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COMMODORE'S LOG

By Steve Peters

Since *The Porthole* is quarterly, this will be my last communication with you as Commodore. It has been an interesting year to say the least. For those of you who haven't been to Ft. Baker lately the physical changes have been impressive in a short period of time. I have tried to grasp and interpret these changes and their implications to Presidio Yacht Club. Discussions at Council meetings have been lively, culminating in the agreed need to develop a task force to study the future of our club. As always we are looking for suggestions from our members. Especially new fresh ideas about where you would like your club headed. A PYC membership survey will be sent to you soon and I encourage you to give us your input. *Continued on page 2...*

From the Marina Manager

By Louis Canotas

It's September. The fog is slowly lifting. There are outrigger canoe races happening even as I write. The top of the north tower of the Golden Gate Bridge is just visible through the fog. It's warm, for the bay, and all seems right at PYC...right?

Hmmm, well, let's think about that. I should be ecstatic. Business is up, the weather is good, I love my job. Why the grey clouds you might ask? Could it have something to do with the National Park Service 'Master Plan' that has no room for Travis Marina? Bingo. You've hit the nail on the head.

As we all know, there is no lease beyond October 2008. I'm trying to have that lease extended in a meaningful way into the future. However, in my humble *Continued on page 3...*

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As with any club we are always looking for active new members. Besides our spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Marin Headlands, the San Francisco Skyline and our ever changing Bay, Presidio Yacht Club offers: Lower dues than most yacht clubs; discounts on drinks and bar fare at "Mike's Place" with no monthly quota; reduced slip fees for those with boats; club boats for rent after qualification; participation in all club events such as dinners, cruises, 1st Friday lectures and special events as announced; a membership card which allows reciprocity privileges to all participating yacht clubs; receive PYC's newsletter "The Porthole" either in the mail or electronically on our website.

So, having covered two important ideas, what have members been reading this summer? I offer my own abridged list. In fiction: *No one belongs here more than you*. Stories by Miranda July; *Holy Skirts* a Novel by Rene Steinke; *The Dog of the Morning* Stories by Amy Hempel. In non fiction: *Selected Letters, Guy Davenport and James Laughlin* W.C. Bamberger, ed; *Chance and Circumstance* by Carolyn Brown; *Visiting Picasso, The Notebooks and Letters of Roland Penrose* Elizabeth Cowling, ed. Don't everyone run out and buy these at once, you'll upset the esoteric bookselling applectart. But I do encourage you to become more active in club activities.



Task Force 2010

Changes are coming to Presidio Yacht Club's home. The National Park Services has plans to make drastic changes. The docks may come out. The clubhouse may be turned into a museum. The entire Fort Baker area will be turned into a conference center as well as returning it to the same appearance as circa 1929. PYC has developed the Task Force 2010 to study these plans and proposals, to develop and maintain contact with the appropriate Park Service Personnel and to recommend alternatives for the PYC. The task force is comprised of a member of the Bridge, a member of the Governing Council and a member at large. Contact D'Vonne Hutchins for details.

A Little Vice: A Non-Cruise Out for Labor Day

By D'Vonne Hutchins

It became apparent early in the week before the Labor Day weekend cruise out, that we did not have enough operational boats to accomplish the task. We went to San Raphael to look at the Marin Yacht Club and determine whether there were hotels or restaurants within walking distance to the yacht club to accommodate those who did not have vessels. There were not. We had to cancel the cruise out.

Those members who responded were contacted and we developed alternate plans. We persevered. We were creative. And, we had fun!

Saturday, September 1 - It was our intention to save the weekend, even if we would not be sailing to the Marin Yacht Club. So we planned a dinner at the Buckeye Roadhouse in Sausalito. We were able to get reservations!! It was fabulous. The food was hearty and delightful! The company was relaxed and enjoyable with a high sense of camaraderie and joy. We were so enthused that we wanted to continue our association. After all, the cruise out would have consumed the weekend and holiday.



Sunday, September 2 - We cruised on the only able craft (Bob Hallin's Echo) to the water side of the Sausalito Art Festival to enjoy the live music. There we commenced, ate sandwiches and had libations while we listened to the great live music. They played blues, jazz and gospel music that was audible from our anchorage. Some of our party even enjoyed dancing on the bow! The weather was gorgeous and it was a great sail.

