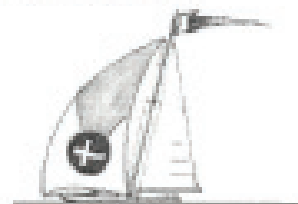


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# *The Spinnaker Sheet*

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## *SAP 505 World and North Americans*

Between August 18<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> about 100 505's from 11 countries descended on San Francisco and the St Francis Yacht Club. The 505, for those of you not familiar with them, are 16'6" two man trapeze dinghies, raced all around the world. Each year we come together to race for the World Championships and on three previous occasions it has been held in Santa Cruz. This time following Palermo in Italy in '08 it was back to California to race in the cold and windy waters of the San Francisco Bay, more pertinently the Berkley Circle. Amongst the fleet were several SCYC boats, **Bruce Edwards/Dave Shelton, Aaron Ross**, Several boats from **Philippe Khan's** Pegasus stable and myself (**Mike Holt**) sailing with **Carl Smit**.

The first event raced was the three day long North American Championship. This is obviously taken seriously by those of us on this continent but as it is also the "Pre-Worlds" it is taken less seriously by the overseas boats who treat it as a warm up and a cobweb clearing exercise before the main event. Nevertheless, 69 boats raced the event. Our sail number was randomly drawn out of the hat to be the Pathfinder for the first race. Traditionally the 505 class uses gate or rabbit starts to get the races underway with one boat starting on Port tack at the Start Gun and the rest of the fleet starting on Starboard tack going behind. So we had the honor of starting proceedings. After 5 of the 6 races were contested, we were in the odd position of



(Carl Smit & Mike Holt)

being able to head for home with a score line of 6,2,2,2,1, putting us in an unassailable 2<sup>nd</sup> place but unable to beat the leaders, Mike Martin and Jeff Nelson from Newport Beach who had a score of 1,1,1,1,2. Rounding out the top three was Howie Hamlin and Ian Mitchell.

After a two day break for measurement and to allow the body to recover, the main event was upon us and the weeks of practice were going to be tested to the limit! With 9 previous World Champions, olympians and many other notable sailors racing it was going to be an action packed and exciting week.

The first day was a two-race day, which including the long sail down to the circle and back after racing made for a long day. It was also a day with the breeze

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set on full power with gusts well up into the mid 30's. It was a good day for mast makers as more than a few masts were lost to a combination of strong wind and shallow water. However the racing was about as good as it gets and what a 505 was made for. We had a great day, scoring 2,1 to sit at the top of the leader board. Day 2 was a slightly mellower day as was day three, we carried on our great form with three 2<sup>nd</sup> places. However, Mike Martin and Jeff Nelson were unstoppable in the breeze scoring three 1sts. So after 5 races we were in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 7 points, trailing Mike and Jeff who had 4 points. Back in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with 12 points, were Australians Chris Nicholson and Casey Smith. Chris has won the 505 Worlds three times, the first being in Santa Cruz in '92.

After three days of racing we got a much needed day off, time to heal boat and body! Then straight back at it with a two race day. Strangely the breeze was not doing its thing and we had two races in very moderate conditions. Historically Carl and I have not been at our best in the "lighter stuff" but somehow found a new gear and managed to come away with a 3 and 4 for the day while Mike and Jeff added a 12 and a 2 to their score. Seven races in and we were back in the lead, with a 12 points to 18 points advantage with two races to go. At

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the 505 Worlds, a full series is 9 races and if all are sailed there are 2 discards. This meant that with 2 races to go we could not finish worse than 2<sup>nd</sup>, not a bad place to be. However, with two discards Mike and Jeff's scores would have the potential to close or pass our 6 point advantage. So with nothing to lose our strategy changed from one of working to get good finishes to one of trying to stop someone else from getting good finishes. This led to the very odd sight of 2 505's match racing before a gate start. This is much harder than on a line start as the "window of opportunity" goes on much longer, so you can trap the other boat and they can still bail out and come back OK. Which unfortunately is what happened in both of the last two races. Despite our best endeavors Mike and Jeff pulled away to win both the last 2 races and with it the title of 505 World Champions. Especially impressive was the fact that Mike Martin has now won the Worlds as both a crew and a helm, the only person to have done so.

