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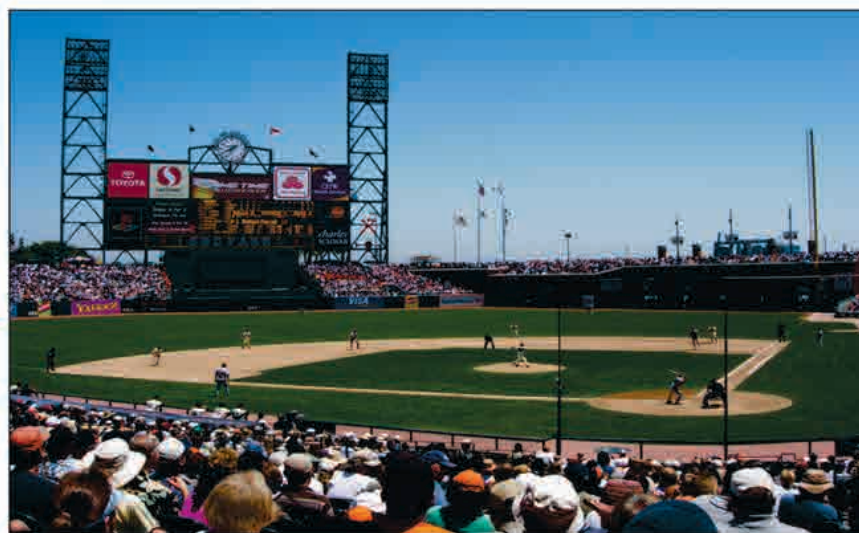


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## It's Time to Sail

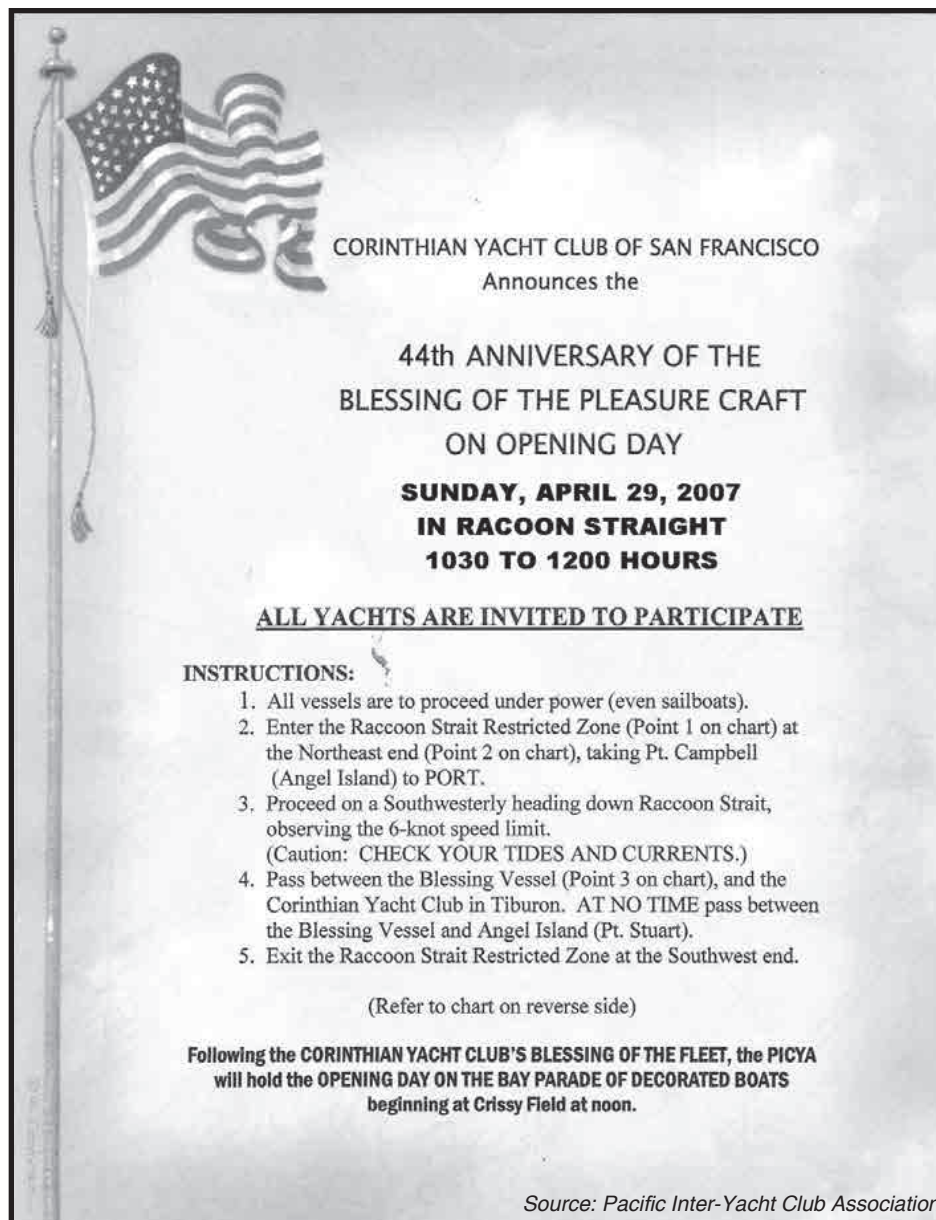
OAKLAND — Opening Day on the Bay, on the last Sunday in April each year, is the official opening day of the Northern Californian sailing season, and sees over 150 boats, beautifully decorated and adorned, heading across San Francisco Bay in parade formation.

Dating back to 1917 and organized by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association, the parade sails from the shadows of the Golden Gate Bridge to just past Pier 39. Any vessels can take part as long as they register beforehand. The procession regularly sees all kinds of vessels in the flotilla: tug boats, clean-up boats and tour boats, with visitors and spectators wanting an insider's perspective.

One to watch for is the Indonesian Tall Ship, *Dena Ruci*. The 165-foot, barquentine ship, with a 120-foot sail height, was commissioned by the Indonesian Navy in 1952, but now tours the seas as an ambassador of goodwill on behalf of the Indonesian people.

Judges are on hand to dish out prizes for imaginative décor, with prizes in separate categories according to the type of boat. It is undoubtedly a sight to behold, unless the fog closes in, of course...

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3. Proceed on a Southwesterly heading down Raccoon Strait, observing the 6-knot speed limit. (Caution: CHECK YOUR TIDES AND CURRENTS.)
4. Pass between the Blessing Vessel (Point 3 on chart), and the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon. AT NO TIME pass between the Blessing Vessel and Angel Island (Pt. Stuart).
5. Exit the Raccoon Strait Restricted Zone at the Southwest end.

(Refer to chart on reverse side)

Following the CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB'S BLESSING OF THE FLEET, the PICYA will hold the OPENING DAY ON THE BAY PARADE OF DECORATED BOATS beginning at Crissy Field at noon.

Source: Pacific Inter-Yacht Club Association



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## WORKING WATERFRONT

### BAY CROSSINGS STAFF REPORT

#### Air Quality Board Changes Spare the Air Days

The new plan extends the current three free roundtrip transit days to four on Muni, BART and buses, and also changes the three free days on Caltrain and ferries to four free one-way trips. Spare the Air days occur when ozone levels exceed Federal health standards.

#### Air Quality Concern on the Inside

Connecticut Transportation officials reacted with concern when learning a Clean Air Task Force discovered high levels of diesel exhaust inside commuter trains in New York City and Boston. These findings have implications for California's commuter trains, buses and ferries.

#### MTC Arranges Feud to End

The long-standing fight, which at times has turned into a brawl, between SamTrans and BART over excessive costs and low ridership for the Millbrae extension now appears to be over. The incredibly complex document outlining the terms had yet to be approved by press time, but, so far, everyone is making friendly noises.

#### CTC to Award Congestion Funds

California Transportation Commission has awarded \$1.29 billion to be aimed at highway congestion issues, primarily aimed at local Interstate 101 and State Routes 4 and 24. This is Proposition 1 Bond funds and does not affect other transportation funding.

#### Rideshare to Offer Rewards

Rideshare, the 511 program with its free phone and web site service helping to match commuters with carpools, is again offering a \$10 gift certificate for either gas or Safeway Markets to those who switch to a carpool for a full work week. Each week thereafter, the commuter will receive another certificate up to a total value of \$100.

#### BART Polls Its Riders

And finds them generally happy with service, speed and price (who's ever happy about price?) But ratings fell on general cleanliness of cars, windows and stations. BART had been running longer trains without all the necessary personnel to clean them, and is reviewing that policy. Another experiment to be tried is linoleum floors – easier to clean than carpet.

#### Ticket Fraud Hits All Systems

BART has recently announced a correction to its fare machines where the magnetic strip was modified to read higher. Various BART ticket scams have cost the system about \$300,000 each year. Both Muni and the ferries have also seen ticket scams and fraudulent passes.

#### Surprise! Bay Bridge Costs to Rise

This time the bill is for \$140 million to help fund a by-pass on the Yerba Buena approach. Officials say that this expense will save time and money later.

# WE COVER THE WATERFRONT

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Crossword by Guy Span

### ACROSS

1. A place to relax and improve your health
4. Turn's Partner
8. US President's principal forum for considering security and foreign policy (Init.)
11. English Queen's personal riflemen (Init.)
12. Type of constricting snake (two words)
13. Largest national trucking association (Init.)
14. Desire
16. Places to stay or outs friend
18. To the same degree or extent
19. Make up for
21. Fruit found in Thoreau's lost manuscript, "Wild Fruits"
23. Where Bay Area residents want to live
25. Something that hinders or a bog
27. Head of R&D (Init.)
29. You look with them
33. Poetical for before
34. Almost all silver-plate bears these initials
38. Something to do when you are hungry
39. \_\_\_ Publica, Latin for the public thing or shorthand for booking a hotel room
40. Shortly
41. Famous national gun group (Init.)
42. \_\_\_ Plasm (made famous by Ghostbusters)
44. To pierce with a knife for example
46. The railroad connecting Chicago with Seattle, now a part of BNSF (Inits.)
47. These restaurants advertise in Bay Crossings as being located "City, Beach and Bay"
49. Friday to Sunday KGO talk show host
51. Round and tapering or an Orchid species
52. Elude

### DOWN

1. Native American Indian wife
2. \_\_\_ Potty
3. Specialized language of a particular group such as thieves
4. Thanks in British slang, Tantalum on the periodic table or initials for a teacher's helper
5. \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi of Star Wars fame
6. Tuolumne County Historic Town in the Sierra Nevada Mountains
7. Saints in Argentina
8. Not applicable (Init.)
9. To go without a woman to an event or male deer
10. Something to spend
15. A distasteful medical procedure involving the injection of fluids where you don't want to think about
17. Smart or feeling
20. Withers over time
22. Preposition used to indicate position, location or condition
24. Country with the Eiffel Tower (Init.)
27. A model of the stable scene of Jesus' birth
28. To star again
30. A longing
31. The IRS needs to know this each year and you need to have reported it
32. Common office manner of attaching paper to paper
33. To construct or stand up firmly
35. Actually Latin for a group of ad hoc cowboys in chase of the bad guys
36. To no degree; negation or denial
37. Slithery reptile
43. Spanish for he, she or it hears, also British Court call to order
45. Short for Bavaria or Bay Area folks who don't eat meat
48. See 22 down
50. Egyptian Sun God

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The "Opening Day on the Bay" parade, sponsored by BoatU.S., is a celebration of the official start of San Francisco's boating season. The celebration begins with a parade of decorated boats, representing Bay Area Yacht Clubs and numerous "special interest" boats owned by various individuals and institutions in our community. It's an event for public participation and viewing of decorated boats at locations from Crissy Field to PIER 39.

