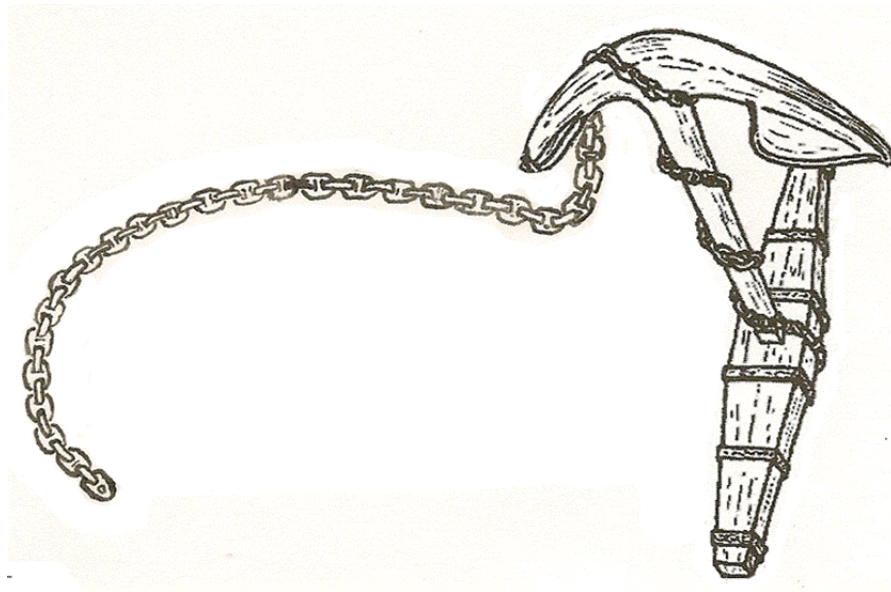


# *SEQUOIA SCOPE*

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## This Month At A Glance

4/6 Board Meeting  
4/7 Wednesday Lunch/Cards  
Beer "Can Opener"  
4/10 South Bay Opening Day  
4/14 First Beer Can Race  
4/16 D-i-D & General Meeting  
4/17 San Francisco YC Cruise Out  
4/21 Wednesday Lunch/Cards  
4/23 D-i-D & Wine Tasting  
  
5/1 Floato de Mayo Party  
5/4 Board Meeting  
5/5 Wednesday Lunch/Cards  
5/7 D-I-D  
5/9 Mother's Day Brunch  
5/14 D-i-D & General Meeting  
5/21 D-I-D  
5/19 Wednesday Lunch/Cards  
5/29 Sausalito/Schoonmaker  
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4/3 Faith Witte  
4/4 None/Easter Day  
4/10 Joseph Allen  
4/11 Dan Lockwood  
4/17 TBA  
4/18 Charlie Watt  
4/24 Eric Anderson  
4/25 Roberta Barnes  
  
5/1 Pedro Barrantes  
5/2 James Bartlett  
5/8 Thomas Batanides  
5/9 Noel Bird  
5/15 Peter Blackmore  
5/16 David Bliven  
5/22 TBA  
5/23 TBA  
5/29 Ron Brown  
5/30 Kristin Butler

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Check out club activities at  
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## Commodore's Report



*Byron Jacobs*

Things are rockin' and rollin' around the club as the weather turns warmer, we head toward South Bay Opening Day and sailors are warming up for our 2010 Beer Can season. We've already enjoyed some great cruise-outs at wonderful venues like Coyote Point, Bair Island and Jack London Square. And, we're looking forward to the upcoming San Francisco Yacht Club cruise-out.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for South Bay Opening Day on April 10<sup>th</sup>! All the volunteers have been doing an excellent job and I'm sure this one will be even better than in the past.

Also, if you haven't partied at one of our Floato-de-Mayo celebrations you are missing out on more fun than a Chihuahua in a chicken coop. Wear fun outfits and bring guests on May 1<sup>st</sup> to watch the tequila flow!

Remember that the club grows and becomes even more fun with every new member we add. If you know someone you think would be a great addition to our club, invite them in and show them how we work, laugh, play and socialize.

