

SEQUOIA SCOPE

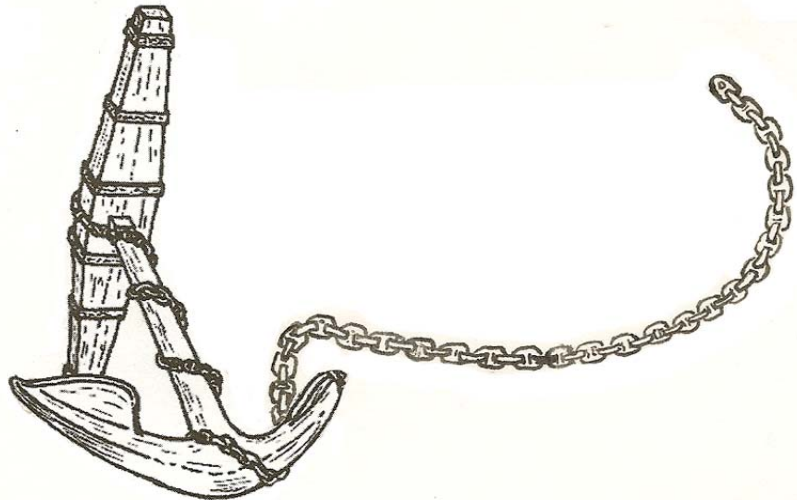
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Commodore's Report



A big thanks to Steven Higgs, Sherry Warburton and their crew for another great Past Commodores Dinner. We all enjoyed the food and tall tales from the speakers.

After countless wonderful years under Isabelle Copeland, the *Scope* will transition in September to a new team lead by Deb Blackmore, with help from Oya Curtis. Sheila Jones will continue to provide the great pictures. Thanks to everyone for a great newsletter!

For the Club calendar, remember there are no General or Board meetings in August. Also, we've rearranged the Drop-In Dinners some in August to have a dinner the evening before many of us leave for the big fun in the Delta, but no dinner on August 22. Wednesday lunches have also been rescheduled a bit in August and September, so check the Calendar in the *Scope* or at the Club website.

Steve Holmstrom will head the nominating committee this year. Expect him to ask you to volunteer either for the committee or an elected position.

John Graves
Commodore

couple of incidences where our doors have been left unlocked. Thank you for taking the extra precaution!
See you at the Club

Petra Gilmore
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report



Summertime is fun time on the waters of the Bay! Our Summer #4 race on 6/14 saw *Primordial Sloop*, *Yellow Brick Road* and *Smokin' J* finish 1-2-3 in the spinnaker division. In non-spinnakers, *Linda Carol* and *Sweet Pea* finished first and second. The Summer #4 top three standings with just 2 races to go are *Primordial Sloop*, *Yellow Brick Road* and *Made Easy* in spinnakers, and *Linda Carol*, *Iowa* and *Mirth* in non-spinnakers.

Alas, our brave team representing us on June 28 in the Los Gatos/Ames Challenge Regatta fell into 3rd place with Los Gatos taking first and Ames Sailing Club taking second. Despite the standings, John Draeger put together a great team for us and we always have next year!

As of this writing, the cruise-outs to San Leandro Yacht Club (Tin Cup) and South Beach will have already happened. The Tin Cup is sponsored by Judy Bear, Pat Richardson, and Dan and Linda Doud. Thanks to all our Cruise Captains for their hard work in making cruising at Sequoia Yacht Club such a wonderful experience.

The Delta cruise-out is coming. Join us for summer fun from August 3-7 at Devil's Isle. If you can't come for the entire cruise, black-top it for the party on August 4. The theme is *Huck Finn on the Delta* with all things Mark Twain. We'll have KC-style BBQ ribs and chicken and lots of fixin's. Larry Mayne has volunteered to make his legendary Huck (and his brother Mickey) Finn adult beverages. Rick and Petra Gilmore and Luanne Graves will judge the fishing contest and we expect lots of sports that include massive amounts of splashing. You don't have to own a boat to enjoy this one. So come join the Delta Rats for a great summer experience. Petra has arranged for the return trip to include stops at Benicia Marina and Antioch Marina for those who want to split up their trip and visit some nice venues. Contact Petra before all the slips are taken.

Don't miss the Moonlight Marathon on August 23-24. And the Blue Water cruise-out over the Labor Day weekend (August 30-September 1) to Half Moon Bay, hosted by David Oates. If you don't have a boat, buddy



Vice Commodore's Report



A huge THANK YOU goes out to Jeanne and Byron Jacobs for making this year's Fourth of July party a fabulous success! They served over 135 dinners and lost count on the amount of Mai-Tais, Piña Colodas and Margaritas.