In a patriotic affirmation of our determination to stand tall and strong, up to 250 recreational boats from Northern California Yacht Clubs are expected to enter a decorated boat competition to the theme "Pages of Time." In addition, various classic vessels, both motor and sail powered, are being invited, some of which are over 100 years old. The occasion will be a unique opportunity to see these special boats, all at the same time, sailing close to shore where land-based spectators

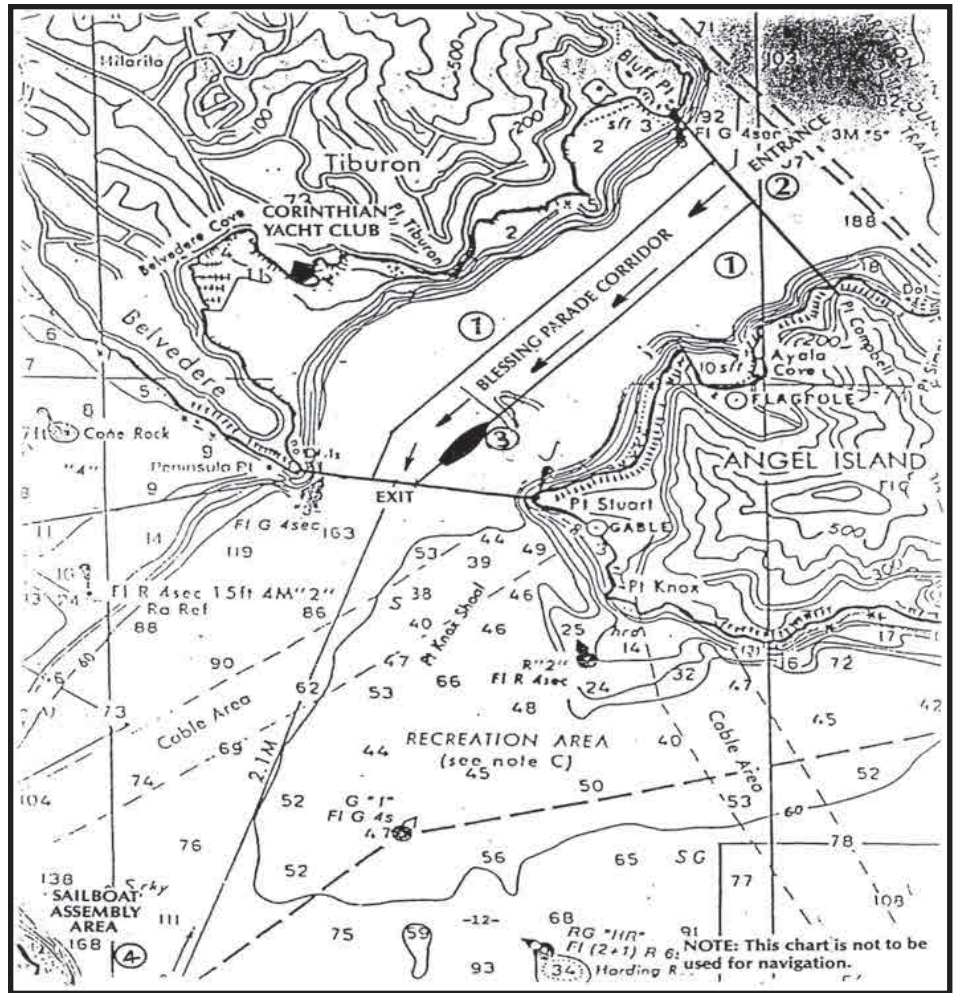
can enjoy the event. The parade will be led by one of the City of San Francisco's popular fire boats. To keep the parade safe and enjoyable for everyone, the parade route will be patrolled by boats from the U.S. Power Squadrons, as well as by the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary craft.

**WHEN:** Sun., Apr. 29, Noon.

**WHERE:** SF's Northern Shoreline from Crissy Field to PIER 39

**WHO:** Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (Duane Collins, Commodore), the members of 100 Yacht Clubs, as well as boaters from the general public.

**ADMISSION:** Free. Boaters wishing to participate can sign up at [www.picya.org/](http://www.picya.org/).



Opening Day 2007, Pages of Time parade route. Source: Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association



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## IPTV: New Wave Video Hitting Its Stride

BY MARY E. SHACKLETT

Adopted by telecommunications carriers delivering video services to consumers, IPTV (Internet Protocol Television) provides send and receive capabilities for video streams that are encoded as a series of Internal Protocol packets. The video clips that stream through to desktops and notebooks – and to your home television via setbox technology – are IPTV.

The IPTV consumer market is projected to jump more than tenfold in subscribers between now and 2010, according to recent information from Inform Telecoms and Media. This immense market opportunity will come in the form of Triple or Quadruple Play offerings that you will see from your service provider.

For IPTV, the future is now. SBC/Cingular Wireless and Microsoft have inked an agreement where SBC uses Microsoft's TV IPTV technology for next generation television services that include broadcast quality video and video on demand.

Verizon Wireless launched IPTV service in March. AT&T Inc.'s Cingular Wireless launched a similar service in 10 city markets. In Milwaukee, AT&T Wisconsin has begun to install U-Verse, its new Internet television product. IPTV is happening here, in the Bay Area. YouTube.com of San Mateo has put IP consumer video on the map with homegrown videos that anyone can make and distribute. Internet users around the world contribute video material, and some of this material is drawing serious commercial interest.

SF Station offers over 500,000 users a selection of local Bay Area dining video content, along with reviews and information on local restaurants and culinary trends. SF Station alone receives over 2.5 million monthly page views.

AccuStream iMedia Research projects that consumers will watch 29 billion streams of video this year, up from 18 billion in 2005. Forrester Research estimates that nearly half of all Internet users, or about 34 million homes, have watched video streamed online. It's all adding up to a major role for video in home entertainment and Internet culture.

How will this alter the consumer entertainment experience?

Consumers will have virtually limitless choice when it comes to customizing their viewing experiences and even creating their own viewing options; Pricing models for video services will continue to migrate more to pay per view over time; There will be more delivery channel options for video, from large-screen TV to desktops, notebooks and mobile devices; Consumer preferences will continue to shift to video-based expression. This started with younger generations, and is now making its way into older ones. People like the immediacy of video experience — which isn't captured as effectively in audio, print, or even in static photos.

### Technology and Legal Issues

Like all new technology evolutions, video TV has its technical hurdles and legal challenges. IPTV's begins with fierce competition in communications and entertainment that places pressures on IPTV providers who feel they must rapidly get IPTV products to market. Many cut corners on quality of service (QoS) to make product launch deadlines. Since consumers are accustomed to the reliability of plain old telephone service (POTS) and cable television, any lack of quality is not well received. Unsurprisingly, mobile video services in particular have been slow to take off due to high prices and poor quality compared with home televisions.

There is a shortage of knowledgeable



system and network integrators with extensive IPTV and video experience. Today, IPTV installation in homes can take between three to six hours. Several technology companies are working towards solutions that can be installed in less than one hour for a multi-room IPTV system through the creation of custom drivers and firmware that enable a completely plug-and-play wireless IPTV solution.

The entertainment industry loses billions of dollars in revenue each year through video piracy, and has adopted encryption technology to control access to video-on-demand and pay-per-view events that are delivered via IPTV and other video technologies. This battle will intensify when Triple Play becomes Quadruple Play with the delivery of IPTV-to-mobile devices.

Piracy controls contradict "free access" concepts such as those popularized on YouTube, but progress is being made.

Texas Instruments recently announced that it was working with several mobile operators to provide content and access protection for Mobile TV. Microsoft's Bill Gates also noted in a recent speech that digital rights management (DRM) needs to be solved before technologies like IPTV can move forward to their full potential. Once the technology issues are resolved and attractive price points and implementation strategies are created for consumers, the IPTV market could expand exponentially.

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### What a Great Combination. Be Creative!

#### Recipe of the Month

Tortellini Pesto Salad With Cheesy French Bread  
Approximate Preparation time: 20 minutes. Serves 4

#### Cheesy French Bread

##### Ingredients:

- 1 loaf Colombo Sourdough Bread, split lengthwise
- 7 oz. Armanino Basil Pesto, thawed
- 8 oz. fresh mozzarella, drained and sliced
- 1/2 cup sun dried tomato in oil, drained and chopped

##### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Take a loaf of Colombo Sourdough Bread, cut lengthwise and place on a cookie sheet. Split Armanino Basil Pesto into equal portions and spread half on each side of the bread. Place slices of mozzarella evenly on top of pesto and sprinkle sun dried tomatoes on top. Place in oven for 10 minutes or until cheese is bubbling. Slice bread on diagonal and serve. Caution: cheese will be hot!

#### Tortellini Pesto Salad

##### Ingredients:

- 16 oz. pkg. Armanino Cheese Tortellini
- 7 oz. Armanino Basil Pesto, thawed
- 2 T Mayonnaise
- 2 Tomatoes, seeded and roughly chopped
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and julienne

##### Directions:

Cook Armanino Cheese Tortellini according to directions and rinse in cold water to help cool. When cooled, add Armanino Basil Pesto, mayonnaise, tomatoes and bell pepper. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Chill and serve.

For more delicious recipes, visit [sourdoughbread.com](http://sourdoughbread.com) and [Armaninofoods.com](http://Armaninofoods.com)

# JACK LONDON SQUARE



## War of 1812 "Pirate Ship" Educational Vessel to Visits The Square, Sail at Dusk

OAKLAND – All law-abiding and loyal citizens are urged to be vigilant and alert to the presence on your coast of the fast, and heavily armed Clipper Schooner Lynx. The 122-foot square topsail schooner will be sailing into Jack London Square for the Strictly Sail Pacific boat show. Join the flotilla on Tue, Apr. 17 at 1500 hrs, as she fires from her main battery of 6-pounder carronades upon her grand entrance.

The schooner Lynx is an interpretation of a privateer or naval schooner built to give people a glimpse of what life was like aboard a privateer during the War of 1812. The original Lynx was built in Fell's Point, MD and commissioned during the opening days of the war. She was launched in Rockport, Maine in 2001. Today Lynx sails as a living history Museum. She was also hired to train the cast and crew of the hit movie *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Lynx will be open and free to visitors every day until 4PM. She will leave the dock each night for a sunset sail (5PM-7:30PM). Cost is \$60 for adults, \$35 for children 12 and under. For reservations call 866-446-5969. [www.privateerlynx.org](http://www.privateerlynx.org)

### Ride the Bay Ferries

See current ferry routes and schedules on p. 32 and online: [www.baycrossings.com](http://www.baycrossings.com). For more information on future ferry routes, visit the Water Transit Authority website [www.watertransit.org](http://www.watertransit.org).

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Last year's event raised over \$24,000 and in the past six years it raised over \$140,000! This year our goal is to have over 200 paddlers participate and raise over \$100,000.

Support Strokes offers three courses to choose from. A 15.5-mile course - a challenge for more experienced paddlers; an 8-mile course - perfect for intermediate paddlers; and a 2-mile course - a celebration effort for breast cancer survivors, and appropriate for new kayakers. California Canoe & Kayak will provide discounted kayak classes and boat rentals to all registered participants as needed. Reservations for classes and boats are required.

