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Commodore's Column

By Diana Fischer

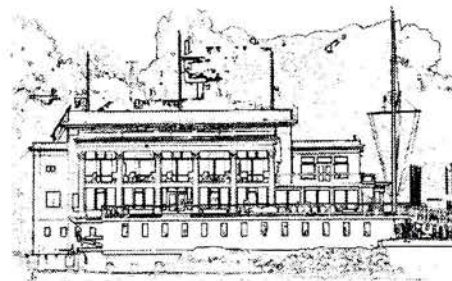


The 114th Annual Meeting of the Corinthian Yacht Club elected new Flag Officers and Board of Directors. Many of you may not know your new Commodore so I thought I might share a little of my background. San Francisco is my hometown and I'm a fourth generation one at that. I won't bore you with the early years except to say my involvement with boating began when my parents bought a 27-foot Monterey double ender fishing boat with a one cylinder Hicks engine. It took us hours to get out the Gate to the fishing grounds, but when we did,

our boat was always the one to find the salmon.

After graduating from Lowell High School and then San Francisco State University I became a claims examiner for the State of California, married and had my son Kevin. My boating experience during all of that time revolved around the sport fishing industry, as my mother bought and captained the *Wacky Jacky*. In 1981 things changed when I met my second husband, the love of my life, Ed Fischer. As an import from New Jersey, he dove into the San Francisco culture and made friends with sailors from the Corinthian Yacht Club. That was the beginning of a wonderful new experience: Friday Night Races on a winning boat. We crewed on the *Gryphon* for several years before we bought our first boat, a Cal 20 named *No Problem*.

We then bought our Catalina 27, *Sirius*, and joined the Yacht Club in 1992. We moved to Novato and I took over the management of my sister's dental practice in San Rafael. With my son raised and a little extra time I dove right into the many committees of the Corinthian Yacht Club. I have joined and served on numerous Race Committees, The Corinthian Women, which I served as President, the Opening Day on the Bay Committee, and the House Committee, before I was elected to the Board of Directors in 1996.



In 1997, I served as your Rear Commodore, and then two years as your Vice Commodore. The rest is history.

There are many things happening at the Club. Work has begun stabilizing the hillside. A temporary shed is now at the Pelican Grille location because the "termite shed" had to go to accommodate the work on the hillside. The Catering Company has totally funded the addition of a modern day dumb waiter, and the dining room alcove is almost back to normal minus the leaking and dry rot.

Our Midwinter races were a smashing success and March is packed full of wonderful events. It begins with the Meat Loaf Cruise to Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club, then St. Patrick's Day which is on a Friday night, followed by the Horsfall/Vincent Club Regatta, and the Scandinavian American Regatta.

April is not to be outdone by March so April 1, the Corinthian Yacht Club will run the first Angel Island Regatta, a regatta to support the preservation of the Angel Island Immigration Station, (Ellis Island of the West Coast). Our first Friday Night Race is on April 7th followed by a cruise to Benicia, and then The Corinthian Women will produce our ever-popular Easter Party. April also brings the annual Blessing of the Pleasure Craft on Opening Day weekend on the 29th and 30th. Truly something for everyone.



Racing

Corinthian's 2000 Mid-winter series was successful by all measures. First, racing. We had 131 entries and weather of all kinds from light to heavy winds, rain and sun.

On our third race, only 9 were finishers. It seems that our Midwinters are always a mixed weather bag. Secondly, shoreside fun. Judging by the well attended post-race parties, record food and bar sales and lively dancing to Nighttrain and The Cruise Bay Cowboys, the shoreside scene was equal to the racing. Pineapple Sails and ABC Yachts were kind enough to provide the beer. Thanks, and way to go!

Some outstanding performances by CYC racers warrant mentioning. Overall Trophies for Best Performance by a CYC racer went to John Nootboom who took a perfect three first places in his division. Here's John accepting his trophy.



Other first place performances in their Divisions were Charles Brochard in the Olson 25s pictured with his crew below.



