



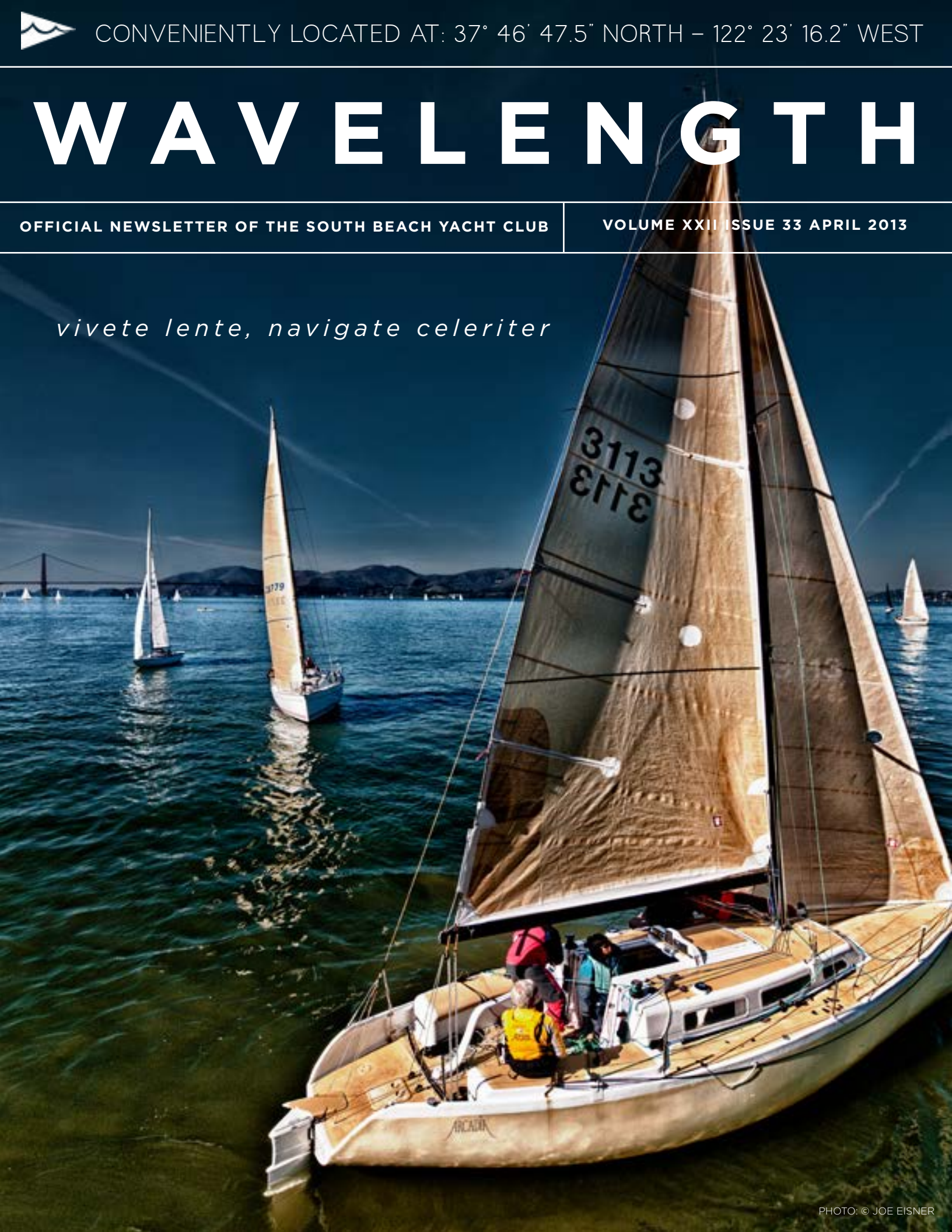
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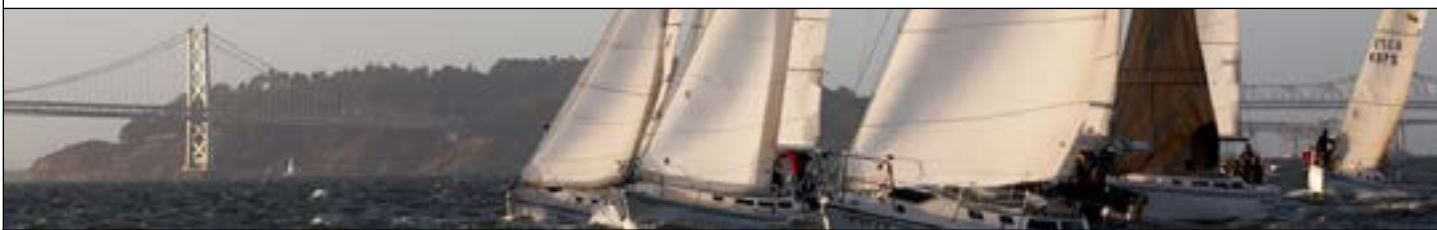
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THE SF BAY ARENA

