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Spreckels Lake

Established 1898

Golden Gate Park

May Schedule

06	Saturday	1100	Star 45 class
07	Sunday	0930	Bottle Class Practice
09	Tuesday	1200	ODOM class (meets most other Tuesdays)
13	Saturday	0930	<u>Board / General Meeting</u>
		1300	X class, Tofte Cup
14	Sunday	0930	Civilian Working-Boat Day
			(OPEN) Mothers Day
17	Wednesday	1200	Victoria class (meets most Wednesdays)
20	Saturday	1300	Freesail M class
21	Sunday	1300	Wheeler class
27	Saturday		(OPEN) Memorial Day weekend
29	Sunday		(OPEN) Memorial Day weekend

Check the SFMYC webpage for the complete updated PDF 2023 calendar. www.SFMYC.org

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For input to the 2023 Calendar, contact Ryan Schofield at rssailor@yahoo.com

June Schedule (preview)

03	Saturday	1100
04	Sunday	1100
		0930
10	Saturday	0930
		1300
11	Sunday	1300
13	Tuesday	0930
14	Wednesday	1200
17	Saturday	1300
18	Sunday	0930
24	Saturday	1300
25	Sunday	1300

Infinity 54 class
Freesail M class Invitational
Day of Grey
Board / General Meeting
Skipper's Cup, all-Freesail
Bottle Class Regatta
ODOM class (meets most Tuesdays)
Victoria class (meets most Wednesdays)
10 Rater class
Tug Boat Day [Father's Day]
Star 45 class
Santa Barbara class Col. Bart Cup

Red=RC sailing, Green=Freesailing, Blue=Powerboat sailing



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Commodore's Corner

The 2023 season is well under way, with all classes of freesail and RC boats conducting at least one regatta. The power squadron has also had regular events and, I believe, participated in the Santa Rosa Hobby Swap Meet on April 23. If you missed the swap meet, talk with Ken Shapiro or Blaine Russell to hear about the items you missed – or better yet find out what they bought on impulse that they may now want to sell.

Petaluma Fun Sail: The “day in the country” was a successful outing. Due to a storm front moving in, winds built up to 20 mph on the river and cut the racing short after 2 – 3 races. Luckily the turning basin itself was protected and allowed everyone who wanted to experience RC sailing an opportunity to take the controls. At least 20 members showed up with their boats and there was a good local turnout. The Floathouse declared the event a resounding success and has already invited us back next year. Better yet, there is talk of organizing general local RC sailing. We got good press both before and after the event in the Petaluma Argus Courier and Santa Rosa Press Democrat. The Press Democrat article is referenced later in the News.

Interclub Championship: The North Bay RC Sailing Club held this year's Northern California Challenge event between the six Northern California RC sailing clubs on April 22nd. Next year there is talk of a seventh club, Shasta, Model Yacht Club, participating. After 12 races the Foster City Radio Sailing Club was declared the overall winner. SFMYC came in second, largely due to the finesse and consistency of Dick Hunter and Jim Harrold. Although I was there, my role seemed to be that of a spoiler who fouled, got fouled and generally demonstrated to the other clubs what not to do if you want to win a race. Everyone had fun and the Foster City group capped off the day with an energetic commitment to hosting the event next year. Looks like it will become an annual event.

Monterey Bay Model Yacht Club Marathon: Dave Misunas and the Monterey club have announced that their annual ODOM Marathon will be held at Pinto Lake in Watsonville on May 20th. This is a test of stamina (and batteries) lasting three hours. Boats race around the course clockwise for one and a half hours, reverse direction and then go counterclockwise for another hour and a half. The sailor who logs in the most laps is declared the winner. Sailors can race the entire event or split sailing time with a partner. If you haven't tried it, I strongly recommend it as a unique sailing experience.

Sacramento Sail Week: The Sacramento Model Yacht Club is hosting the 2023 Santa Barbara National Championship on September 16 and 17, and the Infinity 54 National Championship on September 18 and 19th. The official notice of race and entry forms should be available on Sacramento Club's website (<http://sacmyc.net>) soon. Put these dates on your calendars and plan on attending. You don't have to win the regatta to be a winner: everyone who participates is a winner.

