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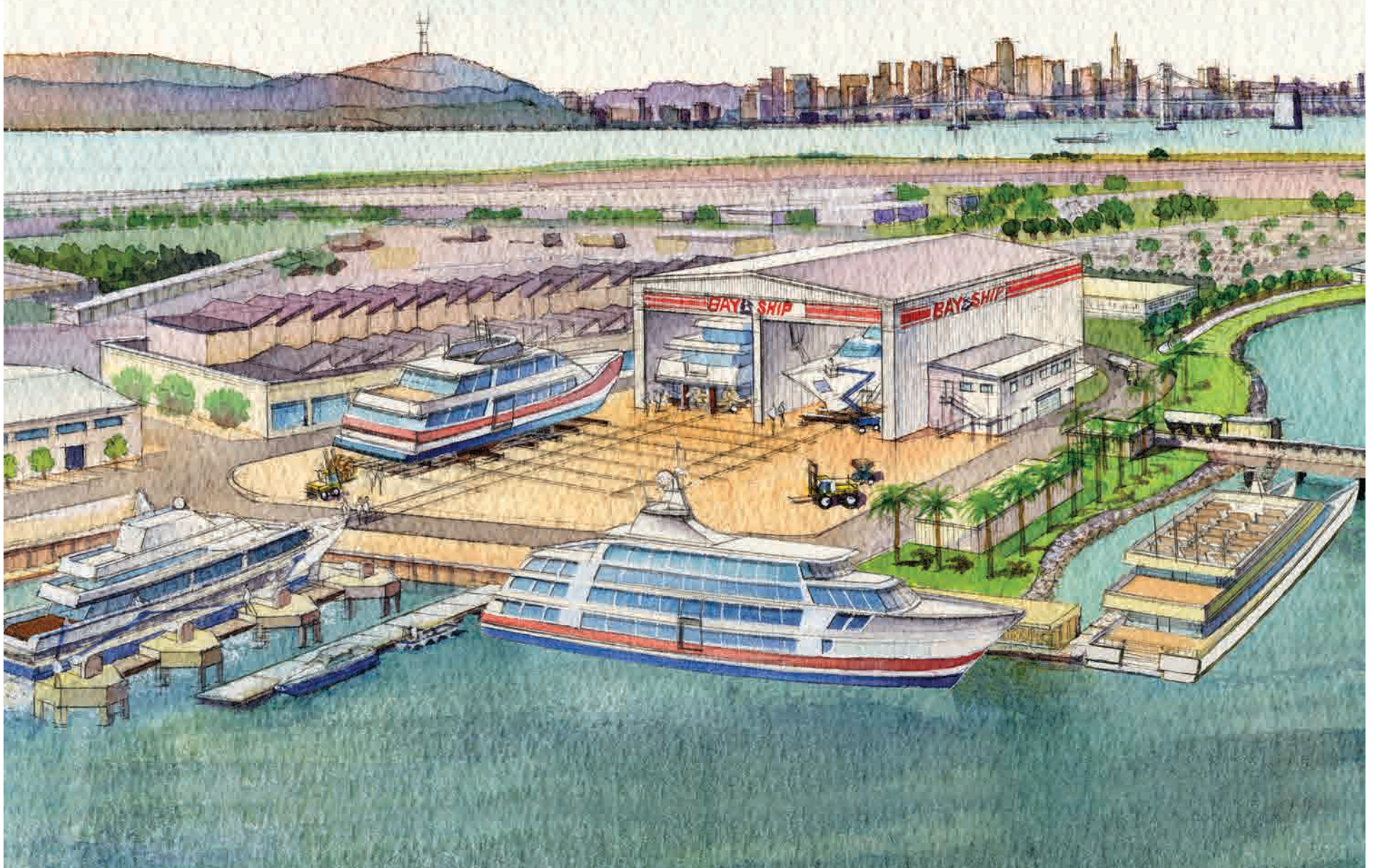
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APL Announces Headquarters in Phoenix

BY PAUL DUCLOS

When we reported last month that APL would be leaving Oakland for a more “affordable” home, many readers may have assumed that another seaport city would be the logical alternative. As it turns out, that’s not the case. APL’s parent, Neptune Orient Lines (NOL), announced that it will relocate its Americas regional headquarters to the greater Phoenix, Arizona area during the second half of 2009. The headquarters shift is part of NOL’s global strategy to place its cost structure on a more sustainable footing in the face of the current economic downturn, while continuing to provide the highest standards of service to its customers.

NOL said the move from its current headquarters in Oakland, California, to Arizona should be completed during the third quarter of the year. “We’re excited to announce that Arizona will be the new home for our regional headquarters,” said NOL’s Regional President for the Americas, John Bowe. “The greater Phoenix area will be a cost-effective base of operations for us and we’re going to a state that is well-known for its support and encouragement of business.”

By way of consolation, NOL pointed out that while the regional headquarters office is moving, its shipping line, APL, will continue to call regularly at its West Coast marine terminals in Oakland.

Port of Oakland Continues Cost-Cutting

Meanwhile, the troubled Port of Oakland is continuing to cut costs and reduce jobs in an effort to stop its fiscal bleeding. Officials report that the gross revenues of \$298.7 million this year will fall \$12.1 million short of projections unless steps are taken to reduce costs or increase operating revenues before then.

Late last month the Board of Port Commissioners voted to temporarily lay off “nonessential” staff for 13 days this fiscal year, matching steps taken by the city of Oakland to reduce its own \$42 million budget deficit. The port layoffs affect 54 percent of its workforce and constitute a total estimated savings of \$1.3 million, or \$100,000 a day, ports spokesmen said.

Earlier last year, the port had ordered

a hiring freeze. Further cuts were made this fiscal year by first eliminating vacant positions that were not related to safety and security services, followed by reductions of about 40 employees in late August and early September, mostly in areas that had worked on capital projects. In the end, 100 positions were eliminated, leaving a staff of 575.

in concentrations of nitrous oxide and other gases and particulate matter. For Cal Maritime, the upgrades also provide a valuable hands-on learning experience for cadet engineering instruction.

Cal Maritime marine vocational instructors Richard Muller and Mike Andrews played a lead role in preparing what

“The greater Phoenix area will be a cost-effective base of operations for us and we’re going to a state that is well-known for its support and encouragement of business.”

— John Bowe, NOL Regional President for the Americas

The port is also trying to implement some more positive “public/private” financing for future projects, and is hardly alone in facing the current global slowdown in containerized traffic. Maritime analysts say recovery will come in late 2009, but all commercial seaports will be hurting well beyond that date.

Cal Maritime Receives Grant for Ship Engines

A \$500,000 grant from the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) Carl Moyer program will help the California Maritime Academy replace outdated diesel engines aboard three of its campus workboats—the *Black Bear*, *Little Bear*, and *Cub*. The installation of new state-of-the-art clean-diesels will result in improved fuel efficiency and a marked reduction

proved to be a winning grant application to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), CARB’s regional arm. The Carl Moyer grant program was created by the Legislature and CARB with a goal of reducing toxic emissions from a wide range of industrial applications using heavy and light-duty diesel engines. In general, grants pay for new engines, less the cost a user would have paid to rebuild an original unit. Replacing old engines with today’s state-of-the-art technology produces the greatest benefits in terms of reduced gases and particulate matter. The Moyer program provides over \$140 million of grant funds annually. “We estimate that these new engines will reduce our output of nitrous oxides by more than half,” said Andrews. “Equally valuable, we expect an improvement in fuel efficiency of between 30 and 50 percent.”