Monday, September 3 - Another group sailed to the festival on Monday while we drove to Bodega Bay to enjoy a gracious dinner and to camp overnight in Hazel Caldwell's wonderful home! The next morning we went to Mary Jane Hutchinson's for brunch and to view the "Ghost Ship" that has slipped her anchor in Bodega. Sadly, she is derelict and unattended. It appears her name is "Hapi". Bob Hallin joined us and he and Hazel paddled small kayaks out and got a good look at the ghost ship. They reported that she still carries her equipment and it appears that she was taking on water before her dock lines gave way.

That ended the Non Cruise Out and we sadly headed back home! I want to thank all who participated, hosted, cooked, cleaned and otherwise made this glorious weekend retreat possible. We have such creative and generous members that we were able to overcome the rash of engine, battery and other "boaty" problems! Thanks All! ◆

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opinion, unless we make some noise to the Park Service and our representatives, and by we I mean the membership, the Air Force, the waterfront community and everyone who enjoys the Marina for what it is, Travis Marina and the PYC may well cease to exist in any recognizable form.

I have enclosed a rough draft of a letter I would like to send to rep. Lynn Woolsey, Diane Feinstein, Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer. Any feedback from anyone who wants to help polish this letter up would be greatly appreciated. I realize this is an uphill battle at best, and maybe I'm just a sucker for lost causes (St. Jude, where are you now?). But if we don't make ourselves heard, the game is over. ♦

Dear _____,

I am writing in the capacity of member/guest/employee/concerned citizen regarding Travis Marina. Travis Marina is located on Horseshoe Cove at the southern tip of Sausalito adjacent to the north tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the Discovery Museum.

Travis Marina, which is the home of the Presidio Yacht Club, is a small pleasure craft marina operated by the US Air Force on land leased from the National Park Service. We have been at this location since 1959. We are a military MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) facility. We have a dining room, commercial kitchen, lounge, workshop and slips for approximately 50 boats. Our facility is open to the public and is enjoyed on a daily basis.

At this time, the NPS master plan calls for the removal of all individually held boat slips, removal of the breakwater wall, removal of the shore retaining wall, transformation of the workshop into a museum and the installation of a gift shoppe. In other words, the NPS envisions the complete removal of anything resembling a working marina and wants to sterilize and otherwise Velveetatize this portion of the waterfront.

I am writing to say I am against this plan. I understand that the Bay Area in general may not be the most pro-military environment. Nevertheless, Travis Marina is the last military MWR facility left on the bay. Whether or not you support the war in Iraq, the men and women stationed there and in the military in general deserve more than the loss of yet another recreational facility.

The bottom line is that we provide services: reasonably priced recreation, food, drinks, and an event location for that middle class segment of society that is not willing or not able to spend the kind of money that many 'upscale' waterfront establishments charge. There is truly nothing like our marina left in the central bay. I implore you. Please don't let this piece of history fall to the hands of the park service and the contractors who work for them. It would be a tragedy to allow this place to be the victim of bureaucratic policy. How sad for Travis Marina to be changed from a vibrant, working marina into a stagnant museum display of what 'marina life used to be,' to be viewed perhaps through a piece of plexiglass.

Sincerely,

Lynn Woolsey

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RENT A SKIPPER PROGRAM

By Jack Machun

The Rent A Skipper program continues to be a success story the Presidio Yacht Club can be proud of. If providing recreational opportunities for active duty personnel is the mission of the Travis Marina/Presidio Yacht Club we can say "Mission Accomplished". Since January 2007 the Rent A Skipper program gave over 450 people a cruise on San Francisco Bay. About 400 of these cruisers were active duty military and their dependents, the rest other MWR qualified people.

The credit for this success story goes to the group of volunteer skippers who give their time to make it happen. The list of volunteers is too great to mention all, over 20 skippers participated this year. However I will mention the top three participants who are the backbone of the program. Steve Mahaley (15), Oliver Field (12) and Jason Funk (8). The others volunteered for 2 to 4 trips.



I should mention that being a Skipper is not all drudgery. There is a great deal of pleasure involved. Taking a group of novices out and showing them the fundamentals of sailing, discussing the benefits of military life and being an all around hero in command of the boat is truly rewarding.

Aside from our mission to provide recreation, the Rent A Skipper program generates a pretty good chunk of money to justify our existence. Since January 2007 the boat rentals generated over \$12,000 in rental fees. About 95% of this is by the Rent A Skipper program. The other 5% by individual renters. It's pretty obvious without the volunteer skippers the boats could not be justified.

