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May 2019

# OPYC Dodger

## FROM THE COMMODORE

The trajectory of the club continues to rise with small successes such as three boats attending Opening Day on the Bay Parade and hosting the P.I.C.Y.A Opening Day on the Bay Awards dinner with a 100 guests. Thank you, Skippers Jeff Stevens, Kirby Combs for bringing your boats. Thanks to Richard Mortenson, Rich Perry for crewing and thank you Bruce McPhillips for providing the opening day BBQ. Oyster Point has traditionally hosted the Awards dinner with a brief lapse, I'm pleased to share that Oyster Point is confirmed to host again in May 2020. Dominic's blew the roof off with a sophisticated appetizer bar and delicious meal. Guests raved about the meal the entire evening.

*Save the Date; on June 14<sup>th</sup>* we are having a member's appreciation dinner hosted by Dominic's at Oyster Point as a token of appreciation for the successful relationship between our organizations. This is a great recruiting opportunity to invite potential guests and no cost to members. [Review the recent punchbowl invite to RSVP.](#)

I want to write about what lies ahead. Our bylaws stipulate that the Nominating Committee shall be formed by the June Board meeting. The Nominating Committee is comprised of five members to come up with a full slate of candidates for the elected positions.

The Nominating Committee shall present to the Club Secretary a slate of proposed Officers and Directors for specific office in the Club within 21 days of Board ratification.

During the August General Membership Meeting the Nominating Committee shall give its report and introduce the slate of nominees to the members. The slate presented by the Nominating Committee shall be posted on the Club bulletin board the next day and included in the next issue of the Club bulletin.

At the September General Membership Meeting, additional candidates for Board membership may be nominated from the floor by voting members, providing they have obtained the signatures of at least seven (7) Regular, Life, or Family Members in good standing, who support the nomination of a candidate for a specific office.

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### Opening Day 2019



What a finish!

KENTUCKY DERBY & CINCO de MAYO PARTY Celebrated on MAY 4th



### MAY Calendar

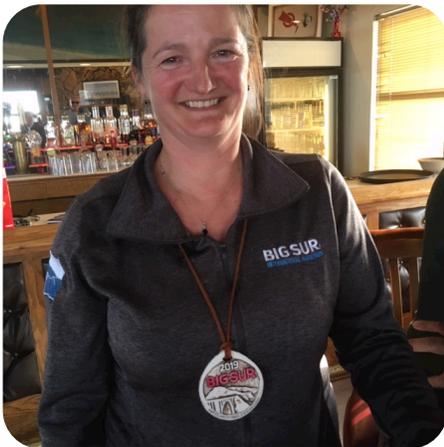
- 04 Kentucky Derby
- 05 Cinco de Mayo
- 12 Mother's Day
- 13 PICYA Award Dinner
- 17 General Membership Meeting and Dinner
- 18 World Whisky Day
- 27 Memorial Day



PICYA AWARDS DINNER MAY 13, 2019 HEAD TABLE



OPYC board members awaiting PICYA Awards dinner: Eric Andrews, Bettina Andrews, Bruce Phillips, Liza Normandy, John Sims and Stephanie Duhau Sims



Congratulations! Stephanie Duhau Sims on your successful finish of the Big Sur Marathon on April 28, 2019

### Save the Date ! June 14, 2019

Chris Degrande of Dominic's at Oyster Point generously offered to host a dinner for Oyster Point Yacht members as a token of appreciation for two successful years of partnership between our organizations. The menu is Paella and BBQ. Oyster Point Yacht Club will host an open bar from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to recruit potential members since we are in a membership drive. If you have an individual or couple in mind, please invite them as guests of Oyster Point Yacht Club with a max of 1 or 2 guests per couple. The club will cover the dinner cost for the guests. All guests must be pre-registered to attend. Call John Sims at 510-589-2501; provide your guests name, phone number and email address.

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With a smaller membership base than previous years, the club faces having the same members continuing to serve in roles, and roles remaining unfilled. If you haven't served in some capacity, I encourage you to contact me to explore where you could deploy your talents to help Oyster Point Yacht Club remain a vibrant and healthy club. If you are interested in a leadership role, please contact me about serving as a Director or Flag Officer. Each year, we elect a new Rear Commodore to begin a three-year progression up the Flag, making the Rear Commodore role the position of the club's future leadership.

Let's make 2020 another year of successful cruise-outs, hosting cruise-ins, growing membership and building a "social club" brand along the Peninsula.

Let's welcome new members Kirk McKinney & Rosemary Vega to the Oyster Point family.

**JOHN SIMS, COMMODORE**

**CLUB OFFICERS**

Commodore: JOHN SIMS  
Vice Commodore:  
JOHN PROUTY  
Rear Commodore:  
BRUCE MCPHILLIPS  
Staff Commodore:  
KIRBY COMBS  
Treasurer: JANIS CHAPMAN  
Bar Director: ERIC ANDREWS  
Entertainment: Open  
Membership: KORILYN  
JENSEN HIEATALA  
Race & Cruise: Open  
House Director: JEFF STEVENS  
Public Affairs Officer: LIZA  
NORMANDY  
Secretary: TRISH HOUSER  
Port Captain: BRUCE  
MCPHILLIPS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

05 Debra Chan  
07 Kirby Combs  
11 Leons Milons  
14 Tom Lloyd  
17 Barbara Danielson  
18 Brent Dalrymple  
19 Bruce McPhillips  
19 John Prouty  
24 Richard Mortenson  
27 John Sims, Silvia Dunn &  
Eve Carlson

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

05 Jean Pierre and Jeanette Cabalette  
05 John and Stephanie Sims  
13 Kirby and Susie Combs

**DOING OUR PART**

On April 14, 2019 Commodore John Sims and Past Commodore Kirby Combs collected expired marine flares from members and brought them to the East Marina Green Triangle, 200 Marina Boulevard in San Francisco for disposal. Thanks to them for keeping our boating members safe. REMEMBER to always check your flares.



