

A close-up, low-angle shot of a sailboat's mast and rigging, extending from the bottom left towards the top right. The boat is white with wooden planking on the deck. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with golden light breaking through scattered clouds. The sea is visible at the bottom, with white foam from the boat's wake.

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# WAVELENGTH

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*vivete lente, navigate celeriter*



# IT IS WHAT IT IS : WHAT IS IT?

RAY HALL

**W**hile wading in a puddle of nostalgia I came across something I would like to share with our new members. This is re-run of a previously published article rationalizing our South Beach Harbor's large red 'objet d'art.'

## Top 10 Reasons why we have the red sculpture on the grass area in front of the harbor.

**#10**

To have a prominent place from which to hang the PARKING LOT FULL sign.

**#9**

To convey the feeling of community and unity with all the peoples of the Pacific Rim Nations, and in a greater sense, with mankind throughout the world, or maybe not.

**#8**

To keep the balance of "San Francisco's surplus fund" down to a manageable amount.

**#7**

To make the Vaillancourt Fountain in Justin Herman Plaza look pretty darn good.

**#6**

To provide the Java House restaurant with exceptional television reception.

**#5**

To confirm government research that there are certain things on which even seagulls won't sit.

**#4**

To bring to our environs culture, refinement and like, you know, that kind of stuff.

**#3**

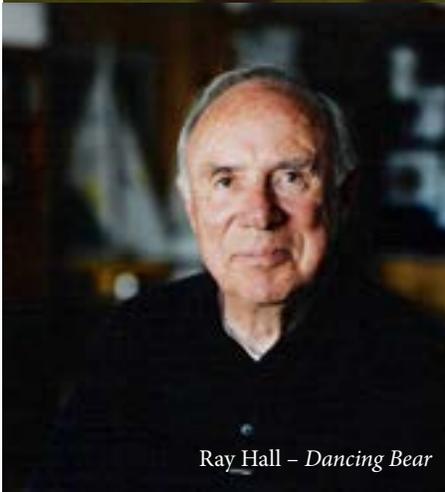
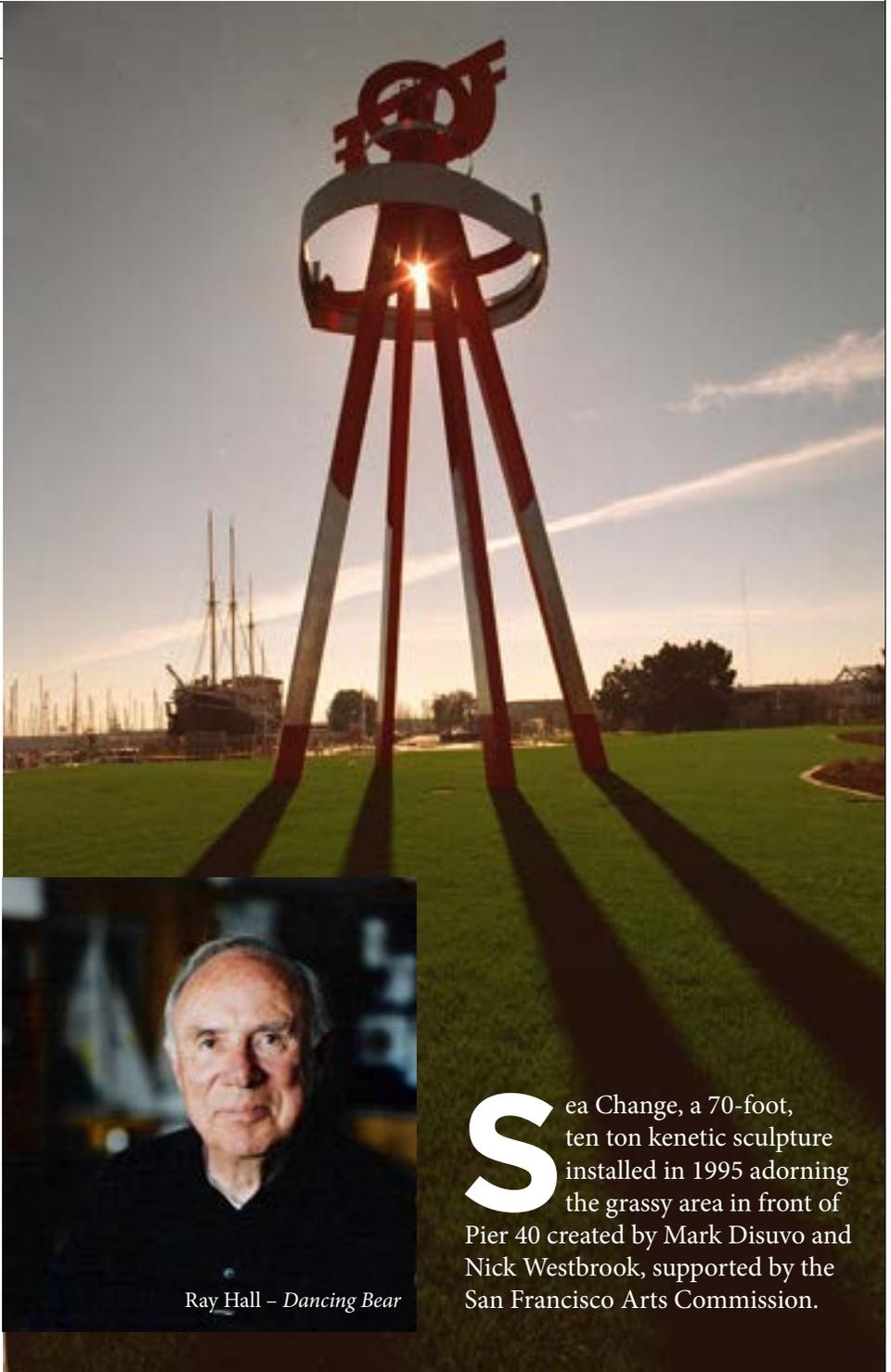
To provide a structure from which we can drape all those strings of lights that have been taking up room in the back of our closets and create the grandest Christmas tree on the Embarcadero.

