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corrections.*

Commodore's Report:



John Graves

September had some great activities. It started with the adventuresome Blue Water Cruise to Half Moon Bay, followed by a captivating Sequoia Reads with Dawn Riley discussing her racing adventures, then the Barth Race with Coyote Point, Western BBQ Party and finally Crew Overboard Training. Thanks to all the volunteers who made these events happen. I love to see the club so busy! October will bring calendar planning for 2009, Aquatic Park cruise-out for Fleet Week, and more racing and dinners. I hope to see you there. Thanks to all the members who took the time to fill out the member survey.

Main Findings of our Club Member Survey

First, we wish to thank our members who responded. We found that most members are happy with the food, social events, bar and cleanliness of the club, but would like to see improvements in the deck, shoreboats, website, restrooms and Internet access. Most members agree to raising dues and food/bar/party prices if necessary, but almost all oppose a quarterly minimum charge and paid bartenders. A majority would like to see the deck repaired and improved, but not necessarily enlarged. The club is split between wanting more buffet dinners and more BBQ dinners. Most would like the club to look into a possible move to Westpoint Marina, but only if it was financially attractive, the club could be kept much the same as today and the club definitely would not become more upscale or expensive. Members feel the most important way to attract and retain new members is through friendliness and welcoming new people into the club.

Recommendations

1. Increase efforts to attract new members, through advertising, friends, dock neighbors, membership drives, etc
2. Investigate Westpoint Marina, but only consider a move if the club can be much as it is now and financially attractive.
3. Proceed with plans to repair the deck (after considering a move to Westpoint), trying to minimize the cost, probably not enlarging the deck, and encourage the Port to contribute.
4. Recommend an increase in bar prices, and annual dues when necessary. Do not impose a quarterly minimum charge or hire professional bartenders or caterers.
5. Improve the cleanliness of the heads, and look into upgrading.
6. Increase the number of BBQ DIDs, with steaks available on buffet (meeting) nights.
7. Upgrade the club website and wireless internet
8. Remove member advertising from club emails.
9. Upgrade the shoreboats and club sailboats.
10. Repeat the survey every few years.

Full survey results are available to any member on request.

Vice Commodore's Report:



Petra Gilmore

Ryan's last day with us will be October 10th. We will miss her yummy dinners and her cheerful attitude. Come to the Drop-in-Dinner that night, wish her well and a safe trip home! October 10th is also our General Meeting night. Join us and get caught up on all the latest news!

Do you want to know what is happening in 2009? Want to have a say-so in our Social, Racing and Cruising plans? SYC's calendar planning party will be on October 14th at 1930. This is the night we "bring it all together"! (Please note that the Cruising Planning Party is September 30th and the Racing Calendar Party is October 2nd. Bring your ideas to the table.)



Our **Annual Chili Cook-off** will be **October 24th**. Come bring your unique and/or award winning concoction to the D-I-D. There will be prizes for the Spiciest, Most Unique, and Best Overall. Come try out! See you all at the Club!

October OD Chair: John Graves

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Submissions to The Scope should be forwarded to SequoiaScope@yahoo.com.

Check on club activities at www.SequoiaYC.org.

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Rear Commodore's Report



Byron Jacobs

Ahoy SYC Racers and Skippers!

Sadly, our racing season is coming to a close but we still have some great cruise-outs lined up! On the racing scene, our multi-talented Commodore, John Graves, won the Moonlight Marathon in what may be record time up and around Treasure Island on August 23-24. Metridium crossed the finish line at 00:01 hours! By all accounts it was a fun and enjoyable race.

Our club did not fair so well in the Barth Race on September 13-14 but there were a lot of competitors. Coyote Point and Sequoia each fielded 10 boats – CPYC had 1 boat in the spinnaker division while we produced 6 spinnaker racers. Coyote Point Yacht Club finished the 2-race series with 44 total points, beating us by 10 points. While our own Stan Philips (Smokin' J) and Henry Kleinberg (Primordial Sloop) took 1st and 2nd in the spinnaker division, all top three slots went to CPYC in the non-spinnaker division. The Barth trophy picture now goes to CPYC until next year. Lots of fun and fine food were enjoyed at the dinners. Thanks to Larry Mayne for all his work in setting up our Western BBQ dinner and breakfast the following morning. A big thank you to all the racers who came out for this annual event and a special thanks to Jim Peterson who stepped in for our vacationing Sail Fleet Captain, John Draeger, and made the race the success it was.

