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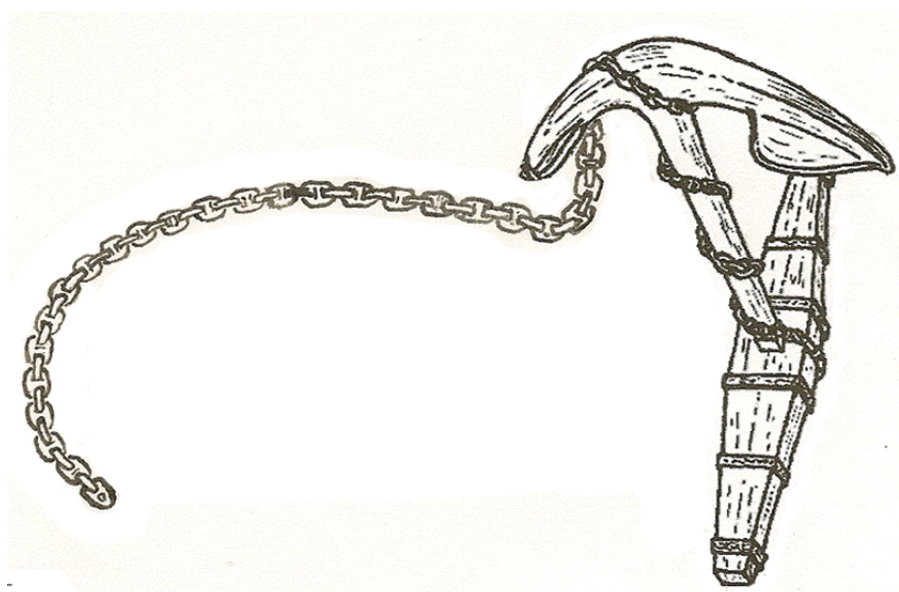
Sequoia Yacht Club

December 2011

Redwood City, CA



Commodore Kate Humphreys swears in the new Flag: Peter Blackmore, Winston Bumpus, Joseph Curtis, Robin Weber, John Ryan, Dan Doud, Doug Murray, and Tim Petersen. Missing are Katheryn Maxwell, Dan Lockwood, Tod Klingler and Grace Lowe. Photo by Sheila Jones



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This Month At A Glance

12/3 Cruise Out: Encinal YC for
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12/6 Board Meeting

12/7 Cards

12/9 Drop in Dinner & General Meeting

12/11 Children's Holiday Party

12/16 Drop in Dinner & Holiday Pageant

12/21 Cards

12/31 New Year's Eve Party

01/04 Wednesday Lunch & Cards

01/10 Board Meeting

01/13 Drop in Dinner & General Meeting

01/14 South Bay Cruise Out/
MLK Weekend

01/18 Wednesday Lunch & Cards

01/21 Tropical Dreaming Party

01/27 Drop in Dinner

Officer of the Day (OD)

12/3 Kathy Conte

12/4 Ed Copeland

12/10 Lisa Corsetti

12/11 Sandi Crane

12/17 Joseph Curtis

12/18 Rick Dalton

12/24 No OD

12/25 No OD

12/31 No OD

01/07 Phaedra Fisher

01/08 Mike Garl

01/14 Fred Gillam

01/15 James Grace

01/21 John Graves

01/22 Ted Hannig

01/28 Geri Hardey

01/29 Michele Hartman

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Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

The annual SYC changing of the guard has occurred!

Joseph and Oya, thank you for a wonderful year, which culminated in an elegant Installation Dinner and heartfelt celebration. We are lucky to have one more year of Joseph's advice and counsel on the board. Thank you to all of 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. Byron and Jeanne, thank you for your many years of service to the club. Byron, congratulations on finally reaching your Past Commodore status!

I am looking forward to serving you all as Commodore this year, attending the many wonderful events planned by Peter and his team and getting back on the water and sailing in some of the wonderful events planned by Winston and his team. I invite you all to join me in the fun!

Next time you see them, please welcome our new board members: Kathryn Maxwell, Treasurer; Ms. Robin Weber, Secretary; and Directors, Dan Doud, John Ryan and Tod Klingler.

