



# *At Dockside*

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Protecting property values and the quality of life in Ballena Bay - February 1995

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY ARMADA CIRCLES BALLENA!

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In keeping with long-standing tradition, the 2nd annual New Year's Day Parade of Dinghies circled Ballena Isle. Forty-four salts (old and young) participated in the voyage, and made port at the following stops:

Archie & Ida Stone's-for delicious Clam Chowder.

John & Nancy Moore's-fortification, in the form of John's Famous Fizzes & Bloody Marys. Tom Williams provided Meatballs for Millions.

Sigi & Corinne Osicki's-Sigi cheated by having a professional chef prepare the Tortellini. Ruth Masonek provided wine to accompany the Tortellini.

Phil & Allison Braverman's for assorted grilled sausages. Bob & Willie Flaherty provided a selection of fine beers to accompany the sausages.

Sally Tonningsen's-for Sally's customary incredible spread of dessert goodies. Unfortunately, by the time the flotilla reached Sally's everyone's personal ballast had increased to the point that no one could eat more than a few dozen treats.

To all of these brave hosts, much thanks! It should be noted that, while the nominal fee covered most expenses, some of the hosts supplemented this with their own generosity. Thanks!

The event was judged to be a huge success, and special thanks to Jim & Mary Neil for organizing it and coordinating everyone's efforts..

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### **SAFETY TIP!**

None of us would dream of failing to have a smoke detector in our homes, but very few of us probably have one installed in our boats. For \$7, it only needs to save your life once to be worth it!

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HOMEOWNER PROFILE :  
ARCHIE STONE

Archie began his life on the water - in North Shore, Long Island - sailing boats, digging clams and enjoying a life near the ocean. He met Ida when they were both in high school on a senior trip to Washington, D.C. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute studying engineering and one week after graduation he and Ida were married.

He went to work for Grumman Aircraft, then entered the Air Force as an engineering officer as the country was in the midst of World War II. He saw action in Italy and flew B17s and at the conclusion of the war decided he had had enough of airplanes and did not want to continue designing them. So, he went back to school and received his masters degree in civil engineering at M.I.T. His focus was hydroelectric engineering - dams, hydroelectric plants and irrigation systems.

After graduating from M.I.T. he went to Colorado to work for the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver. He then joined a private company there called International Engineering Company because they were involved in the engineering field on a worldwide scale. The travel aspect appealed to Archie and he ended up remaining with this company for 38 years.

He and Ida spent seven years in the states

(in Denver) until 1953. Then they moved to Turkey where he worked on a hydroelectric project for three years. Next it was back to the home office (which was in San Francisco) for a year. Then, they moved to Brazil, where they remained for five years, from 1958 to 1962. Here he managed a series of large projects. When he next returned to the states it was as chief design engineer for the entire company. They stayed here for seven years and then returned to Brazil in 1969. It was during this time that Archie was involved in overseeing the largest project of his career. It was the development of the most massive power plant in the world and it was called "ITAIPU." It was built on the Brazil-Paraguay border and generated 12,600 megawatts. (To give you some idea of the scale, a typical nuclear power plant generates 1,000 megawatts.)

In 1977, Archie and Ida returned to the states for good. He was then executive vice president in charge of all of the company's engineering concerns firm-wide, a position he held until his retirement in 1985. He has fond memories of boating in Brazil, of the small islands he and Ida sailed to on weekends, of the warm waters there. They settled in Alameda, he says, "to be near the Golden Gate Bridge to get to the fishing quickly. These houses were a find."

Archie is a great resource for us. He has been active on the board during three terms. In addition, he keeps a watchful eye water-



side with the trusty Baiana, as anyone he has towed in can testify. He continues to demonstrate an abiding interest in the well-being of this community. Archie, thanks for always being there.

*Special to At Docksider by: Scoop Flanigan*

### Holiday Carolers Reported!

At Docksider has had reports of waterside carolers during the recent holiday season. On advice of counsel, the participants wish to remain nameless, pending any possible noise abatement litigation. They were reported seen and heard on Dec. 23, spreading their holiday cheer from several dangerously overloaded boats. In fact, holiday cheer seems likely to have figured prominently in the whole affair. A possible New Year's resolution for 1995: rehearse!

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## IT'S ABOUT THE PICNIC...

Can you believe it? It's time to start thinking about the Ballena Bay annual picnic already! Volunteers are needed to serve on the picnic committee-it's a great way to get better acquainted with your neighbors (the planning meetings are as much fun as the picnic!)

A date should be set as soon as possible so residents can plan to stay in town on Picnic Day. There's a variety of talent needed - people to plan, shop, set-up, decorate tables, cook, tend bar, take pictures, gather doorprizes, etc. Don't be intimidated - prior years files with quantities and cost information are available for reference.

Please call Jeff Frankel at 769-6097 if you are interested in serving on the Picnic Committee.

## Ghost Ships Invade Ballena!

In a late breaking story, several crewless boats drifted into Ballena Bay when their anchor proved unable to hold them at their mooring in the bay. The first occurrence involved a sailboat and (see page 3)

## Homeowner Profile: *Isabella Foster*

When you enter Isabella Foster's home, you are immediately made comfortable by her easy graciousness and warm smile. Flowers abound; in the walkway, on the deck, in her kitchen. Right now a huge spray of pink cymbidiums graces the breakfast nook.

Italian by birth, Isabella was born in Padua, a city 40 kilometers from Venice. As Venice is a city of water, so Padua is a city at the roots of modern medicine, recording the first operating table. Her family tree on her mother's side can be traced back to the 13th century.

Her father was in the Air Force and during World War II the family moved to Rome. The family was a large one. There were six girls and two boys (she is number 4) and as the war worsened they were "stuck there."

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As Isabella puts it, "things happened" in her life, unfolding rather than being the result of a deliberate plan. Her sister was a movie actress during the time Isabella was a teenager. As such, Isabella became her chaperone. While accompanying her sister, the producers noticed her. She got into the movies also, not as an actress, but in the publicity end of the business. She did this while continuing her education, studying home economics. In 1960, she had an idea to travel to Australia as the family had some distant relatives there. But something made her change her mind and she did not make the trip.

Instead she began working in a gift shop in Rome which specialized in chess sets. While working one day, a young American doctor on holiday walked in the shop and said "I'm going to marry you." She was unconvinced at first and as a result he kept visiting the shop and buying chess sets. She eventually did marry him and in 1960 they moved (with all the chess sets) to America and after a short stay in New York, settled in California in Castro Valley. They had a daughter, Barbara, then a son, David. Then, after having been married a scant two and a half years, her husband died.

