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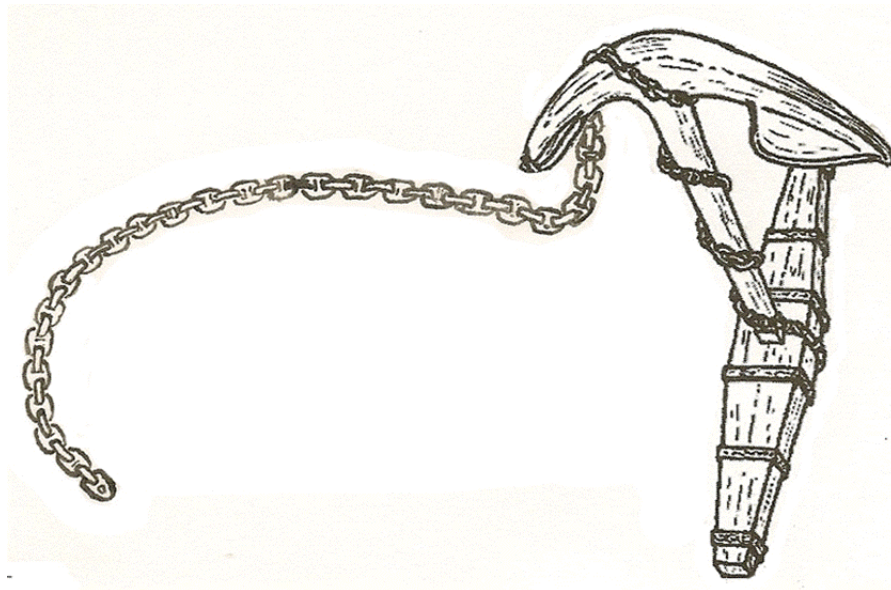
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Aerial shot of the Marina and SYC, and the last shot of the old deck by Steve Holmstrom



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This Month At A Glance

3/2 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
3/6 McIntyre Regatta Breakfast
3/8 Board Meeting
3/11 Drop in Dinner & Gen. Meeting
3/12 Club Clean Up Day
3/16 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
3/19 St Patrick's Race & Party
3/25 Drop in Dinner
3/26 Cruise Out: Oakland YC

4/1 Drop in Dinner & Speaker
4/5 Board Meeting
4/6 Beer Can Racing Rules Movie
4/7 Dockwalker Training
4/8 Drop in Dinner & Gen. Meeting
4/13 Beer Can & Dinner (season opener)
4/15 Tax & Tequila Drop in Dinner
4/16 Cruise Out: San Francisco YC
4/20 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
4/24 Easter Sunday/ No OD
4/29 Drop in Dinner

Officer of the Day (OD)

3/5 Tony Orazem
3/6 Chris Owczarek
3/12 Frank Parcell
3/13 David Payne
3/19 Ed Pedigo
3/20 Rich Pence
3/26 Tim Petersen
3/27 Jim Peterson

4/2 Adam Peterson
4/3 TBD
4/9 Stan Phillips
4/10 TBD
4/16 David Pirrone
4/17 Paulette Reeder
4/23 Lee Ritchey
4/24 Easter Sunday/ No OD
4/30 Don Ritchey

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Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

I'm very happy to offer the membership great news about the deck project. First, I would like to announce that Jim Peterson will be assuming the role of Deck Committee Chairperson. Our Staff Commodore Byron has been filling the role for the last few years and has done a fantastic job of getting the project to where it is today, construction ready. On behalf of the Board of Directors, please join me in giving Byron a big "Thank you" on behalf of all his hard work and perseverance.

Part of Jim's role as Deck Committee Chairperson will be to act as the liaison between the membership and the contractor, Herb Huber. So, if anyone has questions about the project, Jim will be the person to go to. Also, Jim will be contacting the membership when it is time to get volunteers going on the various aspects of deconstruction and construction, and he will be communicating the project status going forward. A big "thanks" to Jim for helping the Club out and taking on the very important job.

