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This year, Sunday, April 29 marks the 95th annual Opening Day on the Bay. The main event is the decorated boat parade and blessing of the fleet. From noon to 3 p.m., spectators will gather at Crissy Field to watch over 120 yachts strut their stuff in single file along the San Francisco waterfront. This year's theme is "American Spirit," with an aim towards celebrating the many people and properties that make San Francisco so unique.

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Corrections & Letters

We appreciate the opportunity to publish our readers' comments, letters or requests for corrections, which can be sent to joel@baycrossings.com.

511 Traveler Info System Offers Powerful New Smartphone App

BY CRAIG NOBLE

The Bay Area's 511 traveler information system is now offering its first smartphone app for transit riders. The free 511 Transit App is a multiple-agency public transit trip planner using GPS-based location tools for smartphones. Ideal for a daily commute, weekend errand or occasional trip, the app serves both residents and visitors who are planning transit trips within the nine-county region.

"We are pleased to offer this unique and powerful tool for transit riders in the Bay Area," said Adrienne J. Tissier, chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

(MTC). "Now you can use one app to plan trips on more than 30 public transit agencies, accessing the most complete coverage for the San Francisco Bay Area."

The free 511 Transit App is available both for the Android operating system, through Google Play (formerly the Android Market), and for the iPhone through the iPhone App Store using an iTunes account and by searching for "511 Transit." The new app provides door-to-door transit trip planning and scheduled departure times for transit routes near your location or from a location you specify. It includes information for 720 routes and more than 23,700 transit stops throughout the region. An interactive, dynamic map shows routes and stops along the way, as well as your current position while on the move. Walking directions to

and from stops and fares (including transfers) are also displayed.

"Smartphones and on-the-go trip planning are becoming increasingly common, and 511 is now extending its Bay Area transit planning tools to these faster, more compact platforms," said Tom Spiekerman, 511 Transit project manager. "Currently, 511 customers plan more than one million transit trips per month using the popular website version of the 511 Trip Planner. The new app brings core features of this tool to customers on the go."

Additional app features include:

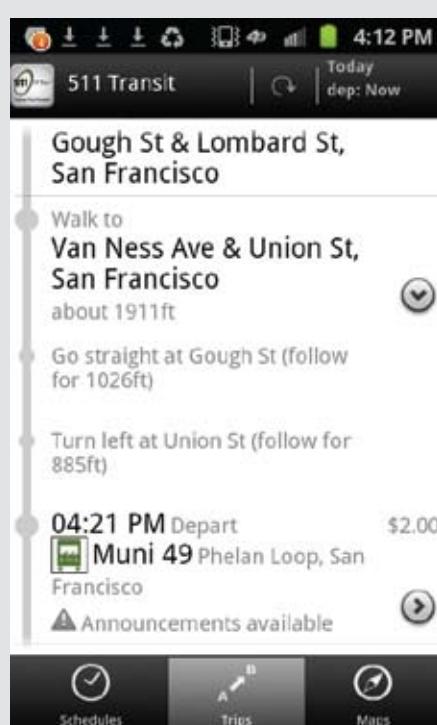
- Recently viewed locations and trips are saved automatically, as well as favorites.
- GPS positioning enables users to set their current location as a starting point for a trip, or to find nearby stops and transit routes with scheduled departure times.
- The app incorporates transit agency announcements that may affect a trip's itinerary.

511 Transit App customers are able to provide feedback on the new app by clicking on the "Help/Info" button to send an email to the 511 Team.

The new app complements numerous options people already have to access 511 traveler information. Smartphone and other mobile phone users may access many of 511's most popular features through the mobile 511 site (m.511.org), by calling 511 from any Bay Area phone, or by



The 511 Transit app provides easy-to-read maps to help riders navigate the region on transit.



Using GPS technology, the 511 Transit app includes detailed walking directions to the appropriate bus stop, train station or ferry landing.

DESCRIPTION

The 511 SF Bay Transit Trip Planner makes it a breeze to plan your public transit trips on the go in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

Appearing in the Android Market as 511 Transit, the new app was developed in conjunction with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission by the developer of the 511 Transit Trip Planner, Mentz Datenverarbeitung GmbH of Munich, Germany.

receiving real-time transit Departure Times texts (SMS). Desktop users can access the information from 511.org.

The 511 Transit App includes data from SF Muni, BART, AC Transit, VTA, SamTrans, Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit, County Connection, Vallejo Transit, LAVTA, Sonoma County Transit, VINE (Napa County) and more than a dozen additional agencies. For a complete list of all transit agencies included in the 511 Transit app, please visit the trip planning page at 511.org.

Apart from the new smartphone app, 511 is a one-stop phone and web source for up-to-the-minute Bay Area traffic, transit, rideshare and bicycling information. It's free of charge and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from anywhere in the nine-county Bay Area. 511 is managed by a partnership of public agencies led by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the California Highway Patrol, and the California Department of Transportation.

Senior Captain Chuck Elles

BY MATT LARSON

Chuck Elles is Blue & Gold Fleet's Senior Captain. With 32 years at the company, he has first dibs on the late afternoon/early evening Vallejo ferry shift.

But with power comes responsibility, and Captain Elles' role is no different. He recently returned from a special trip to Seattle, and he brought with him the refitted *Intintoli*.

"We made it in 48 hours," Elles said. "It was carefully planned. We took the long-range forecast, found a weather window that worked and it was pretty mellow—perfect offshore conditions. It felt great driving the boat under the Golden Gate Bridge back up to Vallejo." The *Intintoli* was fully restored with a refurbished engine, new deck, new carpet, new seats and flat-screen TVs for the passengers, among others. "It's state-of-the-art," said Elles. "It's my new favorite boat."

Over the past 13 months, Elles made several trips up to Seattle to test the newly installed control systems on the *Intintoli*. Now that it's returned, the *Mare Island* is next in about eight months. "It's rewarding for me to improve the ferry service," he said. "To see a refurbished boat come back into the loop, it's just nice to see that things

are constantly getting better." But Elles isn't the only one to thank for the quality of the ferry system.

"I have the utmost respect for our engineering staff at Baylink," Elles said. "If something's broken, it's fixed the next day. They're the best in the business." And having a great crew means that Elles can man the helm to the best of his ability. "It makes me feel confident about running the boat, concentrating on navigating the vessel and doing my job, because I know everything down below is done right and in good working condition." And as far as the general upkeep of the place, Elles said, "You can eat off the deck plates down in the engine room. It's that clean."

He also commends the management staff for not only listening to the ideas and input from the captains and crews, but actually acting upon it. A new feature on the *Intintoli* is a large front window in the wheelhouse, resulting in two window frames being removed. "It improves safety and visibility at high speed," Elles said. "That was my idea, and I'm glad I got it."

It is important to have a healthy relationship with co-workers, and it seems that's always been the case with Blue & Gold Fleet. In fact, Elles met his wife in that very environment. "I was her deckhand," he said. "She was one of the first female captains on the Bay at Blue & Gold. When we were married we were declared by the officiant: captain and captain." They currently reside in Napa



Photo by Matt Larson

Blue & Gold Fleet's Senior Captain Chuck Elles next to a newly refurbished engine on the *Intintoli*. Captain Elles made the 48-hour trip back from Seattle recently where the *Intintoli* was fully restored.

and have two twin daughters who work in Washington, D.C.

A Philadelphia native and former Heavenly Valley ski instructor, Elles maintains an active lifestyle. Be it snow skiing, marathon running or hundred-mile bike riding, "I don't like to sit around too much," he said. Some people may also remember Elles as part of the Pier 39 Ski Extravaganza; it lasted four months in 1979. "It was a two-story high ski jump that we went off of, did flips and landed into a giant airbag. We thrilled the crowd!"

Keeping unnecessary thrills away from the ferryboat's waterways, Elles sits comfortably at his midday shift. "I worked

the morning shift for 10 years," he said. "I enjoy sleeping in a little bit now." And after 32 years with Blue & Gold, he still looks forward to watching the sunset from the wheelhouse. "Probably the favorite part of my day is watching the sun go down behind Mount Tam," he said. "I'm just happy to be up there."

Elles humbly accepts the accolades that come with his lengthy service to the commuter community, but he still puts the credit of his career on the crew. "It wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the excellent engineering staff and management staff at Baylink and Blue & Gold," he said. "I'm beating the heck out of that, but it's the truth. They are the unsung heroes."



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Foreign Trade Driving Growth at Bay Area Ports

BY PATRICK BURNSON

The U.S. Department of Commerce recently approved the Port of San Francisco's request to reorganize its Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #3 under the new Alternative Site Framework (ASF) program.

According to Port spokesmen, the new process requires less paperwork and streamlines the procedure for businesses to apply for a zone. The new ASF program allows existing companies and new companies in San Francisco and San Mateo counties to secure FTZ



Photo by Joel Williams

Ten container terminals and two intermodal rail facilities serve the Oakland waterfront. Oakland's cargo volume makes it the fourth busiest container port in the United States.

status within approximately 30 days from when an application is accepted.

