter Opportunities

September 8 - 16

Fall Boat Show

The Annual Northern California Fall Boat Show is returning to Jack London Square and includes over 100 yachts, power & sail in the Jack London Marina. Vessels to 70 feet at the docks and over 150 trailer boats on land insure that there is a "boat for every need" at this fall favorite nautical event. This year boat maintenance seminars and boating destination programs will be featured through the run of the show. Club Nautique will be providing free boat sailboat rides on the weekends. Stop by and visit our booth! We'd love to see you!



September 13 - 16

Big Boats Series

The St. Francis Yacht Club sponsors the Rolex Big Boat Series featuring some of the most intense competition in the world between some handicapped fleets of - you guessed it - really big boats. You'll be blinded by the stunning golden sails and the crowd of bodies lining the rails. Charter a boat and get a front row seat to the action. We'll print out information and have it for you when you go to charter.

September 15-16

Treasure Island Music Festival

If you like music, you're going to love this concert! Thievery Corporation, Spoon and Modest Mouse to name a few. Tickets are available on the website:

www.treasureislandfestival.com

You can't drive on to the island for the festival but you can anchor a boat in Clipper Cove (with the appropriately suggested trip line) and have a floating condo for the show! This is a great way to practice bareboating. Don't forget the ice, drinking water, the coffee, the milk and sweetener for your coffee, eggs, BACON (if you eat meat), make sure you've got propane and that the striker works and for gosh sakes, if you like wine, make sure you have first of all a bottle and secondly a functioning opener. If you're interested in joining a list for a chartershare... email Marianne and we'll add you to the list!

October 12-14

Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival

Don't miss out on this great chance to flex your Coastal Passagemaking Muscles and join in on a fun filled adventure! Cruising Yachts is heading up a flotilla down to Half Moon Bay. There will be a group of boats headed out the gate and down the coast so you'll be in good company. Safety and fun in numbers! We'll have a pumpkin pie contest and there's inevitably impromptu cocktail parties that erupt all over the docks and the boats throughout the weekend. We'll head out early Friday morning, arrive in HMB in the afternoon, spend the night at the dock or on the hook, enjoy the fes-



ivities on Saturday then head back at your leisure on Sunday.

October 31st

Last Hump Night

Halloween Party - Richmond

Here's a fun twist on a classic. We'll have fun games and prizes. Don a costume to be eligible for prizes! Best costume, most original costume etc.. Join in whether you're going sailing or not. This is a chance to hang out and get a little silly with fellow club members. So join us for some goulish fun! Party starts at 8pm. Details on cost to follow or contact John Dahle for details: jdahle@clubnautique.net



New to the Fleet

We are constantly adding new boats to the fleet. Sometimes new boats come into the fleet and people aren't even aware of it. Here's a list of all of the new boats to the fleet since the beginning of the year:

Mahoo - Colgate 26'
Sausalito

Sandra Dee - Hunter 31
Alameda

Yes Dear - Hunter 31
Alameda

Final Answer - Hunter 31
Richmond
(Equipped with Dodger)

Yara - Hunter 31
Sausalito
(Equipped with Dodger)

Swell Dancer - Hunter 33
Alameda

La Vie en Rose - Hunter 36
Sausalito

Firefly - Hunter 36
Alameda
(Offshore equipped)

Unleashed - Hunter 41
Richmond
(Offshore equipped)

Periwinkle - Hunter 44
Richmond
(Offshore equipped)












Majestic - Navigator 44
Alameda
(Offshore equipped)

Coming Soon:
Vixen - Colgate 26
Sausalito

Your Boat Here
Contact Cruising Yachts
www.cruisingyachts.net

Keeping you Current

Just a few things to keep us all up to speed:

-  Winter rates begin November 1st and continue through March 31st. Don't forget to take advantage of the 20% discount.
-  Hump Night reservations are kindly requested so that our base managers are better able to provision and prepare. Sign up the day of will increase the rate to \$30
-  You need to be back to the dock no later than 20:00 to ensure that the grills are still running and the food is still plentiful and hot!
-  Each membership is entitled to invite 2 guests to Hump Night Events.
-  Power boats are available on Hump Nights at the Alameda and Sausalito locations but will need to be requested in advance. Additional fuel costs will be imposed.
-  Remember to keep your email account current with us so we can send you weekly updates about club activities and special events going on with Club Nautique and around the bay area.
-  Send in your sailing and powerboating adventure pictures to Marianne Armand and we'll put them in the "Caught on Film" section of our weekly emails. Email them to Marianne at: marmand@clubnautique.net
-  Non Members must provide a valid credit card deposit in the amount of the deductible for your charter.
-  Charter Cancellations - Members: There is no charge if the change or cancellation is more than **72 hours** prior to the charter or the length of the term of the charter, whichever is greater. The cancellation charge is 25% of the charter rate.
-  Cancellations for inclement weather are at the discretion of base manager.
-  Members can book on-line

America's Cup - Notes from the Sidelines

— by Rachad Youssef —



Author and the America's Cup

Excitement is in the air in Valencia, Spain's third largest city. The 32nd America's Cup Match is at an interesting juncture - the score is 3-2, favoring Alinghi, the Swiss racing power and the current Defender. Emirates Team New Zealand, having won the Louis Vuitton Challenger, are hopeful that they can even the score this afternoon, and inch closer to winning the Cup. We are on a Benetau 40, carrying a crew of approximately 20 under the expert guidance of our captain, Miguel, hoping to get a glimpse of the racing action amidst the chaos of spectator and media boats in and around the diamond-shaped race course.

