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Sequoia Yacht Club

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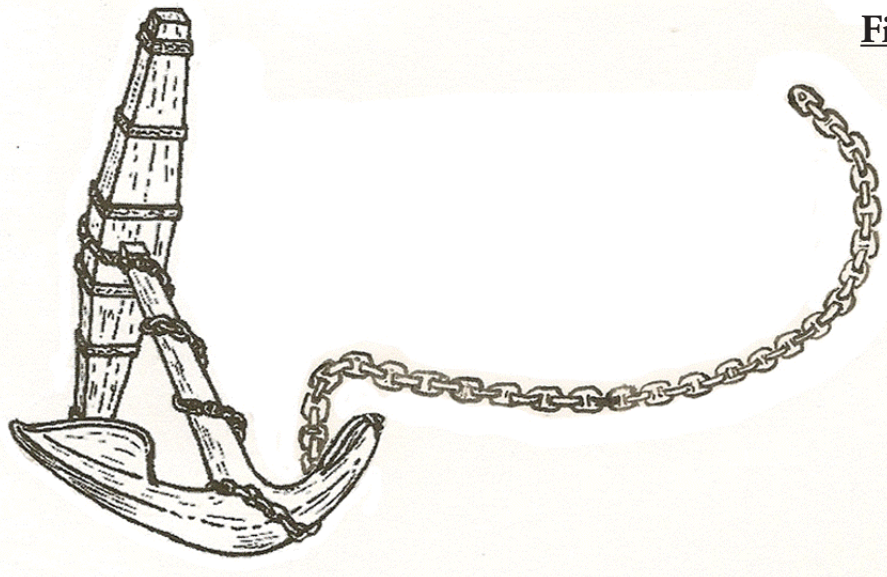
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## This Month At A Glance

04/01 Wednesday lunch  
04/01 Day Sailor Meeting  
04/03 South Bay Opening Dinner:  
Coyote Point YC  
04/04 South Bay Opening Day:  
All day at SYC  
04/07 Board Meeting  
04/08 Beer Can Dinner & Meeting  
04/10 Drop in Dinner  
04/15 Wednesday lunch  
04/14 1st Beer Can Race  
04/17 Drop in Dinner &  
General Meeting  
04/24 Drop in Dinner  
04/25 Cruise out: Tiburon YC  
04/26 North Bay Opening Day  
05/02 Floato-de-Mayo Party

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## *Commodore's Report:*



*Petra Gilmore*

Due to the high cost of printing and mailing the Scope, the Board would like to encourage all members to receive the Scope via email. This way you can print it out at home and save your club money as well as numerous man-hours collating, folding and mailing. If you must have a printed copy mailed to you, please complete the coupon on the front cover of this Scope issue and forward it to the office. Thank you to all that have already subscribed to an online Scope!

New members: Sandi Crane, John & Linda Ryan, Robin & Nick Weber and Ron & Theresa Howard joined us in March. Please introduce yourself and welcome them into the Sequoia Yacht Club family.

Steve Holmstrom and Bill Stark have volunteered to look over our bi-laws to be sure they are up to date. If you have any updates for the Bi-law Committee, please contact them with your suggestions.

The Audit Committee has checked our books from 2008 and found they were "impeccable". Thank you Joanne Wright and Marc Cohen for doing such a wonderful job!

2009 marks the 70th Anniversary of Sequoia Yacht Club. The party will be held in conjunction with the Past Commodore's Party on May 30th. I will be putting together an Anniversary party-planning group. This is the time to look through your photos and gather them up for the event. Volunteers to help with the party should contact me at [usgilmores@comcast.net](mailto:usgilmores@comcast.net).

The Nominating Committee will be convening in April to put together the slate of 2010 officers. This is a short-lived, but very important committee! Please see me if you would like to help out your Club. Sequoia YC is blessed to have so many active members. Members that plan, cook, joke, sail, work, laugh, repair, lead, support, and love. Thank you for making SYC our boating home.

## *Vice Commodore's Report:*



*Byron Jacobs*

Ahoy again! In an effort to try to keep these Scope articles short and succinct, all the Commodores are starting to make entries on the Club's website in the "News" section. So be sure to log in to [www.sequoiayc.org](http://www.sequoiayc.org) to read all the news as it develops and to keep up with the happenings at our Club! The online calendar is the best way to find out what's happening each week so check it often.

