

PORTHOLE

Presidio Yacht Club / Travis Marina

Third Quarter 2010

Commodore's Report

The last quarter was busy. We had our annual Fourth of July barbecue and boat rides for the military. Thanks go to Rear Commodore James Pennington, Jack Gill, Steve Mahaley, George Sherman, Jack and Henriette Gordon, Jack Machun, Steve Peters, Ernie Filippo, JJ McKenna, and Raji Ullal who helped cook, serve, and handle boat rides. Jack Gill volunteered his big boat "Azure-Te" to take people out. Last year we had only about fifty people show and we expected only slight more than that this year. Boy, were we wrong. The marketing people at Travis really got the word out. We served approximately 220 people on the 4th! The vast majority were from Travis AFB. Needless to say we were a bit overwhelmed and some people had to wait a while before getting served. Unfortunately, for the boat rides the winds picked up to thirty knots and the USCG put up a gale warning. Col Vechery, the 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, visited us. I believe it was his first time to the club. He and his family were able to get a boat ride just before the winds reached their extreme.

Later that month, Bob cooked up his Santa Marina steak for our dinner. What an awesome meal that was.



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In August, our own John Slivka showed a made for television documentary filmed by Roy Disney about the famous Transpac Race. John narrated throughout. A fantastic tale.

In September, Norbert Bajurin, Staff Commodore for the Golden Gate Yacht Club and BMW Oracle Racing Liaison, came to speak about the Golden Gate Yacht Club's successful challenge that brought the America's Cup back to America. He also talked about the possibility of the next challenge being held here in the San Francisco Bay.

Also in September, Vice Commodore Mark Tishler and Cruise Director's Frank and Joanne Beauchamp organized our return cruise-out to Treasure Island. We had THREE boats from our club make the trip and there were more people interested than could fit on the boats! And more club members land cruised. There we watched the Annual San Francisco Dragon Boat Festival and joined the Treasure Island Yacht Club in their annual pig roast. The TIYC treated us right; it was a magnificent feast.

The Presidio Yacht Club racing season has come to a close. In first place based on points was "Jazman", Louie Canotas. There

was a tie in points for second place between "Willin", Mark Tishler, and his racing friend "Roadrunner", Steve Hocking. In third place was "Galini", my boat. Close on my heels in fourth place was "HMS Bliss", Jack Gordon (and her new owner).

Jason Funk

Rear Commodore's Report

My Irish Grandmother may not like this, but the words of Shakespeare come to mind from his play King Henry the V: "From this day to the ending of the world, But we in it shall be remembered, We few, we happy few, we band of brothers". What a great quarter and year we had.

In the words of our Vice Commodore, Mark Tishler, "One thing we do really right around here is great dinners." To note is the hard work from cast and crew, who with hearts of gold served about 300 people over the past months. Thanks to the hard work and talents of volunteers like Raji Ullal, beautiful Natasha, JJ McKenna and family, Kathy Kiester, Chris Poloc, and members like Dixon, who on a moments notice, stepped in when one of my team injured himself. Also, Bob Sherman, Jack Anderson, Mary Jane, and Steve for making the Crab dinner. The Beauchamp Family with their great April in Paris. The Bob and Ernie show with their delicious Santa Maria BBQ. And my Irish brother and sister Kavanaugh for the St. Patrick's Day dinner. And last but certainly not least, my good wife Vicki, who spent countless hours of preparation that no one but myself saw. There are a lot of other names not mentioned like people who chipped in to help on the fringe when times got tough. A big personal thanks from me to all of you for your help.

Their work left our club with enough funding from dinners for the Council to gave me enough money to make the best dinner you can think of for our Members Appreciation Dinner. I started out plotting and planning and ended up with a delicious Stuffed Tenderloin. 64 Members sat down to what some said was the best meal of their lives. To top it all off, that dinner with a delightful desert and two different Gold Medal wines was free to our membership.

Perhaps the toughest moment for me personally was when we all had to say our final goodbye to our dear friends Jack and Henriette Gordon. They are destined to move closer to family in Virginia. We all owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. As I toasted them and say once again, "You will never leave us. You always be with us in heart".

I want to mention a special thank you from our club to the PICYA for a \$2,500.00 scholarship that was awarded in November to JJ McKenna's son Serge. JJ and Serge, have volunteered behind the scenes for many hours cooking and cleaning for our dinners. Serge learned about the love of sailing on Richardson Bay last year. But his real claim to fame is he has been a local advocate against abuse of children in Marin County. At 15 years of age he started a foundation for the advocacy of anti-bullying and teen abuse. He also scored at the top of the nation for his SAT and social responsibility. That and more allowed him to enter Tufts University with a full scholarship. The PICYA money came in late so Tufts won't deduct it from his scholarship. He gets to keep all of the money. It will go for book, food, and to house this 17 year old freshman for a year. Right now he is earning a little cash washing dishes. One day he will graduate and move into a position of leadership. When that happens, he can look back at the PICYA and Presidio Yacht Club see the helping hands that reached out to help.



