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Sequoia Yacht Club

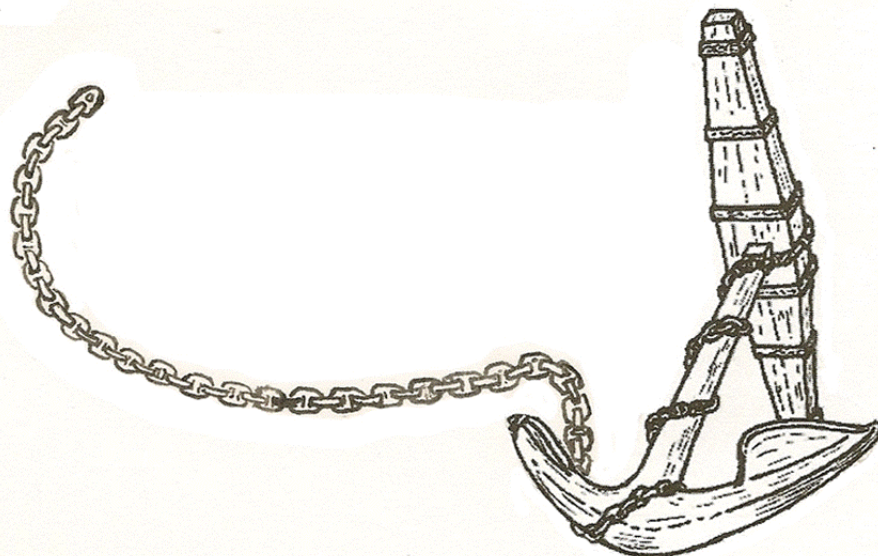
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This Month At A Glance

11/2 Monday Night Football
11/3 Board Meeting
11/4 Wednesday Lunch
11/7 **Installation Dinner**
11/9 Monday Night Football
11/16 Monday Night Football
11/18 Wednesday Lunch
11/20 Drop in Dinner
11/21 **Big Game Regatta & Dinner**
11/22 Regatta Breakfast
11/23 Monday Night Football
11/26 **Thanksgiving Cruise Out:
Angel Island**
11/30 Monday Night Football

Officers of the Day (OD)

11/1 Chris Owczarek
11/7 David Payne
11/8 Rich Pence
11/14 Tim Petersen
11/15 Jim Peterson
11/21 Adam Peterson
11/22 Stan Phillips
11/28 Jeff Phillips
11/29 Devid Pirrone
12/5 Stephen Powell
12/6 Paulette Reeder
12/12 Lee Ritchey
12/13 Don Rictchey
12/19 Cal Rothenberg
12/20 Tom Runge
12/26 Mark Sanders

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Cover photo of Commodore
Petra Gilmore's Year

Commodore's Report:



Petra Gilmore

We elected our 2010 officers and board members during our October General Meeting. The fine people who have agreed to serve SYC include:

Commodore: Byron Jacobs
Vice Commodore: Joseph Curtis
Rear Commodore: Kate Humphries
Staff Commodore: Petra Gilmore
Secretary: Tod Klingler
Treasurer: Winston Bumpus
Port Captain: Ron Brown
New Directors: Brett Herr, Ted Hannig, and Don Inouye.
Returning Directors: John Draeger, Bob Eustace and Robin Weber.

Thank you all for volunteering!

The biggest event of the year is coming up! You've got it, the Installation Dinner will be on November 7th. There are a limited amount of seats, so sign-up early!

I am torn between sadness and joy as this is my last Scope article as Commodore. Thank you for allowing me to be your Commodore this year. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you! It was my goal to gain more members and I am proud to say we added 19 new memberships this year. Thank you all for your help and support.

My mission as Staff Commodore for 2010 will be to improve the Officer of the Day program. It is so important that we have an open door and warm greeting for members and guests every weekend throughout the year. I'm sure that with better communication and support we can pull together to make this happen.

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

Another SYC year draws to a close and we head into a new one in November. I want to thank those who have pitched in to make our social year so successful and everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Vice Commodore and electing me to move up in the Flag. I am truly humbled by your friendship, support and confidence.

