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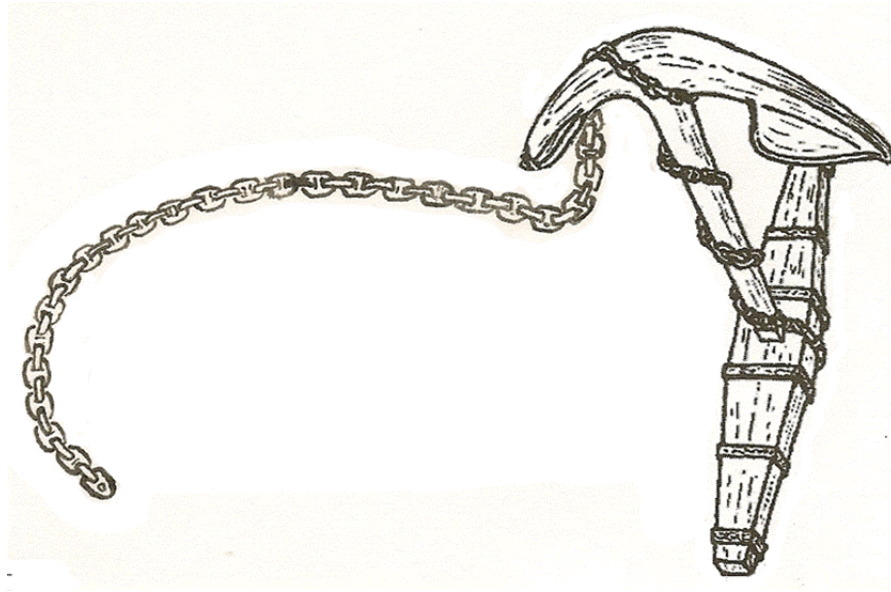
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Redwood City, CA



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- 4/1 Drop in Dinner
4/5 Board Meeting
4/6 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
4/6 Beer Can Kickoff Dinner & Movie
4/7 Dockwalker Training
4/8 Drop in Dinner & Gen. Meeting
4/13 1st Beer Can Race
4/15 Tax & Tequila Drop in Dinner
4/16 Cruise Out: San Francisco YC
4/20 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
4/29 Drop in Dinner
- 5/3 Board Meeting
5/4 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
5/6 Drop in Dinner & Gen. Meeting
5/7 Kentucky Derby Party
5/14 South Bay Opening Day festivities
5/18 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
5/20 Drop in Dinner & Bingo
5/27 Drop in Dinner
5/28 Memorial Day Weekend Cruise Out:
Sausalito & Cavallo Spa

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- 4/2 Adam Peterson
4/3 John Dornik
4/9 Stan Phillips
4/10 John Draeger
4/16 David Pirrone
4/17 Lee Ritchey
4/23 Paulette Reeder
4/24 Easter Sunday -- no OD
4/30 Don Ritchey
- 5/1 Thomas Runge
5/7 John Ryan
5/8 Mother's Day -- no OD
5/14 David Elliott
5/15 Charles Finn
5/21 Robert St Martin
5/22 Robert Stanfield
5/28 Bill Stark
5/29 Ron Stingley

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www.SequoiaYC.org.*

Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

I'm going to start by telling you something I've said before, and it is something you already know: Sequoia is a great club, and, thanks to all of you, the club is on track to have a fantastic first quarter for 2011! Social event attendance and bar sales are up, the cruise-outs have been fantastic, Junior Sailing has started their new sessions, and the racing as exciting as it gets! If you have missed any of our events, don't fret; there are still many more exciting things to do at Sequoia! Make sure you read the details elsewhere in the Scope, and remember to check the calendar on the Sequoia web site.

It is the members who volunteer to manage and help with all of our activities that make them successful and fun. Make sure you thank the folks involved the next time you see them. Volunteering in the Sequoia activities is a great way to enjoy the fun. If you haven't volunteered in awhile, don't be left out. Sign up for the next event and help out!

Also, I want remind each member that we need to grow our membership and that there is so much fun at Sequoia, we have enough for more folks to join in. You, the membership are the best advertising Sequoia has. Spread the word and invite guests! Many of you members joined Sequoia because someone invited you to an event or race. Let's all keep growing the membership a priority!

