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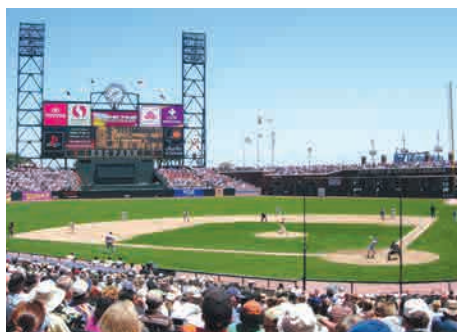
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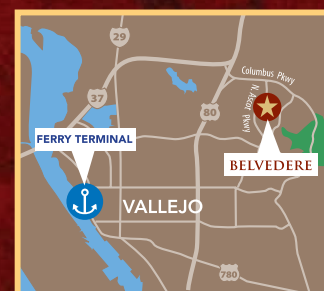
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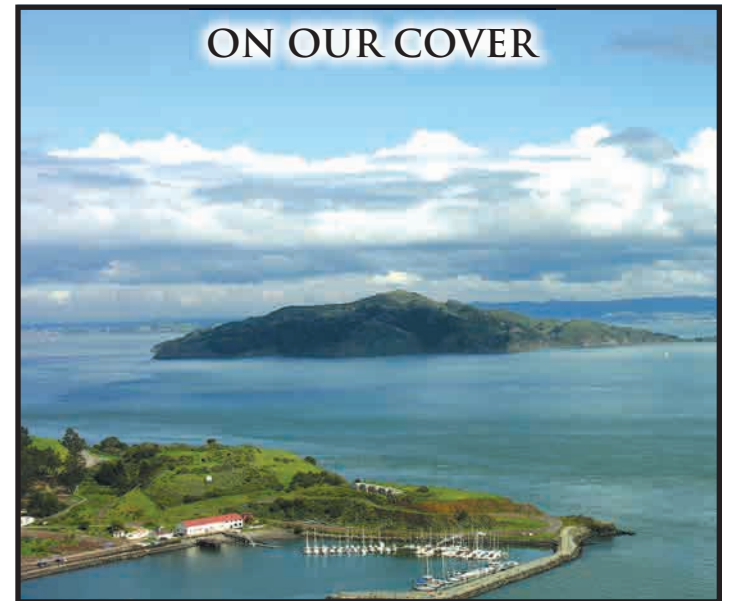
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# San Francisco Transportation Board Passes Bike Lane Expansion Plan

**B**icyclists, community leaders and city policy makers cheered the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors historic decision on June 26th to nearly double the number of dedicated bike lanes on city streets. The unanimous vote adopts an ambitious new citywide bicycle plan and gives a green light to 45 bike network improvement projects including bike lanes on Fifth, 17th and Townsend Streets, Kirkham Ave., Alemany Blvd., and Portola Drive. This decision is widely expected to create a sea change on San Francisco streets, dramatically improving and increasing bicycling.

"This is a momentous day for better bicycling and a better San Francisco," said

Leah Shahum, Executive Director of the 10,000-member San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (SFBC), which promotes bicycling for everyday transportation. "The SFMTA Board of Director's approval of this ambitious bike plan sends a clear message that the City is serious about encouraging bicycling as a healthy, affordable, and environmentally-friendly form of transportation."

SFMTA board members heard over three hours of testimony from more than 200 supporters, including mothers with children in tow, business owners, health workers, city department heads and students who packed the hearing room and an overflow room in City Hall. The SFMTA Board also received more than 150 letters of support from local businesses and thousands of

support letters from individuals who are eager to see the streets improved for the growing bicycle population.

The unprecedented turnout at City Hall underscored the demand for these new bike lanes, in light of the three-year delay in bike improvements and a 43 percent increase in bike ridership since 2006.

The approved bike plan will improve city streets by adding 34 miles of bike lanes to the existing 45 miles, including new bike space on dozens of streets, as well as marking an additional 75 miles of on-street bike routes with "sharrows." The plan also calls for adding innovative improvements such as colored bike lanes, on-street bike parking corrals, thousands of new bike racks, programs for boosting bike access to transit, bicycle-related law enforcement, and bicyclist and motorist education.

New bike lanes will increase safety and create continuous biking routes for the 128,000 people who already bike regularly, and will attract tens of thousands of new bicyclists. More than one-third of San Franciscans say they would ride if streets had bike lanes and were more inviting for bicycling. Official City counts show bicycling activity increases, on average, by 50 percent after a bike lane is added, including the following noteworthy increases where bike lanes have been added in the past: Howard St. (300 percent increase); Valencia St. (144 percent); Arguello (67 percent).

"Today, San Francisco can celebrate a decision by the SFMTA board to adopt the Bicycle Plan and 45 projects that will move San Francisco in a dramatic way to the next level of urban bicycling," said Mayor Newsom. "Increasing the number of bicyclists in our city will bring a range of environmental, health and economic benefits that we can be proud of."

With the certification of the required Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Bike Plan adoption now in place, San Francisco's city attorney can now return to the Superior Court and request that the three-year-old bike plan injunction be lifted. Once the injunction is removed, the City can immediately begin to implement these bike network improvement projects.

The new bike lanes are anticipated to be striped, with other improvements implemented, by this fall. Only one of the projects on the list, Second Street, was held back for additional staff work.

"Today's historic decision is a smart and long overdue investment in healthy, affordable, and sustainable transportation," said Shahum. "San Francisco has taken a significant step forward in proving its commitment to smart, sustainable transportation choices, and we expect to see the numbers of people choosing to bicycle to increase dramatically." For more information on this ground-breaking San Francisco Bicycle Plan, visit [www.sfbike.org/bikeplan](http://www.sfbike.org/bikeplan).

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# MTC Veteran Joins Obama Administration

BY PATRICK BURNSON

Therese W. McMillan assumed her post as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) on June 30. McMillan has been a member of the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) staff since 1984 and served as MTC's Deputy Executive Director for Policy from 2000 until her new appointment.

"The chance to work for the Obama Administration as part of the FTA is unbelievably exciting," commented McMillan. "I am prepared to take on this new responsibility because of the rich and unparalleled experience that has been afforded me in my career at MTC." MTC is the federal and state regional transportation planning agency, whose jurisdiction encompasses nine Bay Area counties with 101 municipalities. MTC conducts oversight of 26 public transit agencies and eight toll bridges.

## APL Tops Agricultural Survey

APL, the world's seventh-largest container shipping line, is number one in the eyes of Central California agricultural exporters and their brethren nationwide. That's the verdict of shippers surveyed this spring by the Agriculture Transportation Coalition. Soon after the nation's leading trade association for agricultural shippers and forwarders met in San Francisco for its annual meeting, it announced that APL placed first in its annual Ocean Carrier Performance Survey. It was the second number one ranking for APL in the three-year history of the survey.

