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Sequoia Yacht Club

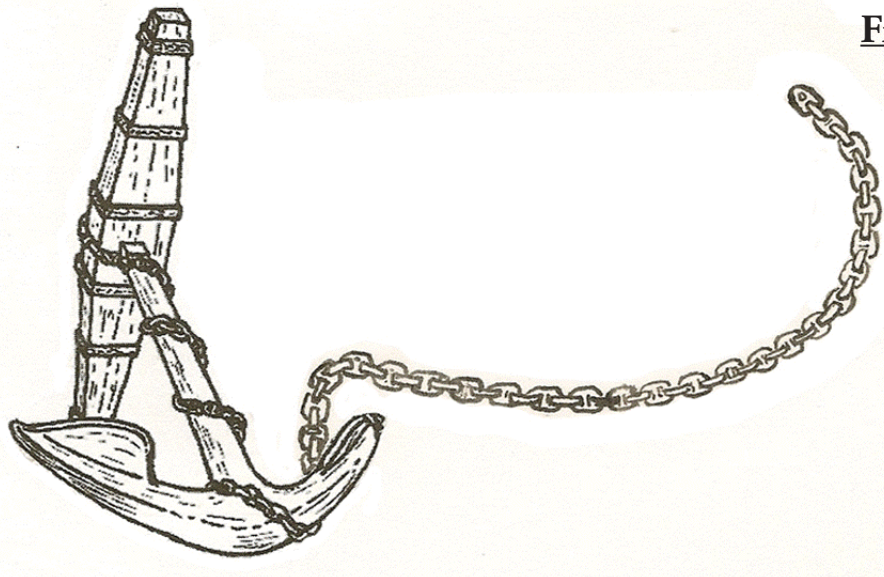
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# Sequoia Yacht Club 2009 Roster

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Marc Cohen

### Port Captain

David Pirrone

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Byron Jacobs

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### Nauti Girls & Buoys

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### Engraver

Bob Stanfield

### Haberdasher

Kristin Butler

## This Month At A Glance

- 5/02 Floato de Mayo Party  
5/05 Board Meeting  
5/6 Wednesday lunch  
5/8 Drop in Dinner & Meeting  
5/9 ABC Safe Boating Course  
5/10 Mother's Day Brunch  
5/15 Drop in Dinner  
5/20 Wednesday lunch  
5/23-25 Cruise Out: Petaluma  
5/30 Past Commodore's Dinner & 70th Anniversary Party

## Officer of the Day(OD) Roster

- 5/2 Charles Gray  
5/3 Guy Roger  
5/9 Ted Hannig  
5/10 Gerri Hardey  
5/16 Mike Harris  
5/17 Open  
5/23 Brett Herr  
5/24 Bob Hoffman  
5/31 Bar Houston

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Check out club activities at  
[www.SequoiaYC.org](http://www.SequoiaYC.org)*

*Cover photo by Sheila Jones.  
South Bay Opening Day, 4/4/2009.*

## Commodore's Report:



*Petra Gilmore*

The By-laws Committee has filed their report and a copy is in this Scope. We will be discussing it at the May General Meeting and then having a Special Meeting within our June General Meeting to vote on it. Please plan to attend.

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.**

Many Commodores have already sent me their RSVP. I will be putting the sign-up sheet out May 1st. Come join in this fun event.



The Nominating Committee is hard at work filling the open positions on our board. Ann McDonough is the chair of this committee and her crew

is Sheila Jones, Sherry Warburton, LuAnne Graves and Peter Blackmore. Please join me in thanking them and consider adding your voice to our board.

I would like to make all members aware that some bottles of wine are available only by the bottle and not by the glass. Members may purchase these bottles and keep them at the bar behind the chips. Please write your name prominently on the label so other members are aware this bottle has already been purchased.

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

## Vice Commodore's Report:



*Byron Jacobs*

Thank all of you who came out and made Club Clean-up Day on 3/29 such a complete success! And a very special thanks goes to our House Manager, Sherry Smith, for planning and coordinating one of the best clean-ups in memory. The club is cleaner, all kinds of things were fixed and we even figured out why there's no light bulb in the Oates Room center ceiling receptacle. It seems that it was the old nightlight but someone stole the power to run the lights and motor for the mirrored ball (which needs a new motor!). The things we learn...

We have one other big project we need to do for the house. Every 5 years it comes time to resurface the roof. This is a 3-day effort that requires lots of volunteers. Sherry Smith will be sending out an email describing the work to be done and our schedule for doing it. Please come out and help us make this a fast and painless project.

