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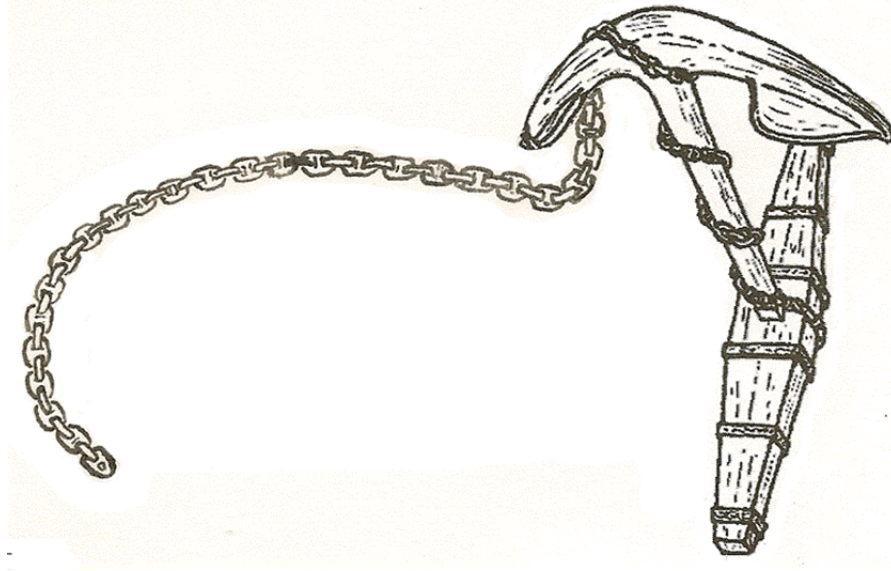
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A composite photo of Barbara Trainer's family celebrating her 90th Birthday

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04/21 Chili Cook-Off Party

04/27 Drop in Dinner & Speaker

05/02 Wednesday Lunch & Cards

05/04 Drop in Dinner

05/08 Board Meeting

05/11 Drop in Dinner & General Meeting

05/13 Mother's Day - No OD

05/17 South Bay Opening Day Meeting

05/19 South Bay Opening Day

05/20 BAYS Regatta Breakfast

05/26 Cruise Out: Sausalito

06/02 Potomac Visit

06/05 Board Meeting

06/06 Wednesday Lunch & Cards

06/08 Drop in Dinner & General Meeting

06/16 Past Commodores Dinner

06/17 Fathers Day - No OD

06/20 Wednesday Lunch & Cards

06/22 Drop in Dinner

06/30 Cruise Out - Tin Cup

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05/27 John Mattis

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06/03 Paul McCarthy

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



## Commodore's Report



*Kate Humphreys*

Happy May! This should be an exciting month as we have lots of activities and events going on at the club. A special meeting of the board was held after our April general meeting in which the board approved a 6-month trial of Square Technology to facilitate being able to accept payment from nonmembers via credit card. There is no upfront equipment cost, though we will pay a 2.7% transaction fee on each swipe. As you know we have several upcoming events where Sequoia will be open to the public or will invite the public to visit. We don't want to miss out on sales at the bar and the galley for those who did not bring cash. Thank you, Phaedra, for bringing this technology to the board's attention. Our first opportunity to try it out will be on May 3rd for our Neighborhood Invitational Open House and we will have another chance on May 19th for South Bay Opening Day. Stay tuned for reports on how the technology is working out.

April also brought our annual spring cleaning. Peter did a wonderful job of organizing us all and lots of work was accomplished. A big thank you to all who participated, and a special thanks to my galley team: Steve, Mike, Cody, Jeanne and Fadi!! You made my dreams come true. I hope you are all enjoying the sparkling club and especially our new deck furniture (thank you Grace!!).

Now that the club is spotless, Sheila has asked for a new photo to show her off. We will be running a contest this month for best photo. The winner will receive a credit for two dinners at one of our DID's or a general meeting. So, get snapping!! Please send entries to Sheila at [sjustjones@gmail.com](mailto:sjustjones@gmail.com). We will announce the winner at the May general meeting.

