

THE COYOTE'S BAY

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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Spring is here! I know what they say about April showers, but I am ready for the sun to come out and the rain to go away. Not that we haven't had some fun racing in the rain!

If you haven't been down to the Club for our most recent events, you've missed out on some great food, good turnouts and lovely decorations. Carly and her friend Jason have outdone themselves making the Club look fabulous from St Patrick's Day greens to Easter pastels, and Maria keeps wowing us with her versatility in the kitchen from melt-in-your-mouth corned beef to brunch favorites.

Coming up the first weekend in May, we have the rare opportunity to host the Saturday night dinner of South Bay Opening Day weekend. Put it in your calendars now, since we're going to be putting on quite the Cinco de Mayo fiesta with Maria's handmade tamales and chile rellenos and a live band that will keep us dancing late into the night.

Soon after we will have another lavish brunch spread for Mother's Day on May 13th. On May 19th we'll be holding our annual Spring Open House, and on Memorial Day weekend our intrepid cruisers will be heading out to blue waters for the much-anticipated Half Moon Bay Cruise Out.

There's a lot happening at CPYC and we want all of our members to be a part of it! Hope to see you soon!

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OPENING DAY on the BAY (and South Bay)

Saturday, April 22 is the 101st annual Opening Day on the Bay celebration sponsored by PICYA. Beginning with the Blessing of the Fleet in front of Corinthian Yacht Club, the event features a decorated boat parade, with boats parading in front of the city front, beginning at Chrissy Field. This year's theme is "Nations on the Bay;" for more information about entering your boat in the parade, visit <http://picya.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-ODOB-Skipper-Instructions-2018-04-22.pdf>. If you don't wish to bring your boat, you can still join the festivities on the PICYA Committee Boat, the *Fumé Blanc Commodore*, departing from Alameda at 9 and returning at 2:30. For more information about Opening Day on the Bay, visit <http://picya.org/event/od2018/>

If you miss the fun, the first weekend in May is the annual Opening Day on the South Bay. Sponsored by PICYA and the yacht clubs south of the Bay Bridge, the event features the same activities as Opening Day on the Bay, but on a smaller (and some might say, less chaotic) scale. The theme this year is "Fiesta South Bay." The schedule is below, with specific times to be announced as the event gets closer. Registration is required for all events; check either the South Bay Opening Day web page, or the CPYC blast and Facebook pages.

Friday, May 4: Peninsula yacht club will host the kick off dinner. All CPYC boats are welcome to cruise down to Sequoia for the night. Boats participating in the decorated boat parade will cruise down Friday afternoon.

Saturday, May 5: Sequoia Yacht Club will host a pre-parade breakfast. The decorated boat parade will take place in the channel next to the entrance to Sequoia yacht club's harbor entrance; exact times will be determined as the event gets closer. Saturday is also CPYC's annual Frank Ballentine Memorial Pursuit race, which will likely start from Sequoia and head north back to Coyote Point. Saturday's dinner will be hosted by Coyote Point Yacht Club and will feature a homemade Mexican feast. The Catalina cruising group will also be cruised in to CPYC on this day, so it is certain to be a fun party.

Sunday, May 6, 2018, will be the traditional gin fizz brunch held at the historic South Bay Yacht Club located in Alviso.

MESSAGE FROM the TREASURER

Jan Mendez, Treasurer

Our Coyote Point Yacht Club Constitution provides that dues shall be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous twelve months in San Mateo County (the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consumer Price Index). Accordingly, at the January 2018 Board of Directors meeting, our Directors were prepared to discuss the increase. This year, however, we received a notice from the County of San Mateo Parks Dept. indicating that they would be sending us a letter later in the month with an increase to our monthly lease payment (we have a ground lease for the acre that we rent from the County; we own the building). Because this was the first notification of an increase in our lease payment in approximately seven years, the Board decided to table our dues increase until we had received the letter and had a chance to digest the financial implications.

We did receive another letter from the Parks Dept. later in January informing us that our rent would be increased by \$152. Apparently, the County had failed to put through the annual rent increase in our lease since 2011 and therefore they were bringing us up-to-date. Fortunately for CPYC, there is a clause in our lease that our rent cannot increase by more than 10% in any given year, so the increase was limited to \$152 per month, bringing our monthly lease payment to \$1,675. (Had it not been for the 10% limit, our rent would have increased by \$333 per month.) In addition to our ground lease amount we pay a flat \$552 for PG&E, \$65 for water and sewer and \$500 for our guest dock, for a total monthly payment of \$2,792. After careful consideration, the Board decided to keep our dues increase to what is required under our Constitution. Accordingly, our monthly dues will increase from \$79 to \$81, effective with the invoice you are receiving this month.