If you missed the Beer Can Opener dinner on 4/8, you missed a great dinner. Lina put together a wonderful Tri-tip spread that the crowd raved about. If you haven't been down to the club lately, be sure to drop in for one of our Friday dinners. We always have a special buffet with some unique entrée. On 4/17 we had spiral-cut honey ham. And we always offer grill-your-own, choice steaks and chicken (if we don't have beef or chicken as the buffet entrée). The new salad bar and potato bar have been hits and we always have a special soup. We also try to have some form of entertainment for nights when we don't have a general meeting. On 3/27, Luanne Graves hosted our Bingo night to the delight of all with her "come hither" voice and fun prizes. You don't want to miss these great opportunities. Check out the menu on the club website and come on down to join us! The price is always right (important in these times) and all your friends are going to be there.

Don't forget about the upcoming Floato-de-Mayo party on May 2nd and mark your calendar (and sign up soon) for the Mother's Day Brunch to be held on May 10th and a very special Past Commodore's Dinner on May 30th.

## Special Report: By-laws

The By-laws Committee consisting of Past Commodores Bill Stark, Mike Harris and Steve Holmstrom met at 1930 Wednesday, March 11, 2009. These proposed changes will be voted on at the June General Meeting.

We were asked to consider the issue with Sustaining Membership that started several years ago when the membership time requirement for Sustaining Membership was changed from 15 years to 10 years. As result, the percentage of Sustaining Members has risen from less than 5% to 27% of the total membership. Given the aging population of Club members, this trend, if allowed to continue, would have a negative financial impact on the Club.

While we felt there were other alternatives to this issue, we did not feel it was the Bylaw Committee's position to make radical changes to the Club's membership structure. However, we would be happy to meet with the Membership Committee to propose alternatives.

The Bylaws Committee recommends the following change to the Sustaining Member section at this time:

**Section 4: Sustaining Member** *A Sustaining member may be any Senior member who has been a Senior member of the Club for a period of 15 years and has attained the age of 65 years. The class of Sustaining member may be awarded by the Board of Directors upon written request of the Senior member. The Sustaining member shall pay 50% of the annual dues and assessments and shall have all the rights and privileges of a Senior member. (On \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, this Section 4 was amended to increase the number of years from 10 to 15 years. Sustaining Members on such date shall continue to be Sustaining Members notwithstanding such Member has less than 15 years membership; provided all other requirements of membership continue to be satisfied.)*

An issue has come up several times in the past year where by there has been a confusion as to a members eligibility to become a director or officer. We believe the intent was to have the member eligible at the time they took office and have made the change accordingly.

### Article X

**Section 2: Nominees.** Nominees for officers and directors shall be chosen from the ranks of Senior, Life and Sustaining members or their respective spouses. Such members shall be in good standing and have been a member for a minimum of one year *before taking office. Candidates may be nominated and elected prior to satisfying the one year membership requirement.*

## Special Report: By-laws

The committee further reviewed other areas of the Bylaws. Article III, Section 12 (a) did not make sense to the committee. It is recommend that upon the death of a member, if the spouse elects, the spouse shall take the place of the member in the same category as the member. Further, Section 12 had 2 paragraph "c". The first paragraph "c" did not seem appropriate and we recommend deleting it. Article III

**Section 12: Transfer of Membership** Memberships can be transferred as follows:

- (a) In the event of the death of a Senior member, Life member or Sustaining member, the spouse shall, if desired, become a *Senior member of the same classification* upon written request to the Board of Directors.
- (c) ~~If a resigning member's spouse holds an elected office, and a transfer of membership has not been affected, then the spouse must officially join Sequoia Yacht Club by paying full initiation fees and dues, or resign from the position and terminate all affiliation with the Club.~~

## Rear Commodore's Report



*Joseph Curtis*

The 2009 Boating Season has gotten off to a fantastic start! We had perfect weather for South Bay Opening Day 2009 and had a great crowd turn out to enjoy the festivities. As a part of SBOD, Sequoia was the host of SBYRA's first Summer Series race. Thanks to Ted Hannig for taking his catamaran, *Seascapades*, for committee boat duty.

Our 2009 Beer Can Season started off with a Rules of Racing update presentation by Doug McVae; Doug is member and past commodore of Richmond YC. Doug's 30 year's of experience managing races, working as a Senior Judge for US Sailing for 12 years, and as a Regional Administrative Judge for Area G for six years were evident in his presentation.

The presentation was followed by a fantastic tri-tip dinner prepared by Lina. Our first Beer Can race was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in some pretty big winds, so make sure you read Beer Can Fleet Captain Richard Butts' report elsewhere in the *Scope*.