Register and pledge online at [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com) or at California Canoe & Kayak, 409 Water Street in Jack London Square, Oakland CA 94607.

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## Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show Features Five Days of Boats, Gear

OAKLAND March 20, 2007 – Strictly Sail Pacific, the largest sailboat show on the West Coast, will open at Oakland's Jack London Square on April 18. The 11<sup>th</sup> running of this five-day boat show will feature over 300 exhibitors and Strictly Sail's trademark mix of an extensive marketplace combined with free seminars and special events for sailing enthusiasts of all ages. The show runs until Sun., April 22.

"Strictly Sail is all sail, all the time," says Kevin Murphy of show organizer Sail America. "The fleet is diverse—from small dinghies to cruisers built to go the distance offshore—and seminars are geared to every level of sailor. Our guiding principle when planning this show is simple: something for everyone."

Exhibitors traveling from around the world will bring a wide-ranging collection of boats and gear — giving showgoers a valuable opportunity to find the latest developments in sailboat design and equipment all in one locale.

And built into that marketplace is plenty of opportunity for inspiration: seminars that are free with the price of admission run all five days of the show.

Expert skippers will take showgoers out for half-hour sailing excursions, which are free with the price of admission. This national program travels to events throughout the United States to introduce more individuals to the joys of sailing. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit [www.strictlysail.com](http://www.strictlysail.com)

Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show  
Jack London Square, Oakland

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# SETTING SAIL... OR NOT

BY SCOTT ALUMBAUGH

The last Sunday in April, each year, is "Opening Day on the Bay," the official opening day of the Northern Californian sailing season. There is a parade of more than 150 boats, decorated and adorned, heading across San Francisco Bay in parade formation behind the fireboat Phoenix with its pumps spraying. It is something to see.

But as anyone who sails the Bay will tell you, there is really no sense in having an Opening Day here, because the Bay is never closed. There is no off-season: just times of the year when it's less crowded on the water. In Mexico, cruising boats are put on the hard, as they say, for the hurricane season. In New England, they are covered up in winter, or stored in boat houses. But here, any day of the year can be a great sailing day, and most are. You just have to be lucky enough to be able to take advantage of it.

Though in fact, just about the only day I won't go sailing is Opening Day. The Bay is too crowded, and worse, it is filled with people who don't belong out there. I'm talking about people who primarily own boats to entertain on, and who take them out only once or twice a year. They make me nervous. Even more so when it's crowded.

But that being said, there is one thing about Opening Day that will get me on the water. And that is the Blessing of the Fleet. The tradition of blessing the fleet goes back to the early 19th century. It started with local priests in Southern Europe praying over the fishing fleets at the beginning of the season for bountiful

catches and a safe return. Compared to that, blessing a fleet of pleasure boats out for a joy ride seems something less than spiritual. But a blessing is a blessing, and I'm happy to get one however I can.

It's not that I'm superstitious, necessarily, or religious, per se, but the Blessing of the Fleet reminds me of an encounter I had a number of years back.

I was sailing up the western coast of Mexico, helping a friend bring his boat back from Manzanillo to Cabo

San Lucas. "Sailing" is really a euphemism when traveling north along the west coast. You are moving contrary to the prevailing wind and current. The only way to actually "sail" north is to head off on starboard tack half way to Hawaii

before heading back to California, which takes a long time. Your other option is to motor more or less straight into the wind and waves. There are a lot of small bays along the Mexico coast north of Manzanillo. So one way to break the monotony of motoring for days on end is gunkholing: you duck into these little bays along the way, take your dinghy to shore, and take a break for an afternoon, or if you have the time, maybe a day or two.

One of the bays we anchored in is called Bahia de Navidad. It is a well-protected bight with south-facing beaches and calm waters. There are three towns bordering the bay that run together, collectively known as Melaque. While ashore there, we learned from one of the local restaurant-owners that the patron saint of Melaque is San Patricio – St. Patrick. It was early March, and she told us that on St. Patrick's Day, there would be a parade and festival, and a Blessing of the Fleet, which was the first time I had heard of such a thing. As it turned out, we couldn't stay that long,

And it struck me that he was blessed. He had the time to wait, a beautiful place to spend that time, and the patience to see it in the best light.



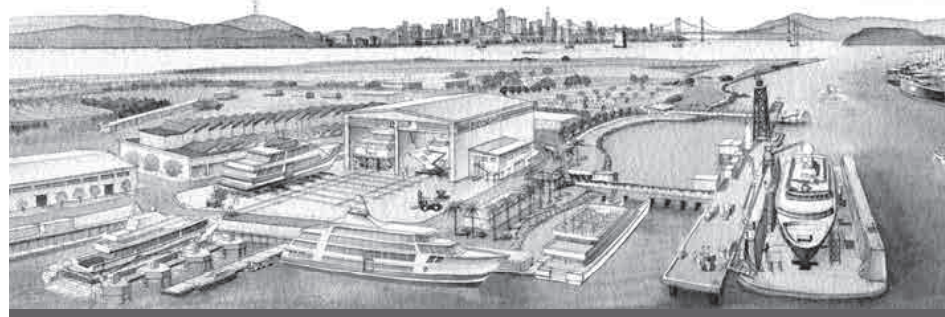
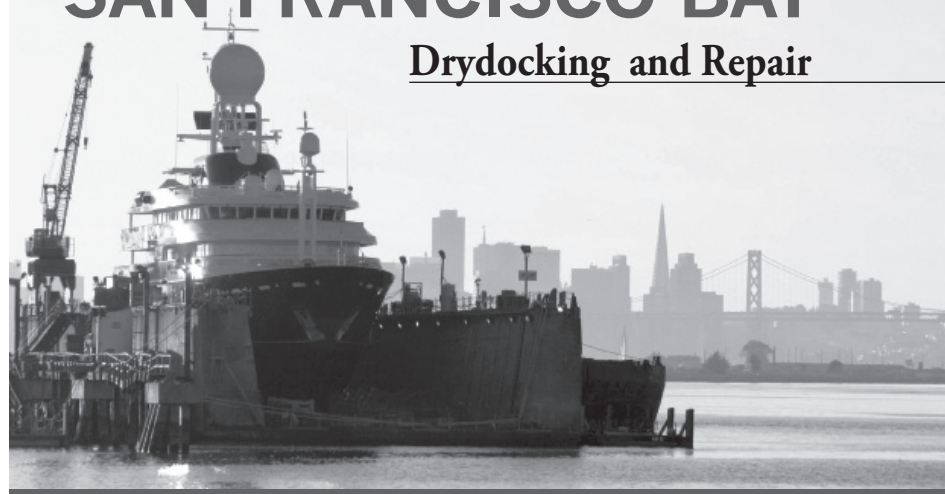
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so we were going to miss the festivities.

A little later that day, back on the boat, a cruiser came alongside in a

dinghy. He had mail, and asked if we would drop it off in San Diego for him. It turned out that he had been anchored

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in Bahia de Navidad for a few months. He was on his way back to the States when his engine broke down. He made it into the bay and was waiting there for a replacement part. It had already taken some time to get a new part, but the company sent the wrong one. So he had a few more weeks to wait yet for its replacement.

I told him I thought he must be really angry about that. And he laughed. "Have you read a newspaper lately? I'm not in any hurry to get back there."

And it struck me that he was blessed. He had the time to wait, a beautiful place to spend that time, and the patience to see it in the best light. I thought about how in a week or so, on St. Patrick's Day, his boat would be blessed, along with whatever fleet might assemble, while I would be back at work, wishing I was where I was sitting right then. I realized that I wasn't really in a hurry to get back either.

So when they hold the Blessing of the Fleet in the Bay, I am taken back to that time – when I knew there was something else I wanted to be doing. And I am thankful because I no longer wish to be somewhere else, doing something else. It makes me thankful for all the blessings I have received.

**Scott Alumbaugh**

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# Richmond's Shoreline:

**F**ord Point Building in Richmond's scenic waterfront area has been the site of increased activity lately, after the recent announcement that Berkeley-based *PowerLight*, a leading manufacturer of large-scale solar power systems, will be moving its headquarters to the *Ford Point Building*.

The 517,000 square feet historic structure, located at the foot of Harbour Way South on the Richmond Marina Bay shoreline, is an outstanding example of 20<sup>th</sup> Century industrial architecture, designed by Albert Kahn, who is known for his "daylight factory" design that employed his trademark — extensive window openings. The sawtooth roof design with large northern skylights provides an incredible natural light and airy feel. It is the only remaining example of Kahn's work on the West Coast and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

Less than a year after its first tenant, *Wine.com* moved in, Orton Development, the company that is renovating the *Ford Point Building*, announced that one third of the building would soon be occupied by *PowerLight*, the solar power company just down the road. The recent deal, brokered by NAI BT Commercial and CM Realty, states that *PowerLight* will occupy 175,000 square feet of the *Ford Point Building*, a space over six times the existing 27,000 square feet it currently occupies in two

separate buildings in Berkeley. The move to Richmond allows it to consolidate its entire operation into one facility to house manufacturing, sales, marketing, administrative, finance, research and development, design and shipping. *PowerLight*, which was bought by publicly-owned San Jose-based SunPower for

an architecturally-significant, unique, waterfront space that will accommodate our growth and support our corporate culture. As a historic landmark building located in a redevelopment district, it helps serve our commitment to environmental responsibility and creative re-use."

*PowerLight* won't be the first "green"

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**"We are delighted that this icon of 20th Century industrial production will become a beacon for 21st Century clean, green technology,"** said Tom Dinwoodie, chief executive officer of *PowerLight*.

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\$333 million in January, says the move is scheduled for the end of this year. Around 200 employees are expected to move with the company to Richmond, and it plans to hire more employees as its business expands.

This announcement is a significant step in the reinventing of the *Ford Point Building*, which has a rich history involving heavy machinery production.

"We are delighted that this icon of 20<sup>th</sup> Century industrial production will become a beacon for 21<sup>st</sup> Century clean, green technology," said Tom Dinwoodie, chief executive officer of *PowerLight*. "The Ford Plant in Richmond provides us with the opportunity to relocate to

company to set up shop at the *Ford Point Building*. *Vetrazzo*, a manufacturing company that transforms recycled glass into exquisite, one-of-a-kind surfaces also moved in last summer after *Wine.com* and *Title 9 Sports*, a multi-channel retailer of women's athletic apparel.

*Vetrazzo* surfaces are used for countertops, tabletops, flooring and wall cladding. The stunning surfaces are composed of more than 85 percent recycled materials and can be used anywhere natural stone surfaces are used. *Vetrazzo's* manufacturing facility occupies 40,000 square feet of the *Ford Point Building* and it plans to move its corporate offices there in the near future.

"We sell beauty," James Sheppard, president of *Vetrazzo* said, adding: "The best thing that we've got going is the natural light that the *Ford Point Building* offers because it allows everyone on our production staff to be focused on quality control. The natural daylight that the building provides is really extraordinary. Our product is made from glass, so the interplay of the glass and natural light is an important end result that our customers look for. How better to make sure we catch that than to make sure that we are looking at it every step of the manufacturing process?"

The natural light the building offers isn't the only thing that Sheppard likes about being in Richmond, "We also have staff that during their lunch break will go cast a fishing line over into the Bay, and that's a pretty neat thing to be able to offer as a perk to your employees." Sheppard went on to say, "We're really thrilled. There's not a lot of manufacturing still being done in California and we're really pleased to be able to help recycle the former Ford Plant Building back to its manufacturing roots."

