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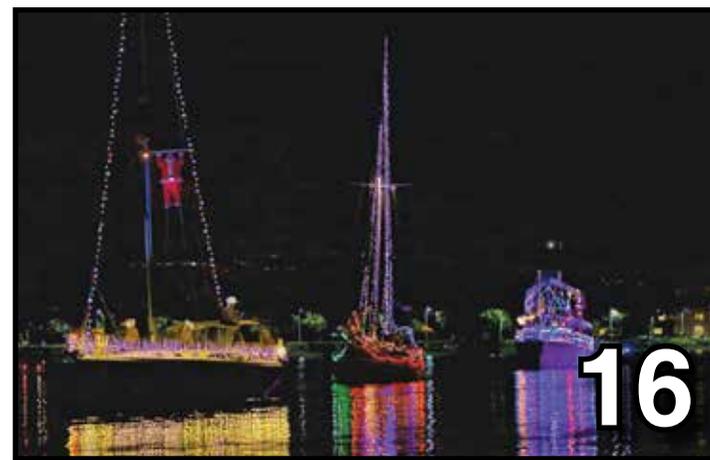
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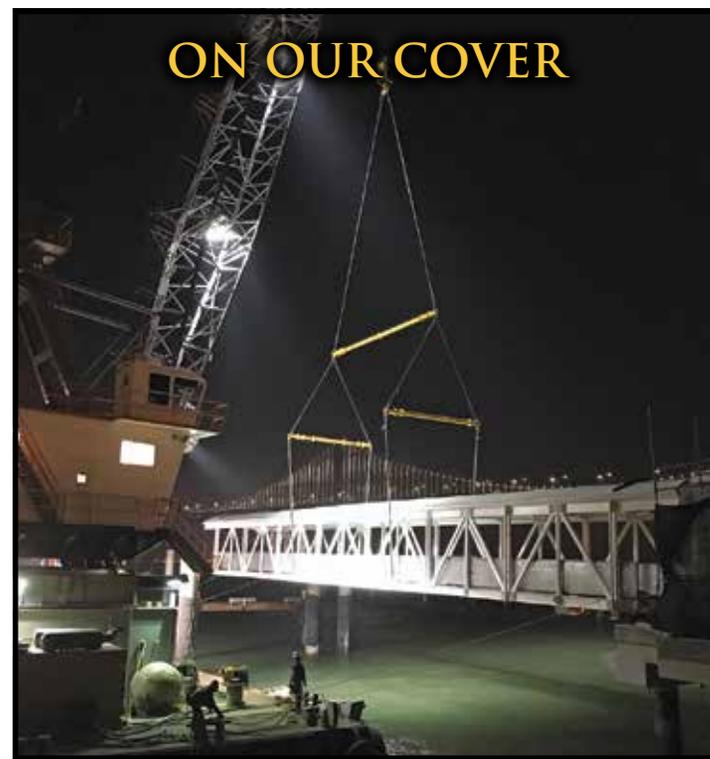
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# Looking Ahead on Trade and Remembering the Neediest

BY PATRICK BURNSON

So far, a potential U.S.-China trade war hasn't dampened cargo volume growth at California's third largest ocean cargo gateway. In fact, the Port of Oakland is on track for its third straight year of record container volume in 2018. But for Bay Area logistics managers, the one looming question is, "Can it last?"

When Oakland convened its quarterly meeting of its "efficiency task force" last month, the jury certainly appeared to be out on this issue. Since its creation three years ago, the task force has included stakeholders drawn from a variety of trade sectors, including longshore and labor representatives, freight intermediaries and executives from the nation's leading ocean cargo shippers.

In their recent evaluation of trade dynamics, the majority of these members maintain that cargo volume is spiking right now, but could drop by January. Task force members noted three trends: First, warehouses are filling up as U.S. retailers import merchandise from Asia. Second, shipping lines have added more than 30 extra voyages to regularly scheduled transpacific services to transport larger container volumes. Third, ports up and down the West Coast have re-

ported unprecedented cargo volume growth since mid-summer.

Potential reasons for the cargo spike vary. It could be the result of a continued strong U.S. economy, as this was also the peak season when importers ordered heavily for holiday merchandising.

However, another explanation for the spike was top of mind for Oakland's task force—frontloading. Experts said that shippers have accelerated orders to beat the imposition of new tariffs on Chinese imports.

"Imports are a good story, but the reason for the growth is still something of a mystery," said Port of Oakland Maritime Director John Driscoll. "We suspect frontloading is part of the answer." More than one official predicted declining January imports as new U.S.-imposed tariffs take effect. Others said import volume should keep climbing until then.

Oakland said its import volume is up 2.7 percent over 2017, which was a record year for containerized cargo at the port. Furthermore, imports from China have increased five percent this year, despite the tariff skirmish.

Oakland exports to China have declined 33 percent in 2018, with spokes-

people attributing that trend to be consequence of tough new Chinese restrictions on wastepaper shipments, an Oakland export staple.

"As Oakland's China exports decline, other Asian nations are picking up the slack," said Mike Zampa, the port's communications director. "Export shipments to Vietnam soared 96 percent in September, for example, and exports to Taiwan increased 37 percent."

But smaller U.S. West Coast ports may have a tougher time of mitigating the impact of a prolonged trade war with China, say analysts from Beacon Economics, a prominent California think tank.

Jock O'Connell, Beacon Economics' international trade advisor in Sacramento, noted that the Port of Stockton has reported job and revenue losses as the result of a slowdown in shipments of 150-meter segments of rail that the Union Pacific Railroad imports from Japan.

"Manufactured by the Sumitomo Corporation, the rail segments are shipped to Stockton aboard a specially designed vessel, the *Pacific Spike*," he said. "The segments are then welded at the Port of Stockton into 450-meter segments that Union Pacific uses in upgrading trackage along its 32,000-mile network in 23 states."



Photo courtesy of Port of Oakland

The Port of Oakland is on track for its third straight year of record container volume in 2018. However, experts say that this could be caused by shippers accelerating orders to beat the new tariffs on Chinese imports.

## Nonprofit Mission Supports Seafarers in the Bay Area

In this season of giving, *Bay Crossings* readers are encouraged to consider contributing to a great nonprofit resource that cares for the men and women serving on ocean cargo vessels and with dockside operations.

Founded in San Francisco in 1946 as the Scandinavian Seamen's Mission, the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate (SMGG) responds to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of seafarers and port workers in San Francisco Bay.

The mission is located at the Port of Oakland, where its chaplain visits seafarers on ship, provides communication resources such as internet and phone cards, and welcomes visitors to the International Maritime Center (IMC). The IMC is a place of sanctuary for seafarers away from the ship where they can call home, play games and visit with volunteers. Transportation to local shopping is another service provided by SMGG.

Finally, it is worth noting that seafarers of all religious denominations have recently rated the mission as one of the top three such centers in the world. For more information, see [www.smgg.org](http://www.smgg.org).

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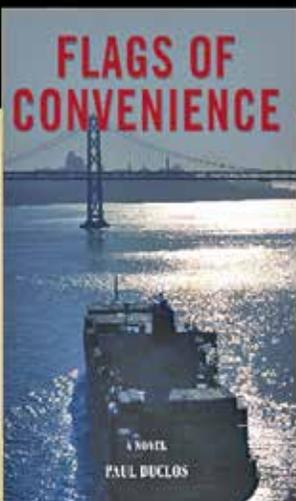
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# FERRY NEWS

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

## Ferry Q&A Column Debuts in 2019

*Bay Crossings* is excited to announce a new column beginning with the January issue that will provide ferry riders a way to get answers to their questions about the commuter ferries that operate in the Bay Area. We will work directly with the public information officers of both Golden Gate Ferry (servicing Larkspur, Sausalito and Tiburon) and the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) (which oversees the San Francisco Bay Ferry that services Oakland/Alameda, Vallejo, Harbor Bay and South San Francisco) to make sure that your questions are fully addressed. Feel free to submit your questions to us now at [info@baycrossings.com](mailto:info@baycrossings.com).

## Richmond Ferry Service Begins in January

San Francisco Bay Ferry will launch its Richmond service on January 10. There will be six round trips each weekday, with the first ferry leaving Richmond at 6:10 a.m. and the last boat leaving San Francisco at 6:50 p.m. The trip is an estimated 35 minutes, with adult one-way Clipper fare set at \$6.75. The cash fare for adults is \$9, with youth, senior and disabled fares (cash or Clipper) set at \$4.50. Bike lockers and free parking will be available at the terminal.

WETA is hosting a launch event at the Craneway Pavilion at 1:30 p.m. on January 10 to celebrate the opening of the Richmond Ferry Terminal and start of service. More information is available at [sanfranciscobayferry.com/richmond](http://sanfranciscobayferry.com/richmond).

