



# Dodger News

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OPYC member and Oyster Point Dragon Team Captain, Shirley Lau leaps for joy. Find out why on Page 11.

**OPYC Annual Membership Dues of \$450 are due now and/or before January 31, 2017.  
 Please submit payment to: OPYC – Membership Dues – 911 Marina Blvd – SSF, CA 94080**

# Commodore's Log

As the world clock is ticking away, OPYC moves forward into 2018. Now is the time for reflection regarding the future of our club. Change is difficult for some; however, it is needed for improvement. The board continues to prioritize improvements needed and acts accordingly in the best interest of all club members. Please be patient and support your elected board's efforts. Negativity strains the board and impedes the positive outcomes needed for the club to thrive. Negative efforts hurt the entire membership.

## ***Reflection of 2017:***

- Twelve new OPYC memberships!
- Commodore Dinners were extremely successful, serving over 1,800 glorious meals to members, family, and friends. Aside from the obvious, these dinners have fostered many new friendships and camaraderie. The cherry on the cake was our Christmas Dinner party. We had a full house for a wonderful sit-down dinner which included a visit from Santa. Did I mention the music? Well, the house rocked!
- Thanks to the many improvements made by our board, including our relationship with Dominic's, club revenues have made a positive turn as demonstrated by our Vice Commodore Dave Parenti's end of year report.
- We sadly lost some wonderful members. Our hearts go to their spouses, partners, and family members.

## ***Moving Forward 2018:***

- Newly elected board members are working well with incumbent board members to achieve common goals. For example, thanks to the efforts of Liza Normandy (Entertainment Director), Gunn Galbraith (Race and Cruise Director), and my wife, Anne (Commodores' Dinners) we now have published our 2018 Event Calendar.
- In order to provide the club with a secure, private office the First Mates room will be recommissioned. Walls have been painted and floors have been refurbished. Relocation and organization has commenced. The office will be secured and accessible by Commodores, Directors, and approved club volunteers for business meetings and daily board activities. In addition, bar storage has been relocated to the closet in this office. The office will have a separate alarm security system, so that files, funds, and extra bar stock are properly secure and tracked.
- OPYC photo memories need preservation. By digitizing them, they can be shared with our membership and guests. Past Commodore, boat, and other club photos are being scanned and will be placed into a power point automated slide show. We already have a separate screen that will be used to show the slide show. This will enable us to enjoy the memories as well as promote the club. Original framed photos will be made available to the membership after the project is completed. Watch for that announcement!
- We have clearly heard the membership's request for increased/established Bar Hours. Bruce McPhillips, our Bar Director is working to make this happen. Please support him in his efforts.

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- We have six facility targets to work on over the next two years; roof, siding replacements, exterior painting, deck repairs, bathroom improvements and exterior door replacements. Additionally, we need to start thinking about a new water side yacht club sign, as the roadways and access to the club will soon be changing. This change will make our water side our front door.
- I am asking everyone, if you see something broken, please email or call Frank Ginotti, the House Director and/or the Commodore, so it can be resolved quickly.

As we move into 2018, there are many new opportunities, friendships, and boating stories to be made. I look forward to hearing from all of our members. Please consider submitting your photos (JPEG) and stories (Word) to Anne Grindy, the Dodger Editor. A big Bravo Zulu to my wife Anne and her cohort, Jeannette Gregory, the Comma Queen for a great newsletter. I can't even begin to tell you how many hours go into producing each monthly edition. I really enjoy the newsletter and I've heard these same sentiments from many of our members. Here's to a great 2018!

Fair winds and following seas,

Scott Grindy, OPYC Commodore



(Above L) Larry Gregory and Scott Grindy examining the hardware for the club's new front door. (Above R) Scott Grindy collecting his tools for another day of repair work at the club.

# Vice Commodore

It is with great pleasure we announce the demise of the gift/bar card!

The gift/bar card, aka minimum-spend, was originally started to help pay the bills towards the end of the year. Because our partnership with Dominic's is so profitable, there is no need to collect minimum-spend at this time.

The reasons for eliminating the cards are:

- the club will save \$240 a year,
- excessive bookkeeping is required to track the card (past treasure affirm).

Gift/bar cards are still being accepted as payment. You can still use your card until it is depleted; however, gift/bar cards will not be reloaded as of January 1, 2018. **Let me say this again, you can still use your gift/bar card until it is depleted.**

You are always welcome to pay with cash, credit, or check. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Parenti at [vicecommodore@opyc.com](mailto:vicecommodore@opyc.com).

I have been monitoring bills and noticed our phone bill was running \$450 a month. I contacted our carrier and they reduced the bill to \$160 a month plus tax/surcharge. This results in a yearly savings of \$3,240. As I move forward and monitor the bills, I will keep you posted of any other savings.