Orton Development also announced that *Mountain Hardware*, a leading brand in the mountaineering and outdoor clothing and gear industry, has signed a lease to rent almost 80,000 square feet including the original office space for the Ford executives. According to Mike Wallenfels, president of *Mountain Hardware*, "It's an ideal space for

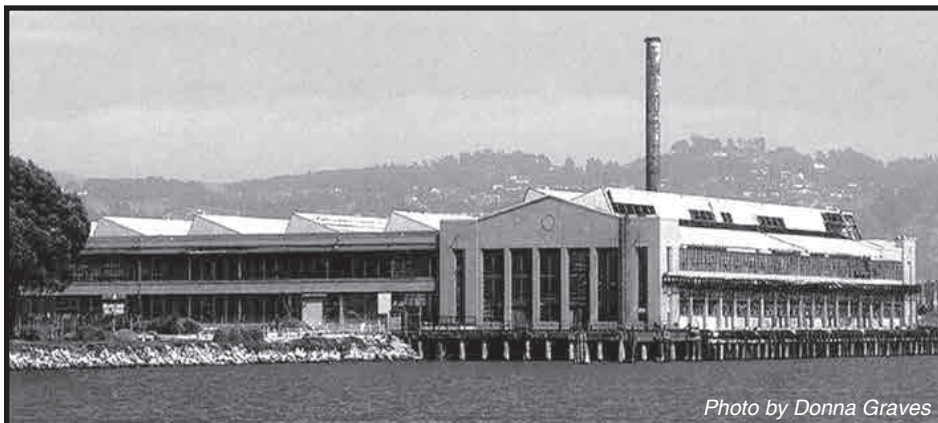


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The craneway of the Ford Point Building on Richmond's waterfront is slated to be the location of the WWII Home Front Visitors Center as well as restaurants and shops.



Photo by Joel Williams

Interior space in the Ford Point Building can be customized to tenant's particular needs.

# More “Green” Will Be Seen

*Mountain Hardware* and a spectacular location. The location will better represent the *Mountain Hardware* brand and offer a better working environment for our employees.”

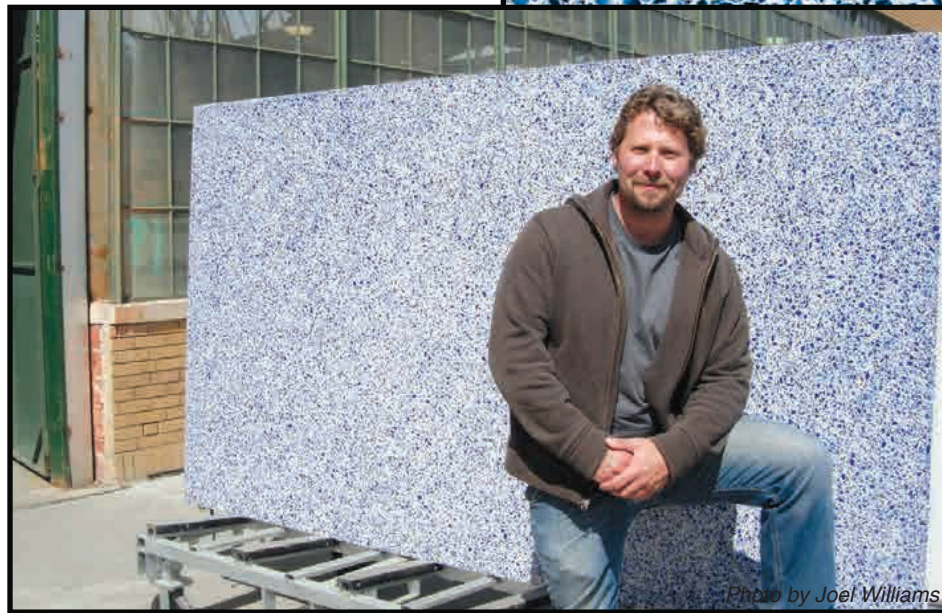
*Best-Line, Inc.*, a manufacturer of Roman shades and window coverings since 1980, moved its manufacturing facility and corporate offices to a 24,000 square foot space at the *Ford Point Building* in October. According to Jill Shaffer, president of *Best-Line*, “It’s a great building. We love it. We had 40 employees at our old place and we’ve been able to expand to 54, and plan on expanding to 80. The atmosphere of the building is just absolutely lovely, the inside with the atriums and skylights just make it a real pleasure to work here.”

The final plans for the building include flexible spaces for live-work use as well as traditional storefronts and offices. While most modern live-work lofts limit the type of businesses to a traditional office type environment, the *Ford Point Building* offers much more flexibility in the types of businesses it can accommodate, including some manufacturing and light industrial applications.

Plus, around 40,000 square feet of open space that housed the crane way at the waterfront is being reserved for public use and will house the *Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park Visitor Center*, as well as various restaurant and retail establishments – in

an environment similar to San Francisco’s Ferry Building. The area in front of the crane way also offers spectacular views of the San Francisco skyline to further enhance outdoor dining when the building renovation is finished.

The *Ford Point Building* transformation is well underway and in the future will provide a vibrant new waterfront environment for the City of



James Sheppard, president of Vetrazzo, in front of one of the many variations of surfaces that are created from 85 percent recycled materials. Top right: A close-up of the cobalt sky pattern currently being offered by Vetrazzo.



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Richmond. According to Troy Peterson, a project manager with Orton Development, the building is expected to be at least 80

percent occupied by the end of the year. If the sentiments of the current residents are any indication, it shouldn’t be much

longer before it finds the remaining occupants to complete this unique business community.

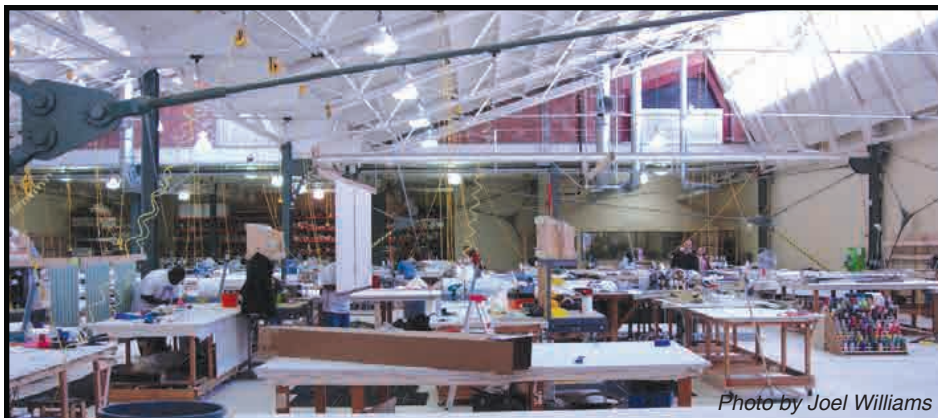


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The large skylights in the Ford Point Building provide generous amounts of natural light for Best-Line’s manufacturing facility.



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The area in front of the crane way offers spectacular views of the San Francisco skyline to further enhance outdoor dining when the building is finished.

# Avast! Prepare to Be Boarded!

BY SCOTT HARGIS

A quick search on the internet news services for “Coast Guard” returns mostly disaster stories: lost sailors, boats stranded in heavy seas, capsizes, and sadly, body recoveries. Added to this are high-profile headlines about drug trafficking, Caribbean refugees and Homeland Security.

But the Coast Guard has another less exciting mission taken as seriously as any other: preventing incidents before they become headline news.

On any given day, there are as many as eight Defender Class Response Boats cruising the San Francisco Bay. Purchased

after 9-11 to help provide port security, these boats are capable of 40-45 knots! They conduct randomly scheduled patrols to secure important infrastructure like the Golden Gate Bridge, the Oakland Port facility, Pier 39 and the like. But additionally, these small, fast boats conduct routine safety inspections of private and commercially operated vessels anywhere within U.S. controlled waters.

Since maritime activity is federally regulated, the Coast Guard does not need “probable cause” to stop and inspect a vessel on the Bay, unlike police and highway patrol pullovers. Just as liquor stores are regulated (and subject to inspection by)

the ATF, boaters are under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard and must comply with boarding requests at any time.

A typical boarding will begin when a Response Boat displays flashing blue lights and comes alongside the vessel. They will instruct the boat’s skipper to hold his course and speed,

and inform him that he will be boarded. Pulling alongside, a boarding team composed of three trained officers climb aboard, while the Response Boat continues to cruise alongside, cutting back and forth to keep a close watch on all sides of the vessel.

After conducting a safety

inspection and a review of the boat’s licensing documents, a quick look at the life jackets, lifeboats or other life-saving equipment is made. Violations of safety regulations can result in warnings or even fines in severe cases.

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## Armanino Goes Organic

### STAFF REPORT

Armanino Foods of Distinction in Hayward recently announced that they have joined the organic trend.

President and CEO William "Bill" Armanino, a Bay Area native, started the business with his father in the 1950s growing and marketing fresh herbs and vegetables and operating as Armanino Farms of California. The family's original basil pesto recipe inspired the food products created by the company's subsequent incarnation as Armanino Foods of Distinction.

Pesto was first introduced to America in the late 1800s when Italian immigrants brought it to a young nation eager for pioneering approaches to meal preparation. Traditional Italian pesto quickly became popular in the United States for its distinctive taste and healthful qualities. It became even more widely accepted in the 1950s and 1960s after freezing techniques were found to preserve fresh taste exceptionally well. During the 1950s, Armanino had also worked with two friends, who were professors at the University of California at Davis, to help pioneer the new technology of using freeze-drying with specialty herbs.

Over the last few years, thousands of chefs have rediscovered pesto's intense and unmistakable flavor, and have found a myriad of new applications for the unique condiment. For example,

the basic recipe to produce pesto has been flavored with such vibrant tastes as artichoke, dried tomato and garlic, roasted bell pepper, cilantro, mushrooms and chipotle. What's more, modern chefs have discovered that grilling or cooking subtly alters the pesto's flavor in interesting and surprising ways.

Armanino says, "The secret to our longevity is to constantly come up with new products and new ideas. Our flagship product, Basil Pesto Sauce, used to be thought of only for pasta; but today, we keep it alive and exciting with many other recipe uses. I see a continuous trend of introducing various new ethnic foods to consumers and new types of fusion cuisine, such as Thai-Italian developing."

Armanino points out the organic program is the fastest growing segment in the grocery business, and his organic pesto is now being introduced to both grocery stores and natural food stores. It will soon be available in the Bay Area.

Armanino also said it's important to note the entire product and all the ingredients in the product are 100 percent accredited organic, and subject to the established organic rules and regulations as directed by the government. The company will be seeking other organic products in the future to keep up with the trend.

## Green Points

### EDITORIAL REPORT

#### ● Bring your cool sunglasses to the night games, too.

The sun shines all day and all night in San Francisco. First, San Francisco International Airport installs solar panels, and now, it's happening at the Giants' AT&T ballpark. California PG&E is working with the Park to install the panel system. Installation should be complete by July. The panels will produce 123 kilowatts of electricity, which can generate lighting for over 20 games. Source: [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com)

#### ● Dear bag ladies and gentlemen,

After weeks of lobbying efforts and considering business and environmental implications, San Francisco City leaders approved a Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance 10-1. The ban was conceptualized by Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, and now, it's up to Mayor Gavin Newsom to make it so. If passed, the ban would be another first for The City's leadership efforts and sustainable living practices for the longview. Stores would be made to provide bags made of paper and compostable materials instead of bags made with petroleum.

