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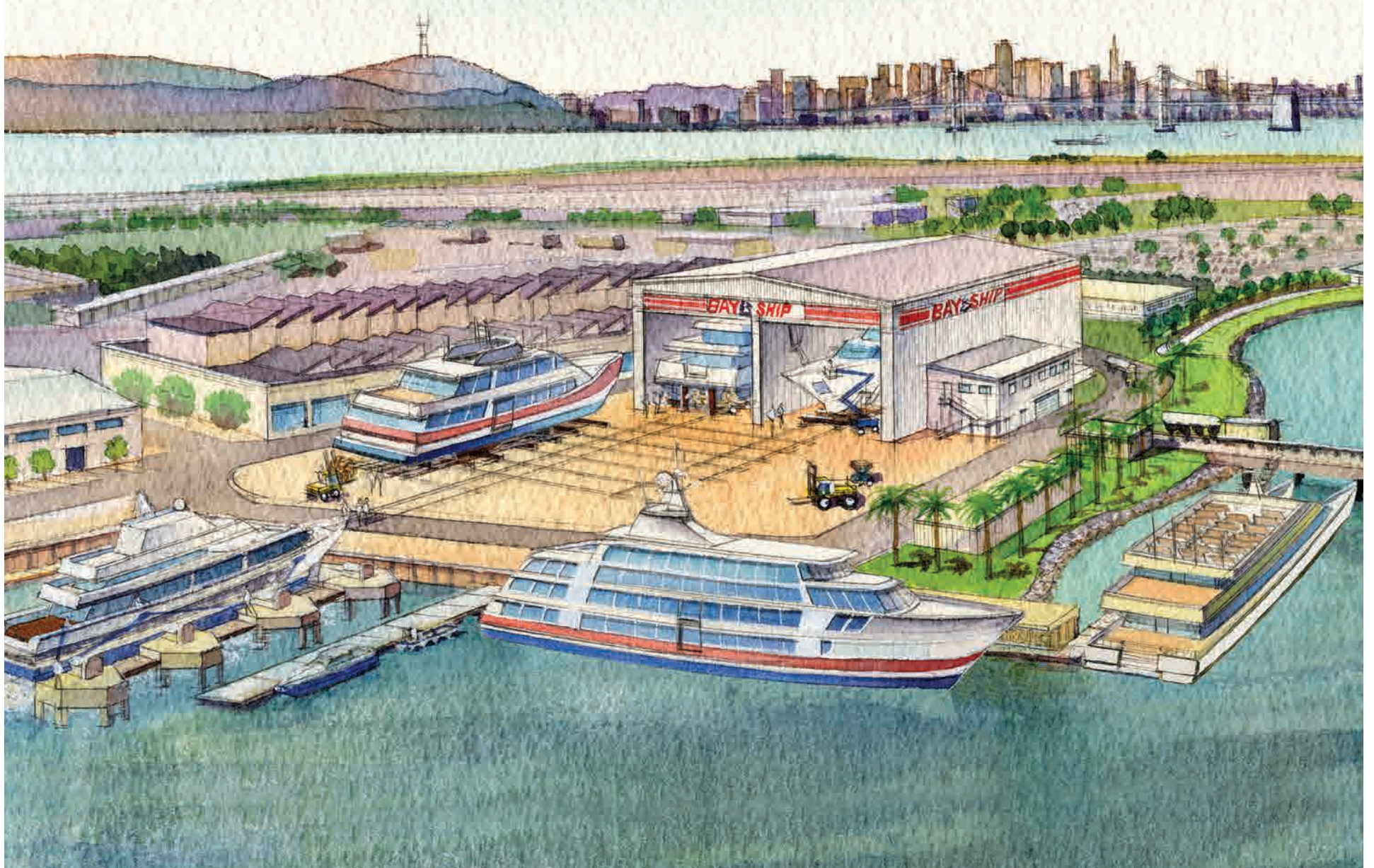
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ON OUR COVER



Over the last few years, producers and event venues have come up with comprehensive and inventive strategies for minimizing the impact of their events on the environment. Pictured is the stunning view from the Treasure Island Music Festival, which takes place annually in October. Photo by Josh Withers

Corrections & Letters

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

From My Berth

Last month's feature story about California's budget crisis raised an obvious question in my mind about Angel Island. Allegedly \$200,000 short of annual operating funds, the park is being threatened with closure and federal takeover.

My view is that an answer stares us directly in the eyes. Forty-eight boat slips at the park are empty every night, all year long, for reasons that are obscure to me. Angel Island closes down at 5 p.m., and will not allow overnight boats to dock at one of the prime boat destinations of the world. Boats are currently only allowed to tie onto buoys in Ayala Cove for \$20 a night (\$15 off-season).

If the slips were publicized to the local and international boating world, it is highly likely that all 48 slips could be filled at least every single weekend night all year long. If the slips were offered at even the \$20 a night currently charged for buoys, this would produce about \$100,000 of the park's needed operating budget. Provide food and other basic supplies to the boaters, and the park would surely make a profit instead of face closure.

What are the naysayers' arguments against such a policy? My best guesses: *The boaters will foul the water. Who will man the food and other supply outlets? The idea will attract thugs and drug addicts. People will be hurt in accidents. Somebody*



Photo by Joel Williams

Ayala Cove at Angel Island has 48 slips and 27 Buoys available for docking and mooring.

might drink some wine in their boats with their meals. Someone might make love in the boats at night. Where would they go to the bathroom?

The complaints that might be raised are legion. But as a matter of fact, the historical complaints that San Francisco land residents have made against promoting boating are the stuff of legends. And their complaints are mostly the stuff of negative imaginations. In Europe, boats visit from around the world and help fill the coffers of local governments and businesses. In San Francisco, boaters are often vilified by land-lubbers who know precious little

about modern boating.

Most of the arguments against opening the island to boaters have easy answers: Boaters are generally well-to-do people financially. Modern boats have excellent toilets and waste containment systems. Maintaining watch over docking boats for the prevention of waste would be child's play. Why should families and individuals not be able to dock at Angel Island nights? Why should the docks and buoys not be available seven nights a week? Boaters are intelligent people, and well-conceived rules well-enforced would remove the complaints. If the park rangers don't want to man the docks and food and other supply stores, a thousand American entrepreneurs in need of jobs and income would be glad to do the work.

Too long has San Francisco offered feeble excuses for not exploring the economic potential of establishing itself as a prime international private boat destination. Angel Island could reap the economic benefit within days simply by making a major shift in its archaic thinking on the subject. The docks now simply go to waste at night. Such a plan would find immediate support from some of the most respectful, established citizens of the Bay Area. Dozens of businesses could benefit

from their support of the boaters who would take advantage of such a beneficial service.

Would there be political and other debate involved? I am sure many would come forth for and against the idea. But, such debate is the basis of our democracy, right? Our economy is presently buried under the ills of giant corporations, while many local, common-sense solutions go unexplored and are often blocked by a variety of interests. It is illogical that our system has heretofore blocked such simple solutions to financial shortfalls.

Would anybody else like to participate in trying to bring this specific idea to the marketplace of ideas? I'd bet money that thousands of economically healthy Bay Area boaters—who are stalwart members of our society—are ready to help. If you're ready to come on board and help, drop me an email at the address below! Will we meet some resistance? Probably. Is it a battle worth fighting? We're ready to lose control of Angel Island and other local parks to the federal government or see them simply closed. If that's not worth fighting for, what is?

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Port of Oakland Wins EPA Stimulus Grant

BY PATRICK BURNSON

With the goal of creating jobs, boosting local economies, reducing diesel fuel emissions and protecting human health, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced awards for about half of its allotted federal stimulus money to state, regional and federal air quality programs, including several in and around seaports.

The Port of Oakland and The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) were selected for \$2 million in funding to retrofit 81 Port of Oakland trucks with diesel particulate filters and replace 22 older trucks with cleaner, newer ones that operate in and around the Port of Oakland. A diesel particulate filter, when retrofitted to a port truck, is designed to reduce diesel emissions by 85 percent. These funds are now part of a new \$22 million program introduced by an innovative partnership between the Air District, the Port of Oakland, the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The program's goal is to quickly reduce the health risks to the West Oakland community caused by heavy truck activity at this major transportation hub.

"The Port of Oakland continues to work with its regulatory partners such as the EPA, California Air Resources Board, and Bay Area Air Quality Management District to provide meaningful outreach to the trucking community in order to reduce the diesel pollution in the region," said Richard Sinkoff, Port of Oakland environmental director.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provided the EPA with \$300 million in new competitive grants for the national and state programs to support the implementation of verified and certified diesel emission reduction technologies as part of the National Clean Diesel Campaign. Of the EPA stimulus grants announced so far, about \$30 million in awards are going to programs for reducing diesel emissions in and around

U.S. seaports, with the potential for more seaport-related awards to follow in the coming weeks.

"As stewards of the coastal environment," said Kurt Nagle, American Association of Port Authorities president and CEO, "America's seaports are investing millions of dollars a year to control emissions related to cargo and passenger handling operations in and around their facilities. Receiving an EPA grant enhances a port's ability to succeed in that effort while delivering prosperity to the community and region it serves."