Without the program, the process can take 8-12 months.

A Foreign Trade Zone is a secured area in a designated customs "port of entry," and while physically located within the United States, it is considered outside U.S. Customs territory. This allows for foreign goods to be brought into FTZs without formal customs entry for manufacturing, testing, assembly, processing, storage, and distribution. Duty payments on imported goods and materials can be reduced or eliminated, or deferred until they leave the designated area and enter U.S. commerce. Goods not entering U.S. commerce, for instance re-exports, are not obligated to pay customs duties.

The Alternative Site Framework program expands upon the benefits already granted within the FTZ program in an efficient way. Companies have the advantage to extend the FTZ benefits to their own already-existing manufacturing, processing and distribution locations within San Francisco and San Mateo counties, yet outside of the Port of San Francisco.

"The new expedient process gives San Francisco and San Mateo companies a competitive advantage, especially when competing on a global scale," said Peter Dailey, maritime director for the Port of San Francisco. "Foreign Trade Zones are one tool to reduce logistics



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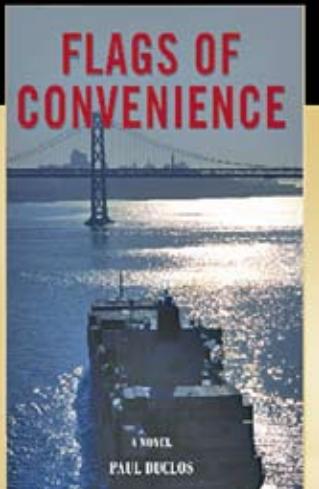
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While San Francisco's waterfront cargo operations are dwarfed by neighboring Oakland, it remains a viable "niche" gateway. Late last year, Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood announced that the Port of San Francisco would be awarded nearly \$3 million for rail improvements aimed at improving segments of its freight rail track in order to enhance safety, livability and economic development.

Port of Oakland Hosts China Symposium

The Port of Oakland and China Merchants Holdings International (CMHI) hosted a "China Briefing

and Roundtable Discussion" as a continuation of the port's annual China symposium to raise awareness around U.S.-China trade issues and provide an opportunity for CMHI and other business partners to grow export-import trade opportunities.

The discussion covered: challenges for U.S. companies when they trade with China; China's shipping and logistics landscape; maritime and intermodal infrastructure and its impacts on sourcing and manufacturing in China; and cold chain development in the Chinese hinterland. Noted U.S. trade economist Dan Smith, principal of the Tioga Group, a freight transportation consulting service, also provided a forecast of 2012-2013 trade growth, based on consumer demand cycles in China and the United States, global currency valuations, and the shift in China's demographic profile.

This program is one of several initiatives launched jointly by the Port of Oakland and CMHI as a result of a memorandum of understanding signed in November 2010. The memorandum represents a strategic partnership for marketing cooperation to promote trade between the U.S. and China and to extend supply chain services for U.S. exporters throughout China, with a focus on U.S. agricultural and perishable food exports from Oakland to China's coastal and inland population centers.

Environmental Topics Dominate Warehouse Logistics Expo

"Going Green" is no longer a choice for supply chain managers – it's a given. Shareholder pressure is forcing publicly-held manufacturers to adhere to the highest levels of sustainability, said industry analysts and experts

speaking last month at the International Warehouse Logistics Association 2012 Convention & Expo in San Francisco.

"As logistics providers we can't afford to wait for the government or its regulators to tell us how to be responsible corporate citizens," said IWLA President and CEO Joel Anderson. "Fortunately, we have not been standing still on this issue."

That point was reinforced by a panel of shippers, consultants, and academic leaders who addressed the association's "sustainable logistics initiative."

"This is not about 'tree-hugging,'" said Bruce Carlton, president and CEO of the National Industrial Transportation League. "When the league was asked to partner in this initiative, we recognized that this represents a unique metric-driven breakthrough. It's an ideal public/private solution to ongoing supply chain concerns."

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Boat Maintenance Tips for a Cleaner Bay

BY DEB SELF

With Opening Day on the way, and the America's Cup around the corner, lots of folks—including Baykeeper—are busy with spring boat maintenance, all in preparation for a special boating season.

After a (second) four-year stint with silicone-based epoxy hull paint, our 19' C-Dory catamaran (with twin Hondas), *The Baykeeper*, is due for repainting. We've had her cleaned diligently every three weeks, in the hope of keeping aquatic growth to a minimum. Alas, our top

speeds have diminished over time, despite the cleanings and weekly Bay patrols. So, we've decided to go back to a low-level (4 percent) zinc-based paint and we'll let you know how that goes.

In the meantime, Baykeeper has been busy helping boatyards and the Department of Toxic Substances Control develop best practices for hull work at boatyards, and I wanted to share with you some of the tips that are widely regarded as common sense for keeping pollution out of San Francisco Bay when you're doing maintenance.

Work on hulls coated with copper- and zinc-based bottom paints, and on the keels of sailboats, is a common source of copper, lead and zinc pollution

to the Bay. These heavy metals are highly toxic to fish and aquatic life, and copper damages the sense of smell that migrating salmon need for locating their natal streams. The main way these pollutants make their way into the Bay is by rainwater flowing across work areas (sometimes long after the hull work is done) and carrying paint dust and chips into open storm drains or even directly into the Bay. It may not seem like a little dust could have such a big impact, but it really all adds up!

Prepping the Hull for Re-painting

- Pressure washing can dislodge a lot of paint from the hull, so if your boat is going to be pressure washed, make sure the designated area is paved (not over bare ground), away from the boat ramp, bermed and sloped to prevent wash water from escaping into the Bay.
- When prepping your boat for re-painting, remove old hull paint away from the water, under cover if possible.
- Sanding should be done away from waterways and drainage pathways, over a hard surface (or better yet, in a building with proper ventilation and air filtration).
- If you're sanding outside, a dustless vacuum sander is a necessity. Outside work areas can be vacuumed to avoid tracking pollutants throughout the boatyard or power washed to an adequate treatment system. Surfaces should not be swept; that just allows toxic dust to spread.
- Don't use paint strippers!
- If you've hauled your boat to do your own hull painting or mechanical work, place a tarp under the work area to catch paint chips and drips that could eventually wash into the Bay.
- Outside work should be cleaned up prior to high winds or rain, to minimize the chance of spreading pollution to the Bay and its tributaries (or storm drains).

Painting the Hull

- Use a tarp underneath to catch drips.
- Try to avoid traditional high-percentage copper and zinc paints that can leach high levels of heavy metals into the water, harming marine organisms. Also, avoid paints with bisphenol-A, a plasticizer that causes endocrine disruptions in animals.
- If you try a silicone-based or low-zinc hull paint, please let us know what you think.

Better Pollution Controls at Boatyards

Most Bay Area boatyards have drains that connect work areas to treatment systems, but sometimes these can be overwhelmed by heavy rains. To find out if your boatyard has adequate collection and treatment systems for contaminated runoff, ask your boatyard if they monitor their storm water for pollutants like copper, lead or zinc. It's required by law and is the only way to understand whether their practices and systems are adequately containing these highly toxic pollutants.

To learn more about Baykeeper's efforts to educate boaters and boatyards to protect the water quality of the Bay, please visit www.baykeeper.org. Happy Opening Day on the Bay!

Baykeeper Executive Director Deb Self: *Baykeeper has been working to stop sewage contamination in the Bay, and we started our Sick of Sewage campaign six years ago to stop sewage spills in the Bay from aging municipal sewage systems. We have won legal agreements that require 20 Bay Area cities and sewage districts to upgrade their systems to keep sewage from spilling into the Bay and waterways that lead to the Bay. Already, sewage spills are down by 50% in some locations.*



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THE MARIN ISLANDS

BY CAPTAIN RAY

The Marin Islands, clearly hidden in plain sight, may be the least known of San Francisco Bay's scattering of islands. There are two of them, fittingly named East Marin and West Marin, and they are located about one and a half miles north of the western end of the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.

Nautical charts give us very little information about these two small specks of land. The water surrounding them, called San Rafael Bay, is very shallow, generally one to two feet on the east side of the islands and four or five on the west. The chart shows a structure on East Marin Island, the larger of the two. You can see the islands as you drive across the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge; however, the closest shoreline view of them is from the breakwater protecting the Loch Lomond Marina.

These two islands and the surrounding submerged tidelands were designated the Marin Islands National Wildlife Refuge and State Ecological Reserve in 1992. The islands are the property of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and special permission

from the Service is required to visit them. The islands are mostly steep sided and covered with poison oak, so an unauthorized visit could be both difficult and unpleasant.

While the Refuge is small, about 350 acres, West Marin Island, which at 85 feet above sea level is the higher of the two, contains the largest egret and heron rookery in the San Francisco Bay area—and one of the largest in northern California. There are over 500 nesting

on East Marin Island have confirmed Native American presence on the islands. Radiocarbon dates of A.D. 210 and 720 suggest that the islands were visited for a long period of time. However, lack of human burials lead anthropologists to believe that the islands were visited only seasonally and there was never permanent human occupation.