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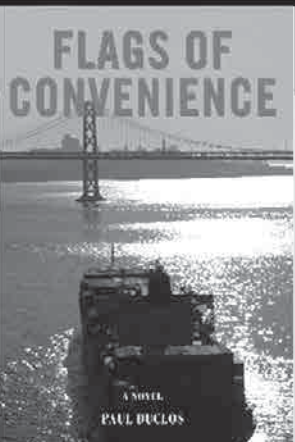
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'Miracle on the Hudson' Highlights Emergency Role for Ferries

BY FRANCIS CAIRO

The dramatic ditching of US Airways Flight 1549 in New York's Hudson River on January 15 has highlighted the critical role that water transit can play in emergency response situations.

The "Miracle on the Hudson" may not have been so miraculous without the participation of an armada of commercial ferries and water-transit vessels, which actually served as the first responders. According to published timelines of the event, Flight 1549 landed in the river at 3:31 p.m. Remarkably, NYPD officers who had been on patrol in midtown Manhattan boarded a Circle Line ferry boat at the 42nd Street pier just one minute later, at 3:32 p.m. A few minutes after that, the Circle Line boat was receiving passengers who were standing on the wings of the plane, and passenger vessels from New York Waterways had been similarly mobilized.

Officials later noted that no Flight 1549 passenger fell into the river; everyone

went straight from the aircraft onto life rafts and the rescue ships. *Newsday* reported that the Circle Line captain said, "They were cheering when we pulled up. There were a lot of scared people." The captain told *Newsday* that his vessel alone rescued 56 people.

The commuter ferries' heroic efforts did not go unnoticed. "New York Waterways and Circle Line were first on the scene," New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "Most people stepped directly from the plane onto a boat or onto the wings and then onto a boat." In a ceremony on January 16, Bloomberg honored, among many others, New York Waterways President Arthur Imperatore, Jr. and Harbormaster Alan Warren, and Circle Line General Manager Andreas Sappok and Boat Captain Mike Duffy.

Although the ferries' participation in the New York rescue was something of an ad hoc effort, the Bay Area has an administrative body—the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)—that is tasked with handling transportation in



Circle Line boats were among the first responders to Flight 1549 just minutes after it landed in the river.

the event of all sorts of emergencies. In creating WETA, Sacramento lawmakers had a broad vision—a ferry system that would increase regional mobility and also provide emergency transportation in the event of a disaster. The result was Senate Bill 976, which, effective January 1, 2008, transformed the old WTA into the new agency and set aside funds to strengthen the Bay Area's water transit infrastructure.

Of his agency's emergency response mission, new WETA Executive Director Jon Stanley told *Bay Crossings* in November

2008: "The state bill that established the WETA requires that we identify sources of fuel around the bay and develop additional docking capability in the corridor between San Francisco and the East Bay. We are also developing emergency service contracts with private boat operators to make sure that, in the event of an emergency, we will be able to call upon all of the passenger boats on the Bay. We are also working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Offices of Emergency Services on both sides of the bay."

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All Areas of Historic Angel Island Immigration Station Now Open

The restoration of the Immigration Station on Angel Island has reached a major milestone. For the first time ever, all areas within the historically significant barracks—where priceless poems of detained Chinese immigrants are etched into the walls—will be open to the public on February 15th.

Previously, the 200,000 annual visitors to Angel Island had access only to a small portion of the barracks. The completion of the first phase has made both floors of the barracks accessible. In addition, it has created a terraced interpretive footprint of the massive administrative building, which was destroyed by fire in 1940. This work also created the infrastructure needed to complete future phases, which call for restoration of many of the additional buildings that still exist on the site.

Work began in 2005 on the \$65 million, five-phase restoration project to preserve and rehabilitate Angel Island's historic U.S. Immigration Station, the "Ellis Island of the West." Some of the work focused on protecting and presenting the famous poems that were etched into the barrack walls nearly 100 years ago by Chinese immigrants seeking a new life in America.

Lured by the promise of gold and a better life, Chinese began immigrating to the United States in 1848. Legislation designed to keep them from gold mining began almost immediately and when the economy took a downturn, further legislation was passed to keep any more Chinese from entering the country. The Chinese Exclusion Act was not able, however, to keep the sons or daughters of U.S. citizens out of the country.

People attempting to emigrate from China often bought documentation that proved they were the child of someone who had been born in the United States. Proving the validity of these claims required an interrogation process; the Department of Immigration needed a place to detain these people until the interrogation could be complete. To that end, construction on

the Immigration Station began in 1905 but was not completed until 1910. The facility consisted of a boat dock, barracks, a dining hall, a hospital, and rooms to conduct the interrogations.

"The Immigration Station is a significant national historic treasure," said State Parks Director Ruth Coleman. "The messages found in the poems provide us with a valuable history lesson about a people who were desperate to enter a new land and begin a new life, but instead, became the first nationality to be denied entrance. We are pleased that with the completion of Phase One, we will dramatically improve our ability to tell this story."

That the walls and their poems still exist today is fairly miraculous in and of itself. The Immigration Station could have been lost forever in the 1970s when, along with many of the unused structures on the Island, it was scheduled for destruction. When Park Ranger Alexander Weiss toured the barracks that year, flashlight in hand, he discovered the poems carved into the walls, long since painted over. Beneath those were even more poems written in pencil and ink, and carvings covered by paint. The true number of poems has been estimated in the hundreds.

The restoration plan is broken into five phases. The main goal of this first phase has been to restore the detention barracks. The largest section of the barracks, and the largest collection of poetry, had been restricted from public access, but with the completion of Phase One, this will now be open.

Other first phase work included adding an Administrative Building footprint to better convey the size, function, and importance of this building, as well as rebuilding the covered stairway connecting the Administrative Building and barracks. Future phases will stabilize and rehabilitate the hospital, the mule barn, the POW Mess Hall and the WWII barracks, as well as convert the central heating plant into the Immigration Station Visitor Center.

