



# Dodger News

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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](mailto:asgrindy@yahoo.com). I'm especially interested in articles involving your travel, your boat, or any good news you'd like to share.



OPYC members and good friends, John Prouty and Ken Galbraith showing the "love" during the cruise-out to Benecia.

# Commodore's Log

Dear Members,

"The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco." is a quote familiar to everyone in the Bay Area. It may or may not have been said by the much beloved author, Mark Twain. "Everybody talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it" is another of my favorite "weather" quotes and it's attributed to Twain's friend and fellow writer, Charles Dudley Warner. Being a grouchy old man, I look outside, and I think "winter in Seattle" and then I remember that it's June in San Francisco. Although I can't change the weather, I can change my attitude by putting on my warmest down coat and enjoying life on the water.

This past week has been interesting. PG&E had "planned" power outages not related to the Oyster Point construction. Because the power outage was planned, your OPYC board also planned. This "planned" power outage didn't even occur. Please remember, this is a 2-year long project. Planned and unplanned power outages will be a fact-of-life. The OPYC Board of Directors have been meeting and have feasible contingency plans to keep our club running.

In brief, the construction project will be laying all new utilities, which requires the site to be disconnected from PG&E for approximately 2 years. During that time, the OP Contractor will be supplying power to the boats/docks and yacht club via generators. Board officers will have emergency contact information if something goes awry but know we are preparing for the worst, and hoping for the best of times, during the coming two years of construction.

Last week, engineers from The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) began testing the sand quality in preparation for dredging the main "ferry" channel. At this time there are no confirmed dates and no idea when dredging will happen in the channel west of the ferry.

As always, I have a host of people to thank. Numero uno on my list is Bar Director, Bruce McPhillips. There were many requests for additional bar hours and he made it happen; and when I say he made it happen "HE", Bruce made it happen. Every Monday, from 4PM-9PM, Bruce pours the beverages for thirsty members. Our Monday nights have sort of developed into an impromptu pot-luck dinner club with members providing home-cooked or restaurant prepared meals. So, if you're nearby on a Monday with no plans, stop by. Bruce has also hosted a few visitors from the ferry...and visitors are potential members.

A big thank you to the staff of the Dominic's. The list of their contributions is endless. They've made repairs, provided fantastic meals/snacks, and more importantly, they've represented our club in a way that does us proud.

Fair winds and following seas,

Scott Grindy, OPYC Commodore

# Rear Commodore

## Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

### By: Richard Mortenson, OPYC Rear Commodore

Sister organization to the Monterey Bay Aquarium is the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) located in Moss Landing, CA. MBARI has been at the forefront of ocean research since its founding in 1987. Using remotely operated vessels (ROV), tethered to a mothership and autonomous underwater vessels (AUV), free-swimming after being programmed at the surface) the Institute gathers physical, chemical, biological, volcanic, and acidification data about the health of the oceans and the lifeforms that live there.

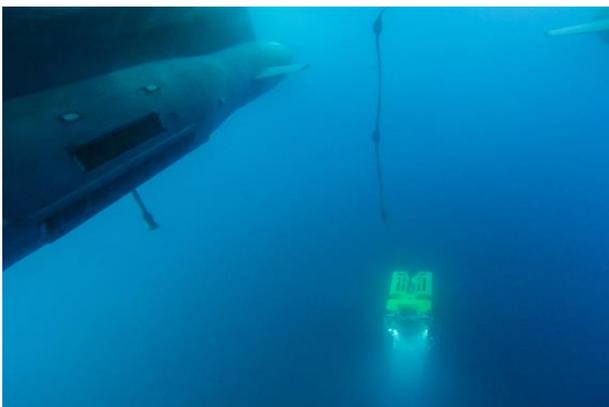
Over the thirty years since its founding, MBARI scientists have discovered over 200 species of previously unknown sea life. One being *Chondrocladia lyra* (harp sponge), discovered in 2012, the harp sponge lives off the California coast, 10,000 feet(!) below the surface. Pretty, and pretty-deadly, it catches hapless critters that venture too close.

The ROVs, *Doc Ricketts* and *Ventana*, as well as their AUVs are custom-made in MBARI's machine shops; no off-the-shelf, ready-to-wear equipment for this type of research. Likewise, the support vessels, RV *Rachel Carlson* and RV *Western Flyer* were made to order.

MBARI's annual open house is on Saturday, July 21, from noon to 5:00pm. They are located on Sandholdt Road, off Highway 1, in Moss Landing (where the twin PG&E stacks are). Afterwards, enjoy a good meal at the Haute Enchilada, where the food is as eclectic as the decor.

From their mission statement: "Research programs at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute encompass the entire ocean, from the surface waters to the deep seafloor, and from the coastal zone to the open sea. The need to understand the ocean in all its complexity and variability drive MBARI's research and development efforts."

True in 1987, these words are even more relevant today.



ROV *Doc Ricketts*



*Chondrocladia lyra* (harp sponge)

## Time to Build the Next Board & Some Other Items

\* The slate for 2018-2019 OPYC Board is now open. The Club does need YOU.

The original process of the OPYC Board had members enter the board at various less demanding roles and on a yearly basis rotate up the ranks. This structure is typical of service/social/special interest type organizations. It helped ensure continuity of practice, club operational knowledge and working relationships. It also assumes a large ready pool of volunteers. In more recent times, past 5 years if not more, it has been difficult to maintain that process.

I am hopeful we can build a slate that achieves both the necessary continuity of retaining some current board members coupled with bringing in new board members.

It is early in sorting out positions, so the best take is that if you are interested in joining the OPYC Board, **take that step** and give me a call or email. My full contact info is at the end of the article.