Applications will be assessed on a first-come, first-served basis and funding is expected to go quickly. According to statewide regulation, after January 1, 2010, trucks without particulate filters will be prohibited from entering the port and cannot receive the retrofit funding. Port truckers with model year 2006 or older vehicles serving the port can apply for funding to install the particulate filter device at the Port of Oakland's OT411 Truck Information Center at 11 Burma Road, Oakland, CA 94607.

Developer Wins Lease for Port of Oakland Rail Terminal

AMB Property Corp. and a local developer have beaten out two competitors for a long-term lease to operate an intermodal rail terminal at the Port of Oakland. The 168-acre property owned by the port is part of the former Oakland Army Base, and has figured prominently in plans for the ocean cargo gateway's plans for some time.

AMB was the preferred bidder to redevelop and operate the dedicated rail facility under a concession of 30 years or more; AMB has proposed a 66-year lease. The project will include extensive environmental remediation before construction can begin, and the Oakland City Council must also approve the deal.

AMB Property, headquartered in San Francisco, is a global owner, operator

and developer of industrial real estate catering to the logistics and freight transportation sectors. It is paired with Oakland-based commercial property developer California Capital Group, which has a 15 percent stake in the joint venture.

Association of Pacific Ports to Hold Seminar

The Association of Pacific Ports, a trade and information association founded in 1913 as the Association of Pacific and Far East Ports, will be staging a one-day seminar in San Francisco on Thursday, November 5. While a venue has yet to be determined, the APP's popular "Fly-In, Fly-Out Seminar" is certain to be well attended.

Programs of the Association of Pacific Ports are aimed at enhancing the technical and governance expertise of commissioners and other port officials through meetings, educational seminars and the exchange of appropriate communications. These programs are also pertinent to the needs of ports' management and technical staff.

All ports located in areas tributary to the Pacific Ocean are eligible to join the APP. The ports of Redwood City, Richmond, Stockton have been longtime members, with many executives taking on leadership roles at the APP.

Transportation 2035 Plan for the Bay Area Released

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) newly released Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area: Change in Motion, is now available for viewing online, along with other companion technical reports, at www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/2035_plan. The Plan is a 25-year vision for a regional transportation system that bolsters our economy, safeguards our environment, and ensures equitable transportation access for all Bay Area residents -- while taking into account the changing environment around us. The 142-page document was developed over two years, with thousands of Bay Area residents providing input, and adopted by the Commission on April 22, 2009.

To save costs and paper, MTC encourages you to view the Plan online, but if you would like a printed copy, email library@mtc.ca.gov, fax 510-817-5932 or call 510-817-5836, providing the name of the document you are requesting, your name and your mailing address.

A new online tool is also available for those who want to learn more about projects and programs identified in Appendix 1 of the Plan. View the Online Transportation 2035 Project Listings Web site at www.transportation2035.com

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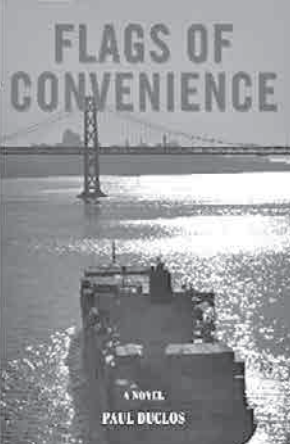
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- Every Saturday** **10am-12pm – Pick Up and Paddle Saturdays, UCSF Outdoor Programs, 415-476-2078, outdoors.ucsf.edu**
Bring your friends and family on this accessible and affordable kayaking tour of Mission Creek, located near AT&T Park. Includes sit-on-top kayaking gear, and instruction. Cost is \$35
- Every Sunday** **9AM - Dusk – Charter Share, Club Nautique, Alameda/Sausalito, 510-865-4700, www.clubnautique.net**
Climb on board a beautiful new cruising yacht and go for a sail with some new sailing buddies. Share the cost and the duties. Intended for those know how to sail and are looking for an economical way to get out on the water and meet some new folks. Members: \$80/Non-Members: \$125
- August 1** **6:30PM – 9:30PM - Full Moon Paddle, Sea Trek Kayaking Center, Sausalito, 415-332-8494, www.seatrek.com**
A short introductory session prepares you for a leisurely paddle into the sunset watching harbor seals at play as we explore Sausalito's eclectic floating homes community with the silhouette of Mt. Tamalpais in the distance. As the moon rises over Angel Island we'll enjoy the sparkling San Francisco skyline, and the silvery moonlight in the wake of our kayaks. Beginners welcome. Cost is \$75.
- August 2** **10AM – 3PM - Bair Island-Corkscrew Slough, California Canoe & Kayak, Jack London Square, 800-366-9804, www.calkayak.com**
We cruise through a paddler's paradise of intimate waterways and tidal marshes within the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This is a fun day of easy paddling in a spectacular, calm-water wonderland right in our own backyard! \$89 includes all equipment, and guides.
- August 6** **7PM – 10PM - Full Moon Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
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- August 7** **5PM – 9PM - Beer Can Racing, Club Nautique, Alameda, 510-865-4700, www.clubnautique.net**
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- August 8** **7:30PM – 10:30PM - Moonlight Kayaking, California Canoe & Kayak, Jack London Square, 800-366-9804, www.calkayak.com**
Moonlight paddling is enchanting! The water is calm and glassy on the Oakland Estuary and the city lights add to the ambiance. We enjoy a leisurely pace as the sun sets and the moon rises, illuminating a delightful evening. \$49 includes all equipment, and guides.
- August 9** **9AM – 11AM - Introduction to Stand Up Paddling, UCSF Outdoor Programs, 415-476-2078, outdoors.ucsf.edu**
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- August 9** **10AM – 2PM - Bay Cruising Workshop, Club Nautique, Sausalito, 415-332-8001, www.clubnautique.net**
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- August 15** **9AM – 3PM - Drakes Estero, Drakes Bay Oyster Farm, Blue Waters Kayaking, 415-669-2600, www.bwkayak.com**
Drake's Estero is one of the most stunning places to paddle on the California coast, offering incredible opportunities for wildlife viewing. We'll glide through the eelgrass and kelp beds of this scenic estuary, home to harbor seals, bat rays, leopard sharks and many birds species such as osprey, geese, white pelicans, loons, grebes, shorebirds. Cost: \$98/person.
- August 15** **10AM – 3PM - Tomales Bay Kayak Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
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- August 15** **4PM – 6PM - Free Monthly BBQ, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
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- August 15** **6PM – 10PM - Saturday Night Sail, Tradewinds Sailing School & Club, Richmond, 510-232-7999, www.tradewindssailing.com**
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August 22 9AM – 3PM –Tule Elk Tour, Blue Waters Kayaking, Tomales Bay, 415-669-2600, www.bwkayak.com

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August 23 9:30AM – 1:30PM - Tomales Bay Trip, Sea Trek Kayaking Center, Sausalito, 415-332-8494, www.seatrek.com

Come paddle Tomales Bay on this casual half day tour. This beautiful 16 mile long estuary is full of wild life and provides for a serene setting. Seals, Blue Herons, sea stars, the occasional leopard shark and stunning views. Cost is \$75.

August 25 10AM – 4PM - Ladies Sail, Tradewinds Sailing School & Club, Richmond, 510-232-7999, www.tradewindssailing.com

Join us for our ladies sail. Free for sailing club members, \$30 for non-members. Ask about our new Mate's Membership if you'd like to attend all of our club events without spending the extra cash.

August 30 7AM – 7PM - Farrallones Adventure, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com

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Beach Books? Not Exactly

BY PAUL DUCLOS

By all appearances, ferry riders are avid readers. A cursory look around on a weekday morning, and you'll see a tome tucked beneath almost every commuter's arm. Visitors and pleasure passengers, too, can be seen paging through some literary diversion when not taking in the view, and we are seeing more Kindles and other high-tech reading instruments these days.

But irrespective of subject matter, most of these books are of the machine-made, mass-produced kind available in most retail establishments. On rare occasion, though, one might observe a rider engaged in a book of distinctive and artful packaging. A hand-crafted book made with the love and care only a passionate devotee of bindery can appreciate. If you are one of those people—and we suspect many *Bay*

Crossings readers are—you are in luck. For the San Francisco Bay Area is home to several remarkable institutions dedicated to the Art of the Book.

- The Book Club of California has been publishing significant books on California and the West during its nearly 100-year history while hosting numerous book-related exhibitions, lectures and demonstrations. The Club also houses an extensive reference library. The annual keepsake series may be the Book Club of California's most innovative publishing concept. A club keepsake is typically composed of twelve separate illustrated folders on a common literary or historical theme that are contained in a unifying folder. Various authors contribute brief essays on a facet of the overall subject. Previous keepsake topics include: Sports in California; Chinese Book Arts in California; Homes of California Authors; and Southern and Northern California Travel Posters.

