

FOREWORD

'Traditions' are the mortar of an organization's history; especially one that is 75 years old and combines the recorded events of 2 venerable maritime institutions such as Coyote Point and Palo Alto Yacht Clubs.

A CPYC "Traditions Manual" was first created by Past Commodore Lloyd Boldemann and his wife Diane in 1998. There was only one copy and it became the property of the Secretary. It was used primarily at the start of each new Watch for calendar planning. It was thin, but it was a beginning.

At the time, Coyote Point and Palo Alto Yacht Clubs had just merged. The terms of the merger blended CPYC name, operations, members and clubhouse with PAYC's identification, funds and members. The surviving organization became larger, older and stronger. Operations were blended in every area—rosters, finances, databases; and because CPYC adopted the identification (burgee) of PAYC, all signage had to change as well—stationery, name badges, merchandise, etc. This included the history and traditions of both groups.

Also at the same time, existing copies of the CPYC Constitution-House Rules were completely exhausted. Club Leaders had no reference resources other than recall and word of mouth. The review and update of these documents was not a sought-after prospect.

Commodore Bob Imber appointed a Constitution Committee charged with updating of the Constitution and it was presented for Membership adoption at the November 2002 Annual Meeting. The Committee then began the update of the companion—House Rules (Bylaws). It was completed November 2004. Both are readily available and are significant items in every New Member's Initiation Packet.

Traditions became the third facet in the triad of leadership tools. There is a lot of 'Tradition' in Maritime matters and we are no exception. Our traditions are our HERITAGE. It consists of 'stuff' that over time becomes the mortar of an organization. This is our "HERITAGE"—a gathering of things handed down from our predecessors--'stuff' that makes CPYC real, alive, and proud!

November 2005

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:
Jan Miller, CPYC Secretary and Constitution Committee Chair
Betty J. Gordon, Past Commodore CPYC 1989
Robert "Bob" Lee, Past Commodore PAYC 1981
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JANUARY

MEETINGS:

Officer of the Day
Training

For new officers, previous officers, committee chairs and volunteer substitutes. Conducted by the Vice Commodore, can be scheduled in December.

Official Photograph

Flag Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, for display in the Club House.

CRUISE-OUT:

Oyster Point Cruise-out

First one of the year, the day after the Commodore's Ball; chaired by the out-going Cruise Chair. The Ward-Tauscher and Seacwest cruising trophy winners are announced.¹

REGATTA:

SBYRA

Winter Series #3; hosted by participating Yacht Clubs.

Hangover Race

PAYC News Year's Day tradition: adults race in Optimist sailboats. Hot 'toddies' served to all participants.²

SOCIAL:

Commodore's Ball
(Change of Watch)

The Constitution sets the date as the first Saturday following the 3rd Tuesday in January. This dinner-dance, hosted by the Rear Commodore and spouse, is steeped in tradition and protocol and includes introduction of Past Commodores, recognition of the out-going Board, and Installation of the new Board. The first General Meeting of the New Watch.³

Frank D. Banham
Memorial Service
Award

Announced at the Commodore's Ball.⁴

How did Coyote Point get its name?

JANUARY

¹ **Oyster Point Brunch Cruise-Out** -- The Commodore's Ball is followed by a cruise-out to Oyster Point Yacht Club for Sunday Brunch the next day. Non-boat owners are invited aboard Member boats and others may drive, as the facility and location are easily accessible. Oyster Point provides warm hospitality and an abundant spread. The point system for determining the Ward-Tauscher and Seacwest Cruising awards is explained and runners-up are announced. The names of the winners are inscribed on each trophy and both reside in the Regatta Room. The new Cruise Chair presents the Cruising schedule for the coming year.

² **Hangover Race** – This race was first sailed by adults on El Toro dinghies strictly for fun. No trophies – just lots of rum-based hot drinks, making all participants first place finishers.

³ **Commodore's Ball** – A dinner dance celebrating past success and the year to come. All Past Commodores and widows/widowers of Past Commodores receive a personal phoned invitation from the Rear Commodore and are recognized at the dinner in the order of the year served. This function is detailed in great length in the Rear Commodore's manual, and the protocol is strictly observed.

PAYC early Installation Dinners were held at a local restaurant, as the clubhouse at the harbor could be cold and muddy this time of year. The new Commodore was presented with a personal gavel inscribed with his name, year, and his Commodore ensign. Trophies were presented for each of the four series of seasonal races, one of these was the Van Deirse Perpetual Trophy, donated by Wendell Van Deirse in memory of his father, F.C. Deinese. It was awarded to the Div. 1 (keel boat) Season Champion. The trophy is a 2½-foot model of the three-masted Baltimore clipper "Sea Witch." It was made by F.C. Van Deinese in 1936 and took four years to build. It's atop the oak trophy case in the Regatta Room.

⁴ **Frank D. Banham Service Award** – Frank D. Banham was a charter member of PAYC and its Commodore in 1940. After he retired as an instrument maker at Stanford University he became a one-man house committee, always improving the club and its facilities.

This is the Club's only service award. It is a brass plaque mounted on a wooden frame and engraved with recipients' names. It was first presented in 1971, honoring the memory of Frank D. Banham. This award is presented to a member chosen by the Board of Directors whom they feel has made the most important contributions to the Club that year. The plaque now hangs in the CPYC stairwell.

FEBRUARY

MEETINGS:

PICYA Leadership
Conference

Vice Commodore attends both conferences given in February and October; all Flag Officers are encouraged to attend at least one.¹

CRUISE-OUT:

As scheduled by the Cruise Chair; often on Presidents' weekend.

MEMBERSHIP:

Sports Expo and
Open House

The Sports Expo at San Mateo County Fairgrounds is held annually in late January or early February. If we participate with a booth it is followed one week later by an Open House at CPYC. Participation in the Expo is determined by Nov/Dec vote of Board of Directors.²

REGATTA:

SBYRA

Winter Series #4.

Frostbite Race

CPYC tradition.³

Jack and Jill Race

CPYC tradition; male and female race.⁴

SOCIAL:

Crab Feed and
Super Bowl Party

Scheduled the day of the Super Bowl. The Crab Feed is held prior to the football game.⁵

Where do I get information on the Club's event schedule?

FEBRUARY

¹ **PICYA Leadership Conference** – CPYC By-Laws require the Vice Commodore to attend both leadership conferences; Flag Officers are encouraged and Members are welcome to attend. A small fee is charged.

² **Sports Expo and Open House** – The open house follows participation in Sports Expo, providing an opportunity for potential members to visit and view the Club; planned by the Membership Chair and hosted by the full Board of Directors. Planning begins at the OPYC Cruise-Out under the direction of Membership and Publicity Chairs. An on-the-water boat show at the guest dock is a successful addition to this event.

³ **Frostbite Race** – Held in the '70s in the usually cold month of February.

⁴ **Jack and Jill Race** – Held in the '70s, requiring an equal number of males and females in each crew.

⁵**Crab Feed and Super Bowl Party** – whether the “Big Game” was at Cal or Stanford, there was always a Crab Feed that night at the PAYC. Begun in the 1930s, it became a well established tradition by 1959. It was originally a way to host “old alums” who sailed down to PAYC from up-the-bay yacht clubs. Those who had cruised in had no cars, so PAYC members formed car pools to the game and return. A Crab Feed became the way to entertain the members and guests. All members put on the feed. It was a popular event, often advertised in the PICYA yearbook! The menu has remained the same: tomato soup, French bread, salad with Louis Dressing and CRAB! Even after the harbor silted in, the tradition remained.

