

Treasure Island Yacht Club, "JIBE"



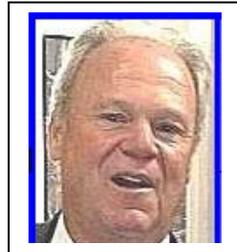
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Your Getaway in the Central San Francisco Bay

Commodore's Update

Steve Lane



First, I would like to invite everyone to be at the Club House on **May 3, 2015 (Sunday) at 1:30pm**. This will be an important meeting for all of us to understand the plans for Treasure Island and the future of TIYC. Presenting will be Bob Beck – Director of the Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA). Also presenting will be representatives from Treasure Island Enterprises (TIE) and Treasure Island Community Development (TICD).

This will be the first time that the land developers and harbor developers will present to us together: please see the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore reports for more information about this and the early meal at the club.

The next item is planning for our **50th year club anniversary** early next year. (Editor's Note: **TIYC was organized in 1966** and incorporated on May 28, 1985) More to come on details, but we really look forward to this celebration – we have requested that we still have our clubhouse standing and TIDA has been accommodating.

The status of our new temporary club location and our new permanent location is moving forward:

On the new temporary club location, Richard Rovetti (TIDA), presented three options in the currently existing Building 1 – This building is part of the final island plan and we are told that it will remain open during the entire construction phase. More to come on this as we look at these spaces in more detail.

At our meeting with Bob Beck (TIDA), we were able to open discussions on our new location. One idea being floated is to purchase one available parcel of land that may suit our needs. There will also be some spaces available in the developed buildings. As wild as buying and building our own place sounds – wouldn't that be great to own our place!!

So, stay tuned!

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Steve Lane

Vice Commodore:

Bill Smith

Rear Commodore:

MeeSun Boice

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Atta Pilram

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Russ Breed

PICYA Delegates:

Reg & Debrenia Smith

Atta Pilram

And now, on to the latest happenings in the club and on the water:

We had two great sail – ins. Encinal Yacht Club on March 28th and Coyote Point Yacht Club on April 18th. And a productive club work party day on March 7th – including a course on watch training (thanks Russ), capped off by a fabulous New Member’s Welcome Dinner (thanks MeeSun), with a wonderful meal prepared by our own executive chef (thanks Parke). Parke is the executive chef and operating partner at SF’s Waterbar Restaurant. On St. Patty’s Day we had a great Club sail to Mariposa YC and back, followed by a delicious corn beef and cabbage dinner (thanks Will).

Your Bridge Officers and many of your board members attended the PICYA Leadership conference on March 21, 2015. The subject matter was very timely as we heard presentations from those who have gone through having to build a new clubhouse (South Beach), growing a club (Santa Cruz), along with many others on club operations.

Serendipity with a crew of 5 and Commodore Stevo on board almost made it to the PICYA Opening Day start line on time, but had a great time, finishing the day at the RAMP.

So – on to upcoming events:

May 3 – Baja Taco Bar - 3:00 pm

May 23 thru May 24 – Cruise out to Angel Island with club picnic on Sunday (May 24) (see cruise notes below)

June 13 – Oakland Yacht Club sail in

June 27 – sail out - destination to TBD

With all this going on it is important to keep our club going and to really enjoy our social gatherings. Please refer to this year’s calendar and the Web Site for a list of upcoming events.

Again, as we start to prepare for the development of Treasure Island and a new club facility, let’s enjoy and celebrate our quaint facility and its history. What started as a ramshackle building, has been built and improved by our members over the years, and is now a place of comradery, fun, joy and service.

Our club will celebrate 50 years on Treasure Island in 2016, and will look forward to many more years on the Island.

And, finally, I really want to thank all you members for all the hard work and support you give the club.

Respectfully submitted from Your Commodore,
Steve

What do your Zincs look like? (See the Boat Spring Checklist!)





Vice Commodore's Message Will Smith



Future Activities In House:

May 3 There will be a Special Membership Meeting with presentations by TIDA, TIE and TICD at 1:30 pm. This will be followed by a Membership Drive Baja Taco Bar Meal Prepared by our TIYC member, Fleet Captain, and Executive Chef of Waterbar and Epic - PARKE ULRICH
Menu: Choice of fish or chicken tacos with all the trimmings of your choice and crispy or soft taco shells, rice and beans and dessert.