Also, there was John Colver in the Knarrs and Dave Holscher and Steve Ethridge in PHRF IV. David Holscher and his daughter are pictured in the next column.

On The Water

By Dan Carrico

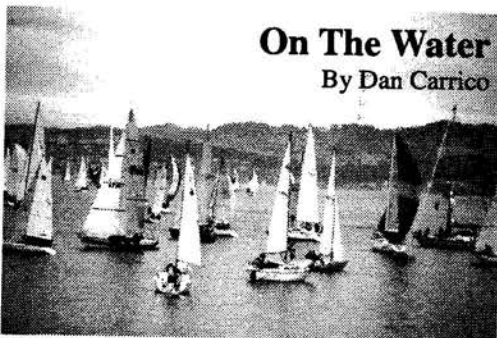


Photo: Ed Fischer

The Aotea Team First Place Trophy went to San Francisco Yacht Club team of Schneider/Melbostad/Smith. Jim Skarr came in with a Third in the Knarrs with his new boat *Peer Gynt V* and Bill Canada fought tough competition to earn a respectable Third in Non-Spinnaker.

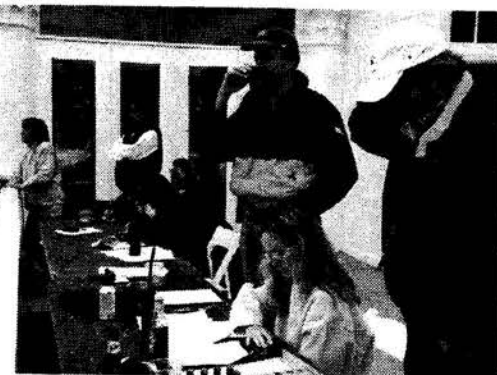


The Corinthian Midwinter series has been built over the years by club

volunteers to become the premier midwinter series on the bay. The 2000 series had great success building on that tradition. On behalf of all racers and our entire club, a big thanks to John and Sharon Warren for the use of *Warren Peace* (shown below), Regatta Chair, Ron Kell, Jim Snow, Principal Race Officer, and his friend, Marian Bennett, Mark Thompson Race Committee Chair and Midwinter race committee volunteers Christene Abela, Will Bryerton, Anita Dillon, Karen Gilbert and Larry Burnworth, Matthew and Abigail Gorton, Robert and Leigh Guinn, Diana and Ed Fischer, Shama Kota, Kay Rudiger and Gunnar and Mary Ellen Wetlesen (some of whom are shown below). Special thanks to Rob Moore.



CYC's Annual Horsfall/Vincent Intra-Club Regatta, the around Angel Island in either direction fun race, will take place on Saturday, March 18th, first gun at 1150 hours. There will be a shoreside party after.



The Third Annual Scandinavian American Regatta/Dinner Dance was conceived and organized by Karin Dilou, and she will once again chair this event, which will be held Saturday, March 25th, with first gun at 1350 hours. All Corinthian skippers are encouraged to enter, but there is one catch - each boat has to have at least one person of Scandinavian descent aboard! Karin can also help with crew if you will just call her. Cocktails and dinner begin

In the old days members would begin arriving Friday afternoon to help move tables, drink, play poker, drink, and exchange old jokes. Now they do everything on Saturday and the former Sunday luncheon is no more. Few if any sleep in Pneumonia Alley, although some do spend the night on a boat rather than endanger Marin County motorists.



On Saturday, February 4, 2000, the Club celebrated its 114th Cooks and Waiters night. Attended by roughly 100 members and guests, it could be listed as a successful evening. Jack Cooper did his usual job as Master of Ceremonies and Joke Teller, Dan Carri-co accepted responsibility for putting the thing together, and Herb Rodricks and crew turned out a classy roast beef.

