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at Corinthian Yacht Club
June 28, Wooden Boat Show
at Corinthian Yacht Club
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Sept. 5, 6, 7 Labor Day Cruise to Westpoint
Harbor Redwood City
Oct. 17, Jessica Cup**
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2015 Regatta Notes

In a sharp contrast with last year's Master Mariners Regatta, which featured bright sun, 30-knot winds and a big ebb, the 2015 race was sailed under mostly cloudy skies in light winds with a moderate flood. The conditions were really quite pleasant, despite the cold morning, although the light winds made for challenging sailing for many boats in a 62 boat fleet.

The wind was blowing no more than 8 knots at the start of the race. But with a lot of south in the breeze, the boats were able to reach across the line on their way to the first mark at Little Harding. The building flood at the Golden Gate put a premium on staying high relative to the mark, as reaching up against the flood in such light winds was slow and frustrating.

From Little Harding, most fleets went to Blackhaller before heading down to Blossom Rock. However, the Big Schooner, Gaff 1, and Gaff 2 divisions sailed the "flood relief" course that rounded Yellow Bluff instead of Blackhaller before heading to Blossom. I was sailing on ***Makani Kai***, Ken and Kristine Inouye's Angelman Sea Spirit ketch, and for those of us sailing the "flood relief" course, not having to beat our way up to Blackhaller was a huge blessing. Unfortunately, due to some confusion with inserts in the race instruction packet, a couple of the boats made the long and slow beat to Blackhaller anyway.



2015 MMBA Raft up at Encinal Yacht Club

Makani Kai was the first boat in the Gaff 2 division to round Yellow Bluff, and with Spanky (*Makani Kai's* gennaker) flying, we made a quick trip down to Blossom Rock. The wind had built to 15 knots from the west and the sun had started to peek out about the time we reached Blossom, so the trip across to Southampton Shoal was a delightful beam reach, followed by a close reach back to the finish on the north side of the eastern span of the Bay Bridge.

Makani Kai finished the race just behind the **John McNeill's** G1 schooner ***Yankee***, at about the same time that many of the Bear boats, which had sailed the short course, were finishing. The first boat to finish was the Herreshoff Rozinante design ***Jabulani*** owned by **Jeff Wilson**, who was sailing in his first Master Mariners Regatta. After the race, Jeff noted with a bright twinkle in his eye that

Kame Richards, who was sailing with him, "...kept wanting to put more sail up, and we were just flying!" They finished their 12.80 nautical mile course in 2:54:49 to win their division and the Lyle Galloway Trophy for fastest elapsed time for any rig under 30 feet.

This is the seventh time in 30 years that Ken and Kristine have won their division in the Master Mariners Regatta. "It was a pleasurable race and I can't think of any mistakes we made during the race," writes Ken. "It must have been due to all the practice sails. It was a flawless race....an odd day at the track." Might have been an odd day, but we were all smiles after the race. We also won the Kermit Parker Trophy for the fastest elapsed time in Gaff 2.

By the time we reached Encinal Yacht Club and the post-race party and raft up, the sun was out and the Dixieland Band was in full swing on the deck. Regardless of how the boats finished, the party was lively and everyone was happy to be surrounded by other wooden boat aficionados. At the awards ceremony, the biggest cheer was reserved for the winner of the Big Schooner division. That honor went to **Alma**, the big scow schooner owned by the National Park Service and skippered by **Jason Rucker/Carter Cassel** and, of course 1st mate **Alice Watts**.

John Tuma

(John Tuma is a freelance writer and crew on Makani Kai)

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From the Poop Deck

A big thank you to the MMBA Board and MMBA members that successfully held the Sponsor/Skipper Luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club. Especially **Staff Commodore Terry Klaus** for arranging and doing an excellent job of MC ing the luncheon. Also big thank you's to **Vice Commodore Steve Hutchinson** for running the regatta with the help of **PRO Jeff Zarwell and Sausalito Yacht Club**, and **Victor Early** for coordinating dinners at **Encinal Yacht Club**. Without the tireless effort and blood, sweat, and tears of these individuals and yacht clubs, we the MMBA, would be unable to have our annual regatta. If you see these individuals and yacht club reps, please thank them. They would appreciate a pat on the back. (P.S. there are a lot more people involved, I just don't have space to list them all.)

At the luncheon, it was good to see many long time sponsors that included **Ted Hall-Long Meadow Ranch Winery**, **Frank and Emily Hoberg-The Tide Book Co.**, **Hans List-List Marine Services**, and **Jim**

Hackworth-Hackworth Insurance. In addition to sponsors it was good to see the owners and skippers of MMBA boats that entered this year's regatta.

