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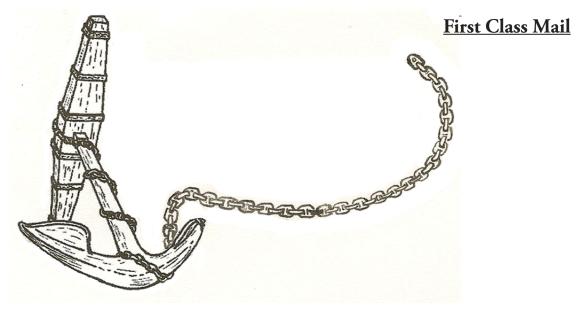
Sequoia Yacht Club

Redwood City, CA



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January 2009



Commodore's Report:



Petra Gilmore

Happy New Year!

I wish you and your families a very healthy and prosperous 2009. A year filled with happiness and friends.

Your friends at the Club have planned a busy year with activities ranging from Cruising to Racing; from Social to Instruction. Take a peek at the calendar and highlight the activities that pique your interest. :-) I will see you there!

At our December General Meeting we voted to raise the dues \$5 per month. This will allow us to augment our Facilities Reserve Fund as required by our Bylaws. This fund is in place to repair, renovate and replace our aging Clubhouse facilities. With the increase in dues, your Board also suspended the surcharge for paying quarterly.

We welcomed four new members in December, Patricia Mighetto, Peter McCormick, Harriet Garfinkle and Ron Seff, Chris and Anna Owczarek. Please welcome them into the Sequoia Yacht Club family.

Sequoia YC is blessed to have so many active members. Members that plan, cook, joke, OD, sail, work, laugh, repair, lead, support, and love. Thank you for making the Club our boating home.



Vice Commodore's Report:



Byron Jacobs

It's exciting to get the year off to a new start with so many great activities at the club. We always try to have some themeoriented event for everyone to enjoy at DID's other than General Meeting night. Thank you to all the members who have been supporting the club, attending these dinners and letting me know just how much you enjoy Lina's cooking. Based on the survey we took earlier in the year, we make sure that we always have a buffet and grill-your-own foods to satisfy everyone's dinner preferences but we're always open to suggestions on how we can make it better.

A very special thank you to Kathy Harris, Jeanne Jacobs, Terry Burley, Mike Harris and all who volunteered to making the Christmas Party such a rousing success. Also, thanks to Bob Eustace for giving such an entertaining presentation on WWII. And what about those belly dancers? Oya Curtis and Kathy Harris outdid themselves with that one. We'll have plenty more themed dinners and welcome ideas on events we can schedule.

Get ready for a fun-filled January, kicking it off with our New Year's Party and the brunch on January 4th prior to the Redwood Cup race. Then mark your calendars for the DID's that month because we have Chinese New Year on 1/23 and a special "French Bistro" evening on 1/16. And on February 1st, come down to the club to root for your Superbowl favorite and enjoy good food, great beer and a fun afternoon.

See you there!



Rear Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

Yeni yiliniz kutlu olsun!

This is the traditional Turkish greeting for the new year, which is a very important holiday in Turkish culture. It can be translated as "May your new year be blessed."

2009 will continue to be a fun-filled and exciting year on the water for Sequoia. Make sure you read Jim Peterson's article for racing news and upcoming events; and check out Terry Burley's article for what has and will be happening for Sequoia cruise-outs.

Don't forget that South Bay Opening Day 2009 will be April 4th. The SBOD Planning Committee will have their next meeting on January 12^{thh} here at Sequoia. If you want to help plan one of our biggest events of the year, feel to join us on the 12th or contact me directly.



David Pirrone
Port Captain

No report.

Reports

A Sunny Rainy Day

Sequoia Youth Sailors hosted a sail and lunch on the water day for the 'Kids in need, Kids at Risk" program. The morning I arrived at the dock, Will Larsen was there to help unload my car and get the boats ready. Shortly thereafter Mike Rivilin showed up to do a few last minute repairs and help with what needed doing. Mike Deady, Skipper of the J29, came down next and we cleaned the last of the water bottles out of the boat. Next came Matt VR ready to skipper the J24. As all worked to ready the boats, PYSF parents came down the dock carrying bags of lunches.