As noted in *Bay Crossings*, APL is moving its North American headquarters out of Oakland, but continues to operate a major terminal at the port here.

"Notable is the consistency of the rankings over time," said the coalition in announcing its results. It said that APL's repeat performance atop the survey suggested that the carrier is "maintaining a superior level of service performance."

APL is a top-five carrier of U.S. exports. In the survey of leading agricultural shippers, it placed ahead of 19 other ocean carriers. The lines were rated on bookings, equipment and space allocation, documentation and customer service practices.

"The ocean carriers' performance in these areas frequently matches and at times can prevail over freight rates as the basis for an agricultural shipper's selection of carriers," said the coalition. "The carriers that can perform well will be more likely to get the business." The coalition said the purpose of its annual survey is to recognize carriers who consistently perform well and to encourage others to do better.

## MOL Announces Departure From Bay Area

A second major container line has announced that it is leaving the Bay Area. MOL (America) Inc.'s North America Headquarters, which includes the Trade Management staff, announced in June that it had decided to relocate its Concord Headquarters to Lombard, IL.

Noboru Kitazawa, President of MOL, said, "The consolidation will allow for a greater synergy among the interactions between Trade Management and the Product Management Team, which is already located in Lombard. This will improve our ability to optimize vessel and intermodal networks to enhance revenue and cost management, as well as broaden our employees' career opportunities."

The relocation of staff into the company's current location in Lombard is scheduled for early August 2009.

MOL was also falsely rumored to be giving up its cargo business altogether, but the company was quick to shoot down this news service report. "We immediately sent out a letter to our customers assuring that this was not the case," a spokesman for MOL said. "We have included an accurate version of the remarks made to the news service."

The letter said that statements purportedly made by MOL CFO Kenichi



Photo by Joel Williams

APL, the world's seventh-largest container shipping line, was recently voted number one among Central California agricultural exporters.

Yonetani, regarding the possibility of spinning-off the container shipping business and consolidating it with another carrier, were taken out of context. "The

container business is the biggest drag on [MOL's] earnings due to unprofitable rates and sagging volumes," said Yonetani in a revised transcript.

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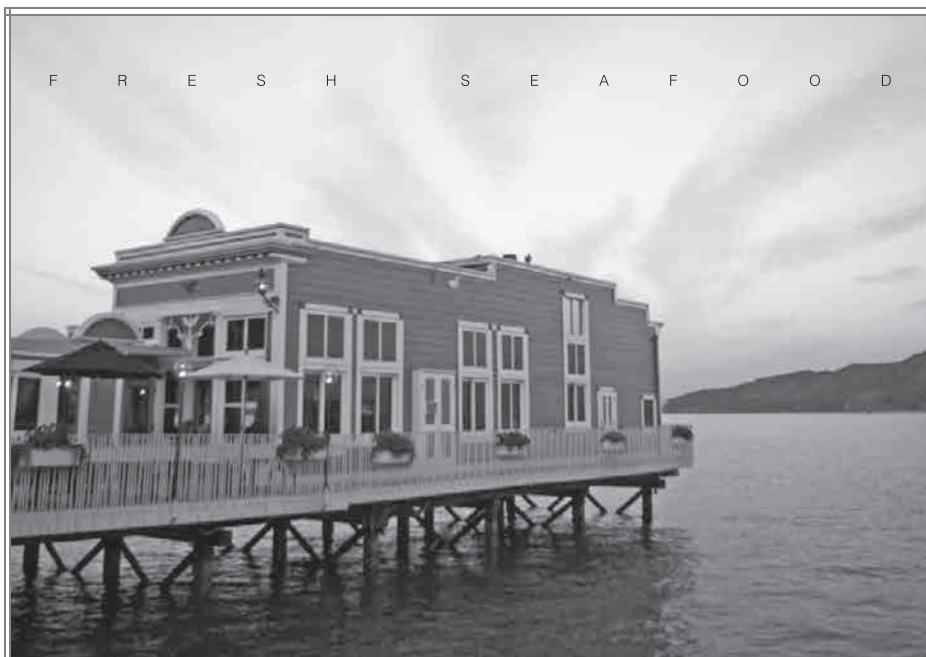
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## Summer Exhibits Heat Up Area Museums

BY PAUL DUCLOS

While the big news in local museum circles is the Tut extravaganza at the DeYoung, *Bay Crossings* readers are encouraged to check out three other, less-heralded exhibitions recently installed at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) and the Asian Art Museum.

With the 50th anniversary of the U.S. publication of Robert Frank's *The Americans*, SFMOMA celebrates one of this nation's premier photographers with "Looking In." Containing more than 80 memorable images, the show represents a body of work that changed photojournalism forever with its innovative techniques. More importantly, though, is how it altered the view many Americans had of their

country at a pivotal time in its history. Frank chronicled the early 1960s in a series of harsh and often disturbing shots that capture the racism and class struggles of the Civil Rights era. And it's not just African-Americans who seem to be suffering; the poor white enclaves of the south and northeast figure prominently in the show as well. The snapshots tell a powerful and compelling story, and one that is not easily digested in one short walk through the gallery.

For a much more tranquil stroll at the SFMOMA, check out "Georgia O'Keeffe and Ansel Adams: Natural Affinities." This show, organized by the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, operates on the premise that the two artists shared a vision of America that could best be expressed through landscape.

Painter O'Keefe, an early feminist and free spirit, uses bold imagery and bright colors in a cold and muscular manner. Adams is far cooler, however, using his medium for high-contrast narratives. Nature for both of them is powerful and often starkly malevolent.

Linking these two disparate artists

was the legendary photographer Alfred Stieglitz, who was O'Keefe's romantic partner and Adams' mentor. The influence he had upon both of them can be evaluated by the framing techniques shared in several works on display here.

The "natural affinities" of O'Keefe's "Bear Lake, New Mexico" (1930) and Adams' "Giant Sequoias, Mariposa Grove, Yosemite National Park" (1954), is indisputable, and credit should be given to the show's curator for highlighting the works' commonalities.

taken in at leisure. That does not mean, however, that the artifacts and artwork have any less impact.

The samurai culture was unique in that it celebrated the art of war, along with an equal appreciation of fashion, horsemanship and poetry. Those lacking the ability of master calligraphy, for example, would have a hard time fitting in no matter how well they handled a sword. And how important was the proper conducting of a tea ceremony? For samurai, it meant as much as one's



"Lords of the Samurai," at the Asian Art Museum, is more "Tut-like" in that it brings a romantic and highly misunderstood epoch to life. But don't expect the crush of crowds to descend upon this understated and spare exhibit—its subtle beauty and charm can be

performance on the battlefield. Premodern Japan is brought to us from the exhibition originating in Tokyo's Eisei-Bunko Museum. Fans of Miyamoto Musashi will gain a new appreciation of this master swordsman not wholly contained in his wonderful "A Book of Five Rings."



