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## ON OUR COVER



Tree lightings, holiday concerts, lighted boat parades and other holiday festivities will fill up the Bay Area's social calendar this December. See page 12 for a complete listing of all the lighted boat parades that will light up the waterfront this month all over the Bay Area. See page 22 for listings of other great holiday events, including the Jack London Square tree lighting ceremony (seen on our cover), holiday cruises on the USS Potomac and holiday concerts by the Marin Symphony.

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# Thinking of the Neediest

BY PATRICK BURNSON

John McLaurin, president of the Oakland-based Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, is making a holiday appeal to the working waterfront community to think of the neediest this season. He notes in his newsletter that many seafarers will spend this month at sea or at distant ports of call thousands of miles from their families.

“Working on board ships is a solitary and lonely life,” he said. “Seafarers spend months away from their home and loved ones, often in very dangerous conditions. It is a profession that is taken for granted by consumers all over the world, but one that is critical for our economy.”

These seafarers often need assistance and support. That is why the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, the Port of Oakland and other members of the Bay Area maritime community came together recently to raise funds for the Seamen’s Church Institute at the International Maritime Center.

Seafarer centers are located at various ports around the world, including Oakland, and provide much needed assistance—ranging from transportation in the local area to purchase personal items all the way to counseling for personal problems half a world away. Most of these services are provided by volunteers working on a shoestring budget.

A recent industry luncheon event included a keynote address from Mayor

Libby Schaaf of Oakland, who expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the women and men who work onboard ships. “The mayor’s support for the International Maritime Center and its volunteers was a wonderful acknowledgement of the hard work performed by individuals who are largely invisible to the general public,” said McLauren.

To help explain the impact of this work, the Port of Oakland, a major supporter of the seafarer center, produced a video detailing the efforts of the center and the people they serve. The video, available on [portofoakland.com](http://portofoakland.com), is a tribute to the hard work of those on board ships and of a dedicated group of people who provide much needed help in a very quiet and unassuming way.

Readers who wish to support seafarers may visit [www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org) or [www.seafarerscenter.org](http://www.seafarerscenter.org).

## Port of Oakland to Develop Logistics Complex

Logistics leadership at the Port of Oakland also continues to keep up a torrid pace to position the gateway as a cargo distribution hub. Talks have begun to develop the next phase of a 170-acre Seaport Logistics Complex, with commissioners giving the go-ahead in November.

According to port spokespeople, the commission authorized exclusive negotiations between the port and industrial real estate developer CenterPoint Properties. If a deal is made, this would create the largest logistics complex at any West Coast U.S. port.

“It’s intended to make the port a magnet to attract additional containerized

cargo volume,” said Maritime Director John Driscoll, the port’s lead negotiator.

The timing could not be better, noted some analysts, as containerized import volume at Oakland declined last month for the first time since February. October import totals were down 3.3 percent compared to 2014, and may portend weaker numbers in the coming months.

Oakland has long been a leading West Coast gateway for outbound goods, but has been working on becoming a more attractive inbound player in future years.

In subsequent phases of development, the port plans to construct a regional distribution center and warehouses at the complex. The port and developer were given six months to reach agreement on building a portion of the complex.

The new project would encompass 20 acres of port property. It would include transload and cross-dock facilities where importers could swiftly transfer containerized cargo from ships to trains. CenterPoint, a major developer of transportation-related real estate projects, would build and lease the facilities to tenants involved in international logistics.

The 20-acre facility will be built on land acquired by the Port at a decommissioned army base. It will be adjacent to phase one of the Seaport Logistics Complex, a 13-track rail yard that is nearing completion.

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# Decking the Halls of Golden Gate Ferries with Holiday Cheer

BY MATT LARSON

To accentuate the holiday cheer this year, Golden Gate Ferry will once again be decorating its merry ferry boats. However, it won't necessarily be Golden Gate Ferry employees doing the decorating, but rather local schoolchildren—kindergartners, first, second and third graders from schools in Marin, San Francisco and Petaluma. This is a beloved yearly tradition that Golden Gate Ferry employees and riders have enjoyed for decades.

Field trips begin on December 1 for the local schoolchildren to bring their



decorations on board. By December 11, five Golden Gate Ferry boats will be decorated. We'd tell you to keep an eye out, but a ferry boat adorned with Santa Claus faces, paper reindeer and chains, cotton balls, glitter and holiday cheer will be pretty hard to miss. This year Golden Gate Ferry will be decorating the following boats: the *Napa*, *Del Norte*, *Golden Gate*, *San Francisco* and *Marin*, including both the Larkspur and Sausalito terminals' boats.

While it's a festive sight for the public when kids put up their decorations for all to enjoy, there's a lot going on behind the scenes to make this all possible. For the last 32 years, Peggy Mackay, administrative assistant to the deputy general manager of the Ferry Division for Golden Gate Ferry, has been the mastermind whose hard work keeps the smiles on the students' faces and ours. "It takes a couple months of organizing to get it all together," she said. "I look forward to it. I start organizing it in October but the schools sometimes call me in September, as soon as school starts, to reserve their date."

Crafts are made at school first and then brought on board during an exciting field trip day. The kids all board the ferries for either the 10:10 or 11:10 a.m. departure, so that the boats are not overly crowded with commuters.

However, there are regular passengers on board when the kids take over to put up their masterpieces. "They're really patient," said Mackay—referring to the passengers, not the students. "Every time I've gone on this trip the commuters might either move to a different section, or they might stay seated where they are if they enjoy watching the kids decorating."

It's always good times for the Golden Gate Ferry crew when the kids come into the terminal. "As soon as they get here, you can tell," Mackay said. "I can hear them from my office! They are pretty excited." The teachers do a really good job of keeping them all under control. Because the kids are boarding a roundtrip ferry ride for the decorating, there is a requirement of having one adult for every five children. The decorating is done on the way into San Francisco, and fun is to be had on the way back as the kids get to enjoy the great experience of riding the ferry.

