



# Balloon JIB



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## JIB now online

[By Jon Hamilton] Many members of the Aeolian don't yet realize that the club has a considerable website. The latest weather, tides, racing results, calendar, **JIB**, contact information, cruise out photos, and instructions for getting to the Aeolian are all present. Last month's issue pointed out that the club could save

money if people volunteered to have their name removed from the mailing list for the **JIB**. They in turn could simply go the website and obtain exactly the same artwork in PDF

format. Please check it out and consider if you would also like to have your name removed from the snail mail list. The Aeolian website is located at: [www.aeolianyc.com](http://www.aeolianyc.com)

To request to remove your name from the **JIB** mailing:  
Please notify by email to: [jon.w.hamilton@comcast.net](mailto:jon.w.hamilton@comcast.net)  
The **JIB** will be available in PDF format on the website.

The new online **JIB** is now much smaller in file size so downloads are much faster and previous issues will be archived as well. Most yacht clubs in the area have significant websites which are great portals for those who wish to obtain additional information about the club.

## Aeolius Meets the Adventurer

[By Jon Hamilton] Last summer there was an article on a cruise to Catalina that the small boat community at the club did in grand style. This

story has prompted me to include a new insert several times per year. The goal is to highlight a boating adventure that the members of the club have participating in. Please submit your suggestions for adventures that may be of interest to others in the club. Pictures are a real help as well. These don't need to be recent trips necessarily, but should highlight that there is more going on at the club than at first meets the eye.

[By George Carmignani]

\* Have you noticed how much work Cricket Evans has been doing around the fence line in the front area parking lot, with help from Black Bart and occasionally Peter. She has been relentless in her quest to rid that area of weeds and establish new plants. Black Bart supervises and helps with the watering and occasional fertilizing.

\* Don Carmignani suffered head trauma when he fell playing ball with his grandson. Don was flown to Doctors Medical Center in Modesto for medical treatment. He had fluid removed from the head to take pressure off of the brain. He is improving but is still in the hospital.

\* Bob David was in the hospital for triple heart by-pass surgery. Nancy said Bob is doing well. He will have to take it easy for awhile but he will be back. He has a great nurse taking care of him. See you soon, Bob and Nancy. Aeolians wish you well.

\* Rick Berman has removed his boat from the harbor. He is selling the boat and his Hydro lift. He just doesn't have the time to maintain a boat and go fishing like he did in the past. Good luck in your new endeavors Rick.

\* There have many Aeolians that volunteer their time and efforts around the club all year without receiving recognition for their efforts. They do things like cleaning and sweeping the areas around the club, planting and pulling weeds, fixing broken plumbing, repair of electrical problems, active in clubhouse activities, etc. We know who you are and we thank you.

## The Back Porch

## Vice Commodore's Report

[By Sue Roderick] First of all, let me add my personal thanks to Steve Kibler who ably served as your Vice Commodore last year. The job has many responsibilities including handling the bar, cruise ins and all the club's special events such as dinners, open houses, and the swap meet. In looking over the financials for our last fiscal year, all of these areas did very well. We had strong revenue from the bar and also from our fund-raising birthday dinners – most of the net profits went to the Foundation Fund. As many of you know, if we had not had the tragic theft of much of our liquor stolen from the liquor pantry in April of this year, we would have seen more than \$7,000 net profit from the bar alone. Our "tip can" on the bar is doing quite nicely. Last year we had tips of at least 10% at every event from bar guests, bringing in \$1,555.38 for the club. The tips are important, too, as we use that money to purchase smaller needed items for the bar itself. I want to thank all Aeolians and guests who continue to come out and support our dinners and special bar events – we could not have had such a great year without your support.

Get ready for the great times the AYC Events Committee has planned for you for December and January. Our traditional Holiday Tree Trim and Potluck in the Bar was such fun and if you haven't seen the decorated tree in the Bar, you've missed a beauty. Thanks to Shirley Ross for coordinating this great event. Our Holiday Birthday dinner was absolutely wonderful! Coordinated by Linda Kibler, with her able galley crew of Rolf Stribolt, Robin and Ken McCraw, and Shirley Ross, we had a club-full of very satisfied diners. Thanks too to Ronnie Benson and Cricket and Pete Evans who helped with the cleanup. The White Elephant Gift Exchange was a "hoot"!

A very special event at Aeolian each year is our **New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance**. The dinner is catered – lots of good food, fun, celebration, dancing and camaraderie. Bar opens at 7 pm and dinner served at 8:30. The Jimi James Band will play for our dancing and listening enjoyment until the wee hours! Cost is \$25 per person. **Sign up by December 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Don't forget our **"Round the Island Circumnavigation" on New Year's Day!** We need all the help we can get to make this once again a successful day as we host skippers and crews on land and sea at our club. Tides are great this year so (weather permitting) we expect a Club-full of guests dropping by for our wonderful Richard Purdy chili and great Leon Kolinski gin fizzes. Everyone is invited! Festivities begin around 9 am and continue throughout the day.

We need volunteers to assist in many different ways for these activities. If you can help out, we'd be grateful. Just give a shout and you're "it"! See you at the Club.

## Rear Commodore's Report

[By Stan Zdral] It's time to get started on some small projects around the clubhouse in preparation for our centennial celebration. Your help is needed for a number of jobs. They are all short and fairly easy from washing windows to electrical, painting, plumbing and some carpentry. During the winter when you can't go anywhere, you can spend a little time helping out at the club to cut down our expenses. We sure are in need of that with inflation and a lot of deferred maintenance.

