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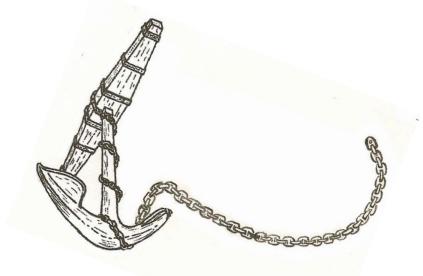
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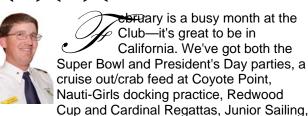
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Commodore's Report



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Galley Orientation, Bingo, Wednesday Lunches, Drop-In Dinners, and our General Meeting. There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy our boats, friends, and Club.

Please help us welcome Ryan Dadds, our new Steward. Many of us have already been enjoying her great cooking and cleaning, as well as her fun personality. Be sure to introduce yourself to her and thank her for all the hard work.

The Club's in very good shape overall. Though we finished 2007 behind our budget, we've got a plan in place for 2008 that should help us catch up and put some money into both the Facilities and Operating Reserves. We've got lots of great new members joining, wonderful attendance at dinners, meetings, and parties, and plenty of activities on the water, especially racing and cruise-outs.

I hope to see you at our Club and on the water this busy month.

John Graves Commodore



😽 🐳 Vice Commodore's Report

The search for our new Steward is complete! Ryan Dadds accepted the position and started with us on December 29. She works full-time at Stanford as a Radiologic Technologist. Ryan has 2 Bachelor Degrees and worked at the

Mayo Clinic last year. She is originally from South Carolina. Please come by the Club and introduce yourself. We are very happy to have her be a part of our family!

Are you ready for some football? Yes, it is time for Super Bowl! February 3 is our annual Super Bowl Party complete with snacks, libations and the famous football pool. Come cheer your favorite team to victory.

Chocolate, flowers, hearts....you know what I am talking about. Valentine's Day is coming to Sequoia Yacht Club on February 15. Our DID will be a sweet evening including lovely music, pretty flowers, chocolates and hearts!

Last Year's President's Day Party was a huge success, so who is going to mess with success? Come enjoy the dinner of Presidents: Adams' Boston Baked Beans, Jackson's Virginia Baked Ham, Washington's Cherry Pie, the list is too long to print here. Come sample them on February 23 at 1830.

2008 is a Leap Year and Leap Day is on a Friday, so, we are going to have a Leap Day DID of Homemade Chili, Cheesy Broccoli Cornbread, Salad and Dessert. **Drum roll please!** And we are going to play BINGO! Prizes will be awarded for all the winners. Buy a board for a mere \$1 and join in the fun.

Now for some housekeeping; during the storms in January, the roof in the bar leaked. Once things dry out, we will be patching it. Anyone that can help, please contact me. Thank you.

Petra Gilmore Vice Commodore

🛠 Rear Commodore's Report



Acing continues with Winter #3 on Feb 9, Cardinal Regatta on February 23-24, and Redwood Cup on February 24. Charlie Watt is heading up a Racing Rule Committee to consider which rules should apply to

which events, such as simplified rules or Racing Rules of Sailing; and powering off the mud after running aground at Beer Can, Redwood Cup and Winter/ Summer series.

Our big Crab Feed Cruise-Out is on for February 16-17 at Coyote Point Yacht Club. This is always a fun event and an easy trip for those who would like to try a cruise-out, or just drive up for dinner Saturday night. Details are on Page 6 in this issue.

> Byron Jacobs Rear Commodore

Staff Commodore's Report



We are well on our way this new year. The new flag is meeting the opportunities as they arise with enthusiasm and energy.

We will have our first deck rebuild meeting by the time you read this, but keep watching for updates.

> Mike Harris Staff Commodore



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February	OD LIST 2008 March	April
OD Chair: Sherry Warburton	OD Chair: Dennis Lowe	OD Chair: Jim Peterson
02/02 James Grace	03/01 Bob Hoffman	0/305 Richard Kern
02/03 John Graves	03/02 Steve Holmstrom	03/06 Robert King
02/09 Ted Hannig	03/08 Bar Houston	03/12 Sam Kirkes
02/10 Gerri Hardey	03/09 Dan Humphreys	03/13 Olivier Lauzeral
02/16 Mike Harris	03/15 Donald Inouye	03/19 Dan Lockwood
02/17 Steve Hartman	03/16 Harold Jabs	03/20 Harry Love
02/23 Alternate	03/22 Byron Jacobs	03/26 Stella Marinos
02/24 Herb Heckler	03/23 Marge Johnstone 03/29 Jerry Jones 03/30 Tom Keegan	03/27 John Mattis

OD's -don't forget to sign the duty roster in the OD Book.