- The San Francisco Center for the Book is devoted to teaching the many arts and crafts that go into making books by hand. It introduces and fosters the joys of books and bookmaking—their history, artistry, continuing presence in our culture and their enduring importance as a medium of self-expression. Furthermore, it provides both a home for Bay Area book artists and a place where the wider community can discover book arts. Everyone is welcome here—experienced practitioners and newcomers alike. Its scores of workshops foster learning at all levels: from introductory classes to yearlong courses, from traditional bookbinding to cutting-edge printing techniques to experimental book forms. The Center always showcases an informative and delightful exhibition.

- The Arion Press, named after the legendary Greek poet who was saved from the sea by a dolphin, remains small, employing about ten people as printers, bookbinders, editors, and in other publishing roles. Part

of the team are the highly skilled and long-experienced typesetters of Mackenzie & Harris, the oldest and largest surviving type foundry in America, which was bought in 1989. Arion Press is a self-sustaining business and has never been subsidized by grants. It has survived through hard work, perseverance, and devotion to excellence in the crafts of bookmaking and to imaginative presentation of worthy literary texts and visual art.

- Finally, for those in need of a good (machine-made) “coffee table” book, check out *Richard Avedon: Photographs 1946–2004* (hardcover, 192 pages, \$70), which is available at the SFMOMA Museum Store. Published by the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Denmark, in association with the Richard Avedon Foundation, the volume includes 125 reproductions of important works in the exhibition, as well as a complete chronology and texts by exhibition curator Helle Crenzien and San Franciscan gallery owner Jeffrey Fraenkel.



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Oil Spill Captain Gets Prison Sentence

John Joseph Cota, the pilot who caused the *Cosco Busan*, a 900-foot long container ship, to collide with the Bay Bridge and discharge approximately 53,000 gallons of oil into San Francisco Bay, was sentenced in July to serve 10 months in federal prison.

Cota, who was a licensed bar pilot at the time of the collision, gave commands that caused the Hong Kong-registered ship to collide with the bridge on November 7, 2007. Cota was sentenced according to an agreement in which he pleaded guilty to negligently causing discharge of a harmful quantity of oil in violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended by the Oil Spill Act of 1990—a law passed in the wake of the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* disaster—and to violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, by causing the death of protected species of migratory birds.

In papers filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, prosecutors told the judge that Captain Cota should receive a sentence of incarceration because he was “guilty of far more than a mere slip-up or an otherwise innocuous mistake that yielded unforeseeably grave damage. Rather, he made a series of intentional and negligent acts and omissions, both before and leading up to the incident that produced a disaster that, as widespread as it was, could have had even worse consequences.”

“Captain Cota abandoned ship by not following required safety procedures which then resulted in an environmental disaster,” said John C. Cruden, Acting Assistant Attorney for the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division.

“The court’s sentence of John Cota should serve as a deterrent to shipping companies and mariners who think violating the environmental laws that protect our nation’s waterways will go undetected or unpunished,” said Joseph P. Russoniello, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California. “They will be vigorously prosecuted.”



This picture of an oiled bird on the beach at the mouth of Strawberry Creek in Berkeley was taken shortly after the Cosco Busan oil spill in November 2007 by Susan Schwartz of Friends of Five Creeks.

Prosecutors provided the court with a list of Cota’s errors that included the following:

- Captain Cota left in extreme fog that was so thick that the bow of the vessel was not visible from the bridge. Captain Cota made the decision to leave in the fog while the pilots of six other large commercial vessels decided not to depart in the heavy fog which was less than 0.5 nautical miles.
- Having made the decision to leave port in impenetrable fog, Captain Cota took no action to assure the fortification of the bridge or bow watch or review the passage plan with the master and crew of the *Cosco Busan*. In particular, Cota failed to have a master-pilot exchange to review the transit plan.
- Captain Cota has subsequently claimed that he found both radar unreliable, but he did not notify the master or the Coast Guard that a required piece of equipment needed to safely navigate the ship had failed. Meanwhile, the captured images of the radar retained on the ship’s computer show that the radar was fully operational.
- The tape-recorded conversations from the ship’s bridge show that Captain Cota was confused regarding the operation of

the electronic chart system upon which he chose to rely including the meaning of two red triangles that marked buoys marking the tower of the bridge that he eventually hit.

- At no time during the voyage after leaving the berth at 8:07 a.m. and prior to 8:30 a.m. did Captain Cota, or any of the ship’s crew, consult the ship’s official paper navigational chart or take a single positional fix. Captain Cota did not ask any crew member to take any fixes or verify the ship’s position despite the lack of visibility. After the incident, Cota told the Coast Guard he did not request fixes because it is like “driving your car out of a driveway.”

Prosecutors also filed papers showing that Captain Cota had failed to disclose his medical conditions and prescription drug use on required annual forms submitted to the Coast Guard.

The discharge of heavy fuel oil from the *Cosco Busan* fouled 26 miles of shoreline, killed more than 2,400 birds of about 50 species, temporarily closed a fishery on the bay, and delayed the start of the crab-fishing season. Monetary damages to the bridge, ship and private parties were in the tens of millions of dollars. Clean-up costs have been estimated to exceed \$70 million. The birds

killed include Brown Pelicans, Marbled Murrelets and Western Grebes. The Brown Pelican is a federally endangered species and the Marbled Murrelet is a federally threatened species and an endangered species under California law.

Cota was licensed by the Coast Guard and California as a bar pilot, according to the indictment. He was a member of the San Francisco Bar Pilots and had been employed in the San Francisco Bay since 1981. In California, large ocean-going vessels are required to be piloted when entering or leaving port.

The grand jury indictment also charges Fleet Management Limited (Hong Kong), a ship management firm, with the same alleged offenses as well as false statements and obstruction of justice charges. Trial in that case is set for September.

The investigation has been conducted by the Coast Guard Investigative Service, the EPA Criminal Investigation Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response. The case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mariner of the Seas Completes Series of Calls at Port of San Francisco

Royal Caribbean International's *Mariner of the Seas* has successfully completed a series of seven in-transit calls at the Port of San Francisco.

During May and June 2009, the 138,279-ton ship, which has a capacity of 3,114 people, diverted from her scheduled cruises between Los Angeles and Mexico and instead ventured north to Canada because of the H1N1 flu travel advisory. Besides San Francisco, other interim ports on the itinerary included Victoria, Seattle, and Astoria.



"The diversion of *Mariner of the Seas* to San Francisco was both a boost to the City's economy and an opportunity for Royal Caribbean guests and crew members to enjoy our city, famous for its scenic beauty, cultural attractions, diverse communities, and world-class cuisine," said Mayor Gavin Newsom.

"The Port is delighted that Royal Caribbean had the chance to test this new northern itinerary," said Peter Dailey, Port of San Francisco maritime director. "San Francisco is able to serve cruise ships both as a homeport and port-of-call."

Mariner of the Seas has now resumed her seven-day round-trip voyages from Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta, which are offered year round.

"We were pleased with the positive feedback from our guests and the travel

community," said Christopher Allen, director of Deployment and Itinerary Planning for Royal Caribbean. "A variety of factors—such as customer demand, port and fuel costs, berth availability, and weather—weigh into whether we might consider offering the Los Angeles to Victoria itinerary in the future."

One of the selling points for cruise ships visiting San Francisco is the unique beauty of the route; entering beneath the breathtaking and iconic Golden Gate Bridge, ships then find a stunning port-side

view of Alcatraz and a gorgeous starboard vista of San Francisco's historic waterfront. The Port's cruise terminals are located near the foot of Coit Tower and are within walking distance of the Ferry Building and Fisherman's Wharf, as well as quick excursions to the City's famed neighborhoods, including North

Beach, Chinatown, Union Square and the Castro.

The Port of San Francisco is an enterprise agency of the City and County of San Francisco that manages a broad range of maritime, commercial, and public-access facilities along the City's waterfront that are held in public trust for the people of California. San Francisco has been a homeport for cruise ships since 1969, featuring Alaska, Mexico, and coastal itineraries. Each year the Port hosts more than 60 cruise calls at its Pier 35 and Pier 27 cruise terminals, welcoming approximately 200,000 guests.

Royal Caribbean International is a global cruise brand with 20 ships currently in service and two under construction. The line also offers unique cruisetour vacations in Alaska and Canada, Asia, Australia and New Zealand and Europe.

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

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

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Event Producers Strive to Lighten

BY BILL PICTURE

Large-scale events—such as trade shows and music festivals—have historically earned high marks for bolstering local economies and low marks for earth-friendliness. Huge venues filled with tens of thousands of people generally translate into tons and tons of landfill-bound trash, as well as countless watts of electricity consumed. Over the last few years, however, producers and event planners have come up with comprehensive and, often times, inventive strategies for minimizing the impact of their events on the environment. And, as a result, many event-throwing businesses find themselves on the cutting edge of the green revolution.

“It’s partly our desire to run our business the same way we live our lives, and partly that people attending these events expect it from us, particularly here in the Bay Area,” says Bryan Duquette of Berkeley-based Another Planet Entertainment LLC, producers of the upcoming Outside Lands Music and Arts Festival (August 28-30 in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park) and the Treasure Island Music Festival (October 17-18 on Treasure Island). Another Planet co-produces the event on Treasure Island with San Francisco-based Noise Pop Industries, which also produces the annual Noise Pop Festival, held in February and March at venues through the City.