#### ● International shipping for a bargain

A recently released report by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) states that ocean-going vessels are the biggest contributors to air pollution - producing more sulfur dioxide than all the road vehicles in the world. But that's could soon change. ICCT is asking the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to strengthen emission standards for international ships, which currently go uncontrolled. The ICCT report states "the cost of reducing one ton of [nitrogen oxide] emissions from ocean going ships can be as low as \$11, compared to about \$1,900 for cars and light trucks." Report online: <http://www.theicct.org> Source: [www.cleanairnet.org](http://www.cleanairnet.org)

#### ● Love your Gaia

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## Celebrating the Freedom to Burn, Cleanly, on Ocean Beach

*It's connected. Anything left as trash on Ocean Beach has a good chance of ending up in the the Ocean, which means all the more chance of it getting swept into the Bay. While organizations such as Surfrider.org hold monthly beach cleanups (see p. 26), San Francisco's Ocean Beach Foundation has been fighting hard, specifically, to save Ocean Beach.*

BY IAN BETTINGER

Ocean Beach Foundation (OBF) formed in 2006 in response to the threat of an imminent ban of bonfires at Ocean Beach, the last refuge for beach bonfires in San Francisco. They alerted the public of the proposed bonfire ban and galvanized overwhelming opposition.

At OBF's prompting, the public sent more than 1,600 letters opposed to the ban, forcing the National Park Service (NPS) to back off plans for a ban and work towards a new solution.

Ever since, OBF has been working to create a model community beach that provides safe and responsible access to all.

The organization has teamed with the National Park Service, Burners without Borders and the Surfrider Foundation to install newly designed fire pits, and educate the public on proper beach usage. This includes knowing what to burn and not to burn.

At OBF's last clean-up, *March Forth*, more than 100 people showed support by cleaning up the beach in the afternoon, and gathered at sunset for a celebratory bonfire afterwards with music and a

preview of the design for the new fire pits.

This month, on Sunday, Apr. 22, Ocean Beach Foundation is holding another event to celebrate the installation of the new fire pits and to celebrate saving the beach at the *First Annual Earth Day Celebration and Beach Clean Up — Leave no Trace!* To participate, just show up at 2PM at stairwell 18-20 at Ocean Beach. Gloves and bags will be provided.

To see the organic designs of the fire pits (fireblooms, flowers, seastars, bowls, wave), to request information or learn more about the Ocean Beach Foundation, visit [www.oceanbeachfoundation.org](http://www.oceanbeachfoundation.org)



Scott Swanson of San Francisco mans the information table at the "March Forth" Ocean Beach cleanup event.

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# Greening from the Outside In

## SF consultant sees sustainability evolving toward the middle

BY BILL PICTURE

The undeniable effects of more than two centuries' worth of environmental neglect is prompting more and more companies to search for ways to minimize their impact on the planet while continuing to grow their businesses. But many CEOs are finding the commerce/conservation tightrope a difficult one to walk on their own. So, to help these teetering suits find their balance and maintain it, a new kind of consulting business has emerged, one with profit-generating ideas that also help clients do right by the planet and consumers.

According to Jeff Slye, the founder of one such consultancy firm, San Francisco-based Business Evolution Consulting, "greening a business," — that is, trading out a business' Earth-unfriendly business practices and procedures for more environmentally sound ones — is largely a matter of common sense.

"Frankly, maybe all of it is common sense," Slye says. "The challenge is figuring out where to start."

Sadly, the beginning and the end of the greening process are one in the same for some businesses. Most business owners recognize going into it that a program's success is going to require from them an ongoing commitment to the planet. But for others, financial obligations quickly eclipse the desire to be a zero-impact business, as the costs associated with green business practices generally tend to run higher than non-green ones.

What the latter fail to recognize, Slye says, is that green business practices are more than a moral responsibility; they're also smarter business practices, as more and more consumers are choosing to spend their hard-earned dollars with companies whose business practices reflect their

own commitment to conservation.

"I think the majority [of consumers] do care," Slye explains. "Right now, I don't think the majority will go out of their way or spend more money to support ecologically responsible businesses. But that figure is changing, and fast. One restaurant in New York said they saw a 10 percent increase in business within weeks of advertising and posting their green commitments."

Until recently, this shift in consumer spending was largely confined to urban centers like New York, San Francisco being near the very top of the list.

But Slye predicts that consumers in rural America will soon catch up with big city shoppers, at which point he says a company's willingness to implement green business practices will determine whether or not it survives in the marketplace.

"I believe that, in five years, it will be very difficult to differentiate yourself in the market as a green business [because most business will be a green business]. It's the businesses that don't have green values that will suffer. For example, Kimpton Hotels contacted one of its coffee suppliers and requested an organic [coffee] or they'd have to take their business elsewhere. They got [the organic coffee]."

Kimpton Hotels is a poster child for green business-doing and one of Business Evolution Consulting's star clients. With Slye's help, the San Francisco-based boutique hotel chain, which includes the ritzy, Union Square-adjacent Sir Francis Drake Hotel, implemented its comprehensive EarthCare Environmental Initiative in 2003.

A complete green overhaul of existing business practices and procedures, which included training all hotel staff to think and act green, eliminating toxic cleaners, using recycled content paper and installing low-flow toilets, has resulted in both high marks from critics, deserving nods from green organizations and fewer vacancies.

According to Slye, Kimpton owes the success of its program to the shared commitment off all levels of management.

"Executive sponsorship is critical for these programs to work," he says. "But my approach is to engage middle management as well. For example, with one of my hotel clients, a lower-level manager noticed that uniforms were being sent out every day in plastic bags. They suggested instead using a washable and reusable bag that the laundry company could return. By doing that, we eliminated the use of thousands of plastic bags each year and the employee feels they've made a difference.

In Kimpton's case, we asked the staff, 'What should we call our environmental program?' The name 'EarthCare' came from an employee."

Kimpton's EarthCare program was more ambitious than most. But Slye urges all businesses to start somewhere, no matter how small the first step.

Slye was a business development professional who worked for a number of high-tech firms before founding Business Evolution Consulting. His own interest in conservancy was first sparked in 1999 on a trip to Guatemala.

"I visited this small village, and I watched these women dumping their trash off a bridge into a river. That really stuck with me."

Upon his return home, Slye says he began exhibiting green tendencies. But it would be another four years before the idea for Business Evolution Consulting would be hatched.

"I did all of the things that typical San Franciscans do," he explains. "I recycled; I changed my light bulbs, that kind of thing. The 'ah-ha' moment was when I went to my first green conference. What blew me away were all the amazing products they were demonstrating and discussing, yet there were no mainstream companies attending or represented at the show. That is when it dawned on me that what our business world needed was someone to connect these groups and make green really happen."

While caring for his, now, four-month-old son, a duty he shares with his wife Kristin, co-founder of Slye Marketing, has proven to be exhausting, Slye insists it has fueled his passion for preserving the planet.

"It's going to take a while, but we can fix this," he says. "We won't see the results in my lifetime or maybe even in my son's lifetime. But we can do it. I have faith in the power and the capabilities of humankind."



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# Painting the Day We Went Straight to Alcatraz

BY DIANNE BOATE & ROBERT MEYER

Our days are born at dawn like little buds; some blossom with promising adventure, and come to full flower at eventide with a sense of satisfaction, accompanied by a good glass of wine, or two.

Such was a beautiful day in March, when Dianne and 16 other intrepid botanical illustration artists under the leadership of Mary Harden, San Francisco Botanical Garden instructor, took the ferry to Alcatraz to spend the day painting the spring flowers that are in great abundance on the island. The objective was to portray the plant diversity for an Alcatraz exhibit coming in May.

At Pier 33, clusters of people hurried onto the ferry, anxious to get the adventure going. We pulled away on the dot with a roar of the engines. Right away, a pattern formed in the white froth of our wake, and another, on either side of the wake: blue-green diagonals of watery tresses that were soft and mesmerizing, like mermaid's hair.

The seagulls followed diligently, happy to be getting their breakfast, while everyone was taking pictures of the rapidly retreating San Francisco skyline, and from the ferry, it looked like a dream, then an island itself, with water all around and a bridge at each end.

On shore, we were welcomed and told a brief history of the island, followed by the rules: This is government property, a pristine environment, and it is important that visitors understand about the designated eating place, about beverages and where the restrooms are, and what is off limits – the rookeries, for example, have nesting birds this time of year.

A sunny spacious room was designated for our painting headquarters a few feet away from old prison cells. Midday we were given a special tour and hike 120 steps up to the top of the working lighthouse (special permission required) where we

braced ourselves on the small platform and inching our way around the circle back to the door.

Looking toward Alcatraz from San Francisco, spot the tower and the beacon. We were right under the bright light. It was unbelievable! To the right of the tower, on the southeast side, is a two story structure that provides a visual comparison of just how high the tower is.

We were so engrossed in taking in the scenery and painting all day that the subject of wine did not come up until we were packing to leave on the last ferry back across the Bay (4:30PM). It was then we stared to get thirsty.

We decided to go right to the Palomino Restaurant for happy hour, a hop and a skip down past a few piers, parking free at 5 PM,

half price appetizers and libations choices for \$2.99 each; and, we can promise you the pour is generous. It was a perfect end of an exciting day.

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*\*Warm thanks to Ranger Ricardo Perez, who made everything possible.*

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Robert Meyer is a consultant to the Wine and Spirits industry. Dianne is a free lance writer, photographer and botanical illustrator.



During this adventure, Robert was in Florida helping to organize a charity event. When he heard about Dianne climbing to the top of the lighthouse, there was a stunned silence; then, he admitted he had never, not once, been to Alcatraz.

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# Gordon Biersch: Born From Tradition



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BY JOEL WILLIAMS

San Francisco's Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant is located literally in the shadow of the Bay Bridge in the historic Hillsboro Coffee building where Harrison Street meets the waterfront. Amazing views looking up and out at the main span can be enjoyed from the popular balcony that runs along Embarcadero Street.

Dan Gordon and Dean Biersch opened the first Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant in Palo Alto in 1988. Now, there are 30 locations throughout the United States. Beers made at Gordon Biersch are, mainly, traditional German lagers, with the exception of

the Hefewiezen, which is made with traditional German ale yeast. The reason I emphasize the word traditional is because Gordon Biersch, unlike many other brewpubs, puts the emphasis on creating beers that exemplify the style they represent. This is not to say other brewpubs don't create traditional beers, but most small breweries have at least one or two examples of beers that stretch the guidelines of the beer style, if not completely throwing them out the window. Not at Gordon Biersch, and this approach suits Head Brewer John Tucci just fine. He's been with Gordon Biersch for nine years and says: "I didn't get into brewing to experiment. I got into brewing to brew the best beer I can possibly brew. I think there's only one way to do that, and that is by repetition and consistency."

Tucci's has a background well suited to the Gordon Biersch brewing philosophy. He lived in Germany for six years where he completed the state run Brewer Apprenticeship Program of Bavaria, an extensive three-year-long, hands-on brewing program that included working as a journeyman at the famous Paulaner Brewery in Munich. "It's pretty self explanatory how I wound up here and why," Tucci said. "When I heard about Gordon Biersch brewing all German lagers and ales, the natural fit for me was to make the beers I'd been brewing for the last few years."

