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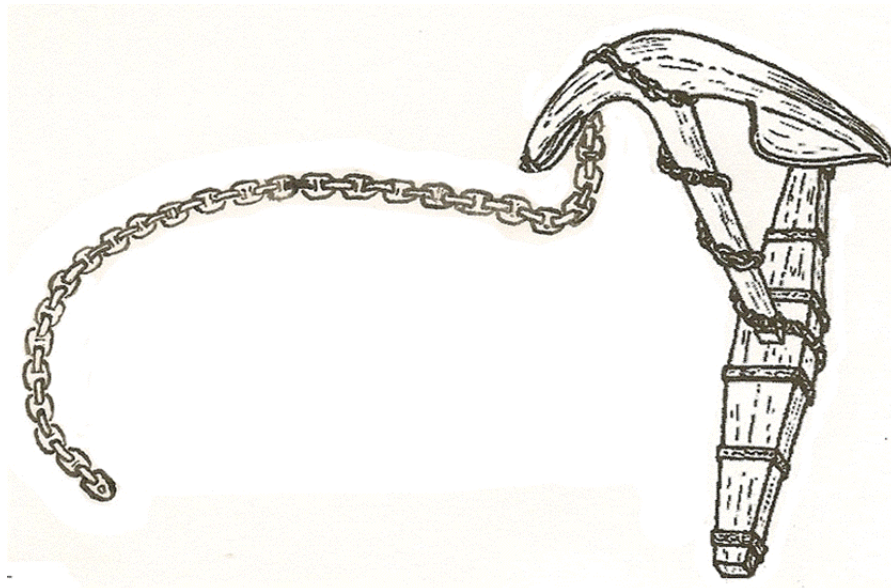
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Santa visits the Children's Christmas Party at Sequoia Yacht Club. Photo by Jerry Jones



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This Month At A Glance

12/31 New Year's Eve Party
01/04 Board Meeting
01/05 Wednesday Lunch and Cards
01/07 Drop in Dinner and Gen Meeting
01/14 Drop in Dinner
01/15 Cruise Out: South Bay YC
01/19 Wednesday Lunch and Cards
01/20 Sequoia Reads
01/22 Tropical Dreams Party
01/28 Drop in Dinner

02/01 Board Meeting
02/02 Wednesday Lunch and Cards
02/04 Drop in Dinner and Gen Meeting
02/06 Super Bowl Party
02/16 Wednesday Lunch and Cards
02/18 Drop in Dinner and Social Talk
02/19 Cruise Out: Jack London Square
02/25 Drop in Dinner
02/27 Cardinal Regatta Breakfast
02/27 Academy Awards Night Party

Officer of the Day (OD)

01/01 None
01/02 Harry Love
01/08 Dennis Lowe
01/09 Olivier Lauzeral
01/15 Mike Marzano
01/16 John Mattis
01/22 Ann McDonough
01/23 Paul McCarthy
01/29 Phillip Meredith
01/30 Pat Mighetto

02/05 Mark Millet
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02/12 Doug Murray
02/13 Peter Nardini
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02/27 Ken Olcott

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Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

We have some great news about our deck project, and as a part of that, we will have a Special Meeting on January 7th to vote on the proposal to fund the project. Following is some background and details:

As you may remember, the membership approved plans for an expanded deck as a part of replacing our current, aged deck. As a required part of that process, we submitted plans to the Bay Conservation and Development District (BCDC) because the new deck would be larger than the current deck. On June 24, 2010, a BCDC representative visited SYC and determined that the deck plans encroach on protected marshland. Over the last five-plus months of negotiation, the final position of BCDC is that SYC is required to provide mitigation for encroaching on protected marsh land by either a) establishing a volunteer's work day twice a year for three years that cleans the shores of the entire harbor area that the club is in, or b) donating \$5,000 to a non-profit in the area that works to restore marshland areas.

The Board made the decision that committing the membership to work projects years into the future was not in the best interest of the club. We have had couple of members who wish to remain anonymous step forward to donate the funds to meet the BCDC requirement!

This clears the way for obtaining the financing for the project and the need for the Special Meeting to approve that financing. As you may remember, the original plan had the Club using the Port for financing as a part of negotiating our lease extension. However, another anonymous member has offered to loan the Club the necessary funds at a very competitive rate and without all of the delay and paperwork that would result in borrowing the money from the Port. As a result, the target completion of the new deck will be May 1st, assuming the membership approves.