The scene is not unlike Route 101 in rush-hour (except for the warm Mediterranean breeze!). Boats are crisscrossing each other, vying for a premium view of the race while guard boats zip around, systematically warning those that are too close to the course. In the distance, we see four massive sails – two red, two gray, circling each other like phantoms preparing for a joust. Upon a closer look, we recognize the red spinnakers belonging to Emirates Team New Zealand and are able to identify the gray ones onboard the Alinghi boats. The extra boats from both

teams leave the course and the pre-start dance begins.

Spectator boats have paid north of \$60,000 on average to line up against the course and offer its passengers a view of the race. Under the expert steering of Miguel however, we manage to score a prime spot without the hefty price tag. Excited, we watch the boats as the one minute preparatory signal is given. The boats are off, and as they disappear to round the buoy, we tune the radio to keep up with the minute-by-minute report of the race. New Zealand takes the early lead, and looks strong. More than halfway into the race, Alinghi incredibly goes from being around 20 meters behind to 20 meters in front with two tacks. New Zealand couldn't make their last tack stick and Alinghi takes control of the race, by finding a wind shift on the last leg making all the difference between a loss and a 30-second win.

Race 6 is over and it's now 4-2 to Alinghi, but it does not stop the Kiwi supporters from cheering

on Emirates Team New Zealand as they raise the New Zealand flag while getting towed back into port. One more race, maybe three more before a winner emerges...fans are disappointed but still hopeful.

Regardless of where fans' loyalties stand, festivities continue at Port America's Cup, especially at the Estrella bar (local Spanish brand of beer) located amidst numerous restaurants, bars, performance halls specifically built for this event. Valencia put on its fineries to host a world-class event, and executes flawlessly, earning itself the top spot for the 33rd America's Cup Match!

After an afternoon of post-race sailing in the warm Mediterranean waters, we head back to Alicante, and await the outcome of Race 7. Alinghi wins by one second and brings home the Cup once again. There's always the next time for team New Zealand...we'll be watching and waiting and back with that report!



Boats practicing before the start

Around Alameda

— by David Forbes —

Ever since man began sailing, there has always been a desire to circumnavigate – whether an island, a continent or the globe. There is something satisfying in being able to go on a voyage around somewhere and return to your starting point. Being a resident of Alameda, and occasionally having to wait in my car while bridges are raised, I enjoy being able to circumnavigate Alameda and have the bridges open for me.



I should start by pointing out that I have only made this trip in powerboats, although many people do this in sailboats, because of draft issues. Starting out at Ballena Bay, I typically go around counter clockwise. I leave the harbor an hour or two before high water and proceed due south until the channel to the Bay Farm Island (BFI) bridge is pretty much due east. I then carefully run down the unmarked channel, until about half way down, I give the BFI bridge tender a call on VHF channel 9, asking for an opening. When he gets back to me, I let him know that I'll be going all the way around, and he then arranges for the other 3 bridges to open for me. You can find more information about the bridges at:

www.acgov.org/pwa/dept_maintenance_operation.shtml#bridges

The bridge is manned by a alternating two person crew. The bridge is equipped with a Marine Radio, the preferred working channel in the San Francisco Bay Area is Channel 9 and Channel 16 is used for hailing and distress. Vessels can also gain a bridge opening by using a horn. The signal

is a long blast followed by a short blast. Signal flags and lights may also be used if Coast Guard approved methods are followed. For more information on drawbridge operations, see “California Drawbridge Regulations” by the Coast Guard.

There are approximately 360 draw openings a year. Although draw bridges are required to open for vessel traffic even if that means that vehicular traffic must wait, there are some exceptions to this rule.

Given that the channel to the BFI bridge is unmarked, and while you can see the channel on your chart plotter if you have one, I highly recommend driving your car to the BFI bridge in advance of your trip at Low Water to check for yourself the location of the channel. It becomes very obvious exactly where you want to drive your boat in the absence of markers.