With two small children, and at the urging of her mother who insisted she get a job and meet people, she pulled up roots and moved to San Francisco. She landed a job at Gump's in the European gift department and held that job until 1965. It was here that

she met her second husband, a dentist. They lived in San Jose for twenty years, raising the children and playing lots of tennis.

In 1973, she became interested in the local museum and took a course to become a docent. Since she had the Italian background, her teacher asked her to put together a tour to Italy emphasizing Renaissance art. It was a wonderful tour and a great time and it was this event which gave her the travel bug. She took courses at Canada College on travel and was subsequently asked to work part time at a travel agency in San Jose. She did this in conjunction with conducting tours for the next ten years. As a sideline, she worked as a DJ for a local Italian radio program in Los Gatos.

In 1985, after her divorce and with her children grown, she moved back to Italy. As she says, she became so homesick for America she did not even last a year there. It was upon her return that she met Ed Foster, or "Eduardo" as she fondly calls him. They went looking for homes and saw one on Tideway but decided it was not for them. In 1988, they looked at an open house on Ballena Blvd. She recalls the outside looking like a bad joke, odd statuary and such. Then they looked at the outside deck. As she describes it, "It felt like Venice." This is the lovely home which they now occupy.

In recent years, Isabella was in a partner-



ship as an importer, perfect for her as it involved lots of travel. She imported clothing, bridal accessories, wedding favors and the like. She left this business in 1993 as the long commute to San Jose was taking too much time away from her home, her new life in Ballena Bay, and her husband. Now she has time to see her two children, her two grandchildren and spend time at her home in Santa Cruz. She balances these activities with her volunteer work at the Oakland Museum, working in the Collector's Gallery and meeting artists.

Our profile leads a rich, varied and multifaceted life. She is a fascinating person and a rich addition to our community.

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### *Ghost Ships (continued from page 1)*

a houseboat which had been rafted together. Through the efforts of Philip and Alison Braverman and Archie Stone, these boats were tied up and made secure, and await retrieval by their owners. A second occurrence involved the sailboat which has recently been at anchor in the channel, apparently unattended. This boat also dragged its anchor and was secured to a dock by Jim Neil, Merrill Thruston, Sally Tonningsen, and the ever-vigilant Archie Stone. Could the Marie Celeste be next?

## **Boat Notes**

by **A. Nonnie Muss**

Nonnie hasn't really disappeared; she took a vacation last summer and then we had our election and some articles fell through the cracks and some didn't even get written. AT DOCKSIDE is back on track and so is Boat Notes so here goes!

This month I would like to introduce SYMPHONY. Actually, when I first intended to write about the boat berthed at 410 Tideway, I was going to tell you all about STARFIRE, a beautiful Catalina 34 that moved from the marina in May of 1991. However, in August she was sold and a new boat entered the lives of Willie and Bob Flaherty. Bob told me that he had always wanted to be a tugboat skipper so when he decided to change to a powerboat he looked for a boat with tugboat appeal. He found just what he wanted in Napa in a community very much like our own Ballena Bay where BEEPER was berthed behind a house close to downtown Napa. Once negotiations were completed, it was decided that ownership would change on Labor Day week-end which Napa celebrates with a street fair and its symphony performance on the Third Street bridge.

Willie and Bob travelled to Napa with Linda and Paul Mershdorf (neighbors in the 500 block of Tideway) and were met by

LADY B (Sven Anderson and Betty) and FANTASEA ( Bob and Bev Partridge) who had sailed up from Vallejo for the concert. This turned out to be one of those never-to-be-forgotten evenings that are usually found only on a sound stage in Hollywood. The weather was perfect, the music outstanding and the Hail and Farewell party aboard BEEPER was spectacular. Willie reports that between the old owners' friends and their friends, there were 23 people on board including their dog, Buffy! They had already determined that they wanted to change the name of the boat and it did not take them long to decide on SYMPHONY.

SYMPHONY is a 1978 CHB 33 powered by a Ford Lehman 120 horsepower diesel engine with a cruising speed of six knots. She has all the electronic goodies that make for easy cruising and the layout is perfect for guests. There are two staterooms and heads - one forward of the pilothouse and one aft.

Since bringing her home to Ballena Bay, they have completely refurbished her. She has new upholstery, carpet, and blinds in the repainted interior as well as fancy shower curtains in the heads. She has all new canvas on the exterior and all the brightwork has been refinished. The fiberglass has been polished and the gelcoating has been renewed in some places. All in all, SYMPHONY looks as if she were just delivered from the boatshow.

They haven't taken too many cruises on her yet, but on a return trip to Napa over the Presidents' weekend in January, they experienced fog which made navigating back to Ballena Bay a real challenge. Nevertheless, they are undaunted in their plans to take her to the Delta this summer and in the meantime they enjoy anchoring out for brunch or just cruising around the Bay.

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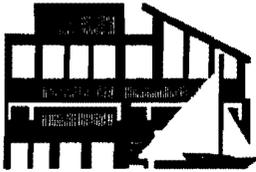
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## *Editor's Note:*

*This issue contains several stories about the Jeremiah O'Brien, which returned several months ago from its historic participation in the D-Day commemoration. Since it took the Jeremiah O'Brien fifty years to return to Europe, we feel the delay in reporting the event is minimal.*

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## **Prospective Board Members Sought!**

Bob Kenyon, chair of the nominations committee, has asked that all homeowners consider running for the Board of Directors for 1996. The annual homeowner's meeting and election is in November, which gives everyone plenty of time to consider serving. It's a good way to get to know your neighbors and help preserve and enhance a great community. While it does take a certain amount of time and effort, you can rest assured that your fellow homeowners will provide plenty of advice on how to conduct the "affairs of state".

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## **Annual Picnic Date/Theme Set!**

The annual picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, August 26, in the form of a *Festival d'Italia*. While more details will be forthcoming on this fabulous event, for now mark your calendars in green, red and white. *Ciao!*

## **JEREMIAH O'BRIEN RETURNS**

It was a beautiful morning on Friday, September 23rd.-not totally clear, but not a dense fog either. As the sun came up over the Oakland hills a golden rimmed hole appeared and the sun beams streamed through-a good beginning for this historic event! At 8:00 a.m. the JEREMIAH OBRIEN was due to steam under the Golden Gate Bridge and by 7:30 a.m. hundreds of boats were converging from all over the bay and all were headed for the bridge. One could almost feel the excitement as two gray shapes emerged from the mist and soon could be identified as the LANE VICTORY and the star of the morning, the JEREMIAH O'BRIEN. She was returning from her five month adventure to Normandy for the D-Day commemoration ceremonies.