1. USA 8714 Mike Martin and Jeff Nelson
2. USA 9002 **Mike Holt** and Carl Smit
3. AUS 8786 Chris Nicholson and Casey Smith
4. GER 8875 Jens Findel and Johannes Tellen
5. USA 8815 Dalton Bergan and Fritz Lanzinger

Other Santa Cruz Yacht Club 505's:  
 15 **Bruce Edwards** and **Dave Shelton**  
 37 **Hasso Platner** and Peter Alarie  
 42 Steve Kleha and **Matthias Kennerknecht**  
 58 **Aaron Ross** and Rob Waterman  
 65 Thad Lieb and **Pat Diola**

Mike Holt  
 SCYC Member

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### Commodore Report

Greetings to all. As October comes to an end, so does Wednesday Night Sailing and BBQ's with the last Wednesday night being October 28<sup>th</sup>. October has been a somewhat quiet month compared to others.

We had an informational meeting about the proposed remodel scheduled for Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and hopefully those with concerns or questions will have attended. The Annual General Membership meeting will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> with appetizers supplied by Kiss Catering. By the time you receive your Spinnaker Sheet, this will have taken place as well.

November always proves to be a busy month at the club and we are well into preparing for the year end. The New Members Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and I hope that many of you will join me in welcoming our new members.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. We have much to be thankful for.

Lena Parker  
 Commodore

### Vice Commodore Report (House and Club)

This year the SCYC has added about forty new members! Our Membership chairperson **Barbara Booth** has been one very busy person. Thank you Barbara for all of your time and effort. To all you new enthusiastic, want-to-be involved members, here is your opportunity. First I am looking for someone to head up the Club's cruising activities. This requires a meeting in about March to schedule the year's activities and list the members that will organize which cruises. In the last three years **Nancy**



and **Dave Dias** have done a great job of welcoming all new and interested members and will gladly participate in introductions and the transition. By the way, thank you Nancy and Dave, you two have taken our cruising activities to a new level. Secondly I am looking for an assistant to help the House Committee, (**Jim Skinner**), for 2010 with the intent of taking over the House Committee in 2011. This volunteer should have some handyman ability and should live in the Santa Cruz area. Don't be afraid, you get lots of help. Jim is a hands on guy and will be a full participant in the transition.

Volunteering and giving back to your Club is an important part of its existence. The biggest benefit is meeting and working with the other volunteers. Please call me (706-7579), or contact Greg Haws for information.

By the time you read this, the AGM will have come and gone and you will have given the Board a clear direction for our future. I am looking forward to 2010.

Vice Commodore  
Steve Niemann

### Rear Commodore (Social)

As the summer months lean towards fall, we still have good weather to help us wind down the year. As you receive this newsletter, your current and future board members will be working hard toward next year's events and race Calendar. Your board will have new faces along with an enthusiasm driven energy; we are all really excited for the following boating season to get under way.

We have many changes within our committees, I encourage all our new and seasoned members to find an interest and get involved.

**Dave and Nancy Dias**, Cruise directors, have decided to give someone else a chance to get involved



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and head up the Cruising Committee. Dave and Nancy's involvement over that last several years have included many fantastic cruises, raft ups, and dock parties. Their efforts, energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by all our membership and cruisers, On behalf of our membership and board, I extend a grateful and heart felt thank you from us all.

I would like to remind all our new members that the New Membership dinner will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>, please call the Club to make your reservations.

I want to thank all of you who have been supportive and involved with our past years social and racing events. It takes a lot of people, their energy and time to put on these events. We couldn't have accomplished the success that we all enjoyed without them. I would like to especially thank **Allison Gripenstraw**, for your vision, creativity, energy and enthusiasm directing the parties we held this past year. I would be remiss if I did not include a special thank you to **Beth Gripenstraw, Barbara Booth, and Jennifer Corgiat** along with KISS catering. You all are the reason we were able to pull off these events while having fun at the same time. I also would like to extend my appreciation to **Greg Haws**, Manager and **Jennifer Whall**, for your continued direction and support. And thank you to all members who enjoyed the events, because if it weren't for you coming, we couldn't hold such first class events.