I want join our Deck Committee Chairman Jim Peterson in a special thanks to all of you who have volunteered time the Deck project. Jim has additional details elsewhere in the Scope. A big thanks to Jim, Herb, and Byron for getting the deck project off the ground, and, as of this writing, ahead of schedule!

Vice Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

Spring is in the air! We began March with a dinner for 100 college sailors taking part in the McIntyre Regatta. Larry Mayne, Steve & Laurie Holmstrom, Ann McDonough, Kris Butler, Bernie Wahle and Steve Bourdow prepared delicious Jambalaya and Cajun Rice & Beans. The same SYC crew returned the next morning to put on our famous SYC all-you-can eat pancake breakfast. Thanks to all who helped.

The *Redwood Cup*, the *Itsy Bitsy Cup Regatta* and Crab Feed took place on March 6th. Ann Cohen and Mark Millet rose to the challenge, serving over 100 folks. A thank you to Doug Murray for sourcing the crab (and congratulations on winning the *Itsy Bitsy Cup!*), to Todd Klingler for stellar work behind the bar, to Ruthie for being our gracious hostess at the door and Steve Holmstrom for carving up more steaks as the demand rose.

Our *Spring Cleaning Day* on March 12 was a great success. Thank you to all who made it down to the club and lent a hand - Dan Doud, Byron, Doug Murray, Joseph & Oya, Joanne, Robin, Deb & Peter, Dennis & Grace, Mark Millet, Charlie, Dan Humphreys, Gaylord & Lee. We had folks coming and going all day and also working on the deck project, so if I missed anyone - THANK YOU!

We closed our *Winter Racing Series* with our *Saint Patrick's Day Regatta*. Kris Butler and Al Montoya served up tons of Corn Beef and Cabbage. Thank you to all who helped out and to all who attended and tapped their toes to *Banish the Dogs*. It is so much fun to have live music!

Our April events kick off on April Fool's day with our first DID, followed the next Friday by our General Meeting. Friday the 15th we will have a night celebrating taxes paid with special tequila concoctions hosted by Malcolm Fliege & Scott Johnson. I look forward to seeing you all at the club!

Rear Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

So much starts happening on the water in April. The Scope is full of exciting news from the racing and cruising captains - Robin Weber, Tim Petersen, Peter McCormick and Steve Holmstrom. Many thanks for your excellent leadership.

It's time to sign up for the **San Francisco Yacht Club Cruise Out** on **April 16 / 17**. This is just a tremendous sailing location - the SFYC club in Tiburon always makes us very welcome and this year will be no exception.

Deb and I will host docktails starting at 16:30 followed by a special event in The Eldridge Room at the Sailing Center where guest speakers will share their cruising adventures with us. Dinner will follow in the main dining room at 20:00 where we shall have a choice of Wild Salmon or Prime Rib with some good wine to finish off a great day

Sunday - we shall have some options for breakfast and are investigating a visit to some sites (not just the wine shop) in Tiburon before you set sail for home.

Black toppers always welcome as well! Only room for 12 boats. Sign up at the club or to blackmorepeter@yahoo.com.

Redwood Cup Finale

Thirteen boats competed in the final race of the Redwood Cup series on March 6th. A moderate wind out of the southeast had most boats flying spinnakers out the channel all the way to mark #12 for the turnaround. An increasing ebb and wind on the nose made for an unusually high number of tacks to get to the finish line. One skipper counted 42 tacks! Most important was that everyone finished in time to attend the Crab Feed Awards dinner.

Congratulations to the Race 5 winners : First place **Head Rush**, Charlie Watt, second place **Smokin' J**, Stan Phillips, and third place **Primordial Sloop**, Henry Kleinberg. Overall, six boats completed 4 of the 5 series races: First place **Head Rush**, Charlie Watt, second place **Smokin' J**, Stan Phillips, third place **Pizote**, John Ryan, fourth place, **Lucky Duck**, Paul McCarthy, fifth place, **Melilani**, Richard Butts and sixth place, **Web Tide**, Nick Weber. Thanks to all the skippers and crews for a great Redwood Cup Series. **Robin Weber**

Junior Sailing



Peter McCormick

Spring session started on March 5 with three El Toro classes and one Laser class. We have added two; count 'em, two new Lasers to the fleet. These are radial pro-rig Laser's that will be fun for both the juniors and senior members alike. Now, alas, then we had to put them together. It was another good opportunity to teach the kids more boating stuff.