A great way to meet all of our 2012 club leaders is to join us in the holiday celebrations this December. Peter and Michele have a busy month of FUN planned with the Children's Holiday Party on December 11, the Holiday Spirit DID on December 16 and the Bi-Coastal New Year's Bash on December 31. The details of all three events are in this issue.

Racing is in full swing with both Redwood Cup and the Winter Series kicking off in November. If you missed the first race, be sure to get them on your calendar for December.

With the New Year comes our new membership directory and roster. Please remember to update your Membership information for the 2012 Membership Directory. Send your details to Sheila Jones at sjustjones@gmail.com. Thank you Sheila for continuing on with this very important job.

I am looking forward to spending time with you all at the club and on the water. Happy holidays!

Vice Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

It is my honor to move up the flag to be your Vice Commodore. I'll let you in on a little secret. My recipe for another enjoyable year at SYC is to assemble an All-Star Team and get out of their way.

Once again, for 2012 we have some outstanding volunteers who offered their time and commitment.

- Michele Hartman will organize our "dance cards" as Social Chair
- Joanne Wright will balance our books and rake in rental income from our facilities
- Dan Doud will continue to keep the club house running "ship shape and Bristol fashion"
- Fred Ganjei will once again be behind the scenes at the bar
- Lina Reynolds will "keep the home fires burning" as our hard working Club Steward, with catering support from Steve Higgs
- Gaylord VanDyne and George Carr will offer up good grub and convivial conversation for the Wednesday Lunch Bunch
- Larry Mayne will contribute his famous breakfasts... pancakes for every season
- Grace Lowe will see that we're "Best Dressed" as haberdasher extraordinaire
- Peter Nardini will safeguard our trophies (and he really does know the background to every one!)
- Ann McDonough and Deb Blackmore will make nautical learning fun as the inimitable Nauti Girls.

We would all like this to be a great year for social activity and for your club. I'll leave it to Michele Hartman to give you the run down on events we have in our 2012 calendar.

We have some exciting ideas but most importantly we are here to help you have an enjoyable year. Your input and suggestions are very welcome! Email, call or just find me at the club! Here's to another great year.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Rear Commodore's Report



Winston Bumpus

After two years as serving as SYC Treasurer I'm honored and ready to serve the club this year as Rear Commodore. We have a great on the water program with excellent racing and cruising activities.

We are all very lucky to have an amazing team of volunteers who have stepped up again this year to serve as the fleet captains.

- Tim Petersen** who has already served two years as the Sailboat Fleet Captain has agreed to serve for one more year.
- Petra Gilmore** has agreed to continue as the Cruising Fleet Captain.
- Sheila Jones** once again will Captain the Powerboat Fleet.
- Robin Weber** has agreed to serve as the Redwood Cup Captain for another year.
- John Graves** has signed on as Beer Can Captain for 2012!

What an awesome line-up! With this team of experienced folks we should have just an outstanding year on the water.

We will also be looking at feedback from the member's survey which is already providing for some ways we could improve our programs. One of the common themes was boaters are looking for crew and crew are looking for boats.

We are experimenting with a web based approach for folks to connect. Ann McDonough has added the Forum facility to our public site so folks can advertise that they are looking for a ride and folks can advertise they are looking for crew. We will monitor this and see if this will enable more folks to get on the water.

There were other good suggestions regarding training programs the members would like to see and I will discuss your feedback with the team and see how much of your great ideas we can accomplish this year.

It should be a fun year and we hope safe year on the water. Many of you have said that you would be willing to help out and we will be calling on you as we have a full calander of great events.

With the help of many club members, I will continue the traditions of this great club!

Junior Sailing



Peter McCormick

2011 is on its way out and 2012 is coming in. Junior Sailing is planning for growth in 2012 and as a volunteer club, we can use your help.

Our last class ends on December 3rd. We are planning to pull *MAX* from the water shortly after and start working on getting it ready for the Spring sessions. We can use volunteers to assist. Chris Hartman is heading up this re-work, contact him or me and we can get you involved. If you don't have experience, no worries, in some cases you can just watch and lend a hand when needed, or you can jump in full throttle and sand, polish, to your heart's content.

Before classes start in February we will be looking for folks to fill some roles. These are your opportunities to help the kids and help your club grow and improve.