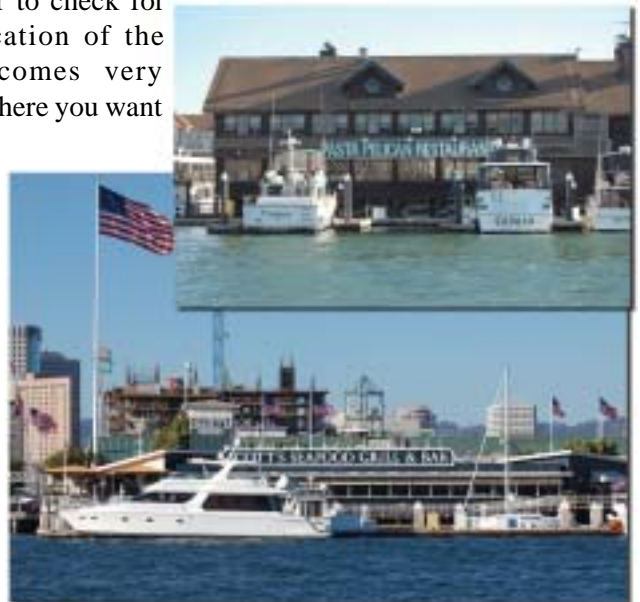
Once you have passed under the road and cycle/pedestrian bridges (opened simultaneously), follow the marked channel around the eastern end of



Alameda to the High St. bridge, where the tender should be ready for you. Keeping your speed low to minimize wake, you'll then pass under the Miller Sweeney Bridge (Fruitvale Ave.) and the Park St. bridge in fairly short order.

Your next point of interest will be Coast Guard Island on the starboard side, where they'll appreciate you not getting too close to the cutters! Depending on the time of day & year, you'll probably

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From the Bases

Ballena Banter

By: Bill Knight

Sailing - "The art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense."



I have seen the above phrase in plaques at different times. Every time I see it I have to laugh. Why, because I know this can sometimes be true, but most of the time it is only a very small portion of the sailing experience. Even on my worst trips at the end I still get an incredible sense of accomplishment by being able to say, "I made it and now I can talk about the trip at the bar and it will make a great sea story."

Sailing has many great things and can also throw at you some really unfortunate things. The really good sailors are able to deal with the unfortunate things in a reasonable manor and still find some enjoyment out of the experience. Really good sailors are also able to anticipate a lot of potentially uncomfortable or dangerous situations and either prevent them from occurring at all or diminish their effect. The more planning in advance you are able to do for your day of sailing the more you will be able to enjoy it.

Our goal at Club Nautique is to provide for you our members as pleasant a sailing experience as possible. To that end we strive to make the boats as trouble free as possible. But no matter how good our maintenance on the boats is and no matter how hard the staff strives to make the boats perfect things can still go wrong. If something goes

wrong during you sail and you have a question don't hesitate to contact the nearest base by radio or phone, we will do our best to answer your question and provide some assistance or recommendation.

The Club Nautique staff is also here to answer any questions about our charter boats, the bay, weather, marinas, where to go, the best way to get there and the best way to do it so you and your guests are as comfortable as possible. Many of the staff at Club Nautique have many hundreds of nautical miles under their belts both on the bay and out on the ocean.

My email address is:

bknight@clubnautique.net drop me a line to make a suggestion or recommendation on a certain boat or notify me of a problem you experienced on a boat while chartering but forgot to put on your post cruise.

It's important to remember that this is your club and we want to make sure you get as much out of your Club Nautique membership as possible. So please use us as much as possible. I love it when members ask me ways to make their chartering experience easier and more enjoyable. The prime sailing season is here and the bay and Club Nautique boats are ready and waiting for you to get out there and have some fun. We have lots of new boats in the fleet and more on the way. These boats are new, great looking and they sail really good too. So we hope to see a lot of people out enjoying the wonderful Bay and Club Nautique charter fleet.

Sausalito Slop

By: Mike Johnson

If you're not planning to sail outside the bay area, you may be missing the boat...



With one of the top sailing class-rooms on the planet right here, and 3 or more large bays, ample opportunity to experience light winds or gusts so strong they'd could lift the hem on a nun's habit, most of us only go sailing occasionally, and then often come back in time for supper! Ok, so day-sailing is fun - I've done it for years - but if we're serious about the Caribbean, or the Mediterranean, or the South Pacific, or Thailand or any other exotic, beautiful, peaceful or romantic location let's start at home and take full advantage of our local opportunities. Bay Area sailing provides an excellent way to develop our love of sailing, build skills and abilities, and maybe inspire us to be daring and pursue the adventure of sailing up the coast to Drakes Bay, or down to Half Moon Bay, where, incidentally, they have an excellent micro-brewery, (nobody tell Thomas Perry I said this!), good food, and the choice of overnight on the hook or a slip for cheap... you may need to take those upper level classes, but don't stop at Bare Boat Cruising, because with Coastal Passage-Making the real empowerment and freedom can begin...

Our local weather, winds, and currents guarantee that you'll become a superior and seasoned sailor if you take time to go out

From the Bases

more often, and with sailing, more-IS-more. Explore the bay, find new anchorages for yourself, and travel a little further and you'll soon find yourself more at ease with the equipment and environment – these are the mariners traditional *first-steps*.