AGENDA:

- 1:30pm - TIDA, TICD, TIE Presentation
- 2:30pm - Appetizers: 7-layer dip, ceviche
- 3:00pm - Baja Taco Bar

See you around the club,
Will

PICYA Delegate's Report Reg Smith



PICYA Opening Day

If you need an excuse to go boating, nothing could be as entertaining as PICYA's Opening Day on the Bay. This year's addition, the 98th, was held on Sunday April 26, 2015 and was as spectacular as the wonderful weather we experienced that day.

Debrenia and I enjoyed the day with Manny and Pat Mier of Presidio Yacht Club in Sausalito. We were joined by several others including Art Intemann, who happened to be the boat officer to Treasure Island's Admiral while the Naval Station was in its heyday. The club has a beautiful 31' Catalina that they bought new two years ago and is now available for charter by club members. I thought it was a wonderful concept and very forward thinking of the Presidio board to make such a move.

The first event is the Blessing of the Fleet, which is sponsored by the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon. A priest, rabbi and minister blessed the vessels as they passed by for a safe boating season.

After the vessel was blessed, we ventured toward the Marina Green and the 98th PICYA parade. Approximately one hundred boats lined up to pass the Hornblower California where the judges and 200 yacht club members watched the boats being judged for the many trophies and awards. The Best Overall boat was from Island Yacht Club and Glen Krawiac, who has won many times in the past and even gives seminars to other boaters on how to "dumpster dive" for all of your boat decorations!

The parade is always led by the San Francisco Fire Department's fire boat. Seeing the water spray tells us that the parade is on and we marvelled at the close quarters of all of the boats. I thought it was the perfect definition of chaos.

We crossed the parade finish line at pier 39 and the welcoming crowds were quite impressive. We stopped at Pier 1 1/2 for a bite to eat and had a roaring sail back to Horseshoe Cove. We stopped by the Cavallo Point Lodge and Spa for some refreshments -- the perfect end to the perfect day!



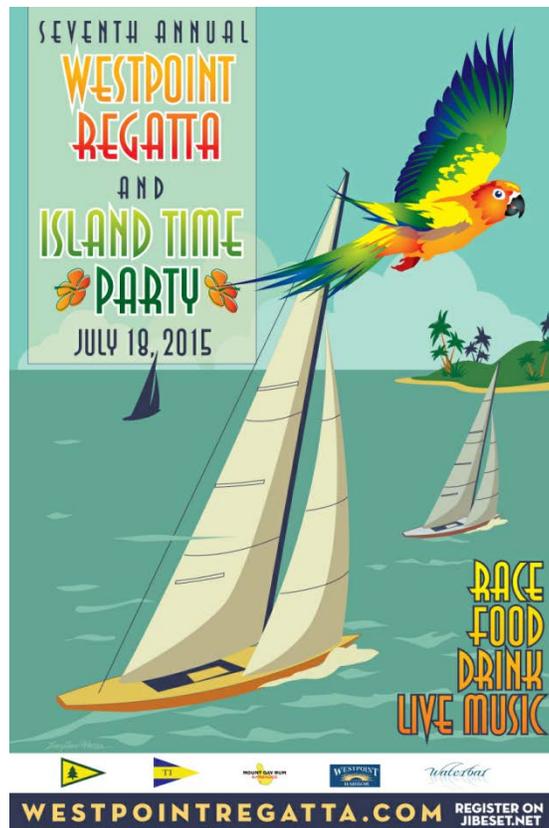
Rear Commodore's Report MeeSun Boice



On the Water Activities:

The Annual Westpoint Regatta from TI to Redwood City will be held on July 18th. TIYC will be providing the Race Committee. Please let Russ Breed know if you are available to help. **There will be a Race Committee Training and practice session on June 6th**. We are tentatively scheduling it for 1:00 pm.

The race weekend kicks off with a Pre-Race party at the Waterbar Restaurant on Friday July 17th. The race is followed by an Island Time Party and the Sequoia Yacht Club on Saturday. This is a great blacktop cruise destination. More details to follow.



Special Thank You to Connie Van Putten for her tireless and patient effort in calling all the members, to ensure everyone is individually contacted and are made aware of the various events at our club. THANK YOU Connie!

MeeSun Boice
2015 Rear Commodore



From the Membership Committee:



MeeSun Boice

Our club is growing! Applications are posted for 30 days in the club for member's review and comment.

