At Dockside

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Ace Reporter Named!

Jennifer Flanigan has graciously accepted the post of Ace Reporter for At Dockside (a great metropolitan newspaper). Her articles begin in this issue of At Dockside. You can call Jennifer with news and stories at 523-4734.

Whale's Tail Reopens

Jennifer Flanigan

The Whale's Tail has reopened and once again we have a neighborhood haven for cocktails and dinner within a five-minute walk from the house. The new owner, Sigi Osicki, has made some significant changes. The restaurant has a new coat of paint with a nautical flair. Brass portholes and wooden oars adorn the walls thanks to the efforts of Ballena Bay Harbormaster Don Anderson. The restaurant has been open since December 15 but the grand opening will take place on January 18, complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by our own mayor.

Sigi previously owned an establishment (called "Sigi's") in Danville for ten years and talked about how he came to own the Whale's Tail. "I came over to have dinner, found the place closed, got angry and bought it," he said perfunctorily. And that was that.

The emphasis is on fresh ingredients. The seafood is delivered six days a week and the produce has to pass his personal muster.

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Classifieds

Garage/Moving Sale

Staurday and Sunday January 22-23 344 Tideway Drive - 8 AM on.

Complete family living room set, lamps, sofa, coffee tables, chairs, clothing, jewelery, collectables and household goodies.

BBTA residents and homeowners may arrange a preview by calling Ron or Page between 10 AM and 6 PM at 814-8787.

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Next Board Meeting

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There is a Valentine's special - a pasta and seafood special for the ladies and a baconwrapped steak for gents accompanied by a rose and bottle of champagne. There are dinner specials every weekend, with this weekend's offering being fresh lobster. This summer he plans easy fare for the "Poop Deck", (decorated by the seagulls) which affords a great view of the marina. The fare will range from barbecued oysters fresh from Johnson's Oyster Farm to a grilled burger, perfect for the "I just sailed in and don't want to dress" mentality we all fall into now and again.

Sigi has a real sense of community as regards the Ballena Bay crowd. "There are 180 people who live here. They come in to make phone calls, to buy cigarettes, to have a meal", says Sigi. One gets the sense that it's important that their needs be addressed. He has talked about the neighborhood folk getting together next Thanksgiving to cook food for the homeless.

The Whale's Tail is open Monday through Thursday 11:30-9, Friday and Saturday 11:30-10 and Sunday 10:30-2:30 and 5:00 to 9:00. Reservations are recommended on weekends. If you arrive one night after the front doors are closed, use the family entrance around the left to get a nightcap.

In Remembrance

Jennifer Flanigan

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Lorraine Roman of 413 Cola Ballena. Our sincere condolences to her husband Kenneth and family.

Holiday Winners

Jennifer Flanigan

Winners of the BBTA holiday lights contest are John and Ingrid Buono at 1237 Ballena Blvd. Grand prize (actually the only prize) is a bottle of champagne. Congratulations on your holiday spirit, John and Ingrid.

A Unique New Years Day

Archie Stone

An intrepid crew of 34, in 8 dinghies and the Frankel's Cafe Bonito, made the first cruise of the year in the Association's First Annual Around Ballena Island Deck and Dock Progressive Brunch.

The party, sponsored by the Social Committee chaired by Jim Neil, started at 10:00 at the Stones with clam chowder, then proceeded with the circumnavigation. Many stay-at-homes waved encouragement from their decks. Successful trip, sunny weather, calm seas, no-one overboard, one minor collision, one couple rowed all the way.

First landfall was at the Kenyons for gin fizzes and bloody marys, then to the Neils for chicken and sausage gumbo with red beer. On to the Flanigans for traditional New Years black-eyed peas, chicken drumettes and mimosas. Finally, on to Sally Tonningsen's for an unbelievable array of home-baked desserts.

Said John Moore, meeting his new neighbors "For five dollars apiece this party was the bargain of the century."

All involved hope that this will become an annual affair, with more and more residents involved as the news of its success travels.



January Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

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Correspondence

A letter from the Law Offices of Fong and Fong (our attorneys) regarding 1994 billing policies.

A letter from Jon and Kathy Walker regarding use of the common area docks.

New Business

Consideration of a new bid package for our landscape contractor.

Consideration of a bid from Edward Riback for preparation of the BBTA annual financial report and 1993 tax returns.

Consideration of a schedule of fines for CC&R, Bylaw, and Rule violations to bring us into compliance with California Civil Code Section 1363(i).

Old Business

Further consideration of Architectural Committee Guidelines and request form.

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Comings And Goings

Jennifer Flanigan

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Best of luck to Page and Ron Blumenthal who departed January 30 for a new life in the Los Angeles area. The backyard's not the same without the Hermes, which they took out cruising and fishing many a summer day. Their unit at 340 Tideway is for rent and we hope that whoever gets it will be as good a pair of neighbors as they were.

For Orchid Lovers

Jennifer Flanigan

Cymbidiums have been around since the onset of the rain forest; we see lots of them on various patios and decks throughout the neighborhood. Apparently, this is a great area to grow orchids. So, we're thinking of getting together a Ballena Bay Orchid Society-right now it's planned as an informal gathering to share ideas, tips, cuttings and whatnot. Perhaps a meeting in mid-May, that's supposed to be a good time to split them for propagation. We've spent many dollars at Rod McClellan on plants which produce foliage abundantly, but no blooms, so I was positively apoplectic when one of ours bloomed over the holidays. I want it to happen AGAIN. Call me (523-4734) if you're interested in participating. Here's a tip from Ida Stone: bring flowering orchids in out of the rain. The raindrops will cause brown spots (this happened to mine). For you diehards, from this month's Sunset: the Pacific Orchid Exposition will be held at Fort Mason Center February 25-27.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Marina Improvements

Jennifer Flanigan

I hadn't taken a walk on that narrow, rutty road past the Whale's Tail in a long time—probably because my husband and I used to go running on that road and the memories are still too painful. I was surprised to find it smooth and newly paved with a snappy double yellow line running right through it. Called up Harbormaster Anderson to find out that the road, which had been torn out by numerous storms, was a capital improvement project which they finally got the money to fund. Eventually they will close out the inside road and will pave the lot at the end of

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Classifieds

For Sale (or Sail) 8' Fiberglass dinghy, newly refinished, fiberglass taped, "West Coat" undercoat & finish. Painted inside and out white and blue. Includes oars and cover. Contact Jim & Mary Neil on Ballena Blvd. to come by and have a look. 865-8722. \$350 or best offer.

