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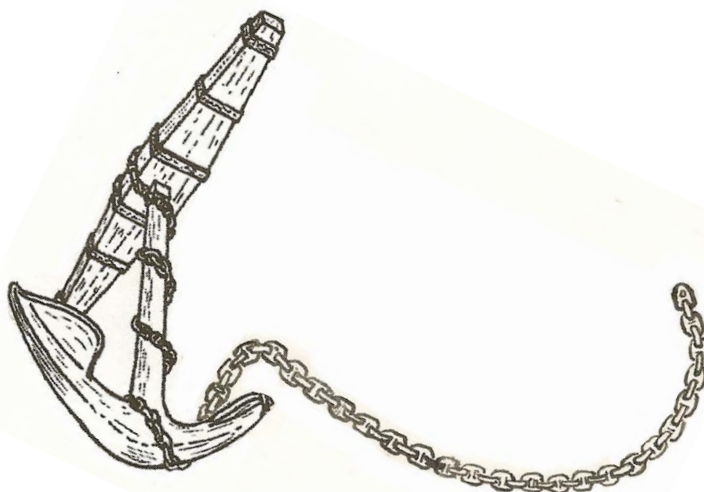
SEQUOIA YACHT CLUB Redwood City



MARCH 2008

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Commodore's Report



March will be a very active month at our Club. We start out with a big Stanford race and dinner on Saturday March 1, followed by the huge Stanford Tree-athlon where hoards of young athletes will lunch at our Club after swimming in the Bay, running, and biking nearby on Sunday. Members are encouraged to participate and/or volunteer (volunteer—it's easier). And don't forget the St. Patrick's Party on March 15.

On the water, we finish up the Redwood Cup on March 9, Winter #4 & #5, and a cruise-out to the ever-popular Angel Island March/29-30. And an initial planning discussion March 28 of a potential "Mega-Cruise" to charter in some far-away place sometime next year.

Come on down and enjoy our club this month!

John Graves
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report



Wearin' a bit o' the green, Green Beer, Four-leaf clover and a Pot o' Gold. St. Patrick's day at the Club is the place to be! We are lucky to have Jackie Harris and her troupe performing for us again this year.

Al Montoya and his band of Leprechauns will be cooking his famous corned beef dinner. Price will be \$15 per person.

Thank you Ann McDonough, Stephen Powell, Jeff Wilcox, Kathy Harris, Robin and Kathryn Weber, Bar Houston, LuAnne Graves and Jeanne Jacobs for all of the help preparing food and cleaning up at the Drop in Dinners. Many hands make the work light—not to mention, fun!

Wednesday lunches are on March 5 and March 19 this month. Come down and enjoy the best "bargain" in town!

Our Club is in need of some repairs. If you are able to help with any of the items below, please call Charlie or me.

- Roof leak in bar/lounge
 - Sink leak in back Women's bathroom
 - Dishwasher temperature too low
- See you at the Club

Petra Gilmore
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



Although there were only two races this past month, lots of other activities are happening!

In the racing scene, *Bad Puddy Cat* took first place in the Single-handed Series #1 race on January 26 with *Primordial Sloop* and *Sweet Pea* taking 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. The February 9 Winter Series #3 saw *Bad Puddy Cat* again taking 1st in the spinnaker division and *Mirth* taking 1st in the non-spinnaker division. I'm also pleased to announce that our Racing Rules Committee, under the guidance of Charlie Watt, produced a new, comprehensive set of racing rules to cover all of our different types of races including the Redwood Cup, Beer Cans, and Summer and Winter series racing. The rules were approved by our Board on February 12 and have been sent out to all members. Don't miss our upcoming Redwood Cups #4 and #5 on February 24 and March 9, respectively and our combination Winter Series #4/SBYRA and Winter #5 races on March 1 and March 29, respectively. North Bay also has a double-handed Farallones race scheduled for March 29.

The Offshore Sail Selection and Repair Seminar was held on January 14 at our clubhouse and all attendees found it interesting and informative. We'll try to have more like it.