Beer Can Season is upon us!! Please recruit those friends, skipper's and crew members you have been meaning to ask to join. Remember, we have a special offer of a \$150 reduction on initiation fees running until May 31st, so let's share the fun at Sequoia and keep Jerry busy!

Our May board meeting will be on, Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00pm. The general meeting will be on the second Friday, May 11th at 7:30. We have been having great fun at the meetings. Lina has been providing us with sumptuous fare and Caesar has been taking care of clean up, so come on down! There are loads of good fun to be had! I look forward to seeing you all at the club!

## Vice Commodore's Report



*Peter Blackmore*

This is always a fun transition of the year at Sequoia. As we get ready to celebrate the start of the Beer Can Series, we know that summer is arriving.

For the April 27th DID, Nancy Erley will speak on Captaincy for Couples, a subject which is bound to generate a lot of interest. She will allow for plenty of questions following her presentation.

Here is Nancy's brief bio: Nancy Erley led two voyages from Seattle around the world aboard her Orca 38 sailboat, Tethys. "As the skipper of an all-woman crew, Nancy fashioned a circumnavigation that should go down in the record books as one of the soundest, most seamanlike journeys in the modern cruising era. Like all competent voyages, Tethys circumnavigation was notable for its lack of disasters." George Day, publisher Blue Water Sailing magazine.

In 2006 Nancy was presented with the Leadership Award in Women's Sailing Award sponsored by BoatUS and the National Women's Sailing Association. Nancy holds her USCG 50-ton Master of Oceans and 100-ton Master Near Coastal licenses, is an Instructor Evaluator-Ocean for the International Sail and Power Association, a HAM radio operator KI7DP, and an advanced scuba diver and delivery skipper.

'Some Like It Hot' Yes, it is time for our Annual Chili Cook Off. We have cash prizes; we have the best Chili on the South Bay; we have competition. So be there, bring your favorite secret recipe or just have fun tasting them all. This is another SAVE THE DATE - April 21st Saturday starting at 5.30pm

In May, on Saturday 19th, we celebrate South Bay Opening Day. Please come and join the festivities and contribute to what is always one of the best Sequoia events. We have breakfast and lunch at the Club and a host of activities to join on shore and off shore that will make this a special day.

On June 2, we have another great event. The Port of Redwood City has invited the Potomac here for the whole day to celebrate the 75th anniversary of this vessel. This is a special occasion to go on-board an amazing boat with an incredible history. Sequoia is proud to be the host along with the Port of Redwood City.

Yes - Sequoia Rocks!

## Rear Commodore's Report



**Winston Bumpus**

Spring is in the air and even though we have been getting the much needed rain, it hasn't slowed us down with our on-the-water activities. We completed both the Redwood Cup and Winter Series Races. A big 'thanks' goes to Robin Weber and Tim Petersen for their excellent work. I would also like to thank John Ryan for stepping in for Tim when he was out of town. Our Single-handed and Summer Series races have begun, with the first races completed in both Series.

Beer Can season has kicked-off as well, with an excellent dinner and a packed club. John Graves, this year's Beer Can Racing Captain, gave a great presentation on the plans and the new course "8" for this year's beer can series. David Elliott has also put together a crew training program that he will be leading and we hope this will bring more folks out on the water. We even have new first place caps, so come win one! Also new this year is hired help to assist with the galley and clean up, so no longer will you have to look at your shoes when we call for volunteers. We will only need help with putting up the tables and chairs! Come up to the club after the race—eat, relax and enjoy!

South Bay Opening Day, is Saturday May 19th. Michelle Hartman is organizing volunteers at the club, so if you can help, please contact her. This year's theme is "Rockin' & Rollin' on the South Bay". I encourage folks to join in or participate in the Blessing of the Fleet and Parade. Be sure to register your boat to enter as a flagged boat (more flags, more fun) or a themed boat (Rockin' & Rollin') as we have a bunch of great prizes for you to win. Be sure to join us for breakfast and lunch at the Club. I would also recommend that you go to the events at the other clubs as well. Friday Night's dinner is at Coyote Point Yacht Club, Saturday night's dinner is at Peninsula Yacht Club and Sunday's traditional Gin-Fizz Brunch will be held at the South Bay Yacht Club in Alviso. For more information check out our website or go to [www.southbayopeningday.org](http://www.southbayopeningday.org). This is a fun event and we will have food, booths, bands and drinks.

