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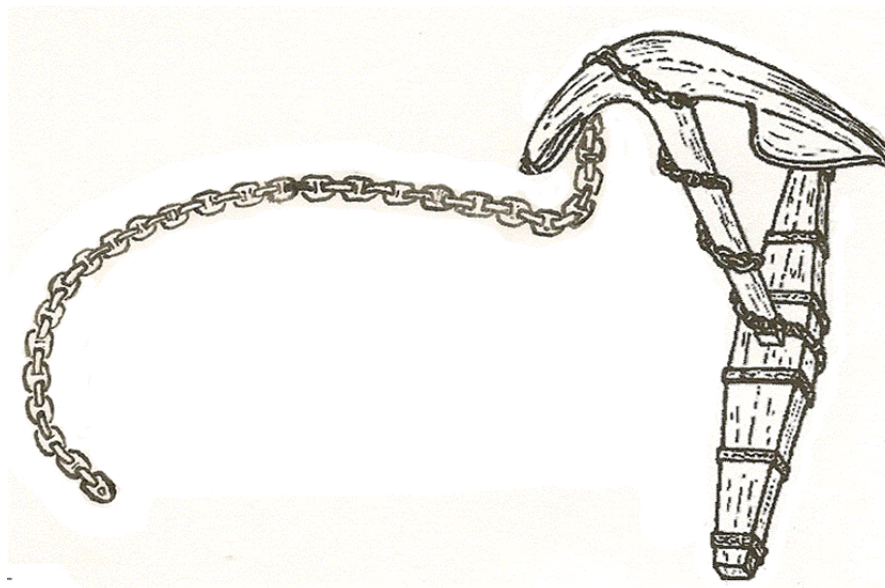
Sequoia Yacht Club

November 2010

Redwood City, CA



Rick Gilmore took these pictures during a Friday Sunset sail on Mirth. On board are Mike & Terry Marzano, Terry Burley, Dana Werner, Ron & Theresa Howard, & Peter McCormic. Especially noteworthy is 91 year old Hallie Heckler at the helm.



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## This Month At A Glance

10/2 RWC Port Festival & Breakfast  
10/6 Wednesday Lunch  
10/9 Cruise Out: Aquatic Park  
10/16 Chili Cook Off  
10/17 Regatta Breakfast  
10/22 Drop in Dinner  
10/29 Drop in Dinner

11/1 Monday Night Football (weekly)  
11/3 Wednesday Lunch  
11/5 Drop in Dinner  
11/9 Board Meeting  
11/13 Installation Dinner  
11/17 Wednesday Lunch  
11/20 Big Game Regatta/Dinner  
11/21 Big Game Regatta Breakfast  
11/26 Cruise Out: Angel Island

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10/30 Herb Huber  
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11/6 Robert Huggins  
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## *Commodore's Report*



*Byron Jacobs*

Well, here we are in November again and it's been a heck of a ride. The year has just flown past and now you will have new officers for 2011. Please be sure to sign up and attend the Installation Dinner on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The menu is exquisite and the champagne will be flowing. It should be a wonderful night you won't want to miss.

I want to offer a big thank you to all the members who pitched in and made the Port Fest such a great success. Everyone did so much. A very special thank you to Vince Francis who schlepped the audio equipment down and back from the dock, set it, and made sure the music and announcements came off without a hitch. That was an effort above and beyond the call.

At this time I also want to thank all the officers, Board members, and all the other volunteers who made this year so special for our club and me. From the wildly successful PICYA dinner to day-to-day calendar planning, club maintenance, Wednesday lunches, Junior Sailing, social events, club clean up and painting the house, YOU made the difference this year. Without your participation and generosity we would not enjoy the camaraderie and warmth of the home we call Sequoia Yacht Club. I won't take the time here to individually thank all who contributed to our success (that's fodder for a speech at the dinner!) but I hope you join me in singling out and expressing our gratitude to Joanne Wright who continues to hold our ship together. She is amazing.

As I step down as your Commodore and accept the advisory role of Staff Commodore, I do so with gratitude for the confidence and opportunity you've given me. I hope I've satisfied or exceeded your expectations. We accomplished much this past year and you have given me memories to last a lifetime.

We did what I think a club is supposed to do. We've laughed, cried, feasted, played, worked, boated, drank, sang and loved. Please join Jeanne and me on 11/13 to welcome in the new Flag. And thank you, my SYC family.

## *Vice Commodore's Report*



*Joseph Curtis*

My tenure as Vice Commodore will be drawing to a close as you read this. I want to take this opportunity to thank every volunteer that has helped with the social events and house maintenance activities. As Sequoia is a volunteer club, your participation is what makes us a successful club.

