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Once 'Round the Cove

News from the Archives

We are now cataloging the photos on the Dolphin Club walls, room by room.

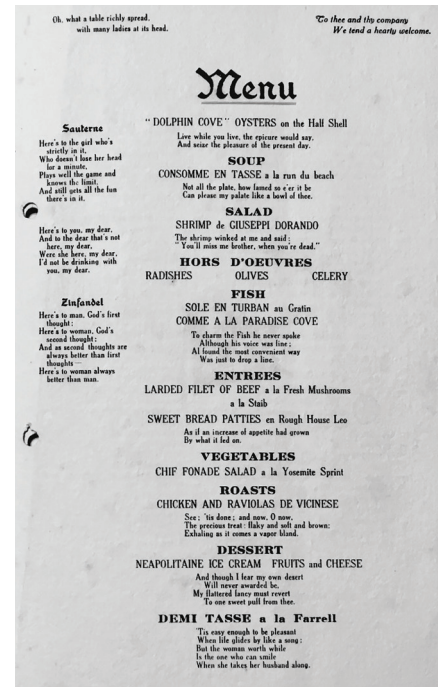
The Sancimino Room is finished, and we are halfway through the Staib Room and the Main Boathouse. Next time you pause to look at a framed photo, you can find the who/when/what in the "Photographs Framed" folder on the CatalogIt HUB: <https://hub.catalogit.app/375>

From going through the ephemera, it is obvious that Dolphins have always liked to eat! On CatalogIt, we have entries for many amazing menus from Dolphin annual banquets in the early 1900s, featuring French-styled courses named after members/events, and poems composed for each course and each wine!

For example, check out the January 9, 1909 Installation Dinner with nine courses and wines, each with verse. The first course was *Dolphin Cove oysters*, with this verse "Live while you live, the epicure would say/And seize the pleasure of the present day." Then came *Consumé a la run du beach*, *Shrimp de Giuseppe Dorando*, *Soup comme a la Paradise Cove*, *Beef à la Staib*, *Sweet Breads en Rough House Leo*, and the like, ending with *Coffee à la Farrell*. Plus poems to each wine; the Zinfandel verse concludes, "Here's to woman, always better than man." See also 1905, 1906, 1908, 1910, and 1912 menus in the Ephemera folder.

It was on September 9, 1917, that the Dolphin Club held its first Club Gate swim. The San Francisco Examiner was already planning a Gate swim for August 1917, but Dolphin organizers said its event would be better.

The July 31, 1917, Dolphin invitation letter read: "This is an opportunity to try your



*Installation Dinner Menu
January 9, 1909*

pluck and skill in California's most daring athletic event under the most favorable auspices. ... In the Examiner event our athletes will be lost in the shuffle among a regular Bulgarian army of contestants, and their chances of showing or even getting mentioned in the papers are practically nix." (A Bulgarian army?? The Log editor and your archivist have different guesses on what this means. Any ideas?) See Ephemera 1917 entry for full text.

Thanks as always to the Archive volunteers. Watch announcements for future archive workdays.

Morgan Kulla

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LGBTQ Pride Swim, Sunday, June 26, 2022 Dolphin/South End/Tsunami Clubs

This is a celebration of an improbable movement that caught fire 53 years ago when a bunch of mostly baby boomers demanded our right to determine how we wanted to live. That was Stonewall. But what I like to celebrate at these clubs every year are the friendships and devotion between those of us who are LGBTQ and those of you who are not, something that was unlikely in the bad old days. There's no question we would not have had such remarkable success if not for our families, friends, allies, and people of good will who got it, and lent their support to our fight for justice, self-determination, and authenticity. There's a lesson in this for the hard times we are living in now.

Movements for social justice—for example, the fight against racism, a woman's right to choose, preventing gun violence, saving the planet, and LGBTQ rights, have a lot in common. When we look out for each other, we have the power to make a difference, which is why there have always been efforts to divide us. I saw a cartoon a few years ago that spoke to me. It was of an older man in bed with his wife. He was embarrassed. She said "Don't worry about it. It happens to

everyone." He said "Well it never happened to me before. It must be gay marriage!"

That eloquently describes the nature of prejudice. Blame someone else—anyone else—for what's not going well in your life. And that kind of scapegoating—paradoxically—doesn't discriminate. All vulnerable groups are targets. That's a big part of what binds us.

These last half dozen years have been frightening. I feel less safe in my country than I ever have. These rights we've gained—to have our sex lives decriminalized, to have legal protection against discrimination, to marry—are fragile, and can be undermined by an opportunistic minority grabbing power. I fear that the tragedy of undoing nearly 50 years of women having self-determination over their own bodies is only just the beginning of what they will attempt to unravel.

During the Weimar Republic—Germany after WWI—there was an unprecedented, open celebration of queer culture, only to be wiped out by the rise of the Nazis. As a Jew, I see the biggest lesson one can take from the

Holocaust is the importance of early vigilance. It's critical to stand up to the bullies as soon as things start to get ugly, because if one waits too long, the consequences of doing so may be dire. As Martin Niemöller famously said about the Nazis:

"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

So, in the midst of celebrating the remarkable improvements in our lives, and our love of each other, and this community we are blessed to be part of, I hope that we who fear that our very democracy is in peril figure out what we can each do to rescue and reinvigorate it. Holding on to our hard-won freedoms, from the right to choose to the right to marry, and our overall vision of a just world, depend on it. Now let's sing.

Naphtali Offen

Forty Years Ago

Our Dolphin Club women win the 1982 Maui Channel Relay Swim. It's their fifth straight victory against all other women teams in this annual competition. They set several records and generate world-wide recognition for our club in the early days of open-water swimming.

Rich Cooper



Pictured Left to Right: Morgan Kulla (team captain), Suzanne Heim-Bowen, DeDe Hill-Mey, Barbara Sanders, Debra Howard, and Cathy Holton Huang. Other relay team members in prior years were Susan Allen, Sally Jo Antonchuk, Marianne Brems, Linda Braski, Beth Fisher, Carol Haffey Pierotti, Veronika Mann, and Susanna Spencer-Horner.

Calling all Dolphin Artists!

Earlier this year the Dolphin art wall was launched thanks to the collaborative efforts of House Captain Lee Hammack and Club Archivist Morgan Kulla. The art wall is open to all members, self-identified as an artist or not. Any member can apply to show their two-dimensional artwork, including textiles or photographs, for a one-month period.

The display area is an 8-foot-wide section on the east wall of the Main Boathouse, just to the north of the elevator area door. To apply, complete the Temporary Display Release and Waiver of Liability Form, available on groups.io Files section. For questions, contact any art committee member - Laura Atkins, Jeanne Marie Hallacy, and Morgan Kulla.

Many thanks to Club artists who have stepped up so far - Deb Sullivan (paintings), Madhuri Yechuri (photographs), Flicka McGurrin (a painting), and Susanne Friedrich (paintings).

