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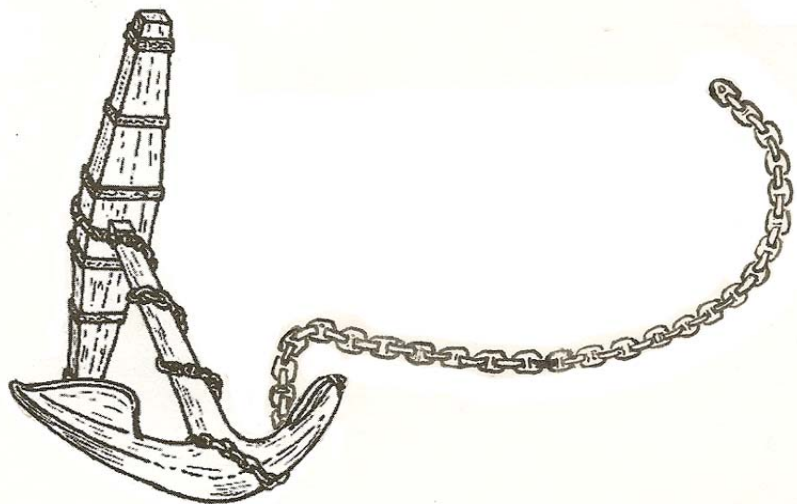
SEQUOIA YACHT CLUB Redwood City



**JUNE 2008**

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## Commodore's Report



June means warmer weather, more wind, and school's out for the summer soon enough. All good things for boating, usually. This month, don't miss the cruise-out to San Francisco Yacht Club for Father's Day brunch—always a lot of fun and great food at a wonderful club. Also, on June 12 come to the mega-cruise planning meeting for a charter trip next summer in the Leeward Islands. Be sure to sign-up for the Past Commodores Dinner, where Chef Steven Higgs will feed us and the past commodores will inform and entertain us with Club history—everyone is welcome, even if you're not yet a past commodore.

Along with our discussions of long range planning for the Club at the next few board meetings, watch for a member survey soon where you can give the Club feedback on how we're doing and where we can improve.

I hope to see you at the Club and on the water this June.

**John Graves**  
Commodore



## Vice Commodore's Report



The new 2008 PICYA yearbooks and Sequoia's 2008 Membership Directories are in. Come on down and pick your copy up.

At the last General Meeting, May 9, we voted to spend up to \$2,000 to bring our Fire Suppression in the Galley up to code. The Fire Marshall is requiring us to complete this upgrade by the end of July. I will let you know when it is complete.

Does your company need a place to hold the annual Holiday party? How about a fun spot for that special birthday or anniversary celebration? Remember, our Club is available for rentals! This is one way we can keep our costs down. Give Dan Doud a call for more information.

Just a quick reminder to all members. If you are the last person to leave the Club, remember to **check all of the doors**. There have been a couple of incidences when our doors have been left unlocked. Thank you for taking the extra precaution!

See you at the Club

**Petra Gilmore**  
Vice Commodore



## Rear Commodore's Report



Summertime and the boatin' is easy...

What magnificent weather!

On the racing scene the beer can races have been fun and exciting. No one is dominating—yet. The most recent winners are *White Dove* on 4/16, *Linda Carol* on 4/23, *Slipstream* on 4/30 and *Mirth* on 5/7. If you haven't come out for any of these races, what are you waiting for? The skipper with the most pick-up crew gets a fantastic, official SYC beer koozie or bottle opener and Club acclaim! Whether you know how to sail or not there is a place for everyone as crew on one of the Wednesday night boats. Then join us for beer, tall stories and a great dinner afterwards in the Club. Come down at 5:00 p.m. and let us know you want to sail.

Other races coming up are the Summer Series races #4—6 on 6/14, 7/12 and 7/26. This is a 6-race series with 2 throw-outs so make the best of the season and come out to compete and enjoy grilled sausages afterwards. We are also having the exciting Single Hand #3 race on 7/19. Then, the Los Gatos YC and the Ames Sailing Club have formally thrown down the gauntlet and challenged SYC to a 3-race, 3-boat competition on 6/28. Our own Sailing Fleet Captain, John Draeger has taken up the challenge and is forming a syndicate to participate in this sailing tournament of honor and skill. Let him know if you are interested in helping out in any way.