Learn about <u>Earthquake</u> <u>Insurance</u> options at the February Board Meeting!

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the new road for boaters to park. Other improvements are planned and I will keep you apprised.

New Deli Soon!

The watchword is <u>upscale</u> in describing Good and Plenty, the soon-to-open deli located in the Ballena Bay complex. I know that there are those of you who miss that hot cup o'java on your morning poocher patrol. The owner has some walk-throughs she needs to pass. Hopefully an in depth article will follow in the next Newsletter.

Earthquake Preparedness

An earthquake preparedness meeting was organized and attended by the Neils, Peters', Vickerys and Lillywhites. This is an issue which I know I tend to push aside until something like the Northridge earthquake happens. It is most prudent to discuss this eventuality now, before it occurs, when precautions can be taken and stores and supplies can be put in. We commend this group for their foresight and can all profit from the ideas discussed at their gathering.

A Place To Go—Where can we go if our homes are uninhabitable? We are fortunate because many of us have boats with a fresh supply of water, canned food, a Coleman stove or barbecue grill, warm dry clothing, lights, and many of the necessities. Get together with your immediate neighbors and decide on a craft which can serve as a safe haven for those around you, should a cataclysm occur (the above group has dubbed theirs "The Ark III"). Make sure there are enough food supplies, blankets, water and a working radio aboard. 1

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Life Ladder—This is crucial if fire should break out on a second story. There is a chain link variety manufactured by American LaFrance which I will try to find out information on as to price and availability.

Automatic Shutoff for Gas Valves—This is apparently a device which attaches to the shutoff lever making it easy and obvious as to how to cutoff the gas. Let me do some information-gathering on how much and where to buy.

Vivas Zapatas—Keep your slippers (or Docksiders) <u>under</u> your bed so that broken glass can't get in them, in case you have to tread on shards as you bolt for the door. Also keep a robe or sweatshirt within grabbing distance for a middle-of-the-night dash.

Make Sure

- That your portable radio is working and has fresh batteries ditto flashlights
- That you really think the best place for that heavy lead crystal vase is atop the bookcase where your head or that of someone very dear might break its fall
- That, if you both work and it happens midday, you decide on a place to meet (my husband and I chose the ferry plaza), and decide on an alternate should that place go the way of Atlantis and parts of the Santa Monica freeway.

This will become an ongoing article and I hope this sparks some ideas from all of you as you think of ways to handle emergencies such as fire and earthquakes. If we think about this now, when we're safe, we'll remember what to do when we're in the thick of it. I welcome your input.

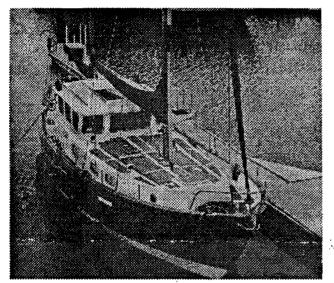
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BOAT NOTES

by A. Nonnie Muss

Since this is a boating community, I thought it would be nice to learn about our resident boats what they are, to whom they belong and funny, harrowing or otherwise interesting stories about them. This month I would like to introduce BLUE GOOSE.



Blue Goose - Photo by Gus Chronis

She is a newcomer to Ballena Bay, brought here by her owners, Chris and Diane Penn when they moved to 465 Cola Ballena last October. She is a Fisher 37 motor sailer with a 80hp Sabre diesel engine. She was built in the South of England in 1978 and at 26,000 pounds with 13,000 pounds of ballast one just knows that her builder knew what kind of seas she would encounter. Her appearance is unique, designed Chris said after the North Sea fishing trawlers. It is a very popular boat in England and others besides the Penn's have been imported including a Fisher 46 that was owned by Astronaut Pete Conrad.

BLUE GOOSE was imported by the original owner who lived aboard in Richmond. A look inside her well designed interior assures one that it would be a very comfortable home.

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The excellent use of the available space makes it seem much larger than its 37 feet and the many port lights and clear hatches make it light and airy. I was particularly intrigued by the fold out sink in the head. Diane's talent with canvas and needle is evident, especially in the canvas restraints she devised for the bunks to insure that the children staved in them! Diane and Chris bought BLUE GOOSE in 1984 and although they have stayed aboard as long as two weeks they prefer shorter trips with their 10 year old daughter, Stephanie, and their 7 year old son, Nathaniel. Angel Island is one of their favorite destinations, but they have taken her South to Half Moon Bay and North to Drakes Bay as well. She has all the electronics for ocean cruising.

Although there is an emergency tiller in the cockpit aft, the main steering station is located in the pilot house. In wild weather, with windows all around and a clear hatch overhead, Chris describes the feeling inside as almost surreal. His favorite story is about a fishing trip outside the Golden Gate. They were sailing wing on wing off Chimney Rock trailing a line - just in case - when they hooked a 24 pound salmon !!! It took twenty minutes to land, but land it they did, in spite of having to turn over the helm to a non sailor.

The Penns love living in Ballena Bay, but surprisingly, not for the first time. Back in the early 70's they lived in the Ballena Village Apartments and only dreamed of a home here with its own dock and a boat such as BLUE GOOSE berthed at the doorstep.





February Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

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Presentation Earthquake Insurance- Andrew Duncan Agency Correspondence Letter from Merrill Thruston re use of the common areas Letter From Fong & Fong re: Board policy 93-1 and Thruston/use of the common area Letter From John Moore re: roofs Letter from John Buono re: Storage in the common area New Business None scheduled at publication Old Business Results of Landscape Bid Request Review of Annual Financial Report, Prepared by Edward Riback, C. P. A.

