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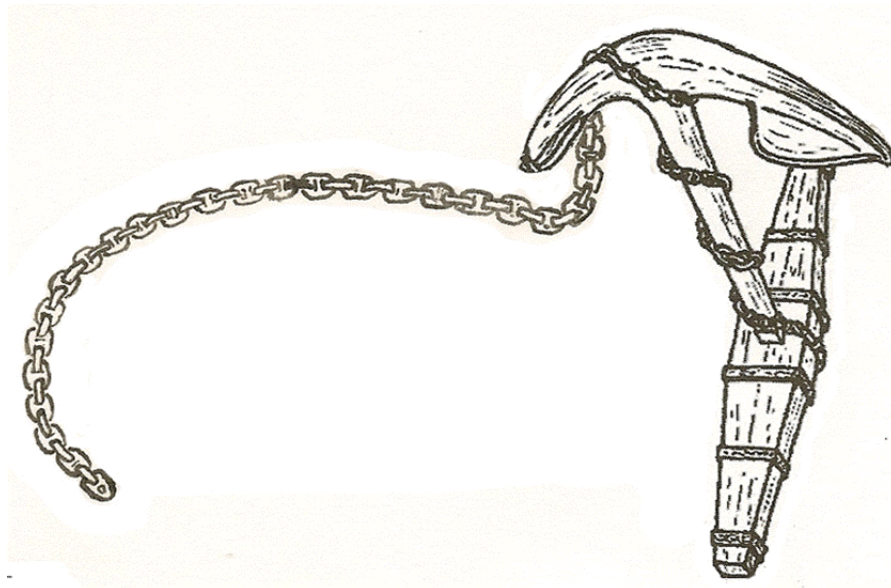
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This Month At A Glance

04/03 Board Meeting

04/04 Wednesday Lunch & Cards

04/11 Beer Can Kick-Off Dinner

04/13 Drop in Dinner & General Meeting

04/14 Cruise In - Club Clean-Up Day

04/18 Wednesday Lunch & Cards

04/21 Chili Cook-Off Party

04/27 Drop in Dinner & Speaker

05/02 Wednesday Lunch & Cards

05/04 Drop in Dinner

05/08 Board Meeting

05/11 Drop in Dinner & General Meeting

05/13 Mother's Day - No OD

05/17 South Bay Opening Day Meeting

05/19 South Bay Opening Day

05/20 BAYS Regatta Breakfast

05/26 Cruise Out: Sausalito

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04/01 Scott Johnson

04/07 Marge Johnstone

04/08 Easter/ No OD

04/14 Jerry Jones

04/15 Tom Keegan

04/21 Robert King

04/22 Sam Kirkes

04/28 Henry Kleinberg

04/29 Olivier Lauzeral

05/05 Dan Lockwood

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Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

What a great month of March we had here at the club. Hopefully, you were able to join in at least one of our March events - two St. Patrick's Day celebrations, the McIntyre Regatta dinner and breakfast and lots of good sailing. A big thank you to our event organizers, Larry Mayne, Kris Butler, Tim Peterson, Robin Weber and all their helpers!

A special meeting was held during our March General Meeting in which the membership approved a limited time reduction in initiation fees of \$150 for memberships other than the Junior Membership. The \$50 social credit for new members will not apply to those new members taking advantage of this promotion. The program will run from March 9th through May 31st, so now is the time to recruit those friends, skipper's and crew members who you have been meaning to ask to join. The promotion will coincide with the opening of our Beer Can and Summer Series as well as our upcoming invitational Open House. So let's share the fun at Sequoia and keep our Membership Committee Chair, Jerry Jones, really busy!

April looks to be a busy fun month as well. Our SYC Board meeting will be on, Tuesday, April 3rd at 19:00. Easter falls on Sunday, April 8th this year and our own Barbara Trainer will be celebrating her 90th birthday! Dick and Barbara have posted a signup sheet at the club and invited us all to join in their celebration, which will begin at 11:00. Happy Birthday Barbara!!!