One of the differences was the soup. The traditional pea soup, as the story goes, is sometimes so thick you can stand a spoon upright in the middle of the bowl. If the bottom of the spoon is gone when removed from the soup, don't eat it. This year it wasn't pea soup at all. It was bean soup with barley. However, it was quite good. Another difference was the AmericaOne loss to Prada which was announced half way through dinner, something that has never happened before. The distribution of rolls to each plate by former major league pitchers and catchers was unique. The waiters, who had not been provided adequate training, served the roast beef without veggies or potatoes.

The Corinthian Players, who made such a great debut in 1999, failed to show for their second appearance. Other entertainers and a Seinfeld type comedian did appear to feed the enthusiasm of the crowd. The evening continued through the wee hours, and everyone appeared to have a good time.

One member lost his car in the parking lot. However, it turned out the car was never there, as he had received a ride to the Club and forgot. A friendly member drove him home.

Who Are Those Guys?

By Marcia Peck

Do you ever ask yourself why the best sailors are the best sailors? Why do the same sailors always win all the time? Why do the same names keep turning up at the top of the list, like the Corinthian Midwinter's? Duh, they are good, that's why. And they got that way by lots of practice and time on the water.

John Nooteboom, one of the club's great sailors, started his career on the Santa Monica Pier in 1934! In those ancient times, star boats were anchored at the pier, and Buddy Epsen was the star

of the fleet. In the 1930's, two brothers, Sid and Gordon Cowie, began the lightweight Star fleet. John's sister dated the younger of the Cowie brothers, and that was enough to get a very young John Nooteboom a 3d crew position on their boat, called "the popcorn fart", because he could bail to leeward without tipping the boat.



During the war, most of the good sailors worked at Douglas Aircraft. They were able to use Douglas facilities to build boats, and the Snipe is one example of what came of this. Those "flat" Snipes are what produced the West Coast champions. John was in the Coast Guard in the Pacific, and when he got out, he bought a Douglas Snipe. In 1949, he got a 3rd in the Pacific Coast Championships and his sailing career was launched.

John's life and sailing accomplishments read like something out of Who's Who. He was an engineer for Hughes's Aircraft. He sailed a Barney Lehman design sailing dingy, Snipes, an Enterprise, Dragons, and oh yes, the Cal 20. On this feared little boat, he has become a perennial champion, and he shows no sign of slowing down.

If **Charles (Charlie) Brochard** sat down next to you at the bar, would you know who he was? Probably not, but he is one of the finest sailor/racers in our yacht club. Charlie, San Francisco born and raised, grew up sailing on Lake Merced with his dad in a centerboard boat called a Super Satellite. This gives you



a little clue to the time period in our century, Sputnik and all.

In the 60's, Charlie's dad bought a Victory 2 and joined the Corinthian Yacht Club. The pair sailed together and won many season championships and three Victory national championships. When Charlie was a senior in high school, he was racing with his dad in Richardson Bay. They were late to the start and paddling like hell because the engine was out. His dad started having chest pains and had a heart attack right there. Charlie had to sail for the dock in Sausalito and call an ambulance, but his dad made it.

In the mid-70's Charlie was married, but he couldn't afford a house. So, he bought a boat instead. She was a Santana 22 named *Tacky Lady*. As Charlie puts it, "We were always a bridesmaid, never a bride in the winners circle." Charlie's latest boat is an Olson 25, called *Baleineau*. He calls it his midlife crisis boat because

at 1600 hrs. This is always a high-class fun event.

Finally, this April 1st will be the First Annual Angel Island Regatta, this year hosted by the Corinthian. Regatta Chair Mark Thompson and Committee Member Kay Rudiger, in association with the Save Angel Island League, the Save America's Treasures and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will endeavor to give it a worthy start. Posters will be placed in the club and other clubs and a mailing will be made by the Yacht Racing Association to Bay-area racers. Notice of race can be picked up at the club or by e-mail. For information contact Mark at 415.454.0663, or e-mail: mark.thompson@markettools.com. Let's all get behind this and enter to help make it a huge success!

