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Port of Oakland Decries “Business as Usual”

BY PATRICK BURNSON

West Coast port authorities may be overstating the obvious when they decry “business as usual,” but it’s refreshing to see them finally coming around. Speaking to shippers at the Waterfront Coalition meeting last month, Port of Oakland Executive Director Chris Lytle said “the old methods” of dockside operations must be abandoned.

“We can’t go back to the way it was; that’s not acceptable,” Lytle told an audience that included Federal Maritime Commission Chairman Mario Cordero. “We have to do a better job for our customers if we want to hold onto our market share.”

Lytle joined other West Coast port executives in addressing the aftermath of nine months of labor-management disputes on the waterfront. The longshore contract impasse ended February 20 with a tentative settlement of a new contract for ports from Seattle to San Diego.

Ports now are digging out from a cargo backlog that has hampered retailers and other shippers in the United States. Lytle called for a number of improvements to reshape his industry as recovery from the labor dispute gets

underway. They include:

- Reduced transaction times for harbor truck drivers, who can spend more than two hours inside marine terminals picking up cargo;
- Better measurement of terminal operating performance; and
- A new labor-management relationship.

“We need a new mindset for negotiating,” Lytle said. “What we just went through was the worst experience in my professional career. I don’t want to go through that again.”

Collaborative Effort

Lytle said there is an opportunity for ports to play a greater role in labor relations by working with labor and management for greater collaboration.

The Port of Oakland does not hire longshore labor. That is the role of terminal operators and shipping lines in the Pacific Maritime Association. Nevertheless, Lytle said the port will meet with local labor officials and encourage them to take part in talks with shippers who rely on the Port of Oakland to move their cargo. “Better understanding of shipper needs can lead to better outcomes in future bargaining,” he said.

Lytle said the port will work with terminal operators to develop uniform methods of collecting and distributing performance data. Shippers and the truck drivers they hire have



Photo by Joel Williams

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asked for the information needed to streamline the pickup and delivery of containerized cargo.

“The port will also work with leasing companies to improve the availability of truck chassis,” Lytle said. These are the trailers used to haul cargo containers over the road, and chassis have been in short supply at all West Coast ports during the recent cargo build-up. Lytle indicated that the port will work toward a common pool of the trailers to prevent shortages from recurring.

Fewer Injuries

On a brighter note, the Port of Oakland recently applauded labor and management on the U.S. West Coast waterfront for a record-low injury rate among dockworkers. According to an annual Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) safety report, there were 108 lost-time injury incidents at West Coast seaports in 2014. That’s down nearly 50 percent from a 2002 high of 202 incidents. There were no fatalities in 2014.

“We thank all of our maritime partners for maintaining the highest standards of safety along the Oakland waterfront and at ports up and down the West Coast,” said Port of Oakland Maritime Director John Driscoll. “We are very excited to see this significant drop in injury incidents.”

As a landlord, the Port of Oakland leases its facilities to marine terminal operators. These terminal operators, along with other PMA member companies, submit data to the PMA Accident Prevention Department. The Accident Prevention Department maintains data submitted for compliance with federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations.

“We are experiencing record-low lost-time injuries on U.S. West Coast terminals during a time when ships are getting bigger and more cargo is coming onto the terminals in a shorter period of time,” said PMA Accident Prevention and Security Director Gerald Swanson. “That’s something we can all be proud of.”

Two marine terminals at the Port of Oakland received special certificates from the PMA Accident Prevention Committee for reducing injury rates in 2014: Ports America Outer Harbor Terminal and Oakland International Container Terminal (OICT).

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Long-Awaited Ferry Service to Richmond One Step Closer to Reality

BY BC STAFF

At a board meeting last month, the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) Board of Directors approved an agreement with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and the City of Richmond to provide operating subsidies for the proposed Richmond ferry service.

“The vote today represents a significant milestone in bringing ferry service to Richmond,” said WETA Executive Director Nina Rannels. “This agreement, which was developed in partnership with the City of Richmond

and CCTA, will allow us to move forward to secure capital funds, complete final design of the terminal and begin construction of the service vessels.”

The agreement will serve as the basis of future planning efforts among the involved agencies to support and plan for Richmond ferry service. Approval of the cooperative agreement with CCTA provides an operational subsidy for the Richmond Ferry service for a minimum service period of 10 years. It is estimated that a total of \$37.1 million in Measure J funds will be needed to support the Richmond Ferry service during this period.

WETA will now begin the process of securing funding for the purchase of two catamaran ferry vessels and construction

of a Richmond ferry terminal, at a cost of approximately \$40-45 million. Service is now slated to begin in 2018, and WETA will build the Richmond ferry terminal at Ford Peninsula in Richmond. Richmond was selected for ferry service among other East Bay cities based on ridership projections and operating costs.

The initial planned level of service will offer three trips to San Francisco in the morning peak period (6 a.m. – 9 a.m.), along with two reverse commute trips back to Richmond. In the evening peak period (3 p.m. – 7 p.m.), there will be four trips from San Francisco to Richmond, with three reverse commute trips back to San Francisco.

“Richmond and CCTA have been

working with WETA to implement sustainable ferry service since the Loma Prieta earthquake,” said Richmond Mayor and CCTA Board Member Tom Butt, who has made bringing ferry service to Richmond a priority issue. “The opening of the UC Global Campus in Richmond, the vibrant population growth in the West County and the continuing congestion on I-80 make clear that increased ferry service is an important part of our transit mix. Thanks to our partners, we now have funding, an approved terminal plan and an operating plan. As soon as WETA can procure two boats and build the terminal facilities, we are off and boating!”

WETA Issues Statement in Response to Sinbad’s Restaurant

BY BC STAFF

The lease holder from Sinbad’s Pier 2 Restaurant recently stated publicly that a representative from the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) informed the restaurant management that it could stay at its present location at Pier Two past the end of its lease with the Port of San Francisco. However, WETA, which operates the San Francisco Bay Ferry fleet, subsequently issued a statement clarifying that it is simply a tenant of the Port of San Francisco and has no authority to make any commitment on behalf of its landlord.

“WETA does not have a relationship with Sinbad’s Pier 2 Restaurant, other than the fact that both WETA and Sinbad’s are tenants of the Port of San

Francisco,” said WETA Executive Director Nina Rannels.

WETA noted that it is working in close partnership with the Port of SF and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) to expand ferry terminal facilities at the Ferry Building. The port has contractual agreements with BCDC to remove landside development on Pier 2 for improvements under the Special Area Plan for the Ferry Building area.

“WETA supports the port’s efforts to comply with the BCDC requirement that Pier 2 landside development be removed, thereby improving public views of the Bay and allowing needed expansion of the Ferry Building ferry docks,” Rannels said. “Expansion of those facilities is a pre-condition to expanding ferry service on the Bay and providing ferry services in the event of a regional emergency.”



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Rene Alvarado

BY MATT LARSON

If you've ridden Golden Gate Ferry within the past 25 years, you may very well recognize Rene Alvarado, a terminal assistant who works primarily at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. "What I enjoy the most, besides working with my co-workers, is our customers," he said. That's what's kept him at the job for so long—his love for the people he gets to be around every day, quite possibly including you!

Working on the water actually runs in the family. Alvarado's mother, Elva Alicia Blake, was a deckhand for Golden Gate Ferry for 16 years and just retired about a month ago. "I was very thankful to share all those years with her, working and commuting together," said Alvarado. "At one time we used to commute together every day."

In addition to his mother's experience, his father is the one who actually got him started in the business. "My dad has been a seaman for 55-plus years," Alvarado said. "When I was a young man, I remember him hustling tugs, barges and ferries, and going out to sea. When it came my opportunity to start working I asked my dad if I could do the same."

Alvarado began working as a seaman

with the Sailors' Union of the Pacific right out of high school, transporting crude oil for Chevron along the West Coast, Hawaii, Alaska and Texas. He later worked for the Inlandboatmen's Union, going through the ranks. "Most of the work in the Bay—deckhand, able-bodied seaman—I have done it."

Alvarado is happy to have been at this post all these years. "I don't have to ship out and not see my family for months or weeks, and I still can be next to the water," he said. Raised in Daly City but living in San Pablo, he would take the ferry to work himself, but the terminal assistants need to get there before the ferry even starts running. "To open the terminal and make sure all the safety measures are in proper order," he said, "I have to be there before everybody else."

Some of his fondest memories of the job are during San Francisco's special events, like the Giants' World Series games or the Pride Parade. "It's so much fun seeing people get into the excitement of the moment," Alvarado said. "It's nice to see folks having that positive energy. That's something I always look forward to at the job—seeing different things and different folks from different parts of the world."