If you are a competent sailor you can join this group. With proper credentials you can be checked out on the Catalina 30 and the Catalina 27. Contact the Marina Manager to schedule a check out ride. The check out fee is \$50. ♦

Editor's Note: Jack Machun has volunteered as the rent-a-skipper coordinator for over 10 years. Thanks, Jack!



PRESIDIO AND RECIPROCIITY—A GREAT CLUB BENEFIT

By Walt Bondies

In February, my wife and I chartered for a month in Florida, and cruised the east and west coasts of Florida. Two family members joined us for the East Coast segment, which made it even more fun. Then in June, my wife and I cruised again, along the East Coast of Florida, plus Georgia and South Carolina. They were great trips and we'd be glad to share info with anyone who might be interested in these cruising areas.

The neat thing I want to share is that I had contact with a number of yacht clubs in the areas where we cruised, and almost all provided reciprocity and welcomed us as members of Presidio YC, but only because Presidio was listed as a member of the Yachting Club of America (YCA). Our experience was that many clubs in Florida which are members of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs also grant reciprocity to members of YCA member clubs from other areas. YCA publishes a book of its Member Yacht Clubs---the "Register of American Yacht Clubs", but for some reason Presidio was not listed in the 2006 book. Fortunately for us, Presidio was listed as a member on YCA's website (at www.ycaol.com).

This was a great benefit since frequently the local yacht clubs have well located and very nice facilities. One of the nicest clubs we visited was the Lauderdale Yacht Club as seen in the above photo. Since Presidio was listed on the YCA website as a member, we not only received a prime slip next to the manicured front lawn, but also were invited to dine at their great restaurant, and had free use of their club house, tennis courts, fitness center and heated swimming pool---and to top it off, we received our first day of dockage free---saving us over \$90.

If any other members cruise in waters away from the Pacific coast, or just want to visit other yacht clubs, (and if Presidio is still a member of YCA), I encourage you to enjoy this great Presidio benefit. YCA's website says that, on request, YCA will send to Presidio individual YCA Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for use by Presidio members. They would be handy to have along, whether visiting other yacht clubs by boat or by car. Assuming that Presidio continues its membership in YCA (which I sure hope), maybe it will even be listed in future printings of the YCA "Register." ♦

Editor's Note: The PYC's membership in the YCA was not renewed in 2006 due to an unperceived need. However, renewal will be re-examined at the October 13th council meeting.

Team Sandpiper Update Part V

By Tom and Amy Larson, USCG Retired SV Sandpiper/Oakland, Ca.

Ahoy PYC!! September 28th was Sandpiper's two year anniversary from sailing out of Horseshoe Cove! As of our last writing we have traveled some distance from Lizard Island in Australia to where Sandpiper is currently located on a mooring buoy in front of the Royal Bali Yacht Club in Bali, Indonesia.

After departing Lizard Island Sandpiper sailed north up the Australian Coast inside the Great Barrier Reef stopping at many great anchorages along the way. We finally arrived in Darwin after sailing across the top of Australia crossing the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Sandpiper spent 3 weeks anchored in Darwin in front of the Darwin Sailing Club getting ready to leave Australia for Indonesia in the 2007 Darwin to Kupang Rally with 130 other boats from all over the world. We joined this sailing rally as the rally committee assisted us with a majority of the required paperwork for sailing thru Indonesia and scheduled stops through Indonesia with events at each stop. Sandpiper left Darwin along with all 130 boats at 11am on July 26th arriving 5 days later in Kupang Indonesia.

If you have never looked at Indonesia on a map, Indonesia is a large group of islands covering a very large area between Australia and Singapore. Kupang is on the island of Timor and is a busy city with many shops, cars including whole families on motorcycles. After being cleared in by Quarantine and Customs who came out to Sandpiper on their police boat, we went ashore where the rally committee had Indonesian Immigration set at by the dinghy landing where we cleared in to Indonesia. During our stop in Kupang we enjoyed events scheduled by the rally committee such as a bus tour into the mountains where we visited a traditional Indonesian Village where the villagers live in grass huts and is like stepping back in time. We also attended a Gala Dinner where we were welcomed by the Governor and Mayor of Kupang and saw many different Indonesian dancers perform. After departing Kupang Sandpiper sailed overnight to the port of Alor on Flores Island where we were welcomed by the mayor of Alor and attended Alor Expo where we saw dance performances and each village on the island got to show off how they lived.