**#2**

To be a sign to us from the Almighty that he is mighty ticked off.

**#1**

To show that, compared to the Jazz Cup trophy, it's not the size that counts.



Ray Hall - Dancing Bear

**S**ea Change, a 70-foot, ten ton kinetic sculpture installed in 1995 adorning the grassy area in front of Pier 40 created by Mark Disuvo and Nick Westbrook, supported by the San Francisco Arts Commission.



# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**W**ell, the America's Cup has been over for a while, and things are getting back to normal (whatever that means at SBYC). Looking back, it was a great run, though the Artemis tragedy and a disappointing L.V. Cup took some wind out of everyone's sails.

The City of San Francisco and SBYC played host and rubbed elbows with world class sailors, shore teams, race management and spectators from around the globe.

T O M R O G E R S

A clear favorite across the board were the Kiwi folks. They put up a hell of a challenge, and possessed a super mix of skill, sportsmanship, and charisma. We were fortunate to have witnessed the competition, been visited many times by ETNZ team members, and having the opportunity to work with the New Zealand Trade & Enterprise on events at the club.

Board Member, Tim Weir and I were talking about this topic a couple of weeks ago, and Tim suggested writing a letter to ETNZ expressing our appreciation of their performance and camaraderie.

Prompted and assisted by Tim, I sent the following letter on SBYC letterhead to Grant Dalton, CEO of ETNZ with a copy to Ross Blackman, Administrator.



October 15, 2013

*The members of South Beach Yacht Club would be remiss if we did not recognize the outstanding performance of Emirates Team New Zealand during its challenge for America's Cup 34.*

*The team's display of ingenuity, focus, and boat handling skills were only surpassed by a display of sportsmanship that serves as an example for competitors in all sports.*

*Beyond the race, SBYC enjoyed the camaraderie while hosting ENTZ members at our facility. We were also pleased to be able to provide a venue for New Zealand Trade & Enterprise events.*

*We sincerely hope that New Zealand will again be a challenger for the next America's Cup Regatta, and look forward to, once again, extend our hospitality to a most talented and amicable New Zealand contingent.*

*Fair Winds,  
Tom Rogers Commodore*

Within a week I received the following email response from Grant Dalton:

*Dear Tom*

*Thank you for your kind letter.*

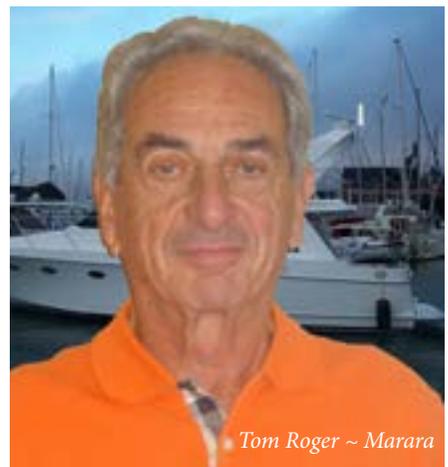
*Since returning to New Zealand we have been amazed at the support for the team and it is that support that has started to spur us on to try and see whether the funding is available to go again.*