Just after passing under the bridge to join the welcoming parade the FANTASEA crew was delighted to see CAFE BONITO with skipper Jeff at the helm right next to a

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fireboat-all smiles in spite of the fall-out from the fireboat's display. The Presidential Yacht POTOMAC was out and the tall ship HAWAIIAN CHIEFTAN. The ALMA was there and the tug HERCULES. There were row boats, tow boats, fish boats, sailboats, motor boats, large yachts, small yachts, kayaks, rowing teams, and fireboats, fireboats, fireboats. Helicopters were overhead and the old DC3 from Oakland was there as well. The Golden Gate Bridge was lined with well wishers and soon balloons and rose petals dotted the water.

What seemed like chaos outside the bridge was transformed into an orderly parade once inside as the welcoming boats escorted JEREMIAH O'BRIEN along the waterfront, under the Bay Bridge and then back into her berth at Pier 27. As she slid neatly into the dock the sounds were magnificent-from the cheers on shore to the bells, whistles and sirens from the ships escorting her. It was a resounding "Welcome Home" and it was truly wonderful to be there.

*Beverly Partridge*

### **The Jeremiah O'Brien Story**

Saturday before last an awards luncheon was held in San Francisco honoring Rear Admiral Thomas J. Patterson USMS (Ret.) for commanding the Jeremiah O'Brien to its historic return to Normandy beach in commemoration of D-Day. Presented to Admiral Patterson were the World Ship Trust Award for Individual Achievement, the American Ship Trust Award and, of special importance, an album comprised of personal letters from the crew of the O'Brien. The event was hosted by Peter Stanford, president of the National Maritime Historical Society located in Peekskill NY. Also contributing to the success of the event were Fred Hawkins, a representative of the foregoing society and a 37-year friend of the honoree, Commander Tim Benson, and Edward Zelinsky, who with Adm Patterson are members of the National Maritime Museum Association. This society has saved the Balclutha at our very own Fisherman's Wharf and eight more historic ships now located in Maritime Park.

The O'Brien was one of many liberty ships used during the war to transport munitions, troops and food overseas. They comprised virtually half of the U.S. Merchant Marine. Then-President Roosevelt dubbed them the "Bridge of Ships" in their efforts to bring supplies to England, which had lost a large percentage of its vessels by the time we entered the war.



The Jeremiah O'Brien was laid up for over thirty years in SF bay after her last trip to Normandy from England in 1944. She was berthed with the National Defense Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay and was well-preserved there. In 1962 the Admiral surveyed the liberty ships of which there were only 300 left and decided to save one as a WWII remembrance. He selected the O'Brien because she was not only well-preserved, but she had her original fittings, even down to the decor. (He recalls she had the original poster "Loose Lips Sink Ships" aboard.)

In 1979 the Admiral gathered together a volunteer crew of fifty, and with the help of steamship companies and unions they were able to fire up her engines and steam her down to SF bay. This short voyage sparked enough interest in the refurbishing process to allow them to obtain a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation of a half million dollars, if they could get matching funds. As the Admiral recalls, "We begged, borrowed, but we didn't steal," the money to pay the shipyard bill. On May 21, 1980 National Liberty Ship Day was proclaimed and the O'Brien sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge.

The ship was operated about five times a year, participating in events such as Fleet Week. The crew loved to operate the ship. Their motto was "A ship is safe in a harbor, but that's not what ships are built for." It

was in this adventurous spirit, then, that they committed to returning to Normandy. The Navy loaned them equipment, the local oil companies gave them oil and they received much support from other interests in the Bay Area. The O'Brien has the distinction of being the only ship from the 5,000 originally present at Normandy on D-Day that made it back for the celebration.

They sailed to France and anchored at Cap du Hoc. A scant three miles away were the USS George Washington and nineteen other US Navy ships. President Clinton asked Admiral Patterson to select twelve senior members of his crew to attend the sunrise service on June 6. This, indeed, was the highlight of their lives. The liberty ships and their crews were never mentioned during the war. In 1988 they received veteran status. This day they were recognized for their efforts.

Subsequent to the historic D-Day remembrance celebration, the O'Brien toured the English coast, then Cherbourg, France where they sailed down the Seine. Adm. Patterson recalls thousands of French citizens waving US flags and singing our national anthem and shouting "Thank you for 1944!" After leaving Le Havre they made for Portland, Maine, where the ship was built. The Jeremiah O'Brien was named for the first American Naval hero, who captured the British schooner Margaretha. After sailing



down the Eastern Coast, through the canal, up the Western Coast, stopping in San Diego and Los Angeles, the triumphant O'Brien returned home to the hoopla and fanfare she well deserved.

Throughout the voyage, says Adm. Patterson, there was a feeling that the Lord was watching over them. They had fair weather everywhere they went. Carl Kreidler, who had been one of the required Naval armed guards on board during the war, prepared three wreaths for the voyage. One was dropped off the West Coast in the Pacific Ocean, one was dropped in the Atlantic and one at Cape du Hoc in France. The wreaths were dedicated to the men who lost their lives defending our country caring not for recognition and glory, but for freedom.

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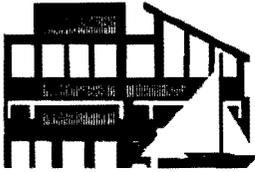
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## Garage Sale This Saturday!

The annual neighborhood garage sale is scheduled for this Saturday, from 9am to 3 pm. With over a dozen households planning to participate, this event promises to be spectacular. Come and be a part of the magical process whereby absolute junk can be transformed into priceless treasure merely by moving it from one house to another! Make big bucks and create empty garage space at the same time! See you there!

## Have Leash, Will Travel

Please be aware that Whitney and Jon Allen Walker are experienced at pet care-dog walking (small, large or extra large) and cat feeding. Also skilled at garden care (specialists in watering), and house care (including mail and newspaper collection, and house plant watering). Boat and car washing are available as well, and all services are offered at reasonable rates. "They have many happy references." So, if you're going out of town or just need a hand, considering giving them a call.

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## What's in a Name?

*by Ian Roger*

Your editor has asked where the Oakland River is, quite correctly pointing out that an estuary is the mouth of a river meeting the sea. Originally the estuary was in fact an estuary, albeit not a very large one as estuaries go. As you will see by the early map, San Antonio Creek ran out into the bay. This estuary included what is now the Port of Oakland, the San Antonio slough and most of the waterside area of Alameda bounded by what is popularly called the estuary.

