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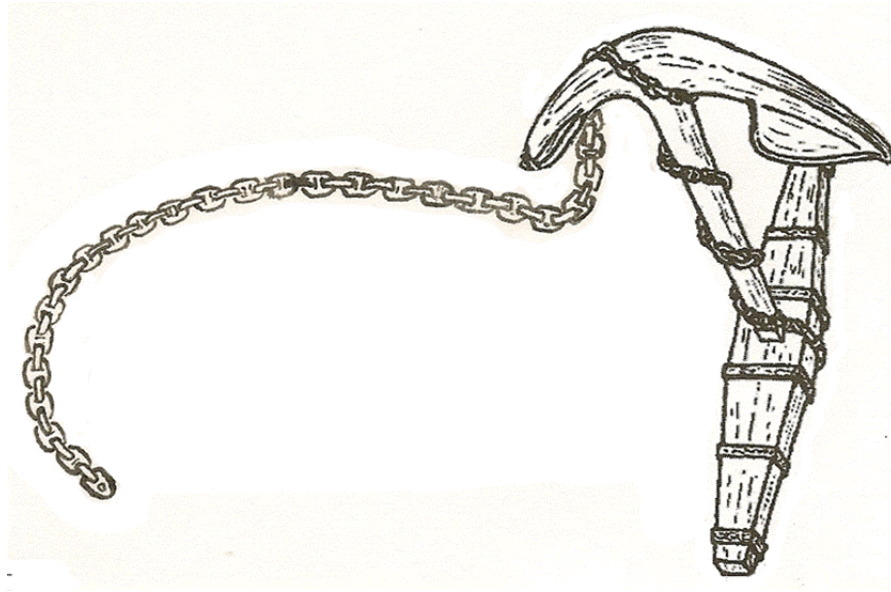
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This Month At A Glance

9/3 Cruise Out: Halfmoon Bay
9/6 Board Meeting
9/7 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
9/9 DID & General Meeting
9/16 Western BBQ DID
9/17 Barth Race & Dinner
9/21 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
9/23 Friday Fun Beer Can & DID
9/30 Sunset Cruise & DID-OktoberFest

10/1 RWC Port-Fest
10/4 Board Meeting
10/5 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
10/7 DID & General Meeting
10/8 Cruise out: Aquatic Park
10/15 Corkscrew Regatta, BAYS
Regatta(s), Racer's Ribs Dinner
10/19 Wednesday Lunch & Cards
10/21 Sunset Cruise & DID
10/28 DID

Officer of the Day (OD)

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9/11 Shannon Amerman
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Check out club activities at
www.SequoiaYC.org.*

Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

Summer is winding down with kids returning to school and the days getting shorter. We can look back on the adventures of Summer 2011, the Mega Cruise to Turkey, the annual pilgrimage to the Delta, the Moonlight Marathon, to name a few. Our on the water activities at the club are still going strong, Beer Can races on Wednesday nights, the Sea Scout Regatta on September 24th, the Sunset Cruise on September 30th, and the start of the Fall 2011 session of our Junior Sailing program.

September means the *Annual Barth Race*. The race this year is on September 17th and racers will head from Sequoia to Coyote Point. Look for details from our Sailing Fleet Captain Tim Peterson.

Also on September 17th, Sequoia has the privilege to participate in a pilot program as a part of **California Coastal Cleanup Day**, put on by the California Coastal Commission. Historically, the Cleanup Day has not included any boating organizations. The Coastal Commission wants to change that. They selected one yacht club in Southern California and Sequoia Yacht Club to be the boating organization to participate in the pilot here in Northern California. Sequoia was asked to participate largely through the efforts of our Treasurer, Winston Bumpus, in the state Dock Walker program.

In the spirit of "*no good deed goes unpunished*," I asked Winston to head up Sequoia's effort in the pilot program. Winston graciously and enthusiastically accepted, and so needs all of our help. The clean-up will take place before the race so most of us can get involved.

Please let Winston now directly if you can help on September 17th. Look for emails and announcements at the club for more details on this important event as Sequoia can help our entire community by helping cleanup our wonderful playground, the San Francisco Bay and Redwood Creek!



Vice Commodore's Report



Kate Humphreys

Wow what a summer! Thank you to those who stepped up and gave of their time to help Lina in the galley while I was traveling in July and August: Carol Peterson, Celia Burkhart, Michele Hartman, Fabian Pease and Steve and Lori Holmstrom!! Our wonderful dinners depend on folks like you! THANK YOU!!

Our usually sleepy August turned out to be a social whirlwind, with the celebration of Ann and Mark's marriage on the 20th, followed the next week with the culmination of the *Summer Series*, the christening of Kathryn and Robin Webber's *Agave Azul* and our Deck Party and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on the 27th.