And he enjoys helping to bridge the language gap for the tourists when he can. "My second language is Spanish so that makes it easy for me to understand



For Golden Gate Ferry Terminal Assistant Rene Alvarado, working on the water runs in the family. His father has been a seaman for 55-plus years and his mother worked as a Golden Gate Ferry deckhand for 16 years.

Portuguese, Italian, even French, anything that's got Latin in it," he said. "And the passion and love that you have for your job enables you to break those language barriers. Even if I don't understand someone's language, I can understand their body language by the way they try to communicate."

When he's not at the terminal, he's often still at work, as he's also a DJ on the weekends for weddings, birthday parties and all sorts of events. He's still himself though, going simply by the name "DJ Rene Alvarado." "A lot of people say 'Don't you have a DJ name?' but I always try to keep it real," he said.

"And DJ Rene has always been as real as it can get."

Alvarado sees the ferry as the most luxurious way to travel in the San Francisco Bay Area, and if you can make it work with your schedule, he recommends that you do so. "Some people don't have that advantage to relax, to unwind, instead of being in a car panicking with all the traffic," he said. "You can do your work, have a drink, it's a win-win. And it's a win for the environment as we take so many cars off the road," he said. "It's the best way to travel; this is like first class in the Bay when it comes to commuting."



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Countdown to Extinction

BY MALLORY JOHNSON

The San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary supports a diverse array of native aquatic plant and animal species, including Chinook salmon, sturgeon, smelt, steelhead and other native fishes that depend on freshwater flow from our rivers into the estuary. However, 150 years of altering the estuary by reducing natural flows and destroying wetland and floodplain habitats have devastated these species. The recent drought has only made a bad situation worse.

Results from the latest fish population survey, posted last month

by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, confirmed that Delta smelt are closer to extinction than ever before. Once among the most abundant resident fish in the estuary, Delta smelt are now at an all-time low. The rapid loss of this species—found nowhere else in the world—is an indication of the failing health of the entire Bay-Delta estuary.

Last month, the Bay Institute launched Countdown to Extinction, a campaign to draw attention to the increasing likelihood that we could lose a number of fish species native to the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary in 2015. Countdown to Extinction calls out the March through May timeframe as an ecologically critical period for many species that rely on adequate



Photo by Joel Williams

The Delta smelt is a fish found nowhere else in the world. Protections for the smelt benefit other fish and wildlife species, including Chinook salmon and steelhead.

spring freshwater flows from Central Valley rivers and the estuary to survive and flourish.

Why is the Countdown to Extinction important?

The State of California is required under federal and state law to set and enforce water quality standards for the Bay-Delta estuary. Those standards are specifically designed to share water appropriately between environmental and human use in wet and dry years. However, due to the extreme drought, the state has suspended the requirement for water flows to the Bay during the month of March—flows that are critical for native fish species to survive.

One reason for this is to keep enough cold water in storage to protect salmon habitat in the Sacramento River. However, this was also the reason given for suspending Bay inflows last year, which nevertheless resulted in the loss of 95 percent of the 2014 class of the endangered winter-run Chinook salmon, as well as record or near-record population lows for Delta smelt, longfin and flounder. Suspending the rules when many of our native fish are listed as endangered is likely to lead to extinction for one or more of our native species and cause permanent changes to the Bay ecosystem.

We are now facing the possibility

that the state will suspend requirements for Bay inflow in April and May as well. But it's not too late to reverse this course.

The state can still enforce the existing requirements and provide the necessary flows through the spring months. This is the best—and only—option available in 2015 to preserve and protect the Delta smelt and other estuarine species that depend on adequate freshwater flows. The Countdown to Extinction campaign hopes that public awareness and action will motivate decision-makers to enforce the protections and restore the water flows so critical for the survival of these fish species.

For more information and regular campaign updates, follow the Bay Institute's Countdown to Extinction on www.thebayinstitute.org.

Mallory Johnson is the Public Relations Coordinator for Aquarium of the Bay, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting, restoring and inspiring the conservation of San Francisco Bay and its watershed.



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- More than 75,000 cyclists stopped at an energizer station on Bike to Work Day with thousands more participating in the event;
- Almost 1,400 teams — over 9,600 riders — participated in the Team and Company Bike Challenge, collectively riding almost 560,000 miles over the course of one month;
- Over 1,900 volunteers helped make Bike to Work Day a success; and
- Almost 400 energizer stations across the nine counties supported the riders with snacks, information and much more.

Believe it or not, the majority of automobile trips each day are less than two miles long — barely worth the time and fuel it takes to pull into traffic. Given

the ever increasing congestion in the Bay Area, bicycling is an easy, efficient and healthy way to get to work, run errands and much more.

Held during National Bike Month each May, Bike to Work Day is one of the region's premier bicycling events.



Presented by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), 511 and Kaiser Permanente, Bike to Work Day encourages Bay Area residents to try commuting on two wheels for the first time and celebrates those who bike to work regularly.

Bike Commuter of the Year Awards

Each year, one bike commuter from each of the nine Bay Area counties is selected in recognition of his or her dedication to riding a bicycle for everyday transportation. Now in its seventh year, the Bike Commuter of the Year Award recipients are a diverse group — young, senior, rural, suburban and urban commuters who inspire bicycling in their community through their commitment and actions. To submit a nomination, individuals must first register at youcanbikethere.com/user/register; nominations will be received at youcanbikethere.com/bcoy until April 20.



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Captain America makes an appearance at last year's event.

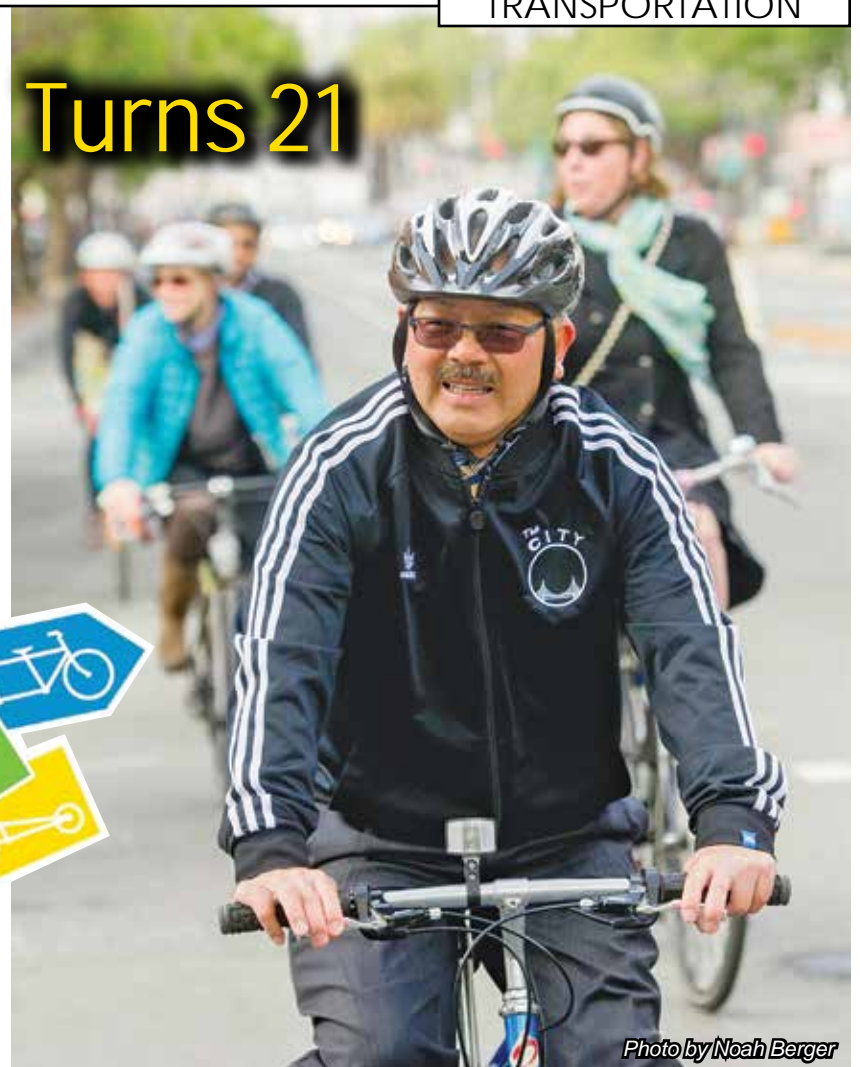


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San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee participates in last year's Bike to Work Day

Team Bike Challenge

Because competition can be a great motivator, the Team Bike Challenge and Company Bike Challenge have become essential components of Bike to Work Day. Teams of five — made up of friends, families, coworkers or neighbors — compete for top honors and much-coveted bragging rights by riding hundreds of thousands of miles

during National Bike Month in May. In addition to increasing their good health and burning over 35 million calories, 2014 participants collectively reduced automobile-related CO₂ emissions by nearly 600,000 pounds. Competition begins May 1 and runs through May 31. To register, visit teambikechallenge.com.



