



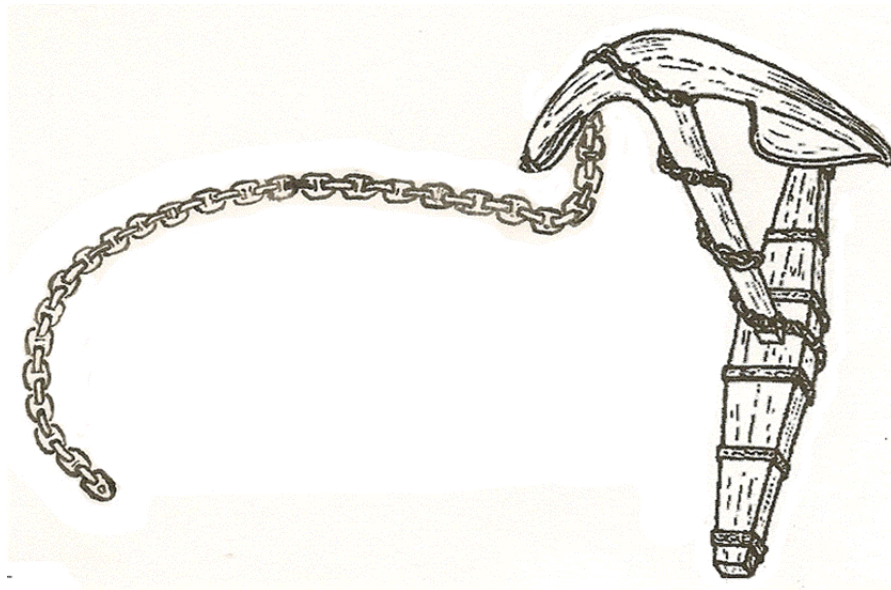
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Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

It is official! The officers and Board members for 2012 were elected at the October General Meeting. They are:

Commodore: Kate Humphreys

Vice Commodore: Peter Blackmore

Rear Commodore: Winston Bumpus

Staff Commodore: Joseph Curtis

Secretary: Mrs. Robin Weber

Treasurer: Kathryn Maxwell

Port Captain: Dan Lockwood

New Directors: Tod Klingler, Dan Doud, John Ryan

Returning Directors: Grace Lowe, Doug Murray, Tim Petersen

Thank you all for your service during the upcoming year! We will transfer roles at the Installation Dinner on November 12. This is one of our more formal events (one of your few chances to see your current Commodore in a tie), so come on down and celebrate another successful year completed and the start of a new year and more great times for Sequoia members.

We have a new format this year since all of the racing trophies were added at the Racer's Ribs Dinner at the conclusion of the South Bay Championships. This should make for a shorter meeting, unless your current Commodore decides to get long-winded, again.

This is my last "official" Scope article. I'll save my long list of "Thank You's" for my farewell address at the Installation Dinner, but let me say to all Sequoia Members wherever you may be at the moment that it has been an honor to serve you as Commodore and your support and encouragement has been greatly appreciated.

See you at the Club!

Vice Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

It is truly the month of Thanksgiving and all that it means. I can't believe another year has flown by! It has been truly an honor to serve as your Vice Commodore. So many have made this a wonderful and memorable year.

I would like to extend a big round of thanks to all who have stepped up and helped me. I could not have done it without you. As you see them about the club, please join me in saying a heartfelt thanks to:

**Michele Hartman - Social Chair,
Gaylord Van Dyne and George Carr -
Wednesday Lunch Bunch,
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and to all those who have volunteered their time to host a party, help in the kitchen or behind the bar, install the new grill parts, replace light bulbs, work on our Wi-Fi, and keep our dishwasher running (David you are a miracle worker!!) It was a job well done by all. It truly "takes a village" to run our club.

In November please come on down and join your fellow Sequoians for a meal, libation or just great conversation. Don't forget our big events which are the Installation Dinner and Big Game Regatta.

