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**San Francisco Model Yacht Club**



Spreckels Lake

Established 1898

Golden Gate Park

**November 2024 Schedule (preview)**

03	Sunday	0930	(Open)
05	Tuesday	1200	<b>ODOM class - informal</b>
09	Saturday	0930	Board General Mtg.
		1300	<b>Winter Series.....</b>
10	Sunday	1300	<b>Bruce Ettinger Bottle Boat Relay &amp; Learn to Sail Day</b>
16	Saturday	1000	<b>Annual Swap Meet (setup 0900)</b>
17	Sunday	0930	<b>Casual Steam up</b>
24	Sunday	1330	<b>Casual Santa Barbara (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday off season)</b>

**Red=RC sailing, Green=Freesailing, Blue=Powerboat sailing**

*Check the SFMYC webpage for the complete updated PDF 2024 calendar. [www.SFMYC.org](http://www.SFMYC.org)*

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**December 2024 Schedule (preview)**

<b>08</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>Holiday Lighted Boat Parade</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>0930</b>	<b>Board/General Mtg/Election &amp; Holiday/Awards Luncheon</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>Casual Santa Barbara (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday-off season)</b>



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Commodore's Corner, by Rob Weaver, Commodore

The best part of November is that after the 5<sup>th</sup> we will all stop receiving the 20 or 30 pieces of campaign notices that do absolutely nothing to explain anything about propositions or candidates beyond telling us that the world will end unless we vote for a proposition or candidate, or that the world will end if we do vote for the same proposition or candidate. The only thing I can conclude from the daily barrage of "information" is that too many trees are being sacrificed for too little information. The worst part of November is that our season is officially over except for a steam up event and bottle boat regatta. It has been a great year, but it seems to have gone by way too fast.

**ELECTION/HOLIDAY CELEBRATION:** On December 14<sup>th</sup> we will elect a new Board. If you haven't spoken to our nominations committee, DO SO NOW. Jim Forbes, Carl Brosius and Mary Rose Cassa are still looking for members who will fill positions and volunteer to keep the club running again next year. All members are eligible and you can self-nominate. The members of the nominations committee do not elect officers, they only find people willing to serve – find them before they find you.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> we will also have our annual Holiday Celebration Luncheon at the club. Memphis Minnie's will once again provide delicious bar-b-que. After lunch, awards to deserving members (and some not so deserving members) will be given out. For all the winners it is a time to shine – so come out and impress your spouses, family members and the guys who came in behind you in the racing. Elsewhere in this Nautical News you will find a reservation form. Fill it out, send your money and plan on a great day with all the friends you met at the club last year.

**LAKE REPAIRS:** In all likelihood when you see the "Lake Repairs" heading in the Commodore's Corner you pass on by without reading the paragraph. We all know that for several years the Lake Repair news is pretty much the same: "someday in our lifetimes something will be done about the sidewalk and lake edge." Well, this month is different.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Rec and Parks Commission allocated \$600,000 from its Open Space Fund Contingent Reserve to “Repair the failed shoreline edge and restore the collapsed shoreline pathway.” Also, you may have noticed spray painted arrows and other painted signals on the North Shore walkway. New asphalt will be put on November 5<sup>th</sup> ! The shoreline repair should all be conducted behind a portable coffer dam and not impede our activities on the lake. The coffer dam will be a rubber bladder inflated with water, so even Freesail Boats should be able to operate with limited interference.

**ODOM NCR:** In October, the Board voted to host the 2025 ODOM National Championship next year on September 5 – 7. Dick Hunter has stepped up to be the Principal Race Officer. He will be ably assisted by Ron Saxon (the ODOM national class secretary) and Jim Wondolleck. The first day will be for practice and measurement, and racing will be on the following Saturday and Sunday. In order to compete, your boat must be registered with the class secretary and you must be a 2025 member of the American Model Racing Association. Knowing that a large portion of the club’s ODOM Fleet have not registered their boats and have not joined the AMYA, the Board agreed to subsidize each SFMYC member who participates in the event by payment of \$25 to the member to defray the cost of the entry fee, boat registration and AMYA membership. Not a bad deal considering the fact that the AMYA will contribute \$15 to the club for each person participating in the event. The entry fee for the event is \$65. Dick is currently working on the NOR and application form. We are shooting for at least 20 boats to participate, and plan to race in 2 fleets under the RC Sailboat Heat Management System. More on that later.

