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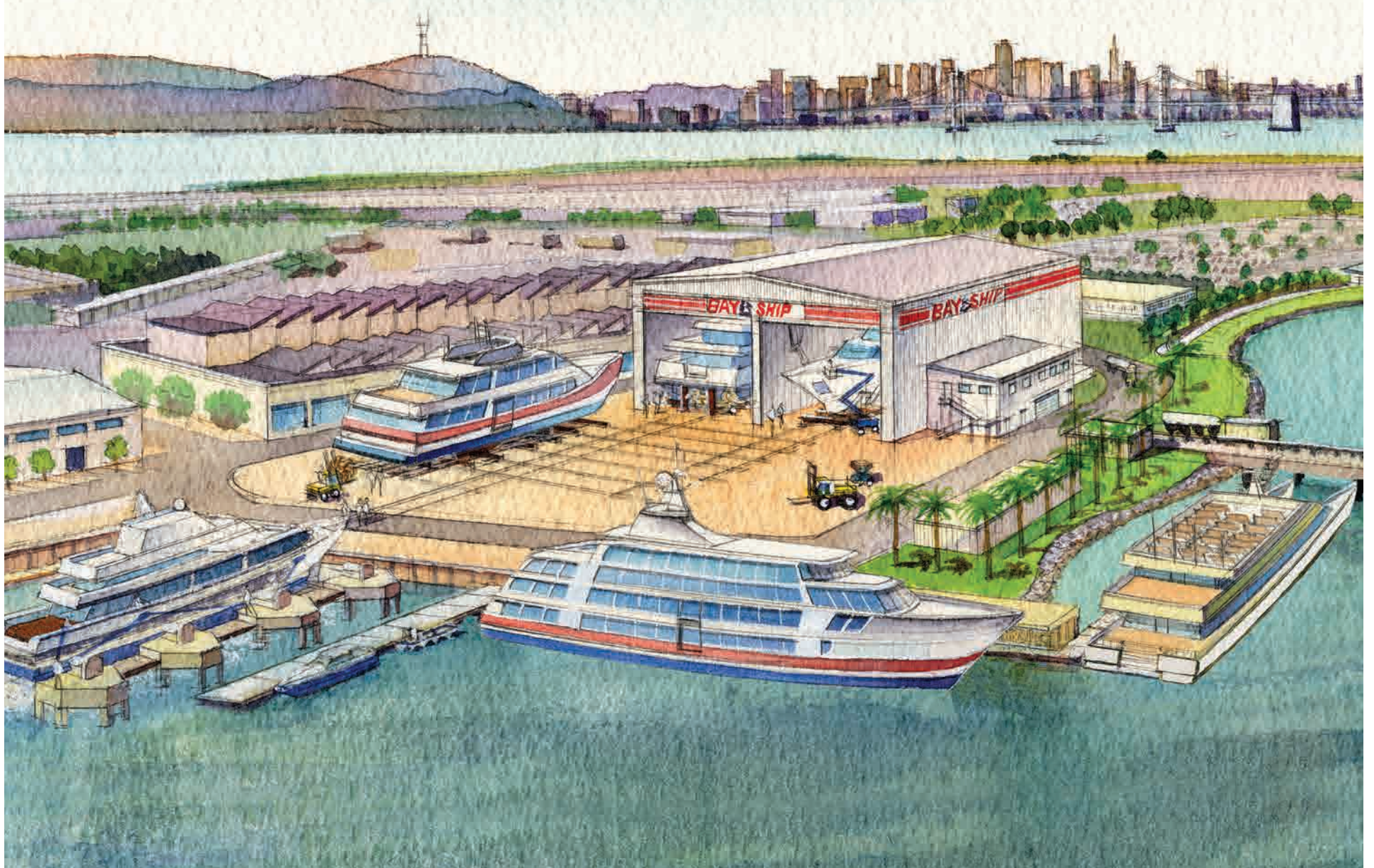
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The City of Vallejo and Vallejo Transit will present a Rider Appreciation Day on Thursday, September 10th. Commuters returning to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal will be greeted with gift bags, live music by Astral Kitchen and a local Vendor Marketplace. Festivities will run from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Photo of Vallejo Baylink Ferry *Solano* and its feathered friend taken by Joel Williams.



# Blue Thunder Rumbles the East Bay

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

Alameda's Bay Ship & Yacht has been in the ship building business since the 1970s, building everything from mega-yachts to barges. On August 3, the launch of the 42-foot *Blue Thunder* marked the first custom yacht to come out of the shipyard in over 20 years. The boat was built as a showpiece to illustrate that high-quality custom yachts can be created right here in the Bay Area.

Most modern yachts are manufactured at facilities that use fiberglass hulls made from a mold. The production lines then complete the yachts with a standard list of amenities. Custom yachts, on the other hand, are one-of-a-kind, one-at-a-time efforts built to each owner's unique requirements. According to Bay Ship & Yacht owner Bill Elliott, "There really is nothing like that in this area. There are some places up in Seattle and there's a lot of it on the east coast. What we want to do with this boat is to showcase the talent and level of skill

that we have here in the yard."

The process starts with a consultation with the client to determine the desired size and style of boat. Then, a naval architect will design the boat specifically to the client's requirements. *Blue Thunder* was designed by William Garden, whom Elliott refers to as "the dean of yacht designers in this country." Each custom project taken on by Bay Ship & Yacht will have a team of specialized craftsmen that will take on an individual project from concept to completion, much like

the mega-yacht business. The result is a completely unique vessel built to the specifications of the client.

"A lot of people look at a shipyard as a just being a bunch of guys that can hammer steel and apply bottom paint," says Elliott. "We wanted to show the range of expertise and let people know about the fine craftsmanship here." *Blue Thunder* is magnificent showpiece for just that.

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# Tugboat Captain Henning Dead at Age 41

BY PATRICK BURNSON

August was filled with unpleasant news for the Bay Area maritime community.

Captain Fred Henning, general manager of Baydelta Maritime, a major San Francisco-based tugboat company, died in early August at the age of 41 after an apparent heart attack. Henning began his career in 1996 at Baydelta as a mate and operator in training shortly after graduating from the California Maritime Academy. In a matter of a few years, he became a tugboat skipper and then general manager of Baydelta's operations.

Among his many achievements, Henning served on board of directors of the Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Bay Area and of the California Maritime Academy Foundation. He was also a member of the harbor safety committee for San Francisco Bay.

A memorial service was held at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. A memorial fund in support of his children has been established. It is the Fred Henning Children's Fund, c/o Borel Private Bank, 433 California St., San Francisco, CA 94104.

## 34 Lose Jobs at Port of Oakland

The Port of Oakland has laid off dozens of workers as part of its effort to pay off more than \$1 billion in debt.

According to industry sources, 34 employees were laid off at Oakland's port and airport, most of whom were members of SEIU, the service employees union. One other was from IBEW Local 1245.

The layoffs came after the two unions rejected concessions that would have frozen future pay hikes. Two other unions—the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 21, which represents middle managers, and the Western Council

of Engineers, which represents employees in scientific jobs—accepted the concessions, and their members were not laid off.

