

RIVERVIEW YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MEMBER NEWS...

BIRTHDAYS

3/15 Dale Hafelfinger

3/27 Kaylee Kazee

4/6 Frank Champion

CONDOLENCES

*To the Shetler family for the loss of
Joyce's son.*



COMMODORE REPORT

by Sherri Olson

Well, I hope the New Year started out great for everyone. With the holidays behind us, it is time to get to work.

February's dinner was small in attendance, but those who braved the elements had fun and a great chili and baked potatoes dinner. Larry Cathey and Cookie Hanlon did a Super job and a big THANKS to Camille for cleaning up the galley.

We are getting the barge surveyed with an estimate of value. We, then, will be in a position to see about moving it, if that is what we decide. The board feels that we will attract new members if we are in a more desirable location. We are still looking into merging with Marina West YC. Both clubs need new members to survive. All yacht clubs are having trouble with membership. There was a time when clubs had waiting lists that were 100 strong - NOT ANYMORE!



Our brunch is April 20th and Cookie has graciously offered to chair the event again. When she calls for donations; please help. This is a big money raiser. To get ready for this event, we will have a work party on April 5th to clean the inside and outside of the clubhouse. There is much to do, so we need everyone there at 9 AM.

Invite friends to our dinners. We like their money and they might have fun and enjoy the evening with great people. You don't have to have a boat to be a member of the club.

I would like to remind all members with boats to be sure and clean them up for our cruising season and check all fluids, etc. Boating can be fun but it can be a pain if something breaks.

Remember that daylight saving time begins March 9th - Spring forward.

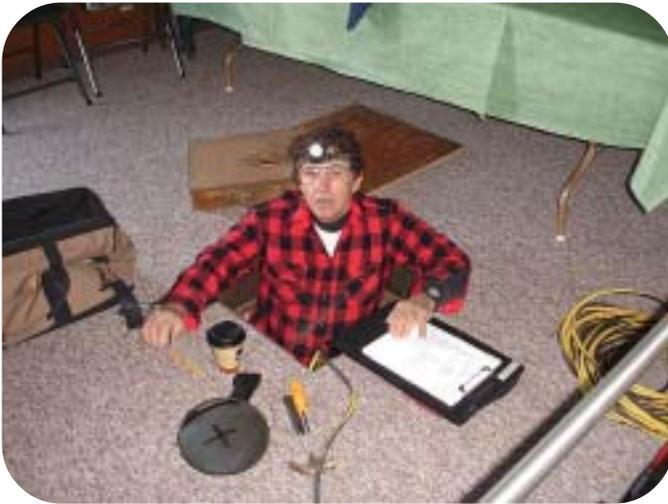
Happy Boating!

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VICE COMMODORE REPORT by Dennis Kaze

Well a lot is happening on the waterfront. In order to fully understand the value of the asset, and because it would be a requirement for a possible move, the club decided to go ahead with the barge survey. I had the pleasure of meeting Terry Tupper of Bluewater Marine Survey on February 29th. He was there a little before me and had started his survey by looking around the outside. His first impression was bleak. He had the deck up above the sump pump, looking at the water below and thinking that we were holding water in one of our bilge compartments. I explained to him about our deck modifications prior to moving to Cliff's and the reason why we list. He wasn't completely convinced until he was able to peek below and then was very impressed with the structure and condition of the bilge. He says the clubhouse is way overbuilt and that it's the strongest vessel he has ever seen. There is an area of light surface rust that we need to treat and seal in the aft compartment. Terry said treat it and check again in twenty years.



Well, as it turned out, Terry also needed to see the forward compartment. I don't know of anyone ever having been in there before. I lifted the covers that are on the floor in the middle of the bar. The hatch plate is secured with about 20 - 1/2" brass screws. All but four came out easily. Terry and I made another appointment for the following Sunday, to give us time to open the hatch. At this point I called Ken Horak, thinking we can do a little dirty work as well as open the hatch.

On Sunday morning, as I approached the ramps, I saw Tom Moran who had stopped by to see what was going on. We needed a big screw driver and a 1/2" drill bit which Tom and Helen supplied. The hatch was opened. It looked better that the rest of the compartments (see photo). However our work didn't stop there. We went back to the office area and commenced in removing all of the sheet rock, paneling and insulation from the inside walls. Some of the interior sections of the wall were still wet.

Tom and Helen carried all of the trash to the dumpster while Ken and I tore it out. It turned out to be a great little work party. Terry was able to see the forward compartment and remained impressed.

We don't have the complete survey yet, but I could tell by Terry's impressions that we have a nice and valuable asset in our clubhouse.

