



Sierra Point Yacht Club



Established in 1984

**Weekly
Summer
Sailing
Races**

**Club
Social
Events**

**Cruise-outs
Cruise-ins**

**Monthly
Dinners**

**Club Managed
by Volunteers**



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October 2017 Edition

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1. Editor's Update

IMPORTANT - Please read the SPYC proposed bylaw revisions in the club general update that require membership review and vote.

I am now 'not so' settled back into my life here after a busy period in Europe, most of the time spent at my little home and sailing club on the Isle of Wight. It has been busy at the Brading Haven Yacht Club with summer races virtually every day plus a very good cadet sail training program with record numbers of new recruits to sailing signing up. We also put on some great summer events, including disco nights, the annual summer ball, and contests for home made model boat races for the kids. So, I was busy, entering races (and winning the Swan championship), as well as helping one of our safety RIB's (Rigid inflatable Boat) out on our races.



Me on the helm rescuing one of our members who had to retire a race due to rig failure

Pay attention in this month's edition to the bylaw changes, a club security message, and the board election sheet as the board selection is coming up this October - unfortunately I am not on the selection list this year due to my travel, and I was told" the need for younger fresh faces on the board. Oh dear!

There is a report on the Marin cruise out which I hear was a fantastic success with a very accommodating Marin Yacht Club. Lawrence has submitted part three of his Spritsail build and I have included restoration and the launch of the good ship **Catnip**

Also I think it is time I handed over editorship of the Spyglass magazine as I think it is needing younger fresh faces to steer it in new directions. So

if anyone is willing to take this on, please let me or the Board know. Read on dear readers.

Nigel Baker

2. Commodore's Commentary for October

The BIG EVENT for SPYC this month is the general membership meeting on October 21st before the monthly dinner. We will have elections for officers and directors for the coming year as well as approval of revised bylaws.

The Bylaw update is very important to bring the Bylaws up to date and make it easier to operate and manage the club. For example: members must be physically present to vote under the current rules, but, the new bylaws will allow email or electronic voting. The meeting will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. so if you can't stay for dinner you can come early to vote. Staying will be worth your time, however, as I am certain Harry Ewing will provide us with a terrific dinner.

Copies of the ballots are in the Spyglass so you can see them in advance, and the new Bylaws are posted on the Club Documents page on the website. If you have questions please do not hesitate call or email me. We have been working on the revised Bylaws all year and the Board of Directors is completely in support of them and the benefits they will bring to the Club.

On other less dramatic issues we have: new flagpole expected this month; the Bar Remodel committee will discuss their plans and budgets for remodeling the bar at the October meeting. Last month the Board approved a policy governing members placing art on the interior walls of the Club; the policy is posted on the Club Documents page so take a look and let the Board know if you would like to put something up.

Quincy Bragg

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3. Club General Update

Please fill out the board voting sheet below:

SPYC Board of Directors Ballot for the October 2017 election

The following are the recommendations of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee. The authorized number of Directors is thirteen (13). The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Port Captain, Fleet Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve as Directors and there shall be six (6) additional Directors. You may write in a different choice for any office.

		YES	NO
Officers			
Commodore	Quincy Bragg	_____	_____
Vice Commodore	Michael Bell	_____	_____
Rear Commodore	Melissa Vivas	_____	_____
Port Captain	Ed Wilkinson	_____	_____
Fleet Captain	Kathy Stern	_____	_____
Secretary	Jim Lawrie	_____	_____
Treasurer	Terry O'Connell	_____	_____
Directors			
	Jason Fox	_____	_____
	Patrick Lydon	_____	_____
	Kathy McCormac	_____	_____
	Dylan Garrett	_____	_____
	Scott Harms	_____	_____
	Martin Tali	_____	_____

