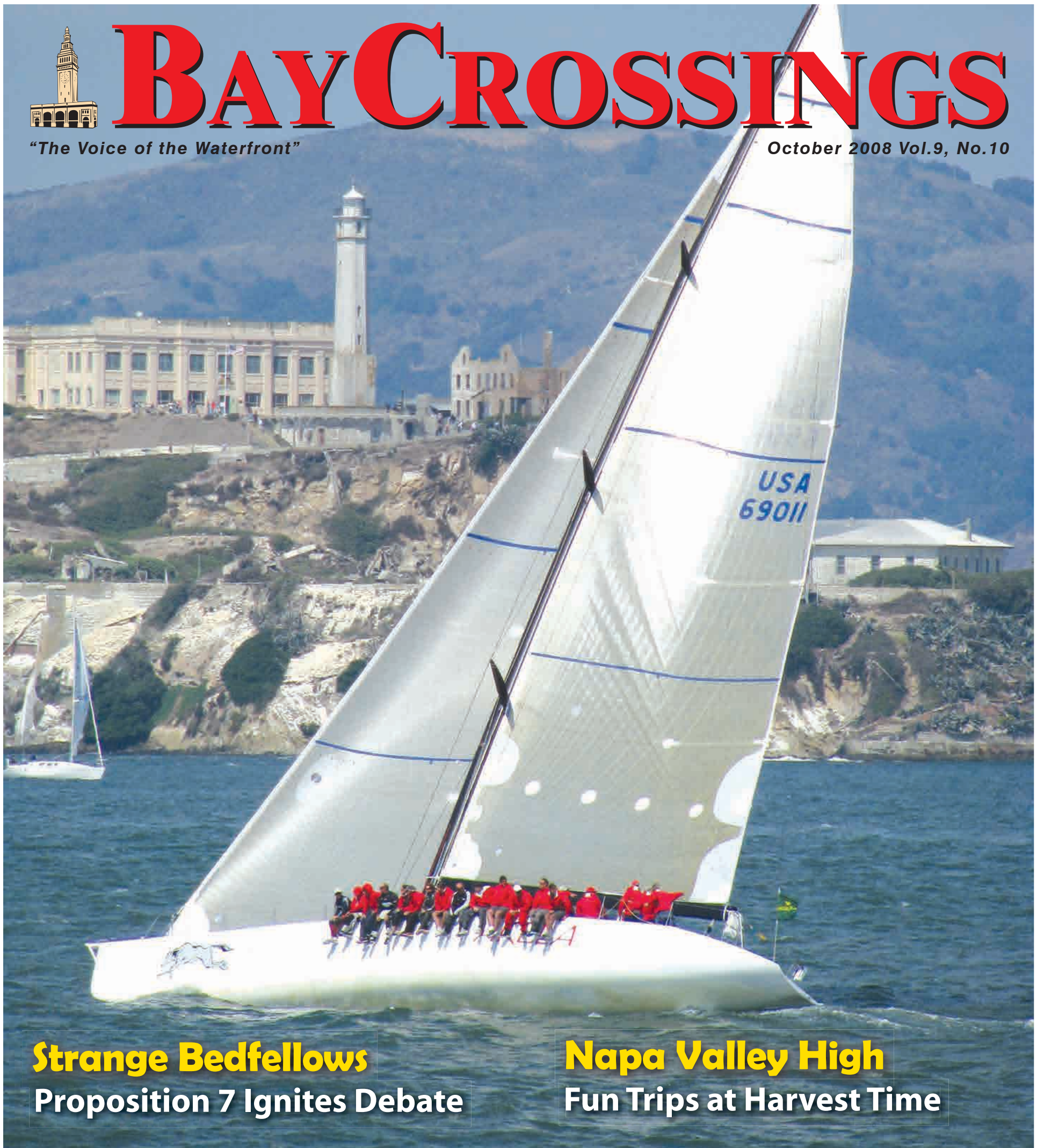




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The Increasing Threats to Bay Birds

BY SEJAL CHOKSI, BAYKEEPER AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Experiencing the San Francisco Bay's amazing array of wildlife is one of the many pleasures of living in the Bay Area. Countless creatures call the Bay home, and millions of birds stop over during their annual migration. The San Francisco Bay is an important staging area along the Pacific Flyway, a migratory route used by more than 250 species of birds. These birds use the Bay to feed and regain strength during their migrations, which can span from Alaska to Argentina.

The work of San Francisco Baykeeper and the Golden Gate Audubon Society protects not only the Bay and our local wildlife, but also species across North and South America.

You may already be familiar with one group of birds that frequent the Bay—diving seabirds. Seabirds like loons, cormorants, pelicans and grebes spend most of their time on the open ocean, seeking rocky islands or cliffs to nest and raise their young. They can be seen diving for food in the Bay. Perhaps the most recognizable diving seabird is the Brown Pelican, which breeds on rocky islands off the coast of southern California and Mexico and travels north

to the Bay Area during the winter season. And if you're walking along one of the Bay's many marshes, you might even be able to spot the rarer American White Pelican, which has a large white body and dark wingtips.

The Bay is also visited by several waterfowl species—birds with webbed feet and waterproof feathers, like geese and both diving and dabbling ducks. Diving ducks are recognizable because their large feet and legs are farther back on their bodies, helping them maneuver underwater; however, that feature also makes them awkward on land. Diving ducks in the Bay include the Ruddy Duck, Surf Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser and Common Goldeneye. In contrast, dabbling ducks have heavy bodies and a short tail, and their legs are in the center of their bodies, which allows them to easily walk on land. Dabbling ducks, like the Mallard, can be seen gliding in the shallow areas along the Bay's shoreline or flying to and from the shallows to feed.

Unfortunately, both resident and migratory bird species face increasing obstacles to survival in the Bay. The biggest threat is habitat loss; degraded shorelines and disappearing wetlands are eliminating the homes and breeding grounds of many of these birds. Today, the Bay has lost more than 90 percent of its historic tidal wetlands, the base of all aquatic life. Bird populations are also impacted by collisions with tall man-made structures and pollution from toxins and pesticides, as well as cycles of drought and food loss.

Additionally, birds are impacted by major pollution events, such as last year's Cosco Busan oil spill. That spill released over 50,000 gallons of bunker fuel into the Bay, with devastating consequences for wildlife. The spill killed more than 2,000 birds in the San Francisco Bay and harmed countless other species and marine wildlife. Birds like the Surf Scoter had little chance of survival when their habitat and food sources—mollusks, fish, aquatic insects, and vegetation—became highly toxic.

This winter we will see many of the

birds that survived the oil spill return to the Bay, along with their new offspring. As the one-year anniversary of the spill approaches, Baykeeper and the Golden Gate Audubon Society are working to create a safer habitat for birds and other creatures in the Bay. We collaborated with Bay Area legislators to pass several bills in response to the oil spill, including one to provide more teams to rescue oiled birds in case of future spills. San Francisco Baykeeper and Golden Gate Audubon Society strongly support the Governor's approval of the oil spill bills, all of which are badly needed to improve future oil spill prevention and response.

The next time you cross the Bay on a ferry or walk along the Bay waterfront, take time to appreciate our avian neighbors and visitors. By joining San Francisco Baykeeper and the Golden Gate Audubon Society, you too can help protect these Bay birds and wildlife, and their critical habitat.

To learn more about conservation efforts for the birds of San Francisco Bay, visit www.goldengateaudubon.org. To help protect the San Francisco Bay from pollution, visit www.baykeeper.org.

Special thanks to the Golden Gate Audubon Society for its contributions to this article.

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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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Biodiesel Facility Proposed for Pier 92

BY PAUL DUCLOS

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom has announced a proposed agreement between the Port of San Francisco and Darling International to build a biodiesel production facility near Pier 92 in the port's Southern Waterfront. The facility, which could produce between 7.5 million to 10 million gallons annually, would allow for the nation's first local processing of recycled fats, greases and tallow to biodiesel in an urban setting. The fuel will be used by vehicles.

