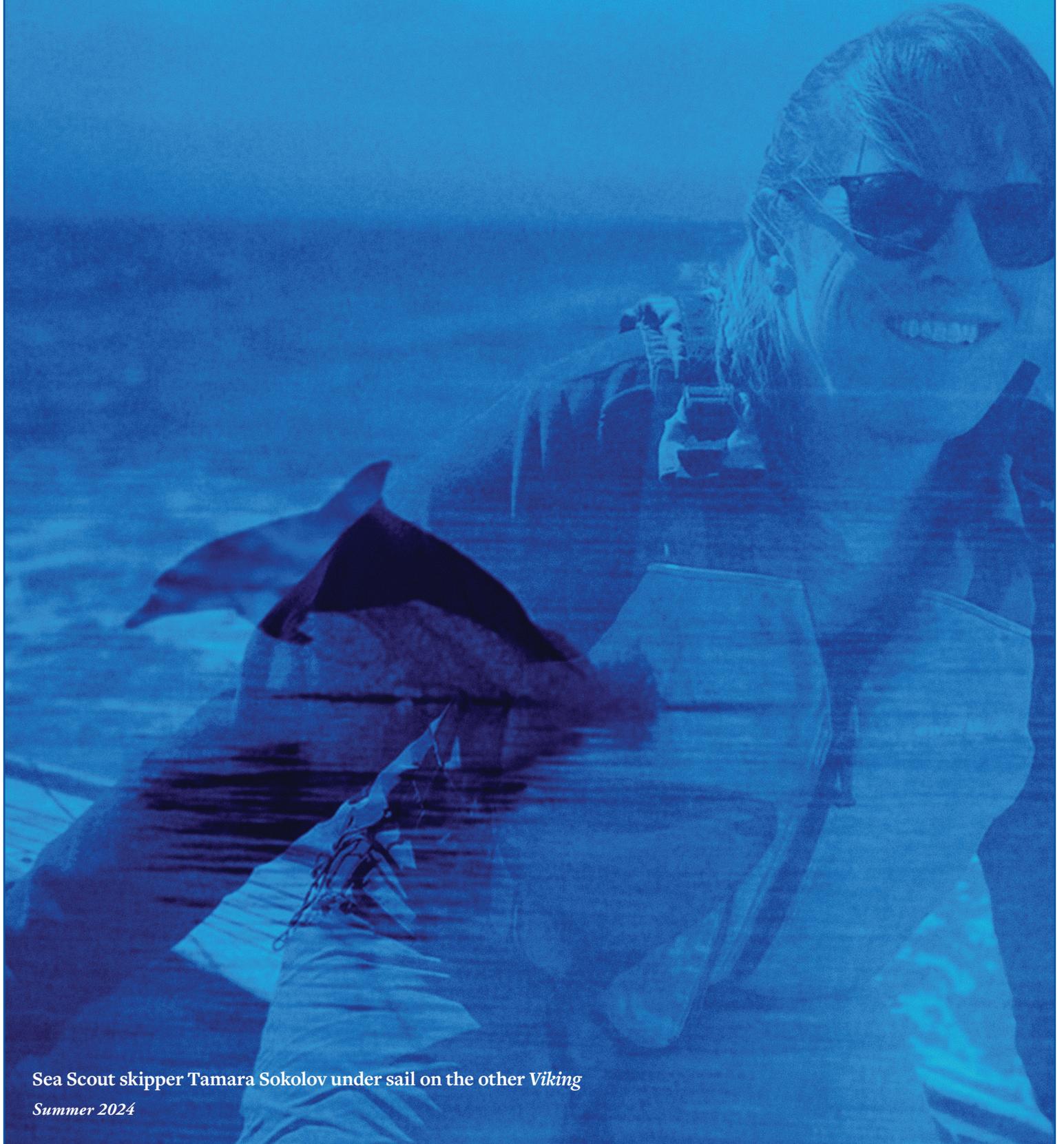


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Sea Scout skipper Tamara Sokolov under sail on the other *Viking*

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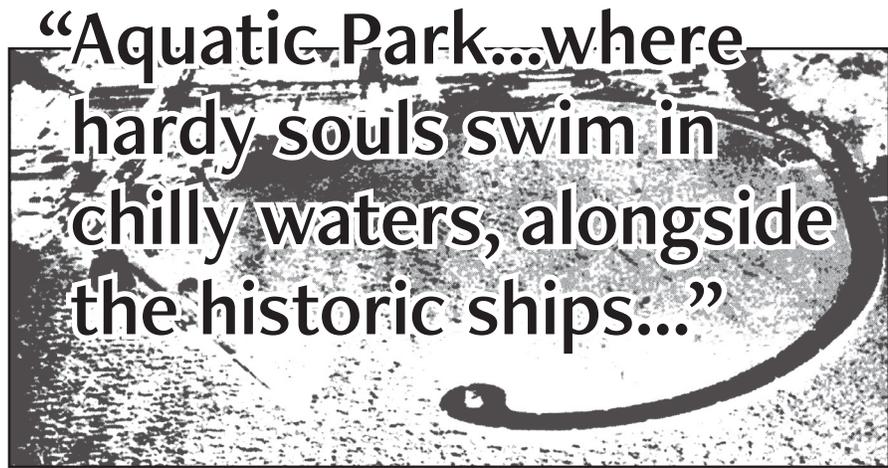
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President's Report: Summer 2024

Diane Walton, President

Who are we, we hardy souls? From 1877's 25 German immigrants to June 2024's 2,105 members, we are people with a reverence for, and an itch to get in and/or on, the water. We cut a wide swath with our joy and our commitment to our City. and San Francisco Bay. We are figuring out, every day, how best to serve our members and our community. With the building renovation and other impactful actions we are creating more space to do what we do, including a third sauna. Having reached a comfortable capacity, we recently slowed growth to just ten new members each month. We all choose, and are so lucky, to be here, to be with each other, on the shore of this chilly-for-some Bay!

About those historic ships at Hyde Street Pier: Yes, they are still leaving for some indefinite time. First two ships scheduled to depart late summer or early fall.

Ideas, please! In 2027, we will celebrate the Club's 150th anniversary. We will celebrate in many ways, big and small, at the Club and in our City. How will you celebrate? What's your idea for 2027? 150-mile rowing challenge? 150+ dancing Dolphins on Jefferson Street? 150-mile category in the 100-mile swim? 150-mile Walt Stack Running Challenge? 150 handball matches? 150 volunteer hours? 150 stories up on our 2000 Stories platform? 150 ways to celebrate our pilots? 150 works of art, celebrating our time in and on the water? You get the idea: send your wish list to 1877-2027@dolphinclub.org.