The General Meeting will be on the second Friday, April 13th at 19:30 followed by our own cruise-in on April 14-15th for our spring clean. Our Beer Can and Summer Series will kick off this month and we have our annual chili cook off party on April 21st! All are loads of good fun.

South Bay Opening Day in May will bring in new prospective members and the general public into our club, so I wanted to make sure we were tuned up on our ABC liquor licensing requirements. I attended a monthly ABC seminar in San Jose on March 5th. Some "best practices" and tips for handling ABC procedures are included on page 8 in this Scope issue.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club!

Vice Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

After our lovely non-wintery winter, our club is getting ready for a change of seasons! Our Annual Clean-Up Weekend is April 14 and 15. The inside of the club needs attention so we really need your help. We are getting a list together, which along with cleaning, that will prioritize repairs like woodwork, electrical work, and bar improvements. Saturday will be the big day but we shall have Sunday as well as last year some things took that little bit longer and we do want to show off the club at our South Bay Opening Day and the rest of the summer season! More details to come but right now please put those dates in your calendars and come and support this important effort.

The social scene continues to go well - another great St. Patrick's Day party with thanks to all who worked hard to make this much-anticipated event such a success. Kris Butler, Al Montoya and Gaylord Van Dyne, plus many others! The DID's are having a great turnout helped by the good food and camaraderie, and our featured guest speakers. Peter McCormick talked to us about the Junior Sailing Program in March. His outstanding efforts make the JSP one of SYC's many strengths. On April 27, we will welcome Capt. Nancy Erley who will share her circumnavigation stories and coach us on the topic of "Couples Captancy." So come listen and enjoy great evening.



Rear Commodore's Report



Winston Bumpus

Winter has been very busy on the water with racing and cruising and now spring is just around the corner. Speaking of Spring, that means it is almost time for *South Bay Opening Day*, which will be on **May 19th** this year. This year the theme will be **“Rockin’ and Rollin’ on the South Bay.”**

Dinner will be at Coyote Point Yacht Club on Friday, May 18. We will be hosting the breakfast and the lunch as well as the Awards Ceremony for the boat parade on Saturday, May 19. Saturday night dinner will be at Peninsula Yacht Club and, of course, there will be the great Gin Fizz Brunch at the South Bay Yacht Club on Sunday, May 20.

If this isn't enough excitement for one weekend, the Sequoia Yacht Club will also be hosting BAYS #1 (Bay Area Youth Sailing). This is the first regatta in the Summer Series for youth sailing. We expect over 70 youth plus their parents for the event.

And, we will also host our first Cruise-In of the season that weekend with the San Leandro Spinnaker Yacht Club. There will be plenty to do with boats, booths, bands around the harbor front plus plenty to eat and drink, so don't miss it.

Another clue that spring is around the corner, we have finished up the Redwood Cup and the Winter Series, and Beer Ban Season is nearly here. The kick-off and rules dinner will be April 11th with the first race the following Wednesday. I can't wait...

If you have a boat, get out on the water! If you don't have a boat, go with a friend or sign up using one of our online forums. And don't forget, you can also take out our small boats as we have added a new set of rules (see the new House Rule 16) including the small you can check out for FREE.

We will be looking for you on the water!

Membership Report



Jerry Jones

At the March general meeting we had two new applicants for membership:



James Brown

James Brown from San Jose has been crewing in SYC races for the last few seasons. Nominated by Richard Butts and John Draeger.

Michael and Marion Hmelar from Palo Alto have a Sea Ray 230 berthed in the RWC Marina and have been boating for many years. Nominated by Joseph Curtis and Don Inouye.



Mike & Marion Hmelar

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Social Events



Michele Hartman

SYC Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, April 21
Cocktails: 18:00
Judging: 18:30

Bring a batch in your Crockpot, 6-quart minimum and we'll provide cornbread, salad and dessert.

