NO BOARD OR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS THIS MONTH

AUGUST 3  SATURDAY  1300  Infinity-54 class, race 4
AUGUST 4  SUNDAY  1300  36R class, race 5
AUGUST 10-11  SAT.-SUN.  OPEN  Outside Lands Concert- Roads Closed
AUGUST 13  TUESDAY  1300  ODOM class, race 6
AUGUST 15  THURSDAY  0800-1600  10R, NCR,measuring&practice
AUGUST 16  FRIDAY  1100-1700  10R, NCR
AUGUST 17  SATURDAY  1100-1700  10R and Marblehead, NCRs
AUGUST 18  SUNDAY  1000-1530  10R and Marblehead, NCRs
AUGUST 18  SUNDAY  0930  Fishing Boat Gambler
AUGUST 16-18  FRIDAY-SUNDAY  36R class, Nationals, San Diego
AUGUST 21  WEDNESDAY  1300  Victoria class, race 4
AUGUST 22  THURSDAY  1300  RX class, race 6
AUGUST 24  SATURDAY  1300  Santa Barbara class, race 4
AUGUST 25  SUNDAY  1300  M class, race 6, end season
AUGUST 31  SATURDAY  OPEN  Labor Day Weekend

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**PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE (www.sfmyc.org) FOR UPDATES.**

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**SEPTEMBER**
- **01 Sun.** (OPEN) **[Labor Day weekend]**
- **07 Sat.** (OPEN)
- **08 Sun.** 36R class, Jeff & Mike Stobbe Invitational
- **10 Tue.** ODOM class, Drew Marshall Memorial Race 7
- **14 Sat.** Board/General Meetings
  - X-class, race 5, Lyons Cup
- **15 Sun.** Infinity-54 class, race 5
- **18 Tues.** Victoria class, race 5
- **20 Fri.** M-class Nationals, practice day
- **21 Sat.** M class, Nationals
- **22 Sun.** Santa Barbara class, race 5
- **26 Thu.** RX class, race 7
- **28 Sat.** 10 R class, race 3
- **29 Sun.** 36R class, Yuri Sands Memorial Race 6 - end season

**OCTOBER**
- **02 Wed.** Victoria class, race 6
- **05 Sat.** (OPEN) **[Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Concert]**
- **06 Sun.** (OPEN) **[Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Concert]**
- **08 Tue.** ODOM class, race 8, end season
- **12 Sat.** Board/General meetings
  - X-class, Doyle-Ferrari Cup, race 6, end season
- **13 Sun.** Star 45 class, race 8, end season
  - A Day of Military Muster 0930
- **16 Tues.** Victoria class, race 7
- **19 Sat.** Santa Barbara class, race 6, end season
- **20 Sat.** 10 R class, race 4, end season
- **24 Thu.** RX class, race 8, end season
- **26 Sat.** Wheeler class, race 4, end season
  - Spooktacular 1830
- **27 Sun.** Infinity 54 class, race 6, end season
- **30 Wed.** Victoria class, race 8, end season
Commodore’s Corner

I hope this August Nautical News finds you fully enjoying your summer and that good times at Spreckels Lake and the clubhouse contribute to your fun, offer you challenges, perhaps some new learning, and a large measure of camaraderie with fellow members. I feel that foundational to quality competition, our fun, and camaraderie is that we practice good sportsmanship and go the extra mile to follow the Corinthian Spirit. Following the rules, taking penalties graciously, cheering each other on, and keeping a positive attitude when interacting with others makes the difference. Thanks!

August will be an extra busy month with the 10 Rater and Marblehead Nationals and the Fishing Boat Gambler on Spreckels, and a 36R Freesail Nationals in San Diego all happening the same weekend mid-August. Also scheduled is a visit of volunteers from the Treasure Island Sailing Science Center on August 24. They will learn about the SFMYC, have lunch, then go up to the lake and have a try at R/C sailing before watching the Santa Barbara race. This is a great opportunity to support and partner with the Sailing Science Center. Many thanks to John Super who got this started a couple of months ago and to Ryan Schofield, R/CSO, and Rob Weaver, Vice Commodore, who have helped to take it from there!

