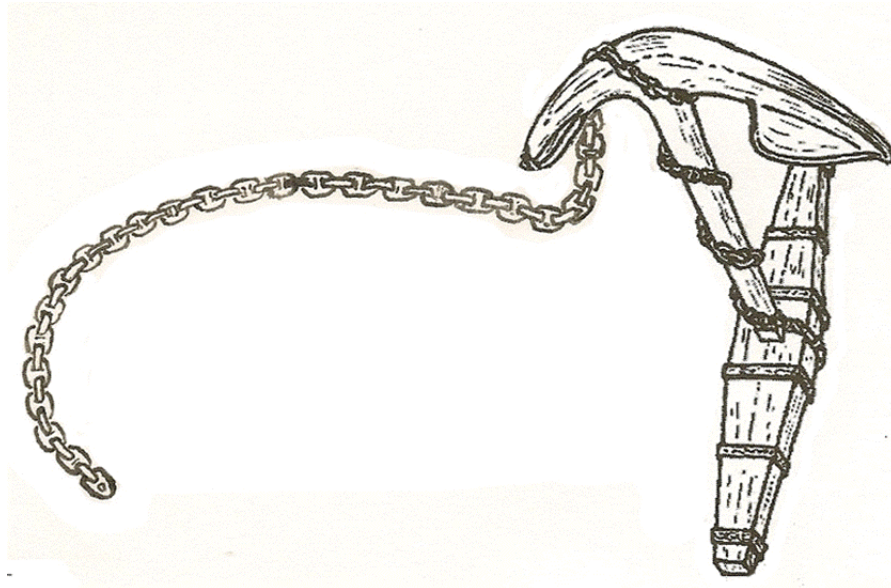


# *SEQUOIA SCOPE*

Sequoia Yacht Club

October 2009

Redwood City, CA



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# Sequoia Yacht Club 2009 Roster

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Byron Jacobs

### Rear Commodore

Joseph Curtis

### Staff Commodore

John Graves

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### Treasurer

Marc Cohen

### Port Captain

David Pirrone

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John Draeget

Bob Eustace

Alex Huang

Robin Weber

Fred Wydler

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Larry Mayne (YRA)

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Rick Gilmore

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Sherry Warburton

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Oya Curtis, Ed. Asst.

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Larry Mayne, Advertising

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### Cruising Fleet Capt.

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Jim Peterson

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### Bar Manager

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### Breakfasts

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### Drop In Dinners

Byron Jacobs

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Dan Doud

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### Nauti Girls & Buoys

Deb Blackmore

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Peter Nardini

### Engraver

Bob Stanfield

### Haberdasher

Kristin Butler

## This Month At A Glance

10/5 Monday Night Football

10/6 Board Meeting

10/7 Wednesday Lunch

10/9 Drop in Dinner & Gen. Meeting

10/10 Cruise Out: Aquatic Park

10/12 Monday Night Football

10/15 Sequoia Reads

10/19 Monday Night Football

10/21 Wednesday Lunch

10/23 Oktoberfest Drop in Dinner

10/26 Monday Night Football

10/30 Halloween Drop in Dinner

## Officer of the Day (OD) Roster

### OD Chair: Sherry Warburton

10/3 Doug Murray

10/4 Kevin Murray

10/10 Peter Nardini

10/11 TBD

10/17 Hal Nissley

10/18 David Oates

10/24 Tom Olcott

10/25 Ken Olcott

10/31 Tony Orazem

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Cover photo by J. Ennis Kirkland.  
Brian Malouf at the helm of *L20*  
with a group of PYSF members for  
the Hannig Cup Challenge Beer Can  
Race and Fundraising on 9/9/09.

## *Commodore's Report:*



*Petra Gilmore*

Within our September 11th General Meeting, we had the nominating meeting. We have nominated the following to our 2010 Board:

Commodore: Byron Jacobs

Vice Commodore: Joseph Curtis

Rear Commodore: Kate Humphreys

Staff Commodore: Petra Gilmore

Secretary: Tod Klingler

Treasurer: Winston Bumpus

Port Captain: Ron Brown

Directors: Brett Herr, Ted Hannig, Don Inouye

Our returning Directors are: John Draeger, Bob Eustace and Robin Weber

We will have our election during the General Meeting on October 9th. Plan on being there!

We have our 2010 calendar in place, though many of the activities need helpers. If you find a social event or a cruise-out that is calling your name, please contact Kristin Butler (2010 Social Chair) or John Graves (2010 Cruise-Out Fleet Captain) to assist.