MAY 3rd: MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Parke Ulrich and I will sponsor the 2nd Annual Membership Drive Dinner. Last year we had a great turn-out, with delicious menu by Chef Parke Ulrich and Joe Wrye.

This year we are having a Baja Taco Bar spectacular for \$20 (see flyer below).

I would like to extend a Special Thank You to Sue Cole for volunteering her time to help create the professional and artistic flyers for our events!

During our membership drive, we ask our members to invite friends and family to attend our event and get to know the TIYC family. We also invite others who share passion for all things water and those who want to be a part of a club that will embrace you for 'who' you are, to enjoy and participate.

We are honored to welcome a special presentation from:

- 1) Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA)
- 2) Treasure Island Community Development (TICD)
- 3) Treasure Island Enterprises (TIE)

They have generously offered to share insight and update our membership on the impending development of Treasure Island.

Recently Approved Complete Applications include the following:

- 1) Colleen Wickwire (posted 3/14)
- 2) Daniel Chen (posted 3/28)
- 3) Douglas Parvis (posted 4/4)
- 4) Benjamin Spanier-Yearisch (completed 4/11)
- 5) Alexandra Skillman (completed 4/17)

Newly Completed Applications include:

- 1) Jesse Switzer (wife Loreanne) (posted 4/18)

There are also 4 Incomplete Pending Applications from:

Ken Ludlum, Sophia Yapp, Benny Andrade, and Diana Wilcenski & Chuck Stieb

MeeSun Boice,
2014/2015 Membership Chair

From the Fleet Captain:



Parke Ulrich

Now that the season has officially opened, we would like to schedule more cruise-outs for our calendar. In order to do this, we need volunteers who own boats - to help support/ organize/ sponsor/ lead the cruise-outs.

We have many new members - we are eager to be out on the water and would like to sail with some of our members. Please contact me directly: 415-385-2398 -Thank You! Parke



Baja Taco Bar, Sunday May 3, 1:30pm

The Treasure Island Yacht Club's foundation is its members. We are made up of young families, retired couples, and singles. During our membership drive, we ask our members to invite friends and family to attend our event and get to know the TIYC family. We also invite others who share passion for all things water and those who want to be a part of a club that will embrace you for 'who' you are, to enjoy and participate.

Special Presentation

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- 2:30pm - Appetizers: 7-layer dip, ceviche
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Baja Taco Bar by our TIYC member, Fleet Captain, and Executive Chef of Waterbar and Epic - PARKE ULRICH

PHOTOS

Cruising On The Water or Land

Reno Fun Train, 2/27 – 3/1/2015



Shamrock Shenanigans, 3/14/2015



Around the Club

St. Pat's Dinner, 3/14/2015



Sunshine

We are glad to report that the Sunshine Committee has a new email address. sunshine@tiyc.org

If anyone knows a member that might need a little cheering up, get well, anniversary, or sympathy sent, just send us a message to our new email address and we will get a card or e-card right out.

Desmond, Thank you for contacting TIYC Life member, Jean Reith who is in the Menlo Park VA hospital and her son Pete.

Sunshine Committee

RATS!

It was recently reported that boaters in the Treasure Island Marina have experienced rat infestations. (So far two TIYC members have had problems.) In addition to making sure that there are screens in each vent (remember the cowl vents to the engine) here are suggestions that some people have reported using: Place Bounce dryer sheets in all compartments, If you will not be on board for an extended period, mothballs have been reported to be successful (air out the boat before you plan on staying aboard.) or go high tech... The Pest Repeller Ultimate AT delivers powerful ultrasonic frequencies up to 5,000 sq ft. Invading pests are flooded with loud, disorientating noise while you don't hear a thing. The unpleasant sound ricochets off walls and other solid objects forcing rats to flee.

Cruise Notes

Dates: May 23 – 24, 2015

Destination: Angel Island (Ayala Cove)

Angel Island is the largest island in San Francisco Bay, located one mile south of the Tiburon Peninsula. See the state park brochure at

<http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/468/files/AngellIslandSPIWebLayout2014.pdf>



Charts: 18649

Cruise Leaders: Raft Leader Steve Lane , “Serendipity”
RSVP to Steve Lane thelane3@aol.com 925-984-0341

VHF Channel being monitored: 72

Overview: Memorial Day Cruise & Picnic

Slips: Boat slips (30’ to 50’) are available first-come, first-served from 8:00 a.m. until sunset and cost \$20.

