

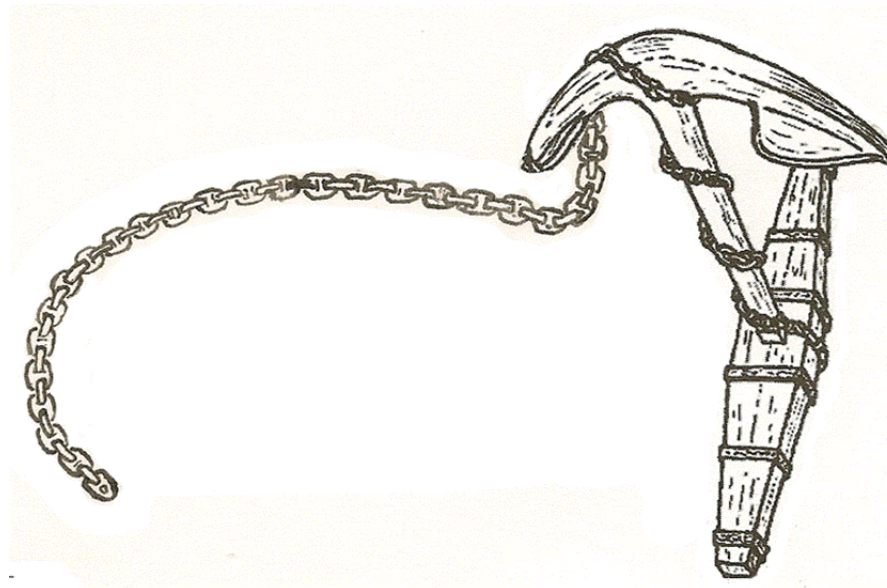
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Sequoia Junior Sailing leads the parade of boats at South Bay Opening Day

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## This Month At A Glance

- 6/1 Wed. Lunch  
6/3 Drop in Dinner  
6/4 Giants Game Cruise Out:  
South Beach Harbor  
6/7 Board Meeting  
6/10 Drop in Dinner and Gen. Meeting  
6/15 Wed. Lunch  
6/17 *Sailing with the Stars* and  
Friday Beer Can Racing  
6/18 Past Commodore's Dinner  
6/24 Drop in Dinner  
6/25 Tin Cup Cruise Out:  
San Leandro
- 7/1 Drop in Dinner  
7/2 Mega Cruise: Turkey's  
Turquoise Coast  
7/4 Fourth of July Celebrations  
7/5 Board Meeting  
7/6 Wednesday Lunch  
7/9 Cruise Out:  
7/15 Drop in Dinner & Gen. Meeting  
7/20 Wednesday Lunch  
7/23 Island Time Party  
7/29 Drop in Dinner  
7/30 Cruise Out: Delta YC

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- 6/4 Robert Strena  
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6/12 James Townsend  
6/18 Dick Trainer  
6/19 Father's Day - No OD  
6/25 Tara Travers  
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- 7/2 Gaylord Van Dyne  
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## Commodore's Report



*Joseph Curtis*

*"A Club is only as strong as the people who are prepared to stand up and make a difference for their fellow members."*

I read this quote on another yacht club's web site, and I thought it was a very appropriate opening for this month's Commodore column. The big social event for June is the Past Commodores Dinner. As most of you know, this is the annual event where we honor the men and women who have dedicated many years of their personal time and effort into making Sequoia Yacht Club the fine establishment it is today. The Dinner will be held at the Club on **June 18<sup>th</sup>**; cocktails will start at 18:00 and dinner at 19:00. The sign-up sheet is in the Lounge.

This year's event is even more meaningful with the recent passing of fellow Sequoia member and Past Commodore, Mike Harris, just a few weeks ago. Following in the tradition of the Commodores that preceded him, Mike made Sequoia a better club. I have very fond memories of the advice and encouragement Mike gave me as I moved up the Flag, especially as I became Commodore. Also, Mike was my neighbor in the marina, our slips being next to each other. I spent a lot of time discussing Sequoia, politics, and life in general with Mike from the cockpit of my boat instead of working on my boat projects, a very welcome distraction from work. Mike will be greatly missed.