Photo by Karl Nielsen

MTC Commissioner Jim Spering welcomes bicycle commuters to the Suisun City Amtrak station.

Volunteer Rescue Unit Receives Wetsuits

BY BC STAFF

Last month, the San Francisco Fire Department Aquatic Rescue Unit received 40 custom wetsuits from a local San Francisco nonprofit organization, the Peter Patrick Madigan Antonini (PPMA) Foundation. The Aquatic Rescue Unit's members are San Francisco firefighters, and the unit is San Francisco's only in-surf rescue crew.

"The San Francisco Fire Department is so grateful to the PPMA Foundation for its donation of 40 wetsuits to our water rescue unit," said San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White. "Having top-notch equipment can make all the difference when the men and women of this unit are out in the uncompromising waters off

San Francisco's Ocean Beach risking their lives to save others."

San Francisco is one of the only water-locked cities in the nation that does not have its own full-time aquatic rescue unit. While the U.S. Coast Guard cover rescues out at sea, it does not respond to emergencies that occur at the beach and up to shore. The Aquatic Rescue Unit responds all along Ocean Beach, around the Cliff House to China Beach, Baker Beach and in the Bay.

Prior to the gift of 40 wetsuits, Aquatic Rescue Unit volunteers often purchased their own wetsuits or used old wetsuits that were not properly insulated or did not fit properly, creating unnecessary drag while in the water. "Jumping into San Francisco Bay's waters is no day at the beach and we are grateful to have worked with an innovative team

to create custom suits that meet our specific design and functional needs," said Aquatic Rescue Unit member Robert Styles. "We implore people to think twice about swimming in the waters that surround this City as the surf is unpredictable and the rip tides incredibly dangerous—you are putting yourself and the rescue team at risk when you do."

The PPMA Foundation was started after its namesake, Peter Antonini, died of cardiac arrest while running along Ocean Beach in September 2002. Peter had recently been accepted into the SFFD 108th firefighter class and was in the process of training for the academy. Peter, a seemingly healthy 21-year-old, died of an undetected genetic heart disease called

hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM).

"In addition to supporting the research and prevention of HCM and sudden cardiac arrest, our mission is to give back to the people and organizations that Peter would have supported throughout his life, which includes the volunteers of the Aquatic Rescue Unit and the men and women of the Fire Department," said Linda Antonini, president of the PPMA Foundation. "Peter couldn't wait to do what SF Firefighters get to do every day. He would definitely want to be a member of this unit."



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Protecting San Francisco Bay from Sea Level Rise

BY SEJAL CHOKSI-CHUGH

A small remote-controlled boat, mounted with an innovative camera, has recently been cruising with Baykeeper's pollution patrol boat along the San Francisco Bay shore. We're creating a new tool to help protect the Bay from sea level rise—the San Francisco Bay Shore View Project.

As global climate change causes sea levels to rise, San Francisco Bay's shorelines are at greater risk of flooding. And as water levels reach more pollution sources—such as sewage treatment plants, industrial facilities and landfills—contamination will be a growing threat to the Bay. But exactly where will flooding occur? And where will pollution hotspots emerge? It will be easier for everyone to answer these questions with a view from the water.

That's where the little remote-controlled boat comes in. It's designed to keep the Google Trekker camera mounted on its top steady in the Bay's waves. With support from Google, Baykeeper is photographing the entire San Francisco Bay shoreline from the water. We'll use the photos to create the San Francisco Bay Shore View, a complete set of "Street View" images of the Bay shoreline. The public will have free online access to the images later this year, along with added information about the shoreline's vulnerability to rising water levels.

The San Francisco Bay Shore View images will allow residents of Bay Area communities to answer questions such as:

- What parts of my shoreline community are likely to be flooded as sea levels rise?
- Will pollution levels near my home, school or park increase due to rising tides?
- Is a newly proposed shoreline development project likely to be flooded in the next 50 years?

The Shore View images will also show where the Bay's wetlands are at risk. Wetlands are crucial to the Bay's health. They provide habitat for wildlife, filter pollutants and protect shorelines from flooding. These marshy areas depend on the tides; they need time both underwater and above water for part of each 24-hour cycle. Tens of thousands of acres of Bay wetlands have been restored in recent decades, some as a direct result of Baykeeper litigation, but they could be flooded as sea levels rise, keeping them underwater 24 hours a day.

Baykeeper will use the Shore View Project in our work to defend San Francisco Bay from pollution. Bay Area residents, city planners and community organizations will also be able to use this tool to advocate against unwise shoreline

development. Moreover, all Bay Area shoreline communities will increasingly grapple with the tough questions about how to adapt to sea level rise. We hope our

Shore View Project will help local leaders craft sustainable solutions to protect their communities, San Francisco Bay and the Bay's wildlife in the years ahead.

Baykeeper is using a remote-controlled boat (left), mounted with a special camera and operated from the Baykeeper pollution patrol boat (right), to photograph the entire San Francisco Bay shoreline from the water. They'll use the photos to create a new tool to help protect the Bay from sea level rise caused by global climate change.



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IT'S OPENING DAY ON THE BAY 2015

BY CAPTAIN RAY

Sunday, April 26 is Opening Day on the Bay. It's a grand nautical celebration, part of which can be enjoyed from the shoreline as well. Two events will happen that day; the roots of one go back several hundred years and the other *nearly* a hundred years.

The first of these is the Blessing of the Fleet. This celebration, begun in the Mediterranean many hundreds of years ago, was originally a Roman Catholic festival. (In many areas of the world, it still is.) The local priest would bless the fishing fleet, petitioning the Catholic God to ensure the safety of the fishermen and grant them a productive harvest.

Here in the Bay Area, we tend to be more inclusive and the party is open to all: fishing boats, sailboats, powerboats, workboats of all types, and more. In keeping with this theme of being more inclusive, there is often more than just a Roman Catholic priest available to dispense the blessings. In the more recent past, various Protestant denominations have been represented as well as Wiccans and Druids. The Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon hosts the event, which starts at 10:30 in the morning. It will take place in Raccoon Strait—the



Photo by Mia Bernt S/C PICYA

The main event for Opening Day on the Bay is the Decorated Boat Parade. Last year's theme was "Visions," and the Monarch from OxBow Yacht Club took first place in the powerboat category by evoking visions of the past century of history in the United States.

body of water that separates Angel Island on the south from Tiburon on the north.

This portion of the day's celebrations will be difficult to view from the shoreline. However, there are several charter vessels that are offering cruises specifically for viewing this portion of the day's celebrations from the water. These include the *Freda B*, a classic 80-foot topsail schooner sailing out of Sausalito (sfbayadventures.com), the presidential yacht U.S.S. *Potomac* berthed in Oakland (usspotomac.org) and Hornblower Yachts out of San Francisco (hornblower.com).

The next part of the day's activities, however, will be very visible from the shore. It is intended to be a display for those who do not have a boat as well as a celebration for those who do. This second event is the Opening Day Decorated Boat Parade. The theme this year is "Youth in Boating"—encouraging young people to participate in any and all aspects of boating on San Francisco Bay and celebrating the multigenerational aspects of boating. It will be very entertaining to see how this theme is interpreted on the boats participating in the parade.

The Opening Day on the Bay parade



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The Opening Day on the Bay parade route was purposely chosen to allow for very good viewing from many locations all along San Francisco's northern shoreline.



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Knots and Bolts from the Sacramento Yacht Club won the best overall category in 2014 with help from Habitat for Humanity, Feed the Children, Susan G. Komen, World Wildlife Federation and the American Red Cross.

route was purposely chosen to allow for very good viewing from many locations all along San Francisco's northern shoreline. Between noon and 3 p.m., boats will parade from a point near the Palace of Fine Arts and the St. Francis Yacht Club, along the waterfront passing close to the Marina Green, Gashouse Cove, Fort Mason, and Aquatic Park, all the way east to Pier 39.

The Pacific Inter Club Yacht Association (P.I.C.Y.A.) sponsors this parade. Organized on May 12, 1896, its purpose (as stated in the bylaws) is:

...to constitute an association of yacht clubs and boating organizations, to promote inter-club communications, yachting activities and the social interaction relating thereto,

and to organize and conduct programs which enhance the general welfare of the member organizations.

From its original five founding clubs, the organization has now grown to represent more than 100 member clubs in northern California. It has sponsored this parade since 1917. You can visit its website, www.picya.org, for more information about the organization and this year's events.

So, on April 26th, pack a picnic lunch and come on down to the Marina Green. You don't need to own a boat to enjoy the Decorated Boat Parade: The viewing is free!

