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Sequoia Yacht Club

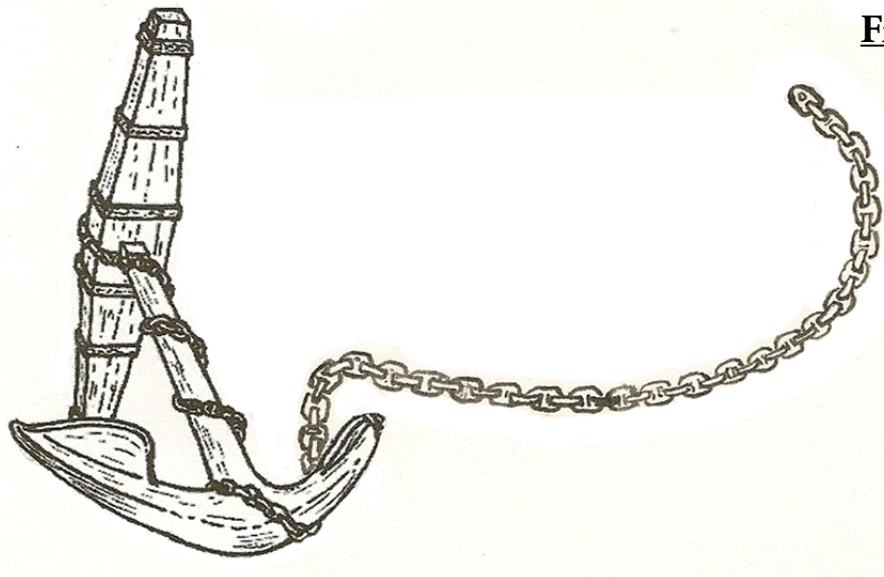
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June 2009

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This Month At A Glance

6/3 Wednesday Lunch 12:00

6/5 Drop in Dinner 18:30

6/12 Drop in Dinner 18:30

6/13 Cruise Out: San Francisco YC

6/17 Wednesday Lunch 12:00

6/18 Mega Cruise: Leeward Islands

6/20 Cruise In: Spinnaker YC

6/26- 6/28 Disney Train @ Port of
RWC

Note: Beer Can Racing and Dinner
every Wednesday 17:00

Officer of the Day (OD) Roster

6/5 Alex Huang

6/6 Herb Huber

6/13 Robert Huggins

6/14 Dan Humphreys

6/20 Jim Humphries

6/21 Not yet assigned

6/27 Don Inouye

6/28 Byron Jacobs

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Check out club activities at
www.SequoiaYC.org*

*Cover photo by Kathryn Maxwell.
Robin Weber flying the spinnaker on
Agave.*

Commodore's Report:



Petra Gilmore

Our club was founded in 1939. At that time, Americans were struggling with high unemployment, the frightening news of an impending war in Europe, and an explosion of new technologies. Sound familiar? I'm sure that our founder members, like everyone living here on the Peninsula back then, were trying to find enjoyment in a stressful world. They wanted to create a little haven of peace where those who enjoyed the water could take a break. And I'm glad that they did it! Now, serving as Commodore seventy years later, I'm proud to be overseeing the fine traditions they established for the benefit of us all.

The By-Laws Committee, which consists of Steve Holmstrom, Bill Stark and Mike Harris, has amended their report and a copy is in this Scope. We will be having a Special Meeting within our June General Meeting to vote on it. Please plan to attend.



*Rub-a-Dub-Dub, Three Men in a Tub
...Our Wise Founding Members?*

Mega Cruisers will be off to the Leeward Islands starting June 18th. We have 5 boats going with a crew total of 25. St. Martin here we come!

New members: Lisa Corsetti, Kathy Conte and Cathy Moyer joined us in April and Dianne Herscher joined in May. Please introduce yourself and welcome them into the Sequoia Yacht Club family.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work filling the open positions on our board. Ann McDonough is the chair of this committee. Please join me in thanking the committee and consider adding your voice to our board.

Sequoia YC is blessed to have so many active members. Members that plan, cook, joke, 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 summertime and fun time at the Club! Kristin Butler hosted a wonderful Floato de Mayo party on May 2nd with a lively Margarita contest between Larry Mayne and Mr. Robin Weber. Tom Keegan hosted our annual Mother's Day Brunch again amid reports the ladies were nicely pampered. Many thanks to all the people that pitched in and helped make these events great hits.

