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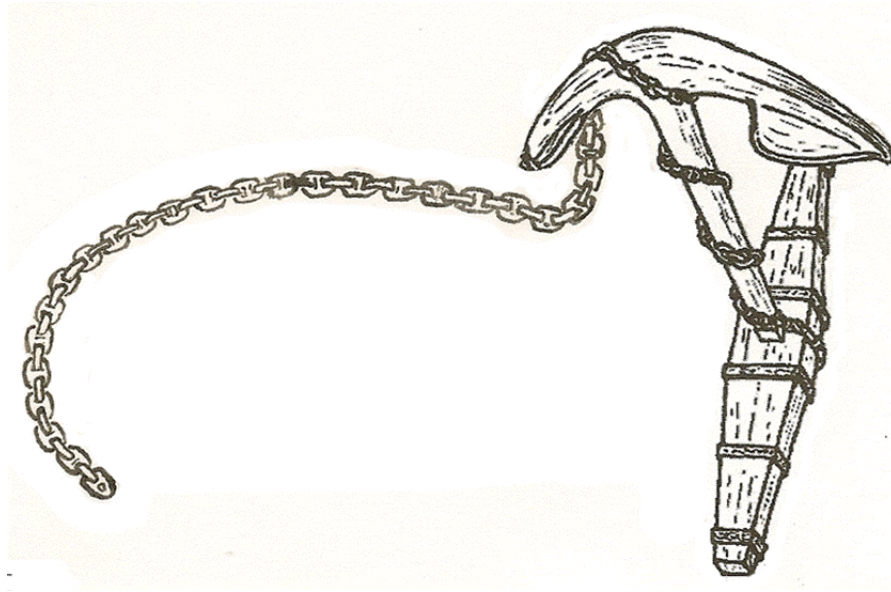
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Month at a Glance

12/1 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
12/3 Drop in Dinner
12/5 Children's Holiday Party
12/6 Monday Night Football
12/7 Board Meeting
12/10 Drop in Dinner & Meeting
12/13 Monday Night Football
12/15 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
12/17 Drop in Dinner
12/18 Cruise Out: South Beach/Skating
12/20 Monday Night Football
12/27 Monday Night Football
12/31 New Year's Eve Party

1/4 Board Meeting
1/5 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
1/7 Drop in Dinner & Meeting
1/14 Drop in Dinner
1/15 Cruise Out: South Bay YC
1/20 Sequoia Reads
1/22 Tropical Dream Party
1/28 Drop in Dinner

Officer of the Day (OD)

12/4 Jerry Jones
12/5 Tom Keegan
12/11 Richard Kern
12/12 Robert King
12/18 Sam Kirkes
12/19 Olivier Lauzeral
12/25 None
12/26 None

1/2 Harry Love
1/8 Dennis Lowe
1/9 John Mangney
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1/29 Phillip Meredith
1/30 Patricia Mighetto

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www.SequoiaYC.org.*

Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

I thank you for all of your support in the past as I have had roles of serving the club as Port Captain, Rear Commodore, and Vice Commodore. I am honored by your on-going confidence and support as I continue serving the Club and you in the role of Commodore. I also want to thank my wife Oya for all of her very hard work behind the scenes and in the galley. Her efforts were not always visible, but she was, and is, my most valuable helper and partner.

Where have we been this last year? Sequoia is an active club. We had 30 Sequoia member boats participate in 51 races for 487 miles raced. We cruised out to 12 different destinations. We had approximately 34 DID's and 12 social events, not to mention Monday Night Football and Giants Playoff gatherings.

Last year, there were some pressing needs focused around our wonderful but aging facilities. I am happy to remind all of you of our progress this year. Major donations of time and money from members Mike Garl and George Carr resulted in a fresh look to the outside of the building and an upgrade to the plumbing infrastructure. Mark Millet upgraded the wireless network. Bar Houston upgraded the Oates room sound system. The dishwasher had a serious overhaul by Past Commodore Dave Bliven. Fred Ganji painted the Bar floor. Many members were here for Spring Clean-up and Paint Prep days.