Fourth of July

As I move on to the position of Vice and look back at one of the most memorable years of my life I have but few words that sum it up: "We few we happy few."

James Pennington

Port Captain's Report

Our former Port Captain, Jack Gordon, has nothing for this issue of the Porthole except to say "Both Henriette and I were deeply touched by all the affection and care that so many people have shown us." Our pleasure, Jack!

Sail Master's Report

The Basic Keel Boat sail training program has had another successful year. There was a lot of interest in the program by the folks out at Travis and a lot of enthusiasm by the attendees, thanks to our volunteer instructors. For this season we trained 27 students, all but 5 active duty. The total would have been greater except for several last minute cancellations because of duty commitments.

Our goal was to reduce the time in the classroom and more time on the water and it was successful. This was done with the cooperation of the Travis AFB Library. We gave the library the Basic Keel Boat textbooks so that the students could check the books out and pre-study the basics before attending the course. That way we did not have to spend a lot of time in the classroom going over nomenclature, rules of the road, etc. We also saved time by not teaching things you only need to know if you are sailing around the world.

Our thanks to the instructors who gave their time and skills to make the program a success. In alphabetical order: Rodger Anderson, Jon Blank, John Harrison, Darcey Kauer, Oliver Field, , Gary Hlady, Steve Mahaley, James Pennington, Roy Pitts, Leonel Rocca, John Schoenfeld, and Mark Tishler.

We plan on cranking up the sail training program in April 2011.

Jack Machun



Work Day

PICYA Report

Trying to sit down to write a couple of things. A big item is San Francisco is the only United States city in contention to host the next America's Cup race. I should mention that the PYC is holding a New Years Eve dinner party and Louie is having a dance band upstairs. The Air Force is actively seeking a replacement boat for "Warrior", our best boat that got T-boned recently. "Warrior" was acquired around 1993-94 when Fort Ord closed and Presidio club members sailed it up from Monterey Bay. As always, the PYC is actively seeking chefs for our workday dinners. No

experience needed, workers furnished. Bring your favorite recipe. No clean up required. Talk to the Rear Commodore. I represented the PYC at the Golden Gate Yacht Club youth sailing fund-raiser featuring the America's Cup (see picture on page one), the Fleet Week kickoff, and on the Coast Guard ship "Jonas Cobb" with my wife Pat. The PYC also participated in the PICYA 14th Annual Wheelchair Regatta with myself and Pete Van Der Werff. We had another year of perfect attendance by Pete, myself, and our new representative Chuck Wright.