Tucci started at Gordon Biersch's original Palo Alto location in 1998 as the Head Brewer. Four years later, he moved to the San Francisco location and was made a Regional Supervisor. When he's away, Gordon Biersch is in the very capable hands of fellow brewer Rich Higgins. Both Tucci and Higgins joined me on the scenic patio for a relaxing tasting session, one I couldn't help imagine would be similar to drinking a flight of tasters at a small German pub.

The first beer I tried was the most unique and, yet, strikingly familiar German Hefeweizen style. This distinctive style is known for the slight banana, clove and bubble gum flavors that the traditional Bavarian Weizen yeast imparts on the finished product. I thoroughly enjoyed this unfiltered beer and found it to be as good as any imported Hefeweizen I have ever tried.

The Schwarzbier ("black beer") is a bit deceptive at first glance. When most people see a dark beer they think it will be heavy and strong. However Tucci referred to this as their black Pilsner, and the Schwarzbier was actually the lightest beer on the menu that day. This black lager has a delicate body and a very clean finish. Those that are scared of dark beers will be well rewarded if they take the opportunity to taste this beer.

I also sampled several fine examples of traditional German lagers, including a crisp, clean Pilsner and a Marzen with a slightly sweet, malty finish. The Blond Bock is a strong lager with more hops added to balance the extra malt needed to create this bold brew; and, the Brewers Select was a Helles ("bright"), from an original recipe of Tucci's, which is a moderately hopped pale lager, and quite smooth and light.

The bottom line is: if you have to have a highly hopped West Coast IPA, Gordon Biersch is probably not the place for you. But if the idea of trying an excellent line of true German lagers and ales at a beautiful waterfront location sounds appealing, Gordon Biersch should be on the top of your list of places to check out.

*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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Patrons on Gordon Biersch's popular waterfront balcony enjoy a spectacular view of the Bay Bridge.

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650-873-7321  
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www.stinsonbeachsurfandkayak.com  
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### UCSF- Outdoor Programs

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San Francisco, CA 94143  
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### Wet Dawg Water Sports Incorporated

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- Every Wed.** **6PM - 8PM - Wednesday Night Sail, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
Set sail aboard one of our larger yachts skippered by a professional OCSC skipper and enjoy a relaxing sunset out on the Bay. You can soak in the beauty of the evening while not lifting a finger; or pitch in and take the helm. Following the sail we will serve chili, chips, salsa, and beverages. A great time to get to know other like-minded sailors. \$30 for members, \$40 retail. Call to make your reservation.
- April 1** **10AM - 12PM – Ocean Beach Cleanup, Surfrider Association (SF Chapter), Ocean Beach at Noriega, [www.sfsurfrider.org](http://www.sfsurfrider.org)**  
Help keep our local beaches clean! Just show up at Ocean Beach at the end of Noriega St and we'll provide gloves, bags and instructions. Rain cancels this event.
- April 8** **9AM - 3PM – Tule Elk Tour, Blue Waters Kayaking, Tomales Bay, 415-669-2600, [www.bwkayak.com](http://www.bwkayak.com)**  
Often the shorter tours are not enough when there is so much to see on Tomales Bay! Paddle through the tide channels amid the majestic scenery and remote beaches of the northern part of the Bay. As we paddle along we will discover the diversity of life which inhabits the Bay and its shores: tule elk, harbor seals, bat-rays, hawks, waterfowl, sea stars and other intertidal life. \$98 per person.
- April 8** **10AM - 3PM – Kayaking to Angel Island State Park, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, [www.outbackadventures.com](http://www.outbackadventures.com)**  
Let's pack our kayaks and take a real kayaking adventure to Angel Island in the San Francisco Bay. While paddling the majestic Bay, take in the spectacular views of San Francisco, Mt. Tamalpais, Mt. Diablo and the East Bay areas. Conditions permitting, a circumnavigation of the island provides an exciting view of the bay usually reserved for stronger groups. This kayak trip is appropriate for beginner and intermediate paddlers in good physical condition. \$85 per person.
- April 8** **11AM - 5PM – FREE Open House Sail and Powerboat Rides, Club Nautique, Sausalito, 800-559-2582, [www.clubnautique.net](http://www.clubnautique.net)**  
Come take a look at the best fleet of charter boats on the Bay. The coolers will be stocked and the BBQ fired up. We'll have live music and the boats open for viewing. We'll have Free Sail and Powerboat rides from 11AM - 4:30PM with suggested donation to Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Come on down and check us out! All are welcome!
- April 14** **10AM - 4PM – Kayaking Skills and Safety, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, [www.outbackadventures.com](http://www.outbackadventures.com)**  
Start your kayaking adventures off right by learning essential paddling and safety skills on calm water. This comprehensive course will cover equipment, strokes, re-entries, bracing, paddling technique and wet exits. Come ready to get wet and have a good time on this skill and confidence building class. After taking this class you will be allowed to rent closed deck sea kayaks from Outback Adventures. No experience necessary. \$95 per person.
- April 14 & April 22** **10AM - 2PM – Kayak Basics, Oakland Estuary, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com)**  
Are you ready to try kayaking? Maximize your fun on the water! This half-day class (4 hours) allows you to paddle a few different types of kayaks, including Touring Kayaks (for open water), Recreational Kayaks and Sit-on-Tops. Learn the basic strokes and the difference between boat types. The emphasis is on basic water safety, but saves capsizing recovery practice for the Beginning Sea Kayaking class. Includes coupon for future rental, good for 2 hours! \$59, includes kayaks, equipment and instruction. Call to reserve, or sign up online.
- April 15** **8:30AM - 12:30PM – Monterey Diving, Advanced Diving Technologies, 925-432-2111, [www.adtscuba.com](http://www.adtscuba.com)**  
This is the time to dive the best sites in Northern California. The sun is back, it's warm and the visibility has been great. Experience diving in the kelp forest, enjoy the beautiful marine life. It is all just waiting for you. Don't miss the fun aboard the DV Escapade, 2-tank dive, refreshments on board and Nitrox upon request.
- April 15** **8:30AM - 5PM – Intro to Sea Kayaking, UCSF Outdoor Programs, SF, 415-476-2078, [www.outdoors.ucsf.edu](http://www.outdoors.ucsf.edu)**  
This one-day introductory course is designed to give you the skills and confidence to begin paddling on your own in a single kayak. A combination of on the water and classroom instruction taught to ACA standards provides comprehensive training for beginner and seasoned paddlers alike. \$110 includes equipment. Contact us at 415-476-2078 or [www.outdoors.ucsf.edu](http://www.outdoors.ucsf.edu)
- April 18** **7:30PM – Graham Hawkes – Update on Deep Flight Submersible, Marin Scuba Club, San Rafael, 415-453-9556, [www.marinscuba.org](http://www.marinscuba.org)**  
We invite divers of all skill levels to join us the third Wednesday of each month 7:30PM at The Seafood Peddler Restaurant (upstairs) in San Rafael for a featured presentation. We offer guest speakers discussing all aspects of diving using multi-media video presentations. Stay active in your scuba/freediving community! For information, contact Alberta: 415-453-9556, [marinscubaclubmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:marinscubaclubmembership@yahoo.com).
- April 21** **9AM - 3PM – Tule Elk Tour, Blue Waters Kayaking, Tomales Bay, 415-669-2600, [www.bwkayak.com](http://www.bwkayak.com)**  
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- April 22** **9AM - 5PM – Poke Your Nose Out The Gate, Club Nautique, Sausalito, 800-559-2582, [www.clubnautique.net](http://www.clubnautique.net)**  
Take a ride on a luxury sailboat out of the Golden Gate and into the open sea. With a professional skipper on board, this is an intimate way to experience one of the best places in the world to go sailing. Cost is \$145 for Club Nautique Members and \$195 for Non Members. Lifejacket with tether required. Pack a lunch and dress in layers. Limited to 6 people per trip. Reservations required.
- April 28** **10AM - 3PM – Bair Island-Corkscrew Slough, Redwood City, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com)**  
Join us for an exploration by sea kayak of Bair Island and Corkscrew Slough! Launching from the public boat ramp on Redwood Creek in Redwood City, we cruise through a paddler's paradise of intimate waterways and tidal marshes within a national wildlife refuge. This is a fun day of easy paddling in a spectacular, calm-water wonderland right in our own backyard! \$100 includes kayaks, equipment and guides. Call to reserve, or sign up online.
- April 28** **9AM - 5PM – Angel Island Paddle, UCSF Outdoor Programs, Sausalito, 415-476-2078, [www.outdoors.ucsf.edu](http://www.outdoors.ucsf.edu)**  
Experience one of the Bay Area's most loved destinations, Angel Island. This one-day trip begins with a basic safety and paddling skills orientation, kayaking on the bay, followed by lunch on historic Angel Island. \$110 includes equipment. Contact us at 415-476-2078 or [www.outdoors.ucsf.edu](http://www.outdoors.ucsf.edu)
- April 28** **1PM - 4PM – Spring Fling Catamaran Sail, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
It's Opening Day on the Bay weekend! To kick off the season, we've got the Adventure Cat rolling in to take you out for a cruise on the Bay. After sailing, you'll head back in for a free BBQ (4-6pm). \$55 per ticket (includes BBQ). Call to make your reservation.

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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 Marine World amusement park.

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

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## Working Waterfont Answers for the March Crossword

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Crossword by Guy Span

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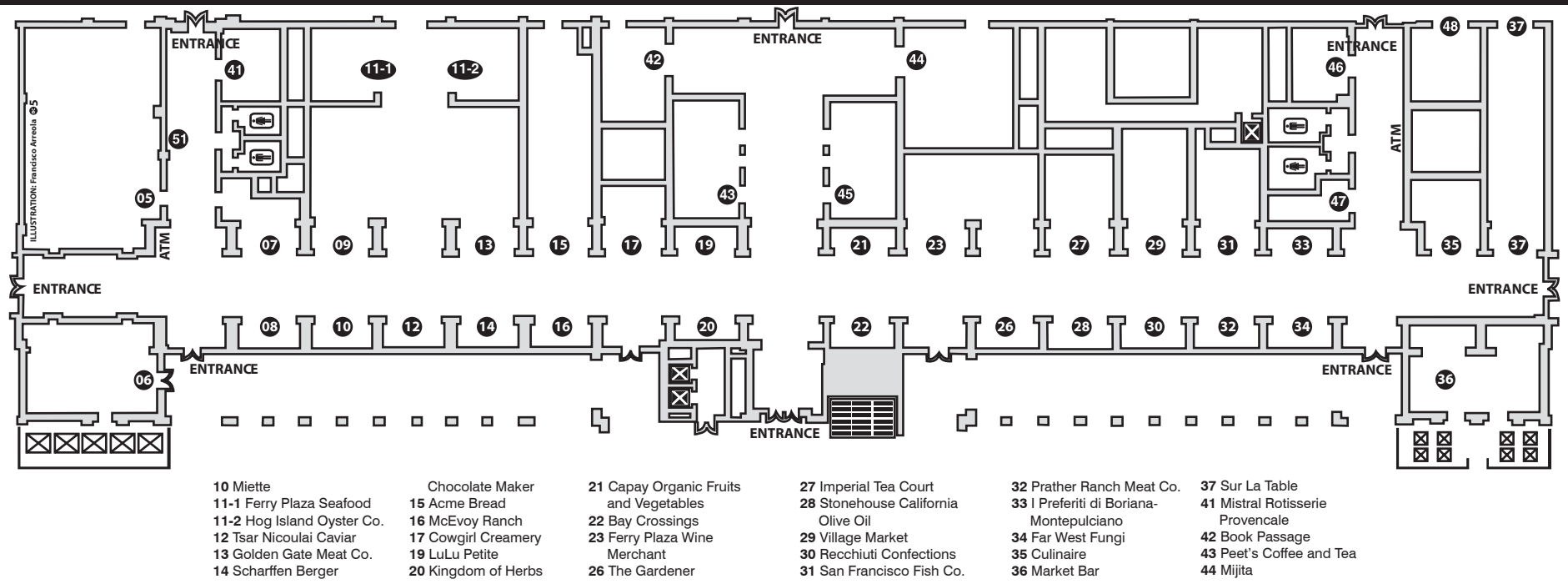
- April 14 San Francisco to Sacramento River Cruise
- April 15 Sacramento to San Francisco River Cruise
- May 19 Bridge to Bridge Memorial Cruise
- June 16 Father's Day Cruise \*\*\* 2 Jazz Bands
- July 4 Alongside Pier 45 Fireworks
- August 18 Fortress San Francisco Cruise
- Sept 8 Alongside Pier 45 "Brews on the Bay"
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After the visit, a form 4100 'inspection acknowledgement' is mailed to the boat owner, with a summary of the inspection and results. Typically, the entire process takes about 15 minutes.

