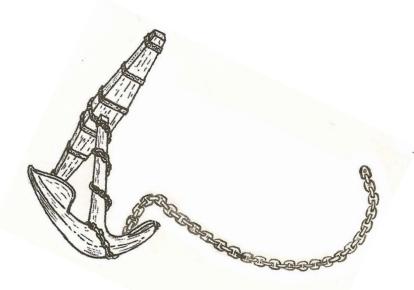
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Commodore's Report

was very proud of our Club hosting the recent Stanford Tree-athlon, with over 500 athletes in and around the Club for the swimming/running/biking triathlon event. Our volunteers, headed by Byron Jacobs and Steven Higgs, served over 500

lunches and represented our Club very well. All the participants were very appreciative and it made our Club look great in our community.

St Patrick's Day, hosted by Petra, was a huge success, with the Club full of members, prospective members and guests. We really enjoyed the entertainment by Terry Burley's "Living Water Band" and Jackie Harris' Irish Dancers. If any members would like to make a contribution to help Jackie travel to their national competition this July, please fill out a chit for "dancers" or call or email the Club office.

April will bring the official start of boating, with South Bay Opening Day April 19. There will be lots of fun activities in the Club and on the water. And Beer Can races return on Wednesdays this month, bringing lots of enthusiastic sailors into the Club. And if that wasn't enough, we've got Cleanup Day, card nights, Wednesday lunches, cruise-outs, baseball, racing and Drop-In Dinners. Spend part of your April enjoying our Club!

> John Graves Commodore



🛠 🛠 Vice Commodore's Report

Pril 5, 0900 to 1400, is our annual Club Clean-up. House Manager, Charlie Watt will have a list of items big and small that need our attention. Come on down for one hour, or stay the whole day. Lunch will be served.

St. Patrick's Day at the Club was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended, thank you to Al Montoya and his band of Leprechauns for slaving away in the galley, thank you to Jackie Harris and her troupe for performing for us again this year and thank you to Terry Burley and the Living Water Band for the fun music. We truly have talented members!

The Wi-Fi has been unavailable this month. Our computer gurus are working on the issue. Joanne did not charge the monthly fee to those of you who use the service.

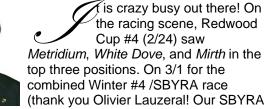
We have met with the Engineer regarding repairing our deck. Once we have his report, we can plan our next steps. We hope to be able to start on this project soon. We will keep you updated.

The General Meeting will be held on April 11 along with a Drop in Dinner. Come down and see what is being planned and join your friends for supper.

See you at the Club, Petra

Petra Gilmore Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



delegate), in the spinnaker division the top three seats went to *Made Easy, Bad Puddy Cat* and *Yellow Brick Road.* Non-spinnaker 1st and 2nd went to *Mirth* and *lowa.* Then the Redwood Cup #5 on 3/9 *White Dove, Primordial Sloop,* and *Made Easy finished* 1,2,3 closing out the Redwood Cup Series with final standings: 1) *White Dove,* 2) *Made Easy* and 3) *Metridium.* Congratulations to the winners! And **Erin go Brách** ! The St. Pat's winners on 3/15 were *Sweet Pea, Mirth* and *Muzzy* with good Irish whiskey consumed by all following the race.

The competition is heating up, so be sure to mark your calendars for the following races: Winter #5 on 3/29, Singlehanded #2 on 4/5, 1st Beer Can on 4/9, Summer #1 on 4/12 and Summer #2 on 5/17. This racing season promises to be fun-filled and packed with excitement so come out and crew or cheer your favorite boat to victory! And please join us on April 2 for the Beer Can Season Opening Dinner to hear our illustrious Beer Can Captain, Rick Gilmore, enlighten us with the information we need to compete in this fun series. Register your boats and crew and enjoy a fun evening of food, drink and all things racing.

The 2/16 Coyote Point cruise-out and crab feed was a real success thanks to all the hard work by Doug and Anne Murray. There's not enough room to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Stanford Treeathlon such a highly successful event for Stanford and SYC, but I want to give a special thanks to Steve Higgs and his guys for all their hard work and superb execution preparing and serving the BBQ lunch.