Miscellaneous: We are still waiting for Rec & Parks to make a decision on whether to install aerators on Spreckels. It is currently testing an aerator on Lloyd Lake (Portals of the Past). If you want to see what is being considered simply drive East on JFK and you will see the lake about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile on the North side of JFK. We are also still waiting for further word on the new alarm system and lake/sidewalk repairs. Colleen and I have a scheduled meeting with Dave Iribarne of Rec & Park on May 16th, so we should get an update at then.

Rob Weaver, Commodore

Membership Report,

by Mike Stobbe, SFMYC Membership Secretary

The annual membership renewal process ended on March 31st. There was more than the usual attrition rate this year, as 22 members declined to renew (about 15 is usual). We did pick up two new members last month, so our overall numbers went from 173 to 153. Last year at this time the club had 157 members by comparison. The breakdown by member type is as follows:

Life Members	16
Senior Members	122
Associate Members	12
Junior Members	3

The new members this month are Cleveland Motley, and Paul Euchner. Cleveland lives near the lake and has walked by it many times. Being a big boat sailor, he was always intrigued by seeing the models, and finally decided to find out what it was all about. With characteristic enthusiasm, he has jumped in with both feet, buying ODOM 553 from member Jorge Morales, plus Santa Barbara 828 from Elliot Aldrich. Paul Euchner also lives near the lake and has known about us for a long time, as his family is a friend of the Tosetti family. He knew former member Rod Tosetti for many years. Paul had a Victoria as a young person, then it sat in the attic for 20 years. He recently took it down and is working on refurbishing it with new controls and new sails made by Jim Harrold. Paul also owns an ODOM. He looks forward to fixing up boats and sailing. He's also interested in marine aviation. Welcome Paul and Cleveland!

Golden Gate Park

The Alice and Don Kroll Memorial Bench

Text & photo by Mary Rose Cassa & Rob Weaver, commodore

While walking at North Lake in Golden Gate Park last week, Mary Rose noticed a bench with a memorial plaque for Don Kroll and his wife, who evidently volunteered as a gardener in GG Park. North Lake is just off Chain of Lakes Drive, West of the Bison Paddock. She recalled Don's name with SFMYC connections.

Don Kroll was a long time member of SFMYC and served as Commodore in 1995. He is fondly remembered by many of the older members of the Power Squadron as an excellent builder and regular at power events. At least one of his boats is still actively running on Spreckels.

For those of you interested in sponsoring a memorial plaque on a park bench they are available from Rec & Park for a one time donation of \$6,000.

The plaque on the bench reads:
In Loving Memory of
Alice and Don Kroll
Volunteer GGPark Gardener
SFMYC Model Boat Builder
Here Forever in The Park



Growing SFMYC

We need Next Generation Enthusiasts to Carry the Club into the Future

by Mary Rose Cassa

1. Short-term target (grow NOW): Age ≥ 45 ; most likely to be recruited if involved somehow as youth
2. Long-term target invest in next generation: to carry the club into the future

Past efforts: focused on enticing youth. For this type of program, we need to recruit dependable volunteers and keep them (and the kids) motivated. The Bottle Yacht Program is achieving this and might establish a connection for adults later in life (see #1 above). As was demonstrated with the Presidio Knolls School program that featured Bottle Yachts (2018?), a link with a specific teacher seems to work well.

The Petaluma Floathouse event demonstrated success as a “thumbs on sticks” event, exposing our hobby to the public and having a good time doing so.

Coming Events: July 15, 2023: Learn to Sail – Have A Go Day! “We put thumbs on sticks!” Modeled after Petaluma Floathouse event. Open to all members and all boats. Bring your boat or help out to share controls with members of the public. We need a Race Director to organize the day. Please contact Mary Rose Cassa (mcassa@earthlink.net) if you’re interested in serving as Race Director or helping in other ways.

All year

- Signs – “What’s going on here?” with QR code (consider using A-frame sign that’s stored in the Club building).
- Wear Club name badge (be approachable).
- Carry SFMYC wallet cards/business cards with QR code.
- Offer (supervised) “have a go” when convenient before/during/after your event.
- Volunteer to meet with individuals at agreed time/date to coach/mentor with personal boat or club boat.
- Staff public events such as along the JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park to raise awareness of the Club and Spreckels Lake. For example, bring a chair and a boat and some handout materials and just talk to people about our hobby and world-class facilities.
- Volunteer to read aloud at nearby elementary schools – e.g., *Golden Gate Park, - An A to Z Adventure* with focus on Y is for Yacht Club and take a boat for show and tell.

