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Sequoia Yacht Club

August 2011

Redwood City, CA



The SYC Turkey MegaCruise at Dalyan, on the reconstructed fountain in the ruins of the ancient Greek town of Kaunos
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Commodore's Report

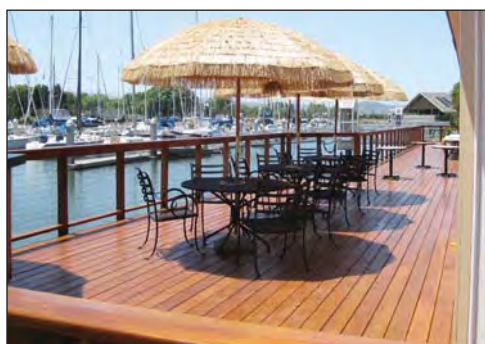


Joseph Curtis

It has been a great month at Sequoia. Two major milestones were met this last month: the new deck is operational, and the 2011 Mega Cruise to Turkey was a huge success!

If you have not been by the club lately to see the new deck, then you really should make a point to come on down to the next event or just stop by to see how beautiful the new deck looks. Many, many hours of labor by our dedicated membership have really paid off. I do not have the SCOPE space to list everyone's name who helped out because so many of you did. A big, big thanks to Jim Peterson for managing the Deck Committee and to Herb Huber for overseeing all the technical details. Just one note, as I write this, the deck is not 100% complete; it is usable. There are still tasks that need attention, so when Jim puts out a call for volunteer work day, please make a point to come on down and help the club put the finishing touches on our beautiful deck.

Six boats, 32 adults, and 2 kids made the over 7000 mile journey to just get to Turkey by many different routes (including a few who arrived to Turkey by ferry from Greece), and then all converged on the Moorings base in Orhaniye on Saturday, July 2. Warm weather, good wind, and blue skies were had every day. The cruisers sailed back thru time as they explored ancient Carian and Lycian tombs, Hellenistic forts, Roman towns, Byzantine castles, and Ottoman forts. The group also got to experience the wide variety of ways to secure a boat: mooring balls, laid mooring lines and tying stern-to, dropping anchor and tying stern-to, and just plain ol' dropping the anchor. We sampled wonderful examples of Turkish cuisine and were the recipients of Turkish hospitality at every stop. For me, some of the best memories are of sharing this adventure with my fellow Sequoia members. I'm sure that memories made on this trip will be fondly recalled many years to come.



The beautiful finished product.

Vice Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

No Report

Congratulations on our New Deck and to all those who built her!



Rear Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

Joseph ve Oya,

Fantastik bir yelken icin tessekkur ederiz tatil.

Her sey cok iyi planlanmis.

Ve esenlikler tessekkur ederiz!

Turkiye gert olaektir!

In plain English,

“Thank you for a fantastic sailing holiday.

Everything was very well planned.

It could not have been better thanks to you.

We will be back to Turkey!”

It's difficult to describe the warm welcome and great sailing that our SYC Mega Cruise group enjoyed on the Turkish Tourquoise Coast.

We started off at the *Moorings* base at Orhaniye and found our sea legs with a brief afternoon sail to our overnight at Selimiye. We quickly learned that *Buku* means “bay” and *Limani* means “harbor” as we plotted our courses for the next few days.

The water was deep and clear. The scenery was mountainous and majestic. We were spoiled for choice with all of the prime moorings and harborside restaurants waiting to serve us.

On Days Two and Three we covered 25, then 31 nautical miles to get to Ekincik, where we stayed at the aptly named, My Marina, where we tied up for a whole day of sightseeing at the ancient Greek and Roman ruins of Kaunos and the river side wall tombs at Dalyan.

Then, we were off for two more brilliant tourquoise days to reach our departure port of Gocek. The long flight home was well worth the effort for the splendid sailing venue and the gracious hospitality of Joseph, Oya and the Turkish people.

America's Cup Update



Robin Weber

On June 23rd, the head of America's Cup Race Management, Ian Murray, was interviewed by Sailing World magazine and he described some major shifts in thinking regarding the 34th America's Cup. Here's a brief summary.