Svendsen's provided us, in error, two "Full Rigs". A few short hours of usage, the kids sailed impressively using these large sails, much over-sized for the kids in this class. The "Full Rig" is for persons 160 pounds or more. Svendsen's was more than happy to correct the problem and the smaller "Radial Rigs" are in hand. We also have a new "used" El Toro, complete with aluminum alloy mast and very well kept sail and equipment. This will assist us in teaching in stronger winds.

Between PYSF, the Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation, and our own SYC Junior Sailing Program, Redwood City offers one of the most comprehensive Junior Sailing opportunities on the West Coast. Learn to sail, boating safety, racing, crewing, in boats of various sizes. Throw in the Sea Scouts and we have it all. Very few facilities can boast such a varied and comprehensive boating experience.

PYSF is bringing home the trophies. These young sailors race 420's, FJ's (Flying Juniors), Lasers, and Opti's. In recent events PYSF dominated so many of the categories I cannot list them all here. This group of kids and young adults travel nationally and internationally to compete under the SYC Flag.

You can see them practicing almost daily in the basin, practice makes perfect and they can roll-tack, jibe, start, and round marks with the best of them. Most impressive is the smile on their faces, rain or shine, warm or cold; they're out there. For those of you looking for crew should keep them in mind. A lightweight kid running around your boat is a lot better than some ole dude throwing his ballast around. Good luck getting them off their small boats.

Our Junior Program starts them out. And SYC offers them a place to dry off and enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It's a real honor for us to have them.

Social Events



Michele Hartman

**South Bay Opening Day 2011
"Wild Life on the South Bay"
May 13-15**

A whole weekend of festivities are planned for our annual celebration of boating on the South Bay. SYC will be hosting breakfast and lunch for members *and the public*. Special one day licenses will be obtained to serve food and drinks outside the club to support the booths and activities that will be set up in the parking area. This offers two great opportunities for SYC: new members and more revenue!

So, we'll be looking for many volunteers: galley crew, bar crew, set-up and clean-up. It should be a good time so don't delay, sign up today!

Friday, May 13th

18:00 Cocktails and packet pickups for parade registrants
19:00 Dinner - San Leandro Yacht Club

Saturday, May 14th

08:00 Breakfast - Sequoia Yacht Club
10:00 Decorated Boat Parade assembly in RW Creek
10:30 Blessing of the Fleet
10:35 Decorated Boat Parade begins
12:00 Lunch - Sequoia Yacht Club
12:00 College Pacific Coast Team Racing Championships
14:00 Decorated Boat Parade Awards presentation
17:00 Cocktails at Peninsula Yacht Club
18:00 Dinner - Peninsula Yacht Club

Sunday, May 15th

08:30 Gin Fizz Breakfast - South Bay Yacht Club
11:00 Pose for the historic annual opening day picture.

We'll also want to show our support for San Leandro, Peninsula and South Bay Yacht Clubs to top up their coffers. So plan to party the whole weekend.

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Membership News



Jerry Jones

Welcome to our new Junior Members: Craig Bianchi, Andrew Wilkinson, Nicolas Delfino, Mark Power, Surri Wu, John Warnock, and Calum Finlayson.

At the March General Meeting a First Reading was held for Brian and Sally Mickel of Palo Alto. They are previous members of Palo Alto Yacht Club and now have a Catalina 36 *Calypso* in the Redwood City Municipal Marina on "C" Dock. Nominated by Joseph Curtis and Sheila Jones.



Brian & Sally Mickel

Beer Can Racing Kickoff Dinner Wednesday, April 6

It's almost here. Daylight Savings Time has begun and that means that the 2011 Beer Can Season is ready to begin.

This year we're really "pushing the boat out" to review the Racing Rules of Sailing and getting the mood right for nearly six months of spirited, but fair competition on the South Bay.

