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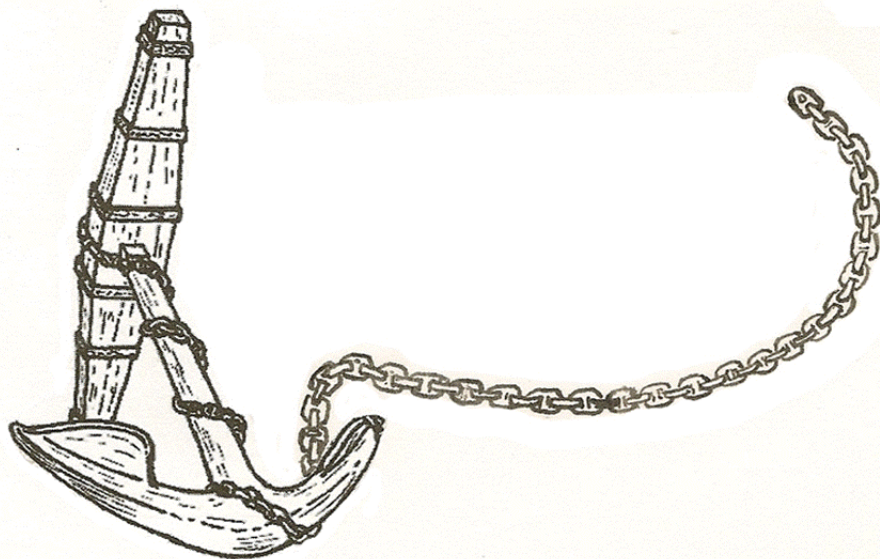
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This Month At A Glance

9/2 Wednesday Lunch

9/4 Cruise out: Drake's Bay

9/8 Board Meeting 19:00

9/9 Hannig Wild Game Dinner

Youth Sailing Fundraiser

9/11 Drop In Dinner

9/12 Power out:

Westpoint Harbor

9/16 Wednesday Lunch

9/18 Western BBQ DID

9/19 Barth Race Dinner CPYC

9/26 Swap Meet & Breakfast

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OD Chair: Joseph Curtis

9/5 Larry Mayne

9/6 Peter McCormick

9/12 TBD

9/13 Ann McDonough

9/19 Philip Meredith

9/20 Pat Mighetto

9/26 Mark Millet

9/27 Al Montoya

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Cover photo by Sheila Jones.
Celebrating the 40th anniversary
of *Nymph* at Devils Isle

Commodore's Report



Petra Gilmore

Another successful, relaxing and fun time was had by all on our annual trip to the Delta! Thank you Joseph and Oya for a yummy dinner. If you were not able to make the trip this year, watch for our 2010 schedule and be sure to write the dates into your calendar early.

The Nominating Committee has posted their recommendations for the open board positions. We will have the nominating meeting this month, on September 11th and electing our officers at the General Meeting on October 9th. Please join me in thanking the Nominating Committee: Sherry Warburton, Sheila Jones, LuAnne Graves, Peter Blackmore and Chairman, Ann McDonough.

We will be planning our 2010 calendar soon. If you have some new ideas or wish to resurrect some favorite "Oldies" please come to the Racing, Cruising or General calendar meetings. If you are not able to attend, contact one of the Board Officers to bring your suggestions to the meetings.

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	Don Inouye
	Ted Hannig
	Brett Herr

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

Vice Commodore's Report:



Byron Jacobs

Our Island Time Party on July 25th was a smashing success thanks to all the hard work of Steve and Laurie Holmstrom and all of their helpers. The steel drum player kept us entertained while we feasted on incredible island fare. The club sure looked good with all those flags up, didn't it? The Sea Scouts had their regatta that weekend and held their awards dinner that Sunday night. I guess now it's about time for me to take down the tiki torches on the deck!

Not much happening at the club the past two weeks with so many members at the Delta. We did install a new air conditioner in the bar storage room. It was about time. We can't have that wine and beer getting warm! If you look closely at the old air conditioner you can see it was inspected by Thomas Edison.