I would like to give special thanks to a few key volunteers that instrumental in helping me this past year: Kristin Butler as Social Chair, Charlie Watt as House Manager, Fred Ganji and Terry Burley as Bar Managers, Joanne Wright as Rental Manager, Gaylord Van Dyne and George Carr as head of the Wednesday Lunch Bunch, Larry Mayne as the Breakfast Manager, and Grace Lowe as the Haberdasher. Also, a big thanks to Bar Houston, Mark Millet, and Dave Bliven for all their help with several of the House projects this past year. I also want to thank our Steward, Lina, for all of her work around the club and for all of the wonderful meals she prepared this past year.

Don't forget that we have Monday Football every Monday through the end of December. Kick Off is at 5:30pm. Hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, & chips are the usual fare, though there will be special goodies from time to time; pay attention to your emails for those announcements.

Kate Humphreys will be the new Vice Commodore in the coming year. Please continue to support the Vice Commodore as you all supported me. She'll really appreciate your wonderful volunteer spirit.

I'm looking forward now to next year when I will lead as Commodore of the club. Oya and I are especially excited to guide the Mega Cruise to Turkey where together we will explore the antiquities and amenities of this wonderful cruising location!

## Rear Commodore's Report



*Kate Humphreys*

If you missed the Port Fest you missed a great event. Hundreds showed up and, as you would expect, many said they didn't even know the Port existed. It was wonderful PR for the Port and our club. Rear Commodore Ray Thomas, Guest Speaker from the Golden Gate Yacht Club, provided an entertaining and informative presentation on The America's Cup Protocol in our club.

Thanks to all our members who helped make this happen. Bar Houston and Vince Francis made sure the audio/visual systems were set up and worked properly. Kathy Harris and Deb Blackmore took care of the decorations. New Social Chair Michelle Hartman, Deb Blackmore, Larry Mayne, Joseph Cutis, Petra Gilmore, Rick Gilmore served a tasty breakfast to well over 100 people. I'm sure I missed someone in the Galley so, my apologies. Nick Weber, Jeanne Jacobs, Kristin Butler and Sherry Smith tended bar. Again, I apologize if I missed someone.

Kathy Harris coordinated the attendance by Miss Redwood City (Jackie Harris), Miss San Mateo County (Priyanka Venkatesh) and Miss Redwood City, San Mateo County's Outstanding Teen (Renee Ferrari).

And many members pitched in to set up and take down tables and chairs, clean the floor and all the other activities it takes to make this a successful event. We look forward to this event growing and becoming ever more popular in the years to come.

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water fowl has been spectacular. These openings allow more salt water to come south in the Bay due to the increased tidal plain. This new ramp also prevents the potential spread of the invasive Quagga and Zebra mussels. These little destructive creatures do not live in salt water so the boaters will not need the same inspection of their boats here. This ramp, therefore, will provide another recreational outlet for the boaters who have been using the reservoirs.

The Aviso ramp is one of the first to be constructed with a dual ramp, one for power and sailboats, and the other for paddle boaters. It also provides a link of ramps to the San Francisco Water Trail for us all to enjoy responsibly. Aviso was once known as San Jose's Front door. It is very nice to once again open that door.

## PICYA Report



*Peter Nardini*

From PICYA "LOG", July 2010 by Russ Robinson

Saturday June 5th was a great day. Not only was the weather perfect, but also a magnificent new ramp became operational after many years of hard work. The Aviso ramp will again provide access to the South Bay for all kinds of boats and paddle craft. I was extremely glad to be there to help in the dedication of this facility.

Aviso at one time was known as San Jose's Front Door due to its water access to the San Francisco Bay. That access continued until about 25 years ago when the Santa Clara County Marina and launch ramp became unusable due to heavy silting. Further dredging was not possible at that time so alternate plans were investigated. I have to point you way back to about 1974 when it was decided to do something else to provide water access for this area. Master planning was started and a number of us served on citizen committees to help in the planning process.

Over the years that followed there were more delays. First, someone thought they had heard a Clapper Rail, an endangered species, in this area. A whole year was spent listening and looking for that little critter, but none was found. The last one sighted in this area was way back at the start of the 1950's, and that was out at the end of Aviso Slough. It is doubtful if there ever was one here. Another delay was caused by a flood control project that raised the Aviso side of the levee on the Aviso Slough, and that also meant raising the elevation of the parking lot. There were other delays also, but it has taken a long time to get this ramp funded and installed.

