

SFMYC 2026 June Nautical News

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Commodore's Corner

By Colleen Stobbe, Commodore

I want to begin by giving Rick Weiss a big round of applause and our deepest appreciation for his great work as editor over the last seven years! And, I'd like to welcome you to the new format for the Nautical News.

Using this format makes the Nautical News easier for the editor to produce and easier for the webmaster to post. For a very long time our past editor, Rick Weiss, had been telling me about the many challenges of designing the Nautical News as a Word doc. This new format addresses those challenges and allows us to highlight your articles in new ways. With some guidance I actually enjoyed the process. I can now give guidance to someone else as our new editor. If you're curious about the opportunity or you'd like to help me until an editor can be found, please write me at colleenstobbe@gmail.com. Thanks! And, if you'd like to share your impressions of the new format, please write me at colleenstobbe@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 13, Meetings for the Board and Membership on ZOOM. In order for Board members to be able to drive from their homes to attend club events at Spreckels Lake, ZOOM meetings are one hour earlier than in clubhouse meetings. **On June 13 the Board will meet at 8:30am on Zoom, and the Membership will meet at 10:00am on Zoom.**

BOB PEARSALL, quality craftsman and long-time member of the SFMYC, is building a model of Tally Ho and will be sharing his journey at the June 13 Membership meeting on ZOOM at 10:00am. You won't want to miss it. I will send the Zoom link for the meetings the week of June 8. Please let me know at colleenstobbe@gmail.com, if you would like assistance in practicing to join a ZOOM meeting. I'll be happy to help you. I don't want tech issues to keep you from attending and will do what I can to make it easy for you.

June 14, 1:00pm will be the Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta. Thanks so much to Kate Ettinger and the Bottle Class gang for their efforts in engaging youth and their families in building and sailing their bottle yachts. Come out, enjoy the fun, and cheer on our youngest Freesail and RC sailors!

Fair Winds

Calendar of Events

June

- 06 Sat. Freesail M class Invitational

Rec & Parks: Escape From Alcatraz

- 07 Sun. Wheeler class

- 09 Tues. ODOM Class

- 13 Sat. Board Meeting 8:30AM & Membership Meeting 10:00AM (on Zoom)

- 13 Sat. 36R- Jeff & Mike Stobbe Invitational

- 14 Sun. Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta

- 17 Wed. Victoria class

- 20 Sat. Skippers Cup all Freesail

- 21 Sun. Star 45 Class

- 21 Sun. Power Fleet Casual Cruise

[Father's Day]

- 27 Sat. Santa Barbara class Col. Bart Cup

- 28 Sun. X Class Moyes Cup

Click the link for the latest calendar: <https://www.sfmyc.org/sfmyc-calendar-of-events/>

Membership Report

By Mike Stobbe,

Membership Secretary

We had one new member last month, Vladimir Kovalevsky, of San Francisco. He comes to us via Kate Ettinger's Bottle Yacht program, where his five-year-old daughter is a Freesail participant. Vladimir doesn't currently have a boat, and doesn't have any experience outside of bottle boats, but wants to get into Freesailing. He also has an interest in steam power, as he used to volunteer with the miniature steam train program in Tilden Park, Oakland. Did I say miniature? Those trains are huge compared to what he'll see in the SFMYC. Lets get Vladimir off to a good start. Welcome aboard!

6th Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta

By Kate Ettinger,

Colleen Stobbe, Bottle Class

Come join us on Sunday, June 14 at 1pm for the 6th Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta on the North Shore to cheer on our sailors!

Bottle yachts are homemade model yachts built from recycled bottles, donated sailing supplies, and other low cost materials. Check out our recent [feature](#) by Joe Rosato Jr on NBC Bay Area News (<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/bottle-yacht-club-san-francisco/4051530/>). Bottle yachts are a creative, low cost way for novices, especially youth, to experience the fun of model yacht sailing!



Following the regatta, there will be a chance for novices to learn to sail a RC model yacht with a mentor in small groups for 10-15 minutes. Registration for Learn to Sail will be at the information table beginning at 2pm on a first-come, first serve basis for the first 30 people. We recommend RC sailing for youth > 10 years old. Youth under 16 years old must be accompanied by an engaged adult at all bottle class events.

