

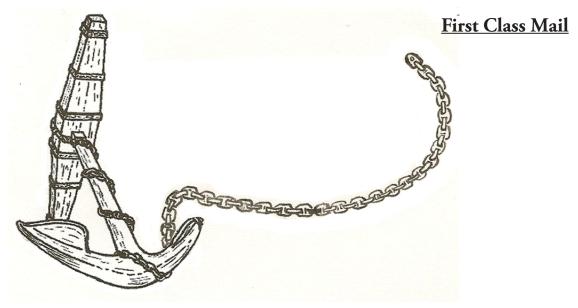
## Sequoia Yacht Club

## Redwood City, CA



## December 2008

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# Commodore's Report:



#### Petra Gilmore

We celebrated a wonderful and special night Saturday at the Installation Dinner. The Oates Room was transformed into a first class dining room including tables beautifully decorated with candles, shells and golden branches. A sold out crowd enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with laughter and smiles all around. After dinner, trophies were awarded, photos were taken, jokes were told and officers were installed. All in all, a glorious night!

Such a fabulous evening takes much planning and many hands. I will attempt to thank all, but please forgive me if I inadvertently leave your name out. Thank you to:

John and LuAnne Graves for everything, because they coordinated the entire evening; Steve Higgs and Sherry Warburton for putting such a wonderful dinner together; Paula, Monica and Daniel Graves, Tanya Maxwell, Katie Roberson and Maureen Sanders for doing such a lovely job serving dinner; Bob Stanfield for engraving all of the new name tags; Deb Blackmore, Byron and Jeanne Jacobs for setting up tables and chairs; Kathy Harris for ordering all of the flags and insignias; Sheila Jones for being our photographer extraordinaire; Ron Brown for stocking the bar for this special occasion; Mark Millet for cleaning the Lounge; Ruthie Anderson for being our check-in Gal; John, Anne and Frankie Draeger and Sherry Smith for washing all of those dishes and lastly, thank you to all 116 participants.



Thanks LuAnne & John for a great year

You made the evening a night to remember! Thank you.

## Vice Commodore's Report:



Byron Jacobs

Here we go with another year, new officers and new duties! We kicked it off with what all agree was a wonderful installation dinner. Steve Higgs and team did their magic in the kitchen, Luanne Graves pulled together a terrific preparation team and everyone enjoyed a delightful evening. Thank you and congratulations to all who made this dinner a night to remember.

We have a new Steward - Lina Reynolds! Lina brings with her over 20 years in the hospitality industry managing fine dining establishments and for the last 10 years has run her own catering business preparing meals for groups up to 200. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona. We are very fortunate to have her join our SYC family. Please stop by and welcome her when you have the opportunity.

This year we're planning a lot of fun events including themed drop in dinners on Fridays. We'll always try to have a special event or speaker and plan the buffet to match the theme of the entertainment. We are also going to try having grill-your-own steaks and chicken in addition to the buffets for those do-it-yourselfers out there. Watch our new web site for buffet menu announcements.

Don't forget to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to our annual Children's Christmas Party on December 14th, starting at 1:30 pm. Be sure to sign up as we need to know how many presents Santa needs to bring. The children will be entertained by Magic Mike once again this year -he's always a hit!

For the adults we have our New Year's Eve Party with champagne, appetizers, good music and fine company, so please come out and bring in the New Year with all your SYC friends.

## Rear Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

Peter Nardini, Club Historian &

Past Commodore

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on the water in the coming year. There are races and cruise-outs scheduled almost every week. Make sure you check out the Club calendar for details. We have an excellent group of fleet captains that are planning these exciting activities. Jim Peterson is our Sailing Fleet Captain; Rich Butts is our Beer Can Captain; Terry Burley is our Cruising Captain; and Sheila Jones is our Power Fleet Captain. Make sure you check out each of their sections in the Scope and on the Sequoia web site for upcoming activities and recaps of all the fun we had at past activities.

