

# P<sup>ORTHOLE</sup>

Presidio Yacht Club / Travis Marina

Third Quarter 2013

## Editor's Report

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

As mentioned in the first quarter Porthole, the National Park Service put out a request for Expressions of Interest in taking over operation of the marina and boathouse on Horseshoe Cove. The National Park Service has published a summary of all the received Expressions of Interests. To see the summary, go to their web site at "[www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/rfei\\_downloads.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/rfei_downloads.htm)" and click on the link to "GGNRA Fort Baker Historic Boat House & Marina - RFEI Response Summaries". The six interested parties are: Fort Baker Waterfront Partners LLC, a "partnership between Equity Community Builders, Passport Resorts, and Cavallo Point Lodge"; Neal Holmlund, an individual investor; MarinSpace, a company that specializes in providing lease space for non-profits; Premier Structures Inc, an unknown to me; Richardson's Bay Maritime Association, a group that has been interested in Horseshoe Cove since the Army left; and Travis Air Force Base, of course, the current tenant.

The next step is for the National Park Service to select one of the interested parties or reject all of them and put out a formal Request for Proposal. This will be announced sometime in October.

### AMERICA'S CUP

The racing community was rocked by the death of veteran racer Andrew Simpson on Artemis Racing's 72 foot



*The "Hawaiian Chieftain" visits the Bay.*

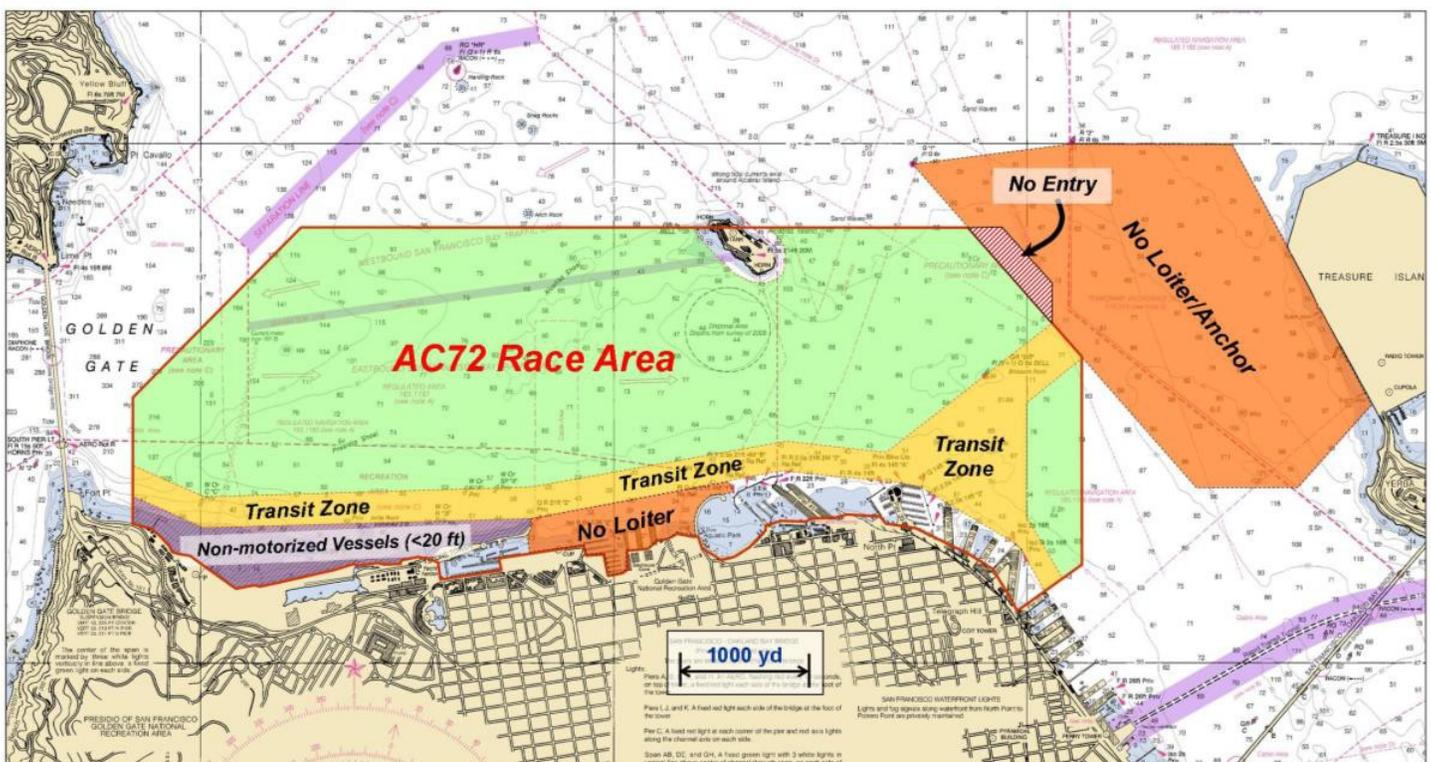
challenger for the America's Cup. After the numerous roll-overs experienced by Oracle Racing, the America's Cup racers had been ordered to wear body armor and emergency air bottles in addition to helmets. But, these safety precautions failed to save Simpson. With the high speeds of the new America's Cup boats it has shown that sail racing on ultra-modern boats can be as risky Formula 1 or NASCAR racing. It is not just the America's Cup that is experiencing this. Last week, another ultra-modern racing sailboat crashed in a race near Dublin requiring one of the crew to be airlifted to a hospital. (Fortunately, racing older more conventional boats is still pretty safe, so keep coming to the Club races. We have yet to have a serious injury.)