We're even expanding the chances to win by offering once a month Friday Night Beer Cans tied to Drop in Dinners.

Join us for the *Kickoff Dinner* to "hoist a few" and size up your fellow competitors. Lina will offer her usual excellent buffet to complement our "grill your own" protein. **Steve Holmstrom**



Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

With the start of April we wipe the slate clean, break out the summer sails, and look forward to the start of the Summer Series, Beer Can Racing, and the chance to demonstrate for the second time our single-handed sailing skills. Before moving on, however, we take one last look at our winter races.

Our Redwood Cup Series ended on March 6. There were five races, five different courses, sixteen boats, and just about every weather condition imaginable. We celebrated the conclusion of the series at the Crab Feed immediately after the final race. A big thanks goes to our 2011 Redwood Cup Fleet Captain, Robin Weber, for leading this series and making it a big success.

Our Winter Series was pushed into April and Winter #5 will be held on Saturday, April 9. So there is still one more chance to compete in this series as we hone our skills in preparation for the upcoming summer races

The Sequoia Summer Series kicks off on Saturday, April 23. This is a five-race series with one throw-out race and is open to all sailors. The races will start at 12:30 at racing mark 'S'. All Skippers should attend the Skipper's meeting at 10:30 on day of the race and then proceed to the start area. It should be a great series, so make plans now to either skipper or crew in one or more of the summer races.

Mark your calendars for the Beer Can Kick-off Dinner and Racing Rules movie on April 6, for Beer Can #00 on Wednesday, April 13 and thereafter for weekly Beer Can racing on Wednesday evenings. We also begin our new TGIF races that will be held on Friday nights, with the first of this new informal series being held on Friday, April 22. More information about Beer Can Racing can be found elsewhere in this month's Scope as well as on the Sequoia web site.

And don't forget Summer #1 on April 23 and Single-handed #2 on April 30. As always, race information, schedules and results can be found at www.sequoiayc.org, then click on the SYC Racing tab. See you at the start line.

Beer Can Fleet News



Steve Holmstrom

It's almost Beer Can season! On February 16th we had a well-attended meeting of the fleet. Along with a great presentation by Mike Reed on the Sydney to Hobart Race, we discussed the Notice of Race and rules for the upcoming season. We will have our **Beer Can Rules/Kickoff Dinner April 6th.**

The Beer Can rules are posted on the Sequoiayc.org website. The notable changes to the rules are:

- We will be starting one week earlier than previously announced, on April 13th.
- Races during the month of April and September 1st through October 13th will begin 30 minutes earlier than the listed start time.
- There will be one PHRF division; those boats declaring to be non-spinnaker will have a 6 second/mile increase to their rating. Switching between Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker is allowed one time per season and must be submitted 24 hours prior to the start of the race.
- Prizes will be awarded only if the skipper shows up after the race.
- "Unofficial" Friday night races shall be held Friday April 22, June 17, July 22, and September 23 and will not count toward the season championship, but the other awards shall be given.
- June 17 is designated as the "Hannig Cup" and special rules will be announced.
- After winning 2 races during the season, a winning boat shall reduce her PHRF rating by 9 rather than the previous 6.
- In the PHRF division, a "DFL Rule" (Dead Fun Last) will be applied to any boat that finishes the race in last place for each time after the first time they are DFL. The boat must have finished the race without being disqualified for any reason and finish within the SYC standing race instructions race time limit. DFL winners shall add 6 seconds to their PHRF rating. Note that these adjustments may be nullified by the "excess winning" penalty as stated above.
- Merit Fleet: Shall start at the PHRF start time
- Open 5.70's: The Open 5.70's shall start at ten minutes before the PHRF start time.
- Merit Non-Spinnakers: Merits not carrying a spinnaker shall start at the PHRF start time.

The underlying theme of the Beer Can races is *it's all for fun* – come out and join us!

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3. Free pot of coffee, made the way you like it, all to yourself.
4. Opportunities to see your SYC friends drag in looking "not at their best."
5. Hours of flat screen time in a perfect man cave.
6. A chance to welcome newcomers who don't have a strong opinion about you yet.
7. Total control of SYC protocols and procedures for a day.
8. Free pass from chores around the house.
9. Spectacular view of other people working on boats.
10. Unlimited good feelings about serving as an ambassador for the SYC community.