Moorings: There are 27 mooring buoys at Ayala Cove. Overnight mooring buoys are available first-come, first-served for up to seven nights. Mooring fees are \$20/night. Due to swift currents, boaters are required to tie fore and aft.

(A maximum of two boats may “Raft” together on one set of buoys.) Get there early to reserve yours!

Dinghies can be taken to the dock from the moorings to get access to the restrooms until 10 p.m. If there is no ranger available, please pay at the ‘Iron Ranger’ near the head of the boat dock. Your fees help maintain the park.

Activities Schedule:

Come by Land or by Sea to get credit for Cruising.

May 23-24th

Raft up – “Serendipity” is planning to pick up a mooring (on Saturday afternoon). Let me know if you can get over earlier!!!

Sunday May 24th – Picnic ashore – 1:00 PM

(If coming by land try to catch one of the early Ferries, they will be crowded. You can bring coolers and supplies carts.)

We will have a potluck picnic in front of the Visitor Center at Ayala Cove (Look for the Burgee & Veterans Remembered Flag.) There are picnic tables and Bar-B-Q grills. Steve & Carol will supply the charcoal. Everyone should bring what they want to grill and one dish to share. Bring ice and mixers for the MMM (If you don't know what this is you will have to come to find out).

Notes on Facilities: go to <http://angelisland.com/>

Biking: The Perimeter Road and fire road are available to bikers. Bikes can be brought by ferry or rented on the island. Helmets are required for bicyclists age 17 and under.

Hiking: Thirteen miles of trails are available.

Motorized Tram Tours and **Segway Tours** are available starting at the Cove Café where you can enjoy the barbequed oyster bar and outdoor cantina.

Special Instructions: Ferry Schedules

Angel Island – Tiburon Ferry

Sunday

May. 24th

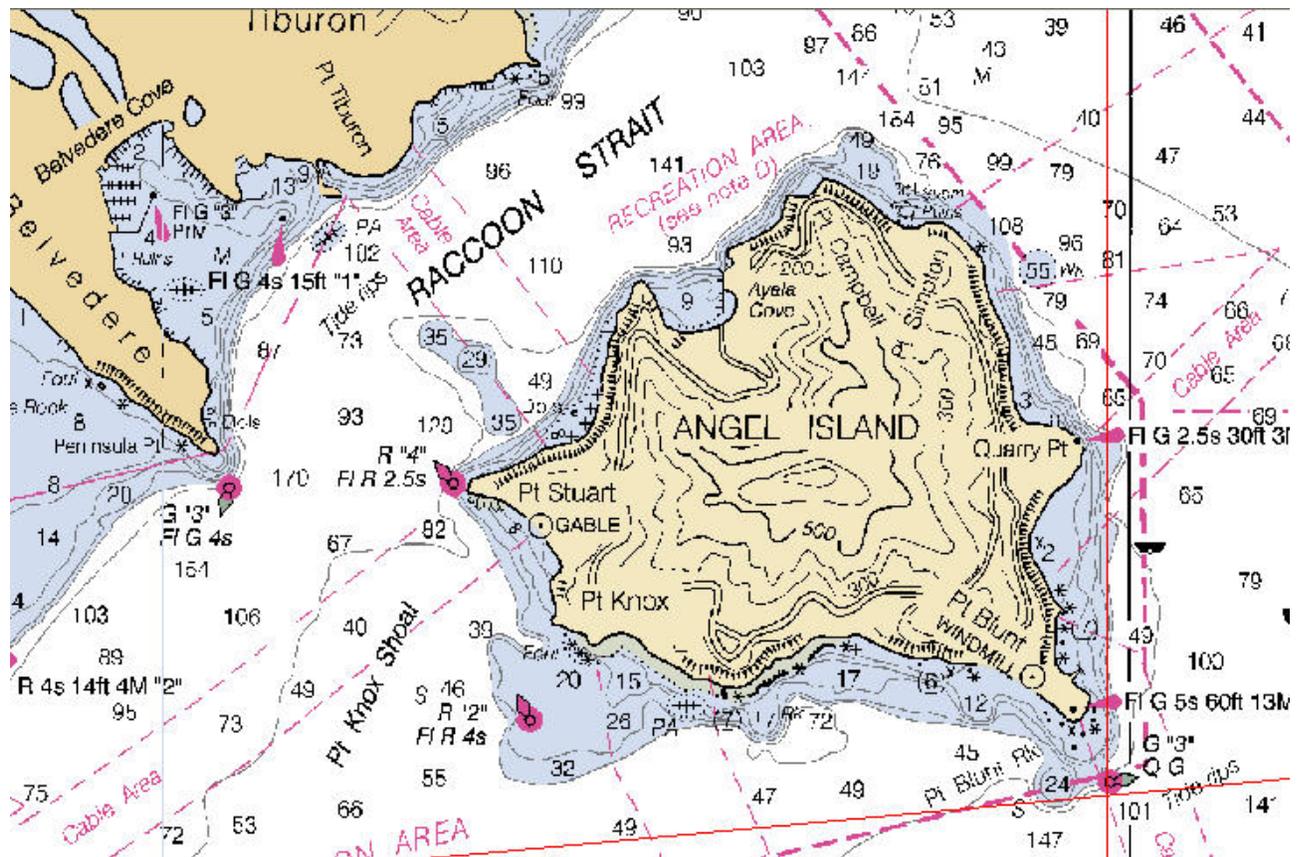
Depart Tiburon	Depart Angel Island
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12:00	12:20
1:00	1:20
2:00	2:20
3:00	3:20
4:00	4:20
5:00	5:20