Cruising

The 2000 Cruising season begins March 4th with our cruise to Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club. This is the now famous "Meat Loaf Cookoff" led by Chris and Bill Canada. Judging will be provided by Hotel Mac. Come by car or boat, but don't miss this one! Docking facilities are limited so a word to the wise - sign up early! Pre-cook your meatloaf, as galley facilities are provided for warming. There will be a race beginning off the CYC clubhouse beginning at 1100 hours. Any questions can be directed to Bill or Chris.

Let Us entertain You

By Ed Fischer

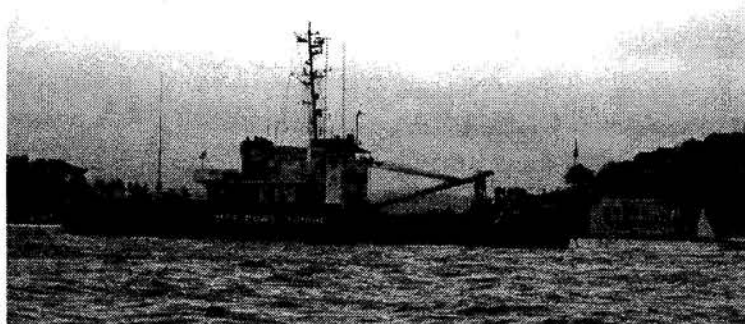
Valentine Dinner

This was a sold out event where Corinthian couples, new members as well as long-time members, enjoyed another great meal prepared by Chef Ian and his crew. Solo guitar music by Daniel Katz provided a romantic setting as couples dined at intimate tables (with the exception of the Commodore's table for 10). Another great night at the Club.

St. Patrick's Day

Prepare to Party on Friday, March 17, 2000. Watch for the flyer and reserve the date.

37th Opening Day Celebration - The Millennium Voyage
Opening Day weekend April 29 and April 30, 2000



Members Weekend Cruise-In

Join your fellow Corinthian cruisers and cruise to your own club. Those planning to race in the Friday night race that weekend are welcome to cruise-in Friday, otherwise plan on Saturday to save room in the harbor for the racers. Reservations are a must, so (like voting) reserve early and often! Call Herb Rodricks to register - (650) 589-1159

Boat Decorating Contest

Saturday April 29, 2000 -- Every one guaranteed a prize !!!



Awards for Decorating - Sunday Afternoon Entertainment

Saturday & Sunday (two bands on Sunday starting at noon.)
Kids jumping toy on Sunday.

Food

Saturday - lunch with a special menu at the Pelican Grill and a free keg of beer. Regular dining on Saturday evening.

Sunday - breakfast in the morning following religious services which start at 0730 hours. Lunch - enjoy a special menu from the Pelican Grill. Dinner - Chef Ian cooks up one of his barbecues.

The hoist will be closed at 1500 hours on Saturday, April 29, 2000 and Sunday April 30, 2000.

More to come in Opening Day flyer - watch for it!

Cooks and Waiters

By Dick Slottow



Although one might expect something different to introduce Cooks and Waiters to a new millennium, it didn't happen. Cooks and Waiters was the same as ever, but a little shorter.

it caused him so much aggravation making crew changes and adjustments. He must have got it right because he is the current reigning season and national champion in the Olson 25 class. Plus, he just won his division in the Corinthian Midwinter's (see Dan Carri-
 co's article for more information. By the way, in his real life, Charles Brochard is a scientist, working in biotech research, and he has helped bring the first drug for MS (multiple sclerosis) into production.

Women's Bridge

Bring your foursome to play bridge on the first Wednesday of the month from 11 AM to 4 PM. BYO brown bag lunch with coffee and tea served by the club. Call Mimi Berticevich at 435-0088 a few days before with your reservation. Cards and score sheets are supplied by the club.

The Corinthian Women

The year 2000 promises to be another great one for The Corinthian Women. The Board members for this year are Beverly Dunn, President, Edwina Serventi, Vice President, Karen Gilbert, Secretary, Marj Bundschuh, Treasurer and Directors, Esther Lerner Carri-
 co, Paula Hansson, Marie Jurajoria, Teresa Prescott, Kay Rudiger and Sandra Solomon.

