

Treasure Island Yacht Club, "JIBE"

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Club located at the Marina, Treasure Island in the center of San Francisco Bay



Commodore's Message



Joyce Waters our long time office manager has decided to retire. After working many years at the club she has decided get in her RV head down the road for some much deserved relaxation and view the country. She has indicated the she will stay a member. We appreciate all of her hard work and dedication and her shoes will not easy to fill. Will look forward to hear from her travel adventures.

So far this spring has been a very busy one with cruise-ins from Encinal YC (Easter), Grand Banks and Napa YC (which was at the same time as the Commodores Dinner) I would like to thank Desmond and Crew for the great dinner and speaker. Also the save the day award goes to the Aberers' for happening to be at the right place at the right time. The Grand Banks group arrived a day earlier than anticipated in force and were waiting at the club with their pot luck food in hand when Jim and Sandy happened to see them from their boat. After Jim opened the club he and the Wagon Master were bartenders for the night and a good time was had by all.

Opening Day on the Bay was a fun event for all. The Scout entry took second place on Gordon Stroms boat this year, way to go. Russ Breed, Don Mibach and Jim Aberers' boats were also entered in the flag category. We had about 20 members attending and had a nice pot luck afterwards.

On May 22nd we will be having a cruise-out to Oyster Point YC for the Kaboom event. Please call Jerry Huff for reservations. On May 27 to 31 we will be cruising to Angel Island. This should be fun hope you can attend.

Summersailtice is coming up on June 18th to 20. On Friday night we will have our Pirate Burger Menu, Saturday we will have the Sailstice Treasure Hunt, we will need some help with this. That night I will be doing a Pig and Salmon dinner, we will also be having a speaker on Bare Boat cruising in the Caribbean (I would like to see if we might get a club cruise of this sort in the future), Sunday will be our usual pancake breakfast given by Jerry Huff.

The restrooms should be moved next to the club before this event and hopefully we will have water.

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Rear Commodore's Report

Jerry Huff



Next weekend (May 22nd) we have a cruise out to Oyster Point YC for KaBOOM, dinner is at 6PM and is \$10 – normal BBQ dinner.

We have the Memorial weekend cruise out to Angel Island coming up May 27-30. If you are not bringing your boat you can still take the ferry over for the Sunday picnic.

I need to know who is going to South Beach for the June 12-13 cruise out to finalize with the harbor master.

Our next proposed cruise outs are to be South Beach June 12-13 (Giants vs A's), Devil's Island cruise July 24 – Aug 1 (July 24&25 Benicia, 26 Pittsburg, DI 27-31, Vallejo July 31 and back to TI on Aug 1), Presidio Aug 14-15

Living With Ethanol

Ethanol's adverse effects to boat motors involves all types of performance issues and disintegration and deterioration, drying and clogging of engine parts.

Signs and symptoms of ethanol problems and damage include:

Stalling, prematurely worn engine parts, rusting, clogging of fuel filters and carburetor jets, release of gunk and sludge throughout the engine, frequent water-contamination/phase separation of fuel, and eventually engine breakdowns and death.

Ethanol can cause a motor to run lean on fuel, due to water will not burn, which will take the place of fuel.

Vapor lock (fuel starvation) is common when using ethanol fuels.

Alcohol fuels are very prone to **phase separation**, when the weight of the ethanol and water will sink to the bottom of the fuel tank and get picked up by the motors fuel system. (Even small amounts of water can harm the fuel system).

The **initial symptoms**, (of using a higher than acceptable concentration of alcohol in fuel, is usually engine stalling when you demand acceleration (WOT).

You'll notice other performance issues, such as increased stalling, misfire, hesitation and difficulty maintaining boat speed during trolling.

The **long term dangers** of ethanol (and other alcohol-blended fuels) are many, including deterioration of parts (rubber, aluminum, fiberglass etc.), rusting, fuel system clogging, and other varied damage to engine parts and components. Older engines are more prone to ethanol alcohol damage.

The most reported and troublesome issue with marine engines and ethanol fuel has been regarding the decomposition of certain fiberglass gas tanks. There really is no solution to this issue, other than to replace the tank (very costly, time-consuming project); Lining or sealing the tank, for added protection, is sometimes possible.

1. It is dangerous to use greater than 10 % ethanol in marine engines.

Some gas supplies are *illegally* much higher. Check gas with an alcohol fuel test kit to make sure ethanol present is less than 10%.