Please call me when you want to do something for the club. My telephone number is 510-769-0109. Or you can e-mail me at: [stanzdral@netzero.net](mailto:stanzdral@netzero.net)

## Port Captain's Report

[By Dave McDaid] There was no work party in December. The next work parties will be January 8<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>. The move of the concrete modular floats from Grand Street Marina has been completed. We will be storing the floats around the marina. It is each member's responsibility to dispose of his own used oil and batteries. Our insurance carrier does not allow us to have these items on the premises. Cruisers, in February the cruise-outs begin. Be sure to have your boat ready to go. Everyone have a safe and happy New Year.

## Fishing report

[By Gene Covello] After almost 20 years as our club Fish Derby Chairman, I have decided to step down. It was fun and I enjoyed writing my monthly articles. I know whoever our commodore picks as my replacement will be the person that will keep us all informed of who caught the largest fish and where the hot fishing spots are.

Before signing off I would like to announce the winners of the 2004 fish derby.

Sturgeon: Curt Poykko – 60” long

Halibut: Bob David – 16#

Stripped Bass: Gary Barker – 8#

Salmon: Gene Covello – 22.5#

Special award to Al Barr for being a “hell of fisherman” at 92 years young.

A happy new year to all of you, and remember to always keep a tight line.

## Treasurer's Report

[By Steve Brandt] Several members have asked about the justification for the increase in berth rent and member dues. As shown below the Harbor Set Aside hasn't covered even one quarter of the \$75,000 spent repairing the docks over just the past two years. And the Dredging

Fund wouldn't have enough to pay for the next dredging and certainly not for the one after that. Until the dredging is completed we can expect to continue spending too much on dock repairs.

We also need to make sure we have enough money to pay off the remaining foundation bonds. At the beginning of 2005 this obligation will total almost \$110,000 in principal and accrued interest.

In addition, we have a long list of projects that have been put off because the funds were needed for Harbor repairs. These include both deferred maintenance and needed improvements to Club facilities.

<u>Spending on Harbor Repairs</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>2yrTotal</u>
Expenses: Docks & Harbor – Material	\$17,412	\$23,978	\$41,390
Labor (estimated)*	<u>\$13,961</u>	<u>\$20,119</u>	<u>\$34,080</u>
Total Spent on Harbor	\$31,373	\$44,097	\$75,470
Paid from Harbor Set Aside	-	-	(\$18,455)
Paid from General Fund			\$57,015
* including Workers' Comp & Employer Taxes			

### Dredging the Harbor

At the previous contribution rate of \$0.50/ft/mo from Berth rent, the Dredging Fund would total \$156,000 by January 2006 when dredging might start. With the current estimate for dredging cost at \$205,000, we would have been \$49,000 short. Even at the new contribution rate we will still be \$6,000 short.

If we have to dredge again in 2012 the Dredging Fund would only have about \$113,000 at the old \$0.50/ft/mo contribution rate. And the cost will certainly well exceed \$205,000 by then.

### Repayment of Foundation Bonds

We currently have \$91,000 in bonds still to be repaid. By February 2005, when we should retire some of them, the accrued interest will be approximately \$18,500. We only have until February 2007 to complete repayment.

## Thursday Night Rowing and Dining

[By Linda Kibler] The Thursday Night Rowing & Dining Society celebrated the Winter Solstice in style

on December 21st. We worked up our appetites by rowing to Jack London Square, then dined at Barclay's. (The fish & chips come highly recommended). Song books & spirits close at hand, we rowed back down the estuary singing Christmas carols & sea shanties by the light of the stars & the moon. With not a breath of wind, the water was calm & mirror like. A glorious time was had by all, as we celebrated our anticipation of longer days of sunlight.

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## November Launching and Blessing of the Fleet

[By Linda Kibler] Ken & Gilda Allen brought more than 20 friends from Modesto to partake in the long awaited launching of the dory Ken built.

Aeolians & TSCA (Traditional Small Craft Assoc.) members as well, gathered at Grand Marina. Toasted with champagne, successfully launched & oars in hand, Ken & Gilda set out on their maiden voyage. John & Sue Roderick, Dave & Sue McDaid & Pete & Cricket Evans provided transport to those without vessels. Row boats & power boats alike paraded along the estuary to the Aeolian Yacht Club. Once we arrived, King Mud & Queen Tule (aka Pete & Cricket Evans) dawned their robes & presided over the Blessing of the Fleet (see photo). We continued to enjoy good times & camaraderie on the back porch, as we shared a fine potluck lunch in the sunshine.





## Aeolian Yacht Club Calendar of Events December-January-February

### December 2004

- 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance - Bar Open @ 7 p.m. -  
Dinner Served @ 8:30 p.m. - Dancing until 1:00 a.m.  
\$25 per person - Reservations by December 29<sup>th</sup>.

### January 2005

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Round the Island Cruise In - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Chili & Fizzes  
- Entertainment by Bay View Boat Club Band
- 8<sup>th</sup> - WORK PARTY
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Crab Feed and Birthday Dinner - Bar Open @ 5 p.m. -  
Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. - \$20 per person - Reservations by  
January 12th.
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Hors d'oeuvres Potluck in the Bar - Bring an appetizer to  
share and join your friends in the bar - 5-9 p.m.

### February 2005

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance - Loch Lomond Yacht  
Club Cruise In and Birthday Dinner to Celebrate February  
Birthdays - Bar Open @ 5 p.m. - Dinner Served @ 6:30 p.m. -  
Dancing to Bay View Boat Club Band until 11 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> - WORK PARTY
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - First Cruise Out of the Year - St. Francis Yacht Club

March 2005 - Watch for St. Patrick's Day Dinner - March 19<sup>th</sup>!