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## Annual Meeting, Party Set for February 22

—Ron Moreland

Make sure to mark your calendar for what has become the biggest annual social 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 22, 2003. 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 22, 2003

Time: 5:00 PM Registration

7:00 Meeting Ends

7:00 – 9:00 Party

As in the past we will have some great guests who will be available for Q&A. FHA President Suki Sennett will review the FHA's goals and accomplishments, and introduce new officers for 2003. She will also recognize the FHA Member of the Year.

Thanks to the great success of the floating home tour again this year, the FHA Board of Directors was able to give our "party master" Ted Sempliner a significant budget. Ted hasn't figured out the menu yet, but we guarantee it will be good. Also expect live entertainment again this year. We will be sending out a flyer to everyone with even more details in early February.

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.

## Another Successful Tour

—Larry Clinton

On September 25, nearly 1,000 people enjoyed near-perfect weather during the 18th annual Floating Homes Tour. The day went quite smoothly, thanks to the efforts of nearly 200 volunteers in what is traditionally the largest community event of the year. You'll see shots from this year's tour throughout this issue of the Floating Times. For additional tour photos, click on [www.sausalitohouseboats.com](http://www.sausalitohouseboats.com).

In a down economy, fewer groups

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## Floating Times Needs New Publisher

—Larry Clinton

After four years of publishing the Floating Times, I need to resign the position to devote more time to my free lance editing career. This will be my last issue as publisher/editor, and so the FHA is looking for someone to take over this newsletter.

Duties include: Establishing production schedules for each bimonthly issue, and keeping them on track. Assigning stories and photography and following up on deadlines. Working with a paid desktop publisher to lay out each issue. Coordinating printing and and mailout with mailing volunteers. Providing extra copies for dock reps at Board meetings. Working with FHA administrative coordinator to be sure classified ads run accurately.

I intend to continue writing for the Floating Times, and I'm willing to help someone transition into this position. There's a good team of volunteers in place, and more could be recruited in order to spread out the workload. If you're interested, contact me at 332-6196 or at [click@dipsymusic.com](mailto:click@dipsymusic.com). Someone must step forward now in order for this publication to continue.



Crowds lined up to see the Pirate on Issaquah Dock. PHOTO: ROB WEST

## Alphabet Soup - Decoding Those Initials

—Suki Sennett

This President's Message will attempt to decode what [retiring] FT Editor Larry Clinton so aptly describes as the "significant acronyms we throw around." I have selected only those initials that have direct impact on the floating home community. I have also left off any editorial comments.

BCDC - (San Francisco) Bay Conservation & Development Commission, a state regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the SF Bay shoreline. 27 Commissioners, including five appointed by the Governor, one each by the Speaker of the Assembly, Senate Rules Committee and State Finance Director, one from each of the nine Bay Area County boards of Supervisors, one from State Lands Commission. Was created by the McAteer-Petris Act of 1962.

BOS - (Marin County) Board of Supervisors, 5 members elected by District. We are in District 3. Annette Rose is our Supervisor.

CDA - (Marin County) Community Development Agency - includes building permits, Planning and Building Inspection Divisions.

CDP-Community Development Plan. The alternative reconfiguration plan created (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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by Waldo Point Harbor Residents Committee that replaces the original reconfiguration project proposed by the Harbor in the permit application process. The Harbor, as Applicant, has withdrawn their original project in favor of the CDP.

EAH - Ecumenical Association for Housing. The designated non-profit that manages the funding for the Gates Co-op code compliance renovations.

FHA - Floating Homes Association. A non-profit volunteer organization representing the owners and residents of floating homes within five Sausalito marinas. Publishes this newsletter.

HEG - Harbor Equity Group, Inc. The Waldo Point Harbor residents' organization that addresses tenant-landlord issues specific to the Harbor, including the permit application process with County and state regulatory agencies.

KHA - Kappas Homeowners Association. Residents' organization that addresses tenant-landlord issues specific to Kappas Marina, including the permit application process with County and state regulatory agencies. Kappas is owned by Dorothy and David Steckler.

PC- (Marin County) Planning Commission. 7 Commissioners appointed by the Supervisors. Has jurisdiction over the unincorporated areas of Marin. It is before this body that the Waldo Point Harbor permit application (the CDP) will have a hearing.

RBRA - Richardson Bay Regional Agency, a joint powers authority made up of the County, Belvedere, Tiburon, Mill Valley and Sausalito. Charged with regulating Richardson Bay through a Harbor Administrator.