In 1926, Thomas Crowley purchased the islands at auction for \$25,000. He was speculating that they would be used in the construction of a bridge across San Pablo Strait, connecting Marin to Contra Costa counties. When a different route—one not utilizing the islands—was selected for the Richmond/San

Conservancy, the Trust for Public Land, as well as the local citizenry and more than a dozen other organizations and agencies. In the summer of 1992, the Crowley family sold the islands to the State of California. Title was then transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the refuge established.

The current management of the islands by the Service is focused on two areas: preventing human disturbance of the heron and egret rookery and monitoring the rookery with annual surveys. Future plans call for a system of buoys to warn boaters about the rookery and the removal of all nonnative vegetation and all structures.

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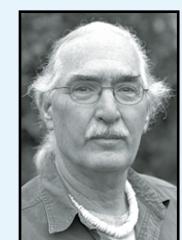
pairs of great and snowy egrets, and great blue and black-crowned night herons. The shallow waters around the islands support a variety of resident and migratory fowl, including ospreys, black oystercatchers, surf scoters and diving ducks. Harbor seals also have been seen to haul out here.

Archaeological excavations conducted

Rafael Bridge, they became a Crowley family vacation get-away spot for more than 60 years.

By the 1980s, plans were afoot for the development of the Marin Islands. During a period of more than 10 years, these plans were opposed by a variety of organizations and agencies, including the Friends of the Marin Islands, the California Coastal

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Around-the-World Boat Racers to Stop in Oakland



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The Clipper 11-12 Race fleet departs Qingdao, China en route to Oakland for the start the sixth leg of the race around the world. Crossing the Pacific Ocean is one of the toughest and longest stages of the race.

BC STAFF REPORT

The entire Bay Area sailing community will join forces in April to welcome and host the 250-plus crew members of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race when

they dock at Oakland's Jack London Square. The 10 racing yachts departed Qingdao, China on March 4, to head across the pounding Pacific Ocean for leg 6 of the around-the-world race, and are expected to arrive at Jack London Square sometime between April 2 and 7, weather permitting.

Every two years the Clipper racers set off from England in a matched fleet of stripped-down 68-foot racing yachts to travel around the world. They make their triumphant return twelve months later—having crossed the Atlantic, Pacific and Southern Oceans.

The Clipper 2011-12 Race fleet of 10 yachts will be on display at the 2012 Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show, which will take place in Jack London Square from Thursday, April 12 to

Sunday, April 15. The public will have an opportunity to board a Clipper Race Yacht, talk to crew members, and take part in the official sendoff celebrations on Saturday, April 14, when the race will continue.

"This is one of the toughest and longest stages of the race," said Clipper Race Director Jonathan Bailey. "In previous editions, the crews have taken quite a pounding on their Pacific crossing, so they will all be looking forward to the warm welcome awaiting them in Oakland."

The Clipper Race is crewed by amateurs, from all walks of life, who undergo extensive training before embarking on their challenge under the watchful eye of professional skippers. This is the eighth edition of the biennial event, which was established in 1996 by British sailing legend Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, the first person to sail solo, non-stop around the world.

The race track is 40,000 miles long and it takes 11 months to complete the

circumnavigation. The race is divided into a series of eight legs and crews can decide to race one of them, select a combination of legs or sign up to become a round-the-world crew member and complete the full circumnavigation.

For this Clipper Race, the crews have already traveled from the U.K. to mainland Europe, then across the Atlantic Ocean to South America, having crossed the Equator along the way. From there, they traveled on to South Africa, to the west coast of Australia, then to New Zealand and the east coast of Australia. Then, they headed north and west towards Singapore, followed by China. After stopping in Oakland, they will head south to the Panama Canal, witnessing first hand one of man's greatest engineering triumphs. Once through the canal, the race heads north to New York and Canada, before heading back across the Atlantic Ocean to Europe once more.

There are 15 individual races in total and, just like in Formula 1, points are



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The view from on board Welcome to Yorkshire at the start of the sixth leg of the Clipper 11-12 Round the World Yacht Race from Singapore to Qingdao, China.

awarded at the end of each race, building towards a championship total. It means that a crew can put a poor result behind them and head to the start of the next race with the possibility of gaining maximum points. With all boats identical and budgets equal, no one has a head start. It's the ultimate long-distance match race and the winners are those who keep their focus the longest.

"Oakland celebrates a long history of trade with China, and I cannot think of a more perfect location than Strictly Sail Pacific and Jack London Square, named after the author, sailor and adventurer Jack London, to host the Clipper 11-12 Round the World Yacht Race," said Oakland Mayor Jean Quan. "This is an amazing opportunity for the entire Bay Area to get up-close with the crew and yachts that are competing in this one-of-a-kind race around the world."

Showgoers will have the opportunity to board one of the Clipper Race yachts



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Welcome to Yorkshire receives a hero's welcome last month after arriving in Qingdao, China at the end of the challenging fifth leg.

on Thursday, April 12 and Friday April 13, and a lucky few will get a chance to join some of the crew for a VIP sail

on the Bay. The winning team of leg 6 will be presented the "Strictly Sail Pacific Clipper Cup" at the official

awards ceremony set to take place on Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m., at Jack London Square.

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Catch the Spirit at This Year's Opening Day



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The decorated boat parade and blessing of the fleet are the main events at Opening Day on the Bay. This year spectators will gather along Crissy field on Sunday, April 29 to view the parade from noon to 3 p.m.

BY APRIL THYGESON

San Francisco Bay offers some of the best boating in the world. In the summer, when the weather is warm and the wind is up, boats flock to the water like geese to a pond. To commemorate the beginning of the boating season, the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) hosts a high-spirited celebration. This year, Sunday, April 29 marks the 95th annual Opening Day on the Bay.

Whether you live aboard or have never set foot on a boat, there are many ways for you and your family to enjoy the festivities. Yacht clubs and marinas will be bustling with celebrants. Sailboats, powerboats, tugboats, kayaks and even paddle boarders will pepper the water. Hydrophiles and boating enthusiasts

will be out in full force in celebration of water recreation.

The main event is the decorated boat parade and blessing of the fleet. From noon to 3 p.m., spectators will gather at Crissy Field to watch over 120 yachts strut their stuff in single file along the San Francisco waterfront. This year's theme is "American Spirit," with an aim towards celebrating the many people and properties that make San Francisco so unique. The first female tugboat captain on the Bay, Jan Tiura, is this year's grand marshal. Workboats, towboats, fireboats, classic boats and modern boats will all be competing for the distinction of best decorated.

Last year's theme was "Giants of the Bay," which was a nod to San Francisco's baseball team. The Giants' recent World Series win added to the revelatory spirit of the day and the boats were impressively adorned. There was



Photo courtesy of PICYA

so much orange and black, it felt like a Halloween parade in April.

To get out on the water yourself and see the boat parade up close, join

PICYA Directors and their guests on the *California Hornblower*, one of Hornblower's largest yachts, for a light breakfast and gourmet lunch. Contact



Photo by Joel Williams

No matter if it is a pleasure cruise on the Potomac (background) or spending the day on a fishing boat out of Fisherman's Wharf, there is something for everybody on San Francisco Bay.

Deanna Desin, (415) 892-2639 or (415) 608-2639, andees1@earthlink.net for reservations.

If you're in the East Bay, the USS *Potomac*, F.D.R.'s presidential yacht, will be hosting a "Characters of the Bay" cruise. Board the "floating White House" in Jack London Square and spend three hours on the water with some of the Bay Area's most noteworthy and entertaining characters. A gourmet boxed lunch will be also be served. Visit www.usspotomac.org for more information.

Should you be looking for a more hands-on maritime experience, go over to the Treasure Island Sailing Center to take advantage of their free sailboat rides, kayaking, and stand-up paddle boarding. There will be music, games, and activities for the whole family, with a BBQ lunch available for \$3 per person.

Maybe you're a landlubber who would prefer to stay as dry as possible. If so, grab some friends and head down to pretty much any waterfront eatery. Sam's Anchor Café in Tiburon was teeming with revelers on Opening Day last year. Even if you went by yourself, you were bound to make some new friends.

No matter what your boating experience, the energy of the day will likely inspire you to learn more about boating, and there are plenty of schools

on the Bay that can help you do just that. For an introduction to sailing or to hone your skipper skills, try OCSC Sailing, located in the Berkeley marina. The school's location means it gets the best wind available and it has been turning out highly competent sailors for over thirty years. Club Nautique, Tradewinds Sailing, Modern Sailing and Spinnaker Sailing are other good options. Club Nautique also offers charters and lessons in powerboating.

The San Francisco Bay is the great unifier among us Bay Area residents. No matter what your level of familiarity with life on the water, don't miss the opportunity to celebrate its pleasures with your community on April 29. Whether you spend Opening Day on a ship or on the shore, remember to be safe, stay hydrated, wear sunscreen and have fun!

April Thygeson grew up sailing on San Francisco Bay where she honed the skills to travel far and wide by sea. She is a team member at OCSC Sailing in Berkeley.