Thank you for your patience,

Dave Parenti, OPYC Vice Commodore



Happy OPYC members saying fond farewell to the bar card.

# Rear Commodore

Point Pinos Lighthouse - Richard Mortenson, OPYC Rear Commodore

Much to see and do down Monterey way, the exhibits at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the shops in Carmel, the cypress trees and golf courses on Seventeen Mile Drive. And let's not forget the world-class Monterey Jazz Festival, now in its sixtieth(!) year.

One quite overlooked and surprisingly unknown offering is the Point Pinos Lighthouse in nearby Pacific Grove ("Pagrovia" or "PG" to the locals). One of eight lighthouses for the Pacific Coast, commissioned by Congress in 1852 and constructed between 1853 and 1854, the Point Pinos Lighthouse went into service on February 1, 1855 with the installation of a third-generation Fresnel (fruh-nell') lens. It is the oldest existing lighthouse on the US West Coast. The original lamp burned whale oil, then lard oil, and then kerosene before finally being electrified in 1919. In 1912 a rotating shutter (called an "eclipser") caused the light to blink: 10 seconds on, 20 seconds off. Today the automated lamp blinks three seconds on and one second off. (Yes, it's still a commissioned lighthouse.)

Life for the early lighthouse keepers was a rugged ordeal. Not yet on the edge of a major metro area, those early keepers lived and worked a distant three miles from town, through forest and sand dunes. Grizzlies and cougars were their neighbors. Until a road from Monterey was built in 1874, most supplies came by ship. In 1860, upon the untimely death of her husband, Charles, Charlotte Clayton became the first female lighthouse keeper on the West Coast.

Looking for a semi-quick getaway? (Typically, a two-hour drive.) The Point Pinos Lighthouse is open five days a week from 1:00 to 4:00 (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Reservations are not required. Suggested donation is \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for kids 6-12. Directions and more information are available on their website: [pointpinoslighthouse.org](http://pointpinoslighthouse.org).

Oh! If you're spending the night in Monterey, I suggest dinner at Restaurant 1833, a haunted house with great food and an occasional spiritual visitor. If available, give the squid-ink pasta a try. And for a more down-to-earth wharf side breakfast nothing, repeat nothing, beats Lou Lou's Griddle in the Middle — "Good eats and crazy waitresses!"



## OYSTER COVE and OPD'S PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

"The purposes of the Club are.... specifically, to encourage interest in cruising and yachting as a sport and recreation and to assist members of the Club in becoming proficient at such pursuits:"

That phrase is excerpted from our OPYC By-Laws. We are more than a building. The Club's main focus is its boating membership. Some of our members berth at the Oyster Cove Marina and are potentially adversely impacted by the proposed Oyster Point Development Phases II, III and IV. Consequently, OPYC is preparing a response to the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR).

This SEIR and public response period are required because of the major change from the Oyster Point Development (OPD) 2011. Final SEIR to now a Residential rather than the original Commercial usage is being proposed. While the process is formal, it has a substantial benefit in prompting more detailed discussions with the developers. We have had early and continued contact with various OPD members at their sponsored events, South San Francisco (SSF) City Council and SSF Planning Commission meetings. Projects of this complexity sometimes have unintended consequences and we suspect are more errors of omission rather than intent.

Nonetheless, our response will be detailed regarding what we see as significant impacts on our members at Oyster Cove and major deficiencies within the SEIR. While still digesting the 340+ page SEIR, it is clear that access to the marina is being severely compromised. Vehicle access and parking have been essentially eliminated. The following drawing from the SEIR clearly illustrates this point. The brown lines are vehicular traffic and the blue are pedestrian. The roadways terminate in the parking garages. No vehicle or parking is noted. A word of caution; artistic renditions/conceptual plans are just that. They do change-by concerted effort!

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, particularly Sections 15131 (a and b) and 15382, we believe support a number of challenges to the SEIR. Though OPYC's response is still in preliminary stage, one example is the Draft SEIR contention that the project does not divide an established community (13-15) and assigns a No Impact (NI) ranking. Removal of accessible parking and vehicle roadways will create an island of a marina- quite significant impact!

The draft OPYC submission will be discussed at the OPYC Board meetings, and again at the General Membership meetings. The deadline is January 24, 2018 and as Lead Agency the SSF Planning Department is the recipient.

John Pettigrew, OPYC Public Affairs Officer



# That's Entertainment

## A New Year, a New Attitude

New Year's Day at OPYC was a way to celebrate camaraderie. The TV was on with college football, the entire bar was filled with numerous conversations, and tables full of food. Thank you to our members who helped kick off the year as OPYC family, to those who brought snacks and delights to share and to Dayna for bartending.