It all gets easier if you do it more often, so consider a plan to accomplish some specific skill building while you skud across the bay, or glide serenely back to home port on those long, lingering late summer evenings, or toss the anchor over the side (don't tell Gary Walker this is the method I use!) and have a sleep-over with your friends and the moonlight.

Just a reminder from Mike: It's a life-style choice, right?



Richmond Ramblings

By: John Dahle

The club in Richmond's Marina Bay has taken off with much success. Our grand opening party was highly successful drawing people from the local condos to Sacramento and beyond. The Richmond Chamber of Commerce coordinated a ribbon cutting ceremony to start off the festivities. We had well over 300 people enjoying the music and food on the patio and in the clubhouse. We provided boat rides for over 200 people on six boats with a boat leaving every 15 minutes. The success of the grand opening was due the hard work of all the staff of Club Nautique, including staff from Alameda and Sausalito as well as our instructors.

Currently, Richmond has 12 boats in the fleet ranging in size from 26 to 46 feet. About half the fleet are sailboats over 40 and they are relatively new. The two new (2007) boats are a Hunter 41 (*Unleashed*) and Hunter 44DS (*Periwinkle*). The beautiful Jeanneau 45 (*Aquavit*) is a 2006 model and the Hunter 466 (*Horizon Hunter*) is a 2005. There are 5 boats equipped to go out the gate.

Richmond's progress as a new Club Nautique base has exceeded our expectations since opening on April 2nd. The number of charters has doubled from April to July. In July Richmond also saw a dramatic increase in classes. Three weeks in August saw classes running from



Tuesday through Sunday. Part of the increase in class activity is due to offering advanced classes, such as BBC, CPM and Coastal Navigation classes, and Marina Bay's deep-water marina.

One of the advantages of Marina Bay is there are no tide constraints getting into or out of the marina, which makes trip planning easier, especially for CPM classes and tag-a-longs. For those leaving Richmond by boat, Sam's in Tiburon is just over an hour away. However, you do have to watch the tides at Sam's, unless you intend on staying at their dock for a while, which is not a bad plan.

If you are visiting Marina Bay by boat, give us a call. The Marina Bay harbormaster has been very accommodating to our needs; as a result we have plenty of guest slips and we can provide you a slip at no charge. No gate key is needed to get off the docks.

Richmond has an annual fireworks display in Marina Bay on July 3rd. Next year we'll be promoting the 30 minute fireworks display and keeping the clubhouse open for this event. All feedback we've received indicates it is an event that is worth seeing. Chartering a boat for July 3-4 from any of our locations may be a winner next year because it'll provide two nights of celebration. We'll have guest slips available.

Because of the beautiful location and facilities we continually get requests to rent the clubhouse for parties and events. We started getting requests from the

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Cruise to Catalina

by Rod Witel



The crew, Dave, Heidi, Patricia and Rod

Unlike on SF Bay our depth meter kept flashing “DEEP” because the ocean floor was too deep for the sonar and we were in swells higher than our shoulders which made all of us a bit queasy and Dave full on seasick (begin the chum line).

We arrived at Avalon Harbor only to find the 300+ mooring balls taken. We impressed the ferry captain, who was yelling at us to “make it quick” as we completed a very swift touch and go dropping off Dave & Heidi at the industrial sized ferry dock.

Patricia and I spent the next hour (or so ;-)) attempting to anchor



Our fearless dinghy

it with a foot pump. After multiple attempts to cap the valves (i.e. a comedy of errors) we motored to the Avalon dingy dock.

We met up with our friends and rented kayaks.

We tooted around the crystal clear shoreline waters (no algae bloom) chasing Garibaldi (California’s official “marine fish”) and getting a good laugh at a power boat named... *Ship For Brains*.

After a nice Italian Dinner at www.ristorantevillaportofino.com we had an lazy evening stroll back to the dingy dock where we found our dingy deflated and hanging on for dear life with its engine horizontal half way submerged. As we tried to resuscitate our transportation Heidi plied her charms on the harbor patrol who agreed to tow us back to our boat. You would think that Patricia and I, as BVI BBC veterans, would have remembered to bring a flashlight,

and discovered you just can’t have enough rode when in the very deep waters that surround Avalon Harbor.

We ended up anchoring south of Lover’s Cove just far enough away where the water taxi wouldn’t pick us up.

We rolled out the dingy and filled

Doh!. Glad the harbor patrol boat had a large bright spotlight.

Patricia and I didn’t get much sleep as we stood anchor watch all night long as our boat did 360’s in the shoreline eddies.

We refueled on Sunday morning in Avalon Harbor. The fuel dock is tucked very close to shore so we had to SLOWLY motor through the minefield of boats and blocked fairways to get there. All those three point turns and back and fill practice Patricia and I do really paid off.