Current **round trip** fares between Tiburon and Angel Island:

Adults (ages 13 and over)	\$15.00	Small Children (ages 3 – 5)	\$ 5.00
Seniors	\$14.00	Toddlers (ages 2 and under)	Free*
Children (ages 6 - 12)	\$13.00	Bicycles	\$1.00

(*Limit one free child, ages 2 and under, per paying adult.)

Prices are **round-trip** and include the Angel Island State Park admission fee.

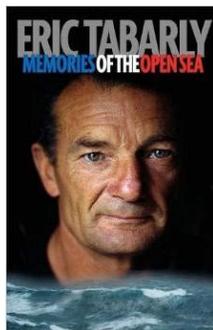


Web Sites:

[Angel Island Association](#)

[Angel Island State Park.](#)

Book Review



Eric Tabarly: Memories of the Open Sea Paperback – March 10, 2013

By [Eric Tabarly](#) (Available from Amazon)

Eric Tabarly was one of yachting's iconic figures who became a legend in French sailing from the moment he beat the British to win the second edition of the single-handed transatlantic in 1964. It was not so much that he won but the way in which he did it that raised his profile in his native country. Purpose-built for the race, his 44-foot Pen Duick II took yacht development forward in seven league boots, at a time when his more corinthian competitors' advances were only incremental. He beat Sir Francis Chichester, the winner of the first edition of the race, by nearly three days. Tabarly, a French Naval officer, was tough and fearless as well as an innovator; although it was single-handed sailing that elevated him to legendary status (he was awarded France's Legion D'Honneur for his triumph) he was soon taking part in races like the Sydney Hobart, the Fastnet Race and the Transpac, winning line honours in all three and setting a new course record in the Transpac. Before long he had begun to make plans to compete in a new round the world race - the Whitbread. Two dismastings prevented him (the fastest entrant on all points of sail) from winning the 1973 race. By now Tabarly had reached celebrity status in France but despite his appearances in the media it was always his exploits on the open ocean that commanded the most attention...such as winning the 1976 single-handed transatlantic race where he overcame the massive 236-foot schooner Club Mediterranee in his 73-foot Pen Duick VI. In 1984 Eric Tabarly was voted the most popular sports figure in France and ten years later, then 63, he was drafted into the Whitbread again to take over command of the French maxi La Poste where his legendary leadership skills were called upon to pull together a disparate team. Tabarly loved sailing to the very end and it was during a voyage to Ireland in 1998 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pen Duick that he was struck by the boom just off the Welsh coast and swept overboard to his death. France and the international sailing community mourned his passing.

Women's Sailing



The Northern California Women's Sailing Seminar Committee is busy updating our programs based on recommendations from past participants and instructors. I hope to be writing to you in June to announce the opening of on-line registration.

We always encourage sailing and practicing sailing skills as often as possible. I hope you have been taking advantage of crew lists (including ours from last year's seminar) and Kroocial to sail often and with different people.

The reason I am writing to you now is to pass on information I have received from our friends at Treasure Island Community Sailing Center (TISC). This sounds really exciting!

TISC is gearing up for a monthly Women's Sailing "Taste of Sailing" evening of fun and education on the first Wednesday of each month. Beginning May 6th, they will match more experienced women sailors with those who are less experienced so everyone learns from each other. (If you ever wanted to really learn something, teach it.)

