

THE COYOTE'S BAY

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MESSAGE from the REAR COMMODORE/EDITOR

Greetings, Members!

It's hard to believe that it is already May. Sunset Sails are in full swing, and the legendary CPYC Summer wind pattern is starting to kick in—great news for sailors, less so for power boaters. We have a full schedule planned for this month, beginning with the Ballentine Race, Cinco de Mayo, and Open House, all culminating in the Memorial Day cruise out to Half Moon Bay. Ever wanted to try your hand at blue water cruising—this is your chance.

We are also in the process of updating our photo gallery of members' boats. Many of the photos that line the wall around the upstairs dining room date from the 70s and 80s, and many of those boats have long outlived their owners. If I happen to have a photo of your boat in my files, I will send you "proofs" of the pictures via email, and you can tell me which one you would like to have printed for display; alternatively, if you happen to have a photo of your boat that you like, you may use that as well. Photos should be 8x10 prints, preferably portrait format for sailboats, and landscape format for powerboats.

On the business end, the Constitution Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, has been hard at work updating and amending the CPYC Constitution. Proposed changes and amendments to the Constitution can be found on the website under "Official Documents" with the proposed changes noted in red. Stay tuned to the weekly e-mail blast for more information.

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REGATTA RECAP

On April 4, after a welcome break in the rain, 6 boats participated in the Andy Byrd Memorial Pursuit race. With winds ranging from 10-18 knots, the sailing was great. It was a close one, but the final results are: First Place: *Vita è Bella* (Jack Verducci, skipper); Second Place: *Paradigm* (Luther Izmirian, skipper); Third Place: *Hot Ice* (Mike Haddock, skipper).

The next race will be the Frank Ballentine pursuit race on May 4th. So, just who was Frank Ballentine? Mr. Ballentine was an avid (and very competitive) racer in the 1980s-90s. The trophy for this race will be on display in the bar area throughout May and June.

Don't forget about our Sunset Sails series, every Wednesday night, starting at 5:30!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CPYC has been working hard to connect with members of the local community. It is hard to believe that many local residents don't realize that there is a yacht club in the park; still, others are aware of the club's presence, but feel that "it is where the rich people go." This last stereotype, sadly, is one that frequently comes up when the words 'yacht club' are mentioned.

This year, we will once again be sponsoring two, underprivileged children from LEAD Academy school to take part in our Youth Sailing camp. Our third annual Open House will take place on Saturday, May 18, with the return of the ever popular boat rides around the harbor. Do you love to cruise? Come staff the cruising booth to talk about your adventures! Are you the social type? Come help out at the social table.

Open House is one of our two largest community outreach events, the second one being the lighted boat parade in December. We have other events in the pipeline as well, including a possible classic car show, and an artist display with local artists displaying their boat themed/Coyote Point artworks. Stay tuned to the CPYC Facebook page or website for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Frank Ballentine Memorial Race
May 4, 2019

Skipper's Meeting 11:30
Race Start 1300
Mexican Buffet Post Race

sign up on jibeset.net
e-mail: regatta@cpyc.com



Coyote Point Yacht Club

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday,
May 18, 2019
11 AM-3 PM

Come see what goes on at
the big building across from the
park!

Free Boat Rides
Safety Demonstrations
Club House Tours
BBQ Lunch
And More!

Fun for the Whole Family!

<http://www.cpyc.com>



Half Moon Bay Cruise Out
May 24-27, 2019

Join Bill and Emily Hoyt for CPYC's only Blue Water Cruise Out
to Half Moon Bay Yacht Club!

Friday Night - Group Dinner - TBD
Saturday Afternoon - HMBYC for Sub's & Sud's (Toasted Subs and Beer Tasting) at 1 PM
Sunday - TBD
Monday - sail back to CPYC

Sign Up at CPYC.com Cruise Out 2019 Page

SOUTH BEACH CRUISE RECAP

Emily Kimmel-Hoyt, Cruise Chair

CPYC cruisers are on pace for a banner year in participation, and South Beach didn't disappoint. We had spots for 10 boats and ended up accommodating 14, including 3 first time cruisers. Maurice & Julie on *Rosy*, Mark & Peggy on *First Crush*, and Keith on *Whisky Belle*.

On Friday the first group rode the tide with light winds and sunny skies all the way and were greeted by some sea lions unhappy to be displaced on the warm docks. It was then that the boat hopping began and light snacks and stiff drinks were abound. Had Ross Bowling not ran out of ice, we may have never left the slip!

After securing the last boat the group headed to 21st Amendment against the flow of Giants fans headed for the game. Beer flowed and stories were embellished new friends acquainted. The last stop that night was back at South Beach Yacht Club in anticipation of fireworks following the conclusion of the ballgame.... we waited and waited but the game kept going and going. We called it a night and made our way back to the boats. 1am came and BOOOOM. After 18 innings the game ended and we got rocked back to sleep (literally) by the rockets red glare.