*In Loving Memory of*

**Michael Ross  
Harris**

B. September 4, 1946  
D. May 17, 2011



*"There never was a great man yet who spent all his life inland."*

Herman Melville

We will miss you, Mike, and our hearts go out to Kathy and your children.

## Vice Commodore's Report



*Kate Humphreys*

Many thanks to Tod and Shannon for a wonderful Derby Day party on May 7<sup>th</sup>! Todd's Mint Juleps were wonderful, the hats sublime, and the amuse-bouche tantalizing with a beautiful presentation by Shannon. Congratulations to Ron Woolsey for picking the winning horse, *Animal Kingdom*, and to Bernie Wahle for winning best in hats donning her lovely blue plume honeymoon hat. It was a wonderful day.

I also want to extend a big thank you to our Social Chair, Michele Hartman, for stepping up and organizing/ orchestrating the volunteer efforts for South Bay Opening Day. You are the best!

LuAnne, what can we say, BINGO! You always hit it on the head. What a great time, loads of laughs and lots of fun. Thank you for chairing this annual event so many of us look so forward to attending.

Bernie Wahle, you are our kitchen angel. Thank you so much for all your help. DID's are just not the same without you.

As we officially launch into our summer months, please come join us on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for some sizzling entertainment and some wonderful Middle Eastern food. Cocktails begin at 6:00, followed with a wonderful shish kebab dinner at 6:30 with entertainment by the New Moon Belly Dance Company beginning at 7:30. Come get your shimmy on! Other DID's are schedule for June 10 and 24.

The Hannig Cup, Sailing With the Stars, is set for June 17. And we will honor our Past Commodore's with a special dinner on Saturday, June 18.

Our June Wednesday lunches are scheduled for the 1st and 15th. Bring your friends and colleagues down and join Gaylord and his Wednesday Lunch Bunch for some wonderful company and delicious food at a great price. While you visit at the club, check out Haberdasher Grace Lowe's newest offerings. Now is the time to stock up for summer fun. Any of your chosen fashions can be embroidered with the Sequoia YC logo for a small additional fee. Just ask Grace, she will be happy to tell you all about it!

## Rear Commodore's Report



*Peter Blackmore*

We had a great **South Bay Opening Day** thanks to tremendous support from many SYC volunteers and support from many other fine organizations. It really was “*Wild Life on the South Bay*”!

**South Bay Opening Day** is important for many reasons. It is one of the major ‘open’ events of the year that we host and it has a long standing tradition. It is important to Redwood City, to the Port, to the sponsors and of course to the clubs in the South Bay who all contribute and participate.

In the club, **Michele Hartmann** and her team did an outstanding job. We served close to 60 breakfasts and well over 150 lunches and the bar was busy from morning until well past 16:00. I offer a special thanks to Michele, who led all this work and was still smiling at the end of the day. We had 40 plus volunteers on the day to help - just fantastic!

**David Bliven** was an outstanding MC - again. It takes a lot of pluck to not only introduce all the activities in a rich baritone and a sense of humor but also ad lib with style when the timing goes slightly astray as it is bound to do.

**Robin Weber** deserves very special thanks as he was the lead on all the activities on the water, handled the Coast Guard and Auxiliary, liaised with the port, handled the press and communicated with the other clubs, sponsors and volunteer organizations with great project management skill.

You should know we had over 25 boats participating, many busy booths and great support from the US Coast Guard, the Coast Guard auxiliary, many dignitaries including Jerry Hill from the California State Assembly, who made a great speech and presented SYC with a special letter of appreciation and of course willing help from many clubs. I shall be thanking Mr. Hill, the Chaplain, the Coast Guard and the sponsors.

Back to our ‘normal activity’. Our on-the-water activities continue in full swing. I am excited about the great participation we are getting in the Summer Series, the Beer Cans and the Cruising. No question we are set for a very GOOD year of boating in the club. There is a lot of happening and it's all good.

## Special Events



*Kristin Butler*

### **SAILING WITH THE STARS** YOUTH BOATING FUNDRAISER & LUAU DINNER

**June 17th - Hannig Cup**  
**Friday Beer Can Race**

Join SYC for this truly special fund-raising event. Support the real or virtual race boat of your choice. An exciting night is planned on both the water and land.