- Sail on J24 and/or 16' RS Venture dinghy boats
- 4-6 women per boat, groups assigned each session
- **5:30 -8 PM with a fee of \$30. No Charge** for those who have skill enough to captain a J/24 and lead a group
- Instructors available
- Sign up a week prior. For the inaugural sail they will try to have enough people to staff 3 at least 3 boats
- Medical Release Forms can be completed and payment made at TISC prior to sailing. They anticipate adding a PayPal option to their website. (Forms completed once a year)
- After sailing, socialize and bring a bottle of wine or beer if you like. They are looking to partner with one of the wineries on Treasure Island.
- Sign up by either emailing programs@tisailing.org or use the link to their Meetup group event. <http://www.meetup.com/Community-Sailing/events/222001806/>

Island Yacht Club is furnishing you with for your information only. We do not have any connection with TISC and do not warrant their programs.

We look forward to seeing you in September at our annual Women's Sailing Seminar and we anticipate a great weekend will be had by all who come to join us for our event September 19 and 20th.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Nancy Hird, Chair
Northern California Women's Sailing Seminar

Please identify conflicts and forward any exchanges with other members to your Watch Captain

WATCH LIST 2015

Duty Hours: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Date	Watch Captain	Officer Of The Day	Activity
03-Jan-15	Atta Pilram	Vacant	
10-Jan-15	415-748-0374	Vacant	
17-Jan-15	"	Pilram, Atta & Alice	Crab Feed
24-Jan-15	"	Vacant	
07-Feb-15	Will Smith	Smith, Will & Cynthia	
14-Feb-15	510-589-7410	Roberts, Pete & Faye	
21-Feb-15	"	Smith, Reg & Debrenia	
28-Feb-15	"	Reis, William & Lynne	
07-Mar-15	Parke Ulrich	Strom, Gordon & Diane	Work Party & New Members Welcome Dinner
14-Mar-15	415-385-2398	Thorsson, Desmond & Laura	St Pat's Dinner
21-Mar-15	"	Wills, Cior & Ciaran	
28-Mar-15	"	Van Putten, Pete & Connie	Encinal YC Cruise In
04-Apr-15	Jim Aberer	Ulrich, Parke	
11-Apr-15	925-997-1630	Wyre, Joe & Tilde	
18-Apr-15	"	Zebzda, Martin & Holly	Coyote Pt YC Cruise In
25-Apr-15	"	Aberer, Jim & Sandra	
02-May-15	MeeSun Boice	Ahlf, Rich & Ismini	Floato de Mayo
09-May-15	714-350-3889	Alden, Don & Mary	
16-May-15	"	Boice, MeeSun	
23-May-15	"	Breed, Russell & Lynette	Memorial Day Weekend
30-May-15	"	Brewer, Kent & Nancy	
06-Jun-15	Steve Lane	Busby, David	
13-Jun-15	925-984-0341	Cole, Bill & Sue	OYC TI Anchor out Cruise-In
20-Jun-15	"	D'Aura, Joe & Connie	Club Dinner - Sailstice
27-Jun-15	"	Gibson, Fred C.	
04-Jul-15	Fred W. Gibson	Gibson, Fred W.	Chili Cook-off
11-Jul-15	408-836-6519	Goswick, Bill & Karen	
18-Jul-15	"	Graham, Mary	Westpoint Marina Regatta
25-Jul-15	"	Harper, Sharron	
01-Aug-15	Mary Holden	Harrison, John & Robynn	
08-Aug-15	925-376-7497	Harte, Christy	
15-Aug-15	"	Holden, Rich & Mary	
22-Aug-15	"	Johnston, Mal & Jan	
29-Aug-15	"	Lane, Steve & Carol	Castaway Weekend
05-Sep-15	Malcolm Johnston	McBride, John & Erica	
12-Sep-15	650-576-6047	Mibach, Don & Cathy	
19-Sep-15	"	Mohn, Jon & Julia	Dragon Boat Festival