We still have the roof project coming up in the coming weeks. Please watch for an announcement by Sherry Smith. We will need a lot of volunteers for that one. And it looks like all the stars are lined up to let us take the next step on the deck project and apply for our San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) permit. Approval can take 120 days so it's critical we get this underway.

After a much needed rest, Gaylord and our Wednesday Lunch Crew are back in action. Remember that these great (and did I say very affordable?) lunches are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. So come out and show your support for the fine efforts of these great cooks.

Also, mark your calendars for the fantastic **Hannig Cup Wild Game Dinner on September 9th**, the **Barth Race Weekend BBQ Dinner at SYC on September 19th**, the **Barth Race Dinner at Coyote Point on the 20th**. It would be great if SYC could make a good showing for the meal at CPYC to show our support for their club.

See you at the club!

Rear Commodore's Report



Joseph Curtis

My report this month will focus on Sequoia's big summer event: the Delta Cruise-out. If you were not able to make it this year, and if you are a person who can't stand disappointment, stop reading right now because, after reading this trip report, you will kick yourself for not getting to the Delta this year.

The day Oya and I started our voyage began like most other days: dark and too early. Sequoia member and great friend Ted Hannig was gracious enough to allow me to skipper his catamaran *Seascapades* up to the Delta for the week. The night before our departure, Ted and I pre-positioned the cat at the end of C Dock so I wouldn't have to play bumper boats backing out of his B Dock slip in the dock. At precisely 3:40 am, I awoke to the sound of Cruise Captain Terry Burley and crew of Dana and Kevin aboard *Nymph* departing right past us (Commodore Petra and Rick Gilmore left on *Mirth* much earlier, but must have had the caterpillar drive engaged since I never heard them). I never fell back asleep as I was going through my mental checklist for the millionth time to see if I had forgotten anything, so finally at 4:30, we roused, made coffee, and slipped our lines just after 5 am. As we left our spot, I glanced over at Jerry and Sheila Jones' *Fish Hawk* and, knowing they would leave four hours later and arrive much, much sooner, I was immediately envious of his horsepower while at the same time grateful I wouldn't have his fuel bill.

As we made our way down Redwood Creek towards the Bay, I was quickly reminded of the truth in the saying that "it is always darkest in the hour before dawn", but the dawn did eventually break just as we cleared Marker 2, and a cool, gray, marine layer-infested, typical San Francisco Bay summer morning began. The first leg of our journey was against a flood, so the going up to the city was slow. VHF chatter with *Nymph* broke the monotony of this portion of the journey. Before we knew it, we arrived in the central bay and caught the beginning of the flood that we would ride the rest of the way. Not only did our speed over ground increase, the temperature increased, and the sun came out as we passed Angel Island.

Soon, the voyage became even more interesting for me since I had never sailed beyond the Richmond Bridge. New wind patterns, currents, and shoals awaited, prompting me to keep a close eye on the chart plotter. It was on San Pablo Bay around lunchtime where *Fish Hawk* sped past us. It was also about this time that we made plans with *Nymph* to stop for the evening at the Pittsburg Marina. It was a nice thing to have *Nymph* waiting for us at the marina. Besides the obvious in having help with docking, the joy in sharing well-earned cold beer and telling tales of the day's journey with friends is something we sailors find great. Plans were made to buddy-boat for the following day's voyage to Devil's Isle.

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Sunday morning arrived in a flurry of wind that ranged from the low to the high 20 knots. After quick stops in the marina for fuel and ice, we were off to our destination. *Nymph* took point for the San Joaquin portion of the trip. As we crossed under the Antioch Bridge, I calculated that we had sailed under six bridges! Only the Golden Gate and Dumbarton would escape our passage on this trip. When we arrived at Potato Slough, we took over point duties as the cat had the services of a big-screen chart plotter to navigate around the few shoals. As we made the port turn into the final stretch of Little Potato Slough, Past Commodore David Oats passed us on *Adventure*. I love seeing boats flying the Sequoia burgee! The docking at Devil's Isle was easy thanks to everyone coming over to lend a hand into tying up.