Darling International has operated a rendering facility on port property since 1966 and is the port's largest maritime exporter. Rendering involves processing food industry by-products into fat (tallow) and solids (meat and bone meal). Subject to Port Commission approval, Darling plans to upgrade its port facilities to convert fats already produced at the facility into high-quality biodiesel for use in vehicles. In addition, Darling plans to make site beautification and other environmental improvements.

The City and County of San Francisco's entire diesel fleet currently operates on biodiesel fuel. This transfer to biodiesel was achieved through a Mayoral Executive Order, which required 100 percent of fleets to use B20 biodiesel, a blend of 80 percent petroleum diesel and 20 percent biodiesel for the City's 1,500 diesel vehicles. It also calls for the using biodiesel with higher biocontent as technology evolves.

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Oakland Shipper Constructs Container Art

APL, the Oakland-based container shipping business of Neptune Orient Lines (NOL), has recently helped create an innovative connection between the

humble cargo container and the world of art.

The *Containart Pavilion* is a temporary building constructed from 150 of APL's 20-foot containers and 34 10-meter recyclable paper tubes. It is the brainchild of renowned Japanese architectural artist Shigeru Ban. By employing marine containers and giant paper columns to form its walls, he has created a recyclable structure that will house some major artworks as part of the second Singapore Biennale.

The Biennale is the city-state's premier contemporary visual arts festival, and was first held in Singapore in 2006. The event is organized by the National Arts Council and features the works of more than 50 artists and art collectives from around 36 countries located at sites all over Singapore.

The Containart Pavilion, which is located at Marina Bay near Singapore's central business district, will house an exhibition of contemporary art through November. Once the project ends, the containers will return to service in the world's shipping lanes.

The NOL Group previously supported a Shigeru Ban architectural installation in 2006, when APL containers formed a vital part of a museum constructed on the New York City waterfront. For more information on the Containart Pavilion and Singapore Biennale 2008, go to www.singaporebiennale.org.

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Recent Legal Action Shows L.A. Port Program Model is the Way to Clean Air in Oakland

Two key developments in the past month at the Los Angeles and Long Beach Ports are likely to play a big factor in the “Clean Truck” business model proposed in the Bay Area.

The news hits as the Port of Oakland and its commissioners prepare for a key economic analysis to guide their clean-up goals to stabilize the workforce, improve security and reduce deadly public-health impacts stemming from the broken port trucking industry.

A U.S. District Court judge dismissed the nation’s largest trucking lobby’s motion for a preliminary injunction to stop implementation of clean air plans at Los Angeles-area ports. The American Trucking Association (ATA) has claimed they had a “slam-dunk case” but in issuing her ruling that gives the green light to a community-environmental-labor backed port program to reduce diesel emissions by 80 percent, Judge Christina Snyder stated that “the balance of hardships and the public interest

tip decidedly in favor of denying the injunction.”

The Clean Trucks Programs, which go into effect October 1, require trucking companies doing business at the Ports to enter into concession agreements as the basis to replacing thousands of dirty, diesel rigs with an environmentally-friendly fleet. Stakeholders widely speculated that if the ATA succeeded in arguing irreparable harm, it would put a stop to clean-up programs in other ports such as Oakland; however, the ATA’s obstructionism failed in both a tentative and final ruling in September. Furthermore, the ATA’s own member companies such as Swift and Knight Transportation are eagerly signing up for concessions, another blow to the trucking association’s case.

The news came on the heels of a September 5th announcement by California Attorney General Jerry Brown against L.A. and Long Beach port trucking companies that exploit

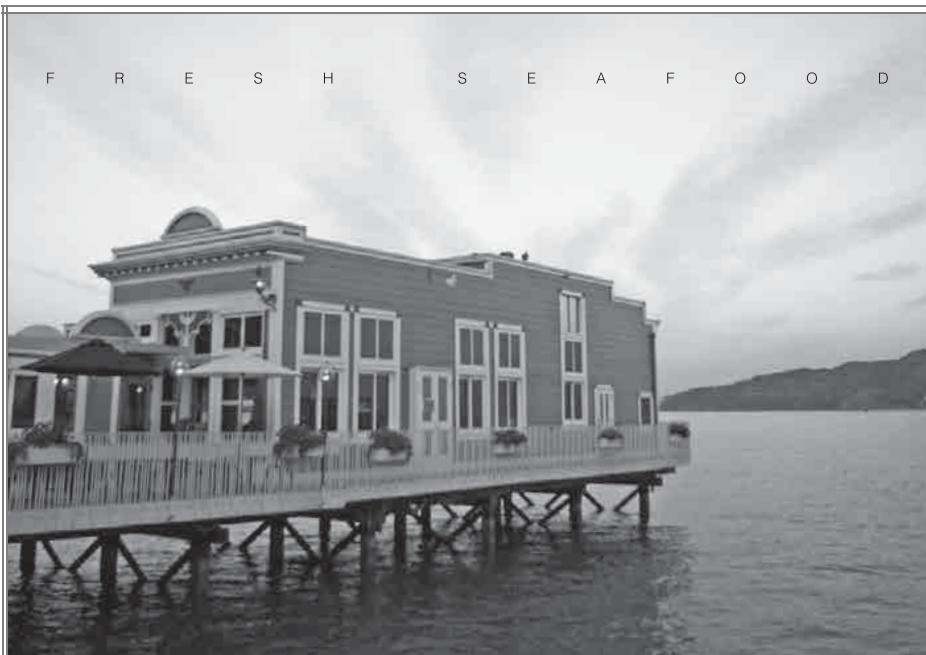
their workers by denying them basic employee rights and protections. Brown filed a set of lawsuits and promised more legal action and investigations were coming, saying in a press release that, “These companies engage in cost-cutting schemes that take advantage of their workers and avoid California taxes. They unlawfully classify their workers as ‘independent contractors,’ circumventing state employment taxes and labor laws that guarantee workers compensation, disability benefits and the right to a minimum wage... These are low-paid truck drivers working long hours under onerous conditions who are not getting the benefits they deserve.”

The Los Angeles Clean Trucks Program in particular would in effect end this employer misclassification, as it is moving to a 21st century, asset-based system that would require companies to legitimately employ drivers who will be hauling cargo in the new clean trucks they must purchase.

“This legal victory underscores the fact that the Port of LA clean truck model is the best approach to reduce public health impacts that could pave the way for the ports to grow in a sustainable manner,” said Diane Bailey, Natural Resources Defense Council scientist and Oakland Coalition for Clean & Safe Ports partner. “When that program goes into effect on October 1st, air pollution will be cut by 50 percent literally overnight. The Port of Oakland should quickly follow suit to get these diesel-spewing trucks that cause cancer and asthma off of Oakland’s roads for good.”

In late July, Mayor Ron Dellums took stage with LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa near Jack London Square and pledged to cheering port drivers and their clean-air advocates that Oakland would be next in line to adopting the comprehensive clean-trucks model that ends the independent contractor scheme and would give employee drivers the freedom to unite for improvements on the job.

Port of San Francisco Welcomes First Mega-Cruise Ship to Newly Expanded Drydock at Pier 70



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The 952-foot cruise ship *Star Princess* arrived at the newly expanded Pier 70 drydock on September 26th, beginning the Port of San Francisco’s new chapter in its rich maritime history. The Port, Princess Cruises, and the shipyard operator – BAE Systems San Francisco – last year agreed to undertake a major enhancement of the Port’s drydock, making it the only commercial facility on the U.S. West Coast able to accommodate post-Panamax ships, that is, ships too large to transit the Panama Canal.

The \$5 million enhancement project was completed this summer, and the 13-day drydocking of the *Star Princess* at Pier 70 is the first of expected regular visits by mega-liners, creating hundreds of jobs for the region’s ten maritime trade unions.

“The agreement between the Port, Princess Cruises and BAE Systems to invest and upgrade the Port’s drydock at Pier 70, has made San Francisco capable of handling the newest and largest ships operating in the Pacific,” said Mayor Gavin Newsom. “Today, we reap the

benefits of that investment. Having this beautiful ship grace our waterfront reminds us of San Francisco’s maritime roots, and enhances our position as a destination city.”

According to the Port’s recently completed Economic Impact Study, the cruise industry generates \$31 million in total economic impact annually to the City of San Francisco and nearly \$50 million to the Bay Area.

