



BAY CROSSINGS

"The Voice of the Waterfront"

November 2007 Vol.8, No.11

Walk the Plankton
Green Company Sets Sail

Bottoms Up
Local Breweries Win Big

Disc Golf Courses
Nouveau Sport Flies High

New Ferry Commission
WETA Looks to the Future



November Winds

Complete Ferry Schedules for all SF Lines

Rosenblum[®]
CELLARS

Zinfandel, Syrah and more.

Rich, ripe, fruit-forward Zins, Syrahs—and more—that get top scores from critics and *Wine Spectator*.

Visit us to taste your way through the best of California.



WINERY & TASTING ROOM

2900 Main Street, Alameda, CA 94501

Complimentary Wine Tasting

Accessible by San Francisco Bay ferry, we're just feet from the Alameda Terminal!

Open Daily 11–6

510-865-7007

www.RosenblumCellars.com

Voted Best Restaurant 4 Years Running



**Lunch & Dinner Daily
Banquets Corporate Events**

www.scomas.com **(415)771-4383**

Fisherman's Wharf on Pier 47 Foot of Jones on Jefferson Street

CHALLENGE YOURSELF FROM
DOOR TO SHORE



MARE ISLAND
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

New Homes by
John Laing Homes starting in
the mid-\$400,000s* and by
Lennar Homes starting in the
high \$500,000s*

866-463-4009

DISCOVERMAREISLAND.COM

DIRECTIONS: From I-80 in Vallejo, take I-780 west, which becomes Curtola Parkway, and then Mare Island Way. Turn left onto Mare Island Causeway. Cross the bridge and follow the signs to the Welcome Center, which is open Thursday–Sunday from 10AM to 6PM. Call 866-463-4009 for model homes hours.

*All special offers, incentives and seller contributions are subject to certain terms, conditions and restrictions. Lennar Homes and John Laing Homes reserve the right to change or withdraw any offer at any time. All prices are subject to change without notice. All information should be verified by a New Home Consultant.

LENNAR

BAYCROSSINGS

"The Voice of the Waterfront"

columns

- 15 SAILING ADVENTURES**
All My Children
by **Scott Alumbaugh**
- 16 BREW REVIEW**
Local Breweries
Clean Up at National
Competition
by **Joel Williams**

features

- 09 PERFECT TARGET**
Local Courses Are Disc
Golf Heaven
by **Lou Webb**
- 12 SHIP OF COOLS**
Local Firm Takes on
Global Warming
by **Bill Picture**

news

- 04 WATERFRONT NEWS**
Aggregate Distribution
Center Debuts
by **Joel Williams**
- 06 AGENCY NEWS**
Schwarzenegger Signs
WETA Bill Into Law
- 11 ART NEWS**
Marin Museum Event
Offers Art-by-the-Inch
- 14 GREEN PAGE**
Marin Homeowners
Continue Solar Crusade



guides

- 07 WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES**
Our recreational resource guide
- 18 WTA FERRY SCHEDULES**
Be on-time for last call
- 22 AROUND THE BAY**
To see, be, do, know

sponsored stories

- 10 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION (MTC)**
Spare the Air Campaign Draws Riders
- 17 PORT OF OAKLAND -
JACK LONDON SQUARE**
Military Vets to Be Honored
- 20 CITY OF RICHMOND**
Ford Building Craneway Venue
Makes Spectacular Debut

BAYCROSSINGS

November 2007 Volume 8, Number 11

Bobby Winston, Proprietor
Joel Williams, Publisher
Patrick Runkle, Editor

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

Joel Williams, Advertising & Marketing Director

GRAPHICS & PRODUCTION

Francisco Arreola, Designer / Web Producer

ART DIRECTION

Francisco Arreola; Patrick Runkle; Joel Williams

COLUMNISTS

Joel Williams;
Scott Alumbaugh

WRITERS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

Bill Picture; Camper English; Dan Sankey;
Dennis Anderson; JB Powell; Kristen Bole;
Loren Earle-Cruikshanks;
Scott Hargis

ACCOUNTING

Cindy Henderson

Subscribe:

By mail: \$45 / year (12 monthly issues)
Online: www.baycrossings.com/subscribe.asp

Advertising Inquiries:

(707) 556-3323, joel@baycrossings.com

Bay Crossings
Ferry Building, #22
San Francisco, CA 94111
www.baycrossings.com

A Division of Nematode Media, LLC



Corrections & Letters

We appreciate the opportunity to publish our readers' comments, letters or requests for corrections, which can be sent to joel@baycrossings.com.

On October 9th, Joel Williams photographed the CSL Acadian bringing the first shipment of sand and gravel from Vancouver Island to the newly-constructed aggregate receiving, storage and distribution terminal owned by Eagle Rock Aggregates and located in the Port of Richmond. The Richmond Terminal, which was built with a budget of \$27 million, is a staggering 95,000 square-foot facility that is 650 feet long and will handle three types of aggregate used for making concrete: half-inch gravel, quarter-inch gravel, and sand.



Photo by Joel Williams

New Aggregate Distribution Center Opens at the Port of Richmond

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

On October 9th, the first shipment of sand and gravel from Vancouver Island arrived at the newly-constructed aggregate receiving, storage and distribution terminal owned by Eagle Rock Aggregates and located in the Port of Richmond. The Richmond Terminal, which was built with a budget of \$27 million, is a staggering 95,000 square-foot facility that is 650 feet long and will handle three types of aggregate used for making concrete: half-inch gravel, quarter-inch gravel, and sand.

According to Bill Terry, General Manager of Eagle Rock's California

"We use less fuel per ton of aggregate moved and produce fewer emissions, particularly in urban areas."

— Mike Westerlund, Polaris Minerals

operations, the state of California is running a deficit of construction aggregates. "The 2006 California Geological Survey by the Department of Conservation clearly shows that aggregate availability is a real issue," Terry said. "The study predicts that demand for aggregates in California will reach 13.5 billion tons over the next 50 years, taking into account expected population growth, whereas there are only 4.3 billion tons of permitted resources in the state. By bringing in large quantities of construction aggregates by ship from

British Columbia, we are helping to ease this supply constraint."

Quarries are messy and noisy operations with large amounts of heavy equipment and truck traffic. History has shown that people don't want them close to where they live. Over the years, as quarries near urban developments have been depleted, opening new quarries near the areas where the aggregate is needed has proved difficult. New quarry locations have had to move farther and farther away from developed areas in

order to receive operating permits. The effect of this situation has been an increase in the price of the aggregates due to the increase in the cost of shipping to the construction sites.

Polaris Minerals, the parent company of Eagle Rock Aggregates, has identified two quarry sites on Vancouver Island. These sites are located far enough from population centers that they were permitted without any objections. The close location of these sites to tidewater means that the material can be economically loaded onto large bulk carriers for shipment to California. Currently, aggregate is being shipped in from the Orca Quarry, which is a very large deposit of naturally occurring sand and gravel that requires very little crushing to achieve the desired size.

According to Mike Westerlund, Director of Corporate Development with Eagle Rock's parent company Polaris Minerals, "It's extremely efficient to move material in a very large tonnage ship as compared to individual trucks. We can ship material about a thousand miles by freighter, which carries 79,200 tons, for roughly the same cost as trucking it 25 miles in the Bay Area. So as the new quarries are being permitted and opening 50, 75 to 100 miles out of the city, we're in a very good position."

When asked about the environmental aspects of shipping on water versus trucks, Westerlund responded, "I think what we're seeing is it's more energy efficient to move material by large freighter. Think about one of those big Panamax freighters as being approximately 3,000 truckloads. We use less fuel per ton of aggregate moved and produce fewer emissions, particularly in urban areas. This advantage becomes greater as the trucking distances become longer and longer."

Large companies that need high quality sand and gravel in the Bay Area, such as Shamrock Materials and Cemex, have realized that they need to receive materials by ship to maintain their long-term guaranteed supply. For this reason, both of these companies have opened marine terminals in the Bay Area to receive aggregate products by ship, and Eagle Rock Aggregates has signed long-term supply agreements with both companies.

In order to maximize energy efficiency and fully capitalize on the economies of scale available to them, Eagle Rock will bring fully-laden freighters down from Vancouver Island. With a full load, the vessel draws about 45 feet. The only local terminal that can handle that depth is the Port of Oakland, which is a container ship port and not set up to offload aggregate. The remaining port sites in the bay, including the Port of Richmond, are shallow-water berths. In order to access these sites, the ship must be lightened. This is where the use of Panamax, or self-unloading freighters, becomes so important. The ships used by Eagle Rock are equipped with their own set of conveyors to unload themselves, depositing sand and gravel onto receiving terminals, or into barges, at 4,500 tons



Photo by Joel Williams

The Eagle Rock Richmond Terminal is 95,000 square feet and 650 feet long.

per hour. After the fully-laden ships arrive in the bay they are met by a fleet of barges belonging to Shamrock. The freighter quickly offloads material to the barges while anchored in the Bay, and in the process lightens the ship, so that it draws less water and can then move into the port terminals. The barges are then towed up the Petaluma River to the Landing Way Depot, where the products are distributed locally.

An additional reason to import this particular aggregate from Vancouver Island is the quality of the materials. The quality of the aggregate being shipped in from the Polaris Minerals Canadian quarry meets the high standards set by the California Department of Transportation for use in the Bay Bridge project, meaning that it is especially strong when made into concrete. As a matter of fact, the Orca Quarry is one of only nine quarries that are certified to Caltrans specs and the only one outside of California. Plus, with their new terminal located at the Port of Richmond, Eagle Rock Aggregates now has a distribution center conveniently located just down the road from the Bay Bridge.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Drydocking and Repair



BAY SHIP
& YACHT CO.
2900 Main Street, #2100 • Alameda, CA 94501
www.bay-ship.com

New 1200 Ton Syncrolift® • 2800 Ton Drydock
Contact: Mike Anderson
Phone: 510-337-9122 • E-mail: manderson@bay-ship.com

Schwarzenegger Signs Bill Establishing New Water Emergency Transportation Authority

Creates New Transportation Authority, Grants \$250 Million to Prepare for Disasters and Build "BART on the Bay"

On October 15, Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law the Bay Area Council-sponsored Senate Bill 976 (Torlakson, D-Antioch). SB 976 creates the Bay Area's first new transportation authority of the 21st Century, the Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA). WETA's mission is to plan and build an emergency response and disaster recovery water transportation system for the region that will be capable of responding to an earthquake or other disaster. SB 976 identifies WETA as the agency to receive \$250 million from the infrastructure bonds passed last November to start building the system. SB 976 also consolidates all existing state-funded ferry service in the Bay Area under the authority and control of WETA, including the Alameda/Oakland Ferry, the Vallejo Baylink Ferry and the Harbor Bay Ferry, but excluding the Golden Gate Ferry.

"SB 976 was the product of two years of work by the Bay Area Council," said Jim Wunderman, President and CEO of the Council. "Hurricane Katrina's aftermath spurred us to act. When our big disaster comes, which will most likely be a 1906-sized earthquake, the only way to move people, emergency supplies and goods around the region would be on the water. Now we will be able to do so."

