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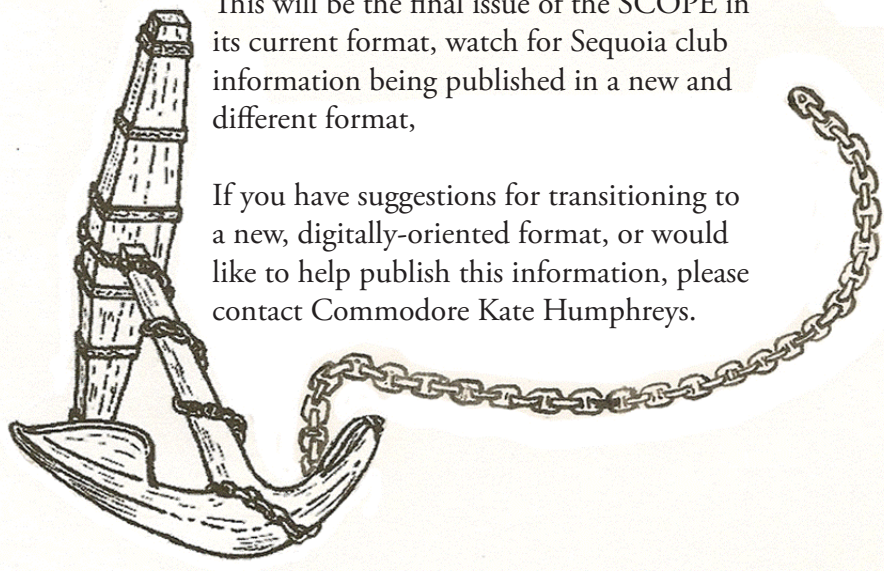
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Coast Guard Cutter *TERN* giving tours at South Bay Opening Day.

Photo by Jerry Jones



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## This Month At A Glance

05/26 Cruise-Out - Sausalito

\*Wednesday Lunch discontinued until further notice.

06/02 Potomac Visit

06/05 Board Meeting

06/8 Drop in Dinner & General Meeting

06/16 Past Commodore's Dinner

06/17 Father's Day - No OD

06/22 Drop in Dinner

06/30 Cruise Out - Tin Cup

07/01 Cruise Out - Tin Cup

07/10 Board Meeting

07/13 Drop in Dinner & General Meeting

07/14 Cruise-Out South Beach - Giants

07/21 Island time Party

07/27 Drop in Dinner

07/30 Delta Cruise - Out

07/31 Delta Party

## Officer of the Day (OD)

06/02 Larry Mayne

06/03 Doug Murray

06/09 Peter McCormick

06/10 Ann McDonough

06/16 Phil Meredith

06/17 No OD Fathers Day

06/23 Brian Mickel

06/24 Pat Mighetto

06/30 Mark Millet

07/01 Al Montoya

07/07 Paul McCarthy

07/08 TBD

07/14 Peter Nardini

07/15 Hal Nissley

07/21 David Oates

07/22 Tom Olcott

07/28 Tony Orazem

07/29 Chris Owczarek

## Commodore's Report



*Kate Humphreys*

June is here and the South Bay is officially open! On Saturday, June 2nd, join us in welcoming the former Presidential Yacht, Potomac, also known as FDR's 'Floating White House', as she comes to visit us. She will arrive around 10:00 am and be in Port until about 4:30 pm. Sequoia will be open to the public for libations and lunch. The Potomac will be open for tours while she is in port. Don't miss this chance to see a wonderful piece of history in motion.

On Saturday, June 16th, we will have our Singlehanded #3 followed by our annual Past Commodore's Dinner with cocktails beginning at 6:00 pm. The Sea and Mariner Scouts have generously agreed to serve for this wonderful event. Sign-up sheets are now at the Club and on line, so please come and join in the fun and see which Past Commodore tells the top tale of the evening!

As I mentioned in last month's column, Sheila asked for a photo to show off our new deck, furnishings and decorations. We ran a contest last month for best photo. Unfortunately, we did not have any takers, so we do not have a winner. Sheila would still love a new photo to grace the cover of the Scope, so if you would like to see yours on the cover, please send to Sheila at [sjustjones@gmail.com](mailto:sjustjones@gmail.com).

Our special promotion of a \$150 reduction on initiation fees is running until May 31st and was very successful. I think we may have set a new record in May with eight first readings and one second reading!! I am looking forward to seeing them all for their second reading at the General Meeting this month!!