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# Can Our State Parks Be Saved?

BY BILL PICTURE

As of press time, the future of California's state parks remains in limbo. A modified version of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's latest budget—which proposes eliminating all state funding for parks during the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 fiscal years—is being readied for the state legislature's vote. Without those state dollars or some alternate source of funding, most state parks will be forced to close or drastically scale back operations.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has identified the parks that face possible closure—220 of California's 278 state parks. Twenty-five of the parks on the Department's list are located within an hour's drive of San Francisco, including Angel Island State Park, Mount Tamalpais State Park, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, all of the beaches in San Mateo County, and Ano Nuevo State Natural Reserve, a major gathering area for northern elephant seals.

## A New Proposal

On June 15, the state's Budget Conference Committee signed off on the proposed cuts to state park funding, but also voted to support a plan for the creation of a new, dedicated funding source for parks.



Photo courtesy of California State Parks

Samuel P. Taylor State Park in the steep rolling hills of Marin County 15 miles west of San Rafael is on the list of State Parks to be closed.



Photo by Joel Williams

This breathtaking view of the City skyline and Alcatraz Island could be off limits to the public if Angel Island State Park is closed by the State due to budget problems.

Under that plan, called the State Park Access Pass, owners of non-commercial vehicles would pay a \$15 surcharge on top of their annual license fees. That \$15 surcharge would allow all of the state parks to remain open, as well as provide Californians with free day-use access to the parks.

As of press time, it is uncertain whether the State Park Access Pass will be included in the final budget package presented to the state legislature by Schwarzenegger. The idea failed to gain the support of Republicans on the committee, so there's a good chance that Schwarzenegger, who is anxious to get a budget approved before the fiscal year begins on July 1, could omit the State

Park Access Pass to better the budget's chance of getting the two-thirds vote needed from both houses.

"Knowing how bad of shape the state is in financially and how the political process works, I'm not as optimistic as some people," says Matthews.

## History at stake

Today a popular destination for day-trippers, Angel Island served as an immigrant processing and detention station from 1910 to 1940. During that time, more than one million newcomers, mostly immigrants from China, were detained here, earning the island the title "the Ellis Island of the West."

In an effort to preserve that history, millions of state and federal dollars were recently used to renovate the former immigration station. The station was closed to the public in August 2005 and reopened in February of this year after a \$15 million facelift. If state funding for parks is cut, and the State Park Access

Pass is not enacted, public access to this important historical site, along with the rest of the island, would once again be shut off.

Though the issue has received a lot of media attention, Matthews says many visitors to the island are unaware of the possible closure. "Some know and are really upset about it, but others have no idea what's going on," he says. "When we tell them, they look at us like, 'How are you going to close an island?'"

Thus far, the question of controlling access to closed, unstaffed parks has not been addressed. Erecting fences to keep people out could interfere with wildlife migration patterns, and would cost money that the state does not have. But, without some system in place to protect them, the parks face numerous potential risks.

"You can't lock up a park like you lock the front door of your house or your car door," explains Elizabeth Goldstein, president of the California Parks Foundation. "People will continue to use them unsupervised, and these are



fragile natural environments.” Without staff around to make sure that visitors respect these pristine areas, Goldstein fears a likely increase in vandalism, homeless encampments, trash dumping and wildfires.

Last October, 400 of Angel Island State Park’s 740 acres were blackened in a fire believed to have been caused by humans. Thankfully, firefighters were able to save the island’s 120 historic structures. But Matthews believes that, had the island been unstaffed when the fire broke out, the outcome would have been much different. “I think we would have lost the entire island,” he says.

Park staff maintains the water systems on the island, and operates the watercraft used to ferry administrative and emergency vehicles to and from its shores. Without staff, firefighters would have had a tough time getting to the island. And, once they got there, there would have been no guarantee that the on-island water system would have been in good enough condition to fight such a large blaze.

### Reopening the doors

Park advocates also fear that, if parks are indeed closed, readying them for visitors again in the future could prove to be prohibitively expensive such that some parks will remain closed permanently. “The restart costs would be steep,” says Matthews. “I’d compare it to closing up your winter home. When you open it back up, you can expect there to be damage.”

“Removing trash left behind, restoring trails that have eroded or grown over—that’s all going to cost money,” adds Goldstein. “I think we can be confident that making these places whole again is going to be expensive.”

### Flawed math

According to parks advocates, the reasoning behind cutting off state funding to the parks is flawed. Schwarzenegger believes that doing so will save the state \$143 million dollars. However, opponents of the plan say the state would be shooting itself in the foot, as parks generate millions of dollars of other taxable revenue that will be lost if parks are closed.



Photo courtesy of California State Parks

China Camp State Park located on the shore of San Pablo Bay just east of San Rafael would also be closed under the new budget proposal.

A recent study conducted by the California State University, Sacramento found that park visitors, on average, spend \$57.63 per visit. That figure includes not only money spent in the parks, but also money spent at businesses in surrounding communities.

“These communities are extremely reliant on tourism,” explains Goldstein.

these communities,” adds Matthews. “So the numbers just aren’t adding up.”

“The ability of these small businesses to stay open is conditioned on the threshold of people coming to these parks,” Goldstein adds. “So for us to think that we’re saving money by closing the parks is incredibly naïve.”

In the case of Angel Island State

raising money to support the parks system and encouraging supporters to call on lawmakers in Sacramento to ensure Californians’ continued access to state parks. With the organization’s help, more than 115,000 letters have been sent to Schwarzenegger’s office by park lovers since the proposed budget’s announcement in late-May.

“This is by no means a done deal,” says Goldstein. “In fact, the question of whether there is the political will to support what is essentially a tax, albeit a very minor one, is up in the air at the moment. We’re very concerned, but hopeful.”

“The truth of the matter is, I don’t think we will be able to stop the park closures entirely,” she adds. “What we can do is minimize the closures so that we’re not decimating the system, but nothing will be totally saved.”

“We’re just waiting to see what happens,” says Matthews. “In the meantime, our job is to serve the public. We’re dedicated professionals, so we’ll just keep doing what we’re doing until we’re told otherwise.”

A list of parks that face possible closure includes 220 of California’s 278 state parks. 25 of the parks are located within an hour’s drive of San Francisco, including Angel Island State Park, Mount Tamalpais State Park, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and all of the beaches in San Mateo County.

“Places like Guerneville, Tiburon and Julian, a small community on the edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in Southern California, have an enormous amount of traffic coming through destined for state parks. And those people are spending money for parking, food and in local shops.”