Larry Mayne performed his usual stellar job hosting the Barth Race Western BBQ and breakfast with Steve Holmstrom's help. They did a repeat performance with the breakfast the morning of Mike Harris' Swap Meet. If you missed the Swap Meet you missed out on some real bargains. Hopefully we'll see Mike establish the swap meet as an annual event.

By the time you read this we will have completed the roof re-surfacing under the careful and successful guidance of our House Manager, Sherry Smith with a lot of help from Herb Huber. That is a big project and a special thank you to everyone who pitched in on the power washing, caulking, painting and cleanup.

I notice she did not mention it in her article this month but our illustrious Commodore, Petra, was invited by the Port of Redwood City to speak at the boat launch ceremony on October 14th and she did us all proud as usual. She has been an admirable ambassador for our club and leaves enormous shoes to fill.

Deb Blackmore hosted our Oktoberfest DID on October 23th with a delectable menu of fine German foods and beers. Luanne Graves took on the Halloween DID on the 30th with lots of laughter and entertainment. Of course, our Social Chair, Kathy Harris, always pitches in on these and I can't overlook all of Lina Reynold's fine work in the Galley.

And don't forget that Larry Mayne is still hosting Monday Night Football with hot dogs, chili, salads and other treats for less than you would spend at a fast food joint. So come out any Monday between now and December 28th for football, fun and camaraderie.

And with that, I pass the house activities on to Joseph Curtis, your new Vice Commodore for the coming year. I wish him all the success and support you afforded me in that role.

Rear Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

October was another great month on the water! Cruise-out to Aquatic Park for Fleet Week, the South Bay Championships for large boat racing, the Corkscrew Slough Race for the small boat racing, and the last Beer Can race of the 2009 season. Make sure you check out the individual reports from the captains elsewhere in The Scope.

This is my last report as Rear Commodore. I want to thank my fleet captains for all of their hard work in making another successful year for on-the-water activities for Sequoia Yacht Club:

Jim Peterson, Racing Fleet Captain,

Rich Butts, Beer Can Fleet Captain,

Terry Burley, Cruising Captain, and

Sheila Jones, Power Fleet Captain.

When a member accepts one of these volunteer positions, they are accepting responsibility for organizing fun events for the whole SYC community. In most cases, we have a "track to run on" with a wealth of information on how such events were planned in previous years. There are many traditions that we uphold year after year, but we also have latitude to create new and different activities for our members. Individual club members take on the planning of each cruise, which gives a great sense of satisfaction in putting together exciting on the water events all around the Bay. I'd like to encourage new members to contribute by assisting next year's fleet captains to carry out their ambitious schedules. Volunteerism is what makes our club such a special place. And once again, I'd like to say thanks to our fleet captains for another great year of boating memories.

A Look to the Past



*Peter Nardini,
Club Historian &
Past Commodore*

It's November 2009, the end of our 60th year and the beginning of the 61st year of our Club's existence. As is our tradition, the "Change of the Watch" occurs on the 1st or 2nd week of November. Commodore Petra Gilmore joins the ranks of 60 Past Commodores. We welcome her and we thank her for a job well done. And to our incoming Commodore, Byron Jacobs, we wish him all the best in carrying on the traditions of our Club. And, we look forward to another exciting and successful year.

Looking through some past newsletters at the comments made by past commodores in their final articles, I noted that the general theme is to thank the members for their participation and contributions in the operation of our club and maintaining the facility. From the beginning, Sequoia has been a "do it yourself club." As you look around at the floor, the ceiling and the walls, there isn't a spot that hasn't been touched, built or improved by a member or members. We have been fortunate to have had members in the trades and members who have the skills needed for the work done. A member who was a contractor and the members built the Club.

Commodore Lee Ritchey commented that the roof was repaired and renovated back in 1988. So come help fix it, again. If you look around, you'll note that the deck and railing need to be repaired, the flagpole needs attention, and our shore boats need maintenance. So when our new Flag Officers call for help, STEP FORWARD. You'll have a good time and a good feeling, that's assured.