At the March Board meeting we decided to make the membership roster available on the web site, in a very secure manner and only to existing club members. More information about how to use the online roster will be forthcoming.

Finally, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you who do so much as volunteers for our club. You give your valuable time, your best efforts and your wonderful ideas – all in the best interest of the club and to the enjoyment of all the other members. Thank you!

**Cover Photo** from Al Montoya:

Wendy & Al Montoya, Steve Holmstrom, Kristin Butler, Laurie Holmstrom, and Gaylord Van Dyne, the crew that made St. Patrick's Day Party happen.

## Vice Commodore's Report



*Joseph Curtis*

March is now passed and spring is definitely here. Thanks to everyone who helped with the spring cleaning at the club. I also want to encourage everyone to help with the little tasks of keeping the club clean, for example, taking the recycling out if containers get full or straightening out the chairs in the lounge if you notice disorganization. We are a volunteer organization, and it's your club.

And speaking of that, I want to thank everyone who has helped out with all of the events so far this year, including all of the galley help, table and chair pick-up and put away, the floor sweeping, etc. I really appreciate it. Many hands make light work. Keep up the good work. For the new members wanting to know how you can help the club, just ask me. I know how you can participate in club events.

By now everyone has seen the article about the California ABC sting operation. If you missed it, Joanne has posted it at the club on the bulletin board. Make sure you read this story because it is a reminder for us at Sequoia to be mindful of our responsibilities as club with a liquor license. Each and every one of us need to make sure we are following all of the ABC rules, especially those that involve serving alcohol to guests at the club. This is especially important with Beer Can season about to start. Always make sure your guests sign the guest register and indicate whose guest they are. Always make sure as a member you are wearing your name badge when you are behind the bar. Always make sure you check the ID of anyone who looks like they might not be of age. Our ABC license allows the club to generate significant revenue and is an important part of our social environment; we don't want to do anything that would jeopardize our license.

Please note that there will not be a DID on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next DID will be the General Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The following DID, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are planning a wine tasting as part of the evening. Stay tuned for details as they develop. See you at the club!



## Rear Commodore's Report



*Kate Humphreys*

Happy April! Come and join in the festivities for this year's South Bay Opening Day which will take place over the weekend of April 10th. The event schedule and registration forms for the parade can be found at [www.southbayopeningday.com](http://www.southbayopeningday.com). A big thank you to our sponsors this year for helping us to keep the tradition alive and well. It is a big event for the club and a great opportunity to share Sequoia with our friends and neighboring clubs.

We have a busy month on the water.

Spring has sprung and with it begins our Beer Can season and our Summer Series. Join Beer Can Fleet Captain Steve Holmstrom for our pre-season rules dinner on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1830. We will be discussing recent rule changes and additional course offerings. Our first Beer Can race for the season will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our second Single-handed series race will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Skippers, please remember to fill out your Skipper Entry Release form and have your crew fill out and sign the Crew Registration Waiver prior to setting sail.

Deb Blackmore will be leading our annual cruise-out to San Francisco Yacht Club the weekend of April 17-18. Please check in with Deb or John Graves for more information. I look forward to seeing you at the club and on the water!

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Sweetman who have all qualified to sail in 105 boat fleet USODA Team Trials which will be held at the end of this month in Houston, Texas. Please join me in routing for our team! Congratulations to all!!!! Hike Harder, Sail Faster.



*New dollies for El Toro's prepared by John Ryan and Noel Bird.*

## SYC Junior Sailing



*Dan Humphreys*

Our Spring Session 2010 has launched splendidly. Our fourth class is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>. We have fourteen sailors in the El Toro classes and four sailors in the Laser fleet. The cost of the El Toro classes is \$150.00 and the Lasers is \$200.00 for twenty hours of instruction and includes a SYC Jr. Membership. Such a deal!! We are able to offer these fantastic rates because the instructors volunteer their time. Thank you to Peter McCormick for going above and beyond volunteering for both the El Toro and Laser classes and much more. It is greatly appreciated!! Also, a big thank you to Dave Pirrone who has been our lead laser instructor for several years running now. We wouldn't have a program if it wasn't for these guys, so please let them know how much we appreciate their efforts next time you see them.