Angel Island has been called many

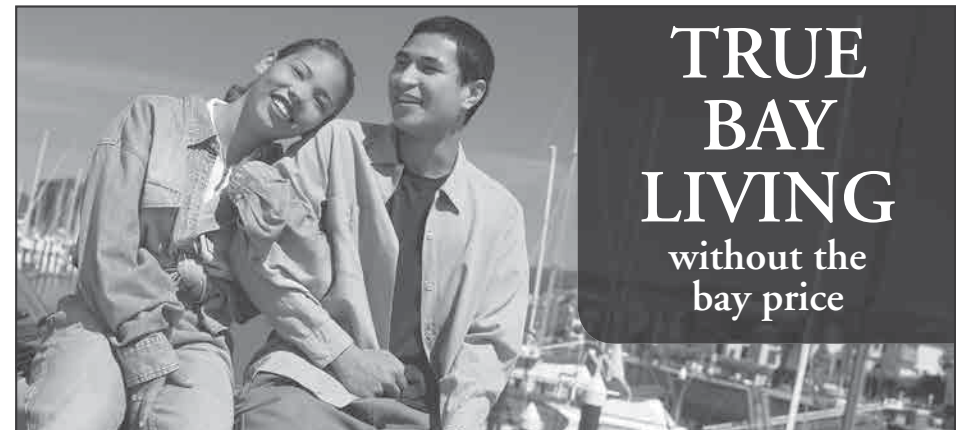
things throughout its history: "Guardian of the Western Gate," "Ellis Island of the West," and even "the Bay Area's Best Kept Secret." While it has transformed from a home for Native Americans to a military installation to a detention center, and finally to the bustling hub for recreation that it is now, Angel Island remains an important part of U.S. history. Once the restoration is complete, the Immigration Station—only one small part of everything the Island has to offer—will finally be preserved for future generations.

A Grand Reopening event is scheduled for Sunday, February 15th on Angel Island. The dedication ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a blessing by the Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria, the original inhabitants of the site, and short speeches by elected



View of the Immigration Station Administration Building from the dock, probably in the 1920s (based on size of palm trees).

officials, state parks leaders, and AIISF and community leaders. The Marin Chinese Cultural Association Lion Dance Troupe will perform at 11:35 a.m. as officials cut the ribbon to re-open the Detention Barracks. Visit www.aiisf.org for more details.



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A Chance for Change: What a New Administration's Water Policies Could Mean for the Bay and Beyond

BY SEJAL CHOKSI, BAYKEEPER AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR

San Francisco Baykeeper has worked for almost two decades to protect the San Francisco Bay from pollution. Over the years, we've achieved a number of victories that have helped improve water quality not only locally but at the state and national level as well—in fact, last month we secured an important court ruling that requires the federal regulation of pesticide spraying in waterways across the country. Unfortunately, though, we've also encountered rules passed down from the federal level that undermine existing environmental laws and result in underfunded federal environmental programs. During the last eight years of the Bush Administration, we've witnessed a disregard for sound environmental policy—a disregard that allowed thousands

of miles of our country's vital waterways to be degraded and polluted.

Many of these federal missteps have significantly degraded the water quality of the San Francisco Bay. A number of San Francisco Baykeeper's recent legal actions have been targeted to fight federal rollbacks of environmental protections. Our recent legal victory to control pesticides in waterways was originally filed because, in 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency redefined the word "pollutant" in its regulations to exempt pesticides sprayed into waterways from regulation under the Clean Water Act. This type of unraveling of environmental protections also prompted Baykeeper to file lawsuits to stop factory farms from freely dumping toxic animal waste into waterways and to prevent international ships from being allowed to release harmful invasive species into U.S. waters.

This year, however, a new administration

takes office, and with it comes the opportunity for better environmental policies for the United States, for California and for the Bay. San Francisco Baykeeper works as part of a unique international network of clean water advocates, the Waterkeeper Alliance, and, with the help of over 180 grassroots Waterkeeper groups just like us, the Alliance has created *A Blueprint for Clean Water*. This document is a roadmap for the new administration to strengthen environmental protection and enforcement for our nation's vital waterways. The *Blueprint* calls for aggressive national action to remedy the last eight years of environmental degradation and to address major systemic issues facing our nation's waterways.

Many of the issues highlighted by *A Blueprint for Clean Water* matter a lot here in the Bay Area. Number one: sewage. San Francisco Baykeeper has worked for almost ten years to reduce sewage spills and overflows to the Bay, and we've secured some important improvements in cities with high rates of sewage spills. But we're fighting an uphill battle against a crumbling sewage infrastructure with hundred-year-old pipes that are inadequate for the eight-million-strong population of the Bay Area. Unless we address significant wastewater infrastructure issues, we're going to face a big sewage problem in coming years.

Similarly, the *Blueprint* tackles the issue of polluted stormwater runoff. This is the largest source of water pollution to the Bay and to most bodies of water in urban areas, and with the assistance of San Francisco Baykeeper, the Bay Area is beginning to make changes to the way we deal with oil, chemicals and trash being carried from our streets and yards into local waterways. San Francisco Baykeeper is also on the front lines of ending local power plants' use of technology that kills fish and of regulating toxic pesticide applications by industrial agriculture. But as the *Blueprint* describes, all too often, state and federal regulators have failed to enact and enforce truly strong environmental policies, or new federal rules have contradicted victories at the state and local level.

With leadership at the national level dedicated to preserving and protecting

our nation's waterways from pollution, San Francisco Baykeeper and Waterkeepers across the country will be better able to restore the health of our nation's waters. The Obama Administration is poised to lead America in this critical area, with leaders such as former San Francisco Baykeeper Board Member Nancy Sutley, who was appointed Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. President Obama's environmental team is charged with strengthening federal environmental regulations, enacting new legislation to confront environmental challenges, investing in environmental protection programs, and reinvigorating environmental stewardship as a characteristic of the American way of life.

We're hopeful that the new administration will demonstrate a strong commitment to better water policies for the nation. We'll continue working with the Waterkeeper Alliance and with all Waterkeepers to ensure that the goals of *A Blueprint for Clean Water* are kept at the forefront of the national debate on protecting our natural resources. And, as always, San Francisco Baykeeper will continue our longstanding fight against all types of pollution in the waters of San Francisco Bay.

For more information about our work to protect the San Francisco Bay from pollution or to download a copy of the Waterkeeper Alliance *Blueprint for Clean Water*, please visit us at www.baykeeper.org.

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.

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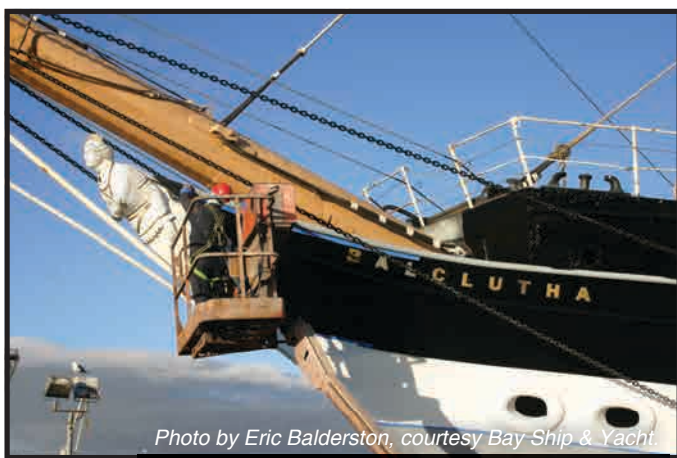
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Maritime National Historic Park's Sailing Ship *Balclutha* Gets a Facelift

BY WES STARRATT

A million-dollar contract was recently awarded by the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park to Bay Ship & Yacht Co. of Alameda for the restoration of the historic three-masted, steel-hulled, square-rigged sailing ship *Balclutha*. Known locally as the National Maritime Museum, the park is operated by the National Park Service.