On February 9, the Stanford Triathlon Team held their practice in preparation for their "Treeathlon", to be held on Sunday, March 2 here at our Port. We are proudly sponsoring this large event and will be serving burgers and chicken sandwiches to the over 600 anticipated attendees. We will also have a 2-day open liquor license in order to serve contestants and spectators over 21. The triathlon will include students from many of the area colleges and universities from Santa Barbara through Northern California. There will also be a "Duathlon" (cycling and running only, no swimming) for youngsters up to the age of 12. If you have a child who would like to compete, register at <http://triathlon.stanford.edu/treeathlon/index.shtml>. There will be some pretty nifty prizes for all. We're looking for volunteers to man our 3 shore boats and others to help out with serving and bar tending. So, if you're interested in either activity, please contact me at (650) 619-2503. A special note to all members: Although our parking lot will be blocked off to the general public and triathlon contestants and spectators on Sunday for this event, I have been assured that all Sequoia Yacht Club members will be provided parking in our lot that day. In addition to the Stanford McIntyre Regatta Dinner the evening of Saturday, March 1 we

March	OD LIST 2008 April	May
OD Chair: Dennis Lowe	OD Chair: Jim Peterson	OD Chair: Alex Huang
03/01 Bob Hoffman	0/305 Richard Kern	05/03 Larry Mayne
03/02 Steve Holmstrom	03/06 Robert King	05/04 Scott McIntosh
03/08 Bar Houston	03/12 Sam Kirkes	05/10 Phillip Meredith
03/09 Dan Humphreys	03/13 Olivier Lauzeral	05/11 Mark Millet
03/15 Donald Inouye	03/19 Dan Lockwood	05/17 Al Montoya
03/16 Harold Jabs	03/20 Harry Love	05/18 Doug Murray
03/22 Byron Jacobs	03/26 Stella Marinos	05/24 David Oates
03/23 Marge Johnstone	03/27 John Mattis	05/25 Tom Olcott
03/29 Kris Butler		05/31 TBA
03/30 Tom Keegan		

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

will have members of the Stanford Triathlon Team handing out registration packets in our Club lounge and will need bartenders for that afternoon/evening too.

We're also hosting the Stanford Cardinal Regatta with an Sequoia Yacht Club Cardinal Regatta Party for regatta contestants, spectators and Sequoia Yacht Club members alike. Check out "Social" for more details.

I sent out an email describing our first planning meeting for our 2008 South Bay Opening Day (SBOD) celebration to be held on Saturday April 19. If you did not receive the email, please let me know and I will mail you a copy of the minutes of that meeting. The meeting was attended by representatives from 6 area clubs and produced more results than I expected. SBOD will be held on April 19 with the theme "Rub a Dub Scrub in the South Bay" to recognize its concurrent timing with Redwood City's Earth Day clean-up effort in Redwood Creek and to align with North Bay Opening Day's theme of "Mother Goose and Friends." Our goal this year is to keep it simple and make it fun. The next planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 25 at 7:00 pm. Please join us if you would like to participate in this fun effort or have ideas you would like to share us.

On the cruising scene, the Coyote Point cruise out and crab feed and (weather permitting) golf outing was held on February 16-18. It's actually happening after I'm writing this and I'm bummed I'm in Las Vegas and missing the feast but I'm sure Doug Murray other cruisers will make it a memorable event. Watch the bulletin boards for sign-up sheets for the Angel Island cruise-out on March 29-30 and the Giants Baseball cruise-out on April 12-13. Both should be great fun.

And remember: A boat without a ding or four is not being used - *anonymous*.

Byron Jacobs
Rear Commodore

Reports

Membership



The board of directors has approved adrift membership for Stella Marinos.

Jerry Jones
Membership Chairperson

Port Captain



No Report

Joseph R. Curtis
Port Captain

April 5 from 0900 to 1400 is our annual Club Clean-up. House Manager, Charlie Watt will have a list of items big and small that need our attention. Come on down for one hour, or stay the whole day. Lunch will be served.



Racing Rules, *Made Easy*



The race has started; we are beating out the channel, trying to make the boat go fast and be the first around '12'. How do I pass *Iowa*, here is *Mirth* coming up below me and *White Dove* is approaching real fast behind me—the strategy for each of these

situations must take into account the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). These right-of-way rules define which boat has “right-of-way” and which boat must “keep clear”. The “keep clear” boat must stay out of the way of the boat that has the “right-of-way”.