So where are we going? Clearly, we are going to have more races, cruise to more destinations (including Turkey's Aegean and Mediterranean coasts), and have more parties in the next year. Also, not to minimize any of the hard work done this year, work on our facilities must continue. However, none of these things will happen by themselves. We have a fantastic group of officers, directors, and managers, but they can't do it alone.

My goal this year is to continue the goal of growing the membership and that our new members are more involved. The more the merrier certainly applies. It will help with the work, it will help with the finances, and it will certainly help with the fun. Also, I firmly believe that having involved members reduces membership turnover. Sequoia has a long history. But, more importantly, it has a bright future. I look forward to serving the membership to build on the excellent foundation laid by those who served before me so that Sequoia will be here after I have gone.

Vice Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

Wow, I can't believe the year has gone by this quickly and the changing of the guard has once again occurred! Byron and Jeanne, thank you for such a wonderful celebration. Thank you to our board members, officers and all our volunteers for making this last year so wonderful and our club one of my very favorites places to be. It truly takes a floating village.

December is here and with it comes the holidays. We are beginning this month with our annual Christmas party on December 5th. Santa will arrive by boat and we will have a magical day with cookie baking and gifts followed by a potluck dinner. Hope to see you there! Football season is in full swing and so are our Monday night gatherings. Come and join your fellow Sequoians in cheering on your favorite teams while imbibing something special from our bar and enjoying good company and food.

Our Drop in Dinners this month will be on the 3rd, 10th (general meeting) and 17th. Look for more information in upcoming emails. We will wrap up this calendar year with our annual New Year's Eve party on the 31st. Come on down, join your Commodores and kick up your heels to some great music by our own Chris Hartman and company to bring in the New Year! I am truly looking forward to this next year and spending time with you all at or about our club!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Please UP-DATE your membership information for the 2011 Membership Directory to Sheila Jones at sjustjones@gmail.com

Rear Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

I could not be more pleased with the captains we have for this year. Tim Peterson continues as Sailing Fleet Captain and is doing a fantastic job. Robin Weber has also agreed to lead the Redwood Cup events, which will not only support Tim but will add his own experience to this important series. We are looking at ways to have even more boats out there this year and build on our reputation as the leading sailing club in the South Bay but also get even more folks in the North Bay to take notice of the exciting things we are doing.

Steve Holmstrom has also agreed to continue as Beer Can Captain – this is tremendous as not only does everyone really look forward to this series but it is also a great opportunity to recruit new members. I know its early days yet – but think whom you can encourage to come up and participate in this fun event and get interested in the club.

Petra Gilmore is our Cruising Fleet Captain this year and we all are excited by the schedule of cruises contained in this Scope issue. She takes over from John Graves who did a great job last year and I cannot think of a better hand off and a better person to continue. Sheila Jones continues as Power Fleet Captain and she tells me to expect a few new ideas for events this year.

We shall start planning the South Bay Opening Day in December. This event requires advanced planning to ensure we all get it right and show off not just the South Bay but also Sequoia Yacht Club. We need volunteers to make this a success and I shall be reaching out to many to help with this.

Our on-the-water activities are the cornerstone of what makes SYC a successful club and we are genuinely interested in getting your ideas and comments to improve what we do. Please take the time to write a short email to the Flag at the club website and we shall take all input very seriously.

A Look to the Past



Peter Nardini

We have just completed our 71st year as a Club and starting our 72nd year with new Flag Officers and Board of Directors. Let's thank our past Board for all that they did to provided us with successful and excellent year and wish the new Board another successful year.

71 years is a very long time and a while back we were wondering how many members have we had since 1939. We gleamed our list from old PICYA Yearbook and the used our membership roster. We save our rosters but they only go back to about 1967. (We now save a copy of all our rosters.)