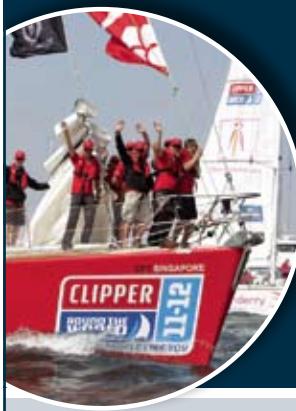


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Clean Marinas Program Helps Ensure Environmentally Responsible Boating

BY BILL PICTURE

Pollution in the Bay is a top concern of many Bay Area residents, but the search for a culprit is sometimes, well, as murky as the Bay's waters.

Is it storm runoff, which carries a veritable laundry list of land-borne contaminants, some of them highly toxic, from a variety of sources into the Bay via storm drains and Bay-feeding watercourses? Is it the many, many large freight vessels passing through the Golden Gate each day? Is it the pleasure craft that dart past us as we take in a sweeping view of the Bay from our favorite vantage point? Is it the untreated sewage discharge from thousands of liveabards who call Bay Area marinas home?

It's all of those, said Emery Cove Yacht Harbor's harbormaster Diane Isley. "The liveabards have been taking the heat lately, but it's not fair to point the finger just at them," she said. "As a rule, I'd say the liveabards are the most conscientious."

Still, Isley said it only takes a few irresponsible marina tenants dumping untreated sewage directly into the water to spoil it for the rest of the floating bunch. Bay pollution watchdog Baykeeper estimates there are enough bad apples living on the Bay to warrant serious concern. But without hard numbers, the claim falls largely on deaf ears, at least within the liveaboard community, amongst whose members it has aroused ire lately.

Isley wishes there were data available, so that stakeholders in a clean Bay could know once and for all who the worst culprits are, and then decide on an effective course of action. The problem is, the agencies in charge of keeping the Bay and other waterways free of pollution are underfunded



Photo by Jean-Michel Addor

Emery Cove Yacht Harbor is a 430-slip dockominium marina located on the Emeryville Peninsula. A dockominium is a marina that allows tenants to purchase their slips. Emery Cove Yacht Harbor is the only marina in the Bay Area offering the possibility of owning your own boat slip in a 100 percent fee title ownership.

as it is, and it seems unlikely that a study of specific point sources is imminent.

Thus, claims being volleyed back and forth between regulators and concerned Bay-lovers on one side, and harbormasters and boat owners on the other side, rely heavily on anecdotal evidence. Some of the debates make even Isley, who's been a harbormaster for 25 years and said she's seen just about everything, wince.

"I've heard some real horror stories, and some of them are probably true," she said. "But I'd still say that the liveabards are only a part of a problem."

Because the in-charge agencies are short on the wherewithal to regulate, the

responsibility for enforcement has fallen largely on harbormasters, many of whom are also stretched too thin to play water-quality police.

"The boat owners should really be taking responsibility for themselves, but self-policing doesn't always work," Isley said. "In order for that to really work, the marina owners, the harbormasters and the boat owners really need to work together as a solid, effectively self-regulating group."

While they wait for the boat-owning masses to get onboard, a growing group of marina owners and harbormasters has created the Clean Marina program. Using boater education as a key tool, the 100-plus member

marinas in California employ programs prescribed best management practices that help prevent or reduce pollution and earn the marinas points toward Clean Marina certification. Many Bay Area marinas currently carry the Clean Marina designation but several notable local marinas have so far chosen not to participate.

Isley helped earn Emery Cove its certification. The Indiana native, who had a Los Angeles-to-New Zealand sailing trip under her seafaring belt before settling in the Bay Area in 1986, runs a tight ship when it comes to the marina under her charge.

For those boat owners who use their on-board heads, Isley requires that they call



her from the marina's pump-out station so that she can keep track of how often they are pumping out, or provide proof that a mobile pump-out service was contracted. She also performs an annual check of each boat to ensure that its y-valve is secured in the closed position. An open y-valve allows sewage to be discharged directly into the water.

In addition to allowing harbormasters to control the quality of the water in their own marinas, Isley said the measures afford a great opportunity for harbormasters to educate their tenants.

"It's a good time to talk to your tenants about the laws and regulations, which are updated pretty regularly," she said. "That's particularly important with new boaters and weekend boaters, who aren't as familiar with the laws as the old-timers. I'm more concerned about new boaters and weekend boaters than I am about the liveaboards."

"I know that many harbormasters are sort of at their limit, workload-wise; but it really only takes a few minutes," she said. "And it gives me something to help prove to the powers-that-be that we're complying with the rules if we're ever challenged."

The Clean Marina program proved to be a very effective tool when regulators recently attempted to throw new fees at the problem of pollution from marinas. Those

fees would have cost marinas hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Marina owners and boat owners already pay so much in fees," she said. "In fact, we already pay for water monitoring when we dredge."

The group was able to shoot down the additional charges, for now at least, by providing detailed documentation proving their compliance with laws pertaining to the handling of sewage on small vessels. "That's what you need, to be able to provide documentation like we did," she said. "You have to be organized."

In exchange for temporarily dropping talk of added fees, the state came up with a list of additional points that it wants folded in to the Clean Marina program. Isley said that Clean Marina's president, Tim Leathers, is working now to incorporate those points.

"I don't think the issue is completely dead," she added. "So the key is to be proactive. And educating and raising consciousness within the boating community is important."

For more information on the Clean Marina program, visit www.cleanmarina.org



Boat owners in Emery Cove Yacht Harbor who use their on-board heads are required to call the harbormaster from the marina's pump-out station so that she can keep track of how often they are pumping out, or provide proof that a mobile pump-out service was contracted.



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Final America's Cup Deal Means Significant Cuts

BC STAFF REPORT

The head of the organization spearheading the America's Cup in San Francisco said that they will support the deal that the office of Mayor Edwin M. Lee submitted to the Board in March, which was approved unanimously. This finalizes the path for the City of San Francisco to host the world's most prestigious sailing event, the America's Cup, in San Francisco during the summer of 2013. An official statement released by the America's Cup Event Authority (ACEA) said, "It's an arrangement we can live with, but not what we expected."

"We have worked very hard to bring this historic race to San Francisco and we're glad we have reached an agreement with the City," said Stephen Barclay, a director of the America's Cup Event Authority. "While we support the deal submitted to the Board, it is not what we had anticipated or planned for."

Barclay said the new deal falls short on several key provisions that were "anticipated to be included and the absence of these provisions will have a negative impact on the financial outcome of the event. "While far from ideal, we're just pleased to be done so we can move away from deal points and start focusing on the races and the competition between the



Jon Miller, President of Programming at the NBC Sports Group with Richard Worth, Chairman, America's Cup Event Authority. The NBC Sports Group will present live coverage of the 34th America's Cup on both NBC and the NBC Sports Network.

teams, which is what the Louis Vuitton Cup and America's Cup is all about."

The new deal calls for the ACEA to spend more and be reimbursed less. The deal also re-instates Piers 30/32 as the location for the America's Cup Team Bases, giving the race a central area for the teams and a "pit row" for spectators. Renovations to Piers 30/32 were removed from a previous plan that Mayor Lee was considering and would have forced Team Bases to be located at Pier 80. The fan access to Team Bases on

Piers 30/32, combined with the America's Cup Village at Piers 27/29 and the natural sailing amphitheater of the Bay will make the event's footprint more compact and will benefit the teams as well as the general public.

Shortly after these changes were introduced, ACEA, the commercial arm of the sport, announced that they will lead to organizational changes and staff reductions at the Event Authority due in part to downsizing of the event footprint in San Francisco. The reductions impacted 14 in San Francisco and another 14 staff at other offices around the world that were laid off.

"These individuals have been valued members of our team since the start of the Event Authority and have made many valuable contributions to our organization, and we wish them all of the best in their future endeavors," said Barclay. He said severance packages were in place for the departing employees when they were informed of the staff reductions.

"We must ensure that our expenses match revenues. We made these changes to create efficiencies necessary to ensure that we deliver an exciting and important event for both the world of competitive sailing and San Francisco," Barclay added.

He said the America's Cup Event Authority was pleased it had reached a new agreement with the City of San Francisco. The financial package is "not what we had anticipated or planned for but we are moving forward because this sailing event will be fantastic for the teams, sailors around the world and all San Francisco."

Racing is set to kick off this year with the America's Cup World Series events, the first of which will be in Naples, Italy April 11-15 followed by events in Venice, Italy (May) and Newport, Rhode Island (June).

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For those not able to view the race in person, this Cup sees the return to live national television, with NBC Sports Group to broadcast over-the-air in the U.S. for the first time in more than 20 years.

"The broadcast interest is a reflection

of the exciting venue, technological advancements of the boats, and, most importantly technological advances in cinematography that capture this race like never before," said Barclay.

Live from New York, it's...

...not going to be the America's Cup! On the heels of the NBC deal, several news organizations reported that ACEA was back in New York City shopping one of the World Series races originally scheduled for this August in San Francisco. This was confirmed by posts on the official website for America's Cup saying that the event in August would occur in San Francisco or New York but adding another World Series event in San Francisco in October.