Following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, Senator Perata formally requested the Bay Area Council to evaluate and make recommendations on how to better prepare the region for a disaster. The Bay Area Council immediately assembled a Blue Ribbon Task Force chaired by Ron Cowan that extensively consulted with emergency-response transportation agencies, experts on earthquake risk and vulnerability, and vessel suppliers and

operators. Experts advised the Task Force that the Bay Area faces a two-thirds chance of a major earthquake in next 25 years and that the regional transportation system will not survive intact, necessitating an alternate water-based system. The recommendations and analysis were summarized in the report *The Bay – The Transportation Spine for Disaster*, delivered to Senator Perata on April 12, 2006.

"The Bay Area Council drove the creation of BART 50 years ago to unite our region on the land, now we hope WETA can unite our region on the water," said Wunderman. "Of course, the new boats won't just sit idly waiting for the ground to shake. In a region with the second worst traffic in the United States it would be foolhardy to not press these boats into service to give residents another option to car-choked freeways. We expect WETA will create one of the most comprehensive water transit services in the world, connecting all parts of the Bay Area."

Experts say the need for WETA is manifest. In addition to the FEMA-predicted 5,000 deaths, 18,000 hospitalizations and 165,000 people made homeless by a major quake, the region will also face a transportation cataclysm. An Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) study found that more than 1,700 roads will be closed by a major earthquake on the Hayward Fault. Despite all of the completed and ongoing transportation seismic safety efforts, ABAG and the U.S. Geological Survey warn that all transbay bridges will be closed, either by bridge damage or access-road failure. Soil liquefaction will render many key roads—such as bridge approaches, Highway 101, and Interstates 80 and 880—impassable. Violent ground movement and fault slip will cause large fractures and landslides to



Photo by Joel Williams

Vallejo's Baylink Ferry will now be consolidated into the WETA along with the Alameda/Oakland and Harbor Bay Ferry lines.

block roadways. The BART Berkeley hills tunnel, which passes directly through the Hayward Fault, will be likely closed for years. In short, those that survive a major quake will be stuck in their location for a long time.

Current water-based infrastructure and equipment capabilities are grossly inadequate to the physical task. Ferry terminals exist in only a few spots on the Bay, and the vessel fleet lacks the capacity to make up for even one out-of-service bridge. Prior to the creation of WETA, the few vessels that existed were in the hands of many different public and private owners and operators, and with no detailed plan or identified leader to activate and coordinate them. WETA has a mission to create a robust and flexible system with clear leadership. It should meet the most important transbay emergency response and recovery transportation needs to protect the Bay Area and its residents.

"Those who enabled this legislation, namely Senator Torlakson, Assembly Member Desaulnier, Speaker Nunez, Senator Perata and Governor Schwarzenegger, should be very proud that they have helped the Bay Area prevent deaths in the short term and made the recovery of this region much more likely after a major disaster," said Ron Cowan, chair of the Bay Area Council's Blue Ribbon Task Force. "When WETA is built out, the Bay that divides us everyday can unite us. The emergency response and recovery transportation system must be fully implemented as quickly as possible, as if the lives of Bay Area residents depend on it—because they do."

"This system would not be possible without the strong leadership of the Water Transit Authority by its CEO, Steve Castleberry, and the President of the Board, Charlene Haught Johnson," added Wunderman.

WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES

- Every Sat/Sun 10AM - 4PM - Basic Keelboat 1, Spinnaker Sailing, San Francisco, 415-543-7333, www.spinnaker-sailing.com**
Come and experience the thrill of sailing on the San Francisco Bay with this introductory 12 hour, 2-day course that will familiarize you with all of the fundamental aspects of sailing on the bay. Call for Pricing.
- November 3 9AM - 5PM, Motoring Clinic, Club Nautique - Sail & Powerboating School, 510-865-4700, www.clubnautique.net**
This one-day clinic will help you build your confidence in and around the docks on a 31' sailboat. We'll review pulling in and out of slips, parallel docking, use of spring lines, backing into a slip, and more. Cost \$222 for members/ \$295 non-members. Reservations Req. Call for more information.
- November 3 10AM - 3PM - Angel Island Kayak Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, 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. \$85 including equipment.
- November 10 10AM - 3PM - Bair Island-Corkscrew Slough Kayak Trip, Redwood City, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, www.calkayak.com**
Join us for an exploration by sea kayak of Bair Island and Corkscrew Slough! 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! Price includes guides and all kayaking equipment. Cost \$100. Call for more info, or book your reservation on line.
- November 10 10AM - 2PM, Heavy Weather Clinic, Club Nautique - Sail & Powerboating School, 510-865-4700, www.clubnautique.net**
During this 4-hour seminar we will discuss how to avoid heavy weather, recognize its signs and ways to minimize negative effects on the boat and the crew. We'll also discuss techniques of deploying and using heavy weather equipment. Seminar includes extensive hand out, slides and lecture. Cost \$45 members/ \$60 non-members. Reservations req. Call for more information.
- November 11 8AM - 3PM - Intro to Sea Kayaking, Sausalito, UCSF Outdoor Programs, 415-476-2078, 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. Price includes professional instruction, wetsuit, paddle jacket, and all kayaking equipment. Cost \$110. Call for more information.
- November 11 1PM - 4PM, Members Only Sail on Alma, Golden Gate Tall Ships Society, San Francisco, 415-331-1009, www.ggtss.org**
Come learn to sail the historic Scow Schooner, Alma, by becoming a member of the nonprofit Golden Gate Tall Ships Society. We will board at the Hyde Street Pier at 12:30PM. Reservations are necessary, go to www.ggtss.org or call (415) 331-1009. One membership for one year is \$40 (we also offer family rates).
- November 17 10AM - 2PM - Kayak Basics, Oakland Estuary, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, www.calkayak.com**
Ready to try kayaking? This half-day class 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. This class emphasizes basic water safety, but saves capsized recovery practice for the Beginning Sea Kayaking class. Includes coupon for future rental, good for 2 hours! Cost \$59 Call for more info, or book your reservation on line.
- November 17 10AM - 3PM - Tomales Bay Kayak Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
Experience one of the premier paddling destinations in California on this guided kayak tour. Colorful sea stars slide beneath your kayak as majestic Thule Elk roam the hillsides. \$85 including equipment.
- November 17 4PM - 6 PM - Free Monthly BBQ, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
Cap off a great day of sailing with a free BBQ, refreshments and great company. OCSC's free monthly BBQ is an OCSC tradition, and everyone is invited! Whether you are new to sailing or an old sea dog, come join us and enjoy the afternoon!
- November 18 4PM - 7PM - Sausalito Starlight Paddle, UCSF Outdoor Programs, 415-476-2078, outdoors.ucsf.edu**
Starlight, the bay, and a chance to share the experience with new friends and old. Plan to meet at Dunphy Park in Sausalito. We'll talk safety, paddle onto the bay, and share a snack. Cost \$65.
- November 21 7PM - 9PM - Ken Howards: South Africa, Indonesia and Bahamas, Marin Scuba Club, San Rafael, 415-453-9556, www.marinscuba.org**
We invite divers of all skill levels to join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Seafood Peddler Restaurant in San Rafael for a featured presentation. We offer guest speakers discussing all aspects of diving using multi-media video presentations. Contact Alberta: marinscubaclubmembership@yahoo.com.
- November 24 9AM - 5PM, Radar/GPS Clinic, Club Nautique - Sail & Powerboating School and Charters, 510-865-4700, www.clubnautique.net**
This one day clinic is designed to introduce you to the proper use of radar with an emphasis on GPS. On board a 40' motorboat you will learn how to navigate with radar and get a basic understanding of this powerful navigational tool. Course includes text: Radar for Mariners. Cost \$282 for members/ \$325 non-members. Reservations required. Call for more information.
- November 24 Noon - 4PM - Tide Rips Clinic, San Francisco Bay, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, www.calkayak.com**
Playing in a tide rip is fun, wild, and a great way to improve your rough water kayaking skills. This half-day clinic is designed as a practice session for paddlers wanting to hone their skills in the amazing tide rip off Yellow Bluff Point near the Golden Gate bridge. At Yellow Bluff, we can safely practice eddy turns, ferry gliding, and surfing in the rip. Price includes guides and all kayaking equipment. Cost \$99 Call for more info, or book your reservation on line.
- November 24 4PM - 7PM - Moonlight Paddle, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
Navigating your kayak by moonlight is a mystical experience you won't soon forget. We will paddle leisurely while admiring the moon's silvery light reflecting off the water's surface. Bring your friends and family to this warm welcoming event. \$65 including equipment.
- November 28 6PM - 8PM - Moonlight Sail, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
Set sail aboard one of our larger yachts skippered by a professional OCSC skipper and enjoy a relaxing night out on the Bay. You can soak in the beauty of the twinkling city lights while not lifting a finger; or pitch in and take the helm. Following the sail we will serve chili, chips, salsa, snacks, and beverages. A great time to get to know other like-minded sailors. \$30 for members, \$40 retail. Call to make your reservation.

OCSC™ SAILING
Inspire Confidence™



OCSC Sailing
One Spinnaker Way
Berkeley, CA 94710
www.ocsc.com
Phone: (800) 223-2984

We are the top-rated sailing school in North America. Sailing is about discovery, freedom and exploration. Our new award-winning website has everything you want to know about learning to sail, free sailing events, real-time weather, live webcams on the bay and free subscription to our "Now Hear This" newsletter and much, much more!

WATERFRONT ADVENTURES

Water Sport Shops, Facilities, Training & Resources

Advanced Diving Technologies

625 California Ave. Suite F
Pittsburg CA 94565
925-432-2111
www.adtscuba.com
Full service scuba center with sales, service, rentals and dive instruction plus dive travel.

All About Scuba

925 Texas St.
Fairfield CA 94533
707-425-1932
www.itsallaboutscuba.com

Anderson's Swim & Scuba

541 Oceana Blvd.
Pacifica CA 94044
650-355-3050
www.andersonscuba.com
Full scuba certification courses, snorkeling & swimming lessons in an indoor heated pool plus sales, service, rental equipment and air fills.

Bamboo Reef Enterprises, Inc.

584 4th St.
San Francisco CA 94107
415-362-6694
www.bambooreef.com
Scuba training, sales and service plus dive trips.

Blue Waters Kayaking

19238 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
Inverness CA 94937
415-669-2600
www.bwkayak.com
Wilderness kayaking on Tomales Bay including naturalist-led tours, classes, rentals, overnight camping and youth camps.

Bodega Bay Kayak

1580 East Shore Dr. @ Blue Whale

Shopping Center
Bodega Bay CA 94923
707-875-8899
www.bodegabaykayak.com
Kayak sales, rentals, tours & classes.

Cal School of Diving

1750 6th St.
Berkeley CA 94710
510-524-3248
www.caldive.net
Scuba instruction and dive trips.

California Canoe & Kayak

409 Water St., Jack London Square
Oakland CA 94607
510-893-7833
www.calkayak.com
Year round canoe and kayak sales, rentals, class & trips.