Funding was not easy, but it was finally obtained from Santa Clara County, the California Coastal Conservancy, and the California Department of Boating & Waterways. The grant funding from the Department of Boating & Waterways comes from a fund created by the taxes that boaters pay on the fuel they buy for their boats. This is a protected fund and cannot be allocated to other uses. It should be pointed out that this ramp has not taken money away from critical issues like funding for our schools.

The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration project has opened up a number of old salt ponds and the increase in aquatic life and

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## Social Events



*Kristin Butler*

*The Commodore, Byron Jacobs, and his wife, Jeanne, cordially invite you to the*

### **Annual Installation of Officers Saturday, November 13th**

**Cocktails 18:00 Dinner: 19:00 Meeting: 20:00 \$25**

*Menu:*

*Hors D'Oeuvre*

*Mixed Green Salad*

*Choice of:*

*Filet Mignon with roasted pear and garlic sauce*

*Creamy baked chicken breast*

*Spinach stuffed Portobello*

*with:*

*French onion green beans with almonds*

*Sauteed red potatoes with rosemary*

*Chocolate Mousse with mint and raspberries*

Sign up at the club or with Byron Jacobs by Nov. 8th.

### **Children's Holiday Party Sunday, December 5th 12:00 to 18:00**

This year we're welcoming Gregorio the Great along with Santa Claus at SYC. Come enjoy an afternoon at the club with craft activities, gifts for the children and a potluck dinner. It's a wonderful way to start your festive season.



Please note: this is an opportunity to volunteer 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



*Ann McDonough*

Winston and Carole Bumpus returned from a fabulous Mediterrean Cruise to celebrate Winston's birthday. And they are looking forward to returning to Turkey next summer for the Mega Cruise.



Steve and Laurie Holmstrom along with Ann McDonough will head off to Hawaii for a diving excursion coming up soon.

Deb Blackmore attended the 2010 Northern California Women's Sailing Conference at Island Yacht Club in Alameda on October 9, where she tried to recruit new SYC members. She noticed that the gigantic new mast for Pied Piper was dockside at Svendsen's. Yea!

LuAnne Graves watched (nearly) every game (pitch) in the National League playoffs between the SF Giants and the Atlanta Braves. She reported that she is on the waiting list to adopt Buster Posey.

Bernie Wahle will be returning from her summer in Maine on October 13. Welcome back.

John Zolck and Stacy Markel participated in the 2010 Leukemia Cup Regatta on their Newport 28, *Water Horse*. Thanks to all who donated to support the cause.

Dan Dowd's grandson, Paul Dowd (age 3), and his parents Duane and Andrea have recently moved to Houston, TX to be near the M.D. Anderson Center, where Paul will soon be having advanced treatment on his immune system. Our thoughts are with you.

Alejandra Dalton will be three years old on October 19. Her current treatment at UCSF Hospital is going well. Happy Birthday, Allie!

## Membership



*Jerry Jones*

**Richard Blackmore** had his first reading for Corinthian membership at the October Membership meeting. He was nominated by Deb Blackmore and Larry Mayne.

Richard graduated from Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio and has moved back to the Bay Area. His degree was in Earth Sciences and he is volunteering his time at three local museums to further his career as a natural history curator. Richard has been active in sea kayaking, El Toro sailing, Beer Can Races and cruising. He sails on the family boat *Pied Piper*, an Oyster 49, and the Alerion 28.



**Richard Blackmore**

The following Honorary Memberships were approved by the membership: **Carl Hammer**, past Commodore 1993 and **Tom Cronin**, new Port Commissioner, a former Planning Commissioner and Executive Director of Redwood City Police Athletic League.

### New Online Membership Directory

Our membership Directory is now available online. You must first log into our website ([www.sequoiayc.org](http://www.sequoiayc.org)) using your personal username and password. Your account information was sent to you last year when we set up the new website. Your username is the First and Last Name of the primary member. If you don't remember your password, please use the "Request New Password" link under the sign in box. A single use login link will be sent to the email address used to set up your web account. By default, this is the email address you provided for the membership directory and mailing list.

After you log in, you can access the directory by clicking on the link "Membership Directory" on the left under "Club Documents". At the bottom of the "Membership Directory" page is an attachment (a .PDF file) that contains the directory.

The .PDF file is also password protected. This protects our directory from unauthorized access and use by outsiders or for mass mailings. It is even more secure than our printed Club Roster! Once open, you will be able to search, view and print the document.

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## Racing Fleet



*Tim Petersen*

The final race of the season, the South Bay Championship, was held on Oct. 16. It's hard to believe that we've reached the end of the 2010 race calendar. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have helped make this year a success.