Morgan Kulla



June - Flicka McGurrin painting

Ward Bushee on Suzanne Heim-Bowen

Women Signal The Modern Age for the Club

To this day I remember a call in June 1981 coming into the *Marin Independent Journal* sports desk. A young Marin woman had just swum solo from Tiburon to San Francisco.

OK, this was a millennium ago and marathon Bay swims were rare, although a Dolphin named Jack LaLanne had made headlines several years before with his Houdini stunts, which included swimming manacled while towing a flotilla of small boats from Alcatraz.

I was suspicious of a hoax and asked if the swim could be verified. It was confirmed that Dolphin Vincent Huang had indeed piloted her on his surfboard. And the *IJ* was the first to print a story about Suzanne Heim, leading Page One in that afternoon's edition.

"Now, it's not even a training swim," she says of that Tiburon-SF solo. "Goals changed over the years, from just braving swimming in the ocean and crossing the Gate, to the (English) Channel, and the DC supported me so much along the way... and continues to do so."

Over the years there would be more stories – actually, an encyclopedic volume of them – and a documentary movie to boot. Too long to list here,



Suzanne Heim Tiburon to San Francisco finish 1981



Suzanne Heim and Vince Huang Tiburon to San Francisco 1981

Suzanne's resumé includes English Channel crossings, daring and record-breaking solo open water swims, decades of dominance in Dolphin Club events, a diversion at age 50 to Diablo Valley College women's team, and then a champion swimmer (resulting in an award-winning film, "50 Year Old Freshman"), and then back to more marathon swim adventures. There are so many awards and recognitions that they need an index.

So now, over 41 years after writing about her feats for the *IJ*, I find myself as Club President coming almost full circle by writing about Suzanne once again. But this time it's with a broader appreciation of her as a Club treasure, and in recognition of what she means to us as our most celebrated swimmer, a non-stop volunteer, and an inspiration for Dolphins.

I'll get to the pioneering Suzanne in a bit. But first, let's consider her as a swimming phenomenon.

Sports writers like to call the most Dominant professional superstars "generational athletes" for their vast superiority over their fellow competitors. They are so superior

that you might stop what you are doing just to watch them hit, pass, or shoot because something remarkable could happen. Take Mays, Montana, and Curry. Willie, Joe, Steph – just first names suffice in conversation – are local generational stars. In the Dolphin World, Suzanne – first name says it all – is our double-generational athlete who seems very likely to surpass 50 years as the club swimming superstar. I was writing about her historic solo Bay swims before Montana threw "The Catch" pass to Dwight Clark.

Today, her swimming continues to be dazzling and almost supernatural. Since 2019, Suzanne has spent the COVID era clicking off a staggering list of eight major swims that include: Catalina to Mainland; Lake Tahoe the long way; Fastnet Rock, Ireland (record at the time); the DC Marathon Potomac Swim (a record); and Anacapa to Ventura.

With her Medicare birthday ahead in July, Suzanne Heim-Bowen's focus now is on creative solo swims that are fresh adventures for her. Perhaps she keeps a few secrets about how to excel in the water, but she always has been clear that swimming has been her re-energizing escape from her very serious and important career as an educational psychologist with special needs kids.

And she graciously has always credited the Dolphin pilots and other supporters as partners in her successes. "None of us are skilled as all of us," she says of her credo, "and if it wasn't for the DC's support/skillset I wonder what my swim trajectory would have been."



Suzanne Heim and Mike Garibaldi 1996

The roots of the women's inclusion saga began with the sea change of civil rights in the 1960s and landed in Aquatic Park in 1974 with the first legal challenges to the all-male clubs.

The *Dolphin Log* archives from the late '70s list of Club swim results tell a story. Females almost instantly began appearing on the Club swim leaderboards after the doors opened up in late 1976. How do we make sense of pre-1977 male-only swim results when so many able contenders were not allowed to compete? I can only think of 1947, when Jackie Robinson broke through the segregation era, which changed pro baseball forever. Our Club swims before women were included are flawed by their exclusion. Asterisks, please! But I digress.

In the early '80s Suzanne's attention was on completing college, grad school, and getting started in her teaching career. In Club swimming circles, her participation was "sporadic." She came up through the ranks and was frequently beaten by the top male Club swimmers until about 1985 "when I became serious about training for the Channel."

Among her early challengers was the most dominant Club swimmer of the age, Mike Garibaldi. In the Thanksgiving Day Cove in 1979, Suzanne came close and finished seven seconds behind him, which started a "friendly" competition. Rob Momson, Charlie Yourd, Dave Kenyon, and Jim Griffith would also often finish ahead of her until '85. From the women's side, Debra Howard, Becky Fenson, and frequent winner Laura (Burtch) Zovickian were pushing her as well. But in the Golden Gate Swim on Oct. 18, 1987 she would finish first ahead of Garibaldi.

Beyond club competitions Suzanne also was plotting her pioneering solo swims around the Bay and had the help of a raft of male Dolphin and some South End swimmers and rowers. The SF Bay Model tide guru calculated swim routes for her on some occasions, and her courses were drawn up on cocktail napkins during "liquid creative thinking" sessions at the Buena Vista Café.

But that's just part of her story. Though she is too humble to ever say so, Suzanne's developing dominance as



Former President Frank Drum, Suzanne Heim, Morgan Kulla and Joni Beemsterboer 1979

a sensational swimmer was impactful, and helped accelerate the historic shift from a men's private bastion to a club where women quickly would have standing and influence.

The inclusion of women in late 1976 was not exactly a noble moment for enlightened governance of the century old club of men. The *Dolphin Log's* first and only mention of the new women members in those early years was a brief update in 1977 on the near completion of the women's bare bones locker room.

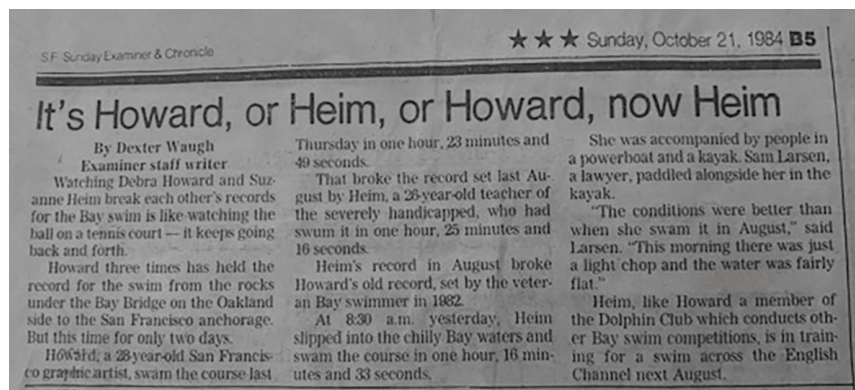
In 2016, one of the first women members, Joni Beemsterboer, wrote a Log article on the women pioneers and began with how fear of losing a discrimination suit forced the hand of the Club to admit women in October 1976. After they were admitted (some crudely tormented or bullied by some male members) other men pitched in to help the women advance more

quickly in the water.