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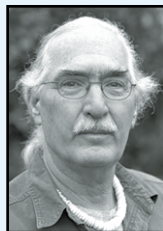


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Ghost Ship from Island Yacht Club took first place in its class.

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S.F. Sets Aside Funds for New Zero-Waste Ideas

BY BILL PICTURE

Last month, the City of San Francisco announced it had set aside \$860,000 from refuse fees to fund zero-waste efforts, and that the money was available for new projects that can help the City reach its goal of 100 percent waste diversion by 2020.

The amount of waste San Francisco sends to landfills has decreased by 50 percent since 2000, and city officials believe it's nonprofits that hold the key to finding a way to divert the remaining 400,000 tons that end up on Bay Area trash heaps each year.

"San Francisco nonprofits are natural problem solvers," said San Francisco Commission on the Environment President Joshua Arce in a written statement. "These organizations know that good solutions to our environmental issues, like eliminating waste, also build community and create opportunity."

San Francisco's 50 percent waste reduction is especially impressive

given that its population grows denser and denser each year—more people typically means more landfill-bound waste. Alexa Kelty, zero waste specialist at the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SF Environment), said that the credit for San Francisco cleaning up its act goes to an aggressive rollout of a comprehensive series of programs aimed specifically at achieving zero waste.

"It took a while, but we've finally completed the rollout of all of our programs," she said. "Every apartment building with more than six units now has a composting program, and we're nearly there with commercial businesses."

When SF Environment began reaching out to residents and businesses about adding a green bin to their waste stations (and using it), about 400 tons of organic waste was being composted each day. At present, that number has increased to 600 tons each day, and Kelty chalks that success up to SF Environment's ongoing outreach efforts.

"It took literally going out into the neighborhoods, knocking on people's



Photo by Ben Boyer

San Francisco has reduced landfill bound waste by 50 percent since 2000 despite its increasingly dense population. One way it has achieved this is by sending Department of the Environment representatives door-to-door to explain to residents and businesses how they can participate in zero-waste programs.



Courtesy of SF Environment.

Unwanted clothing accounts for a sizable portion of the 400,000 tons of waste that San Francisco sends to landfills each year. The City launched the Zero Waste Textile Initiative in 2014, which put convenient donation bins in retail locations throughout the City to get these items out of the waste stream and into the hands of less fortunate San Franciscans.

doors, and having a conversation with them," she said. "That's way more effective than fining people, which we have the authority to do under the Mandatory Composting and Recycling Ordinance passed in 2009. Some counties came right out the gate fining; and I feel like education has proven to be a lot more effective."

But what about the 400,000 tons?

SF Environment says that more than half of the waste still bound for landfills each year is either recyclable or compostable. Given our love of all things tech and our obsession with having the latest and greatest gadget, one might expect to see a lot of electronic waste in that trashy mix.

"Surprisingly not," Kelty said. "A lot of what ends up in landfills is actually food. And much of that food is edible."

While food scraps and expired perishables belong in the compost bin, perfectly good food shouldn't enter the waste stream at all. This includes unsold prepared items and perishable items that

are past their specified sell-by date but not yet expired.

There are nonprofits that collect these items from restaurants and markets and deliver them to hunger-fighting agencies, but a lot of food is still getting dumped. To help, SF Environment awarded money to the SF Food Bank as part of last year's grant process to expand its Local Fresh Grocery Rescue Program and hire drivers to capture more of this food so that it gets to the dinner tables of hungry San Franciscans.

"There are also a lot of textiles in the waste stream," Kelty added. She estimates that roughly 18,000 tons of clothing and accessories (shoes, belts, purses) end up in landfills each year. These items, whether damaged or simply out of style, can make welcome additions to the wardrobes of less fortunate San Franciscans.

To help keep these items out of dumps, San Francisco launched its Zero Waste Textile Initiative last year, which saw collection boxes scattered throughout the City to make donating unwanted clothing and accessories easier



and more convenient.

“Pretty soon, all high-rise residential buildings will have their own collection box,” Kelty said. “And Recology is working on a pilot program to accept textile donations curbside.”

The path ahead to zero waste

“Now that all of our programs are up and running, we’re evolving into a very operations-focused organization,” Kelty said. “The feeling now is, ‘Let’s focus our efforts and energy on getting the programs working their best, and maximizing their use.’ And that means continuing and strengthening our outreach and education efforts.”

Because San Francisco’s demographics continue to change and people are coming and going constantly, Kelty doesn’t foresee a day when going door-to-door to educate San Franciscans about zero waste is no longer necessary.

“I don’t think we’ll ever be finished on that front,” she said. “There’s so much turnover. And the people that have been here a while, they get it. It’s the new people

that we have to get our message to.”

SF Environment initially encountered challenges in engaging non-English speakers and members of other underserved communities. They’ve since found a way to tailor the zero-waste message for each community they’re trying to reach. “Yeah, we’ve gotten really good at reaching beyond those cultural and language barriers,” Kelty said.

The challenge SF Environment now faces is learning to speak the language of San Francisco’s newest demographic—the tech set. “They’re very busy, and their world moves very fast,” Kelty said. “It’s forced us to be innovative in the way that we communicate. We already had a social media presence, but we have to spend more time and energy outreaching through those mechanisms because that’s how this crowd communicates.”

In terms of the forthcoming grants, Kelty expects to see a lot of proposals from familiar faces hoping for a chunk of the money, but she’s excited to see what the new kids on the green block dream up.

The City offered grants in three target areas where it needs an extra push to meet its zero-waste goal. Interested parties were asked to submit proposals that engaged a specific neighborhood, increased participation in zero-waste programs among underserved communities and/or addressed the importance of sustainable and reduced consumption—that is, not buying items that will end up in landfills.

In addition to the SF Food Bank, past awardees have included: the Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco, who used the money to increase collection of recyclables and compostables at their 10 locations; and Clean City Coalition, who used the money to continue operating a wood furniture refurbishing and pallet repair program.

“A lot of the money will go to existing programs like these, to keep them going and hopefully help them expand,” Kelty said. “But this is the Bay Area, so there’s always a handful of really innovative new ideas—things that we’ve never even thought of.”



Courtesy of SF/Environment.

SF’s Department of the Environment has made \$860,000 available to non-profits for the creation and expansion of zero-waste projects. Among the past recipients of such funding was Garden for the Environment, which conducted free composting workshops.



Courtesy of SF Environment

The Department of the Environment’s outreach efforts have included school-based programs aimed at educating children about the importance of participating in zero-waste programs, in the hopes the message will be relayed to parents and best practices applied at home.



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S.F. Nonprofit Engages Volunteers to Provide Free Home Repairs

BY KELSEY MILLER

The cost of living in San Francisco can be extremely high, even for residents with a steady income. Many elderly San Franciscans own their home outright, but they bought it when housing was much cheaper and they do not have the current resources to upkeep their properties. By providing necessary repairs for free, a nonprofit called Rebuilding Together San Francisco (RTSF) helps individuals

stay in their homes longer.

For example, Ms. T moved to San Francisco from a farm in Arkansas in February 1948. Ms. T recalls borrowing \$100 to make a down payment on her home in 1963. “A hundred dollars,” she said, “and it only cost me \$14,500.” She notes that she did all that she could to keep up with her home, but there was a lot that she was not able to do because of her age and financial situation.

Although their homes are their greatest assets, people like Ms. T aren’t able to keep up with the repairs that their homes need. Leaving the maintenance

unattended puts the homeowner at risk, threatening their health and safety. In many homes, mold grows, the furnace breaks, the stove does not work and the residents go without clean air, heat or a place to cook. By allowing individuals to keep their homes, RTSF also promotes community continuity and helps prevent gentrification.

RTSF is a nonprofit that mobilizes teams of volunteers to provide free home repairs for seniors, disabled adults,

as well as nonprofits and schools. Its mission is to help people age safely in their homes and support their local



community spaces, making them safer, warmer and brighter for both staff and participants. Now in its 26th year, RTSF works on 30 to 50 projects annually, engages over 2,000 volunteers and supports over 400 seniors and disabled adults with basic safety repairs at no cost.

RTSF was founded in 1989, just prior to the Loma Prieta earthquake. Known then as Christmas in April, the organization was created through the grassroots collaboration of several business, labor and community organizations in San Francisco. RTSF is a local affiliate of Rebuilding Together, a national organization that includes 195 affiliates serving 500 communities nationwide, and mobilizing thousands of volunteers each year.

Rebuilding Together provides its services through two main programs: Rebuilding Day and the Home Safety and Installation program.

Through the Home Safety and Installation program, Rebuilding Together provides free home safety modifications to prevent falls, which are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries. These safety modifications include grab bars, handrails, raised toilet seats and shower chairs. These modifications, although they seem simple, prevent costly and sometimes fatal injuries for elderly and



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A Rebuilding Day volunteer hard at work, wrapping up the finishing touches on a home.

disabled individuals. "It is amazing what a small modification can do for a homeowner," said Keely Webb, Rebuilding Together's AmeriCorps program associate.