We will have another work party after March 20th and before the Brunch to try and complete the repair to the outer walls. Some work will also need to be done before the swallows return on the 17th. I talked with the Ziglers. Steve and I will get together to assemble a parts list and to procure and stage the necessary materials to fix the exterior and interior areas in the office. After this, we will need to get serious about the decks and treating the rusty bilge areas.

Work, work, work. Basic maintenance – Gotta do it. I think everybody is going to be pleased with the survey and finally realize what a wonderful asset we possess.



NAVIGATION TIP

*revised by Frank Beauchamp
source: Ballena Bay Brokers 2008 Winter Issue*



When coastal piloting, an easy way to determine approximate distance from the shore, by using only one reference point, is to double the angle off your bow by using an old geometry trick usually learned in school.

So how is this done? For example, you are off the coast and recognize Point Sur Lighthouse off your bow. When the lighthouse is 45 degrees off your bow, mark your time and most accurate true speed. Then, again, proceed along your straight course and mark your time when the lighthouse bears 90 degrees off your bow. Your time (in hours) traveled from your first time mark at 45 degrees to your second time mark at 90 degrees multiplied by your true speed will give you your approximate distance to the lighthouse.

Cool eh!

ACTIVITIES REPORT *by Joey Horak*

I was not able to attend the January meeting but heard it was very successful with a large crowd including eight members from the Marina West YC. I also heard that I missed a great spaghetti dinner put on by the board.

Our February dinner/meeting was small but very good and a perfect fit for the cold winter evening. The activities were the usual. Cookie H., Cindy K., and John H. won the Lottery scratchers and Nina M. won the 50/50 Split-the-Pot.

Hopefully, these last few days of nice weather are a sign of things to come. Our March dinner/meeting will have a Raffle and Lottery scratchers. Please bring a nice raffle prize and participate in the fun. In April, we will go back to the usual. Also, don't forget our annual Brunch on Sunday, April 20th as this is our big fundraiser.

I'm hoping that in May we'll be able to go to the Thistle Dew Dessert Theatre for a fun evening and fundraiser. I'm also going to see about booking a downtown Comedy Club in the fall for another fundraiser. As always, let me know if you any ideas for Activities.

See you at the Club!



CRUISE REPORT *by Larry Cathy*

Well, it looks like the Cruise Season will begin with our "Shake-Down Cruise" going to **Willow Berm Marina**. I talked to the Harbor Master this week and confirmed the date which is the weekend of **April 26th**.

Options are open for those who would like to go on Friday (25th) and there are sites available in the area for those who would like to go by "Land Yacht."

Please let me know of your intentions SOON as I will need to call back and make the final arrangements.

I need to know:

- Boat Name, Boat length and beam (overall)
- Number of crew
- 30 amp power or 50 amp power
- Staying Friday night or only Saturday night?
- It is also a good time to let me know if you will need any special accommodations for anyone on your crew/guest list.

The rest of the year is starting to take shape although it seems to be filling from the end of the season backwards!! More on that in a later issue.



Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 6 Board Meeting
- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 15 Monthly Dinner & Raffle
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 23 Easter Sunday

APRIL

- 5 Work Party
- 18 Monthly Dinner
- 20 FUNDRAISING BRUNCH
- 25, 26, 27 ... Shakedown Cruise to Willow Berm



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hosts are needed for the April, May, July and August dinners. Please contact Joe Collins at 916.479.2831 or e-mail collins2@apple.com.

Remember our annual brunch on April 20, 2008.

Please try to sell all your tickets and if you need more, contact cookie at home (209)745-4796 or cell (209)329-5181.

MARCH dinner

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Hosts: Cindy Kazee & Cookie Hanlon

Menu: Steak and Chicken Fajitas

Bar: 4:30PM / Dinner: 6:30PM

Activities: Raffle & Scratchers

APRIL dinner

Friday, April 18, 2008

Hosts: ????

Menu: ????

Bar: 4:30PM / Dinner: 6:30PM

Activities: 50/50 Split the Pot & Scratchers

OLD GPS SATELLITES DECOMMISSIONED

(Taken from Ballena Bay Yacht Brokers winter newsletter)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently decommissioned two WAAS GPS satellites and activated two replacement satellites. This means the WAAS firmware in certain older and some current model GPS receivers are no longer able to receive WAAS correction signals. There are a number of ways to determine if your GPS receiver is receiving signals from the new satellites. If your GPS unit has a satellite status page, which most do, check to see if it is receiving data from satellite #48 on the west coast. If you are not receiving the data, you will need to upgrade the firmware in your present GPS, change some settings or replace it entirely to obtain the improved accuracy provided by WAAS corrections.

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