South Bay Opening Day was a huge hit with 25 boats from a number of South Bay clubs participating in the parade and over 250 guests and spectators attending the festivities. Redwood City Mayor Rosanne Foust served as Grand Marshall and our own Jackie Harris proudly held court as Miss South Bay 2008. Activities included tours of the 87-foot Coast Guard Cutter Hawksbill, tours of the Sea Scout Ship Gryphon, vehicle exhibits by the Redwood City Police and Fire Departments, the DARE car from the Atherton Police Department and the slide presentation of "Islands of the Bay" by James Martin. Congratulations to Ted Hannig who walked away with the most awards because he had all those wonderful young people helping him! A great big thank you to all the volunteers who made the festival such a wonderful success this year. Check out all the great SBOD 2008 pictures in this issue.

Cruise-Outs! We have cruise-outs! The Treasure Island cruise-out on 4/26-27 was well attended thanks to all the efforts of cruise leader Lee Ritchey and Russ Breed in his role as TI Vice Commodore. Cruise leader

OD LIST 2008		
June	July	August
<b>OD Chair: Joseph Curtis</b>	<b>OD Chair: Byron Jacobs</b>	<b>OD Chair: Mike Harris</b>
06/01 Anton Orazem, Jr.	7/05 Clint Reeder	08/02 Robin Webber
06/07 Ralph Otte	7/06 Pat Richardson	08/03 David Wittenkamp
06/07 Frank Parcell	7/12 Don Ritchey	08/09 Bernard Accristo
06/14 David Payne	7/13 Cal Rothenberg	08/10 Eric Anderson
06/15 Everett Pedigo	7/19 Thomas Runge	08/16 Bob Ballenger
06/21 Jim Peterson	7/20 John Sancho	08/17 Roberta Barnes
06/22 Adam Peterson	7/26 Chuck Shaiker	08/23 James Bartlett
06/28 Jeff Phillips	7/27 Bernie Wahle	08/24 Arndt Bergh
06/29 Stephen Powell		08/30 Noel Bird
		08/31 Peter Blackmore

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

Tom Keegan made sure the KFOG Kaboom fireworks special cruise-out to South Beach on 5/10-11 was spectacular as always. By the time you read this the Memorial Day cruise-out to the beautiful city of Sausalito will have taken place—led by Rick and Petra Gilmore. Trips you ABSOLUTELY do not want to miss: The ever popular and exclusive opportunity to visit San Francisco YC to enjoy a sumptuous dinner and a Father's Day brunch extravaganza, led by Larry Mayne and Bill Stark on 6/14. Then get out the sticks for the more-fun-than-you-can-stand San Leandro YC Tin Cup cruise-out on 7/12-13 led by Judy Bear, Pat Richardson and Dan and Linda Doud.

But wait! That's not all. Save the dates in your calendar for Sequoia Yacht Club's famous, fun and festive Delta cruise-out—August 3 through the 7. Our theme this year is "**Twain on the Delta**" with all things Mark Twain and life on the river. Come in your best costume as Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn, Becky Thatcher, Injun Joe, Aunt Polly, the Duke, the King, Widow Douglas or Mr. Twain himself. We'll have a "Jumping Frogs of Calaveras County" contest as well as a "River Fishin'" challenge. We'll feast on authentic Kansas City BBQ ribs or catfish with all the fixin's. And you know the moonshine will be a flowin'. So sail, power or blacktop it. This is going to be THE event of the summer and you don't want to miss it!

**Byron Jacobs**  
**Rear Commodore**  
**Byron@MontTech.com**  
**650-619-2503**

## Reports

### Membership

The Board and general membership have approved Monty Cavender, Past Commodore 1965 as an Honorary member and George Wasilewski, Past commodore 1987, as a Life member.

Six new Junior members have been approved by the Board. They are all students at Santa Clara

University: Stacy Cavanagh, Brian Reaves, Ashley Merrill, Matthew Hahlík, Ryan Davidson and Amy McCarthy.

