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If you have a story, a picture, an article or a cartoon you'd like to share with our readers, please email Anne Grindy at asgrindy@yahoo.com. I'm especially interested in articles involving your travel, your boat, or any good news you'd like to share.

The Man in the Arena

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worth cause; who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory or defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

Commodore's Log

Dear Members,

As we approach the Change of Watch, I am very proud of the progress the club has made under my leadership, with the help of a very dedicated volunteer board. OPYC has been very fortunate to have such a diverse and highly skilled board, who's caliber compares with the best of Bay Area yacht clubs.

The Commodores' dinners brought in new members, new friends, increased bar sales, and new clients for Dominic's. A client for Dominic's often means a new customer at the OPYC bar. As most who understand business, we are reliant on Dominic's as much as they are reliant on us. Our relationship with Dominic's is a win-win. Our customers have been delighted with our new food service. Dominic's has received rave reviews!

This OPYC Board has worked to follow the Club standards. Vice Commodore Dave Parenti's keen oversight brought integrity to the club's financial success. Among other things, he negotiated a reduction in annual utility/cable bills and worked with the Harbor District to resolve past financial issues. Vice Commodore Parenti continues monitoring club finances to ensure that club responsibilities including taxes and insurance are satisfied in a timely fashion.

I wish to thank the many members who have volunteered their time, effort, and consistently showed up to provide input to the General Meetings. This proved invaluable in guiding the club's future.

To quote my personal hero Teddy Roosevelt "Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty...I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life."

As my second term of commodore ends, I thank my Board and other club members who have helped me make this a club to be proud of. Best wishes to my successor. I look forward to another fabulous year!

Fair winds and following seas,

Scott Grindy,
OPYC Commodore



Rear Commodore

Matson Lines

Matson Navigation Company's association with the Hawaiian Islands began well over a century ago when, in 1882, Captain William Matson sailed his three-masted schooner, *Emma Claudina* from San Francisco to Hawaii, carrying food and plantation supplies for his friend and business associate, Claus Spreckels. Today shipping containers bearing the Matson logo are a familiar sight to everyone in the Bay Area, and freight has always been the company's main activity. But for much of its history, Matson was the Pacific's premier passenger carrier. By the time Cpt. Matson died in 1917, his company sailed fourteen of the Pacific's largest, fastest and most modern ships.

With increased interest in the Hawaiian Islands as a tourist destination, Matson's company built the SS *Malolo* in 1927. She carried 620 passengers and featured swimming pools, a gymnasium, a hairdresser and other amenities. Her 457 first-class passengers lounged in opulent public rooms and reposed in luxurious staterooms (including the top-tier "lanai suites"). Her success led to the laying down of the *Mariposa*, the *Monterey*, and the *Lurline*, the famous White Ships.



In the 1930s, Matson built its San Francisco headquarters at 215 Montgomery, which was later sold to its next-door neighbor, PG&E. As they folded the Matson building into their complex, PG&E kept many of the buildings maritime adornments.

During both the world wars, the ships of the Matson line were conscripted for military use; the passenger ships were refitted as troop carriers. After World War II, retrofitting its liners for civilian service proved very costly for Matson, necessitating the sale of the *Mariposa* and the *Monterey*, still in wartime gray. The *Lurline* underwent a \$20 million conversion and reentered service in 1948.

With the growth of passenger air transport in the 1970s, Matson decided to concentrate on its core business, freight. Today, Matson's fleet of US-built, US-owned and US-operated ships carry cargo to and from Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Micronesia and the South Pacific.

Richard Mortenson

Public Affairs Officer

Time to Build the Next Board & Some Other Items

Slate for 2019 OPYC Officers: August General Membership Meeting

Article VIII of the OPYC By Laws stipulates that the upcoming slate of OPYC officers will be presented at the General Membership meeting. That meeting is Tuesday August 21. I hope to see members there.

The process of putting together a slate has been an interesting exercise, not always honored totally in past years given exigent circumstances. At times it was more akin to the old practice of "shanghaiing" anyone who lingered too long at the bar.

As current and former club officers can attest, to it is work; there are difficult decisions to be made and the scarce commodity of time devoted. There are only so many times current board members can be re upped without causing permanent damage!

As Nominating Committee Chairman (was re-upped) I warned the Nominating Committee that the process was like watching sausage being made.... not pretty but to trust the process. I want to thank Eric Andrews, Shirley Lau, Renato Pena, and Kirby Combs for agreeing to, and engaging in, the process. Good boards retain the good of the past, energy to apply, skill sets to meet the challenges and members who are new for development. We feel the slate will address those requirements well, the process though not pretty-worked.