Throughout Sunday, 10 boats arrived at Devil's Isle: Olcott's on *Opportunity*, Jones' on *Fish Hawk*, Gilmore's on *Mirth*, Oates' on *Adventure*, the Burley crew on *Nymph*, Stingley's on *Sting Fever*, Ritchey's crew on *Sea Woof*, Wendl's on *Yang Fan*, the Mighetto crew on *Bella Donna*, Phillips' on *Quantum*, and we Curtis' on *Seascapades*.

Sunday night was the celebration of *Nymph's* 40th birthday. Captain Burley and crew provided fantastic hors d'oeuvres, a generator was connected to power the blender for margaritas, and the grill was fired up for dinner. Also, this year's hosts on Devil's Isle were our own Tom and Jane Olcott (they are members of Devil's Isle as well as Sequoia). Tom and Jane announced the start of the Scavenger Hunt. This was a very unique scavenger hunt that required a lot of thought into first figuring out what the items were, and then actually finding those items somewhere. The contest was judged on Tuesday night.

Monday was the party day, and this year's theme was Pirate Rendezvous. The party was actually kicked off by Captain Doug Murray doing a water-cannon broadsides down the docks in *Rumrum*, in full pirate uniform, with actual cannon sounds coming out of his stereo! Later in the day, Ted Hannig arrived on his jet ski, proving that 1) all watercraft are welcome, and 2) you don't need a big boat to come to the Delta! Ted provided some very welcome water activities for folk.

The party dinner was grilled marinated tri-tip, BBQ's chicken, grilled fresh corn-on-the-cob (picked-up that morning by Larry and Robyn Mayne on their way in *Skione*), two kinds of salad (including a wonderful seven-layer salad prepared by our steward Lina), and many other salads and side dishes brought by many folks on their own! I'm sorry I didn't get names, but I really appreciated the work! Also, thanks to Rick Gilmore for being the Grille Meister and thanks to the set-up/clean-up crew of Oya Curtis, Lisa Wendl, Petra Gilmore, and Robyn Mayne. Thanks to Jerry Jones for hauling the big Sequoia cooler up and back on *Fish Hawk*.

Part of the party was a costume contest, with \$500 West Marine gift certificates going out in three categories: Best Pirate Costume –
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Social Events



Kathy Harris

Friday, September 18

Western BBQ Drop in Dinner

Price: \$15. No sign up required.

Howdy members! Get ready for some down home fun on Friday September 18 when SYC is putting on a special DID Western BBQ featuring live music by Coyote Moon Band!

Lina will prepare our grub. It'll be the best BBQ this side of The Alamo with all the fixin's.



We'll be needing volunteers to help with set-up, galley or clean-up. If we all pitch in, many hands will make light work. It'd be right neighborly if you'd sign up at the club.

September Swap Meet Saturday, 9/26/09

The swap meet and flea market is back. And you all know that one person's junk is another's treasure. So bring your stuff and recycle it by selling it forward.



Our official start is at 08:00. Booths are free. Every one is invited. Mike Harris is the organizer and Steve Holmstrom and Larry Mayne will put on a fabulous bacon and egg breakfast. Invite your friends and members of other yacht clubs to participate. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Good of the Order



LuAnne Graves

Paul McCarthy's father, Dr. Noel McCarthy, passed away July 22. Paul's father was an active sailor and belonged to the Milford YC (CT) and Sarasota Sailing Squadron (FL). He raced with his sons on summer weekends and passed along his love of sailboat racing to the whole family.

Carol Bumpus traveled in August with WWII veterans from the 3rd Infantry Division from their landing in the South of France and stopping (mostly for eating and drinking) at towns of major battles. Tough duty.

Hallie Heckler traveled to her native Michigan to sail with her nephew, Bill Rucker, on Lake Erie. Sail on!

