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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.



Cheering on their favorite horse at OPYC's annual Kentucky Derby party.

Commodore's Log

Dear Members,

I hope all the Mothers of the Club had a great Mother's Day. The Brunch provided by Dominic's was fantastic. Many thanks to Chris and his crew for putting on such a special event.

Many of you are already asking about the "Fleet Week" Cruise-Out and I can't blame you; Fleet Week is a fantastic time. This year, the SF Marina will not be accepting reservations until August 1st. When the time comes, I will be working with Ken and Gunn on email notification. All arrangements will be made via the SF marina office only.

Some exciting news is coming for a very special San Francisco Cruise-Out in 2019. There is another new event coming much like the America's Cup Races. More details to follow towards the end of the year.

I know the Oyster Point traffic changes and detours are challenging, but when the work is all done, it will be a wonderful entrance. I want to personally thank John Pettigrew for his time and efforts keeping an eye on our club concerns with the construction and keeping us informed.

As you know, Ken and Gunn are responsible for organizing Cruise-Outs. They put a lot of thought and work into making the Cruise-Outs successful. My wife, Anne, refers to these Cruise-Outs as mini-vacations, and she's correct. I wish I could go to all of them, but SF has me working a lot of extra hours with a new marina design and development in the works. Many of these Cruise-Outs include an evening meal and/or an event. "Land Yachts" are always welcomed to participate.

Even though my horse didn't win, I have more accolades for Ken and Gunn. The annual Kentucky Derby party was for many reasons, a terrific party! First, our Staff Commodore, Ron Burns and his lady, Cheryl Johnson were present; and with very exciting news...they are engaged to be married! Congratulations to both! Secondly, Dominic's hosted the event and it was wonderful! I can't tell you how happy I was to see lamb on the serving line. I thought I had died and gone to heaven. Many thanks to Dominic's for a wonderful meal.

In recent member emails Vice Commodore Dave Parenti has shared our finances which is a positive message from 2 years ago. As Dave has said numerous times, he is always happy to sit down with any member and walk them through the Clubs finances.

My final thanks go to Gene Hoffman for getting the weather station back up and running. Much appreciated!

Fair winds and following seas,

Scott Grindy, OPYC Commodore

Rear Commodore

USS Potomac – Richard Mortenson, OPYC Rear-Commodore

Best known as President Franklin Roosevelt's (FDR) "Floating Whitehouse," the USS *Potomac* has lived an extraordinary life. Built in 1934 as the Coast Guard cutter *Electra*, she's 165 feet long, displaces 416 gross tons and cruises at 10 to 13 knots. FDR, polio-stricken and wheelchair-bound, feared being trapped in a fire on board the wooden *Sequoia* and preferred *Potomac's* all-steel construction.

FDR escaped the summer heat of Washington DC on the *Potomac* where, in addition to the informal strategy sessions, he fished, played poker and enjoyed an hour or two with his beloved stamp collection. Honored guests over the years included the United Kingdom's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, Crown Princess Martha of Norway, and Crown Prince Gustav of Sweden. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt celebrated her 57th birthday on board.

After President Roosevelt's death in 1945, *Potomac* fell into decline. (Later presidents from Truman to Clinton sailed aboard *Sequoia* instead.) In 1964 *Potomac* was sold at public auction. In 1980 she was seized by US Customs in San Francisco for her role in drug smuggling and towed to Treasure Island. One night her hull was pierced, and she sank.

Refloated by the US Navy, she was sold to the Port of Oakland which brought together several maritime organizations, organized labor and a corps of volunteers to restore her to her former glory. Opened to the public in 1995 she is now registered as a National Historic Landmark.

Berthed at 540 Water St, near Oakland's Jack London Square, *Potomac* is available for dockside, docent-led tours on most Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. She cruises the Bay on special occasions like Mother's Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July and Fleet Week. Tickets are available online at TicketWeb.com. Call The Potomac Association at (510) 627-1215 for more information.