With the merger, it became the hope of PAYC members that some of our traditions would be continued and it was suggested that Super Bowl Sunday might be an appropriate time. It is gratifying that CPYC has whole-heartedly embraced this PAYC tradition.

Where are extra copies of the Constitution and House Rules stored?

MARCH

MEETINGS:

General Membership Meeting

General Meeting closest to St. Patrick's Day is Corned beef and Cabbage night.

CRUISE-OUT:

As scheduled by the Cruise Chair.

MEMBERSHIP:

Chili Cook-off and Membership Drive

Originally a tradition of PAYC, this became a theme for the annual membership drive. If the Sports Expo is not used for Member recruitment, this is the alternative; late February or early March.¹

SOCIAL:

St. Patrick's Day party

Arranged by the Social Committee.²

Children's Easter party

Arranged by the Social Committee;³ generally scheduled the Saturday before Easter.

REGATTA:

SBYRA & Awards

Winter Series #5; Host Club for awards is selected.

Where did the term Commodore originate?

MARCH

¹ **Chili Cook-off** – Originally a Palo Alto tradition that began in the late '80s after the Club moved to Redwood City. It was held in October and the competition was open to all members. It involved an overnight cruise to West Point Slough. The fleet rafted together and a panel of judges tasted the chili. The rule mandated that chili had to be made on board to qualify for judging. Good-natured cheating was rampant. One member submitted chili purchased at a famous “Chili” restaurant in Texas and another submitted canned chili from Costco and got second place!

It is now the entertainment behind an important Membership Drive. Six member chefs compete using their own utensils, recipes, materials and table décor. Members and perspective members taste and vote for their favorite while learning about the Club and its camaraderie. “Influence peddling” is still part of the competition.

² **St. Patrick's Day Party** – a tradition of both CPYC and PAYC.

³ **Children's Easter party** – depending on attendance of children of appropriate age. Ice cream, cake, games and of course a real live Easter Bunny (We have a bunny-suit somewhere) for an egg hunt on the grounds by the Marina.

What are the House Rules? Where do I find them?

APRIL

MEETINGS:

Safety Day

A Club event held every other year. The Commodore appoints a Committee to coordinate with all the necessary agencies.¹

CRUISE-OUT:

As scheduled by the Cruise Chair; often involves South and/or North Bay Opening Days.

MEMBERSHIP:

New Member
Recruitment

A Membership open house can easily become part of Safety Day.²

REGATTA:

Beer Can Races

Begin with Daylight Saving Time.³

John Pitcher Race

CPYC Perpetual Trophy race named for John Pitcher.⁴

SBYRA Summer
Series

Summer series #1; hosted monthly by participating yacht clubs.

South Bay Opening
Day at Redwood City

Planned with Sequoia and other Yacht Clubs and organizations with an interest in water activities.⁵

North Bay Opening
Day

The PICYA's official opening of San Francisco Bay's Yachting season; includes Blessing of the Fleet and Parade of Boats.⁶

YRA Race

Beginning in 1971, CPYC sponsored the southern portion of a two-day race from St. Francis YC to CP & return.⁷

SOCIAL:

After-tax Party

Arranged by the Social Committee.

APRIL

¹ **Safety Day** – Held on alternate years. The Commodore-appointed committee coordinates planning with Harbormaster, Coast Guard, Red Cross, Sea Scouts, Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Department of Boating and Waterways. Demonstrations include flare gun practice south of the Clubhouse, fire suppression practice in the back yard, information tables on the north side of the Clubhouse. It also includes a Coast Guard Helicopter rescue demonstration off the marina breakwater, and official boats at the desk dock for walk-on viewing; flyers on all docks inviting marina participation.

All flags and Ensigns are hoisted on the mast at 0800 hours; events begin at 0900 and end at 1400.

² **New Member Recruitment** – When held with Safety Day, foyer guest sign-in, name tags, guest book (include addresses and phone numbers), welcome banner and balloons are utilized. All Officers and Committee members serve as hosts, wear name tags “Ask me about membership”. Provide tours of the Clubhouse, answer questions, distribute handouts, explain the advantages of membership, financial aspects and the procedure in becoming a member.

³ **Beer Can Races** – Arranged by the Regatta Chair, these spontaneous weekly races begin the first Wednesday after Daylight Saving Time, ending in October when DST ends. It's a neat way to meet other sailors, learn more about sailing and just plain talk about boats during the no-host barbecue after the race. Non-Club members may participate; in fact, are encouraged to do so!

⁴ **John Pitcher Race** -- Named for John Pitcher, a revered member and racer, the race is open to all Coyote Point Marina residents to encourage participation by non-club members. Consists of a single start, and must be held in the spring. Since 1991, separate trophies are awarded for spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats.

⁵ **South Bay Opening Day at Redwood City** – Sequoia and Coyote Point Yacht Club along with other yacht clubs and organizations with an interest in water activities share organization and duties. Festivities include a parade of boats, (decorated and non-decorated) with judges from various yacht clubs and boating organizations. In recent years Sequoia has hosted the barbeque after the parade and another club hosts breakfast the following morning.

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April (cont.)

⁶ **North Bay Opening Day** – Event began April 1900. CPYC's first fleet entry was in 1972 with a large champagne bottle mounted on Murray Tiff's boat and wooden champagne glasses mounted on the boats following in the parade. CPYC was awarded a special club trophy for its unique champagne fleet décor. In 1988, under Lou Bailey's leadership, Steven David's boat "Oriana" was decorated to the theme "Way to Play", indicating that the club that plays together sails together. (*Refer to the 50th Anniversary History, p.29 and 75th Anniversary History, p.46. Both on www.cpyc.com.*)

In 2005, CPYCs' entries won the Claude H. Benham Trophy for having the most boats (18), most participants (130), and most miles traveled. The trophy, a large mounted silver punch bowl, was first dedicated in 1939 and is kept by the winning club for 1 year.

⁷ **YRA Race** – To open the April YRA racing season, CPYC sponsored the southern half of this race; the northern portion was sponsored by Metropolitan Yacht Club. That portion still sails to Vallejo, and is sponsored by Vallejo Yacht Club. More than 300 boats raced the southern course, so that the inner harbor was wall-to-wall boats on Saturday night. The entire membership turned out to serve on committee boats, raft the racing fleet, sell dinners, breakfasts, and bar tickets, cook and serve meals, clean the club before and after, and much more. This event provided not only good revenue for the club annually, but produced much camaraderie and friendship among members and guests.

When was the Past Commodores' Lift dedicated?

MAY

CRUISE-OUT:

Memorial Day Cruise-out

As scheduled by Cruise Chair; often to Napa Yacht Club.

HOUSE:

Work Party

Arranged by House Chair and committee. Depending upon need, another may be scheduled in the fall.

REGATTA:

Andy Byrd Memorial Race

CPYC perpetual trophy race held in the spring.¹

Friday Night Summer Series

CPYC tradition, held in the '60s and '70s.²

SBYRA

Summer Series #2.