Our June Board Meeting will be on, Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm. The General Meeting will be on the second Friday, June 8th at 7:30. Come and join us in welcoming our newest members.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club!

Commodore, Kate

## Vice Commodore's Report



*Peter Blackmore*

Our social season continues in great shape with an outstanding **Chili Cook-off**. Thanks to **Sally and Brian Mickel** for hosting a first class event and congratulations to the **Mayne's** on winning the best Chili contest.

We continue to have well attended and fun DID's with our guest speaker's theme. We enjoyed a marvelous DID with **Nancy Erley** on 'Captaincy for Couples.' Everyone thought this was outstanding! She gave a very honest and well-balanced presentation on what it takes for Captaincy for Couples, plus more than a little down-to-earth talk on building positive relationships at sea and on land! Nancy has been invited back to speak again.

We also had a fun wine tasting competition and DID with some interesting winners. It is not always the people you expect who know most about fine wines!

I wanted to thank everyone who supported the Annual Clean-up Day once again. To misquote a famous Roman general: We came, we cleaned, and we conquered. We had a great turn out and team effort. THANK YOU!! The club looks great!

On June 2nd, we have a new event coming up sponsored by the Redwood City Port. It is the Port's 75th Anniversary. To make certain this event is properly celebrated the Port has invited the Potomac, F.D.R.'s "Floating White House" to visit Redwood City. Coincidentally, this is also the 75th anniversary of the Potomac. So come on down - it will be a great occasion and a fantastic opportunity to go on board this yacht.

The Potomac will be open for visits between 10 am - 4 pm on June 2nd. The Port has asked us to be the proud hosts supporting all food and drink on that day, so Sequoia is looking for all of you to turn out and enjoy this great occasion. Volunteers will be needed to support the Club, as this will be a large turnout according to the Port.

Thank you for all your support this year. There is a lot of positive momentum at your Club and it is thanks to all of you.



## Rear Commodore's Report



**Winston Bumpus**

What an amazing weekend of festivities at South Bay Opening Day. The weather could not have been more perfect—bright sunshine, warm temps and mild winds. Beginning at noon on Friday, we installed the beautiful new “Welcome to the Port of Redwood City, Home of the Sequoia Yacht Club” sign, designed and donated by our Port Captain, Dan Lockwood. Dan, his son Willie, Rick Dalton, Fabian Pease, a local fisherman named John and I had the thrill of replacing the old sign on the Port of Redwood City fishing dock. Check it out the next time you are out sailing – it looks awesome!

Friday night—SBOD Eve—found many Sequoia Yacht Club members at the Coyote Point Yacht Club for a great dinner and dancing. Sequoia had the most members (16) from any visiting club and we were treated well.

Saturday morning festivities began with another delicious breakfast by Larry Mayne and Steve Holmstrom. The water festivities were kicked off with the blessing of the Fleet by Terry Burley and Steve Stanley created musical magic on his trumpet. The Parade started with a bang as David Payne fired our new cannon, which has been generously donated to the club by Bob Hoffman. The Parade was MC'd this year by David Bliven and MC-in-training, Rick Gilmore. Assemblyman Jerry Hill along with Miss Redwood City, Samantha McLeod, were on hand and escorted by our Commodore Kate Humphreys. Bar Houston set up and ran the audio with help from David Elliot. Robin Weber orchestrated the lining up of boats for the parade, which included four boats from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Coast Guard Cutter *TERN*. Judging was done by Mia Bernt, Commodore of the PICYA, Lorianna Katrop, Port Commissioner and Chris Rein, Manager of West Marine San Carlos. Peter Blackmore, our Vice Commodore, assisted the judges.

We had good representation of sponsors at the booths in the parking lot as the Happy Time (Banjo) Band played before lunch. At lunchtime, the band and everyone convened onto our beautiful deck. Things in the house were, as always, well organized by Michele Hartman with her cast of volunteers. Tod Klinger stepped in and oversaw both bars and made sure that drinks were flowing.

## Membership Report



**Jerry Jones**

What a great general meeting we had in May. Eight first readings and one second reading for membership! Keep up the recruiting efforts, the \$350 special initiation fee is only good until May 31.

First Readings:

\* **Paul & Davina Morgan-Witts** from Saratoga. They have *Selene*, a Person 323 berthed in the RWC Marina. Nominated by Kristin Butler and Fred Gilliam.