At that time all of what is now known as Alameda county was part of the Spanish "Peralta Land Grant" stretching from the Oakland area all the way to San Jose. The land grant was split up and given to the sons of the original recipient of the grant. This particular area was bequeathed to Antonio Peralta. His land encompassed most of present day

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Alameda County including Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, and San Leandro.

In 1851 Antonio sold the entire Alameda peninsula, known then as Encinal, for \$14,000 to Gideon Aughinbaugh and William Chipman who laid out a subdivision of 4 acre lots selling for \$80 apiece. To encourage settlement from San Francisco they established a ferry service route and at one time offered a free lot to anyone who would build a house on it.

In April 1854 Alameda was incorporated as a town but failed to elect any officers thereby voiding the incorporation. It was finally incorporated in 1872. In 1874 the Federal government began to dredge San Antonio Creek and the bar at its mouth; three years later ocean going vessels could anchor on both sides of the estuary. In 1880 the San Antonio slough was dammed to create Lake Merrit, the oldest officially designated wild-life preserve in the nation, but it was not until 1902 that Alameda became an island when the Army Corps of Engineers opened the tidal canal.

Alameda's Government Island, now Coast Guard Island, was created in 1915 when dredges enlarging the channel through Brooklyn basin dumped their spoil at that site.

What's in a name? Encinal means oak grove, Alameda means a grove or lane of

poplar trees. Alameda county and city took their names from the county's largest creek, El Arroyo de la Alameda, so christened by its Spanish discoverers because its course resembled the alamedas or tree lined roadways of Spain.

On the subject of names, it might be noted that while only a very confused whale or baleen could have reached Ballena Bay and not even a confused whaler ever did reach Whaler's Cove, on the other side of the island in the "estuary" you would have found many whalers since the bay formed by this estuary was the winter harbor for the Pacific whaling fleet as well as the sealing and salmon fleets.

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## Boat Profile

*by A. Nonnie Muss*

This month I would like to introduce BRIGADOON which, of course, needs no introduction since with her towering 65' varnished mast and gleaming white hull she provides a dramatic entrance to Ballena Bay at the dock of 401 Cola Ballena. No one crossing the bridge into our community can miss this beautiful Gaff Rigged Schooner-sparred length 65' and 50' on deck. She was designed by L. Francis Herreshoff and built on the east coast in 1924. She has a beam of 13'5" and draws 5'4". This shallow draft for a sailboat of this size is due to the fact that she was designed for the shallow waters of Chesapeake Bay. It was first designed by Herreshoff as JOANNE and built for Waldo Brown who was one of his benefactors. It was the first of the Clipperbow Schooners and a forerunner of TICONDEROGA. She is built of longleaf yellow pine over oak frames with teak decks. All interior and exterior woodwork is of teak also. The mast and spars are of fir.

Terry and Pat Klaus are unique residents

of Ballena Bay in that they have been homeowners in all three associations! They were original owners in the Ballena Bay Condominiums in 1971 and moved to Porta Ballena when it was completed in 1972 and moved to their present home in 1974. They were looking for a Peterson Coaster Schooner when, in December 1976, they found BRIGADOON in the San Rafael canal. She was in a sad state of disrepair, but with a little work Terry was able to bring her to Ballena Bay in time for New Year's. By Christmas 1977 she had her traditional Christmas tree on the top of the mast and was decorated with Christmas lights as she has been every year since.

BRIGADOON was owned for the three years before Terry and Pat found her by the rock group formed by a member of the Grateful Dead-Terry had a good deal of resurrecting to do!! Through the years, Terry has replaced the transom, installed a new engine, a WesterbekeOdeisel, new deck, new planks, new mainmast and topmast. There is also the annual haul-out and maintenance, but with the help of his sailing crew this event is fun as well as successful.



There have been a number of owners of BRIGADOON, but probably the most famous (or at least about whom we have heard the most stories) was Sterling Hayden. It was he who gave her the name BRIGADOON OF BOOTH BAY. He was an accomplished sailor and sailed her in Booth Bay during the 1940's. He sailed her through the Panama Canal to Southern California where he lived aboard and sailed her out of Newport in the late 40's and early 50's. It was well known that he didn't like to use the engine and one story has it that as he sailed into the harbor one day he raised the engine on the main boom and asked those on shore if anyone wanted an engine. When no one replied in the affirmative, he dropped the engine in the water. Another story is that he installed a bathtub to please the starlets that he took sailing

and since the bathtub is indeed in the boat, that story may be true.

He changed the rig to the coaster rig that is on the boat now. In the early 50's he sailed the boat to the Bay Area-the first step on her way to the Klaus family.

And it is indeed a family boat. The Klaus children, Erik and Lindsey, have known the boat since they were born and now in their teens are avid sailors themselves. Not only do they crew on BRIGADOON, but both have participated in the junior sailing programs at both the St. Francis Yacht Club and Encinal Yacht Club. As a matter of fact, once, when she was only five years old, it was necessary for Lindsey to take the wheel for her father so that he and Erik could change sails! The family takes BRIGADOON to the Delta in the summer and does

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some local coastal cruising, but when Terry sails her in Master Mariner regattas he has a racing crew of ten. He adds that actually there a few more than ten as five or six sons are usually on hand as well.

The Master Mariners Race is held every year in May with 90 to 100 boats participating. Terry always does well and has had some exiting finishes, but this year BRIGADOON came home with **FOUR TROPHIES!** First overall, first in her class, fastest time elapsed gaff-rigged, and fastest time elapsed any rig. Now that's impressive.

BRIGADOON was featured in the WOODEN BOAT calendar for 1995 and was listed among the top 50 wooden boats on the west coast in a recent SEA magazine. Terry recalled that after she was shown on the cover of WOODEN BOAT magazine a few years ago, he received a telephone call from a woman in Florida who told him that her family had owned the boat in the late 1930's. She was thrilled to see her looking beautiful and shared many memories of the boat with Terry. She even sent him some photographs from those earlier years.

As a matter of fact, below decks Terry has tried to keep the boat as original as possible. There is the main saloon with its fireplace and the galley to port has a birdseye maple counter. There is a

midship cabin to port and head with the famous bathtub to starboard. In the owner's stateroom forward there is a built-up teak desk. To the ever-present question "How many does she sleep?", Terry answered. "Six or eight, depending on how friendly they are."

For the immediate future Terry is busy putting together a Master Mariner's Boat Show to be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club on June 25th and then the summer trip to the Delta, but one of these days the Klaus family plan to sail out the Golden Gate and turn left for some Southern California cruising. And that's OK as long as they promise to bring her back!