We are published again! The Model Yacht, Summer 2019, journal of the U.S. Vintage Model Yacht Group (USVMYG), features an article titled, Spreckels Lake: Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Mike Stobbe revised the fine article written by Carl Brosius, Mary Rose Cassa, and Craig Carter for Model Yachting magazine, Spring 2014, and brought it forward to let readers of the USVMYG know all about Spreckels Lake and club highlights. Also included is Mike’s report on 36R Race 1 in which Bruce Richter, Commodore of the Central Park Model Yacht Club, participated. Thanks, Mike!

FYI: This newsletter is a bit longer than most as a couple of June submissions missed getting into our July newsletter and are printed here. (Be sure to read to the end and see the great results of Teaching Kids to Sail!) NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST. Our next meetings will be September 14. Onward to lots of fine model boating!
The Recreation and Park Department convened a meeting on May 30 to share information about plans for the Golden Gate Park 150th anniversary celebration on April 4, 2020. The Department plans to kick off activities in January and ramp up to a Park-wide celebration on April 4. There will be GGP150 events all year long, with a grand finale at the tree-lighting by McLaren Lodge in December. Stay tuned for information about how SFMYC will plug in to the 150th celebration and ways that individual members can contribute and participate in the Club's activities. Visit http://goldengatepark150.com/ for more information.

I'm keeping notes on specific requests from members for improvements around Spreckels Lake (e.g., pruning vegetation; painting signage on the pavement; adding signposts). I raise most of these issues when I meet with RPD staff, but staff is limited as to how they can respond. Members are encouraged to also use SF311 to comment on conditions at the lake and request improvements or repairs. There are three ways to access SF311: phone 311 (415-701-2311); use the website (https://sf311.org/); or download the mobile app at the website.

If you notice illegal or dangerous activity, phone SF Park Ranger Dispatch at 415-242-6390.

Additional law enforcement/emergency contact options:
  911: 415-553-8090 (same as calling 911, good to put in your cell phone)
  SFPD Non-Emergency: 415-553-0123

Middle Lake Rehabilitation Project

The rehabilitation project for Middle Lake will include replacing the clay liner lake bottom and increasing the water depth, clearing the pipes connecting Middle Lake to South and North Lakes, and rehabilitating the rock cascade from the Fly Casting Pools. In addition, the project includes removing invasive vegetation from within and around the lake and replacing it with appropriate landscape species, and improving the pathways to increase visibility and accessibility to the lake area for park users. We're following this project because a new aeration system will be considered which could also be used at Spreckels Lake. To give an idea as to the timeline for Park projects, the funding for the five million dollar Middle Lake project comes from the 2012 Park Bond. Planning began in Spring 2019, and construction is expected to be completed in Fall 2021.
PowRon Report

Tug Fest
by Lee Duvall

The Tug Fest, held on July 21, brought 16 entries with a total of 28 boats competing, four coming from out of town—2 Canadian entries and 2 entries from Los Angeles. The Tug Fest was a 2 part contest, with barge and free boat runs. Weather was warm though the sun never popped out, but that is San Francisco for you. Barges got lots of use, had a visit by the Shark Fin, a Swan, and the Irregulars were in attendance. Overall, it went well, no boats sunk, photos taken, video done. Everybody seemed to have a Good Time. A big Thank You to all the folks who helped get this thing done--Ken Shapiro, Jeff Raymond, Victor Dea, and Carl Brosious.