Barclay was quoted as saying, "Having these things race around the Statue of Liberty would engage the East Coast." However, he also mentioned that New York had already passed when previously approached with the idea. Apparently not much has changed, because the idea has been dropped and now www.americascup.com has both the August (21-26) and October (4-7) World Series events scheduled for San Francisco.

"We are thrilled that, in addition to the Louis Vuitton Cup and the America's Cup racing in 2013, that the America's Cup World Series will also take place in San Francisco in 2012," said Mayor Edwin Lee. "This will add even more visitors, jobs and economic development as part of hosting one of the world's premier sporting events."

We've been told that the 34th America's Cup is expected to generate over a billion dollars in economic benefits for San Francisco during the next two years and will draw millions of fans and spectators and more than 1,000 accredited news media for the races. However, with the recent changes to the agreement with the City of San Francisco and reports of less-than-expected turnouts at some of the World Series venues, some are beginning to question whether the whole event has been overhyped.

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Artemis Racing Debuts Full Scale AC72 Wing

The culmination of more than 35,000 man hours and a tremendous amount of hard work on the part of the entire team came on March 15 when Artemis Racing sailed with the team's first AC72 wing in Valencia, Spain.

While the Defender and other Challengers for the 34th America's Cup have chosen to train and test elements for the AC72 catamarans using smaller boats, specifically AC45 and SL33 catamarans, Artemis Racing opted to build a full size wing from the outset.

"We chose the full scale strategy. Our decision was more time consuming, but it allows us to learn how to handle this

powerful wing. Before performance, there is the safety of our team. San Francisco Bay in July and August is an unforgiving place," said CEO Paul Cayard.

Towering more than 13 stories high, the AC72 wing is a pure work of art. The 130 foot high structure, predominantly built of carbon fiber, measures over 850 square feet yet weighs just over one metric ton.

"It was a team effort. It was amazing to see the wing out on the water. It looks great, but at the same time threatening. We will be going through a series of structural tests in the next few days," said Principal Designer Juan Kouyoumdjian.

This is Artemis Racing's first entry to the America's Cup.



A member of the Artemis Racing crew suspended in air while making adjustments during the first sail with the AC72 wing.



The AC72 wing towers over the Artemis Racing AC45 in the foreground.

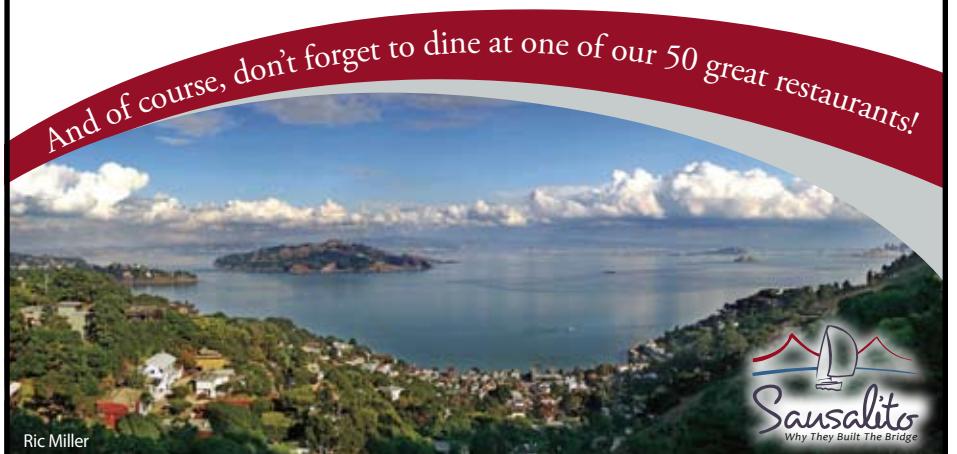
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Boat Owners May Have Federal Tax Deductions Available

Recreational boat owners who paid state sales taxes on a boat purchase, or those who secured a loan to finance a boat, may have some tax deductions coming to them when filing their 2011 federal income tax return. This tax tip comes from the nation's largest boaters' advocacy group, Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS).

The Sales Tax Deduction

For boat owners who paid substantial state sales taxes on a new or used boat purchase last year, the Tax Extenders Act of 2008 continues to offer a federal tax deduction for state sales taxes. Boaters must choose either the state sales tax deduction or state income tax deduction on their federal tax return—you cannot take both.

In addition, to take the state sales tax deduction, the sales tax on a boat purchase must be applied at the same tax rate as the state's general sales tax. In order to claim the sales tax deduction, tax returns must be itemized. State sales taxes are entered on IRS form Schedule A, line 5b.

The Boat Loan Deduction

For those owners with a secured boat loan, mortgage interest paid on the loan may be deducted from your federal income taxes. Taxpayers may use the home mortgage interest deduction for one second home in addition to their primary home, and must itemize deductions on their returns. A boat is considered a second home for federal tax purposes if it has a galley, an installed head and sleeping berth.

During federal budget negotiations last year, Congress sought to eliminate this deduction for boat owners while keeping it in place for second home and recreational vehicle owners. BoatUS lobbied aggressively for a more equitable all-or-nothing approach when applying the deduction, and boaters did not get unfairly singled out.

Some boaters may be unaware of this potential tax benefit because not all lending institutions send borrowers an Internal Revenue Service form 1098, which reports the interest paid. Not receiving the form does not preclude taking the deduction. If a 1098 is not available, boaters should contact their lender for the amount of interest paid and should enter it on line 11 on Schedule A along with the lender's tax ID number. If a form 1098 is sent, boaters

should simply enter the amount on line 10 of Schedule A.

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For those who fall under the alternative minimum tax, most deductions are unavailable. Boaters are urged to contact a tax preparer or financial advisor for more information.

For more details on the mortgage deduction on boats that qualify, go to www.IRS.gov and download Publication 936 or the Fact Sheets. For state tax deduction information, download Publication 600, which also includes state-by-state tax tables.

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Ferry Service Between South S.F. and East Bay Set for June Launch

BC STAFF REPORT

San Francisco Bay Ferry's much-anticipated service between South San Francisco and the East Bay will be launching soon. With construction almost complete on the new South San Francisco ferry terminal at Oyster Point, the service will provide access to biotech and other jobs in South San Francisco for East Bay commuters as well as expand the geographic reach of emergency ferry response capabilities on San Francisco Bay.

The new service will operate Monday through Friday during peak commute periods between Alameda Main Street, Oakland's Jack London Square, and

the new South San Francisco Oyster Point ferry terminal with three to four departures from the East Bay and three to four departures from South San Francisco. The proposed date for service to begin is June 4 and the transit time is expected to be approximately 40 minutes from the East Bay to Oyster Point.

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more on this exciting new service in next month's issue. San Francisco Bay Ferry is a service of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority.



Photo Courtesy of San Francisco Bay Ferry

Two 25 knot, 199-passenger ferries have already been built in anticipation of the new route. These vessels have low-wake, low-wash hulls and are 85 percent cleaner than EPA Tier II regulations. The amenities on the vessels include spaces for bicycles, free wi-fi, and a food and beverage concession.

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Angel Island A California State park and wildlife reserve. Angel Island is both a great picnic destination with hiking, kayak tours, an hour-long fully-narrated TramTour, as well as a historical site dating back to the U.S. Civil War.

Vallejo Sail to Vallejo, a waterfront community that includes the city's Heritage District, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum and family-friendly Six Flags Discovery Kingdom theme park.

Alameda & Oakland There's dining in Jack London Square, the Farmer's market on Sundays and jazz nightly.

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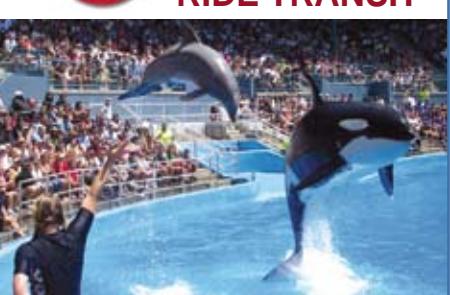
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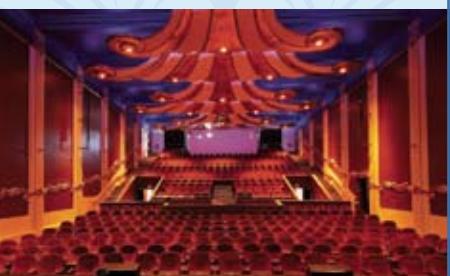
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BY PAUL DUCLOS

San Pedro Bay culture hardly measures up to what we have here, but *Bay Crossings* readers seeking a quick getaway from the waterfront might wish to explore a contrasting—and convenient—alternative.

Virgin America is the way to go if you are searching for a direct flight from San Francisco. The airline's new terminal at SFO is bright, clean and as tranquil as a ferry ride across the Bay. LAX is a different story, of course, but it's easy enough to get out of there if you arrive in the morning and head directly downtown.

"Downtown?" you ask. Yes, there's been a rebirth of sorts in the City of Angels, becoming a genuine destination

for seekers of fine dining, art, literature, and world-class opera.