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Earthquake Update

Automatic Gas Valves - Vanguard Valves (510) 357-5038 sells an automatic gas shut-off valve which stops the flow of gas to your home in the event of an earthquake. A 5.3 or 5.4 magnitude earthquake will trigger the valve which may be reset by the homeowner. The valve is made of stainless steel, sells for \$225 and is warranted for the life of the home that it protects. It may be installed by any qualified contractor or Vanguard will install it for \$75 to \$150 depending on the specifics of your location. An Alameda City building permit (approx. \$25) will also be required.

A discount might be obtained if several homeowners were willing to purchase valves at the same time. Anyone interested in being part of a group purchase should contact Jeff Frankel at 769-6097 before March 15.

Manual Gas Valve Shut-off Tools -

Earthquake Outlet in Albany (510) 526-3587 has two types (both metal) for sale, one for gas only (\$5.95) and one for gas and water (\$14.95). The tool is about 14 inches long and they recommend tying it to your gas meter to avoid loss or theft.

Fire Ladders - This same outfit sells a steel model which attaches to the windowsill and dangles to either a 15 or 25 foot length. They recommend, especially for older or very young residents, the plastic type which is footed, so that it attaches to the side of the house when extended and is more stable. It is affixed to the windowsill and is stored in a wrapped package. Prices are \$49.95 for the 15 foot length, \$69.95 for the 25 foot length.

Profiles

Our residents, our neighbors, are certainly one of our most important resources here at Ballena Bay. As in any community, we bring together a diversity of backgrounds, experiences, personalities, and opinions. In an effort to bring the richness of this diversity to light, the following is offered as the first in an ongoing series for the Newsletter.

Ray Lillywhite

Ray is quite a resource for us. He attended Utah State University and did graduate work at American University in Washington, D.C. In 1937 he entered, in its infancy, a field which was to become one of the most important facets of our economic structure - employee benefits.

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Classifieds

Townhome for rent - 2 bedroom, 2.5 baths in Baywood village (Bayfarm) - features patios, fireplace, formal DR, breakfast room - no pets, no smoking - see Esther Maynard 769-7308

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Starting out as director of State Teachers Retirement Systems first in Utah, then in Wisconsin, then in Ohio, he gained the knowledge and experience of 31 years in the public pension arena. Then in 1970, he became senior Vice President and limited partner in Alliance Capital Management which manages over \$100 billion for corporate, public, endowment, foundation and mutual funds.

He has been so essential a part of the evolution of the investment management of public employee retirement funds that a national award was established in his honor and bears his name.

It was this last position, which he held for 23 years, which brought him and Eloise to the Bay Area. They became familiar with the Ballena area in 1970 and liked the proximity to the water, but were unsure as to whether to settle here permanently. So, sales manager Joe O'Donnell rented them his unit at 1227 Ballena Blvd. One year later they bought, and in Ray's words "We plan to stay awhile." Ray traveled an average of 70% during his tenure at Alliance. One of the things they like about living here is the short distance to the airport. He and Eloise still attend between 6 and 10 benefits-related conferences a year, and there are prep meetings in advance, so the airport access is still a benefit. They reminisce about their first years here. "There were no homes on Tideway in the early seventies—and people used to come and fly model airplanes where the Ballena Apartments are now."

Ray was asked whether he had ever served on the BBTA board. He answered no, but that he had served on a homeowners board at their getaway home in La Costa. "Imagine being on a board and dealing with the egos of movie stars and the like." (And we think <u>our</u> meetings are spirited.)

Ray is a definite family man. He and Eloise are putting the last of their five grandchildren through college. On a shelf in their dining room is a charming photograph of a toddler holding up a huge sign which reads "I'm going to be a big brother next summer." (This is greatgrandchild #1.)

It is obvious this is a well-respected, muchloved individual. A very successful career in a fast-changing field, together with a rich home life is a tough thing to balance in these times. Here is a man who has accomplished both. Glad to have you here, Ray.

Deli Update

The <u>Good and Plenty</u> deli has reopened under new ownership by Dale Ketter and her son Dana. Dale used to work at the G & P when it was located at the California College of Arts and Crafts and was then owned by Victoria Weiss and Susannah Hoffman, both co-founders of Chez Panisse. She and her son bought it from them and have opened an establishment with food and wine one could characterize as "upscale".

There are three different kinds of liverwurst (plain, pistachio and onion), three kinds of ham (French, Black Forest and Danish), there's prosciutto and a variety of other sandwich meats. The hard salami is kept on hand for boaters so that they don't need to worry about spoilage. Add to this a wide variety of cheeses several Bries, Dofino, Parmesan (for those pasta suppers), and American, to name a few.

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BOAT NOTES

by A. Nonnie Muss

This month I would like to introduce CAFE BONITO. No, this is not the new deli at the marina, it is the 24' Skipjack - an open cockpit, deep V hull speedboat - that belongs to Jeff Frankel and Pat Corrigan.



Cafe Bonito - Photo by Pat Corrigan

Before she moved to her berth at 352 Tideway, she belonged to Bob Partridge and was called BONITO. My first question to Jeff was, "How did you choose the name?" Bob chose BONITO since it is a kind of tuna as is the skipiack and Jeff did not want to change that, but a trip to the Delta produced the new adaptation. It seems that Jeff and Pat on BONITO and neighbors Lee and Rhonda Manter on their boat were docked among many larger boats and became the envy of all at dinnertime when they were observed dining in candlelit splendor in the open cockpit of BONITO. There were many comments along the line of, "Gee, we can't do that on our large yacht." or "Why did we spend all this money to eat inside?", etc. Thus, CAFE BONITO !! Can't you just see it?

Jeff recounted his most harrowing experience for me. It was Memorial Day week-end and he was returning from Vallejo with nine people aboard. They were in San Pablo Bay when he observed a large car carrier approaching at high speed. It did not seem to present a problem, but when he could see the stern wake he realized that it was HUGE and evasive action was necessary. With a shout of "Hang on for a hard left." he turned to run parallel with the ship until he could turn across the wake. Once hearts returned to the normal location instead of in mouths, the rest of the trip home was uneventful.