“I’m very proud of what we’re doing, but I don’t know that we deserve some pat on the



Photo by Doug Mason

Last year’s Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival drew over 130,000 fans to Golden Gate Park over three days.

back,” says Aubin Wilson of New York-based George Little Management LLC, which produces the upcoming (and twice-yearly) San Francisco International Gift Fair (August 8-11 at San Francisco’s Moscone Center). “I think it’s all of our shared responsibility to do what we can for the environment.”

Promoting green gifting and living

For George Little Management, which produces about 50 trade shows each year nationwide, that “do what we can” mantra has resulted in a long checklist of green to-dos. The company minimizes paper consumption by posting all registration forms, and exhibitor applications and materials, along with a directory of exhibitors, on an event’s website. Attendees can also now pick up a separate list of exhibitors offering green products, and exhibitors can attend panel discussions about green product ideas and business practices.

Aubin Wilson, director of the gift fair, which regularly draws between 13,000 and 14,000 people, says the idea is to encourage more exhibitors to add

green items to their inventories. “And we’re definitely seeing more green items pop up each year,” Wilson adds. “I’d say that, over the last two years, the number of green and sustainable vendors has probably tripled. It’s been a little slower lately because of the economy and the fact that green products tend to be a little more expensive, but people are definitely still interested.”

Wilson applauds Moscone Center for its ongoing green efforts, which she says continue to serve as a jumping-off point for her and her staff every year. Since 2000, solar panels have been installed on the roof of the two-million-square-foot structure, and high-efficiency toilets and fixtures have been installed in all restrooms. Older lighting fixtures have been replaced with new, energy-efficient lighting technology, and recycling and composting programs have been stepped up. A few years ago, non-compostable food service containers and utensils were banned from the venue, and traditional cleaning agents were switched out for non-toxic alternatives.

“Anything they can do to be green, they do,” she says. “It’s pretty awesome. Venues in other parts of the country aren’t going to nearly the same lengths.”

Hearing green, seeing green, being green

Another Planet Entertainment, producers of the Outside Lands Music and Arts Festival, are going above and beyond the green call of duty for this year’s event, which features headliners Pearl Jam and Dave Matthews Band. (The organizers are currently attempting to replace their other headliner, the Beastie Boys, who pulled out of the festival shortly before press time.)



Photo by Doug Mason

Waste Stations that separate items for recycling, composting and landfills are provided throughout the festival ground in Golden Gate Park

In addition to taking all of the usual steps to green their event—banning non-compostable cups, food containers and utensils, providing a free bicycle valet to encourage attendees to bike to the event, and ensuring that there are enough waste stations on-site to handle the tons of trash generated by



Photo Courtesy Another Planet Entertainment/Noise Pop
This year’s Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival will feature an entire area dedicated to sustainability. The area will be entirely solar- and biodiesel-powered, and will feature a solar- and wind-powered cell phone charging station, along with a farmer’s market.

Their Footprint

the 130,000-plus people who attend each year—Another Planet is adding a water-refilling station, where attendees can refill their own canteens for \$1 or purchase an Outside Lands canteen and get refills for free. The organizers of Southern California's Coachella Music and Arts Festival added a similar station to their event last year, and reduced the number of single-serving plastic bottles of water consumed by 40 percent.

The East Bay-based promoters are also increasing their focus on promoting alternative sources of energy. Last year's solar-powered stage, which was small by festival standards, is being replaced with a much larger one. And green goings-on in the festival's EcoLands area, a section devoted entirely to sustainability, are being stepped up.

This year's EcoLands is entirely solar- and biodiesel-powered, and will feature a solar- and wind-powered cell-phone charging station, as well as a farmer's market, organically prepared food, a lounge area with furniture made entirely of materials salvaged from a local landfill, and a store where attendees can trade their recyclable plastic bottles and compostable cups for food, concert tickets and Outside Lands merchandise.

"And we're tossing around a lot of ideas for Treasure Island Music Festival," says Bryan Duquette of Another Planet, referring to the company's other property, which happens in October and regularly draws about 16,000 people over the course of two days. This year's Treasure Island Music Festival features headliners MGMT and The Flaming Lips.



Empty, single-serving water bottles account for a sizable share of the waste generated at Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival.

"We'd like to eventually push a zero-trash policy, and have literally everything used on-site be either compostable or recycle, not just the beer cups and food containers," he explains. "Another idea I came up with is maybe having a lights-out period, just to draw people's attention to the energy situation."

"I think people not only expect event producers here to be on the cutting edge, they demand it from us," Duquette adds. "The Bay Area is a very educated and conscious community, more so than other parts of the country. That's why it's such a great place to live and to do business."

For more information on the San Francisco International Gift Fair, visit www.sfigf.com. For information on the Outside Lands Music and Arts Festival, visit www.sfoutsidelands.com. For more information on the Treasure Island Music Festival, visit www.treasureislandfestival.com.



Photo Courtesy of Another Planet Entertainment

One of the stages at this year's Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival will be entirely solar-powered.

OUTSIDE LANDS MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

Green Checklist

- Using plywood and mats to protect the grass from heavy trucks during load-in and load-out, and from stationary equipment during the event
 - Minimizing erosion by using signage and fencing to keep people from wandering off designated paths
 - Increasing the number of waste stations throughout the venue
 - Diverting more waste from landfills by educating the volunteers sorting waste about what is compostable or recyclable versus garbage
 - Having at least one entirely solar-powered stage
 - Promoting sustainable living by creating an entire interactive, sustainability-themed area powered solely by solar power and biodiesel-burning generators
 - Providing a free bicycle valet to encourage attendees to bike to the event
 - Using only compostable food containers and utensils
 - Offering a water-refilling station where attendees can refill canteens for \$1 (or purchase an Outside Lands bottle that includes free refills)
- Offering ticket-buyers the option of donating \$1 to help offset the festival's carbon emissions

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL GIFT FAIR

Green Checklist

- Selecting partner hotels that are within walking distance of the main venue
- Selecting venues for special events that are within walking distance of hotels and the main venue
- Offering a shuttle bus to and from the venue and hotels to minimize taxi trips
- Reducing the number of direct mail pieces by 25 percent
- Printing all direct mail pieces on recycled paper using soy-based inks
- Reducing the number of exhibitor directories printed by nearly 50 percent, and posting the directory online
- Recycling plastic badge holders
- Online registration for attendees
- Online applications, manuals and marketing materials for exhibitors
- Online registration and electronic press kits for members of the press
- Using carpeting made of 100 percent recycled material on the exhibit floor, along with padding made of 98 percent recycled material
- Recycling all steel and aluminum used in exhibit structures
- Reusing indoor signage
- Outdoor banners made entirely of biodegradable materials
- Compiling a list of exhibitors offering green products
- Organizing panel discussions about green product ideas and business practices
- Donating leftover products and display items to local charities
- Coordinating a caravan program that reduces show-to-show shipments by allowing several exhibitors to share a truck

WHEN TO SAY WHEN

BY CAPTAIN RAY

This past June, I was teaching a Coastal Passage Making course—a one-week program that involves sailing out the Golden Gate and up and down the California coast. The course gave me an opportunity to teach my students much more than just the particulars of those locations.

Typically, we operate between Pillar Point Harbor (in Half Moon Bay), the Farallon Islands, and Drakes Bay (at Point Reyes). Midway through the course, we departed San Francisco Bay enroute to Drakes Bay, where we planned to anchor for the night. About noon we

arrived at Duxbury Reef Buoy, just off Bolinas. As we monitored the weather broadcast at the noon change of watch, fog was closing in and visibility was down to less than a quarter-mile. Our vessel was equipped with both GPS, which tells me where I am, and RADAR, which tells me where *they* are, so I was confident in our ability to remain safe and reach our destination despite the reduced visibility. But the National Weather Service had just posted gale warnings for later that night and the next day, causing me to reconsider our plan to anchor in Drakes Bay. A gale is not to be trifled with; the power of gale force winds and the seas they blow up can be very imposing.

We were already halfway to our planned anchorage. There was plenty of time to cover the remaining distance

and get the hook down before the wind and waves arrived. But at this point, I called for a change to our itinerary, and we returned to San Francisco Bay and picked up a mooring in Ayala Cove at Angel Island. We spent the night tied fore and aft, snugly protected by the surrounding hills. Meanwhile, the National Weather Service buoy just outside the Golden Gate was reporting:

Wind northwest, 25 to 35 knots, with gusts to 41 knots. Seas northwest, 12 feet at 8 seconds.

Try to imagine, as you ride the ferry home from work, that the one- to two-foot windchop you see is actually an unending series of grey walls of water 12 feet high, with one passing your window every eight seconds. That's what was happening less than 20 miles to the west of where we lay peacefully moored, preparing breakfast. If I had not followed my gut feeling and called for a change, we would have spent a rough night at anchor, and had a very uncomfortable day sailing back. The students were disappointed when we turned around, but when we talked about the weather report and what it would have meant for our sailing experience, they came to understand why I made the change.

