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This Month At A Glance

8/2-8/8	Delta Cruise
8/3	Delta Party
8/19	Wednesday Lunch
8/29-8/30	South Beach "Giants Game" Cruise
9/5	Labor Day Weekend - Drake's Bay Cruise

Officer of the Day (OD) Roster

OD Chair: Joseph Curtis

8/1	???
8/2	Olivier Lauzeral
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Cover photo by Gilmores on the
Mega Cruise. This is Sandy
Island off of Anguilla, a great
little place for lunch.

Commodore's Report:



Petra Gilmore

What happens at SYC every year in August? We go on vacation!

Yes, it is Delta Time and the Delta party is planned for Monday, August 3rd. Come by boat, dinghy or car because this is a party you do not want to miss. Since we are on vacation, there are NO BOARD or GENERAL MEETINGS in August. See you all in September!



The Nominating Committee has posted their recommendations for the open board positions. We will have the nominating meeting on September 11th and electing our officers at the General Meeting on October 9th. Please join me in thanking the Nominating Committee: Sherry Warburton, Sheila Jones, LuAnne Graves, Peter Blackmore and Chairperson, Ann McDonough.

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Sequoia YC is blessed to have so many active members. Members that plan, cook, joke, sail, work, laugh, repair, lead, support, and love. Thank you for making the Club our boating home.

Vice Commodore's Report:



Byron Jacobs

July 4th was a spectacular holiday, thanks to the Port for their beautiful fireworks and all our volunteers who helped make the club dinner a resounding success. We served over 130 dinners! A big thank you to all the volunteers who pitched in and helped make it so much fun and a whole lot easier on Jeanne and me. The rest of June and July are relatively quiet in comparison, largely due to so many of our members going on the Mega Cruise to the Caribbean.

By the time you read this we will have had our Island Time party hosted by Steve and Laurie Holmstrom. They put up the flags in the Oates Hall right after the 4th of July! I understand they actually visited all the places represented by the flags. Steve and Laurie lined up a steel drum player and put together a stunning menu. Thank you to all the volunteers who help them throw this party.

Our Wednesday lunch crew finally became a bit burned out after so many wonderful lunches. They have cancelled the Wednesday lunches until August 19th in order to rest and recuperate. Be sure to come back to the club then and enjoy what must be the least expensive and greatest tasting lunches on the Peninsula.

Remember that we won't be having any kind of dinner or social event the weekend of August 7-9 due to our Annual Delta Cruise-out, nor on the weekend of September 4-7 (Labor Day weekend and Blue Water Cruise-out). We will be having drop-in-dinners on August 14, 21 and 28. The dinners on the 14th and 21st will be grill-your-own with steaks, par-cooked chicken, hamburgers, turkey burgers, veggie burgers, salmon burgers, green salad (no big salad bar) and ice cream and cookies. We need to give Lina a little rest too! But, then on August 28th we will have a special Mega Cruise Show drop-in-dinner with Caribbean treats, slide shows of the Mega Cruise and what I'm sure will be tall tales to rival those of pirates of yore.

So be there or be talked about!

Rear Commodore's Report:



Joseph Curtis

By the time you read this, the annual Delta Cruise-out will be upon us. The theme this year is "Pirate Rendezvous." Most of those going to Devil's Isle by boat will be leaving Saturday, August 1st, anchoring out the first night, and then proceeding to the Pirate Liar on Sunday, August 2nd.

The Delta Party will be Monday night, August 3rd. Even if you can't make it by boat, make plans to blacktop up for the Party. No matter if you choose water or highway, make sure you sign-up at the club ASAP so we know how many are coming.

Also, mark your calendars for the Labor Day Weekend cruise-out to Drake's Bay! Blue-water sailor Ken Olcott will be the cruise captain for this event, which is scheduled for September 5 through 7. Stay tuned for more details.

In addition to all of the great cruising on the horizon, don't forget all of the racing events in August! Beer Cans every Wednesday, Singlehanded #3 on August 1st, and Summer #5 on August 15th.

