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Annual Meeting, Party Set for February 2

—Ron Moreland

Make sure to mark your calendar for what has become the biggest annual event in the floating home community. What's that? It's the FHA's annual meeting and party at the Bay Model coming up on Saturday, February 2, 2002. Attend the meeting and learn a little more about the critical issues facing our community, then go to the party and have lots of fun!

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2002
Time: 5:00 PM Registration
 5:30 – 7:00 Meeting
 7:00 – 9:00 Party

As in the past we will have some great guests who will be available for Q&A.

Meeting guests this year include Annette Rose (County Supervisor), Joe Nation (Assemblyman), Scot Hochstrasser (Urban Planner) and Bill Roberts (Captain, MC Fire Department). Each guest will briefly address issues of importance to our community, and respond to questions from the floor.

FHA President Suki Sennett will review the FHA's goals and accomplishments, and introduce new officers for 2002. She will also recognize the FHA Member of the Year.

Thanks to the great success of the floating home tour this year, the FHA Board of Directors was able to give our "party master" Ted Sempliner a major boost in his budget. The party this year celebrates America with "comfort food." We'll start with an open wine and beer bar, soft drinks and platters of veggies with dips. (Not the two legged kind). Dinner is Mom's (that is Ted's mom) meat loaf with home brown gravy. There will be a wonderful mushroom walnut loaf for those who don't want meat. To go with this there will be sugar peas with orange hazelnut sauce, a green salad and a

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WPH "Miracle" Plan Moves Forward

—Larry Clinton

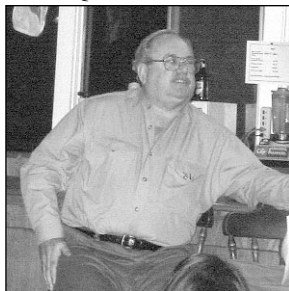
At the Annual Meeting of the Harbor Equity Group in November, HEG legal consultant Gary Giacomini praised the work that had gone into the Community Development Plan (CDP) for reconfiguring Waldo Point Harbor. "You are miracle workers," Giacomini declared, adding that the County's Environmental Impact Review consultants had unanimously found the plan to be the environmentally preferred alternative, even though the residents had had no voice in the original reconfiguration plans. "Never before has a non-applicant been awarded preferred plan designation," Giacomini said with obvious admiration.

Community consensus and strong showings of support for the CDP have been the keys to its acceptance so far against overwhelming odds, in Giacomini's opinion. He stressed the importance of continued united support as the plan continues through the next stages of the approval process.

Merits Hearing Coming Up

The merits of the plan will be discussed at a special meeting of the County Community Development agency in late January or early February. Waldo Point residents will be advised of the exact time and place, and a strong turnout is urged to show that the plan continues to garner wide community support. About 30 days later, the CDP will be discussed at another merits hearing before the County Board of Supervisors, where again it will be very important to have a huge show of support. If accepted at the County level, it will then be submitted to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Gary Giacomini cautioned that changes in the plan could be suggested at any step along the way, but he expressed confidence that the entire process could come to a positive conclusion as early as next June.



Gary Giacomini: "You are miracle workers."

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2001 - It's Not Over Until It's Over

—Suki Sennett

This was supposed to be a "State of the FHA" message, but as I write this 2001 is not over yet. The horrific events of 9/11, the threat of terrorist attacks close to home and the economic downturn have made many of our issues seem minimal in light of the very real threat of a catastrophic disaster. Since space restrictions keep me from recapping all of FHA's 2001 activities, I shall highlight a few of them.

Community Emergency Response Training

FHA is paying for volunteers from all our docks to take Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) by the Marin County Fire Department. Aply coordinated by Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair Marling Mast, our volunteers are receiving specially focused training for floating homes residents.

Floating Homes Code Enforcement

Facilitated by Supervisor Annette Rose, FHA & HEG repre-

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sentatives met with the head of the County Planning Division & the Chief Building Inspector to address on-going problems and issues with code enforcement in WPH and Kappas. As a result, planning and building inspection staff are being required to take training specific to floating home code enforcement. Harbormasters/harbor managers are being required to sign off on code-compliant side setbacks before building permits are approved, and FHA receives weekly notification on all floating home permit applications submitted to the County.