To boat owners like Rick and Leila Minnis, who operate a charter cruise operation out of Oakland, these random inspections are more of a nuisance than anything else. Their boat, the "Coincidence" has been boarded twice in the past year. "The purpose of the boarding isn't clear," says Minnis. "We don't know what they're looking for, or why our boat was singled out."

Minnis, like many boat owners, finds these inspections especially rankling because he and his wife live aboard their 49' yacht. "This is our home," says Leila, "and having it invaded at

will doesn't seem right."

According to Mission Technician First Class Brendan Rogers, many boaters equate their boats with their home, and feel that their Fourth Amendment rights are trampled during boardings. He points out the fact that coastal waterways are regulated differently, but also that the Coast Guard takes pains not to invade the privacy of staterooms, desks, and other areas of boats that aren't directly safety-related. "Most boaters are just happy to know we're out there doing our job," he says.

Petty Officer Second Class Phillip Null, whose primary role is as a Boarding Officer, says that most inspections are low-key, friendly encounters. "Almost everyone is missing some piece of safety equipment," he says, "but in most cases fines aren't necessary. Our role is to educate boaters and make sure they don't get in trouble later."

Why such a big deal over a little thing like a flare, or a life jacket? When a group of Boarding Team members was asked this question, the room fell silent. Finally, Officer Rogers spoke up.

"We've all seen the results too many times. We pull too many bodies out of the water, [people] who died because they didn't have basic safety equipment aboard that could have enabled them to survive."

The rest of the group concurred. Stories of drunk boaters, involved in collisions, lacking flares, radios, or first aid equipment are too numerous to recount.

Although the Defender Class boats are able to respond within three to five minutes to a call, and can be almost anywhere on the bay in less than 30 minutes, if the boaters themselves aren't prepared, it can be too late.

## COAST GUARD CORNER

The U.S. Coast Guard patrols our coastlines, bays, ocean and estuaries, helping to keep our waters safe.

- March 7, WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Coast Guard is the lead agency for maritime law enforcement that conducts drug interdiction operations on, under and over assigned international waters and waters subject to United States jurisdiction. During 2006, the agency set a cocaine interdiction record (97,635 pounds).
- March 23, ALAMEDA – The U.S. Coast Guard conducted a medical evacuation of a 59 year-old man from a 600-foot cargo ship approximately 60 miles west of San Francisco, after he, a diabetic, had run out of medicine become ill.

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SAUSALITO							
Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Leave Sausalito	Arrive SF	Leave SF	Arrive Sausalito	Leave Sausalito	Arrive SF	Leave SF	Arrive Sausalito
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ALAMEDA/OAKLAND				ALAMEDA/OAKLAND			
Weekdays to San Francisco				Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco			
Leave Oakland	Leave Alameda	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41	Leave Oakland	Leave Alameda	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41
6:00am	6:10am	6:30am	-----	10:00	10:10	10:30	10:45
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----	11:30	11:20	12:00	12:15
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----	1:45pm	1:30	2:20	2:35
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00	4:15	4:05	4:45	4:55
11:00	10:50	11:30	11:45	5:45	5:35	---	6:25
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Weekdays from San Francisco			
Leave Pier 41	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
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12:00pm	12:15pm	12:35pm	12:45pm
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3:45	4:10	4:30	4:40
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-----	6:25	6:45	6:55
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ALAMEDA/OAKLAND WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS FROM SAN FRANCISCO			
Leave Pier 41	Leave Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
9:15am	9:25	10:10	9:55
10:50	-----	11:20	11:30
1:00pm	1:10	1:30	1:45
3:30	3:45	4:05	4:15
5:00	5:15	5:35	5:45
6:30	6:40	7:00	7:10

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND FARES:				
One Round 10Ticket 20Ticket Monthly				
Way Trip	Book*	Book*	Pass	
Adult (13+)	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$45.00	\$150.00
Child (5-12)	\$2.75	\$5.50		
Child under 5**	FREE	FREE		
Senior (65+)	\$3.25	\$6.50		
Disabled Persons*	\$3.25	\$6.50		
Active Military	\$4.25	\$8.50		

\* On Giants weekday home game nights, these departures stop at AT&T Ballpark before proceeding to Pier 41.

Seniors must show valid I.D., Regional Transit Connection, or Medicare Card.  
Military personnel must show Military I.D.

PURCHASE TICKETS ONBOARD THE FERRY or at the Regional Transit Connection (RTC) at participating Bay Area businesses. Please call the 24-hour Ferry Fone at (510) 522-3300 to confirm times.

Schedule information harvested online. Schedules are subject to change. April, 2007

*Fun on Ferries, Shoreline Snacking and Shopping, Take the Kids, Bikes on Boats, Fun on Ferries...*

Blue & Gold Ferry			
BAY CRUISE		SAUSALITO	
Leave PIER 39		FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41	
Weekdays	Weekends and Holidays	Weekdays	
10:45am 12:00pm 1:15 2:30 4:00	10:45am 11:30 12:00pm 12:45 1:15 2:00 2:30 3:15 4:00 4:30	Leave Pier 41 11:00am 12:15pm 1:35 2:45 ----	Arrive Sausalito 11:40 12:55pm 2:10 3:35 ----- Leave Sausalito 11:50 1:05pm 2:20 3:40 8:00 Arrive Pier 41 12:10pm 1:25 2:35 4:00 8:20
EFFECTIVE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2007			
Weekend and Holidays			
10:35am 12:30pm 2:00 3:20	11:50 1:20 2:45 4:25	11:55 1:25 2:50 4:30	12:20pm 1:50 3:15 4:55
<b>FARES:</b> All prices include audio tour.			
Adult ..... \$21.00 Junior (12-18) ..... \$17.00		Senior (62+) ..... \$17.00 Child (5-11) ..... \$13.00	
Special Rates On Line			
ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdays			
Leave Pier 41 10:00am	Arrive Angel Island 10:20am	Depart Angel Island 3:20pm	Arrive Pier 41 4:00pm
Weekends			
Leave Pier 41 10:35am	Arrive Angel Island 11:00	Depart Angel Island 11:05 3:50pm	Arrive Pier 41 12:20pm 4:55
Angel Island Round		Round Trip via SF*	
Adult		\$14.50	
Child (6 - 12)		\$8.50	
Child (5 - under)		FREE	
All prices include State Park Fees			
TIBURON			
DOWNTOWN S.F., FERRY BLDG.			
Weekdays			
Leave Tiburon 6:00am	Arrive Ferry Bldg. 6:20am	Leave Ferry Bldg. 7:15am	Arrive Tiburon 7:35am
6:50 7:50 8:45 ----- 5:00pm 5:50 6:40	7:10 8:10 9:05 ----- 5:20pm 6:10 7:00	7:15am 8:15 ----- 5:25 6:15 7:15	7:35am 8:35 ----- 4:45pm 5:45 6:35 7:35
<b>FARES:</b> One-Way Round Trip			
Adult ..... \$8.50		Child (5-11) ..... \$4.50	
20 Ticket Commute Book ..... \$100.00			
AT&T PARK SERVICE			
Direct service is available Alameda/Oakland and Vallejo for selected Giants baseball games.			
For service from Larkspur to selected games please visit goldengateferry.org.			
For more information, visit www.eastbayferry.com for Alameda/Oakland service and www.baylinkferry.com for Vallejo service. Or call Blue & Gold Fleet at (415) 705-8200.			

Vallejo Baylink Ferry			
VALLEJO/SAN FRANCISCO			
FERRY BLDG./ FISHERMAN'S WHARF			
Weekdays			
Leave Vallejo 5:30am 6:30 7:00 7:45 8:45 10:00 11:30 1:00pm 2:00 3:20 4:05 4:45 5:35	Leave Ferry Bldg. 6:35am 7:35 8:10 8:55 9:55 11:10 12:40pm 2:10 3:30 4:30 5:15 6:00 7:05	Arrive Pier 41 ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 11:30 ----- ----- 3:10 ----- ----- 6:45	Arrive Vallejo 7:30 8:30 9:05 9:50 10:50 12:30pm 1:35 3:05 4:25 5:25 6:10 6:55 8:00
Missed the last ferry from San Francisco? Take the bus to Vallejo, weekdays and weekends at 10:30pm from in front of the Pier 1 Deli.			
CROSSING TIME & BOARDING: Crossing time between Vallejo and San Francisco is about 1 hour. Ferries depart on time. Passengers should allow 15-20 minutes to park and purchase tickets at ferry terminals before boarding.			
Weekends and Holidays			
Leave Vallejo 10:00am 11:30 1:00 3:00 6:00	Leave Ferry Bldg. 11:10 12:40pm 2:10 4:30 7:30	Arrive Pier 41 11:20 ----- ----- 4:00 7:00	Leave Pier 41 11:30 ----- ----- 4:10 7:10
<b>FARES:</b>			
Adult One-Way ..... \$11.50			
Senior/Disabled/Medicare One-Way (65+/disabled)* ..... \$5.75			
Youth One-Way (6-12 years) ..... \$5.75			
Baylink DayPass ..... \$19.25			
Monthly Pass ..... \$247.25			
Monthly Pass with Muni. .... \$287.25			
Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.baylinkferry.com for updated information.			
Angel Island - Tiburon Ferry			
ANGEL ISLAND/TIBURON			
Monday - Tuesday			
Tiburon to Angel Island		Angel Island to Tiburon	
10am, 1pm		10:20am, 1:20pm	
Wednesday - Friday			
10am, 11, 1pm, 3pm		10:20am, 11:20, 1:20pm, 3:30	
Weekends			
10am, 4pm		10:20am, 4:20pm hourly	
*Monday Thru Tuesday Flexible Schedule. Call (415) 435-2131 www.angelislandferry.com Bicycles cost \$1.00		Schedule Subject to change w/o notice Adults \$10.25 Child \$8.00	

