

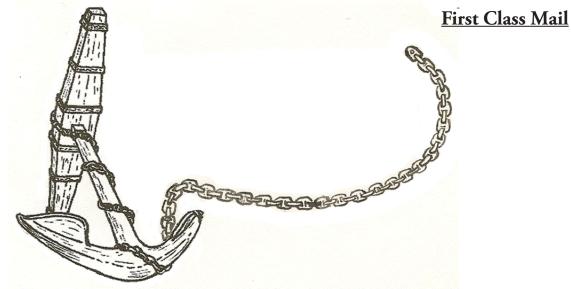
## Sequoia Yacht Club

## Redwood City, CA



March 2009

Sequoia Yacht Club P.O. Box 5548 Redwood City, CA 94063-0548



## Sequoia Yacht Club 2009 Roster

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Email roster changes or articles to SequoiaScope@Yahoo.com. Check out club activities at www.SequoiaYC.org.

### This Month At A Glance

03/03	Board Meeting
03/04	Wednesday Lunch
03/06	Drop in Dinner/Scandinavian & General Meeting
03/07	Stanford Tree-athalon
03/14	St. Patrick's Day Race St. Patrick's Day Party
03/18	Wednesday Lunch
03/20	Drop in Dinner/ Brisket & Jazz
03/21	Cruise Out: Ballena Bay
03/27	Drop in Dinner & Bingo
03/29	Club Clean-up Day

### Officer of the Day (OD) Roster

#### OD Chairperson: Robin Weber

 03/01
 Ray Dawley

 03/07
 Richard Dickens

 03/03
 John Dornick

 03/14
 Dan Doud

 03/15
 John Draeger

 03/21
 Fred Eriksson

 03/22
 Bob Eustace

 03/28
 Need substitute

 03/29
 Charles Finn

 04/04
 Ryan Floyd

Cover photo of SuperBowl Party by Jerry Jones.

## Commodore's Report:



### Petra Gilmore

The Audit Committee is hard at work checking our books from 2008. A big "Thank you" goes to chairman, Bob Stanfield and his crew, Kathryn Weber and Winston Bumpus. Watch for their report shortly.

Due to the high cost of printing and mailing the Scope, the Board would like to encourage all members to recieve the Scope via e-mail. This way you can print it out at home and save your Club money as well as numerous manhours colating, folding and mailing. Thank you to all that have already subscribed to an online Scope!

New members: Tara Travers and Paul & Katherine McCarthy joined us in February. Please introduce yourself and welcome them into the Sequoia Yacht Club family.

2009 marks the 70th Anniversary of Sequoia Yacht Club. The party will be held in conjunction with the Past Commodore's Party on May 30th. I will be putting together an Anniversary party planning group. This is the time to look through your photos and gather them up for the event. I will be looking for volunteers to help with the party, so don't be shy.



Sequoia YC is blessed to have so many active members. Members that plan, cook, joke, OD, sail, work, laugh, repair, lead, support, and love. Thank you for making the Club our boating home.

## Vice Commodore's Report:



### **Byron Jacobs**

The cold and rainy months are upon us but you all have been doing a wonderful job of supporting our club by attending so many of our functions! Our Friday drop in dinners are really helping the club and we hope you are enjoying them too! On January 16<sup>th</sup>, our Club Steward, Lina, treated us to a fantastic Heart Healthy buffet with a salad bar extravaganza. Following the buffet, Nick Weber, Fire Battalion Chief of the Foster City Fire Department, presented "Cardiac Resuscitation Awareness" – many thanks to Nick for this great presentation. Then we celebrated Chinese New Year with Lina's tasty Oriental Buffet on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> and on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a superb Italian dinner with entertainment by Heather Clemens of the San Jose Opera Company. What a great performance! And thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped set up and clean up for these special dinners.

By the time you read this our Social Chair, Kathy Harris, will have thrown our Valentine's Day Sweetheart's Ball on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> with a DJ, raffle and silent auction. Kathy worked really hard on this one as well as applying her artistic touches to all our DID's so please let her know how much you appreciate her efforts. We also will have had a Mardi Gras dinner on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> (in conjunction with our General Meeting) and a special Cruisin' Mexico dinner on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> with lecturer and world sailor, Neal Doten. I hope you all attended that one!