### First Reading.

Faith and Steve Witte live in Palo Alto and have a 17 foot O'Day Daysailer. They are nominated by Herb Heckler, Faith's father, and Dick Trainer.

**Jerry Jones**  
**Membership Chairperson**

## Past Commodore's Dinner Saturday June 28

John and LuAnne Graves will host the annual Sequoia Yacht Club Past Commodore's Dinner. All members are welcome to share in this special event. Please sign up at the Club or contact the Graves.

Cocktails 1800  
 Dinner 1900  
 Presentations 2000

### Power Fleet Report



To get on the Club email list for latest breaking news and event notices contact Sheila at SYCsheila@gmail.com and she will sign you up on the list.

Join the Nauti Girls Boat Handling Practice on Friday May 30. Everyone should test these skills regularly.

**Sheila Jones**  
**SYCsheila@gmail.com**  
**Power Fleet Captain**

**Port Captain**  
 No Report

**Joseph R. Curtis**  
**Port Captain**

## Mega Cruise

Aruba, Jamaica ooh I wanna take ya  
Bermuda, Bahama come on pretty mama  
Key Largo, Montego baby why don't we go  
Jamaica

We have planned a Mega Cruise at the end of June 2009! Sequoia Yacht Club's Mega Cruise destination is the Caribbean's beautiful Leeward Islands; St. Martin, St. Barts, Anguilla and more! Check out Moorings website below:  
<http://www.moorings.com/Destinations.aspx?Destination=STM>

We will have a Mega Cruise planning night on Thursday, June 12th to decide what dates are good for us, how many days we would like to go, who are our Skippers, and how many boats we would like to reserve. Bob Diamond will be there to show us pictures of the sandy beaches, palm trees, and tropical sights. Until then, check your calendars and see what dates in June 2009 are good for you and start getting your crew excited for the trip! See you there!

## Racing Rules, **MADE Easy**



The Beer Can races have started and we have had some good winds. One of the challenges of the Beer Can race is that you are continually put into a position where you are passing a boat or you are being passed. In May's column, I discussed the right of way concerning a starboard/port passing (starboard has rights). In this column, we will look at the situation when you are on the same tack.

When boats are on the same tack and are overlapped, Rule 11 of the RRS applies. Rule 11 states: *When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of the leeward boat.*

When boats are on much different angles of sail, it is often difficult to know which boat is the leeward boat. The boat that will hit the other's leeward side or be hit on her own windward side is the leeward boat. As a good rule of thumb, the boat that is on a point of sail closer to the wind is the leeward boat.

The usual question asked in a windward/leeward situation is 'how far does the windward boat have to stay away to keep clear?' The Windward boat (W) has to stay far enough away so that while the Leeward boat (L) is sailing a straight line, (W) will not hit (L) or force (L) to take any avoiding action. Furthermore, (W) must stay far enough away so that (L) can change course in both directions without immediately making contact. Also, if you are converging with (L) and both of

you are sailing what you each believe to be your proper course, Rule 11 requires (W) to keep clear of (L).

When either racing in to or out of the channel at Redwood City, this rule will come into play a number of times. At all times, you should understand whether you are the (W) or the (L) boat. If you are the (W) boat, develop strategies where you can stay clear of the (L) boat. If you are the (L), just head to the finish line as fast as you can.

Until next month, just get out and start racing with us. The Beer Can series has started and it is a great way to have some fun and also learn the racing rules as you go.

**Jim Peterson**  
**Co-Captain, MADE Easy**

## The Nauti Girls



Dear Nauti Girls,

We really enjoyed your recent "Marg Off" at the Floato de Mayo fiesta. It was nearly impossible to choose a favorite between the legendary Margueritas offered by the two teams: Shannon & Tod vs. Robin & Kathryn. I even managed to try a couple of the premium tequilas as an after dinner libation. Well, done. What's next?

*Tequila Tippler*

Dear Tippler,

Glad to oblige. The Nauti Girls are in favor of all kinds of new cultural experiences. With that in mind, we are planning a fantastic "Greek Island Time" party on July 19. Think sun, sand, and lots of ouzo. We're lining up live music and delicious Mediterranean specialties. Yum.

