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Commodore's Corner

By Colleen Stobbe, Commodore

Here we are starting September and the last two months of our racing season. Hard to believe how quickly the year is going by.

September

Come to the September 12 Membership meeting at 11:00am in the clubhouse, share in the stewardship and camaraderie of the club, and enjoy a great presentation by one of our own! After a bit of club business, our longtime member Ed Schoenstein, native of San Francisco and history buff, will be telling us about the 1915 World's Fair held in San Francisco. Thanks so much, Ed!

In addition to all our regular sailing and power boating in September, there is a special event outside the club schedule—the Sausalito Boat Show on September 25-27. The SFMYC will be represented in fine fashion by Rob Weaver and Ryan Schofield sailing Santa Barbaras on Saturday, September 26, and by Jon Ely and Sam Bryan sailing J boats on Sunday, September 27. Thanks to Rob, Ryan, Jon, and Sam and any other Santa Barbara sailors who decide to join in with the fun!

Subscribe**Past Issues****Translate ▼****Model Boats On Parade, October 11, 10am-2:00pm**

Volunteers are still needed! There are many jobs yet to fill—MC, managing the audio system, being at a table, setup/cleanup, etc. If you haven't already contacted Power Squadron Officer Dennis Hodges about volunteering to help with Model Boats on Parade on October 11, now is the time. Read PSO Hodges' article in this edition for all the details, and write him at dkdesignsf@gmail.com to say that you'll help out. Sharing a bit of your time means a lot and will contribute to making this premier club event a success. Thanks!

Special Thanks

I want to give special thanks to the Squadron Officers and Fleet Captains who organize and support SFMYC model boaters, to our members who reach out to help other members, to our Board members who manage the business of the club along with our members, and to all of you who step up to volunteer to help with an event, to be a docent for an Open House, help out at a meeting, and such. It is because of our collective and diligent volunteer work that we can enjoy fine days in the clubhouse and on Spreckels Lake.

Fair Winds

Calendar of Events for September

- 05 Sat Star 45 Class [Labor Day weekend]
 - 06 Sun [Labor Day weekend]
 - 08 Tues. ODOM Class
 - 12 Sat. Board/General Meeting (At Club)
 - Infinity 54 Class
 - 13 Sun. X Class, Lyons Cup
 - Vintage Boat Day 10:00 - 2:00
 - 16 Wed. Victoria Class
 - 19 Sat. Wheeler Class
 - 20 Sun. 36R class
 - 26 Sat (Open)
 - 27 Sun Santa Barbara Class
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Trolling the Web

By Mary Rose Cassa

Hammering Nails into an Unseen Sailing Ship: [Mr. Taghavi's YouTube site](#)

In this video, a three-meter handmade wooden scale sailing ship model is crafted from solid wood. Every piece of wood was cut, shaped, and fitted by hand. The ship

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Rocking the Boat

Bayview-Hunters Point Youth Launch Handcrafted Wooden Boat in San-Francisco Bay

A group of 16 local students celebrated over a year of hard work as they launched their handcrafted, 16-foot wooden vessel into the water at India Basin Waterfront Park in early August. The vessel will remain at India Basin Waterfront Park as a permanent fixture for the community, offering public rides every other Saturday. See the story [here](#).



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Membership Report

By Mike Stobbe,
Membership Secretary

There were no new members in the past month.

RC Sail Squadron Reports

ODOM Report

By Tom MacDonald

Results of ODOM Race #6 on August 11, as compiled by Bob Gallagher and Dick Hunter.



SAN FRANCISCO MODEL YACHT CLUB 2026 ODOM FLEET



Race Day # 6
8/11/26

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
1	705	Dick Hunter	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	28	Jim Harrold	16	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	4
3	799	Jim Wondolleck	32	8	2	5	3	4	9	4	6
4	122	Rob Weaver	35	4	4	8	5	9	6	3	5
5	21	Dave Misunas	39	5	5	6	4	11	11	6	2
6	782	Eric Saxon	42	3	6	4	16dnf	3	10	5	11
7	650	Bob Pinotti	44	1	9	7	8	5	5	9	13
8	64	Tom MacDonald	51	11	10	11	9	7	4	7	3
9	798	Bob Gallagher	52	6	12	3	7	6	8	10	12
10	102	Nick Mulford	60	14	8	10	11	16dnf	2	8	7
11	580	Richard Ludt	62	10	7	12	6	12	7	12	8
12	213	Dave Green	70	9	11	9	10	8	16dns	14	9
13	780	Jon Ely	81	13	14	13	12	10	12	11	10
14	99	John Martin	103	15	15	14	16dnf	16dnf	16dns	13	14
15	659	Craig Fields	104	12	13	15	16dns	16dns	16dns	16dns	16dns