The Island Time Party is still to come as I write my article; this has been the most popular of all our shindigs in recent years. I know we will be singing Deb Blackmore's and Ann McDonough's praises for their Greek Isles party!

Warm weather, sunny days, yummy food, good friends, fun times....are you ready? You are in luck as our annual Delta trip is August 3-7. Our own Rear Commodore, Byron Jacobs is in charge. Please let him know if you plan to go.

Only one Wednesday lunch is scheduled for August, so mark your calendars for August 20! You will be happy you did!

A reminder to all members.

If you are the last person to leave the Club, remember to check all of the doors. There have been a

August	OD LIST 2008 September	October
OD Chair: Mike Harris	OD Chair: Peter Blackmore	OD Chair: John Graves
08/02 Robin Weber	09/06 Terry Burley	10/04 Carrot Lewis
08/03 David Wittenkamp	09/07 Bruce Cleveland	10/05 Morgan Lucid
08/09 Bernard Accristo	09/13 Joseph Curtis	10/11 Kevin Murray
08/10 Eric Anderson	09/14 Carol Farnsworth	10/12 Hal Nissley
08/16 ?	09/20 Robert Foehn	10i/18 Ken Olcott
08/17 Roberta Barnes	09/21 Vince Francis	10/19 Michael Kneller
08/23 James Bartlett	09/27 Fred Ganjei	10/25 Rich Pence
08/24 Arndt Bergh	09/28 Mike Garl	10/26 Stan Phillips
08/30 Noel Bird		
08/31 Peter Blackmore		

OD's —don't forget to sign the duty roster in the OD Book.

up with a member who does. This should be an exciting cruise.

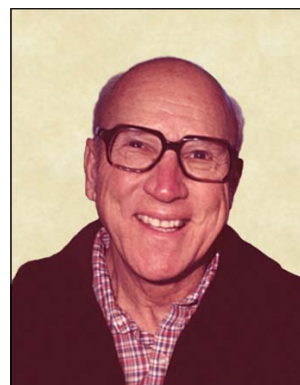
Rick Gilmore, our Beer Can Fleet Captain, has been doing an outstanding job of promoting and running this year's Beer Can races. Remember that anyone—not just members—who wants to get out on a Wednesday evening and enjoy low-pressure racing can join us a crew on one of the many participating boats. If you don't own a boat and want to learn to sail or just practice your sailing skills, this is a terrific opportunity for fun, camaraderie, beer and burgers. Racing starts at 6 pm so be at the Club house by 5 pm to get a spot on one of the crews.

See you on the water!

Byron Jacobs
Rear Commodore
Byron@MontTech.com
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IN MEMORIAM

Herbert Heckler, Member #554



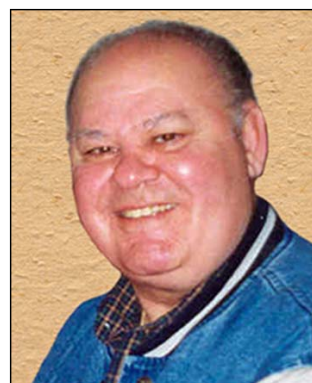
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Sherman Duck, Member # 758



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Louis Pace, Member #795



Reports

Nomination Committee

The Sequoia Yacht Club Nomination Committee is in the process of putting forth a slate for Officers and Directors for 2008/2009. The Bylaws state that we must present the slate to the membership 25 days before the September meeting. Additional nominations may be made at that meeting with a vote to be held at the October meeting. The new officers will be installed at the November Installation and Awards meeting/ dinner.

We need nominations for: Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain and three Directors.

If you are interested in serving the Club as an officer/director or have a suggestion, please contact me by E-mail: Steve@Toothvet.info or cell phone: 650 400-8584. Thanks.

**Steve Holmstrom, Chair
Nomination Committee**

Reports

Membership First Reading



Sherry Smith had her First Reading for Senior Membership at the July General Meeting. Sherry is a business owner, lives in Woodside and has been sailing in the Beer Can Races. She is looking to acquire a 40 ft. plus sailboat at this time.

Honorary Membership has been approved by the Board of Directors and General Membership for Dawn Riley. Dawn has extensive racing experience and has recently been racing in Beer Cans and some of our Club series.