Since Jeff has owned CAFE BONITO less than a year, she has not been on any long trips, but in her past life she was trailered to Washington and spent a month cruising the San Juan Islands and the Gulf Islands in Canada for a dream vacation for Bob and Beverly. She also has a claim to fame for her television appearance when Bob was featured on a Channel 4 series called "Super Commuters", a delightful segment hosted by Emerald Yeh.

Jeff has re powered CAFE BONITO, added electronics, and re- done the upholstery and canvas. She looks brand new and the new blue top is really spiffy. If her past life is any indication, Jeff & Pat are going to have many, many happy hours of cruising.

When I talked to Jeff for this article, I took him away from his impressive array of computers and I can only assume that if he runs our Association as efficiently as he manages those machines, we are in very competent hands!

Incidentally, never underestimate the power of AT DOCKSIDE advertising. When Bob decided to sell BONITO, he gave the information to Jeff for inclusion in the next issue. Jeff dutifully inserted the ad, but before the ink was dry he had purchased the boat!!







They serve breakfast (that's right, egg dishes). They have a soup of the day (when I visited, it was minestrone) and they have daily specials. The specials are combinations of different salads, which are all prepared fresh.

Guess what? <u>They deliver</u>. This is crucial information for the get-home-late-and-can't-stand-thethought-of-pizza-or-Chinese evenings. Dale has employed a wine merchant for her wine offerings, so there are several Italian Chiantis and French appellations. Her California selection is growing day by day, right now Rosenblum is the chief California winery on her shelves. You'll also find a French sparkling cider beside the ports and sherries.

Her goal is to make you feel at home. As she says, "We are your hosts and hostesses." On weekends they set out trays for customers to sample cheeses and spreads on crackers. They sell Semifreddie's breads and in a couple of weeks will offer Noah's bagels. They take great pride in their gourmet coffees, "coffee for the hearty" she likes to say. Decaf is available upon request. Also, for you boaters, they have bagged ice.

So stop by and sample some of their food and libations. Sit outside on the patio, enjoy your sandwich and marvel at the beautiful city view. They are open sun-up to sundown - 6:30 to 6:30, Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 6:00 on Saturdays and 7:30 to 5:00 on Sundays.

March Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

So far, for March, the following items have been scheduled in addition to the usual reports: Correspondence Letter from Sundance and re: contract and response Letter from Duncan Insurance New Business Bid for installation of speedbump on Tideway drive Old Business None scheduled

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Welcome

We have new neighbors at 344 Tideway. Frank and Margaret Long just moved here from Monterey. Frank is with the Navy, stationed at nearby Crab Cove. Glad to have you here.

Ballena Bay History - Part 1

Had you been an Alameda resident in 1969 and picked up a copy of the Times Star you might have noticed that "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" was playing at the Alameda Theatre. Had you been looking for a new set of wheels, a turn to the classifieds would have hawked a Chevy Chevelle sport coupe with radio and heater selling for \$2500. But the full page spread would have been lauding the new \$40 million dollar development at Ballena Isle.

Such were the beginnings of the development of our little landfill island, created in 1963 and owned by the city. In the year in which we will celebrate our 25th anniversary it is fitting that we should take a look back and reflect on how it all came about. Much is owed to the vision of a man named William B. Kirkland, Jr. whose original plans for this area called for 44 townhomes on the island, additional condminiums, 500 garden apartments and lowrise apartment units.

He also had plans for the Ballena Isle Marina. The marina had been given to the city by the state and was designated Tidelands Trust land. State requirement mandated that it be used primarily to aid navigation and commerce. Kirkland wanted more development of the yacht harbor. His plan called for use of over 21 acres to berth 500 boats with marina and recreation facilities, a restaurant and a convention motel. Ballena Isle was originally billed as unique as the only waterfront residential property under construction in the Bay Area with deep water boating, a central location and extensive open space. Also, it afforded the only complete harbor facility along the shoreline between the Oakland estuary and San Leandro.

Phase 1 called for completion of the yacht harbor including 266 slips, an administration building, complete marine facilities and the Whale's Tail Hof Brau (interesting that the restaurant still bears the original name and that the German influence has returned in the persona of Sigi).

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LORAN C handheld receiver and navigation computer - Ray Jefferson, Model PL 99. 100 way points, 10 routes. "User Friendly" (says Bob). Includes 110volt charger and manual. \$100 or make offer. Bob Partridge 865-2574.

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Phase 2 would be completion of 44 townhomes on the island (what we now know as Cola Ballena and Ballena Blvd.) Asking prices for townhomes started at \$56,000.

Phase 3 was to see the construction of the condo complex adjacent to the Ballena Bay yacht harbor.

After completion of these three phases, construction of additional townhomes, apartment buildings and commercial ventures was to commence.

So, continuing with the article in your February, 1969 Alameda Times Star, you and yours would have been invited to come view these unique \$56,000 units, featuring sunken living room and deck, front powder room (love that phrase, however the only powder in mine is Comet), master bedroom with balcony overlooking the water, a modern kitchen and a 2-car garage. As one of the original buyers put it at the time "Just the sound and feel of water is something I think most people like. Three days ago I counted 14 pelicans out here and you can fish right off the dock - the place is loaded with sardines. I think this is a terrific place to live."

Mister, so do I.

A Conversation with Alan Cull

Alan Cull is not a man who can sit still for very long. Indeed, this interview was held in his garage as he straightened up after finishing a project as, I'm sure, he prepared for another one. One of the hats he wears is that of captain and I quickly learned he is a wealth of information regarding matters nautical. The first thing he did

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was to explain to me the difference between a captain and a pilot. A pilot brings ships from the ocean to the bay. They are licensed by the Coast Guard for certain areas. As part of their certification they are tested on such subjects as bouys, lights, water depth (critical in our shallow bay) and quality of bottoms (whether they are sandy, rocky, etc). As part of their certification as bar pilots they must draw the bay from memory.