We begin September with our Lunch Bunch putting on their spread on Wednesday, September 7th. Our first Drop-in-Dinner will be on Friday the 9th followed by our September General Meeting. Our next DID is Friday the 16th where Larry and Robin Mayne will be hosting our annual Western Barbecue. The BBQ is also the kick off for the annual Barth Race, so come revel in the fun.

Our next Wednesday lunch will be on September 21st. Our September Friday Beer Can will run on September 23rd followed by a Beer Can BBQ at the club which will include our annual calendar meeting at 19:30 (7:30pm). We will close out September on Friday the 30th with a sunset cruise followed by our Oktoberfest, hosted by Winston and Carole Bumpus. It looks to be a busy, fun month!!

The very next morning, on October 1st, we will kick off the *RWC PortFest*. Larry and his breakfast crew (if you would like to be counted among these infamous folks give Larry a call) will kick off the event with Larry's famous all you can eat Pancake Breakfast. Look for more info on PortFest in this month's email communications.

Grace Lowe has our *Club Haberdashery* well stocked with new goods. Please take a moment at these events to browse and shop. Just let her know if you would like something specially embroidered with your boat name or Sequoia logo.

Dan and I hope to see you at the club!!

Rear Commodore's Report



Peter Blackmore

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

We had another great week on the Delta with 10 boats and 35 people joining the event. The Delta YC is proving a great location - so good we have already confirmed it for next year!

Lots of good food, great company and Gerard's Paella had a mouth watering feast for us on Tuesday evening. Fun ferrying them back and forth from King Island with the help of Larry and his ski boat. While hanging around waiting for the caterers to arrive we had a beer at the local general store - I asked politely where we could drink it and they said inside /outside - wherever - no rules on King Island! I now know what they mean by Delta time!

I had not been up there before and it was fun to discover Benicia YC and Captain Jack's great dinner location. Also learnt Benicia was briefly the capital of California - would have my vote over Sacramento!

Some minor excitement for all of us as the US Coast Guard happily forced us out of the channel to make sure we were at least 500' from a very robust looking vessel near Antioch - - not sure our boats would have made a dent. Anyway - they had fun wissing around in the machine gun laden craft. We did not have so much fun as the channel drops off quickly just by the vessel so easy to run aground.

Benicia railway bridge is very tight - 70' so had fun working out which channel to hail the bridge - having disturbed the airwaves with no reply someone eventually took pity on me and said try channel 13 - there you go!

Changing subject - The serious sailors had another great Moonlight Marathon. A fantastic time had by all with John Graves taking the trophy in fine style - well done John and everyone who participated.

Tim Peterson has a whole series of events coming up - so lots of great sailing to come in September and October.

The BeerCans are thriving with a great group turning out every Wednesday and as people return from vacation I have no doubt September will see some even more exciting finishes.

It is a great year on the water at Sequoia!!

Coastal Clean-up Plans



Winston Bumpus

Be part of the *solution* to marine *pollution*!

Join us on Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 09:00 to 12:00 for the **27th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day**.

California Coastal Cleanup Day is an annual beach and inland waterway cleanup, and is the state's largest volunteer event! In 2010, over 82,500 volunteers participated state-wide and removed more than 1.2 million pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches, lakes, and waterways.

California's coast and waterways have always been collecting spots for annual accumulations of trash and debris. This debris, if not removed, can be harmful and even fatal to all marine wildlife, can damage our state's economy, and can even become a human health hazard.

Coastal Cleanup Day is a great way for communities to join together, take care of our fragile marine environment, show community support for our shared natural resources, learn about the impacts of marine debris and how we can prevent them, and to have fun!

For the first time ever, the **Sequoia Yacht Club** is participating in this state-wide event. Join us at 08:30 at the club for, to get organized. We will start at 09:00 and finish by Noon. Vivian Matuk from the CCC and Department of Boating and Waterways will be joining us, supplies will be provided but you are encouraged to help us make this event waste-free by bringing your own bucket and gloves from home.



There will be prizes for the most trash collected and the most unusual trash found.

Please contact Winston Bumpus wumpus@vmware.com for more information or to register as soon as possible so that we may have enough tools and refreshments on hand for everyone.

Social Events



Michele Hartman

Annual Western BBQ the night before the Barth Race

Friday, Sept. 16
1800 cocktails
1830 dinner

Oktoberfest after the Sunset Cruise

Friday, Sept. 30
1800 beer
1830 dinner

Portfest

Saturday, Oct. 1
All day

Calendar meeting

Friday, September 23
After the DID
Open to all members

Putting the calendars (racing, cruising, social, general meetings, DID's) on the calendar.

2012 Calendar Planning Meeting

Friday, September 23 19:30

Have you ever wondered how our club calendar is organized?