RTSF's most established program, Rebuilding Day, is a citywide renovation effort that is the culmination of a year's worth of planning and coordination. On the last Saturday in April, thousands of volunteers renovate nonprofit facilities and schools and repair the homes of low-income, disabled and elderly San Franciscans. Rebuilding Day is a part of National Rebuilding Day, when tens of thousands of volunteers across the nation give back to their communities.

Facility repairs provided on Rebuilding Day allow nonprofit agencies and public schools to focus their efforts and funding on program services, rather than on repairs and renovations. Teams of volunteers work under the direction of architects, designers and space planners to create efficient, stimulating work environments that improve nonprofit agencies' productivity and ability to fulfill their missions. Typically, these projects focus on refurbishment, functional improvements, safety improvements, beautification and other enhancements to further the work of the organization.

This year, Rebuilding Together's National Rebuilding Day is Saturday,

April 25, when more than 800 volunteers will be working throughout San Francisco on 20 to 30 homes and facilities. If you are interested in volunteering, RTSF would love to have you! Volunteer days usually last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a wide range of work depending on your skills.



If you are interested in Rebuilding Together San Francisco's application process or services, please contact Kelsey Miller, AmeriCorps volunteer and outreach coordinator, at (415) 905-1611 ext. 203 or Kelsey@rebuildingtogethersf.org



AmeriCorps Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator Kelsey Miller (middle) with Rebuilding Day recipients Warren and Peggy.



Jack London Square Comes Alive in April



Jack London Square comes to life this spring with an April full of fun events on the Oakland waterfront. From boating enthusiasts to Bay Area foodies, there is something for everyone, including the Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show, Drag Me to Bingo, Jack of All Trades, the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market and more!

Kicking off the month of April, Jack London Square will transform into a sailing mecca for the 2015 Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show Thursday, April 9 through Sunday, April 12. The West Coast's largest all-sail boat show will fill the waterfront with catamarans, luxury yachts, dinghies and all that is exciting in the world of sailing. For four days, this will be the place for avid boaters and

nautical newbies to immerse themselves in the world of sailing, talk to experts, attend seminars and even enjoy free sailboat rides on the water! Free public docks are located behind Scott's Seafood, making it the perfect daytrip destination for Bay Area boaters.

For an evening of fabulous bingo fun, join Jack London Square and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence on Thursday, April 23 for Drag Me to Bingo. Taking place at 55 Harrison, the event will be filled with outrageous hair, sassy diva entertainers, theatrical drag performances and bingo galore. From shimmering baubles to sparkling tiaras, a dazzling mix of bingo prizes will be up for grabs. Admission is \$10 and includes five bingo cards.

On Saturday, April 25, the Dance-A-Vision Oakland Dance Festival will bring the best local dancers, choreographers, studios and teachers to Jack London Square for one day of fabulous rhythm and fun. This first-time event is sure to dazzle with an array of genres including jazz, ballet, modern hip-hop, folkloric dance and more.

A destination for Bay Area foodies, Jack London Square's thriving restaurant corridor offers a wealth of dining options to enjoy before, during or after any event. All restaurants offer access to the picturesque waterfront, with many establishments offering exquisite views for diners. Don't miss the eclectic mix

of delectable eats including delicious dishes and entertainment at Plank; wine tasting at Rosenblum Cellars; fresh seafood at Jack's Oyster Bar & Fish House; handcrafted artisan pizzas from Forge; Bocanova's Pan-American cuisine; craveable, technique-driven feats from Michelin-starred chef Daniel Patterson's outpost Haven; the best of Italy's Tuscan and Ligurian regions at Lungomare; and more.

Visitors can bike, ferry, BART or drive to Jack London Square. For additional information about Jack London Square visit www.jacklondonsquare.com.

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Baseball, Dogs and Light: The Passions of Artist Mark Ulriksen

Mark Ulriksen is a San Francisco-based artist and illustrator whose instantly recognizable portraits and whimsical take on life have led to projects for a variety of major clients. He specializes in figurative work that blends humor and darkness with psychological insight. Ulriksen is best known for his work for *The New Yorker*, where he has been a regular contributor since 1993, with more than 45 magazine covers to his credit.



Mark Ulriksen

Bay Crossings: *Baseball season is underway, and a great many of our readers use the ferry to attend Giants games. Can you tell us a bit about how you came to love the game?*

Mark Ulriksen: I've been a baseball fan since I was a wee lad growing up in San Carlos. I played it (poorly) all through adolescence and love so much about it—the acres of mowed grass, the uniforms, the changing perspective of the diamond depending upon where one sits in the stands, the back-and-forth between pitcher and batter, and the action that ensues once a ball is hit. The only thing I don't like about the game is the economics, which is totally insane.

BC: *What makes baseball so much more compelling for an illustrator than other sports?*

Ulriksen: I think a lot of it has to do with the light. It's the combination of the game being played outdoors where you can watch the changing shadows on the field and the players (provided it's a day game) and take in the big skies overhead as well as watch the light change. Their uniforms allow you to recognize players not only by their number but also by their physical presence. I also enjoy painting soccer players for the same

reason that I relate to baseball as a subject matter. The game itself—played outdoors with recognizable players—is all very appealing.

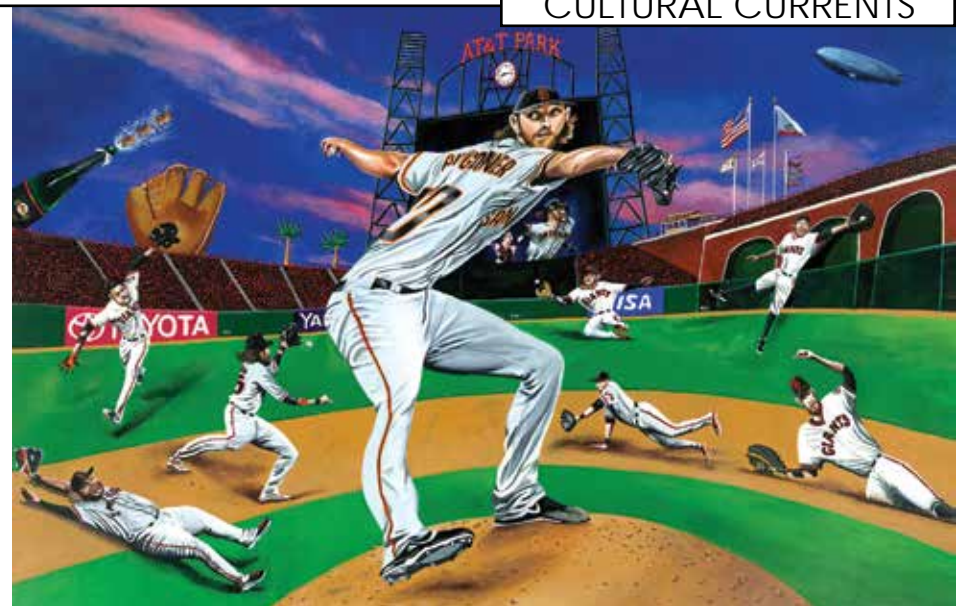
BC: *You hold a special place in your heart for dogs, too. What is it about them that so moves you?*

Ulriksen: I grew up with dogs just like I grew up with baseball and perhaps it's a first-love type of thing that I'm attracted to. But as a subject matter dogs are as intriguing as people, with unique personalities and physical types. Painting a dog's nose is way more fun than painting a human's, and we don't look quite as adorable as a dog does when our tongues are hanging out. Plus dogs wear their hearts on their sleeves, they're much nicer than people. Dogs express themselves all the time, making it easy to capture their emotions. I love dogs because their main objective, outside of eating, is pleasing the people they're around. What's not to love?

BC: *You have been favorably compared to the legendary Norman Rockwell, but what other illustrators do you admire?*

Ulriksen: So many. Past heroes include Miroslav Sasek of the *This is SF*; *This is Rome*; *This is Paris* series of books from the 1960s and Ben Shahn, who straddled art and illustration and tackled the politics of his time. Among today's field I really admire *New Yorker* cover artists Barry Blitt, Peter deSeve and Ana Juan. I like Marc Burckhardt for his contemporary folk art, children's book illustrator and Giselle Potter for her folk arty naiveté. Local illustrators Brian Stauffer has a dramatic problem-solving style, and Vivienne Flesher for her simple beauty. Andrea Ventura, Gerard Dubois and Martin Jarrie. Guy Billout, Brad Holland and Blair Drawson have all been big influences too.

BC: *Many Bay Crossings readers know you*



The 2014 World Series winning San Francisco Giants as seen through the unique lens of Mark Ulriksen.

chiefly for your work for The New Yorker. Do you bring a certain San Francisco Bay Area sensibility to that magazine?