**Jerry Jones
Membership Chairperson**

Power Fleet Report



The Stern Paddle Wheel Steam Boat is now in New York and doing another sea trial, and of course they will trouble shoot the systems. They start the art show August 15 and be in New York for two months. We hope to have them here for South Bay Opening Day next year. Thanks to our Sequoia members for your support of this project.

**Sheila Jones
SYCsheila@gmail.com
Power Fleet Captain**

Port Captain No Report



**Joseph R. Curtis
Port Captain**

The Nauti Girls



Dear Nauti Girls,

I read somewhere that it is unlucky for a woman to be on a boat. My wife says it's nonsense, but I don't want to tempt fate. Should I take any special precautions to ward off evil spirits onboard?

Captain Cautious

Dear Cautious,

Few undertakings in life carry a greater burden of superstitions than boating. Many of these myths and traditions originated with ancient fishing communities and they linger today. Some that are particularly odd are:

- It's unlucky to start a cruise on a Friday (Christian).
- Avoid people with unlucky red hair on ships.
- Disaster will follow if you step aboard with your left foot.
- Looking back at the port after departing brings bad luck.
- Cutting hair or fingernails at sea brings bad luck.

And, yes, women on board a ship make the sea angry. However, a naked woman on board will calm the sea—hence the naked figureheads.

How does your wife feel about hanging from the bowsprit in the altogether?

Yet another superstition suggests that pouring wine on the deck will bring good luck on long voyages. We do this all the time and it seems to work.

Superstitiously yours, NG

Sequoia Reads

We're still working on *Taking the Helm* by Dawn Riley. This account of the Whitbread Around the World race is a speedy summer read. Look for it in your library or bookstore under ISBN 0-316-74550-2. We hope to get Dawn to join us in September for a book group discussion.

The Nauti Girls

A Look at the Past



I get my information from past Club newsletters. There are times I don't get the information correct. I reported the members donated \$1,500 for furniture. Well, Zona Caesar sent me an e-mail with the correct information. These are some of her corrections:

The \$1,500 was given to the Club for furniture by the Ladies Auxiliary. The fashion show that I mentioned was put on at Margaret Bernard's home around her swimming pool in Belmont. Zona was the Treasurer at the time. Marian Kolhman and she were in charge of getting donations for the raffle. One of the prizes was a case of fish from Fisherman's Wharf. There were many prizes. The show was put together in a month. It was the Fashion Show and a Valentine's Party that made the money to buy the furniture.

The contractor for the Club was John Pellerin and the kitchen was done by Art Nelson and Frank Parcell (all members). Art did the electrical and plumbing in the kitchen. The dishes and silverware were also paid for by the Auxiliary, when Zona was president in 1965. Al and Zona put on pancake breakfasts to get the money to buy them. They borrowed dishes and silverware from a Club that Commodore Dick Thompson's mom belonged to in Redwood City, they would use those, wash and return until the Club could afford their own.



Frank did the and the

Thank you, Zona. To Al and all our older members, Please feel free to pass onto me any information that you have about our Club's Past. I received a packet of information about Charlotte Skladal, Member # 72 that I will read and pass onto you. She was an interesting and vivacious lady. I'm often amazed at the accomplishments and endeavors of many of our members, both past and present.

Peter Nardini
Historian & Past Commodore

Social



Wow, what a fantastic day and evening at the Sequoia Yacht Club for July 4th. A special thanks to the following individuals for all their help. It's the wonderful volunteers at our club that make Sequoia Yacht Club the special Club that it is today.

Decorations/Set up: Bill Stark, Byron Jacobs, Jim and Carol Peterson and Luanne, Monica, Paula and Daniel Graves

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The regular "Lunch Bunch" is going on a well-deserved vacation in September. Are there any volunteers who would be willing to step up and host these two lunches? Please contact Petra if you are willing to help out! Thank you!

Petra
650-796-5591

Food Preparation: Carolyn Peterson, Kathy Harris, Marisa, Byron Jacobs and Kate and Dan Humphries
Grilling: George Carr, Byron Jacobs, Jim Peterson and Alex Huang
Clean-up/Breakdown Tables, Chairs: Sheila Jones, David Payne, and Dennis, Gracie and Katie Lowe
Greeters: Ron Brown, Sheri Smith.
Thanks to all of you that helped bartend during the day and evening.

Upcoming Events

Please sign up at the Club for all Events

August 3-7 Cruise-out to Delta

August 4-Delta Party

Saturday, September 13

Western BBQ-Hosted by Larry & Robin Mayne

Save the date-more details to follow.