Coming up are the Past Commodore's Dinner on May 30th, the Disney Train visit on June 26th-28th, and our July 4th celebration on – you guessed it! Out Social Chair, Kathy Harris, is looking at the Disney Train visit as an opportunity to throw a party in June so keep visiting our web site to keep updated on any changes there. And don't forget that the July 4th BBQ is always accompanied by beautiful fireworks provided by the Port of Redwood City.

A very special set of acknowledgements go to Steve Higgs and Bar Houston. Steve fixed the big oven that's been leaking heat since some of our very senior members were Corinthians. He also calibrated the vertical ovens and has been helping Lina get the galley ship shape. Bar Houston fixed the flickering lights in the Oates Room and our public address and music system that liked to hum along with our Commodore. I also want to personally thank Petra Gilmore and all who helped her and Lina for the Drop In Dinner on May 8th while Jeanne and I were in Kansas City. And another thank you to Gaylord Van Dyne and his entire crew for pitching in and helping us put on the DID on April 24th while Lina took some time off.

Attendance has been light at our Friday Drop In Dinners and we miss you! The food has been a hit with those attending so come on out and join us.

May you have fair winds and following seas,

Special Report: By-Laws

By-Laws Amendments to be discussed at the June General Meeting:

Section 4: Sustaining Member A Sustaining member may be any Senior member who has been a Senior member of the Club for a period of 15 years and has attained the age of 65 years. The class of Sustaining member may be awarded by the Board of Directors upon written request of the Senior member. The Sustaining member shall pay 50% of the annual dues and assessments and shall have all the rights and privileges of a Senior member. (On _____, 2009, this Section 4 was amended to increase the number of years from 10 to 15 years. Sustaining Members on such date shall continue to be Sustaining Members notwithstanding such Member has less than 15 years membership; provided all other requirements of membership continue to be satisfied.)

Article X

Section 2: Nominees. Nominees for officers and directors shall be chosen from the ranks of Senior, Life and Sustaining members or their respective spouses. Such members shall be in good standing and have been a member for a minimum of one year before taking office. Candidates may be nominated and elected prior to satisfying the one year membership requirement.

Article III

Section 109: Domestic Partner A Domestic Partner is defined as a person living in a cohabitative relationship with a member. A member's Domestic Partner shall be identified upon initial nomination for membership or by subsequent identification (including changes) by formal written notification from the member to the Board of Directors accompanied by a "Statement of Financial Responsibility for a Domestic Partner". The privileges and duties outlined below extend to the Domestic Partner of any member. The member assumes responsibilities for any expenses or liabilities incurred at the Club by that member's Domestic Partner. This responsibility continues as long as any expenses or liabilities are incurred by that Domestic Partner.

(a) — The initiation fees and dues paid by a member shall entitle the member's Domestic Partner to the use of the Club facilities, as outlined by these bylaws and the Clubhouse Rules. A key card to the clubhouse and a membership card shall be issued to the Domestic Partner.

(b) The Domestic Partner may not vote nor hold an elected office.

(c) — Upon termination of the member's association with the Club or the Partner, the Partner's affiliation with the Club shall cease, the membership card, the key card and any other keys to the Club shall be surrendered to the Club's Membership Chairperson.

Section 910: Member's Spouse or Domestic Partner The privileges and duties outlined below extend to the spouse of all members. A member's spouse shall be identified upon initial membership nomination or by subsequent identification (including changes) by formal written notification from the member to the Board of Directors. (Continued on page 6, column 1.)

A Look to the Past



Peter Nardini,
*Club Historian &
Past Commodore*

Oh, to have been a fly on the wall in the newly formed Sequoia Yacht club seventy years ago. The newly relocated Port of Redwood City had only been in place for two years and the peace and quiet among the sloughs would have made a fantastic retreat from the cares of the day in 1939. Or would it? Imagine it, the founding members of SYC would have been deluged with disturbing news from Europe that year. Hitler invaded Poland and Czechoslovakia; refugees fled the Nazi Holocaust. Winston Churchill was called back from semi-retirement to become Prime Minister. The terror of another devastating world war hung in the air as Franklin D. Roosevelt steered America out of The Great Depression. Unemployment across the country hovered at 19% and a pall of unending deprivation and hardship hung over the land. It can't have been a time for congenial chat over a beer at the club, or could it?

"How's that brightwork comin' along?"

"Oh, slow. You know how it is. Margaret's always naggin' me to take her to the movies."

"What'd'ya see?"

"Well, last month it was The Wizard of Oz. Tech-ni-color. That Judy Garland's quite a gal.

"John Wayne in Stagecoach. Now that's the ticket.

"Gone With the Wind. That's what she' wants next.

"Shame about Lou Gehrig. Big loss for the Yankees.

