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December 2009

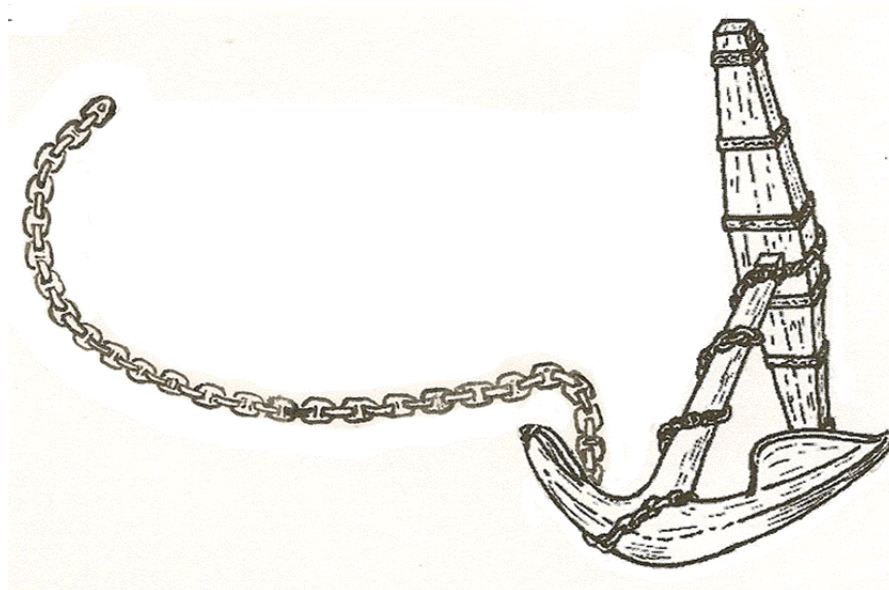
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Photo by Sheila Jones, 2010 Officers at the Installation Dinner, 11/07/09.

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This Month At A Glance

12/2 Wednesday Lunch
12/4 Drop in Dinner
12/6 Children's Holiday Party
12/7 Monday Night Football
12/8 Board Meeting
12/11 Drop in Dinner &
General Meeting
12/14 Monday Night Football
12/16 Wednesday Lunch
12/18 Holiday Drop in Dinner
12/21 Monday Night Football
12/31 New Year's Eve Party

1/5 Board Meeting
1/6 Wednesday Lunch
1/7 Sequoia Reads: Jack London
1/8 Drop in Dinner &
General Meeting
1/15 Drop in Dinner
1/16 Cruise Out: Jack London Sq.
1/29 Drop in Dinner

Officer of the Day (OD)

12/5 Stephan Wendl
12/6 Paulette Reeder
12/12 Lee Ritchey
12/13 Don Ritchey
12/19 Cal Rothenberg
12/20 Tom Runge
12/26 Mark Sanders
12/27 TBD

1/2 Ron Stingley
1/3 Robert Strena
1/9 George Sutton
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1/16 James Townsend
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1/31 Gaylord Van Dyne

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SequoiaScope@Yahoo.com.
Check out club activities at
www.SequoiaYC.org

Commodore's Report



Byron Jacobs

The 2009 Installation Dinner was a huge success thanks to all the hard work of Commodore Gilmore and her First Gentleman, Rick. Lina Reynolds and Steve Higgs outdid themselves with the meal and I think everyone had an enjoyable evening.

"Where have we been this year?" We enjoyed an excellent year under the skillful guidance of Petra and her Flag. We brought in new members in near-record numbers, we returned to the financial success required to invest in our reserve account as our bylaws dictate and I think we all felt a resurgence in member participation and enthusiasm in club activities.

"So where are we going?" Well, we have some pressing needs that must be addressed, including the new deck and its financing, and the dysfunctional plumbing that plagues this cherished old house. We need to exceed this year's new member enrollment because that, more than anything, assures us financial success.