All marine engines sold in the United States are designed to operate on fuel containing no more than 10 percent ethanol. Engines built before ethanol became popular for environmental reasons, (past 10 years) have minimal safeguards from the damage alcohol fuels will cause.

2. Ethanol absorbs water - Water molecules combine with petroleum (gas) in

your gas fuel tank and lines...Ethanol has an increased risk of fuel water-contamination due to ability to absorb H₂O.

(Ethanol attracts and absorbs moisture from the air). Vapor lock and fuel starvation can occur.

The gasoline you pump in your tank may be dry, but due to condensation (from humidity, temperature, etc.) water does exist in your tank. Since water is insoluble in gasoline, it sinks to the bottom of your tank -

As long as it remains below the level of your fuel pickup tube it will not affect your engine. The problem is water is soluble in ethanol and will travel thru your engine fuel system.

A water/ethanol mixture, being heavier than gas, will sink to the bottom of the gas tank, leaving a lower octane gas on top. This low octane gas (lean fuel) can cause performance issues with 4-stroke engines, and can cause damage to 2-stroke engines. Excess water in engines will also cause premature rusting.

3. Ethanol is an amazing solvent and cleansing agent.

High levels of ethanol can dissolve, deteriorate and breakdown solid material, including rubber, plastic, fiberglass and even aluminum and steel. .

4. Ethanol can wear-down and dry-out the plastic and rubber parts in your engine.

Rubber seals and plastic material used in older boats are often not compatible with alcohol. Ethanol will make engine parts dry and brittle. **5. Ethanol blends can cause additional contamination by reacting chemically with MTBE fuel blends.**

Do not mix gas that contains MTBE with ethanol E10. Mixing MTBE fuel with ethanol blend fuel can create a gel-like substance that clogs passages in carburetors.

Stalled engines and engine damage are the result. Fuel injected engines have shown less damage, than carbureted engines, from this gel-like substance.

6. Engines with older fiberglass gas tanks have the greatest risks when using fuel with ethanol.

Fiberglass gas tanks can "deteriorate" from ethanol, causing this degraded resin stuff, (you'll see "black sludge") to circulate through your engine, coating intake manifolds and building up on intake valves - which basically destroys your engine.



Staff Commodore's Report

Russ Breed



FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD

News From Brian & Kat

As we left Cabo San Lucas on Wednesday April 14th, bound for Hiva Oa, Marquesas, a two year dream in the making come true, we should be somewhere by the equator by now. If you want to ping us via SSB or Ham radio, we will be available on the "Amigo Net", on frequency 8188 at 0200 Zulu time after the broadcast ends. Our call sign is WCV 2093.

We arrived on Monday, May 10th (Happy Birthday Dad), however internet is rather hard to get in Paradise! Hence the reason for the delay in posting.

The morning of our departure was the La Paz, Mexico, Bayfest Volleyball tournament in which the team Brian and I had been practicing with was to play. We had just practiced with the team to fill out the sides but we were asked to stay for the games. It went so far as the team captain asked our boat owner to stay over a few more hours so that we could be in the tournament. The owner relented and we played. The bruises and stiff muscles earned were well worth the delay. The team finished in a hard fought third place out of 3 teams. Our trophies consisted of the cold beers we paid for at the bar. Later, Brian told me he had been elbowed in the face and had a broken nose and loose front teeth. He still looked the same to me.



After a few quick errands and last minute showers we caught the out going tide and sailed past La Paz as the sun was setting. Many friends shouted out farewells over the ship to ship radio as we passed and one boat of friends set off a bunch of fire works! We had fair winds for a while and then motored.

As we motored into Cabo San Lucas, we watched many Humpback whales leaping out of the water. They were of in the distance but you could clearly see them throwing their whole bodies out of the water 3 or 4 at a time! We anchored 200 yards off the beach in front of 2 huge beach bars and in the middle of a huge swarm of jetskis and small sight seeing boats and 3 cruise ships parked right behind us.

We stopped into Cabo to officially check out of the country, fix a few leaky things and top off all our fluids, and most importantly find out why the hell our ATM cards don't work!! Did you know that in Mexico you can not make an 800 call from any pay/public phone? Neither did we. Skype to the rescue. We learned that the credit card companies don't read their clients files when a strange charge shows up and they had put a hold on them!