While the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra (housed in the stunningly beautiful silver-winged Walt Disney Concert Hall) has been getting most of the press of late, opera lovers would do well by taking in at least one performance this season at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. With chandeliers, wide curving stairways and one of the largest stages in the country, it has proven itself as an important part of Los Angeles history. Its rich décor intrigued the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and provided the perfect setting for the Academy Awards 24 times during the 20th century.

Last month, the nation's fourth-largest opera company staged Benjamin Britten's *Albert Herring*. First performed in 1947, this comic piece takes place in the English countryside, where Albert, a meek mama's boy, reluctantly becomes his village's first May King when no maidens of sufficient virtue can be found. After his friends ply him with liquid courage at the coronation ceremony, Albert discovers the nerve to assert himself for the first time in his life. A nice departure from Britten's deeply disturbing *Billy Budd* and *Peter Grimes*—two classics set in maritime cultures.

Next month the company will end its current season with *La Bohème*, the quintessential bohemian love story. www.laopera.com

The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) just down the street is the opening the first solo museum exhibition of artist Cai Guo-Qiang and experience the debut of his site-specific work created for MOCA, *Mystery Circle: Explosion Event*.

Mystery Circle will contain three stages of special pyrotechnics, which will be ignited at a special event for museum members on April 7. At dusk, a myriad of flying saucer girandolas will rise from the rooftop. At the moment of ignition, countless mini rockets forming a string of crop circles will launch toward the audience before falling to the ground. An

imaginary alien-god figure on the left side of the wall will be outlined from bottom to top by gunpowder fuses. When the burned fuses reach the "halo" of the figure, mini rockets will shoot into the air. The rockets will leave a burned imprint on the museum wall, creating an outdoor drawing.

While Cai's signature explosion events, "Project for Extraterrestrials," have been dedicated to the creatures from outer space, his new project at MOCA will be the first time an alien figure actually appears.

The exhibition, on view at MOCA Grand Avenue from April 8 through July 30, will also include three gunpowder drawings commissioned by MOCA, created on-site in March 2012 by Cai in collaboration with more than 100 local volunteers. www.moca.org

Lovers of more antiquarian art, meanwhile, may wish to explore the stacks at Caravan Book Store a short stroll away on Grand Avenue. Shop owner Leonard Bernstein is a pleasant and attentive fellow who knows his inventory and can guide you to even the most arcane piece of literature. (213) 626-9944.

I was staying just across the street at the newly restored Hilton Checkers Los Angeles Hotel. Like Caravan, this represents a "vintage" piece in the urban landscape. But it is not a dowdy boutique by any means. It offers extensive hotel luxuries, and has a rooftop patio that is a destination in and of itself. The L.A. skyline is fully revealed in all its brassy glory, and at night, the city takes on another layer of mystery and intrigue. www.hiltoncheckers.com

The hotel has a fine restaurant, but I recommend the Water Grill across the street. Established in 1989, this place is a lot like some of the older San Francisco fish joints, but far less formal. The raw oyster bar is a revelation, and the wine list superb. www.watergrill.com

For more on San Francisco cultural topics, visit Paul Duclos' blog at paulduclousonfranciscoculture.blogspot.com

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San Francisco Increases Access for Bikers Commuting to Work

Last month, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved the Employee Bicycle Access Bill, which will make it easier for the growing number of people biking to work to bring their bikes into the workplace. The bill then went to the mayor's office, where it is expected to be signed into law. Once official, San Francisco will have the strongest bicycle access law in the country.

The Employee Bicycle Access Bill would require the owners of commercial buildings to either provide secure bicycle parking in their buildings or to allow their commercial tenants to bring their bicycles directly into their offices upon request.

Current San Francisco law requires

that new commercial buildings include bicycle parking. This new bicycle access legislation ensures that tenants in both new and older buildings have secure parking.

Building owners, employers, commercial real estate agents and bicycle advocates are all lauding the bill as a simple way to provide safe, secure bicycle parking for the growing number of people commuting by bicycle. The Bicycle Access Bill passage comes on the heels of the just-released 2011 SFMTA Bicycle Count Report that showed a dramatic 71 percent increase in the number of people biking in San Francisco in the last five years. Commercial corridors, like Market Street and Townsend Street, saw some of the largest growth.

"This is a great way to ensure secure bicycle parking for the huge and growing number of people biking in San Francisco," said Leah Shahum, executive director of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, a 12,000-member nonprofit. "One of the top reasons people cite for not biking to work more often is lack of secure parking for their bike."

The bicycle access legislation has support from building owners and managers across the city who already see providing bicycle parking as a key factor in attracting and keeping quality tenants and encouraging more biking to work.

Nino Rodriguez, commercial property manager of Westfield's 835 Market Street, knows firsthand how bicycle

parking has impacted his building. "Being able to provide a place for employees to park their bikes every day has really had a positive impact on our tenants and their employees. We have many users who ride their bike daily or a few times a week, bring their bikes in the front door and into our storage area. They are happy to have a secure place to keep their bike during the workday."

"This bill is a simple, cost-effective way to help San Francisco businesses meet the growing need for secure bicycle parking that their employees crave, and help San Francisco reach the City's official goal of 20 percent of trips by bike by 2020," said Supervisor John Avalos, who introduced the bill.



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- Every Saturday** **12PM – 2PM & 2:30PM - 4:30PM - Introduction to Sailing Course - OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
This two-hour skippered charter is designed to provide folks who are considering getting into sailing with a real glimpse of the sport, our club and our people. Cost is \$40.
- Every Wednesday** **6PM – 8PM - Wednesday Night Sails, Women's Only Boat on April 11 - OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
This two-hour skippered charter is a great way to break up a long week. We'll be sailing from 6 to 8 pm and follow that with a chili and chowder social. Don't miss this great opportunity for a mid-week break! On April 11 there will also be a women's only boat. Cost is \$40.
- April 6** **6PM – 8:30 PM - Moonrise Sail - Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, www.callofthesea.org**
Watch the full moon rise from the deck of our 82' classic schooner, Seaward, as you take in the sights of San Francisco Bay. There isn't a more beautiful way to enjoy a moonlit evening. Complimentary wine, cheese, and light refreshments will be served. Take advantage of this special opportunity that only happens a few times per year! Cost is \$45 for adults. To register, visit www.callofthesea.org and click on "Public Sails".
- April 6** **7PM – 10PM - Moonlight Kayaking, California Canoe & Kayaking, Jack London Square, Oakland, 510-893-7833, www.calkayak.com**
Moonlight paddling is enchanting! The water is calm and glassy on the Oakland Estuary and the city lights add to the ambiance. We enjoy a leisurely pace as the sun sets and the moon rises, illuminating a delightful evening. Cost is \$49.
- April 6** **7PM – 10PM - Moonlight Paddle, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
Navigating your kayak by moonlight is a mystical experience you won't soon forget. This unique kayak tour allows for a grand view of the moon rising into the night's sky. We will paddle leisurely while admiring the moon's silvery light reflecting off the water's surface.
- April 7** **11AM – 3PM - Corte Madera Marsh Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
Come explore the wetlands along Corte Madera Marsh while taking in the views of Mount Tamalpais and the San Francisco Bay. We will paddle out in stable double sea kayaks while keeping our eyes open for the curious harbor seals that gather nearby. If conditions permit, we may take an optional side trip past the infamous San Quentin Prison, then stop for lunch on a nice sandy beach with incredible views.
- April 7** **7PM – 11PM - Night Sailing Course – OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
If you haven't sailed at night you're missing half the beauty of San Francisco Bay. This class is designed to introduce you to night sailing and to help you learn to navigate the Bay safely in the dark. Cost is \$95.
- April 14&15** **9AM – 5PM - Catamaran Class - Club Nautique Sailing School & Charters, Alameda, (510) 865-4700, www.clubnautique.net**
Catamarans are flat, fast and comfortable but they take some special training. Prerequisite: Bareboat level certification or equivalent qualifications. Cost: Members \$570/Non Members \$760 Please call to reserve space.
- April 15** **9AM – 2PM - Tomales Bay Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
Come experience one of the premier paddling destinations in California on this guided kayak tour! Wildlife abounds in this spectacular setting, one of the largest protected bays and coastal area in California. Half way through our paddling tour we will stop on a secluded beach only accessible by small water craft and eat lunch.
- April 21** **9AM - 5PM - Radar/GPS Clinic - Club Nautique Sailing School & Charters, Alameda, (510) 865-4700, www.clubnautique.net**
Don't get caught in a fog. Learn to use this valuable tool. Cost: Members \$282/Non Members \$375 Please call to reserve space.