Annual General Meeting:
6:30 pm, October 16th 2024

Commissioners:

Swimming

Swim Commissioners: Bobby Lu, Tim McElligott, Lindsay Stripling, Ben Chun **Check-in:** Eric Shupert **Clean-up:** Steve Carlson **Clothes Wrangling:** Janine Corcoran **Swim Trinkets:** Margaret Keenan **Timing:** Janice Wood, Emily Nogue, Tamar Besson **Galley Captain:** Alix Marduel **Swim Clinic Director:** Diane Campbell

Rowing

Wooden Fleet Commissioner: Nanda Palmieri **Lake Merced Captain:** Jim Storm, Rachael Perry **Kayak Training:** Nathaniel Berger, Terry Horn **Motorized Fleet Commissioner & Chief Pilot:** Nathaniel Berger **Non-Motorized piloting:** Terry Horn **Shell Training:** James Dilworth, Gabby Wong **Learn to Row:** Dominic Lusinchi, **Grizzly Challenge:** Zack McCune **SUP Training:** Raine O'Connor, Gary Leong **Boat Night:** Jon Bielinski, Julia Hechanova

Other Athletics

DC/SERC TRI Captain: Ward Bushee **EFAT:** Gina Rus **Handball Captain:** Brendan Managhan **Running Commissioner:** Anna Olsen **Weight Room Captain:** Deborah Sherwood

Lockers

Women's Captain: Crissa Williams
Men's Captain: David Zovickian

News from the Archives: Celebrating 10 Years

Morgan Kulla

In February 2014, several Club members met to brainstorm on what do with the boxes of paper files and the historic materials stashed all over the Club in closets and corners, unorganized and inaccessible. This was the first effort at a comprehensive Archives project, so we had to figure out each step as we went along. Luckily, we could build on earlier work to preserve Club records, notably by Frank Staib (Financial Secretary for almost 50 years), Walt Scheebeli (Club Historian 1960s to his death in 2017), Brian Gilpin (who did the first inventory of Club records in 1979) and Richard Cooper (who scanned and posted Logs on archive.org in 2011).

First, we gathered and sorted contents of almost 100 boxes and large binders full of paper, earwigs, dust, and rusty staples. This took three years. The next year, we photographed and cataloged over 300 artifacts. Then we scanned all the Board minutes and historic photographs. From 2014 to 2018, 47 volunteers attended one or more of 62 Sunday four-hour work days at the Club.

This totals over 1,000 volunteer hours, not counting many more hours done at home. Liz Kantor is the champion volunteer, attending almost 40 work days. Over 700 pounds of sensitive documents went to the shredder, and more to



There were errors in the caption of this photo on p. 2 of the Spring Log. It should read: "Artifact 313, visible on the sidewalk about 12 feet west from the SW corner of the Club."

recycling. All materials were placed in new archival quality boxes and folders.

In 2018, the Archives regained possession of the oldest Club records and of Walt's own research files. This included copies of hundreds of newspaper articles from 1877 onward, ephemera, and the historic photographs. After a two-year search for a museum type database, in 2019 we chose CatalogIt. In spring 2020 we published the first Archives folders on the HUB, CatalogIt's internet platform, so members and the public can view the Archives. There are now over 2100 entries in CatalogIt.

We also handled many research requests from members and the public. See details in News from The Archives in the Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 Logs.

One big challenge is that in the last 15 years, most Club records were emails and digital documents, which unfortunately stayed on home computers. Now, I am very proactive trying to collect documents from current officers/Board. And I ask all who write reports to the Board to use the standardized naming/date format to facilitate filing. The digital document files are filling up slowly.

The Archives Project has made amazing progress toward its goals to organize, preserve, and make materials available. But much remains to do. When members ask me, "Are you finished with the Archives?" I just laugh and think, "You must be joking!"

For more information, see the 2024 Archives FAQ is on the Archives page of the Club website. All Archives reports to the Board are in the Files section of members' groups.io

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Green Team: Janice Wood

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Swag: John Ingle, Brendan Sheehan, Maile Smith

Our Other Neighbors, the Sea Scouts



Crew of the girls' boat, the Viking

Larry Scroggins

The 100-year history of the San Francisco Sea Scouts presents a cautionary tale that could have ensnared the Dolphin and South End swimming and boating clubs. Thanks to the pioneering women in the 1970s who insisted on joining the clubs, we dodged a bullet.

Tamara Sokolov came to Sea Scouting in the footsteps of her older brother. The family lived about a ten-minute walk away from the current Scout Base at the west end of Aquatic Park. At fourteen years old, her brother was raised as a "free range" kid and left the house one morning with only the strict admonition to "be home by dinner." As he walked by the Base, he saw a group of kids getting ready to go sailing and they invited him to go along. When he returned home, he regaled the family with his sea-faring adventure. As Tamara tells the story, "I'm from a family of five kids—pretty low income—and at the time, Sea Scouts was \$60 a year so it became the one extra-curricular. All of us kids joined after that and went through the program. When I turned 21, I started running it and I'm still here." She is now the Skipper of Ship

100. In Sea Scout terms, a ship is the group equivalent to a Boy Scout "troop." She is also the Vice President on the executive committee of Scouting in the Bay Area.

The Sea Scouting program in San Francisco is one of the most vibrant in the country. The program currently has around 100 active scouts and, as reported by Heather Breaux in the August '23 edition of *Latitude 38*, "It's important that the families living in San Francisco understand that the Sea Scouts is a low-cost resource.

The wild joy and disciplined seamanship the kids possess from their time in Sea Scouts is an invaluable part of the continuing history of the waterfront." And the program wins national recognition. Ship 100 was recently honored with the 2023-2024 BoatUS National Flagship Award in recognition as the best Ship in the country. This honor is awarded not only for seamanship, but also for volunteer contribution to the community and leadership in water-based education. Among other contributions, at Tinsley Island in the Delta, Scouts from Ship 22 and Ship 100 helped to clear a former landslide site, retiled a roof, and installed a new sprinkler system. They provide

nautical education to young kids at Aquatic Park on Junior Ranger Day and to visiting Cub Scouts throughout the year. The Scouts also provide volunteer services to the National Park Service. One recent example was a Quartermaster Service project in June 2024, when Scouts went aloft on the Balclutha to tar the rigging and help preserve the shrouds and stays of the masts.

The red Viking is the boat for the girls' Ship 100. The boys' vessel is the blue Corsair. Both boats started life in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in the 1930s as lifeboats for an Indianapolis-class cruiser. The Navy donated the boats to the Scouts in the 1950s. Now known as whaleboats, these vessels have no motors, but can be sailed as well as rowed. However, unlike modern sailboats, the sheets do not lead aft where the tiller is located. This means that a crew must manage the sails. While the adult skippers provide supervision and guidance, the boats are commanded by a Sea Scout. Steve Welch, the current Commodore, says, "The real masterstroke of Sea Scouting is the leadership skills you get while you're having these adventures like sailing up the Delta on a two-week summer cruise, camping on islands." Tamara says, "We're cruising with 40 kids in 5 boats together and being able to run and play 'Capture the Flag' on an abandoned island. We don't allow any electronic devices. The kids go through weird withdrawals the first 48 hours. But two days into the cruise, they're playing cards; they're busting out ukuleles and singing. It's fun seeing teenagers act like kids again." With no motor, the kids sail back against the wind through the narrow Carquinez Strait sometimes doing as many as eleven tacks an hour and facing six-foot swells in San Pablo Bay.

Commodore Steve Welch came to the Sea Scouts when he was 14 years old. While picking up newspapers at 24th and Valencia for his paper route near his home in the Mission, a friend told him he'd heard that "boys sailed and rowed their own boats" on the Bay. Deciding to investigate, they rode two buses from the Mission to the Marina, walked through the Ft. Mason railroad tunnel, found a building they'd never seen before, and were promptly set to sanding a boat. Steve says, "It was such a cool experience that I came back every weekend all through high school" riding the buses for an hour each way. Initially afraid of the water, he soon "became a lifeguard, got jobs teaching small-boat sailing, and getting a pilot license at 16."