Port management, which did not wish to comment on the union actions, noted that revenues are way down because of the recession. They also admitted that ambitious infrastructure projects launched earlier in the decade have cost them dearly.

And that was not the only disappointing employment news from the Port of Oakland. Management has also announced that it plans to recover more money by furloughing many other workers for up to 11 days next year. According to an industry report, the Port of Oakland is now \$1.3 billion in debt—five times the port's operating revenue of \$277 million.

## Port of Oakland Wants Exemption From Federal Requirements

Meanwhile, the Port of Oakland's Board has recently passed a resolution encouraging the U.S. Congress to "expand the exceptions to [federal] preemption to include environmental, security and congestion programs" so that the Teamsters may replace owner-operators of drayage trucks with unionized workers.

In something of a paradox, say industry analysts, the port is seeking a "national" goods movement policy while at the same time seeking local exceptions from the benefits of federal standards. Among those most resistant to this action are agricultural exporters and intermodal shippers that the port is reliant upon for any competitive advantage it has against other West Coast cargo gateways.

Another wild card here, say industry analysts, is the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. Their members have been impacted by the declining levels of containers moving in and out of the port.

## 511 Transit Named One of 10 Great Government Web Sites

The 511 Transit page at [www.transit.511.org](http://www.transit.511.org) has been cited by *Government Computer News* as one of 10 great government Web sites nationwide for 2009. The magazine hailed the popular site as "a heroic act of interagency coordination." 511 Transit, which originally was launched in 2003 and periodically has been expanded and upgraded, is a one-stop source for transit information, offering online trip planning as well as route, fare and schedule data for dozens of different transit operators throughout the Bay Area. A total redesign of 511 Transit was completed in summer 2008 and further revisions are now underway.

The 511 Transit page registered nearly 1.7 million individual user sessions in July 2009, a 47 percent increase over the monthly average in 2008. And the online trip planner at the 511 Transit page generated more than 1.5 million itineraries that month, compared to a monthly average of about 1.1 million in 2008.

The success of 511 Transit reflects good working partnerships between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the various transit agencies. According to Tom Spiekerman, transit.511.org project manager for MTC, "The operators maintain their schedules and route data in a lot of different formats. This creates a challenge combining the data so the online trip planner can deliver useful itineraries. But it turned out to be as much an opportunity as it was an obstacle. It allowed us to create a flexible and uniform interface that riders can use to explore and simplify their transit options."

