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Sequoia Yacht Club

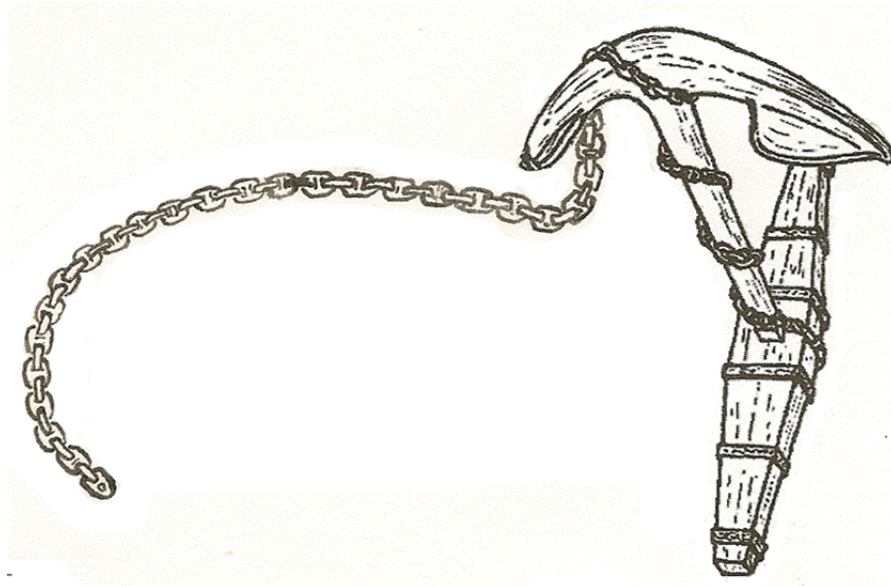
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Redwood City, CA



Junior Training Class leads the South Bay Opening Day Parade

Photo by Jerry Jones



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# Sequoia Yacht Club 2010 Roster

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### Sailboat Fleet Captain

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### Powerboat Fleet Captain

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### Sr. Sailing Fleet Captain

Roberta Barnes

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## This Month At A Glance

5/1 Floato de Mayo Party  
5/4 Board Meeting  
5/5 Wednesday Lunch  
5/7 Drop in Dinner  
5/9 Mother's Day Brunch  
5/14 Drop in Dinner & Gen. Meeting  
5/19 Wednesday Lunch  
5/21 Drop in Dinner  
5/29 Cruise Out: Sausalito  
  
6/2 Wednesday Lunch  
6/8 Board Meeting  
6/9 Wednesday Lunch  
6/11 Drop in Dinner & Gen. Meeting  
6/12 Cruise Out: South Beach  
6/16 Wednesday Lunch  
6/19 Past Commodore's Dinner  
6/25 Drop in Dinner

## Officer of the Day (OD)

5/1 Pedro Barrantes  
5/2 James Bartlett  
5/8 Thomas Baranides  
5/9 Noel Bird  
5/15 Deb Blackmore  
5/16 David Bliven  
5/22 TBA  
5/23 TBA  
5/29 Ron Brown  
5/30 Kristin Butler  
  
6/5 Terry Burley  
6/6 Winston Bumpus  
6/12 Richard Butts  
6/13 Dennis Calvert  
6/19 George Carr  
6/20 Bruce Cleveland  
6/26 Marc Cohen  
6/27 Ray Collier

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Check out club activities at  
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## *Commodore's Report*



*Byron Jacobs*

Ahoy SYC members!

Ah, there's nothing quite like boating in the Spring. Rear Commodore Kate Humphreys did an outstanding job with South Bay Opening Day, the Beer Cans have started and Floato de Mayo is upon us.

Lynn Gambrell, Manager of West Marine in San Carlos, has invited us to join them for their Trade Show Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for us to set up a membership information table and meet a lot of new people. I'll post a sign-up sheet in the lounge for those who would like to man the table between 10:00 to 15:00.

The Port of Redwood City set up a Port Festival Committee and asked me to sit on it as a representative of our club. They are planning on having the festival on October 2, 2010. This could be a good opportunity for us to participate and show our colors.

Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and effort on Clean-up Day. Vice Commodore Curtis led his team well for this demanding job.

Remember to notify Staff Commodore Petra Gilmore if you are racing in a YRA sanctioned event. We get Club of the Year (COTY) points for doing so. It would be nice to bring back the tradition of winning this coveted PICYA award.

Just a small reminder to all Past Commodores: The Past Commodore dinner this year is June 19<sup>th</sup> so mark it on your calendars. Invitations will go out shortly.

And finally, come on out to the club and join us for food, drink and fun. If you haven't been there much lately, we miss you! Where else can you be with all your friends and have a good time?

## *Vice Commodore's Report*



*Joseph Curtis*

We had a great turn out for the Spring Cleaning Day. We had 22 people (counting myself) give up a beautiful Saturday to put in a lot of hard work to do the deep cleaning that is needed every so often. Even though the crew all worked very hard, we had fun working together. There is nothing like sharing projects with your fellow Sequoia club members!

It was noted in our General Meeting of April 16 that we will have a Special Meeting during our General Meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> to vote on approving spending up to \$1500 in funds from the Facilities Reserve for two new deep freezes. Our current deep freezes are over 30 years old, are not energy efficient (costing the club money in PG&E bills), and due to the aging door seals, do not always close tightly and have allowed food spoilage, costing the club even more money.

We have formed a Technology Committee to review, plan, and implement upgrades to the Club's technology infrastructure. Members include Ron Brown, Mark Millet, Sherry Warburton, and Stephan Wendl. Stay tuned for details.

Floato De Mayo party is May 1<sup>st</sup>. The party starts at 1800, dinner will be served at 1900. The cost \$18 for adults and \$9 for children. There will be plenty of Mexican food and drinks. Also scheduled is a margarita tasting contest. We are also look for volunteers to help with the set-up, bar tending, and clean-up. There is a sheet in the lounge to sign-up, or you can contact Social Chair Kristin Butler.

The Mother's Day Brunch will be Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Tom Keegan will be hosting this event. Sign-up sheet is in the lounge. See you at the club!



# Rear Commodore's Report



*Kate Humphreys*

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Photos of South Bay Opening Day



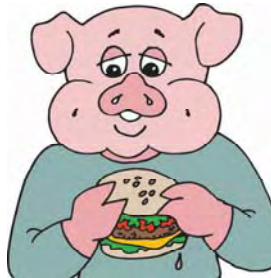
# A Look to the Past



*Peter Nardini*

Have you ever looked at our Trophies? The other day I had some time to take a good look at them. Were you aware that there are 34 trophies and Awards in the Trophy Case, and another 34 hanging on the wall beneath the burgees. Plus, there are 3 in the haberdashery window and 2 in the lounge. Six of them were won by our youth sailors this past year, which goes to show you how fine their performance is year after year.

There are a couple of odd and unusual trophies. One is a small statue of a pig and is known as "The Male Chauvinist Pig." Any team of 3 men can challenge any team of 3 women to a series of 3 races in El Toros or any 3 women can make the same challenge to the men. Another trophy is called the "Bull Feathers." It too is sailed in El Toros between the big boat skippers and the small boat skippers.



Both of these fine trophies are up for grabs on Saturday, June 19 when SYC will be hosting a Adult Dinghy Sailing event. Surely there must be some remaining Male Chauvinist Pigs willing to take on the Fabulously Feminist Nauti Girls?

And no doubt skippers of boats 40 feet and longer would be willing to challenge those accustomed to more nimble craft of less than 40 feet? Consider this the gauntlet thrown down!



Wouldn't it feel great to have the Club Engraver put your name on yet another SYC trophy? If for no other reason, do it for the laughter and the photo opportunity.

There are a number of trophies and awards that are presented to our members for outstanding service to our Club. Each trophy has a story. I encourage everyone, when you have a few quiet moments at the club, to take a look at each of them. They all attest to the quality of the Club and our members' outstanding participation in the boating community.