Goldstein says that cutting off these small communities’ lifeblood would likely result in layoffs and, eventually, business closures, which could decimate local economies. “And, besides the money that visitors are spending, the state is also purchasing commodities and services in

Park, the park only costs \$200,000 more to operate than it generates in on-site revenue. According to Goldstein, that \$200,000 is a fraction of a percent of the state’s budget deficit, and hardly worth cutting off Bay Area residents’ access to this local treasure.

### Saving the Future

That said, the parks appear to be at the mercy of legislators, who are expected to make a decision soon. In the meantime, parks advocates, including the California Parks Foundation, continue

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# S.F. Taxi Fleets Move

BY BILL PICTURE

**S**an Francisco law mandates that, by 2011, taxi companies operating in the City must average no more than 38 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually per fleet vehicle.

Getting the cab companies to work towards compliance with the new emissions standard has been a challenge, says Jordanna Thigpen, Enforcement & Legal Affairs Manager for the S.F. Municipal Transportation Agency's Division of Taxis and Accessible Services.

Last month, however, Thigpen reported that, since the legislation was signed into law in March of 2008, the average for The City's entire fleet—1,400 cabs in all—has already been significantly

reduced. "I am happy to report that, last quarter, the average for the entire fleet was

38.13," says Thigpen. "It's only been a year, and we've already come leaps and bounds from where we were then."

Keep in mind, though, that this number is the combined average for all thirty of the cab companies currently operating in San Francisco. While some are being proactive, biting the bullet and replacing retired vehicles—vehicles are usually retired after three years—with hybrid and/or alternative fuel vehicles, others are dragging their feet because of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles' higher price tags.

"And, if we allow them to do that, then they're going to have to replace multiple vehicles at once when 2011 rolls around, which will be a huge, prohibitive expense," Thigpen adds.

To put the new, city-set emissions standard into context, a traditional taxi, such as the Ford Crown Victoria, averages about 70 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. In order for a cab company to bring down its average to meet the 2011 goal, Thigpen says it will have to offset every higher-emission vehicle with three lower-emissions vehicles.

#### A new attitude

Rather than leaving the cab companies to their own devices, the City is monitoring them closely and requiring that new vehicle



Photo by SF Green Cab

Traditional taxis emit about twice as much greenhouse gases as a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle.

purchases be run by Thigpen's office, whose job it has become to help change the way that the taxi industry thinks.

Each of the cab companies currently operating in San Francisco is being

Minimizing up-front expenses in order to maximize profits has been the traditional model of good business. Over the last few years, however, more and more businesses have learned that the added

"Back when gas was around \$4 per gallon, someone driving a Crown Victoria was spending about \$65 each shift on gas, where I was spending about \$20 driving a Prius. Now I'm only paying \$5 or \$6 per shift."

— Athan Rebelos, SF GreenCab



Photo by Maya

In order to meet 2011 emission standards, at least three-quarters of the cabs in every cab company's fleet will need to be hybrid and/or alternative fuel vehicles.

required to submit a plan outlining how it will green its fleet. To date, all but eight of those companies have added hybrid and/or alternative fuel vehicles to their fleets.

It should be mentioned, however, that the City's program only applies to the 1,400 non-handicap-accessible vehicles on the streets. The 100 handicap-accessible cabs in rotation are exempt from the program, as there are currently no hybrid or alternative fuel minivans on the market.

up-front expense and inconvenience of greening business practices is, in the long run, better for both the environment and the bottom line.

"We're trying to help them make smarter choices so they can comply with the law," Thigpen explains.

#### Sweetening the pot

To help taxi companies recoup some of the additional costs of purchasing hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles, which are also more expensive to



# From Yellow to Green

maintain, The City is allowing the taxi companies to charge drivers an additional \$7.50 per shift to drive one of the new green cabs.

At first glance, passing the added cost onto drivers seems unfair. But, because hybrids use significantly less gas than traditional cabs, a cabbie driving one actually stands to end up with more money in his or her pocket at the end of a busy shift.

“Back when gas was around \$4 per gallon, someone driving a Crown Victoria was spending about \$65 each shift on gas, where I was spending about \$20 driving a Prius,” says Athan Rebelos, General Manager of SF Green Cab, the City’s first all-green, worker-run cab cooperative. “Now that gas prices have come down, I’m only paying \$5 or \$6 per shift in the Prius.”

To further encourage cab companies to factor the environment into their decision-making process, The City is also managing a program that reimburses cab companies \$2,000 of the purchase price of a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle, provided they comply with the program’s rules. That program was created by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

“We’ve been managing the program for them since late 2007,” says Jordanna

Thigpen of The City’s Division of Taxis and Accessible Services. “We’ve sent out several checks already, and there’s another \$500,000 in grants currently in the pipeline.”

### A greener state of mind

Logically, a passenger’s ride from Point A to Point B should be no different in a green cab than it is in a traditional cab. The trip takes just as long and costs just as much. Still, green cab drivers say they notice a difference in their customers’ attitudes.

“They just seem like they’re in a better mood,” explains Athan Rebelos of SF Green Cab. The company’s fleet currently consists of eleven hybrid vehicles, and several more green cabs will be added to its fleet next month.

“I’ve been driving a cab for 23 years,” he says. “And, usually, people are cranky because either they’ve been waiting for a while, or they’re in a hurry. Our customers generally chat with us and tell us how cool it is to be in a green cab.”

Rebelos says that some of SF Green Cab’s regular customers are willing to go to unusual lengths to ensure that their transportation to and from a given point is in sync with their own green leanings.

“They’ll wait longer for a green cab, or some of them will even email me three or four days



SF Green Cab is the first cab company in San Francisco to boast an all-hybrid fleet.



Photo by SF Green Cab

Most cab companies charge drivers an added surcharge to drive a green cab, but drivers make up for it at the fuel pump. Hybrid cabs use about one-third less gas.

before to schedule a pickup, which is unheard of,” he says. “It’s pretty amazing.”

“People seem to really like the hybrid cabs,” adds Jordanna Thigpen of the City’s Division of Taxis and Accessible Services. “Some customers even prefer them. From what I can tell, anecdotally, those customers seem to appreciate that these companies are doing their part to help improve air quality. And I guess they look at taking a green cab as just one more way that they can do their part to help.”

For more information on the City of San Francisco’s Division of Taxis and Accessible Services, visit [www.sfmta.com/cms/xhome/hometaxi.htm](http://www.sfmta.com/cms/xhome/hometaxi.htm).

For more information on SF Green Cab, visit [www.sfgreencab.com](http://www.sfgreencab.com).