The SF Sea Scouts were originally based in Marina harbor in the 1920s along with the High School Cutter Program. In 1938, the Marina Harbor expansion caused the Scouts to move to Gas House Cove and the High School Cutter Program to move to the foot of Van Ness. With the start of WWII, the army was uncomfortable having a bunch of small boats roaming windward of their embarkation pier at Fort Mason. Fortunately, the Scouts were able to relocate to share the school district pier. They built little storage shacks near the Ft. Mason tunnel. A small gap in the Muni Pier parapet, now plugged with plywood, provided a gate to a gangway leading to floating docks and pilings that formed the pier at the foot of Van Ness Avenue. Many Dolphins now refer to this early scout location as "the goalposts." As WWII revved up, the Scouting program deteriorated significantly. Many adult leaders and older Scouts joined the Navy or Merchant Marine. The army posted sentries throughout the park, the motor pool area was fenced off, and Aquatic Park became "off-limits" to the public.



The boys' boat, the Corsair

In June 1936, City architect William Mooser, Jr. began to develop designs and draft plans for the buildings intended for the nascent Aquatic Park. The central building was the Bathhouse, now the Maritime Museum. In a sign of the respect that San Francisco held for the Sea Scouts, he also developed plans for a boathouse for them in the same Streamline Moderne style. Because of complications and delays during the three years of construction at Aquatic Park, plans for the Scout boathouse (and new buildings for the rowing clubs) were abandoned.

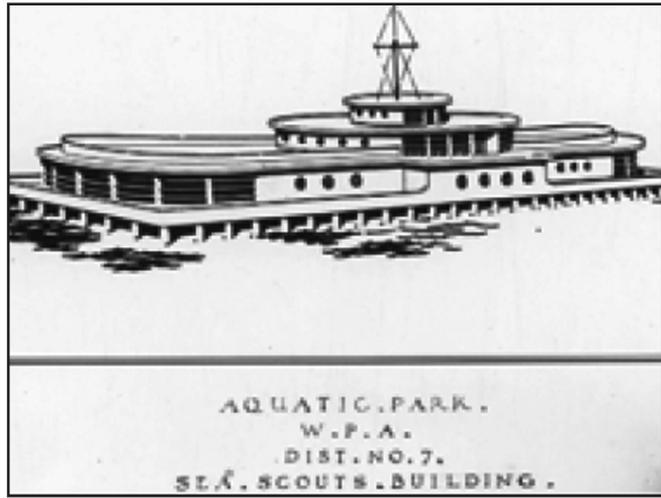
According to Stephen Canright, Curator of Maritime History, in the Fall 2017 San Francisco Maritime Sea Letter, "The structure that now houses the Sea Scout Base ... was built by the Army Port of Embarkation in 1942." When the war ended, the Army transferred use of the building and wharf to the Sea Scouts in a deal with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks department. By 1950, the Scouting program was back in full swing. A 1948 aerial photograph shows the Sea Scout building, dock, and wharf in spiffy condition and surrounded with

perhaps six active whaleboat ships and three or four powerboat ships.

In 1977, the City and County of San Francisco, headed by mayor George Moscone, handed over to the National Park Service (NPS) the real property that is now known as Aquatic Park. This transfer included the Sea Scout building and wharf. The cable car turnaround property remained in city hands for obvious reasons. The swimming and rowing clubs almost went over to the NPS too. In September 1977, the SF Progress reported that just prior to City approval of the transfer, the NPS "sent the matter back to committee for further hearing." The reason given at the time, according to Supervisor Dianne Feinstein, "is that the transfer has been complicated by pending court action involving private rowing clubs located in this part of the City's northern waterfront. The litigation involves questions of public access and membership discrimination." She was referring to the lawsuit that Joan Brown and five other women successfully pursued to require the SERC, the Dolphin Club, and the Ariel Club to admit women. The June 1980 version of the Cultural



1958 picture of Aquatic Park. Sea Scouts and High School Cutter location. Photo via San Francisco History Center, SFPL



Proposed Sea Scout Base, 1936. San Francisco NHP Historic Documents

History of GGNRA states, "Today the Dolphin and South End Clubs are the only nineteenth century rowing and swimming clubs still active in San Francisco County. Although now under city control **the rowing clubs at Aquatic Park will be transferred to GGNRA after legal complications are corrected** [emphasis added]. Recommend their inclusion in the National Register nomination for Aquatic Park when they are under National Park Service management." Thankfully, that didn't happen. Otherwise, the clubs would have been vulnerable to the whims of the National Maritime Historical Park (NMHP).

A good example is what happened to the Sea Scouts, who operated fairly independently under the National Park Service until 1988, when Congress established the NMHP and it took over the Aquatic Park environs. Within a short time, the nearby convenience stations were shuttered, leaving the Scouts with no readily accessible restrooms.

For a while, an outpost of the Park Police was housed at the Sea Scout base. Although the police quickly relocated, the space has remained under NMHP control to the present day and has been unavailable for Scout use for

over a quarter century. The space currently appears unoccupied and a bit disheveled but Paul DePrey, Superintendent of the National Maritime Historical Park, maintains that this space is earmarked for future use in a sailing education program managed by the NMHP in concert with a partner that has yet to be identified. Compare that to our building in 1988. What is now Zahler Hall, the women's locker room, and the Sancimino Room had been recently constructed from the empty shell remains of the Ariel Club. Imagine what a tempting morsel that might have been to the Superintendent of NMHP at the time.

The April 2009 issue of Argonaut360.com (Vol. XXVII No. 4955) reported on one of the darkest days for the Scouts with the NPS. The Superintendent of the SF Maritime National Historical Park had sent a non-negotiable and apparently vindictive Special Use Permit, in January of 2009, to the SF Sea Scouts with the following operating parameters which would, in effect, shut down the Scout Base.

- No vessels may be hauled out
- No maintenance work of any kind, including sanding and painting, may be done

- The ongoing historical whaleboat restoration project must be relocated
- The storage lockers, sail lockers, and workshop must be emptied
- Removal of all maintenance tools and material from the Base

In the couple of months following issuance of the Special Use Permit, assistants from the offices of Senator Dianne Feinstein and Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as well as retired admiral Tom Brown of the Navy League, attended a meeting between the Sea Scouts and George Turnbull, the Assistant Regional Director of the NPS. "After the meeting, the NMHP Superintendent rescinded the order to vacate lockers and buoys by March 31. She reinstated the prior agreement which was a Cooperative Use Agreement."

Since 1948, the Scout Base has had a wharf connected to the concrete dock by a wooden trestle. As late as 1998, when it was fully operational, the wharf provided a handy place to stow the sailing dinghies—used for training and fun—out of the water and free of sea scum. The wharf had davits that made launching and retrieving the dinghies a simple, dry operation, as opposed to having to fetch them from moorings in the



1962 picture of functioning wharf with dinghies ready to launch. Photo via the San Francisco History Center, SFPL



Condemned Sea Scout wharf days before destruction

cove. Over the intervening years, due to a complicated history of neglect, the wharf disintegrated and was closed for use in 2016. With a functioning wharf, the Scouts could double or even quadruple the number of kids participating in the Scouting programs. In June of this year the wharf, already in a state of near collapse, was destroyed and removed on a barge.

Paul DePrey expresses optimism for the future of the Scout Base facilities. He fully expects the capabilities that the wharf provided will be replaced following a process outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). He expects this process to begin at the end of 2024 with a “public conversation.”