We're all looking forward to Mexican Train, poker, and other games of chance at the Angel Island cruiseout on 3/29-30, hosted by Ron Stingley. Next, get out your ball gloves for the South Bay cruise-out and



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OD Chair: Jim Peterson	OD Chair: Alex Huang	OD Chair: Joseph Curtis		
04/05 Richard Kern	05/03 Larry Mayne	06/01 Anton Orazem, Jr.		
04/06 Robert King	05/04 Scott McIntosh	06/07 Ralph Otte		
04/12 Sam Kirkes	05/10 Phillip Meredith	06/07 Frank Parcell		
04/13 Olivier Lauzeral	05/11 Mark Millet	06/14 David Payne		
04/19 Dan Lockwood	05/17 Al Montoya	06/15 Everett Pedigo		
04/20 Harry Love	05/18 Doug Murray	06/21 Jim Peterson		
04/26 Stella Marinos	05/24 David Oates	06/22 Adam Peterson		
04/27 John Mattis	05/25 Tom Olcott	06/28 Jeff Phillips		
	05/31 TBA	06/29 Stephen Powell		
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	D's —don't forget to sign the duty roster in th	he OD Book.		

Giants Game on 4/12-13 with Deb Blackmore pulling a lot of strings to acquire those elusive slips and game tickets. Just 2 short weeks later, cruise with us to Treasure Island (4/26-27) for North Bay Opening Day with Lee Ritchey as cruise captain and our own Russ Breed as TI Port Capt. helping us find tie-ups for this tall-ship-packed weekend.

And if all this were not enough, we have South Bay Opening Day coming up on 4/19. This is a building year but we hope to have all of you with boats coming out to join our boat parade—decorated or not—to celebrate the beginning of our boating season on the Bay. And if you're between boats, join us anyway. We'll have BBQ and a "blessing of the fleet" plus lots of fun exhibits. Please check out the Club website for more details.

> Byron Jacobs Rear Commodore

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The Board of Directors has approved Tim Malouf, Max Kraus, Travis Cottle and Michael Hooton for Junior membership.

> Jerry Jones Membership Chairperson

Power Fleet Report



Watch the SYC members Email for news about Power (Sail) activities. Not on the list? Email me and I'll get you on

> Sheila Jones Power Fleet Captain

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Last chance to put correct information in the 2008 Roster. Please email Sheila Jones with all the changes that have taken place this past year: Addresses, Phones, Email addresses, Boats, etc. <u>sjustjones@gmail.com</u>

Port Captain



No Report

Joseph R. Curtis Port Captain

Racing Rules, MADE Easy



This month we will discuss the first of four basic Right-Of-Way (ROW) rules that states which boat has the 'right of way' and which boat has to 'stay clear' when two boats meet on a collision course.

The first ROW rule to discuss is **Rule 10, on opposite tacks**. Let's start with the content of the rule as

seen in the RRS: when boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat. Seems simple enough, doesn't it? First, it is important to know when a boat is on a (P) port—or (S) starboard-tack—review last month's definitions for P and S. So now when both boats are on opposite tacks, what does it mean for one boat to keep clear? One



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boat (P) keeps clear of another if the other (S) can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action. The part 'no need' is **very** important; it's the only thing it comes down to. When does someone need to take avoiding action?

According to Case 88 in the Case Book, a boat may avoid contact and yet fail to keep clear. So avoiding contact isn't always enough to keep clear, but what is? Case 50 states that if S did change course and that there was **reasonable doubt** that P could have crossed ahead of S if S had not changed course, then P should be disqualified. In short: P should always avoid the situation where S has reasonable doubt that P can cross ahead of her. There are a couple of additional qualifiers to this in Rule 18- rounding and passing marks, but we will discuss this when we talk about Rule18.

When on a collision course with another boat, our racing etiquette calls for S to hail P with a very loud 'STARBOARD'. At this time, P should loudly hail back to S - 'KEEP YOUR COURSE'. Then P needs to decide whether to tack/gybe, fall off and go behind S, or it can safely pass in front of S. Any protest committee will always ask which tack each boat is on. In our courses for the SYC races, there are always a number of S/P conditions in racing out the channel towards the selected windward mark. The main issue here is that the skipper must understand what tack he is on and what tacks the boats around him are on. Use your crew to help out with this. In +20 knots of wind, you generally have everyone on the high side and then who can see the low side traffic? If we are racing out the channel, it is prudent to have one person on the low side to monitor the location of all other boats or to have someone come down to the low side frequently to monitor all boats. Likewise, P needs to make sure they have enough room to tack/gybe, fall-off or pass ahead.