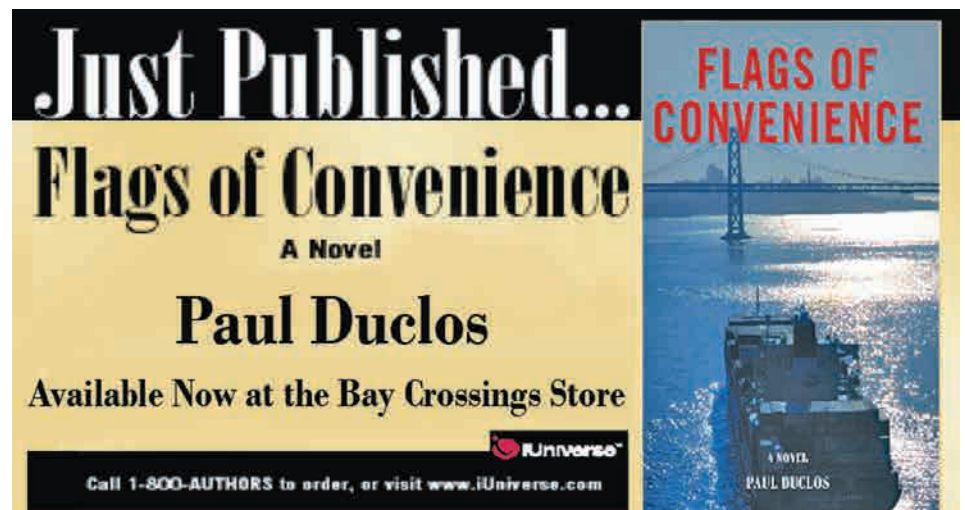


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- Every Sunday** **9AM – Dusk - Charter Share, Club Nautique, Alameda/Sausalito, 510-865-4700, [www.clubnautique.net](http://www.clubnautique.net)**  
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- Every Wednesday** **6PM – 10PM - Wednesday Night Sail, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
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- September 4 & 5** **6:30PM – 9:30PM - Full Moon Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, [www.outbackadventures.com](http://www.outbackadventures.com)**  
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- September 5** **9AM – 11AM - Introduction to Stand Up Paddling, UCSF Outdoor Programs, San Francisco, 415-476-2078, [outdoors.ucsf.edu](http://outdoors.ucsf.edu)**  
Try this exciting new sport right here in San Francisco. With easy access from Muni and Cal-train, the calm waters of Mission Creek and McCovey cove are a perfect starting ground. Class includes board, paddle, wetsuit, and instruction. Cost \$90.
- September 5** **7PM – 10PM - Moonlight Kayaking, Jack London Square, Oakland Estuary, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com)**  
Moonlight paddling is enchanting! The water is calm and glassy on the Oakland Estuary and the city lights add to the ambiance. We enjoy a leisurely pace as the sun sets and the moon rises, illuminating a delightful evening. Reservations required. \$49, includes kayaks, all gear, and guides.
- September 7** **8AM – 11AM - Paddle the Gate, Sea Trek Kayaking Center, Sausalito, 415-332-8494, [www.seatrek.com](http://www.seatrek.com)**  
This trip is in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge. We'll launch our boats from the Coast Guard Station at Horseshoe Cove under the north tower of the Bridge. On this trip we paddle two-person fiberglass boats, and everyone will receive a thorough and confidence-building orientation. The first of many thrills is passing beneath the mammoth bridge as we paddle along the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's Marin Headlands. Beginners with a physically active lifestyle are welcome. \$80.
- September 11** **6PM – 8:30PM - Sunset Sail, Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, [www.calloffthesea.org](http://www.calloffthesea.org)**  
Watch the sunset from the deck of our 82' schooner, SEAWARD. This is a relaxing way to end the week! Wine, beer, beverages and appetizers included. Don't forget your sweater. Adults: \$40 / Youth (6-12) \$25 / No toddlers please
- September 12** **9AM – 3PM - Drakes Estero, Drakes Bay Oyster Farm, Blue Waters Kayaking, 415-669-2600, [www.bwkayak.com](http://www.bwkayak.com)**  
Drake's Estero is one of the most stunning places to paddle on the California coast, offering incredible opportunities for wildlife viewing. We'll glide through the eelgrass and kelp beds of this scenic estuary, home to harbor seals, bat rays, leopard sharks and many birds species such as osprey, geese, white pelicans, loons, grebes, shorebirds. Cost: \$98/person.
- September 12-13 & 19-20** **12PM – 4PM - Free Boat Rides, Club Nautique, 510-865-4700, [www.clubnautique.net](http://www.clubnautique.net)**  
Come to the Northern California Boat Show in Jack London Square. Climb on a boat and take a trip around the Alameda estuary. Included in admission to the Boat Show. Visit their website at: <http://www.ncma.com/ncmaFallIntro.html> for more information.
- September 12** **6PM – 10PM - Saturday Night Sail, Tradewinds Sailing School & Club, Richmond, 510-232-7999, [www.tradewindssailing.com](http://www.tradewindssailing.com)**  
Join us for an evening sail on the bay. Navigate at night and enjoy the romance of the bay after dark. \$30 (Free for club members).
- September 13** **7AM – 12 PM - Monterey Scuba Diving, Advanced Diving Technologies, 925-754-8180, [www.adtscuba.com](http://www.adtscuba.com)**  
Fall is nearing and that means the jellyfish are back. Don't miss this one. Keep watch for the brown jellies, moon jellies and medusas. They are all in the Bay and posing for that snapshot. Swim through the majestic kelp forest with the sea lions. Join us for this 2 tank dive, \$90, nitrox available upon request.
- September 13** **10AM – 2PM - Bay Cruising Workshop, Club Nautique, Sausalito, 415-332-8001, [www.clubnautique.net](http://www.clubnautique.net)**  
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Come explore the wetlands along Corte Madera Marsh while taking in the views of Mount Tamalpais and the San Francisco Bay. We will paddle out in stable double sea kayaks while keeping our eyes open for the curious harbor seals that gather nearby. If conditions permit, we may take an optional side trip past the infamous San Quentin Prison, then stop for lunch on a nice sandy beach with incredible views.
- September 18 4PM – 6PM - Free Monthly BBQ, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
BBQs are a good opportunity for anyone who is interested in getting into sailing to learn more about OCSC and all that we have to offer.
- September 19 9AM – 3PM - Tule Elk Tour, Blue Waters Kayaking, Tomales Bay, 415-669-2600, [www.bwkayak.com](http://www.bwkayak.com)**  
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- September 19 9:30AM – 12:30PM - Adventure Sail, Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, [www.callofthesea.org](http://www.callofthesea.org)**  
Help the crew raise sails and steer the boat, or just sit back and enjoy the view! Morning winds are typically light so we often get to sail under the Golden Gate Bridge. This is a great sail for families. Snacks and beverages included. Adults: \$40 / Youth (6 - 12) \$25 / Kids (under 6) Free.
- September 20 8AM – 8PM - Farallones Sail, Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, [www.callofthesea.org](http://www.callofthesea.org)**  
We will sail 27 miles outside the Golden Gate to the Farallon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. We should arrive around mid-day for some sightseeing as we sail close to the islands. Marine mammals and seabirds abound! The trip includes a light breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Depending on the weather, this can be a challenging sail, so be prepared. Adults and Youth (12 and older) \$140.
- September 20 10AM – 2PM - Kayak Basics, Oakland Estuary, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com)**  
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- September 26 9AM – 12PM - Beyond China Basin, UCSF Outdoor Programs, San Francisco, 415-476-2078, [outdoors.ucsf.edu](http://outdoors.ucsf.edu)**  
Join us as we leave the protected waters of Mission Creek and head north to explore the San Francisco waterfront by kayak. Trip includes all necessary kayaking gear. \$65
- September 26 11AM – 3PM - Open House, Tradewinds Sailing School & Club, Richmond, 510-232-7999, [www.tradewindssailing.com](http://www.tradewindssailing.com)**  
Open to the public at our new facility. Invite your friends and come on out for Bar-B-Q hot dogs and snacks. Bring the family and friends out and have a look!
- September 27 8:45AM – 4PM - Beginning Sea Kayaking, Oakland Estuary, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com)**  
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- September 27 9AM – 3:30PM - Drakes Estero Paddle, Sea Trek Kayaking Center, Sausalito, 415-332-8494, [www.seatrek.com](http://www.seatrek.com)**  
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# Olympic Swimmers to Compete in Thrilling Tiburon Mile

Olympic competitors and all manner of other swimmers will vie for first place at the tenth anniversary of the Bay Area's most remarkable open-water race, the RCP Tiburon Mile, on Sunday, September 13 at 9 a.m. Some of swimming's most high-powered competitors from across the United States and more than 20 countries will take on the 63-degree waters of San Francisco Bay to finish the one nautical mile between Ayala Cove on Angel Island and the Town of Tiburon. With the Golden Gate Bridge as backdrop to the spectacular action, thousands of spectators will cheer on the swimmers during what *Swimming World Magazine* called a "magical event."

For the second year, local non-profit hospice and palliative care provider Hospice By The Bay is the designated charity for this prestigious event. More than 800 swimmers between the ages of

8-75 took part in last year's sold-out race. Returning this year are the Elite Male and Female 2008 winners, Australia's Trent Grimsey and Germany's Britta Kamrau, who took a bronze medal in the Beijing Olympics. World open water champion Thomas Lurz, Russia's world open-water champions Vladimir Dyatchin and Ekaterina Seliverstova, Olympic Gold Medalist Ous Mellouli, Olympian Chloe Sutton, Olympic hopeful Eva Fabian, CAL American record holder Dana Vollmer, World Champion and tri-athlete John Flanagan, and World Champion and marathon swimmer Erica Rose will also take to the scenic waters of Raccoon Strait, aiming to win the winner-take-all \$10,000 prize.

Along with the elite swimmers, hundreds of college, high school, national and local pool and open-water swimmers of all ages, as well as eight local and international Special Olympics athletes, will vie for prizes. To register to swim, to



Photo by Joel Williams

The view of Tiburon and Raccoon Strait from Ayala Cove on Angel Island

pledge to support a swimmer, to volunteer, or for more information about this world-class event, visit [www.rcptiburonmile.com](http://www.rcptiburonmile.com) or call the Race Hotline at (415) 721-9990. Volunteers are needed on land and on the water on event day for everything from registration to assisting the swimmers in the water. Owners of kayaks, jet skis and surfboards are welcome to contact the Hospice By The Bay Volunteer Coordinator, (415) 526-5500 or by email at [events@hbtc.org](mailto:events@hbtc.org).

Marin County native Robert C. Placak founded the Tiburon Mile in 1999 as his "way of giving back to the sport. I always wanted to create a world-class swim event for the community." As an open-water swimmer himself, Placak has experienced the cross currents and tidal flow that make this race a challenge. "Swimmers must use their own talents to navigate and race against the best," he says.