The number of participating schools has increased substantially over time, primarily via word of mouth. "I wish I could invite more schools than I do but we only have a limited amount of space and time to do this," Mackay said. Sometimes other organizations, such as a cub scout or girl scout troop, have requested to be involved. Mackay has



Five Golden Gate Ferry boats will be decorated by local schoolchildren this year.

accommodated them at times in the past, but generally the spots are filled very early. If your student's school is looking to be a part of the festivities, you can certainly try giving Golden Gate a call when school is in session next fall to see if there's any room.

So when you board the ferry in December, don't be too alarmed to see all the lovely decorations. And let the kids remind you how fun it really is to take the ferry. As part of a daily grind, most anything can lose its luster, but look around next time you're on board and take it all in. Riding the ferry this holiday season is quite the luxury indeed, especially when compared to sitting in your car in traffic. Happy Holidays!








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# Winter Tips for a Healthy Bay

BY SEJAL CHOKSI-CHUGH

**T**his winter is forecast to bring heavy rains to the Bay Area. But no matter how much rain falls, it's unlikely to end the current drought. So here are some things we can all do to help protect San Francisco Bay from the surge of pollution that comes during the winter rainy season, including some tips that also help fight drought.

One serious winter pollution problem for San Francisco Bay is spills of raw sewage. Often the cause is the cooking and cleanup of rich foods, particularly holiday meals. Cooking rich foods like turkey, roasts, and gravy creates fats, oil and grease that get washed down the drain during cleanup of pots, pans and fryers.

Small amounts of fat from your kitchen, plus small amounts from your neighbors, can add up to a street sewer line clogged with hardened fat. Sewage can then back up in the street. From there sewage can be washed into storm drains, where it flows directly into local creeks and the Bay. Here's how you can help protect the Bay from sewage spills:

**Don't pour fats, oils and grease down the drain.** Instead, wipe oily pots and pans with a paper towel, and put the towel and other waste in the

compost bin. Or pour cooled fats and oils into a can with a lid and put it in the garbage. Take large quantities of oil and grease, like used oil from a fryer, to a recycling site.

**Avoid planting trees and shrubs near the sewer line that connects your home to the sewer system.** Plant roots are another common cause of sewer line problems that can cause sewage to be washed or spilled into storm drains or creeks that lead to the Bay.

Sewage isn't the only serious winter pollution problem in the Bay. Contaminated rainwater hits the Bay with huge pollution loads. When rain falls on roads, parking lots, roofs and other impermeable surfaces, it picks up pollutants that include trash, oil, pesticides, and fertilizers. In most Bay Area communities, including those many miles from the Bay's shore, the contaminated rainwater rushes down a storm drain that dumps it—pollutants, trash, and all—into the Bay or into creeks that flow to the Bay.

Here's how you can help protect the Bay from contaminated rainwater:

**Avoid weed killers and fertilizers.** Herbicides marketed to kill weeds poison pets, kids and creeks. When fertilizers get washed into creeks and the Bay, it can rob the Bay of oxygen fish need.

**Don't use pesticides, even "safer"**

**ones.** Urban and suburban pesticide use is a major source of water pollution that kills fish and aquatic plants and insects. Pyrethrins are marketed as safe and natural, because they are derived from chrysanthemums. However, these pesticides have been closely linked with neurological problems and developmental delays in exposed children. Instead, try physical removal of pests and squishing invaders.

**Practice Bay-friendly car maintenance.** Don't wash your car in your driveway or street, where harmful chemicals flow into storm drains and end up in the Bay. Instead, take your car to a car wash where the water is diverted to a wastewater treatment plant. Better yet, to use less water during drought, consider washing your car less frequently, or letting it stay dirty. Check your car regularly for leaks. Residue from oil and gas leaks will eventually wash into the Bay.

**Install a rain barrel or cistern.** Winter is the time to start making better use of the rain that falls on your home.

When you reduce the amount of storm water that runs off your property, it keeps that water from picking up pollutants in gutters and streets and carrying contamination to storm drains that lead to the Bay. As a bonus, capturing rainwater to irrigate your garden later, during the dry season, helps fight drought by reducing your water consumption.

**Plant a rain garden.** Direct the rainwater from your roof, driveway and walkways to a garden of native, drought-resistant plants. A rain garden absorbs rainwater and breaks down pollutants naturally instead of allowing polluted rainwater to flow to the Bay.

You can also help by supporting the building of Bay-friendly storm water and sewage systems in your community. Baykeeper is working to get Bay Area cities to invest in maintaining effective storm drains and sewer infrastructure, in order to reduce pollution to the Bay. To learn more about Baykeeper and support our work, please visit [www.Baykeeper.org/donate](http://www.Baykeeper.org/donate).

*Sejal Choksi-Chugh is the Executive Director of San Francisco Baykeeper. Baykeeper uses on-the-water patrols, science, advocacy and the courts to stop San Francisco Bay pollution. To report pollution, call Baykeeper's hotline at 1-800-KEEP-BAY, e-mail [hotline@baykeeper.org](mailto:hotline@baykeeper.org), or click "Report Pollution" at [www.baykeeper.org](http://www.baykeeper.org).*



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The historic relighting of the Ferry Building on March 3 of this year was a remarkable, festive event marking 100 years of San Francisco's extraordinary history. All are invited to gather again on the Embarcadero in front of the Ferry Building on Friday, December 4 at 4:15 p.m. for a celebration marking the end of the special centennial lights.

The stunning lights have been enthusiastically received—and the bold “1915,” which is also visible during the day, has motivated many to learn more about the colorful history of our beloved city. San Francisco was host to the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition (PPIE), also known as the World's Fair, and for the duration of the exposition the Ferry Building's tower was festooned with lights boldly proclaiming “1915” to visitors on both sides of the Bay.



## The Lights Are Going Out!

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In addition to commemorating the completion of the Panama Canal, the 1915 exposition celebrated San Francisco's recovery from the ashes of the 1906 earthquake and its emergence as a center of world trade, beauty, progress and innovation. Designed by A. Page Brown and completed in 1898, our iconic Ferry Building was one of the few structures that was not seriously damaged during the earthquake. In 1915, this vital transportation mecca served as a welcoming center for all who visited to attend the PPIE—over 18 million visitors!