OPYC is now stronger financially, established better terms/communications with SMCHD and as a voice for our membership regarding the major redevelopment around us. **Volunteer to help keep the Club moving.**

\* The ballots have been mailed out regarding amending the By Laws definition of regular membership. Ballots contain self-addressed stamped envelopes. Deadline is Post Mark no later than June 22<sup>nd</sup>. It can be received later, Post Mark Is the factor.

\* OPYC is a regular invitee and attends the construction update meetings. Concerns have been raised over dust, construction equipment using the new main road rather than the old road now dedicated to the project and the danger having the bathroom exits now on the busy roadway. Teichert is installing raised curbs or berms in front of the bathrooms and has pledged to deal with the other items too. If you experience any problems, let me know. Time, date and nature of issue is important to better isolate the cause.

\* OPYC Treasurer just concluded a very successful review of Club finances with the SMCHD - **our landlord**. Given our improved financial position, rent required adjustment-which was anticipated and worked through with Harbor District accounting personnel to everyone's satisfaction.

\* Greenland has sold their holdings to Kilroy. Kilroy, a Los Angeles major developer, has purchased the current and future phases of the Oyster Point Development. Kilroy is a major player in San Francisco development and a reputable developer. More to follow....

\* Contact info for me: John Pettigrew [jxpa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jxpa@sbcglobal.net), 415.370.8799.

John Pettigrew,

OPYC Public Affairs Officer

## Bravo Zulu



Bravo Zulu is a Navy signal, typically conveyed by flag hoist or voice radio, meaning "Well Done." If you have any proud moments you'd like to share, please email me at [asgrindy@yahoo.com](mailto:asgrindy@yahoo.com).

Since it is almost graduation time, I'd like to invite you to send me pictures of your favorite graduate and maybe a little line or two about what they are doing. I'm happy to receive pics of preschoolers through grad school.... children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Let the bragging begin!



This is the first of many graduations Bill and Karen Ferrera will be attending for their grandchildren. Many congratulations to Carter (age 4), who just graduated from Pre-K. Currently, Carter remains undecided on a career.

## Nautical Terms

By: Anne Malik Grindy

International "Talk Like a Pirate Day" has been celebrated every year on September 19<sup>th</sup> since 1995. In March, I decided to list nautical terms and their origins so, this is Month Three of our preparation to talk like a pirate.

**Starboard** - In the early days of boating, before ships had rudders on their centerlines, boats were controlled using a steering oar. Most sailors were right handed, so the steering oar was placed over or through the right side of the stern. Sailors began calling the right side the steering side, which soon became "starboard" by combining two Old English words: *stéor* (meaning "steer") and *bord* (meaning "the side of a boat").

**Port** - As the size of boats grew, so did the steering oar, making it much easier to tie a boat up to a dock on the side opposite the oar. This side became known as larboard, or "the loading side." Over time, larboard—too easily confused with starboard—was replaced with port. After all, this was the side that faced the port, allowing supplies to be ported aboard by porters.

## Membership News

We have received a new member application from Jack Copello. Jack is sponsored by Scott Grindy and Dave Parenti. He will be joining as an associate member, but he is boat shopping, so his status will change once he is a happy vessel owner. His application is in the bar for your review.

# Dates to Remember...

*Reminder  
to All...*

## **OPYC Board of Director's Meeting**

Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

## **OPYC General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

## **Commodores' Dinners**

### **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Fish and Chips and Beef Wellington  
Chocolate "Birthday" Lava cakes, and the world's best coffee.  
\$25 per person including tax and tip.



### **July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Chicken Cordon Blue  
Crab and Shrimp stuffed Sole  
Spinach and Ricotta Lasagna  
\$25 per person including tax and tip.

### **July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Prime Rib  
Honey Ham  
Beef Raviolis  
\$30 per person including tax and tip.

- **All dinners include side dishes, salads, desserts, and the world's best coffee.**
- **For tables of 5 or more, please call Anne Grindy at 425-879-8881 to make your reservations.**
- **Parking is always plentiful, free, and safe.**
- **Children under 2 – no charge - Children under 10 are half price.**



## **Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ**

**Please join us at noon for  
BBQ Burgers, Hot Dogs, and all the fixings.**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

# Eight Bells

Eight-Bells is a long standing Naval tradition marking the end of a watch period; it is also used by the Navy and yacht clubs to honor the passing of a sailor.

Sadly, Eight-Bells rang at the Membership Meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> for two life-time members, John Tamburini and Lois Renner.

John Tamburini, our #1 Oyster Point Yacht Club member has passed away. John prided himself on being OPYC member #1. The yacht club was important to John and John is important to us. At this time, we have very little information, but will update everyone as we receive it.

Lois Jean Renner of Sammamish, Washington, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2018 after a sudden but brief illness. She was 77.

Lois was born on March 16, 1941 in Cincinnati, Ohio, but spent most of her childhood years in Hinsdale, Illinois with her family. In 1959 she left home to attend the University of Dayton. There she met Bob and after a whirlwind courtship they were married in February 1961. Her three children soon followed, and she delighted in the role of motherhood. In later years, Lois loved being a grandmother.

Lois is survived by her husband of 57 years, Bob and her extended family. In lieu of flowers we ask that you contribute to your favorite charity.



## Sunshine Report by: Jeannette Gregory

### June Birthdays:

13 Kenny Danielson  
18 Geri Miller  
24 John Pettigrew  
28 Margot Brown  
30 Deanna Tomei

### June Anniversaries:

15 Ted & Shirley Gourlay  
26 Gene & Heather Hoffman  
28 Brent & Sharon Dalrymple

### July Birthdays:

03 Kumar Rashmi  
17 Mara Milons  
19 Jeff Stevens  
24 Hoover Chan  
28 Carl Hilgeman

There are no July anniversaries.

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.