For Nauti Girls & Buoys

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Before I could protest further, Patti, Linda, Petra and I were on D Dock supervising a dive into the deep at sunset. We fumbled around to find a weighted plumb line and eventually carried the anchor to drop over the stern. We collectively held our breaths as Wex suited up and plunged into the (not too) cold underwater gloom. We had just about decided to pull the plug on the whole sorry situation when Wex emerged blowing spray in all directions and holding the captured Maui Jims. We let out a whoop that surely woke the dead.

I gave him a big hug and paid for his dinner; not exactly big time. But now, as I step out into the sun in the Safeway parking lot and put on my Maui Jims, I remember the best beer can race of my limited career and the kind offer of my fellow sailors to make the evening turn out just right.

Membership



Jerry Jones

Please keep your membership information up-to-date by email to sycdirectory@gmail.com and copy to "SYC office" <office@sequoiayc.org> or snail mail to SYC Scope, P.O. Box 5548, Redwood City, CA 94063-0548. The new 2009 Membership Directory is available at the club.

Pending new member applications are posted on the bulletin board in the dining room hallway for your review. Membership applications for Senior and Junior members are also available in the hallway.

Power Fleet Report **Power-Out to Westpoint Marina**

The power Fleet invites you for a Pot Luck cruise out to Westpoint Marina on Saturday, September 12 starting at 13:00. This is your chance to get your boats out of the slip and exercise them.



We will be at the long and wide Public Dock with tables and BBQ's. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share and something to BBQ if you wish. The tides are in our favor, Low Tide at 1:09 is +3.5.

Cruise notes, directions and any last minute information will be posted on the cruise out bulletin board at the club.

Sheila Jones, Power Fleet Captain

Social Events



Kathy Harris

The Delta Party Monday Night August 3, 2009

As much as we'd like to have every club member take the time off work to cruise with us to the Delta for a week, we know that it's just not possible. But what is possible is to take a half day off work and join us by "black topping it."



This year our celebration is a pirate rendezvous. There will be a feast put on by the cruisers and lots of sunshine and water fun for all ages. So sign up at the club to make planning easier and mark your calendar to join us.

Swap Meet and Flea Market Saturday, 9/26/09

Our official start is at 08:00. Booths are free.

Everyone is invited to bring down what they want to sell. Invite your friends and members of other yacht clubs to participate. If you are looking for that treasure that can't be found, it just may be there.

Larry and Steve will be doing the breakfast and I'll bet could use some help. Come and join us.

Good of the Order



LuAnne Graves

Peter and Nancy Nardini are taking a trip to Italy this summer and will be visiting the same house in Italy that the Nardini family has stayed in for the last 300 years. I just hope the plumbing has been upgraded. Our resident historian should come back with a full history of his family.



Don and Helen Ritchey, who suffered a fire in their home at the beginning of the year, have their roof partially completed. They still hope to move back in by early August.

Joan Stingley spent 6 days in the hospital in June, but is back home and recovering nicely.

Kate, Dan and Chris Humphreys all exercised their health insurance cards while on the mega-cruise in the Caribbean. Kate sprained her ankle, Chris broke his toe, and Dan was hospitalized with bronchitis.

Nick Weber, who has been recovering at home with a broken leg, went back to work July 4th. Not to be out done, his wife Robin broke 3 bones in her foot on the mega-cruise.

Ron Feldman and Anita Giani will be visiting the club this summer and joining Lee Ritchey and Kella Knack at the Delta on *SeaWoof*.

A grand lady of Sequoia Yacht Club celebrated a milestone on July 18th, 2009. The sailboat which was built by hand by the late Bill Oates (Commodore Emeritus), *Nymph* let her keel touch water for the first time 40 years ago on that date. Though Bill is no longer with us, his *Nymph* continues to be a part of the club with her latest owner, Terry Burley. Here's to many more years of seeing her grace the waters.