Indonesians are by far the friendliest people we have met and whenever we have gone ashore we are treated like celebrities. Most visitors to Indonesia just come to Bali and the islands surrounding Bali and very few travelers ever go to Eastern Indonesia where we have spent the last month. It is a bit overwhelming at times being surrounded by mobs of Indonesians who just want to tell you their names and to say hello, one young mother even had me autograph her son's hand! We took a dive/snorkeling trip while in Alor with many colored fish and coral. From Alor Sandpiper traveled west stopping at many remote anchorages and a few cities for rally stops. Some of our favorite stops were Rinca Island which is a World Heritage Site as the island is full of Komodo Dragons, snorkeling off Komodo Island where Sandpiper swam with turtles and giant manta rays, visiting Mount Kelimutu with its multi colored crater lakes high up in the volcanic mountains on Flores Island, Gili Air Island with its horse drawn carts and beach bars and now Bali.

Team Sandpiper's future plans are to spend the next 30 days exploring all that Indonesia has to offer, and then stop in Singapore before traveling north thru Malaysia via the Straits of Malecca, then Thailand.

Catch more of us on the PYC's website, or visit us at sandpiper38.blogspot.com where you can track Sandpiper's progress and read our postings from stops along the way. ♦

Port Captain's Notes

By Jack Gordon

I was here for August workday and we had a good day: Rejoined two dock sections, got some free flotation under the guest dock, installed the fire extinguishers, and set up for a nice dinner. As noted in the last *Porthole*, fingers and guest dock still need more work. We have a new method for floating docks and it is cheaper by a lot. We are using 55 gallon plastic barrels which are much cheaper than floats and have 3/4 the flotation of a tub by my calculations. We are still in the experimental stage and have placed six barrels under the Guest Dock (along with some flotation that cost us nothing since it floated in). Two of them have escaped which is evidence we don't have the method of securing them down right. However, assuming we can solve this problem, we can cheaply deal with a lot of fingers and docks. As an engineer, I worry that the drums may distort under the load, but the only way to find out is do it. Many thanks to Bob Hallin, Ernie Filippo, and Jimmy Morgan who help out constantly plus many others who help on a more occasional basis, and our energetic and decisive manager who gets what we need promptly.

A word on the fire extinguishers; we have been a long time without them and they are valuable. Consider a row of boats with gasoline and diesel engines, quantities of fuel, paint, varnish, shellac, rope, wooden docks – fire is a big hazard. **DON'T USE THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER SUPPORTS FOR HOSES, CLOTHES HANGARS OR TIE UP POINTS**, and try to avoid hitting them with your bow.

The electrical connections on some of the dock sections have pulled loose from their couplings. We need someone with electrical knowledge to see how these can best be re-secured.

I've been away as much as here this summer, looking forward to quiet progress in the fall. ♦

Navy Boats

By Manny Mier

Jack Gordon, Ernie Filippo, and I were working on the docks when Alan Johnson called to inform us that two Navy sailing boats were in distress up the coast and were headed our way and if we could help them. Jack Gordon informed we would help them but might have to have them anchor out. They arrived and on a temp basis we put them on an end tie and a berth on the breakwater dock. The boats were being taken to Seattle YC by a crew of retired military crew from San Diego. They stayed in a motel and rented cars. Ruary was very hospitable and provided keys to the docks which they returned on Saturday to me and which I turned in to Bob along with the boat keys. Alan and I plus others will care for the boats until the USN academy takes over. It is expected that these boats may be sent by truck to Seattle. We have since learned that Seattle and San Diego keep such boats via a private foundation set up by the members at no cost to the facility. There has been preliminary discussion of us forming such an organization. ♦



**TRAVIS SAILING ACADEMY
60TH SERVICES – TRAVIS MARINA
2008 CLASS SCHEDULE**

BASIC KEELBOAT SAILING CLASS

This is an American Sailing Association (ASA) certified course, introducing students to sailing and emphasizing boating safety, sailboat operation, terminology, and handling; use of an outboard engine; and Rules of the Road. Successful class completion and demonstration of skills will earn the student an ASA certification, usable at ANY sail center WORLDWIDE.