We've had some wonderful events going on at the Club and you all have been so great to attend and help support our social events. The Chinese New Year and Night at La Scala were sell-outs. Heather Clemens performed for us and held the entire assemblage spellbound. Then at the Sweetheart's Ball, Kathy Harris did her magic and created an entertaining and fun dance that included an auction that raised funds for future social events like St. Patrick's Day and Island Time. And Neal Doten augmented our Mexican Cruisin' dinner with his tales of cruising from one end of Mexico to the other.

Don't forget our Wednesday Lunches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. They are fun and give you an opportunity to enjoy a great meal in the company of your fellow members.

We still need ideas and volunteers to take on future Drop In Dinners and social events including Floato de Mayo in May and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Cookout. If you're a new member, want to meet your fellow members and participate more fully in the club, call me! We need you!

Fair winds and following seas!

**SYC 70th Anniversary**

**& Past Commodore's  
Dinner**

**Saturday, May 30**

## Rear Commodore's Report



*Joseph Curtis*

### "Legends of the Bay"

April 3-4, 2009

By the time this issue of the Scope is published, South Bay Opening Day (SBOD) weekend will be here and Beer Can Racing season will soon be starting.

SBOD festivities start Friday night, April 3rd, with a dinner at Coyote Point Yacht Club, continue on Saturday, April 4th, with breakfast, the Boat Parade, lunch, and award ceremonies at Sequoia and dinner at Peninsula Yacht Club that night, and wrap-up with a Gin Fizz Breakfast at South Bay Yacht Club and the opening race of the SBYRA Summer Series on Sunday, April 5th. The theme for SBOD 2009 will be "Legends of the Bay". Also, this is the year that the Tall Ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain will be a part of the SBOD festivities. Make sure you register at <http://www.southbayopeningday.org>

Beer Can season will start with our Beer Can Kick-off Meeting on Wednesday, April 8th, at 6 PM and follow with the first night of actual racing on Wednesday, April 15th (make sure you've filed your taxes before coming down to race!) at 6 PM.

If you haven't marked August 2 thru 8 on your calendars for our annual Cruise to the Delta, then pause your reading and get that calendar updated!

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In **April 1980**, PICYA granted us some money and our event became Opening Day in the South Bay. All the clubs south of Oyster Point and San Leandro were invited to participate. Sequoia Y.C. continues to host the event and the other clubs also had events during the weekend for us to attend.

## A Look to the Past



*Peter Nardini,  
Club Historian &  
Past Commodore*

This year our **Opening Day** in the South Bay is on **April 4, 2009**. Sequoia has held an Opening Day since the tradition was first established, but the only notations I found in our bulletins was an announcement for this event on **April 29, 1945**. Breakfast was at Scanus Restaurant on Middlefield Road and races were scheduled for the afternoon. We are missing bulletins from 1945 to 1964 and we have scant information in between.

The next mention was **Opening Day, April 12, 1964**. This was our ground Breaking Day for our new clubhouse. There was a decorated boat parade and races. Commodore Thompson asked for one large beat-up anchor and one or two tons of chain. However we didn't get the anchor that now graces our front entrance until 1996, when Al Caesar and seven other members bought our anchor from Allemann Brothers Boatyard in San Francisco. He also requested a pair of running lights. You can see them at our rear entrance.

On **April 4, 1965**, the announcement stated that Fizzes would be served at 0800 and breakfast at 0900. The price was \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children. The parade would be at 12 noon. Race would start at 1300 large boats and small boats at 1310.

The next year, **April 17, 1966**, the agenda was similar. But, breakfast for adults was \$2.00 and children \$1.00. The Mariners, sailors from a Girl Scout ship, would watch the children who would eat at 0800. Two years later on **April 21, 1968**, Fizzes at 0800. Fizzes have become a tradition for Opening Day at our club. Reservation were required and restricted to members and immediate family.

The San Mateo County Fair Association donated trophies for our **April 19, 1969** event. The trophies were for the best decorated boat. Bob St Clair, County Supervisor, and the Fiesta Queen were among the judges.