The Club's early women pioneers

The *Log* started listing female names in Club swim results in 1977 as they started to challenge the top male swimmers. In the Dolphin Polar Bear Swim in December, 1976, three female Club members were high finishers: Sally Jo Antonchuk, Veronika Mann, and Mary Ann Kaufman. On Jan 29, 1977 Mann was first and Antonchuk second in the Gas House Cove. Joni also was a consistently strong finisher.

Also in 1977, Morgan Kulla (yes, our outstanding Club Archivist today) was emerging as a top Club swimmer. She finished third that year to Garibaldi in three Club swims: Yacht Harbor, Double Cove, and Pier 41. Later in the year, Morgan was first in the Fort Point swim, and she was a dominant top finisher through 1978



before she left town for a number of years to work internationally for the State Department.

And then there was the Chronicle's Herb Caen column item in March 1978 that "Bud Jenkins was the first man across the finish line in the midwinter Gas House Cove swim and HE came in sixth!" A week later, Caen wrote that "several feminists popped up to put me down.....and once again they are right. Apologies to Susanna (Spencer-Horner), Morgan, Carol (Pierotti), Joni, and Andrea (Diamond) who finished ahead of Bud."

Two years after the courageous handful of women became members, a 20-year-old swimming prodigy began her magnificent Dolphin run. "Suzanne Heim modestly described herself as a good swimmer when she joined," Beemsterboer wrote. "Soon she was breaking every record on the wall and continues to inspire and break records."

Says Suzanne: "I joined the Club in November 1978 and thankfully the women before me definitely parted the seas!"

The newly joined women members didn't just populate Club swims but soon moved into Club leadership. Cynthia Erlich, a magazine writer and editor, was first to crack the century old all-male leadership ceiling when she became the Dolphin Log editor in 1978. In 1980 she would become



Suzanne Heim training swim 1983

the first woman elected to the Board. Joni was elected to the Board in 1981, Debra Howard and Morgan in 1982, Suzanne in 1983 along with the brave Katie Maloney, who became the first woman DC President in 1988, only to be harassed horribly by some boorish male members.

Change comes fast but cautiously

In 1983, the *Log* finally published a story on Suzanne under the presumptive headline "Dolphin A Legend" after her blistering pace of three creatively engineered solo bridge-to-bridge swims. At only 25 she was just getting started with a lot more legend still to come.

The club today is renowned for its line of great female swimmers – anchored early on by Suzanne. The line continued with other record-breaking females we all know by their first names – Kim (Chambers), the one-time Kiwi ballerina, and now Cat (Breed), the former Cal swimmer. And more are on the horizon, including the phenomenal Lauren Ah Brinkmeyer.

Women almost instantly gave the men a run for their money in the water, but also, through their mutual comradery, began to change the internal makeup of the Club and to add high energy volunteers to Dolphin efforts. Their progress made it easier for other women to join and in the long run opened the doors to the broader diversity that we so value today. "The thought was don't be troublemakers or women's libbers," said Joni. "Women came, swam, dressed, and left. We were

never organized."

Several of the early women members today remain active not only in Club swims but also as dedicated volunteers including Joni (Foundation Board secretary), Morgan (Archivist), Robin Rome (Events Coordinator) and Suzanne (Foundation Secretary before Joni). And Joni, Suzanne, and Katie as early women on the Board surely helped pave the way for later leaders we also know by first names – Club Presidents Meg (Reilly) and Diane (Walton).

As an aside, the club still has work today to achieve gender balance. The Club had around 400 members when the doors were opened and 50 women joined the five original female members in 1977. Today we have more than 600 female members of the total 1800-plus membership, but are only making slow progress of closing the one-to-two female-male gap.

For me, it's been a long, but fulfilling journey following Suzanne from that first story in the IJ in 1981. I now realize why she is so important and matters so greatly to our identity as Dolphins. We take pride in knowing Suzanne is one of us and that she represents the greatest achievements and ideals of the club's modern age of both men and women members. Her spirit and inspiration as a fellow Dolphin help us define the character of the Club and what makes it so great and compelling. It's quite a legacy for Suzanne and a gift for the rest of us.



*Suzanne Heim Golden Gate 6-way 1987
It took her 2.42 hours*



Suzanne Heim and Mike Garibaldi Ft. Point Swim 1988

Dolphins Go To Henley, 2022

Michael Enright and Matt Stromberg

Competitive rowing is a grueling sport. Athletes compete with each other for seats on their club's top boats, and against other clubs in regattas. After two years of competition cancellations due to COVID, the high school rowers of the Oakland Athletic Rowing Society [OARS] were eager to race, and so it came as a big surprise this spring when the OARS board dismissed their beloved coach James Kwan with fewer than four weeks to go before the end of the USRowing season.

It took a court order, but the athletes' dedication to their coach and to each other resulted in USRowing allowing the OARS rowers to compete along with their coach. Despite being held off the water for the better part of four weeks while the situation was resolved, the team placed high at Regionals and sent multiple boats to Nationals where, in June, one boat, an under-17 quad (4x), placed 3rd in the nation. They would do so wearing their OARS kits plus Dolphin Club caps as a "hat tip" to the club that supported them the most during a difficult time. While the OARS rowers' own board had abandoned them, it was the Dolphin Club board, notably Ward Bushee, James Dilworth, and Diane Walton who stepped in to support these young athletes. At the request of Matt Stromberg, a DC swimmer and OARS parent, the DC board adopted the rowers under the Dolphin Club banner to allow them to compete in the final regatta of the season - The Henley Royal Regatta in England.

For rowing enthusiasts and competitors alike, the Henley Royal Regatta is one of the most meaningful tournaments in the world. It represents a cross-section of the world's top rowers and the cutting edge of the sport, rarely seen outside the Olympic and World Cup arena. Each summer, crews in boats of all sizes and many affiliations are invited or compete for regatta placement in a pre-tournament qualification race. These include entries from top collegiate, youth, national, and club teams alike. Henley is unique in that two teams race each other side by side in single elimination

rounds over the course of 6 days. But first, our Dolphin Club crew would need to qualify.

High School seniors Christoph Karleskind [bow], Thomas Barbey (2), Stephen Sue (3), and Dylan Good [stroke] had been training with Coach James Kwan all season and were excited to represent the Dolphin Club in England. A single scull rowed by Mckeane McBrearty also entered into the Diamond Challenge Cup, and team coxswain Peter Litwin provided team support, making an unprecedented showing of Dolphins at the regatta. Having not been officially invited by the Henley Stewards, the crew would have to compete in a grueling qualification round on the Thames to be included in the regatta. All the way in the UK, they had one shot to make it on Friday, June 24 at Henley-on-Thames. The Dolphin quad rowed with the same fortitude and determination that had carried them through the season and was one of just 3 crews out of 44 to make the cut for the Fawley Challenge Cup. The other 41 crews went home that day.

The Fawley Challenge Cup is an event for youth rowers in a coxless quad. There would be four rounds

of racing over the 2,112m course to determine which youth quad would win the cup. In the Draw on Saturday, June 25, the DC rowers learned that their stellar performance during qualifications landed them a 'bye' for the first round, making the final that much closer. However, our oarsmen who had come so far got a surprise race assignment. On Thursday, June 30 they would face the Tideway Scullers' School – the 2021 Fawley Cup Champion!