Louis Van Amstel from *Dancing with the Stars*, celebrates his birthday at SYC for our annual “give something back” race. Louis is scheduled to be aboard Ted Hannig’s catamaran to watch and officiate at the race and join us at the Club afterwards. Last year surprise Star Guests Mary Margaret Humes of Dawson’s Creek and David Hernandez of American Idol joined the Luau. Who knows what surprises are in store this year!

Dress: tropical casual

Dinner: Hawaiian luau

Price: \$15 youth, \$35 pre-event sign-up, \$45 at the door. Reserve early for this sold out event.

Ticket proceeds will go to The Harris Family Fund. Donations from racing will benefit local youth programs.

For those racing, follow normal beer can race times. For those just attending the dinner, tropical cocktails start at 18:30.

The Hannig Cup was started 5 years ago on Ted Hannig’s birthday. Remember, the cup winner is not the boat that crosses the finish line first, but rather the boat---real or virtual---that raises the most money for the youth charities that night. The skipper to cross the aquatic finish line first receives the lighthouse trophy.

To date the event has raised over \$225,000 and benefited programs such as SYC Youth program, PYSE, Sea Scouts, and the Marine Science Institute. If you would like to volunteer with the event, please contact Kris Butler at [krisgbutler@gmail.com](mailto:krisgbutler@gmail.com)

# Social Events



**Michele Hartman**

Thank you to Shannon Amerman and Tod Klingler for hosting a fun Kentucky Derby party! There were some beautifully decorated hats (Kate Humphreys put freshly-cut roses on her hat), classic hats (Tod wore a handsome Boater from Cambridge), nostalgic hats (Bernie Wahle wore her "leaving hat" from her wedding day, and Carolyn Peterson wore the hat she was married in), and fun hats (Shannon's decorated sombrero was very festive). Roy Woolsey correctly chose "Animal Kingdom" to win and was awarded a bottle of champagne for his acumen.

## SBOD was a Magnificent Team Effort!

### Planners and Organizers:

- Peter Blackmore – Rear Commodore/Committee Chair*
- Mr. Robin Weber – "He Who Must Be Obeyed"*
- Michele Hartman – "She Who Won't Take No for an Answer"*
- Ron Howard – Barmaster*
- David Bliven - Master of Ceremonies*
- Bar Houston and David Elliott – Sound Engineers*
- Terry Burley - Host to the Chaplain*

**Set-up Crew:** *Mr. Robin Weber, Larry Mayne, Dan Doud, Joanne Wright, Peter McCormick, Rick Dalton, Dennis Lowe, Chris Hartman, John Zolck*

**Breakfast Crew:** *Larry Mayne, Chris Hartman, Bernie Wahle, Marge Johnson*

**Lunch Crew:** *Dennis Lowe, Fabian Pease, Tim Petersen, Dan Doud, Joanne Wright, Ruth Anderson, Carol Petersen, Carole Bumpus, Linda Dalton, LuAnne Graves, Mrs. Robin Weber, Chris Hartman, Peter Nardini, Robert St. Martin, Marge Johnstone, David Payne, Hallie Heckler, Malcolm Fliege*

**Bartenders:** *Sheryn Cockett, Brian Mickel, Alex Huang, Deb Blackmore, Oya Curtis, Tod Klingler, Grace Lowe, Ann McDonough, Byron Jacobs, Jeanne Jacobs*

**Cleanup:** *everyone! Thanks for all that umphhhh, guys.*

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## Membership News



**Jerry Jones**

The May General Meeting was full of first and second readings. Please welcome these new and prospective members aboard.

### First Readings:

**Erv & Jane Thomas** from Folsom. They have a Catalina 36 *Challenge* located at Bair Island Marina and are interested in Social Planning, Cruising and Junior Sailing. Nominated by Winston Bumpus and Byron Jacobs.



**Erv & Jane Thomas**

**Lisa and Bill Caswell** from Redwood City and are interested in Social Planning, Cruising, Racing and Junior Sailing. Nominated by Shannon Amerman and Ann McDonough. This membership was a surprise Birthday gift for Lisa from Bill and family. And she was surprised!



