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Jon Hamilton, Editor

Commodore's Report

[By Greg Gibeson] I am writing this on the first day of summer. Somehow, spring has escaped unscathed this year. It has continued to snow in the higher elevations at Tahoe, rain at the Lake and we have frost on the piers. I have been trying to get the final coats of 'coffee cream' paint on the cabin tops of the 1948 Stephens to no avail this spring. Perhaps this week. Oh, I still have a couple of piles of snow in the front yard at Tahoe!

At the Board meeting last week we enjoyed greeting new members to the club. Stan Zdral, Jr., Jeremiah Mulvihill and Eric Knight have joined us. They have boats and they like to use them. Please welcome them.

In March of this year, Corkie and Winslow Foster celebrated their forty sixth year of membership in the Aeolian Yacht Club. With tremendous generosity, they chose to commemorate this milestone with a gift to the Foundation Fund. I speak for all of us at Aeolian in expressing our heartfelt gratitude. All of us as members and stewards of the club, are reminded by their kindness of why we are here.

The Nominating Committee as been elected by the board. They are Linda Kibbler, Bud Fuller and Susan McDaid. If you wish to have someone considered for nomination to the Board or would like to serve yourself, contact any of the members of this committee. Serving as an officer or director is one of the best ways to give back to the club. And yes, it is a lot of work. In the end, after working through the problems and making good progress, it is truly rewarding. I hope we have a full slate with multiple candidates for all open positions.



It turns out that the tall grasses growing around the harbor are non-native invasive cord grasses. The City of Alameda has contacted interested parties including Aeolian, about working with various agencies to deal with the problem. The first public meeting is Tuesday June 28th at 6:30 PM at the City Council Chambers, 2263 Santa Clara Ave. I will be out of town but will be engaged for the remainder of the process. Any member is welcome to attend to show support for the eradication of this grass.

For those of you who enjoy cruise ships, PICYA is sponsoring a Caribbean Cruise in January. For information go to picya.org or picyacruise.homestead.com. A bunch of people from PICYA went last year and had a great time. I think that what happened on the ship stayed on the ship!

The Yachting Yearbooks are on sale, see Maggie or Sherri. They are great if you are on the water or driving around the bay or in the delta regions. Wonderful clubs to visit and during the summer they have lots of activities and welcome PICYA associated club members.

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Vice Commodore's Report

[By Sue Roderick] We're rolling right along into July at Aeolian! That means the traditional July 4th Picnic which is one of the Aeolian events that everyone enjoys. This year will be no exception. Under the coordination of Nancy Brandt, there will be hamburgers, hotdogs, salad, beans and dessert. The mini bar will be open on the back porch serving keg beer for the "grown ups." We will have the bar open for those non-beer drinkers as well. The day is a relaxing one visiting with friends and family, puttering on your boat in the harbor, competing in Aeolian's time-honored horseshoe contest under the direction of ex-champion Rolf Stribolt. Gary Barker will have the small sail boats ready for anyone who would like to learn how to sail or for those champion Aeolian sailors, it will be a chance to show your stuff in a sail boat race in the harbor area. Lots of food, fun and camaraderie. For times and more specific details, see Nancy Brandt's article in this issue of the JIB.

The July Birthday dinner will be held on July 23rd. Oyster Point Yacht Club will be cruising in for the weekend and will be joining us for the Birthday dinner. Coordinator is Dorothy Bowers and she could use some volunteers in helping set up, cook and clean up. Deadline for attending the dinner is Wednesday, July 20th. Aeolians celebrating their birthdays receive a complimentary bottle of wine!

We have been doing quite well financially with our dinners and the bar. Our \$5 dinners continue to be a highlight and June's was no exception – thanks to Jack Selvey who did the cooking and donated everything. I'll report on the June birthday dinner in next month's JIB. Overall, our net income this fiscal year (November through May) for the dinners is \$11,454, for the bar is \$4,427. And, you all keep putting those bills into the "Bar Kitty" – the kitty to date has enjoyed tips of \$762! We are still trying to raise enough money to purchase a new beer refrigerator for the bar. Thanks again to all of you who continue to support the club by coming to our dinners and sipping a drink in our bar now and then! We are grateful.

Our first Open House for this summer was held Saturday, June 18th. We co-sponsored *Latitude 38's* "Summer Sailstice" with the five other Alameda yacht clubs and it was a typically beautiful Aeolian day. Many Aeolians joined in to host those who came to see our great club and harbor. Thanks to all who helped clean up the place a bit and especially to Dorothy Bowers, Linda Kibler, Shirley Ross and Don Keleher who shopped, prepared the food and tended the bar for our members and guests.



We are in the middle of our cruise out season already. June's cruise out to Marin Yacht Club was another fun-filled weekend for the eight Aeolian boats cruising in. We joined MYC members for dinner on Friday evening and then took over their swimming and tennis club for a potluck barbecue on Saturday evening. There is always a lot to do at this great yacht club and before we knew it, it was time to cruise back.

July's cruise out is to Napa Valley Yacht Club July 15-17. This is one of the more popular cruises and we hope you will all want to join us. The deadline for signing up for Napa is Friday, July 8th. Cruise outs for the rest of the year are August 19-21 Point San Pablo Yacht Club, September 23-25 Loch Lomond Yacht Club and October 14-16 Martinez Yacht Club.