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Panorama of Tugs
Donuts and Duckies at Registration with Diane Brosious and Brigitte Duvall in charge.  
Photo by Ken Shapiro

Julio and Gerry Bowen working on their boats.  
Photo by Ken Shapiro
Upcoming Power Events:

- **2019 Fun Run and Review**
  - Saturday, September 7, 2019
  - Sacramento (see flyer below)

- **A Day of Gray Military Muster**
  - Sunday, October 13
  - 0930 Spreckels Lake

- **Spooktacular**
  - Saturday, October 26
  - 1830 Spreckels Lake

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Sacramento Model Shipwrights

**2019 Fun Run and Review**

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

Join skippers from other clubs for a model boat fun run and review at Elk Grove Regional Park, Elk Grove, CA. Classes of boats include pleasure craft, working boats, submarines, military, and sailboats.

Fun run for all boats begins at 9:00 am with 30 minute review times for individual classes beginning at 10 am.

Registration cost is $15/skipper including lunch provided by Mason’s Dogs. Bring your own tables and chairs. Have something to sell or trade? Bring that along too! For information contact Steve Cowdin at (916) 698-1152.
Freesail Squadron Reports

36R Class, Race 3, June 2, 2019
by Mike Stobbe, Class Reporter

An excellent sailing day greeted ten 36R sailors on Sunday, June 2\textsuperscript{nd}, although it would have been even better with some sunshine. A brisk to strong westerly prevailed, with shifts ranging from northwest to southwest. The southerly Rhododendron Breeze was not much of a factor this time, but Heartbreak Harbor was up to its usual tricks, balking everyone more than once. Once out of Heartbreak Harbor though, the winds were great. There were plenty of knockdowns on the beat (at least for 36Rs), yet generally not quite strong enough to cause broaches on the run. The racers included our new junior member Adlai Manzo, helped by his father, Jay. Starting in threes, there were a few minor collisions, but none too consequential. The fickle vagaries of Heartbreak Harbor predetermined many of the runs, but that’s a force of nature freesailors have to live with. Jeff Stobbe got off to a great start, racking up a perfect score against his first four competitors. Stephen Ma started off terribly. His boat spent more time going north-south than east-west, which didn’t help his scores. Mary Rose did very well, winning every run. Unfortunately, there were two DNFs. Ed Schoenstein had to drop out when his mainsail parted from the mast due to some very old tape opening up like a zipper. And Jason Spiller gave new meaning to DNF (Did Not Float) when his boat literally sank on the fourth round beat. Luckily, Bernard Price and Jason were able to recover the boat with no lasting damage, using the club’s dinghy, as there was still several inches of mast showing above the water. A taped seam between his deck and hull was at fault. Jeff and Mike Stobbe tied for first, with Jeff winning the beat. Mary Rose Cassa finished third, and Colleen Stobbe took fourth.

The complete results are:

1\textsuperscript{st}  Jeff Stobbe, 36R-32, \textit{Ace}

2\textsuperscript{nd}  Mike Stobbe, 36R-48, \textit{Judy}

3\textsuperscript{rd}  Mary Rose Cassa, 36R-28, \textit{Manzanita}

4\textsuperscript{th}  Colleen Stobbe, 36R-32, \textit{Grace}

5\textsuperscript{th}  Bernard Price, 36R-61, \textit{Batteries Not Included}

6\textsuperscript{th}  Bruce Ettinger, 36R-55, \textit{Warp Speed}

7\textsuperscript{th}  Stephen Ma, 36R-65, \textit{Crazy Diamond}

8\textsuperscript{th}  Adlai Manzo, 36R-53, \textit{Beamy Up}

DNF  Ed Schoenstein, 36R-13

DNF  Jason Spiller, 36R-24, \textit{Ruthless Robin}

From left, seated: Ed Schoenstein, Stephen Ma, Jay Manzo.
Standing: Colleen Stobbe, Mary Rose Cassa, Bruce Ettinger, and Adlai Manzo. Note decrepit looking tape on Ed’s sails, which failed soon after.
Photo by Mike Stobbe.
Jeff Stobbe, Stephen Ma, and Colleen Stobbe enjoying a brisk beat. The fog was at treetop level.

In Jason Spiller’s case, DNF means “Did Not Float”. Luckily, the lake was shallow enough at this location to enable recovery with the club’s dinghy. Photo by Mike Stobbe.