“The first visit of a cruise ship this size to the Port’s drydock is the culmination of the cooperative effort of Princess Cruises, BAE Systems, Mayor Gavin Newsom and the Port of San Francisco,” stated Monique Moyer, Port Executive Director. “It means jobs and a real boost to the City’s economy, now and through the foreseeable future”.

The *Star Princess* will undergo programmed mechanical, navigational and interior upgrades during its two-week stay. The 109,000-ton ship is 118 feet wide, with 1,200 crewmembers, and carries up to 3,100 passengers.

Greening Angel Island State Park

BY BC STAFF

Angel Island State Park, as part of the California State Park system, is charged with carrying out the organization's mission statement to "provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation." As part of this commitment, and given the increasing threats of global warming and fossil fuel dependence, the park is embarking on its own mission to reduce its environmental footprint. The park hopes that these steps reduce both its operating costs and carbon emissions, while at the same time providing a sustainable model for all California state parks.

To fulfill this mission, Angel Island State Park has partnered with Eco-Island, a non-profit project of the San Francisco-based Earth Island Institute. Founded in 2006 by Bay Area residents Joseph Wenisch and John Rethans in 2006, Eco-Island's mission is "to make Angel Island a symbol of the Bay Area's environmental leadership by working with the park to harness renewable energy potential, promote sustainable management practices, and foster opportunities for environmental education." Working together with park superintendent Dave Matthews, Eco-Island is developing a plan to reduce the park's electricity consumption by 30 percent, offset 100 percent of the park's electricity purchases with renewable power generated on-site with solar and wind power, convert the park's vehicles to run on biodiesel or electric power, and add opportunities for park visitors to learn about its sustainable practices.

The Wind Turbine: Time for Replacement

In 1983, in response to the energy crisis of the time, a first-generation Enertech 44/40 wind turbine capable of producing 40 kilowatt hours of electricity was erected



The wind turbine installed 25 years ago on the south side of Angel Island used to provide one-third of the park's electricity.

at Point Blunt on the south side of Angel Island. With clear access to the westerly wind coming through the Golden Gate, it reliably offset one-third of the park's electricity purchases for five years, before succumbing to failure due to a lack of sustained maintenance. This turbine, still in place today, in fact provided the inspiration for the founding of Eco-Island. Back in 2005, while sailing past Angel Island on a typical windy summer day, Wenisch noticed the turbine was not spinning. Inquiring about the turbine with some fellow sailors, he was surprised to find that none could remember ever having seen the turbine work. He wondered how it was possible that in arguably the most eco-aware city in the country, a wind turbine could be left in disrepair for so long. He thought of all the people that had seen the turbine broken for the past 20 years and how this may have ruined their image of wind energy. At that moment, he resolved to help the park remedy the situation.

Wind turbines have come a long way since 1983. A modern, medium-sized turbine built on the same site can produce 400,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy for Angel Island. This has the potential to offset the island's entire annual electricity use, after conservation measures have been put in place. The turbine would be grid-tied through the same undersea cable that currently supplies power from PG&E,

and a net-metering arrangement with the utility can be put in place. This would allow the park to sell power back to the utility when it produced more than it needed, or purchase power from the utility when there was not enough wind to generate power. Aesthetically, this turbine would be only slightly more visible than the old turbine at a distance, yet still provide inspiration and education to the park's many visitors and to all those who happen to sail by.

For more information:
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Angel Island Art Hike

Join Docent Silvia Lange for a free hike to places that inspired the BayWood Artists to paint the scenes of beautiful Angel Island for their upcoming exhibition *Capturing Angel Island*. Learn more about the island, the painters, and the BayWood Artist's program. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the sale of their paintings in the show will benefit the Angel Island Association, a nonprofit that supports Angel Island State Park. The hike is about 4 miles along the Perimeter Road. The exhibition will be held at the Bay Model, Sausalito Oct. 24 - Nov 17. For more information call (415) 435-3972.

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Napa Valley High

BY WEEKENDSHERPA.COM

It's harvest time in Napa. Celebrate the region's wild side with three big-view hikes and two under-the-radar wineries. Hike, sniff, swirl, and sip. Repeat as needed.

Table with a View

For a little hike with big views, pack the wine and cheese and head for Table Rock Trail in northern Napa's Robert Louis Stevenson State Park. The shaded trail rises moderately for 1 mile before reaching an overlook with pop-up-book vistas of green hills and vineyard-latticed valleys, not to mention the Mayacamas Mountain Range. Simply sit back and savor the views or scramble over

and around the overlook's Volkswagen-sized boulders before returning the way you came. Afterwards, visit one of the best mom and pop wineries in Napa—Vincent Arroyo. While many boutique Napa wines start at \$50 a bottle, Vincent Arroyo's prices average in the low \$30s. The two resident black labs, JJ and Bodega, will welcome you to this off-the-beaten-path winery that's been making award-winning petite syrahs since the early '80s. Vincent Arroyo tastings are generally by appointment, but don't let that stop you—they happily welcome drop-ins, too.

TIP: Hikers with good shoe-traction and plenty of water can continue another 1.3 miles to the trail's namesake destination—Table Rock, a high-in-the-sky exposed flatbed of volcanic rock with 360-degree views. (Be forewarned: Trail markings are sparse.)

To reach the Table Rock Trailhead: From Calistoga, travel north on Hwy 29 for 7 miles. The turnout for parking is on the right side of the road, .25 mile after the Robert Louis Stevenson State Park sign. It can get extremely hot in the summer and into early fall; it's best to hike in the morning. No dogs.

Vincent Arroyo Winery, 2361 Greenwood Ave., Calistoga; 707-942-6995. Open 7



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A spectacular view of green hills and vineyards from the overlook at Table Rock Trail.

days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tastings are complimentary, unless you have a group of seven or more; then it is \$5 per person. Greenwood Ave. is off of Hwy. 29; .7 mile north of the intersection with Silverado Trail.

Bald Beauty

For one of the biggest, most spectacular views of Napa, head to Sonoma. That's right. Bald Mountain in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park offers worlds-away views that straddle two of the world's premier wine-growing valleys. On clear days, the peaks of the Sierra

Nevadas glint on the horizon and Mount Saint Helena looks close enough to touch; below, the golden hills and green valleys of Napa and Sonoma roll away. Descend via the same route, or make a partial loop by dropping down Gray Pine Trail to a mostly canopied section that crosses a creek, dips through forests, and pops out onto an open ridge with broad views. On the drive back, toast your successful ascent with a stop at Kaz, the smallest—and quite possibly the friendliest—winery in Sonoma. (The winery closes at 5:00 p.m., so be sure to time your hike accordingly.)

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Bald Mountain in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park.

Richard “Kaz” Kasmier is the big guy at this family-run winery, which makes only 60 barrels of delicious organic wine a year. Buy one of their uniquely labeled bottles and Kaz will happily sign it for you.

With numerous stretches of exposed trail, this hike is best done in the milder temperatures of spring or fall. To reach Sugarloaf Ridge State Park: From Highway 12 in Sonoma Valley, go east on Adobe Canyon Rd. in Kenwood. Drive 3.5 miles to the park entrance. The trailhead is at the back of the left-side parking lot. Hike about 1 mile on Lower Bald Mountain Trail; continue up the paved Bald Mountain Trail for 1.5 miles. At the end of the pavement, turn right and continue on the Bald Mountain Trail. The trail curves around the summit; turn right on Gray Pine Trail and take a spur trail to the summit. Descend the way you came, or continue down the Gray Pine Trail .8 mile to Red Mountain Trail. Turn right and go about 1 mile to the Headwaters Trail; turn left. Go .5 mile to the Vista Trail; turn right. Go about .5 mile until it connects back with the Bald Mountain Trail. The park may not have maps; print one out beforehand from www.parks.sonoma.net/sugarloafnap.html. Allow four to five hours for the hike. No dogs.



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Some of the easternmost coastal redwoods in the state can be found just north of St. Helena.

Kaz Vineyard & Winery, 233 Adobe Canyon Rd., Kenwood; 877-833-2536. Open Friday to Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tastings are \$5.