All bottle class events are free and open to the public. For club members who plan to volunteer and for anyone who builds a bottle yacht at home to race at this year's regatta, please contact Kate to register in advance: bottleyachtregatta@gmail.com

Learn more about Bottle Class activities at www.bottleyachtregatta.org and follow us on IG: [@bottleyachts](https://www.instagram.com/bottleyachts)

Rec & Parks Liaison Report

By Joseph Minafo, Liaison

On May 5th, 2026, I met with Dave Iribarne, Superintendent of Golden Gate Park, for our quarterly meeting to discuss ongoing issues. Below are the updates from that meeting.

Lake edge repair: Update on lake edge repair. Some lake edge repairs have been completed, with an outlook on completion, cleanup, and landscaping. A big thank you to everyone involved for making this happen. Contractor

is making progress, estimate completion 1-2 months, but that is just a guess. Project in general is going well.

—**Post meeting update on Lake edge repair:** Lake edge repair is complete with a few issues that need to be resolved.

(a) First, the standard bumpers around lake edge are not installed yet. They are on order and will be installed once received.

(b) Water depth around newly repaired edge is inconsistent, seems concrete chunks removed early in repair may have ended up back into lake. Dave has requested that contractor return to remove chunks and make sure lake depth is restored.

Lake Water Quality: Start discussion on water quality at lake, members have voiced concern about safety and lack of plan for improvement.

(a) Goose poop control. Seems like this is starting point, as any water quality improvement will be short lived without goose poop plan.

(b) Aeration and water management general plan.

(c) Water quality improvement will be the next focus after lake edge repair. General water safety concerns were discussed. There is no one solution for water quality improvement and goose poop currently.

Sign on pole: Dave sent reminder to Raul Ayala Rivera. Raul is aware that sign needs to be replaced.

Interpretive sign: SFMYC will supply details of what they would like to see on two interpretive signs along with historical information and pictures. Needs further follow up by SFMYC. SFMYC needs to provide our thoughts and information to Christopher Pollack.

Glass block repair on back wall: Waiting on timing for waterproof coating to interior and exterior back wall of clubhouse. On maintenance department to do list after rainy season.

Bicycle hoop: Joe will follow up with phone call to SFMTA, Dave will call if Joe does not have any success.

SF Rec and Park website: Joe will follow up with Elton to get verbiage updated on Speckels Lake and Points of Interest.

Clubhouse heater: Dave submitted work order for repair or replacement of clubhouse heater at our February meeting. Work Order # SMY-314977 for club heater repair was completed on March 2nd.

General Signage: Walking path signage for “No Bikes on Path” and other signage stenciled around the lake may have to wait until lake edge repair is complete. Pathway signage will take place after completion of lake edge repair.

May 30th NC Challenge: I have notified Dave Iribarne for the need to have walkways cleared and cleaned and water levels checked prior to May 30th event.

RC Sail Reports



Victoria Fleet, Race #3

By David Green

May 20 was the 3rd monthly counter race day for the Victoria fleet. Here are the results for Race #3 and Year to Date.

SFMYC 2026 VICTORIA RACING SERIES



Race Day #3
10/20/26

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
1	28	Jim Harrold	5	2	1	1	1	1	1
2	75	David Green	13	3	6	2	4	2	2
3	189	Jon Ely	15	4	3	3	2	3	5
4	59	Wally Wahlander	17	1	2	5	5	4	6
5	12	Mike Kelly	22	5	4	4	6	6	3
6	50	Mac Lowry	23	6	5	6	3	5	4
7	67	Pickens/Koechlin	36	8dns	8dns	7	7	7	7

Number of races held: 6
 Number of throw outs: 1
 Throw outs highlighted in grey

SFMYC 2026 VICTORIA RACING SERIES

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18
1	28	Jim Harrold	21	3	1	2	1	1	3	4	2	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
2	189	Jon Ely	37	4	2	1	4	4	1	2	3	1	4	1	3	4	3	3	2	3	5
3	75	David Green	40	1	3	4	2	2	2	5	1	4	3	5	5	3	6	2	4	2	2
4	50	Mac Lowry	58	2	4	3	5	5	4	3	5	7dnf	2	4	4	6	5	6	3	5	4
5	12	Mike Kelly	66	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	1	4	3	5	2	2	5	4	4	6	6	3
6	59	Wally Wahlander	74	7dns	5	7dnf	3	3	5	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	1	2	5	5	4	6
7	67	Pickens/Koechlin	97	5	6	5	6	6	6	7dnf	7dns	7dns	7dns	7dns	7dns	8dns	8dns	7	7	7	7