California Dive Center

715 El Camino Real
San Bruno CA 94066
650-588-4998
www.cadive.com
Full service PADI five star dive center.

Captain Aqua's Scuba Diving Center

250 E. Jackson St.
Hayward CA 94544
510-728-0225
www.captainaquas.com
Full service dive center - training, travel, equipment & repair.

Cass' Marina

1702 Bridgeway
Sausalito, CA 94965
415-332-6789
www.cassmarina.com
US Sailing Certified Sailing School with classes starting weekly. We offer bareboat rentals, skippered charters in the Bay and adventures

around the world.

City Kayak

Pier 38, The Embarcadero
San Francisco CA 94107
415-357-1010
www.citykayak.com
Kayak rentals and trips.

Club Nautique

www.clubnautique.net
Award winning sailing school with three great locations. The largest, newest, best equipped fleet of sail and powerboats for lessons and charters on the San Francisco Bay from beginner to offshore.

Alameda:

1150 Ballena Blvd. Ste. 161
Alameda, CA 94501
800-343-7245

Sausalito:

100 Gate 6 Rd.
Sausalito, CA 94965
800-559-2582

Richmond:

2580 Spinnaker Way
Richmond, CA 94804
866-606-7245

Delta Windsurf Company

3729 Sherman Island Rd
Rio Vista CA 94571
916-777-2299
www.deltawindsurf.com
Windsurfing and kiteboarding sales, lessons and rentals.

Diver Dan's

2245 El Camino Real
Santa Clara CA 95050
408-984-5819

www.diverdans.com
Full service dive center - training, equipment sales & service, dive travel, on site pool available.

Dublin Dive Center

6715 Dublin Blvd.
Dublin CA 94568
925-829-3843
www.captainaquas.com
Full service dive center - training, travel, equipment & repair.

Harbor Dive & Kayak Center

200 Harbor Dr.
Sausalito CA 94965
415-331-0904
www.harbordive.com
Full service dive center and hobie kayak sales.

Institute of Diving Technology

8646 Davona Dr.
Dublin CA 94568
925-551-8478
www.divewithitd.com
Certified diving school for all levels plus local trips & travel.

Napa River Adventures

P.O. Box 10881
Napa CA 94581
707-224-9080
www.napariveradventures.com
Regularly scheduled cruises on luxury electric riverboats plus canoe and kayak rentals.

OCSC Sailing

One Spinnaker Way
Berkeley, CA 94710
800-223-2984
www.ocsc.com
The largest sailing school and club in North America. OCSC reinvented sailing 30 years ago making the best of the sport approachable, accessible and affordable for anyone with the desire.

Open Water Rowing Center

85 Liberty Ship Way
Sausalito CA 94965
415-332-1091
www.owrc.com
Open water sculling instruction, club memberships and boat sales.

Outback Adventures

12 E. Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
Larkspur CA 94939
415-461-2222
www.outbackadventures.com
Kayak sales, rentals, trips & classes.

Outback Adventures

1158 Saratoga Ave.
San Jose CA 95129
408-551-0588
www.outbackadventures.com
Kayak sales, rentals, trips & classes.

Pacific River Supply

3675 San Pablo Dam Rd.
El Sobrante CA 94803
510-223-3675
www.pacificriversupply.com
Inflatable whitewater raft & kayak sales, rental and repairs.

Pinnacles Dive Center

875 Grant Ave.
Novato CA 94945
415-897-9962
www.pinnaclesdive.com
Fully accredited scuba training with onsite-heated pool. Diving equipment sales, rental, repair and local/tropical trips.

River's Edge

13840 Healdsburg
Healdsburg CA 95448
707-433-7247
www.riversedgekayakandcanoe.com
Canoe & kayak trips & rentals on the scenic Russian River. Retail sales and concessions.

Sea Trek Ocean Kayaking Center

Schoonmaker Point Marina
Sausalito CA 94965
415-332-8494
www.seatrekkayak.com
Sea kayaking classes, trips & rentals.

Spinnaker Sailing

Pier 40, South Beach Harbor
San Francisco, CA 94107
415-543-7333
www.spinnaker-sailing.com
ASA certified sailing school located at the best location on the bay.

Stan's Skin & Scuba Diving

554 S. Bascom Ave.
San Jose, CA 95128
408-998-0767
www.stansdiving.com
Full service scuba center since 1957. Training, equipment sales service & rentals, on site heated pool and dive trips.

Stinson Beach Surf & Kayak

3605 State Rt. 1 North
Stinson Beach CA 94970
415-868-2739
www.stinsonbeachsurfandkayak.com
Sales and rentals of surfboards, boogie boards and kayaks plus wetsuit rentals. Located 100 yards north of park entrance.

Sunset Bay Kayaks

Suisun City Marina
1011-A Park Ln
Suisun City, CA 94585
707-429-5925 Cell 707-365-2436
www.sunsetbaykayaks.com
Hourly kayak rentals and tours on the largest estuary in the contiguous U.S. Group rates available.

Tradewinds Sailing School & Club

1230 Brickyard Cove Road Ste 100
Pt Richmond, CA 94801
510-232-7999
www.tradewindssailing.com
Tradewinds has more than 40 years of experience making sailing easy and enjoyable to learn - Offering a professional training program and affordable rental and charter programs to members.

UCSF- Outdoor Programs

500 Parnassus Ave 0234
San Francisco, CA 94143
415-476-2078
www.outdoors.ucsf.edu
Year round outdoor programming in the Bay Area and Northern Sierras.

Wallin's Dive Center

1119 Industrial Rd., Suite 7
San Carlos CA 94070
650-591-5641
www.wallins.com
Scuba, snorkel & swim center including instruction, sales, rentals, repairs and dive travel.

For advertising inquiries or to submit a listing to Waterfront Adventures, contact Joel Williams at (707) 556-3323 or joel@baycrossings.com



In the heart of Sausalito on San Francisco Bay

...where diners have been enjoying superb seafood with spectacular water views for over thirty-five years. Scoma's is located on the water in an historic Victorian setting at 588 Bridgeway, two blocks from the ferry dock.

Present this coupon to your server & receive

\$5.00 Off

on any food check of twenty-five dollars or more.

Harvest (415) 332-9551

www.scomassausalito.com

Limit one coupon per table - Not valid with any other offers



Photo by Lou Webb

BY LOU WEBB

It probably wasn't too long after the Frisbee was introduced that someone figured out it was a fun idea to fling one towards a target. In the 40 years since then, the simple task of tossing a Frisbee at something has morphed into the growing sport of disc golf. With specialized equipment and year-round tournaments, disc golf has become an international sport with a large core of professionals and millions of recreational players. In the Bay Area, there are a dozen different courses, with many more around California and across the country. Most of these are located in parks and forests, where there are plentiful obstacles in the path of the perfect throw.

Disc golf is much like its more celebrated namesake in that the object is to go from start to finish in as few shots as possible. Most courses have either nine or eighteen holes, with each hole having a tee to stand on while launching the first throw, and a special disc-golf basket to aim for on the last one. You start with a "driver" Frisbee and end with a "putter," and there's also a "mid-range," which is the equivalent of an iron in golf and is

used for approach shots. Discs can be thrown in a variety of different motions including overhand and sidearm, and can even be rolled down a slope like a runaway tire. Since the object is to throw your disc into the basket, and there are usually many trees in the way, different throws can come in handy. Serious players usually have several discs that they can use to set up a variety of shots. Companies such as Innova market an entire line of the three kinds of discs, each of which has different advantages. Some fly farther, and some fly straighter, though none of that matters if they fly into a tree.

One of my first disc-golf excursions, over a year ago, was to Skyline Wilderness Park in Napa. This is a challenging course with plenty of elevation, which means a good hike with nice views, but also guarantees a trek down the hill at some point to retrieve an errant disc. Not only do bad drives become soaring discs, but good throws might also roll back down the hill when they land. Sometimes they keep on rolling, as I've had the misfortune of helplessly watching on far too many occasions. Needless to say, there's a lot of trudging up and down the hills at Skyline. Thankfully there are also many spots to kick back along the course, and because

in disc golf there are always trees around, there's also plenty of shade. Just past the final hole is a secluded little spot tucked amongst the trees with several chairs to sit in, and it's the perfect place to stop and relax with a cold one after a round. Even though I was hot and tired after that first time out under the hot July sun, I was hooked. It didn't take long before I had my own discs and a bag to carry them in.

When the course at Berkeley's Aquatic Park, known as the "Pebble Beach of disc golf," was first established back in 1980, it was only five years after Ed Headrick invented the basket that is now the universal symbol of disc golf. Not only did Headrick, who's referred to as the "father of disc golf," invent the basket, he's also the guy who created the Frisbee back in 1966. It didn't take long for the concept of Frisbee golf to take hold, and it was being played in Berkeley as early as 1970. With a tradition dating back to the early days of the sport, Berkeley is still a hotbed of disc golf; Aquatic Park plays host to weekly tournaments that are open to the public. A quick glance at the website for the East Bay Disc Golf Association gives the time and dates for the tournaments, as well as all pertinent information. Do yourself a favor and check out this exciting sport.

Car-Free Wine Tasting!

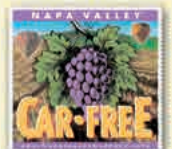
Step off the Vallejo Ferry into the Napa Winery Shuttle. Spend the night in Napa if you'd like and we'll return you to the ferry the next day!



* From San Francisco Ferry Building



BAY AREA
AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT



Co-sponsored by Napa Downtown Association



Ridership Soars During Spare the Air/Free Transit Campaign

BY TERRY LEE

Transit ridership rose by 22 percent over baseline levels on the two Spare the Air days of 2007, Wednesday, Aug. 29, and Thursday, Aug. 30, the highest increase in ridership since free transit was first offered as part of the Spare the Air campaign in 2004. Almost 330,000 additional riders per day took transit on the Spare the Air days. In 2006, there was a 15 percent increase in ridership when 225,000 additional passengers per day took transit.

The Spare the Air/Free Transit Campaign of 2007 that began on June 1 ended Friday, Oct. 12. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District partnered with 29 transit operators during the 2007 campaign to offer free transit on the first four, nonholiday Spare the Air weekdays of the summertime smog season.

“Free transit on Spare the Air days shows us that many more Bay Area residents can take transit, and that they care about clean air,” said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, vice chair of MTC. “The challenge is for the new or occasional riders to continue taking transit on a regular basis to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases every day.”

For the 2007 campaign, transit was free all day on Bay Area buses and light rail. Rides were free until 1 p.m. on BART, Caltrain, ACE trains, and Golden Gate, Vallejo and Alameda ferries.

Spare the Air days are declared by the Air District when unhealthy levels of air pollution are predicted in the Bay Area, typically on hot, stagnant days when oxides of nitrogen and reactive organic compounds react in the presence of strong sunlight to form ground-level ozone or smog.