### TAXI NUMBERS

- 30: The number of taxi companies operating in San Francisco
- 1400: The number of taxis on San Francisco’s streets (does not include ADA-accessible taxis)
- 8: The number of taxi companies that have not yet purchased a single hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle
- 3: The average number of years that a taxi is driven before it’s replaced
- \$5: The amount of gas a hybrid taxi uses per shift
- 65: The number of tons of greenhouse gases that a traditional taxi (non-hybrid) emits annually
- 38: The average per-vehicle number of greenhouses gases that taxi companies must comply with, effective Jan. 1, 2011



# Waterfront Dining Along



Photo by Joel Williams

The industrial décor of the BoilerHouse Restaurant incorporates several of the original pieces of machinery that used to power the entire 525,000 square foot Ford automobile factory throughout the mid 20th century.



Photo by Joel Williams

Now that July is here, summer is in full swing in the Bay Area, and people are converging on the water and waterfront attractions. The City of Richmond is a waterfront lover's paradise, with 32 miles of shoreline offering stunning views of the Bay and 6,000 acres of City and Regional Parks offering all kinds of recreational opportunities. Some of the most striking of Richmond's parks are located along its gorgeous shoreline, and Richmond's shoreline is also the location of many great restaurants where you can enjoy fabulous views while dining.

The new Craneway Pavilion at the Ford Building, which opened to much fanfare last September during the Homefront Festival By the Bay, is now a complete event center and will be the place to be over the Fourth of July weekend. Among the several events scheduled for the holiday weekend is the grand opening of Richmond's newest waterfront eatery, The BoilerHouse Restaurant.

The BoilerHouse is located just off the Craneway by the waterfront at the south end of the 525,000-square foot Ford Point Building. The restaurant's name is derived from the fact that it is located in the former power plant of the Ford automobile factory. In fact, several of the original pieces of massive machinery, now painted silver, highlight the unique industrial décor.

The BoilerHouse will serve fresh, fast, local and healthy food. The menu, which will change daily, will feature seasonal market specials based around local fresh, organic ingredients whenever possible. According to James Madsen, who handles business development for the BoilerHouse, "Our motto will be 'Slow Food Fast.'" He adds, "If you don't need to send a truck from 50 miles away to get produce, your carbon footprint is less and it's less expensive to buy what's in season. Our model for this is the Italian countryside, where you can get

really simple but really delicious food made with local, seasonal and organic ingredients in a waterfront setting but at an affordable price."

During breakfast and lunch, the BoilerHouse will be operated in a self-serve cafeteria-style mode that will allow people quick access to freshly prepared food as they are served at one of the multiple chef stations available. In the late afternoon through the early evening, the BoilerHouse will switch to pub mode, where standard seated service will offer basic pub-style food with an emphasis on local ingredients as well as locally produced beer and wine. A full brunch menu will be offered on the weekends.

A floating dock has also been installed for local sailors, and Hornblower Cruises can also be chartered to provide ferry service to the waterfront restaurant for special occasions.

The official grand opening for the BoilerHouse will be on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> with a waterside brunch in conjunction with the Bay Trail Bike Brunch Bash benefiting LiveStrong, the Lance Armstrong Foundation. The event will also mark the official opening of the Bay Trail in front of the Craneway Pavilion.

The Craneway Pavilion will also be hosting an Independence Day Celebration on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> featuring a free performance by the Oakland East Bay Symphony; the BoilerHouse will be serving a limited menu of BBQ style fare to go along with the holiday event. The 7 p.m. event is being billed as a patriotic celebration for the whole family featuring music, food and fireworks.

On Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Craneway Pavilion will host the live touring performance of "Disney's High School Musical: Summer Celebration," and the BoilerHouse will be serving a buffet dinner that is included with VIP tickets and also available for purchase separately. With over 40,000 square feet, the Craneway Pavilion has emerged as the Bay Area's premier entertainment venue.



# Richmond's Shoreline



Photo by Billy Hustace Photography

The Craneway Pavilion on Richmond's waterfront is hosting a free performance of the Oakland East Bay Symphony on July 3rd followed by a waterfront fireworks display.

Just a few blocks away from the Ford Point Building, in a picturesque, waterfront Victorian overlooking Richmond's Marina Bay, is Salute E Vita Ristorante. Salute serves authentic Italian cuisine, with updated, creative dishes as well as traditional pastas, pizzas, raviolis, salads and entrees and the

and organic ingredients. Even the tomato sauce is always made with fresh tomatoes, never canned ingredients. The result is a true representation of what you would find in Italy in a restaurant operated by knowledgeable staff native to that region.

Although Salute has always done well

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restaurant's own handmade delectable desserts.

The owner, Menbere Aklilu, grew up in Italy. She speaks four languages and worked with family restaurateurs in Rome before moving to the United States in 1995. Aklilu says, "When people think of Richmond, they have the wrong mentality. Then, they come here and are surprised because they see this beautiful atmosphere, gorgeous views and nice location."

Aklilu insists on fresh authentic ingredients and sauces. Everything on the menu is made from scratch with local, fresh

with the local business crowds for lunch, and has been a popular destination spot for discerning diners throughout the Bay Area, the recent new residential developments around Marina Bay have proven to be even more beneficial to the restaurant's business. Salute has now become the *de facto* gathering place for the thriving Bayside community that Marina Bay has become. Families and couples come to dine in the evenings, while complimentary homemade appetizers help the bar maintain a brisk happy hour business.

Salute also features a spacious open-air

dining area that Aklilu calls her own little private "Piazza" complete with a water fountain. The very popular patio area seats up to 65 people and offers wonderful views of Marina Bay, while also offering the temperate climate that Richmond's waterfront has to offer, in a quiet and welcoming atmosphere.

Looking back, Aklilu says she is very happy with her decision seven years ago to take over the reins at Salute, and particularly happy with the way Richmond's Marina Bay has developed around her. She makes particular note of the recent renovations and occupants of the Ford Point Building as being very helpful to the area, by bringing business back to the waterfront.

If you are looking for a much more casual way to enjoy a meal by the water at Richmond's Marina Bay, try grabbing a sandwich at Amini's By the Bay, which is right next door to Salute. By the Bay also carry a wide selection of beer and wine and other grocery items, so you can stock up on everything you would need to have a picnic by the water. Or, just enjoy a custom-made sandwich on the restaurant's wind-shielded patio overlooking the marina.

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Salute's open-air "Piazza" offers wonderful views of Richmond's beautiful Marina Bay.

# IT'S SUMMER AGAIN!

BY CAPTAIN RAY

Summertime in the Bay Area has the conditions necessary to create strong, steady, reliable winds. Sailors wait all winter knowing these winds will return with the coming of summer. The hot rising air in the Central Valley creates a slight vacuum that pulls the wind in the Golden Gate, where the land squeezes and accelerates it through that narrow opening. This wind then spills out onto the central Bay, creating a grand playground for sailors.