We still have a few more parties and potlucks to enjoy this year, so be sure you keep your eye on the calendar and join in the fun. Thank you for your continued support

Michael D Wood  
Rear Commodore



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## Upcoming SCYC Events Calendar

Annual General Meeting  
*November 1*

Regatta Appreciation Dinner  
*November 7*

Mini-Boat Regatta  
*November 14*

New Members Dinner  
*November 15*

Midwinters #1 Regatta  
*November 21*

Musical Potluck  
*November 21*

Club Closed for Holiday  
*November 26 -30*

Lighted Boat Parade  
*December 5*

## Fall SCORE #2

Light winds resulted in only a single race being sailed on September 9<sup>th</sup>, but there were some new boats out including Howard Turner's J-109 *Symmetry* racing in A fleet and **Ron Dillehay's Emeritus** joining **Marc Barshay's Aeolian** in the nascent Jib & Main division. Welcome!

In A fleet, *Octavia* (**Shepard Kett**) scored the bullet, with *Heartbeat* (**Lou Pambianco**) finishing second and *Symmetry* third. B fleet was won by *Magic* (**Magdalena Naef**), *Hanalei* (**Ryan Schuyler**) finished second and *Absinthe* (Randy Lakos) third. *Mercedes* (**Joel Verutti**) was the only double-handed boat that showed up, so Mercedes gained four points on the rest of the double-handed fleet. *Emeritus* finished first in the non-spinnaker division.

A fleet: 1. *Animal* (Lezin/Akrop/French) 2. *Octavia* (Kett) 3. *Heartbeat* (Pambianco)

B fleet: 1. *Absolute 5* (MacBeth) 2. *Don Quixote* (Smith) 3. *Hanalei* (Schuyler)

Double Handed: 1. *Mercedes* (Verutti) 2. *Ngellew Feji* (Phelan) 3. *Nobody's Girl* (Moore)

Jib & Main: 1. *Aeolian* (Barshay) 2. *Emeritus* (Dillehay)

## Fall One Design Finale

Going into the final Fall One Design race day, *Hot Tuna* (**Mark Langer**) led the Santana 22 fleet with seven points, followed by *Gypsy* (**Bridget Binko/Fred Molnar**) with eight points and *Maybe* (**Ernie Rideout**) with nine points. Race 5 saw *Gypsy* score the bullet with *Hot Tuna* coming in second—tying up the series at nine points apiece. Despite sailing with **Doug Kirk** and **Jack Halterman** as crew, *Maybe* took a fifth—proving that in sailing there is always hope for us mere mortals! But *Maybe* came roaring back to take a first in Race 6. *Tara* (**Chuck Murray**) finished second, *Gypsy* third and *Hot Tuna* fourth. That put *Gypsy* and *Hot Tuna* at nine points apiece after throwouts. *Gypsy* eked out the series victory because they threw out a third while *Hot Tuna* threw out a fourth. *Maybe* finished one point back in third place with ten points. Phew!

In the Santa Cruz 27 fleet, Race 7 of the series was won by *Hanalei* (**Rob Schuyler**), *Sumo* (**Henry Cassady/Jim Livingston**) came in second and *Magic* (**Magdalena Naef**) third. *Hanalei's* series lead was never in doubt, but in Race 8 they were so far ahead





that they forgot to cover and *Slingshot* (Claude Roge/**Frank Lacombe**) scored the upset victory of the series. *Hanalei* finished second and *Sumo* finished third. *Hanalei* won the series with ten points after throwouts. *Jersey Girl* (**Pete Woodhouse/Geoff Boraston**) finished second with 24 points and *Don Quixote* (**Craig Smith**) captured third place with 26 points.

Santana 22: 1. *Gypsy* (Binko/Molnar) 2. *Hot Tuna* (Langer) 3. *Maybe* (Rideout)

Santa Cruz 27: 1. *Hanalei* (Schuyler) 2. *Jersey Girl* (Woodhouse/Boraston) 3. *Don Quixote* (Smith)

### Errata

We wish to correct some statements printed in past issues of *The Spinnaker Sheet*. The correct name of **Mark Langer's** Santana 22 is *Hot Tuna*, not *Hot Tip*. *Magic* finished third in the fourth race of the Fall One Design series, not *Slingshot* as reported. Finally, Bill Wall, not Lloyd Ritchey, served on the Veeder Cup mark boat. Two requests for redress filed by the SCYC Veeder Cup defender were heard by the committee of Jerry Stratton (MPYC), Lloyd Ritchey (BVBC) and Bill Wall (BVBC). Both were dismissed. We regret the errors.

