

THE COYOTE'S BAY

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MESSAGE from the BOARD of DIRECTORS

Greetings, Members!

For those of you who aren't familiar with the organization of the club, the board of directors is the "engine" that keeps this club running. What do we all do? The Commodore is the CEO of the club; the vice-commadore is in charge of the house, and the rear commodore is in charge of all on-the-water activities. The Port Captain handles all clubs that wish to cruise in for a visit. The Secretary and Treasurer are in charge of the correspondence and the finances, respectively. The Staff Commodore is the previous year's commodore, who advises the board based on his or her experience the previous year. Under the officers are the chairs: the regatta chair is in charge of racing; the house chair, who takes care of the clubhouse; and the membership chair is in charge of recruitment of new members. Additionally, there are 3 directors at large, who fill in as needed.

We are a volunteer organization, so if you wish to help out, please contact one of the board members and let them know your interests! We can always find a thing for you to do!

MESSAGE from the TREASURER

Jan Mendez

Our Constitution provides for an annual review of the dues to be collected from every Member. The amount is adjusted in January and is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for San Mateo County for the twelve previous months. This year, the CPI for San Mateo, for All Urban Consumers published January 21, 2019, indicated an increase of 4.5%. Accordingly, our dues which have been \$81 for 2018, will increase to \$85 effective with the February bill that you will receive in March. This increase was approved by the Board at our meeting on January 22. Just as a point of information, our building rent which we pay to the San Mateo Parks Dept., increased by 10% for 2019.

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REGATTA RECAP

On March 2, 5 boats raced in the John Pitcher regatta. The weather was iffy in the morning, but cleared up enough for the race to take place. Racers were even blessed with a rainbow at the end of the race.

Five boats competed in the race; although the John Pitcher race is open to anyone with a boat in the marina, all the competitors were club members.

Boat	Skipper	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Finish
Paradigm	Luther Izmirian	02:01:38	01:56:26	1
Smooth	Tom Fedyna	02:28:50	02:10:55	2
Ventus	Ian Davison	02:20:00	02:18:18	3
Will-O-The-Wind	Charlei Weidanz	02:55:07	02:27:50	4
Vita e Bella	Jack Verducci	02:59:20	02:59:37	5



Smooth, under the rainbow.

Come Sailing With Us!

No experience Necessary!

Every Wednesday April-October

Skipper's meeting 5:30p.m.

Dock departure approximately 6:00 p.m.

Return approximately 7:30-8:00 p.m.

Post race dinner available

<https://cpyc.com/sailing-at-cpyc/informal-racing/>

The Double Up and Back Race, which had been postponed from February, will be rescheduled for some time in April. Stay tuned for dates. April is also the Andy Byrd Memorial Pursuit Race. Andrew Byrd was a past commodore of CPYC, (1947-48) and a founding member. He was responsible for securing the original clubhouse and the land on which it sits. The Andy Byrd perpetual trophy race began in 1976; regardless of the winner's club affiliation, the trophy is to always remain at Coyote Point Yacht Club. The trophy will be on display throughout March and April.

Don't forget about the last two Winter Sails series on the Second and 4th Sundays in March. When April comes around, we will have the regular Wednesday night series starting!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Andy Byrd Memorial Pursuit Race

April 6, 2019

Skipper's Meeting at 11:30
Race start: 13:00

sign up on jibeset.net
or
e-mail regatta@cpyc.com

EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, April 21, 2017

11:00A.M-2:00 P.M.
(bar opens at 10:30)

\$40 per person
\$15 children under 12

RSVP by April 15

social@cpyc.com

Easter egg hunt for the kids

South Beach Yacht Club Cruise Out
April 12-14, 2019

Details to follow

Optional raft-up in McCovey Cove Sunday, April 14 for 1:05 Giants Game vs. Colorado Rockies

Sign up at <https://cpyc.com/sailing-at-cpyc/2019-cruise-schedule/>

EVERYONE WAS IRISH on St. PATRICK'S DAY

Saturday, March 16, a little piece of Ireland came to CPYC with our annual St. Patrick's Day feast. This year, we were joined by the Potter Yachters club, who had cruised in. In addition to lots of Irish themed drinks, attendees enjoyed a dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage, as well as live Irish music and Irish dancing, provided by Murphy's Irish Dancers. Thank you to Linda Murphy, Gay O'Brian, Carly Cozart and social chair Abby Wakefield for putting on a marvelous show!