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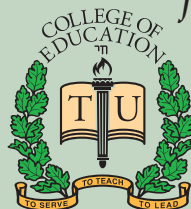
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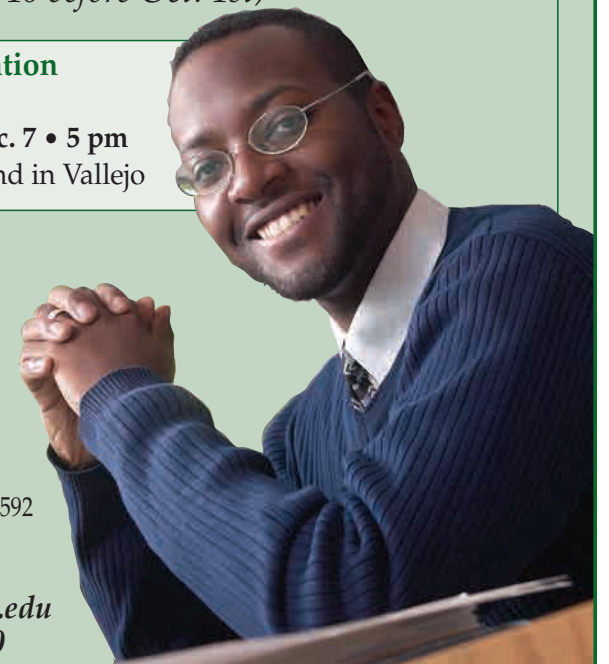
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# It's Time to Talk Like a Pirate Again

BY CAPTAIN RAY

**I**t's that time of the year again. Yes, September 19th is officially Talk Like A Pirate Day! So, here are several more expressions commonly used ashore that have their origins in life at sea.

A deck constructed above the main deck at the stern of a vessel is called the poop deck. The term "poop" comes from the Latin *puppim*, meaning the rear section of a ship. When sea conditions were bad enough to actually break over this raised deck, the vessel was in danger of being completely overwhelmed. Today, when we are overwhelmed by work, stress, or physical labor we are said to be "pooped."

On all ships, it is the duty of those

on watch to record the course steered and the distance traveled during their watch. A small slate was kept near the helm for this purpose. At the end of each watch, this information was transferred to the ship's log and the slate erased, allowing the oncoming watch to "start with a clean slate."

Sails often overlap each other, and so the forward-most sail, the "jib," is the only one completely visible. Its dimensions, shape, and size often indicated the type of vessel and sometimes even its nationality. When taking an instant dislike to someone based on his appearance, an old-time sailor man would say, "I didn't like the cut of his jib!"

In the days of sailing ships, the crew's main meal of the day was served at noon. It usually consisted of dried



salt pork, soaked in seawater and boiled. While eating this tough, gristly meat, the crew had one of the few opportunities in the day to engage in idle, friendly conversation. They could sit and talk amongst themselves, or, as it became known, "chew the fat."

New hands, fresh from life ashore, found it hard to even walk (let alone perform their tasks) on the rolling deck of a ship at sea. As they became familiar with the ship's motion and were able to function, they were said to have found their "sea legs."

The Greek word for ship is *naus*, and that terrible feeling in one's stomach (and one of the symptoms of seasickness) is called "nausea."

Many old charts had a series of drawings around the margins. These drawings showed mariners what a harbor looked like from a distance or showed an island from several different sides to aid in identification. As a vessel approached a new shore, the navigators would compare these drawings with what they saw in order to understand "the lay of the land."

Masts need to be supported by lines in order to remain in place and do their work. On ships with more than one mast, the most important is one is called

the mainmast; the support for that mast is called the "mainstay."

Until the advent of electronic depth sounders, water depth was established with a weighted line. The line would be heaved over and allowed to sink until the bottom was felt. The line was then hauled back aboard while counting the number of arm spans, each one approximately six feet (a fathom). When a sailor threw waste overboard, he was said to "deep six" it.

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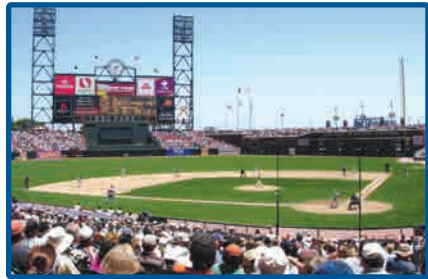


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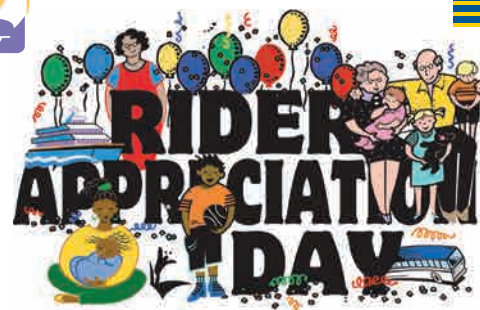
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# San Francisco First in Nation to Adopt

BY BILL PICTURE

**T**ourism is one of the world's largest industries—in fact, according to the World Trade Organization, it ranks right behind the oil and technology industries in terms of total economic impact. That means lots and lots of dollars being pumped into local economies, some of which are solely reliant on that money. However, along with those economic benefits comes tourism's potential to damage both local culture and the environment.

That's why the United Nations World Tourism Organization and more than 40 partner organizations have come up with a 37-point checklist to help communities and tourism-related businesses reap the benefits of tourism while minimizing its potential for harm. San Francisco was the first city in the country to officially adopt the Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria, with Baltimore and Miami immediately following suit. And, at this summer's U.S. Conference of Mayors in Providence, Rhode Island, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom introduced a resolution encouraging all of his fellow mayors to follow suit.

"As a city at the forefront of the environmental movement, we understand the need for tourism that brings economic benefits to communities without damaging the environment or harming local culture," Newsom said in a written statement. "The resolution was received very well," reports Kate Dodson, Deputy Director of Sustainable Development with the United Nations Foundation. "172 other mayors have pledged to adopt the criteria for use in their cities."

## Beyond green

Dodson is quick to point out that "sustainable tourism" is very different from "green tourism." While the latter focuses solely on minimizing the carbon footprint of both travelers and the businesses that



*The sea lions at Pier 39 are a perfect example of a mutually beneficial balance between nature and tourism. The sea lions get a safe place to call "home," and bring tourist dollars to area businesses.*

serve them, "sustainable tourism" takes into consideration all of the factors that contribute to a community's overall wellbeing. That means addressing the

much in an entire year. The creators of the Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria would like to see more of those tourist dollars going into the local community.

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cultural and socio-economic impacts of tourism as well.

Dodson offers up Mexico's Riviera Maya as an example. Travelers can expect to pay several hundred dollars per night for a hotel room in Cancun and neighboring resort cities. Some local residents earn that

In some parts of the world, a tug-of-war has erupted over land whose ecological value and cultural significance—according to conservationists—warrant preservation, while local governments and developers see the same land as an opportunity to make money.

In San Francisco, one of the greenest cities in the country, officials are wrestling with how to grow tourism while respecting the City's cultural heritage and preserving the unique cultural identities of its neighborhoods. More than once, that's meant saying "no" to chain stores, which neighborhoods groups and merchants associations insist would put small, independently owned establishments out of business and radically change the look and feel of these much-visited areas.

Dodson believes this dialogue between the city, big business, small business and local residents is very important. "We need to empower entire communities," she explains. "That means bringing everyone, not just the private sector, into the decision-making process about how tourism is managed."

# Opt Sustainable Tourism Guidelines

## Covering the bases

The Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria (GSTC) were announced in November of 2008, and took 15 months to develop. During that time, more than 100,000 people from around the world, including representatives for hotel groups, tour operators, consumer groups and conservation organizations, as well as members of the scientific community, were consulted.