Barbi Whitbeck and newcomer **Pam deWitt** presented us with this year's **Jim deWitt** MMBA t-shirts featuring **Bob & Colleen Rogers' boat Sunda**.



Barbi Whitbeck, Bob Rogers, and Pam deWitt

With the Skipper/Sponsor Luncheon and Regatta behind us, it is now time to concentrate on many June festivities. These include graduations, the start of summer, summer solstice, Father's Day, and the annual MMBA General Meeting and Master Mariners Wooden Boat Show.



Terry and Lindsey Klaus

Please remember that **Saturday evening (June 27th)** is the **Annual MMBA General Meeting** to vote for directors and see what has been happening through the year and beyond. After the short informal meeting, dinner will be served in the upstairs Ballroom by **Corinthian Yacht Club**. A full buffet at \$28 per person will be served. (We have always had a delicious meal at the Corinthian Yacht Club). This is one of the better times to casually talk to your long time (old) friends and meet new ones.

As a world class sailing facility, Corinthian Yacht Club is once again graciously welcoming us for this year's MMBA Boat Show. We, the MMBA, are fortunate to have the CYC members and staff as our friends that share our appreciation of history and passion for traditional sailboats in the San Francisco Bay area.

On **Sunday (June 28th)**, the **22nd Annual Boat Show** will be held. **Commodore Bill Belmont** with **MMBF Directors Peter English, Mike Douglas, and MMBF President Bob Rogers** and the staffs of **CYC and SFYC** have been working hard to plan and coordinate the show. CYC is providing a limited

number of slips so the MMBA has the difficult job of assigning specific vessels to those vacant slips. However, CYC has agreed to allow MMBA vessels without specific slip assignments to raft up to Alma during the show. Whether you're in a slip or side tied, we hope you, your family, crew, and friends will come to this wonderful weekend event. (Rumor has it that if you're conspicuously absent, your handicap for the next Regatta may be under review.) Breakfast will be available at 8 AM and the bar and Pelican Grill will be open at 10 AM. This is the time to show off your boat and take a tour of some of the most unique MMBA boats that ply the Bay. With or without your boat, please volunteer an hour of your day to work the entry gate or t-shirt table. It's one of the best ways to support the MMBA Boat Show.

For those boats participating in the boat show, please be courteous. The admission policy is that skippers and crews that sail their boats in for the show are admitted free. Crews helping deliver boats back to their home ports after the show are free **IF** the skipper gives their name at the gate before 10 AM. For all those MMBA members and crew attending without your boat, you are required to pay entry at the gate. The MMBF appreciates your support.

Please invite your crew and friends to enjoy the day among other MMBA members.

Staff Commodores Ken Inouye and Peter English

Annual Meeting

When: Saturday - June 27, 2015

Place: Lower Deck of the Corinthian Yacht Club

Time: Approximately 5:30 PM

Dinner Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Upstairs Ballroom

Dinner: \$28.00/person (does not include gratuity)

Annual MMBA Boat Show

When: Sunday - June 28, 2015

Place: The Corinthian Yacht Club

Tickets: \$20/person (does **not** include lunch)

Lunch: Available at the Pelican Grill

Drinks: Available at the bar

Remember this is an MMBF fundraiser that supports maritime activities and individuals throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Westpoint Harbor Cruise

Redwood City

Labor Day Weekend Sept. 5, 6, 7

- Saturday-sail down to Westpoint Harbor in Redwood City.
- Saturday night -bbq/potluck on the party barge, bring something to bbq and a dish to share.
- Sunday morning- group breakfast on the docks.
- Sunday night – another bbq/potluck on the party barge, bring something to bbq and a dish to share.
- Monday morning-plan to sail home.

We've arranged for the 1st night slip fee at \$1/foot and the 2nd night free. It's the cheapest way to take a mini vacation within the Bay Area.

For those sailing in please let us know so we can arrange slips by Monday, August 24th.

For those driving in, we need to give you cards so you can park in the parking lot.

If you are interested in helping plan some type of activity for Sunday, please let us know.

(650) 494-7271 (We screen our calls... leave a message.)