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## Social Events



**Kathy Harris**  
**Social Chair**

Please join your fellow members for our version of Cinco de Mayo on the water at Sequoia Yacht Club - it's the famous Foato de Mayo Party. There will be a delicious mexican buffet with Margaritas and an assortment of Tequilla for purchase.

Our own Stephen Higgs and Sherry Warburton are preparing the food and you know how wonderful their meals are! You don't want to miss this party on **Saturday, May 2.**

Come early in the afternoon (15:00) for your favorite Cervesa or blended Margaritas. Wear your favorite Mexican outfit, bring your favorite Mexican CD and let's have some fun!

Dinner will be served at 18;30. Cost \$15.00/Adults \$7/Child

Buffet: Beef and Chicken (Soft or Hard Shell) Tacos, Fajita Vegetables, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Soft Tortillas, Crispy Tortillas, Shredded Lettuce, Pico de Gaio, Roasted Tomato Salsa, Tomatillo Salsa, Sour Cream, Guacamole and Mexican Dessert. Sign up at the club or contact Kristin at: [krisgbutler@gmail.com](mailto:krisgbutler@gmail.com) Hope to see you there.

### **Mother's Day Brunch** **Sunday, May 10 from 11:00**

Hosted by Tom Keegan. Free flowing Mimosas plus great food that Mom doesn't have to prepare!



\$25 adults; \$1 per child per year (first two years free).

Sign-up at the club or [Tom.bayshore@Sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tom.bayshore@Sbcglobal.net).

## Reports



**Good of the Order:**  
**LuAnne Graves**

Hallie Heckler turned 90 on April 18th, just a few short weeks after having her knee replacement surgery. Hallie's birthday celebration was held at Sequoia where she was surrounded by her family and friends. Weber news...First, congratulations are in order for *Agave's* captain, Robin Weber as he has passed and received his USCG Captain's License. Robin put quite a bit of time and hard work into this course of study and we are all glad that his exams went well. More congratulations to new members, Nick and Robin Weber as they welcome home their Catalina 320 "Web Tide". She will make her home in the Municipal Marina on C-Dock.



### **The Ono Award**

For April, we awarded two prestigious Ono Awards for dubious seamanship. First to *Grace Kellie* for running aground in Redwood Creek and having the thoughtfulness to call the club to brag about their predicament. Rick Gilmore and John Graves responded to their call for help with a club shore boat and succeeded in heeling them over further to decrease their comfort while they waited for the eventual rising tide late that night.



The second award goes to *Agave* for cautiously running their engine during the recent very windy sail back from the Ballena Bay cruise-out, but through questionable judgment they chose to admit to club members they ran the engine engaged in reverse the whole way home.

These boats may proudly fly the Ono flags until the next member out-does them.

## Reports



**Jerry Jones**  
Membership Chair

Update your information for the new Annual SYC Member Directory by email to [sycdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:sycdirectory@gmail.com) or snail mail to SYC Scope, P.O. Box 5548, Redwood City, CA 94063-0548.

The BOD has approved the reinstatement of Richard Ripley, who has a Catalina 42 *Riptide*.



**Diane Herscher**

**First Reading** was held for Diane Herscher who recently moved here from Chicago and is interested in joining us and learning to sail. Diane was nominated by Petra Gilmore and Larry Mayne.

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

**Lisa Crosetti** lives in Santa Clara and has been active in SYC racing on a Merit 25. She was nominated by Brett Herr and Peter McCormick.

**Kathy Conte** and **Cathy Moyer** live in Redwood City and have a 19 foot Open 5.70 sailboat kept in the Redwood City Dry Storage. They were nominated by Petra Gilmore and Richard Butts.

### **Rear Commodore's Report, Cont. from page 4**

April was also the month for continued racing action with the Singlehanded #2, which Sailing Fleet Captain Jim Peterson will have more details elsewhere. Also, the inaugural Westpoint Regatta was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Ron Brown for getting this racing event started!

On the cruising scene, Sequoia had a great trip up to visit Ballena Bay Yacht Club and an exciting, downwind trip home with winds that gusted into the 40+ knot range. April's cruise out will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to visit Treasure Island Yacht Club and to participate in the North Bay Opening Day parade. Cruising Fleet Captain Terry Burley will have the details. There is a lot happening on the water at Sequoia! Make sure you get out and join the fun!

## Reports



**Jim Peterson**  
Racing Fleet Captain

March and April proved to be very busy months for racing. Our summer series racing has started along with our traditional Beer-Can Series. Likewise, we cannot forget our hearty Single-handed racers. Through the help of Stan Phillips, we had our second racing seminar by Kame Richards, Pineapple Sails, on upwind sailing strategies at our annual opening dinner for the Beer-Can Series.