Too Much Too Soon: The original plan was to have eight regattas for the 45' AC45's followed by eight regattas for the 72' AC72's. These regattas would be in sixteen different venues around the world, requiring a lot of learning, training and logistics for all the competitors. So the schedule was changed and only three AC45 regattas have been announced. The first AC45 regatta will begin in Cascais, Portugal on August 6th, followed by Portsmouth, England and San Diego, with additional regattas venues and dates to be determined.

Rules Changes: Don't all races begin with the starting line perpendicular to the wind? Not the America's Cup races! To make starts more exciting and TV-worthy, the starts will be across the wind. This means that most of the boats will reach the crosswind mark at the same time, followed by a long down wind leg to provide passing opportunities. Port/Starboard rules aren't gospel either – the inside boat has rights at the mark, regardless of which tack they are on.

Local Impact: The big news is that instead of starting the AC72 regatta world tour in July, 2012, all the AC72 training and racing will be here in San Francisco. This will simplify logistics, reduce cost and give the teams more time to train. In Ian Murray's words, “... to do things properly we've had to modify the plan to what we can achieve the prudent decision was to move the 72's back, concentrate them here in San Francisco, make the logistical operations substantially easier for all the teams, and work on our skills and circuit racing on the 45's”.

If all this leaves you with more questions, you're not alone. Will America's Cup racing really start in July 2013? You can count on the fact that there will be lots more changes!

You can listen to the Sailing-World Podcast online at <http://forums.sailingworld.com/showthread.php?7597-June-23-2011-ACRM-s-Iain-Murray-on-the-new-format-of-the-America-s-Cup>.

Social Events



Michele Hartman

Event: ***SYC Deck Party & Ribbon Cutting***

Date: Saturday, August 27th

Time: 16:00

Cost: \$10

Join us for a summer BBQ with racers from the Summer Series to declare the deck "officially" opened.

You are invited to an evening of brainstorming and feedback on Friday, August 12 after the Drop in Dinner.

We want to make our 2012 Events more successful than ever, so I'm hosting a session to discuss next year's social calendar.

Some questions to think about and be ready to discuss are:

- What motivates you to attend a social event?
- What keeps you from attending a social event?
- What events would you like to see on the calendar?
- How often would you like to attend a social event?
- What gets you to volunteer to help with a social event?
- What keeps you from volunteering?

If you are not able to attend, please send me an email with your feedback and thoughts to michele.hartman@me.com

Fountain of Youth Party

at the Delta Yacht Club

Tuesday, August 2 from 17:00

Hosts: Peter and Deb Blackmore

We're looking for some ***mermaids*** and ***pirates*** to join us on the Spanish Main as we devour delicious catered tapas and paella plus desserts and specialty cocktails.

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Membership News



Jerry Jones

Second Reading and membership was approved at the July Membership Meeting for Nicolas & Laurence Popp, from Menlo Park. They have a 33' Jeanneau 3200 *Dare-Dare* berthed in the Redwood City Municipal Marina. They are interested in Cruising and Sailboat Racing. Nominated by Brett Herr and Peter McCormick. Please welcome them aboard.



Nicolas & Laurence Popp

Mark Millet & Anne Cohen August 20, 2011



Mark Millet and Anne Cohen will be getting married on August 20th at a ceremony at Sequoia Yacht Club. Their family members from Portland, Oregon and Los Angeles will attend.

The ceremony will begin at 17:00 sharp with cocktails, followed by dinner at 18:00. The couple wishes to welcome club members to celebrate this joyous event with them. Due to limited space, the couple is able to accommodate 60 club members. Please RSVP by emailing Mark and Anne at mmillet10@gmail.com.

The couple asks for donations to youth sailing, the slipstream competitive racing fund, the Bay Area Disabled Sailors Association or send an email for a link to the gift registry.

Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

It's good to be home after cruising the Turquoise coast of Turkey with the Sequoia Mega-cruise flotilla. It was a great trip with some outstanding sailing, and although racing wasn't on the agenda, I sensed that at times some of the boats were trimming their sails and hardening up as other boats approached. Maybe not, but some things are hard to let go. If you get the chance to sail in this part of the world you will understand what a beautiful area it is.