The re-creation of the Ferry Building lighting as it was during the 1915 PPIE was the idea of Donna Ewald Huggins, Mayor Ed Lee's liaison for the centennial year, and was put together by a consortium of organizations including the Ferry Building, the Port of San Francisco, Bay Crossings, the California Historical Society, steeplejack Jim

Phelan (assisted by Metropolitan Electric and Sunward Flag) and generous donors including Maurice Kanbar and Taube Philanthropies.


The lights will be switched off on Friday, December 4—the exact day the PPIE closed its gates forever in 1915. The official public ceremony will begin at 4:15 p.m. and is sponsored by Sterling Bank and the Seligman Family Foundation. The first 500 attendees will receive special commemorative candles. Ann Gibson and Craig Ventresco will perform, and surprises—including an aerial tribute—will take place.



Event organizer Donna Ewald Huggins (right) along with guests dressed in period clothing from 1915 at the March 3 Lighting Ceremony.



From left to right, Mayor Ed Lee, Port Director Monique Moyer, Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, Chief of Protocol Charlotte Shultz, Honorable Willie Brown and Steeplejack Jim Phelan switch on the centennial lights on March 3.



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# Celebrate the Holiday Season the Nautical Way



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The boating community has a unique and very colorful way of doing its part during the holiday season of celebration. Boats are adorned with lights, decorations, costumed people and pets, and go on parade.

## BY CAPTAIN RAY

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be in the rearview mirror and the holidays will be upon us. In December, there's the start of Hanukkah at sundown on 6DEC, Winter Solstice on 21DEC, Christmas on 25DEC, the first day of Kwanzaa on 26DEC, and New Year's Eve just a few days later. (Apologies for any holidays not mentioned.)

For some these are religious observances. For others they are all about friends and family, and for many they are both. There are certainly plenty of ways to celebrate: family gatherings and office parties, decorating trees and homes, caroling, services at your place of worship, the giving and receiving of

gifts—not to mention feasts with family and friends and celebrating the New Year, 2016!

The boating community has a unique and very colorful tradition for observing this season of celebration. We adorn our boats with lights, decorations, costumed people and pets, and go on parade. I'd like to tell you about five lighted boat parades that are happening here in the Bay Area so that you can add one (or more) of these colorful events to your schedule of holiday celebrations.

On Saturday, December 5, the first of these parades, called the Oakland/Alameda Lighted Yacht Parade, will take place in the Oakland/Alameda Estuary. This event has a nearly 40-year history, with 35 to 50 boats participating. It starts just after sunset, about 5:30 p.m. Jack London Square and Wind River Park are excellent viewing sites. Another attractive



Photo by Shirley Vaughn

There are five different lighted boat parades in the Bay Area this year.

alternative for viewing this parade is to reserve a window table at one of the estuary's waterfront restaurants—dinner

and a show without having to move!

Also on Saturday, December 5, for those of you living farther north,

the Petaluma River Turning Basin (in downtown Petaluma) will host the festivities. Boats will depart the Petaluma Marina about 6 p.m. and travel up the river, with the lighted and decorated fleet arriving in the Turning Basin about 6:30 p.m.

The following Friday, December 11, is your next opportunity to watch a holiday boat parade, this time at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. This year marks the parade's 20th anniversary. About 60 boats will participate from the Fisherman's Wharf fishing fleet, the Sea Scouts and 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.

The very next night, Saturday, December 12, Sausalito will be hosting its own Lighted Boat Parade. This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 to the boardwalk at Old Town. 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.

On Saturday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m., another parade will take place on San Rafael Canal. This one is sponsored by the San Rafael, Loch Lomond and Marin Yacht Clubs and the Classic Yacht Association. Along with the 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 11<sup>th</sup> year. The number of lighted boats participating each year has grown from a few in the early years to approximately 90 lighted boats in 2014. The number of spectators viewing the parade has also grown—from a few hundred to several thousand. Montecito Plaza, the Beach Park at the end of Yacht Club Drive, or Pickleweed Park at the mouth of the creek make great outdoor viewing areas.

So, pack a picnic and some blankets—or make a dinner reservation—and go enjoy this uniquely nautical form of holiday celebration!



On Saturday, December 5, the public is invited to ride an SF Bay Ferry boat in the 39th Annual Lighted Yacht Parade at Oakland's Jack London Square. The public can participate in the festivities by riding the SF Bay Ferry boat that is entered into the competition. As in past years, the ferry service is collecting toys onboard for the San Francisco Firefighters Toys program. As a special thank you, customers donating a toy can ride the parade ferry for free, otherwise regular fares apply. The special lighted yacht parade ferry service is only available from the Alameda Main Street ferry terminal located at 2990 Main Street. The ferry departs from Main Street at 5:15 p.m. and returns to the terminal at 6:45 p.m. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis; tickets may be purchased onboard the ferry. Onboard food and beverage service is available. Free parking is provided at the Main Street terminal. Clipper cards will not be accepted for this event.



Photo by Shirley Vaughn

Boats line up along the San Rafael Canal to participate in one of the largest lighted boat parades in Northern California.



# Port of Oakland Becomes a Clean-Power Leader

BY BILL PICTURE

**T**he Port of Oakland recently pledged that by the year 2018, 75 percent of the energy it provides to its tenants will be derived from renewable sources.

Although you might be surprised to learn that the Port of Oakland is in the energy business, the port actually functions as its own municipal utility district, selling power purchased from the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) to the businesses that operate on port property.

“Airport, seaport and commercial real estate are our three official revenue divisions,” explains Port spokesman Robert Bernardo. “But lately we’ve been saying that we really have four lines of business—the fourth being as an energy provider to our tenants.”

A few years ago, the Port of Oakland struck up a partnership with EBMUD that enables the port to act as a middleman, purchasing electricity from EBMUD that it can resell to port

tenants. Although the port does not yet provide power to all of the properties within its geographic boundaries, 50 percent of the electricity that it does sell is already being derived from renewable sources.

Renewable energy credits offered by the state make it possible for the port to resell the electricity to its tenants at the same price it pays for it. “We don’t mark the price up at all,” said Bernardo.

“It’s a really great deal for us, and great for our tenants.”