There I was...in the cockpit of my boat trying to find my gate pass card... I used it for a coffee coaster ...

to keep my coffee cup off the map ... anyway I heard a man's voice from behind and above say, "Ahoy."

I've often found conversations starting with "Ahoy" to be unusual and out of the ordinary.

This is what followed: Ahoy" I said as I looked up to see this fellow in an eighty-two foot, mid-cockpit, cutter rigged sloop right behind me in the fairway between D&E dock.

"Ahoy," he said through a mouthful of pizza and beer, "we're trying to regatta a voyage down to San Diego. Is this the right way?"

Well, this is the west coast all right, but San Diego is down that-away a couple hundred miles."

"Ahoy, thank you" he said but by the tone in his voice I could tell he was hoping for a little more information so I added, "You'll need to go out the gate... " Ahoy, gate?" he questioned, looking around. Yep", I said, "the Golden Gate, you know, the bridge, the large orange-red colored one?"

He paused a moment to take a good look around our harbor then nodded imperceptibly and took another bite of Domino's finest.

I continued, "Once you get out the gate just turn to port; that would be to the left."

RAY HALL



The dumbest thing Ray will own up to is using his spinnaker for a wind indicator. And only because there is photo proof!

I knew the significance of this information was only of marginal worth when he jotted, with an ink pen, on the palm of his hand S, D, PORT ON LEFT.

Before he could "Ahoy" me again I hastily asked "So you're headed for San Diego?" Yes and no, if you know what I mean (which I didn't).

We're kind of going where the wild goose goes," he said with a wink and a nudge. His nudge missed the bimini support and I thought for a moment that he was going to join me down in the Da Bear's cockpit.

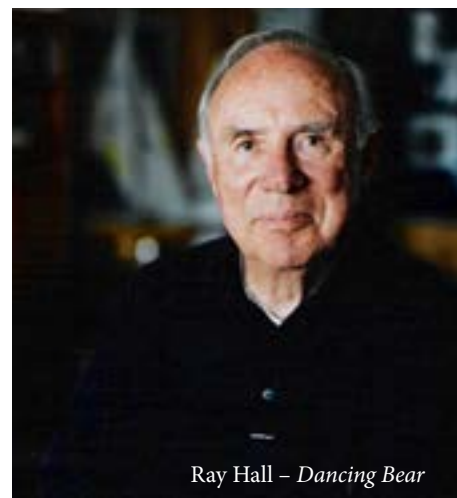
Regaining his composure he said, "First and foremost, I guess, we have to get out of this estuary, don't we? Say, by any chance do you tow boats out the Gate... No? I didn't think so.

Well, then we'll just Aloha our way out of here on the tide."

With that he put the eighty-two footer in reverse and, facing the stern, drove it out backwards.

It was only after he left that I thought perhaps I should have told him the short cut to San Diego by going under the San Mateo and Dumbarton Bridges.