San Francisco Muni experienced the highest ridership gain on the two Spare the Air days, with over 200,000 additional riders each day, an increase of 35 percent over comparable weekdays. Other substantial ridership gains include:

- AC Transit with 62,000 additional riders per day (up 27 percent)
- VTA buses with 22,000 additional riders per day (up 26 percent)
- VTA light-rail with over 12,000 additional riders per day (up 41 percent)
- BART with 5,000 additional riders per day (up one percent)
- Vallejo Transit with 4,300 additional riders per day (up 66 percent)
- Caltrain with 6,800 additional riders per day (up 17 percent)
- TriDelta Transit with over 2,700 additional riders per day (up 33 percent)
- SamTrans with 3,700 additional riders per day (up 7 percent)
- Alameda-Oakland and Alameda Harbor Bay Ferries with 1,550 additional riders per day (up 89 percent)
- Golden Gate Sausalito Ferry with almost 1,000 additional riders per day (up 53 percent).

The goals of the 2007 Spare the Air/Free Transit program were to increase awareness of the link between transportation choices and air quality, build transit ridership regionwide, prevent exceedances of the national eight-hour ozone standard and encourage longer-term behavior changes that benefit air quality. There were no exceedances of the federal eight-hour ozone standard on either of the two Spare the Air/Free Transit days of the 2007 summer smog season.

Region Wins in National Competition for Anti-Congestion Grants

BY BRENDA KAHN

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has designated the San Francisco Bay Area as an Urban Partner, pledging \$158.7 million in federal funds to implement and expand innovative traffic-relief programs in the region, the second most congested in the country. Plans for spending the grant money were highlighted in October when DOT Secretary Mary E. Peters traveled to San Francisco for an inspection tour.

Peters was particularly impressed with San Francisco’s plans for a new parking system that will charge varying rates according to the time of day and parking availability, and that will allow drivers to hunt for a free space from their desktop or PDA before hitting the streets. “Frustration ebbs and traffic flows when you implement this type of technology,” she said.

Innovations in how drivers pay for parking also are in store. “No quarters, no problem,” Peters said. “Drivers will be able to pay with their credit and their debit cards or their smart-trip cards [like the MTC-sponsored TransLink® card], or even text in a payment with their cell phones.”

High-tech parking is just one piece of the “San Francisco Bay Area Accelerate” proposal submitted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and partner agencies for the federal grant. Another key element is the Doyle Drive Value Pricing Program, which calls for using variable tolls to manage congestion on Doyle Drive, the elevated access road connecting the Golden Gate Bridge to Downtown San Francisco. The grant funds and tolls also will help pay for the aging facility’s replacement with a modern, earthquake-safe parkway. The fees would be collected electronically via FasTrak®, using overhead sensors rather than a separate toll plaza.

Related “Accelerate” elements include expansion of SFgo, the city’s real-time traffic information and management system to smooth traffic flows, provide transit priority at signals and manage traffic incidents, and enhancements to ferry service between Marin County and San Francisco. The package also calls for expansion of MTC’s 511 real-time traveler information systems and development of an online, multimodal trip planner.

The Bay Area grant is conditional upon securing authorization from the state Legislature to implement a congestion toll on Doyle Drive.

“This Urban Partnership award from U.S. DOT clearly recognizes MTC’s and the Bay Area’s national leadership in promoting transit, technology and tolling,” said MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger.

The Bay Area is one of five areas around the country to benefit from the grants.



Photo courtesy of MarinMOCA

Marin Museum of Contemporary Art Offers Art-by-the-Inch

Art by the Inch, a mural over 100 feet in length, will be featured at this year's annual fundraiser at the new Marin Museum of Contemporary Art (MarinMOCA) on November 3rd from 4 to 7 pm. A fun-filled evening of music, wine, hors d'oeuvres and desserts will take place at the Museum Galleries located at 500 Palm Drive at the Novato Arts Center, Hamilton Field. There is no entry fee, but as a nonprofit museum, donations are encouraged at the door.

Expanding last year's very successful event, the mural, some of which was performance-painted at the Marin Lagoon Festival last June, will be displayed stretched between two galleries. By using rectangular templates of various sizes, patrons can choose their own portion of the mural to buy and take home for only \$1 per square inch. The noted artists who created the mural will sign each selection on the night of the reception. This is a hands-on fun, affordable, non-threatening way to discover and learn

about the artists' processes. All of the proceeds will benefit the museum.

Kent Rupp, artist, long time Marin art instructor and 2005 Marin Master, will be a special guest artist. The other artists are Louis Bording, Dorallen Davis, Joan Hauck, Kathleen Lack, Margaret Mantua, Beryl Miller, Sandi Miot, Nancy Nelson, Randy Pottenger, and Joel Yau.

A painting by each artist will be on display during the exhibit. The winner of a raffle contest will be able to choose either one of these paintings or a painting from the artist's studio valued up to \$1,000.

The event also includes the Small Treasures exhibition of affordable art by MarinMOCA artist members. No artwork will be over 12"x12".

Last but not least, a silent auction will feature Google Executive Chef Scott Giambastiani and members of the Google Culinary Team, who will prepare at the winner's home a five-course meal for up to eight guests, on a date and time agreed upon by the auction winner and the Chef.

 **BLUE & GOLD FLEET**

415.773.1188

www.blueandgoldfleet.com



The enchanting nautical experience begins when passengers board Blue & Gold Fleet boats that sail on San Francisco Bay. Blue & Gold Fleet is the largest excursion and commuter ferry service provider in the Bay Area.



San Francisco Bay Cruise Adventure An hour long cruise along the City's historic waterfront, right past the PIER 39 sea lions, under the Golden Gate Bridge, by Sausalito, past Angel Island and around Alcatraz.

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

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

Vallejo Sail to Vallejo, a waterfront community that includes the city's Heritage District, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum and family-friendly Marine World amusement park.

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

**Blue & Gold Fleet at PIER 39
Beach Street & The Embarcadero
San Francisco**



Photo courtesy of Planktos

Local Firm Banks on Plankton to Ease Global Warming

BY BILL PICTURE

The vast majority of plans for cleaning up the environment call for removing some unwanted substance from the air, soil or water. So, at first glance, a plan to help solve the global warming crisis by putting something into the fragile ocean ecosystem might seem, well, a little nutty. But that's precisely what Planktos proposes to do.

The Foster City-based company believes that the correlation between declining iron levels in the open ocean, the declining plankton population and global warming is a direct one. Last month, Planktos embarked on its first oceanic eco-restoration project. A specially outfitted research ship, Weatherbird II, departed for the Equatorial Pacific, where a 100-kilometer-by-100-kilometer area of open

water is being enriched with a specially formulated iron dust designed to induce plankton growth.

Planktos' COO, Bill Coleman, appreciates that the connection between plankton, the tiny organisms that make up the base of the oceanic food chain, and our greenhouse atmosphere are hard for most of us to comprehend at first glance. The reason for that, he suggests, is humans' very limited understanding of the ocean, which he believes also explains why science has ignored the ocean's potential role in solving the global warming crisis.

"We're land-based creatures," he says. "So we don't have as much of a personal connection with the ocean as we do with the land. For that reason, when we talk about environmental management, rarely do we include the ocean. Coastal waters get some attention, but rarely the deep water."

Plankton thrive in iron-rich waters. But iron levels in the world's oceans



A phytoplankton bloom in the Gulf of California as seen from space. Satellite image by GeoEye. Provided by the SeaWiFS Project, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, and ORBIMAGE

have declined more than 25 percent in the last thirty years. The result, studies have proven, has been a corresponding 15 percent decline in the plankton population. So what's the big deal? Well, besides the ripple effect this has all the way up the oceanic food chain, many forms of plankton, like plants and trees, also remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through photosynthesis. Thus, fewer carbon-eating plankton in the ocean means more carbon floating around in our atmosphere. By replenishing the iron in the water, Planktos hopes to spark a plankton boom.

Moving iron

The iron that was once present in the Central Pacific in beneficial levels came from arid and semi-arid regions of Central Asia and Africa. There, winds kicked up loose, iron-rich earth that was carried thousands of miles via the jet stream and deposited into the ocean. But less iron-rich or "Aeolian" dust is ending up in the ocean due to increased agriculture, subtle changes in wind patterns, and aggressive efforts to stop soil erosion.

For instance, the Chinese government has planted 100 billion trees to secure the soil in dryland areas. "That sounds like a good thing, right?" Coleman says. "The problem is, they've addressed one problem and created another one in the process."

Global warming has also lengthened the growing period for many farmers, which means crops are green longer resulting in less loose soil. Again, less loose soil means less iron deposited in the ocean, which means fewer carbon-sequestering plankton. "We really have to pay attention to how everything is connected," Coleman adds.

Plankton restoration vs. reforestation

Land-based solutions to the global warming crisis, such as pollution control and reforestation, are a step in the right direction. But their effectiveness is limited, according to Coleman. Plankton restoration, he says, will not only stop global warming in its tracks, it could also reverse it. This is because, unlike trees and plants—which photosynthesize carbon at a snail's pace—plankton practically devour the stuff. One large,

floating plankton community can remove as much carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in six months as a small forest does in six years.

"Decades of results in just a few months, and at a fraction of the cost," Coleman adds. A single plankton restoration project will cost less than \$2 million to undertake. Reforestation costs several times that, due to the high cost of preparing a site and labor-related expenses. Coleman estimates that it costs \$5 to remove one-ton of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere via plankton restoration. Traditional methods, such as reforestation, he says, cost anywhere from \$10 to \$400 per ton.