Again, I hope to see more members at the General Membership meeting. It is a small commitment of time yet very much appreciated.

Also, again thank you to the Nominating Committee.

2019 Slate of Officers

Commodore	Dave Parenti
Vice Commodore	Frank Ginotti
Rear Commodore	Bruce McPhillips
Bar	Eric Andrews
Race & Cruise	Kirby Combs/John Pettigrew
Membership	Anne Grindy
Entertainment	Vera Ginotti/Pan Bauer
House	Frank Gibson
Staff Commodore	Scott Grindy

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John Pettigrew,

OPYC Public Affairs Officer



11th Club Crew World Championship in Hungary 2018

After earning the title of 2nd fastest junior high team in the Pacific Region for the last two years, this group of 25 young paddlers, ages 12 - 17 years old, was determined to fight for a spot in the 11th Club Crew World Championships in Hungary 2018. The journey began in September 2017. The group endured rigorous training for a chance to be recognized amongst the elite world paddlers.

After nine months of training every weekend for two hours a day on the water and many hours on land on weekdays, the group was physically strong. However, going overseas for a competition required more than just physical prowess. The journey demanded organizational skills, teamwork, and extraordinary financial support. Collectively, the group needed \$90,000 to fund race fees, flight and train tickets, lodging, and food expenses. A big thank-you to our local partners, Apria Healthcare, Burnwater Inc., Calvin Cheng, Designer, Cytokinetic Inc., San Mateo Harbor District, SSF Parks & Rec, Oyster Point Yacht Club, O2 Body Fit, and many generous private donors. Together we raised over \$11,000!

Finally, it was time to fly to Hungary on July 12, 2018. We landed in Budapest for a day of acclimating and sightseeing before taking a two-hour train ride to Szeged, the third largest city in Hungary, home of the Olympic race course. In Szeged, the day prior to the race, we participated in the Nations Parade. We encountered numerous racers from all around the world and later exchanged contact information to stay in touch. There were a total of 6,200 racers from 140 clubs coming from 28 different countries. The festival featured 450 heats in 6 days and utilized 24 standard-size and 24 small-size dragon boats. Behind the scenes, 58 race officials and countless volunteers meticulously managed this World Cup Championships.

Besides watching the exciting competitions, we also saw boats capsize, lose control, and many near-miss collisions on the race course. High risk situations exist whenever many dragon boats are moving at top speeds just a few feet apart. Fortunately, there were no major injuries. Rescue boats and medical personnel were strategically placed to keep everyone safe.

Oyster Point Dragons received a special acknowledgment from the race officials for bringing four 12-year olds, the youngest competitors to the event. We represented one of 20 clubs from the USA and one of two youth teams from the Bay Area. To further challenge ourselves, we entered the Junior A Division (18 years old and under) to compete against high school racers who were four to six years older than the majority of our middle school racers.

In our primary, Junior B Division (16 years old and under), we competed in 200-meter, 500-meter and 2000-meter race distances.

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Dragons cont...

Truly, this endeavor tested our patience, athletic abilities, and teamwork to race day after day for five straight days. We also faced a few health-related challenges, such as mosquito bites, stomach flu, and skin rash eczema. In spite of this arduous schedule, we were able to enjoy a day to visit other cities in Hungary, a few hours at a water park, and get some sleep.

The hard work paid off when the race officials placed medals around our necks. The boys received three gold medals while the girls received one gold, one silver, and one bronze medal.

Oyster Point Dragons would like to thank the community and our supporters for believing in our organization, training programs, and our young athletes.

With this new race experience, we will continue to work hard and improve our regional ranking to again qualify for a chance to compete in the 12th Club Crew World Championships in France 2020.



Nautical Terms

By: Anne Malik Grindy

It's almost here...International "Talk Like a Pirate Day". These past few months, I've thrown a lot of pirate terms your way, so hopefully everyone will be better prepared to talk like a pirate.

Crack Jenny's Tea Cup - To spend the night in a house of ill repute.

Letter of Marque - A document given to a privateer giving him amnesty from piracy laws as long as the ships plunders are of an enemy nation. Letters of marque aren't always honored, however, even by the government that issues them. Captain Kidd had letters of marque and his own country hanged him anyway.

Bilged on Her Anchor - A ship holed or pierced by its own anchor.

Scupper that! - An expression of anger or derision meaning "Throw that overboard!"

No Prey, No Pay - A common pirate law meaning a crew received no wages, but rather shared whatever loot was taken.