**Paul & Davina Morgan-Witts**



**(Tom) & Teri Wikman & Cierra**

\* **Tom & Teri Wikman** from Sunnyvale. They have *Morphizella*, a McGregor 26 berthed in Oakland. Nominated by Tim Petersen and Winston Bumpus.

\* **Grace Carland** from Los Altos Hills. She has *Bait “n” Switch*, a Trophy Bayliner 23.5 kept in the RWC Dry Storage Yard. Nominated by Carole Bumpus and Kathryn Maxwell.



**Grace Carland**



**Jon & Karin McCarty**

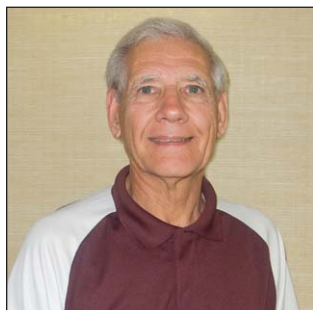
\* **John & Karin McCarty** from San Jose. They have been crewing in the Beer Can Races. Nominated by Brett Herr and David Elliot.

# Membership Report

\* **Frank & Elizabeth Garcia**  
from Redwood City. They have *Frisky* a Tartan 30 berthed in the RWC Marina. Nominated by Dan Doud and Peter Blackmore.



**Frank & Elizabeth Garcia**



**Dave Pregeant**

\* **David Pregeant**  
from Sunnyvale. He has been sailing for many years and is an instructor at Spinnaker Sailing. Nominated by Brett Herr and John Ryan.

\* **Sidney & Lynn Morris**  
from Redwood City. They have *Gratitude* a Bayliner 45 berthed at Bair Island Marina. Nominated by Winston Bumpus and Joseph Curtis.



**Sidney & Lynn Morris**

\* **Glan & Jade Thomas**  
from Sunnyvale. They are learning to sail in the Beer Can Races. Nominated by Brett Herr and David Elliot.



**Glan & Jade Thomas**

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

A Second Reading was held and membership was approved by the members at the May General meeting for **Pete & Judy Mahowald** from Los Altos. They have a Vanguard 15 kept at home. They are also planning to go on the France MegaCruise in 2013. Nominated by John Draeger and Robin Weber.

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# Racing Fleet News



*Tim Petersen*

I am writing this article knowing that it is likely the last racing article that will be published in the Sequoia Yacht Club Scope format. With this in mind I want to express my sincere thanks to **Deb Blackmore** and **Sheila Jones** for all their hard work in publishing the newsletter from month to month and for helping me with suggestions on the content and format of my racing articles for the past two and a half years. Thanks also goes to all those who helped put the newsletter together when Deb and Sheila were unavailable. It has been a lot of fun and I will miss Sheila's e-mail announcing the new version each month. It was one of the few newsletters that I read from cover to cover.

Looking ahead I would like to come up with a plan to move forward. The Sequoia Yacht Club web site is a great on-line resource, especially for providing detailed information about the Club-racing program. I would like to start using the web site to go beyond just announcing schedules and race results. Look for new web content in the near future. If there are topics that you would like to see discussed, or have ideas about providing interesting and relevant topics on sailboat racing, please let me know.

Our **June** racing activities are in high gear. Beer Can racing continues to shine as the centerpiece of our racing program. The new training program is drawing lots of interest as well as new crew members, so there is a lot of opportunity to pick up crew to help ensure that the beer can flag flies from your halyard after the race. Our **Summer Series** continues on **Saturday June 2** with race #3, and our **Single-handed Series** continues on **Saturday June 16**. John Ryan has agreed to lead the remainder of the Single-handed series this year, so come on out and show him your support.

**July** is just around the corner and it brings the opportunity to sail over 100 nautical miles in club races in a single month. July has 4 **Beer Can** races (~32 nm), the **Moonlight Marathon** (39 nm), the **Westpoint Marina Regatta** (25 nm), and **Summer #4** (~8 nm) for a grand total of 104 nautical miles. Look for special recognition for those completing this challenge.

If you would like a **2012 Moonlight Marathon T-shirt**, get your orders in early. The shirts this year will have a

special touch and you won't want to be without one. Look for **Moonlight Marathon** updates starting in early June, and don't miss the race this year. It is being held on **Saturday, July 7**.