Number of races held: 8
Number of discards: 1
Discards highlighted in gray

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SFMYC 2026 ODOM RACING SERIES

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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	50	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	799	Jim Wondolleck	149	8	2	2	3	2	11	6	2	6	9	2	9	7	2	4	7	1	10	2	1	3	10	6	6
3	28	Jim Harrold	176	4	6	3	8	7	5	13	10	1	2	3	4	10	7	5	4	7	1	3	2	7	2	3	2
4	122	Rob Weaver	208	15	9	9	9	6	19dns	1	4	5	8	6	6	6	4	9	9	10	9	7	4	2	3	4	10
5	798	Bob Gallagher	220	13	15	7	4	5	2	8	3	9	4	5	7	5	9	8	3	14	5	11	14	8	5	5	3
6	21	Dave Misunas	238	6	4	10	6	13	7	9	9	10	13	11	12	11	3	3	2	4	2	9	6	13	15dnf	10	8
7	580	Richard Ludt	270	1	12	1	7	1	3	19dnf	19dns	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	2	12	4	3	6	1	2	9
8	782	Eric Saxon	271	5	3	5	14	12	6	12	6	3	3	7	10	4	5	2	6	9	8	6	11	4	11	8	7
9	64	Tom MacDonald	296	14	8	8	13	14	8	7	11	4	5	12	2	2	6	7	5	5	6	5	7	14	7	7	5
10	102	Nick Mulford	317	12	14	6	12	10	4	4	12	8	14	13	5	8	12	12	12	8	7	8	5	6	9	4	
11	650	Bob Pinotti	360	10	11	11	5	11	10	5	8	7	6	4	3	3	10	6	10	11	4	10	12	10	8	12	12
12	213	Dave Green	412	11	10	15	17	19dnf	19dns	19dns	19dns	12	12	10	14	16dnf	15	11	11	13	11	13	10	9	12	13	15dns
13	564	Ed Gilbert	419	18	7	14	16	8	13	10	5	13	10	8	11	12	8	15	13	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc
14	780	Jon Ely	437	7	13	12	10	9	12	11	13	11	15	16dnf	16dnc	16dnf	14	13	14	6	13	12	9	12	9	11	11
15	42	Jason Spiller	460	3	5	13	2	4	9	3	7	15	7	9	8	9	11	10	8	12	14	14	13	11	13	15dnf	13
16	99	John Martin	544	17	17	19dnf	11	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	14	11	14	13	16dnf	13	14	16dnf	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc
17	1	Joe Steiner	583	16	16	19dnf	15	15	14	14	14	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc
18	840	Ron Anderson	593	9	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	19dnf	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc
19	659	Craig Fields	600	19dnc	19dnc	19dnc	19dnc	19dnc	19dnc	19dnc	19dnc	19dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc	15dnc