In very light winds we motored back to Redondo beach



Catalina “parking lot”

with one less passenger as Dave opted to take the ferry in lieu of creating yet another chum line. The winds picked up to 12 knots as we neared the mainland. At the dock, other skippers were telling us how they were double reefing in the “big winds”. Patricia and I had a private laugh comparing their stories with an average summer day in “The Slot”.

A grand time was had by all, even Dave (or so he claims).

With airfare less than \$100, sharing the charter costs and water warm enough to swim in this is a weekend trip I highly recommend.

- Rod Witel

Leukemia Cup

—by Marianne Armand—



Race for a cure in the 2007 Leukemia Cup Regatta on September 29th!

Raise more than just sails for a good cause! Skippers and crew from all over the Bay Area are teaming up to raise thousands of dollars in the race against blood cancer.

Club Nautique got involved last year when we heard about local sailor and San Francisco Yacht Club Member, Bill Nolan's 8-year old son Campbell who was diagnosed with a rare T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in 2005. At UCSF Children's Hospital, he is enrolled in a clinical trial of a new drug specifically addressing T-Cell. Since diagnosis, Campbell has



demonstrated courage, insight and faith beyond his years. Now, through sailing, we can try to make a difference.

In 2006, the sailing community raised more than \$3.3 million at 47 Regattas, bringing the overall campaign results to more than \$20 million. More than 17,000 participants took part in the 2006 series.

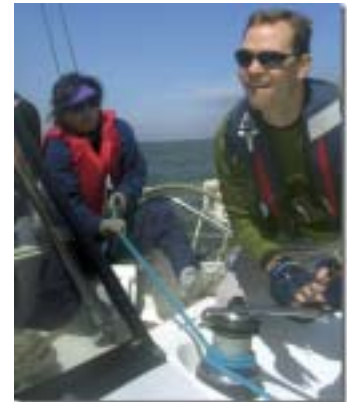
Last year Club Nautique entered two boats in the regatta and one of them took first place in their division. This year participants will be asked to donate \$250 to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS) to secure a seat on the boat. Boats have been generously donated for the day by John Penna and Paul Koenig as well as the time of the coaches Mike Johnson and Paul Koenig so 100% of the donation went to the LLS.

This year once again John and Paul continue their generosity and have agreed to donate their boats and their time for the regatta. Please contact Michael Johnson to get on board!

Fundraisers that reach \$1000 will be invited to attend a **VIP Cocktail Hour and Dinner with Tom Perkins at The San Francisco Yacht Club, Friday, September 28th.** A truly special evening with this extraordinary venture capitalist and the owner of The Maltese Falcon, the world's most technologically advanced yacht!

When Club Nautique reaches our \$8500 goal one lucky winner and a guest will be treated to a weekend in San Diego with world famous sailor Gary Jobson. Each donation of \$50 will gain an entry into the jackpot! So be sure to donate to the Club Nautique effort! go to:

www.active.com/donate/leukemicupgsf/cnsailing



From the Helm

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do with it?” At Cruising Yachts, Inc., we hear, “I haven’t sailed to _____, because I don’t know how.” Maybe there’s an unspoken fear factor involved too.

We decided to address these two challenges head on. At the end of July, we put together a Rendezvous in Petaluma. Fifteen boats showed up and enjoyed a weekend filled with Caribbean music, seminars, good food, sailing, river cruising, shopping, prizes, a boat show, and new friends who shared an interest in cruising. We organized the time table, bridge openings, berthing, several meals and delivered a “Cruise Guide” to the skipper of each boat with sailing directions, tides for the river, and other details. In short, we made it possible for new sailors to benefit from the experience of the cruise leaders, so when they want to make the cruise on their own, they’ll be old hands at it.

I’m reporting on this to you because we were disappointed in the response from Club Nautique members and have concluded we didn’t adequately get the word out on the cruise. Our goal is to offer cruises to various destinations to members to help you gain experience and gain confidence — to answer that question, “What do I do with my certification?”

We try hard to “round off the corners” on these cruises. I was the “Cruise Director” for our Petaluma Rendezvous. I’d cruised to Petaluma twice before, but aboard my trawler, so just to be sure we weren’t leading everyone to a weekend aground, Judy and I sailed our Jeanneau 49DS, *Eureka!* to

Petaluma on Father’s Day weekend to see how a boat with a 7’1” draft would do and to check out the improvements the city had made to the docks. We researched restaurants. We walked the town. I read cruising guides. I wrote sailing directions. I calculated the tides for various times cruisers would be arriving and departing.

My goal here is not to toot my own horn. It’s simply to illustrate that we’re trying to offer you a turn-key cruising experience with the benefit of our years and miles of water under the keel.