Redwood Respite

Escape Napa’s hustle and bustle via a little slice of open space filled with some of the easternmost coastal redwood trees in the state. Located just north of St. Helena on Napa Valley’s busy Highway 29, Bothe-Napa Valley State Park features a hiking loop with lots of variety and rewarding views. Start the hike alongside Ritchey Creek, where redwood groves and large maple trees with autumn-gold leaves shade the way. The path eventually veers and rises steadily; near the summit, the trees give way and the trail becomes exposed. The best views are from just below Coyote Peak, where a break in the forest creates a wide-angle panorama of St. Helena and the Vaca Mountain Range. Complete the loop by descending the south side of the peak, which links up again with the Ritchey Canyon Trail.

Bothe-Napa Valley State Park is located 5 miles north of St. Helena on Hwy. 29. The Coyote Peak loop trail is about 4.5 miles. Park at the trailhead, on the right of the road just past the visitor center. Start hiking on the Ritchey Canyon Trail. Follow this along Ritchey Creek until you reach Redwood Trail. Follow this to the Coyote Peak Trail. A signed spur trail goes to the summit. After taking the spur trail, continue on the Coyote Peak Trail to the South Fork Trail and go right. Cross Ritchey Creek, and turn right on Redwood Trail. Cross the creek again to Ritchey Canyon Trail and continue all the way back to the parking lot. Dog are allowed in the park, but not on the trails.

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

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Strange Bedfellows Oppose “G

BY BILL PICTURE

Proposition 7, a voter initiative co-sponsored by former San Francisco Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, promises to accelerate clean energy development in California by increasing the amount of electricity that utility companies are required to purchase from renewable sources. Environmental groups applaud the good intentions of Prop 7’s backers, but they insist that the measure—which was drafted by lawyers and lobbyists with little experience in the renewable energy market—is poorly written. If Prop 7 passes, opponents warn, it could actually disrupt renewable energy development in California and possibly lead to another energy crisis.

“Can you imagine how difficult it is for someone like me, who has been pushing for a working clean energy system in California, to be telling people not to vote for a solar bill?” says Sue Kateley of the California Solar Energy Industries Association, an opponent of Prop 7. “[The proposition’s backers] are very sincere, and they want the same things,” she adds. “But it’s a flawed proposition. That’s the bottom line.”

The problem with Prop 7, Kateley explains, is language that is unclear at best and could prove counterproductive to its supporters’ efforts. For example, language intended to encourage the construction of large-scale solar plants could actually prevent the utility companies from signing new contracts with smaller facilities. These smaller facilities—that is, facilities that produce less than 30 megawatts—now hold 60 percent of the utility companies’ contracts with renewable energy providers.

Another example is a section that prevents the utility companies from purchasing electricity from renewables providers for more than 10 percent above the market price. The intention



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PG&E signed an agreement with Martifer for over 106 MW of renewable solar-thermal biogas hybrid power.

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— Sue Kateley, California Solar Energy Industries Association

was to keep consumers from being overcharged, but opponents say that, as it is worded now, Prop 7 practically guarantees that consumers will pay 10 percent more than the going rate for clean energy. Additionally, language in Prop 7’s introduction promises to cap rate increases for consumers at 3 percent. But, because the language is not included in the actual text of the bill, opponents say it is unenforceable.

Supporters are insisting that opponents are simply misreading Prop

7. But opponents say that room for such misinterpretation should not exist, and that the holes in Prop 7 render it ineffective. As of press time, calls made to the Sacramento office of Prop 7 spokesperson Jim Gonzalez were not returned.

The bureaucracy that Prop 7 promises to create is also of major concern to the coalition of city and county governments, labor and business organizations, and taxpayer, consumer and environmental groups opposing

the measure. A handful of these environmental groups approached the team that drafted Prop 7 shortly after it was filed with the Secretary of State and presented a list of concerns, along with some suggestions on how to fix Prop 7. However, those unsolicited suggestions were ignored; Kateley has since offered to help draft a new proposition that would achieve Prop 7 proponents and opponents’ shared goals.

On the list of suggested changes submitted to the Prop 7 camp last fall

“Green” Proposition 7

was allowing the California Energy Commission to continue overseeing renewable energy development for the state. Prop 7 would have the agency share that responsibility with the Public Utilities Commission. Because consensus between these two regulatory bodies has, historically, been difficult to come by, and because Prop 7 fails to give either agency the final say in the matter, opponents foresee major delays in the approval process for new projects.

That could prove disastrous, they say, for the renewables market, which is still in its infancy. The confusion it will create will likely also deter investors from backing smaller startup companies, whose technology could prove invaluable in helping stop global warming, a stated goal of Prop 7.

“[Prop 7] is going to create a lot of confusion in the marketplace,” Kateley explains. “We have people right now who are trying to develop, build and sell projects. [Prop 7] will put those projects on hold. And that affects jobs, and affects livelihood.”

Prop 7 currently has the support of several high-profile individuals, including former California State Senator John Burton, San Francisco Supervisors Bevan Dufty and Gerardo Sandoval, and actor/activist Danny Glover. Eco-pioneer S. David Freeman has been a vocal supporter of Prop 7, but his name does not appear on the proposition’s official list of endorsers. Neither do the names of any prominent statewide organizations.

PG&E, recognizing the inherent flaws in Proposition 7, was quick to sign onto the “No on 7” campaign. And supporters of Prop 7 have been using that to enlist support for the initiative, playing to Californian’s lingering distrust of PG&E after the 2001 energy crisis. But voters are being urged to take a look at the complete (and very long) list of groups opposing the measure.

“It’s the funniest looking list,” jokes Kateley. “Republicans and Democrats, utility companies and renewable energy providers—talk about odd bedfellows.” Every leading environmental group in the state is opposing Prop 7, along with more than two-dozen renewable energy providers, the larger of



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San Francisco has shown interest in emulating the Berkeley solar-financing program.

which would stand to profit most from the competition elimination that Prop 7 unwittingly guarantees. “Why would they be against it if it were good policy? It promises them a bigger share of the market,” explains No on 7 spokesperson Kathy Fairbanks. “They’re opposing it because it won’t work.”

“It sets up a system for failure,” she adds. “And, if it passes, we’re stuck with it. Because you can’t change it or undo it without a two-thirds vote by the state legislature or going back to voters again.”

Equally unfortunate is the confusion caused for voters, say Kateley and Fairbanks. Without a law background to decode Prop 7’s legalese or some market experience, Joe Voter is left having to guess which side is on his side. “Voters don’t know what to do,” says Fairbanks. “It’s not easy to read these things,” adds Kateley. “The language is very confusing, and there are numerous references to code sections of current law that you’d have to look up. But I trust the intellect of voters. And I think that, if they take the time to familiarize themselves with Prop 7, they’ll see what we do.”

**For more information on Proposition 7,
visit www.yeson7.net.
For more information on the No on 7
campaign, visit www.noprop7.org.**

Putting Solar FIRST

Last month, the City of Berkeley put its money where its mouth is, and approved a plan to lend homeowners money to install rooftop solar power systems.

The reality is that many homeowners’ dreams of going green are stymied by the fact they do not have the cash available to purchase and install a solar system of their own, which can cost anywhere from \$12,000 to \$30,000. So, last fall, Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates proposed Berkeley FIRST (Financing Initiative for Renewable and Solar Technology), which allows homeowners to borrow the money from the city and repay the loan over time by tacking money onto their property tax bill.

Berkeley is currently in the process of securing financing for a pilot version of the project, the first of its kind in the country. The city needs \$1.5 million to outfit fifty homes with systems. If the program is as successful as expected, Berkeley will need to secure additional financing to outfit the 4,000 homes that Deputy City Manager Christine Daniel believes would be eligible.

The loans would be repaid over twenty years and cost homeowners roughly \$182 a month, and will be subject to interest. But Daniel says the interest rates would be lower than if homeowners borrowed the money directly from a bank. Plus, homeowners will recoup these costs over the long run in the form of cheaper electric bills. Bates’ office has already received calls from city leaders elsewhere in the United States, and around the world expressing interest in starting a similar program; San Francisco has already indicated it wishes to follow suit.

