



September, 2015



The Star



The Greatest Little Yacht Club In The Land

RBYC WATCH 2015-2016

Flag Officers

Commodore: Jim Black

Vice Commodore: Karl Hoppe

Rear Commodore: Tim Leveque

Fleet Captain: Mia Bernt

Ex-Officio Officers

Staff Commodore: Paul Winward

Elected Directors

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri. September 18:

Change of Watch at the Spinnaker, Sausalito, CA 6:00 PM

Sat. October 17:

Commodore's Reception at Shelter Bay

Sat. November 14:

Annual Auction at McInnis GC

Sat. December 12:

Holiday Party at Shelter Bay

From the Helm:



Jim Black, In-Coming Commodore

I am honored that you have selected me to be your Commodore for the 2015-16 Watch. I realize I am following in the footsteps of a long list of exceptional past Commodores and I hope I can live up to the expectations of everyone who has supported my selection. I want to welcome our new members of the board: **Susan Brubeck** and **Sharon Patton**. I also want to thank **Peter Thorne** again for his service as Commodore for the 2014-15 Watch. I hope we will still have his support when he and Elaine eventually relocate to

their new home in the desert. I want to thank **Charlie Davis** for stepping in as Rear Commodore this past year and supporting our membership program. Thanks to **Karl Hoppe** and **Tim Leveque** for stepping up in to their new roles. Fortunately **Paul Winward** has agreed to stay on as Staff Commodore to provide advice and support. I am fortunate that **Karen Beckner**, **Gypsy**, **Sheryl Hoy** and **Katie Taggart** will remain on the board for the 2015-16 Watch.

I hope to see you all at the Change of Watch on September 18th at the Spinnaker restaurant which, in addition to the swearing in of new officers, will feature the band, **Rumors**.

One final note is regarding the kickoff for donations to our Annual Auction. As you know the Annual Auction provides a major source of funding for our social events. This year we have approved a raffle for a free couple's annual membership for early donations received by October 16th, the day before the Commodore's Reception. The early donations can be verbal or email commitments to [Kay Bradley](#), our Annual Auction chair.



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2015-2016 Change of Watch

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Come on Friday, September 18th to welcome Commodore Jim Black and his new Watch at the beautiful Spinnaker in Sausalito. Enjoy cocktails on the deck with the setting sun, a delicious dinner, great festivities and dancing to the amazing Rumors Band. Reservation forms were sent in the mail. We hope to see you there.



THE SPINNAKER
Sausalito, CA

Friday, September 18, 2015 * 6:00 cocktails * 7:00 dinner
Dancing to the Rumors

Send Reservations to Mimi Clarke
20 Geldert Drive * Tiburon, CA 94920
mimiclar@aol.com



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PETER'S WATCH 2014-2015

Thanks for the
Memories





BIRTHDAYS:

09/02 - Gil Jacobs
09/17 - JoAnne Murdock
09/17 - Rick Holbrook
09/22 - Jack Murdock
09/24 - Sally Chapman
09/25 - Jim Filippo
09/26 - Marianne Grieve



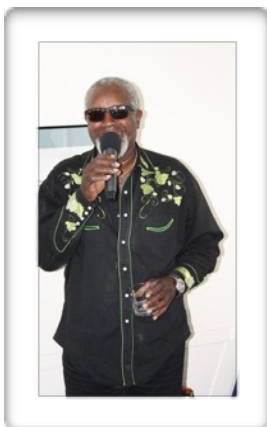
We Mourn the Loss of...

Marilyn Day Kiernan whose sudden death brought heart break to many. We send heartfelt condolences to Patrick and his family. Marilyn was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed.

Auction Update

Save The Date: - Saturday, November 14 - at McInnis

The RBYC annual Auction is but two months away, so start looking around for ideas to bring to the auction block this year. Remember "One man's junk is another man's treasure" so now is the time to clean out and simplify while helping the Greatest Little Yacht Club in the Land be able to bring you some wonderful events while keeping the costs down.