**RAG TOP/STINK POT RELAY:** One of the highlights of Opening Day each year is the annual Rag Top/Stink Pot Relay, when all power, RC sail and free sail boats have a chance to participate in what always starts out as a well-organized race, but generally devolves into chaos, confusion and random action. As always, the fun is not in the race, but in the one opportunity for all of the squadrons to participate on the water together. The event was the brain child of the late Tony Marshall. With Tony’s passing, Jim Forbes made the brilliant suggestion that we should honor Tony with naming the Rag Top/Stink Pot Relay after him. The Board has asked for suggestions, and all suggestions will be presented to the Board in November for final approval. “The Tony Marshall Rag Top/Stink Pot Relay”, “The Tony Marshall Ragtop/Stink Pot Regatta”, “The Tony Marshall Memorial Ragtop-Stink Pot Regatta”? If you have any input or suggestions please send me an email.

**NEW BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE:** At the October meeting the Board voted to support a new meeting schedule which will, in part, make it easier to serve on the Board and make General Meetings easier to attend. In essence, the Board will present the following new meeting schedule to the members at the November meeting: Every other Board meeting will be conducted remotely by Zoom, General Meetings will only be held six times a year on months when the Board shall meet in person at the clubhouse. Pursuant to the bylaws, the club is only required to hold four general meetings a year and there are no restrictions on how Board Meetings occur. WHAT THIS MEANS TO POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBERS IS THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO EACH MONTH TO ATTEND A BOARD MEETING. This will make serving on the Board much easier and less time consuming. One more reason to get on the phone or internet to contact Jim, Carl or Mary Rose and put your hat in the ring for election in December.

**ANNUAL SWAP MEET:** The annual swap meet is scheduled for November 16th. Get there early while there are still good buys available. It is an annual tradition to bring the stuff you bought last year that you discovered you didn't need or want and try to resell it. Of course the model boat addiction will likely just cause you to buy more stuff this year. But always remember that there will be another Swap Meet in another year and you can sell what you really shouldn't have bought this year. And, who knows, you may actually find a treasure this year that will help you finish a project or repair a boat.

## ***Membership Report***

by Mike Stobbe, Membership Secretary

There were no new members last month. Club membership stands at 155, currently. The annual renewal process is approaching, and instructions will be in next month's Nautical News.

## ***Rec & Parks Liaison Report***

by Colleen Stobbe, Liaison

We are one step closer to getting the lake edge repaired! Apparently, being in the 2024-2025 budget, as I was told that we are, was only the first step and didn't guarantee funding for the project. The next step was the review of the budget by the Commission, and their decisions on what projects to fund. On October 24, I received an email from Dave Iribarne, Superintendent of Golden Gate Park, happily announcing to Commodore Weaver and me that the project to repair Spreckels Lake edge received approval for funding by the Commission! Dave Iribarne will keep us posted as soon as he knows more. Of course, it will likely still be a number of months before we see any actual work, as they need to send out bids and follow all their processes. Though the wheels turn very slowly we're now on the way!

It also looks like the pavement repair on the northeast shore is moving forward. The orange paint markings along the degraded walkway seem to indicate a beginning. Again, this too may take a long time and may even be a part of the lake edge repair, but we are glad to see this bit of progress.

Our next quarterly meeting with Dave Iribarne will be November 19.

## ***Trolling the Web***

by Mary Rose Cassa

### **“No Child Left Ashore!”**

Pegasus Voyages, based in Berkeley, CA, has taken more than 20,000 Bay Area kids out sailing on their flagship vessel ‘Pegasus’, with the mission of exposing underserved youth to the marine wilderness that is our backyard.

<https://pegasusvoyages.org/>

*“The beautiful Pegasus prepared to ready about, and thus returned to a peaceful harbor. I braced myself, and willed that I would return to your majestic Pegasus, the winged ship that carried us through the waves.”* – Piper, 5th grade, Oxford Elementary

## **The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church of Minneapolis, better known as Mindekirken, dedicates Church Ship**

Norwegian-American Hans Sandom is a woodworking gold medalist who created a church-ship masterpiece as part of part of a salute to the 2025 Bicentennial Norwegian Immigration Commemoration known as Crossings.

<https://www.norwegianamerican.com/church-ship-mindekirken/>

## **All Aboard! - ModelCon 2024**

‘USS New Jersey’ a special venue for ModelCon 2024

The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial played host to an event dedicated to the art of model shipbuilding with the Philadelphia Ship Model Society’s ModelCon 2024.