Coming up we have a Scandinavian Buffet on March 6<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with our General Meeting, our St. Pat's Party with Irish Dancers on March 14<sup>th</sup>, a special KC Jazz Night with brisket and ribs on March 20<sup>th</sup> and LuAnne's Church Parlor Bingo with oven-fried chicken on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email and the club website for more information on these exciting events. Remember, you can't hardly afford to eat at home for the prices we charge and you get an evening's entertainment in the bargain!

Also, special thanks to Jim Peterson for donating his Weber grill to the club. That old grill was on its last legs but I think Jim plans to use the new one to celebrate racing victories with the rest of our fleet.

Finally, don't forget Club Clean-up Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>! See details on page 4. See you at the club!

## Rear Commodore's Report



### Joseph Curtis

Sequoia sure is a busy yacht club! Make sure you check out the reports by our Fleet Captains elsewhere in the *Scope*. I want to thank everyone for making all of Sequoia's on the water activities some of the best attended in years!

We are getting closer to South Bay Opening Day weekend. The festivities start Friday night, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a dinner at Coyote Point Yacht Club, continue on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, with the Boat Parade, lunch, and awards ceremonies at Sequoia and dinner at Peninsula Yacht Club that night, and wrap-up with a Gin Fizz Breakfast at South Bay Yacht Club on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The theme for SBOD 2009 will be "*Legends of the Bay*".

Another big on-the-water event approaching the horizon is our week in the Delta. Mark August 2 thru 8 on your calendars now, and details will follow soon. See you on the water!



Club Clean-Up Day Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00-5:00

Sherry Smith, our House Manager, has lots for us to do and she's planning to throw a BBQ Lunch that's free to all

### volunteers.

So come out and help us tidy up the place and make much needed repairs. You don't have to be an handy person to participate. Just show up in your old work clothes and bring your appetite. Scrub-a-dub-dub. See you at the club!

# A Look to the Past



Peter Nardini, Club Historian & Past Commodore

Last month, I erred. It was **70 years** ago that our Club was founded. Sorry! I'll try to watch my arithmetic in the future. I was reading a recollection written by Commodore Cutler Brown, our commodore in 1945. He came to the bay area around 1943 to work, but could not find a house in San Francisco, so he settled in Redwood City. He liked sailing having done it in Southern California. He bought a sailboat and tied it up in the Redwood City marina. Such as it was. He describes it as a row of pilings parallel to the bank between which a walkway was secured. Another row of piles was driven out from the walkway to fasten the stern lines as the boat headed in and tied the bow to the walkway. There was a swimming float at the end of the walkway complete with a diving board.

When he got his boat and was ready to go out on his first sail, the Harbormaster told him that he could not leave the dock until he acquired a CPSF number. This was a mandatory number issued by the Captain of the Port of San Francisco. This was during WW II and there were restrictions on all marine activity in the bay. The number had to be 6 inches high painted on each sides of the bow. If you had a powerboat, the number had to be painted on the cabin roof. To get a CPSF number, one had to go to the Custom House in San Francisco, to be photographed and to give a life history! If all were found to be in proper order, one would be issued a card attesting to the fact that the boat was registered. Now, we register with the state and receive CF numbers.

He mentions how they used to sail out to the old wreck that is across the bay from our harbor entrance. It is an old "four stacker" destroyer that the navy flyers from Moffet Field used for bombing practice during the war. A couple of our junior members were once picked up by the Coast Guard for sailing too close to the wreck. Till next month.

## Social Events



## Kathy Harris Social Chair

Thanks to a great crew, Sweetheart's Ball was a fun and elegant evening. Special thanks to Al Montoya,Joan and Ron Stingley, Oya Curtis, Kristin Butler, Dennis and Grace Lowe, Byron and Jeanne Jacobs, Mike Harris, Bob Stanfield, Petra and Rick Gilmore, Kayla (Katherine Weber's niece) Linda Doud, Ann Murray, Steve and Laurie Holmstrom and many more.