The agenda for Opening Day on **April 19, 1970**, was as in the previous events. What was added was that all the yacht clubs in San Mateo County were invited to compete for the trophies. Miss Yachting, Pam Kelly, and County Supervisors were among the judges. (Cont. p 4, col 1)

## Social Events



**Kathy Harris**  
**Social Chair**

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers that made our St. Patrick's Day Celebration a great success. Thanks to our chefs Al and Wendy Montoya with their crew, Gaylord, Jeff and Michael...maybe more good cooks too. Thank you Ann and Bill Stark for assisting all day and night. Our clean up crew was very busy. Thank you Nick and Robin Weber, Kris Butler, Deb Blackmore, and Maureen Sanders for serving and clean up. And thank you to Ruthie for always being our check-in greeter with her pretty smile to welcome all of our guests. Also thanks to our Irish bartenders....Steve Holmstrom, Tim Petersen The sailors with the muscles were also helpful setting out tables and chairs.

Please let me know if you would like to help with social events at our club. It is fun and makes it easier to have more hands helping for each event. Floato de Mayo and 4th of July are open for someone to take and make a party. Email me [kakyharris@aol.com](mailto:kakyharris@aol.com).

### *Floato-de-Mayo*



Saturday, May 2  
Volunteer and make your mark  
on SYC's party history!

## Good of the Order



**LuAnne Graves**

Member Noel Bird's mom, Joan, who is also a friend of past director George Carr, had knee surgery in late February. She is doing well, as is Hallie Heckler (member #554), who also underwent knee surgery. Hallie plans to be up and around at the club in time to celebrate her 90th birthday April 18th.

Winston and Carole Bumpus left for Kansas to be by Carole's father's side while he was in hospice. He died surrounded by his family last week.

Past commodore '92 David Oates let us know of some difficulties he has been enduring lately;

*"I have been involved with several medical issues of late. It all started with a failure of my right knee while nine days into an eleven-day cruise, "down bay". Next my right shoulder became frozen and then my wrists became too painful to use. Meanwhile, I was working my way through two prostate biopsies, which eventually revealed prostate cancer. All of those things are on the mend now, so I hope to get on with my life. This Thursday will mark the end of the third week of recovery from prostatectomy surgery. I had carpal tunnel relief surgery on my right wrist, 13 day prior to that. The good news here is that the surgeries are considered cures. This week I plan to drive my car for the first time in a couple of months."*

Thanks for the update, David, and we all hope you continue to improve.

There is a lot of baby news this month. John and Julie Mangney have a new granddaughter, Meredith. Member Geri Hardy welcomed her 9th grandchild, Anthony, weighing in at 9lbs. 2oz. Carrot and Lew Lewis are expecting their second child this August. Larry and Robin Mayne welcomed their first grandson, Jack Ranger Mayne, 8lbs.11oz., on March 16th. Congratulations to everyone.

Ken Olcott and his bride, Sue, were married on Valentine's Day. Our own resident Episcopal priest, Terry Burley, performed the ceremony, with the groom's father, Tom Olcott, assisting as lay minister. Sounds like a very 'Sequoia' ceremony. Congratulations!

# Membership



**Jerry Jones**  
*Membership Chair*

Update your information for the new Annual SYC Member Directory by email to [sycdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:sycdirectory@gmail.com) or snail mail to SYC Scope, P.O. Box 5548, Redwood City, CA 94063-0548.

The BOD has approved **James Thompson, Jim Bartlett** and **Karrie Allen** for Sustaining Membership and **Pat Richardson** for Adrift membership. **J.T. Vander Velde** was approved for junior membership

## First Readings:

**Kathy Conte and Cathy Moyer** live in Redwood City and have a 19 foot Open 5.70 sailboat *Boudicca* kept in the Redwood City Dry Storage. They are nominated by Petra Gilmore and Richard Butts.

**Lisa Corsetti** lives in Santa Clara and has been active in SYC racing in Merits 25. She is nominated by Brett Herr and Peter McCormick.

**Second Readings** were held for the following members and voted into membership at the General Meeting. Welcome aboard!

**Sandi Crane** lives in Morgan Hill and has been active in SYC racing. She is the proud new owner of a Beneteau 393, *Diva Duck*, berthed at Westpoint Marina. She is nominated by Alex Huang and Ron Brown.

**John and Linda Ryan** live in San Jose and have been active in SYC racing. They are partners in a Santana 30-30, *Pizote*, berthed in the RWC Marina. They are nominated by Noel Bird and Chris Owczarek.

**Nick & Robin Weber** live in San Carlos and have been racing and cruising with SYC. They have a 18 foot Reinell Power Boat. They are nominated by Petra Gilmore and LuAnne Graves.

**Ron and Theresa Howard** live in Redwood City and are interested in SYC activities. They are nominated by Petra Gilmore and Jeanne Jacobs.