# At Dockside

Protecting property values and the quality of life in Ballena Bay - July 1995

## The Creation and Maintenance of Value

By John Moore

Nancy and I moved to Ballena Bay a little over a year ago. Since that time we have come to realize that we purchased far more than a home on the water. We bought into a vary unique and special community. Its one of a kind. The friends, the sunsets, the access to the bay, the outdoor deck living, we really have a piece of paradise!

Although I understand that sometime in the past it was allowed to deteriorate somewhat, your more recent boards have embarked on a path to recreate and maintain the value of our BBTA paradise. Mary Neil's landscape upgrades have clearly created property value for us. Bob Kenyon's Dock Committee has been undergoing the renovation of the docks and landings which will certainly maintain our estate value.

I was impressed with the fact that we have a master plan for maintenance with major needs addressed and budgeted for, roofs, dredging, wavemaze replacement etc.

Your architectural committee, Ann Kenyon, Terry Klaus and myself have the same goal of creating and maintaining BBTA property value. Our role includes:

Reviewing proposed homeowner architectural changes and approving those compatible with the architectural style of our community.

Bringing to homeowner's attention possible violations of our CC&R's

Overseeing the homes exterior maintenance

Our committee like the Dock and landscape committee has the challenge and responsibility to maintain our paradise while working within the boards mandated budget and homeowners dues structure.

This year the Architectural committee has

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### Next Board Meeting

The February general homeowners and board of directors meetings will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 11, 1995 at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month.

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several areas that we would like to focus on:

A defined roof maintenance program that will allow us to replace or repair roofs on the most effective basis. ( I will need your help by completing the attached roofing survey).

The publication of our exterior paint color standards

Publication of the architectural approval process as required by the CC&R's.

Summertime is a great time to make improvements around the house. However if it changes the exterior it needs to be approved by the architectural committee and may require a Alameda building permit.

In conclusion, I believe that we have a very very unique waterside community that can never be recreated on the Bay. It behooves all of us as owners to continue to maintain its value and to add to it. The payback is obvious. What it takes is people like you and me who are willing to serve on our board and its committee's, to volunteer a small amount of time to maintain and build our BBTA Paradise.

*John Moore*  
*Architectural and Maintenance Committee*

## BBTA Travelogue

### *Jim and Mary Neil's Trip to Germany and The Czech Republic*

Jim and Mary spent 26 fabulous days this past May in Europe. In preparation for the trip they decided to get some local German color (and some great weiss beer) from Alameda's own Bavarian Garden Restaurant. Here they got some great tips on where to go and what to see from both the people who run the place and the patrons. Mary's mother Mildred was included in the first part of the trip; it was something of a pilgrimage for her as the itinerary included a visit to her mother's native town.

A limousine picked up the trio the morning of April 27 and they boarded the Lufthansa jet which flew them to Frankfurt. One interesting aspect of the trip was the fact that Jim and Mary had no reservations whatever save for airline and car rental. They arrived in Frankfurt, picked up the car and drove one hour to the Rhine River and said "let's stay." The Rhine and Mosel Rivers are tourist-oriented, the Mosel winding its way through quaint German towns for fifty miles. It was this river which they preferred, with

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## Boat Profile

*by A. Nonnie Muss*

This month I would like to introduce PENELOPE A, the beautiful 45' trawler that belongs to Pat and Gus Chronis. She is a 1984 Sea Ranger, built in Taiwan by the C & L Marine Company. She is powered by a Volvo diesel engine, has an Onan generator and all the usual electronics on board including Raytheon radar.

Pat and Gus moved to Ballena Bay in August 1992 thanks to Willie Flaherty. They lost their home in the terrible Berkeley/Oakland hills fire in 1991 and were renting on Bay Farm Island when they met Willie. They described an area of "homes with boat docks" that they had seen years ago and Willie replied, "That's where I live!"

They moved into 463 Cola Ballena in August of 1992 and Pat said that since Gus had lost his golf clubs in the fire, this was a good time to think about boats. Gus did most of the looking, but when Pat first saw PENELOPE A (not her name then) she said "This is it." Her daughter, for whom the boat is named now, claims Pat fell in love with the boat

because it smelled like Athens. When I asked Pat to describe the smell she said it was a mixture of smoke, deisel fuel, and strong perfume! Since I have never been to Athens, I will have to take Pat's word for it, but when I toured the boat I could not detect any Athens aroma.

They took possession of PENELOPE A in August of 1994 and that was no easy task as the previous owner kept "borrowing" it for various events! Once here, however, Gus began refurbishing her and now she is indeed a beautiful yacht. The interior is designed with guests in mind as there are two staterooms forward along with a large head and shower. The master stateroom is aft-large and lovely with its own head and shower and even a dressing table for the first mate. Pat remarked that there is no dishwasher, but that there is a washer and dryer! Gus topped that by saying that there is no ice maker, but there is a generous built-in bar. There is a large galley in the wheelhouse/salon with a full size refrigerator and the beautiful teak floors here are exposed. Elsewhere there is white carpeting. "Spacious" and "luxurious" are words that spring to mind when describing PENELOPE A, but the Chronis grandchildren are welcome vistors.



Both Pat and Gus were born and raised in San Francisco and Gus attributes his love of boats to his childhood when he rode the ferries on San Francisco Bay. The fact that he attended King's Point Academy attests to the fact that he will have no problem piloting PENELOPE A. He still has some minor work to do on her and then we can expect to see them cruising the Bay and Delta.

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**Neils**

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its terraced vineyards up steep hillsides through much of the region. Both remarked about the heavy barge traffic on both rivers.

Burg Eltz was one of the towns they visited, built in the year 905 and site of a castle which had been completely restored. The

china was hand-painted and there were rooms filled with gilt furniture and appointments. A very special highlight was their visit to the town of Mientesheim which was home to Mary's grandmother. The house she was born in was built in 1823. Mildred was fortunate to meet a woman who had played with her mother as a child and Jim and Mary have a charming photograph of Mildred tilling the same garden her mother had worked as a young girl.

The food in Germany they describe as fantastic. A typical German breakfast consisted of cold cuts—sliced meats and cheeses served with fresh bread. Both said they had some of the best sausages and sauerkraut they'd ever tasted. One memorable lunch was quite plain—they sat along the Mosel Rivel on a park bench watching the swans swimming, eating cheese and bread and drinking lemon-apple juice.