Our Raffle/Silent Auction was very successful. Thank you Steve and Laurie Holmstrom, Sherry Smith, Steve Warner, Marisa Henze, Ruthie Anerson ,Terry Burley and West Marine for your generous donations.



St. Patrick's Celebration on March 14th

Please come to Sequoia Yacht Pub for Al's corned beef, *Celtic Heart Band* and Greene Academy Irish dancers... all back by popular demand.

> Cost \$25.00 Adults \$12.00 Children Saturday, March 14th 6:00 to 10:00 PM

If you haven't seen *Celtic Heart Band*, you have been missing the essence of the Irish Sound!!!! Please sign up at the club or email me at KakyHarris@aol.com to reserve your seat.



## Reports

## Good of the Order: LuAnne Graves

Don Ritchey called to inform me that their home in Dixon had burned. It happened January 29th when while they were watching TV, Helen heard a noise, smelled smoke and went to investigate. She saw a fire in the attic through the wholehouse fan, and they were able to get out with the clothes on their back. The fire department was there in 5 mins and they were able to save 95% of their homes contents. However, there was smoke and water damage and the closet full of clothes did not make it. The good news is they are safe, still able to stay on the property and expect to be back in their house within 3-4 months.

Diane Stark sent New Year's greeting and let us know how her holidays and Christmas party were;

"Here's my made for TV Xmas comedy.....My car finally died and left me stranded in 4 degree weather for 3 hours a week before Xmas. (Buying a new one now. Subaru, Rav4 or Lexus RX - in no particular order.) I bought new furniture just before the layoff. Needed the furniture for Xmas but snow storms prevented delivery. Had the family in CT for Christmas and told them to bring yoga mats! Furniture arrived 2 days before Xmas and.....they ripped the couch while coming through the door..... Table and chairs (needed 18 had 8) did not arrive the morning of because delivery guy fell and broke his leg. Flowers did not arrive because they got the date wrong. Parents did not arrive with the hors d'oeuvres that they were picking up for me. Here's the kicker..... sewer backed up into the living room!!!!! I was the entertianment of the month at the local tavern. Too funny!! "

Love your sense of humor, Diane, and I know we all miss seeing you around the club.

John Farnsworth let the club know that "*Soozal*, upon which SYC member Chris 'Lew' Lewis as navigator and upon which SYC member Matt Syddens is trimming the headsails, just won IRC-2 at Key West Race Week. They'd won boat-of-theday honors on Wednesday. In the ten-race series, *Soozal* took five bullets and was "first loser" four times, with their worst showing of any race a 5th place in a 13-boat fleet." Regarding Professor Farnsworth, he was upgraded to 'law professor' in an article about Westpoint Marina's floating party dock. The article had a nice photo of the fun they are having in the new marina, along with a great arial shot of the facility.

Send me your news at <u>luannegraves@gmail.com</u>

## Reports



Jerry Jones Membership Chair

The BOD has approved Robert Huggins and Mike Garl for Sustaining Membership. They also approved Honorary Membership for Don Warren (Past Comm. 1974), Fred Soderer (Past Comm. 1981 and Anita Giani (Past Comm. 2002).

### **First Readings:**

**Sandi Crane** lives in Morgan Hill and has been active in SYC racing. She is the proud new owner of a Beneteau 393, Diva Duck, berthed at Westpoint Marina. She is nominated by Alex Huang and Ron Brown.

**John and Linda Ryan** live in San Jose and have been active in SYC racing. They are partners in a Santana 30-30, Pizote, berthed in the RWC Marina. They are nominated by Noel Bird and Chris Owczarek.

**Nick and Robin Weber** live in San Carlos and have been racing and cruising with SYC. They Have a 18 foot Reinell Power Boat. They are nominated by Petra Gilmore and LuAnne Graves.

**Ron and Theresa Howard** live in Redwood City and are interested in SYC activities. They are nominated by Petra Gilmore and Jeanne Jacobs.

**Second Readings** were held for the following members and voted into membership at the General Meeting. Welcome aboard!

**Tara Travers** lives in Redwood City and has been sailing in the SYC races. She is nominated by Ron Brown and Stan Phillips.