OPENING DAY ON THE SOUTH BAY

This year, South Bay Opening Day will be held the weekend of May 3-5. This year, the committee has decided to take the event in a different direction, and highlight all on-the-water activities available.

On Friday, CPYC will kick off South Bay Opening Weekend festivities with a Fish Fry dinner. Saturday, in lieu of the traditional parade of boats and speeches, Sequoia will be hosting a "South Bay Water Day" Open House, featuring not only yacht clubs, but other on-the-water activities as well. South Bay Yacht Club will close out the weekend with their traditional Sunday gin-fizz brunch at Alviso marina.

This was not an easy decision for the committee to make. Changes were made for logistical and practical reasons. Attendance at the event has been dwindling, and two of the participating clubs (Westpoint and Peninsula Yacht Club) do not have physical buildings and would be unable to host any events. Moreover, many boaters found that it was not worth the effort to decorate their boat twice—once for the SF Opening Day, and then again for SBOD, with a different theme.

Skippers who still wish to decorate and participate in a parade are encouraged to participate in the SF Opening Day parade, to be held on April 28, 2019. This year's theme is "Holidays on the Bay."




CPYC Presents

ADULTS \$25
KIDS \$15

South Bay Opening Day

Friday, May 3, 2019
6:30 p.m.



FISH FRY

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

SALAD
FISH + CHIPS (or Chicken tenders)
CLAM CHOWDER
DESSERT

THE BOATER WAVE

Adapted from boatplanet.com

When you are out on the water, ever notice how other boaters wave to you as you go by? Those of you who are new to boating may find this tradition rather quaint, or odd, but the boater wave is more than just a simple “hello” with your hand or a courtesy gesture; it marks your fellowship (no pun intended) with a select group of other water lovers.

No one really knows when and how this tradition got started, but it likely emerged as a way to communicate with other friendly ships over a long distance: in the days before VHF hailers and cell phones, the person on watch would often sit with a pair of binoculars and scan the horizon for other boats; a hand gesture would usually mean that the other boat was occupied, and that the other mariner acknowledged your presence. In 2013, [BoatUS](#) conducted a survey that showed 99.4% of boat owners do wave to other boats. It is a nice, simple gesture. Additionally, waving to the other boaters can mean more than just a simple acknowledgment. Consider it more like a code among boaters: “We’re in this together. I see you and I got you.” The tradition is not limited to small boats either--whether you have a pontoon barge on the lake, ski boat, sail boat, center console, or megayacht doesn’t matter--if someone waves at you on the water you wave back.

Like all communication, there is an etiquette involved in doing the wave. First, the boater wave should also be a proactive not reactive gesture. Don’t wait for the other person to initiate the wave—strive to be the one who initiates it. Most boaters will respond in kind with a wave later, in fact, there is a “nickname” for people who refuse to wave back—they are known simply as ‘boatholes.’ The boater wave can also be a safety measure. Knowing that someone acknowledged your presence can mean peace of mind in the unfortunate instance that something happens while out on the water. Yes, the Coast Guard is quick, but probably not as quick as the boater that saw you.

So, how do you do the boater wave? You don’t need to wave like Forrest Gump when he sees Lieutenant Dan on the dock--think of a motorcycle or Jeep owner wave: nothing extreme, but enough to where someone can tell you acknowledged them. Even a “cheers” with your cold beverage could suffice. Even the youngest passengers can participate in this time-honored tradition. Elliot Foster owner of a 1999 Sea Ray 450 on Keuka Lake, offers up a solution for that: “If you are holding an infant, then take the infant's hand and move it around in such a way as to simulate the baby's waving to the people we pass.”

So, the next time you are out on the water and a fellow boater shoots you a wave, be courteous and wave back. Don’t be salty, or as we like to call it, don’t be a boathole.

The full article is available here:

<https://boatplanet.com/the-captains-blog/why-do-boaters-wave-at-each-other>