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- April 22** **10AM – 2PM - Kayak Basics, California Canoe & Kayak, Jack London Square, Oakland, 510-893-7833, www.calkayak.com**
Are you ready to try kayaking? Maximize your fun on the water! This class emphasizes basic water safety using recreational kayaks. You will learn the basic paddle strokes and fundamental kayak maneuvers in a calm water setting. Class fee \$59 includes kayak, paddling gear, and a coupon for 50% off a future kayak rental (one hour)!
- April 26** **5PM – 7PM - Educator Outreach Sail - Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, www.callofthesea.org**
Calling all educators! (And a few of your family and friends.) Join us for wine and cheese on a 2-hour sail aboard the schooner Seaward and learn about our educational programs for youth. Our "Bay Explorations" field trip aligns with 4th and 5th grade curriculum in science and social studies. Cost is \$10. To register, visit www.callofthesea.org and click on "Public Sails".
- April 27** **6PM – 8:30 PM - Sunset Sail - Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, www.callofthesea.org**
Climb aboard the classic schooner Seaward and see San Francisco from the water! You can sit back and enjoy an unmatched view of the city front and local landmarks, or get involved in the sailing with our professional crew. With complimentary wine, cheese, and other refreshments, what better ways is there to end the week? Cost is \$45 for adults. To register, visit www.callofthesea.org and click on "Public Sails".
- April 28** **4PM – 6PM - Spring Fling BBQ & Sail on Schooner Seaward – OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
Plan ahead for your Spring Fling day and make your reservation aboard the schooner Seaward for a 3-hour sail on the Bay. Then come back in time for a hearty BBQ and fun with all your OCSC friends. Cost is \$45 for members & \$60 retail
- April 28** **7PM – 10PM - Sunset Paddle, California Canoe & Kayak, Jack London Square, Oakland, 510-893-7833, www.calkayak.com**
Sunset kayaking is an enchanting experience. The water often turns glassy and calm on the Oakland Estuary late in the day, and twilight adds to the unique ambiance. We'll enjoy a leisurely paddling pace as the sun goes down, setting the stage for a beautiful evening on the water. Cost is \$49.
- April 29** **10AM – 12:30 PM - Family Adventure Sail - Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, www.callofthesea.org**
Climb aboard the classic schooner Seaward and see San Francisco from the water! Help the crew raise the sails and steer the boat, or just sit back and enjoy the view! Morning winds are typically light so we often get to sail under the Golden Gate Bridge. This sail will include optional learning stations in San Francisco Bay ecology and seamanship. It's a great sail for families, though all are welcome! Light snacks and beverages served. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$25 for youth 6-12, and children under 6 are free. To register, visit www.callofthesea.org and click on "Public Sails".

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Golden Gate Ferry

LARKSPUR*

Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Larkspur	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Larkspur	Depart Larkspur	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Larkspur
05:50 a.m.	06:20 a.m.	06:25 a.m.	06:55 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	-----	-----
06:35	07:05	07:10	07:40	11:40	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
07:10	07:40	07:45	08:15	1:40 p.m.	2:30	3:30	4:20
07:50	08:20	08:30	09:05	4:30	5:20	5:30	6:20
08:20	08:50	09:10	09:45	-----	-----	7:30	8:15
09:15	09:50	10:10	10:45	One-way Ferry Fares			
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30	Larkspur			
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30 p.m.	Sausalito			
11:40	12:15 p.m.	12:25	1:00	Daily			
12:40 p.m.	1:15	1:25	2:00	Adult Cash Fare			
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	\$8.75			
2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05	\$5.70			
3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55	\$4.85			
4:15	4:45	5:00	5:30	\$4.25			
-----	-----	5:20	6:05	\$4.50			
5:10	5:45	5:55	6:25	FREE			
5:35	6:10	6:20	6:50	FREE			
6:35	7:10	7:20	7:50	Children 5 and under (limit 2 per fare-paying adult)			
7:20	7:55	8:10	8:40	Children ages 5 and under travel free when accompanied by a full fare paying adult (limit two youth per adult).			
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05	Golden Gate Ferry Fares, Effective July 1, 2011			

*Available beginning April 2, 2012

Fares shown are for one-way travel

* Direct ferry service is provided to most Giants games at AT&T Park. Special service is provided to various concerts and the Bay to Breakers Race. On weekdays, with the exception of the 5:20pm San Francisco departure which uses a 715 passenger Spaulding vessel, all other trips use high-speed catamarans. Weekend service is provided by a 715 passenger Spaulding vessel. # 5:30pm trip is via Sausalito. .

SAUSALITO

Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Sausalito
7:10 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	---	---	10:40 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
8:20	8:45	10:15	10:45	11:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
10:55	11:25	11:35	12:05 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:25	1:55
12:15 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	1:25	2:10	2:40	2:50	3:20
1:55	2:25	2:35	3:05	3:50	4:20	4:40	5:10
3:20	3:50	4:00	4:30	5:30*	5:55	6:10	6:35*
4:45	5:15	5:30	6:00	6:50	7:20	----	----
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10	*Available beginning April 2, 2012			
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20	Contact Information			
Toll free 511 or 711 (TDD)				For the Golden Gate Ferry website, visit: http://goldengateferry.org/			
Comments and questions can be submitted at http://ferrycomments.goldengate.org/				No ferry service on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.			

Bay Area Ferry Terminal Locations

Alameda Ferry Terminal

2990 Main St. in Alameda

Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal

2 McCartney Drive in Alameda

Larkspur Landing Ferry Terminal

101 E. Sir Francis Drake Blvd., just east of U.S. Highway 101 in Larkspur, CA

Oakland Ferry Terminal

530 Water St @ Jack London Square in Oakland

Sausalito Ferry Terminal

Humbolt St. & Anchor Ave. in downtown Sausalito

Tiburon Ferry Terminal

Behind Guaymus Restaurant & the Intersection of Tiburon Blvd. & Main St. in Tiburon

Vallejo Ferry Terminal

289 Mare Island Way in Vallejo

Blue & Gold Ferry

TIBURON COMMUTE

TIBURON – S.F. Ferry Building

Weekdays

Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
5:35 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	6:05 a.m.	6:30 a.m.
6:40	7:05	7:10	7:35
7:50	8:15	8:20	8:40
8:45	9:10	----	----
-----	-----	4:25 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
4:55 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	5:25	5:50
5:55	6:20	6:30	6:55
7:05	7:30	7:35	8:00

SAUSALITO

FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41

Weekdays

Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
11:20	11:45 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
12:35 p.m.	1:00	1:05	1:40
1:45	2:45	2:55	3:20
-----	-----	8:20*	8:45*

*Available beginning April 16, 2012

Weekends and Holidays

Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
9:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:55 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
11:35	12:00 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	1:05 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	2:15	3:20
4:10	4:50	----	----
-----	8:05	8:30*	8:45**
-----	8:05	8:45**	-----

For the most current schedule, visit <http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Ferry/Sausalito/index.cfm>

ANGEL ISLAND - S.F.

Weekdays – Daily Departures Pier 41

Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
10:10 am	10:30 am	1:20 pm	1:40 pm
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Weekends & Holidays Pier 41

Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
9:40 am	10:05 am	10:10 am	11:20 am
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ANGEL ISLAND PRICES (Round-trip)

FARES	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg*	Alameda/Oakland*	Vallejo*
Adult	\$17.00	\$14.50	\$30.50*
Child (5-11)	\$9.50 (age 6-12) Free (5 & under)	\$8.50 (age 5-12) Free (4 & under)	\$21.00 (ages 6-12) Free (5 & under)

* All prices include State Park Fees / Weekend Schedule on Memorial Day (May 25) / Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (Sept 7)

Angel Island Ferry

TIBURON – ANGEL ISLAND

Weekdays and Weekends (April Only)

Tiburon to Angel Island	Angel Island to Tiburon
Monday - Tuesday	Monday - Tuesday
10 1pm 3	10:20am 1:20pm 3:30
Wednesday - Friday	Wednesday - Friday
10am 11 1pm 3	10:20am 11:20 1:20pm 3:30
Saturday - Sunday	Saturday - Sunday
10am - 4pm Hourly	10:20am 4:20 Hourly

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Weekdays

Depart Vallejo to S.F. Ferry Building	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg. to Vallejo	Depart Pier 41 Fisherman's Wharf to Vallejo
5:30 a.m.	6:35 a.m.	-----
6:30	7:35	-----
7:00	8:30	-----
7:45	8:55	-----
10:00	11:20	11:45 a.m. #
2:00 * p.m.	3:30 *	3:10 p.m.
3:00	4:30	-----
4:00	5:15	-----
4:45	6:00	-----
5:45 *	7:15 *	6:55

Weekends & Holidays (May - Oct)

10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	2:10 p.m.
5:15	7:00	6:30 p.m.

Serves SF Ferry Building prior to arrival at Pier 41

* Serves Pier 41 prior to arrival at SF Ferry Building

FARES: One-way

Adult (13-64)	\$13.00
Senior (65+)/Disabled/Medicare	\$6.50
Child (6-12)	\$6.50
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Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.baylinkferry.com for updated information.

Travel time between Vallejo and San Francisco is approximately 60 minutes.

