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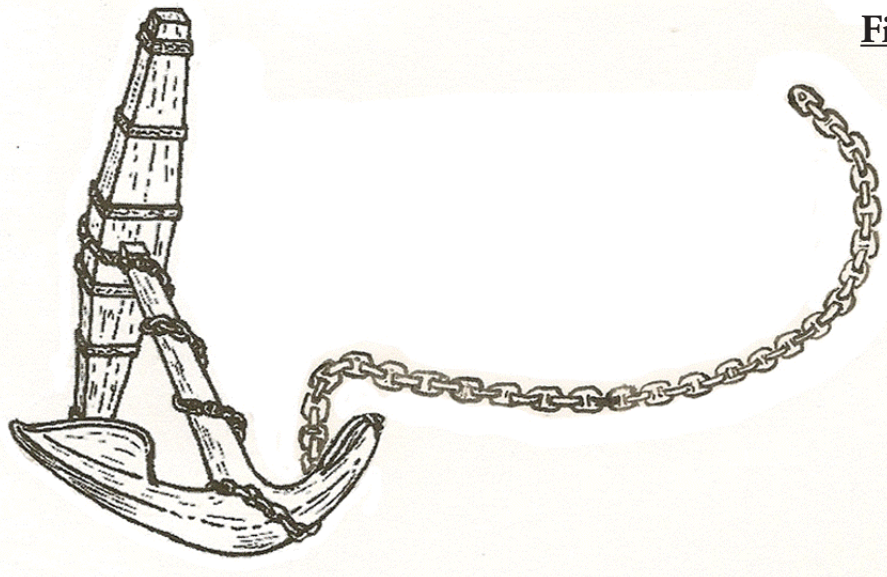
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September 2008

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Commodore's Report:



John Graves

A huge thanks to Deb Blackmore for taking over the lead on the Scope this month. Please bear with her as she transitions to new software and links it to Sheila Jones's great photos.

Also, thanks to the Nominating Committee headed by Steve Holmstrom for proposing an excellent slate of new club officers for next year. The complete list of volunteers is in this month's Scope. The nominations will be presented and additional nominations accepted at the September general meeting on September 5th.

We received 53 completed membership surveys. Thanks to everyone who participated for the thoughtful assessment and helpful comments. There were many excellent comments and suggestions written in that the Flag and the Board will review in detail. The full results of the survey will be made available to the membership soon, along with a plan to use the survey results to improve our club.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee unanimously nominates the following persons for positions in the 2009 year:

Commodore:	Petra Gilmore
Vice Commodore:	Byron Jacobs
Rear Commodore:	Joseph Curtis
Staff Commodore:	John Graves
Secretary:	Sherry Wharburton
Treasurer:	Marc Cohen
Port Captain:	David Pirrone
Directors:	John Draeger, Bob Eustace, Robin Weber

Additional nominations will be accepted during the General Meeting on September 5th.

Steve Holmstrom, Nominating Committee Chairperson

September OD Assignments

9/6	Terry Burley	(408) 310-9648
9/7	Bruce Cleveland	(650) 572-1037
9/13	Joseph Curtis	(650) 344-9160
9/14	Carol Farnsworth	(650) 270-1349
9/20	Robert Foehn	(650) 637-9166
9/21	Vince Francis	(650) 931-4182
9/27	Fred Ganjei	(650) 369-9609
9/30	Mike Garl	(650) 368-7755

Vice Commodore's Report:



Petra Gilmore

We have a Drop-in-Dinner every Friday night this month, but just to make it exciting, one of the dinners will be at Coyote Point Yacht Club! September 12th, SYC will be joining CPYC for a joint dinner. Let's get together, carpool up and have a fun time with our boating neighbors.

Then at the September 26th Drop-in-Dinner, Sheila Jones and her friend, Nate Donovan, will be sharing their Pacific Cup and Yellowstone pictures. You all know how great Sheila is with the shutter. A not-to-miss evening.

There will be no Wednesday lunches during September as the Lunch Bunch are on vacation. The lunches will resume on October 1st. The lunches are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Mark your calendars and come savor lunch and conversation at the club.

Speaking of calendars, do you want to be in the know about next year's plans? Do you want some say when we hold certain events? Or do you just want to come and join your friends for a fun time? For all of these and more, come to our Calendar Planning Parties in October. The Racing Calendar Planning is on October 2nd, the Cruising Calendar is on October 3rd and the General Calendar Planning (where it all comes together) is on October 14th. All three will be held at 19:30.

Our club steward, Ryan, has decided to move back home to South Carolina to live nearer to her family. We will miss her fabulous Drop-in-Dinners. She will be with us for two more months. Please join me in thanking her for a job well done and a safe trip home.