The last beer can race will be October 8th and you don't want to miss it! If you haven't been out on a beer can yet this year you really should plan on joining us for this one. We will make room for everyone who wants to sail even if it sets our boats down to their waterlines! You don't need to know squat about sailing and even if you've been seasick in the past you'll find we don't bounce around that much on the Bay. So what are you waiting for? It's a major social event with burgers and beer following the race. And you definitely do not want to miss the final performance of our illustrious and exciting Beer Can Fleet Captain – Rick Gilmore!

Mark your calendars! Upcoming races include the Single Handed #4 and Commodore's Race on October 18th and then on October 25th-26th we have the South Bay Championships. If you didn't like some of the dates we picked for racing this year or if you want to see more racing next year, be sure to come to the 2009 Racing Calendar Planning meeting on October 2nd at 19:00 hours.

On the cruising scene, David Oates hosted a wildly successful blue-water cruise out to Half Moon Bay over Labor Day. Swells were 10-12', skies were fair and we were able to beat to windward on the way home. Coming up on 9/20 we have the ever popular Westpoint Power Out and potluck dinner hosted by Jerry Jones.

Join us on September 30th at 19:00 hours for our 2009 Cruise-out Planning Meeting and help us prepare for another wonderful year of cruising. Then save the date for the Fall cruise out you don't want to miss – Tom Keegan's Aquatic Park cruise with the Fleet Week parade and the Blue Angels overhead. Aquatic park is October 11th-12th so sign up now.

Those of you who missed the boat show in Oakland 9/6-13 didn't really miss too much. The show was rather small but the Cruising Mexico talk at West Marine made the trip worthwhile. Dick Markie is the harbor master at Nuevo Vallarta's Paradise Village Marina and very knowledgeable about cruising down the West Coast. I tape recorded most of the talk and will make CDs available to those of you who would like to have one. See you on the water!

A Look to the Past



Peter Nardini,
Club Historian &
Past Commodore

In reading a newspaper article, Redwood City Tribune, 1955, Sequoia Yacht Club had 83 members nearly twice as many as in 1941 when E. D. Mervy and Al Davies figured prominently bay area yachting circles. Our flag officers that year were Stan Schoff, Com. and '39 member, Stan McIntyre, V. Com; Brian Welch, Port Capt.; (still a member); Frank Matham, SEc and veteran yachtsman; H. (Fish) Scales, (Com '41) Treas.; W.W. Hilton, was the club's spokesman (Bill was a mayor of Redwood City and a strong supporter of our club).

In 1939, the port's marina finances were in trouble. With 92 registered owners mooring their boats in the yacht harbor, there was \$560 due to Redwood City for berth rentals. After Sequoia Y. C. organized, finances picked up. In Feb. 1941, fees collected amounted to \$1,385.75.

The city council transferred jurisdiction of the yacht harbor to the recreation commission in September 1941, and the set rules, regulations and bething fees for the yacht harbor. Mooring charges were set at the level already in effect. Bething rental for spaces were scaled from 50 cent per month for small berths adjacent to floats near the club house up to \$6.50 for 20' by 50' berths to accommodate larger boats. Intermediate sizes cost \$1, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50 per month. But, there were plans to bring the fees in alignment with other bay area yacht harbors.

When you look at some old pictures of the yacht harbor, you'll note that the berths were located in the area from what is now the conference center and beyond the fishing pier.

The article mentioned that the club created a problem for the city manager when they wanted to rent the upper portion of the municipally built club house for a nominal rental fee. Years later, the port was given jurisdiction to all the facilities in the harbor.

Social



Jeanne Jacobs

As the nights draw in, we look forward to our autumn and winter parties. First us is our Annual Chili cookoff on October 24, which is always a huge favorite. Then our most formal evening of the social calendar is:

Installation Dinner & Awards Night
Saturday, November 8th
Cocktails at 18:00
Dinner and Awards at 19:00
Menu will be published next month.