Ulriksen: Who knows? I am a product of the Bay Area and I've lived in the City for 30 years so I guess it has rubbed off on my work. I enjoy the crazy quilt of people you find here as well as the

open-minded, curious nature of folks. I'm sure the clouds over the Pacific have influenced me as well as the golden light we get here along the coast.

An expanded version of this interview can be found at paulduclosonsanfranciscoculture.blogspot.com.



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- April 18** **1PM - 4PM – Spring Fling aboard the Seaward, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
Plan ahead for your Spring Fling day and make your reservation aboard the schooner *Seaward* for a 3-hour sail on the Bay. Then come back in time for a hearty BBQ and fun with all your OCSC friends. Retail rate: \$100. Member Rate: \$75.
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WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES

- April 19** **10AM - 12:30PM – Family Adventure Sail, Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, callofthesea.org**
Climb aboard the classic schooner *Seaward* and see San Francisco from the water! Take in an unmatched view of the city front as you sail by famous San Francisco sights such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and Angel Island. You can sit back and enjoy the view, or get involved with sailing the schooner with the help of our professional captain and crew. Complimentary coffee, tea, juices, and light snacks will be served. This sail will include optional learning stations in seamanship and San Francisco Bay ecology. It is a great sail for families, though all are welcome! (\$55 adults, \$25 youth 6-12)
- April 19** **11AM - 3PM – Corte Madera Marsh Kayak Tour - Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
Come explore the marsh wetlands along the Corte Madera State Ecological Reserve while taking in the views of Mount Tamalpais and the San Francisco Bay. We will paddle out in stable double sea kayaks while keeping our eyes open for the curious harbor seals that gather nearby. If time and conditions permit, we may take an optional side trip past the infamous San Quentin Prison, then stop for lunch on a nice sandy beach with incredible views of the Bay. Cost is \$70, including equipment.
- April 19** **6:30PM - 9PM – Clipper Around the World Presentation by Elaina Breen – OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
After a mere 18 months of sailing, including OCSC Basic Keelboat and Basic Cruising, Breen joined 18-member team and logged almost 9,000 nautical miles to complete two legs of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. Come hear Elaina tell of her inspiration, determination, preparation, and the difference it has made in her life.
- April 20-May 1** **Captain OUPV (6-Pack/100GT) Course - Maritime Institute, San Rafael, 888-262-8020, www.MaritimeInstitute.com**
Why settle for just an OUPV license when our USCG approved Captain's course meets the requirement for not only the OUPV/6-PACK License; but also - OUPV up to 100 GT - Master or Mate Near Coastal less than 100 GT - Master or Mate Inland less than 100 GT. To register or view our complete schedule, visit www.MaritimeInstitute.com.
- April 21** **Assistance Towing Endorsement Course - Maritime Institute, San Rafael, 888-262-8020, www.MaritimeInstitute.com**
This four (4) hour USCG Approved course meets the written examination requirement to receive an Assistance Towing endorsement on your OUPV 6-Pack or Master's License. This endorsement is required if you will be engaged in towing a disabled vessel for payment. To register or view our complete schedule, visit www.MaritimeInstitute.com.
- April 24** **6PM - 8:30PM – Sunset Sail - Call of the Sea, Sausalito, 415-331-3214, callofthesea.org**
Climb aboard the classic schooner *Seaward* and see San Francisco from the water! Take in an unmatched view of the city front as you sail by famous San Francisco sights such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and Angel Island. You can sit back and enjoy the view, or get involved with sailing the schooner with the help of our professional captain and crew. Complimentary wine, cheese, and light refreshments will be served. A relaxing way to end the week! (\$55 adults)
- April 26** **10:30AM - 2:30PM – Opening Day on the Bay Parade, Blessing of the Fleet and Sail - SF Bay Adventures 415-331-0444, www.schoonerfredab.com**
Opening Day on the Bay is an annual celebration of the maritime community and boating on the San Francisco Bay. Join us aboard the classic schooner *Freda B* for the festivities: Blessing of the Fleet, parade and sail. Boarding in downtown Sausalito there will be a gourmet picnic lunch included and cash bar available for beer, wine and bubbly. One of the most popular days of sailing on the SF Bay and this sail sells out every year so secure your tickets early. \$99 per person.

Waterfront Adventures is an advertising sponsored section for activities on or around the water in the Bay Area. If you are interested in having your events or activities listed in this section contact Joel Williams at joel@baycrossings.com.


SAIL THE SCHOONER SEAWARD!

Public Sunset Sails with wine & cheese most Friday evenings.

Public Family Adventure Sails most Sunday mornings.

Port: Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito

Cost: Adults \$50, Youth (6-12) \$25, Children (under 6) free

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Golden Gate Ferry

LARKSPUR

Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Larkspur	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Larkspur	Depart Larkspur	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Larkspur
5:45	6:15	6:20	6:50	9:30am	10:30 a.m.	-----	-----
6:35 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	7:10 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	11:40	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
7:00	7:30	7:35	8:05	1:40 p.m.	2:30	3:45	4:35
7:30	8:00	-----	-----	4:45	5:35	6:25	7:15
7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05	-----	-----	7:25	8:10
8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45	One-way Ferry Fares			
8:40	9:15	-----	-----				
9:15	9:50	10:10	10:45	Larkspur		Sausalito	
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30	Daily		Daily	
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30 p.m.	Adult Cash Fare (19 – 64)		\$10.00 \$10.75	
11:40	12:15 p.m.	12:25 p.m.	1:00	Clipper		\$6.50 \$5.50	
12:40 p.m.	1:15	1:25	2:00	Youth/Senior/Disabled		\$5.00 \$5.25	
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Children 5 and under (limit 2 per fare-paying adult)		FREE FREE	
2:50	3:25	3:30	4:00	Children ages 5 and under travel free when accompanied by a full fare paying adult (limit two youth per adult).			
-----	-----	4:00	4:30	Giants Ferry		\$11.50	
3:40	4:15	4:30	5:00				
4:10	4:45	5:00	5:30				
-----	-----	5:30	6:00				
5:10	5:45	6:00	6:30				
5:40	6:15	6:30	7:00				
6:40	7:10	7:20	7:50				
7:25	8:00	8:10	8:40				
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05				

Direct ferry service is provided to all Giants games at AT&T Park. Special service is provided to various concerts and the Bay to Breakers Race. On weekdays, with the exception of the 5:20pm San Francisco departure which uses a high-capacity Spaulding vessel, all other trips use high-speed catamarans. Weekend service is provided by a high-capacity Spaulding vessel.

SAUSALITO

Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Sausalito
7:10 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	-----	-----	10:40 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
8:20	8:45	10:00	10:30	11:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
10:55	11:25	11:35	12:05 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:25	1:55
12:15 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	-----	2:10	2:40	2:50	3:20
1:55	2:25	2:35	3:05	3:50	4:20	4:40	5:10
3:20	3:50	4:00	4:30	-----	-----	6:00	6:30
4:45	5:15	5:30	6:00	5:35	6:05	-----	-----
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10	6:45	7:15	-----	-----
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20	-----	-----	-----	-----

Contact Information | For the Golden Gate Ferry website, visit: <http://goldengateferry.org/>
Toll free 511 or 711 (TDD) | Comments and questions can be submitted at <http://ferrycomments.goldengate.org/>

Holiday service is in effect on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and the day after Thanksgiving Day (Sausalito).
The Larkspur line operates on a Modified Holiday Schedule on the day after Thanksgiving Day.
No ferry service on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Bay Area Ferry Terminal Locations

Alameda Ferry Terminal
2990 Main Street

Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal
215 Adelpian Way, Alameda

Larkspur Landing Ferry Terminal
101 E. Sir Francis Drake Boulevard

Oakland Ferry Terminal
10 Clay Street @ Jack London Square

Sausalito Ferry Terminal
Humbolt Street & Anchor Avenue

San Francisco:
SF Ferry Building @ foot of Market Street
Pier 41 @ Fisherman's Wharf

South San Francisco
911 Marina Boulevard

Tiburon Ferry Terminal
Tiburon Blvd. & Main St. in Tiburon

Vallejo Ferry Terminal
289 Mare Island Way in Vallejo

Red & White

BAY CRUISE Pier 43½

Monday through Sunday		FARES: Bay Cruise Adult (18+) \$28.00 Youth (5-17) \$18.00 Child (under 5) Free
10:00 a.m.	2:15 #	
10:45	2:30	
11:15	3:00	
12:00 p.m.	3:45	
12:30 #	4:15#	
1:10	5:00	
1:40	6:00^	
		# Bridge to Bridge Adult (18+) \$36.00 Youth (5-17) \$24.00
		^ Sunset Cruise Adult (18+) \$58.00 Youth (5-17) \$40.00

All Ferry schedules subject to change.