The solar-financing program is the latest step in Berkeley’s effort to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 80 percent by 2050; earlier this year, the city began waiving permit fees for solar installation on single-family homes. Bates told the New York Times, “I think this is probably the most important contribution Berkeley can make toward taking on global warming.”

For more information on Berkeley FIRST, visit www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/sustainable.



Big Boats Race Through the Bay

On September 13th, *Bay Crossings* Publisher Joel Williams was attending the 5th annual Brews on the Bay beer festival on the *Jeremiah O'Brien*, during which the Rolex Big Boat Series races were being held on the Bay. The Brews on the Bay event itself was great, but the show that the attendees were treated to just off the bow of the ship was truly spectacular. Here are a few of the images Joel was able to capture from the amazing vantage point aboard the *Jeremiah O'Brien*.



LIGHTS IN THE DARK

BY CAPTAIN RAY

As winter arrives and the hours of daylight decrease, I sometimes find myself sailing on into the dark. The winds are often gentler and the sailing more mellow, but with sight restricted, finding my way safely about the Bay is different. However, it really isn't difficult to know where I am in the dark: There are many Aids to Navigation (ATONs) such as buoys, lighthouses and beacons that will help you find your way, if you know that there is a pattern to it all.

The International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) is the worldwide consultative body that makes

recommendations for and coordinates the use of buoyage throughout the world. All of the Americas—North, South, and Central—plus the Philippines, South Korea, and Japan, fall into Region B. The rest of the world is Region A. There are some significant differences between the two systems; this column will be describing System B, the system you can see outside the windows of your ferry.

First, I'd like to describe how Aids to Navigation delineate channels. Channels are paths through the bay where the water is free of underwater hazards and deep enough to provide safe passage for all vessels. Channels are marked by red and green markers. An old mnemonic helps sailors use these markers: RED, RIGHT, RETURNING. Red Aids mark the right



Photo by Joel Williams

The red and green channel markers at the entrance to the Mare Island Strait are sometimes used as course markers for the Wednesday night regattas held by the Vallejo Yacht Club.

side of the channel when returning from sea. The left side of the channel is defined by green marks.

Some aids (called buoys) float in the bay and are anchored to the bottom; others (called beacons) are posts driven into the bottom of the bay where the water is shallow enough. Some (such as lighthouses) are constructed on land or specially built platforms in the bay. Not all buoys and beacons are lighted, but most are. The red marks show red lights and the green marks green lights. These lights can be turned on and off in a variety of ways (called the light's rhythm). A few of the most frequently used rhythms are: Flashing, where the light is off more than it is on; Occulting, where the light is on more than it is off; and Isophase (also called Equal Interval) where the periods of light and dark are equal. The flashing rhythm is commonly used on buoys to help preserve the buoy's battery power. Modern buoys are also equipped with solar panels to help keep their batteries charged. The occulting and isophase rhythms are used where the light can be connected to the power grid and does not rely on battery power. The charts (maps used by sailors) identify the rhythm of each of the lights.

Red and white vertically striped buoys mark the center of channels. They show a white light that has a very distinctive pattern, a short flash followed by a long flash. No other Aid to Navigation shows this light rhythm.

There are places where more than one safe passage exists (a side channel branching

off the main channel, for example). In such cases, the 'fork in the road' is marked with a horizontally banded red and green buoy. The main (or preferred) channel is designated by the top color of the buoy and the secondary channel by the lower color. The color of the light will be the same as the top color of the buoy. To distinguish these marks from 'regular' red or green buoys they also get a unique light rhythm, called Group Flashing (2+1). This light flashes twice in quick succession followed by a short pause and another single flash. This group (two flashes, pause, single flash, longer pause) is repeated.

Examples of all the Aids to Navigation described in this column are visible as you ride the ferry from San Francisco to Larkspur or Vallejo. Best of luck picking them out!

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Low Supply Sends Hop Prices Soaring

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

Gas prices have almost doubled in the past few years, and the effects have been far-reaching, especially on those who have long commutes and those who drive for a living. But just be glad you don't run your car on hops, because if you did, you could be paying about 10 times what you were last year. That's right; the prices of some varieties of hops, an essential bittering agent and aroma constituent of every beer, have risen by 1000 percent in the last year.

How can that be possible, you might ask? I sat down with Marty Kuchinski, a local hop farmer, and Brenden Dobel, the Head Brewer at Thirsty Bear, to ask just that question. While I was at it, I also tried Thirsty Bear's new Wet Hop Ale, brewed with fresh organic Hop-Meister hops from



From left to right: Thirsty Bear brewer Rich Higgins, Marty Kuchinski, Toni and Brenden Dobel enjoy some Wet Hop Ales with some fresh hops from Hops-Meister.

Kuchinski's farm in Clearlake, CA. What the two guys told me was much more complex than I expected.

The meteoric rise in hop prices can actually be attributed to several factors—

both domestic and international—that have in essence provided the “perfect storm” for the price of hops to spiral out of control over the past year. This year, there were poor hop harvests in the Yakima Valley region of Washington State and in the Hallertau region of southern Germany. In Slovenia, hop farmers lost as much as half of their crops to a hailstorm. And a devastating warehouse fire in Washington State, along with fires at two hop-drying kilns, caused a 20 percent decline in supply. Add to that the weak dollar and farmers shifting to more profitable crops, and it all starts to make sense. In the background of all this, the world's hop acreage has dropped dramatically in the last 10 years, from 203,000 acres to 113,000 acres, leaving overall hop production now 10 to 15 percent below current demand.

In the 1990s, excess hop production built up a substantial surplus inventory, which resulted in the crops being processed into pellets and extracts that could be stored for long periods of time. Hop inventory that was two to five years old was selling on the open market, forcing prices down lower than what it cost to grow them. The result was that many hops farmers just threw in the towel, and either switched to other more profitable crops or sold out to real estate developers. Although the current prices make hops a very attractive crop to grow, it takes about three years for a new hop field to get to full production, so the near future is uncertain and prices will most likely continue to rise.

Large breweries buy options on their raw materials several years in advance, so they have in some part insulated themselves from the immediate effects of this volatile market. According to the Brewers Association, the danger is most present for those brewers that failed to contract enough hops before the shortage. Small craft breweries usually don't contract a full year's worth of hops because their specific needs throughout the year may change and they don't have the proper storage facilities that the big boys have. These smaller breweries are now subject to the open market, which is currently going through the roof.

In a recent seminar for the Brewers Association, Ralph Olsen, General Manager and Owner of HopUnion, said, “It's not going to get better soon, but will be likely just as bad, or worse, for the crops from 2008

and 2009—in other words, for beers brewed from now through 2010.”

Kuchinski planted hops as a test crop on his farm in Clearlake in 2006 and those crops reached their full yield this year. Kuchinski had no idea that hop prices would be 10 times what they were when he made the decision to bring hops in but he told me, “Every farmer is a gambler.” His bet seems to have paid off well. Kuchinski plans to expand his hop fields from his current eight acres to around 30 acres partly with some root stock from hops that have grown in Lake County since the 1940s. He even plans to experiment with grafting in the greenhouse to possibly create his own variety in the upcoming years.

Now, what about that wonderful Thirsty Bear Wet Hop Ale I was drinking the whole time I was talking with Kuchinski and Dobel? Dobel uses fresh “wet” organic hops that Kuchinski delivers less than 24 hours after they were harvested to make this magical brew. Just like fresh spices right from the garden will provide a different flavor, using fresh hops bring the true hop characteristics to the forefront of this bold and zesty brew. Herbal flavor and a spicy aroma abound in this very drinkable copper colored ale, but the lack of processing of the hops seems to give it a smoother and mellower flavor than using traditional dry hops. It still has a distinct zing to it, but it's not that “in your face” hop attack that other hop-oriented beers usually have. Both hop enthusiasts and the ordinary drinker should both appreciate the uniqueness that this well-rounded brew offers.

Wet Hop Ale is currently available at:
Thirsty Bear Brewing Company
 661 Howard Street, San Francisco
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Joel Williams was a professional craft brewer for over seven years at several breweries. He earned a diploma in Brewing Sciences in 1996 from the world-renowned Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago.