**Lisa & Bill Caswell**

Their applications are posted in the galley hallway for your review.



**Phaedra Fisher**

**Second Readings** and membership approved for:

Phaedra Fisher from San Francisco who has been crewing in SYC Beer Can races and interested in Social Planning. Nominated by Scott Johnson and Malcolm Fliege.



**Fabian & Caroline Pease**

Fabian & Caroline Pease from Stanford, and are previous members of Palo Alto Yacht Club. They have a Ranger R-27, *Nano-Tug* in our marina and are interested in club house and boat maintenance. Nominated by Dan Doud and Larry Mayne.

## Racing Fleet News



**Tim Petersen**

It's June and our summer racing program is well underway. The 2011 Summer Series will reach the mid-point on June 11 with race #3. This is a five-race series with one throw-out race and is open to all sailors. The Summer Series is being conducted with a committee boat this year, and a big thank-you goes out to Winston Bumpus for taking *Dolci Sogni* out and providing the platform for officiating these races.

It's been an exciting Summer Series so far and the big winds came out for race #2. *Smokin' J* (Stan Phillips) took first place in the second race, and only 12 seconds separated second place *Pizote* (John Ryan) and third place *Yellow Brick Road* (John Draeger). Similarly only 15 seconds separated fourth place *Lucky Duck* (Paul McCarthy) and fifth place *Melilani* (Rich Butts). There also was a tie for sixth place between *Linda Carol* (Ray Collier) and *Bettina* (Rick Dalton). The standings are all very close and there is a lot of room for movement in the next Summer Series Race coming up on June 11.

Our second Friday Night Beer Can Series race takes place on June 17. This race is also the 2011 Hannig Cup. The Hannig Cup is an annual event that in addition to providing an exciting race opportunity serves as a fund-raiser for youth boating. This year the Hannig Cup looks to be as exciting and entertaining as ever and the proceeds will benefit so many deserving programs. So plan on participating in the race and then staying on for the dinner and all the festivities. Look for all the details about this event elsewhere in this month's **Scope**. This is one race you don't want to miss.

Make sure that your calendars are marked with a big X on every Wednesday for Beer Can Racing throughout the summer. Be sure also to mark your calendar for Summer #3 on Saturday, June 11 and put a big red circle around Friday, June 17 for the Hannig Cup. As always, race information, schedules and results can be found at [www.sequoiayc.org](http://www.sequoiayc.org), then click on the SYC Racing tab. I'll be watching for your boat at the start line.

# Cruising Fleet News



*Petra Gilmore*

## *“Tin Cup” Cruise Out: San Leandro YC June 25-26*

Hosts: LuAnne and John Graves

Who says sailors can't swing a club?! Well, if you've ever wanted to try, you won't find a more accommodating crowd.

We'll tee off at 13:00 on the public nine hole course right next to San Leandro marina.



Awards for the “best” of the lot will be presented at a homestyle meal at the SLYC afterwards.

Contact LuAnne at [Luannegraves@gmail.com](mailto:Luannegraves@gmail.com) for details.

## *SYC's Annual Delta Cruise Out: July 31-August 6*

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**Deb Blackmore**

**2011 Summer Sailstice  
Saturday, June 18**

For 2011 *Summer Sailstice San Francisco* is moving from its home of five years on Treasure Island and taking up residence on a new island in the Pacific – Alameda. One of the Bay's most active yacht clubs, Encinal Yacht Club, will host the event the weekend of June 18th and is inviting Bay Area sailors to come participate in the local celebration of this global sailing holiday.

The event will throw out the welcome mat to yacht club cruise-ins, YRA racers participating in the Summer Sailstice party circuit race, members of the Bay Area Multihull Association and essentially all elements of the eclectic world of sailors.

Sailors can expect the same great menu of activities – from racing on the Bay to the music and entertainment ashore. It's expected that festivities will stretch from Marina Village down along the shoreline to Encinal Yacht Club and will include participation from the other Alameda based yacht clubs and marine businesses. For more information contact Mike Scheck at [Mscheck@shone.com](mailto:Mscheck@shone.com).