The annual Moonlight Marathon will be held on Saturday August 13. The race starts at Redwood Creek Channel markers #3 and #4, continues under the Oakland Bay Bridge and around Blossom Rock, and then finishes once again at the entrance to Redwood Creek for a total distance of 39 nautical miles. This year the race coincides with the full moon, which occurs at 11:58 on Saturday, and a dramatic moonrise at 19:52 is expected as the fleet is on its way back home. So be sure to check your navigation lights and tide tables, and provision your boat for a great sail under the moonlight. If you haven't sailed in this event before, this is the year to do it. Don't forget to order your 2011 Moonlight Marathon T-shirts. Contact me for more information.

August brings to a close our 2011 Summer Series. The final race of the Summer Series takes place on Saturday, August 27. The summer winds always make for some of the best sailing of the year, and a full day of events are planned. Sail in the race and then come back to the club for the announcement of the series race results and also for the official celebration of the opening of the new deck. Rumor has it that Robin Weber and Kathryn Maxwell's new boat will be at the club while conducting sea trials. It should be a great day.

Be sure that your calendars are marked with a big red circle on every Wednesday for Beer Can Racing throughout the summer. Be sure also to mark your calendar for the Moonlight Marathon on Saturday, August 13, and for Summer #5 on Saturday August 27. As always, race information, schedules and results can be found at www.sequoiayc.org, then click on the SYC Racing tab. I'll be watching for your boat at the start line.

Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

Delta Cruise 2011 Monday, August 1- Friday, August 5



Pirates of the Caribbean IV: On "Delta" Tides

It's been our SYC tradition to have a theme for our week in the Sacramento River Delta.

What could be more fitting than the newest Disney blockbuster movie "[Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides](#)"

In case you haven't yet seen it, in this adventure flamboyant seafarer Jack Sparrow is lured onto Blackbeard's ship by his beautiful Spanish daughter, Angelica, to seek the Fountain of Youth. The tears of gorgeous fighting mermaids are needed to solve the mystery location.

Stay on for the rest of the week, or as long as you can, to play bocce ball and pitch and putt, swim, kayak, water ski, fish and explore to your hearts content.

2011 Blue Water Cruise: Halfmoon Bay, September 2 -5

Our intrepid cruising fleet will head out "The Gate" and south to Halfmoon Bay for the Labor Day Weekend.

If you haven't yet had a chance to check out the new facilities at the Halfmoon Bay Yacht Club, now is your chance. Lots of dining and music options.

Our group will anchor in the shelter of the bay and relax by the fire pit to take the chill off the late summer evening. As always, blacktoppers are welcome.

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Junior Sailing News



Ann Malouf

Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation, (PYSF) would like to thank everyone at Sequoia Yacht Club for their support at the *Hannig Cup Fundraiser* on June 17th. Donations for PYSF totaled \$13,000!! We really appreciate your generosity and the money raised is already be used to support youth sailing.

With these donations we were able to go to the top of our wish list and purchase two *Lasers*, which will allow more sailors the opportunity to compete in regattas. We were also able to replace a worn out *Optimist* boat in our summer camp program and keep each camp session at 12 sailors. Your donations also enable us to continue to offer scholarships to sailors with financial need and last week your donations sponsored some children from a Shelter Network home in Redwood City so that they could participate in our sailing camp. We hope to sponsor a few more in August.

Sequoia Race Team Rocks Regattas

This summer has been really exciting for PYSF. The Sequoia Race Team has been sailing so well that five of our members are going to the finals for National Regattas! Travis Cottle qualified for the Smythe Laser Regatta. Chloe Lepert and Amanda McGee, as well as Joe Farned and Scott Power qualified for the double-handed Bemis 420's Regatta. Both the Bemis and Smythe will be held August 9-12th in Toms River, New Jersey. Join us in wishing them luck!

All Hands On Deck for the BAYS

The *Bay Area Youth Sailing Series* (BAYS) is about halfway through and Sequoia Race Team has consistently been placing in the top three at each regatta. Thank you to Larry Mayne, Kate and Dan Humphreys and the many yacht club members who volunteered on the water and in the kitchen at the BAYS #1 regatta last May. We could not host a regatta without your help.