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Halloween Creatures Will Invade Webster Street in Alameda

Pint-sized ghosts, goblins and other assorted small creatures will invade Webster Street in Alameda Friday afternoon Oct. 31, for the annual "Halloween on Webster Street" festivities.

Merchants along the street will have goodies for children up to 12 years old who come trick-or-treating in costume between 1 and 5 p.m.

A Halloween carnival from 1 to 5 p.m. in the parking lot at the corner of Webster and Taylor will include a bean bag toss, temporary tattoo booth, a cup cake walk, free photos of kids in costume, a coloring booth where kids can color Halloween pictures, a contest to guess the number of candy corn in the jar, rock climbing, skee ball and free popcorn, prizes and sweets.

The Pacific Coast Farmers' Market will be giving free pumpkins to kids at the carnival between 2 and 3 p.m. A costume contest will be held at 3 p.m. with prizes for children in three age categories: 3 and younger, 4 to 8 and 9 to 12.

Children in elementary schools throughout Alameda will be invited to submit drawings for the annual Halloween Art Contest. All submitted art will be displayed in store windows along Webster Street.

The event has become a tradition on the West End, where business owners look forward to seeing the kids in costume. "Webster Street is West Alameda's 'Main Street,'" says Webster Pharmacy owner Ed Clark. "Having the kids trick or treating reflects that small town feel that we love."

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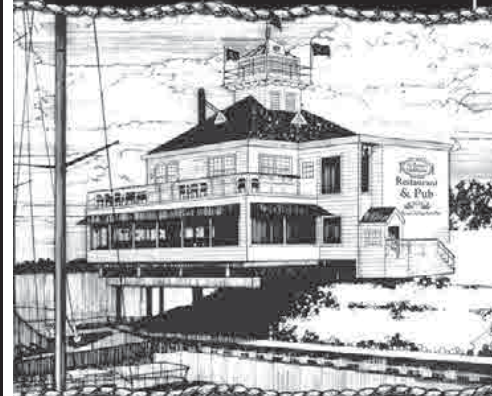


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5:50am	6:20am	6:25am	6:55am	9:40am	10:30am	-----	-----
6:35	7:05	7:10	7:40	11:40	12:30pm	12:40pm	1:30pm
7:10	7:40	7:45	8:15	1:40pm	2:30	2:40	3:30
7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05	3:40	4:30	4:40	5:25
8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45	5:30	7:00	7:15	8:00
9:15	9:50	10:10	10:45	One-Way Ferry Fares LARKSPUR SAUSALITO Daily Daily			
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30				
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30pm	Adult Cash Fare	\$7.45	\$7.45	
11:40	12:15pm	12:25pm	1:00	Frequent Rider Ticket (Book of 20 Tickets)	\$4.70	\$4.00	
12:40pm	1:15	1:25	2:00	Youth / Senior / Disabled	\$3.75	\$3.75	
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Children 5 and under	FREE	FREE	
2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05	Children ages 5 and under travel free when accompanied by a full fare paying adult (limit two youth per adult).			
3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55				
4:15	4:45	4:55	5:25				
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5:10	5:45	5:55	6:25				
5:35	6:10	6:20	6:50				
6:35	7:10	7:20	7:50				
7:20	7:55	8:10	8:40				
8:10	8:45	8:50	9:20				
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05				

*On weekdays, with the exception of the 5:20 pm San Francisco departure which is operated by a 715 passenger Spaulding vessel, all other trips are operated by high-speed catamarans. Weekend service is provided by a 715 passenger Spaulding. Also, direct ferry service is provided to most Giants games at ATT&T Park.

SAUSALITO							
Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Sausalito	Arrive SF	Depart SF	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive SF	Depart SF	Arrive Sausalito
7:10am	7:35am	7:40am	8:10am	-----	-----	10:40am	11:10am
8:20	8:45	10:15	10:45	11:20am	11:50am	12:00pm	12:30pm
10:55	11:25	11:35	12:05pm	12:45pm	1:15pm	1:25	1:55
12:15pm	12:45pm	12:55pm	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				

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For Larkspur and Sausalito website:www.goldengate.org

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ALAMEDA/OAKLAND				ALAMEDA/OAKLAND					
Weekdays to San Francisco				Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco					
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41	Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41		
6:00am	6:10am	6:30am	-----	9:00am	9:10am	-----	9:35am		
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----	10:40	10:25*	11:10	11:25		
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----	12:20pm	12:10pm*	12:50 pm	1:05pm		
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00	1:55	1:45*	2:25	2:40		
11:00	10:50*	11:30	11:45	4:00	3:45*	4:30	4:55		
12:45pm^	12:35pm*	1:15pm	1:30pm	5:45	5:30*	-----	6:20		
2:30	2:20*^A	3:00	3:10	7:20	7:05*	7:50	8:05		
4:40	4:30*^A	5:10	-----	8:55	8:45*	9:25	9:30		
5:50	5:40*^A	6:15	-----	10:30	10:20*	-----	11:00		
6:20	6:10*	-----	7:00	Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco Depart Pier 41 Depart Ferry Bldg. Arrive Alameda Arrive Oakland					
6:55^	6:45*^A	7:20	-----						
7:55^	7:45*	9:20	-----	8:30am#	-----	9:10am	9:00am		
8:55^	8:45*	-----	9:25	9:45	10:00	10:20	10:35		
Weekdays from San Francisco Depart Pier 41 Depart Ferry Bldg. Arrive Alameda Arrive Oakland				11:35	11:50	12:10pm	12:20pm		
-----	6:30am#	7:15am	7:05am	1:10pm	1:25pm	1:45	1:55		
-----	7:35#	8:20	8:10	2:50	-----	3:45	3:55		
-----	8:40#	9:25	9:15	4:55	5:10	5:30	5:40		
10:15	10:30	10:50^	11:00^	6:30	6:45	7:05	7:15		
12:00pm	12:15pm	12:35pm^A	12:45^	8:10	8:25	8:45	8:55		
1:45	2:00	2:20^	2:30^	9:40	9:55	10:15	10:25		
3:45	4:10	4:30^	4:40^	FARES: One Round Trip 10Ticket Book* 20Ticket Book* Monthly Pass					
-----	5:20	5:40	5:50	Adult (13+)	\$6.25	\$12.50	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$170.00
5:20	5:45	6:10	6:20	Child (5-12)	\$3.50	\$7.00			
-----	6:25	6:45	6:55	Child under 5**	FREE	FREE			
-----	7:25	7:45	7:55	Senior (65+)	\$3.75	\$7.50			
-----	8:25	8:45	8:55	Disabled Persons*	\$3.75	\$7.50			
				Active Military	\$5.00	\$10.00			

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Weekdays		Weekends and Holidays		Weekdays			
10:15am	2:00pm	10:15am	2:30pm	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive Pier 41
11:00	2:30	11:00	4:00	11:20am	11:50am	11:55am	12:30pm
12:15pm	4:00	12:15pm	5:00	12:40pm	1:10pm	1:20pm	1:40
1:15	5:30	1:15	6:00	1:50	2:20	2:30	3:00
		2:00	6:45	3:10	3:40	3:50	4:20
				4:35	5:25	5:35	6:05
				8:25*	8:45*	8:50*	9:20*

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FARES: All prices include audio tour.