## Captain McPhillips

This is the mostly true story of when Captain McPhillips picked up his McKinna 57 Pilot House and brought it down from Stockton to the Oyster Point Yacht Club (OPYC). *Please note some of the names and facts have been changed to protect the innocent and enhance the story.*



It all started at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019 when the experienced crew of Past Commodore Kirby Combs and Bruce's First Mate Liza Normandy met at Dock 14 as required and we began the long wait for Bruce's twin brother Jack, his friend Rick, and John Zappattis to stroll in sometime closer to 7:00 a.m. Provisions and other safety items were loaded into John's van, and headed up to the Delta. Immediately there were issues with the crew complaining about the accommodations, the temperature and the cramped conditions. John took it all in stride, locked the windows and, lit up a cigarette. Kirby turned up the radio and leaned his seat back for 90-minute drive. To John and Kirby, it felt like we were flying first class, but to the others more like steerage class.

Once we got to Stockton, Jack and Rick grabbed their towels and their suntan oil and headed to the boat while the rest of us labored to bring the provisions and safety equipment down the pier and onto the dock and boat. This reminded me of the effort Commodore Sims and I exerted when we swam out to the Farallon Islands and back (while Stephanie was getting a mani/pedi); we boarded the boat and began our rigorous safety inspection which included making sure we had ice, the vacuflush toilets worked and the bar and galley were provisioned. First Officer Combs provided guidance from the stern to Captain McPhillips who got us safely off the dock and into the open water.

Jack and Rick were responsible for buttoning down the hatches and seat cushions and it became clear that we were going to have to micro-manage those two when the cushions blew off the boat and a friendly boater retrieved them for us and wished us a safe journey.

We motored at about 1100 rpms that translated into about 11 -12 knots; the perfect cocktail cruising speed for the yacht. We logged our time at the various landmarks along the way and Captain McPhillips coziered the boat into the dock at Pittsburgh in the early afternoon where we added fuel, pumped out and we began to really enjoy the new yacht aptly named *SexSea*. I have to believe the name was more about Liza than Bruce, but then again, Bruce is the Captain.

After running a dry camp that night in Pittsburgh, we were back on the water in the morning for our trip back to Oyster Point Marina. Shortly after passing the Carquinez Bridge, the Coast Guard decided that our yacht looked a little suspect and felt the need to board and inspect our vessel. If you ask me, the young Coast Guard members spied our First Mate and just wanted to take a closer look. That aside, the Coast Guard inspected the vessel, during which Bruce was able to produce his freshly minted Captain's License (it looks like a passport; kind of cool).

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Your reservations are due for the  
Memorial Day Cruise-out to  
Oakland YC, May 25 – 27

Please RSVP to Staff Commodore  
Kirby Combs  
[kirbycombs@comcast.net](mailto:kirbycombs@comcast.net)



# Summer Solstice Weekend Cruise-out to Napa Valley YC June 21 – 23, 2019

Join OPYC for a unique cruise to Napa Valley YC. A 185' dock with 24 hook ups for power. The Napa River channel was dredged in 2016 with dockside depth of 9-9.5 foot at MMLT.

\$45.00 per night for boats under 45' / \$1.25 per foot for boats over 45 ft.

Land cruisers encouraged for Friday and Saturday events and dinners. Accommodations nearby for a wine country weekend.

Downtown Napa with it many restaurants and tasting rooms is a short walk along the river. The club has an outdoor BBQ grill, and a Bocce Ball court for activities.

Friday dinner 6 pm: Club dinner with hosts \$20.00 per dinner.

Saturday Dinner: Appetizers and Cocktails at 5 pm; BBQ lit at 6 pm. Bring own main dish and a side dish to share, dinner around 7.

Sunday Breakfast: Potluck dockside at 9am before cruising back to OPYC.

SEND RVSP TO: [commodore@opyc.com](mailto:commodore@opyc.com). Include arrive date, departure date, number of dinners and if coming by boat or car.

Hope to see you there: John & Stephanie Sims 510-589-2501

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We were also able to point out the safety equipment John thought should have been optional, and the safety certification check- list Captain McPhillips used to orient the crew. We got a clean bill of health and were on our way after we snapped a few photos (below) to document the visit. The remainder of the trip was uneventful, until we got near South Beach when Captain McPhillips decided to stretch the vessel's legs (think Titanic) and we began cruising about 24 knots with those two Mann diesels purring like two kittens. We were hoping for more excitement when docking for the first time and we certainly expected some raised voices, but Captain McPhillips sterned in like he knew what he was doing and we completed the maiden voyage of *Sex:Sea*.

We now have welcomed a new addition to the OPYC fleet and you can look forward to many more stories from *Sex:Sea*

The above article was anonymously submitted



Thank you Marty and Korilyn Hietala for sharing this photo from your Monterey Whale Watching Trip

"Throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. EXPLORE. DREAM. DISCOVER" – Mark Twain

**From the editor:** Thank you to everyone who provided photos, stories and encouragement. We should be proud of our successful events. Encourage more members to attend and participate. As boaters, please check out internet features such as OPYC on Facebook, PICYA at [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org); Recreational Boaters of California at [www.rbo.org](http://www.rbo.org). These organizations are valuable resources to help keep boaters on the water and yacht clubs to continue. We need to offer our support to them as well.

I hope you enjoy this issue; any omissions are unintentional. – Deanna Tomei