No Service on: Thanksgiving Day (Nov 24), Christmas Day (Dec 25), or New Year's Day (Jan 1)

Holiday Schedule in effect for: President's Day (Feb 20)



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ALAMEDA/OAKLAND

Weekdays to San Francisco

Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
6:00 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	-----
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00 a.m.
11:00	10:50*	11:30	11:45
12:45 p.m.^	12:35 p.m.*	1:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
2:30	2:20*^	3:00	3:10
4:40	4:30*^	5:10	-----
5:50	5:40*^	6:15	-----
6:20	6:10*	-----	7:00
6:55^	6:45*^	7:20	-----
7:55^	7:45*	8:20	-----
8:55^	8:45*	-----	9:25

Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco

Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
10:00	10:10	10:30 a.m.	10:45
11:30 p.m.	11:20 pm *	12:00 pm	12:15 p.m.
1:45	1:30 *	2:20	2:35
4:15	4:05 *	4:45	4:55
5:45	5:35 *	---	6:25
7:10	7:00 *	---	7:50

Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco

Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
9:15	9:25	10:10	9:55
10:50	---	11:20 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	1:10 p.m.	1:30	1:45
3:30	3:45	4:05	4:15
5:00	5:15	5:35	5:45
6:30	6:40	7:00	7:10

No ferry service on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Presidents Day.

Regular weekday service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FARES:

One Way	Round Trip	10 Ticket Book	20 Ticket Book	Monthly Pass
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Adult (13+)	\$6.25	\$12.50	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$170.00
Junior (5-12)	\$3.50	\$7.00			
Child under 5*	FREE	FREE			
Senior (65+)*	\$3.10	\$6.20			
Disabled Persons*	\$3.10	\$6.20			
Active Military	\$5.00	\$10.00			
School groups	\$2.00	\$4.00			
Short Hop 3	\$1.50	n/a			

PURCHASE TICKETS ONBOARD THE FERRY or at the Regional Transit Connection (RTC) at participating Bay Area businesses. Please call the 24-hour Ferry Fone at (510) 522-3300 to confirm times.

Seniors must show valid I.D., Regional Transit Connection Discount or Medicare Card. Disabled Persons must show a Regional Transit Connection Discount Card. Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult. Active Military Personnel must show military I.D. Fares subject to change. All times are estimates.

Schedule information collected from <http://www.eastbayferry.com>

Harbor Bay Ferry (EAST END OF ALAMEDA/S.F.)

Weekday Commute

Depart Harbor Bay Island	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Harbor Bay Island
6:30 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
7:30	7:55	8:00	8:25
8:30	8:55	-----	-----
-----	4:30 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:05 p.m.	5:30	5:35	6:00
6:05	6:30	6:35	7:00
7:05	7:30	7:35	8:00

FARES:

Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry passengers can purchase Ferry tickets, passes and books on board the ferries. Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry accepts cash, checks, Visa, Mastercard and Commuter Checks as payment for ferry tickets.
Fare:
One-way Adult \$6.50
One-way Juniors (5-12) \$3.25
Children (under 5) Free
One-way Seniors (62 & over) \$3.75
Disabled \$3.75
Active Military \$5.25
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Sail on Sailor

The 2012 Strictly Sail Pacific all-sailboat boat show will sail into Jack London Square April 12-15 with everything that is hot in the world of sailing. Strictly Sail Pacific is the only all-sailboat show on the West Coast, featuring new sailboats, gear, accessories, hardware, daily seminars, interactive workshops, free sailboat rides and more. Sailboats of every size and budget will fill the grounds of Jack London Square, both in and out of the water including sleek racers and luxury yachts. From newbies to serious sailors, Strictly Sail Pacific is the place for people who love to immerse themselves in the sailing lifestyle, talk to experts, participate in hands-on seminars, learn new sailing techniques, and more. Additionally, the boat show will host the official stopover of the Clipper 11-12 Round the World Yacht Race (see pages 10-11). Show attendees are invited to climb aboard the 68-ft Clipper racing yachts, talk to crew members competing in the yearlong round the world journey and join the special send-off of the 10-yacht race fleet on Saturday, April 14. Ticket prices range from \$15 for one day to \$45 for a four-day pass with children 15 and under free with a paying adult. For more information, visit www.strictlysailpacific.com.

Richmond Gets Silly

Come join the all-singing, all-dancing, no-trans fat Sixth Annual Richmond Silly Parade on Saturday, April 14 from 11:00 – 11:39 a.m. at the intersection of 23rd and Macdonald Ave. in downtown Richmond (rain date April 21). March or crowd the sidewalk and overwhelm the participants with your laughter

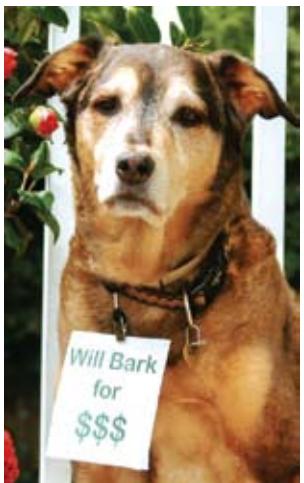
and cheers. The Richmond Silly Parade was originally conceived as a parody of marching parades but its real purpose was to build community by using humor as rebar. The parade has become a celebration of people's energy, imagination, pride, and initiative featuring musical groups, sports teams and civic organizations along with a generous helping of old-fashioned fun. Previous marches have included the Senior Citizen Dry-Water Swim Team, Rosie the Riveter Park Rangers, pets in costume, giant puppets, the Iron Triangle Philharmonic, the Marching Moustaches and Mother Earth herself. This year they hope to add a gospel choir, a toddler contingent (1-5 years), kids wearing their Halloween costumes (6-12 years), stilt walkers, floats, high school marching bands, a Dog Lovers Brigade, street ballet, the Wind Chime Orchestra, and you getting in touch with your Inner Silly. For questions, free parade ideas, and to sign up, ring the Silly Parade Committee at (510) 235-5519, or email richmondsillyparade@gmail.com. Be there or be oblong.

Calling All Canines!

Is your dog darling, dashing, well dressed and deserving of recognition? Then get your entry form in now for the 3rd Annual Barkers by the Bay Cutest Canine Contest. The event takes place on Saturday, April 21 from 3-6 p.m. at Gabrielson Park in downtown Sausalito and is free to attend. The Parade of Pooches before the esteemed panel of

judges begins promptly at 3:30 p.m. and a K-9 Karnival with vendors offering canine-related products and services will be ongoing all afternoon. Fabulous prizes will be awarded for Best of Show Cutest Canine, Best Dressed Doggie, Cutest Canine Couple and People's Choice Pup. Applications for the contest and for K-9 Karnival booth space may be downloaded from the Sausalito Chamber of Commerce website www.sausalito.org and must be received by Monday, April 9. The Spinnaker Restaurant is the Top Dog Sponsor of this year's event and will be hosting the Fido's fan club ballot box and voting for the People's Choice

Pup category as well as Hound Dog Happy Hours on Friday, April 13 and Friday, April 20. Entries for all categories except People's Choice will be accepted the day of the event but advance registration is required in order to receive a commemorative Barkers Bag and bandana.



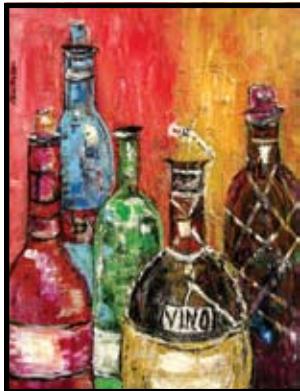
This is for the Birdathon

Bored with bike-a-thons, walkathons and swim-a-thons? Try a Birdathon—the annual fundraising event for Golden Gate Audubon Society, held throughout the month of April. **Birdathon 2012** is a uniquely Audubon way to promote and protect the Bay Area's native birds

and wildlife—it's like a walk-a-thon, only we count beautiful bird species instead of miles. You can join a guided bird walk led by an expert naturalist, form a team and compete to spot the most birds, or organize a "big sit" with friends to count birds in one place over four hours. No matter how you choose to participate, the money raised will help Golden Gate Audubon protect local wildlife and educate the next generation of environmental leaders. So have fun outdoors and win prizes. Learn to identify the birds of the Bay Area. And raise money for a good, green cause. For information and registration, see the Golden Gate Audubon Birdathon web site at www.birdathon.dojiggy.com or call (510) 843-7293.

Help Cleanup State Parks for Earth Day

Volunteers are needed at California State Parks on Saturday, April 14 for the 15th Annual California State Parks Foundation's (CSPF) Earth Day Restoration & Cleanup presented by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). This year, in celebration of its 15th Annual Earth Day, CSPF is providing grants up to \$15,000 (a combination of cash grants and in-kind donations) to parks, allowing for larger renovation and repair projects to be made that have been on maintenance backlog. California State Parks needs this annual cleanup, especially at a time when continued budget cuts significantly delay or eliminate environmental improvement and maintenance projects. Businesses and individuals of all ages are sought to actively participate with their communities to help restore the beauty of California's treasured state parks. Some Bay Area locations include Angel Island, Martin Luther Regional Shoreline and Candlestick Point State Recreation Area. Individuals, groups or businesses interested in volunteering on Earth Day should register at www.calparks.org/programs/earthday or call 1-888-98-PARKS.



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