Almost everywhere in this country, sailors pray for wind. They implore Aeolus, the Greek god of the winds, to be generous. Then they make the best of

what they have and they count themselves lucky when it's blowing 8 to 10 knots. There is an old Gypsy curse that says, "May your wishes come true!" Here on the Bay, when it's blowing 20 to 25 knots (and sometimes more), I've caught myself thinking, "OK, enough with the blessings!"

People new to the Bay (including otherwise experienced sailors) are sometimes taken aback initially. I've often told my students, "Sailing is like climbing high mountains or riding large animals. We are dealing with forces that we cannot totally control and the possibility of injury exists. But with good equipment and proper training, we can minimize these risks and maximize our enjoyment."

I've just returned from a day of



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A crew from OCSC, dressed in their "foulies," sails close to the Gate as the fog rolls in.

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teaching sailing, and the wind has been blowing hard once more. It has been one of those days—20 to 25 knots all afternoon! There will be a lot more of these days as the summer season rolls along, but today was one of the first this year for me. I've been sailing on San Francisco Bay for over 20 years now, but the return of summer conditions always comes as a not-so-gentle reminder of why I sail here.

I'm physically tired and at the same time quite invigorated. The power of the wind is strangely energizing to my soul and, at the same time, draining to my body. My muscles ache a bit and I'll sleep well tonight, but this vigorous dance with natural forces is refreshing to my spirit. When I'm on the water, the world ashore is a long way off, the phone

doesn't ring, and there are no emails that need a reply.

I've come back in off the water covered with a thin layer of salt spray; my glasses dotted with watery spots, face and hands wet. Some lines from a Jimmy Buffet song are going through my head:

*"The salt air it ain't thin  
It sticks right to your skin'  
Makes you feel fine!"*

The rest of me is warm and dry, covered by my "foulies," an affectionate term for an outer layer of waterproof protective clothing. As I pull off the gear, shake the water off it, and hang it up to dry, I think: "That was FUN!"

**Oh, yeah! It's summer again!**

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# Hornet Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Apollo Anniversary

The *USS Hornet* Museum is commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its historic, safe recovery of Apollo 11 with Splashdown 2009, a three-day festival to take place on the ship. From Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26, there will be a series of special events that will appeal to people of all ages, including families with children, such as ship tours, actual moon rocks, and special interactive exhibits. Visitors will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from NASA, the space industry and former *USS Hornet* crew from the recovery mission. Permanent exhibits on board include an Apollo Capsule, HS-4 "Helo 66" type recovery helicopter, and the Mobile Quarantine Facility used by Apollo 14.

On Saturday, the featured guest speaker will be former astronaut Buzz Aldrin, Lunar Module Pilot for Apollo 11 and the second man to walk on the moon. Aldrin represents "living history" and he can speak to space travel technology and experiences, both then and now. He has seen the evolution of NASA and the space program, and his stories are invaluable.

Forty years ago, the aircraft carrier *USS Hornet* recovered the first two NASA missions that landed men on the moon, Apollo 11 and Apollo 12. The ship is the largest surviving artifact from these incredible events, which are among the most important in the history of humankind. On July 24, 1969, President Richard Nixon, Admiral John S. McCain and a number of other dignitaries were present while *Hornet* recovered astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins and their spacecraft *Columbia*. Armstrong and Aldrin were the first two humans to walk on the Moon.

Aldrin will also be signing his new book, *Magnificent Desolation: The Long Road Journey from the Moon*, a memoir about his triumphs in space and the hard times back on Earth. For more information visit [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org).

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5:50 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	6:25 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	09:40 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	-----	-----
6:35	7:05	7:10	7:40	11:40	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
7:10	7:40	7:45	8:15	1:40 p.m.	2:30	2:40	3:30
7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05	3:40	4:30	4:40	5:25
8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45	5:30#	7:00	7:15	8:00
9:15	9:50	10:10	10:45	<b>One-way Ferry Fares</b>			
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30	<b>Larkspur</b>			
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30 p.m.	<b>Sausalito</b>			
11:40	12:15 p.m.	12:25 p.m.	1:00	Daily			
12:40 p.m.	1:15	1:25	2:00	Daily			
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Adult Cash Fare			
2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05	\$7.85 \$7.85			
3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55	TransLink			
4:15	4:45	4:55	5:25	\$4.90 \$4.20			
-----	-----	5:20	6:05	Senior/Disabled/			
5:10	5:45	5:55	6:25	\$3.90 \$3.90			
5:35	6:10	6:20	6:50	Medicare/Youth (6-18)			
6:35	7:10	7:20	7:50	Children 5 and under			
7:20	7:55	8:10	8:40	Free Free			
8:10	8:45	8:50	9:20	Children ages 5 and under travel free when accompanied by a full fare paying adult (limit two youth per adult).			
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05				

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### 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  
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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				
6:55^	6:45*^	7:20	-----				
7:55^	7:45*	8:20	-----				
8:55^	8:45*	-----	9:25				

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

No ferry service on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Presidents Day.  
Regular weekday service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FARES:	One Way	Round Trip	10 Ticket Book	20 Ticket Book	Monthly Pass
Adult (13+)	\$6.25	\$12.50	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$170.00
Junior (5-12)	\$3.50	\$7.00			
Child under 5*	FREE	FREE			
Senior (65+)*	\$3.75	\$7.50			
Disabled Persons*	\$3.75	\$7.50			
Active Military	\$5.00	\$10.00			

\* To S.F. via Oakland # To Alameda via Oakland  
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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 <a href="http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com">www.blueandgoldfleet.com</a> 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.					
<b>FARES:</b> All prices include audio tour.					
Adult \$24.00		Junior (12-18) \$20.00		Senior (62+) \$20.00	
Child (5-11) \$16.00		Discount fares available at <a href="http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Sightseeing/Boat/baycruise.cfm">http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Sightseeing/Boat/baycruise.cfm</a>			
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					
Adult \$15.00	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg* \$15.00	Alameda/Oakland* \$14.50	Vallejo* \$30.50*		
Child \$8.50 (age 6-12)	Free (5 & under)	Free (4 & under)	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	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 ----- 4:25 p.m. 5:25 6:15 7:15	7:35 a.m. 8:35 ----- 4:45 p.m. 5:45 6:35 7:35		
FARES:					
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. ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 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:			
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) w/Muni \$290.00		\$330.00	
Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit <a href="http://www.baylinkferry.com">www.baylinkferry.com</a> 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			
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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	
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Pier 43 1/2			
Monday through Sunday			
10:00 a.m.	1:15	4:15	
10:45	1:45	5:00	
11:15	2:30	5:30	
12:00 p.m.	3:00	6:15	
12:30*	3:45		
FARES:			
Adult (18+)		\$22.00	
Youth (5-17)		\$16.00	
Child (under 5)		Free	
Family Pass		\$69.00	
(2 Adult + 4 Youth)			