We will be advertising for a new steward soon. Please contact me if you know of someone interested in the position.

See you at the club!

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

Check on club activities at www.SequoiaYC.org.

Cover photo by Nate Donovan.

Rear Commodore's Report



Byron Jacobs

Our Summer Series racing has finally come to a close with *Primordial Sloop* (Kleinberg), *Yellow Brick Road* (Draeger) and *Made Easy* (Peterson) finishing 1, 2 and 3 in the series for the spinnaker division and *Linda Carol* (Collier), *Mirth* (Gilmore) and *Iowa* (Dalton) taking the top three places in the non-spinnaker division. Congratulations to these fine competitors!

In the Single Handed Series, race #2 was rescheduled for August 16th and will have been run by the time this Scope is published. Prior to Rescheduled #2, *Sweet Pea* and *Bad Puddy Cat* were tied for first place. However it doesn't appear that *Bad Puddy Cat* will be doing any more racing any time soon due to a considerably shortened mast – Sorry Charlie!

Upcoming races include the Barth Up on September 13-14 wherein we take on Coyote Point Yacht Club to see who gets to keep that beautiful picture hanging in our bar. There will be a dinner Friday, 9/12 at CPYC and we will host a Western BBQ dinner on Saturday, 9/13. If you can't race, come on out to these great dinners anyway.

SYC is hosting a SBYRA races on October 11th. October 18th will be the final single-handed race of the season and is also the Commodore's Race. On October 25th and 26th we have a fun weekend of South Bay Championships racing on the calendar.

I thought that you might be interested in hearing that the Clean boating Act passed Congress and was signed into law on July 29, 2008. The purpose of this bill is to establish measures that ensure the protection of water quality while minimizing any burdens for recreational boaters. The end result is that we will not have to get a special permit when we wash our boats after a race. It could have gone the other way if this act had not been passed.

And one last note...mark your calendars and be sure to join us in October for our annual Racing Fleet (10/2) and Cruising Fleet (10/3) Planning Meetings. This is the one time each year to provide your ideas, comments, and complaints and times to help make 2009 another fantastic year for Sequoia Yacht Club.

A Look to the Past



Peter Nardini

This month Fleming Blucher, Commodore '60, gave me some news articles from the Redwood City Tribune that he had saved. Bob Hoffman has been collecting information regarding the Club for a great many years and he passed along a storage box full of stuff. I'm going to look through the items and pass bits and pieces onto you in the coming months. I hope you find it interesting for it is part of our Club's heritage and tradition.

In the old picture of the marina (there is one in our office), there is a two-story structure that was built by the city for the Redwood City Yacht club. It cost \$2,849 and the club would rent it for \$25 per month. They would hire a watchman. Besides building the marina, the city planned to have a salt-water swimming pool on the municipal acres. The Depression years of '31 and '32 dealt the first blow the Redwood City's grand plan for their yacht harbor. The hard times cause the yacht club to consolidate with the Sportsmen's Association and for a while kept their activities alive. When the yacht club finally became inactive and disbanded, the city used the building for their harbormaster. When Sequoia YC organized in 1939, they were permitted to rent the upper story until they built our clubhouse.

We have been interested in the organizers of the Redwood City YC, which was established in the late 1920's. A news article in the RWC Tribune states that the members included: George Kneese, County Engineer; Councilman Hildebrand; Terry Cumberson of Redwood City; William Downy of Atherton; and William Hanscom of San Carlos. All were boat owners and sailing loves.

Did you know that the water in front of the club house was called Boundary Slough and once connected with Westpoint Slough?

Thank you, Fleming and Bob, for all the valuable information you saved and have passed on to us.

Social



Jeanne Jacobs

Please save the date for our annual Installation and Awards dinner:

Saturday, November 8th
Cocktails at 18:00
Dinner & Awards at 19:00

Meanwhile, we have some excellent parties coming up and I hope you'll join in.

Western BBQ Dinner

Hosted by Larry "Hoss" Mayne and
Robin "Miss Kitty" Mayne

Saturday, September 13th
at the Sequoia Barn
Dinner at 18:30
Price: \$15

Pull on your boots, saddle up and come on down for some grub and fun along with our friends to the north (CPYC). We'll be cookin' up ribs, chicken, beans and lots of fixin's. There'll be some tunes on teh radio...you can do the two step or jest tell some stories around the campfire. See y'all there.