Many times, an agreement with the NPS will expire years before a replacement offers some peace of mind for the Scouts. This fallow period was true prior to the most recent instrument—a Special Park Use Permit, just signed in June 2024. This current accord, like the 2009 Special Use Permit comes with a zinger. The Sea Scouts must pay a use fee in the unprecedented amount of \$18,000 per year and their access is restricted to less than 20 hours a week.

The Maritime Park General Plan of 1997 says, “The Sea Scout base would be rehabilitated for continued use

by the San Francisco Sea Scouts. In cooperation with the San Francisco Sea Scouts, the park would explore options to provide sail training at the Sea Scout base. An appropriate agreement would be established with the Sea Scouts for operation and use of the facility.” When asked about the change in instruments from agreement to permit, Paul DePrey responded flatly that “The instrument now being used is a Special Park Use permit. The park had a management review several years ago which determined that the previous agreement was not an appropriate instrument due to the substantive involvement aspect (among others).” However, the recently expired Cooperative Agreement only committed the NPS to monitor Sea Scout operations and ensure compliance with statutory requirements. To a lay observer, this hardly seems substantive involvement.

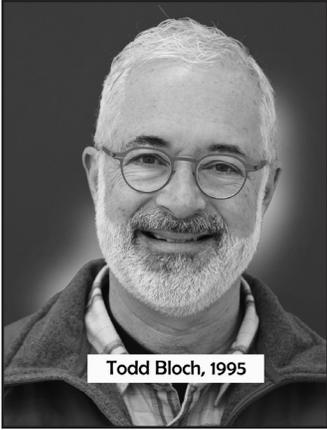
When asked why a General Agreement could not replace the expired Cooperative Agreement, DePrey points to a recent Director’s Order prohibiting “financial assistance in any form (including subsidizing) through a General Agreement” and refers to the use of “utilities such as electricity” as a subsidy. However, the most recent agreement held the scouts

solely accountable for all utilities (including electricity, water, sewer, telephone, and garbage disposal). It also made them responsible for maintenance and repair of all the facilities used in their operation.

The reason these responses seem confusing is that Superintendent DePrey is befuddled on the topic. When asked for clarification, the NPS Section Chief of Financial Assistance states clearly, “General agreements effectively replaced MOUs [Memorandums of Understanding]. A General Agreement cannot be used to exchange funds. Substantial involvement is a condition of financial assistance cooperative agreements, not general agreements.” Of course, the decision to issue a Special Use Permit is a management decision and the NMHP is well within its power to decide how to engage with the scouts, but the visuals are not very attractive.

Despite ongoing shabby treatment by the NMHP, the San Francisco Sea Scouts continue to offer a healthy, thriving program predominantly serving kids from lower- and middle-income families. May it long continue to do so. And the rowing clubs can continue to thank Joan Brown and her intrepid group of friends for helping to keep us free of federal control.

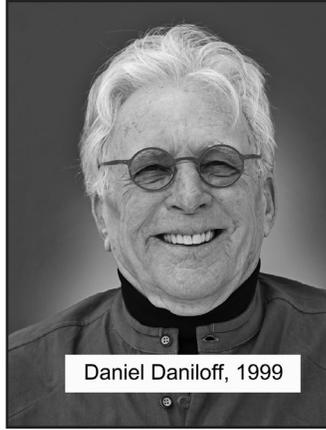
Three Cheers for the New Life Members!



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Camille Cusuman, 1999



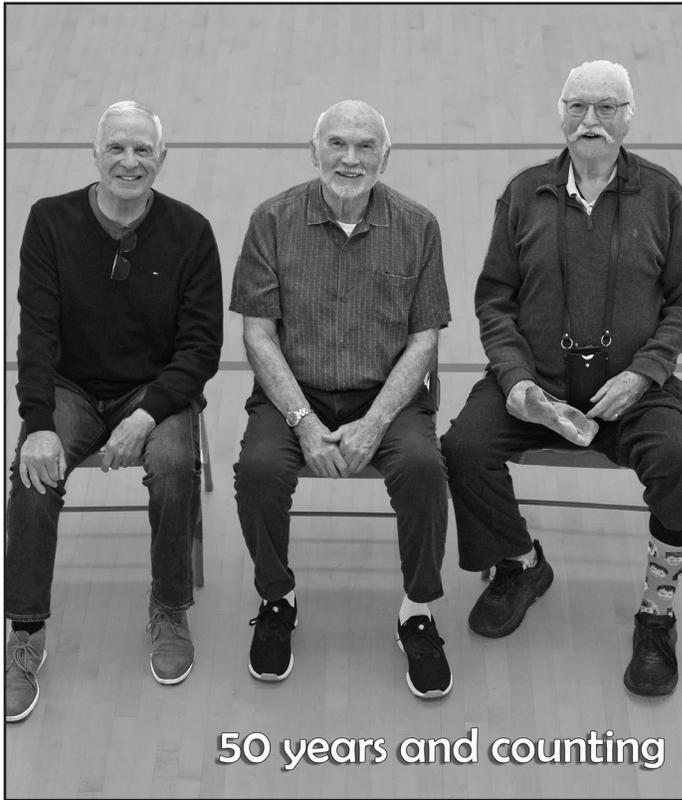
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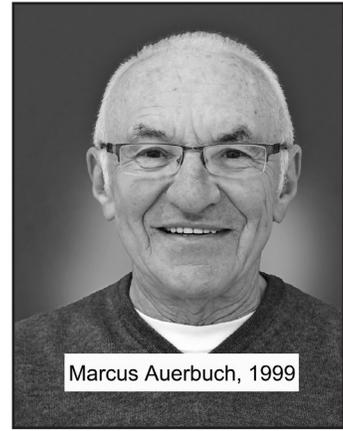


Celeste Mc Mullin, 1997

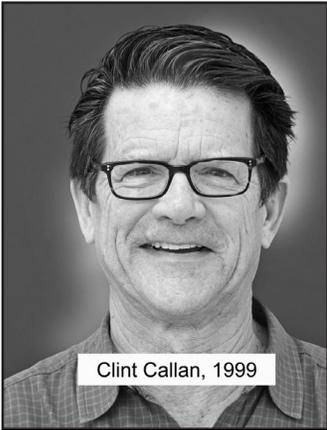


50 years and counting

*Mike Garibaldi, Ed De Cossio, and John Davis
at the 2024 Old Timer's Dinner*



Marcus Auerbuch, 1999



Clint Callan, 1999

New 50 year members:

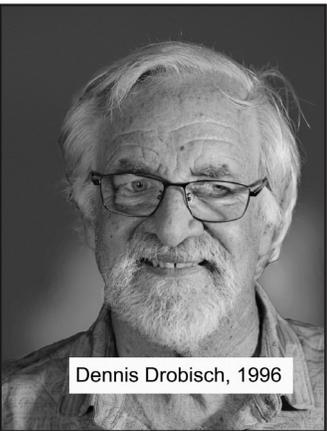
Ivan Balarin,
Michael Cerre,
George Kebbe,
Randy Pinetti,
Rollin Schroth,
John Sylvester,
John Tansley

New 60 year member:

Gerald Cullen

New 70 year members:

Aldo Cuneo,
Bob Demo,
Phil Gaal



Dennis Drobisch, 1996



Doloras Meehan, 1997



Rey Hassan, 1995

Dolphins In Memoriam

Kate Coleman



Kate Coleman, a ferocious journalist, competitive swimmer, and periodic upstairs hostess at Chez Panisse, who chronicled the Bay Area's political and sexual upheaval for more than 50 years, died last June. She was 81.