NG

Dear Nauti Girls,

I don't want to be a whiner, but I was really cold when I went out Beer Can racing last week. My date said that I was hypothermic and that the best solution was for us to take off our clothes to transfer heat. Is there something I'm missing here?

*Bundled Up Betty*

Dear Bundled,

This was undoubtedly an attempt to take advantage of your chilled and sluggish thought processes! But it is a good idea to avoid the very serious symptoms of hypothermia by eating a light snack before you go out, dressing in layers, drinking lots of water to avoid dehydration, sipping hot drinks onboard and offering friends lots of hugs.

NG

**Upcoming Nauti Girls Activities**

May 30—Our Capt'n Ron Brown will be joining us to spend an afternoon for on-the-water skill building. We will plan to start out from the Club after lunch, boats TBD. Our focus will be on tiller/emergency tiller steering and crew-overboard drills. We will have a DID style BQ afterwards. Sign up at the Club so we know how many steaks to buy. \$5.00 for the practice session, \$10.00 for dinner.

June 19—**Sequoia Reads:** Not to be outdone by Commodore John Graves, our "Vice" Commodore (the original Nauti Girl?), Petra Gilmore will lead a rousing discussion of *Taking the Helm* by Dawn Riley. This account of the Whitbread Around the World race is a speedy summer read. Look for it in your library or bookstore under ISBN 0-316-74550-2.

**The Nauti Girls**



**Cruise Out to San Francisco Yacht Club—Redux**

It's that time of year again! Time to be pampered and enjoy the good life. So on June 14 and 15, we will return to the San Francisco Yacht Club for what has become a very popular and well-attended cruise out. Founded in 1869, the San Francisco Yacht Club is the oldest club on the Pacific Coast of North America. The club, with its tranquil setting in Belvedere Cove and its superb harbor, is widely recognized as the premier yachting facility on the West Coast.

We will arrive during the day on Saturday, June 14. Early arrivals can enjoy lunch on the club deck or go into Tiburon to shop or dine. We will have a cocktail party around 6 pm, have a great dinner planned for that evening at 7:00 pm and a Father's Day brunch from 8:30 to 11:00 am. Cost will be \$1.00 per foot per night, \$37.50 per person for dinner (choice of prime rib or salmon and includes one bottle of white and one bottle of red wine per table of eight), and y \$16.75 per person for Brunch. A children's menu is also available at reduced prices.

A signup sheet with detailed cruise notes is posted at our Club. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can finalize our arrangements with SFYC.

Because too much fun is never enough!

**Bill Stark and Larry Mayne  
Cruise Leaders**



**A Look at the Past**

I was perusing some of our copies of old newsletters and noted that in the past June was full of notable activities. In June 1945, Sequoia Yacht Club joined the Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco. Al Davies entered his Bird boat, *Loon* in Y. R. A. and gave them a peek at our Sequoia burgee.

It was on June 1st, 1964 that the contractor turned our Clubhouse over to us as completed. The Golden Gate Y.C. loaned us their old wooden chairs till we got our own. Our members donated \$1,500 to furnish our Club. We acquired some dishes and turned to next project to get some silverware.



June 21, '64, Deane Davis scheduled a Lingerie Show modeling the latest fashions by Jer Marai, but it was rescheduled for September.

June was the month for the annual cruise-in parties. Groups of north bay clubs would sail to Sequoia and we would have a big party. The yacht clubs included Aeolian, South Bay, Golden Gate, Metropolitan, Coyote Point, Point San Pablo, Oyster Point, Presidio, and the Sausalito clubs. They would come in groups of four or five. It's a tradition that has faded.

June was, and still is, the month for preparing for our annual Delta Cruise. In the June 1970, newsletter it had to following recommendations: 1) Tune your engine—no one wants to be seen at the wrong end of a tow line. 2) Have a second anchor. 3) Get a second icebox—one for things you use a lot and one for those things that are used less often. 4) Have a boarding ladder that extends below your waterline. 5) It is hot in the Delta. a simple awning made of cloth supported by 3 - 2x2 will help. 6) Mosquitoes are worst at dusk. Tape cheese cloth to the hatches and vents. Repellant is a must. 7) Have charts of the Delta. There are a 1,000 miles of waterways.