Give Something Back Fundraiser *Wednesday, September 10th*

Hosted by "Wildmen" Ted Hannig
and John Farnsworth

Menu: Wild game of all sorts

Dinner after the Beer can racing at 19:30

Price: \$15

This is a beer can with a special twist. Matching funds of up to \$10,000 are pledged. Enter a boat or sponsor one. The boat that raises the most money wins an annual perpetual trophy. For every dollar raised for PYSF that night, a dollar (up to \$10K) will be given to Sea Scouts. Giving something back to local youth is part of what makes SYC a special place!

Contact Ted Hannig for more details.

Reports



Good of the Order:
LuAnne Graves

Helen and Don Ritchey will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary August 21st by taking a 10 day cruise through Alaska. Don writes that he and Helen "will be having dinner at the Taku Glacier Lodge, which is thirty miles out in the country from Juneau. We will fly over five massive glaciers and land on the Taku River. After a gourmet dinner of wild salmon and game, we will fly back following the river and re-board the ship for the rest of the trip." Sounds like a wonderful time, and congratulations.

John and Linda Mattis' son, James, won the S Cycling Championship in Irvine, CA. There was a field of 131 riders and James finished ahead of an Olympian from the 1984 games who came in 3rd. James' wife, Kathryn, won the women's race two years ago. Could these two be future Olympians? Congratulations to both.

Sequoia Reads

We're pleased to announce a very special discussion of Dawn Riley's "*Taking the Helm*" with the author herself on Friday, September 12. We will offer heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts for \$5 at 18:30. Dawn will join us after 20:00 after big boat racing.

For our next book we will tackle "*Windy Thoughts*" by Joyce Green. The unique twist to this tale of circumnavigation is that it is from the 1st Mate's point of view!

Reports

Pacific Cup Report

Sixty boats sailed the PacCup 2008, the "Fun Race" from San Francisco to Kanehoe, Hawaii. SYC member, Ken Olcott sailed *Recidivist*, a Schumacher 39, to second in his division and 10th overall. Ron Brown, who crewed on *J World* (J/120), came in sixth in their division and 35th overall. On the more luxurious yacht *Oceannaire*, a Tayana 47, Charlie Watt, Darren Dooud, and Phil MacFarlane sailed to a sixth in their division and a 44th overall. Beer can friends, JP Sirey and Stephane Plihon, in *Le Flying Fish*, a Moore 24, were fourth in their division and 31st overall.

Junior Sailing Report

Summer is flying by or should I say sailing by. Our youth sailors have made their marks across the land and waters. After winning almost everything they participated in this winter, the summer came and they went a traveling.

Mike Deady, Mike Rivilin, Ian Sims, Ashley Simpson and Chris Trezzo went to Oregon to compete in the 29er Nationals held at The Gorge. They no sooner came back when Kyle Larsin, Markus Suorsa and Logan Lee loaded their Optis and went straight back to The Gorge for the Opti PCCs.

Brian Malouf and Mike Lazzaro competed in the Laser North Americans on San Francisco Bay. Mike Lazzaro has been busy tuning his 505 and hopes to get one race in before heading off to college. Matt Van Rensallear with crew competed in the Youth Championships in the 29er division. Chris Humphreys spent two hard days of sailing at the Sequoia Smythe qualifiers. When the spray settled, he won the regatta and was one of the top 20 youth competitors in the country. This qualified him to head east and compete against 19 top youth sailors. No report yet.

Keely Haverstock and Kaitlyn Baab were accepted to the Leiter Cup (Laser Radials) women's clinic and regatta in Chicago. Keely came from the West and Kaitlyn the East. They met in Chicago to sail and compete. How cool is that?! For results, go to www.ussailing.org.

Chloe Lepert spent some of her summer in France, Alex Katsis was in Greece. Alum Andrew Mead spent some of the summer kite boarding but then had to come back to teach Opti classes for us. Ami Simpson spent the spring on a tall ship in the Caribbean. Now she is back spending time in Hawaii sailing.

PYSF sailor Will Larsen brought his crew over to get tuned up for the Koch Cup also placing in the top 3 at the Bays #3. In the interim, he went to Nicaragua to build homes for the homeless there. Ian Simms will be sailing in Buzzards Bay in Cork and also in Florida this summer.

Reports

These sailors are representing Sequoia and themselves in the best of sailing tradition. I get only great reports. Many of our best sailors will be heading off to college this term, including:

Chris Humphreys – UC Irvine
Chris Hung – UC Irvine
Tim Marymee – UC San Diego
Mark Lazzaro – UC Merced
Mike Lazzaro – UC Davis
Hillary Walker – U of Denver

SAIL FUN, SAIL FAST.