He'll run aground sooner or later but it might save him some trouble in the long run.



Ray Hall – Dancing Bear



COMMODORE'S REPORT

This month South Beach Yacht Club turns 25. On Saturday, April 30th, 1988, Harbor-master Carter Strauch invited South Beach Harbor tenants interested in forming a yacht club to meet at the Longshoreman and Warehouse Union Hall across from the marina.

Fifty-six boat owners attended what turned out to be the initial meeting of South Beach Yacht Club.

The group selected 10 attendees (**Sue Angus, Bob Brigante, John Coe, Frank DeTeen, Leah Kenworthy, Ed Mackin, Bland McCartha, Keith Moore, Lome Ryan, and Devonee Welch**) as the Club organizing committee.

Stay tuned for information from committee chair **Eugene Hu** on our Anniversary festivities. In the meantime, head to sbyc.org/history for more on our Club history.

Mark your calendar and get out your red-white-and-blue duds for Opening Day on the Bay Sunday, April 28. It's always a big day: **Bob Mason** and **Martin Fay** continue the Oyster Festo tradition, now in its 14th year, and we'll see if **Wendy Hanrahan** and her crew can hold onto our first place parade win for our club trawler Anabel.

Check the club calendar for SBYC event details. Visit the website of the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association (www.picya.org) for the low-down on the Opening Day parade and Blessing of the Fleet.



PAUL OLIVA

In case you haven't been following America's Cup news, things are ramping up quickly. There is a final America's Cup World Series race in Naples, Italy, April 16-21, and starting May 31, the America's Cup concert series is bringing big names in music including Sting, Imagine Dragons, and Train.

But the big news will be seeing seven of the AC72 72-foot catamarans at warp speed on the bay.

Emirates Team New Zealand and Luna Rossa just packed up from their bases in Auckland and are on their way to San Francisco. That's two boats each for USA, Sweden, and New Zealand, with one boat for Italy.

For each race, SBYC members will be able to vie for a set of four club passes to watch from Pier 27 at the official grandstands.

Thanks for everyone who voted to approve our 2013 budgets and financial reserve requirement.

Time will tell how South Beach Harbor will evolve and how our lease will look when it comes up for a revaluation of our rent in 2015, but we should all be proud of our strong financial footing.

Happy 25th and Happy Opening Day on the Bay!



*Paul V. Oliva,
Catalina 310 Time & Tide*



Photo: © Tommy Bonbon

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

April begins traditionally with showers, but they haven't dampened our plans for a great month to begin our Friday Night Races.

This year we are featuring a race barbecue menu by Chef John similar to those enjoyed at the tailgate barbecue parties we had for football games in January. Dive into Tri-Tip from the grill, slow roasted beef brisket with chipotle barbecue sauce, baby back pork ribs and barbecued tender chicken with sides of baked beans and salads. Something for everyone!

We hope that by offering the same menu for each race, skippers and crew will be able to rely on an excellent hot meal for a modest price when they come off the water.



B I L L A D A M S

We are in full gear planning for the traditional spring and summer events beginning April 28th with an outstanding Opening Day on the bay party at the Club.

Bob Mason and **Martin Fay** will be serving barbecued oysters on the deck with a record setting 700 oysters on order this year. Starting dining service at noon on Sunday, Opening Day for those not out on the bay with the blessing of the fleet or on Anabel for the Decorated Boat Competition.

Bob and Martin are looking for volunteers to help them shuck oys-

ters. With 700 to prepare, we need many hands to help. If you would like to learn to shuck oysters, or if you are experienced and would like to help, please contact Bob or Martin.

Later in the day on Sunday, we will transition into a wine pairing event sponsored by Napa Valley Vintners and **Tim Gaughn**.

In addition, please welcome PICYA members as guests of the Club during the evening.

We had an especially festive and well attended Easter Brunch last month with **Susie Fay** creating beautiful table decorations, colorful linens and stunning floral arrangements.