"What'd'ya hear?"

"He's gotta quit. Nasty disease. Joltin' Joe'll come through though. Both of 'em will be in the Hall of Fame, wait and see.

"I heard that baseball will be changed forever soon.

Some new invention at the World's Fair called television or something.

"It'll never catch on. Radio's the next best thing to bein' at the stadium. Can't wait 'till I get it on the boat.

"I heard that the Fed's are still investigatin' those prison guards who shot "Doc" Barker on Alcatraz.

"Anyone brave enough or stupid enough to try a homemade raft in those waters should be allowed off The Rock.

"Well, I'm more interested in that Howard Hughes. Strange duck. He's built another aeroplane he calls a Boeing Strat-o-liner.

"That Sir Malcolm Campbell fella made it to 141 miles per hour on the water.

"Damn. I'd be happy just to get out on the water.

Well, once my brightwork's finished...

"You're dreamin'. A real "Walter Mitty," that's who you are!"

Social Events



Kathy Harris
Social Chair

The Disney Train at Port of RWC

Friday - Sunday, June 26-27

As you all know by now, the *Disney Christmas Train* is coming to the Port of Redwood City for three days beginning Friday, June 26th. In addition to the 4-car train, there will be a Disney 3-D theater where guests will get a sneak peak at the new version of "A Christmas Carol," starring Jim Carrey. For more details about the event, visit www.christmascaroltraintour.com. It's an event that will draw thousands of visitors from the Peninsula and beyond, so we are planning some special tie-in events at the club. Check on our SYC website for more details.

Mark your calendars now for:

The Port of Redwood City Fourth of July.

Relax at the club with family and friends enjoying All-American foods throughout the afternoon. Then watch the fireworks from the best seat in the house...the clubhouse deck or the cockpit of your own boat.



The annual **Island Time Party** hosted by Steve and Laurie Holmstrom on **Saturday, July 25**. This annual event aims to get everyone in that sand-between-your-toes, blissed-out-on-tropical-cocktails sort of mood.

Reports



Good of the Order:
LuAnne Graves

Director Bob Eustace will be starting radiation soon, so please keep him and his wife, Charlotte, in your thoughts and prayers.

Byron and Jeanne Jacobs rushed to Kansas City to be by the side of Byron's mother, who is ill.

John and Linda Mattis have a new grandchild. Alice Mattis was born on Thursday, April 2, 2009. She weighted 8 pounds 5 ounces. Mother, Father and and big brother Finn are doing well.



Dennis and Grace Lowe's son, Jonathan, is getting married in June. He and his bride, Tessa, will be married in Olympia, Washington on June 27th. It will be an outdoor ceremony at her grandfather's house next to the sea.

Our daughter, Laura Graves, became engaged April 29th to Nick Smith of Newport Beach. They are planning to wed sometime next summer.

Richard Blackmore is back at home for the summer. He is working on an internship in paleontology at The Children's Natural History Museum in Fremont. Younger brother, Rob, is staying on in Charleston, South Carolina taking classes and beer canning at the Charleston Yacht Club.

Reports



Jerry Jones
Membership Chair

Please keep your membership information up to date by email to syncdirectory@gmail.com and copy to "SYC office" <office@sequoiayc.org> or snail mail to SYC Scope, P.O. Box 5548, Redwood City, CA 94063-0548. The new 2009 Membership Directory is available at the club.

Second Reading was held for Diane Herscher and she was voted into membership at the General Meeting May 8. Welcome aboard. Diane has been crewing in the SYC Beer Can Races on Wednesday nights.

(Continued from page 4, column 1.)

(a) The initiation fees and dues paid by a member shall entitle the member's spouse or Domestic Partner to the use of the Club facilities, as outlined in these Bylaws and the Clubhouse position in the Club that the member is eligible to hold. A member and the member's spouse or Domestic Partner may not hold any elected positions concurrently.

(d) A spouse or Domestic Partner who has been affiliated with the Club for 15 years and has attained the age of 65 years is eligible to be considered for Life membership.

(e) Upon termination of the member's association with the Club, divorce or termination of the Domestic Partnership, the Spouse or Domestic Partner's affiliation with the Club shall cease, the membership card, the key card and any other keys to the Club shall be surrendered to the Club's Membership Chairperson.

Section 12: Transfer of Membership Memberships can be transferred as follows:

(a) In the event of the death of a Senior member, Life member or Sustaining member, the spouse shall, if desired, become a Senior member of the same classification upon written request to the Board of Directors.