During the Special Meeting portion of the General Meeting on January 7th, the Board will ask the membership to approve borrowing \$55,000 at 2.75% for 60 months, resulting in a monthly payment of \$982.18 and a total payment amount of \$58,930.77.

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Vice Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

Happy New Year to all! December was a busy month around the club.

Thank you to Byron Jacobs and Fred Wydler for the fantastic tile work that completed the men's room. When you get a chance please thank them in person, as a lot of time and hard work went into the completion of this project.

On the social front, we enjoyed the Children's Holiday Christmas Party with entertainment by Gregorio the Great and a visit from Santa (our own Winston Bumpus), Holiday music by Bob and Scott Stanfield and Christmas Cosmos prepared by Petra Gilmore for our December 17th DID, and our New Year's Party with music by Mars, our own Chris Hartman's band. Thank you to all who pitched in to help with the events!! A big thanks to Michele Hartman for keeping things on track and making sure we all had a wonderful time.

Our lunch bunch lead by Gaylord Van Dyne and George Carr were also hard at work providing wonderful fare on December 1st and 15th. Lunches for January are scheduled for the 5th and 19th. Come on down!

Monday night football, hosted by Larry Mayne, revved up last month and will culminate on February 6th with our Super Bowl Party.

Mark your calendars! Drop in Dinners this month are set for the 7th (General Meeting), 14th and 28th. Come on down and enjoy Lina's wonderful dinners and the company of friends. This year we are asking members to consider volunteering in the kitchen for at least one DID to help Lina serve. With our enriched menu choices, it really takes two in the kitchen. Please let Michele Hartman, Ann McDonough or I know when you might be available to take your turn. Anne Cohen, Peter McCormick, and Michele Hartman have already taken their turn – thank you!!

For our January Social Event, Rick and Petra will be welcoming us all on Saturday, January 22, 2011, for a Tropical Dream Party. Come by the club to sample a South Seas menu, tropical drinks and envision warm sea breezes. Hope to see you all at the club soon!

Rear Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

It has been great to see the sailing activity in the winter months with the high attendance for both the Redwood Cup and Winter Series. Conditions can be testing with some wind changing to no wind together with an ebb tide - nothing but a normal day on the bay in December! Our sailors continue to show they are more than up to setting a high standard in every race.

The cruise outs are also in full swing with a successful Angel Island Thanksgiving event with interesting added adventures that delivered an 'ONO' flag to Ann. Latest word is that the South Beach Ice skating cruise out on the 17-18 December was cancelled due to predicted heavy rain and high winds. This is too bad, but our intrepid cruisers will be back out there in February for the fabulous cruise to Jack London Square and Yoshi's Jazz Club, hosted by Winston and Carole Bumpus.

We had our first planning session for the South Bay Opening Day. The key achievement was selecting the theme, which is "*Wild life on the South Bay*." That double entendre should give our members plenty of creativity as the dress up their boats. South Bay Opening Day is May 14, 2011 - it was moved back to guarantee better weather and also attract more sponsors. We are aiming for a very special event

I would like to personally wish everyone a very special time for the holidays. We look forward to a great year of boating at Sequoia in 2011!



Junior Sailing



Peter McCormick

Well we've wrapped up our 2010 Junior Sailing Training. Both *Spring* and *Fall* El Toro sessions were fully loaded with new and returning students. Kudo's to Dan Humphreys for setting out a solid curriculum by which the students easily learn the basic skills of sailing and more. 2010 saw the return of the Cork Screw Slough to the program. Peter Andersen won the JSP "Bull-ship" trophy for 2010.

The Laser classes, also full, provided a variety of good times touring the sloughs, managing safety boats, and even a trip or two out to the Bay on boats with jibs and keels. Dave Pirrone and team, set a standard for safety, boatsmanship, and adventure sailing fun.

You are invited! 2011 is declared the year of the small boats. Small boats is an "all inclusive" statement in that we have El Toro's, Lasers, and Safety Boats for you to learn about, use, or just catch a free ride.

How to get access? Well the best way is simply to show up. The Fall session just ended but the Spring session is just around the corner. Come on down. Whether you drop by for an hour, a day, or more, you can sail, or ride the safety boats. Check the Calendar for updates to the Spring session. Not sure if small boats is your thing? No worries, watch the kids, watch the instructors, get in a safety boat and get a feel for what it is we have available.

Two years ago I learned about our Junior Sailing Program using El Toro's and Lasers. Instructors, and assistants were in place, I opted to just go to the docks and see what I could do. John Ryan and others greeted me warmly and were pleased I could just lend a hand here or there. Soon I had my own El Toro rigged and off I went sailing around with the kids. Dave Pirrone was equally helpful in showing me the ropes with the Lasers and there I was capsizing a Laser with the other students. Capsizing is somewhat optional, an encouraged skill to practice given you might accidentally have this problem.