## Talkin’ trash to power

Currently, 125 seaport and airport tenants purchase electricity from the Port of Oakland to power their operations. Much of that electricity comes from EBMUD’s wastewater treatment facility at the base of the Oakland span of the Bay Bridge.

While the primary job of that facility, which services more than 650,000 people in an 88-square-mile area, is treating sewage, it’s also come up with an innovative way to reduce greenhouse gases while providing a reliable and ongoing source of renewable energy. For the last seven years, EBMUD’s waste haulers have been collecting food scraps from restaurants throughout the East Bay and bringing the discarded bits to the wastewater treatment facility to be converted into clean electricity.

While most households have gotten good about composting the scraps from their home-cooked meals and gone-bad leftovers, the food discarded by restaurants and markets is still the number one form of municipal solid

waste being sent to landfills.

In landfills, these perishable items break down slowly and create methane, a potent greenhouse gas that is proven to be a contributor to climate change.

With seed money from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, EBMUD began experimenting with using its “digesters,” which had previously only been used to process the solids gleaned from wastewater, to also process discarded food. Inside the digesters, special bacteria quickly break down the food, and the methane gas created during the process is captured and used to generate clean energy. Any leftover solid material is then composted for use as a natural fertilizer.

“It’s a pretty amazing process,” said Bernardo. “Literally nothing goes to waste.”

Much of the energy generated is used to power the wastewater treatment plant itself, but a decent amount of electricity is left over. Some of that leftover electricity is sold to the Port of Oakland, which also purchases solar- and wind-generated power for its tenants from SunEdison.

The EBMUD facility is currently processing 20 to 40 tons of discarded



Photo courtesy of East Bay Municipal Utilities District

Anaerobic digesters like these keep food scraps out of landfills, where they break down slowly and emit climate-changing gases. Food scraps from restaurants and markets are the largest single source of municipal solid waste sent to landfills.



Photo courtesy of East Bay Municipal Utilities District

The methane gas captured during the anaerobic digestion process is used to power turbines that create clean energy. The Port of Oakland has pledged that by 2018, 75 percent of the power it provided to tenants will be from renewable sources like this one.



food each day. And that's just the tip of the stinky iceberg in terms of the amount of food being discarded each day. The EPA estimates that if 50 percent of discarded food were to be fed to digesters like EBMUD's, enough clean energy could be generated to power 2.5 million homes for an entire year. The success of EBMUD's EPA-funded pilot program has already prompted it to plan for an expansion.

**Meeting new standards**

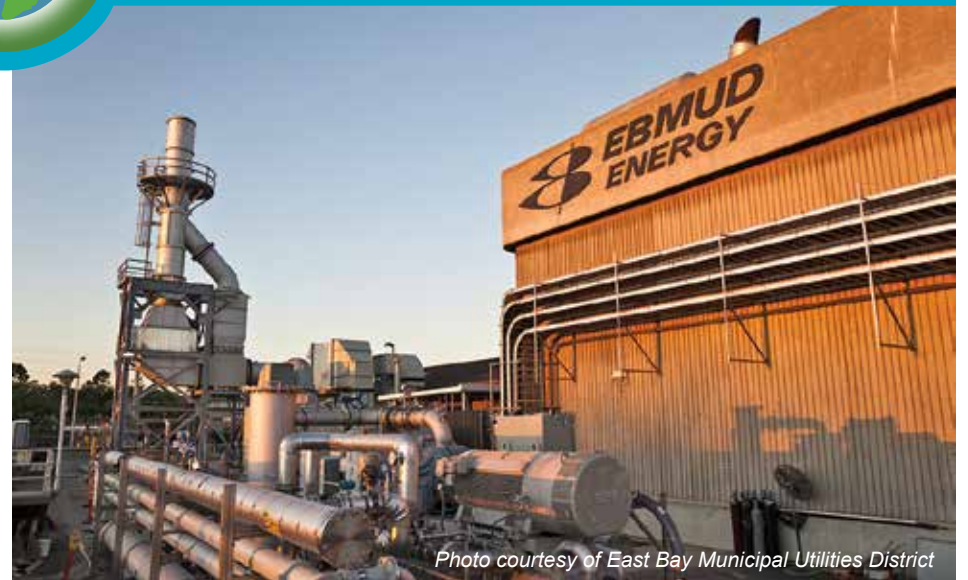
This latest move helps solidify the Port of Oakland's reputation as one of the country's greenest ports, and puts the port well on track to meeting new state-mandated deadlines for renewable energy.

California Senate Bill 350, the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act, which was signed into law by

Governor Jerry Brown in October, requires that at least 33 percent of the electricity provided to retail customers by energy providers like the port be derived from renewable sources by the end of 2020. The bill goes on to increase the minimum for renewable energy to 50 percent by the end of 2030.

"It's important to us to meet these goals set by the state and the federal government, but it's not necessarily what's driving us," said Bernardo. It's the desire of both upper management and port tenants, he said, that pushes the port to keep looking for new ways to green its operations. "Our utilities team and director of engineering came up with this plan, and we think it will go a long way in terms of helping us to reduce our overall greenhouse gas footprint."

"When you think about it, it just makes sense," Bernardo said. "We're in



*Photo courtesy of East Bay Municipal Utilities District*

*The Port of Oakland acts as its own municipal utility district providing power to tenants. Much of that electricity is purchased from East Bay Municipal Utility District and resold without a markup.*

a unique position to be a landlord and an environmental steward, and to help our tenants. We have so many tenants, and they all need energy to do business. So it's only logical that we should be

providing that energy; and why not do that in the cleanest, greenest, most responsible and most sustainable way that we possibly can?"



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# Winter Is Coming

MALLORY JOHNSON

There's snow in the forecast at Aquarium of the Bay!

River otters love to frolic in all kinds of environments, and snow is no exception. These lively animals enjoy playing in the snow and on icy and muddy hills, where they can often be seen sliding and tobogganing, wrestling and chasing one another.

As a fun treat for Aquarium of the Bay's three resident North American river otters, snow will be added throughout



Photo courtesy of Aquarium of the Bay

From December 16 to 28, snow will be added to the Aquarium of the Bay river otter habitat to create a special winter playland for the furry little residents.

their habitat to create a special winter playland. From December 16 to 28, Shasta, Baxter and Ryer will be able to explore, play, dig and eat in this exciting

addition of winter white.