### Upcoming Events

Upcoming races in October are the **Hobie Cat Fall Regatta** and **Fall SCORE #3**. The 2009 racing season will conclude with *Midwinters #1* on 11/21 and *Midwinters #2* on 12/19. Thanks, everyone, for a fantastic 2009 season!

### Regatta Appreciation Party

Over 50 SCYC members volunteered to help with our race committee operations in 2009—a fantastic effort! Volunteers are the back bone of racing at SCYC and we invite all 2009 volunteers listed below to come to the **Regatta Appreciation Dinner** on November 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to the Santa Cruz Yacht club. If I omitted anyone, please let me know and do plan to attend!

Dave Emberson  
Regatta Chairman



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### Santa Cruz Lighted Boat Parade

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The parade begins at 5:30pm but come early as part of the excitement is to "walk the docks" and see the skippers and crews apply their creativity and enthusiasm as they finalize their parade entries.

After the parade, we'll gather at SCYC for the Awards Party. Awards will be presented to the category winners and accompanied by a big screen slide show, featuring all parade participants and parade sponsors. Carrying on with the holiday spirit, Kiss Catering will be serving hot meals and (of course) the bar will be open with beverages for the young and old alike.

Long sleeve t-shirts with the unique "Boats In Toyland" Holiday design will be available for \$20. Shirts will be available at SCYC the week prior to the parade as well as the day of the parade.

For those skippers wanting to participate, entries can be obtained on the SCYC website - [www.scyc.org/lbp](http://www.scyc.org/lbp). Early registration fee is \$30 and must be post-marked no later than 11/20/2009. Standard registration fees (11/21 - 12/5) are \$40 - Every entry includes a "Boats In Toyland" long sleeved T-shirt for the Skipper.

Thanks very much for your support and participation. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the local boating Community and spectators of all ages!

Michael D. Wood  
LBP Chairman  
SCYC Rear Commodore

### SCYC Wet Slip Policies

- Wet slip space is available to members and visiting guests of reciprocal Yacht Clubs.
- Guests may stay in the Yacht Club wet slips up to three nights at no charge (limited depth/length).
- Members and dry slip holders, who are registered to race, can leave their boats in the water the night before and the night of a posted SCYC race at no charge (Wednesday Night Races are included).
- Members and dry slip holders, who are not registered to race, will be charged the following rates (per day).

<u>Rates:</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
	4/1 - 11/1	11/1 - 4/1
Monday - Thursday	\$10.00	\$8.00
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### New Members Dinner

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### 3rd Annual SCYC Pirate Party Leaves Happy Pirates and Crews

Captain **Matthew Coale** set *Onward* toward Cowell's Cove with pirates, wenches, grog and chowder aboard around 1400 hrs on Oct. 10th. Trond Toft sang sea shanties as Annika Zajac (Trond's guest from London), **Bridget Binko**, pirate hostess **Joan McVay** and **Don & Katie Radcliffe** dropped pirate hostess **Kate Riley** at the gas dock, so she could take her boat 'skate's to the raft up in Cowell's Cove with crew Tom Sullivan and Barnacle Bob Benoit. Other boats who took *Onward* hostage as anchor point for the day were: *Valkyrie*, *Zayante*, *Reachable Star Too*, & *True North*. The pirate vessel *Eowyn*, with Captain **Dave Dias** and mate **Nancy**, anchored a distance apart from the raft-up to protect the pirate fleet with cannon if necessary. The pirates who ate, sang, danced, and shared camaraderie throughout the afternoon with those on *Onward* were The Dreaded **Steve Smardan** with Lance McVay, Gaby McVay, Fabiola Payan, Norma Orrantia (guest from New Mexico) and cabin girl, Sheila Payan McVay on *Reachable Star Too*. Also moving from pirate ship to pirate ship sharing the food and fun were **Dave & Janell Emberson**, **Vance Landis**, **Robert Carey**, Captain **Homer Light-hall**, and Jenny Carrington, Judith Beuerlein, Karen Huth, and Gennie Drew, Jeanne Oberstan, **Ed Goldstein** and **Kris North**, **Agnes & Chris Doutre**, **Diana Lane & Michael Lutter**, Kathy Carney, and Paul McKellar. The weather was a sunny and cool fall day with a quiet sea, and the fog held off long enough for Lance McVay to tell his own original tale "Justice for Jessica Pope", which pleased the pirates who added their own sounds