*The news we have that SF may well be the venue again is certainly part of the decision, everyone made us feel so welcome while we were there, what a great city.*

*So may see you again in a few years, you never know!*

*Regards,  
Grant*

Wouldn't it be great if we did !!  
Tom



Tom Roger ~ Marara

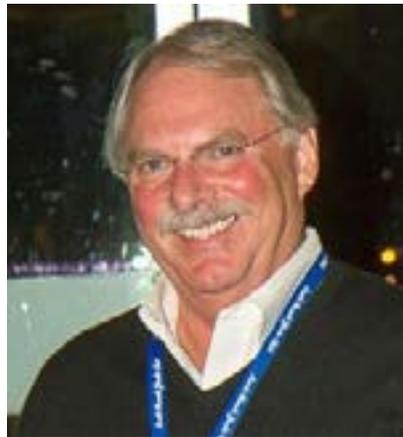


## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**W**e are anticipating a record setting auction to kick off November on Saturday evening the 2nd. "*The Closer*" **Cat Reining** and the entire auction committee have executed an extraordinary job organizing the event and promoting attendance and interest with the spectacular [Auction Catalog](#). A packed house is expected with more than 100 registered to attend and over 110 items to bid on!

Please pre-register now for the November 8th Member's meeting where final votes will be tabulated in the annual Officer's election. If you cannot attend, be sure to get in your absentee ballot before the meeting commences.

On Saturday afternoon, the 16th, **Karen Wheeler, Christine Calloway Holt, Judy White and Paula Ausano** will be hosting a lovely and lively **Holiday Boutique** from 3-7pm. Come shop for holiday gifts and then stay for a nice dinner at the Club.



B I L L A D A M S

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, BAADS is sponsoring an annual potluck featuring **Les Hennessey's** Roast Turkeys with everyone pitching in on all the fixing's to complete a traditional holiday meal.

It's not too early to plan for December! Save an entire week for a **Big Holiday Celebration** at the Club!

Santa officially arrives by boat on Sunday the 8th at noon, hosted by **Wendy Hanrahan** with the assistance of **Brad Ketchum** and **David Latch**.

Come to the Club for a continental breakfast and watch the children make original Christmas ornaments!

Then Wednesday evening December 11th - join in on a festive Holiday Sparkling wine pairing & sharing Champagne & Pearls hosted by the dynamic duo **Deb Phairas** and **Lisa Gidley**. Ladies wear your pearls!

For "**Friday the Thirteenth**," our final Member meeting agenda of 2013 will be brief because following dinner we will enjoy the traditional SBYC Member Gift Exchange.

Saturday afternoon, if not before, we will encourage boat decorating and lighting with holiday inspired appetizers and beverages on the docks. Then dress it up Italian style for a Holiday Party hosted by **Susie Fay, Christmas in Venice**.

A venetian feast followed by lively dancing and music by the **Stephanie Teel Band**. If you are still on your feet come Sunday morning then bring on the Bloody Mary Bar and Breakfast Buffet in the Club!

Happy Holidays!

See you at the Club!



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

**H**ave you tried any of our new 'Gold Label' red wines yet? If you haven't, you're missing out!

Our 'Gold' wines are of even higher quality than our premium reds and give our members a wider selection of wines to choose from.

We've had a Gold Label red wine by the bottle for a couple of years now, but the Hospitality Committee (under the relentless prodding of Keith Schafer) finally decided to offer three or four Gold wines, and to sell by the glass as well as by the bottle.

We introduced our first three Gold reds at the October Members Meeting that earned great reviews:

*Carmel Road Pinot Noir from Monterey*  
*Green Valley Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon*  
*Petroni Vineyards Rosso di Sonoma*

We've started at a price of \$25 a bottle (vs. \$20 for our premium reds) and \$8 a glass. As we get to know your tastes in Gold wines, we will look at expanding our wine list to some even higher quality wines at slightly higher prices. And keep checking our Gold wine list because we're going to change the Gold wine selections regularly.

Please share your comments with me or anyone on the wine committee (**Keith Schafer, Barrie Wheeler, Rod Neathery and Roland Medel**). The more you tell us, the more we can continue to offer wines that you'll want to buy!



For single malt scotch lovers! We have replaced our 'old faithful' Highland Park with not one but two great, and quite different, single malt Scotches. For those who prefer bigger and fuller single malts, we offer Macallan, while for those who prefer a lighter variety, we have Glenfiddich. Let us know what your preference is because I'd personally love to bring in a big smoky Islay single malt next!