May Cruising is going well with one our favorite cruise-outs coming up on Memorial Day in Sausalito. It will be led again by the incomparable Todd Klingler and Shannon Amerman. It should be a terrific time. And as always, I look forward to seeing you out on the water.

## Membership Report



**Jerry Jones**

At the April general meeting we had two second readings and they were approved for membership:



**James Brown**

James Brown from San Jose has been crewing in SYC races for the last few seasons. Nominated by Richard Butts and John Draeger.

Michael and Marion Hmelar from Palo Alto have a Sea Ray 230 berthed in the RWC Marina and have been boating for many years. Nominated by Joseph Curtis and Don Inouye.



**Mike & Marion Hmelar**

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# Social Events



**Michele Hartman**

**Event: Opening Day on the South Bay**

**Date: May 19th [Saturday]**

**Time: All Day!!**

- **0800-1000:** Breakfast at Sequoia Yacht Club
- **1100:** Decorated Boat Parade and Blessing of the Fleet at the observation deck of the Port of Redwood City
- **1200-1400:** Lunch at Sequoia Yacht Club
- **1400:** Awards presentation

**Other Events for SBOD**

**Friday, May 18:** 1800: Cocktails, 1900: Dinner at Coyote Point Yacht Club


- **Saturday, May 19:** 1700: Cocktails, 1900: Dinner at Peninsula Yacht Club
- **Sunday, May 20:** 0830: Gin Fizz breakfast at South Bay Yacht Club, 1100: Pose for the Historic Annual Opening Day Photo

We need lots of SYC members to help show off our wonderful club! Last year, more than 160 people came to the club for breakfast and lunch; we anticipate an even larger turnout this year. Below is the list of volunteers who have already been assigned. Please consider volunteering for one of the "Volunteer Needed" jobs [send an email to [michele.hartman@me.com](mailto:michele.hartman@me.com)].

**Schedule of Volunteers**

- Friday Evening, about 1600. Volunteers Needed (4)
- Setup clubhouse and parking lot
- Saturday, 0730-0800. Carole Bumpus + Volunteer Needed (1)
- Setup outside bar and finish parking lot
- Saturday, 0700-1030. Larry Mayne, Chris and Michele Hartman + Volunteer Needed (1)
- Breakfast cashbox/serving
- Saturday, 0745-1000. Fred Ganjei
- Bartending inside - \$5 Bloody Mary's and Mimosas
- Saturday, 1000-1200. Linda Ryan + Volunteer Needed (1)
- Bartending inside
- Saturday, 1000-1200. Volunteers Needed (2)
- Bartending outside
- Saturday, 1145-1415.
- Chefs: Dennis Lowe, Tim Petersen
- Cashbox: Joanne Wright + Volunteer Needed (1)
- Serving: Carole Bumpus, Carol Petersen + Volunteer Needed (1)
- Food runners, condiment management, etc: Robin (Web Tide) Weber + Volunteers Needed (2)
- Bussing tables in Oates Room & Lounge: Volunteers Needed (2)
- Cleanup in galley: Volunteers Needed (3)
- Saturday, 1200-1400. Theresa Howard, Petra Gilmore, Jeanne and Byron Jacobs
- Bartending (Theresa and Petra inside, Byron & Jeanne outside)
- Saturday, 1400-1600. Jerry Jones, Peter Blackmore + Volunteers Needed (2)
- Bartending (Jerry and Peter inside, 2 others outside)

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# Racing Fleet News



*Tim Petersen*

In last month's SCOPE article I attempted to present a general discussion of Time on Time (ToT) scoring, which is used for the Moonlight Marathon, Westpoint Marina Regatta and Barth Race. This month focuses on the details of ToT calculations. In review, the goal of Time on Time scoring is to compare relative performance using a scale factor or ratio, independent of the length of the race in miles.