I would like to see more of our new members engage in and volunteer for club activities. We lose members when they don't feel like they're part of our family. We must turn this around. I believe we can be innovative and achieve that goal. I would like to see and will work toward greater awareness of our club - outside our club. It's been a long time since we earned the Club of the Year award from the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association (PICYA). We can do it again. We have aging equipment on the water and in the house that are in need of repair or replacement and we will need to find achievable ways to finance and manage those activities.

If we can succeed in accomplishing these goals this year, I will be satisfied that I have served you well. But I will need your help – from every one of you.

So my dear friends, I look to you for your continued support and participation in this, our very special yacht club. See you at the club!

Vice Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

Another year begins at Sequoia, and a new team assumes its responsibilities in helping run the house activities and keeping our facilities operating. Please help keep your club a fun, vibrant place by volunteering whenever you have the opportunity. I thank everyone in advance who I'll be asking for extra help as I will be recovering from shoulder surgery as you read this.

We have several holiday activities coming up in December. Mark your calendars and plan to attend as many as you can!

Your children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews are invited to the annual **Children's Holiday Party** on **December 6th**, starting at 1:30 pm. There will be a potluck supper to follow.



Be sure to sign up as we need to know how many presents Santa needs to bring. **Magic Mike** will once again be the entertainer. He's always a hit with the kids!

Our **Holiday-themed Drop-In Dinner** will be **Friday, December 18th**.

Come to the **New Year's Eve Party** and ring in 2010 with all your SYC friends. We'll have champagne, appetizers, good music, and fine company.

Rear Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

I would like to say thank you to our out-going Rear Commodore and new Vice Commodore, Joseph Curtis, for all his support in introducing me to my new responsibilities as Rear Commodore. I would also like to introduce you all to your new fleet captains and invite you to join me in thanking them for stepping up and pitching in. Our new captains are:

Tim Petersen – Large Sail Boat Fleet Captain

Mike Garl – Redwood Cup Fleet Captain

Steve Holmstrom – Beer Can Fleet Captain

John Graves – Cruising Fleet Captain

Shelia Jones – Power Boat Fleet Captain

Roberta Barns – Senior Sailing Fleet Captain

November was a busy month. With great support from outgoing Large Boat Fleet Captain Jim Peterson, Tim Petersen cut his teeth on Winter Cup #1 held on Saturday, November 7th. Come join us for Winter #2 on, Saturday, December 5th. Redwood Cup #1, was held on November 22nd with Mike Garl at the helm supported by Alex Huang. Mike has promised us some new courses this year along with training sessions with Mike and his crew. It should be a great season! Come join us for Redwood Cup #2 on Sunday, December 20th. Just when we thought we lost the X mark, Winston Bumpus provided photographic evidence that she lives! We are awaiting a new larger buoy (thank you Jim) that should be more visible and we will add additional chain. Hopefully, this will keep X within our sites.

We had our first South Bay Opening Day planning meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. Our theme this year will be "Ride the Tide to the South Bay". Our next meeting will be at held Sequoia Yacht Club on December 9th at 7:00pm. We welcome any and all who would like to attend and share their ideas. Now is the time to get involved! I would like to thank Mr. Robin Weber for once again agreeing to be our communications chair and Russ and Lynette Breed for sharing their wealth of experience with us newbies. I look forward to seeing you all at the club and wish you and yours the warmest of holidays.

A Look to the Past



*Peter Nardini,
Club Historian &
Past Commodore*

I was amused by Single White Female's unfortunate incident at the St. Francis Yacht Club in last month's Scope. The St. Francis has contributed for many years to yachting in the Bay Area. It has a fine facility on the waterfront, a spectacular view and a fine menu. But, it has been their policy for many years to restrict access to members of the Bay Area Yacht Clubs of PICYA. If one looks at their roster in the PICYA Yachting Yearbook, one finds nine pages (double columns) of St. Francis Y.C. members. There are many more of their members who have requested that their names not be listed. One must realize that they have limited accommodations for their own members. Consider what it would be like for their members if all bay area yacht clubs started to use their facilities freely. They do welcome visiting yachtsmen from other clubs and they are gracious hosts. Their restriction is based upon the distance from St. Francis to the other yacht clubs in the Bay Area.