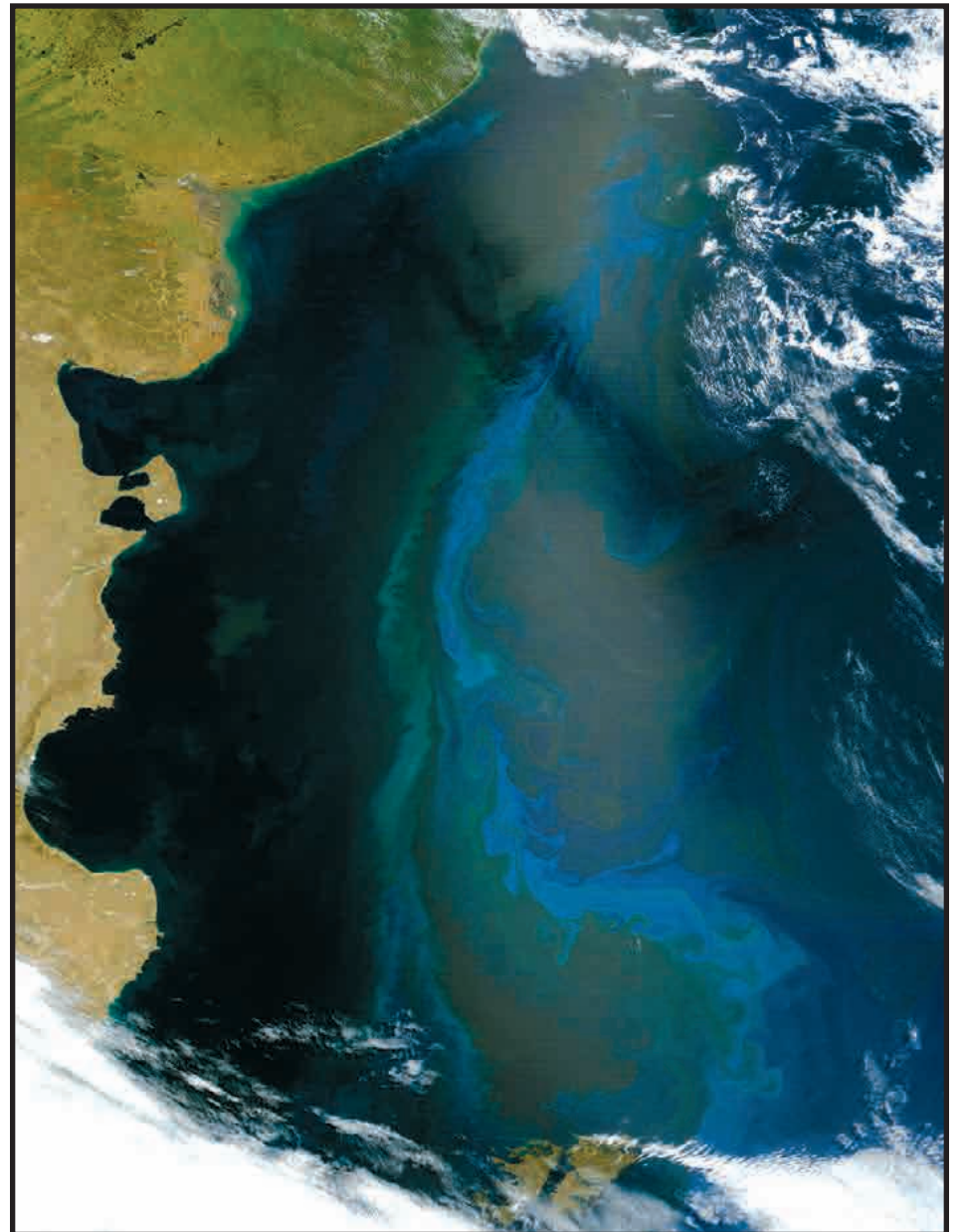
Plus, the turnaround time for plankton restoration is much faster. Once a tree is planted, it can take several years to mature and reach its full, carbon-photosynthesizing potential. But a plankton bloom only takes about six months.

That said, Planktos is by no means writing off reforestation. In fact, the company is working with a Hungarian eco-restoration firm, KlimaFa, to restore forests in the Central European nation. Just as its plankton restoration efforts will reduce carbon dioxide, feed the food chain and nourish a collapsing fishing industry, the benefits of Planktos' "climate forest park" will also be several-fold. "Besides being ecologically beneficial by restoring biodiversity and addressing climate change, it will also create jobs and help tourism," he explains. Similar reforestation projects are slated for Bulgaria and Romania.

The bottom line

The bill for Planktos' hard work is currently being footed by investors sympathetic to the company's cause and hip to its returns-generating potential. A publicly traded company, Planktos has also received funding from the National Science Foundation. For every ton of carbon dioxide its projects remove from the atmosphere, Planktos generates one carbon credit. These carbon credits, tradable commodities, are then sold in international markets.

International treaties have set limits on participating countries' production of greenhouse gases. To meet these



A nearly 800-mile long phytoplankton bloom occurring in the South Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Argentina, South America. Jacques Desclotres, MODIS Land Rapid Response Team, NASA/GSFC

restrictions, the governments of these nations have, in turn, set limits for businesses.

For some businesses, reducing emissions in order to meet the government-set limit would be prohibitive. So, in order to avoid penalties, these businesses can buy carbon credits from other businesses. Essentially, these businesses are paying others to do their share of greenhouse gas reduction.

The proof is in the pudding

Planktos' idea seems like a no-brainer. But Coleman says that governments and the mainstream science community have been slow to embrace the relatively new technology. "They're approaching it

cautiously, as they should," he says. "It's unproven at a commercial scale. And there's some debate about whether, in large scale, there will be any [environmental] side effects. So there's a lot riding on this first outing."

Initial data from Planktos' first mission should be analyzed and ready to present to reviewing government bodies by the middle of 2008. Coleman expects that the data will confirm his research team's hunch, and that Planktos will help set the standard for future plankton restoration efforts. "But, if we're off the mark, we'll go plant trees and be a happy reforestation company."

For more information about Planktos, visit www.planktos.com.

GoSolarMarin Issues RFP to 15 Solar Companies

GoSolarMarin announced last month that it had sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) to 15 solar companies that had expressed an interest in bidding on a “group installation” contract to bring solar power to Marin County homeowners. The coalition of homeowners now numbers in the hundreds; the eight-page RFP contained specific conditions to be met by the bidding companies, which range from local to regional and national solar providers.

Lisa Max, the creator of GoSolarMarin, said that the RFP focused on specifics, including price, quality of material, and workmanship and performance ratings from other installations.

“I have been in continuing conversations with nearly all the firms that requested the RFP,” Max, a San Rafael resident, said. “In our initial meeting with homeowners several weeks ago, the discussion revolved

“To this point, the response of homeowners and the support of local officials has been entirely supportive” – Lisa Max

around discounts in the 20-30 percent range for a group installation contract. Since then, none of the companies have suggested that type of pricing is out of the question.”

She said the ultimate pricing will be influenced by the number of homeowners who commit: “The more that sign up, the better the pricing.”

Max said the RFP had been constructed by a volunteer committee chosen from the group that attended the public meeting held October 1 at the San Rafael Corporate Center. At that meeting, eight of the companies as well as Dana Armanino, the Marin County Sustainability Coordinator,

were on hand to answer questions and to discuss solar power.

“We are keeping to the schedule that we set out at that meeting,” Max said, noting that the RFP calls for the installation work to be carried out during the first half of 2008.

The RFP established other deadlines:

- October 24, companies to return completed RFPs
- October 25-31, RFP reviews and reference checks
- November 1, vendor selection

“To this point, the response of homeowners and the support of local officials has been entirely supportive,” Max said. “The companies, although competitive, have also been quite helpful when we have asked for information. I’m now beginning the process of talking to banks and finance companies to see what avenues are available there for our coalition.”

GoSolarMarin, supported by the Federation of San Rafael Neighborhoods, the Lincoln San Rafael Hill Neighborhood Association, Sustainable Marin, Sustainable San Rafael, Sustainable Novato, and MarinLink, has expanded its focus to include all residential homeowners in Marin County. “My original concept was for my neighborhood,” Max said, “but each time that I talked with another group, the support was such that I’ve decided that strength in numbers should translate into lower prices and better contract terms.”

Commemorating the
70th Anniversary
of the Golden Gate Bridge!



Purchase for \$17.99 at the Roundhouse Gift Center at the Bridge or online at www.goldengate.org



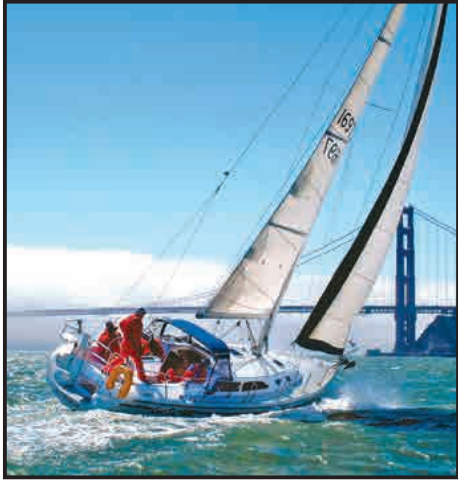
Golden Gate Larkspur Ferry
Expanded Holiday Schedule
Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, November 23, 2007

Depart Larkspur	Arrive San Francisco
5:30 am Bus departs	
7:10 am	7:40 am
8:20 am	8:50 am
9:40 am	10:30 am
10:20 am	11:05 am
11:00 am	11:50 am
12:15 pm	1:05 pm
1:30 pm	2:20 pm
3:30 pm	4:20 pm
5:30 pm	6:20 pm

Depart San Francisco	Arrive Larkspur
7:45 am	8:15 am
9:10 am	9:45 am
11:20 am	12:05 pm
12:30 pm	1:20 pm
1:30 pm	2:20 pm
2:30 pm	3:20 pm
4:30 pm	5:20 pm
7:00 pm	7:50 pm

For more information, call 511 (TDD 711) & or visit www.goldengate.org

Boats Are Like Children



Surrendering yourself to the sailing experience and making your vessel the center of your universe is the only way to sail well.

BY SCOTT ALUMBAUGH

Boats are like children. Not in what they are, but in what they do. They both are here on earth mainly to remind us—the adults and, ostensibly, the people in charge—that we are not the center of the universe.

Now, we all know, intellectually, that we are not the most important things or people in the universe. But we often act as if we were. Once you have a child, though, your entire orientation toward life changes. Your needs are subjugated, willingly or by force, to your newborn. And it only gets worse from there.

The same is true with sailing. Once you step on board a boat, your orientation changes. It's not as apparent as when you have a child. There is no messy diaper to change to remind you that it is no longer all about you. But make no mistake. You are no longer the center of things; the vessel is. So the bow is not in front of you, nor the stern behind; they are forward and aft, no matter which way you face. As you sail out of Berkeley Marina, the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is not to your right, nor is the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge to your left; they are to starboard and port, respectively.

To most new sailors, these distinctions often seem either arcane or obnoxious. But they are important. Clear communication is essential to sailing, because when things go wrong on the water, they tend to do so in a hurry. Clarity and precision in terminology can really become a matter of life and death at sea.

Up until the 1840s, for instance, the terms for lateral direction on a sailing vessel were “starboard” and “larboard.” Starboard is an archaic term, derived from the fact that the steering board on ancient vessels was on the right-hand side of the boat, as you face forward. The other side was the side that was tied to the dock, and on which cargo was loaded on board. In the 1840s, both the U.S. and British navies finally figured out that in a howling storm it might be hard to distinguish between larboard and starboard, and decreed that the left side of the boat, facing forward, would from then on be referred to as “port.”

It often turns out also that the way new sailors adapt to using sailing terminology can tell you a lot about how well they are going to handle a boat. The reason is that a lot of sailing is about giving up control. You don't “harness” the wind, as if it were a horse, and bend it to your will. A good sailor does not steer a sailboat with a rudder, but does so mostly by trimming the sails to the wind's direction and strength. Probably the hardest thing to learn about sailing a boat is that the boat knows how to sail better than any of us. And the more you can relinquish your desire to control the boat—the easier it is for you to step aside and let the boat be the center of your universe—the better the boat will sail.

Those who chafe at having to learn the difference between amidships and athwartships are the ones who learn that lesson the hard way. You can sail poorly in most places and get away with it because the winds are light. But not in the strong winds of San Francisco Bay. A good broach in a stiff breeze, where the boat suddenly heaves over and spins upwind opposite from the direction you were steering, tells you all

you need to know about who or what is in control. In that sense, it's the kinetic equivalent of a poopy diaper. Like having a child, you now know who's boss.