2008 Delta Cruise Report

Congratulations to all involved for making a very successful Delta Cruise this year. The following people gave generously and unselfishly to its success: Byron and Jeanne Jacobs, Petra and Rick Gilmore, Larry Mayne, Lee Ritchey, Stephan Wendl, the decorators, the cooks with a very special BBQ and potlucks, and all those who risked their lives during the humongous Delta Dink water battle. You know you have been in a grand Dink water battle your dink fills with water and the gas tank threatens to float out of the boat. Way to go, Water Warriors!

Special kudos to Byron and Jeanne Jacobs who master-minded and ran the fun event and to Petra for scheduling Benicia stops. What fun. Can't wait 'till next year!

Ron Stingley, Cruising Fleet Captain

For Nauti Girls & Buoys

*Dear Nauti Girls,
I try to stay "in the moment" while sailing and not worry about things.
But I recently witnessed a member of our crew slip overboard and I
can't put it out of my mind. Can you suggest a way to relieve my fretful
disposition?*

Dear Fretful,

Worry no more. It's refresher training that you need. It's something that all active boaters should participate in on a regular basis. The August edition of Latitude 38 had a great article about a special "couples" Crew Over Board (COB) program designed and taught by Captain Mary SwiftSwan of Afterguard Sailing Academy in Alameda. We've nabbed some of her precious time to come train us. More details below.

Mindfully yours, NG

Crew Over Board (COB) Training Redwood City Marina, September 19th and 20th

Captain SwiftSwan has agreed to conduct a special session in the South Bay in our own Redwood City Marina on September 19 and 20. For \$50 per person (proceeds go to the Afterguard Youth Sailing Program), there will be a 90 minute "chalk talk" on Friday, 9/19 after the D-i-D, covering safety equipment, methods and hoisting techniques for a variety of boat designs and sea conditions.

Saturday, 9/20, participants on all boats will have an 8:30 start for 1.5 hours of practice in the turning basin. By 11:00 the group will move to more open waters to work with real divers as "victims" to conduct actual rescues. Each participant will have a turn and will be observed against a checklist. After the on-the-water time, the large group will reconvene with the divers for a debriefing session at the clubhouse.

Enrollment is limited to 20-25 participants.

Please contact Deb Blackmore for registration details.

On-the-Water

Power Fleet Cruise-Out Come By Land or By Sea September 20

The Power Fleet invites you for a Pot Luck cruise out to Westpoint Marina on Saturday, September 20 starting at 1 PM. This is your chance to get your boat out and see the progress at the new marina.

We will be at the long and wide Public Dock with tables and BBQ's. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share and something to BBQ if you want. There are favorable tides for us this weekend.

Cruise notes and directions are posted on the cruise out bulletin board at the club.

Sheila Jones, Power Fleet Captain

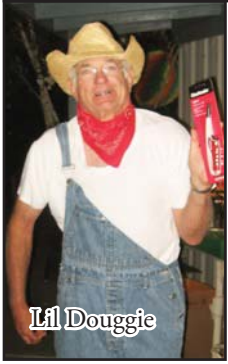
Aquatic Park Cruise Out October 11-12

Come watch the Blue Angels from the best seat in the house. Once again will have slips and entertainment in city-front Aquatic Park for all cruisers in both SYC fleets.

Cruise out notes and signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the club.

Contact Tom Keegan for more details.

Photos from the Delta by Monica Graves John Graves, Petra Gilmore, Joan Stingley, Joe Turner, Lee Ritchey and Sheila Jones



Lil Douggie



River Rick



Wailin' Wendl



J&B



Lee a'wine-n'



Walkin' on water



Double Act



Water Warriors



Tubin' in paradise



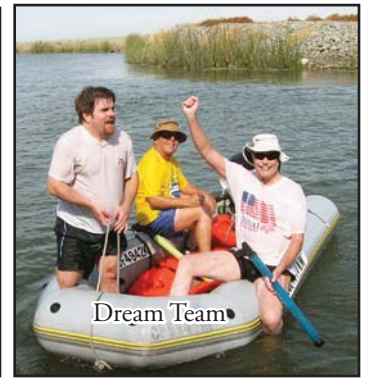
Gone Fishin'



Many hand make quick work



Just chillin'



Dream Team



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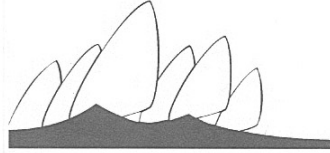
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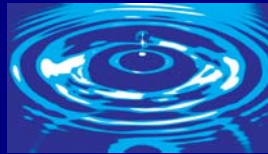
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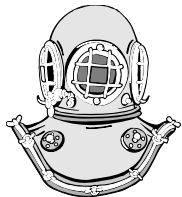


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