Jason Spiller, Stephen Ma, and Ed Schoenstein work their way to windward.

Recovering Jason’s boat. Time for repairs!

Photo by Stephen Ma
A relatively small turnout of 7 skippers turned out for race number 4, due to the absence of several regulars. (Last year, we were getting used to 12 or 13 starters in the 36R Class.) They were confronted with very strong, gusty, and very shifty winds under cool overcast skies. The winds were generally westerly, with a strong southerly component, the Rhododendron Breeze. Heartbreak Harbor was absolutely diabolical. Totally unpredictable, with frequent easterly puffs, a few lucky sailors got out in one try, but more often one or all (we started in threes) were turned back. I did six 360s in one board! Both of my competitors had finished by the time I broke out. On the beats, all boats were frequently laid over, forward motion nearly stopped, and often flipped from one tack to the other by shifts greater than 90 degrees. Bruce Ettinger had wisely stepped his new “B” rig, and this gave him an advantage, as everyone was overpowered much of the time. Dave Sands was sailing Yuri’s boat, Kami Kaze, which performed very well. Mike Stobbe was dismasted on the second beat, but was able to make quick repairs in the clubhouse and return to the regatta. Bernard Price, sailing the fleet’s smallest and lightest boat, was pretty much overwhelmed. It was definitely a challenging and fun day. Everyone was glad that we were sailing 36Rs and not X boats!

1st Bruce Ettinger, 36R-55, Warp Speed
2nd Dave Sands, 36R-47, Kami Kaze
3rd Mike Stobbe, 36R-48, Judy
5th Mary Rose Cassa, 36R-28, Manzanita
6th Ed Schoenstein, 36R-13
7th Bernard Price, 36R-61, Batteries Not Included

Dave Sands, Ed Schoenstein, and Mike Stobbe prepare to challenge Heartbreak Harbor. Dave was sailing Yuri’s boat, #47, Kami Kaze. Photo by George Wilhelmsen.
Bernard Price, Bruce Ettinger and Mike Stobbe start their beat. Interested bystander in red. Photo by George Wilhelmsen.

Shortly after the previous photo there was a tangle up and Bernard lost his vane. He towed it like a sea anchor via its safety line for quite a while. Eventually he was able to make all right again with no harm done.

Photo by George Wilhelmsen.

Bruce Ettinger, Mary Rose Cassa, and Ed Schoenstein start the run. Bruce was the eventual regatta winner. Photo by George Wilhelmsen.
36R Class Nationals Coming Up
by Mike Stobbe, Fleet Reporter

The 36R Class Nationals are right around the corner: August 16-18 in San Diego. Friday will be a practice day, starting about 10:00am. Saturday and Sunday will be race days, also starting about 10:00am. Entry is free. Preregistration is not required. San Diego’s pond is located in (literally in, carved out of) the west side of Vacation Island, in the middle of Mission Bay, not far from Sea World theme park. There is no clubhouse, but the San Diego club has a secure storage room where boats can be left fully rigged during the regatta. I strongly urge everyone interested to come. There’s lots to see and do in San Diego. The weather is always great, with steady mild wind. Shorts and sandals are recommended, as wading in at lake edge is necessary. The lake is beautifully sited in a grassy park with shade trees. What’s not to like?

M-Class Invitational, June 29, 2019
by Mike Stobbe

The 20th annual M-Class Invitational Regatta was held on Saturday, June 29th. The turnout was a bit disappointing, with six members and no guests. The weather promised to be good, but started out pretty iffy. Spreckels was right at the edge of the fogline, which always guarantees a brisk breeze. Starting the first run, however, was a toss-up, with light intermittent breezes coming from all directions. Heartbreak Harbor really lived up to it’s name. After the first round, however, the wind settled down to its usual Spreckels pattern, generally very light at the west end, brisk at the east end, with a lot of southerly Rhododendron Breeze in between. With only six starters, we raced in pairs. Right from the git-go, Jason’s club boat, had handling problems, which persisted throughout the day. Stephen Ma, also using a club boat, did better, but was plagued by bad luck, losing three beats by a whisker after sailing into calms right at the finish line while in a comfortable lead each time. Bruce Ettinger was blessed with good luck, though. He sailed to an easy win. Mike Stobbe came in second, being the beneficiary of some of Stephen Ma’s misfortune. New member Rick Weiss came home third, having won the tiebreaker over Colleen Stobbe. It was altogether a good day sailing, although a bit cool with not much sunshine.