## Late Night Bus to Vallejo

Take the San Francisco Bay Ferry into the City and don't worry about missing the last boat! The new Soltrans Route 82



The new 445-passenger Pyxis will begin service on San Francisco Bay Ferry's Vallejo route in early 2019. It is the first high-speed jet propulsion boat added to the WETA fleet since 2004.

now provides service each weekday at 10:30 p.m. between the Ferry Building and Vallejo Transit Center. Now people who take the ferry into the City but miss the last boat or want to have a late dinner/event have a way to get back to Vallejo.

## New Mobile Ticket Option

WETA recently unveiled its mobile ticketing solution with partner Hopthru, giving passengers a simple method to purchase San Francisco Bay Ferry tickets and board using their phones.

Passengers can use the Hopthru app to purchase tickets for any of San Francisco Bay Ferry's four regular routes right from their Apple or Android devices. This provides a third way for passengers to purchase tickets, in addition to obtaining paper tickets and using a Clipper card.

Passengers can download the Hopthru app in their device's app store or can receive a download link by texting "hopthru" to 43506. After signing up, they are prompted to select their transit agency, rider type and ticket type, then complete their purchase. Once a rider is ready to show their proof of ticket, they can activate their pass and then present it to the deckhand. Purchased passes can be activated at any time with or without internet connection, enabling riders to travel without having to worry about keeping a cell signal.

"We are excited to offer this technology to our passengers," said WETA Executive Director Nina Rannells. "Hopthru will improve the

time it takes to board, decrease WETA's operating costs and reduce waste from paper tickets."

## WETA Awards \$13 Million Contract for New High-Speed Ferry

The WETA Board of Directors recently awarded a \$13 million contract to Mavrik Marine to build another new high-speed ferry to enhance the San Francisco Bay Ferry service. The vessel, expected to be in service by 2020, will be the eighth added to WETA's fleet since 2017. Three new 400-passenger ferries have entered San Francisco Bay Ferry service since April 2017, with one more on track for early 2019. The contract awarded calls for a new 300-passenger, high-speed ferry. This vessel will be used to aid WETA's efforts to expand San Francisco Bay Ferry service to new terminals and to support existing and enhanced service on existing routes. The ferry, which will also have capacity for at least 35 bicycles, will be a versatile addition to the fleet as service expands to the City of Richmond in January 2019 as well the Mission Bay neighborhood of San Francisco and Seaplane Lagoon in Alameda within a few years.

## WETA to Add New Vessel to Vallejo Route

A new ferry will be joining the San Francisco Bay Ferry Vallejo route in early 2019. The 445-passenger *Pyxis* is the first of three new vessels that are scheduled

to provide extended service primarily to Vallejo in the coming years. *Pyxis* will have two sister ships, *Vela* and *Lyra*. *Vela* is expected later in 2019 and *Lyra* is expected in early 2020. *Pyxis* is also the first jet boat added to the WETA fleet since 2004 (others, like the *Hydrus* class, have been prop). It will be the highest capacity vessel in the fleet when it enters service.

## Ferry Accident in S.F.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on Friday, November 23, the M.S. *San Francisco* collided with an outer berth and then the dock at the San Francisco Ferry Building. The vessel was carrying 53 passengers at the time of the collision. Two passengers reported minor injuries. The full extent of the damage to the vessel and dock is still being determined.

At press time, the cause of the accident was unknown with an investigation underway in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard. Per agency protocol, the vessel captain and crew underwent drug and alcohol testing in addition to a full debriefing. The investigation will also include analysis of data pulled from the vessel's onboard control systems.

"We are taking this incident very seriously," said Priya Clemens, spokesperson for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District. "We're glad no one was seriously injured, but this type of incident on our ferry service is highly unusual. We are investigating the cause of the accident closely."

# Rachel Rodriguez

BY MATT LARSON

**G**rowing up in Vallejo, Rachel Rodriguez loved taking the ferry, mostly just for excursions. One day she came across an opportunity to work with Blue & Gold Fleet and jumped at the chance. With no maritime background amidst a competitive group of applicants, her expertise with heavy logistics helped land her the job. For more than four years now, Rodriguez has been the ferry operations administrator for the fleet's North Bay Ferry division.

"I consider it a great privilege to work with a highly knowledgeable operations and engineering team in Vallejo," she said. She specifically mentioned General Manager Marty Robbins, Port Engineer Bryan Hoffman and Operations Manager Peter Belden and said they've been instrumental in teaching her everything she needed to know about the maritime industry.

"It was like trying to take a sip of water out of a fire hydrant—there's so much to absorb," she said. But she's been loving every minute of it, four years and counting. "It can be challenging and exciting at the same time, and it's fulfilling because there's always something new to learn and something new to do."

Rodriguez helps to coordinate the whole operation, from scheduling the boats to scheduling the maintenance, managing vendor deliveries, Coast Guard visits, routine drills and cash transports. Sometimes she even acts as an event planner, project manager or liaison in the case of a National Geographic photo tour or other special visit. She stays pretty busy to say the least.

"We have a lot of things going on," she said. "No day is ever the same and it is very exciting. If there's anything going on behind the scenes, I help make sure that it's totally seamless and invisible to the passengers." Rodriguez works alongside Belden as a two-person team, but they are just one part of a grand operation.

"It's a team effort," she explained. "It takes a lot of behind-the-scenes scheduling to make public transportation really work. We try really hard to monitor passenger habits, tailoring our boat lineup to capture as many riders, and leave as few behind, as possible; that's how we base our operating hours."

Working on Mare Island in Vallejo feels like home for Rodriguez, as she has a long family history of relatives who have done the same. "My dad worked as a plumber and pipe fitter here at shop 56 when it was an operating naval shipyard," she said. "Then my grandfather was an electrician before him, and my grandfather on my mom's



As ferry operations administrator for San Francisco Bay Ferry's North Bay Ferry division, Rachel Rodriguez is happy to be based on Mare Island. She has deep family ties there, as several relatives worked on Mare Island when it was an active naval shipyard.

side would do machining for some of the ships here."

Aside from working for the ferry, Rodriguez spends time volunteering for Awana, a faith-based nonprofit organization for kids. "I think community is important, and helping with the next generation is a real fulfilling way to give back," she said. Now living in the Suisun Valley area, she enjoys running and swimming, cooking and baking, in addition to her time with the kids. She highly recommends checking out Rockville Hills Regional Park if you're looking for a decent hike in Solano County. It's all about good vibes, which is especially why she still loves the ferry, now more than ever.

"There something about the ferry," she said. "Being carried along the water, seeing different wildlife and different scenery—the waves and the field air. It's an experience that's kind of unexplainable; when you're looking out the window or standing on the deck, it's really a neat feeling."

When it comes to transportation options in the Bay, the ferry is pretty hard to beat. Rodriguez credits the crews and the state-of-the-art vessels for contributing to that fact. "The ferry is so dependable, we have so few disruptions," she said. "And in comparison to the stress of driving, it's scenic, you can free up your time, it's relaxing—the ferry is just hands down the way to go."



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Tom Escher, president of Red & White Fleet, addresses a gathering at Alameda's Bay Ship & Yacht for the keel laying ceremony of the first hydrogen fuel cell boat of its kind. Red & White Fleet has committed to build a 100-percent zero emission fleet by 2025.

## Construction Begins on Zero-Emission Ferry

### BC STAFF REPORT

In November, Golden Gate Zero Emission Marine (GGZEM) announced the beginning of construction and the keel laying ceremony for the *Water-Go-Round*, a first-of-its-kind hydrogen fuel cell boat. The 70-foot catamaran, under construction at Bay Ship & Yacht in Alameda, will showcase the advantages of hydrogen fuel cells for the commercial maritime industry. Construction is expected to be complete by September 2019.

The keel laying ceremony is a celebrated tradition of laying down the backbone of a vessel, which is a milestone in making a ship come to life. "This ceremony symbolizes more than the start of construction of a single vessel, it marks the start of a new movement in the maritime community, said Dr. Joseph W.

Pratt, CEO of GGZEM. "Operators all over the world are seeing that hydrogen fuel cell electric drivetrains can provide both environmental and economic advantages. Golden Gate Zero Emission Marine and our partners are proud to be selected by California to showcase this aboard the *Water-Go-Round*."

Funding for the country's first zero-emission ferry comes in part from California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment—particularly in disadvantaged communities.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is administering the project alongside other partners including Bay Ship & Yacht, BAE Systems, Hydrogenics, Red and White Fleet, Incat Crowther, Hexagon Composites, the Port of San Francisco

and Sandia National Laboratories.