USS Potomac in SF Bay



FDR & Eleanor w/ George VI & Queen Elizabeth aboard USS Potomac (6/9/39)

Proposed By-Laws Changes:

Current By-Laws

Definition of Regular and Family Membership

- The notion of expanding the definition of Regular and Family membership categories has been a topic at least in the past four Board administrations. It is time to put the concept to the general membership.
- While financially much stronger than it has been for years, OPYC membership has remained at a replacement level; new members replacing exiting members. **Growth is essential to keep the energy and talent at a high level. Despite valiant efforts of preceding and current boards growth has been elusive.** OPYC is in a more complicated environment with its own operations requiring greater attention. The Club is not a clock on the mantle requiring the occasional winding to keep functioning. As preceding Dodger articles illustrated the boating world has changed and calls for adoption of different strategies for survival.
- See the proposed changes in the following paragraph. The red strike out removes the requirement of vessel ownership and the blue type denotes the recommended new membership requirements. These changes embrace a wider range of marine activities and reach out to a younger population. These proposed changes also honor the heritage of OPYC founders, and those who after years of boating, no longer keep a boat. It is the camaraderie of we who are drawn to water, its challenges in a boat, on a board/ski, or in a shell, that we seek.
- This article also serves as notice to amend the By-Laws as stated below, in accordance with Article XII. It is being presented well in advance of the 30 days before a vote is called. A "Town Hall" meeting is also scheduled for June 4th at 6PM. The voting date is 30 days after publication of the Dodger. The proposed amendment, the "Town Hall" meeting date and voting date will be posted on the OPYC bulletin board.

Proposed By-Law Changes

Regular Membership:

- Regular Membership does not include spouses, domestic partners or children of any age.
- Regular Members shall be at least 21 years of age.
- Every Regular Member in good standing shall have one vote in Club affairs, may hold office, and have an equal right in Club privileges.

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- When applying for Regular membership or when applying to upgrade from an Associate membership to a Regular membership it is necessary to:
 - ~~own a vessel~~ demonstrate involvement in marine based activities either through ownership of powered or non-powered water craft,
 - serve as a crew member on craft owned/shared by others,
 - or proof of association with a maritime based group.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:

- Family Membership consists of spouses or domestic partners and children less than 21 years of age.
- Each Family Membership shall have one (1) vote in Club affairs; however, both partners may hold office and have an equal right to Club privileges.
- If both partners hold office, only one partner of the membership will have a vote in club affairs.
- The Family Membership owns a "Plank". A "Plank" is a resalable portion of the Club membership and is transferable upon application and approval of the Board of Directors.
- When applying for Family Membership, it is necessary to:
 - ~~own a vessel~~ demonstrate involvement in marine based activities either through ownership of powered or non-powered water craft,
 - serve as a crew member on craft owned/shared by others,
 - present proof of association with a maritime based group.

John Pettigrew
OPYC Public Affairs Officer

The Weather Station



Great news...the weather station is back!

During the recent roof construction, the UHF antenna, that the weather station was attached to, was somewhat unceremoniously set aside on the roof. This causes the rain, wind speed and direction, and to a lesser extent, temperature, to be wrong for a couple of months. However, starting April 25, 2018, all the data is accurate as the station has been re-mounted. You can see it online at <https://bit.ly/opycweather> and on a display over the bar door.

Gene Hoffman



For two weekends in a row, the Oyster Point Dragon Boaters have competed in local races at Lake Merced in San Francisco. Both times, we walked away with medals!

The U16 team earned the most impressive result, third place! The team came out swinging (or is it stroking?) and beat 11 out of 28 high school teams. We entered this high school competition knowing we were the underdog, but our goal was to use this local competition to gain race experience as part of the training for the international competition in Hungary.

A Dragon boat holds 20 paddlers and we were the only team to fill the boat with 12 middle school students. So, it was a proud moment when they announced we had won 3rd Place in Division C. It was exciting to know that our training had finally paid off in this local race.

In less than two months, we will be traveling to Hungary to compete against youth teams around the world. We have a lot more work ahead of us, so wish us luck.

Shirley Lau
Oyster Point Dragon Team Captain



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.

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!



Anne Malik Grindy is bragging!

Congratulations to my nephew, John Malik, who just earned his degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in Organic Chemistry with minors in forensics and criminal justice. I'm a proud Auntie!