The term "Reciprocal Privilege" is often misunderstood or misused by yacht clubs. A "Reciprocal Privilege" is instituted by a written contract between two yacht clubs. One of its provisions is to accept the signature of a visiting member for payment (chit) of any services rendered. The members club agrees to prompt payment of the debt and bills its member.

What is a tradition among PICYA member clubs is "Guest Privileges." PICYA has always fostered "Guest Privileges" between member clubs and the welcoming of each other's members. Each club may have some sort of rule concerning guest members. The exchange of burgees is a form of welcome and accepting members from other yacht and boating clubs. On the wall outside our galley, there are posted guest cards welcoming their members to our club. Sequoia Y.C. has traditionally had an "open welcome" to all visiting yachtsmen, including St Francis. We are considered a "warm" and "welcoming" yacht club.

So, feel free to drop in for a casual visit to any PICYA club. But to avoid disappointment, phone ahead to see if they can accommodate your visit. Phone numbers and locations are in the PICYA Yachting Yearbook. Yachtsmen and boaters are a friendly lot who share a common lore.

Social Events



Kristin Butler

We have two special events planned for your enjoyment in December. As always, we'll be grateful for volunteers who step forward to help with party planning, set-up and clean-up. Contact me at krisgbutler@gmail.com.

Festive Holiday Drop in Dinner Friday, 12/18/09

Halt your frenzied shopping and let Club Steward, Lina Reynolds, serve you a buffet feast for the season.

The music and merriment will melt the heart of even the most determined Scrooge!



18:30 Cocktails
19:00 Dinner

New Year's Eve Party Thursday, 12/31/09

Join your new Commodores Byron Jacobs, Joseph Curtis & Kate Humphreys to ring in 2010! Don't drink and drive -- stay overnight on your boat! It's a wonderful way to welcome the New Year in safely.



20:00 Hors d'oeuvres
21:00 Dancing
23:00 Desserts & Champagne

Good of the Order



LuAnne Graves

Dennis and Grace Lowe are celebrating the birth of their grandson, Owen Zachary, born to their son Jonathan and his wife Tessa. Dennis and Grace were able to travel to Washington State to meet the newest Lowe.

Ron and Theresa Howard are expecting a granddaughter very soon from their daughter, Trisha, and their son, Blair just announced there will be another grandchild coming in 2010. Congratulations to everyone.

Eric Anderson continues to improve from his stroke and has been spotted at the club and back out on the water with the kids.

Amy Kehoe is doing much better after her brain surgery, and is back to work and coaching again.

Alejandra Dalton celebrated her second birthday on October 19th, dressed as a pirate for Halloween at Stanford Children's Hospital, and was due to return home around Nov. 10th. Happy birthday, Ali! We are looking forward to seeing you real soon.

Dan and Linda Doud's grandson, Paul, is home from the hospital.

Charlie Watt won the 'Party Circuit, took 1st place in the Summer Sailstice, and finished 2nd in the Handicap Division Association with his Antrim 27 *Head Rush*. Plus, he had a nice photo in November's [Latitude 38](#).

Ron and Joan Stingley want the club to know about the commitment their son Shawn is showing for our troops... *"by riding his bike one mile to represent each fallen soldier. So far, he has ridden for 44 days for a total of 3382 miles at Crissy Field, San Francisco...Shawn's feat has captured the attention of SF Chronicle writer C.W. Nevius as well as SF Giants pitcher Barry Zito, the founder of 'Strikeouts for Troops'.*

To read about Shawn's very worthy project, go to his website www.cyclingforthetroops.org where he updates his rides and where you can find how to make a donation.

Membership



Jerry Jones

The 2010 Membership Directory will come out in December. Please review and up-to-date your information 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 not-so-new 2009 Membership Directory is still available at the club.

Those who attended our annual Installation (of Officers) Dinner in November heard that 2009 was a record year for new memberships at SYC. Our now Staff Commodore, Petra Gilmore, made recruitment her priority throughout her whole year as Commodore and as a result our club is on a sounder financial footing.