And it only gets better from there.

Scott Alumbaugh

is a US SAILING certified, Coastal Passage making instructor. He holds a 100-Ton Masters license, has worked as a delivery and charter skipper in the United States, Mexico and in the Caribbean, and is a sailing instructor at OCSC Sailing in Berkeley Marina.



Confused by what you hear about the housing market?



Want to know what's going on in your area?

As a daily participant in our Real Estate market I know what's selling, what's not, what areas are still hot and where to get the best deals. If you are thinking of buying or selling lets talk. I'll help you navigate this crazy market.

Liz Rush

Realtor®, ABR, e-PRO
Elmwood Realty & Investment Co.
2991 College Ave., Berkeley
www.erihomes.com
lizrush@lizrush.com

510-689-6921
Office: 510-883-7009

SPECIALIZING IN
EAST BAY COMMUNITIES
Single Family Homes, Condos,
Live/Work, Lofts & Townhomes

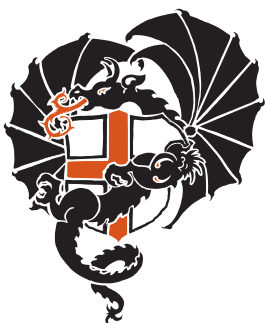


WANT TO CROSS THE BAY ABOARD YOUR OWN NEW YACHT?

Learn how you can do it using charter income and tax savings to help pay for your new boat at our free Charter Boat Seminar, Nov. 10 & 11, 2007.

For information & reservations, call 1-888-78-YACHT. Call today, space is limited.



ST. GEORGE
SPIRITS

Makers of Hangar One
Vodka, St. George Single
Malt Whiskey, and Aqua
Perfecta Eau de Vie

Tours: Saturdays at 1pm

Tasting Room Hours:
Wed-Sat noon-7pm
Sun noon-6pm

2601 Monarch Street
Alameda, CA 94501
510.864.0635
www.stgeorgespirits.com

Six Bay Area Breweries Win Big at Largest U.S. Beer Festival

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

The Great American Beer Festival (GABF) is one of the world's largest and most prestigious beer competitions; it's certainly the most important one in the United States. Over 100 professional beer judges evaluate more than 2,800 beers entered by almost 500 different domestic breweries. This October marked the 26th year of this enormous festival, which took place this year at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver.

This year, six Bay Area breweries took home a staggering 13 of the coveted 2007 GABF awards. Even more impressive

is the fact that more than half of those awards went to two breweries, Marin Brewing Company and Moylan's Brewery & Restaurant, both of which are owned and were founded by the same person, Bay Area native Brendan Moylan.

Moylan was in high spirits when I asked him about his breweries' performances at the 2007 GABF. "We had a good little weekend in Denver," he said, before immediately giving most of the credit to the brewers, Arne Johnson at Marin Brewing and Denise Jones at Moylan's, along with their staffs. "Arne and Denise and the whole brew teams at both places did such an amazing job. I think they are challenging each other with their brewing and it only makes things better." Moylan added, "No one in the 26-year history of the event who makes craft beer has ever done that well on a single weekend!"

Moylan's Brewery and Restaurant in Novato won a Gold Medal for its Moylan's Irish Dry Stout in the Classic Irish Style Dry Stout category. And in a rare accomplishment, Moylan's won both Gold and Silver Medals in the Imperial or Double India Pale Ale category with its Hopsickle and Moylander beers, respectively.

If that wasn't impressive enough, Brendan Moylan's other brewery, Marin Brewing Company in Larkspur Landing, racked up four Gold Medals. The Star Brew Triple Wheat won top honors in the American Style Wheat Wine Ale category, while the Pt. Reyes Porter was voted the best in the Robust Porter category. Two of Marin Brewing's Belgian style ales also brought home the gold. Triple Dipsea Belgian-Style Ale won best in the Belgian Style Abby Ale category, and Tiburon Blond was the winner in the Belgian and French-Style Ale category.

Russian River Brewing Company in Santa Rosa was awarded Silver Medals in three different categories: Supplication took second in the Belgian-Style Sour Ale category, Blind Pig took second in the American-Style India Pale Ale category, and Temptation won silver in the Wood and

Barrel-Aged Sour Beer category.

Among other local breweries winning prestigious GABF medals this year, Schooners's Grille and Brewery in Antioch won a Silver Medal for its Oatmeal Stout, and Third Street Aleworks in Santa Rosa won a Bronze Medal for its Blarney Sisters Dry Irish Stout.

One other medal awarded to a neighborhood brewery completes what I am christening a Bay Area "beer trifecta." When 21st Amendment in downtown San Francisco won a Bronze Medal for its Double Trouble India Pale Ale, this meant that all three medals in the Imperial or Double India Pale Ale category were awarded to Bay Area breweries. So, if you like really strong and hoppy beers, the best three in the United States are available by stopping by Marin Brewing Company and 21st Amendment. Both breweries, coincidentally, are located close to the waterfront, and are easily accessible by ferry.

Past Bay Crossings Reviews of 2007 GABF Medal Winners:

(Still available in the archive section
at www.baycrossings.com)

Marin Brewing Company

- June 2007

Russian River Brewing Company

- May 2007

21st Amendment

- February 2007

Upcoming Reviews:

Moylan's Brewery & Restaurant

- December 2007

Schooners's Grille & Brewery and

Third Street Aleworks will
appear in 2008



The Haight's Only Brewery and
San Francisco's Original Gastropub

Hand-Crafted, Artisan Ales

Cask Conditioned Ales

Local, Sustainable Food

www.magnoliapub.com

1398 Haight @ Masonic

(415) 864-7468

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.





U.S. Military Veterans to be Honored on the *USS Hornet*

On Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, American veterans will be honored and will receive free admission and tours during a special Veterans Day ceremony at the *USS Hornet* Museum aircraft carrier at the former naval air station in Alameda. The event is open to the public.

A special ceremony at 1 p.m. will feature guest speakers USCG Captain Pamela Russell, Judy Yarian of Blue Star Moms, and USO Secretary Susan Shapira. Russ Donovan, a Korea DMZ veteran and the event coordinator, will speak on "Who are the Korea DMZ Veterans?" and will unveil plans for a proposed memorial to recognize these forgotten American veterans. The Peninsula Scout Band will provide music including a postlude of an armed forces medley.

Between 1967 and 1970, the Korea DMZ veterans were engaged in unpublicized combat action that occurred during the same time as the Vietnam War. This second combat front took place in a 19-mile segment on the North/South Korean border called the Korea De-Militarized Zone. During this time, over 40,000 "incidents" took place and resulted in over 200 documented casualties.

As a salute to our military, museum visitors will have a chance to see the aircraft carrier in action. Aircraft will be towed across the deck, lifted to the flight deck via the massive elevator, and placed into launch position. This is an exciting demonstration that all family members will enjoy watching.

In recognition of their service to our country, military veterans wearing their unit jackets, hats, or showing proper identification at the ticket desk will receive complimentary admission to the museum from November 5 to 11. Admission prices for other visitors are

\$6-14 and there is ample free parking.

The *USS Hornet* is a monument to the men and women who have served their country. The historic aircraft carrier served America from 1943 through 1970 and played a leading role in two of the most significant events of the 20th Century, WWII and the Apollo 11 moon landing.

The *USS Hornet* is now a world-class sea, air and space museum with an emphasis on the legacy and history of aircraft carriers and naval aviation. The museum has restored and opened for public tour, the flight deck, hangar bays, engine room, flight operations, bridge, sick bay, ready rooms, combat

information center and the much-anticipated captain's quarters and admiral's quarters.

Included among the numerous exhibits are the "Apollo Moon Mission" display and 13 Navy/Marine aircraft, both fixed and rotary wing, ranging from WWII vintage to modern era. Visitors can get a close-up look at a TBM Avenger, an F-14 Tomcat, and an authentic space capsule.

For more information, call (510) 521-8448 x282 or go to www.hornetevents.com

ALAMEDA | OAKLAND FERRY



Whether you're commuting to work or enjoying a weekend outing with friends or family, the Alameda/Oakland Ferry is a great way to travel the bay.

service between Oakland's Jack London Square, Alameda Main Street, SF Ferry Building and SF Pier 41, Seasonal service to ATT&T Park for Giants game and Angel Island State Park

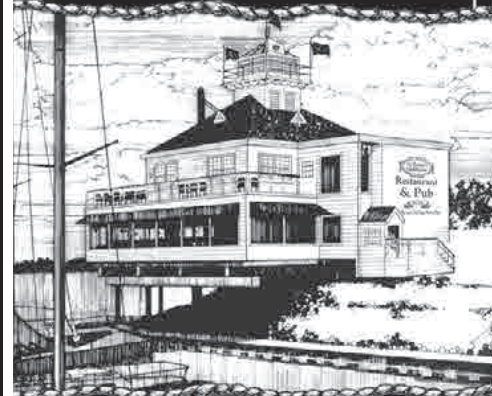


510.749.5837 | www.eastbayferry.com

Since 1984

Quinn's
Lighthouse

N37° 46.88'
W122° 14.37'



Restaurant
& Pub

Historical Landmark Built 1890

A Taste of History

Featuring American
Cooking

with contemporary touches
at reasonable prices

Open Everyday
11:30am to 9:00pm

Quinn's
Lighthouse
was awarded



"Best
Casual
Dining Family
Restaurant"
EAST BAY!

1951 Embarcadero
Oakland

536-2050

www.quinnslighthouse.com

GET THERE BY FERRY

Sponsored by

WATER TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WTA

Golden Gate Ferry							
LARKSPUR *							
Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Larkspur	Arrive S F	Depart S F	Arrive Larkspur	Depart Larkspur	Arrive S F	Depart S F	Arrive Larkspur
5:50am	6:20am	6:25am	6:55am	9:40am	10:30am	-----	-----
6:35	7:05	7:10	7:40	11:00	12:00	12:30pm	1:20pm
7:10	7:40	7:45	8:15	1:30pm	2:20pm	2:30	3:20
7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05	3:30	4:20	4:30	5:20
8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45	5:30	6:20	7:00	7:50
9:15	9:50	10:10	10:45	One-Way Ferry Fares			
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30	LARKSPUR SAUSALITO			
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30pm	Daily Daily			
11:40	12:15pm	12:25pm	1:00	Adult Cash Fare \$7.10 \$7.10			
12:40pm	1:15	1:25	2:00	Frequent Rider Ticket (Book of 20 Tickets) \$4.45 \$3.80			
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Seniors (age 65+) with Medicare or approved I.D. \$3.55 \$3.55			
2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05	Youth (ages 6-18) \$3.55 \$3.55			
3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55	Children (age 5 & under) FREE FREE			
4:15	4:45	4:55	5:25				
-----	-----	*5:20	6:05				
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	3:35	4:05	4:15	4:45
3:20	3:50	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:25	5:35	6:05
4:45	5:15	5:30	6:00	6:20	6:45	6:30	7:00
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10				
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20				

INFORMATION CONTACTS 511 (toll-free) or 711 (TDD) E-mail/Comments to ferrycomments.goldengate.org For Larkspur and Sausalito website:www.goldengate.org

HOLIDAY SERVICE: Larkspur & Sausalito
In effect on Martin Luther King, Presidents', Memorial, 4th of July, Labor Day, modified Holiday service is operated on the Day after Thanksgiving.