Some other items that I came across were that the by-laws were amended in 1985 to include wives as members of the club. 1975 appears to be the last mention of a women's racing program. Perhaps, we should consider it again. In 1976, the Christmas Decorated Boat Contest was revived. It's that time of the year for us to start thinking about what we're going to do in December.

That's enough for now. Remember this is your Club; let's take care of it.

Social Events



Kathy Harris

Annual Installation of Officers

Saturday, November 7

18:00 - 22:00, \$28 per person

Cocktails & Dinner

Sign up early to reserve your place.



Children's Holiday Party

Saturday, December 6

13:00 - 18:00

It's hard to believe that it's almost that time again. Please mark your calendars for the annual appearance of Magic Mike and Santa Claus at SYC. Everyone will enjoy an afternoon at the club with activities, gifts for the children and a potluck dinner.

Please note: this is a great time to volunteer to help if you don't have young ones yourself. You'll catch the spirit of the season and the parents and grandparents really appreciate the "extra hands" that enable them to fully relax and enjoy this special tradition at the club.



Good of the Order



LuAnne Graves

Delta cruisers will remember our hosts at Devils Isle for many years (and honorary members), Monty and Linda Roper. Lee Ritchey sends word that Linda is home recovering from a stroke. She is slowly recovering and might enjoy a get-well card or two.

Rick and Linda Dalton want the membership to know... "We are out of the PICU! Radiation therapy is going well. Today was day seven of twenty-eight treatments. We are now on the third floor in 3 South. And, we love to have visitors." We send lots of love and best wishes to Alejandra and her parents.

Eric Anderson continues to recover from the stroke he had in August, and will begin physical therapy soon. We have also heard that former Stanford Sailing Coach, Amy Gross-Kehoe, is recovering from brain surgery and continues to improve with treatment. Our best wishes go out to them both.

In September, SYC Nauti Girl Ann McDonough won the "International Year of Natural Fibers" contest sponsored by *Spin-Off Magazine*. In October Ann returned safely from the Philippines where she enjoyed diving with the Holmstrom's. She stopped by Taiwan to visit relatives, just in time to experience the 6.3 earthquake. Then, she flew on to Manila, during a time where that island is being battered by typhoons, tsunamis and flooding. Yikes!

Bar Houston wrote that on Sept. 20th, he walked one of his "kids" down the aisle. Bar has been part of Michelle Jackson's life since she was 7, and walking her down the aisle at Byington Winery was "an honor and privilege". Congratulations.

Sheila Jones and her son, Greg, visited Don and Helen Ritchey last month. They had just moved back into their home after being burned out at the beginning of the year.

Nick Weber retired after 30 years from San Francisco Petroleum Co. Nick continues to be a battalion chief for the Foster City Fire Department.

Membership



Jerry Jones

The **2010 Membership Directory** will come out in December. Please review and up-to-date your information by email to sycdirectory@gmail.com and copy to "SYC office" <office@sequoiayc.org> or snail mail to SYC Scope, P.O. Box 5548, Redwood City, CA 94063-0548. The not-so-new 2009 Membership Directory is available at the club.

Second Readings were held for:

Michele and Chris Hartman, who live in San Jose and have an Ericson 35, *Isis*, in the RWC Municipal Marina. They are hard at work refurbishing their boat. Nominated by Rick Dalton and Petra Gilmore.

Marc and Audrey Finot, who live in Palo Alto and have an Open 5.70 sailboat, *Frolic*, kept in the RWC Dry Storage. Nominated by Kathy Conte and Petra Gilmore. Welcome aboard!

Pending new member applications are posted on the bulletin board in the dining room hallway for your review. Membership applications for Senior and Junior members are also available in the hallway.

Please join us for CPR Class



taught by our own Nick Weber.
Tuesday, 11/24/09 18:00-23:00.
Only ten places available.
Sign-up at the club.

Racing Fleet



Jim Peterson
Sailboat Fleet Captain

Saturday, September 26 concluded our 4-race Single-handed Series. This was a very close series with a total of 14 boats entered. For the series, first place honors goes to Paul McCarthy, *Lucky Duck*. Second place goes to Rich Butts, *Melilani*, and third place goes to Rick Dalton, *Iowa*. The full race results can be found on the [Single-handed Series](#) page of the SYC website.