Results thru May 20, 2026
 Number of races held: 18
 Number of throw outs: 3
 Throw outs highlighted in grey

Co-Director Michael Fisher took a few pictures which I include in this report. Thanks to Dick and Michael for managing the races, and to Michael for shouting “Contact!!” when appropriate to keep the sailors on their toes. Fortunately, Vics are the bumper cars of model RC boats so no damage was reported. We were treated to moderate and shifty winds with gusts from the WSW alternated by the usual lulls and occasional starboard tack lifts.



Jon Ely, Jim Harrold, Mike Kelly, Oscar Koechlin, Mac Lowry, Wally Wahlander and I participated in the races while Bob Heacock and John Blackburn donated delicious cookies, observed the racing, and circled the fleet with their boats.




FYI: Last Saturday Rob Weaver and Dick Hunter added two red finishing line buoys close to buoy 3 for the Saturday May 30 ODOM Northern California Club Challenge races. They also moved buoy 4 a little to the east to turn it into an offset reaching mark for courses set with 3p & 4p to reduce the usual difficulties sailing from 3 to 4. It worked, but yesterday the winds were so fluke at buoy 3, so our fleet had crazy buoy roundings there.

ODOM Fleet, Race #3

By Tom MacDonald

Race number 3 of the 2026 SFMYC ODOM points series was held at Spreckels Lake on Tuesday May 12, with fourteen club members participating. Brisk conditions continued to prevail over the race course for the third straight points series event, and all eight scheduled races were again completed in under two and a half hours.


Dick Hunter fell off his usual pace slightly, winning "only" four of the eight races, but still claiming first place overall. Jim Harrold won one race and stayed near the front most of the day to finish in second place overall behind Dick by only 6 points. Rich Ludt also won one race to claim third place on the day, while Jim Wondolleck had two race wins and finished in fourth place overall.



SFMYC 2026 ODOM RACING SERIES

Race Day #3


5/12/26




Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
1	705	Dick Hunter	14	3	3	1	5	1	4	1	1
2	28	Jim Harrold	20	7	1	3	2	7	2	3	2
3	580	Richard Ludt	27	2	12	4	3	6	1	2	9
4	799	Jim Wondolleck	29	1	10	2	1	3	10	6	6
5	122	Rob Weaver	39	10	9	7	4	2	3	4	10
6	64	Tom MacDonald	42	5	6	5	7	14	7	7	5
7	102	Nick Mulford	46	8	7	8	8	5	6	9	4
8	798	Bob Gallagher	51	14	5	11	14	8	5	5	3
9	21	Dave Misunas	52	4	2	9	6	13	15dnf	10	8
10	782	Eric Saxon	53	9	8	6	11	4	11	8	7
11	650	Bob Pinotti	67	11	4	10	12	10	8	12	12
12	780	Jon Ely	70	6	13	12	9	12	9	11	11
13	213	Dave Green	81	13	11	13	10	9	12	13	15dns
14	42	Jason Spiller	90	12	14	14	13	11	13	15dnf	13

Number of races held: 8
 Number of throw outs: 1
 Throw outs highlighted in grey

The fourth race of the 2026 SFMYC ODOM season is scheduled for Tuesday June 9, with the eight-race series continuing each 2nd Tuesday of the month through October. Meanwhile, ODOM practice racing will take place on all other Tuesdays weather permitting.