For anyone who just can't get enough chili beans, this is the competition for you!



Use the online sign-up form to let us know you will attend and/or bring a pot of chili: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dEtqdGRCsmJOZEJmczZRdVBHQ2s1NVE6MA>

Notice to All Members:

The Cruise Out planned for April 14-15 has been cancelled. In its place we will be doing the Club Clean-Up Day.

Please join in to help us put our house in order.


Saturday and Sunday April 14-15 Annual Club Clean-Up



Grab a mop and bucket and lend a hand to get the SYC Club house and premises looking "ship shape" in time for South Bay Opening Day.

We'll be offering breakfast and lunch for members willing to pitch in for a few hours. It's an opportunity to gab a little and clean a lot that benefits the club for the whole year! No need to sign-up, just show up!

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Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

This month continues the discussion of race scoring. Last month's article focused on **Time on Distance (ToD)** scoring and this month I want to begin a discussion of **Time on Time (ToT)** scoring. Both of these methods are used in our program, with ToD scoring used for most of our [club races](#), and Time on Time scoring used for the [Moonlight Marathon](#), [Westpoint Marina Regatta](#) and [Barth Race](#). This month focuses on the basis for ToT scoring without getting into the details of its implementation. I'll explain the details of the calculations next month.

When I was first introduced to ToT scoring, my first question was how could this system work when the length of the course is not included as a part of the calculations? It took a while before I finally convinced myself that distance is in fact included in the scoring. Remember all those math problems about trains leaving Chicago at 09:00 going 30 MPH and calculating what time they meet another train? Well, here we go again. The formula used for all of these problems is **Distance = Speed x Time**, and it is at the heart of ToT scoring.

Let's delay discussing the concept of handicaps for a moment and consider one-design competitions. It's just stating the obvious, but the winner of a race is the first one to reach the finish line. That's really it. It doesn't matter if the race is a 50-yard dash, a marathon, the Indie 500, or a race around the world. If we are all in the same race the first one across the finish line wins. We just need to compare times.

If our criteria for winning is time, we go back to our basic formula and solve for that: **Time = Distance / Speed**. So how do we as racers get the lowest time? To minimize the time spent racing, based on the distance formula, we either sail a shorter course (minimize distance), and/or sail faster than our competitors (maximize speed). Either or both of these will net a low value for **Time**.

This is exactly what we try to accomplish when sailing. We all have to sail a minimum distance defined by the racing marks. But in so doing we trim our sails to point higher and avoid tacking (minimize additional distance) and to get the best performance from our boats (maximize speed). When we talk about time, we are in fact talking about both

distance and speed. It's in there. And if we are successful at both, we win the race.

The question, however, is how do we score a race in a PHRF fleet that includes boats of varying capabilities? The Time on Distance method uses the PHRF rating expressed in seconds per mile and the length of the course in miles to determine a correction that is subtracted from each boat's finish time. But another possibility is to determine a scale factor that relates one boat's performance to another. Rather than say that it takes one boat 30 seconds more to sail a mile than another, we could instead say that one boat is 20% faster than another boat.

The goal is to create a system where **Time = (Distance / Speed) x Scale Factor**. In this system each boat gets its own Scale Factor such that if each boat were sailed equally well in the same conditions, **Time** would be the same for each boat, regardless of the **Distance** sailed. This is ToT scoring, and at the end of the race we only need the elapsed time and scale factor for each boat to determine the corrected time.

Here's the problem our math teachers would have given us. Two boats leave Redwood City at 12:00. Boat A can sail 20% faster than Boat B. If Boat A ties up at its destination at 17:00, what time will Boat B tie up? We don't know the distance, but we can still solve to get the arrival time of Boat B knowing only the arrival time of Boat A, whether it is 1 hour or 1 week after the start.