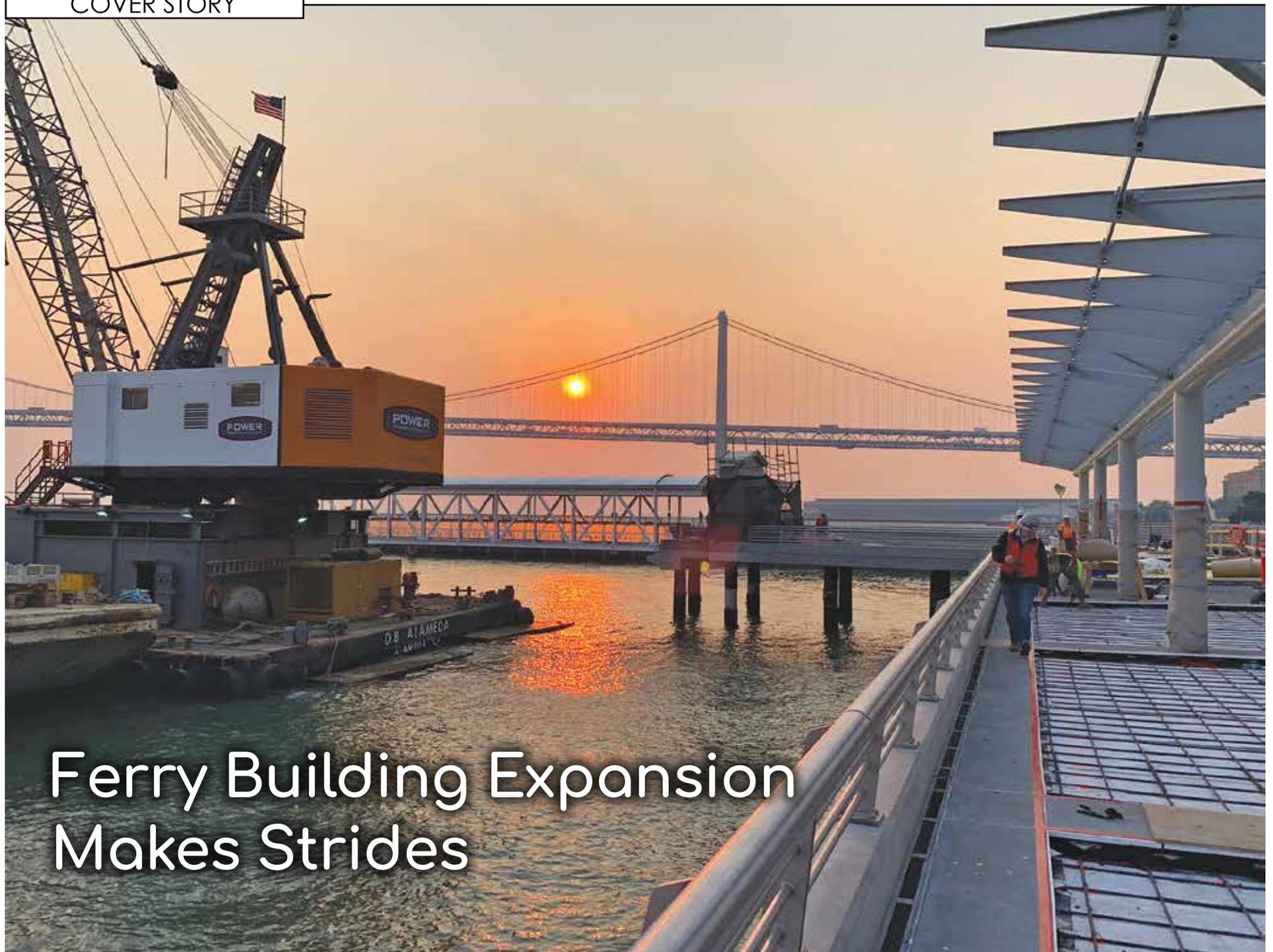
"We are excited to be part of the team for the first zero emission, hydrogen fuel-cell powered ferry project in the nation," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. "By demonstrating cutting-edge, diesel-free technology, we can showcase the benefits of these cleaner solutions that will protect public health and the environment while reducing air pollution and reliance on fossil fuel."

Once the *Water-Go-Round* launches, it will be operated for three months in San Francisco Bay. This test period will enable Sandia National Laboratories to assess performance and gather data to determine marine suitability of the technology. Additionally, partners will be gathering feedback from operators and passengers to determine best commercial use of the vessel.

Red and White Fleet intends to use the *Water-Go-Round* as the first of several

vessels with GGZEM integrations in order to meet its commitment to a build a 100-percent zero emission fleet by 2025.

"The technology for zero pollution is here today and we are honored to be the operator of the *Water-Go-Round*. I'm convinced it will prove the feasibility of hydrogen fuel cell application on all maritime vessels," said Tom Escher, president of Red and White Fleet. "The *Water-Go-Round* is a seed, and when one puts a seed in water, it grows. This growth will include large ferries, crew boats, fishing boats, supply vessels, tugboats and large ocean container ships. The *Water-Go-Round* is the beginning of the shift from hydrocarbon maritime fuels to zero pollution hydrogen fuels. California is going to prove to the global shipping community that hydrogen fuel cells offer zero pollution for the benefit of the entire world."



# Ferry Building Expansion Makes Strides



**BY JOEL WILLIAMS**

**M**uch has happened since we last reported on the San Francisco Ferry Building expansion project in May. The San Francisco Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) has announced several new routes that are planned to begin service in the years to come, including the Richmond route set to begin in January 2019. The project will add two additional gates as well as a large public plaza and weather-protection canopies.

Over the summer, construction crews made significant progress on

Gates F and G, with the installation of the portal doors and granite cladding the most noticeable. Electrical work has begun with the placing of conduit on the bottom mat of rebar. Crews have installed the guide piles for the Gate G float and the promenade canopy is in progress.

The tiered amphitheater-stepped seating areas of the new granite plaza that will cover the lagoon between the Ferry Building and the Ag Building next door are now becoming visible and the pedestrian bridge landing for Gate G is also being prepared.

The opening of Gates F and G at the San Francisco Ferry Building will lead to some gate shifts for San Francisco Bay

Ferry's Alameda/Oakland and Harbor Bay passengers beginning in December. Passengers on the Alameda/Oakland service will shift over to Gate G, while Harbor Bay routes will be using Gate F. No date has been set for these moves. The best way to find out when the changes will occur is by signing up for BayAlerts at [sanfranciscobayferry.com](http://sanfranciscobayferry.com).

Gate F will also serve the new Richmond ferry route, launching on January 10. Once Gates F and G are fully operational, San Francisco Bay Ferry will close Gate E, which currently services the Oakland/Alameda and Harbor Bay routes. Over the course of 2019, that gate will be rebuilt and extended as a part of the terminal expansion. The elevated public plaza on the south side of the Ferry Building will also be completed in 2019.

San Francisco Bay Ferry will provide ample signage and guest assistance representatives to assist with queuing at the new gates. Because Gate E and the plaza area will be closed for construction in 2019, passengers heading to the terminal from the north side of the Ferry Building will need to use the pedestrian bridge from the Embarcadero



The opening of Gates F and G at the San Francisco Ferry Building will lead to some gate shifts for San Francisco Bay Ferry's Alameda/Oakland and Harbor Bay passengers.

just south of the Ag Building and Mission Street. Maps will be available on [sanfranciscobayferry.com](http://sanfranciscobayferry.com).

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Sections of the tiered amphitheater-stepped plaza that will cover the lagoon between the Ferry Building and the Ag Building next door are now taking shape.

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# EPA Recognizes Holloway Street Clean-Water Project

BY BILL PICTURE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last month recognized San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) Holloway Green Street Project as one of 30 clean-water infrastructure projects putting public money to good use. EPA's PISCES program celebrates successful projects from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program, a federal-state partnership that provides low-cost financing to communities for water-quality infrastructure upgrades.

For the Holloway Green Street Project, which received an honorable mention, SFPUC applied multifunctional green infrastructure technologies to transform a busy nine-block stretch of Holloway Avenue between Lee and Ashton Avenues into a vibrant pedestrian- and bike-friendly green connector between San Francisco State University and the Balboa Park BART station.

For years, wall-to-wall concrete left stormwater with nowhere to go but into gutters. The Urbano neighborhood just downstream bore the brunt of the "pave it over" urban planning approach of decades past, experiencing flooding when heavy rains would overtax the City's combined sewer system. Further downstream, wastewater treatment plants unable to handle the deluge during storms would discharge overflow that had been only partially treated into the Pacific Ocean.

"It wasn't good," said SFPUC Watershed Planner Sarah Bloom. But keeping stormwater out of the sewer

system by capturing it upstream was just part of the project, said Bloom.

