

AUGUST PROGRAMS

12:00 NOON - LUNCHEON
12:30 PM - SPEAKER
1:00 PM - Q&A
1:30 PM - ADJOURNMENT

By Ron Young, Wednesday Yachting Luncheon Chair



August 7: The Making of a Bar Pilot – Do They Still Jump from Pilot Boat to Ship?

Allen Garfinkle, Exec Director, Board of Pilot Commissioners, SF, San Pablo and Suisun Bays

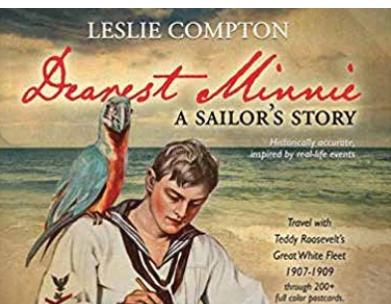
Professional mariner Captain Allen Garfinkle, will highlight the role of maritime pilots in waterborne commerce on San Francisco Bay, including how one becomes a maritime pilot, dangers of the job and common myths about piloting on the Bay. Captain Garfinkle is the Executive Director of the state level authority that trains, licenses and regulates those pilots. Prior to his role at the Pilot Commission, Captain Garfinkle was a deep-sea mariner for thirty years, including twenty-two years at Matson Navigation Company, where he was master on nine of their ships. Allen holds a Bachelor's degree from California Maritime Academy and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law.



August 14: SF's New Ecotarium: Climate Resilience & Ocean Conservation Museum

George Jacob, President and CEO, Bay Ecotarium

San Francisco Bay's Ecotarium on Pier 39, is undergoing a \$260 million transformation to become a first-of-its-kind living museum to climate resilience and ocean conservation. The Smithsonian-affiliated, nonprofit watershed conservation group hopes to contribute to California's leadership on environmental and climate issues. George brings 30 years of international experience with award-winning museums, environmentally themed attractions, interactive exhibits and technical innovation. George's team of 200 is dedicated to conserving, preserving and saving our aquatic environment via six branches of the Ecotarium: the Aquarium of the Bay, the Sea Lion Center, The Bay Institute, the Eco Center at Heron's Head Park, the Bay Model Alliance and the Bay Academy.



August 21: A Sailor's Story from the Great White Fleet – Teddy Roosevelt's America

Leslie Compton, Author, Dearest Minnie – A Sailor's Story

Leslie began writing *Dearest Minnie* twenty years ago after discovering that a large section of her postcard collection, inherited from her grandfather's cousin, was written by a sailor on the USS Virginia. A lover of American history, Leslie became fascinated by this major event and spent years researching the topic in libraries and museums on both east and west coasts, and meeting like minds on the Internet to create this strong narrative-driven historical fiction, which brings to light a typical sailor's life during Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet cruise of sixteen battleships around the world in 1907-1909. She will present this story using many of her archival postcards which depict this historic event.



August 28: Perspectives of the 50th Transpac – from Aboard the Iconic Yacht Merlin

Covering the 2,225 nautical miles in 8 days, 11 hours and 1 minute, Bill Lee's masterpiece *Merlin* held the Transpac record from 1977 to 1997. After a compete retrofit, *Merlin's* new owner and skipper Chip Merlin (he had the name first) put it all on the line during the 50th Transpac this past July. Naval architect Alan Andrews collaborated with Bill Lee to update *Merlin's* design and provide this record-setter from the seventies with another chance at victory and a new personal best to Hawaii. Chip's photographic and video presentation will cover the enhancements to *Merlin*, her performance during the race, comparisons to other sleds and a first-hand account of every big wave from LA to Diamond Head.



September 4: Ship-Strikes Initiative – Prevent Whale Deaths in Maritime Transport

Brandon Southall, Co-Founder and **Robert Mazurek**, Dir of Conservation Programs, Cal Ocean Alliance

Ship strikes of whales are a growing concern on the California coast and in San Francisco Bay and are threatening population growth and recovery of blue, fin and humpback whales. Maritime routes along the California coast are likely contributing to the problem. Past attention and efforts have focused on designated shipping lanes into and from San Francisco Bay and LA/Long Beach. However, new evidence reveals that only a minority of ship strikes occur in these areas. This presentation will cover a new initiative by the California Ocean Alliance to increase research, monitoring and conservation efforts to decrease the number of ship-strikes of whales on and near shipping lanes in California.