Our Dolphins beat Tideway by four lengths that day.

DC club member Michael Enright first attended Henley as a spectator back in 2010 as a guest of his British college friends, most of whom regularly have their high schools and universities represented among a selection of the regatta's top rowers. When Michael set out to the UK this summer, he assumed this year would be no different but quickly found his own Dolphin Club was in the regatta. It was exciting but felt like a long shot.

"To have the Dolphins dominate in the qualification round and beat the former Champions was dazzling,"



Photo Michael Enright

Blazers and high tea. The annual regatta at Henley-on-Thames offers a chance to display your English credentials.

Michael says. “Dare I say it came as a disruptive surprise to my friends from the UK’s best rowing schools. When our Dolphins beat Tideway, I not only suggested but demanded my host surrender to me his guest badge for the Stewards’ Enclosure on Friday!”

Early in the afternoon of July 1, the Dolphins began their second heat race against the Windsor Boys School B boat. Windsor, one of the UK’s most prestigious preparatory schools, has a reputation for excellence in the Fawley Cup. This fact was quickly alluded to by bemused regatta commentators as they highlighted the Dolphin Club was ‘relatively unknown’ at Henley. At least, until now...

It started as a tight race, though Windsor was showing early signs of dominance despite some steering challenges. A shoe clip broke off the footboard in the first ten strokes for our 3 seat rower, yet the boats were within a half-length of each other at the 750m mark and the Dolphin Club had yet to make their move. Then something inherent to rowing yet truly disappointing happened – the Dolphin Club’s port side 3 oar twisted out of the oar lock, rendering both 3 and 4 seats unable to row at all. The oar could not be recovered despite repeated attempts by our collected and

Photo Josh Litwin



Before “our” boys were Dolphins they entered the US Nationals in the under-17 quad, placing 3rd in the US, but after their coach, James Kwan (right) was fired by the Oakland Athletic Rowing Society, they chose to row for the Dolphin Club instead.

downright stoic oarsmen. Aghast at the turn of events, the commentator quickly shifted focus from the now finishing race to video review of the incident – citing that the oar gate became bent during the race and that nobody ever wants to see a race end this way. By the time our crew reached the Stewards’ Enclosure in the last 500m they received what was cited as the most understanding and supportive applause at Henley that day. Video shows what appears to be a standing ovation. And they finished with their heads held high.

The judges noted in the results that the race had not finished due to a boat malfunction and the commentators wished our rowers better luck at Henley next year, presumably in hopes the Dolphins would rise to the Henley

challenge and return to their regatta again.

This event represented an important moment in the history of our club. To the best of our knowledge – and the Henley records back to 1999 – this was the first time the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club participated in the Henley Royal Regatta. And they set an exemplary standard of both performance and sportsmanship.

You can find more information about Henley at:

<https://www.hrr.co.uk>

Dolphin Club vs. Tideway Scullers
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Dolphin Club, USA v Tideway
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Sailing Around Saipan

Rick Perez

When Emma and Pete Perez exited San Francisco for the Mariana Islands in 2014, they did not leave the Dolphin Club behind but took it with them, establishing an affiliate, the Dolphin Club Saipan, in their new home. Furthermore, they created 500 Sails, a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) nonprofit organization whose mission was to revive, promote, and preserve the ancient maritime cultural traditions of the Chamorro people indigenous to the Mariana Islands, through community engagement in swimming, canoe building, deep bottom fishing, and canoe sailing.

As part of the 500 Sails “Traditional Sailing and Voyaging” learning track a circumnavigation of Saipan was planned. Each of the four canoes used in the adventure was captained by Carolinian Navigators with years of open ocean sailing experience in similar sized (27 foot) vessels. This would give students a once-in-a-lifetime chance to sail on the open ocean with four of the world’s most experienced Proa sailors. Three navigators were already on Saipan, while Grand Master Navigator Sesario Sweralur came from Palau to be part of the voyage.

Pete was assigned, along with two local students, to Sesario’s rig, *Richard Seman*, a very heavy canoe with a distinctive red sail. This boat

Photo 500 Sails



500 Sails, aka Dolphin Club Saipan, now has four boats on the sea, enough for a colorful circumnavigation around the island.

was the hardest to sail because it has a small and very light outrigger, which increases its speed – it sits high in the water with very little drag – but also inclines it to capsize relatively easily. The *Richard Seman* had just gone through a complete overhaul that included all new lines.

Sesario’s brother Tony Pialiug navigated *Aunty Oba*, the most recently built canoe, a beautiful boat painted with ancient Chamorro designs plus a bright yellow sail. Tony’s crew included two very experienced voyagers from Satawal. Cecilio Raiukiulipiy skippered *Anaguan*, a canoe named after a recent

archeological site in Saipan, a village with the same name (where the remains of over 700 Chamorros were found, buried alongside their stone tools, spears made of human bone, sling stones, and shell art). Cecilio’s crew consisted of two students. The last canoe was captained by Mario Benito of Polowat, whose crew included his son and nephews, who regularly work with him in the 500 Sails boatyard. Mario’s canoe was *Nene* (or *Baby*), the only one fully constructed in New Zealand and shipped back to Saipan; *Nene* was on her third (green) sail.

The first half of the trip started later in the morning than planned. According to Pete, “it was fairly easy starting out since we were on the reef on the leeward side of the island. But when the group left the reef area, they immediately entered rough conditions with 8-foot waves. The canoes have only about one foot of freeboard space, but they are made for deep ocean waters and functioned well. We were heading north, against the wind and the conditions became more challenging as the waves grew to 10-12 feet.”

Pete’s canoe had left without a critical ring that acted as a pulley to control the mainsheet. Normally this wouldn’t pose a problem, but the

Photo 500 Sails



Pete Perez, Dolphin Club legend and founder of our sister club in Saipan, learns from instructor and navigator Cecilio Raiukiulipiy



When Europeans first saw the Flying Proas of the Marianas, they were astonished by their speed and maneuverability.

group was sailing “Carolinian-style,” which means that the mast was raked severely forward with the yard nearly vertical, moving the boom below high in the air rather than close to the hull and leeward. Without the ring it was difficult to pull the mainsheet back. Unable to pull the sail close to the canoe, they lost ground against the wind.

Cecilio’s canoe was also falling behind due to the inexperienced student crew. By the end of the trip, all the crews had a better understanding of how to respond to wind changes and to quickly reverse the sail.

Mario’s and Tony’s canoes were doing well, until Mario’s canoe broke a “gahet” – one of the supports for the outrigger. The crew immediately repaired the broken part using spare bamboo and lashing that they had brought along. But it took time and its crew watched as *Auntie Oba* in the distance rounded the northern tip of Saipan.

Six-hour tow

With the canoes increasingly separating, Cecilio made the decision to have the sole escort boat tow the three canoes that had not yet rounded the north end of the island. Rounding them up and getting them tied in tandem for the tow took much time.