Last Fall we were down to one working dolly to launch and retrieve eight El Toro's!!! A huge thank you to John Ryan who has built and delivered four brand new Hi-Tech light weight dollies to the program. A big thank you also to Noel Bird who beautifully etched their new names, America 1851, Magic 1870, Columbia 1871 and Madeleine 1876 in the front plate of the respective dolly. Each dolly name represents the name of an America's Cup vessel and year they won the Cup!

To all club members please stop by, a Saturday morning class, (see the Club calendar), and check out these splendid pieces of American craftsmanship. We also welcome anyone who might be interested in working with Jr. Sailing. Feel free to give me a call or stop on by the launch ramp to see how you can get involved.

On a special note, keep your eyes out for PYSF Opti sailor (and SYC Jr. member) Kyle Larson. Kyle's more recent accomplishments include a first place overall finish in the Richmond Small Boat Midwinters Opti Championship Fleet (sailed Dec.-Mar.), and a 4<sup>th</sup> overall at the Harken #1 regatta in Marina Del Rey (March 6-7). Kyle is off to Brassemermeer, Holland this month with an invitation to represent team USA in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Magic Marine International Easter Regatta. Good luck Kyle!! Kyle will be joined by four other up and coming PYSF Opti sailors, Markus Suorsa, Lindsey Baab, Logan Lee and Kieran

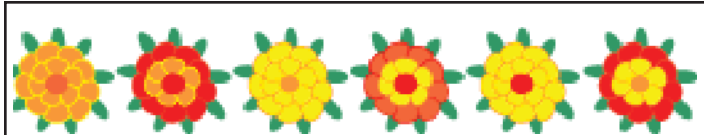
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## Social Events



**Kristin Butler**

The St. Patrick's Day celebration at SYC was full of music and dance, with all the participants enjoying the wonderful dinner prepared by Al Montoya and Gaylord Van Dyne. Thank you to all who lent a hand to make the night a rousing success.



### **Floato de Mayo**

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 16:00 - 22:00**

Come join the merry makers in the SYC version of Cinco de Mayo – on the water! The bar will be serving Margaritas and Cervesa. And no one is too old to participate in whacking the piñata! Although supervision is suggested after 2 or more margaritas...

The delicious Mexican Buffet includes Tacos, Fajitas, and Tamales, tasty sides and a rich dessert.



\$18/Adult and \$9/Child Sign up at the club or email krisgbutler@gmail.com.



### **Sunday, May 9 09:00 - 11:30** **Tom Keegan's Mother's Day Breakfast**



Who wants to brave the crowds at restaurants or hotel buffets when we can appreciate the mother's in our midst in Sequoia YC style?! If you're planning to attend, let Tom know at tomkeegan50@gmail.com.

## Good of the Order



**LuAnne Graves**

Bernie Wahle recently underwent back surgery. Not only is she recovering well, Bernie has added some height to her stature, due to the nature of her surgery.

Carole Bumpus had knee surgery Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, and is home recovering.

Ron Brown and Team *Black Sheep* dedicated their competition in the Heineken Regatta to the memory of Bob Eustace.

Alejandra Dalton continues to improve in her recovery.

Jackie Harris, daughter of Mike and Kathy Harris, was crowned Miss Redwood City! Jackie performed her Irish dance for the talent competition, to the enjoyment of the audience at Canada College. *The Spectrum* magazine said "Jackie epitomizes the definition of a poised, glamorous, talented and intelligent Miss America contestant." Could we be seeing the progression to the crown of Miss America?

Nick and Robin Weber had just flown to Kona, Hawaii when they needed to be evacuated due to the tsunami warning resulting from the Chilean earthquake.