SLC- State Lands Commission, mandated to protect public trust properties. 5 members appointed by Governor, includes Lt. Governor.

WPH - Waldo Point Harbor (owned by Morgan Capitol), with 245 berths, the largest of the five member houseboat marinas that compose the Floating Homes Association.

WPHRC- the committee of representatives of the Harbor Equity Group and the Floating Homes Association from each of the five Waldo Point Harbor docks that created the Community Development Plan (CDP).

YFH -Yellow Ferry Harbor (owned by the Tellis family).

Whew! If I've left any ingredients out of this waterfront alphabet soup, call 332-1916 and let me know. We'll run any further clarifications in a future issue.

## Floating Home FAQs

In preparation for the September Floating Homes Tour, Rodger March put together the following list of questions frequently asked by visitors, and the answers he usually gives:

### 1. Does the tide come in every day?

Not only every day, but twice a day, fed by the tides from the Pacific Ocean outside the Golden Gate. These tides are influenced by the moon; as long as the moon rises and falls, so will the tides. The tidal range here in Richardson Bay goes from as low as 2 feet below sea level to as much as 9 feet above.

### 2. What happens to the sewage?

Every boat is equipped with a holding tank; a plastic box contains a pump connected to flexible green hose, connected to pipes under the dock, which lead to shore.

All the drains in the boat lead to this holding tank. Nothing is allowed to go over the side into the water.

### 3. How can concrete float?

A concrete barge, essentially a shoe-box looking thing, can float as surely as a steel ship can float. Look at it this way; your porcelain cereal bowl floats very nicely in the dishwasher in the sink. Same thing.

### 4. Barges are not foundations.

As you look at many of these floating homes, what looks like concrete foundations are really the concrete barges. All of the homes in the floating home marinas will float when the tide is high enough. All will sit on the mud when the tide goes out far enough.

### 5. What about the long walk out the dock in the rain?

It's not so bad. It often rains at night, while you are at work, on weekends or when you are out playing, etc. How often are you going to get caught in our infrequent storms? Can't deny it, sometimes you are going to be carrying a bag of groceries (or two), the wind and rain comes up, there goes your umbrella, and you're not to your house yet. Think of it as a brief, close, intense relationship with Nature.

### 6. Do floating homes pay taxes?

Floating homes pay the same property taxes you do ashore, one percent of the purchase price. On houses and property it is a

secured property tax. On floating homes, as well as mobile homes, it is called an unsecured property tax, mainly because the taxed item can be literally moved around.

### 7. What is the berthing fee all about?

The floating marina can be compared to a mobile home park; residents own their homes, and rent the berth from a landlord. The landlord owns the land under the marina, the docks, the utility lines under the dock, the parking lots, and the maintenance obligation for all these facilities. Monthly fees change according to the size of the berth, the size of the boat, the distance from shore, etc. The fee varies widely, but many boats are in the \$700-\$800 per month range.

### 8. Are floating homes always damp?

Is your house always damp? No different. As long as there are no leaks in the roof, siding, windows, etc., and the boat has a heating system for the days you would usually use one, floating homes are no more damp than what you would expect at home. Actually, there is a theory the air over the water is less humid than the air over the land. Salt water evaporates more slowly than fresh water, and there are no trees, heavily shaded areas, moist soil, or shrubbery to encourage dampness, such as you might find in a redwood canyon.

PHOTO: ROB WEST

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### 9. Are the floating homes environmentally correct?

You betcha. Consider these points. Floating home living is generally compact living, thus there is a more efficient use of heat, light, storage, and living space in general. There is no space taken up for garages, driveways, backyards, etc. Parking is concentrated in lots as compact as possible, and "sidewalks" to the houses, i.e. the docks, are the shortest distance possible to the outermost home. And, the docks are elevated above the "ground", so natural life can go on under the dock surface. Floating homes provide access to the water for owners, residents, guests and visitors.

### 10. How can I get a floating home?

Floating homes are bought and sold like any other properties. There are floating home brokers, boats are listed on the Multiple Listing System, and there are often notices and offers posted on the bulletin boards at the head of each dock. You could end up here if you want.