Relations with City of Sausalito

FHA continues to improve relations with the City of Sausalito. The City again rejected our annual request for parking permits for use in the City parking lots. One hopes the City will change its mind in the face of the now official recession and continued economic decline. The local Chamber of Commerce says Sausalito faces "a crisis of sorts" and urges us "to come together as a community as never before by doing our shopping, cleaning, photo-developing, eating and entertaining right here in Sausalito."

Our community also has a stake in the City's proposed bike lane improvement project along Bridgeway to be designed this fall and winter. According to Sausalito



Larry Clinton presents \$1,000 check to Phil Frank of the Sausalito Historical Society.

PHOTO: RON MORELAND

Public Works Director Gordon Sweeney, the south leg of the accident-prone Gate Six intersection is within the City's jurisdiction and the north leg is County. At our urging, Sweeney assured FHA that once the design commences he will contact County Public Works to determine accident histories and consider this information during the design to prevent future accidents from occurring. He also promised to keep us informed of the project status. We will continue to closely monitor both the City and County.

Annual Tour

The 17th Annual Tour of 2001 was a resounding success in terms of quality and attendance, netting a record-breaking \$24,000. Out of this, the FHA donated \$3000 to the Sausalito Schools Foundation, \$3100 to the Friends of the Marin City Library, and \$1000 to the Sausalito Historical Society in recognition of SF Chronicle cartoonist Phil Frank's contribution to the floating homes community. Contributing to the greater community not only benefits worthy organizations, but



Eve and Jim Lubalin, 2001 tour directors, present checks totaling \$3100 to Wyna Barron, outgoing vice president of the Friends of Marin City Library. Sunshine Cleaners added \$100 to the FHA's contribution.

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

serves to promote visibility for our unique community. Positive PR is particularly significant relative to permit applications pending for Waldo Point Harbor, Kappas and Yellow Ferry. Portions of the funding for legal and planning consultants also come from annual tour income. Further, tour revenue allows the FHA to keep annual dues affordable to all our residents at a bargain price of \$20.

FHA Membership at All Time High

In 2001, FHA membership was a whopping 79%. Because 2002 will be the defining year for determining our own

future, the need to maintain high membership has never been more important. We must send a strong message to BCDC that we are a community united behind permit applications that offer the least environmentally impacting, least disruptive and the quickest solution to over 30 years of unrest and uncertainty. Or, as Annette Rose is fond of saying, achieving "peace in our time."

See you all at the Annual Meeting and Party at the Bay Model, February 2.

Emergency Response Training

In early December, 15 members of the floating homes community took part in a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) class at the Marin City fire station. The course is designed to prepare people to cope with natural disasters or other emergencies until help is available from emergency services such as firefighters and paramedics. Subjects covered in the two-day class included emergency preparedness, disaster first aid, fire prevention and suppression, plus search and rescue. There were plenty of hands-on exercises, and checklists from a very thorough manual which we will reprint in future issues of the Floating Times.

At the end of the class, new Marin City fire captain Bill Roberts swore in the attendees as disaster relief volunteers. We were charged with setting up emergency response teams and procedures on our docks, and with assisting with other emergencies in Southern Marin.

In addition to myself, those attending were Laura Scott and Marling and Court Mast from Kappas West, Ron and Cathy Moreland from Kappas East, Tony Williams and Peter Huson from Main Dock, Dan Goodman and Donna McConnell from Yellow Ferry, James Mentor from Liberty Dock, ark dweller Bryan Conway, and Beth Whitney, Ryan Phelan and Stuart Brand from South 40. Lance Belville of Kappas West and Pam and Archie Maldonado from Issaquah were CERTified previously.

Tuition for the training was paid for by the Floating Homes Association. It is the FHA's goal to have at least two CERT-trained individuals per dock, and for those

individuals to build emergency response awareness on their docks. To that end, the FHA will continue to sponsor individuals from the community who wish to take future CERT courses. The next one in this area will be held in February or March at the Marin City substation. For further information, contact Captain Roberts at 446-4463. For tuition reimbursement, contact any FHA officer.

