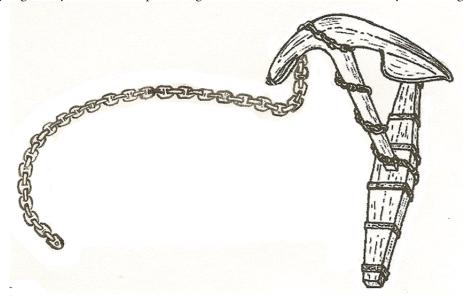


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Music at the New Years Eve Party was provided by the band MARS, here featuring Michele & Chris Hartman. They have been playing blues and rock for several years and perform live at private parties. Their name is the acronym for Middle-Aged Rock Stars. Every Friday night they can be heard practicing at the Hartman's house. Photo by Tom Keegan



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02/02	Wednesday Lunch & Cards
02/04	Drop in Dinner & General Meeting
02/06	Super Bowl Party
02/16	Wednesday Lunch & Cards
02/16	Beer Can Season Planning Meeting
02/18	Drop in Dinner & Social Talk
02/19	Cruise Out: Jack London Square
02/25	Deck Building & Drop in Dinner
02/27	Cardinal Regatta Breakfast
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Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

We had a really productive January meeting, both the Special and the General. The result of the Special Meeting was that the membership unanimously voted to approve issuing two notes totaling \$55,000 for the purpose of replacing the deck. Also, during the General Meeting, the membership approved the Budget Plan for 2011.

The club is in good financial shape, but it doesn't take a Wall Street whiz kid to figure out that it could be better. One way for all members to help with the bottom line is to make sure they use the club more. Our Friday Night Drop In Dinners and our monthly Social Events are all ways that we help generate funds for the club. If you haven't been to a DID or a Social Event in awhile, check out the calendar and find a date to have some fun and to help the club out. Also, pay close attention to the Sailing Fleet Captain's and Beer Can Captain's columns for updates to our racing programs that will increase the fun level exponentially and will have you wanting to be at the club more often.

However, the easiest and best way you can help is to recruit new members. We have done an analysis of the membership numbers over the past few years, and the numbers could be better. We tend to replace the resignations every year with new members, but we haven't grown substantially. This year, the Board is making the changing of this trend a top priority.

Stay tuned as we work on several new programs to recruit new members. But remember, the single best recruiting tool is you. Bring your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and maybe even your relatives down to the club for one of our events so they can see for themselves just how much fun we have both on and off the water, and, more importantly, how friendly everyone is at Sequoia (I know that is why I joined the club). If everyone could focus on bringing someone new at least once a month, I think we will have a good shot at starting to turn the new member numbers in the right direction.



Vice Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

Happy February! We have been busy at the club this last month. Petra and Rick hosted our Tropical Dreaming party on the 22nd where we all defied the weather and enjoyed a warm day (at least in the club house) with good friends, tropical libations and great food. We enjoyed our Friday dinners beginning with a Mexican feast for our General Meeting on the 7th, followed on the 14th with pre dinner appetizers and a post dinner Cruise-out presentation by Petra and closing with dinner and a movie on the 28th; a pre Oscar treat with the original True Grit. Thank you to all who pitched in and helped out!!

In February, our big events move to Sundays. We will be hosting our own Super Bowl party Hosted by Larry Mayne on Sunday, February 6th followed by our own Oscar party hosted by Ann McDonough and Deb Blackmore on Sunday the 27th. For more information please see the back page of the Scope.



DID's will begin with our General Meeting on the 4th, followed by February 18th with a post dinner presentation, "Behind the Scenes at an SYC Party", and closing on February 25th with a deck (instead of barn) raising party. Lina's dinners are always wonderful, so I truly hope you will be able to join us for a few DID's this month and remember, guests are not only welcome, they are encouraged.

We will continue our Sunday events in March with our annual Crab Feed scheduled for Sunday, March 6th. Come on down and enjoy the final Redwood Cup race or join the land-lubbers on shore racing RC's. The Redwood Cup will culminate with awards for the winners and for all others there will be lots to crab about (sorry!). Anne Cohen has promised prizes for the RC racing as well. Mark your calendars for a fun filled day on and off the water! Hope to see you at the club soon!

Rear Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

Boating is at the heart of our club. I have been asking around to see what ideas people have to ensure we do an even better job and attract more people to join us on the water. The ideas I've been receiving are good - and yes we have been listening. Some of the changes we are planning for this year: new racing awards banquet, additional races, more on-the-water photos.