Our best estimate is that more that 1,519 persons have joined Sequoia Yacht Club since the beginning of 1939. This estimate cannot be considered accurate even though it includes all categories of membership. It does not include spouses or members without boats. The early Yearbooks did not list non-boat owners. We started listing these members when rosters were printed, our numbering system did not start until the 1st of January 1967 and the numbers were issued alphabetically.

In 1967, there were 85 members on January 1st. #001 was issued to Frank Barbaria and #085 went to Dennis Woodman. Those that are still active are: Flemming Blucher - 002; Al Caesar- 008; Glennis Durkin - 024; Marge Johnstone - 038; G.E. McElroy - 050; Carl Ondry - 062; Donald Warren - 079; Bernice Wahle - 078 and Brian Welsh - 082. But our oldest member is Fred Smales, Commodore '44, Honorary #H15. He now lives in Hawaii, but occasionally visits us. (Honorary and youth membership has and uses a different numbering system.)

Our membership at the beginning of the year was about 255. Our most recent membership number issued was #955. I will look forward to meeting member #1000 in the not too distant future!



Social Events



Michele Hartman

New Year's Eve Party

Friday, December 31st

Join your new Flag Officers to ring in 2011!

- 20:00 Hors d'oeuvres
- 21:00 Live music from MARS
- 22:00 Desserts and bubbly.



This is a great opportunity to spend a winter night on your boat -- no drinking and driving. Sign up at the club.

Mid-Winter Tropical Dream Party

Saturday, January 22nd



Come by the club to sample a South Seas menu, tropical drinks and warm sea breezes.

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Membership News



Jerry Jones

Richard Blackmore had his second reading for Corinthian membership at the November Installation Dinner. He was nominated by Deb Blackmore and Larry Mayne.

Richard graduated from Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio and has moved back to the Bay Area. His degree was in Earth Sciences and he is volunteering his time at three local museums to further his career as a natural history curator. Richard has been active in sea kayaking, El Toro sailing, Beer Can Races and cruising. He sails on the family boat Pied Piper, an Oyster 49, and the Alerion 28. Welcome aboard.



Richard Blackmore

Returning members Jack and Tricia Bell have been off cruising for the last several years and have reinstated their membership. They reside in Boulder Creek and have an 83 foot Direktor power boat Morning Mist berthed in Redwood City. Welcome Back.

South Beach Harbor Cruise Out

December 18-19, 2010

Leader: Sherry Smith

Contact: Sherry@Tridig.com

Friday -- Happy Hour on SBYC heated deck and dinner by Chef Pierre in the clubhouse.

Saturday -- Ice skating and shopping on The Embarcadero.

Sunday -- Casual return to the South Bay.

South Bay Yacht Club Cruise Out

January 17-17, 2011

(MLK Weekend)

Host: Larry Mayne

Contact: LRMayne@aol.com

Saturday dinner at SBYC, est. 1896.

Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

Our 2011 racing season is now underway and the first Redwood Cup and Winter Series races have been completed. We are off to a great start, with 13 boats participating in the first Redwood Cup race, and 15 boats in the first Winter Series Race. I would like to extend the invitation to all Sequoia Members to come out and participate in our racing program. It is a great opportunity to sharpen your sailing skills and to enjoy the post-race BBQ and recap of the race events. There is something to be gained for sailors at all levels.

Robin Weber, our Redwood Cup Fleet Captain reports that Redwood Cup #1 turned out to be a graduate-level course in sailing skills and foul-weather gear selection. The race began in light air and when the wind died 30 minutes later the entire fleet was bunched closely together at mark #8. Boats were pushed by a strong ebb, several out of the channel or into marks, and two boats had to start their engines to avoid running into other boats or going aground. The wind filled and the racers were treated to a visibility-reducing downpour as they headed north toward #12. The race from the Turning Basin around "12" and "Y" finished in moderate wind with first place going to *Head Rush*, Charlie Watt, second place - *Espresso*, Dave Ballentine, and third place - *Smokin' J*, Stan Phillips.