Fred Shepherd, facility coordinator for the park—located adjacent to San Francisco's Fishermen's Wharf—points out that the ship is “a star attraction at the park,” which has almost one million visitors per year. The three-masted sailing ship was built in 1886 in Glasgow, Scotland, for the purpose of carrying bulk cargos, such as coal and grain, between Europe and the West Coast of North America. As such, she rounded treacherous Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America some 17 times before being transferred to the Alaskan and the Hawaiian trade. She also appeared in the celebrated 1935 film *Mutiny on the Bounty*.



A Bay Ship & Yacht employee works on the bow of the *Balclutha* while she sits in drydock.

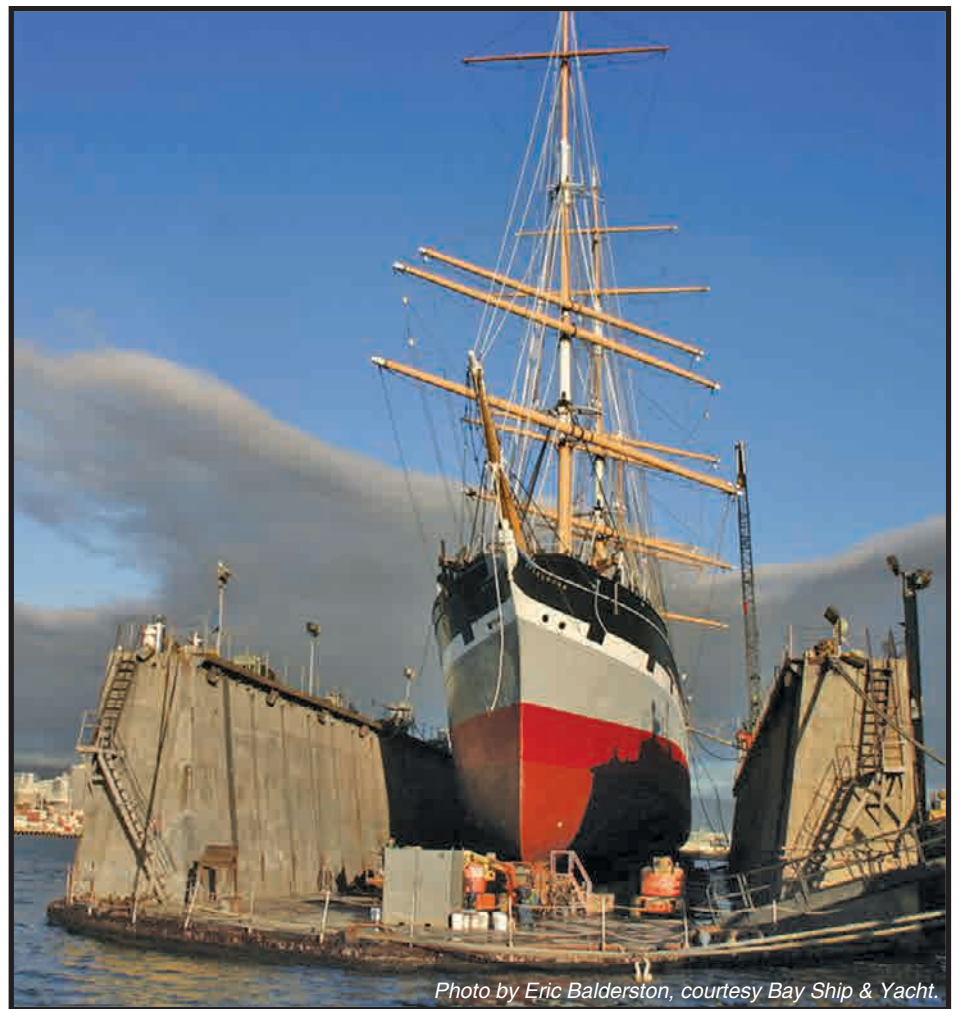
Hyde Street Pier of the National Maritime Museum, slowly towed across the bay, and brought into the 400-foot-long floating drydock at Bay Ship & Yacht's shipyard along the Alameda estuary. As the water was pumped from the drydock, the entire ship—hull and all—could be seen in her full magnificence. Bill Elliott, the shipyard's general manager, said, “She is in an amazing condition for a ship that was built more than 120 years ago. Nevertheless, we did a complete ultrasonic testing of the entire hull below the waterline, followed by needed sandblasting, steel repair, and some plate replacement. Then, we painted the entire hull below the waterline.” Taking a look at her in the drydock, Elliot said, “She is an overwhelming sight to behold.”

The ship is expected to be in drydock for three weeks while hull repairs are being made, and then will dock alongside the shipyard's main pier for several months of topside work. “There are 12 major items of required repair work,” explained Shepherd of the National Park Service. These include caulking major portions of some of the leaky decks, removing the yard arms from the masts for sandblasting, inspection and maintenance work, repairing fittings in the rigging, painting the main mast, and a lot more. She will be “ship shape” by the time that all of that work has been completed, said Shepherd.

By spring, tugs will arrive at the Bay Ship & Yacht shipyard and gently nudge the 123-year old ship, in tip-top shape, back across the bay to the National Maritime Museum's Hyde Street Pier in

San Francisco, ready for inspection by thousands of more visitors, curious about their national maritime heritage.

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The *Balclutha* in drydock at Bay Ship & Yacht in Alameda.



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Marin Library Debuts Green Books Section

To accommodate and further encourage the public's growing interest in sustainability, the Marin County Free Library's Civic Center Branch has dedicated an entire section to titles related to green design, green building, green business practices and eco-conscious living. "It's the only one in the Bay Area that I know of," says Omar Pena, Green Building Program Coordinator for the County of Marin's Community Development Agency.

Marin's Green Living Library was originally housed in the lobby of the Community Development Agency's Civic Center office, where a modest selection of titles purchased by the agency were made available to contractors, developers, designers and homeowners for on-site reference.

When interest in sustainable building and design exploded a few years ago, the agency decided it was best to transfer the

collection to the library's Civic Center Branch so that titles could be checked out overnight. "There's a lot of useful information there," says Branch Manager Damon Hill. "You can't expect someone to sit down with any book while here in the branch and absorb it all. Especially if you're working on a project, it's better to be able to take the book with you and bring it back later."

After making room for the Green Living Library just inside the main entrance, the library decided to expand the collection's focus, and related titles from the library's general collection were re-filed in the newly created green section.