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to the scary tale of revenge, murder, and competition to the season. The raft -up was once again reported across the seas as a success, bringing the cruising season to a close and sharing the third Pirate Raft -Up with the three successful years of cruising events headed by Cruising Committee chairs, Dave and Nancy Dias. We would like to extend a big thank you to Matthew Coale, who did a great job as captain of *Onward*, and was even there the next morning to help the clean-up crew of Dave & Nancy Dias and Steve Smardan. It was a great sailing/cruising/family event and we hope this celebration of some of the history of ships and sailing will continue next year. Make sure to stop by the club bulletin board and take a look at the pictures of the SCYC buccaneers.

Joan McVay  
 Event Co-Chair

### Santa Cruz Harbor Boater Survey

The Santa Cruz Port District and Friends of the Harbor Group have teamed up to create an online survey for boaters using the Santa Cruz harbor. The survey will be available from November 1 through November 30th. You can take the survey by going to the Santa Cruz Harbor's website at <http://www.santacruzharbor.org/> and following the links for the survey.

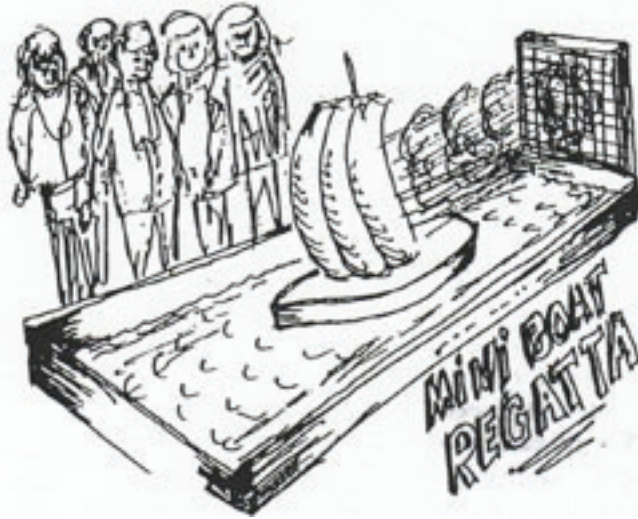
The goal of the survey is to get feedback from boaters in the areas of (1) quality of harbor services and facilities, (2) prioritizing new harbor improvements, (3) comparison with other marinas and many other topics. The survey is easy to complete online and allows plenty of opportunities for 'free form' feedback from boaters. Typical time to complete the survey is about 5-7 minutes...longer if you decide to enter detailed comments and feedback. Survey results will be presented to the Port Commission and the general public in mid December. Contact SCYC member Lorenzo Rota for more information.





### Mini-Boat Regatta: Notice to Race

Invitation to race for prizes and glory. Proceeds will be donated to the Junior Sailing Program.



**When:** Saturday, November 14th, 2009  
4:30 p.m. Registration/Start building boats  
6:30 p.m. Start Racing

**Eligibility:** All comers

**Classes:**

*Club-built:* Boats built at the SCYC on the day of the race; boat building limited to official materials provided. Junior fleet restricted to ages 15 and under.  
*Home-built:* Boats built at home; no material limits.

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Club-built (Sr. Division)	\$10
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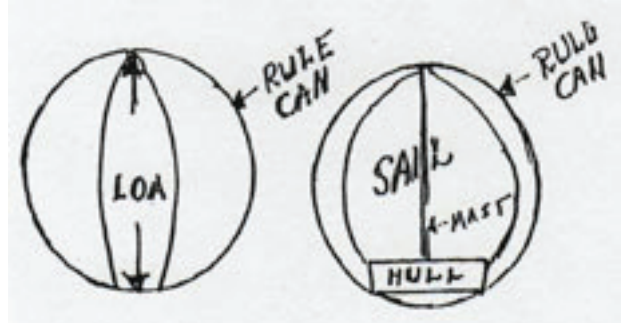
**Sailing Instructions:**

The racing will be held on an artificial pond, 14 feet in length and 4 feet wide. The water will be approximately two inches deep. The wind source is a com-

mon house fan mounted a few feet away from the head of the pond. The wind will pass through a diffuser between the fan and the pond, to minimize the vortex created by the rotary action of the fan.