Racing Fleet



Jim Peterson
Sailboat Fleet Captain

Our Annual Moonlight Marathon Race was held on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Who would have believed that the race started with rain and hail? The race started at 5pm out at Buoys #3 and #4. The race then takes Blossom Rock Buoy (off of Pier 39) to port and finishes at Buoys #3 and #4. At 39 nm, this sounds like a simple race, but having a lot of wind and no wind gives this race to the skipper that has the best “wind” crystal ball for the bay. This year, people were reefed at the start, but the first to arrive at Blossom Rock, found no wind and the current taking them to Angel Island! The later arrivals saw the tide change, at least giving them a push in the right direction. Likewise with the sub-tropical storm, most found this race to have windward legs in both directions.

There were five boats that had the courage to enter this night-owls race. In the Spinnaker Division, first place honors (by 7 seconds in a 7 hour race) goes to John Graves, *Metridium*. Second place goes to Chris Lewis, *Carmelita* from South Beach. In our multi-hull division, Darren Doud, *Roshambo*, takes first place honors finishing at 22:10. Please go to the Moonlight Marathon page on our website to see a great video of *Roshambo* racing towards the SF Bay Bridge.

Summer Series #3 offered another beautiful day in the south bay with high clouds clearing to blue skies. Our third race was held on Saturday, June 6th. We had winds of 15 to +20 kts, so we picked a longer course of 10.67 nm (S/f- Bp- 12p- Yp- Sp- 12p- s/F). A total of 7 yachts started, 5 in the Spinnaker Division and 2 in the Non-spinnaker Division.

In the Spinnaker Division, Henry Kleinberg's *Primordial Sloop* took first place honors. Rich Butts' *Melilani* took second place with John Ryan's *Pizote* coming in third. In the Non-spinnaker Division, Rick Dalton, *Iowa* took first place honors and Tim Petersen, *Sweet Pea*, came in second.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming races-

- Summer Series #4, Sat. Jul-25
- Single-handed Series #3, Sat. Aug-1
- Summer Series #5, Sat., Aug-15

A Look to the Past



Peter Nardini,
*Club Historian &
Past Commodore*

First, I want to thank Deb Blackmore for the very nice article that she wrote for the June Scope's "A Look at the Past." I was feeling under the weather, so she put words in my mouth and got away with it.

The Past Commodore's Dinner and 70th Anniversary Celebration was a success. Eighteen Past Commodores were in attendance. That's 54% of the Past Commodores that are still living. Our oldest living Past Commodore is Fred Smales ('44), who is living in Hawaii, was unable to attend. The one that traveled the farthest was Felix Conte ('84) from Massachusetts.

A tradition has developed for these dinners. The commodores are asked to recall some of the events that occurred during their term in office. When he was with us, Al Davies, would get up and he would talk "on & on & on." His wife, Virginia, seated next to him, would be urging him to sit down. To put it mildly, he was rather "Long winded." We had a trophy that annually was awarded to the top "Thistle" skipper. It had been donated by Al, and was dormant. It was resurrected and dedicated to Al Davies. Now, it is awarded to the past commodore who presents the best "long winded" tale of his/her watch. This year it was awarded to Lee W. Ritchey ('88).

There may be a second tradition developing. Back in 1980, the Club had a Luau, with the pig roasted in a pit and Mai Tai were the drink of the day. What wasn't suspected is that 120 proof (?) rum was delivered to the Club and Rob Lacomble's recipe called for 60 proof (?) rum. No one was aware of it and you can guess at the results. Two members succumbed to the intoxication and had an altercation, whereby one member turn his plate of food over on top of the head of the other. Commodore Love had to quell the action. Now, reluctantly, he, somehow, has to mention the "infamous" food fight of 1980.

Next year, try to attend. It is an interesting evening. That's it for now.

For Nauti Girls & Buoys



Deb Blackmore

His name was Wex, who could forget that. Never knew his last name. And as we sat near the fireplace chatting after the beer can race, he seemed charming in a dare-devilish sort of way, but then again don't they all? He asked me why I was looking so downcast after such a great thrill ride. I told him that I had lost my favorite Maui Jim's as I reached to lift up the outboard motor. It was then that the second challenge of the evening began.