MASTER MARINERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

MMBA 2015 Regatta Finishes - PRELIMINARY

Sail #	Vessel	Assigned Start	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Place	Perpetual Trophy	Sponsor	SKIPPER
BIG SCHOONER		14.2 nautical miles						
Alma	ALMA	12:00:00	15:19:23	3:19:23	1			NAT. PARK SERVICE
G7	FREDA B	13:00:00	15:41:20	2:41:20	2	Lynx	Starbuck Canvas Works	M. O'NEILL & P. DINES
4	SEAWARD	13:00:00	15:44:29	2:44:29	3		San Francisco Bar Pilots	ALAN OLSON
G6	GAS LIGHT	12:30:00	0:00:00	N/A			Butler Constuction	BILLY MARTENELLI
GAFF 1		14.2 nautical miles						
K109	YANKEE	12:35:00	15:26:02	2:51:02	1	Billiken	KKMI	YANKEE LLC
888	BRIGADOON	12:35:00	15:38:09	3:03:09	2		Amercan Maritime Group LLC, Alameda Port Engrs. Society, The Hitmen Termite & Pest Control	TERRY KLAUS
G28	TIGER	12:15:00	16:31:47	4:16:47	3			LUC MAHUE
G66	BLUENOSE	12:20:00	16:35:33	4:15:33	4			DENNIS & JOHN PEITSO
G90	AIDA	12:20:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNF		Mariah's Eyes Photography	SKIP HENDERSON
G88	WATER WITCH	12:25:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNF			DOUG TIFFANY
GAFF 2		14.2 nautical miles						
G 77	MAKANI KAI	12:20:00	15:27:28	3:07:28	1	Kermit Parker	Wooden Boat Magazine	KEN & KRISTINE INOUYE
G	SEA QUEST	12:25:00	17:08:29	4:43:29	2			STEPHEN CARLSON
G31	SEQUESTOR	12:15:00	17:29:18	5:14:18	3			HANS LIST
BEARS		12.8 nautical miles						
65	MAGIC	12:00:00	15:12:57	3:12:57	1	Gerry O'Grady		TIM MALONY
59	PUFF	12:00:00	15:15:20	3:15:20	2			DAVID SANDRY
35	RENEGADE	12:00:00	15:23:23	3:23:23	3			RUSS & CHRISTINE KATZ
17	HUCK FINN	12:00:00	15:27:22	3:27:22	4		American Rope & Tar	MARGIE SIEGAL
32	LITTLE DIPPER	12:00:00	15:30:14	3:30:14	5			ALEJANDRO DORAZIO
1	MERRY BEAR	12:00:00	15:30:47	3:30:47	6		de Witt Gallery & Framing	NATL. PARK SERVICE
9	PANDA	12:00:00	16:15:13	4:15:13	7			DANIEL MALONY

BIRDS		15.6 nautical miles						
16	CUCKOO	12:05:00	15:28:02	3:23:02	1	J. Everett Hansen	Brickyard Cove Marina	WILLIAM CLAUSSEN
6	SKYLARK	12:05:00	15:28:32	3:23:32	2		Engman Architects	JAMES JOSEPHS
11	ORIOLE	12:05:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNF			JOCK MCLEAN
L-36		15.6 nautical miles						
71	LEDA II	12:50:00	16:02:11	3:12:11	1	L-36 Perpetual		DAVID JAMES
5	PAPOOSE	12:50:00	16:03:11	3:13:11	2			ALLEN EDWARDS
41	EVENTIDE	12:50:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNS			GREG MILANO
MARCONI 1		15.6 nautical miles						
M11	PURSUIT	13:05:00	15:53:28	2:48:28	1	Dead Eye	Latitude 38 & Svendsen's Boat Works	RONALD R MACANNAN
226	MARTHA	12:55:00	15:59:37	3:04:37	2	Longest Distance	Enviro Sports Productions	SCHOONER MARTHA FNDN.
1991	ELIZABETH MUIR	12:45:00	16:08:45	3:23:45	3			PETER HAYWOOD
M139	BRIGHT STAR	12:45:00	16:10:08	3:25:08	4		Long Meadow Ranch Winery	TED & LADDIE HALL
934	RADIANT	12:30:00	16:49:53	4:19:53	5			JONATHAN KITCHEN
100	PEGASUS	12:35:00	17:15:56	4:40:56	6		Greger Pacific Marine	PETER HAYES
2001	GOLD STAR	12:30:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNF			JIM CULLEN
SF-1	RUBY	12:30:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNF			JOSH PRYOR
MARCONI 2		15.6 nautical miles						
17024	SUNDA	12:55:00	16:13:17	3:18:17	1	Aloha Trophy		BOB & COLLEEN ROGERS
47033	LYDIA	12:45:00	16:20:33	3:35:33	2		The Hitmen Termite & Pest Control, Grand Marina	BOB & CHRISTINE HANELT
1936	STROMA OF MEY	12:35:00	16:50:34	4:15:34	3		OCSC Sailing	BARRT RABBITT
166	FARIDA	12:40:00	17:12:59	4:32:59	4		Hutchinson Marine Services & List Marine Enterprises	MIKE & SUE PROUDFOOT
MARCONI 3		15.6 nautical miles						
120	VIKING RED	12:35:00	15:59:18	3:24:18	1	Homeward Bound	BAE Systems Ship Repair, Matson Navigation Co.	SEA SCOUTS
7	RANDOM	12:25:00	16:02:45	3:37:45	2			KERS CLAUSEN
44	VIXEN	12:25:00	16:21:29	3:56:29	3		Grand Marina	STEVEN KIBLER
O2	ADAGIO	12:15:00	16:46:34	4:31:34	4		Berkeley Marine Center	DAVID HOWELL
M16	FOLLY	12:10:00	16:49:56	4:39:56	5		North Beach Marine Canvas	ALLEN GROSS