Once again, big thanks go out to Deb and Sheila for all their years of publishing the Scope. See you at the start line, and also on the web.

## Social Events



*Michele Hartman*

Ahoy Sequoia!

### *Chili Cook-off*

Many thanks to Brian and Sally Mickel for organizing such a fun event! The chili was tasted, we were entertained by a lively group of uke players, and we were treated to a balmy evening. Below are the results as well as some comments made about all of the chili. Be sure to seek out the recipes/secret ingredients of your favorites!

Results of the competition:

1st place - Larry & Robin Mayne - "Tasty" and "good flavor"

2nd place - Lina Reynolds - "Hot and spicy"

3rd place - Chris Hartman - "Smoky and sweet"

Thanks to everyone who brought pots of chili!

Pot 1: Larry & Robin Mayne

Pot 2: Shannon Amerman & Tod Klinger - "Good meat" and "Can never go wrong with big chunks of beef"

Pot 3: Lina Reynolds

Pot 4: Chris Hartman

Pot 5: Ann McDonough - "Chicken and lime - yum!"

Pot 6: Bernie Wahle - "Mild" and "I like olives"

Pot 7: Rick & Petra Gilmore - "Good flavor"

Pot 8: Marge Johnstone - "Nice mixture"

Pot 9: Ron & Teresa Howard - "Tasty" and "A little zip"



# Cruising Fleet News



## Petra Gilmore

### Annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament Saturday, June 30th

Attention all you golfers! It is time once again for the Annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament! This will be the 13th year that we sailors trade in our deck shoes for golf cleats and test our skills on Monarch Bay's 9-hole Marina course. Your cruise leaders, John and LuAnne Graves, will once again guide you toward our destination, **The San Leandro Yacht Club**. After you have docked and had a bite to eat, grab your clubs and take a short walk across the road to Monarch Bay for the Tee Off at 1300 (1pm, landlubbers). We will be playing "Best Ball," and the rules will be posted at the club, as well as handed out that Saturday. Some frequently asked questions regarding this cruise-out:

1. Do I have to be a golfer? NO
2. Can I rent clubs there? YES
3. What are the green fees? \$32.00, which includes cart.
4. Can I walk the course? NO, everyone uses a cart to keep the play moving
5. Where is dinner? At the SLYC. Cocktails around 5:30pm, dinner TBA
6. How 'bout Sunday breakfast? On the dock potluck brunch - TBA
7. Will there be prizes? Of course!

If some questions were not answered, feel free to contact your cruise leaders for more info. If you are interested, please sign up at the club before June 19th. Start figuring out how to cram your clubs onto your boat and join us June 30th for the best time ever.



### South Beach "GIANTS" Cruise-Out – July 14th & 15th

The weather is getting warm and the boys of summer are back! **San Francisco Giants Baseball !!!**

The South Beach 2012 cruise-out is scheduled for July 14th and 15th.

A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Club as well as on the Club website and we are limited to 10 slips. This year we have 30 excellent seats for the Saturday July 14th game against the Houston Astros!! Game starts at **6:05 pm**. So book early and reserve the number of Giant Game tickets you want along with your slip!

**Grace and Dennis Lowe** will host a Whale tail (Sailboats don't have tail gates) party prior to the game. So bring your ORANGE and BLACK, your Panda Hats, and your foam fingers to support the Giants!! Sail, blacktop up, or take the train for a GOOD time will be had by all!!

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# Hugs from the Heart



**Kate Humphreys**

Hi all, as you know, we are trying a new format this year where "Good of the Order" are reports with only good news. This has been fun and Rick has done a wonderful job! I have never seen so many conches in one gathering! However, as we have lost members of our Sequoia family and others have taken ill or had adversities, there was something missing. As Barbara Trainer so appropriately said to me, "Sailors are always responsible for each other, on and off the water." So, this month I am starting to write a column to let you know of the "not so good of the order" so that you may reach out and provide support, condolences and hugs to those who have not been as fortunate.

Going forward if you have news that you would like to share, please let me know by giving me a call or sending me an email at [kateh@netapp.com](mailto:kateh@netapp.com) and I will make sure that your news is disseminated throughout the Club.

In May, we lost one of our long time members and the dear friend of many, Marge Johnstone. Marge's husband, Bob Johnstone, who predeceased Marge, was Commodore of Sequoia in 1963. Marge has been active in many parts of the Club, from social events to Junior Sailing over the years. She was a perennial volunteer embodying the spirit of our Club. Eight bells were tolled for Marge at our May General Meeting. Our sincere condolences go to Marge's family.