The biggest event of the year is coming up! You've got it. The Installation Dinner will be on November 8th. Mark your calendars now and I will have a sign-up sheet posted in the beginning of October. There are a limited amount of seats, so sign-up early! On that note: Do you have suggestions for the Broken Paddle or Member of the Year trophies? Please let me know who you believe deserves to be honored this year.

Sequoia YC is blessed to have so many active members. Members that plan, cook, joke, OD, sail, work, laugh, repair, lead, support, and love. Thank you for making the Club our boating home.

## *Vice Commodore's Report:*



*Byron Jacobs*

I'm looking forward to my last full month as Vice Commodore - not because the job is ending but because we're back into full swing with lots of activities after a slow summer. Be sure to check your calendar so you don't miss out on any of the exciting events in the coming weeks.

Looking back, by the time you read this we will have had our Barth Weekend Western BBQ Dinner hosted by Larry Mayne and our Swap Meet hosted by Mike Harris. I'm sure both events were real hits. I also want to thank Rick and Petra for covering for me with the Drop-In-Dinners I missed, Kathy Harris for all the hard work she did this past month on our activities, and all the members (the list is long) who have pitched in on DID's and parties to make our social events so much fun.

Special events you don't want to miss in October include: The last Beer Can Race and Dinner of the year on 10/7; our Election Night-DID on 10/9; Oktoberfest-DID on 10/23; and our Halloween Costume (or not) Party-DID on 10/30. Watch your email for more information on these events.

Our Wednesday Lunch crew is doing a magnificent job. Please be sure to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month for great food and a wonderful opportunity to socialize with other members.

We have two big improvement projects underway: the roof and the deck. For more about the roof, please see page 4. Our deck project is progressing ...slowly. The plans have been submitted to the city for permits and we have a contract in hand to sign with Herb Huber as our General Contractor. After receiving the permits we must apply for BCDC approval which may take as much as 120 days to receive so we may not see the start of construction until February with our goal to complete construction prior to South Bay Opening Day.

And finally, hats off to Dan Doud, our Rental Manager. He has booked the club almost every weekend in October for a total of 5 events! Great job, Dan.

See you at the Club!



## Rear Commodore's Report



*Joseph Curtis*

As I recently heard our illustrious Staff Commodore say on the VHF, "If anything is going to happen, it's going to happen out there" (bonus points if you know the movie he was quoting). Sequoia's sailors have been "out there" a lot making it happen! Cruise out to Drake's Bay, the Power Fleet Cruise out to Westpoint Marina, the Barth Race against Coyote Point, the Commodore's Singlehanded Race, and the Beer Can racing on Wednesday night have kept us busy on the water.

October will be another busy month. The cruise out will be to Aquatic Park for a front-row seat for Fleet Week. The Corkscrew Slough Race, the South Bay Championships, and the last Beer Can race of the season will keep the racing fleet active (please note that the Corkscrew Slough race is intended for the smaller vessels). Look for more details from the various captains elsewhere in this issue of the *Scope*.

See you "out there", where it is going to happen for Sequoia!

### Up on the Roof

It's been 5 years since we last resurfaced the club roof so House Manager, Sherry Smith, is planning to it again on October 16-18 and needs lots of volunteers. On Friday, 10/16 we will power wash the roof and need people with electric or (preferably) gas power washers. Then we will apply the roofing compound on Saturday and Sunday using paint rollers. Be sure to wear old clothes but we will also make sure we have disposable painter's overalls and shoe covers for all participants. Sign up at the club or contact Sherry Smith at [Sherry@SherrySmith.com](mailto:Sherry@SherrySmith.com).



## A Look to the Past



*Peter Nardini,  
Club Historian &  
Past Commodore*

So as not to keep you in suspense, Nancy and I had a great time visiting our relatives in Lucca and Barga. Our three grand daughters got acquainted with their heritage and their cousins. The 300+ year old house now has modern plumbing and kitchen. I wonder if my house will be standing in 300 years? Oh! the word for "Sales" is "Saldi." So you know why the women had a great time. New Italian words - McDonalds, stop, weekend.

Back to the "Good ole USA." Another great Delta cruise into history. I was looking through our old bulletins. the first mention of a delta cruise was in the August, "Main Sheet," 1945. It was a brief report and mentions going to the Delta Club (Stockton's floating yacht club) with Delta hosting Sequoia's yachtsmen. Ray Gaspar was presented with the "King of the River" certificate for cruising to the Delta in the smallest boat, his "Marquita."