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R25	R26	R27	R28	R29	R30	R31	R32	R33	R34	R35	R36	R37	R38	R39	R40	R41	R42	R43	R44	R45	R46	R47	R48
1	705	Dick Hunter	50	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	7	1	2	8	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	799	Jim Wondolleck	149	7	2	7	10	2	3	5	3	3	2	4	1	2	3	7	2	8	2	5	3	4	9	4	6
3	28	Jim Harrold	176	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	5	6	2	5	10	5	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2
4	122	Rob Weaver	208	6	1	3	11	4	6	10	10	2	4	5	4	3	4	2	9	4	4	8	5	9	6	3	5
5	798	Bob Gallagher	220	3	8	9	2	10	2	1	4	7	3	3	6	4	7	6	12	6	12	3	7	6	8	10	12
6	21	Dave Misunas	238	10	6	2	4	6	4	8	5	6	5	9	3	6	1	11	5	5	5	6	4	11	11	6	2
7	580	Richard Ludt	270	2	4	10	6	3	9	6	2	10	9	10	2	7	6	10	4	10	7	12	6	12	7	12	8
8	782	Eric Saxon	271	9	9	4	3	7	5	2	7	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	3	6	4	16dnf	3	10	5	11	
9	64	Tom MacDonald	296	8	11	12	9	8	11	7	9	12	11	13	11	11	9	4	10	11	10	11	9	7	4	7	3
10	102	Nick Mulford	317	11	7	8	7	5	7	9	8	13	7	6	10	12	8	12	6	14	8	10	11	16dnf	2	8	7
11	650	Bob Pinotti	360	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	1	9	7	8	5	5	9	13
12	213	Dave Green	412	4	10	6	5	11	10	13dnf	13dnc	11	8	7	8	9	12	5	8	9	11	9	10	8	16dns	14	9
13	564	Ed Gilbert	419	5	5	5	8	9	8	4	6	4	13	11	13	5	10	3	11	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc
14	780	Jon Ely	437	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	9	10	8	9	8	11	9	7	13	14	13	12	10	12	11	10
15	42	Jason Spiller	460	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc
16	99	John Martin	544	12	12	11	12	12	12	11	13dns	14	12	12	14	13	13	13	13	15	15	14	16dnf	16dnf	16dns	13	14
17	1	Joe Steiner	583	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	15	14	14	12	14	14	14	14	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc
18	840	Ron Anderson	593	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	8	16dnf	16dnf	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc
19	659	Craig Fields	600	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	13dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	16dnc	12	13	15	16dns	16dns	16dns	16dns	16dns

Results through: 08/11/26
 Number of races held: 48
 Number of discards: 8

NEWS FROM THE SANTA BARBARA FLEET

By Rob Weaver, Fleet Captain

August 2026

Guiding the 70 inch long Santa Barbara around the buoys is always a challenge, but the wind made it extra hard in August. It seemed that the wind pressure cycled from 10 mph to 2 mph every 30 – 40 seconds. The fluctuations paid huge dividends a few times when the first boat around the windward mark was able to carry the high wind all the way to the second mark while the rest of the fleet came to a dead stop at the mark. This led to huge wins by Jim Harrold and Rob Weaver a couple of times. They did nothing spectacular but had their boats in the high pressure cycle at the right time. In other races, the direction of the wind moved from right to left at the leeward marks allowing one boat to carry a port tack all the way up the course while the next boat was immediately driven to the north shore.

Although Rob won the day on the scoreboard with fifteen points, the real winner overall was Jim Harrold. Jim switched between sailing Jim Forbes' boat on one race and Ron Ulrich's on the next. Had he been sailing on his own boat he would have ended the day with four first places and three second places for a total score of only ten points. So, you can go to Jim not only to sell you a boat, make your new sails, repair your boat, but also sail your boat to certain victory.

In addition to good showings by Rob and Jim, John Ely notched his first Santa

Barbara victory and Ryan Schofield kept his record of winning at least one race in each series this year intact.

The next Santa Barbara race is on September 27. But there is another opportunity to sail next month. The San Francisco fleet is invited to participate in the Sausalito Boat Show on September 26th, when the Santa Barbara will be showcased in a series of races. Each boat will represent a sponsor or promoter of the event and race around the buoys. It should be fun and will certainly promote RC sailing and SFMYC. See Rob Weaver or John Ely for more information.



SFMYC 2026 SANTA BARBARA 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
1	123	Rob Weaver	33	1	3	1	4	1	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	2	4	3	2
2	1604	Ryan Schofield	39	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	1	4	1	3	3	2	3	4	4	3	1	7dnf	7dns
3	922	Jon Ely	59	5	5	6	3	5	5	5	2	3	3	6	1	4	4	6	2	6	2	1	3
4	1132	Jim Forbes	62	4	1	5	1	6	2	6	5	5	7	10dnf	10dns	6	2	5	1	4	3	5	1
5	1041	Steve Ma	87	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	4	6	8	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	4
6	828	Elliot Aldrich	95	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	3	4	1	4	1	5	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc
7	1070	Rob Yohai	96	3	6	2	5	3	4	8	7	7	6	5	6	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc
8	627	Ron Ulrich	101	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	10dns	10dns	10dns	10dns	10dns	10dns	1	6	2	6	1	6	2	5
9	759	Jason Spiller	116	6	4	4	6	4	6	10dnc	10dnc	10dnc	10dnc	10dnc	10dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc
10	373	Bob Heacock	119	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7	8	6	8	10dns	10dns	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc	7dnc

Results thru August 24, 2026
Number of races held: 20
Number of throw outs: 3
Throw outs highlighted in grey

Victoria Report

By David Green, Fleet Captain

Photos by Michael Fischer

The Victoria fleet continues to sail on Wednesdays starting at 12 noon. We have 3 working club boats to loan out to guest sailors and club members looking for a fun low intensity Wednesday sail with our group.