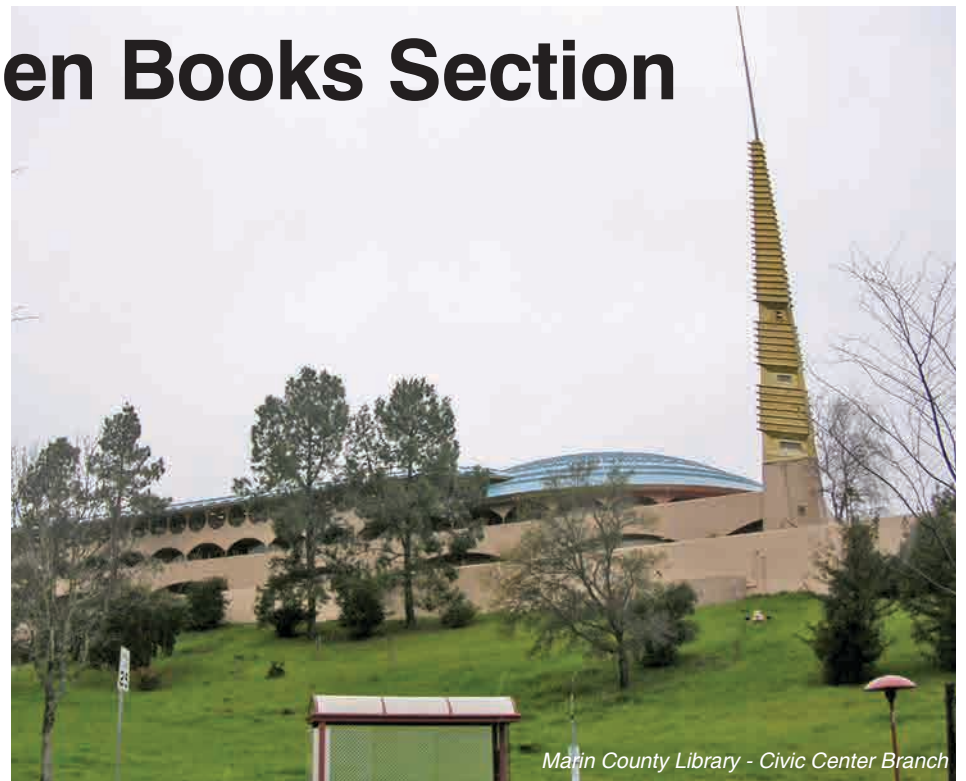
The Green Living Library now includes nine categories: energy efficiency, renewable energy, architecture & design, green building materials & techniques, landscaping, green living, sustainable business, hazardous waste and environmental justice. The collection has also grown from fifty-or-so titles to

The answer to just about any green question is available at the Green Living Library.



Marin County Library - Civic Center Branch

Marin County Library's Civic Center Branch is the first library in the Bay Area to dedicate an entire section to sustainable practices.



Marin County Library - Civic Center Branch

Marin County Library's Civic Center Branch is located inside the historic Civic Center Administration Building in San Rafael. The building's futuristic design is the work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

nearly five hundred, many of which were just added last year during an aggressive acquisitions push. In 2008, the library used \$1,000 from its own budget and another \$1,000 donated by the Friends of the Marin County Free Library, to infuse the Green Living Library.

"The idea of 'green' is an evolving one, and the definition of what is green continues to broaden," says Hill. "If we want to keep this collection vital and keep the information current, we have to continue to grow it."

According to Hill, as the size of the Green Living Library has grown, so, too, has the number of people who use it regularly. "It's become very popular," he says. "Most people who come into the library have a look around in that section. That's why we put it right up front. And we see all kinds of people checking out titles—designers, contractors, homeowners, students."

Hill and Pena agree that the ideas and information contained in the Green Living Library's titles are only useful if they reach the general public. So both men are doing what they can to let people know that the answer to just about any green question is available at the Green Living Library. "Technical assistance is



Marin County Library - Civic Center Branch

The Green Living Library's catalog covers everything from living green to green design and building.

a big part of my job, so I refer people to the library all the time," Pena says. "It's a great tool to have at our disposal. In fact, I use it quite a bit myself, when I have questions."

"And I promote it whenever and wherever I can," adds Hill. "I want to see people use it more, and I want to see it continue to grow and expand in interest."

Marin County Green Living Library
Marin County Free Library – Civic Center Branch, 3501 Civic Center Dr. #427, San Rafael. For more information visit www.co.marin.ca.us/library or call (415) 499-6056.

San Mateo Promotes Green Living

The County of San Mateo's new Green Bag Lunchtime Lecture Series is serving up free, lunch-break-length lessons on sustainability to eco-minded county employees and green-curious members of the general public.

The Green Bag Lunchtime Lecture Series is hosted by

Lillian Clark, Resource Conservation Programs Manager for RecycleWorks.

"Free time is something that none of us has a lot of to spare, so convenience is a big issue," she adds. "These lectures are designed to be about an hour. In that hour, you get a lot of good information. And, if you want to learn more, we can tell you where to go."

Since the composting class began a few years ago, enrollment has increased tenfold and annual sales of compost bins, which the County subsidizes, have tripled.

RecycleWorks, a county program offering resources and technical assistance to residents, businesses and schools interested in green practices, and co-hosted by the County of San Mateo's Employee Green Team, which promotes sustainability within the county workplace.

"The idea was to teach people how to be greener and inspire them to do more, without taking up a lot of their time,"

The turnout for the first Green Bag lecture on January 14, which featured local chef and author Laura Stec discussing the relationship between what we eat and the environment, was modest. About twenty people showed up, most of whom were county employees.

Clark expects attendance for Green Bag to grow over the coming months, however, based on the success of RecycleWorks'



Photo courtesy of RecycleWorks

At the first Green Bag Lunchtime Lecture, which was held last month, attendees learned how to reduce their carbon footprint by eating local and organic meats and produce.



Photo courtesy of RecycleWorks

Go ahead, get your hands dirty! RecycleWorks, co-organizers of the new Green Bag Lunchtime Lecture Series, also offers classes on composting and sustainable gardening.

other lecture series. The organization also offers ongoing classes on sustainable gardening, composting and green building. Since the composting class began a few years ago, enrollment has increased tenfold and annual sales of compost bins, which the County subsidizes, have tripled.

"Of course we would have liked to see more people come to the first lecture, but these things happen little by little," Clark says. "The way we look at it is, even if you only reach one person, you've made progress."

Topics planned for future Green Bag lectures include green spring-cleaning, green transportation, water

conservation, energy conservation and green holiday ideas.

"There's so much that people can do," Clark says. "It's just a matter of getting the information to them."

"What's interesting is how fast these ideas catch on," she adds. "Once someone recognizes the positive impact of making a relatively minor change to their day-to-day practices, they always want to know, 'What else can I do?'"

Clark's answer to that question is, "Tell everyone you know. It doesn't do any good for us to constantly preach to the choir," she explains. "So we're always looking for creative approaches to outreach, and

ways to reach new audiences, so that people can help spread the word for us. If you heard President Obama's inauguration speech, he talked about being an involved member of your community. That's a strong theme right now. In this case, take what you've learned, go out into your community and motivate others."

Green Bag Lunchtime Lecture Series

Every first Wednesday of the month at 455 County Center, Room 101, Redwood City. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.recycleworks.org.

TALK SAILOR TO ME!

The rich and colorful language of the sea has influenced our conversations ashore for millennia. We all talk like a sailor on a regular basis, without any thought as to the origins of some of the expressions we use. It is quite amazing how many of our common idioms come from the sea. Here are some examples of what I mean.

Vessels of all types, even extremely large ones, are constructed on land and at some point need to be moved to their watery homes. Traditionally, this has been accomplished by sliding the ship down a sloped ramp into the water. To make sure that all went well during the launch and to insure that the vessel does not stop part way down, this

ramp needed to be lubricated; hence the phrase “greasing the skids.”