Ann McDonough spent August receiving guests at her hide-away on Whidbey Island, WA.

David Oates wrote from Yakima, WA about the passing of his mother, Life Member # 061, Georgena Oates. Georgena left this world peacefully on August 13, 2009. She had been living in Grass Valley near her daughter, Margie Dolezal. There is to be no public memorial.

Power-Out - Westpoint Marina: Saturday, September 12, 13:00-18:00

The power Fleet invites you for a Pot Luck cruise out to Westpoint Marina on Saturday, September 12 starting at 1 PM. This is your chance to get your boats out of the slip and exercise them. There have been many changes since many of our members have last seen our new harbor next-door. Check out the new Harbormaster's building, additional docks and amenities.

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 wish. The tides are in our favor for the excursion down the Westpoint Slough channel. Low Tide at 13:09 is +3.5.

Cruise notes, directions and any last minute information will be posted on the cruise out bulletin board at the club. **Sheila Jones**, Power Fleet Captain

Membership



Jerry Jones

Please keep your membership information up-to-date by email to sycdirectory@gmail.com and copy to "SYC office" <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.

Rear Comm. Report (Continued from page 4, Col. 2)

Male, Best Pirate Costume – Female, and Best Pirate Boat. OK, the awards were actually only \$15, but the winners were told they were worth \$500. Doug Murray won for Best Pirate Costume – Male, with Honorable Mention going to Terry Burley. Pat Mighetto won for Best Pirate Costume – Female. Best Pirate Boat was the toughest for the judges. Pat Mighetto's *Bella Donna* was the eventual winner. The tipping factor was sheer crew size all in costume in addition to boat decoration. A very close Honorable Mention went to Doug Murray's *Rumrum* due to the extremely piratical entrance. Thanks to everyone who participated in the pirate theme and made this a really fun event.

Tuesday was a day for me to relax and get into Delta mindset. Those of you who have done trips to Delta before know exactly what I'm talking about. At cocktail hour, Tom and Jane Olcott began the judging of the Scavenger Hunt. It was interesting to watch the various contestants and judges move from boat to boat to show their results and plead their cases to the judges. Some of the items that people had to find include a monkey's fist, three feet of shore line, a log that won't float, and a Humuhumu-nukunuku-a-pua'a. In the end, the first place Pirate Rum went to Pat Mighetto and *Bella Donna*, and the second place Pirate Rum went to Rick and Petra Gilmore of *Mirth*.

Some of our other activities at Devil's Isle included the nightly salute to the setting sun by blowing conch shells. One night, we had so many shells sounding off that we had a veritable conch orchestra! There wasn't an organized fishing derby this year, but that doesn't mean folks weren't catching fish, especially the kids. Some of the fish even got in on the spirit of the Delta by allowing themselves to get caught over and over!

Wednesday saw the departure of *Sea Woof*, *Sting Fever*, and *Rumrum* for a trip up to Sacramento. Most of the fleet departed on Thursday (Continued on page 7, Col. 1)

Racing Fleet



Jim Peterson
Sailboat Fleet Captain

The Single-handed Series #3 was held on Saturday, August 1st. Due to my wind crystal ball forecasting 10-20kts of wind, we chose to do a longer course of 9.55nm (S/f- Bp-Yp- 12p- s/F). Six hearty souls crossed the start line at 12:30pm for a beautiful day of racing in the South Bay! Looking at the results, it looks like we may have a 'ringer' in the group. Congratulations to Robin Weber, *Agave*, for first place honors on his first race in the series. Second place goes to Rick Dalton, *Iowa*, and third place goes to Rich Butts, *Melilani*.

After finishing three races in a 4-race series, we have a very close grouping of boats. *Melilani* and *Iowa* are tied for first (note that the RRS tie breaker would go to *Melilani* for having a 1st in the first race) with *Lucky Duck* and *Murmur* within striking distance of the trophy. The final race on Sept-26th will be very interesting!