Knowing when to make a decision to turn back—or not go out at all—may be the most valuable lesson a sailing student can learn. Harnessing the forces of nature and challenging ourselves are both parts of the human spirit and parts of sailing. However, recognizing the limits of our skills, knowledge, and the consequences of possible gear failure are very important considerations. I've often said to students that sailing is “serious fun,” like climbing high mountains or riding large animals—and not everything is under our control!

Teaching out of OCSC in the Berkeley Marina is, in many ways, the best of all worlds. The wind most frequently blows in the Gate, and when it gets strong enough that it is time to call a



Photo by Martin Sundberg

Sailors who venture out the Golden Gate must be aware of the forces of the open seas that await them.

halt, our home is only about 20 minutes away to leeward (or, downwind)—the easiest, most comfortable, and safest way to sail in a blow. Out on the ocean, though, protection can be much farther away. Ocean sailing requires more preparation and planning, and a different kind of decision-making. Follow your gut feeling; know when to say when.

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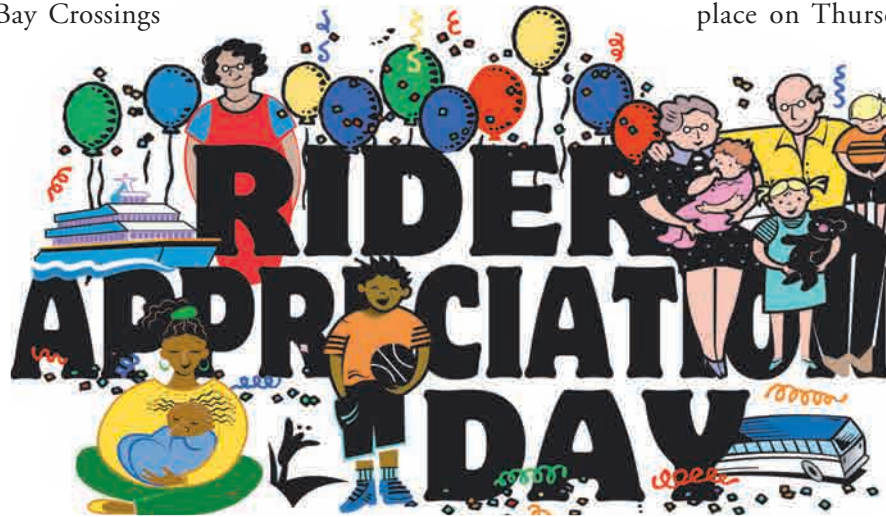
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The City of Vallejo's Rider Appreciation Day, taking place on Thursday,

September 10th, will feature several events both on and off of the ferryboats. The Vallejo Ferry Terminal will be providing coffee and snacks in the morning with live entertainment and a local Vendor Marketplace planned for the afternoon. Other events are expected to take place on the ferries including raffles and refreshments with all riders that day receiving a gift bag including items and discounts provided by vendors from PIER 39, the Historic San Francisco Ferry Building as well as local Vallejo merchants. The celebration will include Vallejo bus riders as well. Additional information on the 3-day event will be available at www.vallejotransit.com or www.baylinkferry.com.



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Rabins is with the mission to connect Bay Area dwellers with the wild food that is all around them. From wild mushrooms to acorn flour, there is a wealth of edible forage just outside our doors that few people know about, and still fewer ever consume. The goal is to push people out of the supermarket, to get them trying new foods harvested sustainably and fairly by their neighbors.

There will also be plenty of time to relax and enjoy the day so people are encouraged to bring frisbees, blankets and anything else you need to have a pleasant Sunday in the sun.

Also wear proper clothing as you may get a little dirty gathering cuisine. The cost is \$35 and check-in starts at 11:30AM. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.

TransportedSF assembles an intrepid crew of participants once a week for hijinx all over San Francisco. Offerings include a mobile theater, dance club or restaurant. The famous bus DasFrachtgut is a mobile venue that runs on veggie oil and transforms with a flick of the wrist to meet the needs of the night. This bus is unlike any other bus you've ever been on! For more information visit www.transportedsf.com.

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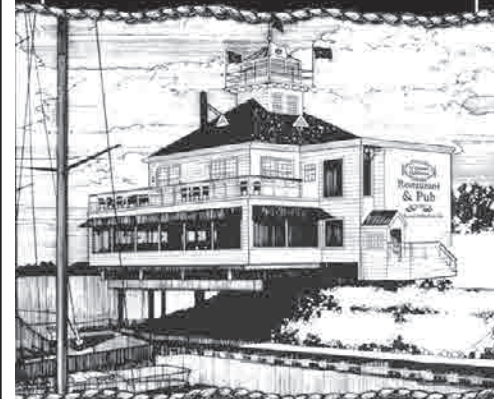


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6:35	7:10	7:20	7:50				
7:20	7:55	8:10	8:40				
8:10	8:45	8:50	9:20				
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05				

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

SAUSALITO							
Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Sausalito
7:10 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	-----	-----	10:40 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
8:20	8:45	10:15	10:45	11:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
10:55	11:25	11:35	12:05 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:25	1:55
12:15 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	1:25	2:10	2:40	2:50	3:20
1:55	2:25	2:35	3:05	3:50	4:20	4:45	5:15
3:20	3:50	4:00	4:30	5:35	6:05	6:30	7:00
4:45	5:15	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	---	---
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10				
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20				

Contact Information: Toll free 511 or 711 (TDD). For the Golden Gate Ferry website, visit: <http://goldengateferry.org/>. Comments and questions can be submitted at <http://ferrycomments.goldengate.org/>

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

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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.	6:10 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	-----	9:00 a.m.	9:10 a.m.	-----	9:35 a.m.		
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----	10:40	10:25*	11:10 a.m.	11:25		
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----	12:20	12:10*	12:50 p.m.	1:05 p.m.		
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	1:45 p.m.*	2:25	2:40		
11:00	10:50*	11:30	11:45	4:00	3:45*	4:30	4:45		
12:45 p.m.^	12:35 p.m.*	1:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	5:45	5:30*	-----	6:20		
2:30	2:20*^	3:00	3:10	7:20	7:05*	7:50	8:05		
4:40	4:30*^	5:10	-----	8:55^	8:45*	9:25	9:40		
5:50	5:40*^	6:15	-----	10:30^	10:20*	-----	11:00^		
6:20	6:10*	-----	7:00	Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco					
6:55^	6:45*^	7:20	-----	Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland		
7:55^	7:45*	8:20	-----	8:30 a.m.#	-----	9:10 a.m.	9:00 a.m.		
8:55^	8:45*	-----	9:25	9:45	10:00 a.m.	10:20	10:35		
Weekdays from San Francisco				11:35	11:50	12:10 p.m.	12:20 p.m.		
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland	1:10 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	1:45	1:55		
-----	6:30 a.m.#	7:15 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	2:50	-----	3:45	3:55		
-----	7:35#	8:20	8:10	4:55	5:10	5:30	5:40		
-----	8:40#	9:25	9:15	6:30	6:45	7:05	7:15		
10:15 a.m.	10:30	10:50^	11:00^	8:10	8:25	8:45	8:55		
12:00 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:35 p.m.^	12:45 p.m.^	9:40	9:55	10:15	10:25		
1:45	2:00	2:20^	2:30^	No ferry service on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Presidents Day.					
3:45	4:10	4:30^	4:40^	Regular weekday service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day					
-----	5:20	5:40	5:50	FARES:					
5:20	5:45	6:10	6:20	One Way	Round Trip	10 Ticket Book	20 Ticket Book	Monthly Pass	
-----	6:25	6:45	6:55	Adult (13+)	\$6.25	\$12.50	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$170.00
-----	7:25	7:45	7:55	Junior (5-12)	\$3.50	\$7.00	PURCHASE TICKETS ONBOARD THE FERRY or at the Regional Transit Connection (RTC) at participating Bay Area businesses. Please call the 24-hour Ferry Fone at (510) 522-3300 to confirm times.		
-----	8:25	8:45	8:55	Child under 5*	FREE	FREE			
				Senior (65+)*	\$3.75	\$7.50			
				Disabled Persons*	\$3.75	\$7.50			
				Active Military	\$5.00	\$10.00			
				<small>Seniors must show valid I.D., Regional Transit Connection Discount or Medicare Card. Disabled Persons must show a Regional Transit Connection Discount Card. Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult. Active Military Personnel must show military I.D. Fares subject to change. All times are estimates.</small>					

* To S.F. via Oakland # To Alameda via Oakland
^ Departs immediately after loading
For the most current schedule, visit <http://www.eastbayferry.com/>