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Got some news? Call At Dockside's Ace Reporter, Jennifer Flanigan @ 523-4734

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**BBTA Board of Directors**

President	Gary Flanigan	Neighborhood communications	523-4734
Vice President	Mary Neil	Landside Maintenance	865-8722
Vice President	Robert Kenyon	Waterside Maintenance	521-6376
Secretary	John Moore	Home Maintenance & Architecture	865-7580
Treasurer	Mel Schwartz	Finance & Insurance	522-3266

Manager - Rich Noble, Noble Community Management, PO Box 1216, Alameda, CA 94501, 865-3003



Both said they gained no weight during the trip and attributed it to the fact that they walked everywhere.

They found no graffiti and everything very clean. As Mary put it, "Every inch of soil has a flower planted in it." One food which intrigued them was "spargel," or white asparagus. It is available one month out of the year, is grown completely underground and is usually served cold in a viniagrette. (It is metabolized slightly differently than its green counterpart.)

Of Luxembourg, the Neils said "We came, we saw, we ate." As a matter of fact it was a lunch in Luxembourg which they listed as their favorite, a three-course feast lasting a couple of hours accompanied by a great bottle of Reisling.

On to Prague, to some of the most majestic and regal architecture to be found. They described a cathedral having a six-foot wide spiral staircase winding 287 steps straight up (no wonder they didn't gain any weight!). The view from the top was incredible. The buys in crystal and leather goods are unsurpassed here, according to the Neils. The underground transit system is both clean and on time. But Jim and Mary found some of the best bargains were at the dining table. A salmon steak in strawberry sauce (for her) and a salad and pasta dish (for him)

together with a great bottle of wine was just \$12 in Prague. They had a fabulous lunch—smoked salmon, caviar and a bottle of champagne (with a comparable U.S. value of, say, \$25 for the champagne alone) for \$18. This was such a good deal they went back and had the same lunch the following day.

So, if you're thinking about Germany or the Czech Republic as a destination, please give them a call. If your plans include renting a car, they suggest investing in an AutoAtlas and found it invaluable in getting around. They can also give you the name of the wonderful castle they stayed in (they were the first Americans to do so) in Abenberg. As for being the trip of a lifetime, Mary put it best. "On a scale from one to ten, this trip was a twenty-five!"

*Special to At Dockside by  
Scoop Flanigan*



# At Dockside

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Protecting property values and the quality of life in Ballena Bay - August 1995

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## HELP WANTED

As the annual meeting draws near we are again looking for new board members to manage the affairs of our association and build on the efforts of previous boards to improve our community. Play an active role. It's in your best interest to insure the beautification and maintenance programs continue. A continuing program will afford all of us a safe, pleasant, nurturing environment in which to live while increasing the value of our investment. To insure the best possible program we need fresh ideas and new ways of looking at old problems.

Some folks feel that they "Don't have the time" to serve on the board. The truth is that most people are busy, but someone must perform this function otherwise our association would wither and die. We can't let that happen.

If you value the way we live find the time to serve. It's really not that bad. One evening a month and a few hours during the month at your convenience to oversee your area of responsibility.

If you can run for a vacant director position or if you know of anyone whom you think would be a real asset to our association as a board member - contact Bob Kenyon @ 521-6376.

## About those flags...

Many of you have likely noticed that a variety of colorful flags have begun to appear at the front and waterside of many of our residences. The flags are from a source located by Mary Neil, and cost only about \$20. If interested, contact Mary @ 865-8722. She has a catalog with many different designs.

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## Nautical Swap Meet

This event, sponsored by all the businesses in the Ballena Isle Marina, will be held at the marina on August 19 from 10-6.

There will be music and food. Booth rental is \$10, \$5 of which goes to the Sea Scouts. For booth rental call Ray @814-0471

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## Next Board Meeting

The August general homeowners and board of directors meetings will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 8, 1995 at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month.

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## ***FESTIVAL D'ITALIA!***

**Saturday, August 26 4:30 P.M.  
1200 Block of Ballena Blvd.**

*The provided fare will include  
beverages, pasta, salad & bread.  
Additional contributions are requested as follows:*

*Tideway & Ballena-Antipasto/Appetizers  
Cola Ballena-Desserts*

***Please R.S.V.P. to Jeff Frankel***



**When the moon hits your eye....**



# At Dockside

Protecting property values and the quality of life in Ballena Bay - September 1995

## Annual Picnic

Congratulations and many thanks to the picnic committee for another great event. The food, decorations, and entertainment were superb. A crowning touch was the opera singer (Marisa Lenhardt, Soprano) who performed during dinner. Also worthy of note was the huge array of appetizers and desserts provided by many of our residents. They were delicious. It is also appropriate to thank the many residents who pitched in after the event and helped clean up. Your efforts were appreciated. We are sure the weary committee who had been slaving all day to arrange a wonderful party for us add their thanks to ours. It's the enthusiasm and continuing efforts of all of you who organized and participated in this event that make this wonderful community a great place to live.

*Bob & Ann Kenyon*

## Note from the Pres.:

On behalf of the Association, I would also like to thank the Kenyons for once again offering the use of their lovely home in connection with the above affair. For service above & beyond, a very special thanks! *GMF*

## NOTICE

After the picnic several plates, serving pieces, etc. were left behind as happy party attendees departed. They may be claimed by calling Bob Kenyon at 521-6376.

## Management Positions Available

Position of trust, shape your community's future. Volunteer for service on the homeowner's board. To keep our association viable someone must make a variety of decisions that affect us all. That is our Board of Directors. Be part of the future. Call Bob Kenyon (521-6376) for more information.

## Close Call!

*by Jeff Frankel*

### Thank You

Patty and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our friends and neighbors who have visited and called in support of my rapid recovery from a boating accident that I was involved in 9 days ago. Let me state early in this article that I am OK and have suffered no permanent injuries. Thank you one and all.

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## Next Board Meeting

The August general homeowners and board of directors meetings will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 12, 1995 at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month.



I would like to briefly describe the accident in order to pass on the lessons that I have recently learned the hard way. In a nut shell, I was driving our new inflatable boat too fast and without the safety tether attached to my wrist. When nearing the wave maze, I turned the boat too sharply causing it to momentarily tip, sending me into the water. The boat, now on its own, traveled in a circle and returned to run me over. I was hit in the head by the still running outboard and received four seriously deep lacerations to the head - inflicted by the still turning propeller. I was very lucky in several respects; I was near shore, I was not knocked unconscious, and I was not any more seriously cut up. This is the kind of accident that most people do not swim away from. I am happy to be alive. This was without a doubt, the most frightening thing that has ever happened to me. I tell you all of this not to be gruesome but to ask you all to reassess your assumptions about boating safety.