And we have some great news to share to kick things off. At our July Board Barbecue at the Petaluma Yacht Club, our own Charlie Baker, aka "Salt" who has brought us some of our most fantastic dance evenings over the years, announced that he was donating one free evening with him and his sister and cousin. That is sure to be a high bidding item. If you have a special occasion coming up on the horizon, what a great evening you could plan for your friends and family.

For our early contributors, we are offering the chance to win a year's free RBYC membership for two! Tell Kay Bradley your contribution by Oct 16 and you will be in the drawing for free membership. The drawing will be held at our Oct 17 party. Email: Auction Chair, Kay Bradley at kay35b@yahoo.com or phone: 415-971-6476.

Items that have been very popular in the past are home cooked meals with a theme, vacation condo stays, good wine, restaurant deals, and adventures on the high seas. No item is too small; this is a fun way for all of us to get on board and keep this unique club going strong.

Also keep in mind that this is a great event to invite guests to see the fun-loving camaraderie of the Greatest Little Yacht Club in the Land. They are often some of our high bidders and they love going home with our wonderful offerings.





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Thank You Sandy!

The History Corner



Sandy Grieve has never failed to step in when needed and his latest "Save" was taking on the Newsletter after Edie Walters left us. He did a superb job of making the transition to our present digital copy, and **Paul Winward** and **Nancy Ware** have a tall order to follow in his path. Thank you Sandy for all you do for RBYC.



The newsletter was originally called "The Newsletter," and after editing it for several years, Edie Walters thought it needed a real name, so she held a contest and asked the members to name the paper. Commodore **Gayden White** came up with the name **The Star**. The Board thought it fit, so from that time forward it was called The Star.

Changes with The Star

There is a lot of colorful history since this Greatest Little Yacht Club began back in 1978. We are hoping to bring some of these stories alive for you each month. And what better place to start than the history of The Star!

Natalie Firstenberg, a "seasoned" legal secretary who had worked for a large law firm in Manhattan before marrying Harry, our first Commodore, created the first newsletter.

She then groomed **Edie Walter** who sent out The Star for many years before she left us for her home state of Texas last year.

"I was really nervous when Natalie informed me that she would like me to take over as secretary" says Edie. "My greatest concern was the fact that I had never taken minutes of a meeting, but she put my mind at ease and mentored me every step of the way. It wasn't long before I learned the hang of it, and I continued to learn throughout the years."

"She also taught me how to edit the newsletter. There were articles for each of the four flag officers, and she ghost-wrote for all but the Commodore. I followed suit until one year when I decided to get out of it. Two members took over the newsletter and realized it required more time and work than they were willing to give. I resumed editing at the request of some of the members and insisted that each flag officer write his own column."

Edie would collect articles, edit the newsletter, print the newsletter, collate the newsletter, stuff envelopes, lick stamps and get The Star out to all our membership every month. Edie recalls that *"Hank Chapman made assembling the newsletter fun. At one time, he had an office on one of San Francisco's piers. When I arrived, he always had a drink and snacks ready. In order to save the club money, we did all of the collating and stapling ourselves. We folded and stuffed, and all the while Hank would recall much of the early years of the club and its members, some of whom I didn't know. He was a natural storyteller, and I looked forward to these "stuffing sessions" because I learned so much about RBYC."*

When Edie left last year, it was decided that we would have an on-line newsletter only. **Sandy Grieve** valiantly volunteered to get it going and he did a wonderful job. Now that he has it up and running on our web page, he is passing the baton on to **Nancy Ware** and **Paul Winward**. Paul will collect the material from our members and officers and Nancy will put them together. The Star is yours; please feel free to send articles or interesting stories to [Paul Winward](mailto:PaulWinward@rbyc.clubexpress.com) and give us suggestions for how we can make this more informative for you.



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Many of us have had the pleasure of being regaled on The Eagle enjoying the unparalleled welcome and extravagant entertaining from Rick and Aldeana Saber. If you know of anyone who will give this unique craft a great next chapter, pass these pictures on.

Eagle 32' Pilot House Trawler - named "EAGLE"

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