We shall have a separate racing awards event from the recognition given at the Installation dinner - it will be held Saturday October 15th. The idea is to have a fun, noisy event with participation from the skippers and crews; racers and cruisers. We want to celebrate success and the best success is lots of people on the water and a great year of boating!

The awards will be the annual trophies, but the takeaway items will be different. We asked your input and you said jackets, caps - preferably with embroidery for what the win was for - something you can use and show off. You got it!

We are planning on adding a few Friday Beer Can races to supplement the popular Wednesday Beer Can series. The idea is we could attract some new people to join in - since not everyone is always available on a Wednesday (me, for one example!) With new participation comes the prospect of new members - but we also want the regulars to show up! We shall work the details out later when Steve has his planning meeting for the Beer Can season on Wednesday, February 16.

We are also working on getting digital photos of the races not just casual shots from one of the boats in the event, but using a dinghy so we can get up close and personal shots of action and then show them on the flat screen TV back in the club.

I hope you are excited about these ideas - as I said we are listening so please let us know other suggestions and ideas you have. We want Sequoia to be the best boating club on the Bay - North or South!!

Junior Sailing



Peter McCormick

Spring Junior Sailing Sessions Start February 26th

The New Year always seems to bring new probabilities. Sequoia Yacht Club offers a wide choice of opportunities for boating growth, as well as personal growth. The Junior Sailing Program has something for everyone.

Safety boat handling

Boat handling is like riding a bike, or driving a car. If you haven't done it, or perhaps it's been a few years, likely you will be a tad nervous, and yet at the same time, it's familiar, it's not that hard. A little practice here, a tip or two there, et voila, you are doing wheelies. Your participation in the safety boats will provide us with extra eyes that might see something that saves a situation, who knows? It won't hurt and you can't get in the way. Just come on down, get on, and ride around for an hour, two, heck the whole day. Watch for that schedule coming soon.

Small boat sailing

Adults are always welcome to sail while the kids are sailing. The kids can help you, and you certainly will have fun. Space is limited so you might need to heads-up JSP people if you decide to come down. Then again, you can just show up and hope there's room. If there is room, you are always welcome.

So what does the JSP get out of helping you improve your general boating knowledge in 2011? The kids learn from sailing with and watching you. You learn from sailing with and watching the kids. Mostly it's fun, fun, fun.

The Junior Sailing Program, by definition is here to teach children sailing, however learning is not limited to the youngsters. There is an opportunity for you to learn, or practice already learned, boating skills, round out your seamanship, and have some "FUN"!!!

Social Events



Michele Hartman

Social Talk: Behind the Scenes at an SYC Event

I've had a chance to try out this Social Chair role for two months now and things are starting to make more sense. Well, things realting to SYC social events anyway!

Kudos to a Great Crew

I was incredibly impressed with the coordination and cooperation that our club members demonstrated at the memorial for Alejandra Dalton on January 8. It was a great example of how our "family" pulls together to make things happen and it shows how strong our spirit of volunteerism is at SYC.

To make sure that all of our members get a chance "learn the ropes" and participate fully in club activities, I have planned a special presentation for Friday, February 18 at 19:30 (after the Drop in Dinner). Our guest speakers will be Larry Mayne, Kate Humphreys and Kris Butler, who will offer their secrets to a successful SYC party. We know that these folks make it all look easy, and it can be, if we all lend a hand. So I hope that you will join us after dinner to learn more about planning and managing your own SYC event.

Save the Date

While you're at it, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19 when SYC will hold a combined St. Patricks Party with the Winter Series Race celebration. We'll have corned beef, cabbage, and all the beer you can stand.

Change of Date

SYC stalwarts, Doug Murray and Anne Cohen, will offer their Redwood Cup Crab Feed and Remote Control Boat Race on Sunday, March 6. RC registration and race is at 14:00; dinner at 17:00. Come relive the excitement of the Redwood Cup and each delicious frest crab. There will be trophies galore at this crustaceous event.

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Membership News



Jerry Jones

All this talk about new members don't scare me. Bring 'em on!

The new 2011 Membership Directory is available for pickup at the yacht club. The 2011 online Membership Directory should be available soon.

Redwood Cup Results

The third Redwood Cup race was quite a departure from the unsettled conditions in the first two races. The winds were moderate, the sea calm, the current less than one knot and the sun was shining!