SFMYC 2026 ODOM RACING SERIES



Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	R19	R20	R21	R22	R23	R24
1	705	Dick Hunter	27	2	1	4	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	5	1	4	1	1
2	28	Jim Harrold	78	4	6	3	8	7	5	13	10	1	2	3	4	10	7	5	4	7	1	3	2	7	2	3	2
3	799	Jim Wondolleck	81	8	2	2	3	2	11	6	2	6	9	2	9	7	2	4	7	1	10	2	1	3	10	6	6
4	798	Bob Gallagher	116	13	15	7	4	5	2	8	3	9	4	5	7	5	9	8	3	14	5	11	14	8	5	5	3
5	782	Eric Saxon	118	5	3	5	14	12	6	12	6	3	3	7	10	4	5	2	6	9	8	6	11	4	11	8	7
6	122	Rob Weaver	120	15	9	9	9	6	19dns	1	4	5	8	6	6	6	4	9	9	10	9	7	4	2	3	4	10
7	64	Tom MacDonald	127	14	8	8	13	14	8	7	11	4	5	12	2	2	6	7	5	5	6	5	7	14	7	7	5
8	21	Dave Misunas	142	6	4	10	6	13	7	9	9	10	13	11	12	11	3	3	2	4	2	9	6	13	15dnf	10	8
9	650	Bob Pinotti	152	10	11	11	5	11	10	5	8	7	6	4	3	3	10	6	10	11	4	10	12	10	8	12	12
10	580	Richard Ludt	160	1	12	1	7	1	3	19dnf	19dns	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	2	12	4	3	6	1	2	9	
11	102	Nick Mulford	160	12	14	6	12	10	4	4	12	8	14	13	5	8	12	12	12	8	7	8	8	5	6	9	4
12	42	Jason Spiller	170	3	5	13	2	4	9	3	7	15	7	9	8	9	11	10	8	12	14	14	13	11	13	15dnf	13
13	780	Jon Ely	222	7	13	12	10	9	12	11	13	11	15	16dnf	16dns	16dnf	14	13	14	6	13	12	9	12	9	11	11
14	564	Ed Gilbert	237	18	7	14	16	8	13	10	5	13	10	8	11	12	8	15	13	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc
15	213	Dave Green	250	11	10	15	17	19dnf	19dns	19dns	19dns	12	12	10	14	16dnf	15	11	11	13	11	13	10	9	12	13	15dns
16	99	John Martin	295	17	17	19dnf	11	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	19dns	14	11	14	13	16dnf	13	14	16dnf	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc
17	1	Joe Steiner	304	16	16	19dnf	15	15	14	14	14	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc
18	840	Ron Anderson	314	9	19dnf	19dnf	19dns	19dns	19dns	19dns	19dns	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc

Results thru May 12, 2026
 Number of races held: 24
 Number of throw outs: 4
 Throw outs highlighted in grey

Freesail Squadron Report

By Bernard Price, FSO

Over the past few seasons, June has defined itself as a more casual and therefore more welcoming month for those who might have an interest in trying Freesailing to come out and give it a go- I say “casual” because all but one of our Freesail events this month do not count toward the Season Championship for our various classes. Viewed from the outside, Season Championship! races may appear to be a very serious matter and there may be a feeling that they are best avoided by potential newcomers. I can assure you that you, the newcomer, are always welcome to any of our races- we'll provide a boat and guidance on the basics of Freesailing to get you off to a good start.

Even so, if you prefer not to feel in the way as someone new to the sport (you won't be), I invite you to join us for the M Class Invitational on Saturday, June 6th and the Jeff and Mike Stobbe 36R Invitational on Saturday June 13th. These events were founded for the purpose of introducing Club members and non-members alike to the joy that is Freesailing. Many of our regular Freesailors will be participating as well and hopefully they will also consider bringing a friend!

If you are someone who has seen us at the lake and are curious about how this all works, join us for a day of sailing and start building those fun memories!

We will meet in the Clubhouse at around noon to socialize and prepare scorecards for the day's sailing. Boats go in the water at 1 PM and a typical event lasts until around three or three-thirty depending on wind and the number of participants. A tally of scores and an awards presentation follows in the clubhouse.

Another non-championship event, The Skipper's Cup is a friendly rivalry between X and M and 36R class yachts using handicaps based on years of observation of relative performance between the boats. We use sequential starts- the 36Rs first followed by the M boats 60 seconds later- with X boats being last to start, 30 seconds after the M boats. As this handicap is applied at the start, first to the finish line wins the race. ...And have some of those finishes been close and exciting! Be part of the fun on Saturday, June 20th!

On Sunday, June 28th we will be back to Season Championship series sailing with the X Class vying for the Moyes Cup.