Then our guests, thirteen sixth to eighth grade kids arrived. One crew member had reported in sick that morning. I went over to the high school practice and Chloe Lepert volunteered to go. (And she was great). As we pushed the boats off the dock in the rain, loaded with kids, I watched all these people helping get them out. It was almost overwhelming, the generosity of these people. Alex Huang called my cell and said they should sail among the racers for a little more fun. All except one skipper waved and offered their best.

The kids loved it, they came back in wet and cold but once they got warm, the conversation turned to, how neat it was, "I drove the boat better then you", who got sick and how far the boat tipped, lots of laughing and ribbing each other. Lots of nice memories were created today. Most of these kids had never been on a boat or sailed before.

To our sailors: Will Larsen, Mike Deady, Matt Van Rensselaer, Mike Rivilin and Chloe Lepert.
You took those kids out in not so good conditions and they still had a great time. I cannot say enough Thanks Yous. A special Thank You to Sequoia Yacht Club and all the racers that day for their great support and lots of hot chocolate. We will do this again Thank You for letting me be part of it.

Sail Fun Sail Fast Eric Anderson

Social Events



Kathy Harris Social Chair

Hey members, There's so much fun happening at Sequoia Yacht Club this year. Even DID's have been eventful. Don't miss out. Please email me if you have any questions. kakyharris@ol.com
Thanks for being sociable.

Upcoming events:

New Years Eve-Semi Formal Evening

8 PM - 12:30

hors D'oeuvres, desserts, champagne and dancing \$20 adults, \$8 children

January 23, Chinese New Year DID ... don't miss this.

February 1, Super Bowl Sunday

Fun at the club, activity starts around 1:30



February 14, Sweetheart's Ball is back...save the date

March 14, St. Patrick's Day Party...Al's famous corned beef and live music to enjoy

Reports



LuAnne Graves Good of the Order

Dan and Linda Doud celebrated their 40th anniversary by taking a cruise around Tahiti, Bora Bora, and Moorea. Congratulations. Marc Cohen will retire in January. We're pleased to note that he will continue to support SYC as Treasurer. Robin and Larry Mayne are going to be grandparents once again. Their son, Jude and his wife Pamela are expecting a boy in March. Bob Eustace will officially accept the title "Energizer Bunny" as he once again recovers from another hospital stay.

Chris and Marilyn Schantz sent this email-"Just a quick note to let you know that we've changed our address. We are renting a house in Monmouth, Oregon - it's about 1 1/2 hours south of our former home and megalopolis, Scappoose. Chris has yet to set up his email account yet, but mine is mts1452@gmail.com." Many may remember the fun cruise-outs with Chris and Marilyn on "Sunshine Patriot". Marilyn was the 'culinary queen' when it came to entertaining and they are missed. However, there is a glimmer of hope. This was in the email-"I keep telling Chris that we should get another boat and just keep it in the marina there. Hi to all, Marilyn"

While up in Alameda in December for the lighted boat parade, a few familiar boats were spotted on the sales dock. One of them was John and Julie Mangney's former boat "Madcap", still looking good. Peter and Jamie Schein report the sale of their Catalina 320 "Avalon". They said to wave to the new owners if you happen to spot it on the bay.

Stephen Higgs and Sherry Warburton have both lost family members in England. Stephen's mother passed away after a long illness, and Sherry's uncle passed not long after. Dick Trainer lost his son, David, to melanoma in November. David was 58 and the oldest of Dick's four children. Sequoia sends its sympathies to these members for their loss.

John Gratton and Linda Hill came to the aid of a couple who was being attacked on their sailboat in Ecuador. Latitude 38 relays the story of how this couple's boat was being boarded in the night by 5 men with guns and knives. John and Linda awoke on 'Nakia' to yelling on the other boat, then "they sounded their air horn, shone a spotlight on the boat, and shot off two rocket flares." Their quick thinking helped to end a situation which could have ended very badly. The men left with a GPS and some money, but the couple was safe. Well done, John and Linda.

luannegraves@gmail.com

Reports



Jerry Jones Membership Chair

John Vandemoer and his wife Molly O'Bryan Vandemoer have been approved for Honorary membership by the BOD and general membership. John is the new head coach for the Stanford Sailing Team. He was the head coach for the Naval Academy Navy Sailing Team for the past two years. Holly has competed in 3 US Sailing Women National Keelboat Championships, as well as numerous 470 Regattas. She was the Assistant Coach at the Naval Academy.