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

Blue & Gold Ferry					
BAY CRUISE			SAUSALITO		
Depart Pier 39			FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41		
Weekdays		Weekends and Holidays		Weekdays	
10:15 a.m. 11:00* 12:15 p.m. 1:15 2:00*	2:30 p.m. 4:00 5:30* 6:00 6:45	10:15 a.m. 11:00 12:15 p.m. 1:15 2:00	2:30 p.m. 4:00 5:00 6:00 6:45	Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito
* Does not operate after Sept. 7 For the most current schedule, visit www.blueandgoldfleet.com Bay Cruise does not operate during inclement weather. Additional cruises may be added on demand. Check with ticket booth on day of sailing for schedule. No reserved seating available.				11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 1:45 3:10 5:05 8:25*	11:30 a.m. 12:45 p.m. 2:15 3:35 5:30 8:45*
FARES: All prices include audio tour.				11:35 a.m. 12:55 p.m. 2:30 3:50 5:45 8:50*	12:05 p.m. 1:25 3:00 4:50 6:15 8:20 9:30*
Adult \$24.00 Senior (62+) \$20.00 Discount fares available at http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Sightseeing/Boat/baycruise.cfm	Junior (12-18) \$20.00 Child (5-11) \$16.00			Weekends and Holidays	
ANGEL ISLAND - S.F.					
Weekdays - Daily Departures Pier 41					
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41		
9:45 a.m. 1:05 p.m.	10:05 a.m. 1:50 p.m.	10:10 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m. 2:20 p.m.		
Weekends - Departures Pier 41					
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41		
9:40 a.m. 11:45 1:50 p.m.	10:05 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 2:45	10:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:30	11:35 a.m. 1:40 p.m. 5:25		
FARES	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg*	Alameda/Oakland*	Vallejo*		
Adult \$15.00 Child \$8.50 (age 6-12) Child Free (5 & under)	\$15.00 \$8.50 (age 6-12) Free (5 & under)	\$14.50 \$8.50 (age 5-12) Free (4 & under)	\$30.50* \$21.00 (ages 6-12) Free (5 & under)		
* All prices include State Park Fees / Weekend Schedule on Memorial Day (May 25) / Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (Sept 7)					
ALAMEDA/OAKLAND - WEEKENDS ONLY					
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
9:00am* 9:10am* 10:10am	9:10am* 9:10am* 10:10am	10:10am	3:10pm	3:45pm*	3:55pm
* Requires transfer at Pier 41 onto 9:45 am Angel Island Ferry					
TIBURON COMMUTE					
TIBURON - DOWNTOWN S.F.					
Weekdays					
Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon		
6:00 a.m. 6:50 7:50 8:45 5:00 p.m. 5:50 6:40	6:20 a.m. 7:10 8:10 9:05 5:20 p.m. 6:10 7:00	7:15 a.m. 8:15 9:05 4:25 p.m. 5:25 6:15 7:15	7:35 a.m. 8:35 9:25 4:45 p.m. 5:45 6:35 7:35		
FARES: One-way Round trip					
Adult \$9.50 Child (5-11) \$5.25 20 Ticket Commute Book \$140.00 (Mon. - Fri.)					

Baylink Ferry		
VALLEJO		
VALLEJO - SAN FRANCISCO		
Weekdays		
Depart Vallejo to S.F. Ferry Building	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg. to Vallejo	Depart Pier 41 Fisherman's Wharf to Vallejo
5:30 a.m. 6:30 7:00 7:45 8:45 10:00 11:30 2:00 p.m. 3:20 4:05 4:45 5:35 6:35^ 9:00^	6:35 a.m. 7:35 8:10 8:55 9:55 11:10 12:40 p.m. 3:30 4:30 5:15 6:00 7:05 7:45^ 11:00^	----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 11:30 a.m. ----- 3:10 p.m. ----- ----- 6:45 ----- 10:30^
^ Fridays only		
Weekends and Holidays		
8:10 a.m. 10:00 11:30 1:00 p.m. 2:30 4:00 5:35 6:35^ 9:00^	9:20 a.m. 11:10 12:40 p.m. 2:10 3:40 5:10 7:05 7:45^ 11:00^	9:40 a.m. 11:30 ----- ----- 4:00 p.m. 5:30 6:45 10:30^
FARES: One-way		
Adult (13-64) \$13.00 Senior (65+)/Disabled/Medicare \$6.50 Child (6-12) \$6.50 Baylink DayPass \$24.00 Baylink Monthly Pass (Bus / Ferry) \$290.00 w/Muni \$330.00		
Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.baylinkferry.com for updated information.		
^ available only on Saturdays, Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (Sept 7)		
# Serves S.F. Ferry Building prior to arrival at Pier 41		
* Serves Pier 41 prior to arrival at S.F. Ferry Building		
For the most current schedule, visit http://www.baylinkferry.com/schedule/index.php		
Travel time between Vallejo and San Francisco is approximately 60 minutes.		

Harbor Bay Ferry			
EAST END OF ALAMEDA/S.F.			
Depart Harbor Bay Island	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Harbor Bay Island
6:30 a.m. 7:30 8:30 ----- 5:05 p.m. 6:05 7:05	6:55 a.m. 7:55 8:55 4:30 p.m. 5:30 6:30 7:30	7:00 a.m. 8:00 4:35 p.m. 5:35 6:35 7:35	7:25 a.m. 8:25 5:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00 8:00
No weekend service			
FARES:			
Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry passengers can purchase Ferry tickets, passes and books on board the ferries. Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry accepts cash, checks, Visa, Mastercard and Commuter Checks as payment for ferry tickets.			
Fare:			
One-way Adult			\$6.50
One-way Juniors (5-12)			\$3.25
Children (under 5)			Free
One-way Seniors (62 & over)			\$3.75
Disabled			\$3.75
Active Military			\$5.25
One-way Commute (book of 10)			\$55.00
One-way Commute (book of 20)			\$100.00
Monthly Pass (book of 40)			\$185.00
Free MUNI and AC Transit Transfers Provided			

Red & White			
BAY CRUISE			
Pier 43 1/2		FARES:	
Monday through Sunday		Adult (18+)	\$22.00
10:00 a.m.	1:15	Youth (5-17)	\$16.00
10:45	1:45	Child (under 5)	Free
11:15	2:30	Family Pass	\$69.00
12:00 p.m.	3:00	(2 Adult + 4 Youth)	
12:30*	3:45		

AT&T PARK SERVICE			
Direct service is available Alameda/Oakland and Vallejo for selected Giants baseball games. For service from Larkspur to selected games please visit goldengateferry.org .			
For more information, visit www.eastbayferry.com for Alameda/Oakland service and www.baylinkferry.com for Vallejo service. Or call Blue & Gold Fleet at (415) 705-8200.			

Angel Island Ferry			
TIBURON - ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdays			
10:00 a.m.	11:00	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Weekends			
10:00 a.m.	11:00	12:00	1:00 p.m.
2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
For the most current schedule and other information, visit http://www.angelislandferry.com/		FARES:	Round Trip
		Adult (13 and over)	\$13.50
		Child (6 - 12)	\$11.50
		Children (3 - 5)	\$3.50
		Bicycles	\$1.00
Schedule Subject to change w/o notice			

Blue & Gold Ferry			
ROCKETBOAT			
Seasonal May through October			
Depart from Pier 39			
11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	2:30	4:30	
FARES:			
Adult (age 19 and over)		\$26.00	
Junio (12 - 18)		\$24.00	
Child (5 - 11)		\$21.00	
*Height restrictio. Children must be at least 40 inches tall to ride.			

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VALLEJO - ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdends			
Depart Vallejo	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Vallejo
8:10 a.m.* -----	10:10 a.m. -----	2:55 p.m. 4:15	5:00 p.m. 6:30
* Requires transfer at Ferry Building to 9:20 a.m. All ferry Free transfers are required in San Francisco at either the Ferry Building or Pier 41. Ask a deckhand if you have questions about where to make the transfer. Tickets are now on sale at the Vallejo Ferry Terminal Ticket Office.			
FARES	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg	Alameda/Oakland	Vallejo
Adult \$15.00 Senior (62+) \$15.00 Child \$8.50 (age 6-12) Juniors Child	\$15.00 \$15.00 \$8.50 (age 6-12) Free (5 & under)	\$14.50 \$11.25 \$8.50 (age 5-12) \$11.25 (age 13-18) Free (4 & under)	\$30.50* \$22.00 \$21.00 (ages 6-12) Free (5 & under)
* Fares include State Park admission			



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Vallejo Ferry Aids in Coast Guard Rescue

The following reports were derived from official Coast Guard New Releases

June 30 –

Thirty-three people were rescued from a vessel taking on water in the vicinity of Suisun Bay by the Coast Guard, Contra Costa Sherriff's Department, and the Good Samaritan Baylink passenger ferry *Intintoli*. The San Francisco Coast Guard received a distress call from the *Farallones*, a 85-foot sea scout training vessel, at 11:55 a.m. The vessel, which reported approximately eight inches of water in the bilge, had 27 kids and 6 adults onboard. Coast Guard Stations Vallejo and Rio Vista responded with 25-foot rescue boats and an MH-65 rescue helicopter was launched from Air Station San Francisco. The Coast Guard arrived on scene at approximately 12:15 p.m. The passenger ferry *Intintoli* was in San Pablo Bay when it responded. Once on scene, the rescue boat crews disembarked the 27 kids and two adults and transferred the 29 persons to the ferry. Four crewmembers of the *Farallones* remained aboard the vessel and controlled the flooding. The *Intintoli* arrived at the Vallejo ferry terminal at approximately 1:45 p.m. with the 29 rescued passengers aboard. The *Farallones* made it to Bay Ship & Yacht in Alameda under its own power to undergo repairs.