A1	LITTLE PACKET	12:15:00	17:00:38	4:45:38	6		Sugar Dock	DICK WRENN
715	VECTIS	12:20:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNF		Pangea Silkscreen	SARA & LOUIS NICKLES
M22	SALTY DOG	12:10:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNF			THOMAS BAMBERGER
MARCONI 4		12.8 nautical miles						
55	JABULANI	12:10:00	15:04:49	2:54:49	1	Lyle Galloway		J. WILSON & C. ARONSON
510	MORNING STAR	12:15:00	15:13:37	2:58:37	2			B. OHLER & G. COSTIGAN
1	EOS	12:15:00	15:21:28	3:06:28	3			KEITH DUNLOP
681	OLIVE	12:05:00	15:29:24	3:24:24	4		Blue Pelican Marine	VICTOR EARLY
95	FOLK SONG	12:05:00	16:23:31	4:18:31	5			KEN NEAL
OCEAN 1		17.0 nautical miles						
28170	BOUNTY	12:40:00	17:04:17	4:24:17	1	Baruna	Rutherford's Boat Shop	SUE & DAN SPRADLING
54	LEGEND	12:45:00	17:06:16	4:21:16	2			TIM MULLINS
9	NIRVANA	12:20:00	17:08:51	4:48:51	3			BILL CONNEELY
45	VALIENT	12:25:00	17:12:21	4:47:21	4			TERRY MORAN
4	PAMPERO	12:20:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNS			DEAN CHRISTIAN
OCEAN 2		17.0 nautical miles						
8621	SPIRIT	12:50:00	17:07:24	4:17:24	1			GEORGE KISKADDEN
7325	NEJA	12:35:00	17:06:59	4:31:59	2			JIM BORGER
FC7	VIP	12:40:00	17:11:56	4:31:56	3	Farallon Clipper		DON TAYLOR
8711	MISTRESS II	12:40:00	17:14:27	4:34:27	4		Jennifer Linder Canvas, Whiting and Wedlock, Hackworth Insurance	JENNIFER HINCKEL
8708	CREDIT	12:40:00	17:14:30	4:34:30	5			JANICE & BILL BELMONT
8199	CHORUS	12:40:00	0:00:00	N/A	DNS		The Tide Book Company	BRAD ASZTAIOS

Disclaimer: We apologize for any boat-sponsor errors and/or omissions. We hope to do better next year.

Feature Boat/Owner

Brigadoon/Terry Klaus

Designed by L. Francis Herreshoff

Built in 1924

LOA 65' Beam 13'6"

LOD 50' Draft 5'3"

LWL 43' Sail No. 888

Current owner: Terry and Patti Klaus

In 1924, Brigadoon was designed by L. Francis Herreshoff and built by the Britt Brothers of West Lynn, Massachusetts. Brigadoon was the first of L.F.H.'s breakthrough designs that established him as a premier yacht designer. Designed and built as a smaller version of the pilot schooner Clarence Barclay, her original owner was Waldo Brown and the original name was Joann. Since 1924, she changed owners a few times until sailor/actor Sterling Hayden brought her to the west coast and had Murray Peterson/Bob Sloan re-rig her with a taller main mast. Rechristened as Brigadoon, she is an excellent example of L.F.H.'s style that led to other designs like the legendary Ticonderoga. (See **Wooden Boat Magazine**, May/June 2015, Issue Number 244, for more details about L.F.H. and Joann's history.)