Fair winds and I hope to see you all at the club!

Rear Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

We have just celebrated the end of season racing with a great event - a dinner and awards ceremony, Racer's Ribs, held immediately after the South Bay Championship.

I think this new format is here to stay! It gave a relaxed and fun atmosphere to recognize some great sailing in the main series and the Beer Can season.

We had 23 races in the series events such as the Redwood Cup, Winter and Summer Series, plus the special events such as the Moonlight Marathon and Westpoint Regatta. We also had 31 beer can races, including four Friday beer cans.

That makes a total of 54 events with over 40 boats participating just from Sequoia and 13 boats from other clubs. You sailed a total of 503 miles!!

This year's big winners were:

- Charlie Watts** on *Head Rush* whupped us all in the Winter Series and Redwood Cup
- Rich Butts** on *Melilani* scarcely needed the luck of the Irish in The St. Patrick's Day race,
- Stan Philips** on *Smokin' J* smoked all in the Summer Series,
- Paul McCarthy** on *Lucky Duck* led all the way in the Commodore's Single-Handed and Angus Foss Memorial,
- Nico Popp** on *Dare Dare* triumphed in the South Bay Chamionship,
- David Alvarez** on *Jet Stream* nailed the Westpoint Marina Regatta,
- John Graves** on *Metridium* gained victory in the Moonlight Marathon,
- Jim Peterson** on *Made Easy* rocked the competition in the Barth Memorial,
- Paul McCarthy** on *Lucky Duck* won the Hale Kai trophy for most participation in all races,
- Rick and Petra Gilmore** on *Mirth* captured the Beer Can overall First Place and the Iowa Cup for most pick-ups.

It was an outstanding season and we offer our very sincere thanks to Tim Petersen, our Sail Fleet Captain, to Robin Weber the Redwood Cup Captain and to Steve Holmstrom our Beer Can Captain. You all did great!!!

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Junior Sailing



Peter McCormick

The holidays will be here soon and the Fall Session will be wrapping up. We had a successful Spring and Fall Session adding a new class "El Toro: Adventure". This class came about as a way to teach kids more about planning your sail and to sail safely on excursions. We've also added "Laser Prep," a step towards the windier, more challenging afternoon Laser class.

We started 2011 with two new, but un-assembled Radial Pro-rig Lasers. We assembled and have sailed them throughout the year. The Pro-Rig gives a good lesson in sail trim and the new boats add an element of quality to our sailing.

We also acquired some El Toro's used but improved. The Sequoia El Toro fleet is an aging fleet which means more repairs to maintain.

Both our Spring and Fall sessions were almost completely full.

Headcount Spring Classes:

El Toro : Beginners	7
El Toro : Intermediate	6
El Toro : Adventure	7
Laser : Laser	5

Headcount Fall Classes:

El Toro : Beginners	8
El Toro : Intermediate	6
El Toro : Adventure	7
Laser : Laser	4

By comparison, 2010 classes had about 18 students, so we've built the program participation by 30%!

In addition to classes our Junior Program expanded to holding "General Sail Days". This new but growing activity supports both adults and juniors sailors. "Time on the Water" is the mantra. Our juniors will benefit from "Time on the Water" as will our adults, and juniors will learn more sailing with adults than they will learn on their own. We supported 12 or more sail days through-out this year. We hope to improve on that in 2012.

Come on down, sail play and learn about small boat sailing.

Social Events



Michele Hartman

Saturday, November 12th Annual Installation Dinner

Hosts: Joseph and Oya Curtis
Menu: Choice of

- Roasted Filet Mignon topped with a five onion cognac and mushroom confit
- Baked Chicken Breast slow cooked with a creamy mushroom and swiss cheese sauce
- Five cheese tortellini with a asparagus mushroom cream sauce

All three choices served with: Seafarer Shrimp Salad, Sweet Bourbon Corn Pudding, Potato and Root vegetable mash

Dessert: Lemon Torte with Honey Roasted Walnuts.
Cocktails 18:00, Dinner 18:30, Program 19:15
\$25 per person.