In Development: Trading Cards – “Collect them all!”

We’ll need a high-quality “action” photo of each class sailed in the Club, including representative power boats. Contact Mary Rose Cassa if you have photos or would like to help assemble needed photos.

Trolling the Web

by Mary Rose Cassa

The [Virtual] Ocean Race

The Ocean Race is one of the most prestigious and challenging sailing events in the world. It takes place every three or four years and consists of a race around the world lasting several months.

The course of this sailing event changes with each edition and includes stopovers in different countries. The skippers have to sail through some of the most dangerous waters on the planet, such as the Southern Ocean or the North Atlantic, and face extreme weather conditions.

Virtual Regatta is an exclusive partner of the “*World Sailing*” federation and of the “*eSailing World Championship*” the most renowned sailing eSport competition through the world. Take an active part in the most famous regatta across the world.

<https://www.virtualregatta.com/en/offshore-events/the-ocean-race-en/>

Western Flyer

The *Western Flyer* is a fishing boat, most known for its use by John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts in their 1940 expedition to the Gulf of California, the notes from which culminated in their 1941

book *Sea of Cortez*, later reworked by Steinbeck into *The Log from the Sea of Cortez* (1951). Called the "most famous fishing vessel ever to have sailed," the 77-foot (23 m) *Western Flyer* is currently being restored in Port Townsend, WA. The Western Flyer Foundation was formed in its honor with the goal of educating youth about the intersection of science and literature.

<https://www.westernflyer.org/the-boat/restoration/>

Tally Ho

Leo Sampson Goolden is a boatbuilder, sailor, and writer from Bristol, England. He's on a mission to rebuild a 1910 English sailing yacht called *Tally Ho*. Designed by Albert Strange in 1909, she is a well-known and important historic vessel – but after many adventures the 48-ft gaff-rigged cutter yacht was left in a remote port in Oregon to rot for decades, despite some valiant attempts to rescue her. Leo bought her and moved her to the Olympic Peninsula and is rebuilding her from the keel up. Eventually he hopes to sail her back to the UK.

<https://www.youtube.com/@SampsonBoatCo/featured>

Announcements

3rd Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta

By Kate Ettinger, Colleen Stobbe & the Bottle Class

Come join the 3rd Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 1pm at Spreckels Lake.

Regatta bottle yacht races are open to anyone who builds a bottle yacht that meets race guidelines. There will be races for Basic RC (downwind only), Freesail (downwind only), and Advanced RC (standard course).



Bottle yachts are built from recycled bottles, found objects, donated model yacht supplies from club members, and other low cost materials. SFMYC club members and novice sailors, especially youth, are encouraged to build a bottle boat and join in the regatta activities. Bottle yachts are a low cost, fun way for youth and novice sailors to learn about model yacht sailing. Teams (friends, a family, a school class) are encouraged to build a boat together. For race guidelines, builder resources, and updates: www.bottleyachtregatta.org

For those with bottle boats, we'll have bottle sailing practice on Sunday, May 7. Come join us and fine tune your boat for the regatta. Members interested in becoming bottle class mentors are encouraged to build a bottle boat and join our fun! Questions about bottle boats or volunteering for the regatta, please feel free to get in touch: bottleyachtregatta@gmail.com

The Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta presents a fun opportunity to experience the joy of model yacht sailing. Check out the bottle class in action on Instagram: @bottleyachts

I am pleased to share this tribute to my father, Bruce Ettinger, MD, published in The Permanente Journal, June 2021: "Pearls from a Clinician-Researcher in an Integrated Health Care System": www.bit.ly/brucepearls - Kate Ettinger

Power Squadron Report

Text & photos by Ken Shapiro, Power Squadron Officer

It was a beautiful day at the lake on Sunday. Nice mix of boats and wonderful spring weather. If you don't normally come to run boats, join us. We run from about 9:30 to 2:30.

Power boaters relax by the Lake



Steam & electric RC

Coming Events

There will be a **swap meet at NAS Alameda**, building #77, located at 2151 Ferry Point, Alameda on May 19, 2023. The entry fee is \$10.00, which will include a tour of the museum. Free coffee and donuts will be provided. If you want a table to sell things the fee is \$15.00 which also includes a free museum visit. The

event starts at 8:00 am and runs until 3:00 pm. All proceeds will go to support the museum. Anything that flies, floats will be included. George Ellison is sponsoring this event. He can be reached at 510-763-6769 for further information.