We got everything sorted and shoved off into the big blue sea. The trip started with good winds and a dolphin escort. A couple of days into it the wind quit, and we bobbed around like a cork making 100 miles in 3 days. The boys went swimming and Ali (a crew member) dislocated his shoulder diving off the boat. Not good. We set it and put him to bed with some pain killers. He was really bummed out but stayed in good sprits for the rest of the trip. We watched movies on the big screen TV and read books to pass the time. When the wind came back we cruised at a good pace and caught fish for dinner. Mahi Mahi. We caught fish 4 days straight. We made Teriyaki Ginger tuna on a bed of Asian noodle salad one night. The food was great for the whole trip. When we crossed the equator, we swore our allegiance to the great Neptune and toasted to a safe crossing. Don, the boat owner presented us with some very cool boat shirts.

The next few days the wind picked up and we really sailed. We were averaging 7.5 knots for days on end. The night skies a just crammed full of stars and much time was spent trying find the zodiac signs. The book reading continued at a fever pace. Three loaves of bread got made and we broke a few things. We lost use of the radar and wind speed indicator. The wind generator doesn't charge right. The toe rail broke free right were the jib sheet runs through a block and the hydraulic steering pumps came un bolted from their mounts and we noticed one of the lower shrouds has a broken wire. Just the normal sailing stuff. Monday morning the sun came up revealing the big beautiful island of Hiva Oa and with the sounds of ukulele music we realized we had just completed the crossing of the Pacific Ocean in 25 days! Whew!

Pictures to follow whenever we can get them uploaded.....*Meow (Kat)*

Where in the world are our other non-resident members? We would love to hear your stories! John Aldous (Mexico) Susan & Ken FitGerald (Marquesas) Connie & Gary Hoffman(???)

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The Coast Guard is proposing to discontinue Alcatraz South Fog Signal (LLNR 4320).

Direct any questions, comments or feedback to LT. Nathaniel Ross at 510-437-2982 or Nathaniel.R.Ross@uscg.mil no later than 20 May 10.

Russell Breed

TIYC Safety Officer

Roster Update: Heather Harter and Tim Jacobsen were married in Lake Tahoe on April 17th. In attendance were parents -Scott and Karen Harter, Russ & Lynette Breed, and grandfather-Glenn Harter.

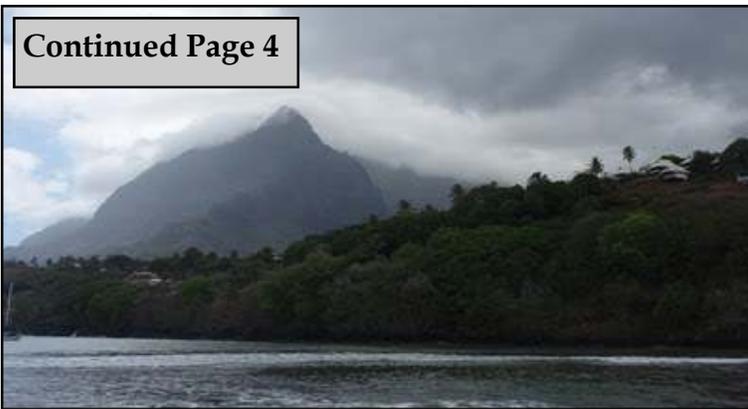
Lynette

Fleet Week 2010

J. Michael Myatt, a retired Marine Corps major general, is the president and chief executive officer of the Marines Memorial Association in San Francisco. Myatt, who was the commanding officer of the 1st Marine Division in the 1991 Gulf War, was asked by Mayor Gavin Newsom's office to lead the 2010 Fleet Week activities, which every October draw more than a million visitors to the San Francisco waterfront to see the Navy's Blue Angels flying team and honor the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

Fleet Week will be larger this year. There will be more vessels in the parade of ships, and we will have band concerts and other events. It will be a Fleet Week we can be proud of. We also want to take advantage of the military capabilities for disaster relief for the earthquake we know is coming. The naval services contributed a lot of help in the Haiti earthquake, for example. We have a saying in the Marine Corps: Never introduce yourself on the battlefield. We want to introduce the civilian leadership of the Bay Area to the military commanders during Fleet Week for a tabletop exercise and two-way dialogues for emergency planning.