The basic formula for ToT scoring is:  $A / (B + \text{PHRF})$ . The original intent of the formula is to adjust the A and B factors, in particular the B factor, to take into account the relative performance between boats based on conditions on the day of the race. So while Time on Distance scoring is fixed regardless of the conditions, Time on Time can be modified to take the conditions on the day of the race into account.

The most common ToT correction used by many racing fleets is  $650 / (550 + \text{PHRF})$ . The denominator of this formula ( $550 + \text{PHRF}$ ) represents the number of seconds required to sail one mile in the prevailing conditions. By choosing 550 as the B factor, we are saying that a boat with a PHRF of 100, a value near the middle of the fleet, would be able to sail 1 mile in 650 seconds, which works out to be just over 5.5 knots.

Note also that by choosing 650 as the A factor, we are assigning a boat with a PHRF of 100 as the index boat since its scale factor will be 1.0. All boats with a PHRF value less than 100 will have a scale factor greater than 1.0 and their elapsed time will be inflated when calculating the corrected time. Similarly all boats with a PHRF value greater than 100 will have a scale factor less than 1.0 and their elapsed time will be reduced to obtain the corrected time.

We can adjust the formula to account for different conditions. If a race was run on a day with a lot of wind and everyone was running fast, we might choose the B factor to be 480 based on the assumption that our index boat with a PHRF of 100 would sail a mile in 580 seconds, or just over 6.2 knots. We can then assign 580 as the A factor to keep 100 as our index PHRF.

Working through one more example, if a race were run on a day with only a little wind and everyone was slowly moving around the course, we might choose the B factor to be 600 based on the assumption that our index boat with a

PHRF of 100 would sail a mile in 700 seconds, or about 5.1 knots. We can again assign 700 as the A factor to keep 100 as our index PHRF.

The Sequoia racing fleet has handicaps ranging from 54 to 219. The following table shows the scale factor for the fastest racing boat and a typical cruiser/racer in the Sequoia fleet for each the three examples described above:

PHRF	Conditions		
	Slow (B=600)	Average (B=550)	Fast (B=480)
54	1.070	1.076	1.086
100	1.000	1.000	1.000
150	0.933	0.929	0.921

The following table shows the difference in corrected times for a race completed in 90 minutes:

PHRF	Corrected Finish for 90 Minute Race		
	Slow (B=600)	Average (B=550)	Fast (B=480)
54	96.63 min.	96.85 min.	97.75 min.
100	90.00 min.	90.00 min.	90.00 min.
150	84.00 min.	83.57 min.	82.86 min.

An examination of the clubs in the SF Bay that use ToT scoring finds that most don't bother to take into account the conditions on the day of the race and use a B factor of 550 and an A factor of 650. Finally, the YRA makes the following statement about ToT scoring:

"TOT scoring is not a cure-all for all the inequities of handicapping. TOT scoring will not turn a fleet upside down. It usually does not affect the top boats. It usually moves the boats in the middle around a little. If the handicap spread in a class is large, it will tend to tighten things up a bit."

This finishes the discussion of the scoring methods used in our Sequoia races series. We will continue to use ToD scoring for most of our club races, and ToT for a few of our special races. Any changes in scoring for future series are probably best discussed over beer and pretzels at the club.

Our racing program is now in high gear. Beer Can racing is back, so come out on Wednesday evenings and compete in our most popular race series. Our Summer Series continues on Saturday May 5 with race #2, and don't forget the South Bay Opening Day festivities the weekend of May 19.

On behalf of all the race fleet captains, we invite you to come out and participate in our racing program. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. See you at the start line.