1st   Bruce Ettinger, M-41, Shadow
2nd   Mike Stobbe, M-48, Pocahontas
3rd   Rick Weiss, M-145, Lucky
4th   Colleen Stobbe, M-53, Aloha
5th   Stephen Ma, M-13, Lulu
6th   Jason Spiller, M-SF9

Stephen Ma pilots the club’s Lulu out of Heartbreak harbor. Photo by Mike Stobbe.
Jason Spiller and Colleen Stobbe watch their boats progress upwind. Jason is ahead, but his luck didn’t hold. Photo by Mike Stobbe.

Regatta winner Bruce Ettinger is all smiles now, as he holds a comfortable lead over Mike Stobbe’s boat (just over Bruce’s shoulder), but Bruce sailed into a lull and Mike beat him by half a boat length. Photo by Mike Stobbe.

M-Class Freesail Race 5, July 27, 2019

by Bruce Ettinger, Fleet Reporter

The wind, for a change, was well-behaved, without the usual squirrelly gusts and with the westerlies prevailing. Only five stalwarts showed, but all were excellent sailors, making the racing very close in many cases. Between patches of fog blowing in, the sun almost showed---the result was that for most of the day we were sailing in beautiful mists (see photo 1) Jeff Stobbe remarked that nearly all of the runs were “hands off” as our craft made their way from west to east on the nice wind pattern. The light air made beating more of a challenge, but Mike and Jeff Stobbe seemed to have no trouble each winning 3 (or 3 1/2) out of their four beats.

For a change too, the scorekeeper did not win—making it unnecessary for others to audit the results. The brass went to: first place Jeff Stobbe, second Mike Stobbe, and third Stephen Ma.
During our post-race libations, there was a very interesting discussion about how to adjust the rig for better tacking in lighter winds. My intuition said—moving the jib pivot point aft would encourage the boat to round up more, hence to tack. Mike held that the real problem is not that the boat doesn’t want to tack, but that it’s not carrying enough speed to get through the eye of the wind. That is, it’s too eager to tack! Moving the jib pivot forward a little (just a little) will cause the boat to sail a little lower, i.e. a bit more off the wind. This will help it build up enough speed so when it does start its tack, it will have a better chance of completing it. Maybe using a Liverpool Boy would be the answer—Braine controlled boats lacking the vane-controlled tacking mechanism use this to get across the eye of the wind. Maybe I can put this lesson to use next time.

Misty conditions due to fog rolling in. Photo by Mike Stobbe

Bruce Ettinger going through his check list for the run. Stephen Ma and Jeff Stobbe on the beat.

On the beat, Stephen’s 51 is ahead of Mike’s 50. This leg ended up in tie with both sharing the 3 points.

Photo by Mike Stobbe
First a little bit of history… The Virgil Cup was created to honor Virgil Gustavino, a retired painter, who late in life became a prolific and expert model builder and contributed many boats to the SFMYC. Born in Italy in 1884, his contributions in the 1930s through 1950s included the “Jenny Wilson” (a steam powered tug), the famous “Margie” (on display in our Clubhouse), and several sailboats, some still in use.

On the day of the Virgil Cup race, the wind really picked after 1:00PM but these big X-boats handled these conditions superbly (except when an occasionally strong southerly blow pulled beating boats to the south shore). There were only 5 sailors competing with Jim Harvey taking first with a boat originally built and designed by… you guessed it… Virgil Gustavino! What was further news to us was that Jim could trace his ancestry to Genova, the same location as the birthplace of Virgil Gustavino. Jim tells us that Virgil’s last name means “wine taster”—so after the race, we all drank a toast to Jim, to Virgil, and the wonderful traditions maintained by the SFMYC.