X-Class, Race #2, DICKIE CUP

By Mike Stobbe, text and photos.

After a weather delay on April 11th, the Club's oldest race, the Dickie Cup (since 1904), was run on Sunday, April 26th.



The three boats are off to a good start. Paul Staiger's Mary II (right) won,
Jason's Imp (center) was second, Mike's 'Spearment (left) was last.

Unfortunately, various circumstances limited participation to only three boats: Paul Staiger, Jason Spiller, and Mike Stobbe. The lake was full, and the day was beautiful: mixed sun and clouds, cool, and a nice southwesterly breeze, light to medium and not too shifty.



All three boats line up as Paul Staiger
watches carefully.



The wind wasn't quite strong enough for Paul Staiger's Mary II to take advantage of its long waterline.

To avoid putting one person on the bench each round, we used three-boat starts, and did three full rounds. Conditions were perfect. It was a lot of fun. And everyone managed to avoid piling up onto the construction site.

On each run, two of the three boats had very close finishes; half a boat-length or less. One was a basically a photo-finish. Unfortunately, yours truly, came up short each time, but it kept things exciting. The beats didn't have any instances of such close finishes. In the end, Jason won by a one point margin. Mike came in second, and Paul third.



Eventual winner, Jason Spiller, shows how Freesailing is done to interested visitor from Santa Rosa.

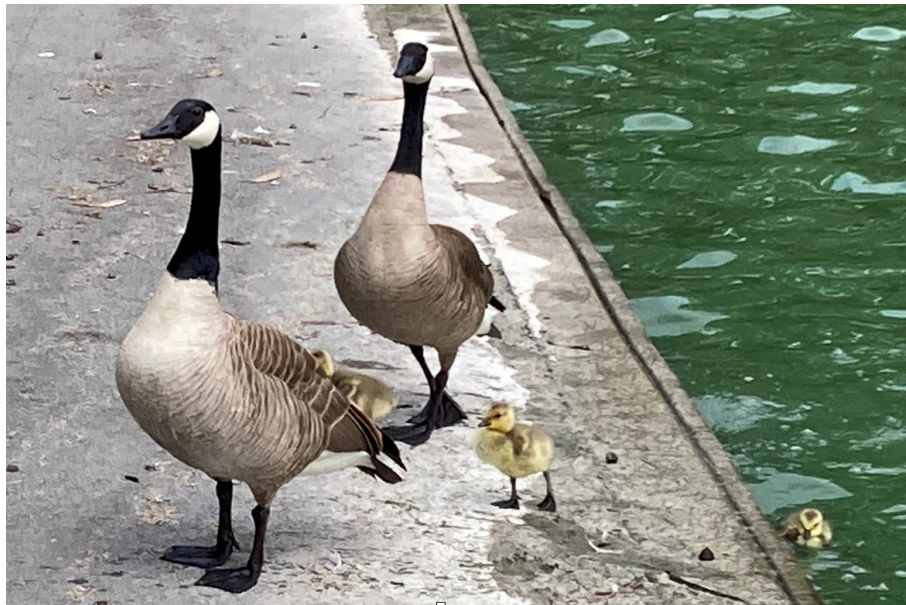
There seemed to be a fair amount of public interest, including a couple from Santa Rosa who stayed for the entire race and a clubhouse visit.

Results:

1st Jason Spiller, X-44, Imp

2nd Mike Stobbe, X-34, 'Spearment

3rd Paul Staiger, X-90, Mary II



Oh no! They're multiplying!

36R, Race #2

By Mike Stobbe, text and photos

The 36R Class held its second race on Saturday, May 16th, with a good turnout of 8 skippers. It turned out to be a sunny yet cool day, and boy was it windy! 36Rs, with their shallow draft, were easily knocked down. The wind wasn't consistently strong, however. It was very gusty and shifty, primarily westerly, but along the north shore it was northerly enough to come out through the trees from Fulton Street, and along the south shore it was southerly enough to lift close-hauled boats into Motorboat Bay. Protected Heartbreak Harbor was back to it's old tricks, with light contrary breezes that often turned boats back, sometimes north and sometimes south.



From nearest: Jason Spiller (36R-55) gets turned back, as Stephen Ma (36R-37)
and Jeff Stobbe (36R-71) escape Heartbreak Harbor.