Cerveza Cup

Friday night; from CPYC around Treasure Island and return with the winner being the first to the bar.³

SOCIAL:

Mother's Day Brunch

Arranged by the Social Committee.⁴

Officers Mess and Mary Pollock Cruise

PAYC tradition; dinner served by the Flag Officers followed by the Mary Pollock Cruise.⁵

Barbeque and Game Night

Arranged by Social Committee; a "get acquainted" for members joining the previous 4-6 months. Game night follows the barbeque.⁶

What happened at Potato Slough in 1993?

MAY

¹ **Andy Byrd Memorial Race** – Donated by Mary Ann Byrd in 1976 in memory of Andy, Commodore in 1947 and 1948, a Club Founder and Life Member. At first the race was for club members only; later Mary Ann modified the Deed of Trust allowing the race to become invitational, although the perpetual trophy must remain at CPYC. Mary Ann has frequently attended and awarded the winner a bottle of champagne.

² **Friday Night Summer Series** – A series of 5 races May through August.

³ **Cerveza Cup** This event has a “Le Mans” style start from the CPYC bar at 1600 hours on a Friday night with appropriate tides and currents. Skippers and crew race from the bar to their boats and exit the harbor turning engines off by the end of the harbor channel markers. Everyone then sails up the bay around Treasure Island (either direction) and back to CPYC. The finish time is recorded when the first crew member gets back to the bar. (Ring the bell or not) The boats are handicapped by the course distance and the winner is awarded the “Modelo” Cooler displayed in the Regatta Room. Meant to be a fun race it is open to all, member or not.

⁴ **Mother’s Day Brunch** – A buffet; usually with two seatings, music and corsages for the mothers.

⁵ **Mary Pollock Cruise** – Mary was a popular wife, mother, cook, and eager helper around the club, but a cruising person she was not, so a special cruise was devised for her and it became traditional. Cruise instructions were simple. Boats could remain tied in their berths or cruise over to the club float and tie up or raft. Official departure time was after the Officer’s Mess, which was a dinner prepared and served by the Flag Officers. A unique feature of this cruise is that it is the only one for which a trophy was awarded.

⁶ **Game Night** – Honors recent new Members and provides an opportunity for them to meet each other. Games: poker, bridge, Canasta, etc. at various positions around the dining room. Choose your game – or use gaming tables.

What’s a reciprocal privilege?

JUNE

CRUISE-OUT:

As scheduled by Cruise Chair; often to Encinal Yacht Club.

REGATTA:

Frank Ballintine
Pursuit Race

CPYC Perpetual Trophy.¹

SBYRA

Summer Series #3.

Youth Sailing Classes,
Ages 8-12

Late June to mid-August, arranged by Rear Commodore, Youth Sailing Director and committee.²

PLRA

A power boater's competition; one of which is hosted annually by CPYC; dates set by the Predicted Log Racing Association.³

SOCIAL:

Party

Theme party arranged by Social Committee.⁴

Father's Day Brunch

As arranged by the Social Committee.

What is located at 37° 35' 24" N and 122° 19' W?

JUNE

¹ **Frank Ballintine Pursuit Race** – Named for member Frank Ballintine, this race has spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions and staggered starting times tied to the PHRF ratings. The trophy is awarded at the end of the race.

² **Youth Sailing** --Arranged and supervised by the Rear Commodore. Classes are held from late June/July through the middle of August. A Director is hired and assists in staffing the committee. Publicity Chair advertises in the local press, posters placed at all schools from Palo Alto to South San Francisco plus participation in “Campfair” at Hillsdale Mall. For boys and girls minimum age 8 with knowledge of how to swim. (*Refer to 75th Anniversary History, p.41.*)

PAYC’s Jr. Division was active from March to October for several decades, racing every other Saturday from March to October (the kids were used as crew on the “big” boats on Sundays!). They included novices (called “B’s”) racing in the harbor and the older, more experienced “A’s” who raced outside.

³ **Predicted Log Racing** – CPYC sponsored the first predicted log race run by the Predicted Log Racing Association of Northern California on June 1st of 1991. Dates are set by the PLRA and can be held during any month. Winners are announced after the race, and plaques are awarded by PLRA.

⁴ **Theme Party** – Suggestions; “Ship Wreck Party” or “Luau”. Other ideas are listed in the addendum section. (*Refer to 50th Anniversary History, p.30 and 75th Anniversary History, p.47. Both on www.cpyc.com*)

How did "Eight Bells" originate?

JULY

CRUISE-OUT:

As scheduled by Cruise Chair.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Open
House

Invitational. Theme determined by Membership
Chair.¹

REGATTA:

SBYRA

Summer series #4.

505 Marathon

A PAYC tradition, the longest dinghy race in the
world!²

SOCIAL:

Fourth of July Birthday
Party

Club Birthday Party, barbeque, dinghy races,
dinner dance, and other day-long activities.³

Salmon Fishing Derby

For all skippers & guests, trophies and fish tales.
Dinner (catch of the day) open to all Club
members.⁴

Let's ring the Bell topside. What happens?

JULY

¹ **Membership Open House** – To introduce potential members to the Club; includes marina renters and the general public in surrounding cities. San Mateo and water-oriented Foster City are targeted.

² **505 Marathon** – A race from San Francisco to Palo Alto in dinghies! Originally the start was in Sausalito but later started from St. Francis YC. The first recorded time was 6:24; a fastest record time was 3:18:20 (for a 43 mile race). The participation record was 29 boats finishing of the 31 starting; two retired to Coyote Point with broken rudders.

³ **Fourth of July Birthday Party** –The Club Birthday Party has included some or all of the following: dinghy races; pool tournament; horseshoe tournament; afternoon bands wandering the Club and guest dock; picnic-style barbeque for lunch and dinner with dancing. Decorations have included as many flags of Members' countries of origin as available. CPYC's actual birthday is July 20,1941. In 1982 the birthday celebration was combined with the Fourth of July celebration. Diamond Jubilee (75 yrs.) was celebrated in 2004.

PAYC was founded in January, 1929. When PAYC merged with CPYC (*see page 23 Constitution, footnote 1*) the surviving Club, CPYC, adopted the 1929 date of founding and chose to continue to celebrate the Club's birthday on the 4th of July.

⁴ **Fishing Derby** – The CPYC Salmon Derby began in 1996 when Bud Norquist took a couple of Members fishing on his boat during the Marin Cruise-out. Terry Tiff transformed it into a club event in 1997 and added the salmon dinner and awards. The fisherman catching the biggest fish chairs the event the following year. All Club Members are invited to attend that evening, to share the Catch, and exchange fish stories.

What's the origin of the burgees displayed in the dining room? How can I identify them?

AUGUST

MEETINGS:

No Membership
Meeting this month

No Coyote's Bay
published this month

Traditionally the Club closes for maintenance during the cruise-out to the Delta. Subject to date change. (In the early 1990s it closed between January 2nd and the Commodore's Ball for this purpose)

CRUISE-OUTS:

Bon Voyage Party

The Friday before departure of the Delta Cruise-out fleet.¹

Delta Cruise-out

From early years a week-long cruise to the Delta has been traditional.²

REGATTA:

SBYRA

Summer series #5.

Who wears a White Jacket at Club functions?