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## Ann McDonough

Wow. May has been a frenzy of graduation and college news at the club.

As reported last month, Rob Blackmore graduated from College of Charleston. Rob has returned to the Bay Area to work at Doyle Sails and is actively pursuing offshore crewing positions. If you happen to be at the sail loft, drop by and say hello.

Paula Graves and Clare Keegan are graduating from high school this month. Paula is heading off to UC Irvine to study Psychology and Clare is headed for Sonoma State to study Nursing.

Caitlin Gilmore graduated from USC with a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering.

Bill and Ann Stark are happy to report the arrival of their new grandchild. Bill (III) and Meghan are proud parents to a 7 lb. 5 oz. baby boy. William W. Stark IV was born on April 22nd. Mother and son are both doing well. Bill assures us that baby Bill will be ready for his first sail shortly. In the meantime, Ann has been busy buying out all the baby boutiques in the Bay Area.

Things are moving fast. We reported last month that Robin Weber and Kathryn Maxwell bought a new 47' Catalina. Now, we report that Shannon Amerman and Tod Klingler are now the proud owners of *Agave*. I wonder who will be getting a new boat next?

It was marvelous to see a smiling Bar Houston at the club for the Kentucky Derby Party. He assures us that his lymphoma is officially in remission, although he still has one more chemo session to go before he is through. We hope to see him out on the beer can races soon!

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# Hot Shots

by Doris Bliven, Sheila Jones, Tom Keegan, & Fabian Pease



South Bay Opening Day: Miss RedwoodCity, Navy Retired Chaplain Berger, boats in parade and Spectators



Deck Project: Beefed up supports, deck boards drying, Mark and Tim Peterson conferring.



Mark Millet's *Slipstream*,



Malcolm Fliege & Scott Johnson's *Trinity*,



Stan Phillips on *Smokin' J*

John Draeger's  
*Yellow Brick Road*



Henry Kleinberg's  
*Primordial Sloop*



Paul McCarthy's  
*Lucky Duck*



# ***SYC Club Events for May 2011***

## ***Upcoming Race Events:***



Beer Cans  
Summer #3  
Hannig Cup

Every Wednesday  
Saturday, June 11  
Friday, June 17

*For quick reference, go to [www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar](http://www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar)*

## ***“Back to the Island Time Party Saturday, July 23***

Hosts: Laurie & Steve  
Holmstrom

*Now the day is done. And I  
sit alone and think of you,  
at the Sequoia Yacht Club.  
What would I do without  
you in my life? Wonderin’  
if you make it to the par-tee  
or just playing a fool of me?  
Well, I hope you understand I  
just had to go back to the  
Island Time Par-tee on July 2-3.*



*And watch the sun go down. Listen to the sea roll in.  
I’ll be thinkin’ of you. And the all fun times have been.  
Listen to the steel drum band. Watch the sun set die.  
Well I hope you understand. I just had to go back to the  
Island Time Par-tee on July 2-3.*



*We will party with all our heart.  
We’ll put lots of food and drinks  
down. I know down in my  
soul, I’m really gonna have a  
great time with you.  
Can’t wait for this day. For all  
the games we’ve played.  
So, I hope you understand, I  
just had to go back to the Island  
Time Par-tee on July 2-3.*

*I hope you understand, I just had to go back to the Island  
Time Par-tee on July 2-3.*

## ***The Past Commodore’s Dinner Saturday, June 18th***

Hosted by: Joseph & Oya Curtis

Cocktails 18:00  
Dinner 19:00  
Speeches 20:00

Please join us for an evening of fine food and fun  
in the gracious company of  
many of the past Commodores of SYC.

Cost: \$25.00 per person  
Sign-up at the club or to [Joseph.syc@gmail.com](mailto:Joseph.syc@gmail.com)

## ***Middle Eastern Drop in Dinner Friday, June 3***



We’re whetting the  
appetite of the whole club  
for our upcoming Mega  
Cruise to Turkey.

Join us for a bountiful  
buffet offered by Club  
Steward Lina Reynolds  
and belly dancers!