And here we had thought freesailing on Spreckels had calmed down to a steady, predictable enterprise, not!



Jeff Stobbe walks with Mostly Feral, as Mike Stobbe takes a southerly route.

The finish was very close, however, as Jeff won.



Jim Harvey gets turned back at Heartbreak Harbor. Note how low the water is.

You would think such conditions would scatter the fleet far and wide, but surprisingly there were some very close finishes. Sailing by threes, on the first run, Mike and Stephen were neck and neck, when Mike seemed to snag an underwater branch just feet from the finish.



Stephen Ma, 36R-37, matches Mike Stobbe, 36R-48. Stephen won by inches.

Mary Rose was dismayed with a broken shroud. Jason came up with an imaginative fix: replace the shroud with a stout line wrapped entirely around the hull and tied to the foot of the mast. Kathy Harvey had a minor collision with Colleen of no significance, but upon finishing found that her gybing elastic had been flipped off of her vane. The beat was delayed until Mary Rose and Kathy were ready to go, then an unusual phenomenon was observed: the wind had kicked up a noticeable chop at the east end.

With their short waterlines, 36Rs attempting to beat, were hobby-horsing so violently, that airflow over their sails was totally disrupted. Despite the strong wind, the boats could hardly move! Luckily, the effect was limited to Cardiac Cove, and diminished after the second round.



Left to right: Stephen Ma, Mike Stobbe, and Jim Harvey on the second beat. Mike won, Stephen came in second, and Jim third. The choppy water made beating difficult for such small boats.

Colleen seemed doomed toward the south shore on every board. She covered more ground than anyone else. On the third beat, however, she just managed to avoid Motorboat Bay, barely sneaking into Turtle Cove for a dead heat with Mike, who had hugged the north shore all the way. They agreed to divide the points between them. On the same round, Mike had just had a dead heat with Jason, and also divided the points for the run. What are the odds? Jeff and Kathy also finished a run only inches apart.



Kathy Harvey, beating Kame Kaze. Kathy finished a solid fourth place for the day.

Mary Rose gamely soldiered on, but on the third run, her jury-rigged shroud finally caused a dismasting near the finish line, and she had to take a DNF.

It was altogether a wild and woolly day. In the end, Mike beat Jeff by only 1/2 point, thanks to the point-splitting that had happened. Stephen Ma took third only one point back. The complete results are below.

- 1st Mike Stobbe, 36R-48, Judy
- 2nd Jeff Stobbe, 36R-71, Mostly Feral
- 3rd Stephen Ma, 36R-37, White
- 4th Kathy Harvey, 36R-47, Kame Kaze
- 5th Colleen Stobbe, 36R-31, Grace
- 6th Jason Spiller, 36R-55, Warp Speed
- 7th Jim Harvey, 36R-73, Dash
- 8th Mary Rose Cassa, 36R-28, Manzanita

X Class, Race #2, Tofte Cup

By Bernard Price

Photos by Mike Stobbe

The X Class sailed their second race of the 2026 season on May 9, competing for the Tofte Cup in fair conditions with a solid turnout of 6 skippers.



Heartbreak Harbor up to its old tricks at the start of a run.

The wind was light to moderate with occasional gusts that momentarily accelerated our X boats to speeds these yachts are famous for! One notable thing about the wind is that in some ways, it showed some of its tricks of the past with unlucky boats being turned back to Heartbreak Harbor on the start of the run and others finding puffs from the north and the south which made for some interesting moments on the beats.



Michael Driscoll meets Gold Rush II
for a jibe.



Bernard Price completes a tack
with Stars & Stripes



Jeff Stobbe sends Peaches off on the beat as Paul Steiger eases up to the start.

This may explain why in some cases, boats favored the south shore on finishing the beat- ghosting into Turtle Cove. Rarely do we see a boat sail into Turtle Cove and beach itself on Turtle Island but Imp, sailed by Jason Spiller managed to do this more than once on the same day!



Imp rediscovers Turtle Island!

Scores were closely grouped among our top finishers indicating a competitive yet lighthearted day!