2008 CLASS DATES

BKB 01-08 1/19, 20, 26, 27/08

BKB 02-08 4/12, 13, 19, 20/08

BKB 03-08 5/17, 18, 24, 25/08

BKB 04-08 6/21, 22, 28, 29/08

BKB 05-08 8/16, 17, 23, 24/08

BKB 06-08 9/20, 21, 27, 28/08

BASIC COASTAL CRUISING SAILING CLASS

This is an American Sailing Association (ASA) certified course, in which students learn intermediate skills and techniques such as anchoring, and sail adjustment. Successful class completion and demonstration of skills will earn the student an ASA certification, usable at ANY sail center WORLDWIDE.

2008 CLASS DATES

BCC 01-08 03/15, 16, 22/08

BCC 02-08 10/18, 19, 25/08

BAREBOAT CHARTER SAILING CLASS

Bareboat Charter is provided on a privately owned Hunter 31, it is a two night, two day course. Students must be prepared to sleep onboard and to bring provisions for the stay. Successful class completion and demonstration of skills will earn the student an ASA certification, usable at ANY sail center WORLDWIDE.

2008 CLASS DATES

BBC 01-08 07/11, 12, 13/08

BBC 02-08 11/14, 15, 16/08

COASTAL NAVIGATION

Coastal Navigation is a self-taught course. Students must purchase the supplies from the American Sailing Association. Students may contact the instructor for help as needed. When ready for the examination, students must contact the instructor for an appointment. Provide at least a 3 hour block of time for the test.

COURSE FEES:

Basic Keelboat: \$255.00

Basic Coastal Cruising: \$215.00

Bareboat Charter: \$290.00

Coastal Navigation: \$135.00

Please email Phyllis Burns Keeton at pburnskeeton@yahoo.com for reservations in classes.

From The Porthole of April 1965

"Your PYC Directory, which should be with your telephone book and social calendar, lists all planned activities for the year...Special flyers will NOT be sent for all events, so you yachters are expected to keep up with the club calendar, to make your reservations in time, and to be responsible for your reservations, as in all clubs." (It appears that some things never change!)

Upcoming Events

Be sure to mark your calendars and make timely reservations for these events:

- **November 17, 2007** – *Change of Watch Ceremony and Dinner*
- **December 16, 2007** - *Children's Christmas Party*
- **December 31, 2007** – *New Year's Eve* - Please let us know what kind of New Year's Eve festivity you would like to have. The purpose of the party is to be together as the year changes. We can have a formal party, if we have enough people. We could have a very informal gathering as well. Let us know what you want to do. Do you need hotel information? Let us know. The contact information is listed below!

Contact your Rear Commodore, Dave Chamberlain at (916) 804-1659 or dchamberlain@softcom.net for information and to make reservations.



New Resident at the Clubhouse

A young skunk was observed close to the club house deck and on the beach. It was nonchalantly eating berries while the outrigger club went about their business. The only sign of concern was that it turned its rear and raised its tail if anyone came close. But, it did not stop eating! It seems no one came close enough to really concern it! As each person passed, the tail came down and the skunk turned around. We understand the skunk has been seen strolling on the beach with Ruary's little dog, Rider.

2007 Chili Cook Off

The Chili Cook Off is usually part of the Super Bowl Party. Indeed, several members made chili and brought it. That was the day the Queen Mary came in. The roads were gridlocked and over a hundred people sought refuge. The Rear Commodore took the prizes home. Please note that the prizes had the year 2007 embroidered on them!



Oh, we tried again, but it didn't work out. Three of us made chili again. We did not have enough participants, not enough guests showed up for dinner and I don't believe the judge showed up. Volunteer help just doesn't always work out. The Rear Commodore took the prizes home and the cooks took a lot of chili back home also.

We combined the September potluck with the Chili Cook Off and...Bingo! We had five chilies and two judges! The judges were Max Chamberlain and Susie Spanger who judged the chili on texture, taste and appearance. Mary Jane Hutchinson took third, Steve Peters took second and D'Vonne Hutchins took first. The prizes were beautiful aprons embroidered by our own Mary Jane! Everyone was happy that they got to eat award winning chili. The Rear Commodore is happy to have the prizes awarded and the cooks are overjoyed that they don't have to make more chili!

Unplanned DIPS

During one of our workday dinners, the Coast Guard towed a disabled motor boat to our guest docks. A crew went out in the Boston Whaler to assist the owner and to tow the boat to the launch ramp, where the trailer was. Our Commodore, Steve, was thrown overboard from the Boston Whaler while the crew was attempting to tow the boat to the launch ramp. He was able to get back aboard quickly. However, the rescue operation continued and Steve was hypothermic when he returned to the dining room. He recovered nicely at home later that evening, and was subsequently awarded the DIPS (Damp Important Persons Society) dolphin pin!