Tod Klingler and Shannon Amerman spent 3 weeks in the warmth of the southern hemisphere's summer down in South Africa while celebrating a friend's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ono Award

Honorable mention...Peter McCormick was assisting the junior sailing program when a mishap sent Peter into the water...hopefully the only thing bruised was an ego... And the winner is...Winston Bumpus, who was helping the club out by checking 'S' mark using his Beneteau, *Dulce Sogni*. Getting hung up on the mooring line, Winston put two big gouges in his gelcoat of his newly painted hull, and managed to remove 'S' mark from its mooring. 'S' mark has been replaced, and Winston will have the honor of flying the Ono Flag until someone else earns it. Congratulations!

## Membership



*Jerry Jones*

The new **2010 Membership Directory** is available at the club for you to pickup at your convenience.

Based on a decision of the club board of directors at their meeting last month, we will soon have the full membership directory, password protected, on the SYC website. Further details on how to access member details online will be published as soon as security procedures are agreed.

### **2010 Beer Can Racing Season "Can Opener" Kickoff Dinner**

**Wednesday, April 7  
18:00 - 21:00**

Steve Homstrom, Beer Can Fleet Captain, will host a special dinner to review the 09-12 Racing Rules and the changes for the season.



Racing regulars as well as new contenders should plan to attend to get up-to-date with the "rules of the road" out in the channel and beyond. The usual beer can menu will be on offer along with plentiful drinks from the SYC bar.

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Mark your calendars now for Single-handed race #2 on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and for Summer #1 on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. April also starts the very popular SYC Beer Can Series. More information about Beer Can Racing can be found elsewhere in this month's Scope. As always, race information, schedules and results can be found at [www.sequoiayc.org](http://www.sequoiayc.org), then click on the SYC Racing tab. Don't forget to look for the new 'S' mark when you are out sailing on the bay, and make it a point to get involved with one or more of the upcoming races.

## Racing Fleet



*Tim Petersen*

April has arrived and it is time to put winter behind us. Although we say goodbye to the fickle winter winds, we look back on a great start to the 2010 SYC racing season. The Winter Series closed on March 13<sup>th</sup> with the annual St. Patrick's Day race. The conditions couldn't have been better to close out this series. Twelve boats participated in the race, with eight in the spinnaker and four in the non-spinnaker divisions. In addition to deciding the Winter Series, a bottle of Bushmills Irish Whiskey was up for grabs in both divisions as the prize for the St. Patrick's Day Race. In the spinnaker division *Primordial Sloop* (Henry Kleinberg) took first place, with *Smokin' J* (Stan Phillips) and *Pizote* (John Ryan) taking second and third place. In the non-spinnaker division *Linda Carol* (Ray Collier) took first place, with *Sweet Pea* (Tim Petersen) and *Spectra* (Hal Wright) taking second and third place.

For the Winter Series, *Head Rush* (Charlie Watt) took first place, and *Smokin' J* (Stan Phillips) and *Pizote* (John Ryan) took second and third place in the spinnaker division. In the non-spinnaker division *Linda Carol* (Ray Collier) took first place, and *Sweet Pea* (Tim Petersen) and *Iowa* (Rick Dalton) took second and third place. A big thanks, however, goes to all the boats that braved the winter cold, rain, early darkness and unpredictable winds to make this a memorable and exciting series: *Agave* (Robin Weber), *Boudicca* (Cathy Moyer), *Head Rush* (Charlie Watt), *Iowa* (Rick Dalton), *Linda Carol* (Ray Collier), *Lucky Duck* (Paul McCarthy), *Made Easy* (Jim Peterson), *Magic* (Jeff Phillips), *Mellilani* (Rich Butts), *Mirth* (Rick Gilmore), *Pizote* (John Ryan), *Primordial Sloop* (Henry Kleinberg), *Sail la Vie* (Phil MacFarlane), *Seabiscuit* (Mark Neumann, CPYC), *Smokin' J* (Stan Phillips), *Spectra* (Hal Wright), *Sweet Pea* (Tim Petersen), *Timbuktu* (Dan Doud) and *Yellow Brick Road* (John Draeger). I hope to see all of you out at the start area when the Summer Series starts later this month!