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

13 Workday, Change of Watch, and Dinner

DECEMBER

11 Workday and Christmas Dinner

31 New Years Party

0.5 NM EAST OF GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
 Predicted Tidal Current October, 2010

Day	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack				
1	0201	0516	+2.2	0912	1106	-0.9	1337	1653	+1.8	1920	2219	-2.2	
2	0315	0619	+2.6	0955	1203	-1.3	1512	1804	+2.0	2036	2351	-2.5	
3	0416	0713	+3.0	1030	1255	-1.8	1631	1910	+2.4	2145			
4		0053	-2.7	0507	0800	+3.4	1104	1341	-2.5	1733	2009	+2.9	2248
5		0146	-3.0	0554	0843	+3.7	1139	1423	-3.0	1827	2103	+3.3	2346
6		0236	-3.1	0638	0926	+3.9	1216	1504	-3.4	1918	2155	+3.6	
7	0042	0325	-3.0	0720	1009	+3.9	1253	1544	-3.6	2008	2247	+3.7	
8	0137	0415	-2.9	0802	1053	+3.8	1333	1625	-3.8	2057	2337	+3.7	
9	0232	0507	-2.5	0842	1137	+3.6	1413	1706	-3.6	2147			
10		0028	+3.6	0329	0558	-2.1	0922	1221	+3.3	1455	1747	-3.4	2239
11		0120	+3.3	0430	0652	-1.7	1003	1306	+2.8	1539	1831	-3.0	2332
12		0215	+2.9	0537	0749	-1.3	1047	1353	+2.3	1626	1928	-2.6	
13	0029	0317	+2.6	0655	0851	-1.0	1140	1447	+1.9	1720	2046	-2.1	
14	0130	0424	+2.4	0815	0952	-0.9	1255	1550	+1.5	1826	2158	-1.8	
15	0233	0531	+2.4	0917	1052	-1.0	1438	1704	+1.3	1946	2302	-1.8	
16	0331	0629	+2.5	1002	1149	-1.3	1558	1823	+1.4	2105			
17		0001	-1.8	0420	0717	+2.7	1037	1240	-1.7	1657	1927	+1.7	2209
18		0053	-2.0	0502	0756	+2.8	1106	1324	-2.1	1744	2016	+2.1	2303
19		0140	-2.1	0538	0830	+2.9	1131	1404	-2.5	1825	2059	+2.4	2350
20		0223	-2.2	0611	0901	+3.0	1156	1440	-2.7	1902	2138	+2.6	
21	0035	0306	-2.2	0642	0933	+3.0	1222	1514	-2.9	1937	2217	+2.8	
22	0118	0350	-2.1	0712	1007	+3.0	1249	1542	-3.0	2010	2257	+2.9	
23	0202	0433	-2.0	0742	1043	+3.0	1318	1600	-3.1	2043	2337	+2.9	
24	0246	0518	-1.7	0815	1122	+2.9	1350	1616	-3.2	2117			
25		0018	+2.9	0332	0602	-1.4	0849	1201	+2.8	1424	1646	-3.4	2154
26		0101	+2.8	0421	0648	-1.2	0927	1244	+2.6	1502	1724	-3.4	2234
27		0147	+2.7	0515	0740	-0.9	1011	1329	+2.3	1545	1808	-3.2	2319
28		0238	+2.7	0615	0839	-0.9	1104	1422	+2.1	1636	1900	-3.0	
29	0011	0335	+2.6	0718	0939	-0.9	1212	1523	+1.9	1738	2005	-2.6	
30	0111	0435	+2.7	0815	1037	-1.3	1339	1632	+1.8	1855	2149	-2.3	
31	0218	0536	+2.9	0901	1132	-1.7	1512	1745	+2.0	2018	2322	-2.3	

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0.5 NM EAST OF GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
 Predicted Tidal Current November, 2010

Day	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack				
1	0323	0632	+3.2	0942	1224	-2.3	1627	1855	+2.4	2135			
2		0028	-2.3	0421	0724	+3.4	1022	1312	-2.9	1727	1958	+2.9	2244
3		0126	-2.5	0513	0811	+3.6	1101	1357	-3.4	1822	2054	+3.3	2346
4		0219	-2.5	0602	0857	+3.7	1141	1440	-3.8	1913	2147	+3.6	
5	0044	0310	-2.3	0648	0942	+3.7	1221	1522	-3.9	2003	2238	+3.8	
6	0141	0402	-2.2	0733	1027	+3.5	1302	1605	-3.9	2051	2329	+3.7	
7	0137	0355	-2.0	0717	1012	+3.3	1244	1549	-3.8	2039	2318	+3.6	
8	0234	0447	-1.7	0801	1057	+2.9	1326	1633	-3.5	2126			
9		0007	+3.4	0333	0539	-1.4	0846	1142	+2.6	1410	1717	-3.1	2212
10		0057	+3.1	0433	0633	-1.2	0935	1229	+2.1	1456	1809	-2.6	2256
11		0149	+2.9	0535	0729	-1.0	1032	1320	+1.7	1547	1914	-2.2	2340
12		0244	+2.6	0636	0825	-1.0	1146	1419	+1.3	1648	2020	-1.8	
13	0027	0339	+2.5	0728	0920	-1.2	1316	1530	+1.1	1805	2121	-1.7	
14	0116	0433	+2.5	0810	1013	-1.4	1434	1651	+1.2	1932	2219	-1.6	
15	0205	0522	+2.5	0844	1103	-1.8	1535	1803	+1.5	2047	2315	-1.6	
16	0251	0604	+2.6	0913	1148	-2.2	1623	1857	+1.9	2149			
17		0006	-1.6	0332	0642	+2.7	0940	1230	-2.5	1706	1941	+2.2	2241
18		0054	-1.7	0411	0718	+2.8	1008	1307	-2.9	1744	2021	+2.5	2329
19		0140	-1.6	0447	0754	+2.8	1037	1340	-3.0	1821	2100	+2.7	
20	0015	0225	-1.6	0524	0832	+2.9	1107	1406	-3.2	1856	2140	+2.9	
21	0059	0311	-1.4	0601	0911	+2.9	1140	1423	-3.4	1930	2220	+3.0	
22	0142	0357	-1.3	0640	0953	+2.8	1216	1448	-3.6	2005	2300	+3.2	
23	0226	0442	-1.2	0721	1036	+2.8	1254	1524	-3.8	2040	2342	+3.2	
24	0309	0528	-1.2	0807	1121	+2.6	1336	1605	-3.8	2118			
25		0025	+3.3	0354	0616	-1.2	0858	1209	+2.5	1423	1652	-3.6	2159
26		0112	+3.3	0441	0709	-1.3	0957	1302	+2.2	1516	1745	-3.2	2244
27		0203	+3.2	0530	0806	-1.4	1107	1403	+2.0	1620	1849	-2.7	2334
28		0258	+3.2	0621	0902	-1.7	1232	1511	+1.9	1737	2029	-2.3	
29	0030	0355	+3.2	0710	0958	-2.2	1401	1626	+2.0	1904	2155	-2.1	
30	0131	0453	+3.2	0758	1052	-2.6	1516	1741	+2.4	2028	2304	-2.0	