In other words, it's fun, relaxing and a welcome break from your weekly routine.

The 2011 club calendar on the SYC website has been completely updated with all OD assignments for 2011. Please be sure to check the calendar for your date of duty. Remember that our bylaws state:

"It shall be the obligation of every Corinthian, Senior, Sustaining and Life member to serve as Officer of the Day at the Club in rotation with other members of the club... If a member cannot serve on the day appointed, it shall be the member's obligation to secure a replacement..."

You will receive an email (or a call if you have no email address recorded by the club) the month before you are to serve as OD. Be sure to respond to the email or call so we know you are aware of your responsibilities. Also, be sure to sign the OD book on the day you serve to make sure you get credit for performing your duties. All that you need to know for "goof proof" success is spelled out in the OD binder on the bar.

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Ann McDonough

Tim and Carol Petersen spent a week in San Diego and became certified -- in sailing, that is. In one week, they took courses in Bareboat Charter, Advanced Navigation, and Advanced Coastal Cruising. They will be the most qualified crew in the Turkey Mega Cruise!

Ron and Theresa Howard welcomed a new granddaughter on March 5th. Welcome to the Sequoia family, *Tinsely Cruz Rodgers!*

Speaking of Ron, it's great to see Ron back at the club after his hip surgery in February. We've missed you, Ron!

John Graves celebrated his big 5-0. He and LuAnne spent a romantic weekend at the Ritz in Halfmoon Bay and took in some excellent local jazz performances.

Steve and Laurie Holmstrom's son, Josh, reported in from Japan, where he is on assignment. He is doing fine and his project is on hold for the time being.

Late breaking news: Al Caesar broke his ankle, Zona had heart attack, Cal Rothenberg had a stroke. All are recovering.

Memorial Day Weekend Cruise Out: May 28-30

Mark your calendar now. We'll spend the holiday weekend at Schoonmaker Marina, again offering prime water front access to Sausalito. Last year we had over 500 feet of boats in attendance, and booked a fabulous private *prix fixe* dinner at "Le Garage". We are planning something equally fabulous for this year -- there are several new, notable restaurants that have opened.

On Sunday, May 29 is the Caledonia Spring Street Faire and our annual spa day at Cavallo Point!

Sign up early to reserve your space or drop me an email, samerman@pacbell.net -- with this cruise out, both slips and spa appointments book up fast (black toppers welcome)!

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McIntyre Regatta dinner for over 100 collegiate sailors who competed over the first weekend in March.



Some of the many busy workers on clean up day: Deb Blackmore, Robin Weber, Dan Doud and Byron Jacobs

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The Deck Project continues: What a beautiful day for tearing out the old and reinforcing the supports



SYC Club Events for April 2011

Upcoming Race Events:



Beer Can Season	Wednesday, 4/13
Summer #1	Saturday, 4/23
Single-Handed #2	Saturday, 4/30

For quick reference, go to www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar

Tax & Tequila DID

Friday, April 15



Cocktails 18:00
Dinner 19:00

Price: \$15 per person

Tequila Bar with special drinks available all evening to complement a tasty Mexican dinner. Trivia Night to follow dinner -- it will be run like a pub quiz, so get your "smart" friends to join your team! Hosted by: Malcolm Fliege and Scott Johnson.

Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 7



Come wearing your best hat to eat favorite Southern dishes and sip on Mint Juleps starting at 16:00. We'll watch the live broadcast on NBC from 19:00.

Your hosts: Shannon Amerman and Tod Klingler.

Dockwalker Training

Thursday, April 7 19:00

Reminder to SYC members registered for this FREE training conducted by Vivian Matuk.



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Social Talk:

Behind the Scenes at a SYC Event

Friday, April 29 19:30

Have a knack for promotion, music, cooking, budgeting, decorating? There are lots of ways that members can get involved with social events at SYC.

Come listen as experienced partiers, Larry Mayne, Kris Butler, and Kate Humphreys reveal their secrets to success.