— Larry Clinton

Richardson Bay Has as Much Traffic as 101

[Reprinted from the April, 1999 Floating Times]

Motorists going home across Richardson Bay Bridge in Marin regularly face a late afternoon traffic slow down. But



Mallards and gulls co-exist.

PHOTO: RUTH WEBBER

they're not the only traffic problem for Richardson Bay. Cormorants and pelicans go bumper-to-bumper too.

The bay is full of fishers.

At high tide the pterodactyl-like pelicans swoop low over the water. If they see herding, word quickly goes out. More pelicans arrive. Then cormorants get the news. They flock to the west edge of Richardson Bay, near our floating homes, and wait until there's a crowd. Eventually there will be enough for a fish-drive. Sometimes several hundred cormorants will gather. Their leader begins shooing the fish across the bay, followed by a long line of head-to-tail,



Pelicans and cormorants feeding together.

PHOTO: DONNA LUNSFORD

bumper-to-bumper big black birds flapping their wings on the water, and diving under, up, under, up, under, across the widest part of the bay. Pelicans seem to police the drive. The pursuit is usually successful, and the cormorants sit on the water, digesting, before they take to pilings to spread and dry their wings.

Once across the bay, if the tide, weather and food hold up, they will regroup near the

fish school, and do it all over again. It is an awesome sight that makes you wonder how the fishermen can find any to sell.

Coots meet at shoreline, bobbing their heads. Thousands of sanderlings chatter incessantly along tide water edge. An entire flock will take to the air, swirling like a school of fish, showing first their dark wings and then turning so that the white undersides magically appear. First you don't see them, then they turn in a flash and make a cloud of flying birds. And just as suddenly disappear again.

Mallards find a home on Richardson Bay, once termed 'the Fort Knox of Bird-dom.' Despite cats who control the piers, mallard hens seek hidden protection among the planks and hatch as many as 12 ducklings at a time. Later the little ones will be cheeping at the hen's command: "Out you go to the bay mud." And they do leap

out, feet extended, with great trust.

Gulls are the strongmen of the bay. When the herring are in, their cries of "Food! Food!" sound as gleeful as kids in a playground during recess. Sure they beg, and of course they squabble; they activate the bay. Gulls share information very enthusiastically. Five seconds after that

1989 earthquake, gulls were flying in great circles, loudly complaining about the betrayal of the earth below them.

Loons have been seen and heard on Richardson Bay, so near the center of this metropolitan City! Once a

black swan dropped in for a few days. Interested egrets will watch traffic go by, standing next to the freeway. Graceful grebes dive just 10 feet from our deck, pop up, skid across the water in a courting dance. A night heron, with his top knot plume, will stand motionless for half an hour, until he snaps at his quarry.

Surf scoters, with their unusual colored heads, like to eat our mussels. Gulls and

scoters smash shells to get at the meat, sometimes dropping mussels on our roof and then attacking them with steady purpose.

Mussels hunt too, when the tide is up. They extend thousands of thin hairs, reaching into the tide to catch anything edible.

Sometimes a raccoon takes a nighttime stroll on our dock and we'll find dainty footprints on the boardwalk.

Hummingbirds whirl around our flowers. Pigeons hum and coo. Sparrows dart past. We've seen a marsh hen. Terns hover above the water until they see a fish and then plunge like avenging angels.

In the fall, we have buffleheads and rafts of scaup or bluebills. Occasionally a few Canada geese fly overhead, with characteristic honks.

This is a busy bay with lots of traffic.

— Ruth Webber



A blue heron addresses a meeting of the pelicans' union.

PHOTO: JUNG VU

Debbi Handler Named New FHA Coordinator

Debbi Handler is the new administrative coordinator for the Floating Homes Association. Her responsibilities include maintaining the FHA database, Board correspondence, and inquiries to the FHA phone line and website. She'll also be taking minutes at Board meetings, and handling sales of items such as Marin Express and Tidelines Calendars (see page 6).

Debbi and her husband, Lewis Shireman, have lived on Gate 6-1/2 for several years. Debbi has directed two Annual Tours, and Lewis has served as Environmental Committee chair. In her spare time, Debbi also coordinates classified advertising for the Floating Times.