The Concord Model Engineers may have their first Spring Regatta on Saturday June 3rd. Those are the only details I have so far. I'm waiting for an email back from the club. I thought they only flew model planes. More details to follow.

The Subcommittee Mare Island group will be hosting their **West Coast Fun Run**. It will be September 23 & 24 at the Casting Pond. Contact David Marquez DMARQUEZ1250@gmail.com for more info.

Schedule Changes

Unfortunately, I have to postpone the **Fisherman's Gambler** until Sunday October 15th.



There are two other dates that could create a conflict. **Civilian Work Boat Day** falls on Mother's Day and **Tug Boat Day** falls on Father's Day. Let me know if there's enough of you who would like to reschedule those Club events. I actually will miss both of those as I'll be camping.

Best to all, Ken Shapiro

Freesail Squadron Reports

Bamboo Breeze

by Jeff Stobbe, FSO

Bamboo Breeze, FSO Report
Text & photo by Jeff Stobbe

Shipmates,

Just to wrap up a little on last month's report... How far can a person squeeze and stretch hull lines to make a viable class boat? Here's a glimpse of "*Frolic*", an 1890 design by Burgess, "put" into a 36R form. A full keel with a small skeg supplants a complete full keel with rudder attached.



"Frolic"

As a 36R this hull form is fairly heavy at 11 lbs 10 oz and the center of lateral resistance, as in all full keel hulls, is very forward. In the past, to balance a full keel hull form, large bowsprits were

needed. So, I have placed the rig as far forward as possible without a bowsprit and have a rather narrow mainsail, thus moving the center of effort forward.

“*Frolic*” was first sailed on April 26 in the recent 36R race. As I have done with other new boats I was racing and trying to balance the boat at the same time. Even discounting some initial teething problems, the jib clew line broke. It was a bit painful to watch. “*Frolic*” could not deal with the wind gusts and seemed to have a very narrow sweet spot in terms of wind speed—light to medium seemed about right. Sadly, she finished last out of seven boats with only 4 points.

I have built four full keel 36Rs, and you may remember, the very narrow and heavy “*Siegfried*”. It was the most successful of all four, even though it oscillated wildly going downwind. So why would I build “*Frolic*”, another full keel boat? Well, it’s simply that “she’s lovely to behold”. But, for a successful racing hull I need to set aside the full keel form.

For the 36R and M class yachts, a long waterline and bluff hull form is much better. The X class can enjoy long waterlines and long overhangs because the X class has no overall length restriction. But, put a fin and bulb on older hulls and give up the shapely reverse curve keel forms.

A bit of history...1939 to 1942 were pivotal years for our club. Members decided to embrace the X class. At the time the M class was king in Berkeley with its very strong winds off the bay, and the SFMYC raced with the Berkeley club sometimes. An M class racing yacht in Berkeley could plane with a spinnaker, and it was very exciting. The X class being longer and a much bigger boat was a handful in Berkeley, but just right for Spreckels Lake’s lighter winds. So, in 1939-40 the SFMYC moved to our current building and decided on the X class as the yacht of choice. In 1940 Virgil Gustavino (Virgil Cup) built X yachts “*Anna B*” and “*Spoiler*”. In 1941 X yacht “*Regulins*” was built, and in 1942 X yachts “*Seneohal*”, “*Duet*”, and “*Mad Bob*” were built. Most of the Boats were built to plans by Don Lyons (Lyons Cup).

Also in this time period the lake was changed to have smoother contours and concrete edges with redwood siding put in place. So, in 1945 Bill Moyes (Moyes Cup) writes that “the trees were trimmed, the lake is finished, and we’re all just waiting for the boys to come home”. I wonder how the SFMYC got the concrete for the lake during the war.

Fair Winds! Jeff

M Class Freesail Report

By David Sands, Fleet Captain

It was a partly sunny/cloudy Sunday, April 16 when six M class sailors stepped out for Race #2 to the usual changing winds of Spreckels Lake. We did four boards, threes in the first and twos after. Your Captain was sailing his Braine operated boat against the Stobbe vanes.