Our next cruise is scheduled for October 12-14 and will be to Half Moon Bay. Your Cruise Director will be Jerry Nassoïy, aboard his Jeanneau Sun Fast 35, *Mon Desir*. Jerry, like myself, spent his naval career as a navigator, has sailed and raced for years, and is a US SAILING certified instructor, so you’ll be in good hands. October is the heart of our Indian Summer, and the weekend we’ve chosen is Half Moon Bay’s “Pumpkin Festival,” so there will be other activities happening at our destination.

Half Moon Bay is a short day sail away from all three Club bases, affording an opportunity to stick our noses outside the Gate without too long of a time commitment. It also provides the solution to our two challenges and saves us from having to “move back to Oklahoma.” Hope to see you there!

Around Alameda

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have to maneuver to avoid kids training in dinghies from the Encinal Yacht Club.

As you approach Jack London Square to starboard, you might have decided to pull into Scott’s dock for lunch – or the Pasta Pelican on the Alameda side. A little further down you can increase speed as wake no longer becomes such an issue, but keep a sharp lookout fore and aft as the ferries, container ships, pilot boats and other boat traffic ensure that this part of the Estuary is always well traveled. As you and your crew marvel at how fast the container ships are loaded and unloaded to starboard, you can look at the old Naval Air Station to port and imagine being under the main runway as an F18 took off!

As you exit the Estuary and turn to port to complete your circumnavigation, you’ll pass the USS Hornet (well worth a visit by land, if only to see the exhibit stemming from the fact that she recovered the Apollo 11 crew) and then you’ll cross your outbound track and will have officially circumnavigated Alameda. If you’d like to chat before trying, please feel free to call me at (510) 865-4700 or email me at:

dforbes@clubnautique.net



Club Nautique Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

1 Bay Cruising Workshop - A
 1 Motoring - A
 8 CPM Information Seminar - R
 8-16 Fall Boat Show
 8 Discover Sailing - S
 8 P.Y.N.O.T.G. - S
 9 Big Boat Motoring - S
 14-16 Coastal Passagemaking
 15 W.O.W.! - A
 15 Chartershare - S
 13-16 Rolex Big Boats
 15-16 Treasure Island Music Fest
 15-16 Twin Screw Coastal Passage - A
 19-25 Offshore Passagemaking - A
 22 Discover Sailing - R
 22 Asymmetrical Spinnaker - A
 22 Radar/GPS Clinic - A
 23 Overboard Recovery - A
 23 Bay Cruising Workshop - S

28-30 Coastal Passagemaking
 29-30 Coastal Navigation I - R
 29 Leukemia Cup - S
 30 Jeanneau 54' Certification - A

OCTOBER

4-10 Fleet Week
 8 Happy Columbus Day!
 12 Coastal Passagemaking
 13 Discover Sailing - S
 13-14 Coastal Navigation II - R
 12-14 Half Moon Bay Cruise
 13 Spinnaker Clinic
 19 Coastal Passagemaking
 20 CharterShare - A
 21 P.Y.N.O.T.G.! - R
 20-21 Coastal Navigation I - A
 27 Radar/GPS Clinic - A
 31 Last Hump Night Halloween Party - R

NOVEMBER

3 Motoring Clinic - A
 4 Discover Sailing - S
 4-5 Coastal Navigation II - A
 4 Jeanneau 54' Certification - A
 10 Heavy Weather Seminar - A
 16-18 Coastal Passagemaking
 17 CharterShare - A
 22 Happy Thanksgiving!
 24 Discover Sailing - A
 24 Radar/GPS Clinic - A

DECEMBER

1 Oakland YC Parade of Lights
 2 Big Boat Motoring - A
 8 Sausalito YC Parade of Lights
 9 Motoring Clinic - S
 16 Jeanneau 54' Certification
 24-30 CN Closed for Holidays
 25 Merry Christmas!



Sea Stories Wanted

Give us your tall tales, your old yarns and your fish stories! We want to share them with the world! Well, at least your fellow Nautiquers. Authors of published submissions will receive Club Nautique Boating Bucks good towards charter, services and merchandise from the club! Preferred format is MS Word. Photographs should be identified for proper credit.

A special thanks to contributors to this edition of News Nautique:

Rod Witel
Rachad Youssef

*We'll make note of your
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Spotlight on Instructor - Jim Hancock

— by Gary Walker —



Captain Jim Hancock has been an instructor with Club Nautique since October 2006. He came to Club Nautique with extensive experience as a mariner and as an instructor. Jim is a third

generation Californian, growing up sailing Hobie Cats and Lasers as a teenager in Northern California. His love for boats and the water was further developed in college as he sailed Tech Dingy's on the Charles River while earning a master's degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at MIT.

As a marine engineer for Exxon in Houston, Jim continued a connection to the maritime community while developing instrumentation for the offshore oilrigs. Jim was also an industry representative on a Coast Guard panel for lifeboat safety. He continued sailing in Galveston, Texas on Hobie Cats and J-24's.