I hope as your Entertainment Director, to encourage more opportunities for us as an OPYC family, to come together and share more moments such as this. Our 2018 calendar was published in the December issue of the Dodger. Please print it out, secure those dates, share and be a part of new traditions and celebrate the old ones with us.

*Camaraderie* is a spirit of good friendship and loyalty among members of a group.

Liza Normandy, OPYC Entertainment Director



## House Update



Dear All,

We have an awfully long laundry list with some high cost items. They are being prioritized according to safety impact and will be addressed as resources and funds become available.

I am going to ask everyone...if you see something broken; email or call me and/or the Commodore so it can be resolved quickly.

Based on the unseasonably warm weather with the snow pack at 25 percent of normal, the duck season has been terrible! Just like the Giants & 49ers, there is always next year!

Frank Ginotti, OPYC House Director

## Bar Director's Corner

The Holidays have come and gone and 2018 has found its way to the Oyster Point Yacht Club Bar. As discussed in the final months of 2017, the Oyster Point Bar will implement new hours for the bar effective January 5th. The new bar hours are as follows:

| Day      | Time       | Bartender            |
|----------|------------|----------------------|
| Friday   | 3PM – 11PM | Dayna                |
| Saturday | 3PM – 11PM | Dayna                |
| Sunday   | Noon - 8PM | Dayna                |
| Monday   | 4PM – 9PM  | Bar Director's Night |

The only stipulation on the regular hours is that the bartender (Dayna) or the Bar Director have the discretion to close early if the attendance does not support the bar (i.e. the bar cannot remain open for one or two members for four hours). I am looking forward to the new hours and hope club members will support the club in the spirit of cooperation and not be critical of the operation.

2018 here we come! Cheers!!!

Bruce McPhillips, OPYC Bar Director



## Membership News

I'll begin with a quick reminder to pay your 2018 dues. Your paid dues secure your membership with the Oyster Point Yacht Club. Great things are happening with the club and if you want to be a part of the change and a part of the fun; then you need to pay your dues.

At the last OPYC Board of Director's meeting, Eric and Bettina Andrews were unanimously voted in as new OPYC members. When you see them, please introduce yourself and make them feel at home. Eric and Bettina have been on dock 11 since April 2015, so many of us are already very familiar with them. They are lovely people and will be a great addition to the club.

Historically every January, membership drops. I don't think it is a reflection on the new board if a member decides not to renew their membership. But, if you are considering leaving the club because you are not happy with the way the club is being run, I'd ask you to make an appointment with the Commodores and express your concerns. You might not get what you want, but you'll walk away with a better understanding of how the club is run and why.

Anne Malik Grindy, OPYC Membership

## Silly Nautical Superstitions

Seems that sailors and cats have a long-standing relationship resulting in these silly superstitions:

- If the ship's cat came to a sailor, it meant good luck.
- If the cat licked its fur against the grain it meant a hailstorm was coming; if it sneezed, rain was on the way; and if it was frisky, the wind would soon blow.
- Cats could start storms with the magic stored in their tails, so sailors always kept them well fed and contented.
- And finally, if a cat was thrown overboard, a storm and very bad luck and, maybe, death would follow.





# My Boat... Tutu



I bought my 1976 Grand Banks 32' Husky in July, 2016 on Bethel Island. The boat had actually been donated by a private owner to the Sea Scouts and I purchased it from the Sea Scouts. I was told the boat had been in the Delta up toward Sacramento for many years. Before you ask; it is fiberglass and not a woody. At the time, I had been "Boat Less in San Francisco" for about a year and after talking with

Bruce McPhillips, our Bar Director about a different classic boat, I was sold on the idea of getting an older, slower, diesel boat.

One night, after re-reading another chapter in the 67<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Chapman Piloting and Seamanship reference book, I turned my attention to Craigslist to look for newly posted boats. As fate would have it, a representative of the Sea Scouts had posted the boat as a 1995 Grand Banks 32' trawler, for a price that I could afford. I immediately called the guy and he said interest had been high and that if I wanted the boat, he recommended I come early. I couldn't believe my luck and was pleasantly surprised when my wife recognized my enthusiasm for this boat and agreed to the purchase, if, in fact, it was a good deal.

The next morning, I arrive in Bethel Island at 8:00AM and one other guy from Marin and I were the first two on the boat. It was quickly clear it was not the 1995 Grand Banks advertised, but the 1976 Grand Bank 32' Husky. The other potential buyer was furious, but I used the mistake to negotiate the rate and bought the boat the same morning.

The boat needed some work, so I had a local boatyard that the late Joe Miller recommended, do some initial work on the boat and then talked Joe Miller (all knowing boater and expert in the Delta) into being captain and Mike Chapman and Trudy Teismann into being the able-bodied crew to bring her to Oyster Point. This is without instruments and without a functioning head. Ten hours later we arrived in Oyster Point Marina and were met by a number of our fellow yacht club members who were rightfully concerned about my ability to dock a single engine boat in the wind.