Then mark your calendars for:

Children's Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14th

New Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31st



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Membership Report

The board of directors has approved Gregory Kushnir for Junior membership. First readings for membership were presented at the General Membership meeting in September for: Winston and Carole Bumpus live in Redwood City and have *Dolci Sogni* a Hunter 380, berthed at Bair Island Marina. Pedro Barrantes and Lucia Beviglia live in Sunnyvale and are interested in getting a boat. Kimberly Dunfey lives in Menlo Park and is interested in crewing in our sailboat racing programs. Membership applications for senior membership (yellow) and Junior Membership (Green) are located in the hall near the galley door. Please give an application to prospective members and have them call me at (408) 738-0524.

Jerry Jones, Membership Chairman.

Reports



**Good of the Order:
LuAnne Graves**

Olivier Lauzeral and his wife, Trudy, welcomed Cloe's new sister, Celeste, on Friday, August 22nd. Celeste appears to be an exact copy of her big sister.

Roberta Barnes' daughter, Susan, delivered identical twin boys on August 27th in New York City. The boys are named Felix and Theodore, and they have a big sister, Evie, who is 16 months older. The boys weighed in at around 7 lbs each.

Mark Millet and Tina Ferguson were married July 12 on the island of Maui. That makes them "Just Maui-ed". Congratulations and best wishes on their nuptials.

Past commodore (1986) Eugene Brown, has moved on to a retirement community in Los Gatos.

Monte and Linda Roper were involved in a terrible car accident that left bystanders scratching their heads as to how the two of them were able to walk away from the crash. While returning from Oregon with Monte at the wheel of their BMW X-3, the Ropers found themselves "crossing a 2' wide ditch into a field of weeds and becoming airborne after hitting the side of a levee and ending up in four feet of irrigation water, nose under water." Although they both initially walked away with no more than back pain, it was found that Linda was suffering from a compression fractured lumbar L-1 vertebrae, a bruised heart and some internal chest problems from the tensioned seat belt. The BMW that protected them during the crash was totaled, BUT, they have decided to purchase another one like it, and who can blame them! Sequoia is so thankful to hear they survived and we wish them both well during their recovery. Monte also writes that "Molinda" has been sold.

Our newest boat owners are Robin and Kathryn Weber. They have put an order in for a new Catalina 375. Welcome to the world of 'Boat Ownership'.

Mike Garl's *White Dove* is the winner of the 2008 IRC Championship. Jim and Adam Peterson's *MADE Easy* finished 3rd in the San Francisco to Santa Cruz Windjammers Race.



Pedro Barrantes & Lucia Beviglia



Winston Bumpus



Kim Dunfey

Reports

Youth Racing Results

When we last left our youth sailors. The several members of our Opti Fleet, Logan, Kyle, and Markus were headed to The Gorge in Oregon. Great things happened. Kyle and Markus Qualified for the United States Team Trails WOW!!.. Only the top 25% of sailors in the country qualify. After 5 days of racing and clinics these sailors excelled on the race course. Sadly, Logan missed qualifying by two points. Competition is tough and one bad race really hurts. Congratulations to Markus and Kyle.

But wait it is not the end yet. At the BAYS #5 at Tiburon Yacht Club, after a 5 regatta series, and in a fleet of 44 Boats, Logan Lee finished in Third place and Kyle Larsen won once again bringing the BAYS Cup Back to Sequoia. Sequoia CFJ Sailors also swept the FJ class winning the trophy for the 4th year in a row. 18 FJs competed in the series SYC sailors took the top 3 spots Will Larsen/Connor Rosin Placed 3rd, Mike Deady, (Last years winner) with crew Sven Knauth Placed 2nd and Travis Cottle with Cash Calaghan. Won the event bringing back the trophy to Sequoia. In the 4.7 Laser Division new Laser sailor Sam Heller placed third. Great Job Sam.

The Full rig Laser Division offered some great racing and these two sailors really make sailing a spectator sport. Chris Humphreys, congratulations on well sailed and a close second. Mike Lazzaro placed third. His scores were so high that he was able to crew on a 420 this weekend and still place third.