At the December Membership meeting we had a first reading for Cheryl Jasper who lives in Mountain View and is a Beer Can Racer. Nominated by Petra Gilmore and Stan Phillips.

The BOD has approved membership for Harriet Garfinkle & Ron Seff, Chris & Anna Owczarek, Pat Mighetto, and Peter McCormick. They were voted on and welcomed into membership by all in attendance at the membership meeting.

The BOD has approved the Honorary Members for 2009. The list is posted on the bulletin board in the galley hall and on the social bulletin board in the lounge.



Cheryl Jasper

Reports



Jim Peterson Sailboat Fleet Captain

Racing Rules, MADE Easy

This month's article will focus on how one should round Mark 12 in a flood tide. Course 2 in both the Beer-can Series and the Redwood Cup requires a port rounding of Mark 12. Since these are pursuit-style races, it seems that there are always a large number of boats trying to round the mark at the same time. Likewise, with our typical winds, boats usually approach the buoy on a starboard tack with the tide pushing them into the buoy.

First and foremost, remember that a flood tide will push you into the buoy. If you cut it too close, the typical reaction is to pinch into the wind. This will further slow you down and push you closer to the buoy. Make sure you give the buoy plenty of room. Racers have lost sails and rigging on this buoy and you will be surprised at what the Coast Guard will charge for buoy repairs.

In the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Rule 18 describes rounding and passing marks. Although there are only 5 subsections to this rule, it would take several pages to describe all of the nuances involved. Therefore, I will just discuss the basics on how to round Mark 12.

RRS 18 takes affect when the lead boat of two boats enters the 'two-length zone'. The 'two length zone' is defined as two boat lengths of the lead boat, so for a Catalina 42, the distance is 84 feet to Mark 12. Prior to the lead boat entering the two-length zone, the basic right of way rules are in effect.

When two boats are overlapped entering the two-length zone, RRS 18.2a states- the outside boat shall give the inside boat room to round the mark. Then it further states in RRS 18.2c that if the boat is clear ahead upon entering the two-length zone, the boat clear astern, shall thereafter keep clear. It is generally a good idea for one skipper to hail the other skipper on whether they have overlap when entering the two-length zone.

RRS 18 does NOT affect boats on opposite tacks. RRS 10 (starboard/port) is the presiding rule. Therefore, if you are approaching Mark 12 from the west on a port tack, you will have to stay clear of all boats approaching on starboard tack. Your next problem, once you do tack in the two-length zone,

On-the-Water

is that you cannot force boats to go above close hauled or prevent a boat from making the Mark (RRS 18.3a). Likewise, you need to give room to the inside boat below you. This is a highly unfavorable position, so plan your tacks carefully.

A common problem at Mark 12 is that you underestimated the tide and you have to now tack (to port) to clear the mark. Be prepared to get yelled at-while on port tack, you have to stay clear of all starboard-tack boats.

Have a safe sail out to Mark 12 and back!

For Nauti Girls & Buoys

Nauti Girl LuAnne Graves awarded at new honor at the December General Meeting. A new tradition was born during the Good of the Order and the ongoing award will go to the mariner who most deserves to display the flag known as the "Ono Award". The Ono, a fish also commonly known as the Wahoo, is a lose relative of the King Mackerel. But in this case, the meaning is "Oh, No!"

The **Ono Award** may be presented to any SYC member or members by his or herself, on approval of any flag officer or fleet captain, at any time following a questionable navigational or seamanship act on or near the water, especially during club activities such as cruise-outs or races. Dubious acts should not include serious injuries, but may include property damage and bruised egos. Most of us have deserved this award at one time or another. The award should be displayed proudly on the member's boat until awarded to another member.

The "Ono Award" is presented to Doug Murray for the amazing act of hitting marker #12 while under auto-pilot. Congratulations, Doug, for understanding the humor of this award and for being the perfect first recipient.