<https://www.militarytrader.com/militaria-collectibles/all-aboard-modelcon-2024>

## **The Bay Area’s Ferryboats**

San Francisco Historical Society will present “The History of Ferryboats in the San Francisco Bay Area” on November 12. Check the website for details (in-person; livestream; archived recording): <https://www.sfhistory.org/>

Meanwhile, scroll to page 6 in the [July-September 2020 issue of SFHS Panorama magazine](#) for a short story about the ferryboats.

## ***All Hands Notice***

### **Annual Election of Officers and Directors**

It’s time to prepare for our annual election of officers and directors who will serve a one-year term beginning in January 2025. All members in good standing are eligible to stand for election. Please consider running for office. It is your club and without officers and directors there is no club, no one to plan and execute the activities we all enjoy.

If you have been a member for five years or more and have not yet served as an officer or director, please give some thought to how your experience can benefit the Club. We need new perspectives, new ideas, new ways of doing “the same old things.” Seasoned members know the types of activities we support and aspire to and have observed how our methods and processes might benefit from an update.

And be sure to note the new, reformed Board & Member Meeting schedule with Zoom meetings that make participation easier – see the Commodore’s Corner above for details.

The election will be held during the December 14th general membership meeting.

The officer and director positions are as follows:

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Radiosail Squadron Officer
- Freesail Squadron Officer
- Power Squadron Officer
- Directors-at-Large (four)

Duties of officers and directors are described in the bylaws (a copy has been provided to every member and may also be found in the Member Resources section of the website).

Please express your interest in candidacy and preference for which office to one of the members of the nominating committee:

Mary Rose Cassa	<a href="mailto:mcassa@earthlink.net">mcassa@earthlink.net</a>
Carl Brosius	<a href="mailto:cbfuture@aol.com">cbfuture@aol.com</a>
Jim Forbes	<a href="mailto:jandjforbes@earthlink.net">jandjforbes@earthlink.net</a>

Nominations close immediately before the election, but please express your intent as early as possible to allow for preparation of accurate ballots and an orderly election.

## **Swap Meet Rescheduled to Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

from Rob Weaver, Commodore

Note that **the Swap Meet is rescheduled to Saturday, November 16**. David Sands has stepped up (again) and has volunteered to coordinate the Swap Meet. He will need help. If you can work with David to set up the club for the swap meet, and clean up afterwards. Contact David at: [sandsdavid1935@gmail.com](mailto:sandsdavid1935@gmail.com). Vendor setup 9 to 10 am. One 6 ft table per vendor. No fee! Doors open 10am. Closing as activity dictates. Coffee and pastries provided.

## *Awards Luncheon*

### **SFMYC Annual Award and BBQ Luncheon**

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**Lunch at 12:30, following Member Meeting  
and Election**

**Annual Awards to follow lunch**

**All At**

# The SFMYC clubhouse!

The SFMYC social event of the year, the annual lunch is for everyone!  
All power and sail members, the spouses, family and guests are invited.

**The cost per person is \$10.00**

The year, the menu is catered from Memphis Minnie's, a famous BBQ restaurant on Haight Street in SF.  
This will be absolutely delicious!!

Pre-registration by December 7, 2024 at the latest is required!

Call or email: David Sands - [sandsdavid1935@gmail.com](mailto:sandsdavid1935@gmail.com)

Phone # 415/823-1976

Or

Rob Weaver - [RNWeaver@pacbell.net](mailto:RNWeaver@pacbell.net)

Phone #: 415/398-9800

Mail the attached form, and payment, no later than December 7, 2024

## Buffet Menu

BBQ Chicken

BBQ Ribs

BBQ Brisket

Coleslaw

Beans

Mac n Cheese

Cornbread

Cold drinks

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## Reservation/Registration

Please fill out & mail this Reservation/Registration to:

**SFMYC Annual Banquet**

**1800 Taraval Street; PO Box 16762**

**San Francisco, CA, 94116-16762**

**All members, spouses, family and guests are welcome**

Please mail this with payment of \$10.00 per person, no later than December 7, 2024.