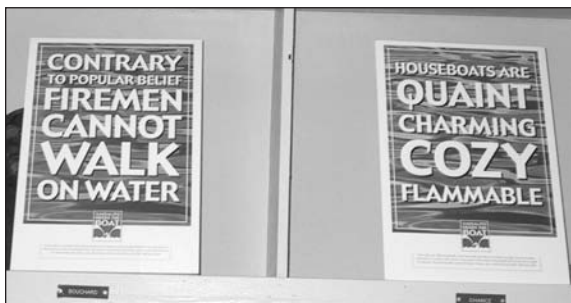
— Rodger March



The registration tent was busy all day with walkup traffic.

## Sausalito Seeks Fireboat

Currently, there is no way to fight boat fires on the bay, or to fight floating home fires from the water. To rectify this situation, the Sausalito Fire Department is attempting to raise \$400,000 to buy a stable yet shallow draft vessel that would be fully outfitted to pump bay water on a fire, and



Signs like these at fire station and on docks warn of dangers to floating homes. PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

also to provide rescue and advanced life support functions. The boat would be available to respond to emergencies in any bayside jurisdiction, including the floating homes community.

A Sausalito donor has offered to match up to \$150,000 in private contributions, so the Fire Department needs to raise \$250,000 to buy a boat which fits its specifications.

SFD Captain Doug Smith and Lieutenant Bob DeLong met with the FHA Board in November, and outlined the specs for the new boat. Although the Board questioned whether its draft was shallow enough to allow it to effectively serve our community, it was decided to donate \$1,000 toward the fundraising campaign, with the promise of an additional donation if the department is able to find a suitable vessel with even shallower draft. Members of the Board offered to work with the SFD on developing more suitable specifications.

In the meantime, the SFD is still accepting donations. Checks can be made payable to City of Sausalito Fireboat Fund, 333 Johnson St., Sausalito, CA 94965. If not enough money is raised, the SFD will refund all donations. For more information, contact Lt. DeLong at 289-4100 (ext. 623).

## Rescue at Sea

One recent Sunday morning I was walking over to aerobics with my mom when our neighbor, Barbara Gonzalez, stopped us and told us she spied out her bedroom window a little dog sitting on a pile collar tire which hung a couple of feet above the water line. She showed us the sad-looking dog still stuck in its perch. I announced that I would rescue it! I love all animals and have lived my whole life at Wolf Island at the end of Main Dock.

My mom went on to class and I went back to our home, slipped into my life jacket and proceeded to put one of our kayaks into the water. It wasn't that easy as I was wearing a big cast on my left arm from breaking my finger in P.E. at school! I got it in and paddled around to Barbara's and rescued the dog by wrapping it in a towel I had brought along.

The little dog, whose name was "Joey" according to his tag, was shivering and sad-looking. I paddled us back to my home and brought him in. My cat Sailor was very curious but shared her food and water. I looked at his tag and called the phone number on it. A lady answered and was very excited to hear that I had her dog. It seems she and her husband had been visiting some friends on Liberty Dock the



Halloween revelers enjoyed a BBQ at the fire station that kicked off the fundraising campaign for a new fireboat.

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

night before and when they had let Joey out for pee break he had run away. They had been up until 3 a.m. looking and calling for him all over Waldo Pt Harbor. She said he was their Baby and they were on their way over immediately. When they came over they were very happy and nice. We figured that he may have fallen into the water and didn't know how to get out.

P.S. I am almost 13 years old and I also do babysitting, and pet-sitting on the docks. My phone number is 332-6296 —Delta Williams

## Dock Reps for 2003

Election returns are in, and here are the reps and alternates from each dock for next year:

<b>A Dock</b>	<b>Davia Lehn</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>JoAnn Ponck</b>
<b>Commodore</b>	<b>Terry Adams</b>
<b>East Pier</b>	<b>Ted Sempliner</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Ron Moreland</b>
<b>Gate 61/2</b>	<b>Roy Grekin</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Larry Clinton</b>
<b>Issaquah</b>	<b>Richard Mickley</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Ann Duvall</b>
<b>Liberty</b>	<b>Justin Barton</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Pat Coleman</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Stephen Frisch</b>
<b>Main</b>	<b>Tony Williams</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Peter Huson</b>
<b>Mays</b>	<b>Gary Richardson</b>
<b>South Forty</b>	<b>Katy Bridges</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Gigi Sims</b>
<b>West Pier</b>	<b>Michael Scott</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Lance Belville</b>
<b>Yellow Ferry</b>	<b>Dan Goodman</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Carey Chenoweth</b>

Dock reps bring your dock's concerns to the attention of the FHA Board of Directors, and communicate Board actions back to your dock. So get to know them. You'll find their phone numbers on the back page of this newsletter.