Course #8 was selected to avoid sailing directly against the flood. The wind was moderate and steady out of the NW and spinnakers came out after rounding #3 and #12 all the way down Redwood Creek to the finish.

Congratulations to the leaders ... First place *Head Rush*, Charlie Watt, second place *Smokin' J*, Stan Phillips, and third place *Pizote*, John Ryan, who are also the leaders after 3 races.

The final two Redwood Cup races will be run on February 13th and March 6th. Be sure to mark your calendars for a special event after the final race – we are planninga a special Crab Fest Dinner for skippers, crew and friends! Robin Weber robinweber@gmail.com

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If you find any information that is incorrect or out of date, or if you would like to have additional information included, please get in touch with me or any of the other sail fleet captains and we will be sure to address your concerns.

If you haven't followed up on your New Year's resolution to come out and get involved in a race, now is the time to make good on that goal. Single-handed #1 takes place on Saturday, February 5, Redwood Cup #4 takes place on Sunday, February 13, and Winter #4 takes place on Saturday, February 26. I'll look for you at the start line in February.

Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

As I write this article we are half way through our winter races having just completed Redwood Cup #3 and looking back at Winter #2. So far the Sequoia racers have encountered just about every condition possible for this time of year, from gusty winds and heavy rain to no wind at all under sunny skies. Our winter series races also remind us just how big a factor the tide and current can be in a race, as demonstrated particularly well in Winter #2 when the lead boats were swept down the bay by a strong flood tide with the wind having died just as they reached the downwind mark.

Although *Head Rush*, skippered by Charlie Watt, continues to dominate both race series, there are many close competitions for the remaining spots. There are 4 ties in the scoring for various places in the Winter Series, and 3 ties in the scoring in the Redwood Cup Series. We've had a great turnout so far, averaging 14 boats per race, and we look forward to continued support as we move into the final races for each series.

February marks the return of Sequoia Single-handed Race Series. The first single-handed race is scheduled for **Saturday**, **February 5**. This is a four-race series with one throw-out race, open to both Sequoia members and racers from other parts of the bay that want to test their skills against our single-handed fleet. The race start line is between Redwood Creek Channel markers 3 and 4 with a Skippers Meeting at 10:30 and a 12:30 start.

Although we are still in the midst of winter, it's time to start thinking about Beer Can Racing. Steve Holmstrom, our Beer Can Fleet Captain for 2011, will be holding a Beer Can Fleet meeting on Wednesday, February 16 at 19:00. The meeting agenda includes a review and discussion of the race rules, handicapping, schedule, discussion on a proposal to add an occasional Friday night Beer Can and more. So plan on attending this meeting as we wait in anticipation for the Beer Can fun to begin.

As always, check out the Racing Pages on the Sequoia web site for information about club racing as well as all Sequoia activities. Click on the Racing tab to access the latest racing documents, schedules and results.

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Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

February 19,20, 21 Jack London Cruise Out Dining Extravaganza

We will head out on Saturday morning for the Oakland Estuary and make our way to the excellent marina facilities at Jack London Square. Slip fees are \$1.50/foot/night. Still some space available so contact leaders Winston and Carole Bumpus. Cruisers can choose to stay put at the dock or enjoy two days of sailing in North Bay waters. There are also plenty of land based activities to enjoy in the pedestrian area nearby.

In keeping with the same culinary excellence as in years past, we have decided to provide another dining highlight for our 'cruisers' by feasting at **Bocanova**, a Pan-American gem. It is rated as one of the better restaurants in all of the Jack London Market area and having completed our own personal tastings, we would concur.

We will post the menu for the *Fiesta*, which is a prix-fixe menu (\$45 per person) and it will be served family-style in the party room. Please let me know if you want to sign up for this meal planned for Saturday, February 20.

Other options for dinner are Cucina Poblana and Miss **Pearl's Jam House**. Their prices are lower, and can be individually reserved for either Saturday or Sunday evening. Menus will also be posted for these better-than-average restaurants.

We are also planning to make reservations for the **Comedy** Club at Miss Pearl's Jam House following our Saturday night dinner Times for the Club are: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Again, let me know your preferences. It should be great fun! See you there.

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Steve Holmstrom

Welcoming the 2011 Beer Can Season

We will have a Beer Can Fleet Meeting on Wednesday night, February 16 at 19:00. I was planning on making this after dinner at home, but if enough requests are made in advance, we can make it earlier and put on a few burgers.