***Reservations, depending on space available, after***



**December 7, 2024 will be \$30.00 per person!**

**THERE IS LIMITED SPACE. ONLY THE FIRST 60 RESERVATIONS  
WILL BE HONORED. REGISTER EARLY.**

## **SFMYC Annual Banquet Saturday December 14, 2024**

YOUR MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Total in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed (\$10.00 per person) \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations after December 7, 2024 will be \$30.00 per person!**

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### ***Freesail Squadron Reports***

#### **FSO Report**

by Bernard Price, FSO

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As I write this we are on the eve of the final race of the 2024 Freesail season with the 36R fleet wrapping up a fun and exciting year of sailing! I'm in the process of finalizing the tally of season championship points for each of the fleets and can tell you scoring has been very close in several cases. I plan to publish the season results in our December newsletter- so be sure to look for them there. Even better, plan to come to the SFMYC Holiday Party/Awards Banquet on December 14th to give and/or receive recognition for our 2024 Freesail Season Champions!

#### **M Class Freesail Report-Race #6 – Saturday, October 19th**

Text by Bernard Price, photos by Mike Stobbe



M Boat skippers Bernard, Stephen and Jeff demonstrate their latest choreographed dance routine at the start of the run.

The day of our final M-Boat race of the season greeted us with clear skies and temperatures edging

their way to the warm end of the spectrum -- positive traits we can rely on seeing this late in the season.

On the other side of the coin, when I arrived at the lake, a faint breeze was coming from the east, then the south and to the north. Anything but our favored westerlies. This pattern also had the effect of concentrating the algae, which was also enjoying the sun and warm temperatures, in Heartbreak Harbor. The surface of the lake near shore was covered in a thick, green slime. As I walked to the clubhouse I was contemplating a way out of sailing race six -- it was looking pretty bad.

Stephen watches the wind shift back to the south as Bernard prepares to start the beat

Happily, as we were eating lunch and preparing our boats in the clubhouse, the wind shifted to the west and the algae on the lake was somewhat dispersed making for nearly ideal conditions at the start.

We sailed four rounds and at about the halfway point, the wind decided to become fickle again, forcing Mike Stobbe to adjust his boat for all points of sail to successfully complete and win his run on the second round.



Fickle wind turned to no wind for a bit, making for tough going for those boats on the lake finishing their round, but patience paid off and the breeze finally returned allowing us to finish the day on a high note! After the scores were tallied, all of Mike's effort throughout the day was evident in a near-perfect first place score having only lost one beat to Colleen Stobbe who came in second place for the day.

Jason urges his boat on in the light wind with a few kind words

#### M-Boat R6 Results:

1st Mike Stobbe, SF-50 *Pocahontas*  
2nd Colleen Stobbe, SF-53 *Aloha*  
3rd Bernard Price, SF-27 *Windsplay*  
4th Jason Spiller, SF-55 *Useless*

5th Stephen Ma, SF-43 *Dart*  
6th Jeff Stobbe, SF-60 *42*  
7th Jim Harvey, SF-39 *Florence*



## 36R CLASS, RACE 6, Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Text & photos by Mike Stobbe, Fleet Reporter

The 36R Class Race 6 is the “Yuri Sands Memorial Race.” Yuri was an enthusiastic freesail racer, who delighted in competing, with an infectious delight in the sport whether winning or losing. We all miss her greatly.