Jim eventually returned to California where he started to get really serious about sailing. In 1994, Jim bought a Freya 39 that he and his wife sailed on a six-year, sixteen thousand mile cruise from San Francisco to Australia and many points in between. Between 1990

and 2000 Jim also did a number of deliveries in the Gulf of Mexico, on the west coast of the U.S. and two trips from Hawaii to California.

Jim began his career as a sailing instructor in 2000 as a volunteer for the Lake Merritt Sailing Center. After returning from Australia in 2006, Jim dove into teaching head-first, certifying as a sailing instructor and obtaining his Coast Guard Captain's license.

Jim is an avid maritime writer. For educational and interesting reading, check out some of his articles including:

- A Different Kind of Lesson, Latitude 38, November 2000
- Anchoring: Scope for Improvement, Sail Magazine, July 2004
- Sailing Sense: A Stanchion Tank Vent, Sail Magazine, December 2005
- Mast Matters: A Close Look at the Rig Will Prevent a Sudden Surprise, Sail Magazine, April 2006
- Solstice – Freya 39: A Year in Australia, Latitude 38, July 2006
- When Two Reefs Aren't Enough, Sail Magazine, August 2007

We're proud to have Jim as a part of the Club Nautique team. Jim has brought not only all of his knowledge and experience but also his attention to detail and his keen professionalism, wit and kindness.

In his spare time Jim likes nothing more than to sail his own boat or to race as crew aboard other people's boats on the Bay. He just can't get enough!



Above: Jim shows off the catch of the day while cruising Uanukuhifu, Tonga

Right: Solstice in Luangahu, Tonga



Fun With Furling Mains

— by Michael Johnson —

With more boats entering the fleet with Roller Furling Main-Sails, now may be a good time to remind us all about proper un-furling and furling methods that ensure successful and easy operation, and the best time to check it works is at the dock before you leave. Did I mention that the best time to check the main unfurls in before you leave? Good!

OUT: First, ensure that the Furling Winch is set to the **FREE** position - the winch is located under the goose-neck on the mast, and has a continuous line that runs over the drum and leads to deck clutches in the cockpit. Both of the clutches need to be in the open position prior to un-furling, and light pressure should be held on the line to ensure the line runs smoothly over the Furling Winch without the line skipping off the drum.

Next, open the deck-clutch for the **OUTHHAUL**, and haul out on the line to un-furl the main sail until the clew reaches the aft end of the boom, increasing tension until the sail is set to the desired shape, which may require running the outhaul to

the cabin-top winch and grinding until properly trimmed. You're now set for sailing...

IN: Coming back, ensure the boat is headed into the wind, and that the boom-vang and the main-sheet are tensioned (this ensures that the luff of the sail is wrinkle free as it furls into the mast) and ensure that the deck clutches for the **FURLING LINES** are open. Prior to opening the deck-clutch for the **OUTHHAUL**, run the line around the cabin top winch to take up the tension on the line, then gradually ease the **OUTHHAUL** as the **FURLING IN** line is pull in. Continue furling in until the sail is furled up to the U/V protection patch on the aft edge of the sail, and remember to maintain light pressure on the **OUTHHAUL** so that the sail furls tightly inside the mast making it

easier for the next charterer...

Don't be stuck with a stuck main-sail: take advantage of our ever helpful dock-staff prior to leaving as they will be happy to help with complete explanations, start-to-finish demo's and expert advice. They're there to help you get out of a jam before you get into it.



Congratulations CPM Graduates!



Pat Williams - April 20, 2007



Barry Corlett - May 29, 2007



Michael Flemming - August 5, 2007

From the Bases

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first day we opened the doors. We are declining to rent the clubhouse to non-members; however, we will try to accommodate requests from any of our members.

If you check your calendar the October 31st Humpday sail is scheduled for Richmond. For members who like to live on the edge you should sign up for this Halloween event. Sailing may be optional.

The club is now fully staffed. The newest additions are Toni Ecker and Armando Garcia. Toni is new to boating and you'll find her at the front office at the club taking care of the day-to-day activities. Not much happens without her involvement. Armando is the young man on the docks that prepares the boats for charter. He has been an invaluable addition. However, he is always on the docks and you may visit the club many times before you'll catch a glimpse of him. BTW, his father manages the fuel dock in Richmond.

John Dahle, as Director, opened the club on April 2nd. The clubhouse was the former location of the Marina Bay Yacht Club. John's friend, former member of the

MBYC, and Club Nautique member, Paul Dubois, first mentioned to John the facility was available. After several months of negotiations with the Marina Bay Harbor, Club Nautique arrived.

John first came to the club in 1992 and managed the Sausalito location until 2000. From 2000 – 2007 he was the IT Director for Club Nautique and H&S Yacht Sales in southern California. Now, in addition to managing the Richmond he is IT Director of Club Nautique, as well as our sister company, Cruising Yachts Inc. When not working he is racing his Hunter 41. He is vying for first place in the YRA HDA series. (It should be noted that Hunters also make good cruising and charter boats.)

