

A Magical Evening Bay Cruise on Invader

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Jim G. and Tim N. hosted forty very lucky Golden Gate Flyers members and significant others on a two hour San Francisco Bay evening cruise aboard heir incredible 164' Motor Yacht "Invader". The weather cooperated, and most of the guests didn't even need to wear jackets while dining on beautifully prepared hors'vores and toasting one another and our hosts with our favorite cocktails at the lounge bar and on the adjoining open afterdeck. A few adventurous souls went up to he top deck for the unobstructed panoramic views of the bay. Invader's uniformed crew members went far beyond the call of duty, ensuring none of the guests were ever hirsty or hungry, and Jim G. conducted a tour of Invader for guests who hadn't previously been aboard. Jim also showed a video of Invader's construction and 1999 launching at the Codecasa shipyard in Viareggio, Italy.

We departed Invader's Sausalito dock at about 7:30, and motored leisurely across the bay to the San Francisco waterfront as the sun set in the west beyond the Golden Gate Bridge. Then we continued along the waterfront past Pier 39, beneath the San rancisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, to McCovey Cove just beyond the right field wall of AT&T Park, home of the San Francisco Giants who were playing a night game. After we had spent a few minutes watching the game on the Jumbotron, the helmsperson expertly maneuvered Invader back out into the bay for the trip back to Sausalito.

By the time Invader was secured back at her Sausalito dock at about 9:30, everyone aboard was basking in the afterglow of a thoroughly enjoyable evening cruise. As we left the dock and found our way to the parking lot to climb into our cars for the trips home, I overheard several members talk about what a great group of people make up GGF, what wonderful hosts Jim and Tim are, and what a pleasant and engaging rew Jim and Tim have put together to staff M.Y. Invader.

Thank you, Jim, and thank you, Tim!

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