Give no Quarter - The refusal to spare lives of an opponent. Pirates raise a red flag to threaten no quarter will be given.



My Boat...Walkabout

By: John Pettigrew

My first ride circa mid '70s was a 12' center board gaff rigged back yard lay down my mate Ian Gordon created. He believed in more glass the better. We could have doubled as an Antarctic Icebreaker in the off season. This was our maiden voyage on Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne Australia. Slow and stout we covered many of the small bays and inlets along the southern Victoria coast line. Me standing, had hair then too!

Current ride and my first real boat is a Catalina 250 wing keel, tall mast. With the tall mast I keep it reefed most times out on the bay, keel too light for bay winds. Fun, easy to sail, keeps passengers (Sharon) dry...For me just getting out on the water with the wind is the ultimate. Had crewed and raced on other boats. Got wet enough then...One of the best times was being just off a mark during America's Cup and having those two boats literally fly by my bow. Also, McCovey Cove with a ballgame, friends and sunshine...and beer.



Dates to Remember...

*Reminder
to All...*

OPYC General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 18th at 6PM

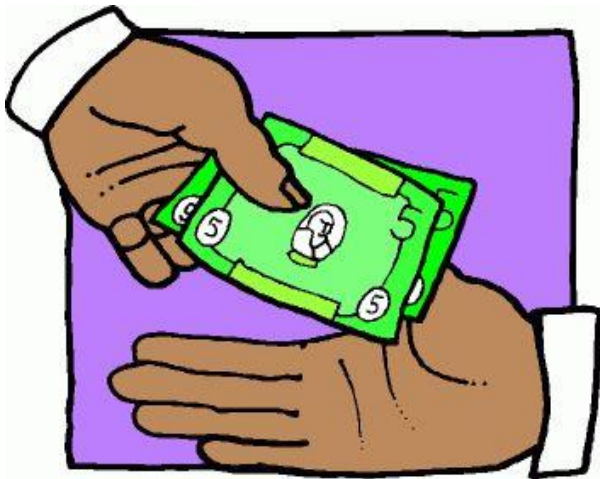
OPYC General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 9th at 6PM

OPYC General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 16th at 6PM

Time to Pay Your OPYC Dues!



\$450 payable by December 31, 2018.
Dues paid prior to December 1
will receive a 5% discount.
Payment may be made at the bar or
You can mail your check to:

Oyster Point Yacht Club
911 Marina Blvd
SSF, CA 94080

Commodores' Mexican Fiesta Dinner

Friday September 28th
\$25 per person
Enchiladas, Fajitas, and
Tamales



Oktoberfest

Friday, October 12th
5PM Cocktail/Beer Hour
6:30PM Dinner
More info to follow.

Halloween Costume Party

Saturday, October 27th
5PM Cocktails
6:30PM Dinner
8PM Dancing
More info to follow.



Class for Boating License -

As most of you know the government is slowly creeping into our boating fun. This time it is in the form of getting a boating license very akin to driver's license for our automobiles. Even the people that are "grandfathered in" will need to have theirs eventually.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary holds classes fairly regularly, but it would be fun (not to mention good P.R.) to have a class @ the O.P.Y.C.'s abode.

To have a class we must have commitment of people interested, so please notify me @ fgibson@reliantwater.com by October 15, 2018 that you are interested AND what MONTH works best for you. When I have a majority of people in a certain month, I will schedule a class.

If we do NOT have enough people, I will contact other yacht clubs and try to get the numbers up.

Thank you all,

Frank Gibson
fgibson@reliantwater.com

I will be waiting to hear from you!



Sunshine Report by: Jeannette Gregory

September Birthdays

08 Linda Parenti
10 Marty Hietala
19 James Yerby
20 Allan Diamond
23 Jeanette Cabalette
30 Terry Diamond

October Birthdays

01 Lin Metz
02 Nancy Kaniuth
10 Lap Man Yam
11 Sandy Robinson
19 Guy Garner
21 Casey Cheng
22 Jules Lloyd
26 Shirley Gourlay
29 Scott Grindy

September Anniversaries

04 Bill & Karen Ferrera
29 Barry & Joyce Bignell

October Anniversaries

04 Allan & Terry Diamond
05 Leon & Mara Milons
28 Hoover Chan & Debra Liu
31 Scott & Anne Grindy

If your anniversary or birthday was missed, please accept our apologies and contact Anne Grindy (Membership) or Jeannette Gregory (Sunshine Girl) to update our anniversary/birthday list.