# New Faces



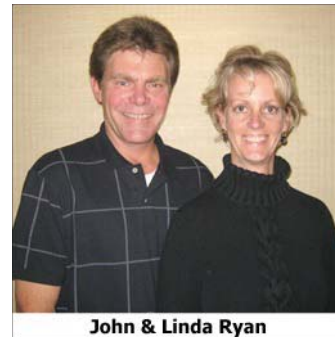
**Kathy Conte & Cathy Moyer**



**Sandi Crane**



**Lisa Corsetti**



**John & Linda Ryan**



**Nick & Robin Weber**



**Ron & Theresa Howard**

## For Nauti Girls & Buoys



**Ann McDonough**

SYC will host the **ABC Safe Boating Course** on *Saturday, May 9th* at the Redwood City Marina. The course is taught by The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Earning this certificate may help reduce your insurance premiums as well as save a life.

**Who:** SYC members & general boating public.

**What:** Americas Boating Course & Boating Safety (Basic Course), including California Boating Law. Introduction to the Water Way Watch program and other safety tips.

**When:** Sat May 9th 0800 to 1600 (4PM)

**Where:** Sequoia Yacht Club 441 Seaport Ct.  
Redwood City, CA

**How:** There are limited slots available.  
Please register no later than 1800 April 30.

**Cost:** \$35 for SYC members; \$40 for non-members.

**Contact Person:** Jeff Wilcox USCG Aux. or  
Ann McDonough at [ann.mcdonough@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mcdonough@gmail.com).

**Lunch:** Will be available to course participants for \$5.00 at the SYC, which will include BBQ Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chips and Soft Drink.



## On-the-Water



**Terry Burley**  
*Cruising Fleet Captain*

### North Bay Opening Day Cruise Out: April 25-26

Please join us for the North Bay Opening Day Cruise-Out the weekend of April 25th & 26th. We will be sailing to the Treasure Island Yacht Club again this year. Robin Weber and Kathryn Maxwell are putting together a great trip for us. This is another you WON'T want to miss.

Remember, too, that North Bay Opening Day is on Sunday, April 26th. There will be a Fleet Blessing (the original) off the Corinthian Yacht Club on Sunday before we all head down to the main parade. We really hope to make a strong showing for this event. It is a major PICYA event and Sequoia deserves to be well represented!

One important note: There will be LOTS of boats on the Bay for this event so plan on being careful and taking your time! Let's show the rest of the clubs that SYC knows how to sail!!!

Fair winds, Gang!!!!

### *April Sequoia Reads*

With the Mega Cruise to the Leeward Islands just around the corner, we thought we'd read a book set in the West Indies. Our first pick is **A Caribbean Mystery**, by Agatha Christie. While the critics may argue that this book does not show Dame Christie's mastery to the fullest, it is still a absorbing story full of great characters and intrigue.

This book was originally published in 1964, and 2 television adaptations have been made with Helen Hayes (1983) and Joan Hickson (1989) as the venerable Miss Marple. The book and the movies are readily available at your library. It's been a while since I've watched the movies. I've put one adaptation on reserve at the library and the other on my Netflix queue. In the meantime, I'm re-reading this classic Christie.

Do you have a favorite read about the islands, aside from the cruising guides? Drop us a line and share your reads.

## Photos by Doris Bliven

### St. Patrick Day Party



Cooks: Gaylord, Jeff, Michael & Al Montoya



Maureen Sanders



Bill Stark, Kathy Harris & Ann Stark



Green Academy Irish Dancers



Peter McCormick, Laurie, & Lisa Corsetti



Carole Bumpus & Deb



Charlotte and



Bob Eustace & Peter Nardini

## On-the-Water



### Jim Peterson

Racing Fleet Captain

February and March proved to be very busy months for racing. We finished the 5-race Redwood Cup Series; the 5-race Winter Series; the Sail Fleet Captain's Regatta and the St. Patrick's Day Race. We also started our racing speaker series with the first topic on downwind sailing. The two hour discussion was lead by Bruce Ladd with over 30 people attending. Special thanks to Stan Phillips for arranging the speaker series and Larry Mayne for making the food arrangements.

For the Redwood Cup Series, first place honors goes to Charlie Watt, *Head Rush*. Second place goes to Ray Collier, *Linda Carol*; and third place goes to John Graves, *Metridium*.