Other scores from SYC sailors for the BAYS series

Radial Laser -20 boats

4th --Chloe Lepert

7th - Keely Haverstock

8th -Lawrence Jau

Opti class 44 boats

4th Markus Suoras

14th - Maddie Pont

Laser Full -7 boats

4th- Matt Van Rensselaer

420 division-18 boats

4th -Mark Lazzaro/Matt Tan

CFJ Division.

4th - Alex Katsis/Avery Plough

7th - Matt Werner/Kimberly Cohan

Other regatta Results

National women's Single handed-LEITER CUP-47

BOATS

13th - Kaitlyn Baab

38th - Keely Haverstock

Thank You SYC for supporting your Youth Racing Team. SAIL

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The SYC/PYSF racing teams

Reports

Hannig Cup/Youth Sailing Fundraiser

To all who turned out to support our High School Sailors, Mariners and SeaScouts in the 3rd Annual Hannig Cup. Great food, music and friends. Special thanks to the many of you who jumped in and lent many hands to help the event run smoothly. I would like to acknowledge the behind the scenes support of David Payne, dishwasher extraordinaire. Terri and Mike Marzanodid an amazing job keeping the youth jumping, and personally worked harder and faster than I thought humanly possible! Thanks to the evening's bartenders - I know there were many of you, I just never stopped long enough to keep track. And of course many thanks to Ted for donating his 50th birthday to the cause. May he share many more with his friends. The event raised \$21,000 for our program.

I hope everyone got an opportunity to meet our Mariners and Sea Scouts. Although I raised one of them, my unbiased opinion is that these youth are truly worth the support all of you offered. As you heard, our youth racing sailors have and will continue to bring home the wins and trophies. Again, thank you for participating in a wonderful and worthwhile evening.

Until next year,
Kristin Butler



Moonlight Marathon Race

Eight adventurous skippers and crews enjoyed the most pleasant, balmy MM in many years. Pre-race visions of anchoring and waiting were unrealized as Sailflow's forecasted wind speed was mostly half of actual for the return from TI. Reminiscent of Usain Bolt's Olympic performance, John Grave's *Metridium* made it look easy with a finish at midnight. Correcting out 1 ½ hours later was second place, Henry Kleinberg's *Primordial Sloop*. After more than 8 hours of racing and within minutes of *Primordial Sloop* on corrected time, were third place *Yellow Brick Road* and fourth *Mirth*. Not too much later arrived *Odyssey* and then *Sweet Pea*.

Drinking champagne on the dock afterwards, courtesy of Rick and Petra Gilmore, made for a delightful race rehash in t-shirt weather at 3AM. The moon was sighted between clouds by a lucky few so nix the "Moonlight" and it was too much fun to be a Marathon; it was more of a...a... moondance? For complete results please see the SYC website: <http://www.sequoiayc.org/>

For Nauti Girls & Buoys

Dear Nauti Girls,
As the Summer Beer Can racing season comes to a close, I'm dreading the long winter without my regular dose of sailing and the camaraderie of my fellow sailors. Are there sailing opportunities for a non-sailboat owner during the winter months?

Boatless

Dear Boatless,
The end of summer by no means mean the end of sailing here on the bay. Boating opportunities abound. If you enjoy racing, there are several big boat racing series: Redwood Cup and Winter Series come to mind. These races are scheduled on weekends. There is typically a small BBQ of sausages and beer back at the club house, while the scores are tallied up. Many of the skippers will be looking for crew and will be more than happy to take on new crew. Contact the Large Sailboat Fleet Captain if you want to crew. They can hook you up with a skipper.

Of course, there are other non-racing sailing opportunities too. Cruise outs are great fun. This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow members in a fun and relaxing environment. Many of our members are always looking for crew and would love to share the fun.
NG

Dear Nauti Girls,
I am continually blown away by some of the menus for the various functions at the club. I have a confession...I think I'm a pretty darn good chef too. I know I can go up against anyone, with the exception of Chef Steve. However, I'm not quite ready to pull together a full meal for an event. How can I show off my culinary skills without signing up for a full club function?