Contact Fleet Captain David Green if you are interested in sailing a club boat with us. You can arrange to meet at the clubhouse on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month between 11 and 11:20am. Phone 415-297-8369 and leave a message if I don't answer.

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Dick Hunter (77) Jon Ely (189) Michael Fischer (59) and Mac Lowry (50)
sailing in June

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through October, the Victoria fleet holds 6 races that count towards our 2026 racing series season regatta. Last Wednesday Jon Ely, Jim Harrold, Mike Kelley, Mac Lowry, and I sailed the 6th counter race day. Most races started between 1 and 2, then 4p, either a gate or port port around 5 and 6, and finish either between 3 and 4 or the new red marks placed closer to the north shore. Mike Kelly observed that finishing between 3 and 4 is less flukey than the new orange marks closer to the north shore. The orange mark finish can be super frustrating to a lead boat bouncing in a lull while the rest of the fleet passes by in a south west puff.

New to our fleet, Jim Harrold is dominating the series due to his great boat setup and sailing skills. However, congratulations to Jon Ely who managed to win 3 races to Jim's 2 races in the August event.

Thanks to Dick Hunter and Michael Fischer for running our races, for Dick's quick race results, and for Michael's attached pictures.

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Politely beating to buoy 4 on August 19 counter



Club treasurer Jon Ely and Vic sailor Mike Kelly dancing at water's edge.
No life preserver trophy so far.

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The Star 45 Fleet held its fourth race day on August 16th. When the day started, Bob Gallagher held a narrow lead for the season standings, but was followed closely by Dave Misunas and Jim Harrold. Nothing much changed in the overall standings other than the slow erosion of Bob's lead. By the end of the day only four points separated first from third place. It is likely that there will be some movement in these standings after the next race when Jim has the opportunity to drop another big DNC score. Still, don't count Bob out just yet – and Dave could sneak in ahead of everyone while Bob and Jim are fighting one another.

A similar story is playing out for fourth place in the peloton. Rob Weaver, Jim Forbes and Bob Pinotti are all within striking distance from one another. Although Rob currently holds the fourth position, he is having a difficult time holding off both Jim and Bob. There could be a change after the next race. Plus, Bob has recently been making advances in the ODOM class that suggest that he will be moving up in the Star 45 class and soon be challenging the leaders.

We had eight sailors compete in the last race, but we have a lot more Stars at the club. If you missed the August racing, dust off your boat and come out for the next race on September 5. Eleven boats have competed at one time or another this year, so there is no good reason we can't get participation into the double digits. Come on out and sail around the lake!



SFMYC 2026 STAR 45 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	10	Bob Gallagher	80	2	5	3	4	6	2	2	7	1	1	4	4	3	2	6	4	3	2	1	3	6	6	3	4
2	21	Dave Misunas	83	5	6	4	6	5	4	4	3	3	6	1	2	4	3	7	6	1	9dnf	2	7	2	3	4	2
3	527	Jim Harrold	84	1	4	5	1	2	3	1	2	2	4	2	1	1	4	3	3	9dns	9dns	9dns	9dns	9dns	9dns	9dns	9dns
4	101	Rob Weaver	110	4	7	2	5	3	5	5	6	5	5	9	5	6	6	2	7	4	3	5	1	4	2	1	5
5	555	Jim Forbes	121	7	2	6	7	7	7	7	4	9	8	5	7	8	8	9	2	6	1	6	2	1	4	5	1
6	940	Bob Pinotti	133	6	3	7	3	4	6	6	5	6	7	8	8	7	9	5	9	7	4	3	4	3	5	2	3
7	56	Rich Ludt	148	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	7	2	6	6	2	5	8	1	2	5	4	5	5	1	6	6
8	961	Charles Witche	190	3	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	11dnc	11dnc	11dnc	11dnc	11dnc	11dnc	11dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc
9	810	Ryan Schofield	199	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	4	3	3	3	5	1	1	8	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc
10	777	Jon Ely	209	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	8	9	7	9	10	7	4	5	5	6	7	6	7	7	7	7
11	974	Cameron Wilder	225	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc

Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R25	R26	R27	R28	R29	R30	R31	R32
1	10	Bob Gallagher	80	7	4	6	1	1	6	1	2
2	21	Dave Misunas	83	2	1	1	3	6	1	2	3
3	527	Jim Harrold	84	1	3	3	2	2	2	4	1
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7	56	Rich Ludt	148	6	2	2	4	9dnf	9dns	9dns	9dns
8	961	Charles Witche	190	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc
9	810	Ryan Schofield	199	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc
10	777	Jon Ely	209	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc	9dnc
11	974	Cameron Wilder	225	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7

Results thru August 17, 2026

Number of races held: 32

Number of throw outs: 5

Throw outs highlighted in grey

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Freesail Squadron Report

By Bernard Price, FSO

“This is your Braine on boats...”

Recently we’ve seen several Freesail yachts on the lake that have not sailed in a while, X-77 “Bellatrix”, M-1 “Georgianna” (both Club boats) and M-57 “Sea Gal” (Tony Garbarino). All are beautiful boats that share something in common - Braine gear used for guidance, instead of the more usual vane gear seen at our events, and skippers who are new to Freesailing.

Braine gear pre-dates vane gear in Freesailing and is often considered more of a challenge (mystery?) to sail, relying on balance of pressure provided by main and jib sheets to maintain a course on the run and good sail trim on the beat to do the same where vane boats rely more directly on apparent wind angles as sensed by the vane that act directly on the rudder for guidance. The vane is perhaps more intuitive to sail. Braine boats also have a reputation for being less responsive to changes in wind direction than their vane counterparts – this may be a hidden advantage on our lake.

Elias Lignos, Jon Ely and Tony Garbarino all put on a great show demonstrating what Braine gear is capable of. What a thrill to see these boats sailing clean runs and tacking decisively to weather on the beats!

New Freesailors and “new” ways of sailing and things to learn with Braine gear - now is a great time to come out and Freesail!

During September we’ll enjoy two races. On Sunday September 13th, the X Class will sail for the Lyons Cup and the 36R fleet will sail their Race 5 on Sunday the 20th. All of you reading this are welcomed to join. Boats can be made available for your use for the day. We meet in the Clubhouse around noon to get things ready and we set sail on the lake at 1 PM.

M Class Race #5

By Bernard Price

Photos by Mike Stobbe

Race 5 of the M Boat season saw what may be an M boat record turnout of nine skippers sailing in nearly perfect Spreckels Lake conditions on Saturday, August 22nd! Several of our skippers in this race are relative newcomers to Freesailing, Jon Ely sailing club boat, “Georgianna”, Kate Ettinger sailing her M Boat, “Shadow”, Tony Garbarino sailing his George Ferarri-built, “Sea Gal”, and Steve Mullarkey sailing “42”. All had a great time and I am happy to have them joining us!

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"Heartbreak Harbor Strikes Again!"

Georgianna and Sea Gal are both “Braine boats” meaning they don’t use the more typical “vane” type steering gear for guidance. Instead, they use sheets connected to a rudder quadrant for steering on the runs while upwind, relying on good boat balance to sail a course with “Liverpool boys” instigating tacks from starboard to port as they make their way up the lake on a beat. We don’t often see Braine boats sailing these days, vanes being a favored system. Jon and Tony handled their boats with their mysterious Braine gear very capably with the advice of Jim Harvey. Braine boats may see a resurgence of interest in our fleets - I look forward to this!

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"Steve Mullarkey and the answer to the ultimate question of life,
the universe, and everything[...]42"

Earlier, it was mentioned that we had nearly perfect conditions for the day - we have to keep in mind what “perfect” means in the context of our lake! Yes, we had sun and we had wind and it was mostly steady from the west, and southwest down the lake but Heartbreak Harbor, where we start our runs, was full of its old tricks, with boats headed in most directions at the start, often at each other until they got 100 feet or so to the east where they generally settled in on predictable runs.