Our second race of the Single-handed Series started with our spring winds of 10-18 kts. We had high patchy white clouds with mostly blue sky. These hearty souls raced a course of 5.81nm (3/4- Xp- 12p- 3/4). Although X was supposed to be upwind, most boats made it in two tacks. There was a nice jibe (about 16kts) around 12 and dead down wind to the finish. All yachts decided that a single-handed spinnaker in 16-18 kts of wind would not have given them any advantage. First place honors go to Paul McCarthy, *Lucky Duck*. Rick Dalton, *Iowa*, takes second place by 14 seconds over Tim Petersen, *Sweet Pea*.

Summer Series Race #1 was held on Saturday, Mar-28. What a beautiful day with blue skies and 70 deg. temperatures. A 'round the marks' entire course was selected (S/f- Xp- Bp- 12p- Yp- Sp- s/F) adding up to 11.09 nm. The first start was postponed due to very light winds. Fifteen minutes later, the wind reached 4-5 kts and we started the race. A total of 12 yachts started the race; 8 in the Spinnaker Division and 4 in the Non-Spinnaker Division.

In the Spinnaker Division, Mike Garl, *White Dove* took first place honors. Paul McCarthy, *Lucky Duck*, took second place and Henry Kleinberg, *Primordial Sloop* was in third. In the Non-Spinnaker Division, Rick Dalton, *Iowa*, took first place honors and Tim Petersen, *Sweet Pea*, came in second.

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

## For Nauti Girls & Buoys



**Ann McDonough &  
Deb Blackmore**

### Cancellation of Training

The USCG Auxiliary's About Boating Safety scheduled for May 9th has been canceled. We will reschedule it for another weekend. Stay tuned for revised date and time.

### Sequoia Reads

What do rubber duckies, athletic shoes, and plastic bags have in common? In honor of Earth Day, join us in reading Flostametrics, by Curtis Ebbesmeyer and Eric Scigliano. Stay tuned for a date and time of a discussion about flotsam, currents and trash, led by Tod Klingler. Please check the website for more information about the book.

<http://www.sequoiayc.org/node/146>

### Website

In the past week, we have been busy creating new member accounts for the SYC website. Our goal is to have every current Senior and Corinthian members to have their own account to the website. We will be disabling the generic SYC account in the next few weeks. Please check the website for more information about the new user accounts.

<http://www.sequoiayc.org/node/145> Please be on the look out in your email box for an email from sww.syc. This is the administrative email address that is used by the website.

### Herizen Sailing For Women

Deb Blackmore sailed in the Sea of Cortez in March with Capt. Valma Brenton. See Deb's blog on [www.sequoiayc.org](http://www.sequoiayc.org).

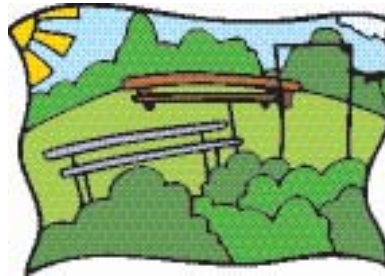


## On-the-Water



**Terry Burley**  
*Cruising Fleet Captain*

Our summer cruising calendar is shaping up nicely. Our Memorial Day (**May 23-25**) Cruise Out will be led by Larry Mayne. Our plan is to make San Rafael Yacht Club on the first night and then up the river to **Petaluma** (yes, *and* back). This should be a scenic challenge as we negotiate a river passage following a beautiful--especially this time of year--passage up Bay. Dock your boat right in the center of



historic downtown among Victorian houses and Iron Front buildings that are on the National Register of Historic Places. We can walk to restaurants, antique and specialty shops, night life and downtown parks.

No wonder Petaluma was chosen as one of the "Top

Ten Bay Area Boating Destinations" by *Latitude 38* magazine. Be sure to get signed up for this. We want to make sure everyone gets the info and cruise data early!!

June comes so soon, and with it the summer season on the Bay. It's a time for graduations, weddings, and of course, more cruising! We will be headed north again to Tiburon for our now annual cruise in to **San Francisco Yacht Club (June 13-14)**. Our leader, Larry Mayne (yes, again!), and our host, Bill Stark, will make sure that this will be another wonderful experience of pampering and panache in Belvedere Cove. You won't want to miss this chance to tie up at the oldest yacht club west of the Mississippi River! And it's a great opportunity to get some "cruise points" towards our cruising competition. See you there! Fair winds!