In Memoriam

Mary Brown, passed away January 8, 2008.

Mary was truly a tireless volunteer and organizer for our Club. Mary was wife of Past Commodore Gene Brown,

Our condolences to Gene and their family.

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Membership

The Board of Directors approved Honorary



membership for 1970 Past Commodore G.E. 'Mac' McElroy. They also approved the 2007 Honorary members to continue for 2008. Trevor and Sandy Kempsel have been cruising for the last several

years and are now Adrift

Members.

First Reading: Matthew and Shari Negherbon live in San Jose and have an Olson 40 sailboat, *Clipper,* berthed at Pete's Harbor. They are nominated by John Graves and Rick Gilmore.

Second Reading: Tim and Carol Petersen who live in Sunnyvale were voted into membership at the January general meeting.



Shari & Matthew Negherbon

They have an Islander 30, *Sweet Pea*, berthed at Redwood City Marina.

Jerry Jones Membership Chairperson

Port Captain



Thanks to all who have been helping keep the shore boats dry during the storms of the last few weeks! Remember to keep an eye on the shore boats during the rest of the rainy season.

Sometime during the last couple of weeks, someone borrowed an expensive shore power adapter from

the Port Captain's Locker and has failed to return it. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the adapter, please make sure it gets back to the Locker. Please do not remove anything from the Locker without permission from the Port Captain first.

The keys to the shore boats are now locked in the lock box in the coat area. In order to have your key card programmed to have access to the keys, you need to be checked on the shore boats. Those who need to have the check out class should contact me to schedule a time.

> Joseph R. Curtis Port Captain

Racing Rules, *Made Easy*



I love to race! As a racer, I am very excited to see the large participation of boats in all of the Sequoia Yacht Club races along with the camaraderie afterwards where a beer and a big story goes a long way. We have great participation here at Sequoia Yacht club in many of our races, but I would like to encourage more of you to come out and race, either as crew on a boat, or with your



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own boat. Therefore, this is my first attempt at writing for any publication and will now launch Racing Rules, *MADE Easy*. In this column, I will address basic racing rules and how they may apply to SYC's racing series and courses.

The first question that needs to be asked—why do we need racing rules? Well, when you have many boats racing in close proximity at a start line or rounding a mark (buoy), if you do not have a common set of 'right-of-way' rules you can jeopardize the safety of all the boats and crews. Additionally, the rules are meant to create a fair race. It is interesting that Rule #1 is entitled 'Safety' and Rule # 2 is 'Fair Sailing'. This is the real essence of the racing rules: first, boat safety and second, a fair race.

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) has published *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, which consists of 95 rules governing sailboat racing. These rules were developed to maximize boat safety and to conform to the ideas of fairness accepted by most sailors. Do not try to memorize these 95 rules, you can't! This is why I carry a rulebook on the boat. One recommendation for a rule book is Dave Perry's, 'Understanding Racing Rules of Sailing through 2008'. Each rule does have a clear purpose but you will remember the rules faster and more clearly if you step back and try to see what actions the rule is trying to produce or eliminate. If you are new to racing, do not be intimidated by the so called complexities of racing rules. The best way to learn the rules is by coming out to our races.

In the upcoming months, we will explore specific rules in more depth and how they relate to our race courses. Some of the future topics include racing safety, racing definitions, starboard/port rights and tactics, windward/leeward rights and tactics, calling for room, overtaking a boat, rounding marks, and starting rights and tactics. I can take questions and comments anytime up to the start of the next race!

Jim Peterson Co-Captain, Made Easy

The Nauti Girls



Dear Nauti Girls,

I have read your advice column faithfully and several of your topics have really piqued my interest in nautical pursuits. Alas, I am not of the fair sex and wondered if your Nauti Nights and other activities are for women only?

Potential Poop-deck Pal Dear Poop-Deck, the more the merrier.

The Nauti(cal) Girls are truly dedicated to improving nautical knowledge and skills of all Club members. Along the way we hope to increase bar sales on quiet Thursday nights and get new members off to a good start in the friends department. So, please join in.

Upcoming activities sponsored by the Nauti Girls include: January 24 from 7pm in the lounge, a rollicking review of "Nathaniel's Nutmeg" by Giles Milton. Snacks provided.