"There are lots of different types of green infrastructure and each has its benefits, so the goal is always to find the mix that's right for a particular site and its conditions, a mix that checks all the boxes so to speak," Bloom said.

In this case, the project's goals also included giving residents of a disadvantaged neighborhood, as well as those just passing through, something nice to look at. "Why not make it prettier if you have the chance," Blooms asked. "During the public input process, residents said they wanted to slow traffic through the neighborhood to make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. So that was it! We'd found our sweet spot—storm water management, neighborhood beautification, traffic calming, and pedestrian and bike safety."

To that end, the final mix includes planted bulb-outs and rain gardens, and permeable pavement in parking lanes. These elements not only help lessen the impact of storms on the sewer system by absorbing rain water, they also drastically change the neighborhood's look and feel by creating new green spaces to enjoy, and make the neighborhood safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

## Heading in the right direction

Bloom is anxious to see how the project performs this winter. It'll be the first wet season that Holloway Green Street Project has experienced since the plants fully grew in. "We'll be monitoring it closely for the next two years so we have



*Photo courtesy of SFWater.org*

*Planted bulb-outs and rain gardens constructed on a nine-block stretch of San Francisco's Holloway Street now provide a way of keeping stormwater out of the sewer system by capturing it upstream.*

sufficient data to prove its performance," she said.

SFPUC expects the Holloway Green Street Project to perform well, and has already set its sights on blocks in the Seacliff neighborhood, which is part of the Richmond watershed.

In terms of the impact this project has had on persons living and working nearby, Bloom says those effects were evident almost immediately. "We've had people stop us on the street and ask us to do their block, so I think everyone's really happy with how it turned out," Bloom said.

The folks at San Francisco City Hall are also happy because the 18-month-long project came in under budget. "Crazy, right? That almost never happens," Bloom said.

The project's total price tag was \$7.4 million. SFPUC cracked open its wallet to cover the cost of the design and planning, which came to \$1.6 million. The remaining \$5.8 million was paid for with money from the CWSRF. Established by Congress as part of the Clean Water Act of 1987, CWSRF has since provided more than \$132 billion in funding for water-quality infrastructure projects.

Bloom said coming in under budget is a particularly impressive accomplishment given that some of the elements, like the permeable pavement, had never before been employed in a project that involved a public right-of-way.

"So there was a bit of a learning curve involved," she said. "Our contractor, M Squared, took that ride with us; a lot of the credit goes to them."

"The scale and complexity of the 2018 PISCES recognized projects represent the determination, coordination and creativity our partners put forth to achieve their water quality goals," EPA Office of Water Assistant Administrator Dave Ross said in a written statement.

While the Holloway Green Street Project wasn't among the five projects to be touted as "exceptional" by the EPA, Bloom said being recognized at all is a huge honor. It's important to note that the Holloway Green Street Project was the only project in the state to be acknowledged by the EPA.

"That's a big deal," Bloom said. "It means we're on the right track. Again, we only recently started employing green infrastructure in the public right-of-way, so this definitely tells me we're heading in the right direction."

# Taking a Stand for Your Sand

BY SEJAL CHOKSI-CHUGH

A multinational corporation is mining sand from the bottom of San Francisco Bay and selling it for a profit. But the Bay's sand belongs to you and me. And taking sand out of the Bay harms Dungeness crab, San Francisco's Ocean Beach and other Bay Area beaches and wetlands.

One main area where companies mine sand lies between the San Francisco waterfront and Angel Island. Young Dungeness crab travel there along the Bay bottom toward the Golden Gate on their way to the Pacific Ocean, where they live out their lives. But strong suction from sand mining equipment can interfere with the crabs' path. Other important species, including sturgeon, also migrate through this area; sand mining can impact them, too.

Moreover, removing sand from the Bay reduces the supply of sand for Ocean Beach, which is rapidly eroding. This erosion destroys the habitat of the snowy plover, an endangered shorebird, and threatens a major San Francisco sewer pipe and the Great Highway.

The Bay's sand is also a key resource needed to protect shorelines from future sea level rise. As the Bay levels increase, wetlands and shorelines will be at risk of vanishing under rising tides. The normal movement of the Bay's sand can help build up wetlands and shorelines—but only if enough sand is left in the Bay.

This natural resource has moved through the Bay for centuries. Sand washes down riverbeds from the Sierra Nevada, through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and into the Bay, where it is joined by sand from Bay Area rivers and

creeks. Some sand stays in the Bay, some accumulates on the Bay's shorelines, and some washes out the Golden Gate. Currents carry sand mostly south from the Golden Gate, where it helps build up Ocean Beach and beaches down the coast.

But for decades, the California state government has allowed private companies to interrupt this natural process. The companies are allowed to remove far more sand from the Bay than naturally washes in. Lehigh Hanson, Inc., is currently allowed to harvest 1.5 million cubic yards of Bay sand per year. The company sells the sand to make cement and concrete used for buildings, parking lots and roads. But other sources of sand for these uses are readily available.

Baykeeper has stood up to protect the Bay's sand for more than six years. We advocated before regulatory agencies for lower limits on sand mining, and the agencies cut it back by 25 percent. But that's not enough. According to the California Coastal Commission, to protect coastal beaches, a reduction of 85 percent is needed.

So our attorneys also went to court to fight for the Bay's sand. Last month, the California Court of Appeal unfortunately ruled that the current unsustainable rates of sand mining can continue for five more years.

However, the court also expanded the law, saying the sand belongs to the public and making it harder for state agencies to give our natural resources away to private companies. This important ruling could help reduce harmful mining in any California lake, river, stream, or in coastal waters.

Baykeeper is not giving up. When the sand mining leases come up for



Photo by Sejal Choksi-Chugh

Private companies are removing too much sand from San Francisco Bay. Their sand mining is harming Dungeness crab, San Francisco's Ocean Beach and the Bay's wetlands.

renewal, we'll be there, armed with this legal precedent and sound science that shows the Bay needs more sand. We'll keep fighting until we stop the harm to the Bay, wildlife and local beaches—

and end the misuse of this important resource that belongs to us all. To learn more about Baykeeper's work to protect San Francisco Bay from the biggest threats, visit us at [baykeeper.org](http://baykeeper.org).



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# The Boating Community Celebrates the Holidays

BY CAPTAIN RAY

With Halloween in the rearview mirror, I guess it's fair to say that the holiday season is upon us. As I write this in early November, we are looking forward to (in chronological order) Thanksgiving on November 22, the start of Hanukkah on December 2, Christmas on December 25 and the first day of Kwanzaa on December 26.

For some these are religious observances, for a lot of us it is all about friends and family, and for many it is both. There are certainly plenty of ways to celebrate: family and office parties, decorating trees and homes, caroling, services at your place of worship, the giving and receiving of gifts—not to mention family feasts!

The boating community has a unique and very colorful way of doing its part during this season of celebration. Sailors adorn their boats with lights, decorations, costumed people and pets, and go on parade. I'd like to tell you about four lighted boat parades that are happening here on San Francisco Bay so that you can add one (or more) of them to your schedule of holiday celebrations.

On Saturday, December 1, the first of these parades, called the Oakland/Alameda Lighted Yacht Parade, will take place in the Oakland/Alameda Estuary. It is the 42nd anniversary for this event. It starts just after sunset, about 6 p.m., and Jack London Square and Wind River Park are excellent viewing sites. Another attractive alternative for viewing the parade is to reserve a window table at one of the estuary's waterfront restaurants—dinner and a show without having to move!

On the next Saturday, December 8, there is the Sausalito Lighted Boat Parade. This will be the 31st year for the Sausalito parade and you can expect to see about 40 decorated vessels. The parade will start at 6 p.m. just north of the Bay Model and proceed south. The best outdoor views are

from the Bridgeway Promenade and the ferry pier in the downtown area. Several restaurants, including Spinnaker, Trident, Barrel House, and Scoma's Sausalito offer great indoor viewing. As an extra added attraction, this boat parade will also include a fireworks display at 7:30 p.m.

The following Friday, December 14, is your next opportunity, this time at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. This year marks the parade's 24th anniversary. There will be about 60 boats this year from the Fisherman's Wharf fishing fleet and the Sea Scouts as well as the St. Francis and Golden Gate Yacht Clubs. Starting at 5:30 p.m., boats will parade from Pier 39 west to the St. Francis Yacht Club and back, ending about 8 p.m. Great viewing locations can be found at Pier 39, Aquatic Park, Fort Mason, the Marina Green and Crissy Field—and of course from the restaurants on the wharf.

On December 15, another parade is happening on the San Rafael Canal. This one starts at 5:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the San Rafael, Loch Lomond and Marin Yacht Clubs and the Classic Yacht

Association. With support from local business partners, the group plans to give San Rafael residents one of the largest lighted boat parades ever witnessed in Northern California, with the tradition entering its 11th year. The number of lighted boats participating each year has grown from a few in the early years to approximately 90 lighted boats in recent years. The number of spectators viewing the parade has also grown—from a few hundred to several thousand.