An elegant evening handover ceremony and show of appreciation for all of the volunteers who make SYC great.

Children's Holiday Tea Party Sunday, December 11 13:00-17:00

Hosts: Peter & Deb Blackmore

Back by popular demand for children of all ages, we will have **Magic Mike**. Join us for crafts, show, snacks and Santa. **RSVP** to dkayblack@aol.com or sign up at the club to let us know who you are planning to bring. \$10.00 per person.



Holiday Spirit Pageant DID Friday, December 16

Cocktails: 18:00 DID: 19:00

We're reviving Cal and Dot Rothenberg's musical evening. Lina will serve us a holiday feast. Come laugh and sing some slightly nutty holiday songs to boost your holiday spirit.



Bi-Coastal New Year's Eve Celebration Saturday, December 31st

Ring in the New Year with your Commodores from 19:00 to 24:00.

Bi-Coastal means that we'll call it midnight from 21:00 (East Coast) and stay merry until it's time on the West Coast. Appetizers and desserts will be offered all evening. Music by MARS from 21:00.



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Membership News



Jerry Jones

The 2012 Membership Directory will be coming out soon. Please help us to update your information to make it as accurate as possible. Our Membership Directory is a useful tool for us all and can really save the day when you need to quickly find a helping hand for a sailing date or project. Take a few minutes to be sure that your information is correct and contact Sheila Jones at sjustjones@gmail.com or Jerry Jones at jjustjones@yahoo.com with any changes. Time is getting short. Thanks.

At the October General Meeting we had two First Readings for Membership:

Andrew & Karen Rist from Menlo Park. They have an Open 5.7 Big Air in the RWC dry storage. Nominated by Alex Huang and Larry Mayne.



Andrew Rist

Steven Higgs & Mary Ann Faue from Hayward. Steve has been around the club for the last several years



Steven Higgs

preparing some wonderful meals for us. Nominated by Peter Blackmore and Kate Humphreys.

Also we had three Second Readings:

Marc & Marjorie McMorris from Atherton. They have a Santana 22 Rhapsody in the RWC Marina. Nominated by Charlie Watt and Don Inouye



Marc McMorris

Fadi Maamari & Deborah Garvey



Fadi Maamari & Deborah Garvey

from San Jose. Fadi has been crewing in the Beer Can Races. Nominated by Brett Herr and Chris Owczarek.

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Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

The final race of the season, the South Bay Championship, was held on Oct. 15. It's hard to believe that we've reached the end of the 2011 race calendar. Congratulations to **Dare Dare** (Nico Popp) for taking first place in the spinnaker division, and to **Iowa** (Rick Dalton) for taking first place in the non-spinnaker division. Thanks go to Winston Bumpus for taking out **Dolci Sogni** as committee boat, and to Joseph Curtis for assisting him. Thanks also to Winston for suggesting that we include windward-leeward races as a part of our series races. It was a great format for the final two races of the season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have helped make this year a success. Thanks to Robin Weber for leading the 2011 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 running the 2011 Beer Cans for a second year and for continuing to make this our most popular Sequoia race series, to Ron Brown and Mark Sanders for running the Westpoint Marina Regatta, to Brett Herr for his continuing advocacy of Merit Fleet racing, and to Ted Hannig and Kristin Butler for the successful Hannig Cup event. Special thanks goes to Rear Commodore Peter Blackmore for his enthusiastic support of Sequoia racing and for constantly urging us to think of ways to improve and grow our program.