It's not too early to begin planning your Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 12th at the Club. This year we will be providing a traditional buffet with two seating groups and an anticipated sellout! So be sure to make your reservations early.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in event planning and to host our traditional and annual events. Contact **Lynda Maybruck** to discuss your special skills and interests and find an upcoming opportunity to contribute.





S P L I C E T H E M A I N B R A C E

In March, after *Wavelength* was published, I received a stern (or was it a bow?) reprimand from a regular front page contributor to this fine newsletter (name withheld to protect the innocent), reminding me that HE handles the wit, humor and clever sayings in *Wavelength* and would I kindly bug out of his editorial territory...

I apologized unequivocally. His column is always the first thing I read because the author's brilliantly warped humor is such an insight into the strange workings of the human mind. I promised him I would never cross that line again and that from now on I will write incredibly boring columns. Consider that fair warning!



GUEST BEER TAP

You may have noticed that we often seem to have a new beer on tap,



perhaps one that you've never heard of or seen before. That's the fine work of our beer committee, led by the illustrious **Marcia Bever**. In the past 15 months, we've had 10 different beers on tap! If you have a favorite brew from a local microbrewery, please let Marcia or me know and we'll add it to the list! Bottoms up!

OOD REMINDERS

Please check the OOD schedule for your shift: We've had a couple of OODs who were surprised to receive the shift reminder email because they didn't realize their names were on the schedule which was published several weeks ago!

The email is just a courtesy – please don't rely on it as your first notice of an OOD duty date.

The updated opening/closing checklist is at the front of the OOD Manual and available for download on the OOD page of the website: The "old" opening and closing checklist in the OOD Manual (published in early 2007) is so out of date that I've torn the pages out of the binder on the bar! Please use the new checklist at all times.

OOD MEMORIES

The group photo on the OOD page of the Club website features some of our best wearing the smiles that all our OODs are famous for!

Splice the mainbrace, y'all!



H U G H C O P P E N



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

Strictly Sail Pacific

April 11-14, 2013 Jack London Square, Oakland, CA



Boat Show Primer. Let's see, Louis Vuitton Cup in July, followed by the Red Bull Youth America's and the 34th America's cup finals in September... seems like a whole lotta sailin' going on.

With so much sailing excitement I am pretty sure many SBYC members, even some of our power boaters, are going to show up this week at the Strictly Sail Pacific boat show over in Oakland at Jack London Square.

Whether this is your first or one more in a history of participation, it is a good idea to have a plan:

M I L T S M I T H

Step 1. Visit strictlysailpacific.com. There you will find terrific details about everything going on...

You may wish to attend one of the more than 100 seminars, get specifics on a certain boat, talk to the exhibitors about thousands of products or just walk around happy to among boat people.

Step 2. Figure your days, time and parking strategy. Plenty of parking around JLS, but it pays to have a plan.

Step 3. Leaving your shoes dockside as you board each special, "gee this looks like a yacht I could live with" requires a little pre-planning.

Basically easy on-easy off shoes are a no brainer but proper location so stepping into them moves you to the next boat is important too. Pedicures and snazzy toenails doesn't hurt.

Step 4. Try to resist the urge to fling yourself onto a bunk and squeal like the Geico pig.

Step 5. Take some time to do advanced research so you will have some really bright questions, and answers, thereby dazzling everyone else while you converse with sales people, exhibitors and instructors.

Drop by the RS Terra booth and test out at our Junior Sailing boats!

RACING

'12 '13 Island Fever Results

Spinnaker 113 & < Rob Theis, Aeolus: Spinnaker 114 & > Tim McDonald, Lazy Lightning: Catalina 30s three-way tie, Mark Hecht, Friday's Eagle, Mike Kastrop, Goose; Jack McDermott, Adventure. Non-spinnaker John Wallace, Alpha. Goose won overall prize for having the most Pink Flamingos on board.