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Harbor



Local Islander



2010 TIYC Watch List

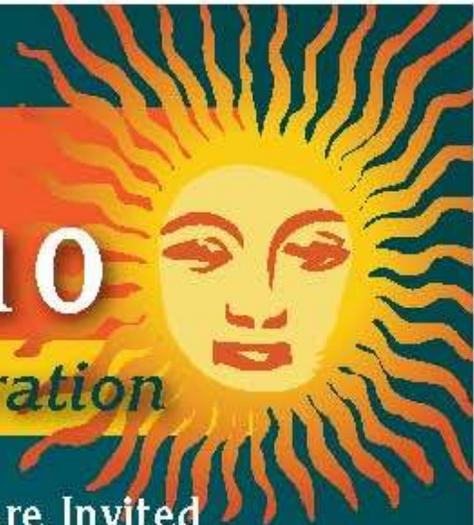
Duty Hours: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM			DRAFT	
Date	Watch Captain	Officer Of The Day	Activity	Initial
06-Mar-10	Russ Breed	Breed, Russell & Lynette	Intro to OOD	
13-Mar-10	650-574-2251	Brewer, Kent & Nancy		
20-Mar-10	"	Busby, David	St Pat's Dinner	
27-Mar-10	"	Farnsworth, Matt		
03-Apr-10	Fred W Gibson	Gibson, Fred W		
10-Apr-10	408-268-9419	Gibson, Fred C		
17-Apr-10	"	Harper, Sharron		
24-Apr-10	"	Graham, Mary	Opening Day Cruise-In	
01-May-10	Sharron Harper	Harrison, John & Cindy		
08-May-10	415-710-5353	Mc Bride, John		
15-May-10	"	Holden, Rich & Mary Artist		
22-May-10	"	Knies, George & Ann		
29-May-10	"	Harter, Heather Jackson		
05-Jun-10	Karen & Jerry Huff	Huff, Jerry & Karen		
12-Jun-10	510-652-6404	Lugert, Jerry & Kristy		
19-Jun-10	"	Karavidas, Ted & Kathy	Summer Sailstice	
26-Jun-10	"	Mibach, Don & Cathy		
03-Jul-10	Cior Wills	Navarro, Mia	4th of July Cookout	
10-Jul-10	415-702-5398	Nevesny, Neil & Joanna		
17-Jul-10	"	Panagiatopoulos, George		
24-Jul-10	"	Pilram, Atta & Alice		
31-Jul-10	"	Roberts, Pete & Faye		
07-Aug-10	Alice Pilram	Saville, Mark		
14-Aug-10	415-391-2205	Schreiber, Christa		
21-Aug-10	"	Smith, Reg & Debrenia	International Dinner	
28-Aug-10	"	Smith, William & Cynthia		
04-Sep-10	Pete Van Putten	Strom, Gordon & Diane Doron	Cast- Away Weekend	
11-Sep-10	510-724-1034	Thorsson, Desmond & Laura		
18-Sep-10	"	Van Putten, Pete & Connie		
25-Sep-10	"	Waters, Joyce / Bowes	Dragon Boat Races	
02-Oct-10	Rich Ahlf	Wills, Ciaran & Cior		
09-Oct-10	925-672-2514	Aberer, Jim & Sandy		
16-Oct-10	"	Holden, rich & Mary Artist		
23-Oct-10	"	Breed, Russell & Lynette		
30-Oct-10	"	Brewer, Kent & Nancy		
06-Nov-10	Matt Farnsworth	Busby, David		
13-Nov-10	310-293-2623	Farnsworth, Matt		
20-Nov-10	"	Gibson, Fred W	General Meeting	
27-Nov-10	"	-- No Watch Duty --		

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- Launch service all day on Saturday
- Award for largest club raft up for Saturday night
- Dinner Friday evening at TIYC
- Breakfast Sunday AM at TIYC



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Upcoming Events

- ★ May 22 KFOG KABOOM
- ★ May 27-31 Angle Island Raft-up
- ★ June 12 Cruise-out South Beach & Giants Game
- ★ Inter-club Race #3
- ★ June 18-20 Summer Sailtice * Richmond YC cruise-in. Saturday Speaker, Pig Feed
- ★ June 28 B&B Meeting
- ★ July 3 Peninsula YC Cruise-in
- ★ July 4th or 5th Club cookout
- ★ July 10 Interclub Race #4
- ★ July 24 to 31 Devils Island Cruise out



Pirates Rule

Reservations: E-mail or call Vice Commodore Matt Farnsworth 310-293-2623

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