Our first Winter Series race took place on November 13. The wind crystal ball was quite murky before the race, so a twice-around course of 3/4 - Sp - 12p - Ys - 3/4 was selected for a total distance of 9.66 miles, with the option of racing only a single circuit if the winds failed to build in the afternoon. With initial winds of about 8-10 knots the starting horn went off promptly at 13:00 and the race was on. Although the winds continued to be difficult to gauge throughout the day, the Sequoia racing fleet completed both circuits on a beautiful November afternoon. First place went to *Head Rush*, Charlie Watt, second place to *Pizote*, John Ryan, and third place went to *Linda Carol*, Ray Collier.

Mark your calendars now for Redwood Cup #2 on Sunday, Dec. 5, and for Winter #2 on Saturday, Dec. 11. If you haven't been in a race in a while, make it a point to get involved in one of the upcoming races. Looking forward to seeing you at the start line in December.

Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

2011 Cruise Out Plan

Our 2011 Cruise-Out calendar is set and I would like to thank all the Cruise-Out leaders for volunteering! I have one open spot left, which is the annual Labor Day Weekend Blue Water Cruise-Out. Give me a call to claim this one as your own.

January 15, 16, 17	South Bay Yacht Club Larry & Robin Mayne
February 19, 20, 21	Jack London Square/ Yoshi's Winston & Carole Bumpus
March 26, 27	Oakland Yacht Club Robin Weber & Kathryn Maxwell
April 16, 17	San Francisco Yacht Club Peter & Deb Blackmore
May 28, 29, 30	Sausalito/ Cavallo Point Shannon Amerman & Tod Klingler
June 4 & 5	South Beach/Giants Game Dennis & Grace Lowe
June 25 & 26	San Leandro w/ Tin Cup John and LuAnne Graves
July 2-9	Mega Cruise: Turkey Joseph & Oya Curtis
July 9- 10	Golden Gate Yacht Byron & Jeanne Jacobs
August 1-5	Delta Yacht Club Peter and Deb Blackmore
September 3,4,5	Blue Water Cruise Cheryl Jasper
October 8, 9	Aquatic Park/Fleet Week Doug and Anne Murray
November 25, 26, 27	Angel Island Tom & Barb Keegan
December 3, 4	Encinal Yacht Club/Lighted Boats David and Doris Bliven

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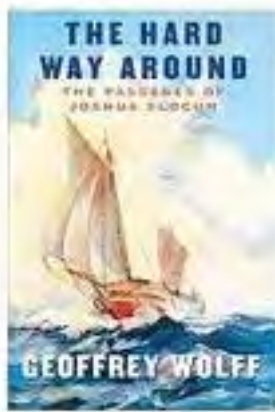


Deb Blackmore

Sequoia Reads: The Hard Way Around

Just in time for holiday giving and those long, rainy evenings of January, a fantastic new biography of Joshua Slocum has been released called The Hard Way Around by Geoffrey Wolff.

Slocum's Sailing Alone Around the World, tells the story of his three year, 46,000 mile solo circumnavigation in a hand-built 37' sloop *Spray* at the turn of the 1900s.



What Wolff sets out to explain in The Hard Way Around is who was Joshua Slocum and what led him to make such an epic journey?

With the aid of modern research techniques, Wolff is able to present new sources and evidence that trace Slocum's hardscrabble childhood in Nova Scotia, his departure for a life a sea as a twelve year old with only a third grade education, and his amazing career climb as a merchant ship commander.

Wolff offers insights into the precipitous decline of the Golden Age of Sail and the daring and sometimes dangerous shipboard life that Slocum made for himself and his family for more than five decades.

So for those who enjoy a good read in the winter season, get yourself a copy and join us for a rollicking discussion about the life of Joshua Slocum on **Thursday January 20, 2011.**

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Ann McDonough

After three years at Bair Island Villas, Carole and Winston Bumpus has moved into their new home in Redwood Shores. Carole reports that they already miss the view of the marina and the antics of the wildlife outside their window. Instead they now have a waterside hiking path and, claims Winston, a long distance view from his home office of the boats heading up Redwood Creek. Back to work, Winston!