Photo by: Mariah's Eyes

Now owned by the Klaus family for 39 years, she is maintained as original and regularly sails the San Francisco Bay. As a tribute of L.F. H.'s design, and the skill and seamanship of Terry and his crew, she has won numerous regattas sailing the challenging winds and currents of San Francisco Bay. This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

“You get out of it what you put into it”

Q: How and when did you start sailing?

TK: I started sailing as a Sea Scout in Berkeley at the age of 13. I sailed a lot of other boats in my teenage years including two different schooners making trips to Southern California.

Q: What inspired you to purchase Brigadoon?

TK: After retiring from skippering a 104' Sea Scout boat for 8 years, I wanted my own family boat and naturally wanted a schooner due to the experiences in my teen years.

Q: Where, when, and who did you purchase Brigadoon?

TK: My wife Patti and I had been looking for a schooner about the size of a Peterson Coaster. During the search we happened upon Brigadoon in Lowrie Yacht Harbor in San Rafael. We went to look at the boat and noticed the broker was an old sailing buddy. He said that Brigadoon was owned by Dino Velante (stage name) the lead singer from the band Quick Silver Messenger Service. We purchased Brigadoon in December 1976.

Q: What condition was Brigadoon in when you purchased her?

TK: When we first saw Brigadoon, we noticed paint and varnish peeling everywhere. She was painted green at the time and couldn't take the San Rafael heat. There were a few bad seams causing some leaking, and she was missing many hull plugs, among several other things. As I had enjoyed working on wooden boats since I was a kid, I decided to purchase her despite the work I knew was ahead of me.

Q: What's the best advice you would give to someone contemplating purchasing a wooden boat such as Brigadoon or any other wooden boat?

TK: Know what you are getting into. The easy part of any boat is buying it. You have to have a love for wooden boats. You have to have the enjoyment working on it, and sailing it. Then it's not work, but fun. It's a labor of love.

Q: How many crew do you require, and on average how many years have your crew been with you? What are the ages of your crew?

A: We race with a crew of ten. Pleasure sailing is a much smaller number. I have sailed many times with two, but usually it is more, as we have lots of friends who want to sail. The youngest crew member is in their 20's and the oldest is in their 80's. Some of my crew have been with me for over 30 years.

Q: Are there crew qualifications and requirements? Do you practice with the crew before the regattas?

A: My number one requirement is that all crew members have to work at the haul out, and of course have an interest in sailing. This might sound bad, but it has worked out very well for 38 years. The crew enjoys haul out as we try not to take it too seriously, and often refer to it as a week of team building. It is a time when the whole crew gathers to give Brigadoon a little love via elbow grease and kicks off the season together. I buy the lunches and the beer. I must be doing something right as there are several crew members who have sailed with me for over 30 years. Another requirement is getting along with the other crew members: remember this is supposed to be fun. I have always had good sailors on board who I met off shore and buoy racing on many other boats when I was younger. We don't do practice sails, but sometimes do a little practice before the race.

Q: As a Staff Commodore of MMBA and St. Francis YC, how many MMBA regattas have you participated in. How many have you won? Were there any outstanding races that were more challenging than others?

TK: I have raced in many, many regattas in different venues. 2015 marks my 38th Master Mariner's Regatta on Brigadoon and we have won the Billiken trophy 20 times. We have had great races, but the one I liked best was when John Bertrand, the America's Cup winner, was sailing with us. We were on the last leg of the MMBA

regatta, with a boat ahead of us and the wind dying. John hadn't said much up until that time, but he then told us to harden up and head to another micro weather system. This allowed us to sail around the other boat and get the win.

Q: When did you join the MMBA? What are the best things about belonging to this association?

TK: I joined the MMBA in 1977. Like anything, "you get out of it what you put into it", so I have always had fun and enjoyed being a part of the organization. The best part is all the good friends I have made over the years, people that enjoy wooden boats, the great races, and the many great events.

Q: As steward of such a signature vessel, what do you see for the future of Brigadoon?

TK: I have been fortunate that my family and friends have always shared my love for Brigadoon and are now on our third generation of crew members and friends. It helped having the boat in the back yard so when my kids were growing up they could see their Dad working on the boat. They have both sailed on Brigadoon since they were just

a couple of months old. My daughter Lindsey has always loved Brigadoon and I think the boat will be in good hands with her in the future.