Junior Sailing if looking for:

- Safety boat assistants and instructor/trainers. Want to jump in and teach? Come on down and we will get you started.
- Class assistants - **Linda Ryan** could use your help with Sign Ups, logistics, email and paper work to keep things running smoothly.
- Party Makers/Fundraisers - **Kris Butler** will lead the way with planning two parties each year for the kids. Come learn from a pro and help us reach new goals.
- Budget Keeper – I currently do this as JSP Director, however I could use all the help I can get to plan the budget, make buying decisions, estimate upgrades and maintenance and incorporate inputs from the whole JSP team.
- Planners – The future of the JSP depends on some key decisions. Join **Larry Mayne**, **Kate Humphreys**, and other big thinkers for some JSP planning.

PYSF has one of the most prestigious programs in the US, and we want that to continue. Between PYSF and JSP we support and train hundreds of young sailors every year. 2012 will be exciting and challenging. We can use your input, your helping hands.

Watch for meetings and notices as we get some of these plans underway. Contact me, **Peter McCormick**, at peter.mccormick@comcast.net to get involved. JSP needs you!

Social Events



Michele Hartman

*Oh, what a night!
Late December back in '63.
What a very special time for me.
As I remember, what a night.*

-Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

Okay, enough of this musical horseplay. My mission is to tell you all about the line up of memorable nights for 2012. Here are 17 special occasions to look forward to:

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| Saturday, January 21 | Tropical Dreaming
Warm breezes and fun |
| Sunday, February 5 | Superbowl Party
Sweat and snacks |
| Saturday, February 25 | Golden Age of Sail Party
Tall ships and pirates |
| Friday, March 16 | St. Patrick's Party
Live music and blarney |
| Saturday, March 17 | St. Patrick's Race Dinner
More corned beef Saturday, |
| Saturday, April 21 | Chili Cook-Off Party
Indigestion competition |
| Saturday, May 19 | South Bay Opening Day
Breakfast and pageantry |
| Saturday, June 16 | Past Commodore's Dinner
A blast from the past |
| Saturday, July 21 | Island Time Party
Steel drums and MaiTai's |
| Tuesday, July 31 | Delta Party
Delights at the Delta YC |
| Saturday, August 18 | Deck Party
See who's who at a BBQ |
| Saturday, September 22 | Western BBQ
Cowpokes and old jokes |
| Friday, September 28 | Oktoberfest DID
Ein prosit or what's it? |
| Saturday, October TBD | Redwood City PortFest
Eat, meet and greet |
| Saturday, October 20 | Racer's Ribs Dinner
Bragging rights all night |
| Friday, October 26 | Halloween DID
Altogether oooky |
| Saturday, November 10 | Installation Dinner
Salute the new Flag! |

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Membership News



Jerry Jones

There were no first or second readings in November.

The 2012 Membership Directory will be coming out soon. Please help us to update your information to make it as accurate as possible. Our Membership Directory is a useful tool for us all and can really save the day when you need to quickly find a helping hand for a sailing date or project.

The Senior only directory is online under the Membership directory heading. You must first log on to the website to get into this Member Only Space.

Take a few minutes to be sure that your information is correct and contact Sheila Jones at sjustjones@gmail.com or Jerry Jones at jjustjones@yahoo.com with any changes. Time is getting short. Thanks.

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The membership survey had a great response.

We sent out 158 surveys and had responses from 95 members. This is a good result to a survey by any standards.

We wanted to mention that we had the ability to ask members who had not responded directly to check if they would respond so after a number of reminders we believe we have got as complete a response as we shall get.

The results tell us a lot about all aspects of the club including what's great, what needs to change, new ideas we can consider.

We committed at the start of the survey to share the results at the December General Meeting. We shall do this and we shall also publish the results to all members.

Thank you for helping us - we are passionate about making Sequoia even stronger as a club!

Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

Our 2012 racing season is now underway and the first *Redwood Cup* and *Winter Series* races have been completed. I would like to take this opportunity to extend an 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 festivities at the club. There is something to be gained for sailors at all levels.

Be sure to check out the new *Forums* tab on the Sequoia web site. If lack of a crew is keeping you from getting out and sailing, the *Skipper Looking for Crew* Forum topic can be used to post the races for which you are looking for more hands. Similarly, if you are looking to crew for one of the skippers sailing in a Sequoia race, the *Crew Looking for Boat* Forum topic can be used to let skippers know. Hopefully we will get all our boats fully staffed and ready to race.

