

# THE DODGER

## From Commodore John Sims



What a year 2019 has been. Ups and Downs and a few turns along the way. Running a yacht club is like running a small business with lots of employees, just like many of the businesses in the local community. Every so often it seems someone comes in to renew the business, change things up and put their stamp on the operation. Sometimes it is for the better and sometimes for the worse.

The yacht club elects a new Commodore each year, then that Commodore directs the Club. Each Commodore tries to take the club to the next level, building from their predecessor's hard work, taking what works and trying new ideas to ultimately leave the club in better shape than they received it. I'm pleased with the results of new and old ideas implemented this year.

This year it has been my turn to be at the helm of the Oyster Point Yacht Club. An honor I do not take lightly. So far, we have had Boater Education Classes, Cruise-Outs and Cruise-Ins, Fundraisers and club events. We have also participated in Coastal Clean-up, and the Wheelchair Regatta. We plan for more dinners, an Open House, a October Neptune Party and the Change of Watch in November.

### Looking forward

As we enter the fall season, I encourage you all to enjoy the best weather window of the year, attend club events and be an active member. This club is what we all make it to be.

...Commodore Sims

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Saturday September 28, 2019  
Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta

Friday October 18, 2019  
Neptune/Ocean Theme Costume Party

Saturday, November 2, 2019  
Change of Watch

Friday December 20, 2019  
OPYC Christmas Dinner

Upcoming PICYA Events  
Fall Management Conference  
South Beach YC October 5, 2019  
PICYA Delegates Meeting  
Tahoe YC October 12, 2019  
see [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) for more information

*I'm not afraid of storms  
for I'm learning how to sail my ship  
----Louisa May Alcott*

## MORE from the CommoDORÉ

The August and September Sunday BBQ's were well attended with excellent weather, delicious side dishes, and lots of comradery among members. On Labor Day Weekend, four member boats cruised into the Pacific Ocean and sojourned south to Half Moon Bay for an action-packed weekend at Half Moon Bay Yacht Club. Some members drove by car to visit, which multiplied our fun and presence. The round-trip conditions included a punchy swell, overcast skies, fog, wind, Bay Porpoises, Jumping Whales, and crab pot buoys to navigate; with each skipper gaining confidence.

I want to thank the following skippers for attending: Ocean skippers Steve & Eve Carlson onboard *Chat De Mer*; Kirby Combs & Trudy Teismann onboard *Tutu*; Bruce McPhillips & Liza Normandy onboard *SexSea*; John & Stephanie Duhau-Sims onboard *Kristine*. Land yacht skippers were: Mike & Janis, Shirley James, Deanna, Victor & Tuti, and Patricia & Anthony. One of my goals for 2019 was to have events that could be accessed by boat or car to include non-boating members to visit and enjoy the various yacht club venues.



*Half Moon Bay by day  
and by night*

## In Memoriam



It is with a heavy heart that I share with the membership the passing of Margot Brown. Margot was a life member of OPYC (membership # 45), Past Commodore, and creator of the Annual Wheelchair Regatta at Encinal Yacht Club. For her efforts, the event was renamed *The Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta*. The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual event was held this year on September 28, 2019. The Wheelchair Regatta provides boat rides on the bay for 200-300 veterans from the various veteran homes and hospitals in Northern California. The veterans enjoy a bay cruise on yachts from various yacht clubs in our region and provided a picnic lunch on the lawn of Encinal Yacht Club. Margot was the first female commodore of the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association as well as an officer in the National Boating Federation. Margot and her husband, Jay Brown, were very instrumental in the formation of OPYC. We are planning an 8-bell ceremony in her honor at our November 2 Change of Watch Ceremony.

## COASTAL CLEANUP DAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

Oyster Point Yacht Club members, Dragon Boat Club members, San Mateo County Harbor District staff, Family and Friends gathered together early in the morning to participate in the Annual coastal Clean-up.

Dominic's at Oyster Point supplied coffee, donuts, and pastries for the morning registration. In the afternoon, when the clean-up was complete, Dominic's provided a barbecue lunch for the participants



## Change of Watch- November 2, 2019

On November 2, 2019 the yacht club celebrates its 56<sup>th</sup> COW ceremony. For those of you not familiar with the COW, it's not a farm animal. The acronym COW means "*Change of Watch*". I encourage all members to be a part of this ceremony where we install the newly elected Officers and Directors. There will be a presentation as we recognize our accomplishments in 2019, honor the outgoing leadership, introduce the incoming leadership and make a toast to a fun and successful 2020. Please attend to honor those who served and salute the 2020 leaders.

The evening will start with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a sit-down dinner with one of the following menu choices:

**Prime Rib, mashed potatoes & vegetables**  
**Baked Salmon, mashed potatoes & vegetables**  
**Chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes & vegetables**  
**Vegetarian choice**

Price \$ 45.00 per person.

Look for your invitation by month's end

### Your 2020 Leadership team

Commodore	Bruce McPhillips
Vice Commodore	Kirby Combs
Rear Commodore	Patricia Fiorini
Staff Commodore	John Sims
Directors:	
Bar	Liz Normandy
Membership	Trudy Teismann & John Prouty
Entertainment	Open/ Shared Director Role
Race & Cruise	Anthony Fiorini
House	Jeff Stevens
Port Captain	John Sims
Publications	Liza Normandy
Sunshine	Diane Lemke
Treasurer	Janis Chapman
Secretary	Janis Chapman / Patricia Fiorini
Chaplin	Janis Chapman
Sail Fleet Captain	Open
Power Fleet Captain	Michael Chapman
Judge Advocate	Open