Lindsey and Terry Klaus



Lindsey and Luna

Editor's Ramblings

- **OLD is the new- NEW.** As luddites, and the new editors of the Shellback, we're going back to a paper version of the Shellback and snail mail delivery. The advantage is that each issue is not at the mercy of the computer malfunction god, you will have something to read in the bathroom, and you can line the bird cage after you're finished. An electronic copy will be posted on the MMBA web site (www.mastermariners.org). The intent of the Shellback will be to inform and engage our members and sponsors.
- **The Wind is Free.** Running the MMBA and the numerous events throughout the year is **NOT FREE.** If you haven't done so yet, **please renew your 2015 membership** with Dick Wrenn. The Regatta is one of the only events that comes close to breaking even, and that is due to the generous support by our sponsors. The Shellback and all other events basically pull funds collected from the yearly membership dues. The MMBA traditionally donates a token amount to yacht clubs we visit for their junior sailing program or house fund. The main courses and/or desserts that mysteriously

appear at some of our functions are also paid by your dues. In an ideal world, all MMBA events could and should be supplemented by attending MMBA members.

- **Added Shellback Features.** In addition to the Quarter Deck/Poop Deck, past and future events, membership, and advertisements, we will add an editor's page, articles featuring some of our members and sponsors, and a favorite recipe section. I encourage you to give us inputs for future Shellbacks and we'll try to print it in future issues (space permitting).
- **Please be patient.** Kristine and I like to watch old movies, over and over. We watch them so much that we end up memorizing lines from them. One of the memorable lines is *"An opinion is like an asshole. Everyone has one. And just like assholes, everyone thinks the other guy's stinks"*. That being said, please give us some leeway until we learn the ropes of publishing the Shellback.
- **More MMBA cruises.** Having been an MMBA member since 1983, I have always liked the MMBA events throughout the year. Besides the Regatta and Boat Show we liked the weekend cruises to various parts of the bay and beyond. Hopefully, we can convince the Board to resurrect these cruise oriented events. These events require a lot of planning and work to coordinate. If you have an idea for an event, please volunteer to work with a Board member to pull it off.
- **Any excuse to go sailing.** Our recruitment of 30 year olds for crew has given us new opportunities to use our boat more. I encourage more members to seek out younger crew from yacht clubs and sailing schools. We actually do a shakedown sail with them to determine if they will fit in. We are fortunate that most have worked out and we continue to invite them back. They are smart, strong, and eager to learn. By teaching the newbies to sail a traditional boat, you get to relearn what you've forgotten over the years of bad habits and pass on invaluable knowledge about wooden boats

and sailing the Bay. You can tell old stories and jokes that will be new to them and who knows, they may even fall under the spell to one day own a wooden boat.

- **Travel Notes.** Bill and Grace Bodle's Eros just returned to the Bay area from the Caribbean. Tom List, Suzanne Statler-List, and Vicky Oswald just completed their 22 day voyage from Mexico to Hawaii on Begone. Weather and time permitting they'll be heading up to the Pacific North West in the next few months.
- **Westpoint Labor Day Cruise.** Summer will be over before you know it. On the Labor Day Weekend: September 5, 6, and 7, Kristine and I are leading an MMBA cruise down to Westpoint Harbor in Redwood City. If you would like to help plan and coordinate some activities for Sunday please let us know.



Sophie List repurposing
Caleb Whitbeck t-shirts



Tales from the Galley Gourmet

As many of you are aware from the various potluck events that MMBA has held, there are great cooks among our members. I don't know about you, but I read cookbooks as if they were novels. Anyone who has come to my house will attest to the fact that I have hundreds of cookbooks. What can I say, my mother was the same way. I learned from "the best".

I am calling on our members. If you have a recipe that works well either on the boat, or made at home for transport to the boat, please let us know. To get things started, here is an easy fruit crisp recipe that I've had for (I hate to say it) well over 35 years. One of my co-workers shared this with me after making it for a company potluck. It's easy, requires only a measuring cup, bowl, spoon, baking pan, knife, and oven. I hope that you enjoy this as much as we have for so many years.

Linda's Fruit Crisp

1 cup brown sugar

¼ cup white sugar

1 cup oatmeal

1 cup A/P flour

½ cup soft butter

Cinnamon, to taste

Fruit: 4 cups sliced apples, peaches, plums, nectarines mixed with ½ cup sugar if needed. In a pinch you can use a large can of pie filling.

-Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix all together until crumbly. Put ½ of the mixture in a pie pan and pat down. Top with fruit filling. Sprinkle remaining crumb topping over fruit. Bake for 45 minutes. Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

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