For the most up to date information.

Visit:

www.baycrossings.com

Blue & Gold Ferry

Effective through April 26.
Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com
for April 27-30 schedules.

TIBURON COMMUTE

TIBURON – S.F. Ferry Building			
Weekdays			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
5:35 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	6:05 a.m.	6:30 a.m.
6:40	7:05	7:10	7:35
7:50	8:15	8:20	8:40
8:45	9:10	---	---
---	---	4:25 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
4:55 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	5:25	5:50
5:55	6:20	6:30	6:55
7:05	7:30	7:35	7:55

Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com for April 27-30 schedules.

TIBURON – Pier 41

Weekdays			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41
9:45 am	10:25am	10:30am	10:55am
11:00	11:45pm	11:50pm	12:15pm
12:20	1:05	1:10	1:45
1:50	2:30	2:35	3:15
4:10	4:50	---	---
---	7:55	8:00	8:40

Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com for April 27-30 schedules.

TIBURON – Pier 41

Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41
9:45am	10:25am	10:30am	11:20
11:35	12:30pm	12:40pm	1:05pm
2:05pm	2:30	2:35	3:25
3:35	4:25	4:35	5:20
5:30	6:20	6:30	6:55

Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com for April 27-30 schedules.

FARES:	One-way	Round trip
Adult	\$11.50	\$23.00
Senior (65+)	\$ 6.75	\$13.50
Child (5-11)	\$ 6.75	\$13.50
20 Ticket Commute Book	\$140.00 (Mon. - Fri.)	

Holiday Schedule in effect for: Day After Thanksgiving (Nov 23), & President's Day (Feb 18) No service on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 22), Christmas Day (Dec 25), & New Year's Day (Jan 1)

BAY CRUISE

Depart Pier 39		
Mon-Thurs	Fri-Sun & Holidays	
10:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	3:15
1:15 p.m.	11:00	3:45
3:15	12:15 p.m.	4:30
4:30	1:15	5:00
	2:15	5:45

Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com for April 27-30 schedules.

For the most current schedule, visit www.blueandgoldfleet.com

Bay Cruise does not operate during inclement weather.

FARES: All prices include audio tour.

Adult	\$29.00	Child (5-11)	\$20.00
Junior (12-18)	\$24.00	Senior (62+)	\$24.00

Discount fares available at www.blueandgoldfleet.com

SAUSALITO

FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41			
Weekdays			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
11:00 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
12:20 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	1:45
1:50	2:15	2:20	3:15
3:10	3:40	3:45	4:10
---	8:10	8:15	8:40

Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com for April 27-30 schedules.

Weekends and Holidays			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
9:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:55 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
11:35 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	1:05 p.m.
2:05	2:50	3:00	3:25
3:35	4:45	4:55	5:20
5:30	5:55	6:05	6:55

Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com for April 27-30 schedules.

Holiday Schedule in effect for: Day After Thanksgiving (Nov 23), & President's Day (Feb 18) No service on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 22), Christmas Day (Dec 25), & New Year's Day (Jan 1)

FARES:	One-way	Round-trip
Adult	\$11.50	\$23.00
Senior (65+)	\$ 6.75	\$13.50
Child (5-11)	\$ 6.75	\$13.50

For the most current schedule, visit <http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Ferry/Sausalito/index.cfm>

ANGEL ISLAND - S.F.

Weekdays (Depart Pier 41)					
Depart Ferry Bldg	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Ferry Bldg	Arrive Pier 41
---	9:45am	10:10am	10:15am	---	10:55am
---	---	---	1:25pm	---	1:45pm
---	---	---	2:50pm	---	3:15pm

Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com for April 27-30 schedules.

Weekends & Holidays (Depart Pier 41)					
Depart Ferry Bldg	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Ferry Bldg	Arrive Pier 41
---	9:45 am	10:10 am	10:15 am	---	11:20 am
---	---	---	4:10	---	5:20

Check www.blueandgoldfleet.com for April 27-30 schedules.

ANGEL ISLAND PRICES

	S.F. Pier 41 (round-trip)
Adult	\$18.00
Child (6-11)	\$ 9.50
Senior (65+)	\$ 9.50
Child (5 & under)	FREE

* All prices include State Park Fees / Weekend Schedule on Memorial Day (May 25) / Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (Sept 7)

Angel Island Ferry

TIBURON – ANGEL ISLAND

Weekdays and Weekends	
Tiburon to Angel Island	Angel Island to Tiburon
Monday - Tuesday 10:00, 1:00 p.m., 3:00**	Monday - Tuesday 10:20, 1:20 p.m., 3:30**
Wednesday - Friday 10:00, 11:00, 1:00 p.m., 3:00	Wednesday - Friday 10:20, 11:20, 1:20 p.m., 3:30
Saturday - Sunday 10:00, 4:00 p.m. hourly	Saturday - Sunday 10:20, 4:20 p.m. hourly

** The 3:00 departure/3:30 return ferry will be available for Mondays and Tuesdays starting April 13th.**

FARES:	Round Trip	(*Limit one free child, ages 2 and under, per paying adult.)
Adult (13 - 64)	\$15.00	
Seniors (ages 65+)	\$14.00	
Children (ages 6 - 12)	\$13.00	
Small Children (ages 3 - 5)	\$5.00	
Toddlers (ages 2 and under)	Free*	
Bicycles	\$1.00	

For the most current schedule and other information, visit www.angelislandferry.com / Schedule Subject to change w/o notice

ROCKETBOAT

Service resumes in May 2015

VALLEJO		
VALLEJO – SAN FRANCISCO		
Travel time between Vallejo and San Francisco is approximately 60 minutes.		
Weekdays		
Depart Vallejo to S.F. Ferry Building	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg. to Vallejo	Depart Pier 41 Fisherman's Wharf to Vallejo
5:30 a.m.	6:35 a.m.	-----
6:30	-----	-----
7:00	8:40	-----
7:45	-----	-----
10:00	11:10	11:30 a.m.
2:00 * p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
4:00	4:30	-----
4:45	5:15	-----
5:45 *	6:00	-----
-----	7:15	6:55
Weekends & Holidays		
10:00 a.m.	11:10 # a.m.	11:30 a.m.
11:30	12:45	-----
2:30 p.m.	3:40 # p.m.	4:00 p.m.
3:30	4:40	-----
5:15*	7:00	6:30
# To Vallejo via Pier 41. * to FB via Pier 41. ** To Vallejo via Ferry Building.		
FARES: One-way		
Adult	\$13.00	Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.sanfranciscobayferry.com for updated information.
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$9.75	
Youth (5-18)	\$6.50	
Senior (65+)/Disabled/Medicare	\$6.50	
School Groups	\$4.30	
Child (under 5)	FREE	

Take the Ferry to GIANTS BASEBALL AT AT&T PARK FROM VALLEJO				
Weekday Day Games 12:45 PM Game Start Times				
Depart Vallejo	Arrive AT&T	Depart AT&T	Arrive Vallejo	
11:00 am	12:00 noon	* see below	60 min. later	
Weekend & Holiday Games 1:05 PM Game Start Times; Other Start Times**				
Depart Vallejo	Arrive AT&T	Depart AT&T	Arrive Vallejo	
11:00 am	12:00 noon	* see below	60 min. later	
Weekday Night Games – Return Service Only 7:15 PM Game Start Times				
Return-Only Service	Depart AT&T	Arrive Vallejo		
	*see below	60 min. later		
Ferry departs AT&T Park 30 minutes after the last out. Note that Weekday Night Return Service ferries cannot dock at the park prior to 9:30 pm. When there is a fireworks display, the ferry departs AT&T Park no earlier than 25 minutes after the conclusion of the display.				
FROM OAKLAND/ALAMEDA				
Weekday Night Games 7:15 & 7:35 pm Games				
Leave Alameda	Leave Oakland	Arrive AT&T	Depart AT&T	Arrive Ala/Oak
6:05 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	6:55p.m.	*see below	25-30 min. later
ALL WEEKEND & HOLIDAY GAMES 1:05 pm Game Start Times**				
Leave Oakland	Leave Alameda	Arrive AT&T	Depart AT&T	Arrive Ala/Oak
11:30 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:20p.m.	*see below	25-30 min. later
*Ferry departs AT&T Park 20 minutes after last out. ** For Other Weekend and Holiday Game Start Times Visit www.SanFranciscoBayFerry.com/giants				

VALLEJO - ANGEL ISLAND
Year-round ferry service is available from San Francisco Pier 41. Alameda/Oakland and Vallejo ferry service to Angel Island is available Seasonally from May through October