Please join the Board in thanking outgoing dock reps/alternates: Sally Champe, Blaise Simpson, Amy Pertschuk, Nancy Noblett, Richard Holstein and Andy Lomas.



A rare colony of white pelicans visited Kappas Marina for several days this fall.

PHOTO: GABRIELLE MOORE-GORDON

**SEPTEMBER 29 TOUR**

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arrived by bus than last year, but with the help of some good publicity, more walk-up tickets were sold. Mentions in the Sacramento Bee brought a number of visitors from the Valley and Delta.

Phil Frank of the Sausalito Historical Society returned as the featured speaker on Kappas Green, and the popular Chronicle

cartoonist drew quite a crowd. Joining Phil was our community's unofficial historian, Bob Kalloch of A Dock. Throughout the day, entertainment was provided by the Blue Grass Contraption (featuring floating home residents Katy Bridges and Ken Blacklock), the James



*Doug Lawrence greets the Delta Divas, one of several groups to arrive by bus.*

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON



*Phil Frank used historic photo blowups to illustrate his talk.*

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

Moseley Band, the Mt. Tam Blues Band and the Goodman/Schuster jazz duo (featuring Dan Goodman of Yellow Ferry Harbor, who coordinated the entertainment on the Green).

The tour grossed almost \$29,000, allowing the Floating Homes Association to



*Dan Goodman plays jazz guitar for an appreciative audience on Kappas Green.*

PHOTO: ROB WEST

donate \$2,500 each to the Sausalito Schools Foundation and the Friends of the Marin City Library, plus \$1,000 to the Sausalito Historical Society. Subsequently, the FHA Board voted to donate another \$1,000 toward the purchase of a fireboat by the Sausalito Fire Department (story on page 6) and \$500 to the Bay Model, scene of our February 22, 2003 annual meeting and party (story on page 1).

Tour directors Janet Barton and Pat Coleman of Liberty Dock expressed their appreciation to committee members Justin Barton, Larry Clinton, Rachelle Dorris, Dan Goodman, Alex Kinas, Doug Lawrence, Jim Lubalin, Donna McConnell, Jeannie Matthews, Leni Miller, Suki Sennett, David and Elaine West, and Paul Winward.

Leni Miller raised over \$5,000 in sponsorships and in-kind donations, which greatly helped to offset the loss of revenue from bus groups. Sponsors included Oyé



*Kristi Nakamura of Marin Report prepares Michael Korman of YFH for a video segment on the tour.*

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON



*Hot dogs sold like – well – hot dogs.*

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON



*Happy visitors strolled Kappas West.*

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON



*Co-chairs Janet Barton and Pat Coleman gave thank-you gifts to committee members.*

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

Productions, Rachelle Dorris (Frank Howard Allen), Pat Coleman (Organizational Wizard), Doug Lawrence (Obedience Training for Computers), Kenneth S. Baron & Co. (Insurance Brokers), Scotia Pacific International, Bank of Marin, Viking Properties, Novato Community Bank, Howard Myers (Peg Copple & Assocs.), Rob West (www.Sausalitohouseboats.com), Michele Affronte & Gabor Bunda (Laurel Avenue Assocs.), Party America, Bay City Refuse, Nancy Ann's Flowers, Bacchus & Venus Wine and Art Gallery, Bayside Café and Ian Moody.

**Next Year: October 5**

The date for next year's tour will be October 5. Doug Lawrence has already pre-sold some bus group bookings, and advance publicity is already in the works. The tour committee needs to fill several positions, so if you're interested, contact Suki Sennett at 331-6375.

## Water You Doing Here?

Devin Kochis is my next victim. "Devin rhymes with Kevin, spelled like devil" he says at our first interview. And Kochis is like the Indian.

Well, Devin is full of surprises. I had seen him kayaking around the area with his digital camera, taking shots of wildlife and the houseboats in the ever changing light, so I knew he was a photographer. What I didn't know is what a card he is with an infectious laugh that Dame Edna once described as a hyena in heat.

Devin loves a good challenge and has done everything from parachuting, hang gliding, scuba diving and jet skiing outside the Golden Gate to free falling at night. He may not have climbed Everest like the last two folks I've written about, but he has climbed Mt. Sinai and has ridden a camel around the Great Pyramids of Egypt during a tour of the Holy Land.