July 6 –

The U.S. Coast Guard rescued a woman after she reported being stranded on the rocks at Fort Funston. At approximately 8:57 p.m., Coast Guard Sector San Francisco received an agency assist request from the SF Police Department to rescue a stranded 22-year-old woman, from Pacifica, CA. Sector San Francisco then dispatched an HH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew, from Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco. The crew located the woman and hoisted her into the helicopter at approximately 9:10 p.m.

The Coast Guard reminds hikers and beach goers to always use extreme caution while walking along beaches and cliffs. It can be very dangerous to hike in these areas at night and it is very important to remain aware of the surroundings and changing weather conditions. The Coast Guard also urges beach goers and hikers to notify someone of their planned whereabouts in case of emergency.

July 7 –

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Redwood City Fire Dept rescued a man and woman stranded in the water south of the San Mateo Bridge. At approximately 3:11 p.m., the San Francisco Coast Guard received a report from a man in the water from an overturned catamaran. He was able to hail the Coast Guard over Channel 16 from a hand-held radio. The woman passenger was holding onto the hull of the overturned boat. A Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew, from Air Station San Francisco, was dispatched to the scene and arrived at approximately 3:45 p.m. At the same time the helicopter crew hoisted the man from the water, the Redwood City Fire Department was able to rescue the woman clinging to the vessel. No injuries were reported and both persons were wearing dry suits. Thankfully both members from the vessel had the proper safety gear on hand such as immersion suits to protect them from the cold and a hand held radio, which attributed to the speedy rescue.

July 8 –

The Coast Guard Cutter *Bertholf* seized two suspected drug smuggling boats, detained four suspected smugglers and recovered a bale of cocaine as evidence after disrupting a major drug smuggling operation in international waters some 80 miles off the coast of Guatemala.

This seizure is the first drug bust conducted by the crew of the *Bertholf*. The ship, home ported in the Bay Area and commissioned less than one year ago, is the first of eight planned National Security Cutters being built as part of the Coast Guard's deepwater major-acquisition and modernization program to replace the 378-foot Hamilton-class high endurance cutters which entered service during the 1960s.

The incident began when a group of four suspicious 'pangas' were spotted by a maritime patrol aircraft and the *Bertholf*, which was in the area on patrol as part of an ongoing interagency and international counter drug effort, was alerted to the situation. A marksman aboard a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter, operating from the cutter, shot out the engines of two speedboats and fired warning shots at two others in a pursuit during which bales were seen being thrown overboard from all four boats. The seized boats and suspects were apprehended a short time later by crews aboard two of the *Bertholf's* interceptor boats. The Coast Guard worked closely with Guatemalan officials during the interdiction.

"I am proud of the *Bertholf's* crew and congratulate them on this milestone achievement for the Coast Guard's newest cutter," said Adm. Thad Allen, commandant of the Coast Guard. "The cutter is serving in the Southern approaches to stop the flow of drugs across the Southwest Border along with some of the very Coast Guard ships she was designed to replace -- and she's living up to a high standard set by her predecessors. The *Bertholf's* management of this very dynamic law enforcement situation shows the usefulness and importance of launching a new generation of modern, well equipped cutters to protect the American people."

July 18 –

The Coast Guard rescued two adults and one child stranded on the rocks near Rodeo Beach in Sausalito around 8 p.m. They received the report from a passing mariner who witnessed the stranded individuals but could not get close enough to help. A 47-foot motor lifeboat from Station Golden Gate and an HH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station San Francisco were launched to the scene. The National Park Service and the local sheriff's department also responded. However, due to the location of the rocks, it was necessary to airlift the stranded people. The helicopter crew successfully hoisted all three individuals and brought them back to the air station. No injuries were reported, and it is unknown why the three were out on the rocks.

The Coast Guard reminds people to use caution while hiking on low-lying beach areas and rocks and to adhere to all posted warning signs. Large waves can come quickly and sweep even strong swimmers out to sea.

July 20 –

The Coast Guard med-evaced a 27-year-old woman from the cruise ship *Silver Shadow*. The ship had departed from San Francisco that day and was en route to Ketchikan, Alaska when it called the Coast Guard at approximately 11 p.m. On-scene conditions required a helicopter, so a rescue helicopter crew from Air Station San Francisco was launched to complete the med-evac, which was conducted approximately 50 miles west of Point Reyes. The patient was taken to the Coast Guard air station, transferred to an awaiting ambulance and was taken to Mills-Peninsula Health Services Hospital, where she underwent surgery.

Preparing for Climate Change in the Bay

BY SEJAL CHOKSI, BAYKEEPER AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR

In the last 200 years, San Francisco Bay has undergone profound changes, and the health of the Bay has varied dramatically. Before the wave of Gold Rush settlers, for example, the Bay was a vibrant ecosystem teeming with marine life, to the extent that oysters, shrimp and several species of fish were commercially harvested. By the 1970s, however, the Bay had become a severely polluted waterway that suffered from frequent fish kills and a notorious foul stench.

Since the enactment of the Clean Water Act in the 1970s, there have been some significant improvements to the health of the Bay: Our wastewater treatment plants release far less pollution into the Bay, the trend of filling in the Bay has been reversed, and some of our vital wetland areas and critical eelgrass and oyster beds are being restored.

This progress is threatened, however, by an environmental problem of unprecedented magnitude: human-induced climate change. The future of the San Francisco Bay and surrounding communities will be shaped by how we adapt to the consequences of climate change. Projected rises in sea level, more intense and frequent storms, and decreases in the availability of fresh water in the Bay Area will all have profound implications for the communities and wildlife that depend on the Bay.

According to estimates by oceanographers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Bay waters have already risen nearly eight inches at the Golden Gate during the past 100 years. With freeways, airports, and wastewater treatment facilities built along the water's edge, the Bay Area is particularly vulnerable to flooding and property damage caused by sea-level rise. The Bay Conservation and Development Commission recently released data that forecasts a 16-inch rise in Bay waters by

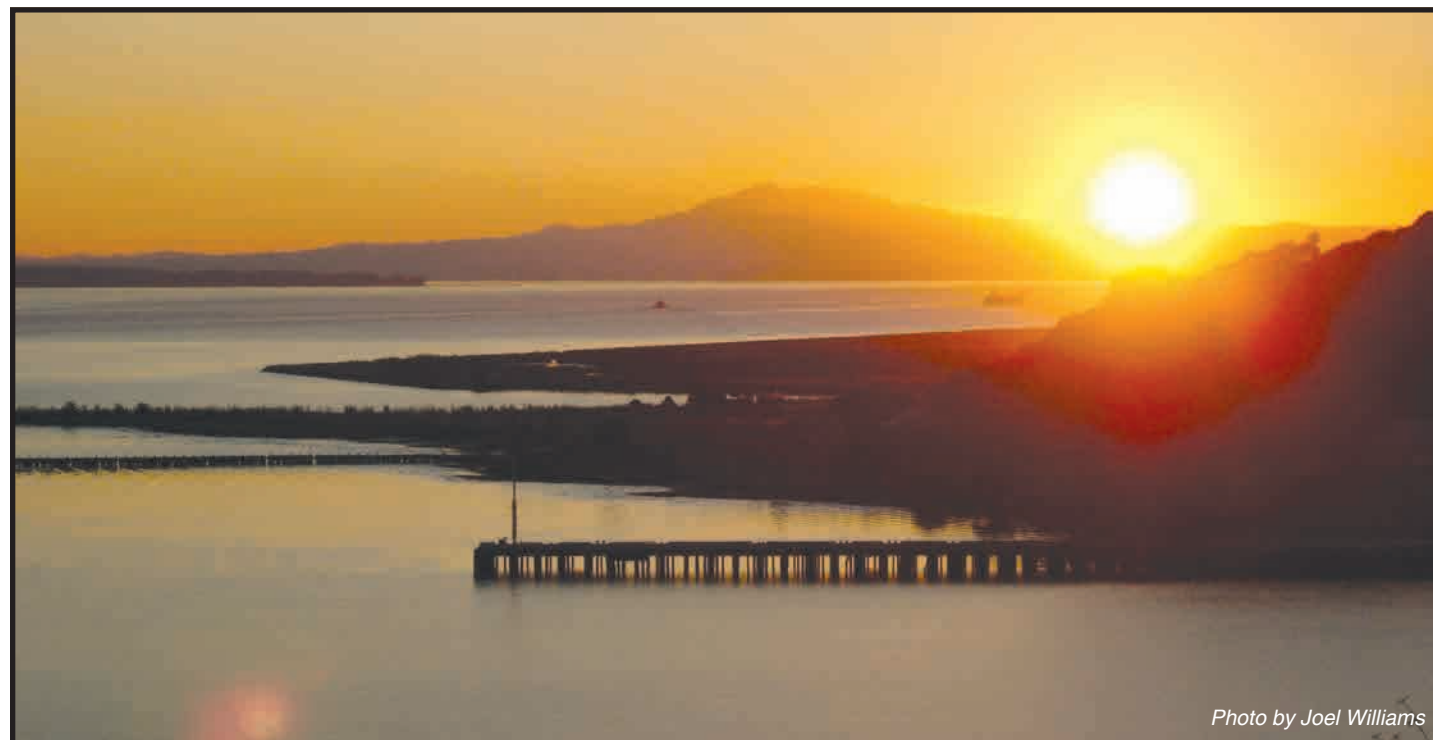


Photo by Joel Williams

mid-century and a 55-inch rise by 2100. The projected sea level rise for the Bay Area by 2100 would damage an estimated \$48 billion worth of property if no action is taken to adapt to the changes.