So, pack a picnic or make dinner reservation and go enjoy a unique way to celebrate the season!

When I started writing this column, I thought that I would be able to do it

for a year or two. Suddenly, it's been 10! But, it's now time for me to bring it to a close—so, this will be my last column. I want to thank *Bay Crossings*, its publisher, Joel Williams, and all my readers for this opportunity to express myself and, hopefully, entertain and inform my readers.

Captain Ray, out.

*Bay Crossings would like to thank Captain Ray Wichmann for providing us with insightful and entertaining articles covering the sailing community for over 10 years. We learned many things and we wish him well.*

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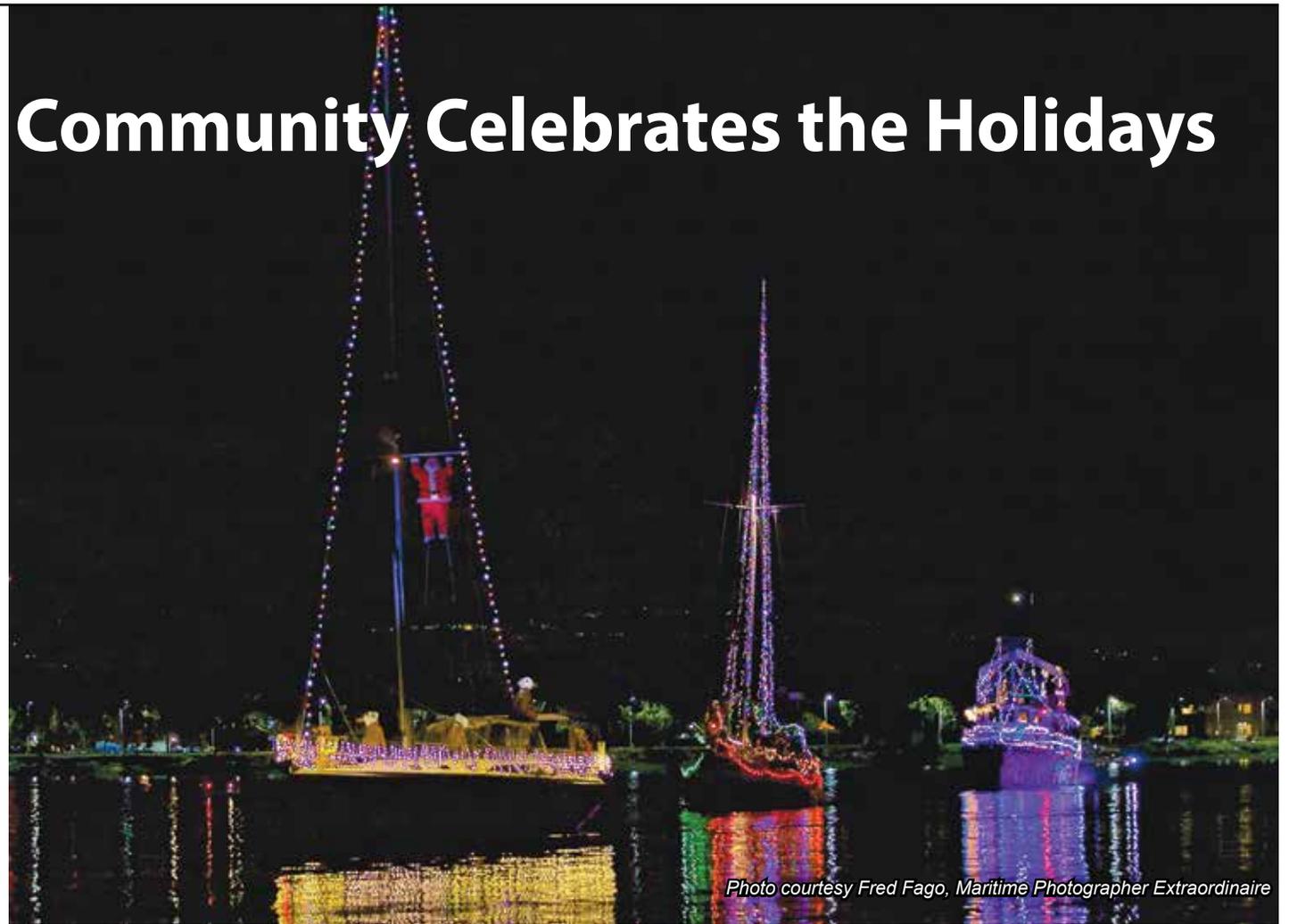
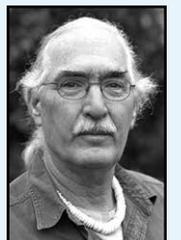


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The Oakland/Alameda Lighted Yacht Parade takes place in the estuary, providing plentiful viewing points from Alameda and Oakland.

# Holiday Haunts and Hangover Cures

BY PAUL DUCLOS

For thousands of children each year, the holiday season would not be complete without a visit to the famed Fairmont San Francisco Hotel, which creates a magical gingerbread house in the lobby for Santa to greet his guests.

But there's also a decidedly different attraction in the hotel's legendary Venetian Room for discerning adults seeking sophisticated entertainment. There, the world's greatest entertainers perform under the auspices of Bay Area Cabaret.

The Venetian is one of the most elegant showrooms in the world—where Tony Bennett first sang “I Left My Heart In San Francisco” and artists such as Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Nat King Cole, Tina Turner and the Supremes performed on a regular basis. Today, it plays host to masters of the Great American Songbook, jazz, Broadway, blues and pop.

Bay Area Cabaret recently staged the Bay Area debut of soprano Kate Baldwin (*Finian's Rainbow*, *Big Fish*). She was recently nominated for a Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critic's Circle award for her role as Irene Molloy in *Hello, Dolly*. By all accounts, the recent performance was a critical and popular success.

Next comes the renowned singer, actress and recording artist Christine Andreas on Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m. with the West Coast debut of her acclaimed show *PIAF—No Regrets*, following two successful runs in New York and one in London. Christine brings to life the triumphs and heartbreaks of the famed French chanteuse, in her own words and those of her friends and—of course—her music.

For more information, see [www.bayareacabaret.org](http://www.bayareacabaret.org).

## Old-School Pool on Christmas

Barry Humphries, creator of Dame Edna Everage, was fond of saying that when it comes to holiday gatherings it should always be “family last.”

He makes a good point. As the year

comes to a close, many of us are made weary by declarations from retiring corporate executives and professional sports figures who say they want to “spend more time with family.”

This not only rings false, but is often blatantly transparent. No, they want to keep their jobs or find better ones—but they've been given the sack and they're now damaged goods. Their families may endure them, but will hardly be willing to embrace them for too long.

That's when it's time to consider spending more time at Family Billiards in San Francisco. This is one of the last remaining old-school pool halls in the nation. There's a juke box and a lunch counter, but the place is really all about pool. Their 17 tables are kept in good shape, and most of the cues racked on the walls are okay, too.

And hey, it's open on Christmas.

Despite its moniker, this is not about family. That is unless everyone in your family is 18 years or older. You won't find baby strollers clogging the entrance or children running amok among the tables. Your sulking teenage progeny is not likely to find a refuge here either. No, this is one of the rare venues designed for adults seeking quiet adult pleasures and companionship.

Fast Eddy Felsom, as played by Paul Newman in the film classic *The Hustler*, had it right when he noted that pool halls should be “quiet, like a church.”

A couple of ancient TVs mounted above the beer station provide the gentle hush of sports programs as background ambience, but for the most part, Family Billiards is serene during the day. At nightfall the juke box is sometimes played until the wee hours of 4 a.m., but most are long gone by then anyway. As a next destination, consider the Occidental Cigar Club.

For more information, see [www.familybilliards.com](http://www.familybilliards.com) and [www.occidentalcigarclub.com](http://www.occidentalcigarclub.com).