## Social Events



**Kristin Butler**

*The Commodore and his wife,  
Byron and Jeanne Jacobs,  
request the pleasure of  
your company at the annual*

### **Past Commodore's Dinner Saturday, June 19th**



**Cocktails 17:30  
Dinner 18:30  
Speakers 19:30**

**Price \$25. Choice of entrees.  
Please sign up at the club or email  
Jeanne@MontTech.com.**

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causing *Fishhawk* to accelerate into the deck of the club where patrons and club members were dining. As the patrons scrambled to get out of the way, *Fishhawk's* anchor caught a flag pole, ripping it from the deck and sending it crashing into the water. The flag pole was retrieved from the water, along with *Fishhawk's* Sequoia Burgee, which they had left for evidence. The deck appeared to have escaped any major damage and the dining room manager was grateful to us for giving the patrons something new and exciting to talk about.

Quite a memorable cruise-out indeed...Congratulations!

## Good of the Order



**LuAnne Graves**

### **Eight Bells**

Past Commodore ('65) Monty Cavender passed away March 25th after a lengthy illness. Monty and his wife, Mary Jean, have been living in a retirement community in Bakersfield as of late, but when they were local they were involved with the junior sailing program, and attended the DID's, Wednesday lunches and the Past Commodore's Dinners. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### **Ono Award**

At the April general meeting, the Ono Flag was awarded to none other than John Graves, skipper of *Metridium*. John and his crew, Rick Gilmore, participated in the Double-handed Farallones Race in early April. They encountered 'challenging' conditions, which contributed to the loss of some useful items around the boat (i.e. John's sunglasses and new digital camera). The crew ventured a little too close to the Potato Patch, resulting in taking two huge waves, one reported at boom height, which tore the dodger from its snaps allowing water to enter the companion way and short out the inverter. Luckily, the only losses were material, and John and Rick were able to finish the race and limp home, albeit with a lot of repairs and purchases to make later.

### **HOWEVER...**

Being an active boating community with cruise-outs, the potential for handing off the Ono award is a real challenge. Therefore...

Honorable mention goes to Ann McDonough for returning home from a cruise-out only to run out of fuel right at the turn into Westpoint Marina. Her crew, Tod Klingler, put out the jib, and *Pied Piper* was right behind to help tow her in. This really does not count for an Ono, as the fuel gauge was not reading properly, and the situation was handled so well.

So, our Grand-Prize Winner goes to Sheila Jones and the crew of *Fishhawk* for the most dramatic exit from a yacht club in recent memory. While backing out from the guest dock at the San Francisco Yacht Club, a miscommunication occurred,

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## Membership



**Jerry Jones**

## Racing Fleet



**Tim Petersen**

As we enter May the SYC racing schedule is heating up. There is no shortage of opportunities to get out and race. In addition to both our Single-handed and Summer Series, the ever-popular Beer Can Series is now underway.

Our Redwood Cup Series came to an end with race #5 on Sunday, March 28. There were 13 boats on hand to close out the series. For the final race *White Dove* (Mike Garl) took first place, and *Sail la Vie* (Phil MacFarlane) and *Linda Carol* (Ray Collier) came in second and third. Redwood Cup racing was also featured at NorCalSailing.com. Check out the www.NorCalSailing.com web site to see pictures of the SYC racing fleet as well as to read some great PR for our program. A link is posted on the SYC web site.

For the overall Redwood Cup Series results, *White Dove* (Mike Garl) took first place, and *Sail la Vie* (Phil MacFarlane) and *Head Rush* (Charlie Watt) took second and third place respectively. Thanks goes to all the boats that made this a memorable and exciting series: *Boudicca* (Cathy Meyer), *Frolic* (Marc Finot), *Head Rush* (Charlie Watt), *Iowa* (Rick Dalton), *L20* (Dan Humphreys), *Linda Carol* (Ray Collier), *Lucky Duck* (Paul McCarthy), *Magic* (Jeff Phillips), *Metridium* (John Graves), *Mirth* (Rick Gilmore), *Pizote* (John Ryan), *Primordial Sloop* (Henry Kleinberg), *Sail la Vie* (Phil MacFarlane), *Sweet Pea* (Tim Petersen), *TimBuktu* (Dan Doud), *White Dove* (Mike Garl) and *Yellow Brick Road* (John Draeger). Thanks also to Mike Garl for heading up this series.