Looking at this from a racing perspective, we can say that if Boat B ties up exactly at the predicted time, then the two boats sailed equally well and the race was a tie. If Boat B, however, ties up 10 minutes earlier than predicted, then Boat B either sailed a shorter distance or sailed faster relative to Boat A. In this case they win the race. Similarly, if Boat B ties up 10 minutes later than predicted, then they either sailed a longer distance, or sailed slower relative to Boat A, and they lose the race. Without a close examination of each boat's track extracted from their chart plotters, we will never know what caused one boat to sail better than the other. The important thing is that we just need to know the ratio of one boat's performance to the other to be able to make this determination based solely on their arrival times. In a race, of

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Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

Cruise Out to Sausalito Memorial Day Weekend: May 26-28

Hosts: Shannon Amerman and Tod Klingler



Take a moment to make your reservations below now for one of the most popular cruise outs of the year - the Sausalito Cruise Out and Spa Day at Cavallo Point, which coincides this year with the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge.

We're planning to spend the holiday weekend at Schoonmaker Marina again this year, offering prime water front access to downtown Sausalito. For the last three years we've had over 500 feet of boat in attendance, consuming the entire guest dock space at Schoonmaker and then some! Be sure to get your name on the sign up list soon as we'll accommodate slip space in order of sign up. (We've had boats on wait list in prior years, so get your request in early.) Black-toppers and powerboat cruisers are encouraged; start those engines!

Once again this year the Caledonia Spring Street Faire coincides with our visit. More ambitious hikers might want to "walk the Bridge" to celebrate. We'll be planning one group meal at a local restaurant or maybe on the beach!

Back by popular demand, we will spend Sunday at *Cavallo Point Spa*, one of the most relaxing aspects and a true highlight of the trip (and let's not forget the ever popular after spa party around the fire pit at Murray Circle).

And finally, in honor of the Golden Gate Bridge 75th anniversary, we will have bridge themed events, prizes and cocktails to properly celebrate one of the most complicated engineering accomplishments of the time.

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An ABC Primer



Kate Humphreys

The Alcoholic Beverage Control agency, or ABC, is responsible for keeping Californians safe by administering and policing liquor sales. I attended an ABC seminar for licensees in March and would like to share the highlights for behind the bar service with you.

The ABC's number one concern right now is sales to underage persons. If you are behind the bar and serving others, **please check ID's!**

Valid forms of IDs are U.S. driver's licenses, passports and U.S. military IDs. Student ID's are not a valid form of ID. Make sure the ID is in good condition. Frayed edges or other damage are strong indications that the ID is a fake.

Look for CA Driver's licenses with both a red and blue stripe. Blue indicates that the ID was issued to someone who was not yet 18 and red means that they are not yet 21. If you see both, PLEASE, take a **very good** look at the ID and make sure the person is indeed 21 years of age before you serve them. If you are caught serving a minor, you personally will receive a very expensive ticket.

Another reminder as the weather and sailing heat up, if you are changing out beer or wine kegs, make sure you put the new keg with the same tap. The tap must be labeled with the name of the beverage being poured.

If you intentionally switch out a beer or wine, we need to label the tap with the name of the new beverage. Put a cup over the tap with the correct name.

For anyone who would like to know more about ABC rules and procedures, you can look them up at <http://www.abc.ca.gov>.

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Rick Gilmore, the GO TO Guy

Ahoy Sequoia!

Remember to send me any and all of your GoTo stories! I would be happy to highlight all of your celebrations, announcements and achievements in the monthly Scope GoTo report and at the monthly General Meeting.



Delloyd George Ulander, D.D.S. – age 96, of Sun Lakes, AZ, passed away on March 7, 2012. The Ulander family lived in Palo Alto, CA where he practiced dentistry for 35 years.