Until the early nineteenth century, European sailing vessels were not able to sail toward the wind. It was possible to sail across the wind, at about 90 degrees from its source—known as ‘the eye of the wind’—but not any closer than that. If something (or someone!) fell off an old time sailing ship, it was not possible to return to them. Once the ship sailed past them, they were lost. They had “gone by the boards” and were irretrievable.

Much progress has been made in

the last few hundred years, and now it is possible to sail within about 40

degrees of the eye of the wind. When a sailboat is sailing up wind, it has to zigzag back and forth, swinging the bow through the wind, first with the wind coming over one side

of the boat, then the other. This is similar to the idea of switchbacking up a steep hill. This is known as tacking, and each individual zig and zag is called a tack. Often, because of the angle of the wind, one of the tacks would allow the vessel to sail more directly toward its objective. While sailing on the other

tack, the vessel is said to be “on the wrong tack.”

Shouting orders from the deck of a sailing ship to crew members more than 100 feet up in the rigging was difficult in the best situations. The noise of the wind and flapping sails made it impossible in many. Mates would use a whistle (called a boatswains pipe) to transmit their instructions aloft, because its high pitched sound could be heard above the wind. Different tones, patterns, and cadences evolved for different instructions. In time, it became the custom to accompany all shipboard orders with a distinctive whistle. This included the last order of the day, when all unnecessary noise and work was to cease, as the night watch was set and the rest of the crew turned in. From this came the expression we all use ashore when seeking quiet, “pipe down.”

Before the days of radio, vessels communicated with each other using signal flags. When Admiral Nelson’s superiors signaled him to withdraw during the Battle of Copenhagen in 1801, he deliberately put his telescope to his blind eye so as not to see the order. He went on to victory that day, and the western world received a new expression, “to turn a blind eye.”



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First Annual SF BEER WEEK Celebrates Bay Area Brewing Roots

America's craft beer movement began in the San Francisco Bay Area, with Anchor Brewing's rescue by Fritz Maytag in 1965 and the founding of New Albion Brewing in 1976. Craft beer has since grown into the Silver Age of American brewing, with over 1,400 small craft breweries operating today. Northern California by itself has more than most states, and enjoys an unrivaled reputation for the quality and diversity of its craft beer. SF BEER WEEK will be a 10-day celebration of that legacy, showcasing the Bay Area's brewing heritage with as many as 150 events from February 6-15.

The 9th Annual Double IPA Festival will kick off the week at The Bistro in

Hayward on Saturday, February 7. Many of the award-winning beers featured there will pop up around town throughout the week. The following Saturday, February 14, brings the 16th Annual Barleywine Festival to the venerable Toronado in the Lower Haight. It's the gold standard for barleywine events, and will feature over 50 barleywines from around the country. The big finale for SF BEER WEEK festivities happens at the Oakland Convention Center (Marriott Hotel), at the Celebrator's Best of the West Beer Fest on Sunday, February 15th. The event will commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Celebrator Beer News magazine, and more than 50 breweries will pour their favorite brews for the

occasion. This well-anticipated occasion is sure to bring the week's events to a close with a big, raucous finish.

In between these anchor events, there will be an event for every mood, whim, and allotted drinking hour. Among them are bike tours, book signings, demonstrations, panel discussions, music, films, and loads of food and drink at just about every great establishment in the entire Bay Area. There will also be beer dinners, cheese and beer pairing events, other gourmet food events savoring our world-class cuisine, meet-the-brewer evenings, homebrewing demonstrations, and even a museum exhibition exploring the history of Bay Area brewing. Visit www.sfbeerweek.org for more information, or use the twitter

account at twitter.com/sfbeerweek to find out where to go.

Furthermore, this inaugural SF BEER WEEK just happens to coincide with the 7th Annual Strong Beer Month as the brewers of the 21st Amendment and Magnolia Pub and Brewery once again bring you an astounding range of memorable brews to lift the winter doldrums. You can visit both breweries, try all twelve beers and keep the special commemorative glass. Commemorative t-shirts are also available. These festivities begin February 1; special kegs and casks of vintage and barrel-aged beers will appear throughout the month. The special beers and glasses will be available from February 1 until they run out.

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8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45	5:30	7:00	7:15	8:00
9:15	9:50	10:10	10:45	One-Way Ferry Fares			
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30	LARKSPUR SAUSALITO			
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30pm	Daily Daily			
11:40	12:15pm	12:25pm	1:00	Adult Cash Fare \$7.45 \$7.45			
12:40pm	1:15	1:25	2:00	Frequent Rider Ticket (Book of 20 Tickets) \$4.70 \$4.00			
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Youth / Senior / Disabled \$3.75 \$3.75			
2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05	Children 5 and under FREE FREE			
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*On weekdays, with the exception of the 5:20 pm San Francisco departure which is operated by a 715 passenger Spaulding vessel, all other trips are operated by high-speed catamarans. Weekend service is provided by a 715 passenger Spaulding. Also, direct ferry service is provided to most Giants games at ATT&T Park.

SAUSALITO							
Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
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-----	7:35#	8:20	8:10	One Way	Round Trip	10Ticket Book*	20Ticket Book*	Monthly Pass	
-----	8:40#	9:25	9:15	Adult (13+)	\$6.25	\$12.50	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$170.00
10:15	10:30	10:50^	11:00^	Child (5-12)	\$3.50	\$7.00			
12:00pm	12:15pm	12:35pm^	12:45^	Child under 5**	FREE	FREE			
1:45	2:00	2:20^	2:30^	Senior (65+)	\$3.75	\$7.50			
3:45	4:10	4:30^	4:40^	Disabled Persons*	\$3.75	\$7.50			
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5:20	5:45	6:10	6:20	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.					
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-----	7:25	7:45	7:55						
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* To S.F. via Oakland # To Alameda via Oakland
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Blue & Gold Ferry

BAY CRUISE		SAUSALITO			
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ANGEL ISLAND - SF/DAILY			
Weekdays			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
10:00am	10:20am	3:20am	4:00
No service on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 26), Christmas Day (Dec 25) and New Year's Day (Jan 1)			
FARES: One-Way Round Trip			
Adult		\$9.50 \$19.00	
Child (5-11)		\$5.25 \$10.50	

TIBURON			
San Francisco PIER 41			
Weekdays			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41
10:35am	11:00am	11:05am	12:20
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* Stops at Pier 41 prior to Ferry Building
 > Stops at Pier 41 for 20 minutes prior to Ferry Building

ANGEL ISLAND - ALAMEDA/OAKLAND			
Weekends ONLY			
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive Angel Island	
9:00am*	9:10am*	10:10am	
Depart Angel Island	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland	
3:10pm	3:45pm	3:55pm	

ANGEL ISLAND - VALLEJO			
Weekdays			
Depart Vallejo	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Vallejo
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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	Pier 41 SF Ferry Bldg	Alameda/Oakland	Vallejo
Adult	\$15.00	\$14.50	\$32.50
Senior (65+)	\$15.00	\$14.50	\$23.00
Child	\$8.50(age 6-12)	\$8.50(age 5-12)	\$23.00
Child	FREE(5 & under)	FREE(4 & under)	FREE(5 & under)

*All prices include State Park Fees

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New Boat Owners May Have 2008 Tax Break

Recreational boat owners who paid state sales taxes on a boat purchase, or those who secured a bank loan to finance a boat, may have some tax deductions available when filing their 2008 federal income tax return. For boat owners who paid substantial state sales taxes on a new or used boat purchase last year, the Tax Extenders Act of 2008 offers a federal tax benefit with a deduction for state sales taxes. A taxpayer must choose either the state sales tax deduction or state income tax deduction on the 2008 federal tax return—not both. In order to claim the sales tax deduction, deductions must be itemized.

