



# Sierra Point Yacht Club



**Weekly  
Summer  
Sailing  
Races**

**Club  
Social  
Events**

**Cruise outs  
& Cruise ins**

**Monthly  
Dinners**

**Club Managed  
by Volunteers**



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**December 2017 Edition**

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## 1. Editor's Update

I have recently returned from a month long visit to Singapore and am now settling in to 'winter mode' back here in the Bay Area, well temporarily as I am off to the UK on the 6th December for three weeks - and it is real winter over there. When in Singapore I usually spend time at the Changi Sailing club located on the east side of the Island which is in close proximity to the Changi International airport. One of my friends is now on the board of Directors and so I have a good conduit into the clubs activities. The club caters for cadet training and youth sailing races as well as



**Changi Sailing Club pier. The race start and finish is from the thatched hut on the end of the pier**

for larger yacht racing regattas. There is no marina at the club; all permanently afloat boats/yachts are moored to club buoys and crews are ferried out to their boats by a club tender. The waters are very interesting as well because Singapore is surrounded by Malaysia to the North, east and west, and Indonesia to the south. In order to sail in Indonesian waters, you have to obtain a permit from the Indonesian navy. So in planning for races, depending on the course, you may have to obtain permits (even for a day sail) from the respective countries. Despite these hurdles Singapore has a thriving sailing infrastructure, and I am very impressed with the Singapore national Sailing center that incorporates a School curriculum for youth sail training, so good in fact that one of it's pupils won an Olympic medal in the last Olympic games.

Onward with this edition. It is thin on the ground this month...no articles submitted except one carried forward from Carol and Wayne Hendryx Being so close to Christmas I think peoples thoughts are elsewhere.

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## 2. Commodore's Commentary for October

The Shop-Until-You-Drop season has arrived and your first concern should be to buy a gift for the SPYC Holiday Gift Exchange to be held Saturday December 9th at 7:00 p.m. This is one of the highlight events at the club: everybody has a good time. In addition, your admission charge is matched by the Club and all of it goes to charity! Everybody wins.

The Boat Decorating Contest will also be judged and prizes awarded on Saturday the 9th. We look forward to seeing all your lights and other constructions around the marina at that time.

The Board of Directors approved the bar remodel plan at their October meeting and selected finish materials and colors at the November meeting so this project is definitely going ahead. In January Patrick Lydon will be leading a volunteer team pre-fabricating as much of the cabinet work as possible at an undisclosed location. After the SuperBowl Crab Feed (February 4th – another great event at the Club) the club will be closed during the actual construction work. During construction we will have a temporary bar set up for beer and wine sales but no hard liquor will be available. The work will be completed in mid March.

If you would like to be part of this project contact Patrick Lydon or Sarah FitzGerald to talk about how you can help with this great improvement to the Club facilities. We will need volunteers with a wide variety of skills to get this done.

Unfortunately we will not be able to schedule any parties during the February and March construction period so if you were thinking about reserving the Club for an event your choices are: before, or, after. Check with Kathy McCormac well in advance for scheduling availability. Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season to all!

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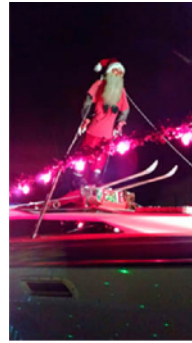
## 3. Club General Update

No updates have been reported to me for the December edition from neither members nor the board.

## 4. Events Calendar

### Monthly Dinner

The monthly dinner for December will focus on the traditional boat decorating contest, SPY C holiday party and gift exchange to be held on December 9th. So, get your boats all nicely decorated and go all out to win that prize.



#### **BOAT DECORATING CONTEST**

Make your boat look wonderful, funny, whimsical, political, sinister or whatever

Judges lead by Michael Hahn, and Michele Salmon will start on dock 6 at 5pm Friday night and continue Saturday 5pm.