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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
FARES:			
For the most current schedule and other information, visit <a href="http://www.angelislandferry.com/">http://www.angelislandferry.com/</a>		Round Trip	
Adult (13 and over)		\$13.50	
Child (6 - 12)		\$11.50	
Children (3 - 5)		\$3.50	
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VALLEJO - ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdays			
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
FARES:			
Adult \$15.00	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg \$15.00	Alameda/Oakland \$14.50	Vallejo \$30.50*
Senior (62+) \$11.25	Child (6-12) \$8.50 (age 6-12)	Free (4 & under)	Free (5 & under)
Child \$8.50 (age 6-12)	Free (5 & under)	Free (4 & under)	Free (5 & under)
Children \$11.25 (age 13-18)	Free (5 & under)	Free (4 & under)	Free (5 & under)
Child \$11.25 (age 13-18)	Free (5 & under)	Free (4 & under)	Free (5 & under)
* Fares include State Park admission			



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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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# Alternatives to Once-Through Cooled Power Plants

BY SEJAL CHOKSI, BAYKEEPER AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR

A few months ago, this column focused on once-through cooling, a harmful technology in use at three Bay Area power plants. Once-through cooling plants kill fish and marine life as they pull in Bay water to cool heated machinery. In response, we received this inquiry:

*“My husband and I are supporters of Baykeeper. We enjoyed your informative article on Local Power Plants in the April 2009 issue of Bay Crossings but felt that an important piece of information was missing: What are the alternatives to once-through cooling? What are their relative positives and negatives? Where else are the alternatives being used? Your article got us very interested in this important topic.”*

We greatly appreciate the inquiry and hope that this response answers lingering questions on this topic.

Three power plants along the margins of San Francisco Bay use once-through cooling. This process pulls large amounts of Bay water in to cool power plant turbines and then releases the heated water back into the environment, upsetting the sensitive temperature balance in the Bay ecosystem. Once-through cooling kills large numbers of fish and wildlife that get sucked into power plant turbines and trapped by the force of rushing water against intake screens. This type of cooling process is an outdated technology that was implemented 30 to 40 years ago when coastal power plants were built. Given the advanced age of these plants—and for some of them, their limited contribution to Bay Area energy demands—closing down the plants and switching to renewable energy sources may be the best long-term solution.

In the short term, however, while California’s energy plan includes the three Bay Area power plants that use once-through cooling systems, ‘repowering’ the plants with closed-cycle cooling systems would lessen the environmental burden of these plants. Closed-cycle cooling systems are more energy efficient and less environmentally harmful than once-through cooling systems. This newer technology has been used for years in areas with limited water resources and is now the required technology for newly built power plants. These systems can absorb and dispel the excess heat produced by power plants and also greatly reduce the impact to aquatic and marine ecosystems.

In closed-cycle wet cooling systems, the heat from turbines is absorbed by a small volume of water, part of which is released as vapor from a cooling tower while the rest is recovered for reuse. Wet cooling systems use up to 97% less water than once-through cooling systems. This reduction in water use drastically decreases the number of organisms that are killed in the intake process. Wet cooling systems do have some negative environmental impacts, however: they can emit fine particulate matter into the air, create unattractive plumes of water vapor and release droplets of high-salinity water that drift before settling.

A closed-cycle dry cooling system is another option that uses far less water than once-through cooling, with fewer environmental impacts. The use of dry cooling systems originally began in areas where water resources were very limited, but the increasing cost of water and demand for energy efficiency has made dry cooling systems much more common. These systems use a small volume of water, but the water can be collected for reuse; as a result, dry cooling systems eliminate the need for a continuous intake of cooling water and do not create the same air quality problems as a closed-



cycle wet system. Dry cooling systems also dramatically reduce the volume of water discharged into the environment, but the concentrated waste water can contain high levels of pollutants, which raises toxicity concerns. Additionally, dry cooling systems have a higher capital cost and are generally less efficient than wet cooling systems.

Despite some of the environmental trade-offs, closed-cycle cooling systems are a vast improvement over once-through cooling technology. Power plant operators at four California plants in El Segundo, Encina, Humboldt and Contra Costa are already exploring repowering to closed-cycle cooling systems. The Humboldt Bay Repowering Project, for example, will reduce the facility’s water demand from 40,000 to 1.67 gallons per minute and eliminate water withdrawals from Humboldt Bay. Ultimately, California’s energy plan must phase out the use of once-through cooling entirely and increase the percentage of energy provided by renewable sources such as solar and wind. In the short term, however, closed-cycle technology is one of the best options for power plant cooling, both

to minimize environmental impacts and to increase energy efficacy.

Above all, San Francisco Baykeeper advocates for environmentally responsible energy policies that don’t harm our local waterways, fish and wildlife. To join Baykeeper and learn more about how to voice your support for ending once-through cooling, visit [www.baykeeper.org](http://www.baykeeper.org). If you have comments, questions, or feedback about Baykeeper’s monthly columns, please contact us at [info@baykeeper.org](mailto:info@baykeeper.org).

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## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE NORTH BAY

BY JILL ROBBY

Big Brothers Big Sisters currently provides mentors to over 1,500 Youth in the North Bay counties of Marin, Napa, Sonoma and Solano. Every day, volunteers from the North Bay are helping change the lives of youth that are faced with the hardships of growing up in very difficult circumstances. That's the good news; the bad news is that there is a waiting list of over 180 youth in need of a stable adult influence in their lives.

If you are looking to give back to your community, becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister can be one of the most rewarding ways imaginable. For Jayson Pahlmeyer, the architect of Pahlmeyer Wines of Napa, becoming a Big Brother has been one of best experiences of his life.

Pahlmeyer, who was Napa County 2009 Big Brother of the Year, has been a dedicated volunteer with BBBS for over 30 years. Not

only is he a Big Brother, but he is also one of the organization's major donors. Pahlmeyer was matched with his first Little Brother, Raymond, 30 years ago when Raymond was nine, and they still maintain their relationship today. He met his second Little Brother, Andrew, who is now 22, when he was 12 years old. Pahlmeyer and his current Little Brother, Dylan, are now entering their fourth year together. Dylan, now 12, has become a star athlete in football and baseball while maintaining a high grade point average in school.

Pahlmeyer, with two sons of his own, spends a lot of time with his Little Brother. "I want Dylan to know that he can count on me to be there for him," he explained. "I try to offer him a sense of stability." Since his first match, Pahlmeyer has been more than a mentor to all his Little Brothers. "My Little Brothers are part of my family. I get back from them a love that is pure

and unadulterated—a bond that is truly remarkable." He was the best man at Raymond's wedding, and all three of his Little Brothers, along with his two sons, make annual trips to Hawaii. "This is the most rewarding thing I have ever done," Pahlmeyer said. "Anyone can give money, but giving of time is the key."