Friday Night Series practice race April 19- time to register the Notice of Race is posted! SF 30s get their own division if five boats register... come on!

XBAY Regatta coming up May 11. Interclub #1 April 13. **Duxship** June 1. **Summer Sailstice** June 22. **Jazz Cup** August 31. **Red Bra Regatta** Oct. 6.

CRUISE-OUTS

Co-Chairs *Kathleen Dunn & Diane Thompson.*

> Kathleen Dunn is hosting a cruise out to the Balena Bay Yacht Club in Alameda. A Motown Dinner & Dance Saturday, June 15th, so be sure and bring your dancing shoes. A tour of the home of Hanger One Vodka, (St. George Spirits) is arranged for Saturday at 2 pm. Then potluck Sunday brunch at the docks followed by a tour of the Hornet Museum at the Alameda Naval Base. Registration for the event will be posted soon and there is plenty of dock space for all.
 > Pete & Bonnie Townsend are hosting a wonderful coastal cruise to Half Moon Bay and Santa Cruz over the Fourth of July. Registration opens shortly.
 > Roger Ladwig is hosting the 2nd Treasure Island cruise out July 26 - 27th. Registration opens shortly.



MEMBERS CORNER

ACWS RACE VIEWING FROM NAPLES, ITALY

Alan Maybruck hosts a Sunday afternoon screening of the race finale! Bring your favorite appetizer and join in on the excitement April 21st.

ALL HANDS ON DECK Volunteering is the cornerstone of our club. All of our members are terrific and rarely say “no” when solicited to help. And for that we are so very grateful. We’d love to see more members “looking” for things to do for the club. Feel free to email me at lynda@compass-comm.net and I’ll direct you to the right person and or committee.

LYNDA MAYBRUCK

With all of that said, we frequently have “exceptional” volunteers. These are members who go over and above the call of duty to support and develop member related activities at SBYC.



Volunteer of the Month, Colm Pelow was recognized at the March members meeting. Colm has his footprint on just about every square inch of our building! He has spent the last few months climbing around in our attic, up on the roof, in between walls, installing two separate Wi-fi broadcast units: one for much improved connectivity even at the furthest ends of the marina; and one for improved speed and connectivity in our Club house. Colm is also our consummate consultant always ready to set up club computers and install software. When you next see Colm, please give him a big thank you.

But, look for him in the club rather than on the roof or in the attic.

Thank you Colm!

WENDY HANARAN

25th Anniversary Memorabilia!

Check out these items available for purchase now in the Ship’s Store.

Ray and Natalie Hall have carefully collected and presented a history of the club in a delightful scrapbook format filled with details and photos of friends old and new. Check out the prototype and order your very own.

Brad Bergman monogrammed 16 fleece blankets in red and blue in a comfy full 60” x 60”. It pays to attend



the Friday night member meetings! In March **Sylvia McDermott** and **Lynda Maybruck** were the

raffle winners! Last count there were only seven blankets remaining!

Check out the monogrammed navy & black water-proof sunbrella fabric striped tote bags. Selling fast at \$80.

Come see what we will reveal for sale & raffle at the member meeting! Look out for my girls **Finnagh** and **Enya** to purchase a raffle ticket or two!





FRIDAY NITE RACES

South Beach offers some of Northern California's finest year-round racing. We hit the Bay's racing scene with style in 1989 with a challenge for a Labor Day Weekend race that became our annual Jazz Cup. Our racing has grown ever since. There's nothing like finishing a race to the roar of the crowd under bright stadium lights at a home game of World Series winning SF Giants. Always a thrill when national TV pans down to our finish line.

Our Series runs from April into September and generally attracts 60 or more entries. Raced around buoys south of the Bay Bridge, the series consists of 12 races plus one practice race. Overall winners are scored for the six races in the first half and for all twelve races overall. See the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for timings, but races generally start after 6pm and most boats finish by 8:30pm. Then feel the Club fill to the brim with testosterone!

POST RACE PARTIES

Bolster up on the Barbecue Buffet!