LuAnne Graves presents Doug Murray with the new "Ono" (read Oh, No!) Award



Terry Burley
Cruising Fleet Captain

Our 2009 Cruising Season got off to a *great* start with our trip to Angel Island over Thanksgiving weekend. We had about 7 boats and over 20 people out in Ayala Cove with a cruise and a potluck headed by Cruise Skipper Tom Keegan (it took two turkeys to feed this crowd...) It was a perfect Fall weekend "motor up" (nope, no wind) on the Bay, and a superb trip up and back from our South Bay.

Luanne Graves presented the Club with the first official "Port of Call" proof in the form of a piece of contraband serpentine rock from the old quarry on the Island, and a twisted tale of sailing with bicycles on the deck of Metridium... and even more about the fun of carrying those same bikes to the dock in an overloaded dinghy... Luanne also reported on our representation in the Oakland Lighted Boat Parade (we had two boats there: Metridium and Mirth)....and her "Proof of Port of Call" which was a special prize bag (that did once house a bottle of wine, which I assume she shared with John...hmmm maybe not) The Graveses are now ahead in the "cruise point" standings..... which we will post as soon as we figure out how to count them up.....at this point bribes work.

Coming up next is our cruise to Jack London Square for our now annual Yoshi's / Jazz cruise (Martin Luther King weekend, January 17-18-19). Look for more about this adventure next month. As of this writing we already have 18 boats signed up and close to 50 people!

This is also a good time to remind you all that we will be headed up to Coyote Point for the **Annual Crab**Feed (Cruise Skipper: Doug Murray, Dates:
February 21-22-23). Be sure to get signed up <u>soon</u> as this is another of our trips that really needs accurate numbers before Doug gets the crab.... (And before we figure out who ties up where....... though blacktopping is always an option.....) You won't want to miss this one! I understand there will be some very special adventures that will take place on this tripso stay tuned!!!!!!

 ${\it Photos}$ by Sheila Jones, Steve Holmstrom, John Graves and Doris Bliven.



Club Calendar

n 2009 (Pacific Tim	Ja		January		SYC Calendar	
Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday
3	2	1	31	30	29	28
OD: Joseph Allen			New Year's Eve Party	6pm - Card Night		OD: Rich Butts
1	9	8	7	6	5	4
OD: Ruth Anderson	6:30pm - DID &		12pm - Lunch	Board Meeting		Brunch
				6pm - Card Night		OD: Karrie Allen
				1	-	Redwood Cup #3
1	16	15	14	13	12	11
Cruise Out - Jack	6:30pm - DID			6pm - Card Night	1 - 41	OD: Roberta Barnes
OD: Pedro Barrantes						
2	23	22	21	20	19	18
OD: Noel Bird	Chinese New Year		12pm - Lunch	6pm - Card Night	n Square	Cruise Out - Jack London Sq
Singlehanded #1						OD: James Bartlett
3	30	29	28	27	26	25
OD: Joan Bray				6pm - Card Night		OD: Peter Blackmore
Winter #3						

b 2009 (Pacific Tim	Feb			February		YC Calendar	
Saturday	Friday		Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday
7	6	5		4	3	2	1
OD: Terry Burley	Drop-In Dinner @			12pm - Lunch	6pm - Card Night		McIntyre Regatta
							OD: Winston Bumpus
							Superbowl Party
							8:30pm - McIntyre
1	13	12		11	10	9	8
OD: Dennis Calvert					Board Meeting		OD: Kris butler
Sweetheart's Ball					6pm - Card Night		TAIL TO BUILD IN
2	20	19		18	17	16	15
Cardinal Regatta &	Dinner & Meeting			12pm - Lunch	6pm - Card Night		Brunch
Cruise-Out - Coyote							OD: Marc Cohen
OD: Ray Collier		- 1					Redwood Cup #4
2	27	26		25	24	23	22
McIntyre Dinner	Drop-In Dinner				6pm - Card Night	77.7	Cardinal Regatta
McIntyre Regatta							OD: Ed Copeland
OD: Rick Dalton							
Winter #4							



The Children's Holiday Party was, as always, a very special event.

Thank you to all of the families who attended and to all of the volunteers who made the magic happen again.

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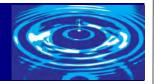
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