See you around in 2011. Don't be shy, email, show-up, however you choose to experience our facilities, it's yours make the most of it.

Social Events



Michele Hartman

SYC parties are lots of fun and to make sure that everyone has a chance to volunteer their talents, we're planning a special briefing on Friday, February 18th, 7:30pm called **Social Talk: Behind the Scenes at an SYC Party**. Please join us to learn more about how you can get involved!

Our social events line-up for the first half of 2011 includes:

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| <i>Friday</i> | December 31st | New Year's Eve Party
The Commodores |
| <i>Saturday</i> | January 22nd | Tropical Dream Party
Petra and Rick Gilmore |
| <i>Sunday</i> | February 6th | Super Bowl Party
Larry Mayne |
| <i>Sunday</i> | February 27th | Academy Awards "Oscars" Party
Ann McDonough and Deb Blackmore |
| <i>Saturday</i> | March 5th | Crab feed at the MacIntyre Regatta
Doug and Anne Murray |
| <i>Saturday</i> | March 19th | St. Patrick's Party
Al Montoya and Kris Butler |
| <i>Friday</i> | April 15th | Tax and Tequila Party
Kathryn Maxwell and Robin Weber |
| <i>Saturday</i> | May 7th | Kentucky Derby Party
Shannon Amerman and Tod Klingler |
| <i>Saturday</i> | May 14th | South Day Opening Day
Peter and Deb Blackmore |
| <i>Friday</i> | June 3rd | Turkish Night
Joseph and Oya Curtis |
| <i>Saturday</i> | June 18th | Past Commodore's Dinner
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Membership News



Jerry Jones

The Board of Directors has approved the 2011 Honorary Member list which is now posted on the bulletin boards in the lounge and galley hallway.

Please remember to update your Membership information for the 2011 Membership Directory. Send your details to Sheila Jones at sjustjones@gmail.com.

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I want to extend a very hearty “Thank You” to those members who have reached into their personal finances’ to make all of this possible! Also, I want to thank our Staff Commodore Byron Jacobs for being the project manager who has kept this project moving forward despite multiple complications. Just as a reminder, the kick-off meeting for the deck project was January 14, 2008! A hearty “Thank You” to Byron for sticking with it!

Please make sure you don’t miss this very important meeting on January 7th!



From the adventures on Thanksgiving weekend at Angel Island Ann receives the ‘Ono Flag’

Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

Although officially 2011 is just arriving, our 2011 Sequoia racing season is well underway. With both the Redwood Cup #2 and the Winter #2 races behind us we greet the New Year with expectations of an exciting year of racing ahead of us.

The Racing Pages on the Sequoia web site should now all be up to date for 2011, so bookmark the link and be sure to check it often. The Sequoia web site is a great resource for all club activities, especially club racing. Click on the Racing tab to access the latest racing documents, schedules and results. 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.

Robin Weber, our Redwood Cup Fleet Captain, reports that the second Redwood Cup race continued in this year’s series tradition of wild conditions. The race started with gusts to 25 knots in the turning basin as racers beam-reached out the channel with a SE wind. As the fleet approached “S” the wind died and the ebb increased. Linda Carol was the only boat to round the mark before the strong ebb took over, pushing the entire fleet to the wrong side of the mark. Anchors came out, the rain started, and then the wind returned and racing continued. The wind picked up to 20+ knots on the nose and through heavy rain the fleet tacked back to the finish line. Linda Carol lost her lead due to a steering cable failure. The finish results were ... first place *Smokin’ J*, Stan Phillips, second place *Head Rush*, Charlie Watt, and third place *Pizote*, John Ryan.

Make a New Year’s resolution now to get out and get involved in a race, either as a skipper or as crew. Redwood Cup #3 takes place on Sunday, Jan. 9 and Winter #3 takes place on Saturday, Jan. 22. On behalf of all the race fleet captains, we look forward to seeing you at the start line in 2011.

Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

Welcome, everybody, to a new year of cruising on our beautiful bay. There are so many interesting destinations to explore right here in our own "backyard." And many of us want to take advantage of every opportunity to get out there with our SYC friends and bask in the sun, wind and water for as many weekend cruises as we can.

To help newcomers and old timers alike, I'm planning a little talk on "*How to Get the Most Enjoyment from your Waterfront Property,*" on Friday evening, **January 14** after the Drop in Dinner.