February 7 from 7pm in the lounge, a party planning primer with Jeanne Jacobs and Steve Higgs. Come learn about event sheets, signups, volunteer recruitment, menu planning, shopping, and all the rest. Free SYC aprons for participants. Snacks provided. **February 10** from Noon to 4 p.m. "Docking Skills" session at Westpoint Marina. Instructor/SYC member Ron Brown will coach in several sizes of boats. Cruise on over.

March 6 from 7pm in the lounge , "Knotty Night" with Dan Humphries. Come learn how to tie one on...half hitches, bowlines, and reefing knots, that is. Snacks provided.

April 3 from 7pm in the lounge, a review of "Sisters of the Sea" by Sandra Riley. This is a fictionalized account of the lives of Anne Bonny and Mary Read, two real pirates of the Caribbean.

Dear Nauti Girls,

My husband is slightly suspicious that your Nauti Nights sound like amusing evenings for Club members and not serious lectures. Can you convince him that we're really going to learn something?

The (Chicken) Little Woman

Dear Chick, tell him that boating is a hobby and it's meant to be fun! Come join us. NG

The Nauti Girls

A Look at the Past



I was reading the past issue of the PICYA Log. It announced that the winner of the "Chispa Cup" was **Brian Malouf** of Sequoia Yacht Club. Then, it stated that the winner of the PICYA's Delegates Perpetual Youth Sailing Trophy was **Logan Lee** and that **Kyle Larsen** won the SF Bay Sailing Association's Perpetual Youth Trophy. Both

are from our Club. Further, the article said that Sequoia Yacht Club won the Staff Commodores'

Perpetual Youth Sailing Trophy for in the 4 divisions of the regatta. These members deserve our congratulations round of applause for their efforts. Commodores' the best score young and a big

The article made me think about the other awards that Sequoia and its members have recieved over the years from PICYA. To start, Sequoia earned the "Claude H. Benham Opening Day Attendance Trophy each year from 1948 to 1952 and in 1998. Other Opening Day awards that Sequoia received were the Royal Cruise Line Trophy for flags and streamers in 1999 and, in 1998, 1999 and 2000, our youth sailors earned the Marine World Foundation Junior Decorated Boat Trophy.

The "Club of the Year" was awarded to us in 1998 and 1999. These trophies hang over the door to the "Bill Oates" room. Sequoia's youth training program has been the recipient of the "Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Trophy for Youth Sailing" five times since this award was created in 1958 by the admiral.

Our members have also been recipients of honors. Leo Harning, 1973; Chuck Beazell, 1988; Russell Breed, 1993; Edward Copeland, 1993 and Phil MacFarlane and Ron Feldman, 1998, each have been awarded PICYA's Meritorious Service Awards for exceptional acts of rescue and saving of life and/or property in the tradition of the sea. Recipients of the Condon Award for the distinguished and selfless service to young people are Sheila Jones, Michael Lafaurie 2 times and Peter Saitta. In 1992, Bob Hoffman



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was honored with the Robert S. Olson Award for outstanding and distinguished service to the boating community.

In youth sailing, **Brian Malouf** and his Laser won the "Chispa Cup" 3 times before, 2004, 2005 and 2006. The SFBSA Perpetual Youth Sailing Trophy was also won by **Paul Saitta** in 1991 and 1992. The Dave Diola Cup was won by **Dan Ryan** and **Noah Shaw**, 2004; **David Liebenberg** and **Michael Scott**, 2005 and **Tim Marymee** and **Mike Lazzardi** in 2006. **Ashley Simpson** and **Maria Lierta** won the Jan Horne Trophy in 2004.

So you see that Sequoia and its members, over the years, have distinguished themselves in the boating community. With the caliber of our young and older members, Sequoia Yacht Club will continue to distinguish itself in the future.

> Peter Nardini Club Historian & Past Commodore

Good of the ORDER



All it takes is a man-made disaster to get Sequoia racing recognized! The January issue of Latitude 38 reports that the November oil spill kept much of the racing in the North Bay on the sidelines. However, racing continued in the South Bay and boats that made the Mid-winter Box Scores were *Black Sheep* (Ron Brown), *Made Easy* (Jim Peterson), *Yellow Brick Road* (John Draeger), *Iowa* (Rick

Dalton), *Mirth* (Rick Gilmore), and *White Dove* (Mike Garl). Please contact me if there is anything you would like to share with the membership.

> LuAnne Graves luannegraves@gmail.com



FOOTBALL!!!!