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0.5 NM EAST OF GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
 Predicted Tidal Current December, 2010

Day	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack				
1	0234	0549	+3.3	0843	1145	-3.1	1619	1848	+2.8	2143			
2		0005	-2.0	0333	0642	+3.4	0928	1235	-3.5	1715	1946	+3.2	2249
3		0102	-1.8	0428	0731	+3.4	1011	1321	-3.8	1807	2039	+3.5	2350
4		0155	-1.8	0520	0818	+3.3	1055	1407	-3.9	1856	2129	+3.7	
5	0046	0248	-1.7	0610	0905	+3.2	1138	1453	-3.9	1942	2218	+3.7	
6	0140	0341	-1.6	0658	0951	+3.0	1221	1539	-3.8	2026	2304	+3.7	
7	0232	0432	-1.4	0746	1037	+2.7	1304	1623	-3.5	2108	2349	+3.5	
8	0322	0521	-1.4	0834	1122	+2.4	1347	1707	-3.1	2145			
9		0031	+3.3	0409	0610	-1.3	0923	1207	+2.1	1432	1752	-2.7	2219
10		0114	+3.1	0454	0659	-1.3	1016	1254	+1.7	1519	1843	-2.3	2250
11		0157	+2.9	0539	0750	-1.3	1118	1348	+1.4	1615	1942	-2.0	2321
12		0242	+2.6	0623	0841	-1.4	1233	1451	+1.1	1725	2041	-1.6	2357
13		0329	+2.5	0704	0932	-1.6	1354	1608	+1.1	1853	2140	-1.3	
14	0040	0417	+2.4	0742	1022	-1.8	1502	1730	+1.3	2023	2238	-1.2	
15	0130	0505	+2.4	0817	1110	-2.1	1557	1834	+1.7	2136	2334	-1.2	
16	0221	0552	+2.4	0850	1155	-2.5	1644	1922	+2.0	2236			
17		0026	-1.2	0310	0636	+2.5	0923	1236	-2.7	1725	2003	+2.4	2327
18		0115	-1.2	0357	0719	+2.6	0957	1311	-3.1	1803	2042	+2.7	
19	0011	0202	-1.2	0442	0801	+2.7	1033	1340	-3.4	1839	2121	+3.0	
20	0051	0248	-1.2	0528	0845	+2.8	1111	1402	-3.6	1914	2200	+3.2	
21	0129	0335	-1.2	0615	0930	+2.8	1152	1432	-3.9	1948	2239	+3.5	
22	0205	0419	-1.3	0704	1016	+2.9	1235	1511	-4.0	2023	2319	+3.6	
23	0241	0503	-1.4	0755	1103	+2.8	1321	1555	-3.9	2059			
24		0001	+3.7	0319	0546	-1.6	0850	1153	+2.7	1410	1643	-3.8	2137
25		0045	+3.7	0359	0633	-1.8	0950	1245	+2.5	1505	1736	-3.2	2217
26		0132	+3.6	0443	0726	-2.0	1056	1345	+2.3	1609	1840	-2.7	2301
27		0223	+3.4	0531	0823	-2.2	1216	1452	+2.1	1725	2012	-2.1	2350
28		0318	+3.2	0623	0921	-2.5	1344	1608	+2.1	1854	2133	-1.7	
29	0047	0417	+3.1	0717	1021	-2.7	1502	1728	+2.3	2026	2242	-1.4	
30	0151	0517	+3.0	0810	1121	-3.1	1608	1838	+2.7	2147	2347	-1.4	
31	0230	0605	+3.0	0900	1217	-3.4	1637	1927	+3.1	2253			

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0.5 NM EAST OF GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
 Predicted Tidal Current January, 2011

Day	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack	Maximum	Slack
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NO DATA FOR 2011 YET.

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