Harbor Bay Ferry			
EAST END OF ALAMEDA/S.F.			
Leave Harbor Bay Island	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Leave S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Harbor Bay Island
6:30am 7:30 8:30 ----- 5:05pm 6:05 7:05	6:55am 7:55 8:55 4:30pm 5:30 6:30 7:30	7:00am 8:00 4:35pm 5:35 6:35 7:35	7:25am 8:25 5:00pm 6:00 7:00 8:00
No service on weekends			
FARES:			
Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry passengers can purchase Ferry tickets, passes and books on board our ferries. Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry accepts cash, checks, Visa, Mastercard and Commuter Checks as payment for ferry tickets.			
<b>Fare:</b>			
One-Way Adult ..... \$6.00			
One-Way Juniors (5-12) ..... \$3.00			
Children (under 5) ..... Free			
One-Way Seniors (62 & over) ..... \$3.50			
Disabled ..... \$3.50			
Active Military ..... \$4.75			
One-Way Commute (book of 10) ..... \$50.00			
One-Way Commute (book of 20) ..... \$90.00			
Monthly Pass ..... \$165.00			
Free MUNI and AC Transit Transfers Provided			

Red & White		
BAY CRUISE SCHEDULE		
PIER 43 1/2		
Weekday	Weekends	Fare:
10:00am 11:15 12:00pm 1:15 1:45 2:30 3:00 3:45	10:00am 10:45 11:15 12:00pm 1:15 1:45 2:30 3:00 3:45 4:15	Adult ..... \$21 Senior (62+) ..... \$18 Youth (12-17) ..... \$18 Child (5-11) ..... \$14 Under 4 ..... \$Free
Ferry Building Line		
All Ferry Building Line Cruises depart from Ferry Building Gate E.		
Cruise Departure Schedule: January 1, 2007 - April 5, 2007		
Saturday 11:00am - 12:30pm 1:00pm - 2:30pm 3:00pm - 4:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday No scheduled cruises, available for group charters		
<a href="http://www.baycrossings.com/ferry_schedules.asp">http://www.baycrossings.com/ferry_schedules.asp</a>		





BY JONATHAN KELLER

**M**ay is National Bike Month and that means it's time for *Bike to Work Day* and the *Team Bike Challenge*. This year's celebration of bicycling as a fun and viable means of transportation will be May 17. Interested in riding more than just one day in May? Sign up for the Team Bike Challenge. See adjacent story for more details.

The work of countless volunteers will come to fruition as all nine Bay Area counties host commuters on bikes. Signing up as a participant in *Bike to Work Day* not only helps event coordinators measure participation in the event, it also means you'll be eligible for the chance to win a bike or other prizes. No spandex is required — it's perfectly fine to bicycle in business attire. So break out that old cruiser, pump up the tires, go to [511.org](http://511.org) and register for your chance to win, and get excited about riding to work on May 17.

### Energizer Stations

Placed at strategic locations throughout the Bay Area, and manned by eager and enthusiastic volunteers, Energizer Stations will be your main stop for handouts, free snacks and drinks and encouragement on your May 17 ride to work. Find out where energizer stations are by visiting [511.org](http://511.org).

*Bike to Work Day is being organized by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition, local biking organizations and hundreds of volunteers.*

### Why ride to work?

- Saves money on gas and parking
- Zero emissions and no oil run-off
- Invigorating morning workout
- Reduces auto congestion
- Good for cardio health
- No sitting in traffic jams
- It is a lot of FUN!!!!!!!!!!







BY JONATHAN KELLER

Are you a competitor? Does winning run in your blood? Are you passionate about environmental issues? The *Team Bike Challenge* could be your chance to go pedal to pedal against other commuters throughout the month of May and see who can ride the most. You don't have to be a pro cyclist for this bike competition, and it's not about going fast. It's about riding as much as you can, for the environment and for your health. Whether it's to work, to play, on errands or around town, the *Team Bike Challenge* is about the team that can ride the most all throughout the month of May. Why? Because May is National Bike Month, and cycling is a fun, clean and cheap way to get around!

Rain or shine, pedal your bike every day, all through May, and you and your team could be this year's winners. And who knows, maybe next year you'll be off to the Tour of California or even the Tour de France.

So how does the *Team Bike Challenge* work? Just get a group of two to five friends or coworkers together to make a team. Your team accumulates points every day a team member rides. Different types of team members receive different amounts of points for riding, but the way to win is for everyone to ride — as often as possible. Register your team on [511.org](http://511.org) and get set up with a personalized calendar on which your team can log the days pedaled.

There are four categories of riders. A Novice is a new or infrequent rider who uses her/his bike less than a couple times a month. One of the goals of the *Team Bike Challenge* is to get Novices out and riding as much as possible, so each team must have at least two Novices. Every bike trip a Novice on your team takes is worth two points.

The next category is a Big Wheel, who can be a CEO, an elected official, a media personality or a company manager. Since these are people who are highly visible in our communities, it is important for them to set the example and show people that even "big deal" CEOs aren't



Last year, the Critical Macs — named for their employer, MacDonald Architects in San Francisco — took first place in the Team Bike Challenge, with 253 riding points in the month of May.

too important to bike to work. Each bike trip they take is worth three points. But, there is a limit of only one Big Wheel per team (no stacked teams of all CEOs and mayors).

Another type of team member is the Weekend Warrior. These are riders who enjoy a good ride after work for fun or exercise, or occasionally compete in bike races, but don't typically use their bikes for commuting. It is important to get all types of cyclists using their bikes for all types of uses, so these riders are awarded two points for each trip they take.

And last, but far from least, are cyclists who already know the benefits of pedaling as a primary means of transportation. These are the Lifestyle Riders, people who frequently use their bikes to get around town. Since they take all kinds of bike trips regularly anyway, they only log one point per trip in the Team Bike Challenge, but still are an advantage to have on your team because of their frequent riding habits.

You might be asking yourself, what does it take to form great *Team Bike Challenge* teams such as last year's Marin

Planners and The Pedal Burners, and last year's grand-prize winners, The Critical Macs? Not years of training and practice, not thousand-dollar race bikes, just a dedication to making as many bike trips as possible all throughout May.

Once you have your team members decided, go to [511.org](http://511.org) and register. Then get ready to pedal every day in May, have loads of fun, help out the environment and set a good example during National Bike Month. Good luck and we'll see you in the bike lane.

MTC and the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition are also seeking nominations for the **2007 Bike Commuter of the Year Awards**. Winners will be announced in each of the Bay Area's nine counties. Do you know someone in your county who is committed to making every day a "Bike to Work Day"? Just visit [511.org](http://511.org) and share his or her story. Nominations are due by April 27, 2007.

# AROUND THE BAY IN APRIL

## Jumping the Snark

Jack London Square is presenting an art exhibit commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 1907 maiden voyage of Jack London's schooner, *Snark*, through Apr. 29. The Museum House of Happy Walls exhibit includes over 50 historical photographs of the 57-foot author-designed schooner, models of the *Snark* by Warren Watson, and books inscribed by London. Museum open 10AM-5PM daily.



One of the models of Jack London's historic *Snark* on display throughout April, and during the Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show.

## Free Dancing?!

For 10 days this month anyone can dance for free! Bay Area National Dance Week is a celebration and anyone wanting for movement and expression can attend free dance classes, open rehearsals and performances. Dance Week kicks its leg up on Fri, Apr. 20. For more information: [www.bayareandw.org](http://www.bayareandw.org)

## Docent Dreams Answered

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is offering a free, three-day training course for those interested in joining the park's volunteer docent program. Training will introduce participants to maritime history, library, the Park's historic ships, and the art of presenting public programs aboard the ships. The course occurs on three consecutive Sundays, April 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30AM-4:30PM. Reservations required. Contact Terry Dorman at 415-556-1613 or via email: [terry\\_dorman@nps.gov](mailto:terry_dorman@nps.gov). Visit: <http://www.nps.gov/safr>

## Clean Beach Sunday

Show up at Ocean Beach from on Sun, Apr. 22, 10AM-2PM for the Surfrider Foundation beach cleanup (see p. 28), or from 2PM-4:30PM for Ocean Beach Foundation's Earth Day Celebration Clean Up - Leave no Trace! event and bonfire (see p. 16). Gloves and bags provided.

[www.surfrider.org](http://www.surfrider.org)

[www.oceanbeachfoundation.org](http://www.oceanbeachfoundation.org)

## BatterBatterSwing

See them swing in the sun and, in San Francisco, under the new solar-powered lights. Giants at home: 3-8, 18-22, 30.

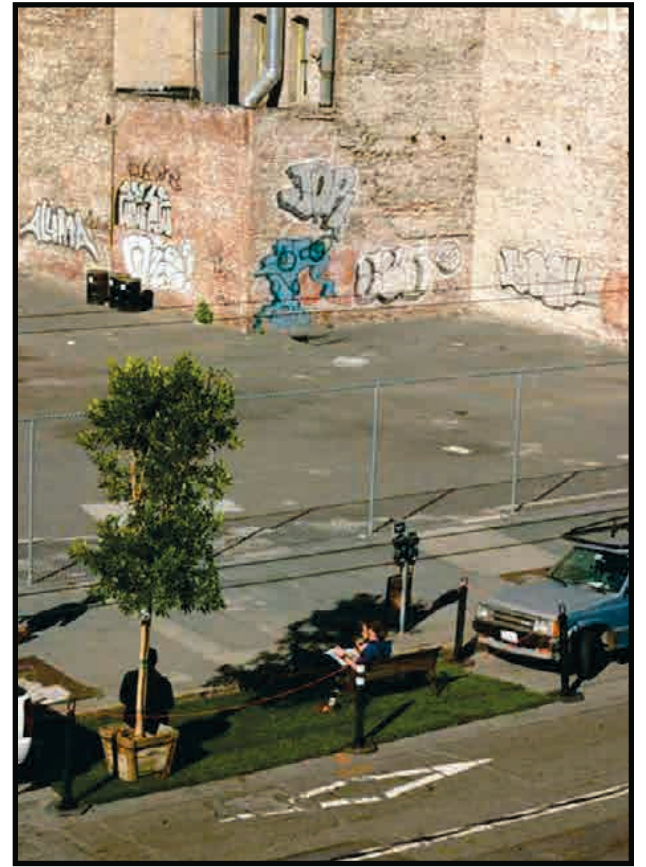
<http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com>.

A's at home: 9-11, 13-15, 17-18, 25-29.

<http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com>

## Pelican Racing

Have a go at racing a Pelican boat at the informal racing series, Tuesdays at 6PM. Instructors from the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park provide instruction. Fee: \$40; \$20 for Association Members & Park Staff. [www.maritime.org](http://www.maritime.org)



When renting parking space, don't forget your bench, tree, grass and newspaper. See more images at MTC's PARK(ing) exhibit.

## PARK(ing) Exhibit

What happens when a parking space is "rented," not to park a vehicle, but to create a temporary green space to park your person? Through April, Peter Beeler, Karen Frick and Garlynn Woodsong photos of such a thing are on display at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 101 Eighth St., Oakland, weekdays, 9AM-4PM. More information: [www.mtc.ca.gov](http://www.mtc.ca.gov). For more information about PARK(ing), and a "how to" guide, visit [www.rebargroup.org](http://www.rebargroup.org)

## CUESA Cooking

The Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA) is holding Market to Table seasonal cooking demonstrations every Saturday at 10:30AM in the Ferry Building Plaza. Free. [www.ferryplazafarmersmarket.com](http://www.ferryplazafarmersmarket.com)

To have your event or announcement considered for the Bay Crossings Around the Bay listings, please send information or a press release to: [editor@baycrossings.com](mailto:editor@baycrossings.com).

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The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is recruiting Bay Area citizens to sit on its three advisory committees — the MTC Advisory Council, the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee (EDAC) and the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC).

The deadline for applications is April 13, 2007.  
For further information, and to download an application, visit:  
[www.mtc.ca.gov/get\\_involved/advisory](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/get_involved/advisory)

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