Hosted by Larry Mayne. There will be a big screen TV and lots of appetizers. This is a casual fun event so come down and watch these teams compete. Cost \$7.00 per person

Thursday, February 7 is Galley Orientation

Have you always wanted to volunteer for an event at Sequoia Yacht Club but were unsure what to do? We have an event to help you understand the social workings our Club.

Sequoia Yacht Club is an all Volunteer Club. All of the spectacular events that take place are planned and prepared by Sequoia Yacht Club members. We hope you can join us on Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 1900 for a Galley Orientation. Stephen Higgs, our own 2007 Member of the Year and I will co-host this event.

Saturday, Feb 23 is President's Party

Hosted by Byron and Jeanne Jacobs. Come celebrate a dinner feast fit for a President. 18:00 Cocktails, 19:00 Dinner **Menu**

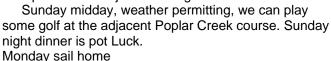
Lincoln's Caesar Salad Maryland Crab Cakes Jefferson's Macaroni and Cheese Virginia Baked Ham Kennedy's Boston Baked Beans Grant's Green Beans Washington's Cherry Pie

Cost \$22.50 per person

Crab feed and cruise out to Coyote Point Yacht Club Feb.16, 17 & 18

Saturday night will be the Crab Feed at Coyote Pt

Y.C. with estimated cost approximately **\$ 25.00 PER** <u>CRAB</u>. More than one crab will be an additional \$25.00. This is a <u>CRAB ONLY</u> dinner, non-crab eaters should bring their own dinner. There will be no charge to those that do not eat crab. The crab prices are subject to change.



A sign up sheet for crab and golf will be posted at club on 01/17. Any questions please email me at: sv murmur@hotmail.com.

Doug Murray Cruise Captain



In addition to these February events, please take a look at what we have planned for the 2008 calendar year.



2008 Social Events:

We have great activities planned this year so mark your calendars now.

SYC still needs volunteers to host some of these events. Please look over this list and let me know if you can host one. Here is your opportunity to show us your unique skills.

Sun, Feb 3 Thu, Feb 7 Fri, Feb 15 Sat, Feb 23 Sat, Mar 15 Sat Apr 19 Fri, May 2 Sun, May 11 Sun, Jun 15 Sat, Jun 28 Fri, Jul 4 Sat, Jul 19 Sun, Aug 3 Sat, Sep 13 Sei Oct 24	Superbowl Party Galley Orientation Valentine's Theme President's Party St. Patrick's Party South Bay Opening Day Floato de Mayo Mother's Day Bruch Father's Day Bruch Father's Day Breakfast Past Commodore's Dinner 4 th of July Dinner & Fireworks Island Time Party Delta Party Western BBQ	Host - Larry Mayne Host - Jacobs/Higgs Drop in Dinner Host - Jacobs Host - Gilmores Host - Jacobs Drop in Dinner Host - Keegans *Host needed Host – Graves *Host needed *Host needed Host – Jacobs Larry Mayne
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The hosts of our wonderful events can always use extra hands to help with cooking, decorating, bar tending, clean-up and greeting. It's a great way to become more involved with the Club and get to know more of our wonderful members.

If you have a special event you'd like to suggest please let me or any of the officers know. Hope to see you at the Club.

Jeanne Jacobs Social Chairperson







Photos by John Graves, Steve Holmstrom (New Year's Eve)



























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3 OD: John Graves Superbowl Party	4	5 1830 Card Night 1900 Board Meeting	6 1200 Wed. Lunch	7 Galley Orientation	8 1830 Drop In Dinner 1930 Gen. Meeting	9 Junior Sailing OD: Ted Hannig Winter #3
10 Docking Skills Practice OD: Gerri Hardey	11	12 1830 Card Night	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 1830 Drop In Dinner - Valentines	16 Cruise-Out - Coyote Point - Crab Feed OD: Mike Harris
17 Cruise-Out - Coyote Point OD: Steve Hartman	18 Cruise-Out - Coyote Point President's Day	19 1830 Card Night	20 1200 Wed. Lunch	21	22	23 1900 Presidents' Day Party Cardinal Regatta OD: Martin Hawke
24 Cardinal Regatta OD: Herbert Heckler Redwood Cup #4	25	26 1830 Card Night	27	28	29 1830 Drop In Dinner - Chile & Bingo	

March 2008

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30 Cruise-Out - Angel Island OD: Tom Keegan	31		1	1	b	

OD Chair: Dennis Lowe