The second piece of great news is that the Port approved our plans for the project. As you may remember, the BCDC permit has already been approved. We are looking to start the deck project this week (weather permitting). All of the permits have been pulled, the money has been raised and we are set to go!

Jim's report on the project planning is as follows. The project will proceed in five phases highlighted below with approximate time frames.

Project Phase:	Complete by:
Demolition	February 27
Pier Work	April 3
Substructure Work	April 21
Laying of Deck and railings	May 8
Final finishing and Inspection	May 15

We are planning workdays on Friday afternoon, February 25 (starting at 13:00) and on Sunday afternoon, February 27 (starting at 13:00) to complete the Demolition Phase.

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Vice Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

The Ides of March are upon us! Wow we have been having some great times at Sequoia! We had a great turn out for Super Bowl Sunday. Larry and Robin Mayne put on a great party with plenty of good stadium food for all. Rick and Linda Dalton did a great job of running our football pools. Congratulations to the winners!

Our month wrapped up with glamour and excitement at our Oscar party hosted by Ann McDonough and Deb Blackmore. Were you seen on the red carpet? Our Oscar party doubled as a fundraiser for our deck with those more interested in games of chance trying their luck in the Oates Room Casino. All the proceeds from the evening's buy in will be placed in the deck fund. Thank you Ann and Deb for such a memorable evening!

March will kick off with a triple-header on Sunday the 6th with the culmination of the Redwood Cup and award presentations, the first RC regatta for the Itsy Bitsy Cup and our annual Crab Feed. Thanks to Anne Cohen and Mark Millet for hosting the event and Doug Murray for sourcing the crabs! We will start the day with breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 - hosting college sailors sailing in the McIntyre Regatta (club members welcome), continue with the Redwood Cup Skipper's meeting at noon, RC racing begins at 13:00 and Dinner begins at 17:00.



On Saturday March 19 we will be holding our annual Saint Patty's day race followed by traditional Irish fare of corned beef and cabbage. Al Montoya and Kris Butler will be hosting our St. Patrick's Day Party. Come on down and share a bit of the blarney.

We only have two DID's this month. They will be on the 3/11 (General Meeting) and 3/25. Look to your email for upcoming information and menus. DID's have been great of late. It is really a simple recipe more people = more fun.

Rear Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

The Redwood Cup and Winter Series are continuing in great style - lots of tight sailing and keenly fought placings. We also had the first Single Handed race with a good turnout. Conditions were calm but livened up to make a great finish and lots of excitement. More to come as we close out the Winter Series and get ready for the Summer. Tim Peterson and Robin Weber are doing us proud.

Our Beer Can Captain, Steve Holmstrom, held a planning meeting, which got us ready for the summer fun. Races start on April 13 with some revised rules, which Steve will publish, that keep the competition (but also the fun) well focused. We also finalized the **Friday Beer Cans**, which we shall have once a month to both give our regulars more sailing time plus give a boost to new participants and hopefully new members. Please invite your friends!

The cruising crowd just had a memorable and very enjoyable visit to Jack London Square. Winston and Carole Bumpus did a sterling job as hosts and organizers. Despite some chilly wet February weather we had a fantastic time with a non-stop schedule that had something for everyone. Did you know that as well as being Jack London's favorite place to do school work, *Heinhold's First and Last Chance Saloon* serves some great beers? Did you also know that there are 21 wineries in this part of Oakland and close by Alameda? We had a fun bike riding wine tour and (just before you ask) everyone got back under his or her own steam. Our trip back down the Bay was into a rare southerly 17 knot wind with a flood tide that made it a fast trip. That, and all round conviviality, says it all.

The next two cruise outs are to Oakland (March 26/27) and then to San Francisco YC (April 16/17). What could be better? Only the weather....Well done to Petra our Cruising Captain for planning a year to remember.

The South Bay Opening Day planning is proceeding full speed ahead. We shall have a memorable event on May 14th. We have many booths, many sponsors and a great theme - **Wild Life on the South Bay** - that suits our club very well. Please put that on your calendar and turn out to help us make it a very special event.

Deck Report



Jim Peterson

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For the duration of the project there will be plywood extending up four feet from the ground, so people will be able to see through the windows but will not have access to the deck from the sliding glass doors. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience and distraction that these safety measures might cause our members.