He is the only person I know who tried out for Survivor and actually made the cut from 60,000 to the last 800. We'll see him on the program yet! Evening Magazine spotted him during the final Survivor cuts all decked out in Australian outback garb carrying tiki torches and a bowl of goldfish (burp). They liked him so much that they used him in ten episodes of "Dare Devin". Folks called in with stunts for him to perform on the next show. He didn't disappoint them. Anybody who would run the Bay to Breakers dressed in a police uniform chasing a naked blow-up doll would be apt to do anything.

Devin was born in Walnut Creek and is still sort of a nut. His goal in life is to make people laugh. He feels that "making one laugh is the best thing a person can do." He loves movies and says watching a good one

is like taking a ride in an amusement park. One goal of his is to write and produce a movie which will make people laugh while creating something that will live beyond himself.

Straight out of high school Devin enlisted in the Airborne Infantry and attended Ranger School because he wanted adventure. He wanted to see the world and do



Devin (ka)yaks it up.

PHOTO: DONNA LUNSFORD

things he saw in the movies! Like most civilians I was ignorant of the significance of all this, so he enlightened me. Seems the Airborne is an elite unit which performs the most dangerous missions, such as combat jumping out of planes with no airport in sight in the dead of night. In 1988 when Reagan dropped troops from the 82nd Airborne into the remote mountains of Honduras, Devin set up a fire base and tells me he led the guys in song while they roasted wienies, enjoyed s'mores, had three legged races and told ghost stories. To this day he can't remember how they got out of there.

After serving three years of active duty, Devin found himself still looking for his calling and stumbled into the Police Academy where he became President of his class. He currently is a Campus Cop on

mountain bike patrol on Berkeley's Telegraph Avenue surrounded by inflammatory anti-police T shirts. He claims that his ten years there have been very disappointing. "You go into it thinking you're going to be helping people, but you don't. Your only real contact with people tends to be negative. You don't make people happy giving them tickets."

Devin says that "being a cop is like doing the dishes. It always has to be done. It never ends, and nobody appreciates it." Devin has a lot of contact with the homeless, and the people on the street like him. He disarms them with a smile and a hello. (He'll find his calling yet.)

Devin calls his home the Fog House as a new paint job makes it blend in with its surroundings. He doesn't much like that. He is a good neighbor, always ready to come to the rescue or help a damsel in distress (or dat dress). He jumped into his kayak one stormy day and helped his neighbor retie his boat. The next day I heard stories of his fixing someone's water heater. (Is there anything that man can't do?)

If you want an unusual wedding photographed, just call dare-devil Devin. He actually photographed a surprise engagement for a co-worker while jumping off the top of Mt. Tam and hang gliding to Stinson Beach, where the fellow dropped to his knees and proposed. The unsuspecting gal thought she was participating in a stunt for Survivor! (She said yes.)

Devin has lived on Gate 6 1/2 for six years now and like most of us, he loves Sausalito, the marina and our life here on the water. I dared him to leave.....He refused. (Thank goodness.)

*That Dinghy Dame*

## It's Marin Express Time Again

FHA members can save \$10 off the regular price of the Marin Express 2003 discount program, which offers two-for-one dining at over 140 restaurants, plus savings up to 50% at over 700 local merchants. You can order the Marin Express program for yourself or as gifts for others by sending a check for \$20 each 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.



During the first storm of the year, waters rose above Issaquah's temporary ramp, so Muriel Kifer had to be fork-lifted to shore.

PHOTO: ANN DUVAL



# DOCK NEWS



In September, Gate 6-1/2 dock rep Roy Grekin and alternate Blaise Simpson organized a combination fire drill, dock meeting



Firefighter Todd Hart demonstrates dock hose deployment to Gate 6-1/2 residents.

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

and party that produced record-setting attendance on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

The day started with a visit from Todd Hart and Joe Giordani, Battalion Chief of the Southern Marin Fire Protection District, which has jurisdiction over Gate 6-1/2 and Commodore. They recommended that in case of a home fire, the safest course of action after calling 911 is to alert the neighbors and then leave the dock, meeting the firefighters at the beginning of the dock to provide them with any special information they might need, such as whether anyone is trapped or handicapped inside the burning home. The firefighters also pointed out that the Southern Marin station has its own pumps and will respond to leakage problems.