# Cruising Fleet News



*Petra Gilmore*

## *Cruise Out to Sausalito Memorial Day Weekend: May 26-28*

*Cruise-out Director – Shannon Amerman  
Spa-tacular Director – Tod Klingler*



Time is running out to join your fellow SYC members for a fun-filled Memorial Day weekend in Sausalito! We're planning to spend the holiday weekend at Schoonmaker Point Marina again this year, offering prime water front access to downtown Sausalito. On Saturday May 26th, we'll do a beach BBQ at Schoonmaker Point. And on Sunday, May 27th, we've arranged for both a spa day and group dinner (6-10pm, \$65/person) at Cavallo Point, where we'll celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, complete with live music and fireworks.

We already have nearly 500 feet of boats signed up and we will consume the entire guest dock at Schoonmaker! So, be sure to sign up as soon as possible, as we'll accommodate slip space in the order of sign up. While we are technically already at capacity, sign up anyway for the wait list and most certainly plan to join us via blacktop for the Sunday event!

Finally, don't miss out on the fun, as we will have a scavenger hunt which will span the entire weekend, with a daily leader board, prizes and cocktails.

Useful links for the Sausalito Cruise Out:

Schoonmaker Marina: <http://www.schoonmakermarina.com/>

Cavallo Point Spa: <http://www.cavallopoint.com/relax.html>

Caledonia Spring Faire: <http://www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/Index.aspx?page=921>

Golden Gate Bridge Festival: <http://goldengatebridge75.org/celebrate/golden-gate-festival.html>

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Tours will be: \$5/adults, free for children 12 years and under. Parking is free. There will be live band music at the Port's outdoor waterfront stage. The Sequoia Yacht Club will be open to the public for food and beverages.

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**Rick Gilmore, the GO TO Guy**

Ahoy Sequoia!

First off, we have a great hero story starring our own Nick Weber-- On Friday, March 30th the Lions hosted an awards dinner honoring Foster City Fire Department Battalion Chief Nick Weber who received the Area Wide Fire Heroism Award.

On Dec. 17, 2011, Weber was off duty riding his bike and as he approached a small group of bystanders, he observed an individual who had just collapsed on the ground and was not moving. Weber was able to evaluate the individual who was determined to be in cardiac arrest. He immediately directed a bystander to call 911 and give a detailed location of the medical emergency. Without hesitation, Weber initiated CPR and continued to assist after paramedics arrived. By the time the ambulance left, the patient had regained pulse and was being assisted with breathing. The patient was able to spend Christmas with his family..... Congratulations Nick... you are automatically invited to any future Sequoia Yacht Club Bike riding excursions!

There are more exciting things happening in Weber land: Kathryn Maxwell Reports--Agave Azul and crew will depart San Diego for the return to San Francisco on April 20th. Our excellent crew consists of Byron Jacobs, Dan Lockwood, Linda Ryan & William Levin. The preliminary weather reports are looking good, and we expect to enjoy the journey! Our new slip at Westpoint will be waiting for us on or about April 27th..... Let's all wish the Agave Azul crew fair winds and a Bon Voyage!

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.

Contact me by email at [sycgoto@sequoiayc.org](mailto:sycgoto@sequoiayc.org) or leave me a message at 415.716.4560

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Fair Winds from "The GoTo Guy" - Rick Gilmore

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# Upcoming SYC Club Events

## Races:



Saturday, May 5  
Every Wednesday  
Saturday, June 2  
Saturday, June 16

Summer #2  
Beer Can Races  
Summer #3  
Singlehanded #3

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

## Sequoia Speaker Series Friday, April 27 18:00-21:00

Come for a Drop in Dinner and let Capt. Nancy Erley inspire and educate you about *“Couples Captaincy.”*



*Nancy Erley led two voyages from Seattle around the world aboard her Orca 38 sailboat, Tethys. In 2006 she was presented with the Leadership in Women's Sailing Award sponsored by BoatUS and the National Women's Sailing Association. Nancy holds her USCG 50-ton Master of Oceans and 100-ton Master Near Coastal licenses, is an Instructor Evaluator-Ocean for the International Sail and Power Association, a ham radio operator and an advanced scuba diver.*



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Contact **Winston Bumpus** for details  
and to sign-up.

## 2012 Beer Can Season Has Started

*Every Wednesday from April 18 through October 10  
18:00 - 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.

Remember 17:30 start for April  
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!