Calendar

Be sure to visit the website for the latest calendar updates at: www.aeolianyc.com
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July 4	July 4 th Picnic/Barbecue/Games & Open House	Monday
July 9	Sailboat Race and Work Party	Saturday
July 16-17	Cruise out – Napa YC	Weekend
July 20	Board Mtg	Wednesday
July 23	Birthday Dinner & Oyster Pt YC Cruise in	Saturday
July 24	Continental Breakfast for Cruise in	Sunday
July 29	Hors d'oeuvres Potluck in the Bar	Friday

Continued from last time...

The Story of "Unda"

THE PAYOFF!

APRIL 22 SAW THE OLD KETCH MOTORING BACK TO THE BOATYARD IN BERKELEY. HER HULL LOOKED GOOD AND THE TOERAILS WERE INSTALLED. SHE WAS ABOUT TO GET HER MASTS HOISTED IN.....BIG DAY!

MANY PEOPLE STOPPED BY AND MARVELED AT THE OLD BOAT THEY REMEMBERED FOR SO MANY YEARS AS PRACTICALLY DERELICT IN THAT HARBOR. OTHERS STOPPED TO APPRECIATE A GOOD LOOKING CLASSIC. WE KEPT ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT HER AGE AND THE EXTENT OF THE PROJECT.

WE HAD A NEW SET OF WORKING SAILS TO BEND ON FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND WE PLANNED TO SAIL HOME AFTER THE RIGGING WAS COMPLETED. WE HAD 7 PEOPLE PLANNING TO SAIL HOME AND CELEBRATE THE NEXT DAY, BUT SOMETHING WAS WRONG. THE MAIN AND MIZZEN HAD THE WRONG SLIDES ATTACHED! WE KNEW IT WOULD BE AN EASY FIX FOR THE SAIL MAKER BUT IT WAS SUNDAY, SO WE SCRAMBLED TO FIND AND REPAIR THE OLD DIRTY SAILS FOR THEIR LAST FLIGHT. WE SAILED ON SUNDAY WITH BRIGHT WHITE NEW JIB AND OLD FUNKY MAIN AND MIZZEN. "UNDA" WAS IN NO WAY FINISHED BUT SHE SAILED WELL IN LIGHT AIR AND LOOKED PRETTY GOOD TOO.

THERE WAS A LOT OF WORK TO DO BEFORE THIS BOAT WOULD RACE IN THE MASTER MARINER'S REGATTA. SHE HAD NO LIFELINES, NO NON-SKID ON DECKS, NO FUEL TANKS, NO HEAD, NO RUNNING BACKSTAYS, NEEDED BALLAST AND THE CABIN SIDES WERE STILL BLACK WEATHERED WOOD. THERE WAS NO SEATING IN THE COCKPIT, THE TILLER WAS A STEEL PIPE, THE ENGINE HAD NO CONTROLS.....YOU GET THE PICTURE.

IT WAS ONE MONTH BEFORE THE RACE AND WE WANTED HER TO PERFORM WELL AND LOOK GOOD TOO. AFTER ALL, THE RACE WOULD BE HER DEBUT. WE SAILED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO LEARN THE BOAT'S LIMITATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS AND WE SCHEDULED BRIGHTWORK AROUND SAILING AND OTHER PROJECTS. I FOUND MYSELF OBSESSED WITH VARNISH. IF I COULD JUST GET A COUPLE OF COATS ON EVERYTHING..... WE HAD BOAT PARTS ALL OVER THE HOUSE, SHED, GARAGE AND BASEMENT. THERE WERE BOAT PARTS ON THE KITCHEN TABLE AND PIECES OF LINE HANGING IN THE DINING ROOM.

"UNDA" STARTED TO LOOK REALLY FINE. THE TEAK CAME BACK TO A LIVING COLOR PRETTY EASILY AND THE VARNISH AND PAINT GAVE HER A REAL GLOW. "UNDA'S" CABIN TRUNK AND COMBINGS WERE MADE FROM BOOK-MATCHED TEAK PLANKS 1 ¼" THICK AND OVER 20 FEET LONG. SHE WAS BUILT WITH MANY GROWN TIMBERS AND BUILT WELL IN DENMARK FOR USE ON THE ROUGH BALTIC SEA.

THE LAST WEEKEND BEFORE THE RACE, DEAN PUT 1500 LBS OF LEAD IN THE BILGE FOR BALLAST.

THE RACE WAS ON MAY 28. IT WAS A MEMORABLE SAIL ON THE BAY WITH PLENTY OF WIND AND A CREW OF EIGHT. AFTER A WHILE, WE LOOKED AROUND AND DIDN'T SEE ANY OTHER BOATS IN OUR DIVISION. WE WON THE "MARCONI 2" DIVISION AND GOT THE BEAUTIFUL AND COVETED "COCK OF THE WALK" FLAG AS THE REWARD.

THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO DO BUT AT LEAST SHE SAILS. WE HOPE TO BRING "UNDA" TO THE AEOLIAN WOOD BOAT CRUISE-IN SEPT. 30 TO OCT. 1 THIS YEAR! WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!



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July 4th at Aeolian

Time: 12-5 p.m.

Aeolian Yacht Club is once again holding its Annual July 4th Picnic and BBQ!

This year July 4th will also be an Open House.

This is a time to enjoy sailboat races, new and not so new friendships, compete in horseshoe contests, and just relax for a great day at your Club.

Come enjoy the traditional picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, beans, salad, sodas, beer and dessert.

See you July 4th!



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