AUGUST

¹ **Delta Bon Voyage Party** – Depending on the tides, current and the Cruise-out schedule, a Bon Voyage party is held at the Club on Friday night before departure. Several years ago the party was on the 2nd Friday with departure on Saturday.

² **Delta Cruise-out** -- The CPYC Delta cruise-out is now a week-long moving party with stops at many interesting marinas. For several years the Club anchored in Potato Slough and rented a barge from Herman & Helen's for a Club party. Unfortunately in 1993, the barge caught fire during the party and burned to the water line. The Club has not been mooring out in Potato Slough as a group ever since. With the growing popularity of power boating, the cruise now moves to various marinas with berthing. The itinerary is planned by the Cruise Chair and each destination has a volunteer host. Destinations sometimes include Vallejo, Benicia, OxBow Marina, Delta Yacht Club and Pittsburg - all on the way to and from the Delta.

Cruising to the Delta in August was also a tradition of PAYC. Boats gathered at the Palo Alto Harbor at the end of a high tide – usually about midnight or 2 a.m. to get up bay without fighting the afternoon winds and chop. Some one figured out the magic of being at Red Rock near the Richmond Bridge at the same time as slack before flood at Golden Gate. Using this strategy, boats rode the ebb up the Bay, caught the flood and were pushed all the way to Potato Slough. A highlight of the week was the Rendezvous at White's Slough. Those without boats drove up and set up tables on the levee on Guard Road.

Noted Delta author Hal Schell described the scene: "In the late summer of 1979 I was clipping down White Slough...A short distance past Honker Cut, I saw a forest of sailboat masts protruding up through the tule thickets. I could not believe my eyes. Out came the cameras and I made for the masts. There in a comfortable harbor formed by several islands, some 20 handsome boats of the PAYC were at anchor. An inflatable was motoring over to deliver people to a car waiting on the levee road. Dinghies were moving about. Someone was playing with an El Toro. There were swimmers and floaters. The place had the festive air of a private anchorage. Apparently the club had been anchoring here for years."

Cruising California's Delta, by Hal Schell

When are PICYA Leader Conferences held? Who attends?

SEPTEMBER

MEETINGS:

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee is appointed at the September Board meeting and introduced at the General Meeting.¹

CRUISE-OUTS:

Labor Day Cruise-out

As scheduled by Cruise Chair; often to Petaluma Yacht Club.

MEMBERSHIP:

Open House

In keeping with having an open house every couple of months; theme (if any) determined by Membership Committee.

REGATTA:

Barth Race

The oldest Perpetual Trophy race.²

Labor Day Invitational Regatta

PAYC tradition; strictly a centerboard Division II weekend series of races.³

Gerry O'Grady Single Handed Race

CPYC Perpetual Trophy race.⁴

Rowing Regatta

CPYC tradition.⁵

NCPCA contest

Over-the-Bottom contest scheduled by NCPCA, hosted annually by CPYC.⁶

SOCIAL:

Oktoberfest

Arranged by the Social Committee with the assistance of Members of German heritage.⁷

Fall Spectacular

A PAYC tradition.⁸

Supper Sail

A PAYC tradition⁹.

SEPTEMBER

¹ **Nominating Committee** is selected by the Board of Directors from names submitted from each Board member per the Constitution (*Refer to CPYC Constitution, pp 7-8*). Appointees must have agreed to serve.

² **Barth Race** --A two-part out and back race with an overnight stop at a participating Club. There are a number of perpetual trophies awarded at Coyote Point Yacht Club that were either created by the Club itself, or accepted by the Club as donations from the families. The oldest of these is the “Barth” trophy, since 1944, and named for Gustav Barth, one of the founding members of CPYC. Barth provided this perpetual trophy for the express purpose of bringing North Bay boats to the South Bay to discover the joys and challenges of the South Bay waters. Traditionally, this race has been held on Labor Day each year and is a two-day event co-hosted with another bay area yacht club. (*Refer to 50th Anniversary History, p.21; and 75th Anniversary History, p.34. Both on www.cpyc.com*)

³ **Labor Day Invitational Regatta** – In memory of Perry Deaton, a PAYC fleet champion in 1967 and 1968, the Perry Deaton Memorial Trophy was awarded annually to the winning Day Sailor skipper of PAYC’s Labor Day Invitational Regatta. Names of each year’s winning skippers and crew were engraved on the large plaque accompanying the trophy: a chased-brass, nickel-plated, artistic replica of a sloop-rigged sailboat with spinnaker flying.

⁴ **Gerry O’Grady Single Handed Race** – In memory of CPYC member Gerry O’Grady, who single-handed his 23’ Bear boat and later his 26’ International Folkboat from the harbor and to the SF Airport and back almost every day of the year. This race was originally held each spring with its brisk winds. But in 1991 was shifted to the fall, a concession to the club’s aging skippers, and an inducement for novice skipper participation .

⁵ **Rowing Regatta** Phil Parsons was a CPYC member and rowing enthusiast. Twice a year he and CPYC sponsored rowing regattas held early on a Sunday morning (when the water is calm); from Coyote Point channel markers to the Airport Buoy and return. Trailers with rowing shells filled the south parking lot. Now history, but suitable for revival should there be interest. Phil’s portrait/collage hangs near the Regatta Room door.

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SEPTEMBER (cont.)

⁶ **NCPCA contest & Cruise-in** – Those events are scheduled by NCPCA a year ahead. After the contest the boats moor at the guest dock for their awards dinner and overnight. CPYC began sponsoring this contest in 1991 and it is usually held the 2nd Saturday in September.

⁷ **Oktoberfest** – Normally celebrated at the Club annually on either the last Saturday in September or the first Saturday in October. Its committee is headed by the Social Chair with at least one of it's members of German heritage. German beer is served from a keg and the room is decorated with Bavarian and German flags. Hearty music completes the ambiance.

Oktoberfest began in 1810 when a folk festival was staged in the green meadows on the outskirts of Munich to celebrate the wedding of the crown prince of Bavaria, later King Ludwig I. It has continued, corresponding to the fall season of harvest and country fairs. Boys and girls, dressed in costume visit the large tents, owned by the big breweries, where noisy brass bands greet them. The special Oktoberfest Bier is dispensed out of 50 gallon wooden barrels, and the guests are seated at large wooden tables and benches, all united as one big family.

⁸ **Fall PAYC Spectacular** – Started in the 1960s this was a grand party put on by the "Ladies Auxiliary" and always involved extensive decorating of the clubhouse and exotic themes.

⁹ **Supper Sail** – PAYC scheduled an evening sail to Newark Slough, in the northern corner of the south bay below the Dumbarton RR Bridge. The fleet sailed to the slough on a rising tide in the early evening. They rafted up and shared previously prepared food and drink. When night, wind and the tide fell, the raft would break up and sail/power back to the Palo Alto harbor.

What is a binnacle?

OCTOBER

MEETINGS:

General Membership Meeting Nominations & Pie Night

Nominations for the coming years Board are announced to the Membership. Members bring pies to be shared at the General Membership meeting. (This has sometimes been scheduled in November)¹

PICYA Leadership Conference

Vice Commodore attends both conferences in February and October; all Flag Officers are encouraged to attend at least one.²

CRUISE-IN:

Fleet Week

Many cruise-ins during this week when clubs from the Delta come to the Bay for Fleet Week.