High School Seniors Sail On

Finally, more good news, PYSF has five 2011 graduating seniors and each of them is going off to colleges with plans to join the sailing team. Needless to say, SYC has made a big impact on youth sailing. Stay tuned to youth sailing around the nation. You never know where there may be a sailor that got their start at SYC in Redwood City.

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Ann McDonough

Jeanne Jacobs fell on the 4th of July and broke her ankle in two places. She had surgery on July 6th; released from the hospital on July 8th; and a plaster cast was put on on July 18th. Jeanne is recovering at home. Byron is taking great care of her and they are both disappointed to be missing so many cruise outs during her recovery.

Charlie and Jane Watt bought a Norseman 447 cutter, a **cruising** yacht named *Djarrka* (silent "d") in July. They plan to leave in a few weeks to go cruising in the Caribbean and beyond. The schedule is loose. They'll go where their whim and wind take them. *Djarrka* is a mythical lizard from the Australian aboriginal folklore.

LuAnne Graves took time out of her very busy schedule of golfing, softball, hiking, whitewater rafting to email me that the Graves family had a fabulous mini family reunion in Sun River, Oregon. They had such a fabulous time that she didn't want to leave. Good thing there's no where to sail *Metridium* in the Oregon high desert! Word is that John had so much fun that he didn't even realize that he had broken a rib. John is recovering well.

Ted Hannig will be the honoree at the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center's 25th Anniversary Dinner on September 22nd, where he will receive the first annual Warren Dale award. This year's focus is "Take Bullying by the Horn" and proceeds will go toward PCRC's anti-bullying program.

Weddings!

- Ron Seff and Harriet Garfinkle's daughter Josie Seff and Jimmy Sotomayor are getting married on August 14 at Holbrook Palmer Park in Atherton. Harriet is having a grand time being the mother of the bride, but gaining lots of grey hair in the process.

- Mark your calendars! We are going to have a wedding at the club on Saturday, August 20th. Mark Millet and Anne Cohen will be married at the bow of *Slipstream* at the guest dock. Everyone is welcome to witness the service from the dock. Please rsvp to Mark or Anne if you wish to join them at the club for a catered dinner afterwards. There will be a chuppa and hora. They need a headcount for the caterer so please sign up at the club if you plan to join in on the festivities.

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The start of the WestPoint Marina Regatta off Treasure Island.
Below: Our newest member Nicolas Popp on *Dare-Dare* a 33' Jeanneau 3200



Nominees for 2011-2012 Club Leadership

Nominating Committee: Byron Jacobs, Robin Weber, Ron Stingley, Sheila Jones, chaired by Petra Gilmore

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Hot Shots from Turkey MegaCruise by Tod Klingler



SYC Club Events for August 2011

Upcoming Race Events:



Beer Cans	Every Wednesday
Dinghy Sailing	8/13 09:00; 8/18 18:00
Moonlight Marathon	8/13 14:30
Summer # 4	8/27 10:30

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

Moonlight Marathon Saturday, August 13



39 nautical miles from RWC to Blossom Rock and back.

A summer sailing fixture too good to miss.

Contact Tim Petersen to register and for MM t-shirts.

Western BBQ Drop in Dinner Friday, September 16

Larry & Robin Mayne invite y'all for some smokin' barbeque. This is the kick-off for the annual Barth Race, so expect lots of folks itchin' for a (water) fight.



Friday, September 30

Winston & Carole Bumpus *wunschen ihnen ein gutes Portfest*. Start off your evening with a **Sunset Sail** which includes as many *freunden* as you can on *das Boot*. Then enjoy a great **Oktoberfest Drop in Dinner**.

The RWC PortFest begins the next morning so we'll have lots more beer and bratwurst for the whole weekend!

2012 Calendar Planning Meeting Friday, September 23 19:30

Have you ever wondered how our club calendar is organized?

All members are welcome to join in this annual free-for-all as we discuss and schedule club events for the coming year.



Start your evening with a Beer Can Race and Dinner, then join in for some un-business like planning behavior!