Write-in candidates

SPYC Bylaw Revision Ballot for the October 2017 Election

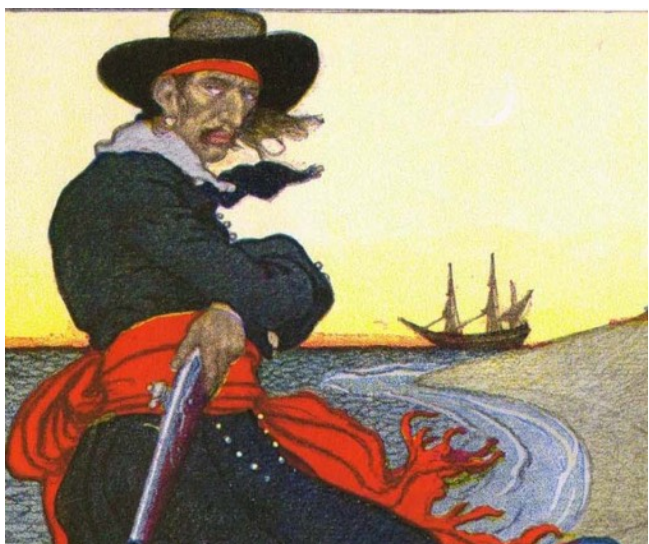
At their meeting on September 18 the Board of Directors of the Club approved revised bylaws for the Club. The Board of Directors recommends approval of the revised bylaws.

A "YES" vote approves the new Bylaws and makes them the governing authority for management and operation of the Club. A "NO" vote retains the current bylaws.

Shall the Bylaws of the Sierra Point Yacht Club be revised according to the resolution of the Board of Directors adopted September 18, 2017?

YES _____ NO _____

New SPYC Security Officer



This gentleman, Smiling Jack, will be following up on reports of doors or windows left open, kitchen left in a mess, and similar violations of Club policies.

I receive a constant stream of emails, texts, and phone calls letting me know that the doors have been left open, the windows open or unlocked, the cash register unlocked, the kitchen a mess, and so on. It is really annoying!

Members are expected to treat the club facilities with respect which includes:

Last one out of the building should make sure that all doors and windows are closed and locked.

Last one out of the building should make sure the cash register and liquor cabinet are locked and keys put away in the lock box.

If you have used the kitchen you should:

- Empty the dish washer if it is clean.
- Put away dishes left to dry on the counter
- Put your dishes put in the dishwasher; if that makes it full, run it.
- Your dishes that don't fit in the dishwasher should be washed and put in the drying rack by the sink to dry.

Smiling Jack will inspect the Club daily and if anything is found to be other than shipshape and Bristol fashion he will examine the front door entry logs and the security camera recordings to determine who is at fault. If he is confident he will send a friendly notice to the offender(s). Or, if it happens again, the black spot.

I am not trying to rain on anyone's parade but the integrity and security of the building is the responsibility of the members who use it. We had a break-in last year, but it wasn't really a break-in because a window was left open. It is your club so please be responsible and treat it with respect.

Quincy Bragg

Breaking News

On Sunday October 1st the new SPYC flagpole was installed. Ed Wilkinson organized and led the effort by 10 members (many of whom worked, some of whom supervised) to prep the pole and then erect it on the base where our original pole stood. The old pole was wood and had begun to show serious signs of rot, especially the base, and was removed in spring before it could fail. The new pole is aluminum and should take care of the club for decades to come. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially Ed.



SPYC Bylaw Revisions

Below is a notice that is published in this edition and will also be published in the October edition to notify our members of this important vote. The notice includes directions for finding both the current bylaws and the proposed revised

bylaws on the SPYC website:

SPYC bylaw revisions for 2017

At the annual general membership meeting on October 21st members will be asked to elect officers and directors for 2018. In addition members will be asked to vote on a set of revised bylaws – a “Yes” vote will make the revised bylaws the governing authority for the operation and management of the Club; a “No” vote will leave the current bylaws in place.

In late 2016 the Board of Directors appointed a committee of the Board to review the bylaws of the Club in order to bring the bylaws more in conformance with the evolving management practices of the Board, with current communications technology, and to clarify some confusing or poorly worded portions of the bylaws. To this end the committee proposed changes which include:

- I. Clarifying membership classes and change “significant other” to “secondary” members.
- II. Allowing communications, notices, and voting to be conducted through email and for certain record keeping requirements to be met by postings on the Club website.
- III. Revising the stated roles of Club officers to permit more flexibility in task assignments.
- IV. Other minor changes to provide improved clarity in the language of the bylaws.