Planning for South Bay Opening Day 2009 has already started. The date this year will be April 4th. The SBOD Planning Committee had their first meeting on November 11th; representatives from Coyote Point Yacht Club, Peninsula Yacht Club, PICYA, San Jose Sailing Club, Treasure Island Yacht Club, and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary attended. The theme for SBOD 2009 will be "Legends of the Bay". The next meeting will be held December 8th here at Sequoia. If you want to help plan one of our biggest events of the year, feel to join us on the 8th or contact me directly.



No report.

David Pirrone Port Captain

Going through some old history, found this item: Gaustav Barth, a charter member, our 1940 Commodore and 1943-44 President of P.I.C.Y.A., said that the reason we called our Club "Sequoia" was that the defunct Redwood City Y. C. may have had some encumbrances the that new club did not want to incur. The "Barth Trophy Race" over Labor Day weekend from San Francisco to Coyote Point is a modern memorial to Sequoia's second commodore.

A Look to the Past

We have a 1996 transcript presented by Commodre Emeritus William Oates and Past Commodore Jack Wahle and moderated by Bob Hoffman. They speak of a barge that the Club bought and had towed in. It is described as an "old Navy rearming boat with a 10+ foot beam and maybe 25 - 30 feet long. It had sort of a plywood super structure on it. They held their board and committee meetings on it, but don't recall using it for any general or social functions." The old R.C.Y.C. building was still on the property and the club continued to use it for their socials. Boundary Slough was dredged and "C"dock was in place. These events seem to have occurred in the early 60's.

Some members wanted to build our clubhouse on the point where the Conference Center is located, but the Port felt that the site was better suited for a restaurant. Some club members tried to influence the Port to give the site to the Club by putting up some cash. Charley Brown built their restaurant on the site. They moved it back a bit when Club members mentioned that their proposal might interfere with the sailing basin and the entrance to the marina. Later, the members agreed that our present site was better in that it was sheltered and overlooked the Marina,

That's it for now, more to come later.

## Social Events



Kathy Harris Social Chair

### Children's Holiday Party Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

1:30PM Crafts 2:30PM Magician 3:30PM Santa 5:00PM Pot Luck Dinner



Santa Claus is coming to Sequoia Yacht Club. The fun begins at 1330 with Snacks and Crafts, Magic Mike, Santa, Pictures, and Potluck.

The signup-sheet has been posted at the club. Please sign up and indicate number of children, boy or girl, and their ages so we can make sure we have a present for them.

## New Year's Eve Party Wednesday, December 31st

There will be Music, Dancing, Hors D'oeuvres, Dessert and Champagne.



Come ring in the New Year with your fellow members!

## Reports



## Good of the Order: LuAnne Graves

It was good to see Sequoia so well represented at the Jimmy Buffett concert in October. It seemed like you couldn't walk without stepping over one of our own. I'm sure that a good time was had by all.

Ron Feldman and Anita Giani write;

"After almost three years in Mexico, we have sold Liberty Call II, our home for more than 15 years. We had a great time and met some wonderful people, but we decided it was time to become landlubbers. We have moved to Pass Christian, Miss. (Anita's home town), where we have a home about a block from the beach and an hour east of New Orleans. (Yes, we do have to contend with hurricanes but our home has 31 feet of elevation and even fared well through Katrina.) We enjoy playing tour guide for the area, so we welcome any SYC members visiting the area. Let us know when you are coming. Our email address stays the same: anitaron@libertycall2.com."

Ted Hannig recently lost his grandmother at the age of 104. Ted and honorary member Paula Uccelli visited the set of 'Dancing with the Stars' and Ted introduced Paula to actor Tom Bergeron backstage. I mentioned that Monica's classmate had competed on the show, and it turns out that Ted watched her performance while seated next to her family.

Latitude 38 has an ad for Westpoint Harbor in the November issue advertising the marina as open and accepting applications for berthing. Congratulations go out to Mark Saunders for finally seeing 'the light at the end of the tunnel' after all these years.

Please contact me with your news at luannegraves@gmail. com.

## Reports



Jerry Jones Membership Chair

The BOD has approved David Oates for Sustaining Membership and Honorary Membership for Lorianna Kastrop, a new Commissioner for the Port of Redwood City.