But I get ahead of myself. I should start with the race itself; a short sharp run around "Y" in brilliant sunshine and big waves. Patti Walters was skippering *Makin' Time* (Spinnaker's Cal 24) with Linda Treveten and myself as crew. Our maneuvers in the turning basin were tight and true and we made an on time start at 05:46:20. We went out high in the channel as the hand held GPS showed more than six knots. The moment that we rounded "3" and looked over our shoulders to see all of the rest far behind us was pure magic.

We headed across the big green swells towards "Y." Patti and I to held fast to the tiller while elfin Linda scampered on the foredeck trimming. We pitched and rolled our way around the mark and headed back on a starboard tack facing the full beer can fleet thrashing towards us. We held our lead back to "3" and it wasn't until we were fully into the channel again that the Merits started to sneak by us. We finished up a respectable fourth and headed back to the marina in high spirits.

Our arrival back at the dock was a smooth as silk and all that was left was to hoist the motor, rinse the boat and get over to the SYC lounge for celebratory drinks. It was then that my ill-fated sunglasses fell into the briny deep just off D dock. I was immediately awash with rationalizations. "I've had them four years already." "I could stand to get the prescription changed." "There were some scratches." It was all an attempt to soothe myself, but Wex was having none of that crap. It was a problem that called for a quick solution. Just then Commodore Petra joined the conversation and congratulated us on our strong finish. When she heard the story about my Maui Jims, she leapt into action to fetch husband Rick's diving gear. *Continued p. 4, col. 1*

Cruising Fleet



Terry Burley Cruising Fleet Captain

From what I am hearing there are a lot of folks that have been making good use of the opportunities to cruise this year! Fantastic!

The Mega Cruisers have come back. That in itself is good news. There were more than the usual number of mishaps causing injuries. Lucky that we're such a hardy bunch,

This month **July 18-19** was our annual cruise to **San Leandro** for the **Tin Cup**. Yes, the passage to that far reach of our Bay is challenging, but those who made it by sea were warmly welcomed by the folks at our host club. For those who wanted to Blacktop it, there was a great round of golf organized by Captain Dan Doud. And all found a great meal and great fellowship, including a toast to my own boat, *Nymph*, who celebrated---to the day, in 1969-- her 40th birthday on that auspicious day.

Get ready for the **Delta Cruise**, which is coming up in mere weeks! August 2-8 we have a reservation at Devil's Isle. This year's theme is "Pirates' Rendezvous" so be sure to sign up early so we can get our numbers right. My guess is we will have one of the biggest and most fun Devil's Island cruises in recent years. Joseph Curtis is Cruise Captain and he is backed up by the gang. Don't miss this one! There will be a scavenger hunt led by Tom and Jane Olcott, a party on Monday evening, dinghy water battles, fishing derby and much much more.

Also in **August (8/29-30)**, we have a weekend cruise up to **South Beach for a Giants Game**. They're not playing so bad this season, so I bet it'll be a great outing for SYC.

And looking ahead to September, we have a three day **Labor Day Weekend (9/5-7)** blue water cruise to **Drake's Bay**. Join in for some beautiful scenery and super fresh seafood.

You'll find sign-up sheets for this activities at the club. This has been a great year, cruisers! Keep it up!!!!

Photos by David Bliven & Sheila Jones

David Bliven, after having Easy Going in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska for the last six years is heading home. On the trip south he is now on a 700 mile river trip exploring the Columbia and Snake Rivers to Lewiston, Idaho. He has transited 3 of the 8 locks to reach Lewiston. The Columbia River Gorge is the highlight of the trip. The weather is hot compared to his time in Alaska. In August he will head down river to Astoria, Oregon, turn left and head for San Francisco Bay. He is looking for August Crew for the trip home. Call Sheila for phone numbers.



Coastline of the Columbia Gorge



John Day Lock at mile 215 up river



Sequoia Youth Sailors are having a great summer after a winning winter season. This weekend the team headed up to the High Sierra Regatta. There were 168 boats of all types racing. Sequoia sailors came home with 3 trophies.