NO SERVICE: Larkspur & Sausalito
No ferry service on New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.



Adventure Cat			
2007 Departure Schedule	BAY CRUISE		SUNSET CRUISE
Nov. 5 to Nov 25 WEEKENDS ONLY Nov. 26 to Feb. 28 of 2008 CLOSED	1:00 P.M.	N/A	4:00 P.M.
Sunset cruise includes hors d'oeuvres and two drinks for \$45.	Bay Cruise Rates: Adults: \$25 / Children 6-12: \$15 / Kids 5 and under: Free		
(800) 979-3370 / www.adventurecat.com	Group Discount Rates: 10 or more full fare passengers = \$5.00 off per person when run on one credit card		

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	-----	10:00am	10:10	10:30	10:45
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----	11:30	11:20	12:00 pm	12:15
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----	1:45	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
12:45pm^	12:35pm*	1:15pm	1:30pm	7:10	7:00	---	7:50
2:30	2:20*^A	3:00	3:10				
4:40	4:30*^A	5:10	-----				
5:50	5:40*^A	6:15	-----				
6:20	6:10*	-----	7:00				
6:55^	6:45*^A	7:20	-----				
7:55^	7:45*	8:20	-----				
8:55^	8:45*	-----	9:25				

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

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND FARES:			
	One Round Trip	10Ticket Way	20Ticket Monthly Pass
Adult (13+)	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$45.00 \$80.00 \$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	

* To S.F. via Oakland # To Alameda via Oakland
^ Departs immediately after loading

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

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.

Sharing time with whales is a privilege.

415-331-6267
www.sfbaywhalewatching.com

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	2:30pm 4:00	10:00am 10:45 12:15pm 1:15 2:00pm	2:30 3:15 4:00 4:30	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive Pier 41
11:00 am	11:40 am	11:50 am	12:10 pm	12:15 pm	12:55 pm	1:05 pm	1:25
1:35	2:10	2:20	2:35	2:45	3:35	3:40	4:00
----	----	8:00	8:20	----	----	----	----

Bay Cruise does not operate during inclement weather. Additional cruises may be added on demand. Check with ticket booth on day of sailing for schedule. No reserved seating available.

FARES: All prices include audio tour.

Adult \$21.00 Junior (12-18) \$17.00
Senior (62+) \$17.00 Child (5-11) \$13.00
Special Rates On Line

ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdays			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
10:00am	10:20am	3:20pm	4:00pm

Weekends			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
10:35am	11:00am	11:05am	12:20am
----	----	3:50pm	4:55pm

* Stops at Pier 41 prior to Ferry Building
> Stops at Pier 41 for 20 minutes prior to Ferry Building

Angel Island Round Trip via SF

Adult	\$14.50
Child (6 - 12)	\$8.50
Child (5 - under)	FREE

*All prices include State Park Fees

ANGEL ISLAND - 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

* Requires transfer at PIER 41 onto 9:45 am Angel Island Ferry

TIBURON			
DOWNTOWN S.F., FERRY BLDG.			
Weekdays			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
6:25am	6:55am	7:00am	7:30am
7:40	8:10	8:15	8:45
8:50	9:20	----	----
----	----	4:30pm	5:00pm
5:05pm	5:35pm	5:45	6:15
6:20	6:50	7:00	7:30

FARES:		
One-Way	Round Trip	
Adult	\$8.50	\$17.00
Child (5-11).....	\$4.50	\$ 9.00
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.

http://www.baycrossings.com/ferry_schedules.asp	
---	--

Vallejo Baylink Ferry

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

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			
Depart Vallejo	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41	Depart Pier 41
10:00	11:10	11:20am	11:30
11:30	12:40pm	----	----
1:00pm	2:10	----	----
3:00	4:30	4:00pm	4:10pm
6:00	7:30	7:00	7:10

FARES:	
Adult One-Way	\$12.50
Senior/Disabled/Medicare One-Way (65+/disabled)*	\$6.25
Youth One-Way (6-12 years)	\$6.25
Baylink DayPass	\$23.00
Monthly Pass	\$270.00
Monthly Pass with Muni	\$310.00

Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.baylinkferry.com for updated information.

Angel Island - Tiburon Ferry

ANGEL ISLAND/TIBURON	
Monday - Friday	
Tiburon to Angel Island	Angel Island to Tiburon
10:00am, 11:00	10:20am 11:20
1:00pm 3:00	1:20pm 3:30

Weekends	
July 4, 2007	
Tiburon to Angel Island	Angel Island to Tiburon
10:00am, 5:00pm hourly	10:20am, 5:20pm hourly

FARES:	
Schedule Subject to change w/o notice	Adults (12 and over) \$10.25
	Seniors \$10.25
	Children (5 - 11) \$8.00
	Children (4 and under) Free*
	Bicycles \$1.00

www.angelislandferry.com Call (415) 435-2131

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:

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.

Fare:

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



OLD GOLD
17 Main St., Tiburon
Phone: (415) 789-9583
info@oldgoldjewelry.com

Where you will find beautifully detailed jewelry fabricated in the original art form of die striking and hand chasing. OLD GOLD exhibits an extensive selection of contemporary jewelry by award-winning American and European designers. As recommended by Frommer's and the New York Times, "...a romantic journey for exceptional jewelry."

Red & White BAY CRUISE SCHEDULE

PIER 43 1/2	
Monday through Sunday	
10:00am	1:45
10:45*	2:30
11:15	3:00
12:00pm	3:45
1:15	4:15pm*

Fare:

Adult	\$21
Senior (62+)	\$18
Youth (12-17)	\$18
Child (5-11)	\$14
Under 4.....	\$Free

* Weekends Only



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

Richmond's Historic Ford Point Building Craneway – This Scenic East Bay Area Event Venue Awaits You!

The Ford Point Building's massive Craneway was open to the public for the first time in over 20 years when it served as a venue during Richmond's first Home Front Festival By-the-Bay, which took place from September 28th through the 30th. The Craneway, a stunning 40,000 square foot space enclosed on three sides by two-story glass walls, is located where the Ford Building meets Richmond's waterfront.

Built in 1930, the 517,000 square foot Ford Building was the largest assembly plant on the west coast in its day. It was converted to a wartime production facility during World War II, and aided the war effort by producing over 60,000 tanks, combat trucks and other military vehicles. The legendary building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988, and it has been chosen as home to the future *Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park Visitors Center*.

Orton Development, the company currently restoring the building, worked feverishly alongside the City of Richmond, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and the National Park Service to prepare the Craneway to host four separate events, three of which were associated with the Home Front Festival By-the-Bay.

First, on September 28th, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was proud to present the Northern California Ambassadors Rally, which was an assembly for Northern California Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

Later that evening, the Rosie the Riveter Fundraiser Gala Dinner served as the official kickoff for the Home Front Festival By-the-Bay. The Henry J. Kaiser "Think Big" exhibit was on display for the first time in Richmond and is now part of the visitor's center. The keynote speaker for the event was Emily Yellin, author of the critically acclaimed *Our Mother's War*. The sold-out kickoff raised money for the Rosie the Riveter Trust, which is to be used to help build out the visitors center for the park that will be housed in the Craneway.



The entire 40,000 square foot Craneway will handle 3,000 or more people, making it one of the East Bay's larger event venues.

"We were very pleased with the willingness of people to support what we're doing, which is trying to help build up this National Park and the programs that it offers," said Tom Butt, president of the Rosie the Riveter Trust Board. Although the figure was not final at press time, Butt said the event raised in excess of \$30,000, and added, "Considering that this was the first time we've done this, the way things went off really was extraordinary." Butt stated that members of the Trust have already been informally talking about what can make the event even bigger and better next year.

On Saturday night, the Craneway was thrust into a time warp for a traditional 1940s style USO dance and show, complete with big band and swing music provided by the Junius Courtney Orchestra and Muir Station Jazz Band. Attendees dressed for the occasion in period clothes; some even donned their original military uniforms. The extremely successful event took the Craneway back to a special era for those who remembered the extraordinary atmosphere of USO dances. Attendees were repeatedly heard commenting on how Ford Point was the perfect place to have such a nostalgic event.

On Sunday afternoon, the events at the Craneway came to a close, with the *Rosie Reunions for Home Front Workers* event. Former World War II shipyard workers reunited to share stories and memories from over 60 years ago, in the same building where many of them once worked to help a nation in need. Over a thousand people participated in the multigenerational event, which featured approximately 200 "Rosies" in attendance.

There was an overwhelming consensus by both the attendees and the event planners that all four events in the Craneway were wonderful and went off without a hitch. "We were utterly delighted with the way the events came off," said Michelle Itagaki of the Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau.

According to Troy Peterson, Project Manager for Orton Development, more events are scheduled for the Craneway in the future, starting as early as December. The space can now accommodate 1,500 people; when construction is completed by the end of the year, the entire 40,000 square foot Craneway will handle 3,000 or more people, making it one of the East Bay's larger event venues.

A full kitchen area will be installed that can be used by caterers for upcoming events, and can also be expanded to become part of a restaurant, as the Craneway sees further development. According to Peterson, they are not actively pursuing a restaurant for the building at this time; however, "We like the idea of an events center and want to see where that takes us," said Peterson. "If a full service restaurant wants to come in at a later time and it's the right deal," he added, "then we'll do it."

For the near future, the Craneway will be available for corporate events, weddings, concerts, speaking engagements and other private functions. This is just the first step in the redevelopment of the Craneway. The exact floor plan for the Craneway is not yet in place, but will most likely include a significant amount of open space available to the public, including a large portion dedicated to the *Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park Visitors Center*.

Peterson also reported that the rest of the redevelopment of the building is progressing well, with occupancy expected to be at 90 percent by the end of the year. The current occupants include: *Best-*



Approximately 200 original "Rosies" showed up for the Rosie Reunion on Sunday afternoon.



The Rosie Reunions for Home Front Workers event turned out to be a truly multigenerational occasion.



Attendees of the USO Dance dressed for the occasion in period clothes; some even donned their original military uniforms.

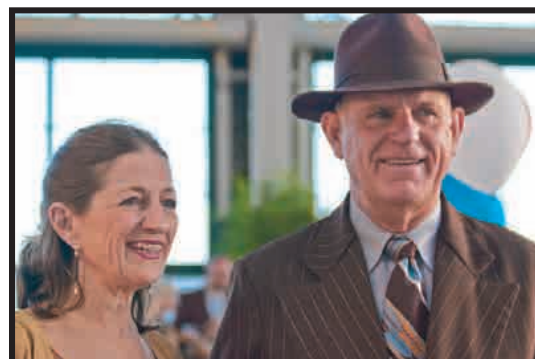


Couples dance the night away at the USO Dance held on Saturday night at the Ford Point Building Craneway.