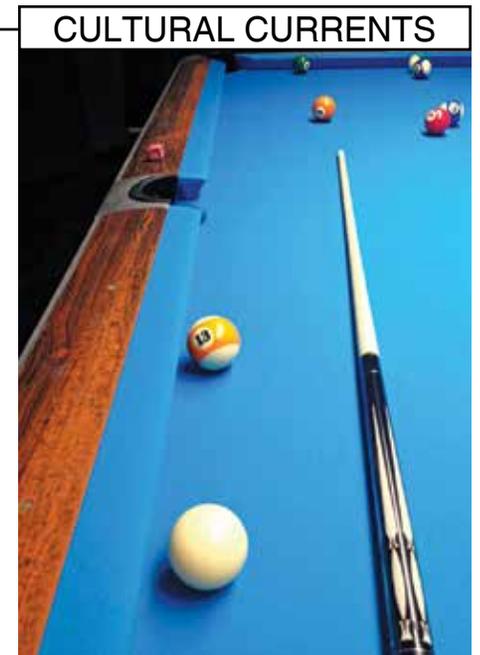
## Nursing a Holiday Hangover at Café Trieste

*He lay sprawled, too wicked to move, spewed up like a broken spider-crab on*

*the tarry shingle of the morning . . . His mouth had been used as a latrine by some small creature of the night, and then as its mausoleum. During the night, too, he'd somehow been on a cross-country run and been expertly beaten up by the secret police. He felt bad.”*

This is a hangover as described by Kingsley Amis in his literary masterpiece, *Lucky Jim*. We picked up a copy at City Lights and headed over to Café Trieste to nurse our own throbbing head with a cold bottle of mineral water and a tall glass. As usual on Tuesday mornings, Rene Sevieri was holding forth with his massive accordion and even more massive memory to gently entertain the regulars and newly discovered patrons from the tourist class.

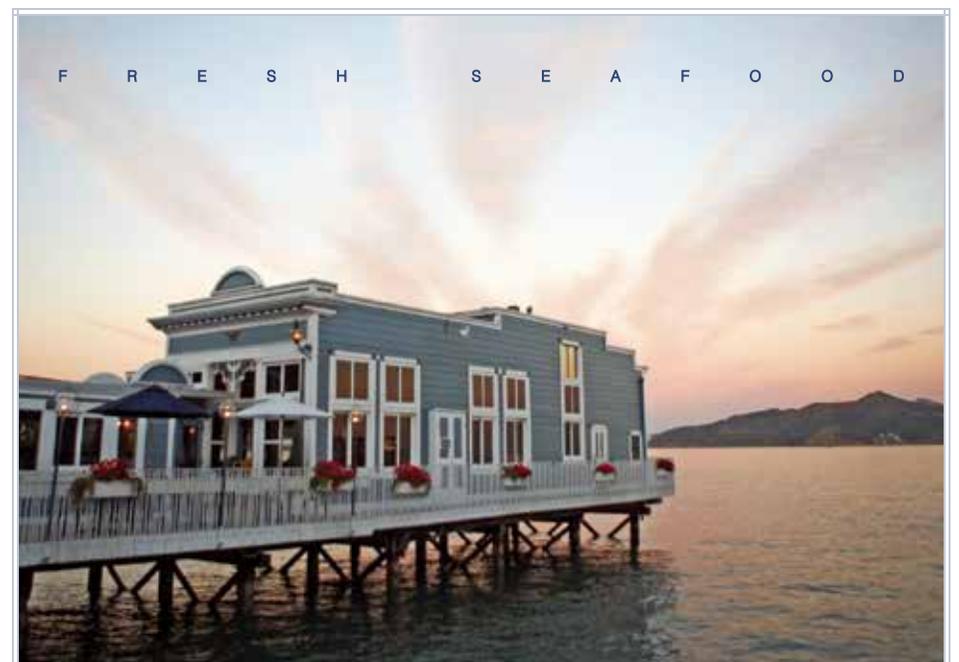
Rene is also an accomplished vocalist and can strum the ukulele, too. Thankfully, he spared us that this morning, as we most appreciate his “hangover music”



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For more information, see [www.citylights.com](http://www.citylights.com) and [www.coffee.cafetrieste.com](http://www.coffee.cafetrieste.com).

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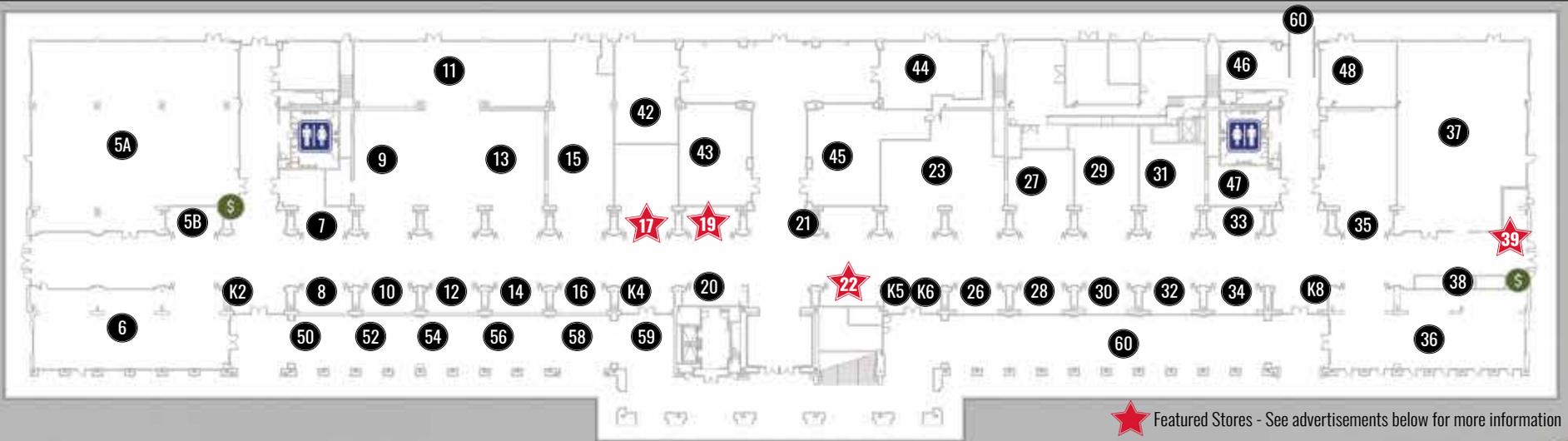


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- December 19**    **6PM – 8PM – Wednesday Night Sail – OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
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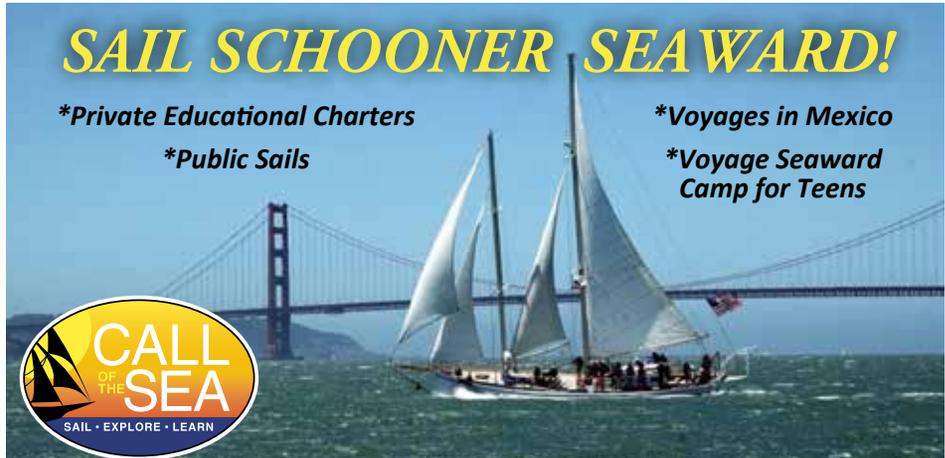
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## San Francisco Bay Ferry

VALLEJO			
VALLEJO – SAN FRANCISCO			
Travel time between Vallejo and San Francisco is approximately 60 minutes.			
Weekdays			
Depart Mare Island	Depart Vallejo	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart Pier 41
5:10 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	-----	-----
5:40	6:00	-----	-----
6:10	6:30	6:35 a.m.	-----
6:40	7:00	7:15	-----
-----	7:45	8:15	-----
-----	8:30	9:00	-----
-----	10:00	11:10	11:30
-----	12:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	-----
1:40 p.m.	2:00	3:30	3:10 p.m.
2:50	3:10	4:30	-----
3:40	4:00	5:15	-----
-----	4:45	5:30	-----
-----	5:45	6:00	-----
-----	6:45	7:15	6:55
-----	-----	8:15	-----
Weekends & Holidays			
-----	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.	11:30	12:45 p.m.	-----
2:10 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3:40	4:00 p.m.
3:10	3:30	4:40	-----
-----	5:30	7:15	6:45
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
FARES: One-way			
Adult	\$14.60	Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.sanfranciscobayferry.com for updated information.	
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$11.00		
Youth (5-18)	\$ 7.30		
Senior (65+)/Disabled/Medicare	\$ 7.30		
School Groups	\$ 4.80		
Child (under 5)	FREE		
Mare Island Short Hop5 Adult	\$1.70		
Mare Island Short Hop5 Youth,	\$0.80		
Senior (65+ yrs), Disabled, Medicare2	\$0.80		