Thanks also goes to Vice Commodore Kate Humphreys, and especially to Michele Hartman, for helping us close out each of our series with a variety of social events, and to Commodore Joseph Curtis for keeping us on an even keel for 2011. Thanks to Winston Bumpus for taking **Dolci Sogni** out as the committee boat for the Summer Series, to Larry Mayne for his role in obtaining all the pieces of the new Y mark and organizing its deployment, to John Draeger for setting a temporary mark at the start many of our races to square the line to the wind, and to all those who took the time to share their thoughts and passion on the craft, art and spirit of sailboat racing.

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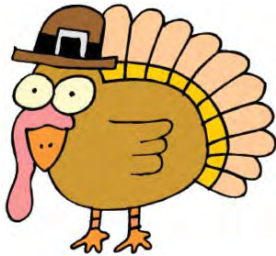
Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

Thanksgiving Cruise Out: Angel Island, Thursday, November 25-27

Traditions make us feel warm and happy inside. One of our favorite SYC traditions is to follow in the footsteps of our forefathers by conquering unknown lands by boat.



We eat our shared Thanksgiving feast on the beach at Angel Island. Why loiter at home feeling over-stuffed and sleepy when you could be hiking and sailing with SYC? Please join us.

Contact Cruise Leader: Tom Keegan on
TomKeegan50@gmail.com.

Lighted Yacht Parade Cruise Out: Encinal Yacht Club Saturday-Sunday, December 3-4

Kick off the holiday season with some boating for a good cause. Last year's boat parade generated \$2000 in cash donations and \$2500 in toys and food in support of the Oakland Firefighters Random Acts and the Alameda County Community Food Bank.



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These are great sailing stories that offer a rare view of life on the bay in the early 1900s. You can get free versions of e-books here: <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/911>

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Our Cruising year has also been a tremendous success with memorable events at South Bay YC, Jack London Square, Oakland YC, San Francisco YC, San Leandro YC, Sausalito, Aquatic Park, The Delta, and Half Moon Bay with Angel Island and Encinal YC yet to come! We usually had 10 to 12 boats and more than 40 people on each cruise out. We all enjoyed the tremendous camaraderie and fun whether dining, potlucks, docktails and some serious sailing or just cruising around...and a few well earned ONO awards (or near misses). Very well done to all the organizers for each cruise event and to Petra Gilmore our Cruising Captain.

I really hope you all enjoyed this year as much as I did. Sequoia is a great club on the water, which is at the heart of all we do and this was a tremendous year thanks to all of you!!

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But most of all I want to thank all the skippers and crew that came out to participate in the Sequoia races over the course of the 2011 race season. It was a great year. We had 43 boats participate in at least one of the Sequoia club races, with most sailing multiple races and series. We sailed over 500 miles in light winds and in challenging winds, in sunshine, rain, daylight, moonlight and darkness, and we celebrated our wins and used our losses to improve our skills.

The cycle starts again in November as we begin our 2012 race season. The first race of the 2012 season is Redwood Cup #1 on Sunday, Nov. 6 and the Winter Series starts with Winter #1 on Saturday, Nov. 19. Make it a point to get out and join in on one of our winter races, whether as skipper or crew, these are some of our most popular series races of the year.

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Good of the Order

Rick Gilmore

The Good of the Order is the place to broadcast our "good" news. So, I will lead off by saying that my stint as Officer of the Day was a huge success and a great party. I hear that Rear Commodore Blackmore didn't fare as well on his Sunday a week later. Yawn. Better luck next time, bucko.

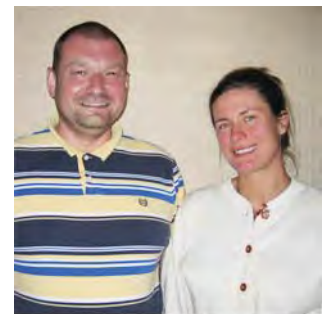
Sheila Jones is recovering nicely from her fling with an All Terrain Vehicle in Alaska. Sarah Palin watch out, our Sheila is tough. Not one to let mere torn blood vessels and scary nerve damage get her down, she is back to her computers Photo Shopping away. We hope that she'll be well enough to get behind her camera and back to the club soon.