Here are the lessons I have learned from this experience:

Pay attention to the nameplate ratings on any boat you purchase. The boat we purchased was rated for outboards not exceeding 6 horsepower. I bought an 8 horsepower engine. As a result, at full throttle, this boat is unstable.

RIBs (rigid inflatable boats) provide a lot more performance for a given engine size at the expense of high speed stability. If you are contemplating the purchase of such a craft, factor this in before you "floor it" for the first time.

Because of the way these boats come up on plane, they tend to go nose up when operating with only one person - because outboard motor controls make you sit in the back of the boat. We are in the process of adding forward steering and throttle control so that the driver does not have to sit all the way in the back.

The safety tether on your outboard is a very important device. For those of you not familiar with this device, it is an engine stop switch with a cord that attaches to your wrist or PFD. If you fall out of the boat, the engine stops.

So please, don't let this happen to you. If your children are allowed to use the family inflatable, pass this information on to them. Even better, you are welcome to bring them by to see my scars before you let them take it out again. If your outboard does not include a safety tether, Tom Williams and I will be happy to help you purchase and install one for your boat. Again, thanks to all of our friends and neighbors and especially to the Manters and the Moores who turned out to rescue both me and the boat.

*Jeff Frankel - 9/11/95*

# At Docksideside

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NOVEMBER 21, 1995

## Presidents Message

*It's a new fiscal year here at our Ballena Paradise and I want to thank each of you on behalf of the new board for your vote of confidence electing us to the Association helm. We vow to listen and to act in the best interest of the association and to preserve and enhance the value of this precious asset.*

*I especially want to thank Jeff Frankel, our new treasurer, whose tireless effort has resulted in a first class budget for 1996.*

*Our focus over the next year will be to complete the dock refurbishing program, begin the systematic roof replacement program, make additional headway in the landscaping of Ballena Blvd. and*

## New Board Members Plans and Projects

As you all know the new board has been elected for 1996. Those new members are John Moore - President, Lee Manter - 1st Vice President, Julie Wiard - 2nd Vice President, Jeff Frankel - Treasurer, and Linda Kopps - Secretary. Along with their initial responsibilities, each one heads up a committee and would like to let the residents know the focus of each one for next year.

*"The motto for my committee would be volunteering to get these projects completed while minimizing costs to the BBTA"*

his strong desire to improve the image of the neighborhood. Among other things, he would

Heading up the Architectural and Landside maintenance committee is Lee Manter. The tasks that he would like to oversee and perform during the next 12 months revolve around



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TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION  
PARADISE!!!

like to fix and get involved with are:

- Volunteering with others to paint the curbs in the neighborhood (red zones are faded and worn).
- Volunteering to paint the street light poles all one color.
- Volunteering to paint the chain & posts at the end of 300 Tideway.

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## BBTA Helpline

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**Letter  
from the  
Editor**

Please give me your input for At Dockside. Here are some ideas for future publishing's:

- Restaurant review of local restaurants.
- Volunteer project of the month.
- Feature story by Scoop Flanagan.
- Birthday/Anniversary/Event calendar.
- Board agenda / issues.
- Classified Ads.

If you have ANY ideas, drop them in my mailbox at 308 Tideway Drive.

It is time again to update our community directory. Please fill out the attached form and turn in to me by Dec. 8, 1995.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the directory (to help defer the printing cost) can contact me @ 523-8702.

Julie

- Keeping the ferrule cat situation under control, which it is not currently.
  - Get the neighborhood Crime Watch committees back on-line.
  - Work with the Ballena Bay Apartment House Management to add additional lighting in needed areas, eliminate street parking in areas that are traffic hazards, and landscaping cooperation.
- His motto is volunteering to get these projects completed while minimizing costs to the Association.

Jeff Frankel is in charge of Finance and Insurance. He would like to develop an accurate and understandable system for long term planning and forecasting which provides the association and it's members with a clear view of it's economic future.

Jeff would also like to develop accurate and clearly understandable budgeting reporting systems so that the community can clearly understand the financial health of the association and to manage the day to day banking, accounting, and audit functions of the association.

Julie Wiard is in charge of Neighborhood Communications. She feels that communication is a key part of success of BBTA, and she would like to see it continue and improve on it.

Some of the tasks that Julie would like to partake in are:

- Publishing the neighborhood roster.
- Publishing the monthly newsletter and encouraging everyone to submit more tidbits of information.
- Promoting more social affairs between all neighbors.
- Arranging a round robin schedule for refreshments

to involve more participation from all homeowners at monthly meetings.

- Informing all residents of the sales of homes, including the names of new owners or renters.
  - Arranging a Welcome Wagon for new residents.
- John Moore Will head up the Waterside maintenance. His goal is to keep the dock refurbishing project moving and make sure that the docks are being fixed or replaced if need be so that we can get the longest life out of them.

Linda Kopps is head of the Landscape committee. She would like to see the beautification project and to maintain, within our association budget, the landscaping to benefit the value of our homes. Some of the projects she she would like to do are:

- Complete the landscaping of Ballena Blvd.
- Open bid process for landscape maintenance contract
- Implement slope maintenance project.

If anyone would like to help on these committees, please call the committee chairperson and let them know!!

*Presidents Message cont.*

*most important, developing some association standards and systems so that each new board will have a set of hand-me-down guides with which to operate the association consistently without the need to reinvent the wheel. I look forward to meeting most of you over the year and enjoying this paradise with you.*

John

*New Years Day*

Join us New Year's Day around Ballena Bay Island "by land or by sea" With scheduled stops at selected homes for traditional holiday fare.

The festivities will start at 9:30 a.m. and go until 1:30 p.m. The cost is a mere \$ 5.00 per person. Make your check out to Mary Neil and have it to her by 12/15/95 at 1223 Ballena Blvd.

Call Jim or Mary Neil at 865-8722 to reserve your spot or to be a host house for this gala event.

Happy  
Thanksgiving!

*Your article  
could be here!!*

*Submit a story or  
interesting bit of*

*information to*

*the editor*

*today!!!!*

AT DOCKSIDE

The next publication of  
At Dockside will be  
December 8, 1995.

Please have your  
articles in by  
December 1, 1995.

You can put them in my  
mailbox at  
308 Tideway Dr.