The RRS have a set of right-of-way rules which define for various scenarios which boat has “right-of-way” and which boat must “keep clear”. This month I will review some basic definitions before we start discussing the right-of-way rules.

Keep Clear—One boat keeps clear of the other, if the other boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding actions. The RRS are structured so that when two boats converge on a race course, one boat has the “right-of-way” and the other boat must stay out of her way. The principle here is that the “right-of-way” boat should be able to sail their race without the “keep clear” boats getting in their way or without there being any chance of the two boats colliding.

Windward/Leeward—A boat’s leeward side is the side that is away from the wind. However, when sailing downwind or by the lee, the leeward side is the side on which her mainsail lies. The other side of the boat is the windward side. If two boats are on the same tack overlapped, the one on the leeward side of the other is the leeward boat. The other is the windward boat.

Starboard/Port Tacks—The tack is determined by the windward side of the boat. If the windward side is your port side, then you are on port tack.

Clear Astern, Clear Ahead and Overlap—One boat is clear astern of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line drawn perpendicular to the centerline of the aftermost point of the other boat’s hull and equipment in its normal position. The other boat is clear ahead. They overlap when neither is clear astern. An overlap may also happen if a third boat overlaps these two boats (these boats are not overlapped, but the third boat overlaps both of them).

It may seem like the definitions are a little dry, but they are fundamental to the racing rules. Next month I will be discussing the right-of-way rules concerning starboard and port tacks. Until then, fair winds and blue skies.

Jim Peterson
Co-Captain, *Made Easy*

The Nauti Girls



Dear Nauti Girls,
I always thought that a “back and fill” was an important nail care ritual. Boy, was I surprised to find out that I could spin a 30+ foot boat on its keel using that very technique. When will Cap’n Ron be teaching more mysteries of the deep?

Not-Out-of-My-Depth

Dear Depth Finder,

Glad to know that you benefited from our first Docking Skills session held at Westpoint Marina. A dozen intrepid souls braved the 65 degree temperatures to practice four different types of docking maneuvers. Our next outing, probably in late March, will cover docking a tiller boat plus man overboard drills. We’re looking for the right man. Any volunteers?

Happy docking, NG

Dear Nauti Girls,

I was very intimidated by your first reading group choice, *Nathaniel's Nutmeg*, once I found out that it wasn't a cookbook. I was overcome with bad memories of high school Great Books class and found myself falling asleep with all of that historical detail. Any chance that your next selection might be “reading-lite?”

Bookish I'm Not

Dear Bookish,

It's true that “Nutmeg” was not your typical chick lit. However, we did learn loads of interesting details that would have made 11th grade World History make a lot more sense. It also gave us new perspective on the rigors of business travel.

For a change of pace, we've chosen Jimmy Buffet's *Tales from Margaritaville* for our next book group discussion on Thursday, March 6. Calling all Parrotheads, cruise on by to sample a little Caribbean hospitality.

Cheers, NG

Nauti Girls wish to extend a gushing thank you to Chef Steve Higgs and Social Chair Jeanne Jacobs and all of you who turned out for our Galley Orientation. We're looking forward to some excellent volunteering opportunities for all in the coming months.

The Nauti Girls

A Look at the Past



I was looking through some past bulletins and came across a request for an old beat-up anchor to display in front of our new Club house. That was in April '64. It took almost 32 years to find a proper anchor.

In 1962 the Allemand Brothers. Boat works did some dredging in the channel leading to their facilities and they pulled up an old anchor near pier 30. **Al Caesar** saw it and made an offer for it. He got together with some members of Sequoia to purchase and place it in front of the club. **Brian Welsh** added the stock. **John Lyingso** provided the heavy equipment to move and installed it. The others



are mentioned on the plaque with a brief description of its origin. There is a time capsule under the plaque with club items. Our 100th anniversary was set as the time when we will open it.