REGATTA REPORT

Steve Swanson, Regatta Chair

Winter is not an “off” season for sailboat racing in the Bay area. There was a race at Coyote Point every weekend in March, except Easter weekend.

Smooth, Paradigm, Sweet Grapes and *Shannon* competed in the John Pitcher Memorial Regatta on the first Saturday of the month. Winds were an ideal six to eighteen knots with very little chop. Some rain visited the course but not enough to dampen the spirits of the competitors. *Smooth* won honors with Tom Fedyna at the helm in a very close race.

Boat	Skipper	Boat Type	PHRF	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Finish
Smooth	Tom Fedyna	Santana 525	189	01:54:19	01:40:33	1
Paradigm	Luther Izmirian	J-32	126	01:44:45	01:40:43	2
Sweet Grapes	Alan Orr, Mark Green	Ericson 36 RH	108	01:45:37	01:44:20	3
Shannon	Mark Bettis	Pacific Seacraft 37	183	02:00:50	01:47:09	4

The Spring Shorteez Regatta is restricted to slower boats with PHRF ratings of at least 180. This year all four boats had the same rating – 189; three were Santana 525s. Three short races were held in 3 – 7 knots of wind, and Shocktail, with Mark Green at the helm, was victorious in all three races. Jack Verducci provided the race committee and boat.

Boat	Skipper	Boat Type	PHRF	Finish
Shocktail	Mark Green	Santana 525	189	1
Smooth	Tom Fedyna	Santana 525	189	2
Liquid Kitty	Yvette Yong	Santana 525	189	3
Catch 22	Roger Anderson	Zenrich Custom	189	4

The last two of the six Winter Rabbit races were also held this month. Ten boats participated in at least one of these informal races. *Paradigm* (Luther Izmirian) and *Vita e Bella* (Jack Verducci) tied for first overall.

The Spring and Summer Rabbit Races begin on Wednesday, April 11, with Skipper’s Meeting at 5:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Volunteers needed to staff CPYC booth. 2 hr shifts Thursday-Sunday (help needed for take down). Contact membership@cpyc.com to sign up. Discounted tickets available online.



SPRING RABBIT RACES
 Begin Wednesday, April 11
 5:30 Skipper’s Meeting
 Every Wednesday through October. Bring your friends!



RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION of BOATERS

*Catherine Miskow
(Youth Sailing Alumna)*

I grew up around boats, and around Coyote Point Yacht Club, so it came as no surprise that, when I was old enough, and financially able, I bought a boat and joined the yacht club. As membership chair last year, I began to see a gap in the age group of club members—members were getting older, but there seemed to be a lack of interest among millennials and Generation “Z”s to get into boating. Part of it is likely a question of finances and time, but a lot of it stems from early introduction as well.

To introduce your toddler or young child to boating and the water, begin with the bathtub and story time. Provide the child with toy boats for the tub, or other water-themed toys. Share classic boat-related stories, such as “Little Toot” or “Scruffy the Tugboat,” or find contemporary favorites that feature boats and the water as a central theme. (Diane Seltzer’s “The Adventures of Boat Girl” is an excellent introduction). In an age appropriate way, introduce boat related vocabulary, then take your child onto your boat for the real thing. Always demonstrate proper safety rules—it is the law that all children under 12 must wear a PFD when outside the cabin, and your child is more likely to wear one if they see you wearing one as well. As the child gets older, teach them how to use the VHF radio and other safety equipment on board. Older children may enjoy Coyote Point’s youth sailing program in the summer.

Sadly, at the age when peer groups begin receiving a higher priority, the desire to spend time with the parents (or grandparents) on the boat diminishes. At this stage, consider allowing your child to bring a friend along for a day-trip on the boat, or a weekend cruise out. If your teenager (or pre-teen) is obsessed with their electronic devices, show them how to navigate using an i-pad app or the GPS on the boat. High school students might be interested in knowing that boating requires a slight application of the math and science skills that they think they will never use in real life. For younger teens, ASA (American Sailing Association) has a sailing app game, in which players first learn the basics of sailing, then apply them in a challenge game situation (the game does not require internet connectivity). If they are old enough, allow them to drive the boat (under your close supervision, of course); while on the water, your child will learn about judging spatial distance, stopping distances, and the logic behind the rules of the road—all of which will be extremely helpful when they start driving a car.

For college bound teens, spending time on a boat (or possessing an unusual skill, such as sailing) can provide excellent material for entrance essays as well as activity listings; many colleges and universities also have waterski/wakeboard clubs, and some of the larger schools have competitive sailing teams. Depending on the school’s proximity to the water, some schools may offer sailing as a physical education class.

Boating is a lifelong activity, and a lifetime hobby. As our membership base grows, it pleases me to see more families with children joining the club, or keeping their boat in the harbor. As the saying goes, “Hook them young, and they’ll be into it for life.”



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