The lake water was high causing some boats to go over the edge when coming towards the shore. There were the usual unwanted 360s, visits to the south shore, minor collisions, but all in all a nice day of racing.

Race results as follows:

First Place-Jeff Stobbe-22 points (Almost perfect score)

Second Place-Stephen Ma-16 points

Third Place-David Sands-15 points
Fourth Place-Jim Harvey-10 points
Fifth Place-Colleen Stobbe-7 points
Sixth Place-Rick Weiss-5 points

Thanks for all you sailors being there! Next Race-May 20.

36R RACE 2, April 23, 2023

Text & photos by Mike Stobbe, Fleet Reporter

Race 2 for the 36R fleet couldn't have been more different from last month's Race 1. The earlier race was such a drifter, that the last board had to be called for time. Race 2 was held under such gusty conditions that sometimes it seemed that the boats were sailing **under** the water as much as on top of the water.

Colleen Stobbe and Stephen Ma demonstrate what freesailing is all about. A walk in the park.

Seven sailors turned out, and all seven finished with no significant damage done. It was a cool sunny day, with ragged strips of fog racing overhead from the west. On the water, the wind was mostly westerly, but much interrupted by the trees, which caused abrupt, violent swirls ranging from south to north.



Jeff Stobbe steers *Frolic* on its maiden voyage.

Getting out of Heartbreak Harbor was generally no problem, because of the strong westerly and the recent toppling of 3 trees just across the road from the starting line. From that point, however, the predominating Street Breeze usually drove about half the fleet south. Most recovered in mid-lake and resumed their eastward course, but everyone had to deal with exceptionally sharp, strong gusts

that didn't give the boats time to accelerate, so they merely submarined and broached repeatedly. Only Bernard Price's boat occasionally popped up on a plane and made the most of it.



Dave Sands, at left, can't stop *Kame Kaze* from taking a dive, while Colleen Stobbe, center, works her beat. Notice how localized the gust is.

On the beat, everyone was overcanvased and struggled to make headway. The gusts came from different directions, so boats were most often tacking back and forth every few seconds in response to the changing wind direction rather than their vane control.

Mary Rose Cassa appears calm on the run, but notice that her sails are wet above the numbers.



Always a good heavy weather boat, Bernard Price's *Batteries Not Included* was the most consistent sailer and took first place. Dave Sands, sailing *Kame Kaze* tied with Bernard, and took second. Only one point behind, Stephen Ma came in third. Stephen's boat, *White*, was sailing so well, in fact, that he won his third-round beat even though the vane pin had come out of the tiller. Jeff Stobbe was sailing a new-built full-keel design which couldn't handle the strong conditions at all. *Frolic* may prove to be a good light-air boat, or just end up on the mantle piece.



Race winner, Bernard Price, starts his beat behind Stephen Ma and ahead of Dave Sands.

The complete results are:

- 1st Bernard Price, 36R-61, *Batteries Not Included*
- 2nd Dave Sands, 36R-47, *Kame Kaze*
- 3rd Stephen Ma, 36R-37, *White*
- 4th Mike Stobbe, 36R-48, *Judy*
- 5th Collen Stobbe, 36R-31, *Grace*
- 6th Mary Rose Cassa, 36R-28, *Manzanita*
- 7th Jeff Stobbe, 36R-74, *Frolic*

Freesail X Report -- Moyes Cup

Text by Dave Sands, Photos by Mike Stobbe

Saturday, April 8, was a typical San Francisco day with sunshine, relatively warm, and a light breeze when six X class sailors tackled Spreckels Lake in pursuit of the Moyes Cup! (See Jeff

Stobbe's story of the Cup in the meeting minutes.)



Dave, Jeff and Norman starting the run

Dave's boat started out with a 360 in Heartbreak Harbor before losing to Jeff and Norman in the run, but won the beat!



Paul and Jason on the run.

Nice to have Paul Staiger back, but his boat suffered rigging problem so he had to retire. He brought the repaired boat back later to the lake for a practice sail.

Jason, Paul, and Mike on the beat

There were a few minor collisions and a few trips to the south shore.