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

Some boaters may be unaware of this potential tax benefit because not all lending institutions send borrowers an Internal Revenue Service form 1098, which reports the interest paid. Not receiving the form does not preclude taking the deduction. If a 1098 is not available, boaters should contact their lender for the amount of interest paid and should enter it on line 11 on Schedule A along with the lender's tax ID number. If a form 1098 is sent, boaters should simply enter the amount on line 10 of Schedule A.

Boaters are urged to contact a tax preparer or financial advisor for more information. More details on the mortgage deduction can be found at www.IRS.gov; download Publication 936 or the Fact Sheets. For state tax deduction information, download Publication 600, which also includes state-by-state tax tables.

8 WASHINGTON TO BRING LIFE TO WATERFRONT LOCATION

Mixed-Use Proposal Would Create New Open Space, Much-Needed Parking

San Francisco Waterfront Partners, the team behind the recently revitalized Piers 1 ½, 3 and 5, have announced plans for 8 Washington, proposing a mix of housing and public amenities that would revitalize a corner of waterfront property that currently consists of a small, unsightly parking lot and a private club.

The 8 Washington project includes renovation of the existing Golden Gateway Tennis & Swim Club facilities, a private membership-only club, and transformation of the parking lot into a vibrant waterfront community of residential housing, neighborhood-serving retail, restaurants, recreation, below-ground parking and public open space. Currently, virtually no public open space exists on the Port site.

The 8 Washington proposal includes three public open space areas: The Jackson Commons, the Pacific Waterfront Park and the Drumm Street Garden Walk. The Jackson Commons will re-connect Jackson Street to the Embarcadero, opening views and pedestrian access to and from the waterfront. The Pacific Waterfront Park would include a restaurant in the park and would connect Sidney Walton Square via Pacific Street to the Embarcadero, creating a vibrant and active waterfront park, with stunning views of the Bay and Treasure Island. The Drumm Street Garden Walk is an expanded, landscaped pedestrian path connecting the Jackson Commons to the Pacific Waterfront Park along the Embarcadero.

SFWP acquired an option on the Golden Gateway land and intends to combine this land with the Port's Seawall Lot 351. Combining these parcels would be consistent with the Port's Waterfront Land Use Plan and provides for the greatest urban use of this civic waterfront land.

The 8 Washington project would also replace the parking lot's awkward strip of asphalt with a larger, centrally located underground garage that would serve the Ferry Building and Embarcadero businesses, as well as residents. The garage would also include secure parking for bicycles and car sharing programs.

8 Washington would house 140-170 residential units housed in LEED-certified buildings with green rooftops. More than

50 percent of the land in the proposed 8 Washington project would be dedicated to recreation and public open space. 8 Washington would also provide an enlarged and improved fitness facility and locker rooms, larger recreational and lap pools and four tennis courts. The San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) found that the "most innovative aspect of this project is the opening of pedestrian access from Jackson Street to the waterfront."

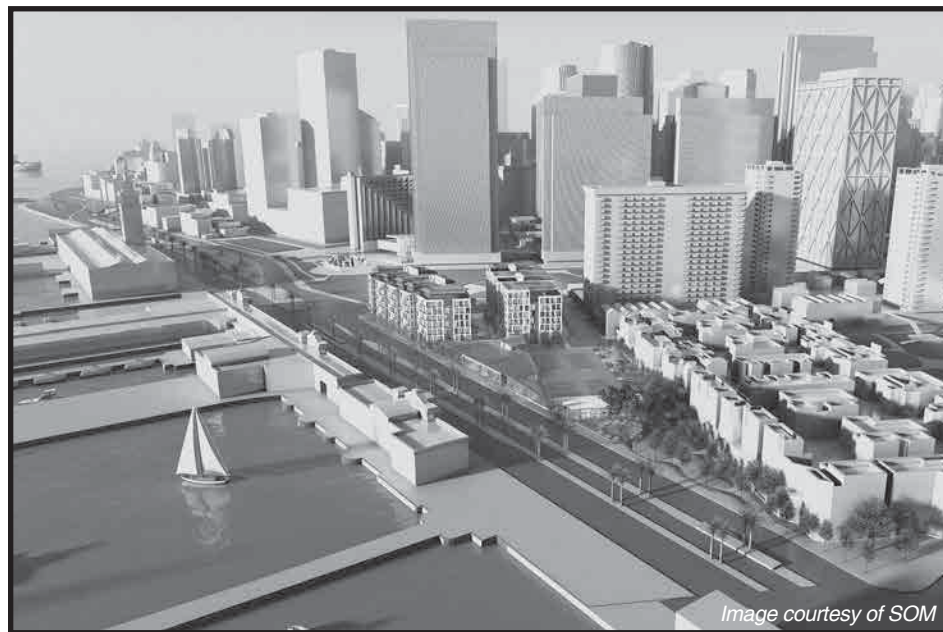
"This commitment to the meeting the parking needs of the Ferry Building and Embarcadero businesses—combined with the addition of significant public open space on our waterfront, which currently doesn't exist on the site—is a key strength of the proposal," said Simon Snellgrove, principal of San Francisco Waterfront Partners.

Others see 8 Washington as a necessary boon to the vitality of the Central Waterfront neighborhood. "The residential nature of the project can only help stabilize the neighborhood's residential character, bringing 24 hour activity to the Embarcadero that currently occurs only during working hours. We see this as an important ingredient to the stability and growth of our markets," said Janet Griggs, president of Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA), which oversees the Ferry Plaza Farmer's Markets.

SFWP has engaged the prestigious local architectural and planning firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill to create 8 Washington's design. SFWP made the announcement in conjunction with the Port of San Francisco's call for private sector development proposals for Seawall Lot 351 on the Embarcadero at Washington Street.