We will receive new spring merchandise for the club store in time for opening day on April 30, 2000. Of particular note are the silk scarves, which are designed by renowned artist DeWitt. The silk-screened scarves depict the clubhouse along with colorful images of nautical scenes. These collector items are on sale now at the store.



The Easter brunch and Easter egg hunt on April 23, 2000 will be organized this year by Frances Dugdale. Cory For-
 man and Friends will be on hand to entertain one and all. Mark your calendars and reserve early. This event is put on yearly by the Corinthian Women and is sure to be a sellout.

Kay Rudiger once again will be organizing the Women's Sailing Seminars along with The Corinthian Women. A detailed flyer will be mailed to club members soon, so sign up early for this popular event. Save these dates: May 6, 7, 20 and 21, 2000. We are always in need of skip-
 pers and sailboats to facilitate the hands-on aspects of the class. Contact Kay Rudiger at (415) 381-4758 or e-mail at tcwsail@aol.com for more details, to sign on, and to volunteer your expertise and/or sailboat. You may also reserve your space in the classes by contacting Kay. Additional copies of the brochure and registration from can be obtained on the club website at www.cyc.org.

Want to Learn Desktop Publishing?

By Harry Blake

Your Board of Directors and many club members would like to see the *Telltale* published on a monthly basis (at least in the prime boating season) instead of the semi-monthly pace that I am able to do at present. Increasing the frequency is possible, but



Dick Slottow and I would need some help. Editing, reporting, and especially desktop publishing are what is needed. For the past year the *Telltale* has been totally published using no outside professional help except for the printing. The process starts by collecting content via e-mail (the best way) or scanning it. Next, the text is edited and proofread (using MS Word), and photo submissions are edited (using MS Photo Editor). The text and photos are then imported into a page layout program and the process of page layout begins. The completed issue is then dumped to a Zip disk and delivered to Kinkos for printing.

For us to have a monthly frequency I would need help getting articles from members, and more importantly doing the page layout/printer thing every-other month (at least during the prime boating season). This would be an opportunity for someone with good Windows and word processing skills to learn the basics of desktop publishing, as I would be willing to teach someone the little I know. I use Microsoft Publisher to do the page layout, but other programs such as Quark, PageMaker, FrameMaker, etc. can be used to do the job. Please let me know if you are interested. Phone: 415-435-6285; e-mail: hwblake@msn.com.

Photo Credits

Except where noted, I believe all the modern-day photos were taken by Marcia Peck. Thanks again, Marcia!

A Hard Rain's A-gonna Fall

*Oh, where have you been, my blue-eyed son?
 And where have you been my darling young one?
 I've stumbled on the side of twelve misty mountains
 I've walked and I've crawled on six crooked highways
 I've stepped in the middle of seven sad forests
 I've been out in front of a dozen dead oceans
 I've been ten thousand miles in the mouth of a graveyard
 And it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a hard, and it's a hard
 It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall.*



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Calendar of Club Activities...

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Wednesday 1
Saturday 4
Sunday 5
Friday 17

Saturday 18
Thursday 23
Saturday 25
Sunday 26

MARCH

Auxiliary Bridge 11:00 A.M.
Cruise to Pt. San Pablo YC
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Members Dining - Serving an Irish dinner
for St. Patricks Day 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Horsefal-Vincent Regatta 6:30 P.M.
CYC Board of Directors Meeting
Scandinavian/American Regatta
Quiet Night

APRIL

Wednesday 5
Friday 7
Friday 14
Saturday 15
Sunday 16
Thursday 20
Friday 21
Saturday 22
Sunday 23
Friday 28
Saturday 29
Sunday 30

Auxiliary Bridge 11:00 A.M.
First Friday night Race
Friday Night Races
Cruise to Benicia YC
Cruise to Benicia YC
Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Friday Night Races
Quiet Night
Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 A.M.
Friday Night Races
Boat Decorating of the Fleet
Opening Day on the Bay

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