Thanks to Mike Garl for leading the 2010 Redwood Cup Series. The Redwood Cup is a fun series that keeps us sharp for the upcoming summer winds and prepares us for Beer Can race starts. A big thank you goes to Steve Holmstrom for all his efforts in making the 2010 Beer Can series a huge success, especially for introducing PHRF incentives to bring new members into the club and for leading the many races throughout the year. Thanks also to Jim Peterson, Kate Humphreys, Joseph Curtis and Byron Jacobs for their support, enthusiasm and advice throughout the year, and to John Draeger for passing along his expertise in building Sequoia racing marks.

But overall I want to thank the skippers and crew that came out to participate in all the races over the course of the 2010 race season. It was a great year. We had 45 boats participate in at least one of the Sequoia club races, with most sailing multiple races and series. We sailed in light winds and in challenging winds, in sunshine, rain, daylight, moonlight and darkness, and we ate a lot of sausages and chips along the way.

I have agreed to continue on as the Large Sailboat Fleet Captain for 2011, so the cycle starts again in November. Robin Weber will be the Redwood Cup Fleet Captain and Steve Holmstrom has agreed to continue on as the Beer Can Fleet Captain. I'm looking forward to another great year of racing. The first race of the 2011 season is Redwood Cup #1 on Sunday, Nov. 7 and the Winter Series starts with Winter #1 on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Thanks again for a great 2010 season, and I look forward to seeing you at the start line in November.

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## For Nauti Girls & Buoys



*Peter McCormick*

The annual October "Cork Screw Slew Regatta" has once again come and gone. WOW, what a wonderful treat of a race. Over 25 boats participated this year including a sweet little contingent of our own Junior Sailors.

You think El Toro's are only for kids? Mention that to the crowd of veteran El Toro aficionados. I'm not such a little kid any more, but this crowd, for the most part were all seniors to me. They were good too. Larry Mayne coordinated a great starting line which pointed the fleet (a short leg) to windward marker "20", to port, and downwind to Pete's Harbor and off around the sloughs.

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon, with ideal 6-10 knots of wind. The fleet tacked around the slough in good order. The tide was high, to the point some land was hidden under water, cut those corners carefully. Oops. I only had to jibe once, which surprised me, the Cork Screw has a lot of bends and jibing is often common. The relatively light wind made jibing not much of a worry, but still my close competition nearly dumped. It's fun to be close enough to shake hands with the guy racing next to you, and I was glad that he was to leeward as had he been windward his mast could have conked my head!

For me one of the most impressive features of the fleet was the quality of sailors with total dedication to their boats. We all love our boats, this group is no different in that aspect, yet most sailors migrate to bigger more complicated boats, jibs, mizzens, spinnakers, with a large variety of do-hickies to play with and adjust, all complicating the art.

The El Toro is as basic as a sailboat can get. A mainsail, tiller, sheet, cunningham, boomvang. Make it go. Clunky sailors can get by with clopping around their big boats, shifting your tail in an El Toro requires technique. The margin of perfection is easily witnessed in such a small boat, and this group has honed their skills and their boats. Witnessing the precision of movement, the technique to tack, jibe and adjust while at the same time staying comfortable and well positioned in your boat. Cool. It's so easy to get a cramp here, something poking your side there, the sheet under your foot or under something. Even a slight turn of your head can rock this boat.

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## Cruising Fleet



*John Graves*

### Angel Island Post-Thanksgiving Cruise Out November 26-28



Add some sailing fun to your usual festivities. The SYC cruisers are planning a post-holiday meet-up at Angel Island. For more details on where, how, and what, contact Cruise Leader Tom Keegan.

### South Beach Harbor Skating & Shopping Cruise Out December 18-19

Cruise Leader Sherry Smith says... "It's doesn't get much more festive than this!" Slips have been booked for the always popular South Beach Harbor, so claim yours asap. We will walk to the ice skating and shops along The Embarcadero. Hot cocoa anyone?



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Thanks to a tremendous showing of Juniors and Seniors from the local fleet, this was the biggest Corkscrew Race in recent memory - 25 sailors, 17 seniors and 8 juniors completed the course. The trophies for this year's event were handsomely recycled from the collection of long time Toro sailor and builder, Terry Schmidt - thanks Terry.