“The networking effort was really vast,” Dodson explains. “But we wanted to make sure that what we ended up proposing makes sense to all of the stakeholders that are influenced and impacted.”

The checklists of more than sixty existing sustainable tourism certification programs from around the world were looked at, and common goals were integrated in the final 37 criteria, which are organized into four categories:

- Demonstrate effective sustainable management
- Maximize social and economic benefits to the local community, and minimize negative impacts
- Maximize benefits to cultural heritage and minimize negative impacts.

- Maximize benefits to the environment and minimize negative impacts

## Ahead of the curve

San Francisco already has policies in place that help area businesses meet some of the criteria, including allowances in the City’s bidding process for contractors that hire locally and work with sustainable materials, and aggressive goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the consumption of energy and water.

On the green front, the San Francisco Green Business Program promotes green business practices by certifying businesses that meet specific environmental standards. These businesses are recognized as “green businesses” on the San Francisco Green Business Program website, as well as the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau website, and will be listed as participating in the City’s sustainable tourism program.

That program is being developed now and will include an outreach effort to get more businesses to adopt the GSTC. “We already have a number of businesses in San Francisco that pride themselves on being on the cutting edge of environmental and sustainable initiatives,



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*The Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria Partnership has come up with a list of 37 goals for tourism-related businesses. Those goals include minimizing a business’ environmental impact and helping to preserve the cultural heritage of both its host city and host neighborhood, such as Chinatown (pictured).*

so we expect significant participation,” says David Assmann, Deputy Director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment.

Dodson also says that more and more travelers are seeking out sustainable businesses. In a recent survey conducted by *National Geographic Traveler* and the Travel Industry Association of America, 71 percent of those polled said it is important to them that their visit not harm the destination’s environment.

“And Travelocity and Expedia customers also said that sustainable tourism is important to them, and that they were willing to pay a premium for it,” adds Dodson.

In the meantime, there is plenty that individuals can do themselves to be sustainable travelers. “Reduce, reuse, recycle, hire local tour guides, buy local products and services,” she says. “Eat at local restaurants, shop at local markets. Tourism should benefit as many people in the host community as possible, so get off the beaten path and really experience what that community has to offer.”



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*Preserving The City’s natural resources, including Lincoln Park (pictured here immersed in San Francisco’s trademark fog), Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach, is high on San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom’s “to do” list,” and one of the reasons that San Francisco was the first city in the country to pledge its support of the Partnership. Miami and Baltimore immediately followed suit.*

## BE A SUSTAINABLE TRAVELER

**LODGING CHOICES:** Look for hotels with a written statement covering their environmental impact, employment and cultural policies.

**EXPLORE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:** Remember that traveling affects the environment. Wherever possible, try to minimize your impact on the environment by looking to use alternative transportation and, if possible, offset your carbon emissions.

**ENGAGE IN LOCAL CULTURE:** Eat local foods, shop in local markets.

**BUY LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES:** Support locally owned businesses, community tour operators, and artisans. Avoid buying products made from threatened natural resources.

**REFRAIN FROM AGGRESSIVE BARGAINING:** Remember that the purchases you make directly affect vendors’ livelihoods.

## HIRE LOCAL TOUR GUIDES

**RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT:** Follow designated trails, do not remove archaeological or biological treasures.

**REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE:** Even though you are just visiting and not paying the utility bill, disposing of your garbage properly and minimizing your consumption of water and energy will benefit everyone.

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## Richmond Memorial Civic Center

# Richmond Revamps a Vision

BY JENNIFER SHAW  
CORRESPONDENT

**T**ake a vision for a vibrant city center initially conceived in the 1930s, later fleshed out by renowned architect Timothy Pflueger in the 40s, update it to modern-day relevance with historical significance, and do it all ahead of schedule and under budget. For the team that brought the newly reopened Richmond Memorial Civic Center to fruition, this was no small task or run-of-the-mill seismic upgrade, but instead a happy reality they achieved through good planning and hard work.

financial delay, broke ground in December 2006. A celebration on September 12 marks the end of construction phase one of a red brick exterior complex that Steve Duran, the City of Richmond's Executive Director of Community Redevelopment, says hopefully one day will include a new library and parking structure, a further renovated auditorium, and multi-use facilities—with the added goal of bringing the police department back to the city center.

With its acoustics that have been likened to Carnegie Hall, its newly upgraded restrooms to comply with ADA requirements and seismic retrofit, Duran says the auditorium only needs updated lighting and sound systems “to be really

“Our newly renovated, energy efficient Civic Center reflects our healthy, green and sustainable direction for Richmond.”

— Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.



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The new City Council chambers located in the Civic Center.

Project Manager Mark Kelly, the founding partner of Emeryville-based MACK5, knows there was an understandable dose of healthy skepticism out there, and is delighted that the city of Richmond now has a seat of governance of which the constituents can be immensely proud. “This is a modern facility with all the bells and whistles you’d want in a historical setting. The biggest challenge was looking at the confluence of competing elements, and all of that had to be deftly integrated into the whole of the building,” Kelly says.

In July, city employees and civic leaders moved back into a \$100 million-plus facility; they vacated in 2002 and, after a

state of the art.” City administration occupies the new 71,060 sq. ft. city hall, which features its one-stop, 63-ft. long service counter for the public to secure any necessary permits or business licenses and consult with planners and city engineers. Council chambers are in the nearby 55,676 sq ft. space along with the balance of the municipal offices.

All throughout the design process, Mike Walden, principal architect and director of design for Nadel Architects, kept the 1930s vision outlined by the touted firm of Neutra and Schindler—and later Pflueger—as a guidepost for the minimalist, clean-lines design. “If those architects were alive today, how would they modernize their own work?” Walden asks. “What we’ve done is we’ve brought back all of these buildings and in a spirit way beyond that. They are truly 21<sup>st</sup> century buildings.”

Again, the task was no small order. “We designed around a style of working that doesn’t exist today,” Walden says, citing the incorporation of the latest data and telecommunications technology, security systems and modern lighting and air conditioning. Also inherent to the center’s integrity was a commitment by the



Photo by Y.K. Cheung Photography

The Richmond Memorial Civic Center has been updated while retaining its historical significance.

design team to utilize local materials, such as the Vetrazzo recycled glass countertops, including the one-stop service counter.

The team behind the project succeeded in keeping to the original architectural vision. Duran describes the painstaking matching of brick and mortar, which translated into having “the outside of the buildings look 98 percent like the day they opened”—aside from one key element that the once-open breezeway is now fully enclosed in glass. “The only significant thing we preserved in the interior is the grand stairway,” he says, citing the impressive Terrazzo tile. “It’s just a main, beautiful architectural feature.”



Photo by Y.K. Cheung Photography

Richmond's City Hall's new 63-foot long service counter features a Vetrazzo recycled glass countertop manufactured in Richmond.