April Repiki, who was a sailor

on the crew of the Nene, found the journey breathtaking but very scary. “When we reached the northern eastern portion of the trip, the waters got really rough. A bamboo piece that was connected to the outrigger broke and we had to fix it at the moment. That was scary. We didn’t realize a tow was coming. I just remember that the 50-foot motorboat was near us, and then telling us that we were going to get towed because of the conditions. Under the tow our crew and navigator didn’t control the canoe because we were at the mercy of the tow boat. For the six hours to our destination, there was a lot of pulling and pushing and the canoe jerked around.”

“I got really sick as we progressed through the long tow,” exclaimed Mario Borja who was a sailor on the *Anaguan* canoe navigated by Cecilio. “We couldn’t control the canoe and the tension of the rope increased and decreased as we moved through ocean conditions defined by various cross currents. It was a great learning experience and while scary, we all worked together focusing on each and every moment.”

The key challenge facing the towed canoes was to safely reach the destination of Laolao Bay, a small area on the windward side of the island that is difficult to navigate at night. There is a very narrow channel in the area that cuts through a reef that

would become exposed in the coming low tide. The crews needed to get through this narrow channel before dark to avoid being stranded offshore. The canoes finally arrived at Laolao Bay and brought up on the sandy beach area, where Tony’s crew had already arrived using only the wind, just as the sun set.

Small repairs were made, loose lines were tightened, and other problems addressed prior to embarking the following morning. The wind was brisk, and the boats coasted. The fast *Richard Seman* was at one point flying at about 20 knots. The crews were back to the canoe house by early afternoon. On the way, while going over a reef near the end of the trip, the *Richard Seman* capsized; the crew had been pushing its luck by trying to sail faster.

“The overall experience was incredible,” exclaimed Mario Borja. “The competence of the navigators goes way beyond reading stars. The Master Navigators were able to embrace the waves, seeking and negotiating spur of the moment relationships with the waves. I saw this most especially during the time we got close to the reef at Lao Lao, because the navigators sailed into the waves, directed the boat like a surfboard, and rode the waves into the reef areas, despite the tides being low. It was incredible.”

The future?

500 Sails, the master navigators, and current and future crew members are planning for canoe sailing trips to Rota island, 78 miles south of Saipan. If the winds and swells are cooperating, this transit could take ten hours. Another trip is being planned to sail the 120 miles from Saipan to Guam, a matter of a couple of days depending on the winds and swells.

According to Cecilio, the biggest trip currently planned is to sail from Saipan to the Caroline island of Satawal, 640 miles south, southeast using no modern technology on the canoe. The Satawal trip may take one week or even longer. Cecilio commented that “for the experienced navigators, being on a 27-foot canoe for a week is not too uncomfortable, but if new sailors are selected for the trip, the level of comfort may be low since the canoe is a hard-surface craft.”

2022 Master Mariners Wooden Boat Show

Nanda Palmieri

The gleaming varnish and shapely lines of two of the Dolphin Club's rowboats drew a great deal of attention and admiration from the crowds at the 2022 Master Mariner's Wooden Boat Show on June 26 at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon. This was the show's 28th year, and the first to take place after a two year pandemic hiatus. Nearly 500 members of the public attended this fundraiser for the Master Mariners Benevolent Association, where they viewed over 60 vessels, on what turned out to be a perfect sunny day on the Bay.

The two rowboats, the *Good Luck*, a modified Stillwater River Boat, and the *Lawton C. Hughes*, a Dolphin Club Sliding-Seat Lapstrake Double, began their work on the Bay that morning as piloting vessels for the Dolphin Club's Pride Swim. Once swimmers were safely in the Aquatic Park Cove, the boats' crew members, John Bielinski, Pete Strietmann, John Thorpe, and Nanda Palmieri rowed them over to Tiburon. After an uneventful seventy-five minute crossing, the boats were docked at a slip at the Corinthian.

Sun shining on their bright varnish, bobbing gently on the blue water, the boats drew people in. They



Dolphin Whitehall and crew at the 2022 Master Mariners wooden boat show in Tiburon

were the smallest craft there, and yet had a mighty presence. From the dock, viewers could see the entire structure of the boats and appreciate their beautiful lines. They were also the only rowboats, and so the only completely human-powered vessels, among sailboats of all sizes. They were rowed across the Bay that morning and would later be rowed back.

Informational placards provided detailed information about the boats. These contained excerpts from Rich Cooper's Dolphin Club Wooden Boat Catalog, as well as a reproduction of one of Julia Hechanova's line drawings documenting the fleet, with the originals at the Library of Congress in Washington DC. The Dolphin rowers fielded questions and enjoyed talking with the many interested visitors about the boats.

Some people knew about the Dolphin Club, but associated it with swimming and didn't know about the Club's treasured fleet of wooden boats. Many were amazed that the boats are used daily and yet kept in such beautiful condition. People were impressed that they are rowed all over the Bay and even up the Delta.

Besides the rowers, several other Dolphins were present at the show, some as part of the appreciative audience of visitors and others as participants exhibiting their own personal sailboats. Among those, KC Crowell won the show's Alma/Al Lutz Perpetual Trophy for biggest change in one year, for her rescued 1948 Bear Boat *Chance*, a 23 foot sloop. KC found *Chance* adrift in the Oakland/Alameda Estuary near the end of 2021, towed her to safety, and after becoming her new owner, worked on restoring her. Bear Boats are small sailboats, and like the Dolphin Club's wooden rowboats, were built locally, for challenging Bay conditions.

This is only the second time that Dolphin Club boats have been exhibited at the Master Mariners Show. The first was in 2019, when the *Chas. M. Farrell*, the Club's oldest double, built in 1917, represented the fleet. While the Dolphin Club boats stood out, they were also at home among the other traditional wooden boats of all sizes, lovingly maintained and prized for their beauty as well as their utility, many of which have similarly active lives on Bay waters.

2022 Lake Merced Regatta

Diane Walton

The Old School Master's Regatta, hosted by Pacific Rowing Club, was held on Lake Merced on Sunday, July 10. Among the 134 rowers and 17 clubs from around the Bay Area in attendance were five rowers from the Dolphin Club. Tom O'Connell, a long-time member and now coach at Marin Rowing, coached his Men's 8s to 1st, 2nd, and 4th place finishes; Racheal Perry and Abigail Smyth (NBRC) won their heat and came in 2nd in raw time over all in the Women's Masters 2x. In the highly competitive Men's 1x, Tadas Petrys returned to racing after a 15-year hiatus and took 3rd in his heat and 6th over all in raw time; and Eric Carman, a perennial DC competitor, won his heat in adjusted time. All and all a good showing for the Dolphin Club.

It was great to host so many teams on Lake Merced, our home water. For many competitors it was a respite from the summer heat. For the locals it was business as usual on the overcast crosswind waters of our beloved lake.

A special thank you to Pacific Rowing Club for hosting the regatta. The event was well run, well attended, and the start of a new tradition of Master's racing at Lake Merced.