Snow days are more than just a fun way to celebrate the season—they help provide crucial enrichment for Shasta, Baxter and Ryer. Throughout the year, Aquarium of the Bay's biologists introduce various natural items—like hay, sand, dirt, and plants—to the river otter habitat to entertain the otters and keep them stimulated, both physically and mentally. For nearly two weeks, Shasta, Baxter and Ryer can romp and roll in this seasonally fitting environment as a fun treat to end the year.

No need to worry about them getting cold; river otters are well equipped to handle winter temperatures. They have two layers of fur to keep them warm—one layer of longer fur that helps repel water, and a second inner layer featuring finer and denser hair that provides insulation. In fact, river otters have over 58,000 hairs per square centimeter coating their bodies.

In addition to watching them frolic in the snow, you can help give Shasta, Baxter and Ryer another fun treat this holiday season. Throughout the month of December, Aquarium of the Bay will be raising funds to further their mission to protect, restore and inspire conservation of San Francisco Bay and its watershed, from the Sierra to the sea.

Each time a fundraising goal is met, Shasta, Baxter and Ryer will get a new treat—from yummy fish pops to

enriching toys. Even better, Aquarium of the Bay will record these adorable otters as they receive each gift so you can watch the cuteness over and over again. To learn more about this otterly adorable fundraiser, including how you can participate, visit [www.aquariumofthebay.org](http://www.aquariumofthebay.org) or follow Aquarium of the Bay on Facebook.



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Mallory Johnson is the Communications Manager at Aquarium of the Bay, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting, restoring and inspiring the conservation of San Francisco Bay and its watershed.





# Far Out and Far East

BY PAUL DUCLOS

Many admirers of Lawrence Ferlinghetti (and the author of this column is among them) may not know that before he became identified with the cultural underground, his area of concentration was *underwater*.

As a commanding officer on a U.S. Navy sub-chaser during D-Day, Ferlinghetti became intimately acquainted with the pathology of war, and became a pacifist after doing his duty and leaving the service with an honorable discharge.

The Normandy invasion, it would seem, whetted his appetite for travel and adventure:

*And in the very first light on the western horizon behind us were just beginning to see a forest of masts rising up from below the horizon, first just the tops of the masts and then the hulls – a huge armada of thousands of great ships and troop transports and escort vessels steaming together from separate ports, converging with the first light off the coast... And fair stood the wind for France!*

These anecdotes and scores of other gems are contained in Ferlinghetti's latest book, *Writing Across the Landscape*, which chronicles his physical and spiritual journeys around the world. The subterranean elements, as one might imagine, are often the most compelling.

Readers must keep in mind, too, that these impressionistic musings are jotted down in a *journal*. The author of carefully crafted poetry takes license here to indulge in stream of consciousness, sharing the moment by relating immediate and profound recall without too much reflection.

The book, edited by Giada Diano and Matt Gleeson from Ferlinghetti's notebooks, which are now collected at UC Berkeley's Bancroft Library, also features about 50 reprints of Ferlinghetti's childlike sketches, mostly crude self-portraits and nudes. The