I'll cover the basics like the role of the Cruise Leaders and the great information and planning assistance that they provide for us. How to sign up, what to bring, how to prepare your crew (guests), and what will make each cruise out a safe and happy voyage for everyone.

Join us and share your two cents worth with the crew of *Mirth*.

Jack London Square Jazz Weekend Cruise Out February 19-21

You can choose to stay for two or three days for this popular annual event. Join our hosts, Winston and Carole Bumpus, for an outstanding evening at Yoshi's with a group dinner Japanese style and jazz performance at the adjoining club stage. The acts for next year are not announced until a few weeks in advance, but we've never been disappointed.

Jack London Square has a great marina, many good restaurants for leisurely meals and, of course, excellent "watering holes" with literary reputations. Sign up early at the club.



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Peter McCormick

What is in a boat? You are, of course. In a big boat you stand up and walk around. In a small boat you stand up and fall in the water. Dang, I'm wet...

In a big boat you can sit on the leeward (low) side or the windward (high) side of the boat. In a small boat if you are on the leeward side you just capsized your boat. Dang, I'm wet again...

In a big boat you have a head. In a small boat? Well, I hope you planned your sail. Oops... wet again.

Small boats are fun, but they are different, and whether you are in a small boat, or a big boat there is one thing they both have in common. SAFETY SHOULD COME FIRST.

Here are some tips for small boat safety.

- Sail with a friend.
- Wear a PFD with a whistle attached. (Your voice might weaken after time in the water)
- Beginners should sail in light winds only. (Under 12 knots)
- Be sure to have a bail bucket, and tie it in with a line.
- Have an oar or paddle on board.
- Know how to swim! (If you can manage in a PFD, hmmm... ? well OK)
- Have a "chase boat" ready. If possible, a boat with motor on standby is a good backup.
- File a sail plan. Even on the smallest outings, tell someone ashore where you're going.

And here are some considerations when getting into a small boat:

- Can you sit on your tail for the duration of your sail?
- Getting wet is part of the fun, are you ready for it?
- Are you trained for what to do if you flip? It's no biggie if you know how to deal.

And our favorite slogans for when you are under duress:
When in doubt, let it out. Tiller to trouble, on the double.

For more advanced outings:

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Ann McDonough

Ron Brown is making big plans for a five year circumnavigation aboard *Hazel Rose* at the end of January. *Hazel Rose* will be leaving Redwood City on January 1st to be refitted for the journey. At the end of January, he will start his cruising life in the San Francisco Bay, Delta, and down the California Coast. The circumnavigation will officially start with the 2011 Baja Ha Ha. Ron is dedicating this journey in memory and honor of his grandfather, James O'Connor Brown. We wish him fair winds!



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Daryl Santuray has transferred from the San Carlos West Marine to the one in South San Francisco. We will miss seeing her smiling face at our local chandlery. Hopefully, this means that we will see more of her at the club.



Sustaining Member, Hallie Heckler, returned triumphant from a December visit to Hawaii to visit her daughter. While in the islands, Hallie enjoyed soaking in a luxurious hot tub and sailing on *America II* with a buff, shirtless crew. Lucky Lady!

Do you have news to share with the club? Drop us an email at sycgoto@sequoiayc.org.

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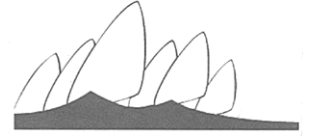
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Hot Shots by Ron Howard & Jerry Jones



SYC Club Events for January 2011

Upcoming Winter Race Events:



Sunday, January 9

Redwood Cup #3

Saturday, January 22

Winter #3

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

South Bay Yacht Club Cruise Out

January 17-19, 2011

MLK 3 Day Weekend

Host: Larry Mayne
LRMayne@aol.com

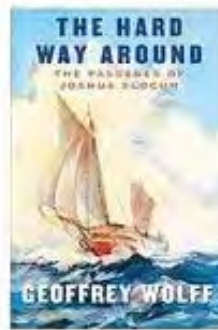
Saturday dinner at SBYC,
est. 1896.

SBYC Port Capt.
Bob Andrade
(408) 807-8393



Sequoia Reads: The Hard Way Around

Thursday, January 20 18:00



Hosted by: Nauti Girls

Please bring bar
snacks to share.

Reading the book
is desired, not
required. Come
talk about the life
of Joshua Slocum.

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.

Hosted by Rick and
Petra Gilmore.

Sign up at the club.