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND				ALAMEDA/OAKLAND			
Weekdays to San Francisco				Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco			
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41	Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
---	6:00 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	---	9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
6:30 a.m.	6:40	7:00	---	11:30	11:15	11:55	12:15 p.m.
7:00	7:15	7:35	---	12:00 p.m.	11:45 p.m.	12:25 p.m.	12:40
7:35	7:45	8:05	---	1:55	1:40	2:20	2:40
8:10	---	8:40	---	2:55	2:40	3:20	---
---	8:20	8:40	---	4:35	4:20	---	5:00
8:40	8:50	9:10	---	6:05	5:50	6:30	6:45
9:15	9:25	9:45	---	7:45	7:30	8:10	---
10:15	10:25	10:45	11:00				
11:00	10:50	11:20	11:35				
11:40	11:30	12:15 p.m.	12:20 p.m.				
1:55 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	2:15	2:30				
2:40	2:25	3:05	---				
3:50	3:35	4:20	---				
4:30	4:15	5:00	---				
5:05	4:50	5:30	---				
5:55	5:45	6:20	---				
6:20	6:05	6:50	---				
7:05	6:55	7:30	---				
8:45	8:55	9:25	---				
Weekdays from San Francisco				Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland	Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
---	6:25 a.m.	7:10 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	10:50 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
---	7:05	7:40	7:30	---	11:20	11:40	11:55
---	7:35	---	8:00	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:35 p.m.	1:50
---	7:45	8:05	---	2:00	2:15	2:35	2:50
---	8:10	8:45	8:35	3:40	3:55	4:15	4:30
---	8:45	9:20	9:10	5:10	5:25	5:45	6:00
---	9:40	10:20	10:10	6:50	7:05	7:25	7:40
---	10:30	10:45	10:55				
10:50 a.m.	11:05	11:25	11:35				
12:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	1:05 p.m.				
1:45	2:00	2:20	2:35				
---	3:15	3:30	3:45				
3:30	---	4:10	4:20				
---	4:00	4:20	4:35				
---	4:30	4:45	5:00				
---	5:20	5:40	5:50				
---	5:40	6:00	6:15				
---	6:05	6:35	6:45				
---	6:30	6:50	7:00				
---	6:55	7:15	7:25				
---	7:35	7:55	8:10				
8:05	8:25	8:45	8:55				
---	9:30	9:50	10:00				
FARES: One-way				FARES: One-way			
Adult	\$7.00	PURCHASE TICKETS ONBOARD THE FERRY for information (MON. to FRI.) (415) 705 8291		Adult	\$7.00		
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$5.30			Adult (Clipper Only)	\$5.30		
Youth (5-18)	\$3.50			Youth (5-18)	\$3.50		
Senior (65+)/Disabled	\$3.50			Senior (65+)/Disabled	\$3.50		
Child under 5	FREE			Child under 5	FREE		
School Groups	\$2.30			School Groups	\$2.30		
Short Hop - Adult	\$1.70			Short Hop - Adult	\$1.70		
Short Hop - Youth	\$0.80			Short Hop - Youth	\$0.80		
Short Hop - Senior (65+), Disabled	\$0.80			Short Hop - Senior (65+), Disabled	\$0.80		

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### 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.
7:00	7:25	8:00	8:25
7:30	7:55	4:35 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
8:30	8:55	5:35	6:00
5:05 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:00	6:25
6:05	6:30	6:35	7:00
7:05	7:30	7:35	8:00
FARES: One-way			
Adult	\$7.30		
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$5.50		
Youth (5-18)	\$3.60		
Disabled / Seniors (65+)	\$3.60		
School Groups	\$2.40		
Children (under 5)	FREE		

### SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Weekday to SSF/Oyster Point		
Depart Alameda	Depart Oakland	Arrive SSF
6:25 a.m.	6:40 a.m.	7:20 a.m.
7:30	7:40	8:20
8:00	8:10	8:50
Weekday to Alameda & Oakland		
Depart SSF	Arrive Oakland	Arrive Alameda
4:20 p.m.	4:55 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
5:20	6:00	5:55
7:00	7:50	7:35
FARES: One-way		
Adult	\$8.80	
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$7.90	
Youth (5-18 years)	\$4.40	
Seniors (65+ yrs), Disabled	\$4.40	
School Groups	\$2.90	
Children (under 5) (with an adult)	FREE	

### Red & White

BAY CRUISE Pier 43½			
10:00 a.m.	1:10 p.m.	3:45	
10:30 *	1:40	4:15#	
11:15	2:30	5:30^	
12:00 p.m. #	3:00		
* Thursday - Monday			
FARES:			
Bay Cruise	Adult (18+) \$33.00	Youth (5-17) \$23.00	^ Sunset Cruise
			Adult (18+) \$70.00
			Youth (5-17) \$48.00
	# Bridge to Bridge	Adult (18+) \$42.00	
	Youth (5-17) \$30.00		Child (under 5) Free

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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
5:45	6:15	6:20	6:50	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	-----	-----
6:35 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	7:10 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	11:40	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
7:00	7:30	7:35	8:05	1:40 p.m.	2:30	3:45	4:35
7:30	8:00	-----	-----	4:45	5:35	6:25	7:15
7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05	-----	-----	7:25	8:10
8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45	<b>One-way Ferry Fares</b>			
8:50	9:20	-----	-----	Larkspur		Sausalito	
9:20	9:55	10:10	10:45	Daily		Daily	
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30	Adult Cash Fare (19 - 64)		\$11.50	
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30 p.m.	Clipper		\$ 7.50	
12:40 p.m.	1:15	1:25	2:00	Youth (5-18)/Senior/Disabled		\$ 5.75	
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Children 4 and under		FREE	
2:50	3:25	3:30	4:00	Children ages 5 and under travel free when accompanied by a full fare paying adult (limit 2 per fare-paying adult).			
-----	-----	4:00	4:30	Visit goldengateferry.org for updates.			
3:40	4:15	4:30	5:00	Contact Information Toll free 511 or 711 (TDD)			
4:10	4:45	5:00	5:30				
-----	-----	5:30	6:00				
5:10	5:45	6:00	6:30				
5:40	6:15	6:30	7:00				
6:40	7:10	7:20	7:50				
7:25	8:00	8:10	8:40				
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05				

### 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.
8:15	8:45	10:00	10:30	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
3:15	3:45	4:00	4:30	---	---	6:00	6:30
4:45	5:15	5:30	6:00	5:35 *	6:05	---	---
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10	6:45 *	7:15	---	---
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20	* The 5:35 and 6:45 trip do not return to Sausalito			

Holiday service is in effect on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and the day after Thanksgiving Day (Sausalito). The Larkspur line operates on a Modified Holiday Schedule on the day after Thanksgiving Day.

### Bay Area Ferry Terminal Locations

**Alameda Ferry Terminal**  
2990 Main Street

**Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal**  
215 Adelpian Way, Alameda

**Larkspur Landing Ferry Terminal**  
101 E. Sir Francis Drake Boulevard

**Oakland Ferry Terminal**  
10 Clay Street @ Jack London Square

**Sausalito Ferry Terminal**  
Humbolt Street & Anchor Avenue

**San Francisco:**  
SF Ferry Building @ foot of Market Street  
Pier 41 @ Fisherman's Wharf

**South San Francisco**  
911 Marina Boulevard

**Tiburon Ferry Terminal**  
Tiburon Blvd. & Main St. in Tiburon

**Vallejo Ferry Terminal**  
289 Mare Island Way in Vallejo

### TIBURON COMMUTE

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

FARES:		One-way
Adult (19-64)		\$12.00
Clipper		\$ 7.00
Youth (5-18) Senior (65+)		\$ 6.00
Child (age 4 & under)		FREE