26-Sep-15	"	Navarro, Mia	
Date	Watch Captain	Officer Of The Day	Activity
03-Oct-15	Connie Van Putten	Nevesny, Neil & Joanna	
10-Oct-15	510-932-3274	Park, Eduardo & Sung Hae	Fleet Week – Pig Roast
17-Oct-15	"	Pilram, Atta & Alice	
24-Oct-15	"	Plichta, Vincent & Cindy	
31-Oct-15	"	Reis, William & Lynne	
07-Nov-15	John Harrison	Roberts, Pete & Faye	Work Party
14-Nov-15	650-483-7106	Smith, Reg & Debrenia	Annual Meeting
21-Nov-15	"	Smith, Will & Cynthia	
28-Nov-15	"	Strom, Gordon & Diane	
05-Dec-15	Pete Van Putten	Thorsson, Desmond & Laura	Holiday Club Decoration
12-Dec-15	510-932-3274	Ulrich, Parke	
19-Dec-15	"	Van Putten, Pete & Connie	
26-Dec-15	"	Wills, Cior & Ciaran	

Coming Events

Date	Event
April 2015	
26	PICYA Opening Day – Theme: “YOUTH-IN-BOATING” (Steve Lane – Cruise Leader)
May 2015	
3	Meeting with TIDA, TIE & TICD (1:30 pm)
3	Membership Drive - Baja Taco Bar (3:00 pm)
9	USCG Aux Meeting (9:00 – 12:00) (host: Desmond)
9	InterClub Series #2
12	Bridge & Board Mtg (2 nd Tuesday, 7:00pm)
17	Safety At Sea Seminar #2 (Encinal YC)
21 – 25	Angel Island Cruise-Out (Cruise Leader TBA)
24	Memorial Day Angel Island Picnic
June 2015	
6	Race Committee Training (1:00 pm)
9	Bridge & Board Mtg (2 nd Tuesday, 7:00pm)
13 – 14	Oakland YC Treasure Island Anchor Out Cruise-In
13	USCG Aux Meeting (9:00 – 12:00) (host: Desmond)
13	InterClub Series #3
15	JIBE Deadline (July – August)
20 – 21	Sailstice Weekend Fun Day in Clipper Cove
20	Cruise-out to SoBYC & blacktop to Epic Roadhouse (tentative)
27	Cruise-out TBD (tentative)
July 2015	
4	Race Committee Training (Instructor: Russ Breed) Chili Cook-off (Host: Atta & Alice Pilram)
11 – 12	Avon Cancer Walk (CANCELLED)
11	InterClub Series #4
14	Bridge & Board Mtg (2 nd Tuesday, 7:00pm)
17	Friday Night Dinner @ Waterbar (before Westpoint Regatta)
18	Westpoint Regatta (TIYC is Race Committee) Race / Cruise to Redwood City (Sequoia YC)
18	Island Time Party @ Sequoia YC, Redwood City
August 2015	
8-9	Cruise-out to Benicia YC (tentative)
8	InterClub Series #4
11	Bridge & Board Mtg (2 nd Tuesday, 7:00pm)
15	JIBE Deadline (September – October)
30	Cruise-Out Waterbar’s Oysterfest Charity event (tentative)
September 2015	
5 – 6	Castaway Weekend
12	InterClub Series #4

8	Bridge & Board Mtg (2 nd Tuesday, 7:00pm)
19 – 20	Women's Sailing Seminar (IYC) SF Dragon Boat Festival
19	Men's Poker Night
October 2015	
10	Fleet Week Pig Roast
13	Bridge & Board Mtg (2 nd Tuesday, 7:00pm)
15	<i>JIBE Deadline (November – December)</i>
18	2016 Calendar Meeting
November 2015	
14	Annual Meeting & COW

A Word About Safety

Russ Breed



Boat Spring Checklist

By Beth Leonard

Published: April/May 2013 (From BoatUS with Permission)

*It's almost time for summer fun! Working your way through this **checklist** will help make sure your boat's ready to go when you are.*



Now Available in the BoatUS App!

Download the BoatUS smart phone app for **Android** and **iOS** and take this checklist with you to the boat. Check off what you've already looked over, and make notes for any parts you need on your next West Marine trip!

Click here to [View the Spring Launch Safety Checklist Video](#)

Getting Started

- If necessary, reinstall batteries. Top up lead acid batteries with distilled water. Fully charge batteries. Clean, tighten electrical connections, especially terminals of battery cables. Coat battery terminals with insulating film of grease, or apply protective battery terminal spray.
- Open and close seacocks; handles should move freely. Hoses should be double-clamped with stainless-steel hose clamps. Replace any that look rusted.