At the November Installation Dinner first readings were presented for:

- Peter McCormick lives in Santa Clara and is a long time sailor from Santa Cruz, and has been sailing with the Spinnaker Sailing Club. Nominated by Brett Herr and Petra Gilmore.
- Pat Mighetto lives in El Cerrito and has a Catalina 42 Bella Donna berthed at Westpoint Marina. Nominated by Mark Sanders and Ron Brown.
- Tara Travers lives in Redwood City and has been sailing with Spinnaker Sailing and Beer Can Racing. Nominated by Ron Brown and Stan Phillips.

Their 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.



Peter McCormick



Patricia Mighetto



Tara Travers

## Reports

#### **Racing Fleet Report**

Our 2008 racing season closed with the South Bay Championship on Saturday, October 25. There were 9 entries in the spinnaker division and 3 non-spinnaker entries. There were two boats that joined us from Coyote Point Yacht Club. A special thanks to John Draeger, Yellow Brick Road for being the Race Committee boat anchored at "S". Charlie Watt's new Antrim 27, Head Rush finished with two bullets and the first place trophy in the spinnaker division. Second Place went to Henry Kleinberg's Primordial Sloop and third place to Stan Phillips, Smokin' J. In the non-spinnaker division, through the RRS tie-breaker rules Dan Doud, Timbuktu, took first place honors giving John Graves, Metridium second place.

Our Racing fleet has now started the 2009 racing season with the Winter Series and the Redwood Cup. On Saturday, November 1st, Sequoia Yacht Club held Winter Series #1 Race. Eight boats showed up at the Skipper's meeting looking at weather forecasts stating that a major storm was due to hit at noon, with our start at 12:30pm out at Marks 3/4. It started to rain just after the skipper's meeting, but that did not deter any of our hearty souls! Everyone got out to the start line and the rain ceased. Charlie Watt with his new Antrim 27, Head Rush, took first place honors. Jim Peterson, MADE Easy was 2nd and Stan Phillips, Smokin' J, came in third. Redwood Cup #1 is scheduled for Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

It was also a busy month for the fleet captain-pulling together all of 2009's racing schedule along with updating Sailing Instructions, Skipper Entry Forms and Crew Forms. Please go to our new website (http://www.sequoiayc.org/racing) to get these forms along with current schedules for racing and race results.

Jim Peterson Sailing Fleet Captain



Summer Series, 2nd, Spinnaker

# For Nauti Girls & Buoys

#### The Original Nauti-Girls

Have you ever wandered into the club on a Tuesday night, and see a group of people playing cards in the corner? Or see in the Club Calendar "Card Night" on Tuesday nights? Do you ever say to yourself, "That looks interesting. I wonder who they are and what they are playing?"

Card Night was started by past Women's Auxiliary President, Zona Caesar, who still drops in on Card Night whenever she's in town. On this one evening a week, members gather for a shared meal, a friendly game of Progressive (Contract) Rummy, conversation, and some rolicking good time.

So, just who are these card players? The past and current players range in ages from early teens to, well, we'd rather not say. It's just not polite to mention age. They have an average membership seniority of 10 years with Sequoia Yacht Club, and have held a variety of positions at SYC, both formal and informal. Amongst the players, they have been club directors, treasurers, secretaries, port captains, social chairs, spouses of past commodores, women's auxiliary presidents, and have hosted numerous events at the club. Roberta Barnes even started a previous incarnation of Nauti-Girls when she started a series of on-the-water safety programs geared toward the women members in the yacht club. Talk about a mind trust of SYC history!

We would like to extend an invitation to all club members who enjoy an evening of good company and a game of cards to join us. Although the "regulars" are primarily women, both men and women are welcome.

Dinner starts at 18:30. There is a different "chef" each week. The chef and the number of meals are determined the week before. However, if you don't want to commit or have special dietary needs, and would just like to drop in on the group, bring your own meal. Dessert is usually served between 4th and 5th hand.

Just what is Progressive Rummy? This is also call Contract Rummy. There are 7 hands in total, but we play only six. The player is dealt a set of cards (10 cards for 1st-4th hands, and 12 cards for 5th-7th). The player must meet the contract in order lay their cards down on the table. First person to lay down all of their cards, wins the hand. Scores are tallied for each hand. Winners of each hand and the evening's winner receives a prize.