A copy in .pdf format of the proposed bylaws may be found on the club website. After signing in go to Documents, then Club Documents. The current bylaws are noted as “Bylaws revised 2005” and the proposed bylaws are noted as “Bylaws proposed revisions 2017”.

Please review these documents in advance of your vote on October 21st. If you have questions you may direct them to any member of the Board of Directors.

At the BOD meeting on August 21 proposed revisions to the Club's Bylaws were discussed. A committee consisting of Ed Wilkinson, Kathy McCormac, and Quincy Bragg have been working on proposed changes since last fall.

In order to make changes to the Bylaws the changes must be voted on by the membership and we will do that at the October 21st annual membership meeting and election of officers and directors.

Quincy Bragg, Commodore
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4. Events Calendar

Monthly Dinner

We are going to put on the Ritz for the October dinner. Wear something glamorous or at least glitzy! Harry Ewing and Joe Michelucci are the chefs for a great menu.... Prime rib, cheesy potatoes, salad and rolls with appetizers and dessert. The Flying Salvias will provide the music. Come and enjoy.



The election for our new officers, the Board of Directors and the new bylaws will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Breakfast at SPYC

The monthly breakfasts are on a summer weekly schedule until the end of August, so please join us for breakfast at the Club now and support our breakfast get-togethers every Sunday for the summer season and expertly managed by Jim Laurie and Terry Berger.

So. Join us for brunch every Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m.

This is the best deal in town: Eggs, sausage, bacon, vegetables, fruit and waffles with choice of coffee or tea.

All are welcome - members \$7, and guests \$10

Jim and Terry are still looking for volunteers for the Sunday breakfast program: folks to take responsibility for one of the Sunday breakfasts in the remainder of 2017. Jim and Terry will take responsibility for ensuring you have the basic grocery supplies you need, as well as coordinating bar staff via Patrick, and set-up/clean-up support via Diane. Please contact Jim at: jklawrie@att.net or Terry at: mountainterry@yahoo.com

5. Cruise-Outs/Ins Update

Marin Yacht Club cruise out

Sailed out on Friday September 22nd to the Marin Yacht Club for a fabulous weekend in San Rafael. Warm weather and gentle winds were perfect for the power boaters who made up the fleet on the SPYC cruise out.

SPYC Club members Jay and Shirley Russell on Gray Pelican, and Nancy and Patrick Lydon on Liberty Hill II, made up the fleet, hosting Kathy McCormac, Michele Salmon and Terry O'Connell. Sharon Jones and Anne joined the group for a lovely dinner hosted by Marin Yacht Club.

The marina was a perfect retreat, complete with a swimming pool, bocci ball court, and a great yard for doggy play and enjoying the views. Away from it all, but just a short bike ride to a local store to get the Bloody Mary mix that had been forgotten. Napa and Sam Colvin joined in for the Saturday dinner aboard Liberty Hill II and stayed late aboard enjoying the evening from the top deck....WOW!

Sharing our cruise out was the Discovery Bay Yacht Club who had 12 boats, and added a great vibe to the weekend.

All of the staff and members were welcoming, and the facilities were super clean and nice. The club has limited bar hours, but the SPYC club boats had a party going on for all to enjoy! Saturday's Bocce Ball games had an unexpected "ringer" that nobody expected, hear the tale from one of the participants.

Motoring back to South Beach aboard Liberty Hill II, we had a great view of the SF waterfront, and kite surfers making the most of out of our fall winds and fair weather. This Cruise Out to Marin Yacht Club is a must attend for next year!
Terry O'Connell



So far the list for remaining cruise outs for 2017 are as follows:

Sausalito Yacht Club..... October 13th-15th

Sequoia Yacht Club..... Planning

For information on our cruising calendar please go to our web site cruising section on www.sierrapointyc.org/cruising where you can find detailed info and sign up procedures. You can also contact our Fleet Captain Kathy Stern on: fleet_captain@sierrapointyc.org

Happy Cruising!
Kathy Stern, Fleet Captain

6. Racing Update

Beer Can Racing Finale

The season concluded with racing prizes and recognition of volunteers and participants at the September monthly dinner on September 16th. Terry O'Connell and Patrick Lydon prepared us a fabulous roast beef dinner and a good time was had by all.