For the Winter Series Spinnaker Division, first place honors goes to Charlie Watt, *Head Rush* and second place goes to Paul McCarthy, *Lucky Duck*. For the Winter Series Non-Spinnaker Division, first place honors goes to Rick Dalton, *Iowa* and second place goes to Dan Doud, *TimBuktu*.

We held our first annual Sail Fleet Captain's Regatta. This consisted of 3-races on one weekend with no throw-outs. The races coincided with Redwood Cup #4, #5 and Winter Series #4. First place honors goes to Charlie Watt, *Head Rush* and second place to Ron Brown, *Black Sheep*.

Our annual St. Patrick Day's Race coincided with the Winter Series #5 race. We had 14 boats on the starting line. For the Spinnaker Division, first place honors went to Henry Kleinberg, *Primordial Sloop*; beating out Stan Phillips, *Smokin' J* by 4 seconds in the 9.65nm race. For the Non-Spinnaker Division, Tim Petersen, *Sweet Pea*, took first place honors and Rick Dalton, *Iowa* took second place.

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, we start the Summer Series. Single-handed #2 race is on April 11. The Beer-can Series starts with a kick-off dinner on April 8 with the first race on April 15. Also get ready for the new Westpoint Marina Regatta on April 18. This is a 25 nm race starting at TI, rounding Alcatraz and heading for Redwood Creek entry Buoy's #3 and #4. Please go to our new website (<http://sequoiayc.org/>) to get current schedules for racing, race results, Sailing Instructions, Skipper Entry Forms and Crew Entry Forms.



# Club Calendar

SYC Calendar

OD Chair: Mark Cohen

Apr 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Clean-Up Day OD: Sherry Smith	30 7pm - SBOD Meeting	31 6pm - Card Night	1 12pm - Lunch 5:30pm - Racing 7:30pm - Day Sailor	2	3	4 Junior Sailing OD: John Graves South Bay Opening
5 OD: Vince Francis	6	7 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	8 6pm - Racing Tactics	9	10 6:30pm - DID	11 OD: Fred Ganjei Singlehanded #2
12 OD: Harriet Garfinkle	13	14 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	15 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	16	17 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting <b>General Meeting</b>	18 Junior Sailing OD: Mike Garl Westpoint Regatta &
19 OD: Rick Gilmore	20	21 6pm - Card Night	22 12pm - rental 6pm - Beer Can &	23	24 6:30pm - DID	25 Baker Race Cruise-In - Ballena Cruise-Out - Treasure Junior Sailing OD: James Grace
26 Baker Race Cruise-Out - Treasure Cruise-In - Ballena	27	28 6pm - Card Night	29 6pm - Beer Can &	30	1	2 Floato-de-Mayo Party OD: Charles Gray

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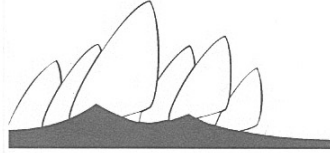
OD Chair: Fred Wydler

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Baker Race Cruise-Out - Treasure Cruise-In - Ballena	27	28 6pm - Card Night	29 6pm - Beer Can &	30	1	2 Floato-de-Mayo Party OD: Charles Gray
3 OD: Guy Roger	4	5 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	6 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	7 Rental (Hunter's Feast)	8 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting <b>General Meeting</b>	9 Junior Sailing OD: Ted Hannig 4:30pm - Rental
10 Mothers Day Brunch OD: Gerri Hardey	11	12 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	13 6pm - Beer Can &	14	15 6:30pm - DID	16 BAYS Race Junior Sailing OD: Mike Harris Summer #2
17 BAYS Race OD: Steven Hartman	18	19 6pm - Card Night	20 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	21	22 Baker Trophy 6:30pm - DID	23 Cruise-Out Petaluma Junior Sailing OD: Brett Herr
24 Cruise-Out Petaluma Baker Trophy OD: Bob Hoffman	25	26 6pm - Card Night	27 6pm - Beer Can &	28	29	30 OD: Steve Holmstrom Past Commodores
31 OD: Bar Houston	1	2 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	3 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	4	5 6:30pm - DID	6 OD: Alex Huang Summer #3

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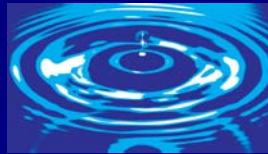
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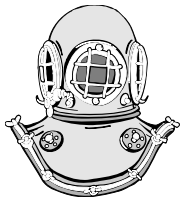
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