These recommendations were repeated in 1971 with 3 additions: 8) Bring a Barbeque grill. 9) Have an anchor light that is self-sufficient. 10) Bring as much food as you can. Food is generally high and limited in the Delta.

Have things changed very much since those days? Have a great time in the Delta, it's one of our long standing traditional cruises.

**Peter Nardini  
Club Historian & Past Commodore**



**Social  
Upcoming Events**

Friday, July 4  
Dinner & Fireworks @17:00  
Looking for a host(s)—please email or call Jeanne.

*Jeanne Jacobs  
Social Chairperson*

**"Never on a Sunday..."  
Greek Island Time Party  
Saturday, July 19, 2008**

**Oh, you can kiss me on a Monday, a  
Monday, a Monday is very, very  
good.**

**Or you can kiss me on a Tuesday, a  
Tuesday, a Tuesday, in fact, I wish  
you would.**

**Or, you can kiss me on a Wednesday,  
a Thursday, a Friday and Saturday  
is best.**

**But never ever on a Sunday, a  
Sunday, a Sunday  
cause that's my day of rest.**

*Melina Mecouri*

**Nauti Girls, Deb Blackmore and Ann  
McDonough, Cordially invite you and  
everyone you know to join us for  
Greek Island Time at SYC.**

**Cocktails 5 pm, Dinner 7 p.m.  
\$20 Per Person & Live Music**



650) 619-2502 cell [jeanne@monttech.com](mailto:jeanne@monttech.com)  
**Good of the ORDER**  
Dennis and Grace Lowe are new boat owners. They have purchased a Catalina 320, currently in Alameda. They have named the boat "Grace Kellie" for Dennis's wife and daughter. Congratulations.

David Bliven is looking for 'sea going skippers' for the south bound coastal trip from Alaska in September. It is to be day sailing and harbor hopping over a period of 5 weeks. Come for a week or more. Sheila Jones can help with communications to David.

An observation and word to the wise; when naming a horse, try to avoid names that conjure up thoughts of demise or running out of time, such as Hindenburg or Titanic. RIP Eight Belles.

Doug and Anne Murray will be celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary June 28th. Accompanying them on a 7 day cruise around the Hawaiian Islands will be their four children and spouses, 7 grandchildren ranging from 22 to 2 years old and their maid of honor and best man. Where does the time go?

Patty and Roy Woolsey are standing near the bow of the Beneteau 47 which they chartered in April in the British Virgin Islands. This was their 20th wedding anniversary trip, and they sailed with their good friends from Stanford.

They had eight days of wonderful cruising—great winds each morning, cruising from one beautiful cove or harbor to another, and nice warm water for swimming and snorkeling. Note the SYC burgee on the mast below the BVI flag.



*LuAnne Graves  
luannegraves@gmail.com*



The final gathering of the South Bay Opening Day on Sunday at the South Bay Yacht Club.

Photos by Robin Weber, Ralph Manies, Doris Bliven, Sheila Jones, Russ Breed & the Gilmores



"Blessing of the fleet" for all participants, 87-foot Hawksbill CG Cutter from Monterey, *Tradewind* & *Gryphon*



Jackie Harris on Bill Starks *Tradition*, Terry Burley's *Nymph*, Byron & Jeannie Jacob's '*Ale kai* & Cal & Dot Rothenberg's *Solitude*



Sea Scouts on *Tradewind*, *Gryphon* and Kevin Murray's *Commodore Murray*



Jerry & Sheila Jones's *Fish Hawk*, Joe & Oya Curtis's *Greensleeves*, Final Party of SBOD Sunday at SBYC

# June 2008

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# Sequoia Yacht Club

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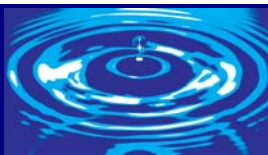
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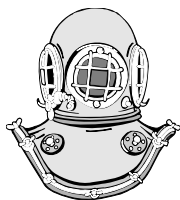
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