In another bulletin, there was an announcement that the new burgees will cost \$4.00, reduced from \$8.50 because they found a new supplier. That made me think about the burgee that is displayed above the bar in the cabinet. Did you note that it has 4 sets of branches? This is an error. Our burgee was originally designed with only 3 sets of branches. We haven't found any information as to why it was altered or nor do we have any information on the selection of the original design. The thought is that it represents the evergreen sequoia tree. The designer gave it a green border and used a yellow field to emphasize the tree. One thing for sure, we have a "PROPER" burgee. This means that a burgee is the same on each of its sides when viewed. It does not have a mirror image. There was a club who wanted to register their burgee with an English registry and they were denied because the burgee had lettering which gave it a mirror image. It wasn't "proper."

While we're on the subject of identification, I'd like to recommend that when you're signing in at another club, if you abbreviated Sequoia Y. C.; that you sign in as "Seq. Y.C." We share our initials with 4 other club in PICYA.

Fly our burgee proudly, but please take it down if you go aground. We don't want any aspersions cast upon our members.

Peter Nardini
Club Historian & Past Commodore

Social



After the January lull, things are starting to heat up again as we head into Spring and (hopefully) warmer weather.

We are combining our normal President's Party with the Stanford Cardinal Regatta Dinner on Saturday, February 23 to create one fun fest we're calling the Sequoia Yacht Club Cardinal Regatta Party. There will be an early dinner with lighter fare (hamburgers, etc.) at 5:30 at \$10/head for the regatta crowd and a later dinner with steak, chicken, salmon at 7:00 for \$15/person. The following morning, we're holding a breakfast from 8:00—10:00 a.m. for \$5 per person. Come out and join the fun as we welcome the Stanford crowd and party to celebrate President's month.

Friday, February 29 is DID and BINGO!!! LuAnne Graves has great plans for a yummy dinner—and then we play BINGO!!! I can't wait.

Also, don't miss the Stanford Tree-athlon on Sunday, March 2. There will be lots of people at this one and it's a great opportunity to rub shoulders with young people from all over Northern California. Come and bring your young ones to compete or cheer on your favorite California collegiate athletes. Activities start at 7:30 am and don't end until after 1:00 pm.

And what would March be without St. Pat's Day and another big party? Join us on Saturday, March 15th for beer, Irish whisky, corned beef and a rip-roaring good time. Sign-up sheets are in the Club.



Jeanne Jacobs
Social Chairperson

Good of the ORDER



A warning to everyone on the docks during the winter to watch for ice. Tom Olcott fell on an icy E-dock and broke his left arm. Tom did not have his cell-phone with him at the time, and had to get up and walk back down to the boat where his wife, Jane, was so he could get some assistance. Just a tip for keeping our cell-phones with us at all times.

Exercising your right to vote can be a dangerous thing. Ed Copeland was setting up the sign at the polling place on election day when he fell and bruise his ribs, legs and tore ligaments in his wrist. The membership sends its best wishes for a speedy recovery for these fine gentlemen.

Roberta Barnes will become a grandmother once again this coming fall. Roberta's daughter, Susan, is expecting twins!

Peter and Deb Blackmore have sold *Tradition* and are awaiting the arrival of their new boat, *Pied Piper*.

LuAnne Graves
luannegraves@gmail.com



Sherry Warburton snapped *Black Sheep* being towed with her cell phone



Cruise out to **Jack London Square** meets at the Last Chance Saloon. (CCW) Jane & Tom Olcott, Robin & Nick Weber, Rick Gilmore, John Graves, Robin Weber, Luanne Graves, Petra Gilmore, Kathryn Weber, Treva & Sheila Jones. Treva, Robin and Kathryn Weber on *Hypothetical Destination*



Galley Orientation hosted by Jeanne Jacobs & Steven Higgs - Understanding the 'HOW TO' of the dining room, galley and BBQ.



◀ Cruise out at **Coyote Point Yacht Club** for golf, a great Crab Dinner and fun

Ken Olcott gives ▶ Commodore John Grave the **Transpac Yacht Club** Flag from his race in 2007



Photos by Sheila Jones

Nauti Girls sponsored a 'Docking Skills' session at Westpoint Marina with Instructor/SYC member Ron Brown. Taking advantage of this great opportunity are Petra Gilmore, Oya Curtis, Deb Blackmore, Kathryn & Robin Weber, Ann McDonough, Luanne Graves, Jill Visor & Kristina Zekos-Ortiz. Sherry Warburton enjoys the day out on *Relativity*.



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Sequoia Yacht Club

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