As always at our volunteer club, we welcome your participation. If you have the following tools and equipment, please make sure your name is on it and bring it with you for the day: screw gun, large pipe wrench, six foot or larger ladders.

From now on through to completion, we will basically be working every weekend to achieve our goal of finishing by May 15. So whenever you can, please feel free to join the work party. I will put out a weekly email highlighting what we expect to do for that weekend. If anyone can work during the week, please contact me. We will have a small group working during the week on an ad hoc basis.

If you have always had a desire to tear things apart and then rebuild them, now is your chance! Come on down to the club and enjoy a couple of afternoons of hard work.

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Social Events



Michele Hartman

Sequoia Yacht Club is not just a social club, it's a sociable club. And I don't mean just at the big set piece parties on a Saturday night. There are activities for everyone and every age group during just about every week of the year.

For example, a cruise out is a social event just as much as it is a boating opportunity. Our Cruise Leaders plan carefully for a range of activities and budgets from a lavish seven course restaurant meal or spa visit to a bring-your-own dockside wine and cheese party.

Some of you may not be aware that several times a month members gather for a "good deal" and "good conversation" for their Wednesday lunch. They are accompanied by our regular card players (Progressive Rummy, if you must know) who enjoy shooting the breeze while giving their numeracy a work out for a few hours each week.

Even getting work done (no, not that kind) is a social event at SYC. Witness the "barn raising" spirit of our deck demolishers and rebuilders. It's all social. It's all good.

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Jerry Jones

Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen



Sheryn Cockett

We would like to welcome back Sheryn Cockett to our membership. She was a member from 1990 to 2003 and has now rejoined. Welcome back.

Scott & Celia Burkhart have had their first reading for membership. They live in Emerald Hills and are interested in teaching and crewing with SYC, nominated by Robin Weber and Winston Bumpus.



Scott & Celia Burkhart

Redwood Cup Results - Robin Weber

Redwood Cup #4: The Redwood Cup series keeps getting more interesting. With almost no wind at the skipper's meeting, a shorter course to "Y" was called. The race started with light air on the nose, requiring many short tacks all the way out the channel. A very low tide combined with a strong ebb, saw two of the three series leaders, Head Rush and Pizote go hard aground despite being on the correct side of the channel markers. Both managed to get off of the mud late in the race, finishing last and next-to-last, respectively. The result was a major reshuffling of the leader board.

Congratulations to the winners of race #4: First place *Smokin' J*, Stan Phillips, second place *Lucky Duck*, Paul McCarthy, and third place *Sweet Grapes*, Alan Orr. The current Redwood Cup series leaders are ...First place *Smokin' J* - 7 points, second place *Head Rush* - 16 points, third place *Lucky Duck* - 19 points, with John Ryan's *Pizote* just 2 points behind in 4th place. With one throw out allowed, the final race will be very exciting! The final Redwood Cup race will be run on **March 6th**. Be sure to mark your calendars for a special Crab Feed Dinner and awards presentation for skippers, crew and friends after the race!

Race #1 in the Single Handed Series took place on February 5. Eight single-handed sailors made their way to the start area waiting for a 12:30 start. The course was 3/4 - Xp - 12p - Ys - 3/4 for a total of 7.08 nautical miles. Although the race started on time, the wind dropped on the first leg to X leaving each of the racers to question their initial race strategies. The wind started to build again on the way to Y, and by the time the boats rounded the final mark the wind was no longer an issue as each boat ran close-hauled to the finish.

Congratulations to *Lucky Duck* (Paul McCarthy) for taking first place, and to *Agave* (Robin Weber) and *Timbuktu* (Dan Doud) for taking second and third place respectively. The other single-handed boats were *Bettina* (Rick Dalton), *Linda Carol* (Ray Collier), *Melilani* (Rich Butts), *Murmur* (Doug Murray), and *Sweet Pea* (Tim Petersen).