Results as follows:

First Place-Jason Spiller-16 points
 Second Place-Dave Sands-11 points
 Third Place-Jeff Stobbe-9 points
 Fourth Place-Norman Tuck-7 points
 Won the beat!
 Fifth Place-Mike Stobbe-7 points
 Sixth Place-Paul St



RC Sailing

Victoria Fleet – April 19th, “Blow me down”

Text & photos by Michael Fischer

Well, we have sailed in rougher weather--but not often. Today's Victoria sailing put me in mind of this old sea chanty, take a few minutes to listen:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-l-d&q=blow+the+man+down+chant>

Nine of us gathered at Spreckels today, not quite believing Windy.com's prediction of 12-15mph winds from the NNW. Whattaya know, Windy was correct--for the Bay and Ocean just offshore San Francisco. But Windy doesn't know much about Spreckels Lake and how its trees filter, amplify, deaden, swirl and confuse the breezes! For future reference, check out www.windy.com -- it's actually "required reading" before you come to the lake...

It was quite a surprise to hear Dick say, "This is terrible!" Then he modified it to say, "This is

crazy!" Then, more thoughtfully, he said, "You can take nothing for granted out there." Indeed, the winds did blow. And then not. They came from here, they came from there. Just like Spreckels is famous for; but today on steroids.

I think maybe we can start a legend here: It's common knowledge that the marriage was not a happy one between Adolph Spreckels (who built this lake on what was then his own property) and his wife Alma de Bretteville Spreckels (known as Big Alma.) The fluky, gusty, damaging, frustrating and downright annoying winds of Spreckels Lake are evidence that the vindictive and angry spirit of Big Alma is still being visited upon the memory of her unfaithful husband, the original Sugar Daddy. Today, on this date in history, Sugar Daddy must've specially ticked off Big Alma--and she just can't forget it! You can learn more about her here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alma_de_Bretteville_Spreckels



David Green tamping his drain plug down snug and firmly before putting boat to the blow

OK, what really did happen today?

Boats being blown every which way at a start.





Boats blown over.



Jim Forbes' smile shows that he's seen this mayhem before—and worse.

That fella lying on the grass...

Not what you might think--it's Dave Powell, searching for the lost lynchpin in his gooseneck.





It didn't keep Dave entirely out of the action, after Dick Hunter loaned his boat to Dave.



David Green in a jovial attitude, but Norman and David Znidarsic are taking their starting-line tactics more seriously.



And...and...and at the finish line of the same race. Could it be? Might it be? Well, blow the man down! David Z is finishing FIRST!

Proof: David crossing the finish line just inches in front of Dick Hunter!

It was that kinda day--you couldn't take anything for granted, out there under Big Alma's vengeful gaze...how's that last line in the sea chanty go? If you can't remember, it'll be worth your while to listen again—especially to the final stanza.

Ps: for the record, the captains braving the breezes were, in no particular order: Jim Forbes, Norman Tuck, Jerry Pugh, David Green, Dick Hunter, Mike Kelly, David Powell, David Znidarsic and myself. Actually, it was a great day. See you next Wednesday!



ODOM Fleet Report

by Dick Hunter

After a wet and blustery Spring, the 2023 racing began for the ODOM fleet on April 11th. Thirteen ODOM skippers were treated to the usual potpourri of wind conditions seen on Spreckels this time of year. New fleet members Cleveland Motley and Dave Corbett both had high finishes in several races. After an exciting eight race day, the podium winners were: 1st Dick Hunter, 2nd Jim Harrold, 3rd Bob Gallagher.

The ODOM fleet continues to meet for informal racing every Tuesday at noon. This is an excellent opportunity to try out tuning changes, exchange ideas, and enjoy the comradery of others. The second Tuesday of each month, from March through October, is an official SFMYC race day.

If you haven't sailed your ODOM for a while charge up your batteries and come out to enjoy a Tuesday afternoon of sailing fun!

The NC Challenge

Text & photo by Rob Weaver, Commodore

The NC Challenge was hosted by the Marin club, who won last year. They hosted 4-5 teams sailing Dragon Force 95s in the lake behind the Marin Civic Center. The team representing the SFMYC was Dick Hunter, Jim Harrold, and Rob Weaver.

The NC Challenge Winning team from Foster City Radio Sailing Club (left to right) Gene Harris, Chris Sullivan and Bill Worden with Race Director Jim Wondolleck



The Petaluma Fun Sail

by Mary Rose Cassa & Rob Weaver

There were lots of people, boats, and wind—twenty members and boats and about 40 visitors. The course was set up and there was a rescue boat. The biggest problem was the brisk wind that increased as time went on with some very strong gusts. We got in two races, then a third. The turning basin was calm which was good for many visitors who wanted to take controls of an RC sailboat.