We have a full calendar planned, with all of our ongoing series and special races back again for 2012. Looking forward, the month of July 2012 will be the highlight of the year. The first race of the month will literally start off with fireworks as July 4 coincides with Beer Can #13.

This will be followed by 3 more Beer Can Races, the Moonlight Marathon, the Westpoint Marina Regatta and Summer #4. Special recognition will be given to those who sail in every race that month for over 100 nautical miles.

And throughout the year we have been working diligently with our Vice Commodore and Social Director to plan a variety of events immediately following our races.

Winter Series #2 will be held on Saturday, December 10 and Redwood Cup #2 will be held on Sunday, December 18. As always, race schedules and results can be found on the SYC web site. Come on out and participate in a race with your fellow Sequoia members. It's bound to be an exciting year, and your participation will help ensure another great season.

See you at the start line.

Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

Lighted Yacht Parade Cruise Out: Encinal Yacht Club Saturday-Sunday, December 3-4

Kick off the holiday season with some boating for a good cause. Last year's boat parade generated \$2000 in cash donations and \$2500 in toys and food in support of the Oakland Firefighters Random Acts and the Alameda County Community Food Bank.



Join your SYC friends up at Encinal YC for a sparkling evening.

Contact Cruise Leader: David Bliven
davebliven@gmail.com

South Bay Cruise Out: Martin Luther King Weekend January 14-16, 2012



Have you ever ventured south of the Dumbarton Bridge by boat? You'll be surprised at the history and warm welcome you'll find there at the South Bay YC.

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By [Andy Du Port](#), [Rob Buttress](#) \$65.00 Coming Soon - Available for Pre-Order Now. Includes everything a nauti girl or buoy needs to know.
ISBN-13: 9781408140543 Adlard Coles Nautical Press, 2011.

Heave Ho! The Little Green Book of Seasickness

By [Adlard Coles Nautical](#) \$3.84 "If you entertain people interested in the sea - or those who refuse to have anything to do with it - this is an ideal mini-book to leave casually on the coffee table." - *Lymington Times* "Just the thing for boaters, keen travellers, and anyone who likes a bit of historical hilarity." -- *Nautical Magazine*
ISBN-13: 9781408111123 Adlard Coles Nautical Press, 2010.

Salty Dog Talk: The Nautical Origins of Everyday Expressions (Paperback)

By [Bill Beavis](#), [Richard G. McCloskey](#) \$9.95 Over 200 familiar phrases of nautical origin are arranged alphabetically for easy reference illustrated with Bill Beavis' lively cartoons.
ISBN-13: 9781574092585 Sheridan House, 2007.

Nautical Knots Illustrated (Paperback)

By [Paul Snyder](#), [Arthur Snyder](#) \$14.00 300 superb photographs illustrate the "ins and outs" of the 20 most useful nautical knots and splices.
ISBN-13: 9780071387972 International Marine Publishing, 2002.

The One-Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road (Paperback)

By [Charlie Wing](#) \$18.95 The U.S. Coast Guard approved quick reference designed for easy use on the water, including a "One-Minute Guide Decision Tree" for sudden tricky situations.
ISBN-13: 9780071479233 International Marine Publishing, 2006.

The Sea Chart: The Illustrated History of Nautical Maps and Navigational Charts (Paperback)

By [John Blake](#). \$39.00 150 color illustrations including the earliest charts of the Mediterranean made by early thirteenth-century Italian merchant adventurers, as well as eighteenth-century charts that became strategic naval and commercial requirements and led to Cook's voyages in the Pacific, the search for the Northwest Passage, and races to the Arctic and Antarctic.
ISBN-13: 9781844860630 Anova Books, 2009.

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Good of the Order

Rick Gilmore, the GO TO Guy

Ahoy Sequoia! I'm taking the wheel of "Good of the Order" reporting from the capable hands of Ann McDonough. Thanks Ann for your talented reporting of the "scoop" during the last year. Let's focus even more this year on the "Good" in Good of the Order."

Please pass on to me information on all those moments both big and small. Whether it's the purchase of a boat or just a victory story of a boat project conquered. Give me all those birthday, anniversary, baby birthin', new job gettin', rotten job quittin' and graduatin' stories and I'll pass them on to your fellow yachtspeople. Your sagas will appear monthly in my Scope article and at the General Meeting.