My role, as Membership Chair, is to "meet and greet" newcomers and facilitate their application for membership. And as we've all witnessed at General Meetings, the process of first and second "readings" followed by a rousing welcome helps to initiate new joiners to our whacky ways. From there, it's up to all members to reach out and make them feel like part of the family. That means drawing new faces into conversations, including them as dinner partners and giving them "chapter and verse" on club activities. Helping new members to get involved right away is the secret to creating lasting friendships at SYC and a stronger club.

Racing Fleet



Tim Peterson
Racing Fleet Captain

The 2010 Sequoia racing season got off to a great start on Sat., Nov. 7 with Winter #1. The Winter Series is a five-race competition with one throw-out and two divisions. Twelve boats participated in this first race, ten in the spinnaker division and two in the non-spinnaker division.

The race began at 13:00 with the start line between Redwood Creek channel markers 3 and 4. To add a bit of interest to the start a tug and barge filled with dredging material went through the start line to anchor the barge at a temporary mooring outside the entrance to Redwood Creek about 5 minutes before the first horn. With winds of about 10-12 knots the starting horn went off at 13:00 and the race was on.

The course was 3-4, Sp, Bp, 12p, 3-4, a total of 7.18 miles. All boats finished the race, avoiding yet another tug bringing an empty barge down the channel to be placed at the temporary mooring. In the spinnaker division *Head Rush* (Charlie Watt) took first place and *Primordial Sloop* (Henry Kleinberg) took second. In the non-spinnaker division *Sweet Pea* (Tim Petersen) took first place and *Timbuktu* (Dan Doud) took second. Race results are posted on the bulletin board at the club, and on the SYC web site.

The Winter Series and Redwood Cup run in parallel. The Winter Series is held on Saturday and the Redwood Cup is held on Sunday. The Redwood Cup is also a five-race series with one throw-out race. It uses a pursuit-race format similar to the Beer Can series. This year the Redwood Cup is going to be run by Mike Garl.

So there are lots of opportunities to get out and race. If any additional incentive is needed, sausages and chips are served after the races for \$2.00.

If you haven't raced in a while, or would like to start, the Winter Series and Redwood Cup are a great opportunity to get involved. See the SYC web site for details and times, or contact me for more information.

Looking forward to racing with you out on the south bay.

Mark your calendars for the following race dates:

Winter Series

- #2 December 5
- #3 January 9
- #4 February 6
- #5 March 13



Redwood Cup

- #2 December 20
- #3 January 24
- #4 February 28
- #5 March 28

For Nauti Girls & Buoys



Deb Blackmore

Last year Kathryn Maxwell reported back to us about her excellent weekend of instruction and friendship at the 2009 Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) Women's Sailing Convention. The 2010 event will be held on **Saturday, February 6** at the **Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Corona del Mar**. The primary sponsors are BoatUS and West Marine. This event is open to all women interested in sailing from novices to experts. There's always something new to learn.

The conference will maintain its multi-workshop format. Attendees select a combination of sessions that best fit their interests and abilities, such as: **Welcome Aboard (beginners), Maintaining Diesels, Up the Mast, Basic Racing Rules and Tactics, Docking, Overboard Procedures, Suddenly Singlehanded, Weather, Sail Trim, Basic Navigation, Safety, Marine AC/DC Systems, Hassle Free Heads, Spinnaker Rigging, Offshore Cruising**, and more. Top women sailors from southern California present all of the workshops; many are USCG licensed captains.

The convention fee of \$165 includes breakfast, workshops all day, lunch, dinner, souvenir and handouts. Prepaid registrations will be accepted after December 20, 2009. The Nauti Girls would like to send a group from SYC for 2010. To sign up, please contact Deb Blackmore at dkayblack@aol.com.

Sequoia Reads

The Cruise of the Snark: Jack London's Real Life South Seas Adventure

Macmillan Publishers, 1911.

At the peak of his writing success in 1906, Jack London commissioned a 45 foot ketch, built at the Port of Oakland, for a long dreamed of round-the-world voyage. In honor of our upcoming cruise out in January, let's read and discuss this first person non-fiction account of cruising at the turn of the 20th century. Available at most libraries. For more information about the various eBook formats, read our article on the SYC website. <http://www.sequoiayc.org/node/171>.