**Design Rule:** This event is first and foremost a yacht race. Therefore, all boats must be wind-driven, they must be entirely supported by water, and they must function in a "right side up" condition. All "club-built" boats must be built at the SCYC between the hours of 4:30 pm and the start of racing at 6:30 pm. They can only be made with the materials provided. "Home-built" boats can be made at any other time, with no restrictions on materials. There is no limitation on the number of sails or hulls a single boat may have.

Legal boats must be able to pass through the "rule can" without deforming any hull or sail features. The rule can is a Town House brand (Safeway) 8-oz. can of fancy Hawaiian pineapple chunks. A boat will be measured first by passing it through the can as if it were to sail straight through the can. This is a measurement to control a combination of beam and mast height. Greater mast height allows for more sail area, but at the expense of craft stability, or beam.



The second measurement calls for passing the "floating plane" squarely through the can. This measurement effectively limits LOA. In passing a boat through the can for measurement, it is allowable for the boat to touch the can, but not to the extent that there is any significant deformation of the boat, her sails, or her rigging. Boat (sail) features that deploy themselves through the action of the wind are not allowed. During a race, a boat shape must remain true to its measured shape. The regatta chairman or persons designated by the regatta chairman are the only legal boat measurers. The regatta chairman's "rule can" is the only legal measurement can.



**ATTENTION:**

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**Back in the old days...**

*Many club members have taken the time to tell me that they enjoy reading this column. Your positive input makes writing it totally worth my time and energy. Thank you for your comments. As many of you know, I was well-known around the club in the 1970s because I survived the tragedy when club member, Steve Fennell and his brother Walter, died in the 1975 Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara Race. I was an SCYC Junior Member back then, but I never became a regular member when I turned 18.*

*My work at O'Neill Yacht Center put me in touch with many SCYC members, I was well-known around the harbor, and I somehow thought that the club and the sailing community owed me because of my status as a survivor.*

*It wasn't until I had children that I realized I should become a member and try to give something back to the boating community that I love and to the people who helped me through a tough time so many years ago. My wife and I became club members in 2004. I started writing this column to give my kids a written history of my youth spent in and around the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor. It has progressed to where I get so many positive comments from the members that I realize I am also giving back to the club through this column.*

*So...why do I write about this now? Because this month I found myself immersed in my kids' back to school activities and I let my deadline*

*for this column slip away. I will be running a re-run of one of my favorite columns written about one of my favorite periods of time in Santa Cruz.*

*This was a time when my dad was still alive so he paid for the boat payment and the slip rent. I had unlimited use of the family boat, I lived for free at home, but yet I was too old for a curfew, and I sailed every moment I wasn't behind the counter at O'Neill Yacht Center. All I had to do to earn my sailing time was to put the boat away the same or better shape than when I took it.*

*My friends envied my arrangement with my dad and without many responsibilities, they always had time to sail as well. As long as I had a boat and we had a beer to share, they always showed up and we had some great moments together on the Monterey Bay.*

*My only regret is that I wish I knew how good those days were back then...*

(The following article is a reprint from a past issue.)

Back in the old days, I worked at O'Neill Yacht Center. O'Neill's, as we called it, was a boat brokerage, Hobie Cat dealer and marine hardware store that also sold clothing, sunglasses and beach accessories. The store was located in the east end of the O'Neill building, right next to O'Neill Dive Shop. Life was good back then working on the beach for one-eyed **Jack (O'Neill)**.

During the summer months, many families would sail down from the San Francisco Bay and get their butts kicked between Año Nuevo and Davenport. They would often show up at the store on a Sunday morning extremely humbled and sometimes still shaken, asking if we knew anyone who could take their boat back to the bay. I was always that guy.

For \$100 plus bus fare home I would take the job. The smallest boat I remember sailing north was

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an O'Day 27. We sold Ranger Yachts and I delivered 9 Ranger 33's to the San Francisco Bay for O'Neill Yachts brokerage in the course of three years.