- Inspect the raw-water intake strainer to be sure it has not cracked, and is clean and free of corrosion. Make sure the strainer's top fits snugly.
- Check running lights. Clean/tighten connections or replace bulbs to assure that all are operating properly.
- Check VHF and GPS antenna connections by disconnecting and spraying with moisture-displacing lubricant, then reconnect and test.
- Look for indications of leaking at trim cylinders and hoses as well as at hydraulic steering pumps and rams. Replace the O-ring or gasket if leaking.
- Make sure the stuffing box or shaft seal is completely dry when the boat is at the dock.
- Inspect portlights, hatches, and deck fittings for dirty or displaced caulking, water trails, dirt, and green corrosion, any of which signals a leak that needs to be recaulked.
- Test bilge pump and high-water switches and alarms.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, LPG and gasoline fume detector.
- Check flares (expiration date) and fire extinguishers (charge), and replace/ recharge as necessary.
- Check and service safety gear such as life jackets, and MOB gear.

Boats Ashore

- Inspect props for dinging, pitting, and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft — if it's loose, the cutlass bearing may need to be replaced.
- Replace plastic fittings near the waterline with bronze or Marelon.
- Inspect the anodes on the shaft, outdrive, and trim tabs. Replace any that are close to half-deteriorated.
- Check to make sure the rudderstock hasn't been bent.
- After the boat is launched, be sure to inspect around the rudder and all thru-hulls for leaks, and check the stuffing box while underway to make sure there is a steady drip.

Outdrives and Outboards

- Check outdrive bellows for cracks and tears (look especially in the folds).
- Check hydraulic trim fluid. If you didn't change it last fall, change it now.
- Check lower-unit lube level. Creamy oil indicates water (and a bad seal). Many manufacturers recommend changing the oil every year.

Engines and Related Systems

- Flexible gasoline lines should say "USCG Approved, J1527." Replace any that don't.

- Are fuel hoses supple, with no cracks, bulges, or soft spots? Do the lines smell like gasoline (wipe the lines with a clean rag and then smell the rag)? Did you also use a rag to detect odors at connections?
- Cooling hoses should fit snugly and be solidly clamped.
- Replace any hose clamps that show signs of corrosion.
- Replace fuel filters.
- Clean or replace the air filter.
- Change engine oil unless done in the fall (preferable). Check fluid levels: transmission, hydraulic steering fluid, and coolant.
- Check belts for tension and wear.
- Check raw-water and freshwater pumps for seepage, which indicates a gasket needs to be replaced.
- Replace raw-water impellers if they are more than a year old.
- Examine exhaust manifolds for signs of corrosion and water seepage that indicate blockage. If you suspect a problem, remove the manifold.
- Replacing the (inexpensive) gaskets at the heat exchanger every year helps prevent corrosion at the housing and also lets you look for gunk that can clog the stacks.
- Test bilge blower and inspect hose.
- Inspect outer jacket of cables for cracks and swelling, either of which indicates the cable must be replaced. Use waterproof grease at the ends.

Sailboat Rigging

- Inspect swage fittings for rust and cracks. Running rigging should be supple and free of chafe.
- Run a rag over stays and shrouds to find "fishhooks" that indicate the wire needs to be replaced.
- Ensure that spreaders bisect the shrouds. Ends should be protected to prevent chafe.
- Remove tape at turnbuckles and lubricate threads (preferably with Teflon).
- Run a water hose over chainplates to check for leaks. Look for rust streaks inside and out. If necessary, remove them and recaulk. 🚧

You may also be interested in the [Pre-Launch Checklist – click here](#)

Help Wanted:

TIYC is looking for people to take over the following positions:

- **JIBE Editor / Publisher** – Involves assembling, editing and publishing the TIYC bimonthly newsletter. Input is typically received by email and/or attached files. Should have experience with MS Word or Publisher, Adobe Acrobat.

If you can help contact either the Commodore or the Office Manager.

The following individuals have given notice that they will be stepping down at the end of the year.

- **Treasurer** – Fred W Gibson has indicated that he will be stepping down at the end of the year. He is looking for someone to work with him to learn the club's accounting system.
 - **Office Manager** – Russell Breed is looking for someone to take over and learn what is needed behind the scenes to support the Bridge & Board.
 - **Assistant to OM & Treas** – Lynette Breed handles cash and check deposits at Chase, prepares and sends invoices using QuickBooks On Line and Square, reconciles events, and forwards details to the Treasurer. She also assists the OM and Treasurer with administrative services, mailings, etc. when requested.
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