On Saturday July 25th, we had another beautiful day in the South Bay for Summer Series #4. There was 10-18 kts of wind, WNW with a 2 kt flood tide. A longer course of 9.55 nm was selected- S/f- 12p- Yp- Bp- s/F. Everyone made it back in time to celebrate the club's annual Island Party. We had a total of six boats arriving at the starting line with three in each division. In the spinnaker division, Henry Kleinberg, *Primordial Sloop* took first place honors and John Ryan, *Pizote* took second place. In the Non-spinnaker Division, Rick Dalton, *Iowa* takes his fourth Bullet to win the Summer Series in three races. Our newest summer series participant, Peter Blackmore, *Pied Piper*, came in second. A special thanks to Rick Dalton for managing the race today.

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

- Barth Race, Sat. Sep-19 and Sun. Sep-20 (Watch for TOP SECRET Barth Race Strategy-ARGGGG!)
- Single-handed Series #4/ Commodore's Single-handed Cup, Sat. Sep-26

For Nauti Girls & Buoys



Deb Blackmore

With the end of August upon us, the scent of freshly sharpened pencils is in the air as the kids get ready to start back to school. The evenings are starting to have a tinge of a chill breeze and a big golden harvest moon hangs in the night sky. But for the hardy competitors of the South Bay Beer Can



season, the Wednesday racing goes on! In a few more weeks the start times will be brought forward to extend the time we can sail in daylight (check the club website for details), but otherwise it is business as usual straight through until October!

Contact **Rich Butts** for more information about the racing rules, course markers or how to do your first Beer Can race.

Come join in the fun. You can't get lost, just follow the fleet!

Rear Comm. Report (Continued from Page 6, Col. 1) and Friday. Oya and I left Thursday morning, and stopped at Benecia Marina for the night. We enjoyed cocktail hour at Benecia Yacht Club, enjoying their great view of the afternoon sun on Mount Diablo while chatting with fellow sailors. We were joined that night in the marina by the Phillips' on Quantum and Pat Mighetto's crew on *Bella Donna*. We left early Friday morning for the last leg home, getting to enjoy the typical afternoon bash past SFO and the San Bruno Gap.

This year the temperature in the Delta was a very comfortable range of 85-90 degrees. The wind blew every day, keeping the mosquitoes away. Again, those of you who didn't make it this year, missed a perfect opportunity to get away and relax at Devil's Isle. Everyone needs to put next year's trip on your calendar now so you can experience the Delta in 2010! Again, I want to thank everyone for helping me put on this event and make it the huge success that it was!

Cruising Fleet



Terry Burley
Cruising Fleet Captain

Blue Water Cruise **September 4-7, 2009**

We're planning one of our favorite cruise-outs for the upcoming Labor Day weekend - Drake's Bay. This ambitious blue-water cruise-out destination will be under the direction of Supreme Leader, **John Graves**.



The plan is to head up to Aquatic Park Friday night (there's a good ebb until 7PM), where we can anchor out for late night cocktails. Then out the Gate Saturday morning early before the ebb turns to flood at 7:30AM and 30 miles up to Drakes Bay / Point Reyes, followed by a potluck dinner on the boats. Sunday we can hike to the lighthouse and have a beach BBQ (bring your own meat / potluck dinner - I'll provide charcoal, firewood, and a grill). Then all the way home on Monday.

Contact John for more details about the trip.

Sequoia Reads in September

Winston and Carol Bumpus invite you to read and enjoy sailor Tania Aebi's **Maiden Voyage** this month.

Find a copy and enjoy a good read. We'll select a Thursday evening in October for a meet & eat discussion.

Tania Aebi, Bernadette Brennan (1989). *Maiden Voyage*. Ballantine Books. ISBN 0-345-41012-2.

Photos by David Bliven, Anita Giani, Joan Stingley, Joe Turner, Tom Olcott, & Sheila Jones



Paulette Reeder joins David and Doris on their Great River Adventure cruising the Hood and Columbia rivers.