My tenure at the Yacht Center began because of my dad. He hinted for a few months that summer was coming, I was 16, and that I should have a summer job. Dishwashing did not pan out for me and after a few minutes of soul searching, I decided that since I liked sailing, I should become a sailing teacher. It would involve sailing, so it would probably be easy money. I finally got up the courage to go ask for a job at O'Neill Yacht Center.

**Bill McMurray** and **John Hauck** ran the place and I knew Bill from sailing with the UCSC program in high school PE class. He told me that there were no sailing instructor positions available, but they needed a kid to work behind the hardware counter. I was afraid to tell my dad that I didn't have a job so I reluctantly agreed to take the job as a store clerk. The first hour of the first day was wonderful! People came to me to talk about boating, ask advice, and buy supplies for their boats. I knew I could do this for many years to come.

The sailing instructor jobs were held by a couple of middle aged brothers; **Ransom and Ernie Rideout**. I knew them from the yacht club, but never spent much time with them until I saw them on a regular basis at O'Neill's. Ernie taught me about the tides that can run so fast around the Golden Gate Bridge and where to look for reverse eddies if you were ever caught entering the bay on the outgoing tide or vice versa. He also taught me about the almost daily occurrence of the late-afternoon summer easterly in Santa Cruz—I thought that wind was purely coincidence since I didn't quite have it figured out back then.

With my newly gained knowledge of the Northwest-to-Easterly shift, **Mike Egan** and I spent the next eight nights sailing to the cement ship and back—under spinnaker both ways! We'd sail out of the harbor, launch a kite, and sail east until we ran into the

easterly. Then we'd spin the boat around and sail home downwind on the easterly. Finally on the 9<sup>th</sup> day the fog came early and ruined our 8-day sailing streak.

Later in life, Ransom would become my "back stage pass" to the Morro Bay Yacht Club in Morro Bay where he and his wife settled. I cannot count the number of times that I'd tie up at MBYC with a grumpy, tired, sun burnt, beat-up delivery crew after slamming around Point Conception and Ransom, at almost any hour, would cheerily appear at the guest dock with a key to the club for hot showers and a trip (or three) to the yacht club's honor bar.

The first big boat that I was involved with was one called "*Sally*". She was a 58 foot, 10-Meter fractional sloop, built in 1927 at Abeking and Rasmussen in Germany. **Donn Campion** bought her and I was on the initial delivery crew from Marina Del Rey to Santa Cruz in 1981. We were six altogether; **Jim Wallace (captain)**, **Steve Leddy**, **Yarrow Smith**, **John Salse**, **Roger Spencer**, and me.

Sally weighed about 40,000 pounds, had an 80 foot spruce mast with critical running backstays-(backstays that had to be on unless you'd lose the rig)-and a tiny 27 horse power diesel motor to push her under power. Her hull was painted "Pond's cold cream green", a color that was called "Sally Green" in the Z-Spar product line for several decades. The hull color was said to have been chosen by the disinterested wife of a former owner as she sat in the cockpit beautifying herself.

Late one August **Bobbo Larson** came into O'Neill's and asked me if I could deliver a boat to San Francisco. He worked for **Bill Lee** Yachts and they needed the very first Santa Cruz 40 taken to the city. We were racing Sally from San Francisco to Santa Cruz in The Windjammer that weekend so this turned out to be a very cool way to get to the city. The boat had a nickname-Bobbo called her "*Repo*."

Santa Cruz 40, Hull Number 1, was ordered by a guy who repossessed cars for a living. He had trouble coming up with several of the scheduled payments for the boat while it was being built. Complete with a keg, a band and a party-all organized by the new owner, Santa Cruz Yachts launched the boat at Harbor Marine. During the party Bobbo sat the owner down and asked him when they could expect the last money that was owed on the boat. The guy responded by telling Bobbo that he was broke and that his next scheduled payments would be going to the IRS to pay his back taxes. He never took possession of the boat and it became known

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as “Repo” until Bill Lee Yachts sold the boat to someone else.

The delivery went well and we arrived at The St. Francis Yacht Club early in the morning in time to join our crew on Sally for the start of The Windjammer later that day.