After reviewing how to use the hoses on the dock and shut off utilities

in case of an emergency, the residents repaired to the end of the dock for refreshments and a brief meeting with FHA president Suki Sennett and membership co-chair Ron Moreland who provided updates on the marina permit process and leases. Then a feast of hamburgers, hot dogs and assorted side dishes was happily devoured.

Last summer, VOICE OF AMERICA'S television arm, WORLDNET, broadcast a sprightly report on the Sausalito floating home scene on their Ukrainian service. The piece ran on the popular "Window on America" program seen by one in every ten Ukrainians. So popular was the show that it was immediately picked up by the Russian service and seen by tens of millions more there.

The footage was shot and interviews recorded almost two years ago for WORLDNET by Canadian/Ukrainian filmmaker, Slavko Nowytski while shooting a



Brent Wolf fixes a plate for son Brendan while wife Diana looks on. Diana recently gave birth to the newest Gate 6-1/2 resident, Vanessa.

PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON

television program on the Bay Area and Northern California. The material was so good that WORLDNET decided to make the floating homes section a stand alone piece. While a number of Sausalito floating home residents appear, the piece features an interview with the late Hank Force and his wife Marylee at number 42 West Pier.

— Lance Belville

Kappas West saw the first birth in many years to a dock family in October. Little Amélie was born to illustrator Angelique and her sculptor husband, Mario Benicio, on October 5. Kappas West's newest little dock-rat weighed in at 6 pounds 13 ounces at birth.

Amélie has an older brother, Nilo, born in May of last year. He became a world traveler soon after his birth when Mario took the family to Brazil for Nilo's baptism and then to Norway for a two-month sculpture residency last November and December.

West Pier has had little time to enjoy their tiniest residents. Because of a family emergency, Mario and Angelique left for Mario's family home in Brazil with Nilo and Amélie in early November.

West Pier will miss the Benicios. They are popular, longtime Kappas West residents. Mario moved onto the dock as a renter in 1991. They were married in '92, went back to Brazil for two years in '94 and bought #23 and moved back onto West Pier in '96. The Benicios hope to be back within a year.

Their friends and neighbors on Kappas wish them a safe trip and a timely return.

— Lance Belville

## Tidelines Calendars and Tidebooks Available

Tidelines 2003 calendars are again available to FHA members for just \$7.75 including tax— well below retail. These beautiful-

ly 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. For an extra 75¢ you can also order a shirt-pocket size tidebook with the same

graphic depiction of the daily tides. The calendars are available now, and the smaller tidebooks will be here in December. To learn more about these products, check [www.tidelines.com](http://www.tidelines.com).

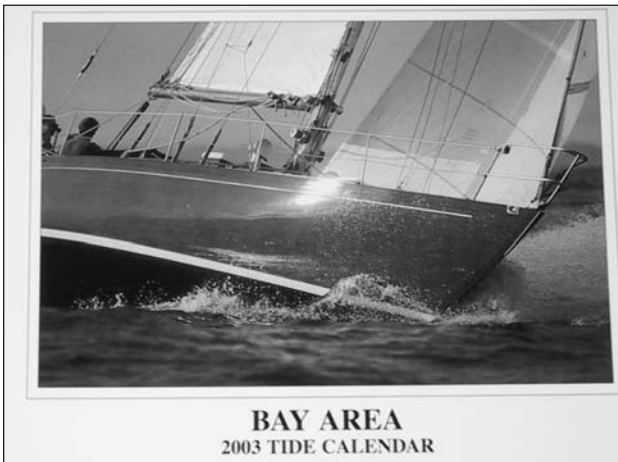
Order by sending a check to the FHA (PO Box 3054, Sausalito, CA 94966), or by calling 331-3999. Include your address and phone number, along with the exact quantity.

## Dues Are Due

If you haven't paid your 2003 dues yet, this could be your last issue of the Floating Times. To renew, send your check for \$20 to FHA, PO Box 3054, Sausalito, CA 94966. Be sure to include your berth number and/or mailing address.

## Cell Phone Emergency Number: 472-0911

Calls to 911 made from cellular phones go to a CHP dispatcher in Vallejo, which often results in lengthy delays in response time. The new local emergency cell phone number listed above is answered by the county dispatcher at the Marin County Civic Center, who can transfer it quickly to the appropriate jurisdiction. Keep this number handy by attaching it to your cell phone or programming it into your speed dial, and use it for reporting fire, police or medical emergencies. For highway emergencies, continue to use 911 from your cell phone.



BAY AREA  
2003 TIDE CALENDAR

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