Discussion: Thursday, 1/7/10, 19:00, snacks.

Cruising Fleet



John Graves
Cruising Fleet Captain

Cruise Out: Jack London Square

The weather has turned cool, so it must be time for some cool jazz to warm you up! Back by popular demand, we are planning another awesome cruise out to **Jack London Square** with dinner and jazz at Yoshi's for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s weekend, **January 16-18, 2010**. While Yoshi's hasn't published their headliner that far out yet, they have yet to disappoint. Your Cruise Directors are working closely with Yoshi's special events director to bring you an amazing prix fixe menu for before the show.

- Estimated costs:
- Berth: \$1.50/ft/night
 - Dinner: \$55-60 per person, excluding drinks
 - Show: Varies with artist, \$26-28



For now, we need an idea of the following: boat name, skipper, SYC member number, skipper phone number, boat length, beam, electrical requirements, number of nights in berth, number of people for dinner, number of people for show.

Last year, we had a record of 18 boats and over 58 people for dinner & show. And who can forget the amazing dessert dock party after?! We have already talked to the marina and they are tentatively holding 10-15 slips in front of Kincaid's Restaurant for us, but we need to firm up soon or we'll lose the slips! Sign up at the club or call/email us to reserve your spot today.

Your Cruise Directors,
Ann McDonough & Shannon Amerman

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LuAnne & John Graves



Jeanne & Byron Jacobs



Jack Ganjei



Is this Hallie Heckler?



Kate & Dan Humphreys



Nick, Kristin, Robin & Vince



Ron Seff & Harriet Garfinkle



Ted Hannig



Mike Deady
Michael Cash Memorial Trophy



Jeanne Jacobs
Member of the Year



Byron Jacobs
James Wyman Meritorious Service Award



David Pirrone
H.C. Armitage Award



Chloe Lepart
PICYA Award - Opti B 1st Place



John Graves
Martin McDonough Memorial



Paul McCarthy
Phil MacFarlane Single-Handed Series



Richard Butts
Iowa Cup - Most Pickups

Club Calendar

December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Cruise-Out Angel OD: David Pirrone	30 6pm - Football	1 6pm - Card Night	2 12pm - Lunch	3	4 6:30pm - DID @	5 Coast Guard Aux OD: Stephen Powell Winter #2
6 Children's Christmas OD: Paulette Reeder	7 6pm - Football	8 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	9	10	11 6:30pm - DID General 7:30pm - Meeting	12 OD: Lee Ritchey 5pm - Rental - 5-
13 OD: Don Ritchey Rental	14 6pm - Football	15 Rental - Sea Scouts 6pm - Card Night	16 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Rental - Rotary	17	18 6:30pm - DID - Xmas	19 OD: Cal Rothenberg Rental
20 OD: Tom Runge Redwood Cup #2	21 6pm - Football	22 6pm - Card Night	23	24	25	26 OD: Mark Sanders
27 OD: ?	28 6pm - Football	29 6pm - Card Night	30	31 New Years Eve Party	1	2 OD: Ron Stingley

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 OD: ?	28 6pm - Football	29 6pm - Card Night	30	31 New Years Eve Party	1	2 OD: Ron Stingley
3 OD: Robert Strena	4	5 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	6 12pm - Lunch	7	8 6:30pm - DID General 7:30pm - Meeting	9 OD: George Sutton Winter #3
10 OD: James Thompson	11	12 6pm - Card Night	13	14	15 6:30pm - DID	16 Cruise-Out Jack OD: James Townsend
17 Cruise-Out Jack OD: Matt Siddens	18 (MLK) Cruise-Out Jack	19 6pm - Card Night	20 12pm - Lunch	21	22	23 OD: Tara Travers
24 OD: Jeanie Treichel Redwood Cup #3	25	26 6pm - Card Night	27	28	29 6:30pm - DID	30 OD: Manfred Umhofer
31 OD: Gaylord Van Dyne	1	2 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	3 12pm - Lunch	4	5 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting	6 OD: Bernie Wahle Winter #4

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