"Pahlmeyer epitomizes the dedication our Big Brothers and Big Sisters have in changing how young people in the North Bay grow up. They know the challenges our children face and are making a difference in their lives," said Edward Kaufman, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay. "Our Big Brothers and Big Sisters form lasting relationships with children and provide the mentoring that can help these children excel in school and in life. Jayson exemplifies the power and impact of our programs and the bonds that are formed between our Bigs and our Littles."



Edward Kaufman (left), Executive Director of BBBS of the North Bay, presents Jayson Pahlmeyer (right) with the award for Big Brother of the Year in Napa County 2009. Pahlmeyer's first "Little" brother Raymond (center) joined him on stage to accept the award.

If you are interested in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister or would like more information on other ways you can help, visit [www.bbbsnorthbay.org](http://www.bbbsnorthbay.org) or call 415 453-3800.

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# AROUND THE BAY IN JULY

## **Wacky Waterfront Stories**

Offbeat and little known stories about the San Francisco Southern waterfront will come to life on Tuesday, July 14. The tales will detail how bums repeatedly caused a wharf to burn, why writer Jack London was ripped off when he ordered a yacht, and where severe anti-Chinese feelings made many of them jobless. Those and many other stories, plus a slide show, will highlight a lecture by Stephen Canright, curator of Maritime History. "On the Waterfront" will be held at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 3200 California at Presidio, at 7:30 p.m. A reception at 7:00 p.m. will precede the event, which is sponsored by the San Francisco Historical Society (SFMHS). It is free to members, \$5 for nonmembers. For more information visit [www.sfhhistory.org](http://www.sfhhistory.org) or call (415) 775-1111 ext. 5.

## **Musical Mondays at JLS**

Jack London Square hosts live musical entertainment every Monday in July at the foot of Broadway from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy the music while playing your favorite board games. Start your Monday evening with great music, refreshing cocktails, balmy breezes and a chance to challenge your friends in a game of checkers, dominos, backgammon or for the kids (or the kid in you!) pick-up sticks, jacks, Candy Land, etc. Build up an appetite and check out the prefix dinner menus that the JLS restaurants will feature to help you ease into another work week. For more information visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com) or call (510) 645-9292.

## **The Painters Are Coming! The Painters Are Coming!**

For the fourth consecutive year, the Frank Bette Center for the Arts is hosting an event known as a Plein Air Paintout, or "in the open air." Largely a west coast phenomenon centered on coastal California, for this hardy group of painters, the event combines the love of being outside in this beautiful world with the love of painting. The painters relish continuing and extending the legacy of the Impressionist painters, that of painting with light. From July 13-19, 40 painters from all over will converge in Alameda to record its unique character and beauty. As seasoned veterans of this art form, most of these confident artists are not shy or exclusive and appear unfazed by onlookers and their questions. This event is a chance for Alamedans to participate in the creative process by observing and dialoging. There will also be several opportunities to purchase the paintings produced during the week. The Frank Bette Center is located at 1601 Paru at Lincoln in Alameda. For more information visit [www.frankbettecenter.org](http://www.frankbettecenter.org) or call (510) 523-6957.



## **Surf's Up at Fort Mason Dude**

Scheduled to coincide with Fort Mason Center's three-month summer festival, "Pipeline: Art, Surfing, and the Ocean Environment" will run July 16 through August 28 and will feature nearly two dozen artists, as well as custom surf boards by renowned big wave surfer Jeff Clark. The Gallery is installing a surf education room in partnership with *The Surfer's Journal* where visitors can read about the history of modern surfing and view some of the best films on the subject. Located in the Marina district, the gallery space offers unparalleled views of Golden Gate Bridge. Against this beautiful backdrop, an opening reception will be held on July 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. featuring local surf band The Eldorados. For more information, visit [www.sfmoma.org/artistsgallery](http://www.sfmoma.org/artistsgallery) or call (415) 441-4777.



## **Waterfront History Comes to Life**

San Francisco maritime labor history comes alive with living history reenactments at Hyde Street Pier. From July 13 to October 2, 2011, San Francisco's waterfront was shut down by sailors, teamsters, and longshoremen striking for better pay and working conditions. On Saturday, July 11 from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m., the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park will present an afternoon of costumed living history depicting events during the 1901 San Francisco waterfront strike. Also, in cooperation with Labor Fest, the park will host a living history presentation with David Giesen portraying 19th century newspaperman Henry George. Mr. George will share his experiences as an advocate of sailors' rights. Experience the sights and sounds of San Francisco history through a living history reenactment. The strike reenactment will take place on Hyde Street Pier at 12 p.m. and will be repeated at 3 p.m. The Henry George presentation will be aboard the historic sailing ship *Balclutha* at 2 p.m. Admission to historic ships: adults, \$5; ages 15 and under, free. Free with National Park passes. There is no admission charge to walk on Hyde Street Pier. For more information, visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/safr](http://www.nps.gov/safr) or call the park's Visitor Center at (415) 447-5000.

## **Fourth of July Fireworks Displays**

### **San Francisco**

PIER 39 invites you to enjoy a fun-filled Independence Day celebration. Rock out with Take 2 followed by San Francisco's favorite 1980s cover band, Tainted Love. Immediately after the entertainment, look to the sky at approximately 9:30 p.m. as the City of San Francisco lights up the night with its Fireworks Spectacular, accompanied by a musical simulcast from KISS FM 98.1. View from PIER 39, Fisherman's Wharf, Aquatic Park or aboard the *SS Jeremiah O'Brien*.

### **Oakland/Alameda**

The Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland will present a 20-minute fireworks show over the Oakland and Alameda estuary starting at 9:15 on the Fourth of July. Jack London Square and the *USS Hornet* are both hosting events that culminate with the Fireworks display.

### **North Bay**

**Sausalito** - Waterfront fireworks display off Spinnaker Point starts at approximately 9:00 p.m.

**Marin County** - Fireworks display over the lagoon at 9:30 p.m.

### **East Bay**

**Berkeley Marina** - Fireworks display starts at 9:30 p.m. and will last almost a half-hour.

**Benicia** - Waterfront fireworks display at approximately 9:00 p.m. at the foot of First Street.

**Martinez** - Fireworks begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park

**Hercules** - Fireworks display will begin at 9:00 p.m. at the waterfront.

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**Sausalito & Tiburon** A comfortable ride across the San Francisco Bay to the two Marin seaside villages of Sausalito and Tiburon to enjoy shopping, dining or an easy stroll around town.

**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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