

CAL-20's Celebrate Their 20th

Staff Commodore Jerry Leth is Fleet Captain of the Cal-20's this year and is in the mood to celebrate (this time with an appropriate excuse and no mysterious victory)! 1983 marks the 20th year the Cal-20's have raced as a One Design class on San Francisco Bay and this spring will start the 21st consecutive year of active racing.

Many Club members have paid their dues in the fleet from the very beginning. Ken Wells was the first Fleet Captain in '63, Jerry in '64 and '67 (we believe in recycling), former members Clem Tunnell and Bud Morley in '66, Tom Price in '73, Joe Casey in '75 and '76, Marcia Peck in '78, and Harry Smith in '79. More than one picture of Season Champions have graced the bar walls: Jerry, Tom, Harry, Bruce Sams, Matt Jones, Joe Knowles, Jim Kennedy, Bill Dubilier, Marcia and George Peck to name a few (and apologies are due to any missed names).

The SFYC has contributed to the Fleet as well. In '75, the Club hosted the first Bay Area Nationals ever held on San Francisco Bay, which saw 60 participants from the U.S. and Canada (ask Jake how fast we had to blow that whistle at the finishes!) and repeated again in '77. We have sponsored the Annual Hawaii Team Races on several occasions when the Hawaiians visited our shores (including the first time) and will again this year in July, marking the 11th annual event. The Club has loaned its facilities for many a Cal-20 social occasion, from informal BBQ's to Annual Meetings (the last in '82) to seminars and match races.

To start the celebration of the year of the Roaring 20's, a reunion will be held at the SFYC on March 25, Friday, at 7 pm, and is open to all current and former Cal-20 owners and friends. A special dinner is being prepared by Oscar and live entertainment is planned. Reservations are a must! All Club members who have or have had Cal-20's (a quick and probably inaccurate count shows over 45) are encouraged to attend and share past and present experiences. This could be the time to find out what happened to your beloved old yacht or to find out how many Season Championships she brought to the prior owners.

This reunion is indeed just a start! Many events are planned for a very special year, culminating in a Championship race for all past Season Champs! So come and join in the fun and help celebrate the 20th with the ROARING 20's!!

For further information and reservations call Ed or Janice Still (Entertainment Chairmen) at 435-4737, or Jerry or Betsy Leth at 435-4874 evenings.

Betsy Leth

(Editor's note: Jerry Leth's Cal 20, "Puff," will be 20 years old this month. A fixture at the Club for at least the past 15 years, "Puff" has flown the SFYC burgee in every race of her long and successful career.)

The Cal-20's show what a close, fun-loving group they are during the wild and woolly 1975 Nationals, sponsored by the SFYC. In the top photo, Tom Price (4185) is leading, with George and Marcia Peck (4070) and Al Cooper (4191) hot on his heels. Photos by Diane Beeston.