At this meeting we need to discuss:

- 1. Any changes to the race rules.
- 2. Handicapping spinnaker verses non-spinnaker and splitting the fleet verses not splitting
- 3. Handicapping after first win how much?
- 4. Schedule we are scheduled to have the first race April 20. Do we want to start April 13, if so, do we start at 1730 or as scheduled 18:00?
- 5. Proposal to add a Friday night Beer Can to the schedule how often?
- 6. Proposal to have an awards night/dinner after the Beer Can ends - day/date needs to be decided.
- 7. Volunteers for Assistant Fleet Captains.
- 8. Continue the new member handicap award? Or other suggestions?
- 9. Any other things on the Fleet's mind!

All Sequoia YC members are invited!

Also, plan to join us for "Wednesday Night at the Movies" on **April 6th**. We will be showing the entire North U/David Dellenbaugh DVD on the 2009-2012 racing rules. Brushing up your understanding on the finer points could mean the difference between "the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat."

> In Remembrance of Alejandra Christina Dalton October 19, 2007 - December 24, 2010



Rick and Linda Dalton wish to thank everyone in the club for their love, support, thoughts and prayers during this very difficult and sad time.

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Good of the Order



Ann McDonough

Dan Doud is full of good news this month. His grandson, Paul, was discharged from the hospital on January 7th, one month after his bone marrow transplant. The donor cells have completely taken over and there are no diseased cells remaining in his system. You can follow Paul's progress at http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pauldoud. Darren and Lauren Doud are expecting again. Dan is looking forward to his 4th grandchild.

Mike and Terry Marzano's granddaughter, Scarlett, was diagnosed with a brain tumor on December 17th. Scarlett underwent her first surgery on January 7th to remove the tumor. They were able to excise 80% of the tumor. Further treatment is underway. Please add Scarlett and parents Brandi and Chris to you thoughts and prayers. You can follow Scarlett's progress at their blog. http://brandiandchris.blogspot.com/

Anne Murray had knee surgery in late December. Doug and Anne didn't come down to the New Year's Eve celebration at the yacht club because Anne couldn't bear to watch Doug dance without her. She recuperated from her surgery on the beach in Cabo San Lucas with Doug dancing in attendance. Doug says the margaritas are helping her recovery process. We hope to see her on the dance floor again soon!

Peter Blackmore informed me that Pied Piper is, once again, a sailboat. The new mast is in place and Pied Piper will be leaving Svendsen's soon. It will be great to see Pied Piper back in the water.

Maureen Inouye, daughter of Judy and Don Inouye, earned her Master's Degree in Writing and Publishing from Portland State University in December. Don says that Maureen is now looking for a "real" job.

Jim Gillmore, skipper of Cadence and former SYC member, passed away in January from prostate cancer. Jim and Maria lived in Scottsdale, Arizona, in recent years.

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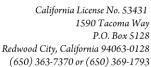
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${\it Hot~Shots}$ by Tom Keegan, and Michele Hartman



Entertainment from the band MARS

Commodore
Joseph Curtis dancing with
First Lady Oya







Chris Hartman making traditional Dutch New Year's Eve food "oliebollen"

Larry & Robin Mayne



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SYC Club Events for February 2011

Upcoming Winter Race Events:



Saturday, February 5 Single Handed Series Sunday, February 13 Redwood Cup #4

Saturday, February 26 Winter #4

For quick reference, go to www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar

Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 6th



Your host, Larry Mayne, opens the doors at 14:30 for the pre-game fun. Kick-off at 15:30.

\$10 for all-you-can-eat fabulous football food.

Free parking and tail-gating allowed up to 24 hours prior to game time!

Academy Awards "Oscars" Night Sunday, February 27th

Come walk the red carpet! Dress the part (or not). Mark your ballot to win! Or sit in the "smoking room" for games.

Indulge in gourmet finger foods and a souvenir photo. \$15

Hosted by Ann McDonough and Deb Blackmore. Email sign ups requested.



Social Talk: Behind the Scenes at a SYC Event

Friday, February 18th 19:30

Have a knack for promotion, music, cooking, budgeting, decorating? There are lots of ways that members can get involved with social events at SYC.

Come listen as experienced partiers, Larry Mayne, Kris Butler, and Kate Humphreys reveal their secrets to success.



SYC Deck Raising Party Friday, February 25th



Come lend a hand as your SYC friends to lift some lumber and swing a hammer replacing, at last, the #@\$%&***# deck.

There will be tasks for all temperaments and abilities and all helpers are welcome.