In March we will conclude the Redwood Cup and the Winter Series. The last Redwood Cup race takes place on **Sunday, March 6**. The race will be followed by a crab feed at the club, with the announcement of the final results during that event. So even if you don't participate in the final race, come on down to the club to find out who has Redwood Cup bragging rights for the rest of the year, and to thank Robin Weber for organizing and running a great Redwood Cup series this year. Sign up now for the crab feed, and organize your crew and brush the bottom of your boat in preparation for race #5.

Two weeks later we assemble the racing fleet again for one of the signature Sequoia racing events, the **St. Patrick's Day Race on Saturday, March 19**. This race is run both as the final Winter Series race as well as the stand-alone St. Patrick's Day Race, so anyone in the race has a chance bring home the prize and partake in the revelry back at the club after the race. The annual Sequoia St. Patrick's Day party follows the race, and all skippers and crew are encouraged to attend. The final results of both the series and the St. Patrick's Day race will be announced during the party so be sure to sign up at the club for what should be a great day on the water and in the club later that evening.

Make it a point to get out and participate in one of the final winter races, there is something for everyone. As always, race information, schedules and results can be found at www.sequoiayc.org, then click on the SYC Racing tab. See you at the start line.

Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

Cruise to Oakland YC March 26 & 27

Hosts: Robin Weber and Katherine Maxwell

This is a traditional club-based cruise out. We'll have dinner at Oakland YC on Saturday night and breakfast on the new docks on Sunday morning.

An optional Saturday afternoon activity is a wine tour and tasting at Rosenblum Cellars just 2 miles away in Alameda. Rosenblum is one of the "3-R's" of California Zinfandel, and they have been a rising star making Syrah.

This will be a tide-friendly cruise-out, with a strong ebb on Saturday morning and a flood on Sunday afternoon.

We hope to see you there!

Cruise to San Francisco Yacht Club April 16 & 17

Hosts: Peter and Deborah Blackmore

April showers bring May flowers? Don't believe a word of it. SYC cruisers have enjoyed some pretty spectacular weather in Belvedere Cove for several years now.

Join the group for our annual trip to Tiburon where we will fill the Guest Dock to capacity and live large for a weekend.

Rear Commodore Blackmore has been arranging a private dining room and special evening of speakers from the ranks of SFYC's adventurous cruising contingent. Two or three of the best will regale us after dinner with their storied travels North, South, East and West of the Bay.

Cruise notes, menus and costs will be provided when finalized. Everyone is welcome.

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Winston Bumpus

Come join us on **April 7th** to find out about a great program to help keep our boats and waterways clean for future generations. *The Department of Boating and Waterways* and the *California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program*, in partnership with the *Sequoia Yacht Club* and the *U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary* will again present **DOCKWALKER TRAINING**.

A "dockwalker" is a trained volunteer who visits area marinas to offer environmental protection information to fellow boaters. It's an ideal way to offer a helpful knowledge to the public and make new boating friends at the same time!

Last year, after I completed the training, I changed a number of my own procedures for handling fuel and cleaning supplies on my boat. I then spent time at a few of the area marinas talking with boat owners and handing out clean boating kits. I found that most everyone wants to do the "right thing" when it comes to clean boating, but they don't always know what the right things are.

The folks I met really appreciated the information and the free kits. I felt good about doing something for others and for the environment. I was surprised to find at the end of the year that I was number 10 in the state for distributing information and clean boating kits. Our club will receive valuable points to the PICYA "Club of the Year" through participation. It's a win-win-win for everyone!

Vivian Matuk, Environmental Boating Program Coordinator from the *California Department of Boating & Waterways California Coastal Commission* will present the **FREE training** workshop. She is passionate about this program that she has developed. Over the past few years the program has provided important clean boating education and kits to thousands of boaters throughout California. This program doesn't take a lot of your time but it is a great way to do your part and meet some boaters like yourself who want to keep our recreational waters clean.

Register by February 25th. Registration forms can be found at the club or for information visit their website at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbndx.html> Or contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905, vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov

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Ann McDonough

Anne Murray and Linda Murray Scotton won passes to the *Red Carpet* for the Oscars as guests of Joan & Melissa Rivers. They will be staying at the Beverly Hilton Hotel overnight. We'll look for Anne among the stars!