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND			
Weekdays to San Francisco			
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
6:00 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	---
6:30 a.m.	6:40 a.m.	7:00	---
7:05	7:15	7:35	---
7:35	7:45	8:05	---
8:10	8:20	8:40	---
8:40	8:50	9:10	---
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00 a.m.
11:00	10:50	11:30	11:45
1:35 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
2:40	2:25	3:05	3:20
5:05	4:50	5:30	---
5:50	5:40	6:20	---
6:20	6:05	---	6:50
6:55	6:45	7:20	---
7:55	7:45	8:25	8:40
8:55	8:45	---	9:25
Weekdays from San Francisco			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
----	6:30 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:05 a.m.
----	7:00	7:45	7:35
----	7:35	8:20	8:10
----	8:05	8:50	8:40
----	8:40	9:25	9:15
10:15 a.m.	10:30	10:50	11:00
12:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
1:45	2:00	2:20	2:35
4:00	4:30	4:45	5:05
5:00	5:20	5:40	5:50
---	5:40	6:00	6:15
---	6:25	6:45	6:55
---	7:25	7:45	7:55
8:05	8:25	8:45	8:55

Harbor Bay Ferry (EAST END OF ALAMEDA/S.F.)			
Weekday Commute			
Depart Harbor Bay Island	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Harbor Bay Island
6:30 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
7:30	7:55	8:00	8:25
8:30	8:55	4:35 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:05 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:35	6:00
6:05	6:30	6:35	7:00
7:05	7:30	7:35	8:00
No weekend or holiday service			
FARES: One-way			
Adult	\$6.50		
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$5.00		
Youth (5-18)	\$3.25		
Disabled / Seniors (65+)	\$3.25		
School Groups	\$2.10		
Children (under 5)	FREE		

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND - ANGEL ISLAND
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ALAMEDA/OAKLAND			
Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco			
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41
10:00	10:10	10:30 a.m.	10:45
11:30	11:20	12:00 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
1:45 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	2:20	2:35
4:15	4:05	4:45	4:55
5:45	5:35	----	6:25
7:10	7:00	----	7:50
Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco			
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
9:15 a.m.	9:25 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	9:55 a.m.
10:50	----	11:20	11:30
1:00 p.m.	1:10 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
3:30	3:45	4:05	4:15
5:00	5:15	5:35	5:45
6:30	6:40	7:00	7:10
FARES: One-way			
Adult	\$6.25	PURCHASE TICKETS ONBOARD THE FERRY for information (MON. to FRI.) (415) 705 8291	
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$4.75		
Youth (5-18)	\$3.10		
Senior (65+) Disabled	\$3.10		
Child under 5	FREE		
Scool Groups	\$2.00		
Short Hop - Adult	\$1.50		
Short Hop - Youth	\$0.75		
Short Hop - S / D	\$0.75		

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO		
Weekday to SSF/Oyster Point		
Depart Alameda	Depart Oakland	Arrive SSF
6:30 a.m.	6:40 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
7:30	7:40	8:15
8:00	8:10	8:45
5:10 * p.m.	4:55 p.m.	5:40 p.m.
Weekday to Alameda & Oakland		
Depart SSF	Arrive Oakland	Arrive Alameda
7:20 a.m.	8:05 a.m. **	7:50 a.m.
4:20 p.m.	4:55 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
5:20	6:00 **	5:50
6:20	6:55	7:10
*Boat departs from Oakland first. **Boat arrives Alameda first.		
South San Francisco / San Francisco Weekday Service - Monday through Friday		
Depart S. San Francisco	Arrive Ferry Building	
9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	
Depart Ferry Building	Arrive S. San Francisco	
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	
One-way FARES:	Adult	\$7.00
Adult (Clipper Only)	\$7.00	
Youth (5-18 years)	\$3.50	
Seniors (65+ yrs), Disabled	\$3.50	
School Groups	\$2.00	
Children (under 5) (with an adult)	FREE	

AROUND THE BAY IN APRIL



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Come Sail Away

The 2015 Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show cruises into Jack London Square Thursday, April 9 through Sunday, April 12 with all things sailing for the only all-sailboat show on the west coast. Sailboats of every size and budget will fill the grounds of Jack London Square, both in and out of the water, including sleek racers, family cruisers and luxury yachts. This four-day event will feature hundreds of the latest boats, gear, accessories, over one hundred free seminars, interactive activities for young aspiring sailors and more. From newbies to serious sailors, Strictly Sail Pacific is the place for people to immerse themselves in the sailing lifestyle, talk to experts, participate in hands-on seminars, learn new techniques and skills and view the latest marine gear. For more information, visit www.strictlysailpacific.com or call (401) 289-2540.

Sailing a Sea of Knowledge

Help fill the sails for on-board education on Sunday, April 11 from 6-9 p.m. at the annual fundraiser for Call of the Sea, an educational nonprofit with the mission of connecting people to the sea and maritime traditions. Music will be provided by the Waterfront Pickers, gourmet provisions by John Scopazzi and Davey Jones Deli along with libations of beer, wine and a signature beverage. There will also be a silent auction with

proceeds going towards the awakening of generations of environmental stewards. The event takes place at 2330 Marinship Way in Sausalito. Tickets are \$75 for adults, \$30 under 21 and are on sale at callofthesea.org.

A Purrfect Night to Raise the Woof!

Join animal lovers from across the Bay Area to get creative, make some noise and Raise the Woof at Barkitecture 2015. The Humane Society of the North Bay's biggest fundraiser of the year features an artful exhibit of whimsical, funky, chic and one-of-a-kind habitats built by the North Bay's most creative animal lovers. Participants design and build luxury dog houses or hand-crafted kitty condos, and you are invited to vote on the habitats at the preview party at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10 at Team Superstores on 301 Auto Mall/ Columbus Parkway in Vallejo. This is a fun, all-ages celebration. There will also be a gala and auction at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 at McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive in Vallejo. Guests will enjoy a variety of savory dishes provided by local restaurants with wine and beer from some of our finest local wineries and breweries. The silent auction



always includes a variety of fun and unique items. Tastings, premium wines, shopping sprees, specialty pet items and gift baskets are just a few of the previous silent auction offerings. Proceeds from Barkitecture benefit HSNB's life-saving work for these animals, as well as help us provide support and humane education to the community at large. Tickets are \$15 for the preview party (ages 10 and under are free) and \$50 for the gala (ages 21 and over only). For more information, visit www.HSNB.org, email bark@hsnb.org or call (707) 853-5655.

Wagging Tails and War Tales

Join park rangers from the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park for a dog-friendly walk-and-talk along Richmond's Bay Trail on April 4 at 10 a.m. Bring your furry friend on leash and learn about the vital role that 10,000 American family dogs had in the American WWII defense effort. The two-mile walk will last approximately two hours. Meet rangers at the Point Isabel Regional Shoreline near the Sit and Stay Café. Rangers will lead some light stretching before embarking towards the Rosie the Riveter Memorial. Because the walk

is not a loop, all participants will be responsible for finding their own way back to their car. There are parking lots at Point Isabel and also at Marina Bay Park. Space is limited to 30 people, so you must sign up by emailing lucien_sonder@nps.gov. Please include your phone number in your email message. Rain will cancel this event and aggressive dogs will be asked to leave.

Pitch In on Earth Day

The California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup is April 18 at Angel Island State Park and other state parks in the Bay Area. More than 125 volunteers are needed at Angel Island for invasive plant removal, fence repair, dock cleanup and more. Also on that Saturday, 27 state parks across California will be the focus of the 17th

Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup presented by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). In addition to being a presenting sponsor, PG&E will provide its workforce at 11 state parks, but more than 2,000 volunteers are needed to help with environmental improvement projects statewide. This year, trails will be cleared for greater public access, campgrounds will be improved prior to the busy summer season, native and drought tolerant vegetation will be planted and trash will be removed to create a more welcoming environment for visitors. Businesses and individuals are sought to actively participate with their communities to help improve the quality, safety and preservation of California's 279 amazing state parks. To volunteer on Earth Day, visit calparks.org/earthday or call (888) 98-PARKS. Space is limited, so advance registration by April 18 is required. Parking fees are waived for Earth Day volunteers.

Why Recycle When You Can Upcycle?

The Richmond Art Center is proud to announce the Third Annual Upcycle, a maker festival for the whole family to create, see and learn about the art of upcycling. This free event will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 1-4 p.m. Upcycling workstations will feature hands-on activities that creatively reuse materials otherwise headed for the landfill. Learn how to screen print patches, make bags from old ties and denim, create mosaics, weave rag rugs and create metal objects and recycled jewelry. This event will also feature activities by numerous participating organizations, including Urban Tilth and Bridge Art Space. Healthy snacks will be provided. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The Richmond Art Center is located at 2540 Barrett Ave in Richmond. For class and exhibition information, please visit RichmondArtCenter.org or call (510) 620-6772.

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.

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