In the FJ division Avery Plough and Chloe Lepert decided they could win the Division even if they didn't have a spinnaker, which they did against international FJs and spinnaker FJs. Then they decided they could catch up with and beat the fleet of 38 or so Lidos that had started 5 minutes before them. They did not beat all of them but at least half the fleet saw their transom. They came home with first place. Kendra Wiley and Rachel Day finished their first long course regatta mid Fleet but were able to place higher at the end. Thunder and brand new sailor Tiffany Bird after bringing the wrong sails still gave it some great competition actually placing 4, beating Rachel and Kendra in one race.

Lawrence Jau in his second year, sailed his Laser into Second place against about 15-20 other radials. Keely Haverstock had one off race and still manage a great 5th place trophy, with new Laser sailor Mike Hooten placing about 7 or 8 and Jacqueline Day placing 6th. Brian Malouf sailing in the Musto skiff Class had a break down on Sat. and had to drop out but Sunday was a different story after rounding the windward mark in first, Brian just opened his lead to perhaps a mile. No scores yet on Tim Malouf and Matt Van Rensselaer sailing the 29er but they were flying when we could see them. Oh did I mention the courses were sometimes 10 miles or more long.

We came back to camp built a fire and found out someone forgot to pack the dinner meat (who could that be?) we ran to the store and everyone jumped in and helped with dinner. After dinner we sat around the campfire and swapped sailing stories. Meanwhile we are awaiting scores from Lake Garda, Italy where Mike Deady and Michael Rivlin are racing at the 29er Worlds going on right now. Our Opti fleet took the boats and went to Marina Del Rey for the team Qualifiers. Logan Lee, Marcus and Kyle Larsen qualified and we can't wait to see them. Green fleet sailors Nick Souter had some great races and finished in 3rd place, I think scores are still pending and a big plus he and Logan picked up brand new boats. That's it guys. Thank you to Sequoia Yacht Club for your support of many of our youth sailors with scholarships.

SAIL FUN SAIL FAST!!! Eric Anderson

Club Calendar

SYC Calendar		OD Chair: Joseph Curtis					Aug 2009	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
26 OD: Sam Kirkes	27	28 6pm - Card Night	29 6pm - Beer Can &	30	31 6:30pm - DID	1 Cruise-Out Delta OD: Michael Kneller Singlehanded #3		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Cruise-Out Delta								
9 OD: Olivier Lauzeral	10 Party at Devil's Island	11 6pm - Card Night	12 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	13	14	15 OD: Carrot Lewis		
16 Cruise-Out Delta OD: Dan Lockwood	17	18 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	19 6pm - Beer Can &	20	21 6:30pm - DID	22 OD: Harry Love Summer #5		
23 OD: Dennis Lowe	24	25 6pm - Card Night	26 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	27	28 6:30pm - DID	29 Los Gatos Challenge OD: Morgan Lucid		
30 OD: John Mangney	31	1 6pm - Card Night	2 6pm - Beer Can &	3	4 6:30pm - DID	5 Cruise-Out - South OD: Michael Marzano		
6 Cruise-Out - South OD: John Mattis	7	8 6pm - Card Night	9 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	10	11	12 Cruise-Out Drakes OD: Larry Mayne		

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30 Cruise-Out - South OD: John Mattis	31	1 6pm - Card Night	2 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	3	4	5 Cruise-Out Drakes OD: Larry Mayne		
6 Cruise-Out Drakes Bay OD: Peter McCormick	7	8 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	9 6pm - Beer Can &	10 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	11 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting	12 OD: ? Power-Out -		
13 OD: Ann McDonough	14	15 6pm - Card Night	16 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can Race 7pm - Youth	17	18 6:30pm - DID - Barth	19 (Dinner at Coyote Pt Barth Race OD: Philip Meredith		
20 Barth Race OD: Pat Mighetto	21	22 6pm - Card Night	23 6pm - Beer Can &	24	25 6:30pm - DID	26 Commodores OD: Mark Millett Swap Meet		
27 OD: Al Montoya	28	29 6pm - Card Night	30 6pm - Beer Can &	1	2	3 OD: Doug Murray		

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