If your boat is lit up you are entered. Grand Prize and lots of other winners awarded at 7pm in the club house

#### **S.P.Y.C. Holiday Party and gift exchange DECEMBER 9th**

Walk the docks with judges 5pm - appetizers - 6 pm - Gift exchange at 7 pm  
Emcee - Michael Bell and his lovely assistant Diana

#### **GIFT EXCHANGE**

Bring a wrapped gift for the Great Gift Exchange:  
Lots drawn for when you take your pick from the pile or previous gifts ; then see if you keep it!!!!!!  
We are limiting "stealing" gifts to 3 times!

Gifts should have about \$20 value

Entry: \$20 per Adult donation to Second Harvest and Brisbane Toys

The club will match your donation.

In addition there are barrels in the club lobby for toy and food donations.  
Many thanks to Tom Munro for organizing that.

### **BREAKFAST AT SPYC**

Sunday brunch is now on the winter schedule, which is the first Sunday of each month until May 2018 when it will revert to a summer weekly Sunday schedule. **from 9 to 11 a.m.**

Brunch is from 9am to 11am and is the best deal in town: Eggs, sausage, bacon, vegetables, fruit and waffles with choice of coffee or tea.

All are welcome - members \$7, and guests \$10

Jim and Terry are still looking for volunteers for the Sunday breakfast program: folks to take responsibility for one of the Sunday breakfasts for the foreseeable future. Jim and Terry will take responsibility for ensuring you have the basic grocery supplies you need, as well as coordinating bar staff via Patrick, and set-

up/clean-up support via Diane. Please contact Jim at: [jklawrie@att.net](mailto:jklawrie@att.net) or Terry at: [mountainterry@yahoo.com](mailto:mountainterry@yahoo.com)

## 5. Cruise-Outs/Ins Update

No new updates for this month, but I will be working with our energetic Fleet Captain on some exciting new cruise out activities for next year....how about a few days on the Delta? It is warm and we can swim and have a water volley ball contest...just seeding some ideas.

2018 program to be developed and to be posted in Spyglass as soon as available.

For information on our cruising calendar please go to our web site cruising section on [www.sierrapointyc.org/cruising](http://www.sierrapointyc.org/cruising) where you can find detailed info and sign up procedures. You can also contact our Fleet Captain Kathy Stern on: [fleet\\_captain@sierrapointyc.org](mailto:fleet_captain@sierrapointyc.org)

Happy Cruising!  
Kathy Stern, Fleet Captain

## 6. Racing Update

Tis the winter break  
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## 7. Bulletin Board

**No input for this month**

## 8. Tech Tips. Items for Sale

No input received for this month's edition

## 9. Captain Cat

Spring and summer of 2012 we and our crew took Cap Cat out 26 out of 30 Sundays on all day day sails, which we never got tired of. One day with a full Main and Jib, 25 people aboard, a 30 not gust got us up to 19.4 kn's, I almost pooped my pants! No way to slow her down, and I began to wonder at what point she might tip over? But all was well, the great machine took it in stride. Don't we live in a wonderful, amazing sailing venue? We have truly been blessed. I will truly miss our beautiful, fast sailing machine. I won't miss the bills or the 60 day Mexico haulouts,

Where we made repairs, modifications and improvements for us and the next owners, Sue and Kathy. I am sharing care and maintenance and sailing and parking experience with them until the end of the year, when they will move the boat to Richmond, closer to their land home. I want to publicly thank how are faithful steady crew; Tony Bezzina, Who always showed up both here, in Mexico, the trip down, and back up with us several times. Melissa and Jerry Kuhel Who never missed a trip, and always entertained us with music, song and dance. Our buddy Jeff Laughlin, Bill Dettmer, Michael Lael who loves long passages, and when they could pull away from saving and running our city of brisbane, Terry Oconnel and Michelle Salmon. And there have been many many more too. Big hugs and heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you. every skipper should be so lucky. I could easily go on, but I heard about an F 27 that might be a "good deal". See you around the club and the docks.

Carol and Wayne Hendryx

That's all folks. Have a very happy and merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

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