H U G H   C O P P E N

## **B**EHIND THE BAR

Special note to OOD's. Please try to minimize the number of open red wine bottles left at the end of every day especially Sundays. Open red wines do not keep from Sunday night to the next Friday and are all thrown out. This week alone, we had EIGHT open bottles of red, including three Gold, at the bar on Monday morning.

They weren't all full but that's still a lot of wine that the Club paid for and that we had to waste. So, in the last couple of hours of the day, please avoid opening a new bottle of wine just to sell one glass. Instead, offer the member or guest a selection of what you already have open.

Splice the mainbrace, y'all!



# REAR COMMODORE REPORT

## VOLUNTEER, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

So far 2013 has really been something. Talk about meeting yourself coming and going, I was leaving the club one afternoon last week and ran into myself on the dingy dock! I was too busy to stop and chat so I never figured out how it happened.\*

The new year is right around the corner, we will have new people in various positions of responsibility, and whether it is at the board level or at the committee level, I can tell you, you'll be needed.

Now is the time to think about how you can help next year, a little or a lot. What can you add to make sure our club continues to thrive and remain the warm, friendly and truly cool club that it is? Don't wait for someone to call you, take a look at the opportunities and call someone who can help get you involved, and if they call you be sure to pick up the phone. On the water you can be involved with cruise outs, race committee, Jr. Sailing, support boat skipper and crew, boat maintenance, the list goes on. Your help will be valued and appreciated. To all of you who already have your SBYC volunteer plate full, thank you so much! Please continue to help out where you feel most comfortable but don't be afraid to try something new, you can also help recruit. Grab a new member or someone who has been around for a while and bring them along on one of your SBYC volunteer adventures. OK, I am off the soapbox, here are some quotes I like.

*Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.*  
—Mark Twain

*Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.* —Robert Orben

Volunteerism gives you a high that's legal and doesn't land you in jail.



Volunteering: We don't pay so you can't quit.

Noah's Ark was built by volunteers;  
the Titanic was built by Professionals

\*BTW, later on I met up with myself and a few others for a beer, always good company at SBYC!



M I L T S M I T H

**RACING**  
*Island Fever Series*  
Register now for the race beginning November 16th and running thru March 15th... registration details are on the SBYC site and for information, contact Race Chair, [Janelle Van Rensselaer](#) at (650)303-8236.



# RED BRA REGATTA



Rachael Porter, Carol Shoaf, Mara Gottsman, Joan Byrne, Elizabeth Little, Synthia Petroka

## Heart of Gold Take First Place in 2nd Annual Red Bra Regatta

### FNS RESULTS: BOAT, SKIPPER

Heart Of Gold	Joan Byrne
Adventure	Jessica Chase/ Jack McDermott
Lochan Ora	Marcia Bever
Zingara	Jocelyn Swanson
Ouessant	Jennifer Hinkle
While I Can	Libbie Sheldon



# SEA SCAVENGER CONSERVANCY

A CLEAN AND HEALTHY SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE



When it comes to hosting a world class sporting event such as the America's Cup and placing the City of San Francisco in the international spotlight, curb appeal takes on a whole new perspective.

While the AC Summer of Racing was focused on sport, the America's Cup Healthy Ocean Project highlighted our amazing ocean resources and the particular challenges the ocean environment is facing today. One of three main

goals of ACHOP was to create awareness and inspire action around the issue of marine debris.



As the America's Cup Healthy Ocean Project Local Shoreline

Cleanup Partner, Sea Scavenger Conservancy provided the boots-on-the-ground program to engage the public in fulfilling this goal.

Over the past year, our team at

Sea Scavenger has had the pleasure of working with ACEA staff and ACHOP partners. We conducted 27 events across six counties stretching from the Sacramento River to the Pacific Coastline. Nearly 1,200 volunteers logged in 3,800 volunteer hours and removed over 20,000 pounds of debris from the marine environment.

Before the America's Cup and all the limelight, there was just Sea Scavenger, the little project that could. And we did. Powered by volunteers' inspiration and perspiration we moved mountains of trash from the shoreline. We brought several thousand people out to shoreline parks they never knew existed. Along the way, we steadily changed the face of the SF shoreline from South Beach to Candlestick.

In its fourth year now, the Sea Scavenger 2ndSAT Shoreline Cleanup has put up some impressive numbers. Since June 2010, including our ACHOP year, we have logged in 10,000 volunteer hours and removed 48,000 pounds of marine debris from the shoreline.