The FHA Board recently expressed its sincere thanks to Denize Forant of South 40, the outgoing administrative coordinator, for her 6 years of service to the Association.

Water You Doing Here?

We all know that The Beatles lived on a yellow submarine, but did you know that we have a Submarine Commander living in Yellow Ferry Harbor?

Navy Captain John Davis (aka Jack) has graced these shores since 1977 and has lived on his floating home twice as long as he has lived in any other place in his adult life. A fourth generation San Franciscan, Jack grew up in the Sunset District and heard the roaring of the waves as well as the roaring of the lions in the zoo. He attended Lowell High School and U.C. Berkeley before joining the U.S. Navy. During the attacks on Pearl Harbor, he was attending a submarine school in New London, Connecticut.

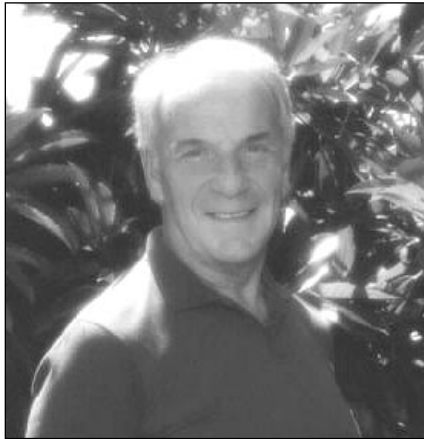
The next few years found Jack at sea. Over a four year period he made ten submarine war patrols (60 day stints) as a junior officer. By the end of World War II, he had commanded two subs, a sub division and a squadron of 12. He told me he had been stationed in Australia...perhaps a new meaning for "down under."

Jack left the Navy briefly, but was called back to command during the Korean War. And he has spent most of his life since then on or near the water.

In the '60s he went back to Berkeley and earned his Masters Degree in Aerospace Engineering. (He didn't strike me as a flighty guy.) And in 1977, when he retired from the Navy, Jack attended the University of Massachusetts in Boston, earning his PHD in Japanese Economics in order to compare the Shogun Era with current post-war Japanese economics ("just to

exercise his mind").

Until three years ago, Captain Davis was a licensed private pilot. He has been a horse trainer and judge in cross country and jumping events, and once owned a cattle



Jack Davis enjoys life under or on the water.

PHOTO: DONNA LUNSFORD

ranch in Nevada, where he also was the local representative of the 12th Naval District. He told me that he "got rid of the ranch and a wife at the same time," and headed to Sausalito, where he had been investigating floating home living for about a year.

John is a jack of all trades, and it seems, master of all as well. He is an abstract artist, and paints about six hours a week. He is currently enrolled in a studio class at the College of Marin. He rides horses twice a week, works out at the gym six days a week, and looks a good twenty years his junior. He has his black belt in Judo,

and played football in high school and college and was an amateur boxer. He also fiddled with the violin.

While he has traveled much of the world, Jack prefers to visit another country to learn the culture and language. He currently has lady friends in Paris and Rome and is planning this year to return to Italy for two months to study Italian and then continue on to Germany to attend an international submarine conference.

One of Captain Davis' passions is to lecture about submarines "past, present and future." He currently gives one or two talks a month, but is game for more. He is not an idle man....

While I am certain that Jack has had some precarious experiences on his submarines, he related one close call here on the bay on his 26 foot sailboat. A whale of about twice that size surfaced first on one side and then the other. While they prepared to abandon the boat if necessary, the whale departed. (Jack be nimble...Jack be quick...)

Jack's floating home was built during the '60s and was one of the first in Yellow Ferry Harbor. He likes his location, the water, and the proximity to Sausalito and "the city." He also loves the rock and roll of the boat. He is still storing furniture thinking that he will get a larger place, but doesn't see himself leaving anytime soon.

Jack told me that he had two direct ancestors who lived to be 100. Guess he comes from a line of long livers. (Can't you just picture that?) So I figure he will stay on Yellow Ferry for another 14 years...and then some! We certainly hope so!