Sharon Wienbar, BIAC rower and our regional USRowing Board rep, emerges from the regatta

Dolphins Without Fins

Laura Zovickian

Ask the Board to safeguard and perhaps cherish our scheduled swim policy that prohibits wet suits and swim aids. This action fosters diversity and preserves an important part of our collective Dolphin experience, an experience that makes us uniquely Dolphins.

Here's why:

The Dolphin Club is a community joined together by collective aspirations. You may not even know that when you join, but you quickly get the feel for it when your swimming mate suggests:

"Let's just go one more buoy." Then the aspirations creep in: "I think I can make it to the flag...I think I can do it in January...I think I can do it in September without a wet suit...I think I can make the Polar Bear...I think I can do the Alcatraz or the Gate swim... I think I can swim the English Channel."

This happens within our supportive community, which regularly and collectively nurtures aspirations and camaraderie. Public swim events tap into a broader, more transient open water swim community, offering a variety of Bay swims, welcoming wetsuits and swim aids. This makes sense from a safety perspective, due to the large number of swimmers, the inability to impose pre-qualifications, and the one-off quality of large events. The broader open water community is enhanced by these swims and all our members can participate. For many, a commercial event is the first step into the world of open water swimming, opening up a world of possibilities, including discovering the intimate connection to the water that one experiences without a neoprene barrier.

Our swims are different. They originate from our shared community, offered to members who have made a commitment individually and collectively to arrive at the swim briefing prepared to complete the swim. We have created this climate of fostering aspirations within our community and we as Dolphins have the reputation of encouraging them.

When our community comes together to host a swim it is open

to all members. If you can't or don't swim you can pilot, you can help, you can be a part of this shared experience. The shared experience includes swimmers who agree to wear a regular suit and no swim aids, staying true to our own history and the history of traditional marathon swimming. We jump into the water and experience that sensory overload of joy, fear, excitement, anticipation, and exuberance that is felt when your entire body is drenched in our cold Bay water. Most importantly, we do this together and all under our own power. When we finish, whether it takes 40 minutes or 100 minutes, we have a shared experience that is uniquely Dolphin. Maybe it's a newbie's first swim, a veteran's personal best, or someone taking on more than they've ever tried before. I would say it is the 100-minute swimmers (you know who you are) who are taking the longest soak and luxuriating most in that collective spirit. It is for them, as much if not more, that we retain the prohibition on wet suits and swim aids in our swims.

In our community the pilots are also an integral part of this experience. It is impossible to count the number of pilots who have supported, guided, encouraged a swimmer who was fearful, tired, off-course, or just cold, to the finish line. Those pilots and the helpers who wrap the swimmers up also take part in this collective experience. The chatter amongst swimmers, pilots, and helpers after a swim is one way we celebrate the accomplishment of our collective aspirations.

I would never discourage a wet suit swimmer or swim aid swimmer from swimming. The more swimmers who succumb to the seduction of the bay the better we are as a people. I will also never stop encouraging wet suiters to consider exposing all their skin to the cold Bay water. There is magic and transformation not to be missed. It might only be to the end of the dock, or maybe the first white buoy or the flag in September. Just give it a try.

Maybe it's not for you and that's OK. If you want to do a marquee swim out in the Bay you have options and should go for it. You

will also always have the option and be welcomed into our collective experience at the Dolphin Club. In the meantime, contribute to the Dolphin spirit and pilot or help. You will partake in the Dolphin *je ne sai quoi* if you participate, even if you are not swimming.

Eliminating the rule about prohibiting wet suits and swim aids would decrease the diversity of swimming options. This diversity makes us a stronger overall community. The diversity is reflected between the South End and Dolphin Club. The existence of two clubs who share the love of swimming and rowing but are different, makes us both stronger. We can differ on how we govern, how we approach building projects, our swims, and lots of other things. We are stronger for the depth, richness, breadth, and diversity of options even when they sometimes create challenges.

**RENEW THYSELF COMPLETELY
EACH DAY, DO IT AGAIN &
AGAIN & FOREVER AGAIN.**



Dolphins are welcome to use wetsuits or fins—but not in organized events

Swim Commissioners Report - Tim McElligott

So I asked Duke to be a timer and received a fantastic group of mad scientists. The swimmer count was right too!

Creativity and reaching outside of the comfort zone best typify the beginning of this year's swim season. While I have enjoyed the club swims as a swimmer or rower it has been very special to see, as a swim commissioner, all the components that come together to make our traditions alive. If, like me, you have typically done the same role on most swims, give something new a try - it's fun and there are so many opportunities to learn:

From the time that Helen and George arrive at 5:00 am to start the coffee and have their morning doughnuts, to Eric and Andrew setting up the check in tables a special energy builds. Swimmers, pilots and wranglers start to arrive and enjoy the food the galley has set out and catch up with their friends volunteering at the check-in table. The pilots soon set off, sometimes rowing or paddling over an hour against the current.

Swimmers follow the wranglers to the boat where the wranglers diligently double check the swimmer count. Meanwhile, Polly, Tom, and their team of timers start setting up the beach for the finish. Once the swimmers jump, the lead pilot radios the timers and the Coast Guard. The pilots soon start encircling the swimmers while watching for other boats and early signs of distress. If there is such a sign, a paddle goes up in the air and a motorized boat will come to pick up the swimmer.

When the leader enters the cove the timers are already on the lookout, and the galley prepares the first servings of food. Once the swimmers hit the beach they each receive a stick with a number that marks their position and as they proceed up the stairs another timer will record their arm number and place. The pilots typically all remain in the water until the last swimmer has finished. It is then crunch time for the galley. Margaret reveals the trinket hand-picked for the occasion. When everyone finishes the cleanup crew go to work.

Have any ideas? Want to get trained to be a pilot? Questions? Send us a note - dolphinswimcommissioner@gmail.com