In 1964, the members started going to the Delta from March through to August. There was mentioned a "grounding" of John Lovering's "Jubilee" while trying to box his compass. Since then, I wonder how many of our members have admitted to grounding in the Delta. Maybe, there should be some sort of recognition for this occurrence. The Ono Award. perhaps?

In the beginning, our Club met on the first Wednesday of the month. But, in 1969, the membership meeting was changed to the first Friday and a dinner was provided. It was "finger lickin chicken" and drinks were 40 cents between 18:00-20:00. I haven't found out when we stated to meet on the second Friday of the month. Well' enough!

### Entertainment 2010

*Books are available from Kathy Harris for \$30. Please help support the Redwood City and San Mateo County Scholarship Organization. Call or email Kathy to get your copy. Each book has \$20 coupons at Safeway and coupons to many restaurants and services in our area. Contact [Kakyharris@aol.com](mailto:Kakyharris@aol.com).*

## Social Events



***Kathy Harris***

### ***Friday, October 23, 18:00 Oktoberfest Drop in Dinner***

Just like in March when all SYC members are a “wee bit Irish,” in October we make the most of our German heritage. Join us for traditional Oktoberfest fare prepared by Lina and some fine authentic beers. There will be a competition for who can “go the distance” carrying two hands full of steins. Enjoy some ompah ambience at SYC.



### ***Friday, October 30, 18:00 Halloween Spook-tacular***



Once again the Graves family will trick-or-treat SYC to a creepy extravaganza. It's a buffet like no other with freaky foods to get you into the spirit of the season. We expect prizes for costumes that are most original, spookiest, and super sweet. It's a chance for young and young-at-heart to show us their best “Monster Mash” and have a bloody good time.

## Good of the Order



***LuAnne Graves***

- Rick and Linda Dalton would like to thank the membership for all the love, support and prayers they have received during this time for their daughter, Alejandra.
- Eric Anderson suffered a stroke at the beginning of September. He is recovering at a care facility in Vallejo.
- Dan and Linda Doud's 22 month old grandson is in the hospital with a lung infection, fever and immunity difficulties.
- Jerry Weiner is out for 6-8 weeks with a broken right ankle. Jerry wrote that while vacationing on 10 acres in the mountains, some stray dogs came by. Being concerned that his cat was out, Jerry ran out to chase off the dogs, Jerry tripped, but the cat was fine, having been cozy in the living room during this time. Jerry walked on his ankle for a week before finally going to the VA hospital.
- Ryan Harrison and Kristina Zekos-Ortiz have purchased a 29' Pacific Seacraft. Congratulations!
- Ann McDonough welcomed Deb Blackmore, Larry Mayne, and LuAnne Graves to her home on Whidbey Island in Washington state this past summer.
- David Bliven's *Easy Going* had a great trip down the coast and is finally at the dock at Sequoia Yacht Club, Redwood City, after 8 years in the Pacific Northwest and up to Alaska.
- On the way back from the Drake's Bay cruise out, the crew of *Metridium* spotted dolphins in Redwood Creek.

### **Ono Award for October**

You can always count on Drake's Bay to provide items for the Ono (“oh, no!”) Award. Our winner this time is Ted Hannig and his crew of *Seascapades*. While cruising along the city front on the way to Drakes, a fire occurred inside his galley due to a wave spilling soup inside his new galley oven. Luckily, a wave broke over the boat, splashing through a hatch and putting out the flames. And, of course, *Seascapades* was the boat remembered for dragging anchor at Drakes. Congratulations on providing cruise out stories for the rest of us.

## Membership



**Jerry Jones**

Please keep your membership information up-to-date by email to [sycdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:sycdirectory@gmail.com) and copy to "SYC office" <[office@sequoiayc.org](mailto:office@sequoiayc.org)> or snail mail to SYC Scope, P.O. Box 5548, Redwood City, CA 94063-0548. The new 2009 Membership Directory is available at the club.

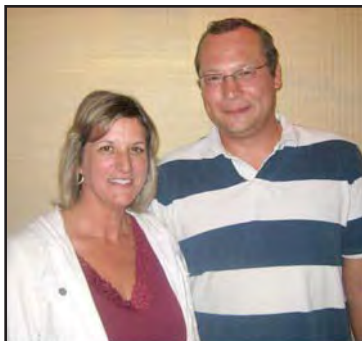
Pending new member applications are posted on the bulletin board in the dining room hallway for your review. Membership applications for Senior and Junior members are also available in the hallway.