X Class Tofte Cup Results:

1st Mike Stobbe, SF-34, 'Spearmint

2nd Jeff Stobbe, SF-50, Peaches

3rd Jason Spiller, SF-44, Imp

4th Paul Staiger, SF-90, Mary II

5th Mike Driscoll, SF-49, Gold Rush II

6th Bernard Price, SF-76, Stars & Stripes

Bottle Yacht Class Report

2026 Pugh Bottle Class Relay

By Kate M. Ettinger and the Bottle Class

On Sunday, May 3 at the Pugh Bottle Class Relay, the bottle class celebrated the inaugural sail for our newest bottle yachts built this winter.

Bottle boats are homemade model yachts built from recycled bottles, donated sailing supplies, and low cost materials. The relay is named for OG Bottle Class Mentor, SFMYC Senior Member Jerry Pugh, who built freesail and RC bottle yachts using 3D Printed parts. Inspired by Jerry's ingenuity, all of our bottle boat models now include 3D printed parts.



Freesail Bottle Yachts

Photo by Nina Manzo

This winter, 12 families chose to build freesail bottle yachts. Freesail bottle yachts are powered by the wind and designed to self steer. Spreckels Lake was built for freesailing model yachts. Our freesail bottle yachts continue a 128 year tradition on Spreckels Lake!

Initially, freesailors set off from the west shore. However, Heartbreak Harbor lived up to its name, stalling most boats with no wind and only allowing a few boats to make it out.



Heartbreak Harbor

Freesail Relay Race Start

Photo by Nina Manzo

First to cross the finish line and reach the North Shore was the only new square rig bottle yacht built this winter by George, Apollo, and Aslan Yu. Subsequent freesail races started off the North Shore with better downwind sailing.



Freesail race Photo by Nina Manzo

Big thanks to freesail race director Mike Stobbe and sailing coaches Ed Schoenstein, Jim and Kathy Harvey, and Nina Manzo for supporting our newest sailors navigate their first sail!



2026 Relay Advanced RC Race Photo by Melissa Choy

The Advanced RC race is for bottle yachts with 2 servos and no budget restrictions. This year, three families chose to build the "DHBB" model originally designed by SFMYC Senior Member Dick Hunter with modifications by SFMYC Senior Member Bill "Wally" Wahlander and SFMYC Junior Member Trevor Choy.



2026 Relay RC Sailors: Trevor Choy, Tom Ford, Santino Macauley (Tony Marshall's Great-Grandson), Russell Sui, Daniel Crosby. Not pictured: Matin Bashi and Simon Li.

Photo by Melissa Choy

Returning Advanced RC sailors: Danielle Crosby, Russel Sui, and Trevor Choy raced their boats with the newest boats sailed by Tom Ford, Santino Macauley, and Matin Bashi.

Big shout out of thanks to RC race director Jason Spiller and RC sailing coaches: Bob Pinotti, Jerry Pugh, Rob Weaver, Steven Ma, and Wally. A fun day of sailing was had by all- as evidenced by Jerry Pugh's big smile.



Santino with Coach Steven Ma &
Jerry Pugh. Photo by Melissa Choy

Power Squadron Report

By Dennis Hodges, PSO

Power squadron up coming events to put on your calendar and prep your vessel for: **June 21st** which is **Father's Day** so if you get time off for good behavior let's get together from 10AM till 2PM for a casual cruise along the shores of Spreckels lake.

July 12th is to be this years **Tug Fest** for which I've recommissioned the clubs barges into towable condition for the non-competitive event, just a day to celebrate all things related to tug boats. Of course, all boats are in encouraged to attend.

August 23rd from 10AM till 2PM , I'd like to try a **Navigation Challenge** open to all boats in a non competitive day of wandering in and out of a course laid out to be moderately challenging for boats of all sizes. Hoping we can grow this into an annual event with expanded navigation events if it's well received. If any club members would care to assist please contact me with enthusiasm.

I know this is getting a ways out on the calendar but on **September 13th** is **Vintage Boat Day** from 10 till 2 but old boats need some advance warning for maintenance and maybe a sea trial prior to the day. It's a chance for the club to show off some of our beautiful builds lakeside just prior to Model boats on parade and gather some interest in what we do.

Hope to see you transmitter in hand
at any and all events.

And, as usual, donuts till they disappear.

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