Our Single-handed Series also continued with race #2 on Saturday, April 3. A flood tide with 10-12 knot winds at the start of the race provided near ideal conditions, although the winds did become a bit unreliable near the San Mateo Bridge. The course was 3/4 - Xp - 12p - Ys - 3/4 for a total of 7.08 nautical miles. Congratulations to *Sail la Vie* (Phil MacFarlane) for taking first place, and to *Lucky Duck* (Paul McCarthy) and *Agave* (Robin Weber) for taking second and third place respectively. The other single-handed boats were *Iowa* (Rick Dalton), *Knot to Worry* (George Sutton), *Linda Carol* (Ray Collier), *Melilani* (Rich Butts), *Murmur* (Doug Murray), *Muzzy* (Dan Lockwood) and *Timbuktu* (Dan Doud).

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A first reading was held at the General Meeting for Pete and Julie Mahowald who live in Los Altos. They have a Vanguard 15 'Deck Racer' kept at home. Pete has been crewing in some of the SYC races.



**Pete Mahowald**

Pete and Julie were nominated by John Draeger and Robin 'Agave' Weber. Their application is posted in the galley hallway for your review. Take the opportunity to have a chat with them and answer any questions they may have about the club.

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Mark your calendars now with a big X (or Dos Equis) on every Wednesday for Beer Can Racing. Be sure also to mark the calendar for Summer #2 on Saturday, May 15. As always, race information, schedules and results can be found at [www.sequoiayc.org](http://www.sequoiayc.org), then click on the SYC Racing tab. Don't forget to take a few practice turns around the new 'S' mark when you are out sailing on the bay, and make it a point to get involved with one or more of the upcoming races.



Vince Francis caught this boat on film trying to get out of the water by itself.

## For Nauti Girls & Buoys



### Deb Blackmore

One sunny afternoon, several summers ago, I had the privilege of spending three blissful hours learning to sail an El Toro. My instructor was Roberta Barnes, the doyenne of the SYC Junior Sailing program. I couldn't spin around and duck under the boom quite as deftly as Roberta; she and the kids out for lessons made me feel clumsy and oversized in the little bathtub shaped hull. But we had a wonderful adventure as we ventured out into the harbor turning basin in our tiny craft. It was as if time stood still and the sun, water sounds and wildlife were all that mattered.

For those of you who may not know, the El Toro is a one design racing boat that originated in the late 1930s at the Richmond YC. In honor of the many 'Bull Sessions' about the design, the members decided the 8' pram should be named El Toro (Spanish for 'bull') and bear the emblem of a shovel on its sail. Many El Toro's are lovingly kept in vintage condition in garages and basements up and down the Pacific Coast. SYC owns a small fleet used to train the junior sailors. The international one design fleet is more than 11,000 and most are sailed right here on the SF Bay.

The most famous El Toro regatta is called the Bullship Race. Every year scores of intrepid sailors decide to sail their 8 foot El Toros roughly 4 miles through shark-infested waters to demonstrate their bravery and yachting skills. The 57th annual Bullship Race, rescheduled for April 24, will start in Sausalito (near Horizons Restaurant), cross the treacherous "slot" and end up on the San Francisco city front at the St. Francis Yacht Club. The winners are known as Vencedores in keeping with the Spanish theme.

There is an International El Toro Racing organization, [www.eltoroyra.com](http://www.eltoroyra.com), which organizes and records the results of many more El Toro regattas held each year in the Bay area. Active fleets race in Tiburon, Richmond, Oakland, Fremont and at other local yacht clubs. Some local El Toro Regattas include: *Flight of the Bulls* (Foster City, May 8), *Fremont Relays* (May & June on Lake Elizabeth), *El Toro Stampede* (Richmond YC, October 3) and our own *Corkscrew Slough Regatta* here in Redwood City on October 9!

So think about that challenge to sail an El Toro or Laser on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Get wet, get sunburned and rediscover why you wanted to sail in the first place.