He was active and served as an officer in several Palo Alto organizations and was a **life member of the Sequoia Yacht**

Club. Sailboat racing was the hobby he loved most. He collected several trophies, including three national championship races with his 37 foot sailboat. Dr. Ulander is survived by his wife, Shirley; two daughters, Sheri Breeding and Marilyn Waldron; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Robin Weber and Kathryn Maxwell report that they lived on their Catalina 470 Agave Azul in Ensenada for 2 weeks this month while studying Spanish. While in Sunny Mexico they celebrated Robin's Birthday in fine sailor tradition - beautiful sail (including many dolphins) in the AM, followed by lots of amazing food & drink.

Our friend and Past Commodore David Bliven took a nasty fall at home on February 15th. He is now resting comfortably at home after surgery to repair a badly broken ankle. Dave reports that he has 12 weeks of rehabilitation ahead of him before he is back on his feet. Commodore Bliven welcomes your phone calls and visits to help "while a way the hours" during his convalescence. He can be reached on his cell phone at 408.996.2473 or by email at davebliven@gmail.com.

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Schoonmaker Marina: <http://www.schoonmakermarina.com/>

Cavallo Point Spa: <http://www.cavallopoint.com/relax.html>

Caledonia Spring Faire: <http://www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/Index.aspx?page=921>

Golden Gate Bridge Festival: <http://goldengatebridge75.org/celebrate/golden-gate-festival.html>

To sign up on line, go to: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dEdZelMwaDhRNWZN TDB1dHVPdi1QZXc6MA>

*Cruise-out Director – Shannon Amerman
Spa-tacular Director – Tod Klingler*

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course, this is the arrival at the finish line.

ToT scoring determines this performance relationship by defining a ratio between any one boat and a boat defined to be the standard (scale factor = 1.0). Just like Time on Distance scoring, this all depends on having some measure of performance between different boats. The PHRF ratings are at the heart of this comparison and next month we will get into the details of how the PHRF value is used.

Our racing program really picks up in April. Beer Can racing returns, with a kick-off dinner scheduled for April 11 and Beer Can #1 scheduled for Wednesday, April 18. Our Summer Series also starts on Saturday April 7 with race #1 and Single-handed #2 will be held on Saturday April 21.

On behalf of all the race fleet captains, we invite you to come out and participate in our racing program. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. See you at the start line.

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Redwood Cup photos from Tim Petersen



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Races:



Saturday, April 7

Wednesday, April 18

Saturday, April 21

Summer #1

First Beer Can of 2012

Singlehanded #2

For more up-to-the-minute details, check www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar.

Sequoia Speaker Series

Friday, April 27

18:00-21:00

Come for a Drop in Dinner and let Capt. Nancy Erley inspire and educate you about *“Couples Captaincy.”*



Nancy Erley led two voyages from Seattle around the world aboard her Orca 38 sailboat, Tethys. In 2006 she was presented with the Leadership in Women's Sailing Award sponsored by BoatUS and the National Women's Sailing Association. Nancy holds her USCG 50-ton Master of Oceans and 100-ton Master Near Coastal licenses, is an Instructor Evaluator-Ocean for the International Sail and Power Association, a ham radio operator and an advanced scuba diver.



Barb's soon to be 90 years young!
Dick and Barb Trainer invite Sequoia friends and family to celebrate at SYC

Sunday, April 8

from 11:00 until whenever it seems right to go home.

Cocktails, snacks and cake.

Sign-up at the club or
contact Dick at dicktrainr@aol.com.

SOUTH BAY OPENING DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 19

“Rocking ‘n’ Rolling on the South Bay”

We'll need a super supply of volunteers.
Serving breakfast and lunch, plus open bar all day.



Contact **Winston Bumpus** for details
and to sign-up.

2012 Beer Can Season Kick Off Dinner and Meeting

Wednesday, April 11

18:00 - 20:00

Hosted by John Graves,
2012 Beer Can Captain.

Come down to size up the competition for the coming season, review the latest updates to the racing rules and handicaps, and discuss safety issues.

We'll eat real food and drink real beer like real racers!