First Readings were held for:

**Michele and Chris Hartman**, live in San Jose and have an Ericson 35, *Isis* in the RWC Municipal Marina which they are refurbishing. Nominated by Rick Dalton and Petra Gilmore.

**Marc and Audrey Finot**, 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.

Second Reading was held for **Fred and Linda Gillam** from San Jose. They are interested in Junior Sailing. Their granddaughter Kirsten Gillam, SYC Junior Member, is participating in the sailing program. Nominated by David Pirrone and Kristin Butler.



**Michele & Chris Hartman**



**Mark Finot**

## Special Report



**Kristin Butler**

### Hannig Cup Results

The event opened with an unusual Beer Can race. A pirate ship ominously pursued the fleet! Having made a swift and safe passage back to the yacht club, racers and other guests were greeted by live African Drumming and a tank of San Francisco Bay sea creatures - presented by the Marine Science Institute. A fabulous feast of wild game donated by Joe "Sparky" Bullock sated the appetites and then the fun began!

Once again the tremendous generosity of our SYC family was demonstrated. With Rick Gilmore and Ted Hannig leading the crowd of 150 strong, the fundraising energy was fast and furious. Congratulations to the "boat" *Larry's Lounge* for placing first in the fundraising challenge. Larry Mayne is onto a clever strategy and we all must watch out next year! The donations are still coming in, but an interim tally has the fundraiser as approaching \$25,000 for the 5 youth programs. Updates to follow.

A heartfelt thank you to the many, many hands that contributed to the evening's success. Each year the Hannig Cup generates a tremendous outpouring of support from our wonderful club membership. Behind the bar, David Pirrone, Dan Humphreys, Byron Jacobs, and Joseph Curtis. Rick Gilmore was the MC extraordinaire. Keeping track at the front desk were Anne Malouf and Denise Larsen, Pam Larkin and Dolly Rivlin. Set-up was handled by Vince Francis, Fred Gillam, Mike and Terri Marzano, Dennis Moyce and Josh Gilliland. Clearing and clean up was quick work for Mike and Terri Marzano, Dennis Moyce, David Payne, Michelle and Chris Hartman, Fred Gillam, Vince Francis, and Peter McCormick, Kate Humphreys, PYSF team members. And through out the entire afternoon and evening, the Mariners and Sea Scouts were constantly at work. To any I may have missed above, please know your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Let's not forget a standing ovation to Ted Hannig for once again donating his birthday, his time, his baby photos and much more, to sponsor this event. Thank you to all for participating in a wonderful and worthwhile evening.

Until next year, Kristin Butler



## For Nauti Girls & Buoys



*Petra Gilmore*

### Some Clubhouse Hints

Ever noticed the pictures above the sliding glass doors in the Oates Room? Our Members proudly display their boats for all to see. It appears we are a bit outdated though, so if your boat's picture is not on the wall, please give our Office Manager, Joanne Wright, an 8x10 print and she will frame and hang it.

Officer of the Day (OD) is a duty we all perform approximately once a year. Your name is alphabetically assigned to one weekend day (either Saturday or Sunday) and posted in our calendar. Please check the calendar posted on our website and also in the Scope for your day. You will also be contacted by our OD Chairperson with a reminder. The duties of the OD are listed in the OD instructions, which are in a binder behind the bar. Please ask any Board Member and not only will we direct you to the binder, but will show you "the ropes".

### Sequoia Reads: Tania Aebi's *Maiden Voyage*

**Thursday, October 15 19:00-21:00**

It seems like every week we read about another adolescent who has circumnavigated the globe and they just keep getting younger. What were their parents thinking?! Who pays for these adventures? And, perhaps most importantly, what do they learn from these experiences?

Tania Aebi, well-know columnist for Attitudes n' Lattitudes, was the first teen to do the journey solo. Twenty years later she did it again with her own teen sons. We're going to delve into the topic with Winston and Carol Bumpus over drinks and snacks in the SYC lounge. Come join us for some arm-chair cruising experience.

## Racing Fleet



*Jim Peterson*  
*Sailboat Fleet Captain*

We held our final race of the Summer Series on Saturday, August 15th. Four boats started in the Spinnaker Division. The race started in 4-6kts of wind with a 7.1 nm course (S/f- Sp- 12p- Yp- Sp- s/F). The wind increased to 10- 12 kts and the course required two spinnaker sets. For Race #5, Henry Kleinberg, *Primordial Sloop* received First Place Honors and Robin Weber, *Agave* received Second Place. A special thanks to John Ryan for managing this race.