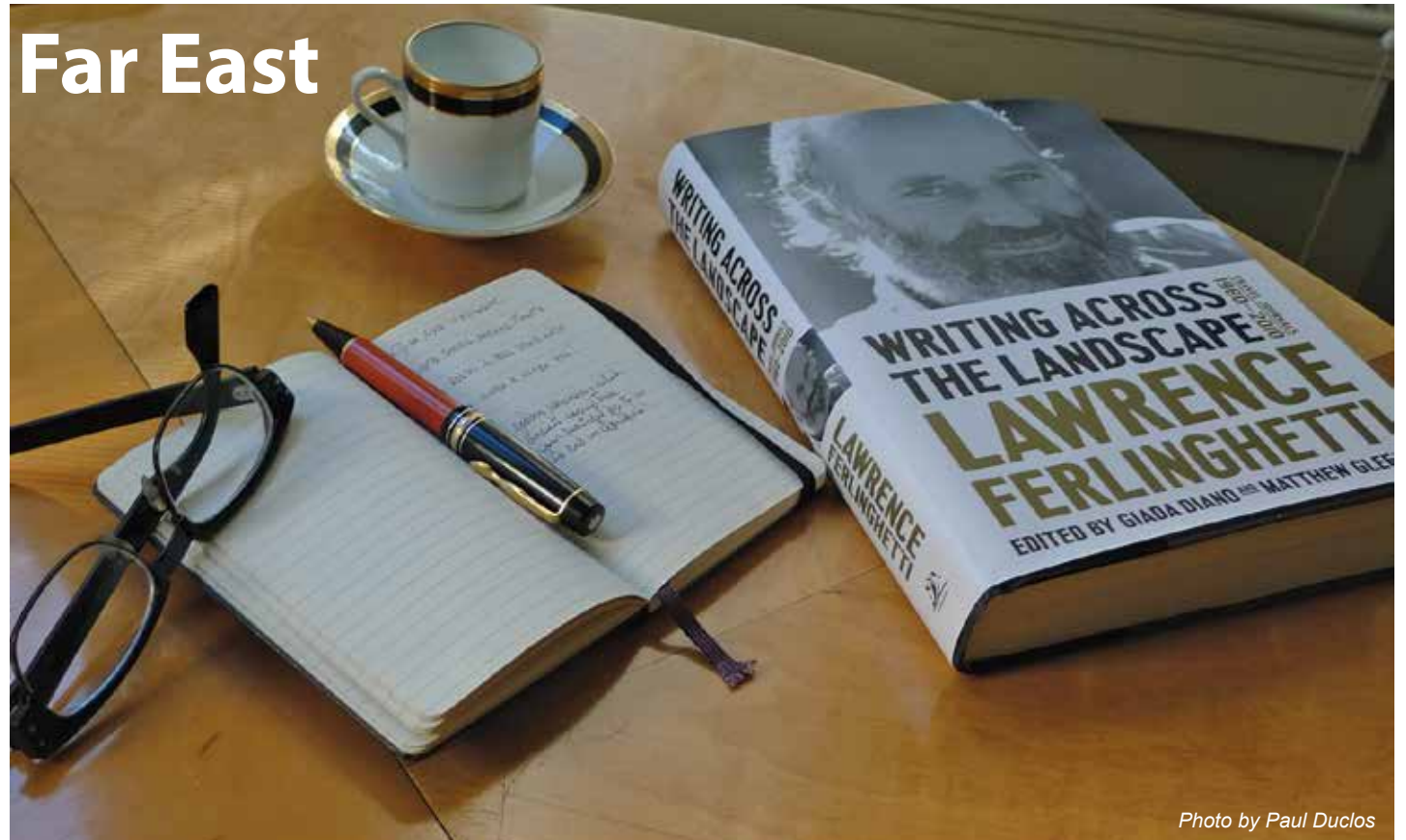


Photo by Paul Duclos

Although Lawrence Ferlinghetti is most known as an American poet and liberal activist, he was also a commanding officer during D-Day.

illustrations, such as they are, might seem unnecessary, until the reader arrives at an entry from a trip to the "Roman Carnival" in the 1980s.

*"I have to get a sketchbook and start doing heads," he enthused, "nothing but heads and faces... Faces and hands, what a universe. No need to draw anything more."*

We sincerely hope that he does not feel the same way about limiting the scope of his writing, and indeed, he tells us that "a new novel is in the works."

## Exhibit of Japanese Influence

The San Francisco Bay was key to reaching Japan when it opened for international trade in the 1850s. This was after two centuries of self-imposed isolation set off a craze for all things Japanese among European and North American collectors, artists and designers.

The phenomenon, dubbed *japonisme* by French writers, radically altered the course of Western art in the modern era.

San Francisco's Asian Art Museum surveys this sweeping development in the traveling exhibition *Looking East: How Japan Inspired Monet, Van Gogh, and Other Western Artists*. The exhibition

traces the West's growing fascination with Japan, the collecting of Japanese objects, and the exploration of Japanese subject matter and styles. *Looking East* is on view through February 7, 2016 with the exhibition's final weeks marking the start of the museum's 50th anniversary year in 2016.

*Looking East* features more than 170 artworks drawn from the acclaimed collection of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, with masterpieces by the great Impressionist and post-Impressionist painters Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet, Mary Cassatt, Edgar Degas and Paul Gauguin, among others. The art and culture of Japan inspired leading artists throughout Europe and the United States to create works of renewed vision and singular beauty.

The exhibition is organized into four thematic areas, tracing the impact of Japanese approaches to women, city life, nature and landscape. Within each theme, artworks from Japan are paired

with American or European works to represent the West's assimilation of new thematic and formal approaches. Japanese woodblock prints by such celebrated masters as Kitagawa Utamaro, Utagawa Hiroshige and Katsushika Hokusai are shown in dialogue with oil paintings, prints and photographs by a diverse mix of Western artists, demonstrating regional variations on japonisme. Bronze sword guards and paper stencils from Japan are juxtaposed with metalwork by Western manufacturers Boucheron, Gorham and Tiffany. Other objects used in daily life, like a chair designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, also show the wide-ranging impact of Japanese design in the West.

Additional highlights in the exhibition include Vincent van Gogh's painting *Postman Joseph Roulin*; Claude Monet's *The Water Lily Pond*; *Five Swans*, an elegant wool tapestry designed by Otto Eckmann; Paul Gauguin's canvas *Landscape With Two Breton Women*; and *Otome*, a print by Kikukawa Eizan.

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# WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES

- December 4**    **2PM – 5PM – Docking Clinics - OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
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- December 7-9**    **Radar Observer / Refresher - 3 day Renewal Course - Maritime Institute, San Rafael, 888-262-8020, [www.MaritimeInstitute.com](http://www.MaritimeInstitute.com)**  
This three (3) day course is for a renewal of the Unlimited Radar Observer endorsement. The course is recommended for candidates that have not done radar plots for a long period of time. To register or view our complete schedule, visit [www.MaritimeInstitute.com](http://www.MaritimeInstitute.com).
- December 7-11**    **Radar Observer Unlimited Course - Maritime Institute, San Rafael, 888-262-8020, [www.MaritimeInstitute.com](http://www.MaritimeInstitute.com)**  
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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).  
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**Sausalito Ferry Terminal**  
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**South San Francisco**  
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#### TIBURON – Pier 41

Weekdays					
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#### TIBURON – Pier 41

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### BAY CRUISE

Depart Pier 39			
Daily	Monday - Thursday	Friday - Sunday	
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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	\$30.00	Child (5-11)	\$20.00
Junior (12-18)	\$24.00	Senior (62+)	\$24.00
Discount fares available at <a href="http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com">www.blueandgoldfleet.com</a>			

### SAUSALITO

#### FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41

Weekdays			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
11:00 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
12:20 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	1:45
1:50	2:15	2:20	3:15
3:10	3:40	3:45	4:10

#### Weekends and Holidays

Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
9:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:55 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
11:35 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	1:05 p.m.
2:05	2:30	2:35	3:50
4:00	4:25	4:35	5:25
5:35	6:00	6:05	6:55

Holiday Schedule in effect for: Day After Thanksgiving (Nov 23), & President's Day (Feb 18) **No service on** Thanksgiving Day (Nov 22), Christmas Day (Dec 25), & New Year's Day (Jan 1)

FARES:	One-way	Round-trip
Adult	\$11.50	\$23.00
Senior (65+)	\$ 6.75	\$13.50
Child (5-11)	\$ 6.75	\$13.50

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

### ANGEL ISLAND - S.F.

#### Weekdays (Depart Pier 41)

Depart Ferry Bldg	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Ferry Bldg	Arrive Pier 41
---	9:45am	10:10am	10:15am	---	10:55am
---	---	---	2:50pm	---	3:15pm

FARES:	One-way	Round trip
Adult	\$11.50	\$23.00
Senior (65+)	\$ 6.75	\$13.50
Child (5-11)	\$ 6.75	\$13.50
20 Ticket Commute Book	\$140.00 (Mon. - Fri.)	