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"Tony Garbarino and Sea Gal on the beat"

The racing was close in terms of scores for the day with a tie between second and third places and only one point separating 4th and 5th. Mike Stobbe, sailing Pocahontas, however sailed to a dominate 1st place with a 7 point lead. Just before the start of the final round Kate Ettinger's Shadow suffered vane failure. Facing retirement or sailing as if a Braine boat, she chose the latter, earning 4 points in Round 4 and second place overall!

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"Stephen Ma and Dart start a beat with Jim Harvey and Steve Mullarkey following"



Kate Ettinger watches Shadow in the distance as Colleen Stobbe completes a tack with Aloha, Jim Harvey and Florence will eventually pass Aloha on this round.

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- M Class Results:
1st Mike Stobbe, SF-50, Pocahontas
2nd Kate Ettinger, SF-41, Shadow
3rd Steve Mullarkey, SF-60, 42
4th Colleen Stobbe, SF-53, Aloha
5th Tony Garbarino, SF-57, Sea Gal
6th Jeff Stobbe, SF-55, Useless
7th Jim Harvey, SF-39, Florence
8th Jon Ely, SF-1, Georgianna
9th Stephen Ma, SF-43, Dart

36R-CLASS, RACE 4

By Mike Stobbe, Fleet Captain

The 36R fleet held its season race 4 on Saturday, August first, with six boats turning out. The skippers included Jon Ely, a newcomer to freesailing, having earlier tried out an M boat. It was an absolutely gorgeous day, with light to strong westerlies and southwesterlies, sunny yet cool at 68 degrees. The park was humming with visitors.



Jon Ely starts his beat against Jeff Stobbe.
This being the last round, Jon secured his third-place finish by beating Jeff.

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Mostly Feral, and Jeff #67, *Yard Sail*. Mike Stobbe, Stephen Ma, and Mary Rose Cassa were all sailing their tried and true regulars. We started by threes on the first round, thereafter by pairs.



Jeff redirects *Yard Sail* to get out of Heartbreak Harbor.

He's thinking of changing the name to *Yard Sale*: any reasonable offer accepted.

One couldn't have asked for a better day to sail. Jon failed to tack on his first beat, and crashed on the Skeleton Coast. He started to walk over there, but was cautioned not to: you've got to learn these things when freesailing. After the expected bounce-tack, his boat went on to win against Mike and Stephen.

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It was a beautiful day to be on Spreckels.
Here, Jon Ely, #64, having completed his bounce-tack,
goes on to beat Mike, #48, and Stephen, #37.

Jeff struggled with *Yard Sail* all day. The boat appeared to be simply bog slow. Mary Rose sailed well, but was unlucky. On the second run, she tangled with Mike, and the boats were locked up for quite a while. They did eventually separate and she lost the run by inches. On the final beat, she had a very close race with Stephen, but again lost by inches. Tough luck!

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Mary Rose Cassa, showing perfect form, just had bad luck,
losing two races by inches

First, second, and third proved to very close: only one point apart, with Jon Ely scoring his first brass, behind Mike and Colleen. He had a perfect score on the beats, but hadn't yet mastered the runs, losing all of them. The full results were:

- 1st Mike Stobbe, 36R-48, *Judy*
- 2nd Colleen Stobbe, 36R-71, *Mostly Feral*
- 3rd Jon Ely, 36R-13 (wearing number 64)
- 4th Stephen Ma, 36R-37, *White*
- 5th Mary Rose Cassa, 36R-28, *Manzanita*
- 6th Jeff Stobbe, 36R-67, *Yard Sail*