In the overall Summer Series results, for the Spinnaker Division, Henry Kleinberg takes First Place with John Ryan, *Pizote* taking Second Place. In the Non-spinnaker Division, Rick Dalton, *Iowa* takes First Place and Tim Petersen, *Sweet Pea* takes Second Place. Please see the complete results on the SYC website racing page.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming races:

- Single-handed Series #4/ Commodore's Single-handed Cup, Sat. Sep-26. This should be a very interesting race due to the top four boats are vying for this year's trophy.
- South Bay Championship, Sat. Oct-17

### Power Fleet News

The fourth Annual Cruise Out on 9/12 to Westpoint Marina was a great success . We had 5 boats cruise in, some folks drove and some that call Westpoint home walked over. We had two party barges at our disposal and some mighty fine food and drink. Last year Carole & Winston Bumpus came at the beginning of their membership process and this year we had Michele and Chris Hartman join us and visit with a fun group of our membership. It was an enjoyable, relaxing afternoon.

# Photos by Beverley Bryant, John & Monica Graves, Robin Weber, Sheila Jones & J. Ennis Kirkland



LGYC Commodore and SYC member Stan Phillips awarding Brett Herr the Challenge Trophy. Brett Herr (skipper) and Rick Gilmore were victorious in the sixth annual LGYC Challenge Race on August 22. The race is a challenge offered by the Los Gatos Yacht Club to test the sailing skill of the best team that each invited club brings to the event. The three clubs in competition this year were the Ames Sailing Club, the Los Gatos Yacht Club, and the Sequoia Yacht Club. Three evenly matched Merit 25's were raced with a committee boat start on a six mile course in 8 to 15 knots of wind. Sequoia had the best start, and held the lead throughout the race.



Joe Curtis accepts the Ono Award from LuAnne Graves for Seasapades escapades at Drakes Bay



Coctail hour hosted aboard the Graves' Metridium at Drakes Bay Cruise out Jeanne Jacobs leaping from the dinghy to the shore to avoid getting feet wet



This is the group that hiked to the Point Reyes Lighthouse at Drake's Bay, standing here by a whale bone. A few others stayed on the boats.



Member applicant Marc Fonit sailing his Open 5.70 sailboat *Frolic*, unidentified skipper standing up sailing, and "boat" *Larry's Lounge* for placing first in the fundraising challenge



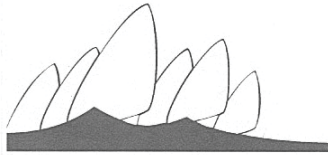
# Club Calendar

SYC Calendar		OD Chair: Sherry Warburton					Oct 2009	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
27 Member Rental OD: Al Montoya	28	29 6pm - Card Night	30 6pm - Beer Can &	1	2	3 OD: Doug Murray		
4 Non-Member Rental OD: Kevin Murray	5 6pm - Football	6 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	7 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	8	9 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting <b>General Meeting</b>	10 Cruise-Out - Aquatic Daysailor Rental OD: Pete Nardini		
11 Cruise-Out - Aquatic OD: ?	12 6pm - Football	13 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	14	15 7pm - Sequoia Reads	16 Non-Member Rental Roof Maintenance	17 Corkscrew Slough Member Rental OD: Hal Nissley Roof Maintenance South Bay Champs		
18 OD: David Oates Roof Maintenance	19 6pm - Football	20 6pm - Card Night	21 12pm - Lunch	22	23 OktoberFest 6:30pm - DID -	24 OD: Tom Olcott 3pm - Opti Dinner		
25 OD: Ken Olcott	26 6pm - Football	27 6pm - Card Night	28	29	30 Halloween Party 6:30pm - DID -	31 OD: Tony Orazem		

SYC Calendar		OD Chair: Peter Blackmore					Nov 2009	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 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	14 Member Rental OD: Tim Petersen		
15 OD: Jim Peterson	16 6pm - Football	17 6pm - Card Night	18 12pm - Lunch	19	20 6:30pm - DID	21 Big Game Regatta OD: Adam Peterson		
22 OD: Stan Phillips Redwood Cup #1	23 6pm - Football	24 6pm - Card Night	25	26 Cruise-Out Angel Island	27 6:30pm - DID	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		

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