In the Redwood Cup series, race #4 took place on Sunday, February 28, with the first of the 13 boats in the race departing a very crowded starting area just after 13:30. Congratulations to *Sail la Vie* (Phil MacFarlane) for taking first place, and to *Head Rush* (Charlie Watt) and *White Dove* (Mike Garl) for taking second and third place respectively. The series closes with race #5 on March 28. Look for the final results on the SYC web site.

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## For Nauti Girls & Buoys



*Jeff Wilcox*

### *Earth Day “Dockwalkers” Program*

*Thursday, April 22*

*18:00 - 20:00*

*SYC Oates Room*

The “Boating Clean and Green Campaign,” sponsored by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) and the California Department of Boating and Waterways, is a state-wide-program to promote awareness of potential damage to our regional boating areas. One innovative part of this campaign is *Dockwalkers*, a volunteer effort to distribute information right to the quayside in every marina. Co-sponsors of this training include: the USCG Auxiliary, Keep the Delta Clean Program, Project Green-Works, West Marine and others.

SYC is hosting a special training session for *Dockwalker* volunteers on Earth Day, Thursday April 22, to carry out a local clean boating outreach. We invite SYC Sea Scouts, USCG Auxiliary members, and the local boating community including other yacht clubs to participate.

This two hour long free class provides an overview of environmentally safe boating practices, how to conduct *dockwalking* Saturdays, free boater kits for distribution to marina occupants, and a chance to win one of three boating jackets offered by West Marine. All SYC members who are interested in protecting the South Bay are invited to join in.



## Cruising Fleet



*John Graves*

Our annual cruise out to **San Francisco Yacht Club** is fast approaching on **April 17-18**. Once again we will gather in the warm shelter of Belvedere Cove to enjoy the hospitality of the premier yacht club on the Bay. SYC cruisers should plan to arrive in the early afternoon on Saturday to allow for a leisurely stroll into Tiburon for shopping before our communal Docktail party at around 16:00. Supper will be in the club dining room at 18:30 with your choice of soup or salad, Grilled Salmon or Prime Rib entrees, dessert, tea or coffee for \$48 per person. This year we have elected to let wine decisions rest with each guest, so come with some spending money for something special.

We will welcome Sunday morning with Mimosas served dockside before we head out to breakfast. Options for a tasty start to the day include an a la carte meal in the SFYC dining room, a café in town or sharing a meal in the privacy of your own boat. Please be aware that only the berthing fees of \$1/per foot and the Saturday dinner will be directly billed through to your SYC account. Other expenses of this weekend will be payable by cash or personal credit card directly to SFYC. Your cruise leaders, **Deb and Peter Blackmore** on *Pied Piper*, look forward to seeing you there. Contact them on [dkayblack@aol.com](mailto:dkayblack@aol.com) with questions or reservations.

**Memorial Day Weekend** is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about spending **May 29-31** in Sausalito! Please come and join us for a weekend at **Schoonmaker Marina** as our home base with their long and generous side-tie guest dock, a great sandy beach area to play, wonderful kayaking opportunities, and a short walk to all the food, art and charm that Sausalito has to offer. And for kids and geeks, don't miss a visit to the Bay Model.

While we fine tune the itinerary, consider a weekend that includes a travel day on Saturday (May 29), a group dinner Saturday night at a local restaurant like Le Garage, a spa day on Sunday at Cavallo Point, and a return home on Monday (May 31), with lots of free time for individual activities. Mark your calendars today and your Cruise Leader **Shannon Aerman** will update you in the coming weeks. Contact him on [Samerman@pacbell.net](mailto:Samerman@pacbell.net).

*Photos* by Carol Bumbus, Ian Turner, John Graves, Steve Holmstrom and Sheila Jones



Cruise Out  
to Bair Island



Steve Holmstrom  
at his 'Cruising and  
Diving in the South  
Pacific' slideshow  
Presentation at a  
Drop In Dinner.



Petra accepting the Opti  
Trophy for the club from  
Kyle Larson, Logan Lee  
and Kieran Sweetman  
with Bill Lee.