Holiday Schedule in effect for: Day After Thanksgiving (Nov 23), & President's Day (Feb 18) **No service on** Thanksgiving Day (Nov 22), Christmas Day (Dec 25), & New Year's Day (Jan 1)

### ANGEL ISLAND PRICES

#### S.F. Pier 41 (round-trip)

Adult	\$18.00
Child (6-11)	\$ 9.50
Senior (65+)	\$ 9.50
Child (5 & under)	FREE

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

## Angel Island Ferry

### TIBURON – ANGEL ISLAND

#### Weekdays and Weekends

Tiburon to Angel Island		Angel Island to Tiburon	
Saturday - Sunday	Saturday - Sunday	Saturday - Sunday	Saturday - Sunday
10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	3:30 p.m.

#### Monday - Friday

There is no scheduled weekday service from November through December. Mon-Fri: Ferry service by advance reservation for groups of 25 or more may be available. Individuals may "piggyback" with scheduled groups. Call 415-435-2131 for details.

Ferry service by advance reservation for groups of 25 or more. Call (415) 435-2131 to find out if you can "piggyback" with groups

FARES:	Round Trip	(*Limit one free child, ages 2 and under, per paying adult.)
Adult (13 - 64)	\$15.00	
Seniors (ages 65+)	\$14.00	
Children (ages 6 - 12)	\$13.00	
Small Children (ages 3 - 5)	\$5.00	
Toddlers (ages 2 and under)	Free*	
Bicycles	\$1.00	

For the most current schedule and other information, visit [www.angelislandferry.com](http://www.angelislandferry.com) / Schedule Subject to change w/o notice

## ROCKETBOAT

Service resumes in May 2016

VALLEJO		
VALLEJO – SAN FRANCISCO		
Travel time between Vallejo and San Francisco is approximately 60 minutes.		
Depart Vallejo to S.F. Ferry Building	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg. to Vallejo	Depart Pier 41 Fisherman's Wharf to Vallejo
5:30 a.m.	6:35 a.m.	-----
6:30	-----	-----
7:00	-----	-----
7:45	8:15	-----
10:00	11:10	11:30
2:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
4:00	4:30	-----
4:45	5:15	-----
5:45	6:00	-----
-----	7:15	6:55
Weekends & Holidays		
10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
11:30	12:45 p.m.	-----
2:30 p.m.	3:40	4:00 p.m.
3:30	4:40	-----
5:15	7:00	6:30
FARES: One-way		
Adult	\$13.40	Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.sanfranciscobayferry.com for updated information.
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$10.10	
Youth (5-18)	\$ 6.70	
Senior (65+)/Disabled/Medicare	\$ 6.70	
School Groups	\$ 4.40	
Child (under 5)	FREE	

Take the Ferry to **GIANTS BASEBALL AT AT&T PARK**

## Service will resume for 2015 Season




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**VALLEJO - ANGEL ISLAND**

Year-round ferry service is available from San Francisco Pier 41. Alameda/Oakland and Vallejo ferry service to Angel Island is available Seasonally from May through October

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND			
Weekdays to San Francisco			
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
6:00 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	---
6:30 a.m.	6:40 a.m.	7:00	---
7:05	7:15	7:35	---
7:35	7:45	8:05	---
8:10	---	8:40	---
---	8:20	8:40	---
8:40	8:50	9:10	---
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00 a.m.
11:00	10:50	11:30	11:45
1:35 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
2:40	2:25	3:05	---
3:50	3:35	4:20	---
5:05	4:45	5:30	---
5:50	5:40	6:20	---
6:20	6:05	---	6:50
6:55	6:45	7:20	---
7:55	7:45	8:25	8:40
8:55	8:45	---	9:25
Weekdays from San Francisco			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
---	6:30 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:05 a.m.
---	7:00	7:45	7:35
---	7:35	8:15	---
---	8:05	8:50	8:40
---	8:40	9:25	9:15
10:15 a.m.	10:30	10:50	11:00
12:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
1:45	2:00	2:20	2:35
3:00	3:15	3:30	3:45
4:00	4:30	4:45	5:05
5:00	5:20	5:40	5:50
---	5:40	6:00	6:15
---	6:25	6:45	6:55
---	7:25	7:45	7:55
8:05	8:25	8:45	8:55

Harbor Bay Ferry (EAST END OF ALAMEDA/S.F.)			
Weekday Commute			
Depart Harbor Bay Island	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Harbor Bay Island
6:30 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
7:30	7:55	8:00	8:25
8:30	8:55	4:35 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:05 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:35	6:00
6:05	6:30	6:00	6:25
7:05	7:30	6:35	7:00
		7:35	8:00
FARES: One-way			
Adult	\$6.70		
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$5.00		
Youth (5-18)	\$3.30		
Disabled / Seniors (65+)	\$3.30		
School Groups	\$2.20		
Children (under 5)	FREE		

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ALAMEDA/OAKLAND			
Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco			
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
11:25	11:10	11:50	12:10 p.m.
12:05 p.m.	11:50 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:50
1:50 p.m.	1:35 p.m.	2:20	2:40
2:50 p.m.	2:35 p.m.	3:20	3:40
4:40	4:25	---	5:10
6:10	5:55	6:30	6:50
7:45	7:30	---	8:20
Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
9:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:55 a.m.	9:40 a.m.
10:35	10:50	11:05	11:20
11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00 p.m.
1:00	1:15	1:30	1:45
2:00	2:15	2:30	2:45
3:50	4:05	4:20	4:35
5:20	5:35	5:50	6:05
6:55	7:10	7:25	7:40
FARES: One-way			
Adult	\$6.40	PURCHASE TICKETS ONBOARD THE FERRY for information (MON. to FRI.) (415) 705 8291	
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$4.80		
Youth (5-18)	\$3.20		
Senior (65+) Disabled	\$3.20		
Child under 5	FREE		
School Groups	\$2.10		
Short Hop - Adult	\$1.50		
Short Hop - Youth	\$0.75		
Short Hop - S / D	\$0.75		