Until next month, remember to yell STARBOARD and KEEP YOUR COURSE, depending on your tack and always watch what boats are on your low side.

> Jim Peterson Co-Captain, MADE Easy

The Nauti Girls



Dear Nauti Girl,

The beer can season is about to start again and I anticipate many long evenings with my TV and my Lean Cuisine between April and October. I'd like to join in, but I'm intimidated by the whole thing. Is there a place for the novice sailor in SYC Beer Can Racing?

Dear C & C,

Spring and summer sunsets are meant to be enjoyed on the sparkling waters of the SF Bay, not in HDTV on your flat screen. Beer Can racing is the ideal way to develop and refine your sailing knowledge and skills. If you come to the Clubhouse around 4:30 (1630) on Wednesday afternoons, you should have time to ask around for an experienced skipper needing crews. (They get points for picking up guest crew members, so don't be shy.)

After a rousing romp on the Bay, you can join us to feast on burgers (beef, turkey, and veggie) with all the trimmings. People have been known to consume a beer or two as the race results are announced and stories are told, retold, embellished, and outright exaggerated, in the lounge.

If you are at all concerned about placement with too macho a crew, the Nauti Girls are planning to go out "Diet Coke Can" racing on *Matsu* several times each month. This means that if we win, we were racing; if we lose, we were enjoying the sunset. See you Wednesdays at the races? Sincerely,

The Nauti Girls



Upcoming Events

South Bay Opening Day is Saturday, April 19 Yes it's that time of year. South Bay Opening Day at Sequoia Yacht

Club.

We hope you can attend and show our neighboring Bay Area Yacht Club attendees that Sequoia Yacht Club is the best club and we have tons of fun. Go Sequoia!





Drop-in-Dinner (Floato de Mayo Theme) Friday, May 2 Do I hear Tequila? Cervezas? Ryan's South of the Border Cooking? Yup—so come on down for this delicious DID. Hola©



Competent-but-Cautious

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Mother's Day Brunch Sunday Sunday, May 1 1 This year our Sequoia Yacht Club Mother's Day Brunch is hosted by our own Tom Keegan. This is a special day to honor our mothers so please save the date. More details will follow.



Hope to see you at the Club!

Jeanne Jacobs Social Chairperson

A Look at the Past



During the past few months, there have been articles in the Scope submitted by **"The Nauti Girls."**

They provide practical answers and sage advice to questions submitted by our members and they are dedicated to developing the **nauti**cal knowledge and

skills of our I wonder if we realize how women have contributed to the and development of our Seguoia



and development of our Sequoia Yacht In 1939,when Sequoia Yacht Club was

organized, it was a "**MEN'S**" Club as were all the other yacht clubs. Only men could be senior members, hold office, etc.

"It's a long story, but it started something like this:

Way back in June of 1943, a small group of galley slaves mutinied. They decided that it was high time that they built a boat of their own, so in June they met at the home of Lela Scales and drew up some plans to govern this new enterprise. Watches were assigned, charts consulted, tide books and keeping a log were the order of the day. Now to find a skipper and get together for a good ship, Ladies Auxiliary." The first president was Mae Bents. They designed a burgee—a yellow flag with a sequoia green female symbol inside of which was the green sequoia tree.

"They felt that the Auxiliary might encourage gals to do something on their own about sailing. Up until then, around these parts girl sailors were few and far between." With all women crews, they raced for the W. W. Hilton Perpetual Trophy. They organized and put on our socials. Besides parties, there were fashion show and art auctions. The monies that they raised bought equipment and furniture for the Club. They sponsored the local G.S.A. Mariners ship. But, at the end of 1982, Women's Auxiliary President, Jacquelyn McCallister, dissolved the Auxiliary. Times changed; the first woman senior member appears to be Roberta Harris-Jorganson, who joined in November 1982. Since then, women have served in the many capacities that are required for the operation of our Club. Joanne Wright, '94, and Anita Giani, '03 have served as our commodores and soon Petra Gilmore will join the ranks.