*Until next time....One Dinghy
Dame...over'n out...*

Kappas Fire Drill Has Info For All

West Pier hosted its annual Kappas fire drill last October. Eighteen people partici-



Lionel and Katina White of Fire King provide some tips to Joan Liseter of Gate 6-1/2.

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

pated and refilled their fire extinguishers courtesy of Fire King of Novato.

Every fire drill has more than a new nugget of information, as well as practice, which is why it is so important to hold and attend drills. We have had three homes burn since I've been here the last seven and a half years. Causes have been candles knocked over by animals, a cigarette stub dropped in a planter box, and unknown cause complicated by explosives on board! Before that a West Pier fire was due to an electrical short in the clothes dryer; the owner was not home. The same thing happened this year on the Greenbrae boardwalk. So Be Aware. Clean out lint from behind the dryer, any flammables in your hull, and don't leave candles unattended.

Here are the highlights of the invaluable information Captain Griffin imparted on Oct 28.

Normal fire department response time: 2 minutes.

IN CASE OF FIRE Residents should put on **hard-soled shoes and sturdy gloves.**

Go outside. Yell loudly for assistance.

Turn off gas to involved boat(s)

Break glass and **pull hose all the way out.** No kinks.

Hoses need three people: **1) turn on water, 2) and 3) to hold hose.**

Don't play "hero." Yell and make noise to alert any occupants of the burning dwelling. If an occupant is unconscious, you probably won't be able to carry him/her out anyway.

DON'T OPEN DOOR TO BURNING HOUSEBOAT. It will explode.

We'll have more fire prevention tips in the next issue.

—Marling Mast



DOCK NEWS



Poetic Justice. Jim Woessner gave a poetry reading at the Tamalpais Community Center on Dec. 2, part of a celebration of arts for the new century and a benefit for world peace...

Gate 6-1/2 Goings and Comings. A Trailer Trash Bash was held in late November for "Jazzin" Jan Land, who's moving to a mobile home in Sonoma for the winter.



Appropriately attired, Jazzin' Jan kicks up her heels at Gate 6-1/2 Trailer Trash Bash.
PHOTO: RUTH WEBBER

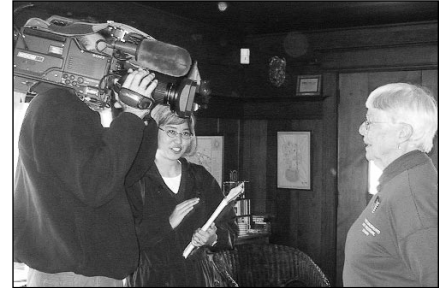
Among those attending were Peter and Oksana Gerwe, who had just moved from Moscow to their almost-completed home on the end of the dock. A few days later, Oksana gave berth to the dock's newest resident: Grace Barbara...

Stay Tuned. A crew from Bay Area Backroads visited our community in November for a program on Sausalito which is scheduled to air on Channel 4 on February 2 during the FHA annual meeting. If possible, we'll try to tape the show and replay it during the membership party following the meeting.

A Space of Her Own. Leni Miller's home office on Issaquah's Dragon Boat was featured recently in INC. Magazine. Leni is quoted as saying, "The kind of creativity that comes from living and working in a quiet environment is huge compared with what happens when you have to go to an office with a lot of staccato energy and noise."

Good Deal on FHA Membership. You should have already received a renewal notice for 2002 FHA membership. If not,

call (415) 332-1916. If you have neighbors who still haven't joined, let them know that for \$20 they'll get this bi-monthly newsletter.



Robin Sweeny welcomes Bay Area Backroads to her Mayflower Ark.

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

ter, free admission to the February 2 FHA member party, discounts on Marin Express and Tidelines calendars, plus a chance to support the only organization working in the interests of floating homeowners and residents. Checks with name, address and phone number may be mailed to FHA, PO Box 3054, Sausalito, CA 94966.

Wedding Supplement

Was it something in the wine? (It couldn't have been the water.)

An elegant celebration of the recent rush to the altar by eight Issaquah residents was hosted by Leni Miller aboard her Dragon Boat.

The "rush" included Joan Marechal and Richard Mickley, who became Mr. and Mrs.