All members are welcome to join in this annual free-for-all as we discuss and schedule club events for the coming year.



Start your evening with a Beer Can Race and Dinner, then join in for some un-business like planning behavior!

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Membership News



Jerry Jones

There was no Membership meeting in August so no Membership News.

The **2012 Membership Directory** will be coming out soon. Please help us to update your information to make it as accurate as possible.

You can check your data in the 2011 Directory and update your:



Name(s)
Street Address
Phones: home, cell numbers
Email Address for each member
Boat(s) name, type, model

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 on sjustjones@gmail.com or Jerry Jones on jjustjones@yahoo.com with any changes. Thanks.

Nominees for 2011-2012 Club Leadership

Nominating Committee: Byron Jacobs, Mr. Robin Weber, Ron Stingley, Sheila Jones, chaired by Petra Gilmore

Commodore: Kate Humphreys
Vice Commodore: Peter Blackmore
Rear Commodore: Winston Bumpus
Staff Commodore: Joseph Curtis
Secretary: Mrs. Robin Weber
Treasurer: Kathryn Maxwell Weber
Port Captain: Dan Lockwood
Directors: Dan Doud, Tod Klingler, John Ryan

Continuing Directors: Grace Lowe, Doug Murray, Tim Petersen

These volunteers will be ratified by the membership at the October Membership Meeting.

Racing Fleet News



Tim Petersen

September is a busy month for the Sequoia Racing Fleet. Our Summer Series ended in August and now we need to build on our racing experience throughout the year to prepare for the annual South Bay rivalry, the *Barth Memorial Regatta*, on Saturday, September 17.

The Barth Race is an annual event held in conjunction with the Coyote Point Yacht Club. Last year Sequoia claimed the trophy painting and we are keen to keep it hanging in the Sequoia clubhouse in 2012. Come out and represent your club as we take on the CPYC racing fleet. The more boats we have the better the chance that we have to retain top honors.

Check the Sequoia web site for the latest Barth Race Sailing Instructions, and don't forget the social activities surrounding this event, including the Western BBQ at the Sequoia DID on the Friday night before the race. This year we race from Sequoia to Coyote Point. It should be a fun weekend.

The Single-handed Series concludes on Saturday, September 24. In addition to being the final race of the series, this race is also the Commodore's Single-handed Race. So even though Paul McCarthy has wrapped up first place in the series, top honors for the Commodore's Cup is up for grabs. This is the most popular single-handed race of the year, so be sure to come on out for an exciting end to the SYC 2011 Single-handed Racing season.

Our Beer Can Series continues on Wednesday nights with the Sequoia Racing Fleet turning out in force each week for this fun, on-going competition. Our 2011 Friday Night Beer Can Series also continues on Friday, September 23, so let's close out this final race of the inaugural season with a strong showing of boats.

As always, race schedules and results can be found on the SYC web site. September begins the planning process for the 2012 race calendar, with a planning meeting scheduled after the final Friday Night Beer Can dinner on September 23. If you have any suggestions regarding the schedule or ideas as to how to improve our racing program, please be sure to let me know, or better yet, get involved in the planning for next year.

See you at the start line.

Cruising Fleet News



Petra Gilmore

2011 Blue Water Cruise: Halfmoon Bay, September 2 -5

Our intrepid cruising fleet will head out "The Gate" and south to Halfmoon Bay for the Labor Day Weekend.

If you haven't yet had a chance to check out the new facilities at the Halfmoon Bay Yacht Club, now is your chance. Lots of dining and music options.

Our group will anchor in the shelter of the bay and relax by the fire pit to take the chill off the late summer evening. As always, black toppers are welcome.

Contact Cruise Leader Cheryl Jasper
at cheryl@cjasper.com

Fleet Week Cruise: Aquatic Park, October 8-9

Doug and Anne Murray will lead us on a patriotic salute to our nation's military. Join in for a "front row seat" as the Blue Angels swoop around the North Bay and the city's waterfront fleet put on a display. Of course, Fleet Week is also an excellent opportunity to visit the nearby National Maritime Museum for a peak at San Francisco's proud nautical history and future.

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Junior Sailing News



Peter McCormick

Fall Session Begins September 10

El Toro's: \$150.00, includes SYC Junior Sailing Membership

Beginners: 09:00 - 11:00
Advanced: 10:00 - 13:00
Intermediate: 11:00 - 13:15

Beginners: This class will focus on the basics of sailing. Rigging, launching your boat, tacking, jibing, knots, some sail trim, and safety, and fun, fun, fun.

Advanced: This class will focus on planning your outing. Adventure sailing to locations around the Redwood City waterway. Currents, tides, wind speed planning, as well as sail trim. This class will be run based on what the children want to do, racing instruction or adventure sailing will be planned as part of the class. Targeted for those kids who just don't get enough "fun" in 2 hrs. For children over 12 yrs, some time learning about safety boat handling will be included.