Jeanne Jacobs
Social Chairperson
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jeanne@monttech.com

Good of the ORDER



Sequoia Yacht Club will be well represented in this year's Pacific Cup. Three boats will be competing with Club members on board. Our own "Capt. Ron", Ron Brown, will be crewing on the J120 *JWorld*, while the Tayana 47 *Oceanaire* will have on board Charlie Watt, Dan Doud's son, Darren Doud, and past member Phil MacFarlane. Sequoia's own, Ken Olcott, will skipper his Schumacher 39 *Recidivist* back to the Hawaiian Islands. Good luck and fair winds to all.

Reports

Dave Bliven called to let us know he had just finished sailing from Rose Harbor to Pt. Harvey with his crew. The trip was 165 miles and Dave reports he had the sails up for 16 hours straight.

Ted Hannig was featured in the monthly magazine "The Spectrum" as being one of Redwood City's "People with Pull" who help bring the community together. Honorary Sequoia Yacht Club member, Ralph Nobles, was also featured in the article.

Greg Jones, Jerry and Shelia's son, is involved in a group of artists and mechanics building a steam-powered paddle wheel boat which will be launched in August on the east coast. An artist named *Swoon* has asked for this boat to be put together to float her artwork down the Hudson River from Troy to Queens. The story of the group's accomplishment was covered by the local NBC station in July. ▼



After her de-masting, *Bad Puddy Cat* has been totaled out by the insurance company. So...Eba eba eba, That's all Folks! (Sorry Charlie).

Eight Bells

Sherman Duck, member #758 and member of the Board of Directors, passed away July 10 after a brief illness. Sherman is survived by his wife, Pam.

Herb Heckler, Sequoia member number 554, passed away recently after a long illness. Herb's Islander 33 *Aeolus* will remain in the Club with his daughter Faith and son-in-law Steve, who recently joined. A memorial service was held at Sequoia Yacht Club on Friday, July 11.

Longtime Sequoia Yacht Club member Louis Pace passed away June 21 after a long illness. On their Catalina 34 *Denal*, Louis and Joan would participate in cruise-outs and could be seen on the water with their family members.

Our condolences go out to their families and friends.

Luannegraves@gmail.com

A Personal Note: I have enjoyed (mostly) being the Editor of the Sequoia Scope. It has certainly been interesting and informative. Thank you, Sequoia members, for all your contributions and support. And especially thank you Sheila Jones for all your long hours and hard work. It has been a special collaboration in many ways.



Deb Blackmore and Oya Curtis come aboard with fine skills and great ideas. I know we all will help her and wish her great success with our Club's newsletter.

Isabelle Copeland

Sea Scout Ship *Gryphon* with the help of Sequoia Yacht Club sent Will Larson and Robbie Butler to Annapolis to compete in the International Sea Scout Cup and they finished 8th overall. With 39 teams competing and those East Coast light winds they did a great job. They were the only team from Northern California. There were eight countries represented.



Mike Marzano
Sea Scout ship Gryphon



Welcome Back
Ed Copeland,
looking good!



Past Commodores Dinner



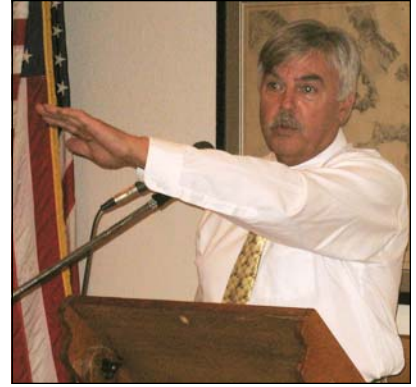
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06:: Mike Harris



2000 & 04: Larry Mayne



03: Bill Stark



98: Doris representing Dave Bliven



97: Peter Nardini



94: Joanne Wright



92: David Oates



With Byron Jacobs 80: Harry Love & 79: Bill Resinger



77: Carl Ondry

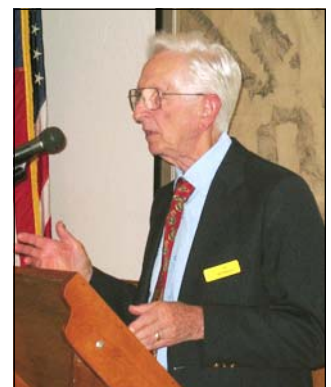


64: Dick Thompson



60: Fleming Blucher & Melita

1984:
Cal Rothenberg
Past Commodore
from Palo Alto
Yacht Club



August 2008

OD Chair: Mike Harris

Sequoia Yacht Club

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