Kathleen Hunter in her pre-wedding finery.
PHOTO: JOAN MICKLEY

Mickley at an absolutely magic wedding aboard their boat "Absolute Magic" after 22 years together. Tamara Elliot and Dennis Cotten eloped from their own boat to run off and marry on a mountaintop overlooking Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe after about 20 years together.

John Durrant and his bride Maura Bregante were married in Mill Valley's Our

Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Following the ceremony guests were warmly welcomed to a laughter-filled lunch reception in the church hall.

Kathleen Hunter made quite a splash on the day of her wedding to Jon Sibaila by appearing in her kayak wearing a wet suit by Donna Karan, a fashion statement unlikely to catch on with landlubbers. A raging storm caused three boats to be in Dire Straits, the body of water surrounding the dock. Two had lost gangplanks, the other a mooring line. There was our Kathleen, performing heroic feats, with help from neighbors on the dock above, saving the three boats from serious damage. We understand she changed into a dry suit (designer unknown) and another mode of transportation for the ceremony.

By the time you read this Kathleen will have been honored as "Woman of the Year" at Issaquah's annual Christmas gala soiree aboard Gayle and Wayne Van Dyck's "Oyama." Eat your heart out, Katherine Hepburn! Or was it Rosalind Russell?

Not to be outdone, East Pier's Kirsten Hansen (Kornrumpf) was married October 18 to Bill Lochridge by Rudy Giuliani at the Command Center of "Ground Zero" in a ceremony shown on New York TV. Bill, a retired Marine officer, is an East Coast

yachtsman and master of the tall ship which led the parade down the Hudson. He first proposed to Kirsten over 30 years ago, but she was engaged to another man. After two marriages each, their paths crossed again



Kirstsen, Bill and unidentified politician.

and this time she accepted. When Bill, in charge of a group of volunteers at Ground Zero, told the mayor of his forthcoming marriage, Giuliani replied, "It's time we had something happy to celebrate here. I'll perform the wedding."

Later, Bill was asked to escort various celebrities around the site. One of them, Bette Midler, was so intrigued by Bill's story she asked for Kirsten's phone number and the two had a long chat.

Felicitations to all you impetuous people. Live happily ever after!

— Muriel Kifer

Time Almost Stood Still

[Ed. Note: The following reminiscence is excerpted, with permission of the author, from the book "Sausalito Waterfront Stories," which is available at Armchair Sailor on Caledonia Street. Bob Kalloch and Laura Bell, who are profiled in this piece, became long time residents of A Dock.]

For years their houseboat swung to its anchor in the quiet pool off Gate Five. Behind the multipaned windows could be



Bob and Laura Bell in the good old days.

seen cases of books, their colored bindings sun-faded and dusty. Green climbing plants pressed their leaves to the glass. Sunshadows drifted across the interior as the tide turned the vessel twice each day. The war surplus landing craft hull and its superstructure of lattice window framing was painted red, the faded and timeless earth red of New England barns.

Winter or summer someone was always lying in the glassed-in loft, at one end of the boat, reading. In summer the big windows at the ends of the boat were propped open. In summer the boat floated in its reflection. In winter rain streamed down the glass and dripped into the bay around the boat's edges with a hypnotic splashing and burbling like that of an urban fountain or a pastoral waterfall. At night an oil lamp burned in the loft with a clear flame.

Bob and Laura Bell tied their green dory alongside their floating home, where it was padded by thick white rubber fenders. Their home was insulated from the world by more than a moat of bay water. Like a resting butterfly or a flying saucer low on fuel, this vessel had been transplanted from another

place, and lived apart, sheltered from the world, and there for a while time almost stood still...

The World Arrives

And the world arrived and grew around Bob and Laura Bell. More and more people came to Richardson Bay's waterfront who had been squeezed like a melonseed between the fingers of hardship to land in fertile waterfront soil. Those who had remained after the war had become the stable warp of the community. Most who came intended to leave after building a boat, getting a rock band together, or writing a bestseller. And few who came intended to stay.