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO		
Weekday to SSF/Oyster Point		
Depart Alameda	Depart Oakland	Arrive SSF
6:30 a.m.	6:40 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
7:30	7:40	8:15
8:00	8:10	8:45

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	5:50
7:00	7:50	7:35

South San Francisco / San Francisco		
Weekday Service - Monday through Friday		
Depart S. San Francisco	Arrive Ferry Building	
9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	
Depart Ferry Building	Arrive S. San Francisco	
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	
FARES: One-way		
Adult	\$7.40	
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$7.20	
Youth (5-18 years)	\$3.70	
Seniors (65+ yrs), Disabled	\$3.70	
School Groups	\$2.40	
Children (under 5) (with an adult)	FREE	

# Around the Bay in December



## ***JLS Tree Lighting***

Jack London Square is set to light up the Oakland waterfront with its annual tree lighting extravaganza on Friday, December 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. On this special evening, a 55-foot Mount Shasta fir tree will sparkle with 5,000 white lights and 600 colorful ornaments surrounded by Santa's grazing reindeer; merry stilt walkers; ornament making; Oakland School for the Arts holiday performances; *Nutcracker* snippets from the Oakland Ballet Company; world-traveling tap-dancing Christmas trees; a holiday pop-up; special treats and more. Locals and visitors are encouraged to arrive early for magical surprises while enjoying festive music and merry entertainment with holiday characters roaming the Oakland waterfront greeting children and posing for photos.



sale at the Marin Center Box Office starting at \$45 for adults and \$20 for youths. Call (415) 473-6800 or visit [tickets.marincenter.org](http://tickets.marincenter.org) for more information.

## ***Pet Santa***

Pets are invited to partake in the holiday festivities at the Bay Street shopping center in Emeryville this season! The shopping center's North Pole House will be Santa's home throughout the month of December, and on Sunday, December 13 from 2 to 6 p.m., dogs and cats are invited to join him for photos. Visits with Santa are free with the option to purchase photos, and all proceeds will benefit the nonprofit Hopalong Animal Rescue. Additionally, live reindeer will join Santa at Bay Street for both children and parents to pet and feed. For more information, call (510) 655-4002 or visit [www.baystreetemeryville.com](http://www.baystreetemeryville.com).

## ***Artists Aflutter***

The 47th annual Winter Open Studios at the ICB in Sausalito is taking wing December 4, 5 and 6 during Winter Open Studios. This year, 80 artists at the ICB in Sausalito will be honoring the courageous act of migration. To symbolize this movement of hope, the ICB will feature an installation of thousands of butterflies hand-cut in a joint effort by resident artists under the direction of paper artist Ingrid Butler. This tribute to resilience, renewal, metamorphosis and freedom will be awe-inspiring to adults and children alike. At least 30 participating individual artists will designate a selected work for sale, with 100 percent from the sale of these pieces to benefit Doctors Without Borders. Located in the Industrial Center Building (ICB), 480 Gate 5 Road in Sausalito, the event is free from 6-9 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit [www.icbartists.com](http://www.icbartists.com).

## ***Holiday Concerts***

With Christmas and Hanukkah on the horizon, Marin Symphony invites you to celebrate. The symphony is offering several Holiday Concerts to kick off this most wonderful time of the year. *Holiday Choral Concerts by Candlelight* will be held on Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m. at the Church of Saint Raphael, 1104 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael. This annual holiday celebration continues to be the traditional start of the season for many people in our community of Marin. The gathering in the Church of Saint Raphael will feature the Marin Symphony Chamber Chorus directed by Stephen McKersie, the Marin Girls Chorus and a brass quintet and percussionists from the Marin Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are on sale at the Marin Symphony Office for \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Call (415) 479-8100 for more information. Then, on Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m., celebrate a variety of holiday-inspired music at the popular *Holiday Pops: Winter Wonderland* event at the Marin Center Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. Led by Music Director Alasdair Neale, hear beloved holiday classics and traditional carols performed by the Marin Symphony, the Marin Symphony Chorus and the Marin Symphony Children's Chorus. The program includes sing-alongs, special guests, and complimentary treats after the concert. Tickets on

## ***USS Potomac Holiday Cruises***

Celebrate the holidays aboard the USS *Potomac* with Kids Santa Cruises and the Fala-la-la-la cruise for adults. The ship will be decorated for the holidays when Santa pays a visit on Sunday, December 6 and Friday, December 11 and 18 for one-hour kids' cruises at 4 and 6 p.m. There will be cocoa, cookies and candy canes too. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for children ages 2-12. On Saturday, December 12, adults are invited to see the lights of the Bay on a special two-hour holiday cruise from 7-9 p.m. There will be Christmas carolers, wine, hors d'oeuvres and good cheer for all. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 for couples. Tickets for both events are available at [usspotomac.org](http://usspotomac.org) or by calling (510) 627-1215 for more information.

## ***Nutcracker for Kids***

Mark Foehringer Dance Project/SF presents Mark Foehringer's *Nutcracker Sweets* on December 12, 13, 21 and 22 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Dec 19-20, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., at Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, Marina Blvd. and Buchanan Street in San Francisco. This is a unique 50-minute version of *The Nutcracker* specifically designed for families with young children. Cost: \$21 and \$31. For more information, visit [www.nutcrackersweets.org](http://www.nutcrackersweets.org).

## ***Harvest Time, Dude***

The Emerald Cup will make its highly anticipated return to the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa on December 12-13. For more than a decade, the Emerald Cup has become synonymous with setting the highest standards for sustainable, sun-grown, outdoor cannabis and is the largest, most respected, organic, outdoor medicinal cannabis competition in the world, making it the definitive contest for the fall harvest. This year's entries will once again represent the best from Northern California and beyond with more than 300 expected entrants in several categories. The Emerald Cup event is about bringing medical marijuana providers, dispensaries and patients together and for patients to view all of the entries in this year's competition. The event includes workshops, guest speakers, panel discussions and an awards ceremony along with live music performances. The promoters are committed to strengthening the medical cannabis industry and hope that this year's competition shows how promising the future has become. Single day tickets are \$55 and weekend tickets are \$100. For more information, visit [www.theemeraldcup.com](http://www.theemeraldcup.com).

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