With the assistance of an inside “green team,” Duran also notes that the project has met the silver medal criteria for green buildings — and quite possibly the gold, with its state of the art ventilation and lighting, drought resistant landscaping, use of sustainable and recycled materials, water conserving restrooms, minimal use of pesticides and storm water runoff. The marble deemed too porous was

replaced with sandstone; the windows were modernized to be energy efficient.

Moreover, an essential aspect of creating a sense of aesthetic coherence throughout the project has been the amassing of an estimated \$1 million dollars in public art that is both inspired by the original architects’ vision and reflective of Richmond’s culture, diversity and natural environs today. The collection features large-scale commissions from six area artists such as: the hand-forged stainless steel sconces on the exterior; the etched elevator doors; and the quilts by Marion Coleman depicting local activists, artists and examples of the city’s history and thriving industry.

“The sculpture—we wanted it to be a signature statement, a cultural and civic kind of presence, an axis,” says Winifred Day, project manager for Richmond Memorial Civic Center Public Art, noting the fountain reflects the original architect’s vision.

“Our newly renovated, energy efficient Civic Center reflects our healthy, green and sustainable direction for Richmond. In addition, through the incredible public art installations on display, it conveys the inspiring, ongoing story of what it means to live, work, and play in our richly diverse and ever-resilient city,” said Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

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# San Francisco Brewers Bring Their Best to Brews on the Bay

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

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Seven San Francisco breweries will participate in the event, serving over 40 of their finest and freshest beers from noon until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. One unique aspect of this festival is that with the small number of participating breweries, each brewery is encouraged to bring a wide and diverse selection of its products; at most festivals, breweries bring only their two most popular beers. Here, some breweries are bringing up to eight different styles of beers, making for a large and varied selection for attendees.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.sfbrewersguild.org](http://www.sfbrewersguild.org) and at all seven of the participating breweries. Tickets for Saturday are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the event; on Sunday, tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the event. No one under 21 is allowed and you are encouraged to take public transportation. Food will be available for purchase from Rib Shack by Oola and live music will be provided by Zeparella on Saturday and Zoo Station on Sunday.

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4:45	5:15	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	---	---
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10				
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20				

Contact Information  
Toll free 511 or 711 (TDD)

For the Golden Gate Ferry website, visit: <http://goldengateferry.org/>  
Comments and questions can be submitted at <http://ferrycomments.goldengate.org/>

Holiday service is in effect on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and the day after Thanksgiving Day (Sausalito). The Larkspur line operates on a Modified Holiday Schedule on the day after Thanksgiving Day.  
No ferry service on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

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### ALAMEDA/OAKLAND

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

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  
<sup>^</sup> Departs immediately after loading  
For the most current schedule, visit <http://www.eastbayferry.com/>

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Seniors must show valid I.D., Regional Transit Connection Discount or Medicare Card. Disabled Persons must show a Regional Transit Connection Discount Card. Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult. Active Military Personnel must show military I.D. Fares subject to change. All times are estimates.

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

# Blue & Gold Ferry

## BAY CRUISE

Depart Pier 39		Weekends and Holidays	
Weekdays	Weekends and Holidays	Weekdays	Weekends and Holidays
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

\* Does not operate after Sept. 7  
For the most current schedule, visit [www.blueandgoldfleet.com](http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com)  
Bay Cruise does not operate during inclement weather. Additional cruises may be added on demand. Check with ticket booth on day of sailing for schedule. No reserved seating available.

**FARES:** 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 <http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Sightseeing/Boat/baycruise.cfm>

## 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. 3:25	10:30 a.m. 2:20 p.m. 3:45

Weekends - Departures Pier 41			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
9:40 a.m. 11:45 1:50 p.m. -----	10:05 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 2:45 -----	10:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:30	11:35 a.m. 1:40 p.m. 5:25

FARES	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg*	Alameda/Oakland*	Vallejo*
Adult	\$15.00	\$14.50	\$30.50*
Child	\$8.50 (age 6-12)	\$8.50 (age 5-12)	\$21.00 (ages 6-12)
Child	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 ----- 5:25 6:15 7:15	7:35 a.m. 8:35 ----- 5:45 6:35 7:35

## SAUSALITO

FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41			
Weekdays			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 1:45 3:10 5:05 ----- 8:25*	11:30 a.m. 12:45 p.m. 2:15 3:35 5:30 ----- 8:45*	11:35 a.m. 12:55 p.m. 2:30 3:50 5:45 8:00 8:50*	12:05 p.m. 1:25 3:00 4:50 6:15 8:20 9:30*

Weekends and Holidays

Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
11:00 a.m. 12:30 pm 2:00 3:30 ----- 5:15 7:05	11:35 a.m. 1:05 p.m. 2:35 4:25 5:50 7:40	11:45 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 2:45 4:35 6:00 7:45	12:20 p.m. 1:50 3:20 5:05 6:55 8:40

\* Fridays only  
No service on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day / Weekend Schedule on Presidents Day

FARES:	One-way	Round-trip
Adult	\$9.50	\$19.00
Child (5-11)	\$5.25	\$10.50

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

## TIBURON

San Francisco Pier 41			
Weekdays			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
10:50 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 1:05 2:30 3:10 4:05 ----- 8:25*	11:10 a.m.* 12:30 p.m. 1:25 2:50 4:05 7:35 9:05*	11:15 a.m. 12:35 p.m. 1:35 3:00 4:20 7:45 9:10*	12:00 p.m. 1:25 2:20 3:45 4:50 8:20 9:30*

\* Fridays only \* Via Sausalito visit [www.blueandgoldfleet.com](http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com)

## Weekends and Holidays

Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
9:40 a.m. 11:45 1:50 p.m. 3:10 5:15 7:05	10:35 a.m. 12:35 p.m. 2:20 4:05 6:15 8:00	10:40 a.m. 12:45 p.m. 2:30 4:20 6:20 8:05	11:35 a.m. 1:40 p.m. 3:25 4:50 6:55 8:40

FARES:	One-way	Round trip
Adult	\$9.50	\$19.00
Child (5-11)	\$5.25	\$10.50
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 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	----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 11:30 a.m. ----- 3:10 p.m. ----- ----- 6:45

### Fridays and Saturdays Late Night Service

6:35 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	7:45 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	----- 10:30 p.m.
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### 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^
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### FARES: One-way

Adult (13-64)	\$13.00
Senior (65+)/Disabled/Medicare	\$6.50
Child (6-12)	\$6.50
Baylink DayPass	\$24.00
Baylink Monthly Pass (Bus / Ferry) w/Muni	\$290.00 / \$330.00

Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit [www.baylinkferry.com](http://www.baylinkferry.com) for updated information.

Travel time between Vallejo and San Francisco is approximately 60 minutes.

## 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

\* Requires transfer at Ferry Building to 9:20 a.m. All ferry Free transfers are required in San Francisco at either the Ferry Building or Pier 41. Ask a deckhand if you have questions about where to make the transfer. Tickets are now on sale at the Vallejo Ferry Terminal Ticket Office.