So people came in increasing numbers. Word had reached them of this El Dorado of culture where the parties never ended and rock music poured forth with other mind numbing agents in a never ending torrent. What people came to the Richardson Bay waterfront for, and the reasons they stayed are as varied as the people themselves. But, in general, there came two kinds of people: those who came to stay awhile, and those who came because it was their last stop in a desperate life.

The waterfront developed its own identity, separate from that of the rest of Sausalito that lived on the other side of Bridgeway. The road called Bridgeway runs along the shore between Richardson Bay and the hills. It goes from the Golden Gate Bridge to the South through Sausalito where it blends into The Redwood Highway, which continues North into the wilderness of California. Bridgeway came to be as much of a symbol of division between two ways of life as the Berlin Wall...

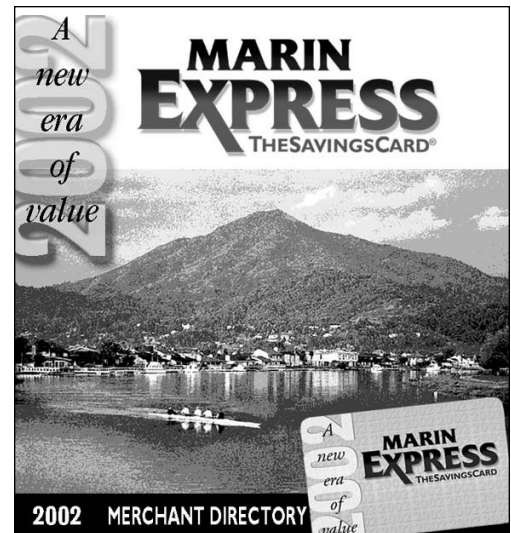
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ANNUAL MEETING/PARTY

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great baked potato bar with every topping for a baked spud known to man. For those who want and/or need them, we will also have low fat toppings. Dessert, of course, is apple pie with ice cream or slices of New York sharp cheddar cheese. The entertainment is The Medicine Ball Band, live and direct from Café Trieste. It's a great band with a terrific singer.

Finally, you can't beat the cost. Two people from each FHA household get in free! Children under 16 are also free. For each additional guest the cost is \$10.00 (still a great deal). Don't miss it.



Marin Express Sweepstakes

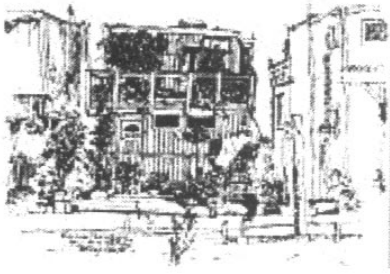
Marin Express discount cards and directories are here and ready to be put to use saving you money. FHA members can save \$10 off the regular price of the Marin Express program, which offers two-for-one dining at over 140 restaurants, plus savings up to 50% at over 700 local merchants. Each 2002 Marin Express directory also includes an entry in a drawing for a new Hyundai Elantra or a 7-day Mexican cruise (entry deadline January 31.)

You can order the Marin Express program for yourself or as gifts for others by sending a check to the FHA, PO Box 3054, Sausalito, CA 94966, or by calling 331-3999. Be sure to provide your address and phone number, along with the exact quantity. You procrastinators can bring your checkbooks to the February 2 Annual Meeting and Party.

Tidelines Calendars Available

Tidelines calendars are now available to FHA members for just \$7.65 – well below retail. These beautifully illustrated calendars graphically depict the rise and fall of tides each day of the year. Great for planning parties and boating ventures, these calendars also make good gifts for friends interested in our waterfront lifestyle.

Order by sending a check to the FHA (PO Box 3054, Sausalito, CA 94966), or by calling 331-3999. Include your address and phone number, along with the exact quantity. Any remaining calendars will be available at the February 2 Annual Meeting and Party.



A DRAWING OF YOUR HOUSEBOAT!

Use it on your Christmas card and on invitations to your parties! This will be a real work of art by a published fine artist, Jane Chamberlin, who also lives on a Sausalito houseboat. Call 415-332-5998.

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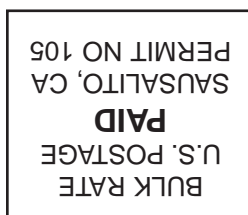
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