Sally was extremely heavy, but in the right conditions she was very fast going to weather. Being an old meter boat, she had at least 25 feet of combined bow and stern overhang. This overhang, in meter boat fashion, became waterline when she heeled over. Shortly after the start of the race we were forced to tack over to port by slower traffic ahead of us. I went to the bow to watch for traffic that was still on starboard and soon realized the we had been lifted and would cross ahead of all the other boats including *Merlin*, a couple of Santa Cruz 50’s and several other big boats from the bay area.

If we really could port-tack the fleet we’d be golden all the way out the gate (no pun intended).

It was going to be close. I thought we could make it and started yelling wildly over and over, probably 50 times, “Hold your course, you got it, go for it!!!” **Donn Champion** was at the helm and I could see the nervous apprehension in his eyes—after all I’d been up most of the night before taking “Repo” north. Apparently Donn trusted me, went for it and luckily we did make it. It was a proud moment in Sally’s history as the entire fleet followed her out the gate that day.



*(Here is, Sally, with all 40,000 pounds of displacement charging to weather just after the start of the Windjammer Race in the early 1980s. She managed to port tack the entire fleet and led the race under the Golden Gate)*



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As soon as everyone cleared Pt Lobos and Seal Rocks the lighter, faster boats turned left, set their spinners and started passing us. Around Pt. Montara it appeared that we were actually catching up. The whole crew was very excited and proud of the great sailing we were doing. We were all patting ourselves on the backs for catching up with the fleet until we realized that the boats ahead of us were in the Montara Hole. We would soon be the next victims. There we sat, totally humbled, slatting our sails and transom-slammng for an hour until the northwesterly finally filled in. With 14 feet of stern overhang, Sally made a horrific noise when she hobby horsed in the swell and slapped the water with her transom.

It turned out to be a very long sail for us. In pea soup fog, we finally found the harbor with the help of our depth sounder and my AquaMeter 705 RDF (radio direction finder). GPS did not exist in those days (for recreational sailors at least) and Sat Nav was just replacing Loran C, but it was still very new and expensive. The west harbor jetty had a radio beacon on it and we used that and the signal of the KSCO radio towers to find our way home. For some reason no one was on the wharf when we finished so we took our own finish time and got in at around three in the morning—long after the ultra lights were put away for the night. The last beer and clam chowder had been served at the yacht club.

Some things were different back then, but sailing was still tons of fun around here *back in the old days!*

Niels Kisling  
SCYC Historian





(From Left to Right: Congratulations and welcome to new members **Paul Hickey, Marcella Torres, Guido Diaz, Commodore Lena Parker and Shawna & John Griffith III**)

### Manager's Report

I would like to start off by welcoming all of the 2009 new members. We have a had a total of 35 new Regular members this year. Way to go **Barbara Booth** (membership chairperson).

I would also like to thank all of our outgoing committee heads for all of their time and dedication. I can't mention everyone with the space I have left but I would especially like to thank **Dave & Nancy Dias** (cruising), **Lynette Rota** (clothing), **Alli & Beth Grip-entraw** (social) and **Chris Doutre** (webmaster). I would also like to thank **Darrel Louis** and **Janet Romanowski**, who took it upon themselves to replace a missing vent just before the big storm.

And Finally, the Santa Cruz Yacht Club is a member of the Yachting Club of America (YCOA). As a member of the Santa Cruz Yacht Club you have access to their database which lists all the Yacht Clubs, who are members of the YCOA, and a reciprocity guide plus other fun stuff. To view the database go to the following website and enter your Club's ID and password.

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The Club's members and guests have been doing a wonderful job in regards to our neighborhood parking issues, but we can do better. As a reminder, we encourage everyone, if you are physically able to, park down in the Harbor parking lots. Many of you already possess parking permits. Limited parking permits are available for sale through the Santa Cruz Port District and the meters are always running (\$.25 per 20 minutes). Please, under no circumstances, park in red zones, double-park, or use the neighbors driveways as loading zones. Parking enforcement officers have ticketed numerous cars. So please be aware of your surroundings when parking. Members, please convey this message to all of our non-member friends.

In addition, out of respect for our neighbors, when leaving the Clubhouse, please finish your conversation inside. It seems that our voices travel further the later the evening goes on. We appreciate your cooperation and are looking forward to seeing you around the Clubhouse this year.