**Paul and Catherine McCarthy** live in Redwood City and have been racing with SYC. They have a Wylie 34 Lucky Duck berthed in the RWC Marina. They are nominated by Rick Dalton and Jim Peterson.

Reports

Jim Peterson Racing Fleet Captain

On Saturday, Jan-24<sup>th</sup>, the Single-handed Series season started with a bang with 12 hearty souls showing up at the start line. The winds were 10-12 knots, making it a great day of winter sailing. Rich Butts on *Melilani* took first place honors by 35 seconds. Charlie Watt, *Head Rush*, came in second and George Sutton, *Knot to Worry*, took third place.

On Jan-31st we held Winter Series #3 in another beautiful Saturday on the South Bay! We had 12 boats on the start line with 7 boats completing the course in very light winds. In the Spinnaker Division, Paul Mcarthy's, *Lucky Duck*, took first place honors. Shawn Shadden, *Magic*, took second place with Jim Peterson, *MADE Easy* taking third. In the Non-Spinnaker Division, I highly admire Rick Dalton, *Iowa* for sticking it out in the light winds and taking his first bullet for the series. Winter Series #4 is scheduled for Feb-28 and Winter Series #5 will be combined with St.Patrick's Day Cup on Mar-14<sup>th</sup>.

For Redwood Cup #4, we had our first really bad weather day on Feb-15<sup>th</sup>. The race was cancelled and has been RESCHEDULED for Sunday March 1, 2009. This means we will race both Redwood Cup #4 and Redwood Cup #5 on Sunday, March 1, 2009. These races will determine the winner of the Redwood Cup!

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

### Super Bowl Fun

If you haven't been in the club since the beginning of the year you've missed out on seeing our big, new, flat-panel TV in the lounge and you missed a great Super Bowl Party. A super big thanks to Larry Mayne, Steve Holmstrom and Vince Francis for making this great addition to our club. And thanks to all who helped put on a party that far outshined the game! I think I can speak for the other Commodores when I say we are feeling a bit spoiled with the front row seats reserved for us by the party planners. But, we did have to exhibit extraordinary bladder control to keep from losing those seats to interlopers!

## For Nauti Girls & Buoys



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This month the Nauti Girls snagged an interview with stalwart sailor, Kathryn Maxwell, about her attendance at the Southern California Women's Sailing Conference. So tell us, what was it all about, Kathryn?

On Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, my friend Lauri and I attended the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Sailing Convention sponsored by the Southern California Yachting Association and held at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in lovely Newport Beach. I estimate about 200 women attended.

It was wonderful to have an entire day devoted to learning things about sailing that have eluded me up until now and to improving my knowledge of sailing. Learning from other women offered a different perspective from my "husband training", as good as that might be. The convention offered many practical seminars on topics such as navigation, First Aid, diesel repair, head repair, preparation for cruising, sail trim, and many other topics. It was hard to choose which ones to attend.



One of my seminars was *Basic Navigation*. In a short 1-1/2 hour seminar, I learned how to find my position on a chart, how to plot a course, what the latitude & longitude markings mean on a chart, & how to estimate distance to an end point. In this age of GPS, I was happy to know how to use my charts.

In our *Intermediate Sail Trim* session, I learned that sail trim boils down to 4 things – belly, belly, angle & twist. I thought I would spend the next few years really getting what sail trim was all about. In this simple presentation by Captain Jeannea, I felt that I finally understood the basics that had previously felt so mysterious. Our team had such a good time practicing that we missed the entrance to Newport Harbor by over a mile and had to turn around to go back!

I would love to go next year with a whole group of woment from Sequoia YC. We would have a great time, learn a lot and represent our club. See you there?

## **On-the-Water**



**Terry Burley** Cruising Fleet Captain

By the time you get this we will all be back...... hopefully... from the infamous Captain Crab's cruise out and crab feast at Coyote Point..... We are hoping for some great pictures and even better stories! This coming month and next we have two more fabulous opportunities to get out on that water:

**March 21-22**: We are headed to **Ballena Bay in Alameda** under the questionable leadership of our Vice Commodore Byron Jacobs and his energetic cohort and First Mate Jeanne. You will note this takes the place of our originally planned outing to Richmond. For those of us who are not familiar with Alameda and the passage thereto, we recommend a quick study of our charts, and tides, but also to the caution zone the USCG has for the east span of the Bay Bridge due to construction. So far it seems still to be in effect. Alameda is one of my favorite places and I hope you will all get the chance. Be sure to get signed up and let Byron know you are coming with us!!!