Swim timers: Polly Rose, Diane Campbell, Tom Hunt, Aniko Kurczinak, Duke Dahlin

DOLPHIN LOG SWIM STATISTICS

<p>Doc Howard Over 45 Over 30 Under 45 Swim JUNE 4, 2022</p>		<p>Brian Gilbert, John Henderson, Pia Hinckle, Kati Hopman, Tom Hunt, Diane Livia, Keith Nelson, Lorna Newlin, Polly Rose, Anne Sasaki, Donna Schumacher, Brooke Segaran, Beth Stein, Diane Walton, Crissa Williams</p>		<p>C 11 Bob Blum 29:16 C 12 Eric Reed 29:34 C 13 Lisa Domitrovich 29:55 C 14 Peter Neubauer 30:17 C 15 Pia Hinckle 30:22 C 16 Anne Sasaki 30:23 C 17 Keith Nelson 30:51 C 18 Hal Offen 31:18 C 19 Rick Perez 33:31 C 20 Kent Myers 35:00 C 21 Sheila Gleeson 35:21 C 22 David H-Kinsella 35:35 C 23 Janice Wood 38:59 C 24 Donna Schumacher 40:24 C 25 Lorna Newlin 40:54 C 26 Michael Barber 43:31 C 27 Robert Ross 44:46</p>	
<p>Normally these swims are from Gashouse Cove, but due to the unusual amount of traffic and usage of the Bay, the swim was switched to an in-cove, around-the-cove swim. Normally there is a third division, the Under 30 group, but no one showed up to swim.</p>		<p>Swimmers, by Group:</p>		<p>Swimmers, over-all finish:</p>	
<p>The results are listed twice: first in group order, with B representing the Over 30 - Under 45 group, and C representing the Over 45 group; and second in over-all finish order. All who finished have a swim credited to their Alcatraz and Golden Gate qualification. Pilots: Danny De Leon, John Grunstad, Brian Kiernan, Dominic Lusinch, Scott Morris, Joey Murphy, John Robiola, Madhuri Yechuri Helpers: Joni Beemsterboer, Steve Carlson, Marc Cruciger, Lisa Domitrovich, Erin Gasser,</p>		<p>Group Place Name Time</p>		Place	Name Group Time
		B 1 Megan Wachs 27:36		1	Michael T-Hahn C 22:30
		B 2 Brooke Segaran 28:25		2	Stephen Schatz C 24:45
		B 3 Andrea G-Germain 30:13		3	John Haymaker C 25:33
		C 1 Michael T-Hahn 22:30		4	Mickey Lavelle C 25:39
		C 2 Stephen Schatz 24:45			
		C 3 John Haymaker 25:33			
		C 4 Mickey Lavelle 25:39			
		C 5 Laurence Flavell 26:15			
		C 6 John Mervin 27:41			
		C 7 Morgan Kulla 28:11			
		C 8 Alfred Seccombe 28:37			
		C 9 Andrew Nance 28:59			
		C 10 Nancy Hornor 29:05			

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5	Laurence Flavell	C	26:15
6	Megan Wachs	B	27:36
7	John Mervin	C	27:41
8	Morgan Kulla	C	28:11
9	Brooke Segaran	B	28:25
10	Alfred Seccombe	C	28:37
11	Andrew Nance	C	28:59
12	Nancy Hornor	C	29:05
13	Bob Blum	C	29:16
14	Eric Reed	C	29:34
15	Lisa Domitrovich	C	29:55
16	Andrea G-Germain	B	30:13
17	Peter Neubauer	C	30:17
18	Pia Hinckle	C	30:22
19	Anne Sasaki	C	30:23
20	Keith Nelson	C	30:51
21	Hal Offen	C	31:18
22	Rick Perez	C	33:31
23	Kent Myers	C	35:00
24	Sheila Gleeson	C	35:21
25	David HKinsella	C	35:35
26	Janice Wood	C	38:59
27	Donna Schumacher	C	40:24
28	Lorna Newlin	C	40:54
29	Michael Barber	C	43:31
30	Robert Ross	C	44:46

Pride Swim JUNE 26, 2022

This year's traditional Pride Swim, with the jump at Coghlan Beach, was hosted by the Dolphin Club for both the Dolphin Club and South End Rowing Club, with additional swimmers from Tsunami. The swim was fast: good flood flowing toward Aquatic Park from Coghlan Beach, and a wonderful party with food and singing afterwards.

Swimmers, in finish order:

Place	Name
1	Thorsten Anderson
2	Nathaniel Haynes
3	Lindsay Stripling
4	Beth Stein
5	Ernst Halperin
6	Heather Kremer
7	Jean Allan
8	Lawrence Remstedt
9	Cyrus Namdar
10	David O'Reilly
11	Raphael Noz
12	Kristofer Milonas
13	Paul Chong
14	Julian Sapirstein
15	Don Thornburg
16	Kathleen Sheridan
17	Tamara Straus
18	Carol Clark
19	Duke Dahlin
20	Spring Utting
21	Terry Huwe
22	Megan Wachs
23	Andrew Nance
24	Bob Blum
25	Lewis Haidt
26	Tommaso Trionfi
27	Peter Cullinan
28	Susannah Kirsch
29	Holly Reed

30	Lisa Domitrovich
31	Denise Sauerteig
32	Peter Neubauer
33	Nancy Hornor
35	Hal Offen
36	Marlin Gilbert
37	Mark Lenz
38	Kathleen Duffy
39	Pia Hinckle
40	Elizabeth Ozer
41	Catherine Lenny
42	Matthew Leffers
43	Andy Stone
44	Bevin Daniels
45	Heather Bhide
45	Halie Kampman
46	Robin Rome
47	Will Kushner
48	Julia Brashares
49	Eliana Agudelo
50	Jim Frew
51	Carolyn Hui
52	Lorna Newlin
dnf	Anne Sasaki

Pilots: Todd Bloch, David Buchanan, Laura Croome, Danny De Leon, Sam Ferguson, Steve Hanson, Kati Hopman, Terry Horn, Diane Jackson, Doug James, Dominic Lusinch, Rachele Mechem, Jacqueline Merovich, George Morris, Nanda Palmieri, John Robiola, John Thorpe, Lisa Weaver, Madhuri Yechuri **Helpers:** Jean Allan, Laura Atkins, Michael Barber, Julia Brashares, Andrew Cassidy, Paul Chong, Peter Cullinan, Sam Ferguson, Jim Frew, Nancy Friedman, Brian Gilbert, Sharon Gross, John Henderson, Mia Hershiser, David Holmes-Kinsella, Mara Iaconi, Mark Lenz, Laurel McCoy, Helen McKinley, Peter Neubauer, Lawrence Remstedt, Jamie Robinson, Polly Rose, Anne Sasaki, Eric Shupert, Beth Stein, Lindsay Stripling, Claire Trepanier, Kathy Wallace, Dana Watt

Test Swim: Ken Coren, Peter Cullinan, Steve Hanson, Holly Reed, Lawrence Remstedt, Zach Walton, David Buchanan, Paul Chong, Sean Marshall, Tom McCall, Kristofer Milonas, Cyrus Namdar

Bay Bridge Swim JULY 17, 2022

The first Bay Bridge swim since 2019 was wonderful. There were two groups at the start, a slower group starting 10 minutes before the faster group, with the groups coming together as they approached the finish. The tides and currents gave swimmers a great ride on a beautiful day, and arrival at the DC was enhanced again by a great spread of food and conviviality. The poster of the swim by Lindsay Stripling captured the fun.