The DIPS is not an admirable society to join and everyone is reminded to take care around the docks and in the boats. We should also always be aware how quickly hypothermia can set in when an individual is wet in the Bay area. It is no way to finish off a nice dinner! ♦

2007 Race Season Results

April 15

- 1 - Louis Canotas - Jazman
- 2 - Jack Gordon - HHS Bliss
- 3 - No Third Place

May 20

- 1 - Louis Canotas - Jazman
- 2 - Bill Stettiner - Tainted Love
- 3 - No Third Place

June 24

- 1 - Jon Rolien - Spirit of Bombay
- 2 - Louis Canotas - Jazman
- 3 - Barrows/Funk - Warrior

July 15

- 1 - Jon Rolien - Spirit of Bombay
- 2 - Louis Canotas - Jazman
- 3 - Bob Hallin - Echo

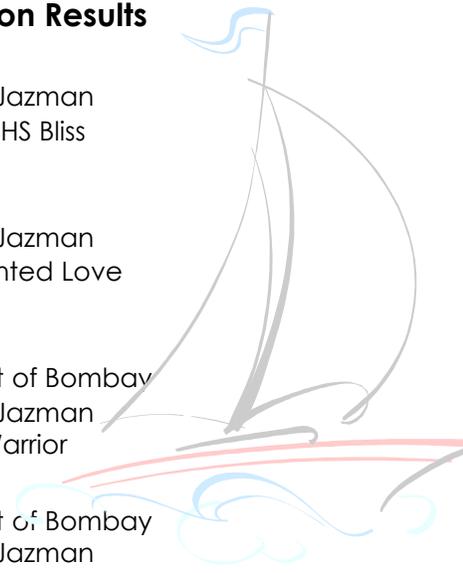
August 19

- 1 - Jon Rolien - Spirit of Bombay
- 2 - Bob Hallin - Echo
- 3 - No Third Place

September 16

- 1 - Louis Canotas - Jazman
- 2 - Jack Gordon - HHS Bliss
- 3 - Bob Hallin - Echo

Lady Skipper's Race is October 21.



Welcome New Members!

Todd Brooks, USAF Res.

Kent Eff, USAF Ret.

Phil Garcia, USAF Ret.

Neil Giles, USN

Andy & Lori Middione, USAF

Get Your Holiday Shopping Done Early!

Chandlery Items (shirts, sweatshirts, hats, totes, aprons, cups, pins, and more) with the PYC burgee are available by contacting Henriette Gordon at hjg2706@sbcglobal.net. As some items may not be readily in stock in your preferred size, please allow two weeks to complete your order. Cash and checks only.

Jean Mahoney

Dan Mahoney, Past Commodore, & his wife Jean are long time members of the PYC. Sad news was received from Dan Mahoney that Jean died late July.

As many know, she had been very ill and under the care of hospice for a long time. The children, Dan Jr. and Patty, were with her when she died.

A memorial was held at Deer Park Villa.

Contributions, if desired, are suggested to Petaluma Hospice.

Write an Article for the Porthole

Thanks to all who have contributed articles for this and past PYC newsletters. If you have boating news, cruising adventure or other story of interest for the PYC, please submit your ready-to-publish articles to Jennifer Schripsema at mike.n.jen@hotmail.com to be included in future *Portholes*. Photographs are highly encouraged!

Featured Websites

- ◆ Almost home! Track Chris Parkman's big adventure sailing among the icebergs. You can track *S/V Cloud Nine* at www.shiptrak.org, ship code# N0DUY. (Second character is the number zero.) A recent *Wall Street Journal* article at www.oceanconserve.org/articles/reader.asp?linkid=84047 summarizes their passage.
- ◆ Mary Jane Hutchinson came across a *Marin Magazine* article about our club at www.marinmagazine.com/Marin-Magazine/September-2007/Presidio-Yacht-Club/. The article describes the PYC as the gem we all know it to be.
- ◆ Walt Bondies recommends the website www.marin.com that provides aerial photos and useful information on marinas all over the world. Check it out for planning your next cruise.
- ◆ If you are looking for inexpensive lodging while in Marin, Alan Johnson reminds us that Hamilton Field has US Coast Guard TLF units available for MWR-qualified military. Go to www.uscg.mil/mlcpac/iscalameda/mwr/novato.asp for information.

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