Deb Blackmore just returned from a week in Argentina. One day was spent on the water touring the Delta region of the Rio Plato by water bus. The Delta of the Rio Plato is 3,860 square miles of waterways. There was also plenty of water in Iguacu National Park where the intrepid travelers stood over the famous falls between Brazil and Argentina.

Alejandra Dalton went in for another round of chemo this month. She has gained weight and is responding well to the current treatment.

You can follow Dan Doud's grandson, Paul, treatment progress on their CaringBridge website.
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pauldoud>

Mark Millet and Ann Cohen announced their engagement and upcoming marriage at the Installation Dinner. They promised that SYC members would be included in a second reception held locally. Good Luck.

I would like to take a moment and thank LuAnne Graves for her services during the past 6 years for the Good of the Order. She has shown great compassion and humor in her reports. She has left big shoes, er stockings, for me to fill.



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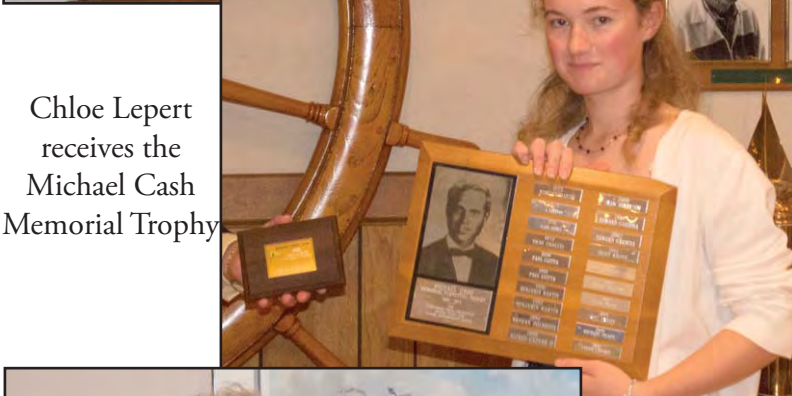
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Hots Shots by Sheila Jones

2010 Instalation Dinner



Commodore Byron Jacobs, Master of Ceremonies, last job as Commodore



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Peter McCormick receives the H.C. Armitage Award for his work with Junior Sailing

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SYC Club Calendar

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Cruise-Out - Angel OD: Marge Johnstone	29 6pm - Football	30	1 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	2	3 6:30pm - DID	4 OD: Jerv Jones
5 Childrens Xmas OD: Tom Keegan Redwood #2	6 6pm - Football	7 7pm - Board	8 12pm - Cards	9	10 6:30pm - DID General Meeting 7:30pm - Meeting	11 OD: Richard Kern Winter #2 10am - Member
12 OD: Robert King	13 6pm - Football	14 Gryphon Rental	15 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	16	17 6:30pm - DID &	18 Cruise-Out - South OD: Sam Kirkes
19 Cruise-Out - South OD: Olivier Lauzeral	20 6pm - Football	21	22 12pm - Cards	23	24	25 (Christmas) OD: none
26 OD: none	27 6pm - Football	28	29 12pm - Cards	30	31 New Year's Eve	1

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 OD: none	27 6pm - Football	28	29 12pm - Cards	30	31 New Year's Eve	1
2 OD: Harry Love	3	4 Board Meeting	5 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	6	7 DID General Meeting	8 OD: Dennis Lowe
9 OD: John Mangnev Redwood #3	10	11	12 12pm - Cards	13	14 DID	15 Cruise-Out - South OD: Michael
16 Cruise-Out OD: John Mattis	17 Cruise-out @ Cruise- MLK Holiday	18	19 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	20 6:30pm - Seauoia	21	22 OD: Paul McCarthy Winter #3 6pm - Tropical
23 OD: Ann McDonough	24	25	26 12pm - Cards	27	28 DID	29 OD: Phillip Meredith
30 OD: Patricia Mighetto	31	1 Board Meeting	2 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	3	4 DID General Meeting	5 Singlehanded #1