Deb Blackmore is off to Merry Olde Englande for a ten day visit. She'll tour the autumnal countryside spreading good cheer and, no doubt, boosting the local economy.

Ann McDonough just returned from a long weekend in Vermont. We hear that she was weaving all over the place.

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Przemyslaw and Aleksandra Karwasiecki from Sunnyvale. They have been crewing in the Beer Can Races. Nominated by Brett Herr and Chris Owczarek. Their Membership Applications are posted in the hallway by the galley for your review.



Przemyslaw & Aleksandra Karwasiecki

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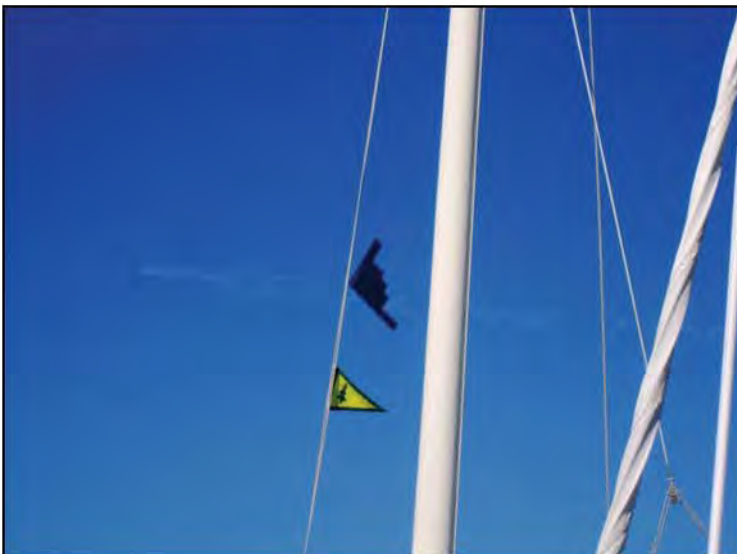
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Hot Shots

by Lina Reynolds, Larry Mayne, Fabian Pease, Lorianna Kastrop, Tim Petersen, & Doug Murray

PortFest Breakfast served at SYC



Corkscrew Race sailed in El Toros



Last Beer Can Race - it might have been dark when they finished, but they were having fun!



Racer's Ribs & Awards Dinner



SYC Club Events for October 2011



Upcoming Race Events:

- 11/6 Redwood Cup #1**
11/19 Winter #1: Big Game Regatta
12/10 Winter #2
12/18 Redwood Cup #2

For more up-to-the-minute details, check www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar.

Children's Holiday Party Sunday, December 11

An afternoon tea for children of all ages.
Bring your whole family or someone else's.



- 13:00 Crafts with Carolyn Petersen
14:30 Magic Show with Magic Mike
15:30 Santa arrives with gifts

\$10 per person

Cookies, snacks, and festive music that will help you remember why we have the holidays

Reservations are **REQUIRED** at dkayblack@aol.com or sign up at the club. Let us know the name, gender and age of your young guests to forward to Santa.

Annual Installation Dinner Saturday, November 12

SYC has a rich history of service by a long line of officers and other dedicated volunteers.

Come raise a glass to the incoming group who will lead us into 2012.

Cocktails: 18:00
Dinner: 18:30
Program: 19:15

Catered fine dining. \$25 per person.
Sign up at the club or at joseph.syc@gmail.com.



Past Commodore (1970) George (Mack) McElroy passed away in May.
Mack was a great sailor and a strong supporter of Yachting

Announcing the 2011 Big Game Regatta November 19-20

It's official, SYC sailors are animals! There'll be lots of wildlife around the club all weekend.

Come down for a drink, a race, a Saturday night dinner or a fantastic (and cheap) Larry Mayne breakfast on Sunday morning.



Show the competition how tribal we are! See you at the club.