CRUISE-OUT:

Ayala Cove Cruise

Tradition of PAYC and continued after the merger. Usually Halloween weekend; the final cruise-out of the year.³

Commodore's Cruise to Alviso Yacht Club

A PAYC tradition.⁴

REGATTA:

Merton Yolles Perpetual Race

CPYC Perpetual Trophy race.⁵

Finn Nationals

A first in 2004; all-club participates in hosting and staffing the event.

Stephens Perpetual Trophy

A PAYC tradition; a women's closed race.⁶

What do PICYA, SBYRA, YRA, PLRA, NCPCA, CPYC, RBOC stand for?

OCTOBER

¹ **Nominations** – Nominating Committee presents the slate at the General Membership meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor if requirements stated in the Constitution have been met. (*Refer to CPYC Constitution p 9, Section3:Elections*)

² **PICYA Leadership Conference** – CPYC By-Laws require the Vice Commodore to attend both leadership conferences; Flag Officers are encouraged and Members are welcome to attend. A small fee is charged.

³ **Ayala Cove Cruise** – PAYC tradition began in 1978 and continues today, but without the pancake breakfast of past years. The breakfast became quite a production, with portable stoves and griddles at the picnic site. Other highlights of past years included scavenger hunts and the ever-popular hors d'oeuvres contest with its dynamic rules. One year 35 sailboats formed one wide raft, making a solid row in front of the beach. It is still a highly anticipated family event.

⁴ **Commodore's Cruise to Alviso Yacht Club** – One of the last PAYC cruises of the year. The Commodore led the fleet to the Alviso Yacht Club for a barbecue Saturday night followed by a commodore-cooked breakfast Sunday morning; concluded with a spirited sprint to the club race course where the fleet joined the Division II and one-design boats for the Ladies Race. In the early years this race was contested for the Stephens Perpetual Trophy. (*see note #6.*)

⁵ **Merton Yolles Perpetual Race** was named for Past Commodore Merton Yolles, whose boat was named "Tranquility". His family donated the unique plaque trophy with a half model of his Ericson 35-2 "Tranquility" with spinnaker flying. The first race was held in 1974, restricted to club members only, and has traditionally been held in the fall when light "tranquil" winds are the norm.

⁶ **Stephens Perpetual Trophy** – awarded each year to the winner of a women's closed race around the Bay, Palo Alto to Palo Alto. All entrants were to be boats skippered by a member (or daughter of a member) of either PAYC or South Bay YC Auxiliaries. With this rally Mrs. Stephens' desire to get women into yachting had been realized.

As a member of CPYC can I compete in SBYRA, YRA, PLRA, NCPCA races?

NOVEMBER

MEETINGS:

Commodore's End of Watch

The Commodore may host a party for Board members and spouses following the last Board meeting of the Watch. This event is not mandatory and is scheduled entirely at the discretion of the Commodore.

General Membership Meeting

Annual Meeting. Conduct Corporate Business; Honorary memberships proposed; election of Officers.¹

REGATTA:

Commodore's Cup Race

Trophy donated by Past Commodore Jurgen Kirberg.²

SBYRA Winter Series

Winter series #1. Hosted monthly by participating yacht clubs.³

Wild Turkey Race

A fun race instigated by Luther Izmirian.⁴

SOCIAL:

Second Harvest Food Bank Collection

Customarily CPYC has been responsible for collection & delivery of food products.⁵

Commodore's Roast

Arranged by Social Committee & Vice Commodore; in late October or early November prior to elections; a Roast of the outgoing Commodore.⁶

How old is CPYC? Who owns the marina and surrounding land?

NOVEMBER

¹ **Annual Meeting**-- November General Meeting includes the Election of Board of Directors and other important business for the year. Constitutional changes may be voted on without prior notice per the Constitution, Honorary Memberships may be proposed for Member approval. The new Board takes office on January 1st of the following year.

² **Commodore's Cup Race** -- First held in 1980. The trophy had been a gift to retiring Commodore Kirberg by Commodore Miller at the 1987 Change of Watch. It was established as the Commodore's Cup Trophy by Past Commodores Kirberg and Reisinger in 1990 with the stipulation that the race must be sailed prior to Change of Watch, and current Commodore invited aboard previous year's division winner. A Past Commodore is invited aboard each boat entered.

³ **SBYRA Winter Series** originally a CPYC tradition; abandoned in the late 1980s or early 1990s in favor of SBYRA in order to increase participation.

⁴ **Wild Turkey Race** – For cruising sailboats only. Crews were assigned by drawing from a hat; one crew member per ton of boat displacement. A turkey dinner was the menu at the Club that evening; the winning skipper and crew were served by the losing skippers. Humble pie was the dessert and the trophy was a bottle of Wild Turkey.

⁵ **2nd Harvest Food Bank collection** – CPYC takes responsibility for contacting museum, harbormaster, and golf club for participation. Barrels are picked up by CPYC and delivered to the 2nd Harvest regularly until the end of the holiday season.

⁶ **Commodore's Roast** – Early November, before the election of next years Board. The inaugural Commodore's Roast was put on by Art Woodby & Jack Willey for Steve Aiken in 1993 at San Leandro Yacht Club. Live Maine lobsters were flown in fresh and Filet Mignon was the second dinner choice prior to Roasting the Commodore. San Leandro facilities are limited, so the event was moved back to CPYC and the San Leandro cruise-out is held another time. Members participate with skits, musical reviews or comedy routines.

Whose boats are displayed in the main dining room?

DECEMBER

MEETINGS:

Joint Board meeting

Final Board meeting of the Watch, attended by all members of the current Board and Board-elect. Planning and goal-setting sessions occur during this month.

Calendar meeting

Sets the calendar for the coming year.

General Membership Meeting; Tom and Jerry Night

Combined with December membership meeting.¹

REGATTA:

SBYRA

Winter Series #2.

SOCIAL:

Holiday Club Decoration

Arranged by the Social Committee. Friday before the Christmas Party.

Christmas Party

Arranged by the Social Committee. Usually held the first week of December.²

Children's Christmas Party

Arranged by the Social Committee. Santa sometimes arrives by boat.³

Decorated boats

Members decorate their boats and tie up at the guest dock.⁴

New Years Eve Club Party

Annual celebration of New Year. Arranged by the Social Committee.

When is the Club's annual meeting?

DECEMBER

¹ **Tom & Jerry Night** – For years Marge Cook made the Tom and Jerry’s, but when the recipe was lost, the custom ended. A new recipe is all it takes to revive this one!

² **Christmas Party** – PAYC’s traditional Christmas party featured the singing of carols, led by Dick Griffiths. The highlight was PAYC’s own corny version of “The 12 Days of Christmas.” Members competed fiercely for the right to interpret one of the 12 stanzas. For example, many years ago the word “bird” was a slang term for a young single lady; a PAYC member wearing a telephone booth and carrying a telephone would act out “calling birds”. Another member dressed as a plumber, carrying tools and greasy pipes. On cue, he applied his wrenches as a “piper piping”. It was in good fun, and competition for those 12 spots could become intense.

CPYC Christmas party begins a week earlier with decorating the Club leading up to an annual holiday dinner dance.

³ **Children’s Christmas Party** – has not been held in recent years due to lack of interest.

⁴ **Decorated Boats** – Members are encouraged to have as many decorated boats at the guest dock as possible. Reservations need to be made with the Port Captain.