The final results: Jim Harvey -first; Bruce Ettinger-second; Mike Stobbe- third; Phil Durfee- fourth; Dave Sands- fifth.
Phil Durfee on a close to shore run, ahead of Mike Stobbe’s boat tracking mid-lake.
Photo Mike Stobbe.

Dave Sands tacking his boat with a steady hand.
Photo Mike Stobbe.

R/C Sail Squadron Reports

Ryan Schofield, Radio Sailing Officer

July was an active month for RC sailing at the club. First up was the Col. Bart Santa Barbara regatta. I was unable to attend, but heard it was a great event won by Jim Harrold. Jim Forbes wrote this about the Col. Bart: Seven skippers entered the race, Jim Harrold, Jim Harvey, Rob Weaver, Steve Ma, Pete Neves, Ken Shapiro and me. All seven skippers and their boats finished all eight races. The weather was beautiful and the wind as usual was gusty at times, but generally steady from the west and south west with an occasional street effect blast from the north. Jim Harrold dominated the day with five first place finishes. Rob Weaver had a miserable first three races, but with an adjustment before the fourth was able to make a good comeback to finish third overall. With the “boat that Ryan built,” I was able to consistently finish second or third and finished second overall, just six points behind Jim Harrold.
Next up was the fifth race day for Star 45 fleet on July 14. See report by Rob Weaver following his Star 45 report for June 1.

Wheelers were next up on July 20. Six Wheeler skippers sailed during the day. Winds were perfect, and there was some sun and some clouds. Racing was very competitive with three different skippers winning races. In the end, Bob Gallagher sailing a borrowed boat won by three points over myself with Dave Misunas taking third. Thanks to Bob Gallagher, Dave Misunas, Rich Lutz, Jim Harrold, and Ron Saxon for coming out and going around the buoys. Special thanks to Jim Forbes whose boat is under construction for doing an excellent job as our RC.

On Sunday, July 21, the 10 Rater fleet had their day with seven boats on the water. Gary Boell surprised us by showing up with his very fast, Jeff Beyerly designed, 10 Rater. Gary won most of the races, but Rob Weaver sailing Dave Misuna’s, Tomahawk, was incredibly fast through the day. My starts were somewhat lacking through the day, and I did not do very well. Although some good luck and a wind shift carried myself and Jim Harrold over the line ahead of Rob and Gary in race four, it was to be the only race that I managed to win during the day. Ed Schoesten sailed well at times during the first three races before his main sheet parted in race four. Bob Pinotti sailed his M with new sails made by Jim Harrold. He was off the pace, but I’m sure with a few modifications will be back going faster. Jerry Turney had issues with his I 54 through the day and finally dropped out after race four. Murray Buckman showed up very late in the day to sail the seventh race, but his M needs lots of tweaking. This will the last race for the fleet before the August NCR. Thank you to Ed Schoesten, Gary Boell, Jim Harrold, Rob Weaver, Bob Pinotti, Jerry Turney, and Murray Buckman for coming out and sailing. This fleet is doing well, and I’m excited to see Jim Harrold finish his Merlin and join the fray. My second Merlin is not getting much progress, although a new set of Frank Russel sails should be coming soon for it’s A rig.

For the last RC sail squadron event of the month the Santa Barbara fleet will be sailing for the Medley Cup on July 28, which has not taken place as of the writing of these ramblings. I am betting the fleet will see a great turnout. Speaking of Santa Barbara racing, SB skippers, don’t forget to support our neighbor club in Sacramento which is hosting the 2019 NCR on September 6, 7, 8. They will be putting on a great event, so go to their web site SacMYC.net for the NOR and entry form.