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That was the process I followed for getting the boat, now let me tell you a little about the boat:

- The name of the boat is Tutu, which means grandparent in my wife's native language (Laotian) and that is what our grandbabies call us; Tutu and Tutu Kirby.
- Grand Banks made about 800 or 900 32' boats before they discontinued making them in 1996. Of the 800 or so 32 footers Grand Banks made, some were wood and others were fiberglass.
- The Grand Banks Husky is a rare model and there is only one photograph on the internet that I could find. It was taken in Sausalito in 2012. Some folks suggest there are only 2 of these boats in existence, but I have not been able to verify that fact.
- The Husky model has been described as a working-man's Grand Banks (fitting for me) and it has a shorter main cabin, a larger rear deck and it had an optional ice hold or sleeping quarters under the rear deck. Tutu has the optional sleeping quarters below.
- The boat was designed for fishing, commercial use, or long-range cruising for a couple that love each other and can deal with being in relatively tight quarters.
- The boat is powered with a single Ford Lehman so it is not going to win any drag races, but it holds a lot of fuel and water and it sips fuel; much different than our former boat, Well Spent.

Since buying the boat, it has been a labor of love. We have made a lot of improvements and taken it on a number of cruises. Almost without exception, folks have questions about the boat due to its unique design.

We hope to see you on the water and on our next cruise out.

Tutu Kirby Combs



## Complaint Department

This brief article is written in the spirit of "transparency".

An OPYC member had concerns regarding the building/room occupancy and whether or not the occupancy rate was properly posted. Instead of approaching one of the Commodores, this member contacted the South San Francisco Fire Department (SSFFD).

Vice Commodore Dave Parenti and Chris DeGrande from Dominic's met with the SSFFD and our building received a clean bill of health. The existing sign posted was accurate and properly posted in compliance with the Uniform Fire Code. Dominic's took it a step further and posted another sign in the main dining room.

Problem solved...no need to revisit this issue. However, all members are asked to approach the Board of Directors and/or Commodores prior to making complaints to outside agencies.

On the front page of the Dodger is a listing of all Commodores and board members. If you have a complaint/concern please email the appropriate person. Let's work on solving problems and not creating more.



Happy New Year OPYC!

Oyster Point Dragons' young dragon boaters (ages 12 to 15) are preparing to compete in the U16 (under 16) Category of the World Championships, which will be held in Szeged, Hungary summer 2018. They would like to express their sincere gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew for donating a GoPro 5 camera to the team. This equipment will help the coaches provide feedback on their training and eventually record their journey across the world.

Thank You!

Shirley Lau, Oyster Point Dragon Team Captain



# Save the Date

## New Bar Hours

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### January 16, 2018 @ 6PM

OPYC General Membership Meeting

Reminder: All Board and General Membership meetings are dry.



### Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> Commodores' Crab Cioppino Night

**\$55 Per Person - Bottomless Bowl**  
**More info to follow!**

**February 4, 2018**

**Super Bowl Sunday  
Chili-Cookoff/Pot Luck**  
**More info to follow.**



## Commodores' Valentine Dinner

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Menu Includes: Grilled Salmon,  
Prime Rib Carving Station,  
Porcini Raviolis, and for dessert  
Chocolate Dipped Strawberries  
& Flourless Lava Cake.

\$35 Per Person

Dancing & Wine Tasting

More info to follow.



**Due to a scheduling conflict, we will  
have the Commodores' Dinner on Feb  
16<sup>th</sup> and not the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



**Oakland Yacht Club Cruise-Out**  
**February 17**  
**More info to follow.**

# Sunshine Report



By: Jeannette Gregory

## January Birthdays:

02 Shirley James  
12 Joyce Bignell  
12 Sandra Louie  
13 Mike Chapman  
29 Ron Burns

## January Anniversaries:

01 Guy & Francis Garner

## February Birthdays:

01 Jeannette Gregory  
06 Sharon Pettigrew  
14 Kurt Anslinger  
20 Karen Ferrera  
24 Shill Yi Rose Zhou  
26 Erich Schoenwiser

## February Anniversaries:

21 Bill & Sandy Robinson  
25 Larry & Jeannette Gregory

**February birthdays & anniversaries  
will be celebrated with on  
February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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.



# OPYC Scrapbook



*Wine Tasting*

Many thanks to Larry Gregory for our beautiful new door.



"Fuelin' Around" with Carnetta Combs, Kirby's mom (L), Nancy Kaniuth, & Trudy Teismann.



John Prouty celebrating the new Sunday bar hours with a special beverage created by Dayna.