~~(c) If a resigning member's spouse holds an elected office, and a transfer of membership has not been affected, then the spouse must officially join Sequoia Yacht Club by paying full initiation fees and dues, or resign from the position and terminate all affiliation with the Club.~~

(c) A membership may only be transferred to that member's spouse or domestic partner. A member may transfer their membership to their spouse or domestic partner, provided the spouse or domestic partner meets the requirements of that membership. Such transfer shall be in writing, and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Reports



Jim Peterson
Racing Fleet Captain

Saturday, April 18th, turned out to be a spectacular day for the first annual Westpoint Marina Regatta! We had 14 boats start off Treasure Island in 3-4 kts of wind. Luckily the ebb tide carried us towards the first mark, Alcatraz Island. Rounding Alcatraz, the wind picked up to 10-15kts through the slot until we hit the city front with light and variable winds again. Passing through the Bay Bridge, the big choice was to head down the east side or the west side of the bay. The boats that headed down the west side had the wind pick up first. From SFO to the San Mateo Bridge we had 15-22 kts of wind. In the Spinnaker division, Patrick Kohlman, Joyicity took first place followed by Charlie Watt, Head Rush with 2nd place. In the Non-Spinnaker division, Chip Conlon's Fancy took first place with Rick Dalton, Iowa taking 2nd place. A special thanks to Ron Brown, Westpoint Regatta Race Director; Mark Saunders owner of Westpoint Harbor; and Sherry Smith.

Summer Series Race #2 was held on Saturday, May-16. It was another beautiful day of south bay sailing with temperatures in the 80's. With my wind crystal ball predicting light winds, we picked a short course of 4.83nm (S/F- Sp-12p- Ys- s/F). We were able to start the race at 12:30pm with 5 kts of wind. A total of 8 yachts started the race; 5 in the Spinnaker Division and 3 in the Non-Spinnaker Division.

In the Spinnaker Division, John Ryan's Pizote took first place honors. Paul McCarthy, Lucky Duck took second place and Ray Collier, Linda carol was in third. In the Non-Spinnaker Division, Rick Dalton, Iowa took first place honors and Tim Petersen, Sweet Pea came in second. Also a special mention goes to both Primordial Sloop and MADE Easy for not staying close enough in their gybe around 12, running aground in an ebb tide, and having the distinct pleasure of watching the rest of the fleet pass by!

Please go to our new website (<http://www.sequoiayc.org/racing>) to get current schedules for racing, race results, Sailing Instructions, Skipper Entry Forms and Crew Entry Forms.

For Nauti Girls & Buoys



Ann McDonough

Sequoia Reads for June

What can floating debris teach us about the world's oceans? Find out from a new book by oceanographers Curtis Ebbesmeyer and Eric Scigliano, *Flotsametrics and the Floating World*. Please join us on **June 1 at 19:00** to discuss this entertaining autobiography by this resourceful oceanographer who figured out how to use flotsam— floating trash—to uncover the movements of the world's oceans.

In the early 1990's Ebbesmeyer, on a tip from his mother, started recording the locations where hundreds of Nike shoes were washing up along the West Coast. The shoes had been spilled from a container on a ship hit by a severe Pacific storm a year earlier. From that first, opportunistic attempt at turning beachcombing into a science by retracing the shoes 2,000 mile trip, Ebbesmeyer has gone on to understand and describe the detailed movements and order of the worlds oceans.

Sequoia Reads for July

On Thursday, July 9 at 19:00 the Reader's group will have a discussion of *Don't Stop the Carnival* by Herman Wouk who also wrote *The Caine Mutiny*, *Marjorie Morningstar*, *The Winds of War*, and *War and Remembrance*, which if you haven't read, you surely saw the movies of.

Norman Paperman, a New York press agent, and his friend, Lester Atlas, leave the cold, but glamorous city, to look at a little Caribbean island hotel that Norman saw advertised in the *New Yorker Magazine*. Norman, with Lester's assistance, buys the hotel and settles in to enjoy the Caribbean while sipping Planters Punch. Very quickly he begins to learn of the pitfalls that await the novice owner.

Don't Stop the Carnival, published in 1965 by Doubleday & Company and later in paperback by Pocket Books 1966. It is available at the Campbell, Milpitas and Morgan Hill branches of the Santa Clara County Library and is available in paperback. The ISBN is 0-671-65678-3. There is also a musical, written by Jimmy Buffett, which I will bring. Join us on July 9th to discuss the joys of Caribbean life.