Frank Taylor is Membership Director. Frank is a Bay Area native whose first boating experiences were on powerboats in the California Delta. Later as a student at Cal he crewed on sailboats around the bay area and fell in love with sailing. He has owned several yachts and his Islander 34 sloop can now be found in Richmond's Marina Bay. Frank has logged many hours as a sailor

on California's coastal and inland waters. He has also sailed in the Mediterranean and Atlantic Oceans off the coast of Spain and crewed on boats in the Coral Sea off the Coast of Australia.

Erin Waid is the Fleet Manager. Erin came aboard in April and manages the fleet in Richmond. Erin has been cruising and racing sailboats for over 7 years in the San Francisco Bay and the Delta. Her love affair can be traced back to one summer spent restoring an old wooden Pelican. Four years ago she sailed her 46-foot ketch from the Delta to the Bay to work on crew boats and tugboats as a deckhand and engineer. She is a member of Oakland Yacht Club and loves taking advantage of reciprocity when she goes cruising. When Club Nautique doesn't keep her too busy, she enjoys resurrecting and saving old tugboats from the scrap yard, and playing her fiddle.

Finally, the staff rounded out by its furry lap warmer and sailboat racer "Mr. B." He relocated from Sausalito after a few pats on the head and new food bowl. He usually spends his workday next to the fireplace.

School Scuttlebutt

Club Nautique's spring and summer season has been a busy one. Two of our highlights are the success and excitement of our newest class setting, Richmond's Marina Bay and the expansion of our power boating program that now includes US Powerboating certification.

We now provide a full range of sailing classes at our Richmond site from Basic Keelboat to Coastal Passage Making. Richmond has offered the school new opportunities including a great location for entry-level classes on the Colgates. We can practice basics without ever leaving the marina, with a variety of conditions close at hand. The location is also close to the Central Bay, with Ayala Cove, Angel Island and variety of conditions found in those areas. I've heard from many of our members who live in North Bay and the Sacramento Valley who are very pleased with the proximity of the new base.

Particularly satisfying is the deepwater harbor with plenty of clearance for even our largest boats to enter and leave during any tidal conditions, something that can be a challenge at both our other sites. If you've not been to Marina Bay for a class, a charter or a Hump Night, I encourage you to visit.

Club Nautique's power boating program is going ahead at full speed ahead. We were the first US Powerboating School to graduate students with Basic Cruising Power Certification, Inshore Power Certification and Night Operations Power Certification. We already have a score of graduates from one or more

of these programs with many more students coming into the program. Our Coastal Power Boating program has also expanded, doubling in size from previous years. With the increase in interest in Cruising Power Yachts, I expect this program to continue to expand.

The Coastal Passage Making Program continues at a strong pace as well. With over 65 participants actively involved in the program, we increased scheduled classes over many of the summer months from one scheduled voyage date per month to two scheduled voyages. Even with that, we still send out multiple boats on most class weekends. Captain Thomas Perry has been leading a Coastal Passage Making Introductory Seminar every other month. If you are interested in this program, plan on attending one of Thomas' seminar. They are truly educational, and fun.

Along with the expanding number of graduates we are proud to announce the recent certification

of two more US SAILING CPM Instructors; Thomas Perry and David Scott gained their certification in July and we couldn't be more proud of them and all the hard work that they've put in to get to this level!

Coastal Passage Making voyages will continue into November. There is still time to sign up. For those of you who are graduates of Coastal Passage Making, you can still participate, since learning and experience is forever.

As winter approaches, Club Nautique is assembling its fall and winter seminar and class schedule. We have lots of classes and seminars that will make you a better, safer boater. Be sure to look for dates and events in the "Keeping You Current" weekly emails or check on the website for dates.

As always have fun and keep it safe. We look forward to helping you realize all of your boating goals and dreams.



From left: Scott Smith, Thomas Perry, Ray Wichmann (I.T.), Dave Scott & David Forbes (I.T.)



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Fleet Week!

We're very excited that the Blue Angels are back this year. If you haven't witnessed them in action you should definitely treat yourself to this event. They will be performing off of the San Francisco city, and as a good deal of you already know, the best seats are on board a boat out on the bay. Boats are getting snatched up fast so call to make your reservation today!

Thursday, October 4th

Blue Angel Survey Flights 1200 - 1700

Friday, October 5th

Air Show Practice 1400 - 1700 (Blue Angels fly about 1500)

Fireworks 21:00

Saturday, October 6th:

Parade of U.S. Navy Ships - 12:00 - 17:00

Fleet Week Air Show 1300 - 1600 (Blue Angels fly about 1500)

Fireworks 21:00

Sunday, October 7th

Fleet Week Air Show 1300 - 1700 (Blue Angels fly about 1500)

For details visit: <http://fleetweek.us/fleetweek>