Saturday greeted the cruisers with more warm sun and we took advantage of it, from sight-seeing in the city and surroundings of Oracle Park (I know, still hard to say) to the group raft up in McCovey cove. *SeaDancer*, *Whisky Belle* and *Cardinal Rule* swung lazily in the gentle breeze and enjoyed the roars of the crowd as the home team gained a victory over the visiting Rockies. (Sorry Jim and Keith). Dinner followed at SBYC and chef Mark topped off a fine day with an exquisite meal.

Sunday we said goodbye to South Beach and headed home for CPYC, but before heading south a small group took advantage of the winds and made a brief sightseeing tour along the city front and glimpsed the Golden gate bridge. *Ada Helen*, *First Crush* and *SeaDancer* enjoyed perfect conditions despite an ebb tide and made it back in good time.... almost (Joe Pratt may still be stuck halfway in his slip). Bill was O.D. so we opened the bar early and all enjoyed recapping the weekend's events, followed by a "Game of Thrones" watch party.

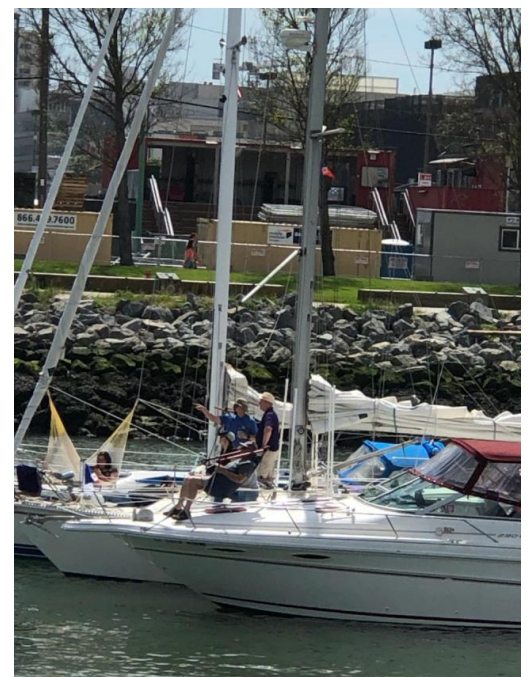
An epic way to end a great weekend. Let's keep this great trend going. To see more photos of the weekend, visit the CPYC Cruise page on the website.



Julie and Maurice on "Rosy."



The gang at 21st Amendment



L-R: "Cardinal Rule" "Seadancer" and "Whisky Belle" in the cove.

IN SUPPORT of YOUTH SAILING

In the 1970s and 80s, Coyote Point Yacht Club had a very active youth sailing program. Back then, the youth sailing program was year-round, and took place every Saturday morning from 9-noon, in fact, there were enough kids enrolled in the program to have regular “junior regattas.” In 1987, my Dad signed me up for junior sailing (as it was then called); I was a little less than thrilled, as it meant missing my Saturday morning cartoons, but once I got on the water, all that was forgotten (hurray for VCRs!).

Junior sailing was conducted on a small fleet of Lasers owned by the club. We would spend about one hour learning the rules of the road, then spend the rest of the day sailing up and down the slipway, or racing in the turning basin. As anyone who has ever sailed a Laser can attest, these boats can be a handful for a young child, and it was not uncommon on a windy day to see someone on a downwind run, unable to tack or jibe, inadvertently heading out the channel and into “the big water.” On days when the wind was too strong, we would play “rules of the road” on the pool table, using toy boats and setting up fun scenarios; when the weather got warmer, the class often turned into “junior swimming,” as we would deliberately capsize the boats just so we could go swimming. Throughout the 1990s, the club demographics changed, and the number of children enrolled in junior sailing dwindled until the program was dropped due to a lack of interest.

In recent years, however, the program has grown to a successful summer camp that attracts students from around the region; some participants are the children or grandchildren of club members (“Little Salts,” we used to call them), while others have never set foot on a boat. By the end of the week though, friendships are formed, skills are built, and memories are made. Many children are even sad when they outgrow the program.

What is it about youth sailing that is so attractive? When a child enrolls in “sailing camp,” they get so much more than just an “outdoor daycare;” they are actively learning skills that they can use both on the water and in their future lives, although they (and you, perhaps) may not realize it. Sailing teaches spatial orientation skills, which are useful when your child begins driving on land. It teaches problem-solving skills and improvising, after all, who hasn’t had to jerry-rig something on a boat? It teaches about teamwork and cooperation, because in 30 square feet, there is no room for arguing and fighting!

In 1989, I aged out of the junior sailing program, but was able to transfer my skills onto the big boat. Just last year, as I pulled up to the fuel dock, a youth sailing race was going on; one of the little boys looked at me on the big boat and eagerly called to the instructor, “When do we get to drive one of those?” Someday, little one, because the youth sailing alumni of today are the club members of tomorrow.

Afterword

I recently went back and found a video of my junior sailing days—embarrassing, to say the least, (and not just because of the 80s hair!) Perhaps someday, I will get the guts to upload it to the club site!

*All photographs on this page were captured
From an old home video. Maybe someday I
Will get the guts to upload it!*



*A Laser sailing in front of the clubhouse.
Note the red roof on the club!*



*A little too close to the rocks there! Gotta
get out and push.*



*And that's why we called it junior
swimming!*