Our progress is a real testament to teamwork. From the beginning, our shoreline cleanups have been





supported by the Port of SF, the SF Department of Public Works and Recology. We were joined early on by One Brick, a volunteer organization who remains with us today. We work with numerous non-profits, neighborhood associations and yacht clubs along the shoreline.



LORRAINE PALMER

As a sailor and member of SBYC, it is rewarding to be joined by fellow Club members along our neighborhood shoreline. SBYC members participate as event captains, cleanup volunteers and youth organizers. When running simultaneous events at multiple venues, I can count on **Patti Mangan** and **Cat Reining** to



show up with a posse of friends to captain a cleanup. When we need someone to run an event at a location several hours away and be ready for volunteers to sign in at 9am we know we can count on **Susan Dworak**. And when we need an enthusiastic, well-informed Jr. Sea Scavenger to address a group of inquisitive youth, our go-to is **Dolan Dworak**. SBYC's spirit of volunteerism is alive and hard at work for the marine environment.

Close up, Sea Scavenger volunteers are simply cleaning up a shoreline park each month. From a broader perspective, Sea Scavengers

are stewards of the ocean. And in so doing, start a sea change that will enable sea lions to frolic in a clean bay, whales and turtles, sharks, and dolphins to migrate unhindered across clean oceans, albatross chicks on uninhabited islands to reach maturity and fish served on your plate to be clean and healthy.

Help us carry on the legacy of the America's Cup Healthy Ocean Project! Join us for a 2ndSAT Cleanup or schedule a private cleanup for your place of work, school or community.

[Email us](#) or register for a future cleanup at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

# HERB MEYER REGATTA



BAADS Commodore Cristina Rubke took first in the Liberty Servo class

**NEWS:** SBYC and BAADS will host the World's next summer but since the Access class has been renamed Hansa, in the future look for information about the Hansa Class World Championship.

**S**ixteen small boats competed in the Herb Meyer regatta on October 26th, which included five 303s, seven Liberties, three Liberty Servo and one sleek Laser. It was a full and colorful sea south of the traditional McCovey Cove venue, where we looked for the winds just north of Hunter's Point. The winds were light and clocking at our 1300 start.

By the second race we had moderate winds and sailors completed three races over a moderately tricky course. Winners were awarded at a brief ceremony at the club just before our infamous Pirate Halloween Party. Jim and Kathy Thweatt took first in the 303 class. Commodore **Cristina Rubke** took first in the Liberty Servo class and John Wallace sailed to a first in the non-servo Liberty class.

Then the pirates took over. Among the pirates in full dress regalia with frock coats, lace shirt-fronts, swords and gold earrings were two Pittsburgh Pirates. Seems like BAADS' pirate party has obtained national recognition just like BAADS' Access Class North American Championship this past summer. Thanks to the many volunteers and participants who made the day a very fun success!

**NOTE:** BAADS' small boat racing on the 3rd Saturday each month, called Liberty Saturdays, concluded October 26 with the Herb Meyer Regatta. Liberty Saturdays will move to the 2nd Saturdays each month from November through March to accommodate SBYC Saturday races.



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## VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE MONTH



**Roger Ladwig** has always been a major contributor to SBYC. He's held every position at least once, even twice as Commodore. For quite some time this diligent volunteer, and his 3 cohorts spend every Monday counting the cash from the weekend and desperately try to figure out why the POS doesn't match the cash in the drawer. They have concluded the OODs get their drinks at the end of their shifts!

In supporting the treasury process, Roger is involved in most of the financial services the club requires in order to manage our cash and systems. He is an active member of the finance committee; the executive race committee; he coordinates principal race officers; he's an OOD; and he organizes an awesome cruise out to TI. We all know he is in pursuit of the infamous title of GOM for which he practices diligently. He's our outstanding SBYC volunteer this month, AND our next Treasurer. Thank you Roger!



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## SOUTH BEACH YACHT CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, Nov 2	25th Anniversary Auction	6:00 PM
Monday, Nov 4	PICYA Annual Awards Dinner, Encinal Yacht Club	5:00 PM
Friday, Nov 8	Member Meeting ~ Election Night	6:00 PM
Saturday, Nov 9	Sea Scavenger Shoreline Cleanup	10:00 AM
Saturday, Nov 16	Island Fever Race	11:00 AM
Saturday, Nov 16	Holiday Boutique	3:00 PM
Saturday, Nov 16	Book Club	3:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov 19	SBYC Membership Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec 8	Santa by Boat	11:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec 11	Wine Pairing: Pearls & Champagne	7:00 PM

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