FARES	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg	Alameda/Oakland	Vallejo
Adult	\$15.00	\$14.50	\$30.50*
Senior (62+)	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$22.00
Child	\$8.50 (age 6-12)	\$8.50 (age 5-12)	\$21.00 (ages 6-12)
Juniors	Free (5 & under)	\$11.25 (age 13-18)	Free (5 & under)
Child	Free (5 & under)	Free (4 & under)	Free (5 & under)

\* Fares include State Park admission

# 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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## Red & White

BAY CRUISE			
Pier 43 1/2			FARES:
Monday through Sunday			Adult (18+)
10:00 a.m.	1:15	4:15	\$22.00
10:45	1:45	5:00	Youth (5-17) \$16.00
11:15	2:30	5:30	Child (under 5) Free
12:00 p.m.	3:00	6:15	Family Pass \$69.00
12:30*	3:45		(2 Adult + 4 Youth)

## AT&T PARK SERVICE

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

## Angel Island Ferry

TIBURON - ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdays			
10:00 a.m.	11:00	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Weekends			
10:00 a.m.	11:00	12:00	1:00 p.m. 2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00

For the most current schedule and other information, visit <a href="http://www.angelislandferry.com/">http://www.angelislandferry.com/</a>	FARES:	Round Trip
	Adult (13 and over)	\$13.50
	Child (6 - 12)	\$11.50
	Children (3 - 5)	\$3.50
	Bicycles	\$1.00

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# A Watershed Moment for the Clean Water Act

BY SEJAL CHOKSI, BAYKEEPER AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR

San Francisco Baykeeper was founded on the principle that the San Francisco Bay and its connected rivers, creeks, and wetlands belong to the communities that depend on them—and must be protected accordingly. Fortunately, we have the Clean Water Act to help us do just that. When Congress passed the Clean Water Act in 1972, our nation's lakes, rivers, and estuaries were severely polluted. Industrial facilities discharged chemicals into rivers and lakes with little regulation and grossly inadequate wastewater treatment practices led to frequent sewage spills. The Clean Water Act was passed to protect America's wetlands and restore the chemical, physical and biological integrity of our waters so that they would once more be "fishable and swimmable." Now, the Act is about to receive a much-needed update that will help renew our nation's commitment to clean and healthy water.

Baykeeper is part of an international network of 189 "Waterkeepers," each of which serves as environmental stewards of its local waterbody. Waterkeepers hold government agencies responsible for implementing the provisions of the Clean Water Act and, when necessary, take direct legal action to enforce the protections provided by the Act. San Francisco Baykeeper and our Waterkeeper allies are able to hold polluters accountable for violating the Act because of the citizen-suit provision of the Clean Water Act, which grants individuals the right to bring a lawsuit when a waterbody is polluted. In essence, people and groups that are impacted by water pollution can defend their right to clean water by making sure polluters face consequences for their illegal activities.

The citizen suit provision has made the Clean Water Act a very effective tool to reduce pollution in our nation's waterways. For nearly thirty years, environmental



Photo by Joel Williams

groups have used the Act to safeguard the "waters of the United States," including tributaries of various waters and adjacent wetlands, on behalf of the public.

But the federal agencies charged with implementing the Act—the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and

These Supreme Court decisions were compounded by weak environmental policy directives from the Bush Administration and by pressure from private industry representatives to further dilute environmental protections. By 2004, there was confusion about what

a broader definition of "waters of the U.S.," which would include remote wetlands and small seasonal streams, rivers, ponds and lakes. The bill also seeks to reaffirm the principle that all—not just some—waters of the United States should be protected for the benefit of the communities that use and enjoy them.

Baykeeper has worked for 20 years to protect and restore the San Francisco Bay. We want to leave our children a resource that is not only fishable and swimmable, but also kayakable, windsurfable, sailable and clean enough for all the other activities that people love to do in and around the Bay. To find out more about Baykeeper's work, visit [www.baykeeper.org](http://www.baykeeper.org).

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the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—have often failed to interpret the law in a manner that protects all of the nation's waters. Agency rollbacks of the Clean Water Act have been upheld by courts in recent years, and as a result, the regulations no longer protect all of our waters and wetlands. In 2001, a narrow majority of the Supreme Court—in a case called *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County vs. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*—held that certain waters previously protected as bird habitat were in fact not protected by the Clean Water Act. The protection of remote wetlands and small seasonal streams was further eroded by a subsequent Supreme Court holding in *Rapanos vs. United States*.

was protected under the Clean Water Act, and the federal agencies charged with implementing the law dropped or downgraded hundreds of Clean Water Act enforcement cases. As a result, what was once one of our country's most successful environmental laws was left significantly diminished.

This year, however, the U.S. Senate introduced the Clean Water Restoration Act. The Clean Water Restoration Act (S. 787) seeks to re-establish the Clean Water Act's scope of protection by redefining which bodies of water are subject to federal protections. The Restoration Act would remove the ambiguous language that only protects "navigable waters"—as left up to agency interpretation—and instead adopt

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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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**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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# AROUND THE BAY IN SEPTEMBER

## **Legendary Musicians Descend on Sausalito Art Festival**

This Labor Day weekend, top-notch music and stars of the contemporary art scene will be showcased on the sparkling bay shores of Sausalito's Mediterranean-like seaside village as Sausalito hosts the West Coast's ultimate Art and Music Experience. This year's musical attractions feature 80s rockers Night Ranger on Saturday, September 5 and blues virtuoso Johnny Winter on Sunday, September 6. Monday afternoon features the Heroes of Woodstock with Jefferson Starship, Canned Heat and Big Brother & the Holding Company. The best local, American, and International Artists will bring more than 20,000 original works of art including paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber art, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, and photography. From functional to surreal, witty to the elegantly decorative, these one-of-a-kind and limited edition Art Works form an unparalleled collection that can only be seen once a year. Enjoy the opportunity to meet the artists one-on-one or stretch out on the lawn in the scenic bayside park. Enjoy nonstop entertainment on three stages or gourmet delights with champagne and fine wines. For more information, visit [www.sausalitoartfestival.org](http://www.sausalitoartfestival.org).



Paul Kantner of Jefferson Starship performs at free concert in Golden Gate Park. Photo by Joel Williams

## **Relax Among the Redwoods at the Old Grove Festival**

The Old Grove Festival returns to the beautiful natural amphitheater located in the heart of Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve for its fourth season. The Old Grove Festival features an outstanding variety of musical productions that help Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods raise funds to support their educational and stewardship programs, as well as continued advocacy for all State Parks. This year's three-day festival—which celebrates the 75th anniversary of Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve—kicks off on Friday, September 25 with Chanticleer, the internationally renowned all-male chorus, followed

by the legendary Maria Muldaur with her Garden of Joy Jug Band on Saturday September 26. Also on September 26, the festival will present a Family Day in the Park with horse and carriage rides, interpretive presentations, storytelling, games, ice cream and entertainment. The festival wraps up on Sunday, September 27 with the traditional big band sounds of Don Neely and the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra, who are returning for an encore performance by popular demand. Find out more at [www.oldgrovefestival.org](http://www.oldgrovefestival.org) or by calling (707) 869-9177.