Our young ladies have brought honor the Sequoia. Ashley Simpson is one of our top sailor. Chloe Lepart, Keely Haverstock, and Jacquline Day all have distinguished themselves in their racing circuit. Last month at the Gaucho Regatta in Santa Barbara, six young ladies participated in the races.

There isn't enough room in this article to mention all the individual women, young and older, or their contributions. But, gentlemen let's be thankful for their presence. Our Club is better now, than when it was a "men's" Club.

No Report

Peter Nardini Club Historian & Past Commodore

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LuAnne Graves luannegraves@gmail.com



Bingo Night -Lead by Luanne & John Graves we enjoyed a great evening and prizes.





Photos by Steve Holmstrom

Stanford Tree-athlon hosted by SYC and many volunteers is entertained by the Stanford Band as participants swim, bike and run. (Amy Gross-Kehoe with her daughter). Our volunteers, headed by Byron Jacobs and Steven Higgs, served over 500 lunches and dinner for the masses.





Photos by Monica Graves, Steve Holmstrom & Sheila Jones

The St. Patrick's Day Party wouldn't be complete without a visit from the Greene School Irish dancers with our own Jackie Harris. We enjoyed the premier appearance of Terry Burley's 'Living Water Band'. Jon & Tweety Holbrook visiting from Friday Harbor, Marc Cohen & Jeanne Jacobs getting in the spirit of being Irish.







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Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		1830 Card Night	1200 Wed. Lunch		1830 Drop In Dinner	Clean-Up Day
			1830 Pre-Season			Junior Sailing
			Beer Can Meeting & Dinner			NorCal Team Race
						OD: Dick Kern
		1900 Board Meeting				Singlehanded #2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
OD: Robert King		1830 Card Night	1800 First Beer Can Race & Dinner		1830 Drop In Dinner	Cruise-Out - South Beach - Baseball
						Junior Sailing
						OD: Sam Kirkes
					1930 Gen. Meeting	Summer #1
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OD Chair: Jim Peterson

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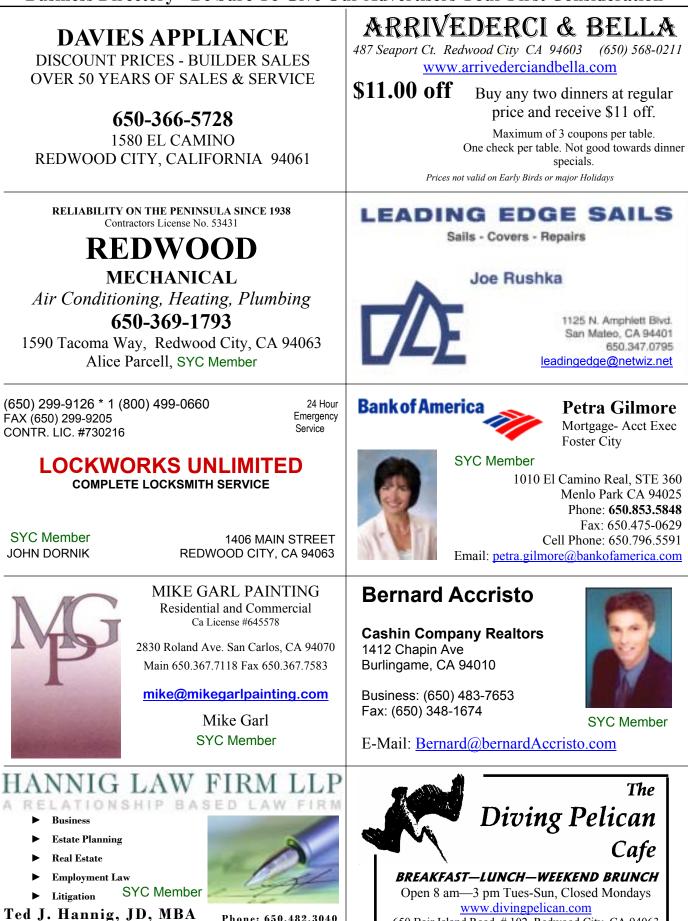


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