Kate lived Bay Area history and took notes, even when her research went against her politics. In 1978, she investigated the Black Panther Party's criminality, focusing on the unsolved murder of its bookkeeper, Betty Van Patter. When her life was threatened, she left the country. On her return, she installed window bars, bought a gun, and learned how to shoot.

David Weir, co-founder of the Center for Investigative Reporting, described Kate as a "fearless, indefatigable Berkeley-based journalist who resisted fashions for more than thirty years while writing penetrating, courageous reports on the Black Panther Party both when it was lionized...and when it was demonized." And her 2005 book, *The Secret Wars of Judi Bari: A Car Bomb, the Fight for the Redwoods and the End of Earth First!* challenged environmental orthodoxy.

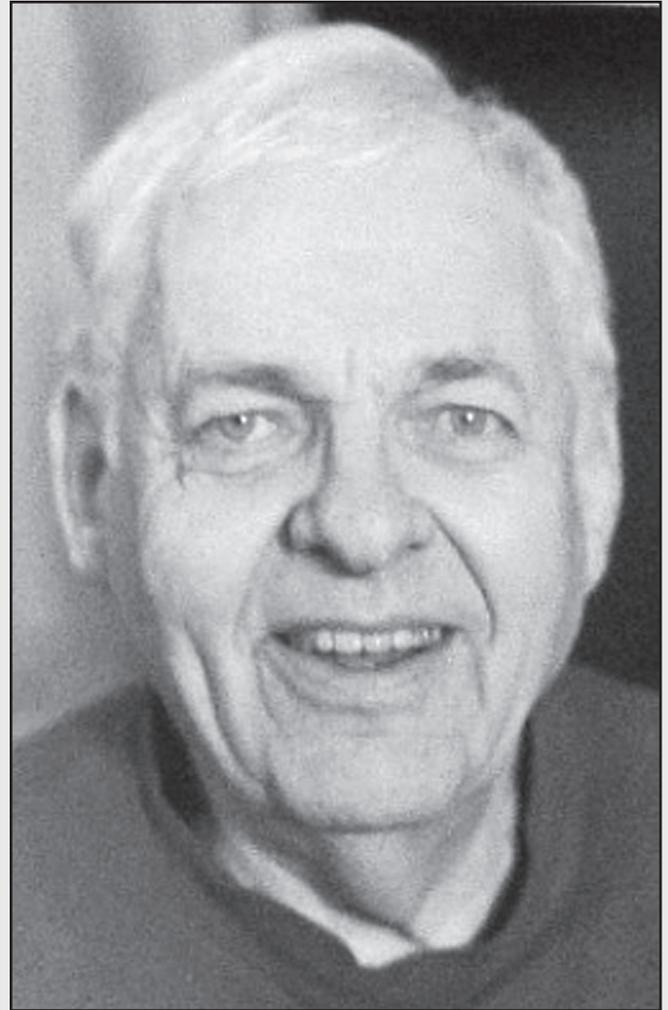
She also wrote about herself. In her early years, she wrote a column about her sexual experimentation in her regular column, "Where Angels Fear to Tread," for the Berkeley Barb. Her extensive files were saved by her friend, Linda Schacht, and are now in the Kate Coleman Archive at Stanford University Libraries. When she was younger, Kate covered the food movement from the inside, working once a week as the upstairs hostess at Chez Panisse.

She became a senior jock, swimming at the Dolphin Club, where she won medals and ribbons. Every New Year's Day, she swam from Alcatraz to San Francisco in a bathing suit. Wetsuits, she said, were for wusses.

Kate was an ardent feminist who didn't mind telling you she preferred the company of men. She never married but had many lovers. Her internal volume was always set to loud, and she often blended Shakespearean quotes with cursing. When Kate learned she had dementia and was asked what medical care she would want at the end of her life, she told me, whom she appointed her medical power of attorney, "Throw me in the water, and if I do the butterfly, save me."

In her last weeks, Kate babbled, occasionally saying something coherent. Several weeks ago, she said, "No more swimming." And a week before she died, she said, "No lovers." A gathering of Kate's friends was held in Berkeley in May. *Carol Pogash*

Ned Hoffman



Life Member Ned Hoffman passed away on February 23, 2024, in Michigan, at age 89. He joined the Club in 1980 and became very active. Ned was a pilot, Boat Captain from 1983 to 1987, Helper of the Year in 1987, and taught boat training. When not serving the club, Ned enjoyed long runs across the bridge and through the Marin headlands and just hanging out with Lou. Rich Cooper

"Ned was a guiding light for me when I got into rowing: always kind, gentle, and knowledgeable about the ways of the Club. I always knew when Ned was or had been around from the lingering scent of his cigar." — Ken Frank

"I miss his smile." — Bob McKenzie

Ned was also a runner. He liked long, slow distances. He once took me out to Ft. Point, across the Golden Gate, up Hawk Hill to Rodeo Beach, back through the tunnel to Sausalito. A long, hilly day. He did that run often. *Mary Cantini*

Fran Collier



Fran Collier was a Dolphin Club friend, a consummate deck conversationalist, weight room captain, and runner. Most of us knew only a part or parts of Fran, but not the whole. Those who never hung out on the dock would have never crossed paths with her. Here's your chance to meet another one of our every-day exceptional members.

Fran joined the Dolphin Club in 1982 in the early days of women's membership. She ran for many years and spent time socializing in the weight room, on the dock, and at Club parties. The Club became an important part of her life; she enjoyed many hours here and found many friends, friends who cut across gender/age/race, and friends she also took into other parts of her life—movies, politics, and travel. She traveled frequently and to most corners of the world. Her last few trips included Georgia and its neighbors, and Iceland.

I met her in the weight room over gym conversations discussing politics and culture. She would stay around so you could talk with her, after a swim and sauna, always curious to know about you, your life.

Before the pandemic, Fran went to multiple movies a week and often attended lectures or special talks where many of us connected with her.

And her politics. Fran was passionate about politics and invested in her own education, subscribing to and reading a range of publications. Politics influenced her travels, movies, and cultural adventures. I knew not to ask her age; she was also a private person. To the end, Fran was a strong-willed, open-minded, inclusive, and active woman. She was a loving mother and grandmother. *Laura Atkins*

Jimmy Vanja



Walt Schneeбели, Miss Golden Gate Swim, and Jimmy Vanya

Jimmy Vanja was a Dolphin Club member since 1955, very soon after he arrived in San Francisco. For many years he was swimming or piloting in all the events. He swam Alcatraz in under an hour and, per his recent recollection, his best time for the Golden Gate was 26 minutes and 33 seconds. He also ran to the GG Bridge and back every afternoon, accompanied by Walter Stack, Andy Berli, and Ray Talavera.

But his fondest—and scariest—memories were nights rowing beside people attempting to swim from the Farallons. A fishing boat would take them out, then leave them without “blinkers” or radios. During the night, the swimmers would disappear behind the waves. And the fog didn't help. Sometimes, someone would build a fire at Stinson Beach—the closest mainland point—to guide the boats. Jimmy had to pull the heavy Ike Pape over the transom. George Farnsworth, a mile from shore, couldn't take the 53 degree water, while a 15 year-old girl from Sacramento, who wasn't in either club, got lost in the fog. “We found her eventually,” Jimmy said, “but she never went swimming again.”