## *Photos* by Byron Jacobs, Robin Weber, Jerry Jones & Sheila Jones



Steve Stanley's National Anthem,



*Lady Washington, Hawaiian Chieftain & USCGC Pike*



and Jacobs' *Ale kai*



Sea Scout's *Gryphon* and Mariners' *Tradewinds*

### ***A Look at the Past*** by Peter Nardini, Club Historian

Sequoia Yacht Club was organized seventy years ago by Dr. August Fromm and other members of the community interested in boating. On May 28, 1943, that's 66 years ago, Commodore Edward Brickey and Secretary-Treasurer Horace Scales filed our Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, Frank M. Jordan. We had five officers at that time: Commodore, Past Commodore, Secretary-Treasurer and two Directors. The club was formed for social and recreational purposes for its members and doing other things for the advantage and promotion of interest in yachting, sailing and boating. There would not be pecuniary gain or profit to the or for any of the members. There were two classes of membership: Senior and Junior. The Senior members had equal interest and equal rights and privileges. While the Junior members could not vote or hold offices but could participate in all sporting events as provided by the by-laws.

As yet an early copy of the by-laws have not been found, but all indicate that a women could be a Senior members of the yacht club. From the By-laws of the Women's Auxiliary, an active woman Senior member could join the auxiliary. The idea that we were strictly a men's club is erroneous. At that time only a Senior member could vote or hold offices. Later, around 1970 or there about, our by-laws were amended so that spouses of Senior members could also vote and hold offices, a welcome amendment and one that has enhanced our Club. A Happy Birthday to SEQUOIA YACHT CLUB!



**Photos** by Byron Jacobs, Robin Weber, Jerry & Sheila Jones



Pat Mighetto's *Bella Donna* and crew winning the bulk of awards for theme etc. at South Bay's Opening Day



Marge Johnstone, Kathryn Maxwell Weber, Robin Weber, Jeanne Jacobs and John Draeger working hard at **Clean Up Day**



Scope advertisers Rick Peterson and Larry Mayne at the Boat Show

Sandi Crane has 'Open Boat' & christening for *Diva Duck*

# Club Calendar

SYC Calendar

OD Chair: John Draeger

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Baker Race Cruise-Out - Treasure Cruise-In - Ballena	27	28 6pm - Card Night	29 6pm - Beer Can &	30	1	2 Floato-de-Mayo Party OD: Charles Gray
3 OD: Guy Roger	4	5 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	6 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	7 Rental (Hunter's Feast)	8 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting <b>General Meeting</b>	9 Junior Sailing OD: Ted Hannig 4:30pm - Rental
10 Mothers Day Brunch OD: Gerri Hardey	11	12 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	13 6pm - Beer Can &	14	15 6:30pm - DID	16 BAYS Race Junior Sailing OD: Mike Harris Summer #2
17 BAYS Race OD: ?	18	19 6pm - Card Night	20 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	21	22 Baker Trophy 6:30pm - DID	23 Cruise-Out Petaluma Junior Sailing OD: Brett Herr
24 Cruise-Out Petaluma Baker Trophy OD: Bob Hoffman	25	26 6pm - Card Night	27 6pm - Beer Can &	28	29	30 OD: Steve Holmstrom Past Commodores
31 OD: Bar Houston	1	2 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	3 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	4	5 6:30pm - DID	6 OD: Alex Huang Summer #3

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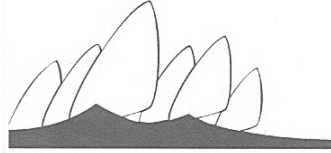
OD Chair: Fred Wydler

Jun 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 OD: Bar Houston	1	2 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	3 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	4	5 6:30pm - DID	6 OD: Alex Huang Summer #3
7 OD: Herb Huber	8	9 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	10 6pm - Beer Can &	11	12 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting <b>General Meeting</b>	13 Cruise-Out - San OD: Robert Huggins
14 Cruise-Out - San OD: Dan Humphreys	15	16 6pm - Card Night	17 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	18 MegaCruise	19	20 OD: Jim Humphries Spinaker YC Cruise-In
21 MegaCruise OD: Don Inouye Spinaker YC Cruise-In	22	23 6pm - Card Night	24 6pm - Beer Can &	25	26 6:30pm - DID	27 OD: ?
28 MegaCruise OD: Byron Jacobs	29	30 6pm - Card Night	1 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	2	3	4 4th of July Party

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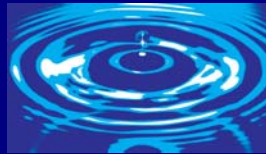
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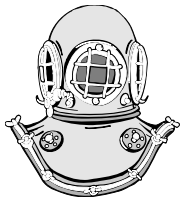
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