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ANGEL ISLAND - SF/DAILY					
Weekdays					
Depart Ferry Bldg.	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41
9:20am	9:45am	10:05am	10:10am	-----	10:30
-----	1:05pm	-----	3:25	4:25pm	3:45

Weekends					
Depart Ferry Bldg.	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41
9:20am	9:40am	10:05am	10:15am	11:10am	11:35
11:20	11:45pm	12:10pm	12:15pm	1:15pm	1:40pm
-----	1:50	-----	2:55	-----	3:25
-----	-----	-----	4:15	5:35pm	5:10

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

ANGEL ISLAND - VALLEJO					
Weekdays					
Depart Vallejo	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Vallejo		
7:45am	10:05am	2:00pm	4:30pm		
		3:25pm	5:30pm		

Weekends					
Depart Vallejo	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Vallejo		
8:10am	10:10am	-----	-----		
10:00am	12:10pm	2:55pm	5:00pm		
-----	-----	4:15pm	6:30pm		

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

FARES	Pier 41 SF Ferry Bldg	Alameda/Oakland	Vallejo
Adult	\$15.00	\$14.50	\$32.50
Senior (65+)	\$15.00	\$14.50	\$23.00
Child	\$8.50(age 6-12)	\$8.50(age 5-12)	\$23.00
Child	FREE(5 & under)	FREE(4 & under)	FREE(5 & under)

*All prices include State Park Fees

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VALLEJO/SAN FRANCISCO			
FERRY BLDG./ FISHERMAN'S WHARF			
Weekdays			
Depart Vallejo	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Depart Pier 41 Fisherman's Wharf	
5:30am	6:35am	-----	
6:30	7:35	-----	
7:00	8:10	-----	
7:45	8:55	-----	
8:45	9:55	-----	
10:00	11:10	11:30am	
11:30	12:40pm	-----	
2:00	3:30	3:10pm	
3:20	4:30	-----	
4:05	5:15	-----	
4:45	6:00	-----	
5:35	7:05	6:45	

Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Vallejo	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Depart Pier 41 Fisherman's Wharf	
8:10am	9:20am	9:45am	
10:00	11:10	11:30	
11:30	12:40pm	-----	
1:00pm	2:10	-----	
2:30	3:40	4:00pm	
4:00	5:10	5:30	
5:35	6:45	-----	
6:35	7:45	-----	
8:20	9:50	9:30	

TIBURON COMMUTE			
DOWNTOWN S.F., FERRY BLDG.			
Weekdays			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
6:00am	6:20am	-----	-----
6:50	7:10	7:15am	7:35am
7:50	8:10	8:15	8:35
8:45	9:05	-----	-----
-----	-----	4:25pm	4:45pm
5:00pm	5:20pm	5:25	5:45
5:50	6:10	6:15	6:35
6:40	7:00	7:15	7:35

Weekdays			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
6:00am	6:20am	-----	-----
6:50	7:10	7:15am	7:35am
7:50	8:10	8:15	8:35
8:45	9:05	-----	-----
-----	-----	4:25pm	4:45pm
5:00pm	5:20pm	5:25	5:45
5:50	6:10	6:15	6:35
6:40	7:00	7:15	7:35

Weekdays			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
6:00am	6:20am	-----	-----
6:50	7:10	7:15am	7:35am
7:50	8:10	8:15	8:35
8:45	9:05	-----	-----
-----	-----	4:25pm	4:45pm
5:00pm	5:20pm	5:25	5:45
5:50	6:10	6:15	6:35
6:40	7:00	7:15	7:35

Weekdays			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
6:00am	6:20am	-----	-----
6:50	7:10	7:15am	7:35am
7:50	8:10	8:15	8:35
8:45	9:05	-----	-----
-----	-----	4:25pm	4:45pm
5:00pm	5:20pm	5:25	5:45
5:50	6:10	6:15	6:35
6:40	7:00	7:15	7:35

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Adult \$9.50 \$19.00
 Child (5-11) \$5.25 \$ 10.50
 20 Ticket Commute Book \$140.00 (Mon. - Fri.)

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
6:30am	6:55am	7:00am	7:25am
7:30	7:55	8:00	8:25
8:30	8:55	4:35pm	5:00pm
-----	4:30pm	5:35	6:00
5:05pm	5:30	6:35	7:00
6:05	6:30	7:35	8:00
7:05	7:30	-----	-----

No service on weekends

FARES:

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BAY CRUISE SCHEDULE			
PIER 43 1/2			
Monday through Sunday			
Sept 2 - Oct 19			
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
10:00am	1:15pm	4:15pm	-----
10:45	1:45	5:00*	-----
11:15	2:30	-----	-----
12:00pm	3:00	-----	-----
12:30*	3:45	-----	-----

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Richmond's Marina Bay Scene Features World Class Cuisine

A Private Affaire Catering and the Artisan Kitchen

Liane Ingham, the owner and operator of A Private Affaire Catering and the Artisan Kitchen—both located in Richmond's Marina Bay neighborhood—has a passion for excellence and an eye for detail. In fact, it is this passion and discerning perspective that, 15 years ago, inspired her to open her own catering company. Since then, A Private Affaire has been serving a highly sophisticated Bay Area clientele with creative and inspired menu offerings. Born and raised in Europe, Ingham has been a chef for the past 20 years and has a wealth of experience that she draws from when designing world-class menus for each event.

A Private Affaire takes pride in the fact that it works with clients to create customized events that are a reflection of the clients' own personal visions. After designing the event, the company handles all of the details—from cuisine to décor and everything in between. The chefs work to incorporate the latest trends in local cuisine and use only the finest and freshest ingredients; they personally select herbs and produce at the local farmer's markets and use locally produced meat and dairy products. From ocean cuisine to vegetarian, Pan Asian to Southern American comfort food, A Private Affaire specializes in preparing only the freshest menus, producing the finest and most creative cuisine for each event and incorporating the wide variety of ethnic ingredients that are available in the Bay Area.

After years of renting what she considered substandard commercial kitchens around the area for A Private Affaire, Ingham thought, "There has to be more for the culinary community." With that notion in her mind she began a search for warehouse space to build her own commercial kitchen that she can both utilize and rent to other high-end caterers. That search soon brought her to Richmond, partly due to its central



The Artisan Kitchen Café is open from 7:30a.m. – 2:00p.m. and offers outdoor seating.

"I had no idea about Richmond, this whole Marina Bay community, it's just fascinating!"

— Liane Ingham, A Private Affaire and Artisan Kitchen

location in the Bay and easy access to several highways and bridges. According to Ingham, "I had no idea about Richmond, this whole Marina Bay community, it's just fascinating!" Ingham says that the City of Richmond and her landlord were extremely helpful in assisting her both before and after the move. For instance, when Ingham wanted to make a more "green" kitchen, she added skylights to conserve electricity and worked with PG&E to purchase energy-efficient appliances. "Having that kind of

support behind you is just really great," Ingham added.

Ingham named her new facility the Artisan Kitchen. "It's called the Artisan Kitchen because I wanted artisans to come in and create. There isn't anywhere, I feel, in the Bay Area that offers a nice kitchen and a really great community." Until now, that is. The output of the Artisan Kitchen is by no means limited to catering services, as there are cookies, pies and even butter that you can find in local stores that came

from the facility.

After setting up the Artisan Kitchen, the idea came to Ingham to open a small café out of the front of the building that could serve the local community. Her idea was for a decidedly *unfancy* spot that would serve fresh homemade-style cuisine and, most importantly, her beloved Peet's Coffee. In the end, she was able to work out a deal with Peet's to serve their product line along with a menu that includes an assortment of fresh salads made with

farmers' market ingredients, exceptionally unique sandwiches, homemade pot pies, tamales, empanadas and quiches. She started it as a take-out business, but customers soon asked her where they could sit, so she added a few tables out front. The Artisan Kitchen Café is now very popular for the local lunch crowd, including the nearby police station and the State Health Department across the street.

Salute E Vita Ristorante

Just a few blocks away from the Artisan Kitchen, 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 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."

She started by working at Salute as a hostess for \$7 an hour and was promoted to a managerial position within the first six months. Six years ago, when the previous owners wanted to sell the restaurant, they thought Aklilu would be the best person to take ownership, and she jumped at the opportunity. Her first proprietary decision was to make changes to the recipes to more authentically represent the food from her native Italy, replacing dishes she terms "Italian food, Americanized."

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

proved 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—also, Salute offers the only local night spot. Plus, many of the local families now choose Salute as a place to dine on holidays in lieu of preparing an intricate meal at home. Salute also does very well hosting banquets, receptions and meetings

Last year Salute opened a new 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 six years ago to take over the reigns 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.

Artisan Kitchen & Private Affaire Catering

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The Artisan Kitchen offers spacious work areas and a great atmosphere for the culinary community.



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



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Salute's location in the center of the Marina Bay community makes it a popular gathering place.