But any excitement in San Francisco paled beside his early years when his large family farm in Yugoslavia was requisitioned by the Germans for a hospital. Along with his mother and siblings, they were relegated to living in the kitchen. His father, the unofficial mayor of Cerovo, had disappeared after protesting the treatment of the villagers. But at least they ate well until the Russians arrived and kicked them out. Time to emigrate: first to Italy, then Canada, and finally the City. His family soon followed. While in a refugee camp, he learned the electrical trade, which made him very employable in the City. He later became an inspector, until he retired at 83.

Jimmy was alert and in a good mood right up to his death. He would have been 96 in August. *John Selmer*

Dan Taafe, an athlete of mind, body, and spirit



Dan Taafe was a Dolphin for twenty-five years when he died in 2023. If you never had the pleasure to meet Dan, who stood six-feet-two tall, it's because he moved quietly amid the noise and haste. Although Dan, a retired land-use attorney, was a man of reserve, he took to the Bay, the Club, and its camaraderie like, well, a harbor seal. He was often amused by the seldom-dull conversations in the sauna. Dan was born September 28, 1940 into a native California family. The Taaifes are descendants of the Murphys, who were among the first to discover gold in 1849. Dan grew up in Los Altos and inherited his family's love for the Sierra Nevada, where he backpacked many a summer. Some of Dan's paternal antecedents came over Donner Pass the year before the fateful Donner Party. Even before his Dolphin-hood, Dan was drawn to dipping in the icy snowmelt of cold mountain streams. Yosemite was in his blood from his childhood, where he marveled at the now discontinued firefall over Glacier Point.

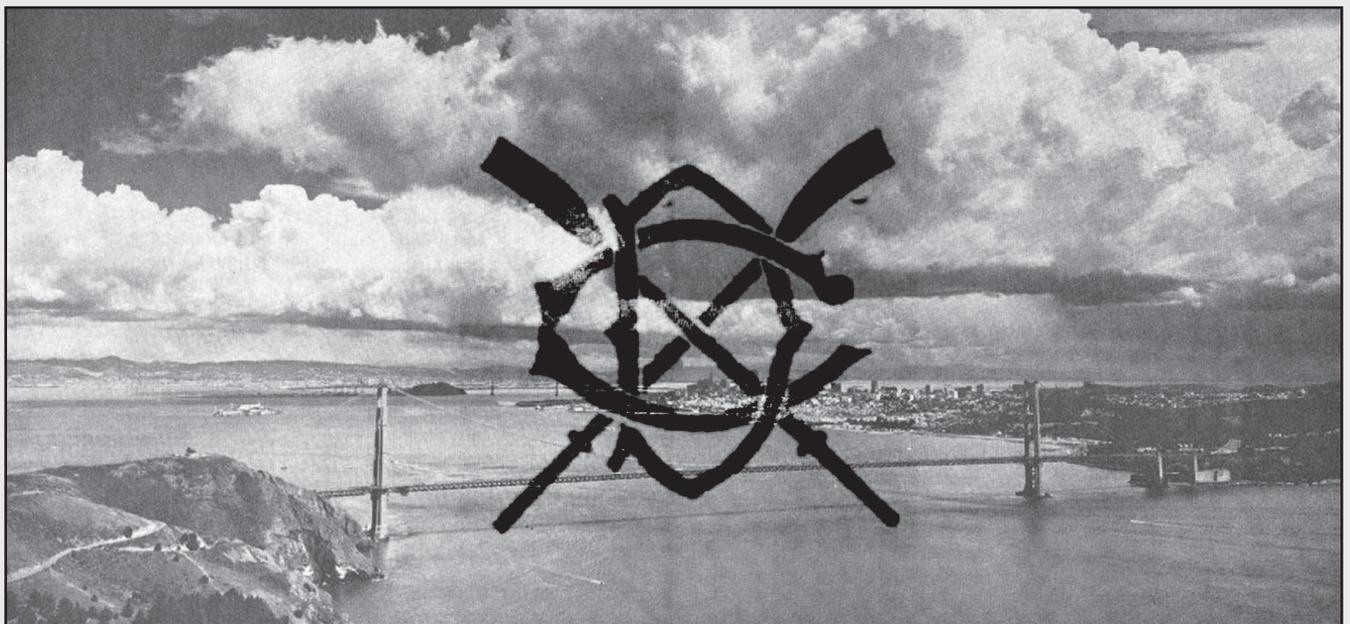
Dan was a true-blue San Franciscan. He was healthy, active, running or power-walking and swimming until, a few months before his death, he was suddenly felled by extreme fatigue. It took a few weeks to get a correct diagnosis—metastasized

pancreatic cancer. He faced dying with grace, equanimity, and humor as friends and family rallied round. Dan loved his life and was not eager to leave us, but he reckoned he had lived his time fully, successfully, and with love for the good stuff. As a close friend, I think I can say he had no regrets. He is survived by many nieces and nephews, his older sister Julie, and his beloved Patty Mills. *Camille Cusumano*

James Morino



James Morino a 75-year Life Member, passed away on March 28, 2024, at age 93. He was our longest living member, joining the club in 1949 along with his brother Ray. The brothers were our celebrated Pacific Coast championship crews from 1949 to 1952. Also a strong swimmer, Jim swam the Golden Gate many times, including a second-place finish in 1950. Away from the Club he was a plumbing inspector for the City before retiring in 1991. Jim remained loyal and generously donated his scrapbook, photographs, rowing medals, and crew letter sweater to our Archives. *Rich Cooper*



HANDBALL
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Hell yes, Dolphins play Handball !

Handball has a long and storied history at the Dolphin Club. Our four-wall court opened for singles and doubles play in 1912; by 1958, one in five members was a handball player. While the sport doesn't quite enjoy such widespread participation today, a new generation of Dolphins are proudly competing and endeavoring to live up to the Club's storied handball legacy—and to get more people playing.

Brendan Monaghan and Jonathan Kibrick

Dolphin Club handballers, under the direction of Handball Commissioner Brendan Monaghan, have been charting new successes on the handball courts with competitive tournament wins and new Dolphin Sponsored Tournaments

Capitalizing on the recent interest and enthusiasm of new players across both clubs, the Dolphin Club took the reins and hosted their first handball event in many years. Often overlooked, novices were the focus of the tournament in November, putting them in the spotlight for a change. The tournament was a doubles, double elimination format, with 16 players participating. Dolphin Club's Brendan Monaghan and Jonathan Kibrick took first place after a series of well-fought and close matchups in the tournament.

Building off the success of the November doubles tournament, the Dolphin Club hosted a Novice Singles Tournament. The tournament showcased new talent in the Men's, Women's, and Novice divisions, competing for recognition, pride, and prizes of home-made jam.

In a spirit of interclub competition, Dolphin Handballers also competed in the South End Rowing Club's annual St Patrick's Day Handball Tournament. After several well-fought matchups, Dolphin Club's Brendan Monaghan and Jonathan Kibrick took first place in the Mixed 'C' (Novice) Doubles Division, beating out two South End Rowing Club teams and one Mixed Dolphin/South End team (Julia Schmidt (DC) paired with Margot McGrath (SERC)).