Why do I need to keep track of slack, flood and ebb?

. . . and more . . .

GENERAL NAUTICAL INFORMATION

Insignia



Commodore

BURGEE: An identification flag denoting the affiliation of the vessel's owner. On a sailboat it is flown below the starboard spreader, the ensign of office flown below it. On powerboats the burgee is flown on the bow or masthead.



Vice Commodore

OFFICER UNIFORM: Blue blazer, gold braid emblem (crossed anchors for a boat owner, single anchor for crew) on left breast pocket, officer pin above it. Officer name badge on right lapel. It is worn at all General meetings, special occasions and when representing Coyote Point Yacht Club.



Rear Commodore

OFFICER ENSIGNS: Flown on their vessel during their term of office. (Examples in left margin)



Secretary

COMMODORE: Definition: The Dutch invented the Commodore rank about 1652 during one of their naval wars with England. They found they needed officers to command squadrons but did not want to create more Admirals, perhaps to avoid paying Admirals' salaries. A Commodore's pay was only about half that of an Admiral. United States Navy used Commodore as an honorary title from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War. "Commodore was a command rank in the US Navy from 1862 to 1899..."and later, a rank to which Captains who had served in the Civil War were retired. The rank was reestablished in 1943 for World War II service...After the war, the flag rank structure reverted to its pre-war form."



Treasurer



Port Captain



Past Commodore

RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGE: Many Yacht Clubs grant courtesy privileges to other recognized clubs or associations, allowing visiting yachtsmen use of their facility during Club hours and on a cash basis. Member identification is a necessity, including flying your Club burgee. CPYC is not an exception.

EIGHT BELLS: Origin – Time keeping: Before the advent of the chronometer, time at sea was measured by...a half-hour glass. One of the ship's 'boys' had the duty to watch the glass and turn it when the sand ran out. When he turned the glass, he struck a bell as a signal that he had performed this vital function. From this ringing of the bell...evolved the tradition of striking the bell once at the end of the first half hour of a four-hour watch, twice after the first hour, etc., until 8 bells marked the end of the four-hour watch. The process is repeated for the succeeding watches.

EIGHT BELLS AT DECOMMISSIONING: The ceremony of decommissioning a ship terminates its active service. A part of this ceremony and tradition is for the captain to order, "Strike eight bells", terminating the final Watch.

EIGHT BELLS AT THE LOSS OF A MEMBER/SHIPMATE: Death at sea: "The name of the individual committed to the deep is entered into the vessel log book with the date, time, precise position of the vessel and weather conditions at the moment of scattering or placement. Eight Bells is struck, signifying the end of the Watch for the individual. The Naval Services Pennant is then lowered, the ensign returned to full staff and the sails allowed to fill".

CPYC NAUTICAL INFORMATION

ORIGIN OF THE CPYC BURGEE:



The original Coyote Point burgee was designed and made from scraps by Mary Ann Byrd and Janet Corbett; this flew on members' boats and above the Club until the merger with PAYC in 1997 when PAYC's burgee was adopted as the official identification of Coyote Point Yacht Club.



BURGEE EXCHANGE: It has become custom for visiting yachtsmen to exchange the burgee of their club with that of the reciprocating Yacht Club. When such a visit is contemplated, or when a burgee is presented by a visitor, a Flag Officer or their representative may take a burgee from stock for the exchange. The Ships' Store Chair must be notified of the exchange. Timing and issue is left to the judgment of the Flag Officer, but the exchange is encouraged and often formalized during a General Membership Meeting. When coupled with CPYC's long history, you can easily see how the impressive display in our 2nd deck dining room has come about.

BURGEE DISPLAY: Cleaned and catalogued by Jean Anderson in 1999, the display was numbered and arranged by location: Northern California YCs on the south wall, National YCs on the east wall and International YCs on the north wall. Those on the west (galley) wall are "mystery" burgees—for obvious reasons. The binder cataloguing each burgee and location in the dining room is kept at the Bar. The burgees on display in the Regatta Room are those clubs or organizations recognized by our Club as affiliates to cruising/racing/regatta. Burgees of all Northern California Clubs and Associations are pictured in the PICYA annual, "Yachting Yearbook". These burgees are not to be removed. Duplicates may be available for cruise-in recognition from Ship's Store with advance notice.

TABLE ENSIGNS: Each small flag is labeled with the office on the bottom and stored in the dining room. Usually distributed by Rear Commodore or Galley staff at the start of a meal. These miniature versions of officer ensigns are shown under General Nautical Information (*see page 28*).

CPYC MAST: The CPYC burgee flies at the top of the mast. The National Ensign is flown on the gaff, the State Ensign on the right starboard halyard. Both the National and State Ensigns fly 24 hours when/if the mast is lit. (CPYC lighting is on from Friday through Sunday). All flags are stored and returned (rolled with the line side up) to the dock box at the mast base. The bartender has the lock combination. Officer burgees are flown when the indicated officers are on duty or in the building. The OD raises the flags on Friday and lowers them on Sunday evening.

The CPYC mast was dedicated 20 November, 2003 by "The Friends of Kent Steuhmeyer", who raised the funds and installed the mast.

CLUBHOUSE BEACON: The Clubhouse cupola beacon is controlled by a time clock and remains illuminated during nighttime hours. Over the years it has become an unofficial navigational aid and is used by planes landing at SFO, yachtsmen, harbor personnel and commercial vessels on the bay. This beacon is maintained by CPYC. If you observe the beacon not functioning during nighttime hours please contact the Club.

COMMODORE'S CORNER/PHOTOGRAPHS:

Between November election and December 31, Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore have their photos made for display in Clubhouse lower foyer and upper deck reception area; and for the CPYC pages of the annual PICYA Yachting Yearbook. The House Chair/Committee is responsible for "adding, removing or rearranging items displayed in the Clubhouse...". (*pg 6, lines 18-24, House Rules*).

CPYC CUSTOMS

Cruises/Cruising

CRUISE-IN PROTOCOLS:

- Port Captain or his/her representative meets each arriving boat at our guest dock
- Port Captain displays the Cruise-In guest's Burgee at the top of the stairs.
- Hospitality includes CPYC-participation when cruisers plan catered dinner Saturday night.
- Port Captain responsible for Sunday newspapers, donuts and coffee in the Regatta Room before departure.

CRUISE-OUT PROTOCOLS:

- Reserve space at destination with the Cruise Leader early.
- Stock up on hors d'oeuvres to share.
- Have to leave early? Don't be "first in".
- "Hogg Hat" award to a boater who "hogs" a dock.

ALTERNATIVE CRUISING DESTINATIONS: (not previously mentioned)

Ballena Bay YC	Benicia YC	Berkeley YC
Delta YC	Discovery Bay YC	Golden Gate YC
Half Moon Bay YC	Loch Lomond YC	Marin YC
Oakland YC	Pittsburg YC	Presidio YC
Richmond YC	Sacramento YC	St. Francis YC
San Francisco YC	Santa Cruz YC	Spinnaker YC
Tiburon YC	Treasure Island YC	Vallejo YC

CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ALAMEDA ISLAND:

Select a weekend with normal (not extreme) tides with high tide on Sat. between 1100 and 1400. Inform the High Street Bridge on Friday that "x" number of boats will request a bridge opening about one hour before high tide on Sat. Have the fleet rendezvous off the Encinal Yacht Club shortly before that time. Call the Bridge when all the boats have assembled. Proceed around the Island following the channel very carefully. It will take about 45 minutes to reach the Aeolian Yacht Club for dinner and overnight. Next morning about an hour before high tide (almost an hour later than the high tide on Sat) proceed under the Bay Farm Island bridge, make a sharp left turn, and follow the channel about 12 ft off the shoreline around Bay Farm Island to deeper water at the Bay Farm Ferry Terminal. Everyone on his own for the reach to CPYC.

