



From the Helm

by Charles Been, Club President

Before I start, I need to apologize to John Ashley. Last month due to the fires and other things on my mind, I completely forgot John's victory in the Heart Tournament. As some of you know, John won the Mission Bay Marlin Club's Heart Tournament. He not only won the tournament but also won the rod and reel in the early bird drawing. Maybe we should stake him for a trip to Las Vegas. The San Diego Marlin Club finally got revenge on MBMC for their winning the last two ILTT's. Congratulations to John Ashley!

This month you will receive the ballot to elect three directors for the Marlin Club. Please be sure to mark your ballot and send it in before the deadline.

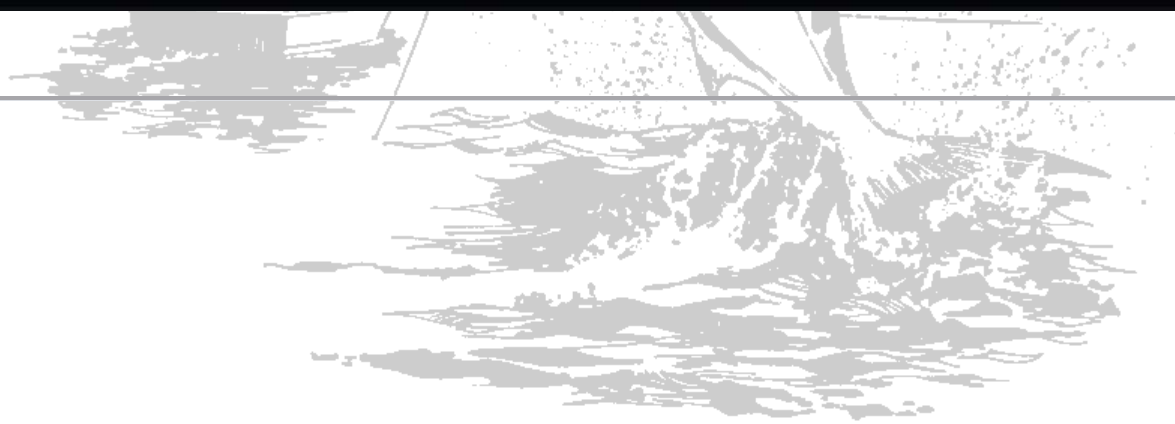
As an update on the Port redevelopment as of 11/27/07. The only group to have any discussions with the Marlin Club is the Crow's Nest Group. No other developers have approached the Marlin Club as to what we need or would like. We have had several discussions and meeting with the Crow's Nest Group as to what we need in the way of facilities. As I understand it, no plans have been finalized but we are included in all drawings and plans that we have seen of the Crow's Nest project. I understand that Monday 11/26/07 was the cut off date and that two proposals were submitted to the Port District on that date. Stay Tuned. Below is a drawing of the proposed Crow's Nest Building.

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe thru the holidays and we'll see you next year.



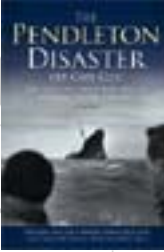
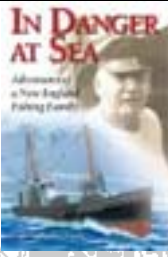


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David Phillips with the Boat House Equities Group met with the board committee on December 11, 2007. The committee gave him a copy of what we feel are our requirements for the Marlin Club. This drawing below is from their proposal.



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<p>San Diego Bay - A Story of Exploitation and Restoration, includes rich captivating oral histories and first-hand descriptions of the state of our coastal habitats and wildlife from over 30 interviews, and is complemented with historic and current photos, most of which have never been seen by the public.</p>	
	<p>Fatal Forecast - A true story of 2 fishing boats from Massachusetts caught in a ferocious storm off the Georges Bank. A storm as severe as 'the Perfect Storm' except no one knew this one was coming because of a malfunctioning weather buoy. The will to survive and what it takes for one man to survive is amazing.</p>
<p>Pendleton Disaster - 4 Coast Guardsmen set out in a thirty-six-foot motor lifeboat to locate the mortally wounded T2 tanker Pendleton and rescue its crew during a Nor'easter. Whether by a miracle, luck, fate or able seamanship, amid sixty-foot seas, the crew found the hulk of the Pendleton and rescued thirty seamen.</p>	
	<p>In Danger at Sea - Written by a commercial fisherman, who grew up in a fishing family and, thanks to the inspiration of his grandfather, Sam became a successful captain. Firsthand accounts of a terrifying vessel sinking, and dragging up unexploded depth charges and great white sharks in the nets.</p>
<p>Ten Hours Until Dawn - In the midst of the Blizzard of 1978, the tanker Global Hope floundered off the Massachusetts coast. The Coast Guard heard the Mayday calls and immediately dispatched a patrol boat. Within an hour, the Coast Guard boat was in as much trouble as the tanker, in horrendous seas.</p>	
	<p>Sailing Into the Abyss - The WWII freighter bound for Vietnam in 1969 with 5,000 tons of bombs below. Heavy weather and faulty cargo stowage caused bombs to start breaking loose—first one, then many, including the 2,000 pounders. The crew worked heroically fighting the weather and their cargo.</p>

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NEW MEMBERS

Shawn Burnett - **FISH MAGNET @ 25'**

Ron Costa has rejoined the club, after having been away for too many years. In the past he was known around the club for his vessel the **HAPPY KANAKI** His boat now is named after his wife "CAROL ANN" @ 33' in length. Let's give him a warm welcome back. (the stories of the marlin days of the late 70's and 80's...wow!)

Salvador Payan He has a construction business, his boat is a 21'7" named **INSUFFICIENT FUNDS** and is cousin to member Jorge of **LOS JEFE**

Mike Graham...the boat name is **PUR AVIDA @ 28'**. It is a custom panga style vessel built by Mike Bingham.

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Words of Wisdom

Fishing is a lot of fun
You can go rain or sun
Whether off land or in a ship
or on a little boat that will tip.

Dave Berry
10 years old

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2007

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 3, 2007
General Membership Meeting	April 10, 2007
Club Clean Up Day	April 14, 2007
Open House/Day at the Docks	April 22, 2007
Potluck	
Spring Shootout*	May 19, 2007
Don Blackman Memorial	
Halibut Derby*	June 16, 2007
Potluck	August 5, 2007
Juniors' Tournament	August 18, 2007
Couples' Tournament	August 25, 2007
Labor Day Tournament	September 1-3, 2007
ILTT Tournament &	September 7-9, 2007
Dinner Awards Banquet	
Small Boat Tournament*	October 6-7, 2007

*Open to the public



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