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Presidio Yacht Club / Travis Marina

First Quarter 2014

Editor's Report

DUES

As you have read from the e-mails that have been sent out, the Presidio Yacht Club is now collecting its own dues. A portion of those dues will be transferred to the Air Force to help pay for maintenance of the boathouse, but the bulk of the dues will remain with the Club. In the past we had to negotiate with Travis to fund club activities and they had only one limited means available to pay for those activities. That made it difficult to fund our events. Now the Club will have control over the funds and have greater freedom in using them. We are hoping this translates into more events and more fun! This makes it even more important that you send in your dues as soon as possible. We will no longer be relying on the Air Force's "deep pockets".

ANGEL ISLAND LUNCH CRUISE

In October, the Club had a Lunch Cruise to Angel Island. It was a huge success. Around sixty people showed up including a lot of military members from Travis Air Force Base and Beale Air Force Base. It was a lot of fun. Kudos to Jennifer Hinkel, Matt Duerst, Shannon Elms, Annie Springer, Lisa Theodoratus, all the boat skippers who ferried passengers, and a host of other helpers. Annie Springer, the new Vice Commodore, is planning similar Lunch Cruise on each fifth Saturday for those months with five Saturdays including a return to Angel Island.



Angel Island Lunch Cruise

NIGHT RACING

In addition to our Baxter-Judson Sunday race series, Vice Commodore Springer is planning two series of races on Thursday nights. (Really these would start in the late afternoon around 6:15 PM.) The first series is planned to start in May and the second series is planned to start in August. Prizes will be handed out in the bar or in the Sail Training Room after each race and, on those nights Maria has her bands, there will be live music after the races as well.

LEASE

The Park Service was scheduled to announce who would get the long term lease to the boathouse and marina in October. So far, there has been no news. The latest rumor is that nothing will be announced until some time in January, so we continue to wait. Naturally we all believe that Travis Air Force Base had the best proposal and would be the most logical choice for the long term future of the boathouse and marina.

CALENDAR

January

11 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.

February

8 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
CRAB FEED. 7 PM.

March

8 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
16 BAXTER-JUDSON WARM-UP RACE. 11 AM.
29 FIFTH SATURDAY LUNCH CRUISE.

April

12 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
20 BAXTER-JUDSON FIRST RACE. 11 AM.
27 OPENING DAY ON THE BAY.

May

1 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
10 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
15 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
18 BAXTER-JUDSON SECOND RACE. 11 AM.
29 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
31 FIFTH SATURDAY LUNCH CRUISE.

June

12 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
14 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
15 BAXTER-JUDSON THIRD RACE. 11 AM
26 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.

July

4 FOURTH OF JULY BBQ. 11 AM
20 BAXTER-JUDSON FOURTH RACE. 11 AM.

August

7 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
9 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
17 BAXTER-JUDSON FIFTH RACE. 11 AM.
21 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
30 FIFTH SATURDAY LUNCH CRUISE.

September

4 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
13 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
18 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
21 BAXTER-JUDSON SIXTH RACE. 11 AM.

October

2 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE.
11 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. 6 PM.
WORKDAY SUPPER. 7 PM.
12 LADY SKIPPER'S RACE. 11 AM.

November

8 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
AWARDS AND CHANGE OF WATCH. 6 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
29 FIFTH SATURDAY LUNCH CRUISE.

December

13 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE.

This is what we have planned, but the calendar is always subject to change.

SAILING MASTER

The Volunteer Skipper program and Sail Training program now have a new Sailing Master. Matt Duerst is taking the reins over from Roy Pitts. Matt is a pilot stationed at Travis Air Force Base. This is a good thing because I am sure he will help drum up interest in both of those program with the military members up at Travis.

Some of our newer members may not be aware of these two programs. The Volunteer Skipper program is a program where individuals can rent one of the Travis boats and a volunteer will skipper the boat for them. The advantage for the user is they don't necessarily need to know how to sail and the advantage for the skipper is they get to sail for free and get a free burger and beer up at the bar afterward. This is a great opportunity for an experience sailor who is "between boats". The Sail Training program is similar - experienced sailors volunteer to give sailing lessons to military members and dependents. If you are not already involved and would like to help out with either or both of these programs, please contact Matt. Matt can be reached at "travissailtraining@gmail.com".



Ayala Cove During the Lunch Cruise

NEW YEAR'S EVE

James Pennington surpassed himself on New Year's Eve cooking one of the best meals ever served at the Presidio Yacht Club. Fifty-eight people came to enjoy champagne and his prime rib and salmon. A number of the guests praised him for putting on a great evening. Helping James were Kris Youngberg; Steve Hewett; George Roderick; Cynthia Sandburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Good, who helped serve.

- Jason Funk

Electronic Mail Project

Several months ago the PYC club roster had 59 names without e-mail addresses. This meant 59 members were not getting the Porthole as we do not do a mailing. We suspected that many of those on the roster without an e-mail address probably did have an address. The council members were each asked to call 4 or 5 of them to see if they now had an address. The project was a success and now the list of those without an e-mail address has been reduced to 20, a very manageable mailing. We also think some of the 20 may have an e-mail address. So, if you are reading this Porthole posted on the bulletin board or web site and you do have an email address, please send an e-mail to Lisa Theodoratus, the PYC membership guru. Her email address is "lisatheo@msn.com".

-Jack Machun



New Year's Eve



Master Chef James Pennington

PICYA Report

A couple of news items from the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association (PICYA). The PICYA Change of Watch and Commodore's Ball is on Saturday, January 25th. The deadline to sign up is January 17th. Cost is \$75 per person and will be held at the Hilton in Emeryville. More info on their web site, "picya.org". (On February 8th, PICYA and U.S. Sailing are hosting a Race Management course at the Encinal Yacht Club. Cost is \$50. A good course if you are interested in learning more about how to manage a sailing race.) PICYA is putting on a Yacht Club Leadership Conference on March 8th at the Vallejo Yacht Club. This is a valuable resource for anyone wanting to learn more about managing a yacht club. The Coast Guard and other prominent speakers put out information. Breakfast and lunch included. More information, including cost, will be posted later. Commodore Nobert Bajurin of the Golden Gate Yacht Club, who has spoken

at our club about the America's Cup races, was named Yachtsman of the Year by PICYA for 2013. (And don't forget: Opening Day on the Bay is April 27th this year. We need a team of volunteers to decorate a boat for the parade!)

-Manny Mier

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