Cheryl Jasper reports:

"I've accepted a "real job" at Google and will be starting Nov 28. After 17 years as a consultant, this will be a big change, but I'm looking forward to it. I'll be working on the Google Fiber project."

"Also, Glenn and I might deserve the oh-no award after a bit of a fiasco today. We had to get rescued from the dinghy by the RWC FD in Corkscrew Slough. We went out for "a little ride" this afternoon but miscalculated how shallow it is in there at mid-tide and got stuck. Are you the one who reports such things?"

...Congratulations and good luck on the new job Cheryl!... and yes, your escapade is truly "Ono-worthy" and I'm the GO TO Guy.

Bar Huston checks in with this happy note:

Hudson Andrew James Lopez was born to Michelle Jackson-Lopez and her husband Jason Lopez, November 4th (Campbell, CA). Michelle is one of Bar's "kids" that he has made part of his family over the years and had the honor of walking her down the aisle to be married in 2009. Hudson was 8lb 4.5oz and 19 3/4". Nancy's son, Ryan and his wife, Molly, are expecting a son December 15th (Kinoshia, WI). This will be Bar and Nancy's second grand-child."

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Hot Shots by Robin Weber

Robin stopped by the America's Cup Village in San Diego on his way back from Ensenada, Mexico.



There were no races on Monday or Tuesday, but that gave him an opportunity to see the boats up close and spend some time doing tourist things in the village.



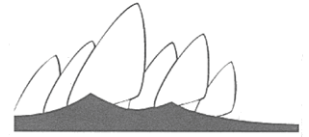
One fun event was a 5 minute video that showed what its like to sail an AC45. We were seated on trapeze seats and when the video started, high pressure fans and appropriately timed water spray added realism to the video. Everyone got soaked but it was fun.



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Hot Shots by Peter Nardini & Jerry Jones

Halloween Party at the Drop in Dinner hosted by Nick and Robin Weber (as Peas and Carrots)
Entertainment by the Band Mars (our very own Michele and Chris Hartman)



Installation Dinner Awards: Swearing in Kate, Meritorious Service Award for Peter McCormick, Cruising Trophy for the Blackmores.



PICYA Awards: Our Juniors pose with their Trophies and Peter Blackmore with the Condon Trophy for Eric Anderson and PYSE.



SYC Club Events for October 2011

Upcoming Race Events:



12/10 **Winter #2**
12/18 **Redwood Cup #2**

For more up-to-the-minute details, check www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar.

Children's Holiday Tea Party *Sunday, December 11*

An afternoon tea for children of all ages.
Bring your whole family or someone else's.



13:00 Crafts with Carolyn Petersen
14:30 Magic Show with Magic Mike
15:30 Santa arrives with gifts

\$10 per person

Cookies, snacks, and festive music that will
help you remember why we have the holidays

Reservations are REQUIRED at dkayblack@aol.com
or sign up at the club.

We need the name, gender and age of your
young guests to forward to Santa.

Bi-Coastal New Year's Eve Celebration *Saturday, December 31st*

Ring in the New Year with your Commodores:

Kate & Dan Humphreys
Peter & Deb Blackmore
Winston & Carole Bumpus

from 19:00 to 24:00
\$10 per person

Bi-Coastal means that we'll call it "midnight" from 21:00
(East Coast) and stay merry until it's 24:00 on the West Coast.

There'll be appetizers and desserts offered all evening. Just drop in.

Music by MARS from 21:00. Put on your dancin' shoes!

Holiday Spirit Pageant DID *Friday, December 16*

Cocktails: 18:00 DID: 19:00

We're reviving Cal and Dot Rothenberg's musical evening.
Lina will serve us a holiday feast and there won't even be
any dishes to do!

Come laugh and sing some
slightly nutty holiday songs
with our own, Bob Stanfield,
to boost your holiday spirit.



Tropical Dreaming Party *Saturday, January 21*

Hosts: Rick & Petra Gilmore
Cocktails: 18:00 Dinner: 19:30

It's official...everyone needs more sunshine
in January. And the Gilmore's
have discovered the perfect remedy
for your winter doldrums.

Come join in dockside and on the SYC deck
for Mai Tai's and mayhem --
warm breezes and fun!

Sign-up online at Sequoiayc.org
or at the club.