**News from the Star Fleet, June**

by Rob Weaver, Fleet Captain

Everyone who had a breakdown in the second Star 45 race day came back to the lake with repaired boats and competed the full day. We had nine competitors for the eight race series. Only Jim Harrold failed to compete in all races, having stripped the gears on his mainsheet servo arm at the start of the final race. Racing was tight most of the day, with Jess Atkinson dominating the fleet with six wins. Ryan Schofield and Dave Misunas managed to wrestle a couple of wins from Jess, but still fell far below Jess in the overall points count. Jason Spiller got the better of Rob Weaver by one point in Rob’s second Star 45. I don’t know if this is a good or bad thing. It is always good to see a loaned boat do well, and in Jason’s hands any boat is sailed to its maximum level of performance. Good job Jason.
The best news of the day was that the two newest members of the fleet, Jerry Turney and Bob Pinotti had their boats moving very well in most of the races. They just need to string good performance legs together to work themselves up to the top of the fleet. That will come with time, and perhaps too soon for the rest of the fleet – there are already enough guys fighting one another at the top of the fleet. Even better news was that their new boats handled the full day of racing without a breakdown.

At the end of the day, Ryan moved into a solid first place for the season, followed by Rob and Jim Harrold.

Results for June 1, 2019:

- Jess Atkinson, 56
- Ryan Schofield, *Brooklyn* 1st
- Dave Misunas, *Star Bird* 2nd
- Jim Harrold, *Screaming Banana* 3rd
- Jason Spiller, *Katastrof* 4th
- Rob Weaver, *Angry Crow* 5th
- Jerry Turney, 941 6th
- Mary Rose Cassa, *Fremont* 7th
- Bob Pinotti, *Strega* 8th
- Bob Pinotti and Jerry Turney. Photo by Rob Weaver.
July 14th marked the fifth Star 45 race day of the season. Hard to believe that we only have one more race day. Jess Atkinson ruled the day, but the surprise event of the series was that Bob Pinotti won his first race! With the use of Jess’ boat and some sage advice from Jess on how to get the most out of a Star 45, Bob showed the fleet what we can expect from him in the future. Better yet, he won the race after a horrible start and foul at the windward mark. Coming up to the finish line, Bob was a good hundred feet behind Rob Weaver, but made the intelligent choice to stay away from the right side of the course and steamed by Rob (who wasn’t so smart).

Racing was tight most of the day, with Jess Atkinson dominating the fleet with five wins. Rob took two races, and Bob took the remaining race with his inaugural win.

At last count the Star 45 fleet has grown to around 20 boats! The latest addition is from Dave Sands. That marks three new boats this year alone. If you haven’t sailed a Star 45 you owe it to yourself to give them a try. We now have a club Star 45 so you don’t have an excuse to be left out of the fun.

OODM Race 5, July 9
by Tom MacDonald

Nine ODOM sailors participated in the 5th SFMYC points race of the 2019 season on July 9. Winds that constantly alternated between gusts and lulls made for challenging conditions all afternoon on Spreckels Lake, producing lots of excitement and resulting in several boats being knocked out of competition before the afternoon was over.
Bob Gallagher and Jim Harrold proved best at mastering the difficult course, each taking three wins in the six races held. Bob slightly edged out Jim for the day's top honors by virtue of his three 2nd place finishes, while Jim slipped to 3rd in one of the races. With three races left in the series -- August 13, September 10 and October 8 -- it looks like the season-long battle between Bob and Jim will continue right down to the wire to decide a season champ.

As with all the previous races this season, the ODOM group enjoyed an afternoon of great fun, close competition and congeniality on The Lake. Other ODOM sailors are encouraged to join in the remaining races, as well as the practice races that take place every Tuesday at 1PM.

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Ed Schoenstein contemplates his race strategy before having a very competitive day on the water with Club ODOM #14. In the background, SFMYC multi-class stalwarts Bruce Ettinger and Mary Rose Cassa prepare their ODOMs for racing. Photo by Tom MacDonald.
Bob Gallagher, besides showing the quick way around the race course, has been doing an admirable job as SFMYC ODOM Fleet Captain for the 2019 season. Bob is always glad to offer his assistance and guidance to help other sailors improve their racing skills and boat performance. Photo by Tom MacDonald.