Top finishers: The trophy for the first junior to finish went to SYC's Peter Anderson. Third place for the seniors was well earned by Bruce Bradfute. Second place went to the consistently fast Chris Straub. And 1st place for the 2010 Corkscrew went to the venerable Gordie Nash. SYC has set the date for next year's event for **Saturday, October 15, 2011**. Mark your calendars! Fun? It was fantastic, and this group of sailors is as good and interesting as they come.

**Photos** by John Zolck, Petra & Rick Gilmore, Steve Holmstrom, Tom Keegan, Kate Humphries, Mark Millet, Byron Jacobs, Chris Owczarek & Jerry Jones

Redwood City PortFest Welcome Ceremony with the West Bay Community Band, a full day of activities including Hi-Speed, Eco Friendly Ferry dockside tours and the Marine Science Institute boat tour aboard "The Brownlee"



FYI, an SYC racing update. Sequoia Yacht Club has won the Los Gatos Yacht Club Interclub Challenge Race for the second year in a row! This year, the race format was a series of five races in Merit 25 yachts, with two throw-outs. The SYC team was undefeated, finishing first in each of the May, June and July races.

The other two clubs, Los Gatos Yacht Club and the Ames Sailing Club (NASA), then conceded the series and cancelled the remaining races.

Sequoia's yachts were crewed by Chris Owczarek, Jon McCarty, Rick Gilmore, John Zolck, and Victor Obreza, with Brett Herr as captain.



Wednesday October 13, the **Last Beer Can Race** of the 2010 Season

See page 10 for the report on John Zolck's team that raced *Waterhorse* in the Leukemia Cup.





# Club Calendar

## November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 OD: Bernard Accristo	1 6pm - Football	2	3 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	4	5 6:30pm - DID	6 Member Rental OD: Robert Huggins
7 OD: Dan Humphreys Redwood #1	8 6pm - Football	9 7pm - Board	10 12pm - Cards	11	12	13 Installation Dinner OD: Byron Jacobs Winter #1
14 Member Rental OD: Jim Humphries	15 6pm - Football	16	17 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	18	19 6:30pm - DID	20 Big Game Regatta Dinner OD: Cheryl Jasper
21 Big Game Regatta Breakfast OD: Matt Jaunich	22 6pm - Football	23	24 12pm - Cards	25 (thanksaving)	26 Cruise-Out - Angel Island	27 OD: Chris Johnson
28 Cruise-Out - Angel OD: Marge Johnstone	29 6pm - Football	30	1 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	2	3 6:30pm - DID	4 OD: Jerry Jones

## December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Cruise-Out - Angel OD: Marge Johnstone	29 6pm - Football	30	1 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	2	3 6:30pm - DID	4 OD: Jerry Jones
5 Childrens Xmas OD: Tom Keegan Redwood #2	6 6pm - Football	7 7pm - Board	8 12pm - Cards	9	10 6:30pm - DID Membership Meeting 7:30pm -	11 OD: Richard Kern Winter #2
12 OD: Robert King	13 6pm - Football	14 Gryphon Rental	15 12pm - Cards 12pm - Lunch	16	17 6:30pm - DID &	18 Cruise-Out - South OD: Sam Kirkes
19 Cruise-Out - South OD: Olivier Lauzeral	20 6pm - Football	21	22 12pm - Cards	23	24	25 (Christmas) OD: none
26 OD: none	27 6pm - Football	28	29 12pm - Cards	30	31 New Year's Eve	1

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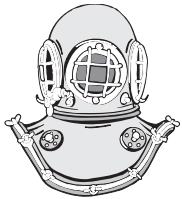


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A note from John Zolck about the the team that raced *Waterhorse* in the Leukemia Cup. The members of Sequoia were very supportive and helped raise money for the cause. Below are my thoughts about the fundraising event Sunday, October 3rd at The San Francisco Yacht Club.

We would like to thank everyone for their support. We received some very generous donations and exceeded our fundraising goal by 400%.

The team: Brett Herr - Skipper and Helm, Chris Owczarek - Bow, Strategist, and technical equipment support David Elliott - Mainsheet and grinder Jon McCarty - Jib sheet and back up rail meat, John Zolck - Tactician and power plant operator, Stacy, Johannes, Payton, and many others were on the cheering crew.

On the water the team worked together very well. Our race was very competitive with a lot of locals, however, we were able to edge out two 31' Hunter's that were newer and by design faster than our boat. There were over 70 boats (yachts) on the water in nine different starts, which made for a very exciting day.

We hope you enjoy the enclosed picture and look forward to future racing communications as this was the teams first "North Bay Race" on *Waterhorse*. (From left to right in picture: Brett, Chris, John Z, Jon M, David) Fairwinds and following seas, *Waterhorse* & Crew



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