Social Events/Parties

DEFINITIONS:

- “*Event*” refers to All-Club Events where assistance by Social Committee is warranted — i.e., Safety Day, Membership Drive, Club Birthday, local/national Regatta Hosting, etc.
- “*Party*” refers to socials — example Oktoberfest, New Years, theme dinner/dances, etc.

EVENT PROTOCOLS:

Each social event is chaired by a member of the social committee, assisted by the committee.

RSVPs:

Caterer orders quantities 5 days in advance. Other than being an accepted courtesy, this fact is the basis for the Club’s traditional 72-hour cancellation policy.

ALTERNATIVE PARTY THEMES: (not previously mentioned)

Luau	Historic Lovers
Beach Party/Shipwreck	Israeli Night
Ragtime (After Tax Party)	Cinco de Mayo
Friday the 13 th	Scotch Tasting
Hobo Convention	Raunchy Deck Shoes
Greek Night	Unique Yacht Cap

General Customs

MEMBER BOAT PHOTOGRAPHS: All member boat owners may have an 8" x 10" photograph of their boat displayed in the dining room. Gil McCoy made the framing for the display beneath the burgees. When a boat photo op is scheduled, a power boat anchors off the channel for the event photographer (currently LaVey Norquist) to take the photos. Skippers desiring a photo of their boat need only to 'line up off the channel' on the designated day and pass by the camera on cue!

ICEMAN JACKET: "The Legend of the Iceman" was initiated as a CPYC tradition by Jerry MacKay in 1989. It originated with a U.S. Navy Patrol Squadron. The idea was to present an "Iceman's Jacket" to the pilot who did something SO-O-O bad that it took the HEAT off all the other pilots -- at least for a while. It was a way to build esprit de corps and improve safety by allowing others to learn from the mistakes of the offender. It was usually awarded at a major social event for all to witness and enjoy. Recipients were expected to add an item to the jacket depicting the incident. Failure to do so could mean an extra round with the jacket. The recipient was then required to wear the jacket to every social event until another pilot "qualified".

The opportunity came during a cruise-out to Napa in 1990. A skipper who was unfortunate enough to run aground for the SECOND year in a row on the SAME sand bar (situated directly in front of Napa YC) became the first CPYC "Iceman". Since then, the jacket has been passed from one skipper to another when, in the opinion of the prior recipients in that notable fraternity, a mistake SO BAD qualifies for the "Passing of the Jacket". A Board member is notified, a detailed description of the incident is related at the next General Meeting and the new Iceman is introduced and cloaked in his award.

This tradition supports the covert observation and reporting of all suspected incidents to insure the offender cannot escape detection of his dreadful error. Potential recipients have been known to try intimidation, bribery and flight in an attempt to conceal the revelation of guilt -- with little success.

The watch word for good, safe seamanship is: "Beware The Iceman Jacket!"

(Photo in 75th Anniversary History, p. 51)

BELL TOPSIDE NEAR THE BAR: As the sign says, "He who rings the bell in jest buys a round for all the rest". A great way to build camaraderie and make instant friends—which means everybody at the Bar! (At times the evening has turned into a ringing derby.)

DINING ROOM MAKEOVER: In 1999 the first major remodeling of the dining room was spearheaded by a committee led by Directors-at-Large Linda MacKay and Ingrid Sponholz. Many volunteers worked on the project from January through March. More than 10,000 staples and literally pounds of old scotch tape were removed. Since that remodel, no staples or scotch tape may be used on walls, windows or painted surfaces. The previously dark dining room is now light and warm.

COMPUTER SYSTEM: In 2002 Members Buzz Dean & Dave Bagby designed a computer system for CPYC members to use while at the Club. Later with the help of friend, Bill Brown, they added an unsecured Wlan network that can be accessed by anyone in the area without a password. About the same time a web cam showing our guest dock was added so potential visitors could see how nice the area really is. It will supply weather data in the future. All equipment was donated.

COMMODORE'S FAREWELL GIFT: The year was 1989 and Bob Perdriau was outgoing Commodore. Tom Head, as incoming Rear Commodore, had the duty of arranging the Installation dinner and acquiring the outgoing Commodore's gift. Traditionally people asked the Commodore what he/she wanted, and he/she usually got it. Tom decided to follow an existing Navy tradition, i.e. when the Captain or Admiral retired, he was presented with his flag. Bob's flag was mounted, framed, and presented at the Commodore's Ball. The tradition has continued since.

PAST COMMODORE'S LIFT: The Lift was a necessity – for our members, for increasing party bookings, and for the County to renew our lease. The family of Past Commodore Dick Miller asked that donations be made to a CPYC Elevator Fund and the response was immediate and large. The membership picked up the ball, both in fund-raising and in donations. Member-professionals donated their time and talent; everyone contributed to the effort. Both upper and lower decks were repaired and replaced as well, so that in the course of two years from inspiration to completion, the Lift Tower was built and dedicated 10 September 2005.

CPYC WEBSITE: CPYC maintains its own web site at www.cpyc.com. The site includes the current calendar of events, officer listing, e-mail contacts, photos, the Coyote's Bay monthly newsletter, updateable membership information, cruising schedules, ships store items, Guest Dock Cam and more. The site is updated regularly.

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE CLUBHOUSE

BARSTOOL REPLACEMENT:

Funded by member donations, extracted by 'hearty intimidation' of former member Herbert Mocker
Old barstools reupholstered and in the Regatta Room

BINNACLE, STANDARD:

Description: Ships Binnacle, #23574
Donated by: unknown
Manufactured. by A. Lietz Co. (est. 1882) San Francisco, CA
Location: Main foyer

CREDENZA:

Description: Black lacquer Credenza
Donated by: Geoffrey Bromfield, 1991
Location: Regatta Room
History: In memory of Geoffrey's wife and avid sailor, Helen Bromfield

CRUISING TROPHY: "OLD SEAMAN"

Description: Bronze in glass case
Donated by L. Tauscher and M. Ward
Location: Regatta Room
History: Awarded at the OPYC cruise-out to the boat/skipper participating in most cruises the previous year

CRUISING TROPHY: SEACWEST

Description: Plaque with mounted compass
Donated by: Carter and Tonda West
Location: Regatta Room
History: Awarded at the OPYC cruise-out to the Cruise Leader hosting the most boats in their cruise the previous year

HALL CABINETRY

Description: Custom display and storage for Ships' Store merchandise, glassed bulletin boards
Crafted and donated by: Jerry MacKay
Location: Main Hall
History: Because everything blew away each time the doors opened

LEADED GLASS CPYC BURGEE:

Description: Stained glass burgee, oak frame
Crafted and Donated by: Joan Thurston
Location: Stairwell to the top deck

LEADED GLASS PAYC BURGEE:

Description: Stained glass burgee, oak frame
Crafted and donated by: unknown
Location: Stairwell to the top deck

LEROY NEIMANN PAINTING: "Sailing"

Description: Framed, numbered lithograph of an original and signed by the artist
Donated by: Past Commodore Dick and Ingrid Sponholz
Location: Dining room

LIGHTHOUSE TABLE DECORATIONS:

Description: Illuminated from within by a tea light candle
Acquired in 2002 by Bud and LaVey Norquist
History: Part of the décor at a Burlingame Cotillion Dinner/Dance at CPYC. The Norquists purchased them after the party, and later contributed 4 more to the collection

NAUTICAL COCKTAIL TABLE, GLASS-TOP:

Description: Teak with glass top displaying knots & miniature nautical items
Donated by: Mary Wilhelm, friend of CPYC-2005, a WWII Navy Wave
Location: Main Foyer
History: Purchased at antique shop, CPYC refurbished/replaced glass

OFFICE CABINETRY

Donated by: Bud and LeVey Norquist
Located: Club office
History: Completed in 2001

PHOTOGRAPH: Sun Fish Worlds held at CPYC

Description: Enlarged, blue mat, chrome frame
Donated by: CPYC Ladies' Auxiliary, 1989 Location: Regatta Room
History: Sunfish World Regatta hosted by CPYC, 1982

3 SERIGRAPHS

Description: Each 14 x 16, chrome frames; titled, numbered and signed
Donated by: Jan Miller, artist
Location: Office
History: requested by Vice Commodore O'Brien in 1994

SHIPS CLOCK:

Description: Ships clock, mounted on oak plaque

Donated by: Dr. Bruce Horowitz

Location: Behind Bar

SHIPS CLOCK & BAROMETER:

Description: Oak mounted

Donated by: West Marine Stores

Location: Regatta Room

History: Honoring CPYC 50th anniversary, 1991

SHIPS MODEL:

Description: 12 Meter America's Cup sailboat model

Donated by: Frank Ballintine and Bob Smith

Location: Main foyer

History: Donated July 2005, built by Members Frank Ballintine and Bob Smith, built from a kit in 1997. It can hold a radio unit, but is not so equipped at this time

SHIPS WHEEL:

Description: Auxiliary Wheel

Donated by: Andy and Mary Ann Byrd

Location: Stairwell to the top deck

History: See Plaque on the wheel

TV, BIG SCREEN:

Description: Sony

Donated by Carol and Ken Feige

Location: Regatta Room

WINE GLASS RACK:

Designed, built, and donated by "Bud" Shipley

Location: Suspended above the bar

History: Completed about 1975

COYOTE POINT

According to Alan K. Brown, courtesy of San Mateo County Historical Association, Coyote Point's current name is a new form that has replaced "The Coyote", "The Big Coyote", and "Coyote Hill", or knoll within the last 40-50 years. The original name was given around 1850 by the people engaged in shipping grain from nearby San Mateo Embarcadero "Big Coyote". The word "Coyote" for some reason was used for islands in the marsh at that time.

The name Coyote Point first was used around 1890 in connection with a beach development, and the name is now thought of as applying primarily to the recreational facilities of the former site of the College of San Mateo. The landmark generally was called "San Mateo Point" on charts; and a record of 1810 mentions "Punta de San Mateo".

It may be difficult for us to think of Coyote Point as an island, but such it once was, at least at high tide. Not only is this geologically easy to understand, but records within historic times prove it. In 1824 Captain Otto von Motzebue, a Russian officer of German descent visited San Francisco. He needed food supplies; meat was available at the Presidio or Mission Dolores, but vegetables and fruit would have to be obtained at Mission Santa Clara. He was pleased at the opportunity to see some of the interior of this interesting country, so set sail. It was noon when they came to a deep creek opening to the right; the tide had ebbed and the wind had died away, so they proceeded slowly by the aid of oars to land on a pleasant little island. After lunch they examined the island: "Its northern shore was tolerably high, and rose almost perpendicularly from the sea. Its soil consists, under the upper mould, of a variegated slate, probably the foot of man had never trodden it."

In later years the land was owned by the Howard family, and Al Cheetham became friends with Frank and Lindsay Howard in the 1920s. After school the boys would go to Coyote Point on their bikes to play Fish and gather clams and oysters. Indian Joe was an employee of the senior Mr. Howard, and Joe ruled the area against any trespassers. The boys would try to tell Joe that Frank's father owned the property, but Joe would kick them out anyway. One day when the boys were fishing south of the present yacht club, they heard shots of gunfire from Joe's gun, and saw several men running away. The next Saturday gunfire from 22-caliber rifles was again heard. The sheriff came, and two men were arrested for stealing Joe's belongings from the shack where he lived on the southwest side of the Eucalyptus grove. It happened that Indian Joe had to walk to Lorton's grocery store in Burlingame for his supplies, and the "Bad Guys" (laborers for the PG&E plant south of where the golf course is now) knew when Joe was gone. The boys asked Indian Joe if he really did fire at people, and his answer was "Oh, no! – just in the air above their heads!"

THE HARBOR ...

In 1940 San Mateo County purchased about 50 acres of reclaimed land west of Coyote Point Knoll; this purchase included a small natural harbor which had long been an anchorage for small boats, and also provided a location for what the county called “a loose association of boaters known as the Coyote Point Yacht Club”. In 1942 and 1943 an additional 59 acres of tidelands, which was the remainder of the small natural harbor, was acquired.

Early in World War II the United States found they needed many new officers for the U.S. Merchant Marine, so a Merchant Marine Maritime Academy was started at Coyote Point. A deep-water channel was dredged on the east side of the Point, and the spoils formed a berm east of the channel (this is now the center berm between the two basins of the harbor). A pier was built on the channel side of what is now the Harbormaster’s office. About this time the county put in pilings and floats (which were described as “like walking on water”); the local boat owners helped to build a head float on logs with planks along the top, and as boaters rented the slips from San Mateo County, they put in their own finger floats. This made for some interesting finger floats, none of which stood up to the hungry toredos (worms) that found good living conditions in the untreated wood.

Another problem was the famous South Bay chop formed by the afternoon winds. The channel came straight in past the present launch ramp and the waves would roll right down the channel, which would roll all the boats and floats, thus making boarding quite a chore and many times created a dunking.

Thanks to the Merchant Marine base and their large training vessel, the harbor channel was kept dredged, and the harbor grew. The floats were replaced with five-gallon glass water bottles encased in wooden crates. The bottles weren’t touched by the toredos, but the wood crates and the corks were, so that after a storm about two years later, glass bottles were found floating everywhere among the sinking floats.

After World War II the Maritime Academy was declared surplus and its facilities were leased to San Mateo Junior College.

The Park personnel, the Harbormasters and their staffs have been important to the yacht club since its inception, and the groups have worked together throughout the years. In 1973, when the Knoll in Coyote Point Park was dedicated to former County Supervisor William M. Werder “for the enjoyment of future generations”, members of Coyote Point Yacht Club were in attendance. That same day Werder’s daughter-in-law broke a champagne bottle to christen the county’s new harbor patrol boat, also dedicated to Werder. This harbor patrol boat was very much in evidence, and was used to rescue club members on more than one occasion until its retirement in the ‘90s.