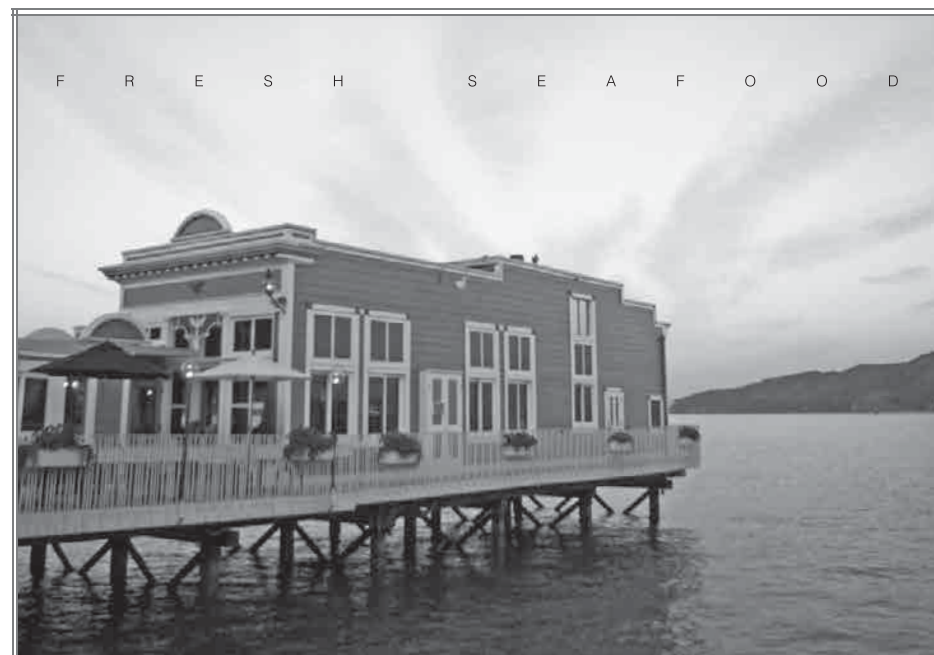
San Francisco Waterfront Partners is a San Francisco-based real estate development firm. Recently, the firm completed the historic rehabilitation of Piers 1 ½, 3 and 5, which has won numerous awards for its public amenities, open space and attention to historic detail. Most noteworthy are the tenants: La Mar Cebicheria Peruana, which opened in September; The Plant Café Organic and Lafitte restaurants opening in 2009; a number of prestigious office tenants.

Headquartered in Pier 3, Snellgrove says



SFWP "is passionate about San Francisco's waterfront and is proud to continue efforts to bring further improvements to the area with the 8 Washington Street project."

For more information, go to www.8Washington.com



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Book Worms Rejoice

The world's largest rare book event returns to San Francisco over Valentine's weekend. Featuring collections and rare treasures from more than 200 booksellers from around the world, the 42nd California International Antiquarian Book Fair runs from Friday, February 13 through Sunday, February 15 at the Concourse Exhibition Center, 635 8th Street in San Francisco. A bibliophile's delight, the show features a rich selection of books, manuscripts, maps and other printed materials, including incunabula; literature from all centuries and nationalities; fine bindings; children's and illustrated books; ephemera; and antiquarian books of all kinds, such as law, architecture, cookery, science, history and most other subject areas one can conceivably imagine. Whether browsing or buying, avid book lovers and collectors will find many treasures at the Book Fair. Rare book experts and avid collectors will give intriguing topical seminars. Bookbinders, calligraphers, printers and conservators will demonstrate their arts. Additionally, representatives from San Francisco area book arts groups will be on hand to meet like-minded rare books aficionados. Hours are from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 on Friday valid for re-entry all weekend; and \$10 per day on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, please visit the website at www.sfbookfair.com or call (415) 962-2500.

Benicia Celebrates the Art Community

Arts Benicia is hosting its annual open group show *The Art of a Community* from January 31st through March 1, featuring the work of Arts Benicia artist members. This year, the organization is celebrating the 15th year



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of this remarkable exhibit, which features work by many studio artists in mid-career, beginners showing for the first time, and artists at just about every stage in between. Arts Benicia has many new artist members this year, so the already extraordinary pool of talent will be enhanced by some fresh new currents. On February 7th at 7:30 p.m. Arts Benicia will host a reception and party, *The Heart of a Community*, with live music. This event is open to members and all those wishing to meet and support the exhibiting artists who are at the heart of Benicia's art community. The event will also be a chance for community members to join Arts Benicia and help the organization in its work supporting the visual arts in Benicia and the region. Arts Benicia Center Gallery is located at 991 Tyler Street, Suite 114 in Benicia's Arsenal district. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. or by arrangement. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.artsbenicia.org or call (707) 747-0131.

It's Tulipmania at Pier 39!

Tulipmania returns in full bloom at Pier 39 from Wednesday, February 11 to Monday, February 16 with free guided tours beginning from the Entrance Plaza at 10 a.m. daily. This year's collection will feature flowers of every color combination conceivable including Apricot

Beauties, Texas Flames, Purple Princes, Flaming Parrots, Swan Wings, Burgundy Lace and more. The tulips will be topped with winter vegetables including lettuce, parsley, celery and red chard. At the culmination of each tour, participants are invited to the Wines of California Wine Bar for post-tour refreshments. If you are unable to book a tour, take a stroll down Pier 39 on your own to enjoy this beautiful floral display. Also, visitors can enjoy the Pier 39 Tulipmania Sale from Feb. 11 - 16. Come check out what offers are in bloom at each participating store!

Valentine's Day Love Boat on the Bay

Take a romantic cruise with your loved one. Celebrations on the Bay will be hosting a cruise to celebrate Valentine's Day! Cruise includes a gourmet dinner, flowers, and dancing with an exciting DJ. This love boat boards the Oakland Ferry Dock at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 14. The cruise is from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and the cost is \$50 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call (877) 499-4229 for reservations.

Valentine's Dance onboard the USS Hornet

Enjoy a special Valentine's evening aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Hornet*. Dance to the frolicking jazz sounds of Stompy Jones and the big band lounge classics performed by the Romano Marchetti Orchestra. The fundraising event takes place on Saturday, February 14, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Dancers and spectators alike can enjoy the many hits that made it to the charts in the 1940s and 1950s. Period attire is welcome. With three dance floors on the enclosed, heated hangar deck, the *USS Hornet*, permanently docked in Alameda, is one of the Bay Area's most unique venues and one of the best places in the Bay Area to dance—with its sweeping views of the Bay, central location, convenient parking, and reputation for hosting unforgettable parties. For those who would like to learn new steps, free dance lessons will be provided throughout the evening by Jim Truesdale, a former Fred Astaire instructor. Proceeds benefit the Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and support the preservation of the historic aircraft carrier and the educational programs of the *USS Hornet* Museum. Tickets range from \$40 for general admission to \$75 for special reserved seating. There is plenty of free parking. Cash bars and dinner concessions are available. Doors open at 7:15p.m. For information and to purchase tickets, visit www.uss-hornet.org/dance or call (510) 521-8448 x 282.

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

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

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

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TRANSPORTATION 2035 PLAN

After nearly two years of dialogue and technical analysis, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) released the *Draft Transportation 2035 Plan: Change in Motion* for public review and comment. The draft document is the Bay Area's transportation blueprint for investing \$226 billion in projected revenue expected to flow to the region over the next 25 years. Innovative approaches such as pricing excess capacity on highways, a brand-new Transportation Climate Action Campaign to target greenhouse gases, a major public transit expansion program, a multipronged Freeway Performance Initiative to maximize throughput on existing highways, and an overall emphasis on measurable performance improvements are signal components of this plan.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Written comments on the Draft Plan must be received by **4 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2009**. Additional comments can be made before the Commission at its public meetings up to adoption of the plan, expected March 25, 2009. Written comments can be submitted to MTC as follows:

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