## DOCKSIDE CLASSIFIED ADS

**BICYCLE:** Peugeot Mountain Bike  
18 speed, recent tune-up,  
low mileage, air pump, water  
\$95.00  
Call John @865-7580

**SAIL BOAT:** C & C Mark III 1984 35ft. Sloop  
Great ocean fast cruiser.  
Radar, Loran, GPS, stereo,  
propane stove/oven, full set of  
North Sails, life sling, MOM,  
B & G instruments, auto pilot,  
Bimini, dodger, Halon, loaded.  
\$ 59,000  
Call John @ 865-7580

**DINGHY:** Livingston 12 ft. dinghy  
very stable, like new,  
used twice. \$700.00  
Call Sid @ 769-7737

**MOTOR:** 6 HP '73 Johnson Outboard  
w/ new SS prop, plus spare  
prop, new Doelfin, very low  
usage, newly serviced.  
\$450.00  
Call Lee @ 865-7260

**BICYCLE:** Diamond Back Road Bike  
48 cm Frame, Kick stand,  
Low mileage, Huffly speedometer  
Great Christmas present  
\$350 - Cost \$600  
Call Bob Descombes 865-3396



## ADS FOR THE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

In talking to a few of the business' in the local area, some interest was expressed in advertising in the community directory. By taking advertisements we could defer some, if not all the of the printing costs for the directory.

The advertisements would include association members as well as local businesses here on the Island. Please contact Julie Wiard at 523-8702 to discuss your Ad today!! Please tell me of any leads if you do not want to be the person soliciting for the ad but think it should a part of our directory.

# At Dockside

DECEMBER 8, 1995

## Presidents Message

It's hard to believe we're only a few weeks away from Christmas. The beautiful sunsets and the sunny days seem incompatible with winter. On the other hand, Brigadoon just sported her Christmas lights and seasonal colors are reflecting in our waters everywhere as neighbors decorate for the Yule season. It's rumored that Jim & Mary Neil have a herd of wooden Reindeer in their garage, soon to be completed, to help Santa on the big day.

Not too much is happening around the Island. Art Helwig expects to move the barge to begin the next set of dock refurbishing within a week or two. Some roof work has begun, although we expect most of the work will be done in the spring time.

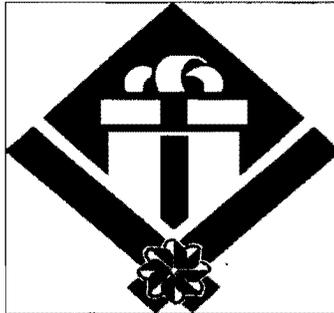
Lee Manter kicked off his volunteerism program by seal coating the 10 parking spaces on Tideway. We look to more projects with more helping hands.

On December 22nd look for Carolers waterside. Mark your calendars for New Years Day on the water beginning with Archie Stones famous chowder and ending up with Sally's great deserts. This, with all the goodies in between, is the best \$5.00 value you will ever see.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

John Moore

PS: Let's see more lights on our boats and decks.



*As a general rule, simply be aware of your surroundings and make this holiday season a happy and healthy one!!!*

## Holiday Shopping Tips

As we make our way to the malls of Northern California for holiday shopping, the International Association of Police Chiefs offer these tips for safety:

1. When parking, try to find an uncovered lot that is well lighted, preferably one with security guards. Park as close to the entrance as possible.
2. Avoid parking near a van, or other high profile vehicles, which can block an assault from the view of others.
3. Be aware of anyone cutting through cars. Also, be suspicious of any car that is passing up parking spaces.
4. If there is inappropriate behavior in the vicinity of your car, such as a group of people drinking beer, go to the security office and have them escort you to your car, don't be afraid to ask for help.

*As a general rule, simply be aware of your surroundings and make this holiday season a happy and healthy one!*

Submitted by  
Nancy Moore

# Merry Christmas

## WHALES' TALE VOTED BEST! By Julie Wiard

The Whales' Tale was voted Best of Seafood and Best of Fine Dining by the Alameda Times Star. That puts the Whales' Tale among the likes of the Pleasanton Hotel and the Blackhawk Grill.

Congratulations to the Whales' Tale, it is nice to have such a wonderful restaurant right here in our neighborhood.

Also, if you are looking for a fun evening on New Years Eve, Why not make reservations at the Whales' Tale? They will have a DJ and Dancing after dinner. Call today for details @ 522-6200!!

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Landscape

## Miss Manners

### The Answer To Doorbells

**Dear Miss Manners:** Some gated front courtyards have doorbells, intercoms and electronic locks that the hostess controls from inside the house, while others just have regular gates. Once admitted electronically through the gate, does the guest ring the front doorbell, or should the hostess be waiting there, after previously talking to the guest when she buzzed them through?

How should the hostess answer the intercom to a caller whom she can't see? What about leaving? Does the hostess walk the guest to the door or to the gate?

Some of these gates are for security, privacy or to limit liability of small pools, etc., but aren't they a bit rude? Do you have any suggestions on how to make them more welcoming and friendly?

**Gentle Reader:** If etiquette were in the habit of disparaging security measures as rude, it would have killed off its clientele long ago. Miss Manners prefers to acknowledge the necessities of the day and work politely around them.

The buzzer is answered, like a home telephone, with "Hello?" Giving one's name, or a free welcome, to any passing stranger would rather defeat the device's purpose.

Unfortunately, the reply from friends is always, "Hi, it's me!" The polite but doubtful hostess will then say, "Sorry! Can't hear you - who is it?" to obtain a name.

Once identity has been established and the guest admitted through the gate, it is rude, Miss Manners agrees, to pretend to be surprised that this person actually shows up at the door. The front door is still the official point of entry - it is not necessary to fetch and return a guest to the gate, unless a host accompanies a lady for reasons of security, gallantry or both - but the hostess should be stationed by it, sparing the guest from having to petition for entry a second time.

Submitted by  
Linda Kopps



## DOCKSIDE CLASSIFIED ADS

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 ☆ We are still looking for ☆  
 ☆ some more ads for the Commu- ☆  
 ☆ nity Directory. I have received a ☆  
 ☆ few and am working out the ☆  
 ☆ details on size and price. So if ☆  
 ☆ you are interested and have not ☆  
 ☆ heard from me, I will have all ☆  
 ☆ details by the next Board Meet- ☆  
 ☆ ing on Tues., Jan. 9th. ☆  
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 ☆ Julie ☆  
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 ☆ PS: Next Board Meeting is ☆  
 ☆ January 9th, 1996 @ 7:30pm ☆  
 ☆ Ballena Bay Yacht Club ☆  
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### AT DOCKSIDE

The next publication of At Dockside will be January 5, 1996  
Please have your articles in by December 29,1995.

I am still looking for more articles and information.

You can place them in my mailbox at  
308 Tideway Drive  
JULIE