The Race Committee is going to take a couple of months off, then start to organize for next season after the first of the year. We surveyed the racers on several issues in August and hope to make a few changes based on those responses.

Mark your calendars now: First race will be at 1800 on Tuesday, May 1, 2018!

Quincy Bragg
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7. Bulletin Board

From Katie Harrison: I have a friend that's coming to the states from October 1 - December for studies and she's been having a really hard time finding anything affordable here (surprise surprise! Haha). I wanted to see if I can ask our lovely community if anyone has a room they'd be willing to rent out just for these few months for no more than \$1000/Mo???

8. Tech Tips. Items for Sale

No input received for this month's edition

9. Building a Carolina Spritsail Skiff Part 3 - Lawrence Ives

I made a fair amount of progress during September, and the end is in sight, at least for the boat. I still have to deal with the sails and spars, but that will come later. The big accomplishment in September was getting the boat flipped and pretty much finishing the hull. I also got a coat of primer on the bottom section of the hull, so things are looking good.

Flipping the boat was a bit of a challenge, but I came up with a way to get it done. I inserted some eye bolts in the overhead joists to lift the boat off the building frame. Before doing this, I installed eye bolts into the boat frames and inserted iron pipe that would allow the boat to roll around once it was lifted from the building frame. The first photo shows one of the iron pipes with the yellow lifting strap.



Once we lifted the boat off the building frame, I dismantled the frame to get it out of the way. Then Marie and I began rotating the boat. Things went smoothly until safety lines I'd install started binding. I cleared these, and we used a block and tackle to roll the boat over. With everything clear, it flipped right over.

I set the boat on a couple of supports under the keel and bottom to finish things. I installed a few more planks at the bow, added the rub rail and cap rail, and trimmed the boat frames and stern. I also added the bow deck. The photo below shows the current state.



I'm starting work on the interior. The next item is installation of the mast step, followed by the forward thwart. I'll then install the middle thwart and the centerboard box. There's a stern thwart and a stern deck. After that it's a number of little items, such as cleats and fairleads, stern post, rudder, and centerboard. If things go well I could be pretty much done with the boat by the end of October. I'll then start on the spars. Which reminds me; I'd better get some spruce on order.

10. Catnip, the Choi Lee 35 takes to the water

It all started about three years ago when one of our crew members on Bounty mentioned to Dan Spradling - the owner of Bounty, that a sorry looking Choi Lee 35 foot wooden yacht lay half full of water at the top end of mission creek in the China basin area in San Francisco. So Dan and wife Sue went to have a look at it and one thing led to another, 500 dollars changed hands and Dan and Sue were the new owners of Catnip, a half sunk wreck. First thing - get the water out, plug any leaks and hope she floats long enough to tow her to San Francisco Boat Works. And so one bright day Catnip was towed out of mission creek by our crewmate Allen's 1890 wooden yacht 'Frolic'. Not of course without a couple of er slight mishaps like colliding with the swing bridge, losing the tow and somehow getting lodged on the creek supports, but finally out into the open bay and on the the boat yard.

There she was hauled out and positioned in a quite part of the yard to commence was to be three years of intense restoration. One good find was she was completely built of good quality Teak - which would cost a fortune in today's dollars. So no hull rot, but the deck had to be gutted and new decking and a special coating applied for complete weather sealing. I visited Catnip several time over the three years and the amount of work being done by Dan and Sue

was nothing short of extraordinary. I often climbed the ladder on the side of the boat to peer down into the depths of the hull only to see two pairs of eyes staring up at me from grimy faces as they toiled away to restore the interior reminded me of an African coal mine. The hull seams had to be completely re-caulked which took a very long time to do.

Gradually Catnip started to look like a proper wooden yacht and finally, a week or so ago, she was launched but held in her straps until hull took up and gradually the leaks stopped. But not before she had to be hauled again to re-caulke a few seams. I and my good ship Haven was called into duty to escort Catnip from the yard down to Brisbane Marina where she is now snug and safe, and Dan and Sue are now doing the good parts of the restoration. For those interested she is in slip 02-06



Ready for launch



Launched and taking up - she was leaking but gradually with strong bilge pumps she took up and leaking subsided. Dan and Sue in pic



That's all folks.