If you're interested in checking out handball at the Dolphin Club, please reach out at handball@dolphinclub.org. Experienced Dolphin handballers are eager to take time to teach you the game and get you connected with players of a similar skill level. *Novice handball nights are held in conjunction with the South End on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from roughly 5:00 pm onwards. Players meet in the South End bar.*

Swimming in Swapkopmund

Morgan Kulla

Namibia is a huge, beautiful country in southern Africa, with nearly 1,000 miles of coast along the cool Atlantic. I had never been there, so in May I went to see the fabulous landscapes, dunes, canyons, and animals. My itinerary also included a meetup with ocean swimmers in Swakopmund.

The town reminded me of a smaller, old time Santa Cruz. It is named for its location at the mouth of the long dried up Swakop River. The climate is like the Bay Area, including the morning fog. I found Dentie Louw’s name on a Masters Swimming Facebook page, and

emailed to ask to join his ocean swimmers for a dip. One evening I met 10-12 regulars, part of a larger group the “Vixens and Wolves”, who swim 800m to 2km in the sea three evenings a week. They also do full moon dips—and ocean water ballet, as I found in a video.

Sea temps range from 55F in the winter to 66F in the summer. In mid-May when I swam, the air temp was about 55F, and the water maybe 58F. Nearby is long pier out into the sea, and there is an annual “jetty swim,” similar to the Santa Cruz pier swim.

We changed in a parking lot, and left clothes, etc. in cars. The day I

swam, only two of us didn’t wear some type of wetsuit. We started by swimming straight out to sea. It was very windy and rough with big waves, but later they told me this was a calm day! Then we turned to round a rocky point into calmer water, stopping at “the rocks” which were about three feet under. It would be funny to see swimmers suddenly stand up mid cove. There was lots of kelp on “the rocks.”

It was just wonderful. I brought swim caps for all, and a tee shirt for Dentie. Next trip to Namibia I will try to meet up with the Masters team (“Dolphins”) in the country’s capital, Windhoek.

Dolphin Club Swim Results—Summer 2024

Coghlan Beach—March 16, 2024

While the test swim on March 15 was conducted in windy conditions, the day of the swim could not have been any better. The water was calm, the flood was strong, the sky was finally clear after a long rainy season. It was a fast and fun swim for everyone! Those who finished have a qualifying swim for the Golden Gate and Alcatraz swims.

Place	Swimmers Name	Swim Time	LCP	Place	Swimmers Name	Swim Time	LCP
1	Jari Salomaa	24.13	10	36	Colin McMahon	35.34	
2	Mackenzie Kirk	25.02	9	37	Merryl Levy	36.2	
3	Miranda Rouse	25.26	8	38	Lewis Haidt	37.27	
4	Lauren Au Brinkmeyer	26.02	7	39	Lorenzo Carlisle	37.3	
5	Tim McElligott	26.23	6	40	Marci Glazer	37.44	
6	Bill Gardner	26.55	5	41	Marie Sayles	38.03	
7	Steve Schatz	28.11	4	42	Morgan Kulla	38.05	
8	Tor Lundgren	28.24	3	43	Miguel Gonzalez	38.16	
9	Thorsten Anderson	28.29	2	44	Ally Sillins	38.19	
10	Steven Carlson	28.39	1	45	Pejmun Haghghi	38.56	
11	Jeff Citron	29.13		46	Peter Bostelman	38.56	
12	Alisha Kewalramani	29.34		47	Joe Ferrero	39.18	
13	Peter Bartu	29.52		48	Brooke Wentz	39.47	
14	John Gibbon	30.08		49	Kerry Labelle	39.52	
15	Heather Kremer	31.1		50	Mike Thoresen	40.06	
16	Anna Schatz	31.44		51	Henry Dombey	40.23	
17	Barnaby Payne	31.48		52	Peter Cullinan	40.48	
18	Don Thornburg	32.35		53	Lisa Domitrovich	40.49	
19	Elsbeth Farmer	32.48		54	Holly Reed	41.37	
20	Sean Lavelle	32.54		55	Kent Myers	41.44	
21	George Morris	33.09		56	Andy Stone	42.34	
22	Erik Peterson	33.14		57	Hal Offen	43.25	
23	Briana McCarthy	33.19		58	Aaron Rosenthal	43.51	
24	Beth Stein	33.22		59	Jennie Callan	45.3	
25	Kristoffer Milonas	33.29		60	Mitch Witek	45.31	
26	Justin Hughes	33.54		61	Sheila Gleeson	45.48	
27	David O'Reilly	34.14		62	John Hornor	46.13	
28	Tom Bernard	34.18		63	Jim Frew	46.41	
29	Aniko Kurczinak	34.28		64	Lindsay Stripling	51.46	
30	Karin Christenson	34.57		65	Phil Gaal	51.48	
31	Ernst Halperin	35.01		66	Will Powning	52.04	
32	Elizabeth (Betsy) Mayer	35.05		67	Peter Neubauer	52.08	
33	Erin Gasser	35.08		68	Joe Gannon	53.19	
34	Tony Payne	35.12		69	Diana Pray	53.41	
35	David Green	35.3					

Swim Results Summer 2024, cont.

Coghlan Beach—March 16, 2024

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Pier 39—April 27, 2024

This swim showcased the strength of the Club, both in numbers and in perseverance. The ebb was light, making it an honest swim for all who finished. We limited the test swim on Friday due to high winds and whitecaps, but had much nicer conditions on Saturday for the Club swim. On deck, a few members shared their memories of Kate Coleman and we all shared a moment of being grateful that we get to swim together.

Place	Swimmers Name	Swim Time	LCP
1	Joby Bernstein	0:27:54	10
2	Lissi Knell	0:30:10	9
3	Miranda Rouse	0:30:31	8
4	Mackenzie Kirk	0:30:52	7
5	Lauren Au Brinkmeyer	0:31:38	6
6	Bill Gardner	0:32:37	5
7	Juliet Cox	0:33:06	4
8	David Holscher	0:33:57	3
9	Jeffrey Citron	0:34:39	2
10	Stephen Schatz	0:35:05	1
11	Kenneth Schwarz	0:35:18	
12	Kim Gorcyca	0:35:22	
13	Katherine Schatz	0:35:37	
14	Michael Tschantz-Hahn	0:35:46	
15	Peter Bartu	0:35:50	
16	Anna Schatz	0:36:51	
17	Bill Brick	0:37:00	
18	Ben Hu	0:37:49	
19	Erika Kettleson	0:38:20	
20	Barnaby Payne	0:38:46	
21	Mitch Witek	0:38:50	
22	James Bennan	0:38:56	
23	Donald Thornburg	0:39:04	
24	Joey Murphy	0:39:10	
25	Sean Lavelle	0:39:45	
26	George Morris	0:40:32	
27	Katrina (Trina) Garry	0:40:40	
28	Elizabeth Mayer	0:40:46	
29	Lawrence Remstedt	0:41:15	
30	Tony Payne	0:41:52	
31	Kathleen Sheridan	0:42:40	
32	Thomas Reynolds	0:43:40	
33	Eric Wind	0:43:56	
34	Lindzy Bivings	0:44:18	
35	Denise Sauerteig	0:44:45	
36	Liam Ronan	0:45:02	
37	Tommaso Trionfi	0:46:15	