But while the pilot may give the orders, the captain carries them out. Alan is a captain or master (but his wife Jan doesn't call him that). Captains are given a classification in tonnage. Alan is a "near coastal" captain, meaning he can go out 200 miles from shore, in a vessel of 100 tons. The tonnage referred to here has more to do with square footage than gross tons. He captains one of the four boats owned by Commodore Dining Cruises. His boss used to own Hornblower Yachts, but sold it to concentrate on the private, rather than the public cruise business.

He has the distiction of owning two and a half boats (negotiations are underway for the buyout of one boat partner). His sentimental favorite is the Harpoon, his Rhoades 19 footer. It was found abandoned in a San Rafael creek. It had sat on a sandbar for years and was full of mud. Harpoon was used to rough handling. They pulled her keel off taking her out of the creek. Since then Alan has given her a new life, she is a shipshape craft, used to going out nights and evenings (Alan and crew like to out at the end of the day). The "No Name Boat" is his 23-foot Bayliner sailboat which he inherited from a friend. This he refers to as his camping boat, it sleeps 4 and is good as an "overnighter."

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BOAT NOTES

by A. Nonnie Muss

This month I would like to introduce BELUGA. She is aNauticat 33 owned by Mili and Andre Delbecq at 327 ColaBallena. BELUGA is a 36' motor sailer which was built inFinland in 1983 and found by the Delbecgs, after a coast tocoast search, in Seattle in 1987. She is powered by a 90horsepower Lehman diesel and boasts thirteen sails so she is comfortable underway in any weather. Her interior was designed for cruising comfort with a central pilot house; the master stateroom is aft -- galley and guest stateroom with its own head are forward. After the purchase, they left BELUGA in the Northwest for seven months. Then Mili and Andre spent two weeks learning all about her by exploring the GulfIslands in Canada. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to picturesque Victoria.



Beluga

They started their homeward journey from Vancouver - just the two of them - standing watches of four hours on, four hours off continuously until they reached Eureka. There, they fueled the boat and slept at the dock which was a most welcome change. It was a test of both boat and crew as they had small craft

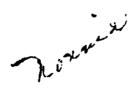
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warnings the entire way, but that was just toprepare them for the full gale around Point St. George! It took them eighteen hours from Point St. George to the harbor at Fort Bragg and since they arrived at 2:00 a.m., they were happy to have the Coast Guard provide an escort. The seas were so high that the forty footer sent out for them was obscured by the waves!! Once safely in the harbor, they stayed for two days to rest up, dry out and garner courage before starting on the final leg to Ballena Bay.

To say it was a hard trip would be an understatement, but the seven and one-half days of actual sailing proved BELUGA to be one fine yacht, but both Mili and Andre agree that the crew did not fare as well. Nevertheless, with that trip as an initiation, they go sailing whenever time permits and usually outside the Bay. They have sailed from Point Reyes to Monterey and out to the Farallons.

Mili recounts that one time, when they were sailing from the Bay Bridge to the San Mateo Bridge. Andre wanted to test the sails. And test them he did - all thirteen of them! They do change sails often when they are out, but haven't found it necessary to do all of them at one time again.

The only member of the family who is not too happy about BELUGA is Bonaparte (his picture appeared in a recent AT DOCKSIDE) who has to stay at home. Well, a 208 pound dog is not the easiest pet to take aboard, but he does provide a warm welcome when they return.





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Alan admits his perspective changes when he started sailing. "When I did the big boats first, I didn't have any sympathy for sailors, now I do," though he is a firm believer in the rule of gross tonnage and is well aware that the huge tankers can't turn or stop. Looking out towards the bay, he pointed out an interesting fact. If you look at the very large ships and their bow is toward San Francisco, it means the tide is going out (since these boats are anchored off the bow, the rest of the boat will swing in the direction the tide is going). Conversely, if the tide is coming in, the bow will be toward San Jose. Reason? The deep-draft boats are affected more by currents than by wind.

It is clear that this is a person who ended up in the right place. He is a commercial plumber, a captain and a scuba instructor by day and an avid boater by night, "Everything to do with water," as he puts it. We hope he will share more of his sailing stories and expertise with us in the future.

April Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

So far, for April, the following items have been scheduled in addition to the usual reports: Correspondence None New Business Pre-paint insprection proposal and cost proposal Painting proposal Old Business

Speed Bump Thruston Docking Issue

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Correction

My apologies to Alan Cull for erroneously relating the interesting fact on the deepdraft boats. Since they are anchored off the bow, if the bow is pointed toward San Francisco, it means the tide is <u>coming in</u>, since the rest of the boat will swing in the direction the tide takes it. The error was entirely mine. Pat Hayes was the first to catch it and left a message on my tape. Alan, you are hereby exonerated.

Thank You!

Ida Stone appreciates the cards, flowers, signs (including the huge "Welcome Home" one which stretched across the waterside of Ballena Blvd.) which were given by her many friends and neighbors. She continues to recover at home from a recent massive heart attack. Thank you to all her wellwishers.

Power Walk

Attention, early risers. The PowerWalkers meet at the corner of Ballena Blvd. and Cola Ballena at 5:50am. sharp for a pavement-pounding lasting about 45 minutes. The group invites you to join them for a brisk morning constitutional. A stop at the deli for coffee is not uncommon. So, set those clocks early and jump-start your day with a healthy powerwalk.

Ballena Bay History - Part 2

A Conversation with Bill Kirkland Bill Kirkland will be moving back East this week, leaving behind a legacy for which all of us who live here can truly be thankful. To him, having tidewater and boat docks in the backyard gives Ballena Bay its unique character and he knows well how few there are of such places in the area. The following relates how he came to be involved in the evolution of this area from a sandpile into a resort-style complex.

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The 1994 BBTA Community Garage Sale will be held on June11 - Call Jeff Frankel @ 769-6097

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Next Board Meeting

The May board of directors meeting (see agenda on Page 4) will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 10, 1994 at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club. Meetings are normally held on the second Tueday of each month.