## Cruising Fleet



### John Graves

#### Bonus Cruise Out for May 16, 2010

Join John and LuAnne Graves for a day of local wine tasting by car. Come visit Picchetti Winery in the Santa Cruz Mountains in Cupertino on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Bring a blanket and picnic lunch to enjoy n their historic grounds, while we taste award winning wines. More details will follow via email.



#### Memorial Day Weekend Cruise: Sausalito

May 29 -31, 2010

Please come and join us for a three day weekend in the heart of Sausalito, where Schoonmaker marina will provide our home base. Enjoy their long and generous side-tie guest dock, a great sandy beach area to play, wonderful kayaking opportunities, and a short walk to all the food, art and charm that Sausalito has to offer. And for kids and geeks, don't miss a visit to the Bay Model.

There will be a group dinner Saturday night at a local restaurant, a spa day on Sunday at Cavallo Point, and a return home on Monday (May 31), with lots of free time for individual activities.

Mark your calendars today and signup with your Cruise Leader, **Shannon Amerman**, at [Samerman@pacbell.net](mailto:Samerman@pacbell.net).



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**CruiseOut to SFYC**  
SYC raft up in front of club.

Evening cocktail and hors d'oeuvres party on the dock.

Gathering before dinner at SFYC bar.

Morning mimosa dock party.





# Club Calendar

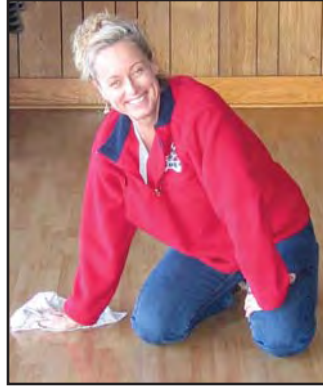
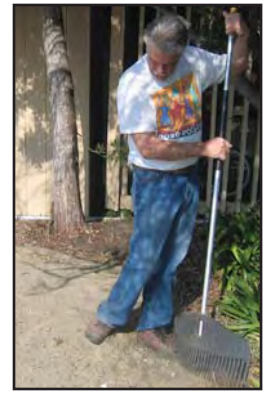
## May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 OD: Roberta Barnes	26	27	28 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	29	30	1 Floato de Mayo Junior Sailing OD: Pedro Barrantes
2 OD: James Bartlett	3	4 7pm - Board Meeting	5 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	6 Member Rental	7 6:30pm - DID	8 Member Rental OD: Thomas Batanides
9 Mothers' Day Brunch OD: Noel Bird	10	11	12 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	13	14 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting	15 OD: Peter Blackmore Summer #2
16 OD: David Bliven	17	18	19 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	20	21 6:30pm - DID	22 Junior Sailing OD: TBA
23 OD: TBA	24	25	26 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	27	28	29 CruiseOut - Sausalito OD: Ron Brown
30 CruiseOut - Sausalito OD: Kristin Butler	31 (Memorial Day)	1	2 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	3	4 6:30pm - DID -	5 Junior Sailing Member Rental OD: Terry Burley Summer #3

## June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 CruiseOut - Sausalito OD: Kristin Butler	31 (Memorial Day)	1	2 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	3	4 6:30pm - DID -	5 Junior Sailing Member Rental OD: Terry Burley Summer #3
6 OD: Winston Bumpus	7	8 7pm - Board Meeting	9 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	10	11 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting	12 Cruise-Out - South Member Rental OD: Richard Butts
13 Cruise-Out - South OD: Dennis Calvert	14	15	16 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	17	18	19 Dinghy Adult Sail OD: George Carr Past Commodores
20 OD: Bruce Cleveland	21	22	23 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	24	25 6:30pm - DID	26 Moonlight Marathon OD: Marc Cohen Sea Scout Reunion
27 OD: Ray Collier	28	29	30 12pm - Cards 6pm - Beer Can &	1	2	3 OD: Kathy Conte





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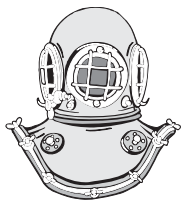


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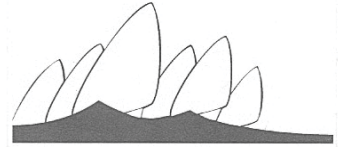
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