Place	Name	Time
1	Ben Chun	41:26
2	Michael T-Hahn	45:11
3	Lauren AuBrinkmeyer	45:12
4	Sara Chang	45:26

5	Ken Schwarz	45:30
6	Thorsten Anderson	45:31
7	Scott Morris	47:04
8	Joey Murphy	47:07
9	Amanda Ernzer	47:15
10	Fasica Alemayehu	47:39
11	Don Thornburg	47:48
12	George Chamales	49:44
13	Lindsay Stripling	49:51
14	John Gibbon	50:06
15	Anna Olsen	50:21
16	Devan Nielsen	51:00
17	Mickey Lavelle	51:29
18	Sean Lavelle	51:43
19	Beth Stein	51:45
20	Kathleen Sheridan	52:29
21	Margaret Keenan	52:46
22	George Morris	53:12
23	Tom Reynolds	53:26
24	Jon Wright	54:45
25	David O'Reilly	54:56
26	Gina Rus	55:07
27	Bob Blum	55:27
28	Alexander Mulder	55:33
29	Paul Chong	55:36
30	Paul Wolf	55:42
31	Eric Reed	56:07
32	Mike Walsh	56:08
33	Katherine Wendelsdorf	56:45
34	Rick Perez	57:01
35	Peter Cullinan	57:40
36	Kathleen Duffy	57:45
37	Lisa Domitrovich	57:51
38	Zach Walton	57:56
39	Pia Hinckle	58:01
40	Andy Stone	58:33
41	Holly Reed	58:42
42	Emily Silverman	59:10
43	Aaron Rosenthal	59:19
44	Brian Johnson	59:48
45	Keith Nelson	1:00:32
46	Crissa Williams	1:01:03
47	Peter Neubauer	1:01:34
48	Julia Brashares	1:02:33
49	Donna Schumacher	1:05:40
50	Carolyn Hui	1:11:47

Pilots: David Buchanan, Scott Cauchois, Barry Christian, Michael Coren, Thomas Davis, Anthony DuComb, Stuart Gannes, Steve Hanson, Terry Horn, Diane Jackson, Timothy Kreutzen, Charmaine Leonard, Dominic Lusinch, Grant Mays, Tom McCall, Mikhail Melnikov, Don Osborne, John Robiola, Farrah Spott, Radha Tomassetti, Virginia Waik, Diane Walton, Lisa Weaver **Helpers:** Michael Barber, Bob Blum, Julia Brashares, Theodora Bruun,

Dolphin Club Annual
Meeting
6:30 pm Weds
Oct 19, 2022
Live and/or Zoom

Diane Campbell, Andrew Cassidy, Scott Cauchois, Peter Cullinan, Duke Dahlin, Lisa Domitrovich, Kathleen Duffy, Sam Ferguson, Erin Gasser, Sharon Gross, Jeanne Hallacy, Anne Hamersky, Jeff Hanak, Byron Harbour, Mia Hershiser, Nancy Hornor, John Hornor, Tom Hunt, Mara Iaconi, Athena Kyle, Sean Lavelle, Mark Lenz, Bobby Lu, Alix Marduel, Andrea McHenry, Helen McKinley, Ben Moore, Casey Morrigan, Scott Morris, Peter Neubauer, David O'Reilly, Holly Reed, Robin Rome, Polly Rose, Julian Sapirstein, Denise Sauerteig, Julia Schmidt, Donna Schumacher, Eric Shupert, Farrah Spott, Beth Stein, Andy Stone, Monica Towers, Cheryl Wallace, Zach Walton, Rebecca Wolski **Test swim:** Steve Carlson, Bobby Lu, Tom Neill, Lawrence Remstedt, Paul Chong, Brian Kiernan, George Morris, Radha Tomassetti

Photo by Lawrence Remstedt



Bay Bridge Test Swim



**2022
25 year
Life Members**



Duke Dahlin



Roger Hanson



Ahn Oppenheimer



Phil Scarborough

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2022 DOLPHIN CLUB SWIM & EVENT SCHEDULE

Jan 1	Sat TBD	*New Year's Day Alcatraz
Jan 1	Sat 9:30 am	New Year's Day Cove Swim
Jan 9	Sun 8:00 am	*Pier 41
Feb 13	Sun 7:30 am	*Gas House Cove
Feb 20	Sun TBD	Old Timers' Lunch
Mar 12	Sat 8:30 am	*Pier 39
Mar 21	Mon 11:00 pm	End of Polar Bear
Mar 22	Tue 5:00 am	Start of Walt Stack Challenge
Apr 2	Sat 9:30 am	*Yacht Harbor
Apr 30	Sat 9:00 am	*Coghlan Beach Fun Swim
TBD		McCovey Cove Regatta
May 14	Sat 11:00 am	Walt Schneebeli Over 60 Cove
TBD		Rowers' Festival
May 22	Sun 7:30 am	*John Nogue Swim for Science Pier 15
May 30	Tue 23:00 pm	End of Walt Stack Challenge
Jun 1	Wed 5:00 am	100-Mile Swim Begins
Jun 4	Sat 3:45 pm	*Doc Howard Gas House Cove-Over 45
Jun 4	Sat 3:45 pm	*Gas House Cove-Under 30 & 30-45
Jun 26	Sun 9:00 am	Pride Swim
Jul 17	Sun 7:30 am	*Bay Bridge
Jul 30	Sat TBD	*Santa Cruz 1 mile swim
Jul 31	Sun TBD	*Santa Cruz 2 mile swim
Aug 27	Sat 9:00 am	*Fort Point
Sep 10	Sat TBD	Dolphin/South End Triathlon
Sep 24	Sat TBD	Swim Across America
Oct 2	Sun 7:00 am	Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon
Oct 15	Sat 9:45 am	*Joe Bruno Golden Gate
Oct 29	Sun 8:45 am	*Alcatraz
TBD		Angel Island Regatta
Oct 31	Mon 11:00 pm	100-Mile Swim Ends
Nov 12	Sat 6:00 pm	Pilot Appreciation Dinner
Nov 24	Thur 10:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Cove
Dec 17	Sat 10:00 am	New Year's Day Qualifier & Holiday Brunch
Dec 21	Sat 5:00 am	Polar Bear Swim Begins

2022 Intro to Bay Swimming 9-11am

January 22

March 19

May 15*

July 24*

Sep 18*

Nov 13*

**tentative date*

SWIM PROGRAM RULES

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to Club members, who are current on their dues and fees and in good standing.
 2. Swimmers must have current USMS membership, or USA Swimming membership, as appropriate and abide by each organization's rules and requirements.
 3. Swimmers are required to wear orange caps on all scheduled swims.
 4. Swimmers cannot use swim aids including fins and wet suits, on any timed scheduled swims.
 5. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled out-of-cove swims for either 6 months from the start of their membership, or before successfully completing the 100-mile swim, the Polar Bear swim, or the Accelerated Out-of-Cove process.
 6. All out-of-cove swims require a pilot:swimmer ratio of 1:3.
 7. Time limits may be imposed at the discretion of the Swim Commissioner(s).
 8. All Club boats are reserved for scheduled swims. Co-pilots are encouraged. Riders are prohibited.
 9. Swimmers must register during check-in and attend the swim briefing in order to swim.
 10. Successfully complete at least three qualifying swims and help on at least three swims to qualify for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims.
 11. Out-of-town members must have successfully completed two of the last three Club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet Rule 10 above.
- (Nothing in the above rules shall contravene any applicable Federal laws and statutes.)

Alcatraz Island
1.4 miles

Fort Point
3.5 miles

Crissy Field
2.5 miles

Yacht Harbor
1.5 miles

Gas House Cove
1 mile

Aquatic Park Cove

Pier 41½
1.2 miles

Pier 43
1 mile

*All times are approximate & subject to change.
TBD means "to be determined".*