Nautical Terms

By: Anne Malik Grindy

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

Scuttlebutt - Most of us know the term scuttlebutt as a folksy way to refer to rumor or gossip, but in nautical nomenclature, a *scuttlebutt* is an open cask of drinking water or a drinking fountain. The former definition evolved out of the nautical sense, as sailors would engage in idle chat while gathered around their version of the office water cooler.

Groggy – We know the term groggy as dazed or intoxicated, the way one might feel after he or she partakes in a goblet full of its root word *grog*. Grog is a mixture of rum and water. The term *grog* is a reference to British Admiral Vernon who ordered his sailors' rum to be diluted; he was nicknamed Old Grog because he wore a gogram cloak (A course waterproof fabric made of silk, often combined with mohair or wool and stiffened with gum).

Bumpkin – Sail boaters know a bumpkin is a beam or a thick pole that projects outward from the hull of a vessel and is used for a mast. Outside of a nautical context, it refers to an uneducated and unsophisticated person from the countryside. The Dutch word *boomken*, which means "little tree," bridges the gap between the two meanings as it appears to have been used to refer to a short stumpy man.

Dates to Remember...

*Reminder
to All...*

OPYC Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, June 12th at 6PM

OPYC General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 19th at 6PM

Commodores' Dinners

June 8th

BBQ Ribs & Chicken & Grilled Sausages served with perfectly paired side-dishes, a trio of salads, apple pie a la mode and the world's best coffee.

Plus, DJ Jesse Morales will be here playing all of our favorite dancing music. Be sure to invite your friends. \$30 per person including tax and tip.



June 22nd

Fish and Chips and Beef Wellington served with perfectly paired side-dishes, a trio of salads, Chocolate "Birthday" Lava cakes, and the world's best coffee.

\$25 per person including tax and tip.

For tables of 6 or more, please call Anne Grindy to make your reservations.

Children under 2 – no charge Children under 10 are half price



"Town Hall Meeting"

Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6PM

Oyster Point Yacht Club

**Purpose of this meeting is to discuss
proposed by-law changes.**

Wine Tasting

May's wine tasting featured four Beaujolais wines. Beaujolais is primarily made from the Gamay grape (thin skin and low in tannins). It's a very light-bodied red wine with relatively high amounts of acidity.

The only wine to receive any votes was the 2015 Chateau de Raousset Chiroubles "Bel-Air". It also happened to be the least expensive wine of the four, only \$17 per bottle. This is a red-fruit-driven wine. It tastes almost as if the ripe grapes were crushed and forced into the bottle.

We also tasted the 2013 Maison Le Nid Moulin a Vent "La Rochelle" priced at \$25 per bottle. This wine has the most structure and body of the four tasted. It features flavors of black fruits as well as red: cherry, raspberry, blackberry, currant with a touch of vanilla and a hint of licorice.

The third wine was 2014 Domaine Pierre Savoye Morgon Cote du Py. Soil in the Cote du Pye region is rich in iron and clay. This wine has tangy cherry and spice elements. Priced at \$20 per bottle.

Also tied for last place was the 2014 Domaine Sainte Barbe Macon Burgy; priced at \$27 per bottle. This wine is bottled without any filtration, so there is a slight bit of sediment at the bottom of the bottle. It is aged in old barrels, which is rare for Beaujolais.

Our next wine tasting is on June 22nd. Hope to see you there.

Sunshine Report

By: Jeannette Gregory

May Birthdays:

04 Kirby Combs
08 Brent Dalrymple
09 Judy Anslinger
11 Barbara Danielson
11 Leon Milons
14 Thomas Lloyd
19 Jim Metz
19 John Prouty
24 Richard Mortenson
27 Silvia Cobos Dunn

May Anniversaries:

02 James & Marilyn Anchick
05 Jean Pierre & Jenette Cabalette

June Birthdays:

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

June Anniversaries:

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





OPYC's Annual Kentucky Derby Party.



OP Dragon Boaters celebrate Earth Day by cleaning the marina. Yes...that's a bike they pulled from the water.



Past OPYC Commodore, Larry Draper celebrated Easter with his granddaughter, Nicole Draper at Dominic's Easter Brunch.

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Mother's Day at OPYC