Although there had been some doubts expressed, the races are still on. The United States Coast Guard has granted the race committee a permit to race. But, the word is the number of races - especially in July - have been reduced significantly. And there are some rule changes. Artemis Racing does not have a functional boat, but is still officially in the competition. They are hoping to launch a new boat next month. The other two challengers are Emirates Team New Zealand and Prada Luna Rossa.

The restricted area for the races have been published in the United States Coast Guard local notices to mariners. (See below.) Note that there are several no anchor, no loiter areas and the area off the Presidio is restricted to small vessels without motors. It looks like the only place to watch the races will be from on land or on one of the large yachts that will ring the course.

## OCTAVIA

For those of you that have been following the logs of the "Octavia", I can report that Derek and Cissy are alive and well and still living the laid back cruiser lifestyle down in Mexico.



*Race area from USCG local notices to mariners*

## FOURTH OF JULY

Finally, a reminder that the Fourth of July is just around the corner. The Club will be hosting its annual bar-be-cue. We really could use some volunteers to help us feed people and organize the boat rides. We expect a larger turn-out from Travis Air Force Base this time since the Fourth is on a Thursday this year. (We expect most people will take Friday off as well.) Your help will be appreciated.

- Jason Funk

## Commodore's Report

A great deal went on behind the scenes this quarter.

As of 1 July our membership consisted of 223 members with dues paid through year end. We also have 67 members who are on extended active duty and 4 honorary members. Regrettably, on 1 June we removed 53 members from our rolls for failure to pay annual dues. They are, of course, eligible to return to membership upon payment. Lisa Theodoratus is our membership chair. She has done an outstanding job in bringing in new members as well as keeping track of our membership list. If any of you have any changes in your contact information, be it your snail or email address or telephone, please contact Lisa at "membership@presidioyachtclub.org".

The charming lady you have seen at the last two dinners collecting your \$20.00 is Anne Jahn, our treasurer. She has our books current. We now have sufficient funds in our operating account to immediately pay our volunteer cooks their out-of-pocket costs before depositing the evening's proceeds. We also have a small reserve account.

Our warm-up race and three of the six Baxter/Judson races have been completed. At this time Annie Springer and I are computing corrected race times by calculator. We have acquired, at no cost, some software now going through beta testing. This is so a laptop can do these calculations and rank the finishers.

### CALENDAR

#### July

4 FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUE.  
13 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.  
21 FOURTH RACE.

#### August

10 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.  
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.  
18 FIFTH RACE.