On-the-Water



Terry Burley
Cruising Fleet Captain

We have had some truly great cruising experiences so far this spring.... Most recently Treasure Island was wonderful, well planned and led.. This past week we sent 10 boats out to Presidio Yacht Club.... A truly unique place set in Horseshoe Cove, nothing like it, right in the shadow of the Golden Gate. Some of our folks venture out... or at least planned to at this writing.

What's coming up next? June is a VERY busy month this year. There are TWO great opportunities to enjoy open water.

The first is a luxury destination in our own backyard: **June 13-14 San Francisco YC/Tiburon**. Larry Mayne is hosting and leading this one. I don't want to miss this one myself. Anyone who has been over to San Francisco Yacht Club...knows what a great visit this will be. Tiburon in the summer winds is a treat! Sign up soon. Larry will need good numbers as early as he can get them.

The second is a Cruiser's Paradise: **June 18- July 2 Mega Cruise to the Leeward Islands**. This trip has been a full year in the planning. We have a number of our members who are headed east the Leeward Islands... old pirate territory in the day Arrrrr! No pirates now, though. Just beautiful cruising where you pretty much can see from island to island. Petra and her gang are leading this. We wish them Fair winds and balmy seas. Let's see what "Proofs of Passage" they can come up with (aside from empty sunscreen containers).

I wish us all Fair winds and even better seas... and can you feel the Delta winds?



Photos by Byron Jacobs, Robin Weber, Sheila Jones & Lina Reynolds



Jeannie's Mom from Boston, joins the fun at Floto de Mayo, and of course a Spanish Galleon Piñata, Ted & Kristin enjoying the party.



New member Diane Herscher brings Chicago souvenirs to friends at SYC

505's screaming along at the Beer Can Races



Artistic rendition from the Beer Can Races by Lina Reynolds

Metridium heading for the finish line at the Beer Cans



Introducing Nick & Robin Weber's *Web Tide*, a Catalina 320: SYC joins in the christening and open boat at the guest dock.

More Photos



Iowa, Windancer and Melilani preparing for Beer Can on Wednesday May 20, 2009



Our Future, the Stanford Team



Black Sheep



Merritts coming out of the channel



Grace Kellie in the lead upwind



505 flying



Phil Meredith on a Hobie Cat



Pizote



Smokin J



The nights winner Metridium

Club Calendar

SYC Calendar

OD Chair: Fred Wydler

Jun 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 OD: Bar Houston	1	2 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	3 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	4	5 6:30pm - DID	6 OD: Alex Huang Summer #3
7 OD: Herb Huber	8	9 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	10 6pm - Beer Can &	11	12 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting General Meeting	13 Cruise-Out - San OD: Robert Huggins 7pm - Non-Member
14 Cruise-Out - San OD: Dan Humphreys	15	16 6pm - Card Night	17 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	18 MegaCruise	19	20 OD: Jim Humphries Spinaker YC Cruise-In
21 MegaCruise OD: ? Spinaker YC Cruise-In	22	23 6pm - Card Night	24 6pm - Beer Can &	25	26 Disney Train	27 OD: Don Inouye
28 MegaCruise Disney Train OD: Byron Jacobs	29	30 6pm - Card Night	1 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	2	3	4 4th of July Party

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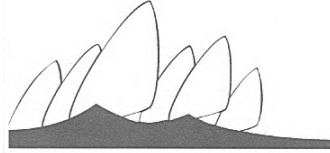
OD Chair: Byron Jacobs

Jul 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 MegaCruise Disney Train OD: Byron Jacobs	29	30 6pm - Card Night	1 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	2	3	4 4th of July Party
5 OD: Chris Johnson	6	7 Board Meeting 6pm - Card Night	8 6pm - Beer Can &	9	10 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting General Meeting	11 Moonlight Marathon OD: Marge Johnstone
12 Brunch OD: Jerry Jones	13	14 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	15 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	16	17 6:30pm - DID	18 Cruise-Out - San OD: Tom Keegan
19 Cruise-Out - San OD: Dick Kern	20	21 6pm - Card Night	22 6pm - Beer Can &	23	24	25 Island Time Party OD: Robert King Summer #4
26 OD: Sam Kirkes	27	28 6pm - Card Night	29 6pm - Beer Can &	30	31 6:30pm - DID	1 Cruise-Out Delta OD: Michael Kneller Singlehanded #3

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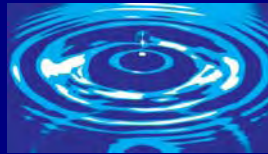
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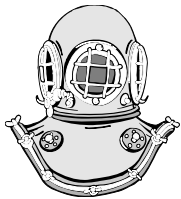
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