Place	Swimmers Name	Swim Time	LCP
38	Luke Whiting	0:47:05	
39	Danny Wohlner	0:47:48	
40	Chloe Noonan	0:48:10	
41	Pia Hinckle	0:49:05	
42	Tamar Besson	0:49:19	
43	Nancy Hornor	0:49:27	
44	Keith Nelson	0:49:50	
45	Rebecca Handler	0:49:50	
46	Dean Badessa	0:50:15	
47	Laura Grubb	0:50:23	
48	Brendan Sheehan	0:50:38	
49	Nancy Booth	0:50:55	
50	Marlin Gilbert	0:51:07	
51	Ken Coren	0:51:15	
52	Ellen Hathaway	0:51:20	
53	Maryann Murphy	0:51:45	
54	John Hornor	0:51:46	
55	Peter Neubauer	0:51:55	
56	Eric Reed	0:52:06	
57	Rebecca Lee Whiting	0:52:30	
58	Kent Myers	0:53:20	
59	Hal Offen	0:53:22	
60	Robin Hart	0:53:24	
61	Maxwell Audette	0:53:27	
62	Jim Frew	0:54:05	
63	Ken Miller	0:54:21	
64	Lisa Domitrovich	0:55:49	
65	Lindsay Stripling	0:56:16	
66	Anne Diedrich	0:56:53	
67	Robin Rome	0:57:19	
68	John Melcher	0:57:37	
69	Catherine Hopman	0:58:11	
70	Sheila Gleeson	0:58:18	
71	William Burke	0:58:59	
72	Cynthia Cristilli	0:59:35	
73	Diana Pray	1:03:00	

Pilots

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Yacht Harbor—June 8, 2024

This year's Yacht Harbor was more of a true swim as we couldn't leave later in the flood due to wind, but we had clear skies, and 57-degree water. We had to pull 2 swimmers but everyone including those pulled did alright and had a good time. Those who finished have a qualifying swim for the Golden Gate and Alcatraz swims.

Place	Name	Swim time	LCP
1	Kalani Leifer	39:00	10
2	Lissy Knell	39:32	9
3	Mackenzie Kirk	40:02	8
4	Lauren Au	41:50	7
5	Travis Bickman	43:30	6
6	Steve Schatz	44:10	5
7	Bill Gardner	43:43	4
8	David Holscher	46:20	3
9	Michael Tschanz-Hahn	47:24	2
10	Peter Bartu	48:40	1
11	Georgie Alcock	49:30	
12	Amanda Stone	51:32	
13	Joey Murphy	53:10	
14	Sean Lavelle	53:12	
15	Trina Garry	53:22	
16	Garo Arabatyan	54:42	
17	George Morris	55:45	
18	Lawrence Remstedt	55:48	
19	Tom Reynolds	56:00	
20	Nick Churcher	56:50	
21	Kathleen Seccombe	56:58	
22	Elizabeth Mayer	57:30	
23	Toddy Chivetta	57:45	
24	Margret Keenan	58:10	
25	Clair Ault	58:25	

Place	Name	Swim time	LCP
26	Beth Stein	59:00	
27	Samuel Maslin	59:29	
28	Erin Gasser	59:29	
29	Mickey Lavelle	59:45	
30	Julia Peterson	1:00:03	
31	Tracy Joyner	1:00:05	
32	Marie Sayles	1:02:02	
33	Chloe Noonan	1:03:00	
34	Julie Pan	1:03:41	
35	Laura Grubb	1:04:07	
36	Liam Ronan	1:04:10	
37	Lisa Domitrovich	1:05:20	
38	Eric Reed	1:05:34	
39	Keith Nelson	1:06:40	
40	Nancy Horner	1:06:10	
41	Kristina Porino	1:06:50	
42	Aaron Rosenthal	1:07:00	
43	Alfred Seccome	1:13:35	
44	Katie Hopman	1:15:20	
45	Robin Rome	1:16:00	
46	Peter Newbauer	1:16:25	
47	Will Powning	1:18:02	
48	Lorna Newlin	1:20:44	
DNF	Eliana Agudel		
DNF	Denise Sauerte		

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Cantini, Dean Badessa, James Bennan, Diane Campbell, Tommaso Trionfi, Marie Sayles, Peter Bartu, Bill Brick, Ashley Chapokas, Robin Hart, Clint Smith, Betsy Mayer, Alfred Seccome, George Morris, Mike Mitchell

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2024 DOLPHIN CLUB SWIM & EVENT SCHEDULE

Event	Day	Date	Current/Tide (Gg)	Jump
Pier 41*	SAT	1/20	11:18 3.6 kn E	9:30
Coghlan Beach swim*	SAT	2/10	9:54 2.6 kn F	8:30
Valentine's Day Singles Regatta	SUN	2/11		
Old Timers' Lunch	SUN	2/18		12:00
Pier 39*	SAT	3/16	8:48 3.3 kn E	8:00
End of Polar Bear	THU	3/21		23:00
Start of Walt Stack Challenge	FRI	3/22		5:00
Angel Island Overnight	SAT	4/20		
Coghlan Beach*	SAT	4/27	6:00 3.8 kn E	9:45
McCovey Cove Regatta	SAT	5/4		
Walt Schneebeli Over-60 Cove	SAT	5/11	6:18 4 kn E	9:00
End of Walt Stack Challenge	FRI	5/31		
Yacht Harbor*	SAT	6/8	5:24. 4.1 kn E	9:00
Rowers Festival	TBA	TBA		
Start of 100 Mile Swim	SAT	6/1		
Pride Swim*	SAT	6/22	4:06. 4.1 kn E	8:00
John Nogue Swim For Science—Pier 15*	SAT	6/29	10:42 2.4 kn E	9:30
Bay Bridge*	SAT	7/27	9:06. 2.5 kn E	7:30
Swim Clinic	SUN	8/4		8:00
Doc Howard Gas House Cove*	SAT	8/10	8:36. 2.1 kn E	13:00
Santa Cruz Pier Swim	SAT & SUN	8/17-18		
Baykeeper Swim*	SAT	8/31	9:42. 2.9 kn F	7:00
Swim Across America	SAT	9/14		
DC/SE Interclub Tri*	SUN	9/15		8:30
Golden Gate	SAT	9/21	6:48. 2.8 kn E	9:15
China Beach**	SAT	9/28	8:36. 2.6 kn F	7:00
Escape from Alcatraz Tri (EFAT)	SAT	10/5	6:12 2.2 kn E	7:30
SUP Regatta	SAT	10/12		
Angel Island Regatta	SAT	10/19		
Alcatraz	SAT	10/26	7:06. 2.2 kn F	9:00
End of 100 Mile Swim	THU	10/31		
Veterans Day Swim	SAT	11/9		9:00
Pilot Appreciation Dinner	SAT	11/9		18:00
Thanksgiving Day Cove	THU	11/28		
New Year's Day Qualifier & Holiday Brunch	SAT	12/14		
Start of Polar Bear	SAT	12/21		

* Qualifying Swim. Need 2 qualifying swims + 3 helps to qualify for Golden Gate and/or Alcatraz.

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, 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 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. Swimmers must successfully complete at least two 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.)

** Requires special qualifier, details TBA



2024 Swim Clinics

Day	Date	Time
SUN	8/18	9:00
SUN	9/1	9:00
SAT	10/12	8:00

All times approximate & subject to change. TBA = to be announced

Fort Point
3.5 miles

Crissy
Field
2.5 miles

Yacht
Harbor
1.5 miles

Gashouse Cove
1 mile

Aquatic Park
Cove

Pier 41½
1.2 miles

Pier 43
1 mile