The Sequoia Yacht Club hosted the annual South Bay Championship on Saturday, October 17. Seven boats came out to the start line with a beginning of an ebb tide and light winds predicted. Alex Huang kindly volunteered to manage the race committee on Ted Hannig's catamaran, *Seascapades*, along with Winston Bumpus taking all of the finish times. Our start and finish line was at Mark S.

The first race was postponed for 30 minutes due to light winds. The race started at 1pm on a 6.47 nm course (S/f - Xp- 12p- Yp- s/F). At the start, we had winds about 5-7kts from the NW. The first place finisher was Henry Kleinberg, *Primordial Sloop* followed closely by Stan Phillips, *Smokin' J*.

The second race started at 14:55 with about 15kts of wind and building from WNW with a strong ebb current. The Race Committee selected an 8.87 nm course (S/f- Bs- Xs- 12p- Yp- s/F). Everyone's challenge was first to find Mark X (a new pole buoy that was about 12 inches above water) and second to fly and gibe their chutes in 23 kts of wind. First place finisher was Jim Peterson, *MADE Easy*, followed by Stan Phillips, *Smokin' J*.

This is a two race series with both races counted towards the cup. First Place honors goes to Stan Phillips, *Smokin' J*. Second place goes to Jim Peterson, *MADE Easy*. Full race results can be found in the spreadsheet located on the [South Bay Championship](#) page.

The 2010 racing season starts in November. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming races: Series #1, Saturday, November 7 and Redwood Cup #1, Sunday, November 22.

Sail fast, sail fun!

For Nauti Girls & Buoys



Deb Blackmore

*Dear Nauti Girls,
I'm dating someone new and thought I'd impress him by stopping in at the St. Francis Yacht Club last Saturday night. I presented my Sequoia YC card, but was mortified when we were turned away at the door. I thought that they were obligated by "reciprocal privileges" between clubs to at least let us in for a drink! Or, maybe we just weren't "hot" enough for the crowd that night?*

SWF Seeking Waterfront Thrills

Dear SWF,
Sorry, dear. But a yacht club is no different from a private home owned and financed by its members for their own use and enjoyment. Despite the well-circulated urban myth, there is nothing automatic about reciprocal privileges. Most yacht clubs in Northern California operate based on "mutual exchange use of facilities" arrangements between specific clubs, which are reviewed each year. And even then, the privileges extended do not entitle guests unlimited access. The best way to avoid embarrassment is to call ahead, or in some cases, have the SYC Commodore send a letter of introduction in advance to smooth the way for your visit. If you are lucky enough to be admitted on a casual basis, sign the guest register, wear a name tag and represent Sequoia YC like the lady your mother brung you up to be.

*Dear Nauti Girls,
We're looking forward to the upcoming Installation of Officers dinner at SYC in November. But I remember from my youthful yacht club days in The Hamptons that this is likely to be an occasion requiring blue blazers, striped ties and extreme etiquette. How does a relaxed California club like Sequoia handle all of this rigmarole?*

Fit to be Tied

Dear Tied,
It's true that you will likely see a bit of uniform and insignia among the officers of SYC on this once a year event. Many of the conventions and rituals of yachting clubs come to us by way of official navy protocols. Did you know that the Commodore rank, worn on epaulets, is three gold stars and four gold stripes? It's a sign of the esteem in which we hold these special volunteers. So suck it up, take a bath and show some respect by breaking out the blazer to wear over your Hawaiian shirt.

Cruising Fleet



John Graves
2010 Cruising Fleet Captain

A big thanks to those who have already signed up to lead a cruise-out for 2010. We assigned some tentative dates at the calendar meeting. We're still looking for cruise leaders for Petaluma, Half Moon Bay and South Beach Ice Skating. This is an easy and fun way to get involved with cruising and I'll help.