History - from Page 1

The idea for Ballena Bay came from two men in Marin County who took a page out of a Utah Construction Company book and noticed that a piece of land adjacent to Encinal High School was for sale. They applied to the city, the state and the federal governments for permits to dredge and fill an island. They went bankrupt in 1966. The lender involved foreclosed, then took the property and tried to sell it, but no one was interested in purchasing it. The lender involved was California Financial Corporation.

The chairman of the board of California Financial was Jack Peters, who thought long and hard about what to do with this island nobody wanted. He decided to make a phone call to an old high school friend who was with the Navy. The offer he made was this: if he would retire from the Navy, he could become president of Pan Pacific Development Co. and develop the island. The high school friend agreed. His name was Bill Kirkland.

That was early in 1967. Kirkland arrived here and immediately interviewed six or seven architectural firms and selected Fisher-Friedman. Plans were drawn up and presented to the city of Alameda and the city approved them. The venture had no problems getting financing from Security Savings and Loan (whose parent company was California Financial). The reason? they expected a big return downstream. (More on how this turned out later.)

Williams and Burroughs were the contractors hired to pave the streets and build the infrastructure. This took place during the summer of 1967 to 1970. They also built the marina and the Whale's Tail building (the current Whale's Tail building is not a structure Kirkland is happy with, as an aside). Next to be built was the yacht broker's building, then the townhouses on the island, and after that, the condos at the end of Cola Ballena.

Then, in 1971, the regulators of the S & Ls, mostly state operations, said that the venture should not be using Security Savings and Loan funds to do real estate deals that weren't an "arm's length" transaction. So they sold off the property that was left. The Ballena Bay apartments were sold to Gerston Baker who put those apartments up. That left the only vacant land the two acres at the east end of Tideway, which was the last piece sold. These lots were developed with big boat docks and, according to Kirkland, originally sold for half a million dollars.

Kirkland's company put in the foundations on Tideway Drive, however another contractor, Jules Duke and Company designed the units. These were designed to be smaller and the owner originally planned to market

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by A. Nonnie Muss

In keeping with Jennifer's "History of Ballena Bay" story, this month I would like to introduce the classic yacht FANTASEA which is the oldest power boat in our community and probably the longest continuous resident here. She was berthed in the yacht harbor from September 1969 when the Partridges bought one of the to-be-built townshouses until May 1970 when her slip was completed and she moved to 429 Cola Ballena.



FANTASEA - Photo courtesy of Robert Partridge

FANTASEA is a 38' tri-cabin cruiser built in 1925 by the Matthews Company in Port Clinton, Ohio. She is built of Honduran mahogony over oak frames and is powered by a 150hp Gray Marine gasoline engine. Her layout with head and two bunks in the forward cabin, pilot house in the center and galley, dining area and a pull-out double bunk in the aft cabin make

FANTASEA a very comfortable cruising boat. In response to the question of what prompted the purchase, Bob said, I was racing Sports Cars and a friend was killed at Laguna Seca in June. Beverly said, "I'm too young to be a widow and too old to start over so why don't you get that slow boat you have talked about?" The cars were sold and the boat was found at Bethel Island on July 4, 1960.

Her first home port was Pete's Harbor in Redwood City. Bob reports that the most memorable trip and the most harrowing experience both occurred in the summer of 1962 when the Partridge family cruised to Ensenada, Mexico. They gunk-holed down the coast for a lovely cruise and the return trip was the most harrowing experience. They enjoyed the southern California waters and their children, eight and ten, especially enjoyed Catalina Island, but rounding Point Conception lived up to all the horror stories that they had heard. On the first attempt, high seas coupled with a failed bilge pump dictated a return to Santa Barbara.

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Beverly and the children took turns at the hand bilge pump, but Beverly was comforted by the helicopter that hovered over them after the Coast Guard had called them to see if assistance was required!

After drying out and renewing courage, a second attempt was made only to have to join the fishing fleet "waiting it out" at Coxo Cove. After two days, the third attempt was successful and the rest of the trip was uneventful - the best kind, says Beverly. By 1963, Bob was ready to put his design and building skills to work. First, he built the swim step, followed by the flying bridge and finally the forward bulwark which was completed after the move to Ballena Bay. In 1980, FANTASEA became a member of the Classic Yacht Association and proudly bears the plaque from the State of California that states that she is a vessel of Historic Interest.

Bob admits that if there had been a Classic Yacht Association in the '60s he might not have made the changes, but even though her lines are now that of a slightly newer Matthews, the interior is all '20s. The mahogony has been restored to its original luster and the addition of a Swedish Parlor stove (circa 1912) in the main cabin provides both beauty and warmth. FANTASEA has been a frequent visitor to Santa Cruz and Monterey and has cruised with BBYC to Drakes Bay, Half-Moon Bay and the Farallones. She attends Delta rendezvous with the Classic Yacht Association and if there is a parade, FANTASEA will be there.

It is not easy to compress 34 years into a few paragraphs, but Bob describes FANTASEA as a family affair, first for the Partridge children and now for the eight grandchildren who like to celebrate birthdays at Angel Island. Since maintenance and restoration projects are constantly in progress, both Bev and Bob agree that moving to Ballena Bay was the best decision they ever made and Beverly says, "Our wonderful neighbors are the frosting on the cake."





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Cull- from Page 2 them as less expensive than the island townhouses. The island townhomes originally went for from between \$38,000 to \$65,000. The Tideway units ranged from \$28,000 to \$36,000.

As for Porta Ballena, Gallagher and Lindsay Developers bought that piece of land and built wooden condos. Kirkland feels they were poorly designed and not wellengineered, resulting in dry rot and taking lots of money to repair.

The bridge between our mainland and Ballena Isle was built by Bernhard and

Bramante Associates in 1965 or 1966, recalls Kirkland.

Back in 1967, when Jack Peters called his old friend, he had said Bill Kirkland was the man for this job. Bill Kirkland says he is still not sure about that. "I knew design and construction, but nothing about real estate development," he says today. We are thankful that it did not stop him from pursuing this particular venture. However, if one reads the newspaper clippings of that time, the creation of this place was not without its setbacks. But that is another story, for another day. The series continues.

May Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

So far, for May, the following items have been scheduled in addition to the usual reports:

Correspondence

Letter From Jim Oliver appealing the Board's ruling on side-tie mooring of his boat. Letter from owners in the 400 block of Tideway opposing the bycycle trail New Business None Old Business Speed Bump

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Lobster & Raspberry Salad

Here's a recipe for a great summer salad from the Hotel el Presidente in Cozumel submitted by Alan Cull.

- 1 cooked lobster tail
- black olives
- 1 tsp onion
- raspberries
- 1/2 oz raspberry vinegar
- lettuce
- tomato
- salt & pepper

Cube lobster meat, coarsely chop lettuce, slice onion and tomato. Toss lettuce and onion. On the lettuce bed, place lobster, raspberries, olives and tomato slices. Sprinkle vinegar over salad, then salt & pepper. (Alan's tip: he uses frozen raspberries and mixes some of the

thawed juice with the vinegar.)

SUPER-CYCLIST

First, we had power-walkers. Now, we've got Bob Descombes (425 Cola Ballena) conquering Mount Diablo. On May 24, Bob bicycled up the famed peak in just under five hours (4 hours, 50 minutes, to be exact). Diablo, for those of you who aren't aware, is a 3,849 foot elevation. For Bob it was ten and one-half miles. He was so pleased with his feat, he went out and bought himself a new bike to celebrate.

Bob likes to bicycle in the middle of the week when the roads are less crowded and says he prefers to ascend the summit on the Danville side.

On June 2 he made another ascent, this time in two hours, forty-four minutes. He credits this better time to the fact that the new bike weighs thirty pounds, the old bike weighed forty. "Just call me the Greg LaMonde of the Social Security set," he laughs. We'll keep you posted as he continues to pare down that time and, by the way, Bob, congratulations on a fine effort.

Upcomming Events

GARAGE SALE JUNE 11

Community Bar-B-Q August 21 (See Page 4)

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Next Board Meeting

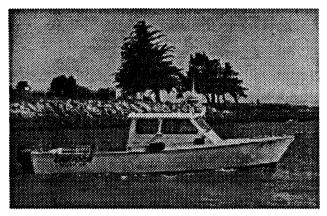
The May board of directors meeting (see agenda on Page 3) will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, June 14, 1994 at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club. Meetings are normally held on the second Tueday of each month.



BOAT NOTES

by A. Nonnie Muss

This month I would like to introduce CARIOCA, one of the newest boats in our neighborhood. She arrived at 326 Tideway Drive in December of 1990.



CARIOCA - Photo by Jerry Stone

Archie Stone first saw and fell in love with the hull design of the boat when he saw one in Ballena Marina. He contacted the builder, Bob Thomson, of Monterey Bay Marine in Watsonville and soon they were working together on the design. Mr. Thomson had built only eight of these boats (he primarily builds racing sailboats) and none of them were cabin cruisers. He agreed to produce the hull which is a balsa core sandwiched between fiberglass and to follow Archie's design for the cabin. Archie wanted a boat for off-shore fishing that could get to the fishing grounds in a hurry, but he also wanted a comfortable cruising boat for trips to the Delta. The finished product satisfies both requirements. CARIOCA is 30'7" in length with a beam of 8'7" and is powered by two 150hp Yamaha outboard engines. Electrolysis is NO problem for CARIOCA as she has no underwater metal! All the fittings are of Marelon and the props come up completely out of the water so zincs are not needed.

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The interior space is well used. The V bunks forward are covered in a faux zebra fabric (pretty zazzy) and the clear hatch makes the cabin light and airy. The storage under the bunks contains clothes for both Ida and Archie and is also their earthquake emergency store. The earthquake preparedness people would be very proud - the stores are even inventoried! The pilothouse midships is loaded with electronics - I never saw so many little screens. There's one for the radar, one for the fish finder and one for the compass and there is a push button automatic pilot: The compact galley is located aft of the co-pilot seat and a large cooler is located aft of the pilot seat. This can also be used as a seat for the table that can be installed when needed either in the cabin or in the spacious cockpit This multiuse design is what makes this thirty foot boat seem much larger.

When I asked Archie my standard question, "What was your most harrowing experience?" he answered, "Wild waves - we were nearly swamped by a freighter that was coming much faster than we thought. We had to make a quick turn into his wake." Have you noticed that the answer to my question is nearly always the same?? Nevertheless, Archie says it is a great sea boat and handles especially well in a following sea. Often, they surf home after a day of fishing.

My next question was how they chose her name, CARIOCA. It is a Brazilian expression for a person from Rio de Janeiro. Since the Stones lived in Rio for thirteen years before coming to Ballena Bay and have fond memories of the country, they decided to name the boat CARIOCA in honor of those memories.





BALLENA BAY HISTORY WATERSIDE

The Wave Maze

Pounding waves and surging tides may be the stuff of famous novels of the sea, however they can wreak havoc on a small, unprotected water-based community such as ours was in 1977. In that year damage to boats and docks cost residents \$10,000. It was agreed a solution must be found. It came in the form of the wave maze. The maze was designed by the San Francisco firm of Dames and Moore. According to an article in the Alameda Times Star, there were two others in operation - one at Pt. Reyes and the other "near San Francisco." (Here's a trivia question for you long-time owners: Who knows where the "near S.F." locale is?)

The cost of the maze was a cool \$75,000 and the completion date was April 8, 1978. There was a christening ceremony on that date attended by many of the residents. Presiding over the festivities was Reverend Darby Betts, who provided the champagne.

Dredging the Channel

Pan Pacific Development applied to the Department of the Army for a permit to dredge the channel separating the mainland from Ballena Isle. The channel was 4,800 feet long, 150 feet wide and ten feet deep at mean low water.

A total of 95,000 cubic yards was dredged, 60,000 cubic yards was placed along the sides of the channel and the remaining 35,000 cubic yards was deposited in the Federal dumping grounds south of Alcatraz.

May Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

So far, for June, the following items have been scheduled in addition to the usual reports: Correspondence Letter from Ed Clancy regarding Thurston New Business Review bids for 1994 roofing Old Business Jim Oliver berthing request

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BBTA BBQ SPECIAL August 21 Will Be a Big BBQ Day in Ballena Bay

BALLENA BAY ANNUAL PICNIC - AUGUST 21ST!