But the consequences of climate change won't only be felt on land. There will be significant impacts to the Bay's water quality, wetlands and wildlife. As the sea level rises and more intense storms flood shorelines and damage coastal infrastructure, Bay waters will be exposed to pollutants from landfills, water treatment plants and other sources of toxic waste that are at, or below, sea level. There are 235 Superfund sites, hazardous waste generators, and other properties in the Bay Area that contain hazardous materials and are at risk of inundation from sea-level rise. Climate change will also worsen the Bay Area's already-pressing sewage spill problem. There are 20 wastewater treatment plants along the Bay margin that are at risk of inundation, and our already-crumbling sewer infrastructure will be unable to withstand projected flooding and intense storms.

As the sea level rises, Bay waters will also flood many of the natural wetlands in the Bay Area, drastically limiting the

Bay ecosystem's ability to filter pollutants and prevent contaminants from entering waterways. Tidal wetlands create natural land features that act as storm buffers, protecting people and property from flood damage. Without these wetland buffers, Bay Area residents can expect increased contamination and more severe shoreline property damage.

The history of the Bay has been shaped by how people have used this area's natural resources. Humans have altered the San Francisco Bay Delta through gold-mining practices, with the construction of dams, reservoirs and canals to divert the Delta's freshwater, and by filling in and paving over Bay wetlands to make room for development. Once again, the fate of San Francisco Bay is in our hands.

The Bay's future depends on our ability to confront the new challenges created by climate change. The communities of the Bay Area must take swift action to adapt to sea-level rise, protect key infrastructure, and protect the integrity of our Bay wetlands and other habitat. And, we must ensure that all future land-use planning and development is climate-change aware, meeting both emissions reductions goals and adaptation needs.

San Francisco Baykeeper has worked for twenty years to protect the Bay from the most pressing pollution problems—from sewage spills to storm water pollution to toxic industrial chemicals. We will continue to address these ongoing sources of pollution while tackling the additional challenges posed by climate change. To keep informed about this and other issues that impact the health of the Bay, visit us at www.baykeeper.org and sign up to receive our monthly electronic newsletter.

Sejal Choksi,
San Francisco Baykeeper and
Program Director



Sejal first joined San Francisco Baykeeper as an attorney in September 2002, spearheading San Francisco Baykeeper's efforts to secure the nation's first regulations to control agricultural pollution. As the San Francisco Baykeeper, she now directs all aspects of Baykeeper's advocacy programs, pollution patrols, and legal docket.

AROUND THE BAY IN AUGUST

Take the Soul Train to Oakland

On August 15 and 16, the City of Oakland will present the Ninth Annual Art & Soul Oakland. Thanks to guaranteed stellar lineups, abundant parking, easy BART access and the bargain price of just \$10 per day, Art & Soul Oakland has been named the Bay Area's "best annual cultural event" by *Oakland Magazine* and Best Festival by *East Bay Express*. The *SF Weekly* added, "Art & Soul is dialed in to practically everything that makes Oakland great." Held in beautiful, re-energized downtown Oakland, the festival delivers several concert stages offering simultaneous talent and diversity featuring an eclectic all-star lineup of 40 national recording artists and hot Bay Area bands sure to please every musical taste. The acts continue the diverse and wonderful variety that has made Art & Soul the region's most popular music festival. This year's headliners on the Art & Soul Main Stage are Shawn Colvin and the DoDeans on Saturday with Will Downing and Bobby Caldwell on Sunday. Other stages include the new Yoshi's Jazz Stage, the Plaza Stage, the Oakland R&B Reunion Stage, the Latin Stage and the Gospel Stage as well as the largest Family Fun Zone of any festival in the Bay Area. For more information, visit www.ArtandSoulOakland.com or call (510) 444-CITY.

Readers' Theatre Takes on Moby Dick

The Sitdown Readers' Theatre sponsors a monthly literary event at the North Beach Library. Often a play reading, this is a participatory event. Participants are provided with a script and may elect to read aloud a part for an act or two or more. Occasionally a play script is offered in French, for those who can read French. Sometimes, instead of a play, works of a great author are read. On Saturday, August 22, the reading will be from the works of Herman Melville, particularly from *Moby Dick*. Participants often adjourn to a North Beach café or restaurant afterwards. The event itself is free. Those who want to come and just watch and listen are also welcome. Books will be provided for all, but bring your own if you so choose. The event is from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2000 Mason Street in San Francisco. For more information, email pgoakland@aol.com or call Robert Carlson at (415) 274-0270.

Finders Keepers Street Art in Alameda

Autobody Fine Art gallery in Alameda is proud to present "Zeitgeist," an exhibition curated by Zsuzsanna Laszlo showcasing the work of fourteen artists from August

21 through September 6 with a reception on the 21st from 6 to 10 p.m. The exhibited artworks describe these artists through their culture, emotions, diverse subject matter and imagination. Images range from the intimate to the epic and allow the viewer to perceive and interpret according to their own criteria. The art in this exhibition is available to multiple audiences on many different levels. With this in mind, the artists will leave artwork on the streets of Alameda in advance of the exhibition. In a gesture similar to the manifestoes of Dada and Arte Povera, these artworks are free to those who encounter and adopt them. The gallery is located at 1517 Park Street. For more information, visit www.autobodyfineart.com or call (510) 865-2608.



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Indy Cars Roar into Sonoma

The fifth annual IRL (Indy Racing League) race will be held at Infineon Raceway on August 21-23. These open-wheeled racecars are best known for racing at the Indianapolis 500. The engines rev up to over 10,000 RPM, producing approximately 650 horsepower, and are capable of reaching speeds of over 200 mph. Last year the IRL merged with the former CART (Championship Auto Racing Teams) league, bringing a slew of new drivers into the mix with extensive road course experience. Some of the drivers include Danica Patrick, Marco Andretti, Daro Franchitti, Scott Dixon and Dancing with the Stars winner Helio Castroneves (pictured above). For ticket prices and schedule information, visit www.infineonraceway.com.

Porsche Featured at Monterey Historic Automobile Races

It's hard to say who will enjoy themselves more: the owners and drivers of over 450 extraordinary entries or the more than 30,000 spectators who will flock to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on August 14-16 for the 2009 edition of vintage auto racing's number one spectacle. The finely-tuned tradition showcases the cars and people from the beginning of motorsports

history to the present day, and this year honors Porsche as its featured marquee. Helping to celebrate Porsche's storied racing heritage will be former Porsche factory drivers who drove Porsches to victories at the 24 Hours of Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring as well as racing in the famed Porsche 917 at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Of the 450 cars accepted, 150 or so are expected to be Porsches. Spectators at the Rolex Monterey Historic will be indulging in some of the world's most exotic and historic racing machines charging down the main straight and negotiating the twists and turns of one of the country's most challenging race circuits. Tickets are available online, with discounts offered for advance purchases as well as for multi-day packages. Kids 12 and under are free. For more information, visit www.montereyhistoric.com, email info@generalracing.com or contact General Racing, Ltd. at (805) 686-9292.

Sunday Streets of San Francisco

Enrique Penalosa, the former Mayor of Bogota, Colombia and internationally-renowned innovator in the fields of transportation, housing and land use for large cities, will speak at a public forum on Tuesday, July 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Koret Auditorium, Main Public Library (100 Larkin St.) in San Francisco. The event is free and valet bicycle parking is provided. The program—entitled "Sunday Streets to Great Streets"—is part of the public launch of the San Francisco Great Streets Project, a new campaign led by the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (SFBC) and the San Francisco Planning + Urban Research Association (SPUR). The SF Great Streets Project aims to catalyze the return of our city's streets to the center of civic life by working with government, business and neighborhood leaders to test, analyze and institutionalize placemaking. Find out more about the new San Francisco Great Streets Project at sfgreatstreets.org.



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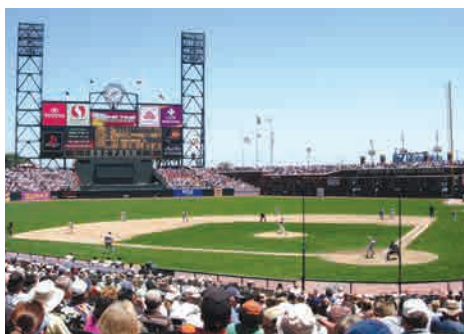


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