AROUND THE BAY IN OCTOBER



Ghosts of Winehaven

Support the Richmond Rotary Peace Project and tour both the Historic Winehaven Building and the Wine Master's Winehaven Cottage in Point Molate, Richmond. Enjoy lunch, hear about the history of Winehaven, enjoy the Wine Auction and share in the "Witches Winehaven Brew" that will be served. The fundraiser is from noon to 3 p.m. Halloween Day so costumes are encouraged. Tickets are \$35. For more information visit www.richmondcarotary.com or call Margaret at (510) 234-4219.

Fleet Week is Back

The annual celebration of the men and women of our armed forces will take place October 9th through the 14th. The modern version of Fleet Week commenced in 1981 and it has become one of the best-attended annual events in Northern California. A spectacular weekend of family events is planned featuring performances of the Navy Blue Angels and Canadian Snowbird jet demonstration teams, a parade of Navy ships and other demonstrations. For more information about the events all along the San Francisco waterfront visit www.fleetweek.us.

Vintage Poster Fair Explores Political Correctness

San Francisco hosts the 15th annual International Vintage Poster Fair (IVPF) featuring a weekend exhibition and sale of the world's finest vintage posters on October 24th-October 26th at Fort Mason Center. Over 6,000 original vintage posters will be featured from over 15 dealers hailing from 6 different countries. The IVPF is the world's oldest and largest poster show devoted exclusively to original vintage posters. Among the posters being shown will be original advertising, wine and beverage, food, travel, and propaganda posters which are being offered at prices ranging from \$200 to \$50,000.

Posters are a glimpse into popular culture and reflect historic and artistic movements of the late 19th and 20th centuries. The variety of styles found at the International Vintage Poster Fair encompass classic *Art Nouveau* and *Belle Epoque*, *Art Deco*, *Futurist* and *Atomic Age Design*, in addition to a variety of themes including sports, propaganda, advertising and other. The Fair is an active event, with dealers constantly showing their numerous posters while offering their knowledge about the graphic and cultural history of the posters. This year's spotlighted exhibition will explore the evolution of "Politically Correct?/Politically Incorrect?" perspectives through original vintage posters. This provocative exhibition makes it possible for guests to revisit imagery that has molded the past, while looking forward to a progressive future. Admission is \$15, for more information visit www.posterfair.com.

Rocket Boat Blasts Off on the Bay

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15th Annual Shuck & Swallow Challenge

McCormick & Kuleto's Seafood Restaurant will hold their 15th annual Shuck & Swallow Oyster Challenge, with an oyster and wine pairing benefit event immediately following the competition, to be held on Tuesday, October 7th. The oyster competition involves approximately a dozen teams, each consisting of two members from various Bay Area restaurants, competing to shuck and eat as many oysters as possible in 10 minutes. The current record is just under 200. The competition is free and begins at 5 p.m. The oyster and wine pairing will benefit the The Marine Mammal Center and will be held at McCormick & Kuleto's Seafood Restaurant at 900 North Point in San Francisco. The pairing will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets, available at the



door, are \$30.00 per person with the net proceeds being donated to The Marine Mammal Center. For more information call (415) 929-1730.

FLOAT Hosts Low Budget Art

Breaking all the rules of showing and selling art, Everybody Get Up (EGU) has created a powerful street art collective that simply states: Art should be affordable for all, no exceptions, no regrets! All artwork is priced between \$1.00 - \$50.00. What do you have in your pocket? \$2.00? \$15.00? Whatever the amount, all you have to do is pick out a piece of art amongst hundreds that you like. Just rip it off the wall and go to the cashier. Nope you don't have to wait until the end of the exhibit to pick-up your work, and yes, you are doing a good thing supporting these artists. EGU is known for utilizing a variety of mediums. Their signature medium of choice is cardboard. Everybody Get Up and come buy art. The show opens on October 13 at FLOAT Art Gallery. FLOAT, Floatation Center - Art Gallery is the only floatation center & art gallery in the San Francisco Bay Area. For more information visit www.thefloatcenter.com or call (510) 535-1702.

Hardly Strictly Fun

The 8th Annual Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival will take place in Golden Gate Park's Speedway, Lindley & Marx meadows October 3rd through October 5th. The three day festival is completely free to the public and will feature dozens of bands each day on several stages. Some of this year's performers include Asleep at the Wheel, Carlene Carter, Emmylou Harris, The Desert Rose Band, Steve Earle and Elvis Costello.

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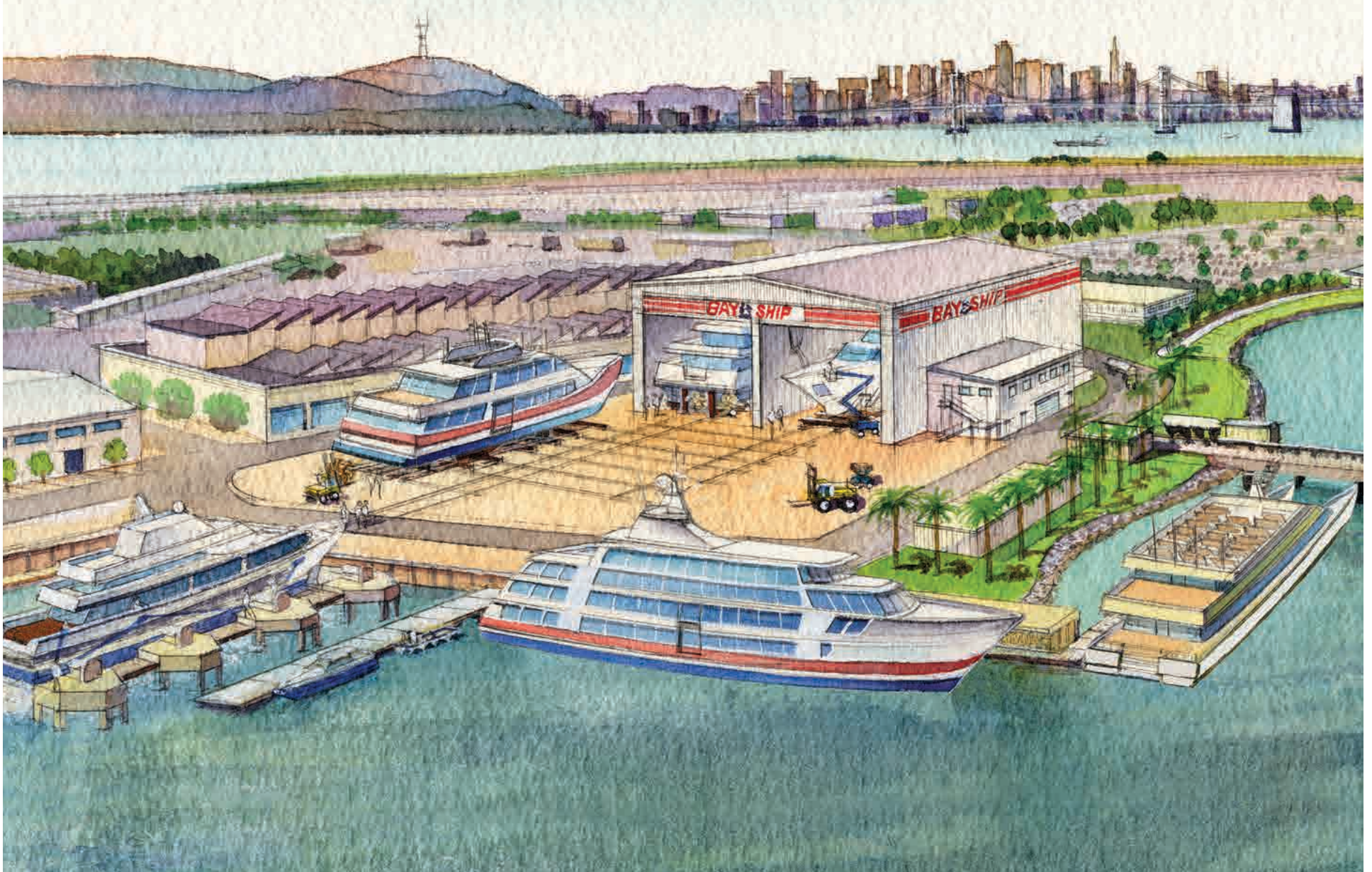
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