Bar Houston was recently diagnosed with Stage 3 Lymphoma. He started a six week outpatient chemo sessions this past Wednesday at the Palo Alto Veteran's Administration Hospital.

His team has been monitoring his progress carefully at each step. He wants everyone to know that preemptively shaved his head last weekend, so don't be surprised when you see him.

He is doing well so far, and is looking forward to re-joining the beer can crew at the end of May, when he has finished the current round of chemo.

Scuttlebutt is that Sherry Wharburton has accepted a new position in Los Angeles and is now a regular commuter from the Bay area. Good luck in your new job.

Ted Hannig has new digs in Foster City. On the water, of course! We hear that he's looking into getting a hoist to baby his boats a little.

The Blackmore's have returned the gleaming and refurbished *Pied Piper* to a new slip (B18) in Westpoint Harbor. They've decided to rename the Alerion 28 *Mistral* and when she's done being updated at Svensen's, she'll point her pretty nose just opposite in B19. Now Peter has two boats to fuss over; small wonder he decided to keep working.

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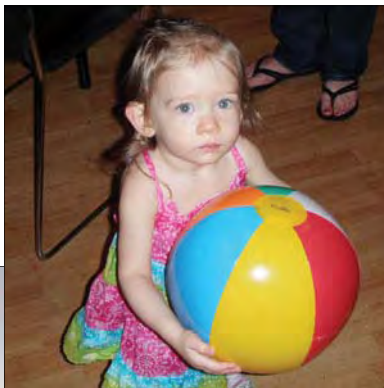
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Hot Shots by Carole Bumpus, Cheryl Jasper, Deb Blackmore, Dennis Lowe and the Gilmores



Jack London Square Cruise Out

Doug Murray won the Trivia Contest.



Beginnings of the Urban Winery Bike Tour



SYC Club Events for March 2011

Upcoming Race Events:



Saturday,	March 6	Redwood Cup Final
Saturday,	March 19	Single Handed & Winter Series Final

For quick reference, go to www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar

Redwood Cup Crab Feed & Remote Control Laser Race

Hosted by: Doug Murray, Mark Millet and Anne Cohen

Sunday, March 6

Here's your chance to participate in a boat race without getting wet by racing by remote control. We'll be joined by the Redwood Cup racers to celebrate the end of their series. There'll be trophies for the winning boat in each race.

14:00	RC Laser Race
17:00	Crab & Steak Dinner
18:00	Awards Ceremony

\$20/person for Crab Dinner;
\$14/person grill-your-own Steak Dinner
\$27/person for Crab + 1/2 Steak Dinner.

Sign up at the club or to sv_murmur@hotmail.com.

Annual Saint Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 19

Come lift a glass to celebrate the final race in the Winter Series:
The Saint Patrick's Day Single Handed.
There'll be Al Montoya's famous corned beef and cabbage,
plus all of the fine beers and spirits that
make Sequoia YC a true "bit o' the green."

18:00	Cocktails
19:00	Dinner
18:00	Live Music

\$15/person, includes music by "Banish the Dogs,"
who perform regularly at Lilly Mac's Irish Pub
in Sunnyvale.

Sign up at the club or to michele.hartman@me.com.

A Evening with Blue Water Racer, Mike Reed Friday, April 1 19:30

Mike Reed, who races with SYC on his Express 27 *Magic*, just returned from Australia where he completed in the Sydney Hobart race. The 628 mile race from mainland Australia to the island of Tasmania is often described as one of the most difficult races in the world. This year's race was one of the roughest with winds in the 50 knot range and about 20% of the fleet retiring due to mechanical failures and crew injuries.

Come listen as Mike describes his experience in this true test of sailing mettle.

Club Clean Up Day Saturday, March 12

"Many hands make light work" as we make a "clean sweep" into the new boating season. "Lend a hand" and a few hours of "elbow grease" to special projects that fall into the category of Spring Cleaning.



Please feel free to insert any other cleaning cliches that you can think of here, but join us for some "good clean(ing) fun!"