Intermediate: This class will cover advanced techniques, sail trim, tacking, jibing. Racing as well as adventure sailing will be scheduled. Knot review, launching and docking safely.

Lasers: \$200.00, includes SYC Junior Sailing membership
Intermediate / Advanced: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm-ish

For the returning kids, the new boats with larger sails will offer more challenge and the Pro-rig will emphasis sail trim as well as boat handling. For kids new to this class, the faster, flip and recover Laser offers a better understanding of small boat experiences as well as training on safety and dealing with the elements.

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Ann McDonough

We may be seeing more of Kate and Dan's son, Chris Humphreys, around the yacht club again. He has transferred from UC San Diego to Menlo College to finish out his Business degree. Kate and Dan are thrilled to have him back in town. He'll be most welcome to come teach our Junior Sailors. Welcome back, Chris!

Ron & Joan Stingley sold *Sting Fever*. Ron says that they have become house boaters. (Don't get too excited...they rented the houseboat.) There is definitely more room in a houseboat for them and their family at the Delta than on *Sting Fever*!

Our very own Past Commodore Bill Stark, Jr. (2003) was awarded the Distinguished Eagle Scout award by the *Pacific Skyline Council of the Boy Scouts of America* on August 23rd.



This very prestigious award is only given to an Eagle Scout who has continued to provide distinguished service in his profession and to his community for a period of at least twenty-five years after attaining the level of Eagle Scout.

Congratulations, Bill!

Photo by Peter Blackmore from his phone, nice job!



Cheryl Jasper

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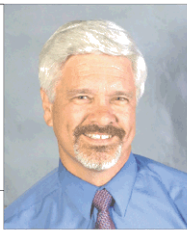
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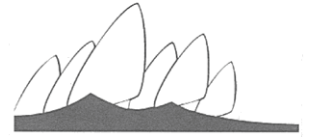
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Hot Shots by Jerry Jones



Delta Cruise out @ Delta Yacht Club hosted by Peter & Deb Blackmore
Relaxing, eating and partying with Pirates of the Caribbean.
Petra demonstrates proper technic for blowing the conch shell (wine is required).



SYC Club Events for September 2011

Upcoming Race Events:



Beer Cans
Saturday, Sept. 17
Friday, Sept. 23
Saturday, Sept. 24

Every Wednesday
“Barth Race” against CPYC
Friday Fun Beer Can Race
“Commodore’s Cup” Single-Handed

For quick reference, go to www.sequoiayc.org/racecalendar

Western BBQ Drop in Dinner Friday, September 16

Larry & Robin Mayne
invite y’all for some smokin’ barbeque.

This is the kick-off for the annual
Barth Race, so expect lots of Coyote Pointe YC folks
itchin’ for a (water) fight and maybe even Line Dancin’.



Friday, September 30 Drop In Dinner



Winston & Carole Bumpus *wunschen ihnen ein gutes Portfest.*
Start off your evening with a **Sunset Sail** which includes as
many *freunden* as you can on *das Boot*. Then enjoy a great
Oktoberfest Drop in Dinner.

**The RWC PortFest begins the next morning, 10/1,
with a Larry Mayne Pancake & Wurst Breakfast!**

Saturday, October 15

Corkscrew Slough (El Toro) Regatta & South Bay Championship Regatta(s)

& Racer’s Ribs Dinner

Who knew that there was so much
sailing fun to be had all on one
magnificent day?!!!

Come down to the Club for a try
the always unpredictable
Corkscrew Slough race through
the marshes.



Or to cheer on our Sequoia Youth
racers as they take on challengers
from all our local clubs.

Then stay on for a few drinks
and a satisfying plateful of steaming
ribs starting at 16:00.

This is a BIG, BIG day at SYC. Show your support for all of our sailors!!



Announcing
The 1st Annual
Redwood City PortFest

1st Saturday in October
October 2, 2010

at the Port of Redwood City, Seaport Court
Free admission and parking

- ✚ Pancake Breakfast at Sequoia Yacht Club 8:00-10:00 am
- ✚ Welcome Ceremony at 10:30 am
- ✚ Working Waterfront Bus Tours, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- ✚ Harbor Tours on Marine Science Institute vessel *Brownlee*
- ✚ Dockside tours of high-speed eco-friendly Ferry Boat!
- ✚ Live Music 10:30 am to 5:00 pm
- ✚ Food and Arts & Crafts Vendors, 10:30 am to 5:00 pm
- ✚ Oktoberfest Beer Garden
- ✚ Children's Activities and Historical Presentations



Check for event updates at www.redwoodcityport.com
or call 650-306-4150.



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San Francisco Bay