Larry and Robin Mayne lost a very special member of their family last month when Larry's step-mother Nancy passed away after a long battle with breast cancer. Nancy left this world listening to a recording of her grandson Jack singing her the song, "You are My Sunshine" with Larry and Robin by her side. A memorial service was held on May the 5th at The Terraces in Los Altos. Our sincere condolences go to Larry, Robin and their family.

Dana Werner and Terry Burley lost Dana's daughter Ariel unexpectedly. Ariel was a lovely free spirit and will be greatly missed. Our hugs from the heart go out to them both.

We also lost two of our past Commodores within the last several months. We just received news that G.E. "Mac" McElroy (1970) passed away in October and Fleming Blucher (1960) left us last month. Our sincere condolences go to their families.

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## *Good of the Order*



***Rick Gilmore, the GO TO Guy***

Ahoy Sequoia!

Remember to send me any and all of your **GoTo** stories! I would be happy to highlight all of your celebrations, announcements and achievements in the monthly Scope GoTo report and at the monthly general meeting. Remember to bring your conch shell to the general meeting where we will all honk our conchs in celebration after I announce the month's birthdays and membership anniversaries.

\*

Staff Commodore Joseph Curtis reports:

Dear Go To Guy:

A mighty blow of the conch shell in celebration of Oya and I getting a new (to us) boat is in order. We have purchased Timbuktu from Dan Doud. She is up getting the ritual addition of new bottom paint at SF Boat Works post survey and should be back soon. Also, she will be staying in her current slip, you will have new dock neighbors. We will do our best to keep the Mandatory Metallica at a non-ear splitting volume :)

Joseph

Congratulations to Joseph and Oya. We wish you many happy times on your new yacht....and thank you Dan Doud for keeping Timbuktu in the Sequoia family (and congratulations on no longer being a two boat owner :-)

\*

A big Sequoia Yacht Club Happy Birthday to our own Hallie Heckler who recently celebrated her 93rd birthday! Congratulations Hallie!

\*

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## Upcoming SYC Club Events



### Races:

Every Wednesday  
Saturday, June 2  
Saturday, June 16  
Saturday, July 7,  
Saturday, July 21,  
Saturday, July 28,

Beer Can Races  
Summer #3  
Singlehanded #3  
Moonlight Marathon  
Westpoint Regatta  
Summer #4

For more up-to-the-minute details, check [www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar](http://www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar).



### Port of Redwood City and USS Potomac Celebrate 75 years of Maritime History

The port is celebrating its 75th anniversary on **June 2nd** and has invited the Potomac - FDR's presidential yacht - to the port for the day.

Coincidentally the Potomac is also celebrating her 75th anniversary and has accepted Redwood City's invitation. So we have a double celebration. The Potomac will be available for visits from **10:00 hrs- 16:00 hrs**.

This is a great opportunity for you and your family to have a nice day out! There will be live music in addition to the chance to tour this famous yacht.

**Volunteers Needed!**

### Crew Overboard Training

Will be conducted in two parts:

- \* A 2 hour lecture and discussion
- \* A full day on-the-water using Crew Overboard wands and in the water divers.

Watch your e-mail for more information of dates, times and location.

### Past Commodore's Dinner Party

**Saturday, June 16**

Cocktails at 1800 Dinner at 1900  
\$25 per person

Past Commodores and past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary are invited to dinner free of charge.

Entertainment will be the tall tales of each of our former Commodores and past Ladies Auxiliary Presidents. An award will be given for the best tale.

Choice of Chicken Marsala or Peppercorn Encrusted Beef for dinner. Served with a spinach salad, mashed potatoes with a marsala gravy, and a chocolate decadence desert served with whipped cream and fresh fruit.

**You don't have to be a past commodore to attend.  
Everyone is welcome!**

**2012 Beer Can Season Underway  
Has Started  
Every Wednesday through October 10  
17:00 - 20:00**

Hosted by John Graves,  
2012 Beer Can Captain.

Skippers looking for crew and individuals interested in racing should show up at the clubhouse at 1700.

A fun race series designed to get you and your friends out sailing! Members and Guests come up to the club after the race for drinks and dinner.

We'll eat real food and drink real beer like real racers!