This year is the 25th anniversary of BBTA and a very special picnic is planned to celebrate the event. The theme is "Davey Jones Locker" and nautical attire is the dress. Sunday, August 21st is the date and 1213 Ballena Blvd. is the place. Festivities will begin at 4:00 with a boat ride around Ballena Isle for all interested children and youth. Captain Archie Stone will be at the helm. Davey Jones will start serving "grog" (beer, wine, and soft drinks) at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served about 6:00 p.m.

A menu with emphasis on seafood will be served (salmon, skewered prawns, barbequed oysters) along with chicken and hot dogs. Street assignments are as follows:

Tideway Drive: Appetizers Coordinators: Archie Stone - 300 Block of Tideway (865-2243) Willie Flaherty - 400 Block of Tideway (748-0600)

Ballena Blvd.: Salads (Coleslaw, Green Salads, Fruit Salads) Coordinators: Ann Kenyon - 1201 to 1215 Ballena (521-6376) Mary Neil - 1223 - 1237 Ballena (865-8722)

Cola Ballena: Desserts & Coffee Coordinator: Pat Chronis (814-7397)

Mary Neil is in charge of doorprizes and would be most appreciative of any contributions. (Dinners, boat trips, outings, etc. are a great way to become better acquainted with your neighborsl) If you would like to contribute a prize please contact Mary.

Please contact the appropriate coordinator for your street to RSVP. Early acknowledgements are encouraged as this will assist the committee with planning and food ordering.

This year's committee members are: Ann Kenyon-Chair, Bob Kenyon, Jim and Mary Neil, Phyllis McGrew, Ruth Masonek, Willie Flaherty, Pat Chronis, and Archie Stone.





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BBTA Annual Picnic

The annual picnic is approaching. Set aside Sunday, August 21 at 1213 Ballena Blvd. for a fun-filled afternoon of edible delights from the sea shared with neighborhood friends. Bring the kids at 4P.M. for a boat ride with Captain Archie Stone; cocktail hour begins promptly at 4:30. There are some great poeple on this committee who would really appreciate knowing how much food and drink to purchase, how many tables to set and decorate, etc., so an early response is key. The food assignments are as follows when you are calling to RSVP:

Appetizers - Tideway Drive - Archie Stone to coordinate 300 block, 865-2243, Willie Flaherty to coordinate 400 block 748-0600

Salads - Ballena Blvd. (coleslaw, green salad, fruit salad) - Mary Neil to coordinate 1223-1237 Ballena 865-8722 - Ann Kenyon to coordinate 1201-1215 Ballena 521-6376

Desserts & Coffee - Cola Ballena - Pat Chronis to coordinate (814-7397)

The door prize contest at the end is always lots of fun, so if you can come up with a donation—be it a boat ride, a dinner, or a good bottle of wine—please call Mary Neil (865-8722) to offer something. This is our 25th anniversary so let's make this an especially wonderful event.

Condolences

Some very sad news from the neighboring townhouse association. Royce Schulz, who lived at 510 Tideway, died in a rowboat accident last month. The BBTA association and his had been one association until just a few years ago; Royce had spearheaded the move to break away. He was a good neighbor and friend to many of us. Our sincere condolences to his wife and family.

A. Nonnie Muss is on vacation this month

Boat Notes will return in the August Issue

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Next Board Meeting

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Ballena Bay History (Wave Maze Sequel)

Our wave maze story apparently did not end with Rev. Betts and his neighbors sipping champagne and toasting their dockside protection. In a word, the wave maze sank.

Archie Stone read last month's article and decided some follow-up was in order. The person to be credited with the wave maze replacement (which was done with no additional cost to the association) was Ian Roger. Here is what transpired. When the maze sank, Ian phoned Jack Peters, who was then the president of the Ballena Bay marina, to get wave attenuators. At first, Jack wanted to sell them for \$1,000, but after some persuasion from Ian he decided to donate them to help save the docks. Chuck Hastings drove the temporary pilings and homeowner Jim Forni repaired and modified the attenuators which provided a temporary barrier.

Next, Ian met with the insurance company (Maryland) to have the docks brought into shape. This was done. He then met with the successor to the developer (Allstate Finance) and the engineer (Dames & Moore). What had caused the collapse was that the wrong bolts had been used. Dames & Moore hadn't properly overseen the work.

When this came to light at the meeting, Ian told them that since the fault was theirs, all costs associated with the reconstruction should be borne by them and, if they refused, the association would sue. He left the room for a few minutes and when he returned, all was settled. A total of \$100,000 was paid, including materials. There was an on-site engineer every day who reviewed every bolt.

The project took three months to complete and was assembled on the bay near the apartments. One Saturday, Ian got steel casings and met the pile driver to drive the pilings. He got squirrel cages (which are round pieces of metal) to join the pilings together. They then put them inside the casings and filled them with concrete. They are coated with plastic paint and will never wear out or rust.

The year this happened was 1980 and all of this was completed just in time because one scant month later, we experienced hurricane force winds. The water level rose to the height of the bridge. Water rode over the sea wall. It came with such force that it chewed out the wall and road near the flag pole (that explains why the road was in such poor shape before it was re-paved).

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Wave Maze - from Page 2

The wave maze prevailed, however, and shall float for many years to come. Our thanks to Ian for getting our Wave Maze II replaced free of charge to the association.

(Note: It was Ian who answered the trivia question as to the location of the other two wave mazes in the Bay Area. The one in the city was at Pier 39 and it failed as well. The second is in Bodega and is still in operation.)

May Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

So far, for July, the following items have been scheduled in addition to the usual reports: Correspondence

Letter from James Forest regarding roofing of his home

Letter from Jack Coker regarding dockk extensions and letter of response from Jeff Frankel Letter of agreement regarding dock modifications on Cola Ballena

New Business

None submitted at this writing

Old Business

Jim Oliver berthing request

Speed bump update

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