Featuring a Friday Nite Race grilled barbecue menu by Chef John.

Tear into tasty Tri-Tip from the grill, slow roasted beef brisket with chipotle barbecue sauce, baby back pork ribs and barbecued tender chicken with hefty sides of baked beans and seasonal salads.



Photo © Tim Hobson



RESTORING FREDA

A story steeped in rich maritime history will be shared amongst early morning risers on April 24th at Marines Memorial Club. Join in on breakfast, camaraderie and sit back for a tale in the history of boat building in the Bay Area. Special guest Andrea Rey, Executive Director of the [Spaulding Wooden Boat Center](#) will share specifically on the restoration of Freda.

and skilled craftspeople, SWBC offers a wealth of educational programs and community events designed to connect people of all ages to the Bay Area's maritime history, historic sailing vessels, and the art of wooden boatbuilding.

The center was built in 1951 by Bay Area legend Myron Spaulding - concert violinist, champion sailor (he skippered the famous yacht Dorade to victory in the 1936 Trans-Pac race



Following Myron Spaulding's death in 2000 at age 94, his wife Gladys established a trust to create the non-profit charitable organization. Said to be the last remaining wooden boatyard in California, SWBC provides a valuable bridge into the San Francisco Bay Area's rich maritime history, as well as a unique opportunity for youth and adults to learn the craft of wooden boatbuilding.



RESTORING FREDA

Freda has been widely celebrated as the "Matriarch of San Francisco Bay." A 32-ft. gaff sloop, she was built in 1885, and is the oldest active sailing yacht on the west coast. Freda embodies the creativity and self-reliance of wooden boat builders. She is an important tool for communicating traditional boat-building qualities and ideals to future generations.

As one of sixty gaff sloops built in the 19th century, Freda is the only remaining boat of its kind in existence.

SAVE THE DATE

[Golden Gate Breakfast Club](#)
Marines Memorial Club 10th Floor
April 24th at 7-8:30 am \$25 pp. for breakfast buffet- *via Patti Mangan*

Located in the heart of Sausalito's waterfront, Spaulding Wooden Boat Center (SWBC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, sharing, and celebrating the area's rich history of traditional wooden boatbuilding. With its 20,000 sq. ft. working wooden boatbuilding facility, historically significant sailboats,

to Hawaii) and self-educated boat designer and builder.

In 1951 Spaulding purchased the property and constructed the Boat Works in order to build his own boat designs. Many of his designs are still active on the west coast, and his design drawings are housed at the National Historic Maritime Museum.

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SOUTH BEACH YACHT CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday/Sat/Sunday April 5~7	St. Francis Yacht Club Cruise Out	
Sunday April 7	Sea Scavenger Shoreline Cleanup Treasure Island	1000 - 1200
Thursday April 11	Race Rule Seminar	1830 - 2100
Friday April 12	Members Meeting	1800 - 2200
Friday/Sunday April 12~14	Benecia Yacht Club Cruise-In	
Saturday April 13	Sea Scavenger Shoreline Cleanup Jack London Square	1000 - 1200
Tuesday April 16	SBYC Membership Committee Meeting	1800 - 2200
Friday April 19	Friday Night Race ~ Practice	1700 - 2100
Saturday April 20	Book Club ~ Erasing Death By Sam Parnia, MD	1500 - 1700
Sunday, April 21	ACWS race viewing from Naples, Italy / Appetizer Potluck	1400 - 1700
Wednesday April 24	Spaulding Wooden Boat Center at Marines Memorial Club	0700 - 0830
Friday April 26	Friday Night Race	1700 - 2100
Sunday April 28	Opening Day On The Bay	1000 - 1900
Sunday April 28	Opening Day On The Bay Oyster Fest	1200 - 1400
Sunday April 28	PICYA Opening Day Reception	1500 - 1800
Sunday April 28	Napa Valley Vintners Wine Tasting	1700 - 1900

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