## **JLS Dancing Under the Stars Extended Due to Popoular Demand**

Due to the overwhelming success of *Dancing Under the Stars*, Jack London Square will offer an additional two nights of free outdoor dance classes on select Friday nights in September. Singles and couples alike can practice or learn new Latin dances like the Cha Cha and Rumba, or do the Hustle while listening to disco. Experienced “dance hosts” will be on hand at each session to partner with participants. Live bands will add a new level of entertainment to the program, with well-known local favorites such as Salsa Caliente and the GTS Band. Novices and experienced dancers are all welcome to spend the evening dancing outdoors on Oakland's celebrated waterfront. Professionally-taught lessons by Linden Street Dance Studio will begin at 7:30 p.m., and an open dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. September 18 features the Disco dance the Hustle while the Rumba and Cha Cha will be taught on September 25. The event takes place at the Pavilion Stage on Broadway and Water Street. No reservation is required and all ages are welcome.

## **AL Gore to Speak at Leukemia Cup VIP Dinner**

The San Francisco Yacht Club is hosting the fourth annual Leukemia Cup Regatta on September 19-20. Skippers and crew from around the Bay Area will raise more than just sails to honor blood cancer patients and help The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. This year, the Leukemia Cup committee is thrilled to announce that former Vice President Al Gore will serve as keynote speaker on Saturday evening. The Leukemia Cup weekend will kick off on Saturday, September 19th with two races followed by the VIP reception and dinner hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club. Sunday will feature another race followed by an awards ceremony and deck party celebration for all participants and their

guests. Sailors of every level are invited to participate and do not need to be a member of a yacht club or have a boat to participate. Cost to register is \$100 per boat entry. More than 100 boats in a variety of classes are expected to hit the water. For more information about the Leukemia Cup Regatta, please contact Robin Reynolds at (415) 407-2394 or Caely Cusick at LLS at (415) 625-1132 or visit [www.leukemicup.org/sf](http://www.leukemicup.org/sf).

## **Labor Day Celebration at Maritime National Historical Park**

On Monday, September 7, celebrate maritime labor history at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park with a special concert of “Songs of Sea Labor,” featuring a double bill with the outstanding Bay Area sea performers Salty Walt and the Rattlin' Ratlines at 12 p.m. and Holdstock and Macleod at 1 p.m. aboard the historic 1890-built ferryboat Eureka, berthed at Hyde Street Pier, San Francisco. Chanteys, the “call and response” work songs of sailors, set rhythm and lightened the burden of backbreaking shipboard tasks, such as raising sails, loading cargo and weighing (lifting) anchor. The choruses to these songs are easy to sing, and the audience is invited to sing along. The park's costumed Living History Players will be on hand during the day to bring the working waterfront and the labor troubles of the year 1901 to life. Admission is by the standard ships boarding fees: adults \$5, ages 15 and under free. Free with national park passes. For more information, call (415) 447-5000.

## **Alameda Rocks Webster Street**

More than 30,000 people are expected to jam Webster Street for the eighth annual Webster Street Jam from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, September 12-13 in the heart of historic West Alameda on Webster Street between Central and Lincoln Avenues.

The two-day international food, music, art and wine festival also includes a special performance by the Cuban funk dance band Orquesta d'Soul on Saturday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All the arts and crafts on sale will be from talented area artisans and the food will be from local area restaurants reflecting a vast array of international flavors. Locally-produced Drake's beer and Alameda-based R&B Cellars wine will be the spirits sold.


The 18 performances presented throughout the weekend from two stages feature local favorites like Hank Hooper with his parent-friendly music for kids and Alameda Dixieland jazz band And That's Jazz. Free, secure valet bicycle parking will be provided by BikeAlameda. For more information, visit

[www.westalamedabusiness.com](http://www.westalamedabusiness.com).

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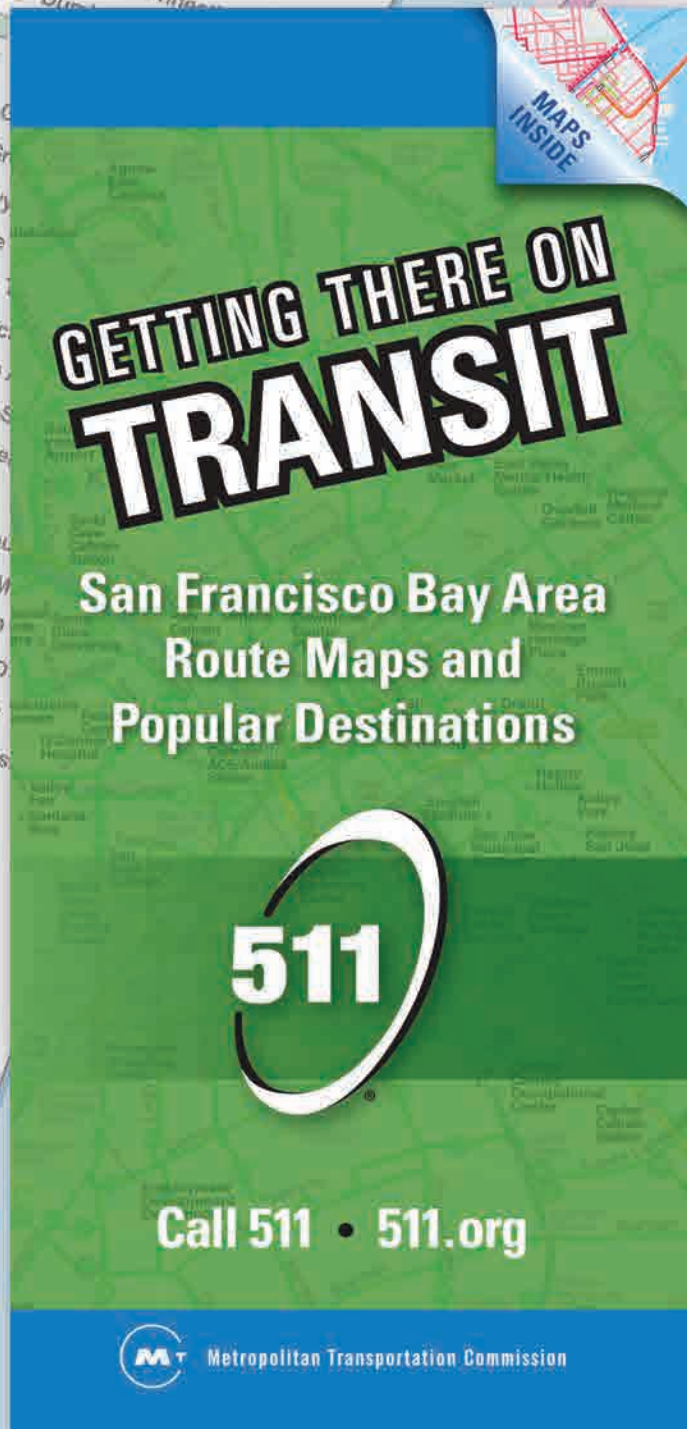
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