Harriet Garfinkle and Carol Petersen take advantage of the **Dinghy Sail Out** Day and learn how to sail the El Toro.



Delta Time: baiting hooks, fishing, visiting, relaxing, working on the Scavenger hunt & playing to the sunset.



More Photos by David Bliven, Anita Giani, Joan Stingley, Joe Turner, Tom Olcott, & Sheila Jones



Easy Going at dock @ Lyons Ferry, Snake River,



Joan shopping for Delta,



Ron Stingley feeding a gull on trip to Delta



Devil Isle party hosts Joe & Oya Curtis



Lee & Kella



Winners: Ron Brown, Sandi Crane, Steve Stanley, Pat Mighetto w/ Joe



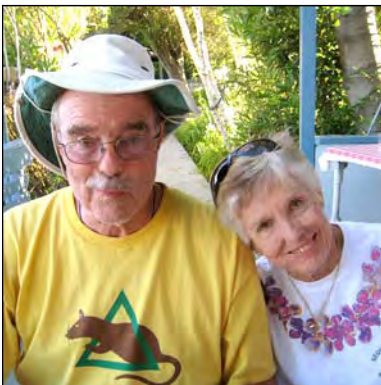
Sauren learning early



Capt. Doug Murray,



Capt. Terry Burley, Kyle, Dana, Robin & Larry Mayne



Twins: Joe Turner & Joan Stingley



Fishermen Drake Phillips,



Stingley Grandson Jack,



& Anita's Grandson Cameron

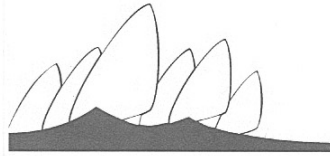
Club Calendar

SYC Calendar		OD Chair: Dennis Lowe					Sep 2009	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
30 Cruise-Out - South OD: Olivier Lauzeral	31	1 6pm - Card Night	2 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can &	3	4	5 Cruise-Out Drakes OD: Larry Mayne		
6 Cruise-Out Drakes Bay OD: Peter McCormick	7	8 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Board Meeting	9 Youth Fund Raiser 6pm - Beer Can &	10 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	11 6:30pm - DID 7:30pm - Meeting General Meeting	12 OD: ? Power-Out - to WestPoint Marina		
13 OD: Ann McDonough	14	15 6pm - Card Night	16 Cruise-In 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Beer Can Race 7pm - Youth	17	18 6:30pm - DID - Western BBQ	19 (Dinner at Coyote Pt Barth Race Member Rental OD: Philip Meredith		
20 Barth Race OD: Pat Mighetto	21	22 6pm - Card Night	23 6pm - Beer Can &	24	25 6:30pm - DID	26 Commodores Race OD: Mark Millett Swap Meet		
27 Member Rental OD: Al Montoya	28	29 6pm - Card Night	30 6pm - Beer Can &	1	2	3 OD: Doug Murray		

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27 Member Rental OD: Al Montoya	28	29 6pm - Card Night	30 6pm - Beer Can &	1	2	3 OD: Doug Murray		
4 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 General Meeting	10 Cruise-Out - Aquatic OD: Pete Nardini		
11 Cruise-Out - Aquatic OD: ?	12 6pm - Football	13 6pm - Card Night 7pm - Rental - CGAUX	14	15	16	17 Corkscrew Slough Member Rental OD: Hal Nissley South Bay Champs		
18 OD: David Oates	19 6pm - Football	20 6pm - Card Night	21 12pm - Lunch	22	23 6:30pm - DID - OctoberFest	24 OD: Tom Olcott 3pm - Opti Dinner		
25 OD: Ken Olcott	26 6pm - Football	27 6pm - Card Night	28	29	30 6:30pm - DID - Halloween	31 Member Rental (Ryan) OD: Tony Orazem		

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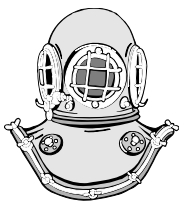
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