Nov 26, 2009: Angel Island / Thanksgiving

Jan 16, 2010: Jack London Square / Jazz (McDonough)

Feb 20, 2010: Coyote Point YC / Crab (Jacobs)

Mar 20, 2010: Richmond YC (Curtis)

Apr 24, 2010: San Francisco YC (Mayne)

May 29, 2010: Petaluma YC (TBD)

June 12, 2010: South Beach / Giants (Lowe)

July 10, 2010: San Leandro / Tin Cup Golf (Graves)

July 24, 2010: Presidio YC / Spa (Blackmore)

Aug 7, 2010: Sausalito / Schoonmaker Marina (Amerman)

Aug 9-12, 2010: Devils Isle / Delta (Humphreys)

Sep 4, 2010: Half Moon Bay (TBD)

Oct 9, 2010: Aquatic Park (Millet)

Nov 27, 2010: Angel Island Thanksgiving (Keegan)

Dec 18, 2010: South Beach / Ice Skating (TBD)

Photos by Ted Hannig, Steve Holmstrom, Byron Jacobs, & Sheila Jones



Don & Helen Richie are finally back in their log house at The Happy Ranch after the fire.



Richie's beautiful Llama Captain Jack Sparo



Fleet Week: the Blue Angels fly by SYC Flotilla



The Roof Project: More than 20 members volunteered over three days, to work on power washing, scraping and gutter cleaning, crack and window caulking, painting two coats of roof material, and a super clean-up, lead by head project manager Byron Jacobs.



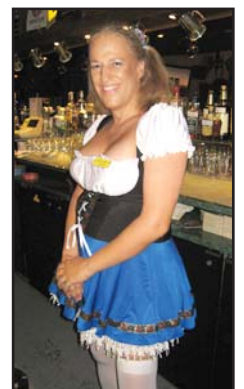
A sample of Lina Reynolds' Art Show live and on 2 computers



Scott and Bob Stanfield entertain at the OctoberFest



Dressed in OctoberFest theme are Patty and Roy Woolsey and Barwench Sherry Warburton



Club Calendar

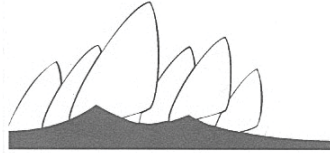
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NorCal Team Race OD: Chris Owczarek	2 6pm - Football	3 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	4 12pm - Lunch	5	6 →	7 Installation Dinner OD: David Payne Winter #1
8 OD: Rich Pence	9 6pm - Football	10 6pm - Card Night	11	12	13 Rental - Daysailor	14 Member Rental OD: Tim Petersen
15 OD: Jim Peterson	16 6pm - Football	17 6pm - Card Night	18 12pm - Lunch	19 5pm - Rental	20 6:30pm - DID	21 Big Game Regatta Dinner OD: Adam Peterson
22 Big Game Regatta OD: Stan Phillips Redwood Cup #1 8am - Breakfast	23 6pm - Football	24 6pm - Card Night	25	26 Cruise-Out Angel Island	27	28 OD: Jeff Phillips
29 Cruise-Out Angel OD: David Pirrone	30 6pm - Football	1 6pm - Card Night	2 12pm - Lunch	3	4 6:30pm - DID	5 Coast Guard Aux OD: Stephen Powell Winter #2

December 2009 OD Chair: Petra Gilmore						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Cruise-Out Angel OD: David Pirrone	30 6pm - Football	1 6pm - Card Night	2 12pm - Lunch	3	4 6:30pm - DID @	5 Coast Guard Aux OD: Stephen Powell Winter #2
6 Children's Christmas OD: Paulette Reeder	7 6pm - Football	8 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	9	10	11 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting General Meeting	12 OD: Lee Ritchey 5pm - Rental - 5-
13 OD: Don Ritchey	14 6pm - Football	15 Rental - Sea Scouts 6pm - Card Night	16 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Rental - Rotary	17	18 6:30pm - DID - Xmas	19 OD: Cal Rothenbert
20 OD: Tom Runge Redwood Cup #2	21 6pm - Football	22 6pm - Card Night	23	24	25	26 OD: Mark Sanders
27 OD: ?	28 6pm - Football	29 6pm - Card Night	30	31 New Years Eve Party	1	2

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