A book: a set of 3 or more cards of the same rank; for example, 2 of hearts, clubs, and spades.

## On-the-Water

(Continued)

A run: a sequence of 4 or more cards of the same suit; for example, jack, queen, king, and ace of hearts.

1st Hand: 2 books 2nd Hand: 1 book, 1 run 3rd Hand: 2 runs 4th Hand: 3 books

5th Hand: 2 books, 1 run 6th Hand: 2 runs, 1 book

Don't like Rummy? Bring some friends and start a game of cribbage, dominos, or poker. Whatever strikes your fancy. Come on down on Tuesday nights and join in on the fun! Ouestions?

Contact Ann McDonough, Deb Blackmore, or Roberta Barnes for more information.

Yoshi's Jazz Club Jack London Square Cruise Out January 17-18, 2009



Come warm yourselves in the depth of winter with a great meal and some hot jazz at Yoshi's Jazz Club. We head up to Jack London Square with time to spare for dockside cocktails before making the short walk to our favorite supper club. It hardly matters who is performing; they're all fantastic. We're lucky to live in a region with so many interesting cultural venues, but how many times have you said to yourself "I must make time to go see...?" Join us in January for some musical fun at Yoshi's.

# Photos by Sheila Jones



Commodore 09 confers with Commodore 08 & First Lady



Introducing Vice Commodore: Byron Jacobs



Rear Commodore Joseph Curtis



Ted Hannig accepts the H C Armitage Award



John and his Trophy Wife, LuAnne



Jerry Jones receives the Wyman Meritorious Service Award



Broken Paddle Award toPetra



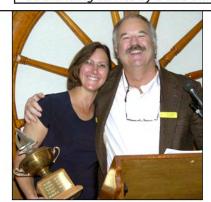
Commodore Bob Johnstone Memorial Trophy goes to Petra Gilmore, outstanding service by a club officer



Robert Lacomble Member of the Year: Deb Blackmore



Doug Murray receives the Iris Armes Brown Memorial Cruising Trophy



John Draeger awards the Angus Foss Memorial Commodore's Singlehanded trophy to *Metridium* 



Phil MacFarlane Single-Handed Series Cup won by Tim Petersen



Mirth, Winter Series, First, Non-Spinnaker

# Club Calendar

#### December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cruise-Out: Angel	Football	Board Meeting	Lunch	Rental - CG Aux	Drop-In Dinner	Cruise-Out - Oakland
Member Rental -		Card Night				Junior Sailing
OD: Gaylord Van Dyne						Non-Member Rental
						OD: Clinton Ward
						Winter #2
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Cruise-Out - Oakland	Football	Card Night			DID & General Meeting	Junior Sailing
OD: Kristina Zekos-	SBOD Meeting	Rental - Sea Scouts				OD: Shannon
		-				Rental
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Children's Christmas	Football	Card Night	Lunch		Drop In Dinner	OD: Chris Barvman
OD: David Bliven						
Redwood Cup #2						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
OD: Russ Breed	Football	Card Night				OD: Ron Brown
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
OD: Rich Butts		Card Night	New Year's Eve Party			OD: Joseph Allen

## January 2009

SYC Calendar					Ja	n 2009 (Pacific Time
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
OD: Rich Butts		Card Night	New Year's Eve Party			OD: Joseph Allen
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Brunch		Board Meeting	Lunch		Dinner & Meeting	OD: Ruth Anderson
OD: Karrie Allen		Card Night				
Redwood Cup #3						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
OD: Roberta Barnes		Card Night			Dinner	Cruise Out - Jack
						OD: Pedro Barrantes
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Cruise Out - Jack London Square		Card Night	Lunch		Chinese New Year	OD: Noel Bird
OD: James Bartlett						Singlehanded #1
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
OD: Peter Blackmore		Card Night				OD: Joan Bray
						Winter #3



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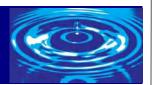
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