Commodore Weaver added that the Floathouse staff were very enthused by the event. They had bought two Lasers, but now would like to sell those and get Dragon Flite 95s. Changes for next year are to set up boats on the dock and make instructions more simple for the public.



The San Francisco Model Yacht Club's members took their radio-controlled boats to The Floathouse docks in Petaluma's central turning basin to race Sunday morning. Photo from the 'Press Democrat'

The Press Democrat article '*Any wind is good': Model yachts race and sail Petaluma River*', by Mya Constantino, Staff Writer, is at:

<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/model-yachts-race-and-sail-petaluma-river/>

Wanted / For "Sail"

Members can send their 'wanted' or 'for sale' ads with 2-3 lines only and one photo that will get sized down to 3"x 3". Include your email in the ad. Note: if also posted on the 'For Sale' section on our website, include a link to it where members can see more details and photos.

For Sale

- IOM RC sailboat-good condition-needs new sail winch; no radio/receiver – \$450.00 / offer. David Sands, email: sandsdavid1935@gmail.com





-- Bristol Bay. Excellent condition w/
radio. \$250.00. David Sands, email:
sandsdavid1935@gmail.com



-- 36R "Sybora" free sail from Great Britain. With keel
fin, bulb & rudder, 3 rigs: 868 sq. in., 711 sq. in., & 532
sq. in., 3-pocket rig carrier. Synchronized main & jib
sheets in 1 bowser, rigged for spinnakers. Balanced & sails
nicely. Finished 2nd in 36R Freesail National
Championship Regatta, 2018. Located Costa Mesa, CA.
Email, Paul Kelly for details: paulannekelly@ca.rr.com



-- Cup Skipper sailing game from New Zealand Practice
the rules! \$5 each, 3 for \$10. David
Sands: sandsdavid1935@gmail.com.



-- Dumas American Beauty Towboat new in box \$150.00". Contact David Sands: sandsdavid1935@gmail.com



-- X2 Freesail boat. \$600.00 / offer. Contact David Sands: sandsdavid1935@gmail.com



-- Star Boat #951-Fiberglas hull, wood deck, no radio receiver -- \$450.00 / offer. Contact David Sands: sandsdavid1935@gmail.com





-- Marblehead #36 planked wood boat. A contender, many seasons at Spreckels Lake. Pick up in Pleasanton. E-mail Jean Nisbett, fnisbett@sbcglobal.net, for questions & price.



-- Star Boat #36 documented in Club Roster. Pick up in Pleasanton. Email Jean Nisbett, fnisbett@sbcglobal.net for questions & price.



-- Advance to the next level of sailing, I have several refurbished ODOM boats in excellent shape. All available now. email Jim Harrold, jrracesails@gmail.com



-- Historical SFMYC M class freesail boat; unrivaled winning record & many championship cups, (see on Clubhouse wall.) Full keel,, plank on frame, with beautiful classic fittings, perfect condition, tuned, & ready to sail. Asking \$1200. Contact Dennis O'Connor at 415 516-9621.



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-- 2 Vintage Freesail Pond Yachts,. Currently in San Diego, Looking for a good home. Contact Dan Webster for cost & details. at websterdanb@gmail.com

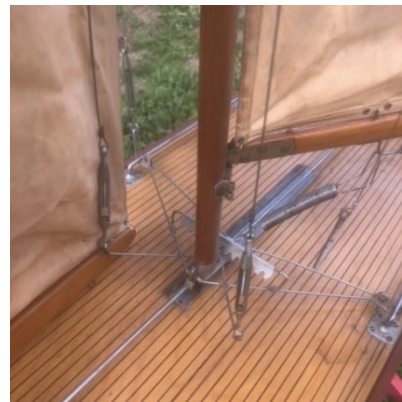
#1 = 76" x 14.5"



#2



#1 detail



-- Infinity 54 with cart & futaba T7CAP transmitter and batteries For \$700.00 contact Pete Neves at PO5000@comcast.net. I'm moving by the end of May



-- Santa Barbara with cart and a dx6 transmitter and batteries For \$700.00 contact Pete Neves at PO5000@comcast.net. I'm moving by the end of may



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Carbon keel, fiberglass rudder, no radio
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