## Blue & Gold Ferry

### TIBURON - Pier 41

### SAUSALITO

Weekdays				FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41	Weekdays			
9:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m. *	10:40 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
11:20	12:05 p.m. *	12:15 p.m.	1:05 p.m. ^	11:20 a.m.	12:25 p.m.	12:40 ^^	1:05 p.m.
1:15 p.m.	2:00 *	2:10	2:55 ^	1:15 p.m.	2:20 ^^	2:30	2:55
3:05	3:50 *	4:00	4:45 ^	3:05	4:10 ^^	4:20	4:45
4:55	5:45 ^	5:55	6:25	4:55	5:25	5:35	6:25 *
8:05 #	8:35 #	8:45 #	9:15 #				
^ Via Angel Island, * Via Sausalito # Only available on Fridays				<b>Weekends and Holidays</b>			
TIBURON - Pier 41				Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
Weekends and Holidays				11:10 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:55 pm**
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41	1:05 p.m.	1:35 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	2:35 *
11:10 a.m.	12:00 p.m. *	12:10 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	2:15	2:45	2:55	3:55 ^ *
1:05 p.m.	1:55 *	2:05	2:35	3:35	4:45 ^ *	4:55	5:25
2:15	3:05 *	3:15 ^	3:55 ^	4:50	5:40 *	5:50	6:20
3:35	4:25 ^	4:35	5:25 *	6:30	7:20 *	7:30	7:55
4:50	5:20	5:30	6:20 *	* Via Tiburon, ^ Via Angel Island			
6:30	7:00	7:10	7:55 *	Holiday Schedule in effect for: Day After Thanksgiving (Nov 23), & President's Day (Feb 19) No service on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 22), Christmas Day (Dec 25), & New Year's Day (Jan 1)			
8:05 +	8:35 +	8:45 +	9:15 +	+ There will be no 8:05 pm departure on New Year's Day (Jan. 1).			
^ Via Angel Island, * Via Sausalito				<b>FARES:</b>			
FARES:		One-way	Round-trip	One-way		Round-trip	
Adult		\$12.50	\$25.00	Adult	\$12.50	\$25.00	
Child (5-11) SENIOR (65+)		\$7.50	\$15.00	Child (5-11) SENIOR (65+)	\$7.50	\$15.00	
For the most current schedule, visit <a href="http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Ferry/Sausalito/index.cfm">http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Ferry/Sausalito/index.cfm</a>							

### BAY CRUISE

Depart Pier 39		
Daily Monday - Thursday		Friday - Sunday
10:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
1:15 p.m.	11:00	3:15
3:15	12:15 p.m.	4:30
4:30	1:15	

For the most current schedule, visit [www.blueandgoldfleet.com](http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com)  
Bay Cruise does not operate during inclement weather.

FARES: All prices include audio tour.		
Adult	\$33.00	Child (5-11) \$22.00
Junior (12-18)	\$26.00	Senior (62+) \$26.00

Discount fares available at [www.blueandgoldfleet.com](http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com)

### ESCAPE FROM THE ROCK

Monday - Thursday (depart PIER 39)	
11:30 a.m.	
Friday - Sunday & Holidays (depart PIER 39)	
11:30 a.m.	3:45 p.m.

Ticket Prices: Adult \$39.00 Child (5 - 11) \$26.00  
Junior (12 - 18) \$31.00 Senior (65+) \$31.00

### ANGEL ISLAND - S.F.

Weekdays (Depart Pier 41)			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
9:45 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	11:10 * a.m.
11:20	11:45	11:55 p.m.	1:05 p.m.*^
1:15 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	1:50	2:55 *^
---	---	3:40	4:45 *^

Weekends & Holidays (Depart Pier 41)			
9:45 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	10:55 a.m.
11:10	12:20 *^	12:30 p.m.	12:55 pm
---	---	3:30	3:55
---	---	4:15	5:25 *^

\* Via Tiburon ^ Via Sausalito

ANGEL ISLAND PRICES		
	One Way	S.F. Pier 41 (round-trip)
Adult	\$ 9.75	\$19.50
Child (5-11) SENIOR (65+)	\$ 5.50	\$11.00
Child (5 & under)	FREE	FREE

\* All prices include State Park Fees / Weekend Schedule on President's Day (February 19) / Memorial Day (May 28) / Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (Sept 3)

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# Around the Bay in December



## **Doggies in the Window**

Take a peek! Your new best buddy might be staring out at you from the Macy's windows. Bring your friends and family to visit the San Francisco SPCA Holiday Windows at Macy's Union Square through January 1. The colorful, artfully designed windows are filled with



Photo by Rob Schroeder

adorable, adoptable animals and make a great backdrop for your holiday photos. Making spirits bright for 31 years, this is one of the City's most beloved and magical holiday traditions. Voted one of the top 10 places "to press your nose during the holidays" by *USA Today*, more than 9,000 animals have found loving homes through this event from the adoption center at Macy's, and the SPCA typically raises about \$100,000 in donations.

## **Muir Beach Holiday Arts Fair**

The 2018 Muir Beach Holiday Arts Fair is set for Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the beautiful Muir Beach Community Center located at 19 Seacape Drive, a short 15 minutes from Highway 101 in the charming seaside community of Muir Beach. New this year, visitors can experience the extraordinary art of glass blowing on-site at the fair. Shoppers will also be able to shop from an array of original and handmade fine art, crafts and gourmet holiday treats from over 40 local artists. A nearly 50-year tradition, the Muir Beach Holiday Arts Fair is a great reason to escape to the coast and shop for unique holiday gifts. The art fair also raises funds to help build and maintain the Muir Beach Community Center. This year's proceeds will help support local community events. Admission is free and there is a shuttle

patrolling the streets to help anyone who needs a ride. For further information, please call Laurie Piel at (415) 388-8319 or check out [muirbeachartsfair.com](http://muirbeachartsfair.com).

## **Drag Queens on Ice**

On Thursday, December 6 from 8 to 9:30 p.m., the fierce, fabulous and talented drag queens of the Bay Area are returning to the Safeway Holiday Ice Rink in Union Square for *Drag Queens on Ice*, which has become one of the Bay Area's most popular events of the holiday season. Drag queens will don their most "gay apparel" for special holiday performances with Donna Sachet returning to serve as the mistress of ceremonies. The enchanting and exciting drag performers are sure to shine in a night full of lipstick and lip-syncing that is guaranteed to make audiences of all ages laugh and dance. The event is open to all ages and free to watch. Tickets to skate alongside the queens and have the best seat in the house for the performances are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at [unionsquareicerink.com](http://unionsquareicerink.com), or in person at the ice rink ticket window in Union Square Park, which is located at 333 Post Street in San Francisco.

## **Nutcracker for Kids**

Celebrate the holidays at Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture with Mark Foehringer's *Nutcracker Sweets*, a 50-minute production of the classic holiday ballet specifically designed for families with young children. This special production is danced storytelling that is affordable, magical, zany and fun. Foehringer uses his choreographic skills in contemporary dance and ballet to craft a show that is sure to thrill dance newcomers and the most jaded balletomane. See all of the favorite *Nutcracker* characters in beautiful costumes performing on a colorful set with live chamber orchestra music on Saturdays and Sundays, December 8 to 23 at Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, Marina Blvd. and Buchanan Street in San Francisco. Tickets range from \$20.50 and \$42.50. For more information and showtimes, visit [www.nutcrackersweets.org](http://www.nutcrackersweets.org).



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## **Dickens Christmas Fair Returns**

The historic Cow Palace will once again be transformed into Dickens' London for the Great Dickens Christmas Fair & Victorian Holiday Party. Now in its 36th season, the fair will run Saturdays and Sundays through December 23, offering visitors a delightfully immersive holiday experience without rival. An annual tradition for Bay Area natives and visitors alike, the Great Dickens Christmas Fair is an enchanting journey through a merrier era—the streets of Victorian London circa Christmas 1860. Visitors will explore twilight-lit streets with shops, pubs, stages and dance halls filled with more than 800 Victorian characters and the aromas of roasted chestnuts and hearty fare. Visitors can choose from seven stages offering entertainment for all ages and tastes. Family-friendly entertainment abounds with holiday magic for the youngest guests, offering hands-on craft activities, old-world games of skill and chance, and lively interactive shows in the Tinsley Green children's area. Encounter Mr. Scrooge, Tiny Tim, Oliver Twist, Nancy and many more of Dickens' characters throughout the streets. If your tastes lean more towards the naughty and salty, head down to the dockside and join the Cancan dancers and sailors at the bawdy Mad Sal's Music

Hall and the internationally themed Silk Road Stage for exotic dance and special musical guest appearances. Bring your appetite and feast on delicious foods from the British Empire and beyond, from traditional savories such as fish and chips to heavenly handcrafted chocolates and tea cakes. Also visit one of the five traditional pubs to enjoy a frothy pint of ale, fine wine, bubbly champagne, hot buttered rum, Irish coffee or hot toddy. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and tickets are \$30 for adults and \$14 for children ages 5 to 12. Visit [dickensfair.com](http://dickensfair.com) to reserve your preferred date.

## **Oakland Holiday Ice Rink**

Oakland Central is excited to bring downtown Oakland its very own outdoor holiday ice skating rink this year. The Old Oakland Holiday Ice Rink has found a home on the corner of 9th Street and Washington Street, in one of Oakland's most beautiful and iconic neighborhoods. The Old Oakland Holiday Ice Rink anticipates drawing over 25,000 skaters to the ice each season and promises to offer a uniquely Oakland experience through thoughtfully curated programming. The rink will be open daily from December 14 through January 6, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Learn more at [www.oaklandcentral.com/therink](http://www.oaklandcentral.com/therink).

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