**April 4th:** South Bay Opening Day (yes, we have a website!). The theme is "*Legends of the South Bay*." Some of us may not be aware of how colorful our past is in this south bay of ours. Do some research and see what you can do to dress up your boats and yourselves. Check in with Joseph Curtis our mostly Esteem'd Rear Commodore.

**April 24-25**: North Bay Opening Day, with our cruise up to **Paradise Cay and the Tiburon Yacht Club.** Talk to Katherine and Robin Weber about this one! Rumor has it that we may have a wine tasting on Saturday. Sunday our gang will head into the main Bay to participate in the activities along the SF waterfront, which should be fun. Remember, though, that we will not be the only boats out there and to take care while you are having fun!

So far the "Cruising Points" are mounting swiftly.... and the awards will be many. Remember, also that among the ways you can get those points is bridges, buddy boating stories, proofs of passage from stopping along the way.

# Valentine's Ball Photos by Doris Bliven



Steve Holmstrom, Petra & Rick Gilmore



Ruth Anderson



Steve & Faith Witte



Patty & Roy Woolsey



Dick & Barbara Trainer



Oya Curtis



Joseph Curtis



David & Doris Bliven



Carole & Winston Bumpus

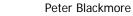


Laurie Holmstrom



Jim & Carol Peterson









Linda Doud

Dan Doud



## Club Calendar

SYC Calendar		0	Mar 2009			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
McIntyre Regatta		6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	12pm - Lunch		6:30pm - DID - 7:30pm - Meeting General Meeting	Junior Sailing
OD: Ray Dawley						McIntyre Dinner
Redwood Cup #5						McIntyre Regatta
						Nor-Cal Team #3
						OD: Richard Dickens
						Stanford Treeathlon
8	9	6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	11	12	13	1
Breakfast						Junior Sailing
OD: John Dornik						OD: Dan Doud
						St. Pats Race & Winter
						6pm - St. Patrick's
15	16	17 6pm - Card Night	18 7am - Member Rental	19	20 6:30pm - DID -	2
OD: John Draeger						Cruise-Out - Ballena
			12pm - Lunch			OD: Fred Eriksson
22	23	24	25	26	27	21
Cruise-Out - Ballena OD: Bob Eustace		6pm - Card Night			6:30pm - DID & Bingo	DblHand Farallones
						Junior Sailing
						OD:
						Summer #1
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Clean-Up Day		6pm - Card Night	12pm - Lunch			Junior Sailing
OD: Charles Finn						OD: Ryan Floyd
						South Bay Opening

SYC Calendar	OD Chair: Marc Cohen					Apr 2009		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	31		1	2	3	4	
Clean-Up Day		6pm - Card Night	12pm - Lunch				Junior Sailing	
OD: Charles Finn						1	OD: Ryan Floyd	
							South Bay Opening	
5	6	7		8	9	10	1	
OD: Vince Francis		6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	6pm - Beer Can &			6:30pm - DID	OD: Fred Ganjei	
							Singlehanded #2	
12	13	14		15	16	17	1	
OD: Harriet Garfinkle		6pm - Card Night	12pm - Lunch			6:30pm - DID	Junior Sailing	
		7pm - Rental - CGAUX	6pm - Beer Can &			7:30pm - Meeting	OD: Mike Garl	
						General Meeting	Westpoint Regatta &	
19	20	21		22	23	24	2:	
OD: Rick Gilmore		6pm - Card Night	12pm - rental 6pm - Beer Can &			6:30pm - DID	Baker Race	
							Cruise-In - Ballena	
							Cruise-Out - Tiburon	
							Junior Sailing	
							OD: James Grace	
26	27	28		29	30	1	2	
Baker Race		6pm - Card Night	6pm - Beer Can &				Floato-de-Mayo Party	
Cruise-Out - Tiburon							OD: Charles Gray	
Cruise-In - Ballena								
OD: John Graves								

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