# Club Calendar

## April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 OD: Fred Wydler Redwood #5	29	30	31 12pm - Cards	1	2 Good Friday	3 OD: Faith Witte Singlehanded #2
4 (Easter) OD: None	5	6 7pm - Board Meeting	7 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can	8	9	10 Junior Sailing OD: Joseph Allen 9am - So. Bay
11 OD: Dan Lockwood	12	13	14 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	15	16 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting General	17 Cruise-Out - SFYC OD: TBA Summer #1
18 Cruise-Out - SFYC OD: Charlie Watt	19	20	21 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	22 6:30pm - Dockwalker	23 6:30pm - DID - Wine	24 Junior Sailing Member Rental OD: Eric Anderson
25 OD: Roberta Barnes	26	27	28 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	29	30	1 Floto de Mayo Junior Sailing OD: Pedro Barrantes

## May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 OD: Roberta Barnes	26	27	28 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	29	30	1 Floto de Mayo Junior Sailing OD: Pedro Barrantes
2 OD: James Bartlett	3	4 7pm - Board Meeting	5 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	6	7 6:30pm - DID	8 Member Rental OD: Thomas Batanides
9 Mothers' Day Brunch OD: Noel Bird	10	11	12 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	13	14 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting General	15 OD: Peter Blackmore Summer #2
16 OD: David Bliven	17	18	19 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	20	21 6:30pm - DID	22 Junior Sailing OD: TBA
23 OD: TBA	24	25	26 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	27	28	29 CruiseOut - Sausalito OD: Ron Brown
30 CruiseOut - Sausalito OD: Kristin Butler	31 (Memorial Day)	1	2 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	3	4 6:30pm - DID -	5 Junior Sailing Member Rental OD: Terry Burley Summer #3

**Friday, March 19, 2010 at Sequoia Yacht Club by Bill Lee**

Part of the Opti Racing Team, specifically Kyle Larsen, Kieran Sweetman, and Logan Lee, from PYSF came to the Friday night Drop in Dinner to present the 2009 San Francisco Bay Opti Championship Perpetual Trophy to the Sequoia Yacht Club. The annual regatta, which is the oldest continuous Opti regatta in California, was hosted by PYSF and Sequoia Yacht Club last October and the overall winner was Kyle Larsen, who sails for PYSF and Sequoia. Kyle presented the trophy to Petra ? and the entire Opti Racing Team has vowed to win the championship again this year so it can remain at Sequoia for another year. The Opti Racing Team has had a great year, and just completed the Richmond Small Boat Midwinters (a five regatta series) placing 1st and 2nd overall for Kyle and Logan. The most recent bay area regatta was the BAYS Winter Opti series #4 regatta at Encinal Yacht Club last month with Kieran, Kyle, and Logan placing 4th, 5th, and 6th overall. But the most recent outing for the Opti team was down at Marina del Rey earlier this month where the California Yacht Club hosted the Harken #1 regatta for Opti sailors all along the west coast. Kyle placed 4th overall out of 37 Optis in the championship fleet and several of our Opti Racing Team sailors were in the top third finishers. But the big excitement on the Opti Racing Team, was that 5 of the 6 team sailors on the PYSF/SYC Opti championship fleet team qualified for National Team Trials last year when the qualifiers were held. Doing well at National Team Trials means a sailor can get on the national Opti team and earn a chance to go to international regattas representing the USA. The Opti Racing Team is raising money to help offset the costs of attending Team Trials in Houston at the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club from April 29 through May 2. The team certainly appreciates the donations from the Sequoia folks at the dinner last Friday and it has put them well on the way towards getting the money to attend National Team Trials. Anyone interested in helping support the Opti racing team go to Houston for their National Team Trials may donate through SYC to PYSF (which is tax deductible).

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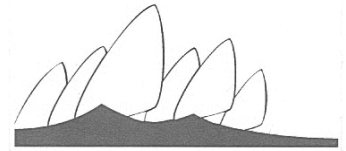
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