Aspiring Iron Chef

Dear Iron Chef,
We agree that Chef Steve is a formidable opponent in the Galley. Thankfully, there are plenty of other functions where you can show off your skills. You can wow your fellow members with your culinary skills at the annual SYC chili cook-off, which is on the calendar for October 24th. All closet chefs come out of the woodwork for this highly competitive event to vie for the honors in Best Meat, Best Vegetarian, Hottest, and of course, Best Overall. Categories may change from year to year, but the competitiveness doesn't. Beware, some members are not above offering bribes for votes.
NG

World Class Nauti Girl,
Dawn Riley, shows the book group the route for the Whitbread Race. She shared many stories and insights with us on her visit on Sept 12.

Thanks Dawn.



On-the-Water



Fleet Week Fun

Hello Cruisers,
....and you know who you are...
Sign up sheet is up on the bulletin board at the club.
Killin' Time will get there Friday the 10th to start the raft.

When: October 11 and 12

Where: Aquatic Park, sailboats only! Watch for swimmers and rowers.

Why: <http://www.fleetweek.us/fleetweek/>
Noise Lots "O" noise

Cocktails 1700hr

Pot luck dinner on the boats 1800h
(Yes, Barbs famous sausages!)

Tom Keegan, (408) 507-0451

Power Fleet Report

Sequoia family member, Greg Jones, has returned from his successful summer cruise out with his group, Kinetic Steam Works and their steam powered stern paddle wheel boat, *The Wilhelmina*. As part of a larger "boat" art and performance event, "The Swimming Cities of The Switchback Seas", the crew of 8 logged 150 miles down the Hudson River, culminating with a dramatic rounding of Manhattan just ahead of Hurricane Hanna. The armada of 7 boats, including 3 handmade rafts, attracted quite a bit of attention on the water and docks, including a NY Times article. There wasn't a moment that they didn't touch something that SYC members gave to help with their adventure...radios, anchors, lines, chain, fenders, life jackets and the inflatable. They were the best prepared of the armada and lent a hand to the other vessels often. It is good to be back home to the Bay Area's wonderful weather and be away from the heat and humidity of the river in New York.

Sheila Jones, Power Fleet Captain

Reports

Racing Rules, *MADE Easy* by Jim Peterson

In a recent Beercan Race, an overtaking boat coming back in the channel tried to pass a boat to windward (for clear air) and then found out they were in shallow water and asked for room. This is a very common situation for Sequoia racers racing to the finish line where the channel has very sharply defined edges to run aground. Which boat has the right away?

To understand this situation, we need to review RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing) 18.5- Passing a Continuing Obstruction. First, running aground is defined as an obstruction, so the edge of the channel would be considered a 'continuing obstruction'. RRS 18.5 states-

While boats are passing a continuing obstruction, rules 18.2(b) and 18.2(c) do not apply. A boat clear astern that obtains an inside overlap is entitled to room to pass between the other boat and the obstruction only if at the moment of overlap begins there is room to do so. If there is not, she is not entitled to room and shall keep clear.

Therefore, the real question for Sequoia racers is 'when does the overlap occur'? If the leading Boat (A) is sailing on the edge of the channel (the edge being defined by them), the overtaking Boat (B) obtains inside (windward) overlap at this point, it would then be considered there is not enough room for him to safely pass Boat A. If Boat A has to change course, Boat B would be in violation of RRS 18.5.

If both boats A and B were sailing up the middle of the channel and Boat B obtains an inside overlap passing to windward. Boat A (leeward boat) can now start taking Boat B (windward boat) up to the edge of the channel due to RRS 11 (windward/leeward rights). As long as the overlap is maintained, Boat A can take Boat B to the edge of the channel, but has to allow Boat B room to safely pass the obstruction. This is due to at the time of overlap (middle of channel) boat B had room to pass the obstruction. Note this is a very risky maneuver for Boat B. At anytime, Boat A can fall off and due to the angles of the two boats, will probably break the overlap. Breaking the overlap means that RRS 18.5 does not apply.

Passing to windward in the Redwood City Channel is usually very difficult to accomplish. Also if there is an ebb tide, you may be spending the night out on the mud. I strongly suggest that you review strategies where you can pass to the leeward of the boat ahead.

In my next column, we will discuss RRS 19- Room to Tack at an Obstruction. This rule is applicable for when we beat out the channel.

Photos by Sheila Jones

Crew Overboard Training with Capt. Mary SwiftSwan 9/19 & 9/20