Jim Harrold and #828 from his fleet of ODOMs and other boats -- a boat he rescued and restored, after multiple previous owners, and competes very successfully with. Jim's considerable boatbuilding, tuning and sailing expertise are a great asset to SFMYC, and much appreciated by his fellow Club members. Photo by Tom MacDonald.
Teaching Kids To Sail- An Astounding Success
by Bruce Ettinger

Thanks to the efforts of many of our members, on Sunday, July 21, from 11am to 1pm, we were able to engage and instruct 33 children in the art of sailing. This article will explain how it was done and suggests how we might build on our success.

Getting the word out: with input from Mary Rose Cassa and Kathy Harvey, we developed a multi-pronged PR campaign--- placing notices in our Clubhouse, placing posters in our most SF libraries, a hobby shop, local newspapers, the Randall Museum, etc. But the strategy that yielded the best results by far was a e-news posting that Mary Rose sent to SF Park & Rec (sfrecpark.org/news_events). Almost every family who came to this event said they found out about it from this sole source.

Handling the comers: Knowing that we had only 2 hours to process these kids, we assembled a great team of members and spouses to meet, greet, track, and maintain the flow to our instruction staff. Here, my special thanks goes to Nina and Jay Manzo (Adlai’s parents), Polly and Michael Arenberg-Siou (Julien’s parents), and Pat Schoenstein.

Providing inspiring instruction—while keeping it simple and making it fun. At our last session a month ago (with only 3 children to teach), we developed and tested a 15-20 minute protocol which would link the mentor to child, one-on-one, would put the transmitter in the child’s hand at the start, would have him/her control the boat on a run along the north shore for about 100 feet, then come to shore where we turned the boat around and briefly explained how it needed to be sailed to windward. Voila—kids were tacking their way back to the start. For most of the students, more sailing was possible within the limited time frame—so we then directed them to sail to and around a buoy in mid-lake, then returning. All this was made possible by our six patient and devoted sailing instructors: Bob Pinotti, Ed Schoenstein, Ryan Schofield, Dave Gormly, Stephen Ma, and Bruce Ettinger.

Getting into competition: Knowing that most kids enjoy some competition, for those asking for and hanging around for a second chance to sail, we taught them how to sail using our usual RC sailing start line and provided them with an audible count down. Next, in pairs, they took off and raced to the finish line at the western end of the lake. There was lots of cheering during the beat and appropriate noise at the finish line.

Thinking about next steps: We successfully engaged 33 children, aged 7-12 years, with at least a third providing written requests to sail with us in the future.
How can we meet this demand? At least 2 options are being discussed: 1) provide each requesting child/family with the contact information of a SFMYC member who would arrange mutually convenient sailing times— the “one-on-one” approach or 2) schedule “advanced sailing” classes taught by a few members—perhaps on a weekend morning just before a usual RC sailing event. Your ideas and opinions would be much appreciate—send an e-mail to doc.ettinger@gmail.com.

Ed schoenstein providing initial brief instruction about controls. Photo by Bruce Ettinger

Dave Gormly happy with the progress of his mentee. Ryan, Ed, and Bruce in the distance with their mentees while families look on. Photo by Bruce Ettinger
Ryan Schofield overseeing end of the beat. Photo by Bruce Ettinger

One of many happy, excited families watching their son managing a run. Dave and Ryan in the distance. Photo by Bruce Ettinger

Three Victorias on their way--Ed Schoenstein overseeing. Photo by Bruce Ettinger
The Workshop

Still stay tuned...We expect a write up about the recently completed tug in the September edition of the Nautical News. Looking forward to it!

I expect there are other builders out there working on a project or who have just finished one. We want to know all about it! A little write-up with a photo or two and it’s ready for sending to sfmycnauticalnews@gmail.com. All projects big and small, finished or in progress are welcome!