#### September

14 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.  
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.  
15 SIXTH RACE

#### October

12 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. 6 PM.  
WORKDAY SUPPER. 7 PM.  
20 LADY SKIPPER'S RACE. 11:00 AM.

#### November

9 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.  
AWARDS AND CHANGE OF WATCH. 6 PM.  
WORKDAY DINNER. 7 PM.

#### December

14 WORKDAY. 9 AM - 1 PM.  
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Our dinners have been well attended. We had the pleasure of having Tom Ehman, Vice Commodore of the Golden Gate Yacht Club, give a "cupdate" before our May dinner. Prior to our June dinner, Angela Flaviani, president of the Tamalpais Outrigger Canoe Club (TOCC), made a presentation about her Club. We were joined at that dinner by approximately 25 members of TOCC. Our dinner menu on August 10th is not firm but we are leaning towards a summer menu of pork and beef ribs, cole slaw and salads. More later.

Your Club will host its annual 4th of July BBQ again this year. Active duty personnel and their dependents, as well as PYC members, are guests of the Club. Again this year we will be offering power and sailboat rides. We will be joined by the Canoe Club, whose members will be offering outrigger canoe rides in Horseshoe Cove. Menu will be hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and soft drinks. Canoe Club members will be helping us staff the BBQ.

In the process of providing presentations prior to our dinners it became apparent our audio-visual equipment is minimal. Your Council has authorized the purchase of a computer projector to allow for more professional presentations. We hope to have this equipment in place for our August dinner.

Nominations for Council and Bridge for 2014 were sent to all members on June 18. If you did not receive your copy please let me know.

Those very nice dinner invitations and announcements have been the work of our new IT guru, Shannon Elms. Shannon, a big thank you for your excellent work.

Summaries of the Expressions of Interest in the development of our boathouse and marina were recently published by the National Park Service. There are six. We consider three to be worthy of further consideration by NPS. All three mention our Club as having a continuing presence. The next step is for NPS to ask for Requests for Proposal. We anticipate that may happen in the last quarter of 2013.

We have established email addresses for the flag officers and two chairs. Mine is active. If any member has any question, comment or suggestion please email me directly at "commodore@presidioyachtclub.org". I monitor that address on a daily basis.

Last and most definitely not least, we welcome Jason Funk back from months on active duty in Djibouti, Africa. Jason has kindly agreed to continue posting the calendar and putting together this publication. Thank you, Jason.

- John Cashman

## **RACE REPORT**

The results of the warm up race of March 17 are as follow:

1. Flying Baby, Michael Rossauer. 2:00:06

2. Phoenix, Jon Rolien. 2:01:52
3. Roadrunner, Steve Hocking. 2:02:53
4. Ouessant, Jennifer Hinkel. 2:04:23.5
5. Stella Maris, Lisa Theodoratus. 2:23:40
6. Kestrel, Roy Pitts. DNF

21 Apr 13, Baxter/Judson #1:

1. Jazman, Louis Canotas. 0:56:22.2 (all times given are corrected for handicap)
2. Phoenix, Jon Rolien. 57:23.1
3. Roadrunner, Marika Edler and Steve Hocking. 1:00:06.6
4. Flying Baby, Michael Rossauer. 1:02:34.0
5. Stella Maris, Lisa Theodoratus. 1:03:58.4
6. Kestrel, Roy Pitts. 1:12:18.8

19 May 13, Baxter/Judson #2:

Weather and wind conditions: clear and sunny, 15 - gust to 20.

Course: PYC to (16) Blackaller to (17) Harding Rock back to Blackaller and then home.

Six boats were entered in the race and the times for the three fastest are as follows:

1. Jazman, Louis Canotas. 52:14.8
2. Infinity, Drew Nagel. 56:05.6
3. Phoenix, John Rolien. 58:12.8

16 Jun 13, Baxter/Judson #3:

Course: Point Bonita buoy

9 boats entered in the race. The adjusted times for the 3 winning boats were:

1. Road Runner, Marika Edler and Steve Hocking. 1:16.04.6
2. Phoenix, John Rolien. 1:16.52.4
3. Jazman, Louis Canotas. 1:20.13.4

- Bob Rames and John Cashman

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