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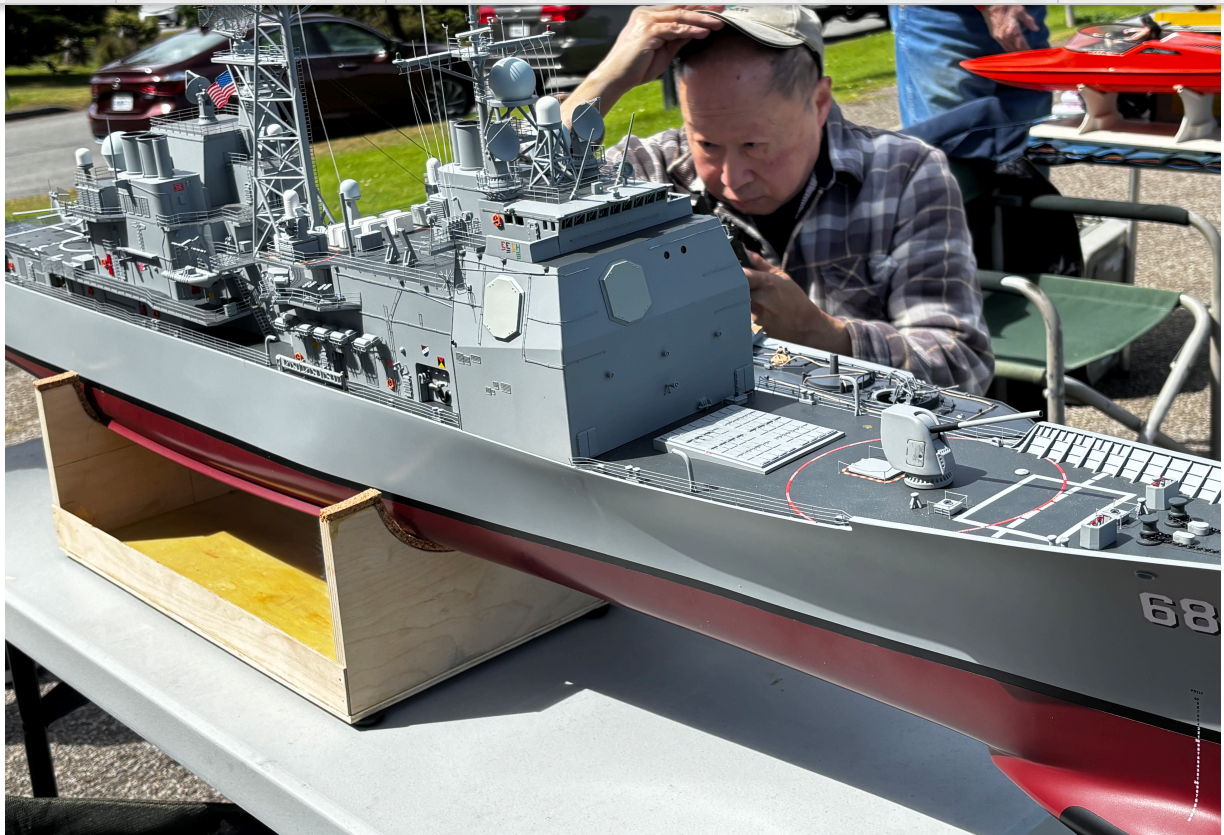
Stephen Ma starts his beat ahead of Colleen.
Colleen overtook him, as *Mostly Feral* is proving to be a very good boat.

Power Squadron Report

By Dennis Hodges, PSO

Ahoy Power Squadron, many thanks to those of you that turned out for a very nice August day on the lake. The water was calm, and the wind light which made navigation of buoys that much easier for all that tried the course.



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September's event on the 13th is Vintage Boat Day, so reinvigorate that old build and bring it out for a day on the lake. Charge the batteries, plug the leaks, find that old radio. Let's see what you have on that upper shelf that hasn't seen the water in a while. Start is at 10am and goes till 2pm. Donuts are first come first eaten however.

Model Boats on Parade is looming, and we still have a few essential areas that need your help. This is an inclusive club event at needs all of us to pull off. The areas in need as of this writing are:

- Master of Ceremonies, someone who can talk about the models as they come through the parade route.
- A volunteer to run the audio system which entails playing a playlist while the MC is off air.
- A boat wrangler that can organize the next group of boats queuing up for the parade route.
- Many thanks to all who have reached out for early set up and breakdown duties, but there's always room for more.

We have a few clubs that have signed up for reserved tables. If you have any clubs that you can think of that might enjoy a day of model boating, please get in touch with me at dkdesignsf@gmail.com with your suggestions. The untold number of

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For club members that wish to display their boats, I hope there are many of you. Please arrive on October 11 prior to 9am with your own tables. Placement is on a first come, first served basis in the SFMYC club members area which you will be direct to, and seeing how you're already at the lake, please lend a hand after setting up.

I'll be sending a club wide email prior to Model Boats on Parade on October 11 with more information as things firm up showing the areas of set up and registration information which will be \$20 for club members. I'm sure there's a million more things to attend to, but before I lose your attention, please patch in where ever you see a need, all suggestions appreciated.

Until Next Port

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