All photos on this page by Geri Brown Photography

Line, a manufacturer of Roman shades and window coverings; **Vetrazzo**, a company that transforms recycled glass into one-of-a-kind countertop, tabletop, and vanity surfaces; **Title 9 Sports**, a multi-channel retailer of women's athletic apparel; and **Mountain Hardware**. **PowerLight**, a large solar power company, plans to move its corporate facilities and 200 employees into 175,000 square feet of office space around the end of the year.

As an additional bonus, the completion of the Craneway project also includes a section of the popular Bay Trail, which runs along the Richmond waterfront in front of the Craneway. When completed, this portion of the Bay Trail will connect **Lucretia Edwards Shoreline Park** to Harbor Way South, a major corridor connecting the waterfront to Downtown Richmond.



Tom Butt, president of the Rosie the Riveter Trust Board, and his wife Shirley at the Rosie the Riveter Fundraiser Gala Dinner.

Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency
Office of Economic Development
(510) 307-8150 Richmondca4business.com



Richmond, California Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors gather at the Northern California Ambassadors Rally.

AROUND THE BAY IN NOVEMBER



Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremonies

A Green Holiday Season at Jack London Square

Jack London Square has a better – and greener – way to light up the holidays at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 23rd. PG&E has replaced the tree's 4,500 incandescent lights with energy-efficient LED (light-emitting diode) C-9 lights that will increase the life of the tree lights from 1,000 hours to 50,000 hours! To assist in the greening of Oakland and Jack London Square visitors, PG&E will exchange visitors' strands of indoor tree lights with energy-efficient ones free of charge. (LED lights are more durable, they are shatterproof and shock-resistant, and if one bulb burns out, the other bulbs will stay lit so the bad bulb is easily identified and replaced.) As in years past, Jack London Square will partner with the Alameda County Community Food Bank to collect food and cash donations to assist deserving families this holiday season. Attendees are asked to please bring non-perishable food to the Tree Lighting Ceremony to benefit the Food Bank. The festivities start at 1 p.m. with ten Bay Area high schools competing in

an a capella choir competition for a \$5,000 grand prize for their school's music department. At 6:00 p.m., the official lighting of the 65-foot white fir takes place to kick off the holiday season. Admission is free. Photographs with Santa are available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the United Cerebral Palsy of the Golden Gate. Free activities for children include jump houses and arts and crafts areas where they can make their own ornaments. For more information, please call (510) 645-9292, ext. 223 or visit www.jacklondonsquare.com.

San Francisco Pier 39 Holiday Harmony and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Pier 39's festive Tree Lighting Ceremony and Santa always draws a crowd. The festive multi-cultural celebration showcases Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa. Pier 39's Holiday Harmony features Bay Area groups performing seasonal favorites from around the world. Pier 39's Tree and its 400 ornaments, 500 multi-colored bows and 2,000 twinkling lights will be illuminated at 5:30 p.m. in the Entrance Plaza. Sunday, November 18, 1:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. (415) 705-5500.

Napa Holiday Parade and COPIA'S Tree Lighting Party

"A Christmas Carol — a Dicken's of a Parade!" winds its way from downtown Napa to COPIA (The American Center for Wine, Food & the Arts) for a fun Tree Lighting Party. Enjoy holiday festivities, hot chocolate, discounts on holiday shopping, caroling, dance performances, Tree Lighting Ceremony with the Mayor, and a visit from Santa. Saturday, November 24, Holiday Parade from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Party 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Rain or shine. Free admission. (707) 259-1600 or (888) 512-6742.

San Jose Light up the Row Tree Lighting Ceremony

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at Santana Row on Thursday, November 15th from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Park Valencia, on Olin Avenue, near Maggiano's Little Italy. Then enjoy fun Holiday festivities throughout Santana Row with live Holiday entertainment, horse-drawn carriage rides and a visit from Santa. 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. (408) 551-4611.

Free Meals for Veterans

McCormick & Kuleto's Seafood Restaurant in San Francisco's Ghirardelli Square and Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto in Berkeley at 1919 Fourth Street have announced that they will be offering all U.S. military veterans a free lunch or dinner entrée on Sunday, November 11, in appreciation for their service to our country. The restaurants will offer a free entree to those defined as a veteran by the Veterans Administration, which is a person who served in the active military, Army, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Veterans will be asked to show proper identification. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as a number of state Veterans

Departments, have lauded this Veterans Appreciation program. For more information contact McCormick & Kuleto's, (415) 929-1730 or Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto, (510) 845-7771.

Eighth Annual Biletnikoff Foundation Celebrity Crab Fest and Sports Auction

Greg Papa, Bay Area sports broadcaster and radio voice of the Oakland Raiders, will be the master of ceremonies for the 8th Annual Biletnikoff Foundation Celebrity Crab Fest and Sports Auction from 6 p.m. to midnight, Friday, November 9, at the Marriott at Bishop Ranch in San Ramon. Tickets are \$95 per

person and attire is casual. Last year's sold-out event raised \$60,000 for the foundation.

This year's highlights will include delicious food, entertainment, a special performance by the Raiderettes, an exciting live-art demonstration by nationally renowned painter and performer David Garibaldi, the awarding of \$1,000 education grants to deserving high school seniors entering college, and live and silent auctions including Pro Bowl and Hall of Fame travel packages and dinner with Fred and Angela Biletnikoff. Founded in the memory of Tracey Biletnikoff, whose life was brutally taken in 1999, the Biletnikoff Foundation enables young people to realize their full potential through education addressing problems related to substance abuse and gender violence.

To have your event or announcement considered for the Bay Crossings Around the Bay listings, please send information or a press release to: joel@baycrossings.com.

Great food to celebrate life in the City !
 Enjoy a ten minute walk from the Ferry Building or short hop on the F-Line



Crab House at Pier 39

X Voted 'Best Crab in San Francisco'

- Sizzling Skillet-roasted Mussels, Shrimp & Crab
- Romantic Cozy Fireplace
- Stunning Golden Gate Bridge View

Open Daily 11 am - 11 pm
 2nd Floor, West Side of Pier 39
 Validated Parking

crabhouse39.com 415.434.2722

**FRANCISCAN
 CRAB RESTAURANT**

- Whole Dungeness Crab
- Breathtaking Bay Views
- Bay side of Historic Fisherman's Wharf

Open Daily 11 am - 11 pm
 Pier 43 1/2
 Validated Parking

415.362.7733
 franciscancrabrestaurant.com



*Peace
 on Earth*



Ambassador Toys

186 West Portal, San Francisco, CA 94127, 415.759-TOYS
 Two Embarcadero Center, Lobby Level, San Francisco, CA 94111, 415.345-TOYS
 www.ambassador toys.com



CHAYA

city

CHAYA BRASSERIE LOS ANGELES
 8741 ALDEN DRIVE
 RESERVATIONS: 310.859.8833

beach

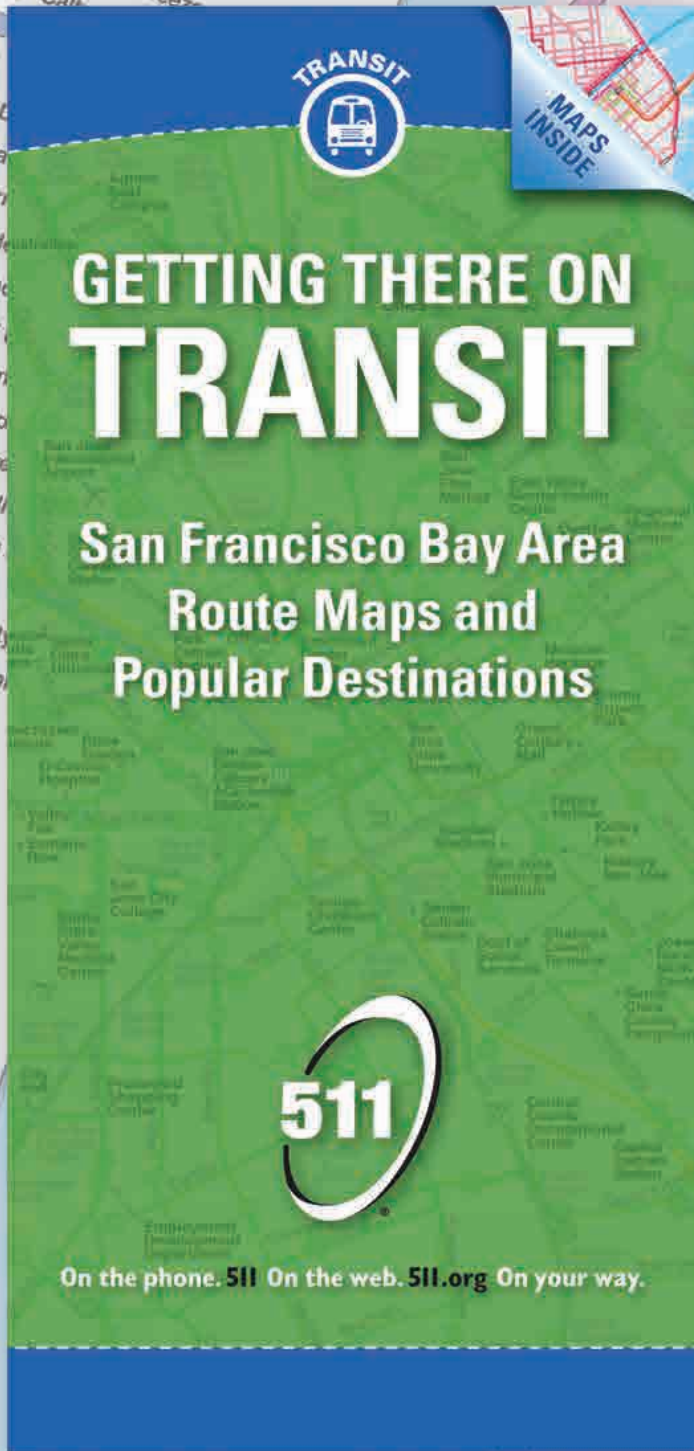
CHAYA VENICE
 110 NAVY STREET
 RESERVATIONS: 310.396.1179
 WWW.THECHAYA.COM

bay

CHAYA BRASSERIE SAN FRANCISCO
 132 THE EMBARCADERO
 RESERVATIONS: 415.777.8688

FREE
Transit Information:
Call 511
511.org

FREE!
New for 2007!



Put the Bay Area Transit Network in Your Pocket!

Everything you need to navigate the nine Bay Area counties by bus, train, trolley, cable car and ferry in a handy, **FREE** pocket-sized guide:

- Full-color route maps, including close-ups of downtowns
- Directions to more than 250 popular destinations
- Contact information for Bay Area bus, rail and ferry operators
- Directory of paratransit services for riders with disabilities and elderly passengers

To order your free copy, contact:

E-mail: library@mtc.ca.gov

Phone: 510.817.5836

Fax: 510.817.5932