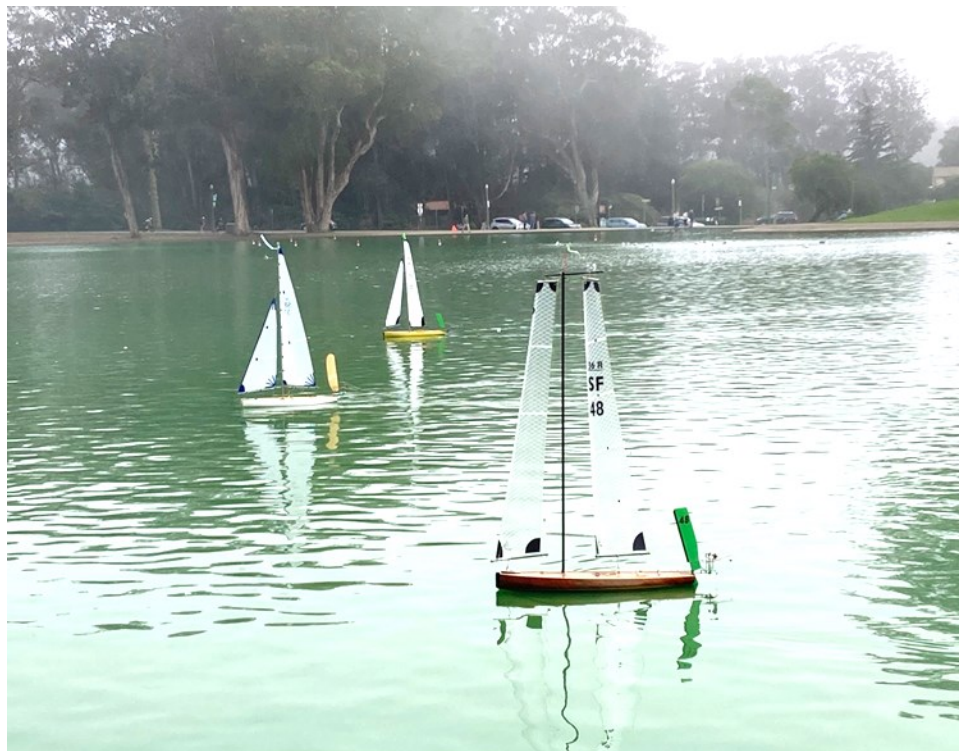


Dave and Yuri Sands, in the clubhouse, 2015.

This year, the 36R class closed out the Club's 2024 season, which seems to stretch a little later in autumn with each passing year. The fog was in for this race, which meant the day was cool but made the lake quite beautiful. The mostly westerly winds were calm to light at the west end, and light to medium at the east end.

(near to far) Mike Stobbe, Stephen Ma, and Mary Rose Cassa on a very leisurely run. Mary Rose won every run (again).

It was quite shifty, ranging from north to south, and even a bit east at times when approaching Point Sayonara. Heartbreak Harbor was truly a roll of the dice, as the barest zephyr switched back and forth from north to



south. The water was very green, as the boats left a visible wake through the algae, but this didn't interfere with their progress.



Stephen Ma leads Mary Rose on their beat. Rick Weiss sets his boat up on the bench. Colleen Stobbe relaxes on the far bench.

We had a seven-boat field, with two and three-boat starts. Jeff Stobbe had some trouble balancing his boat, *Dash*, eventually concluding that he would have to reconfigure the keel fin. Bernard Price also had problems with his well-sorted *Batteries Not Included*. He found that the helm was binding and fixed the problem, but not before sacrificing too many points to remain competitive.



(left to right) Mike Stobbe being chased by Bernard Price, Stephen Ma, and Rick Weiss (not all in the same group). Note the algae wake.

Everyone else sailed well, including Rick Weiss, trying out the 36R class for the first time.

The vagaries of the Spreckels wind tended to scatter the boats, so there were few close finishes.





Mary Rose nearing the finish of another winning run. The fog made a picturesque setting.

Mary Rose Cassa distinguished herself by winning every run, just as she had done in Race 5. This time, however, she added just enough beats to come out on top in a close-fought regatta: Mary Rose, Stephen Ma, and Colleen Stobbe finished with 21, 20, and 19 points, respectively.

The overall results were:

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|---|--|
| 1st Mary Rose Cassa, 36R-28, <i>Manzanita</i> | 5th Rick Weiss, 36R-64, <i>Forever 64</i>                |
| 2nd Stephen Ma, 36R-37, <i>White</i>          | 6th Bernard Price, 36R-64, <i>Batteries Not Included</i> |
| 3rd Colleen Stobbe, 36R-31, <i>Grace</i>      | 7th Jeff Stobbe, 36R-73, <i>Dash</i>                     |
| 4th Mike Stobbe, 36R-48, <i>Judy</i>          |  |

## X Class Doyle-Ferrari Cup, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Text & photos by Jim Harvey

The last X Class race of 2024 was held on October 12. It was a moderately breezy day with very variable winds. The participants in order of finish were: myself, Jeff Stobbe, Jason Spiller, Mike Stobbe, and Bernard Price.

Jason Spiller and his boat looking Bristol Fashion!

Truthfully, the winds were actually flukey, which made it a Braine day, and the winner was the only one with a Braine controlled rig. Vane controlled rigs do much better than Braine controlled rigs when there are steadier winds. The Braine controlled rigs merely have a tiller/rudder offset, along with “LiverPool Boys” to harden up the main and back wind the jib during the beat, and lines to force the boat to follow





down with wind on the run. LiverPool Boys are the elastic lines running from the starboard toe rail to the main and jib booms, causing the sails to harden up, as in the case of the main, and back wind, as is the case with the jib, helping the boat in coming about from starboard to port tack when there is a wind shift on the beat.

Jeff Stobbe sailed his new X boat, named *Crazy D*. Jeff molded the hull directly from two half hulls made from popsicle sticks designed by his friend.



As an X class boat *Crazy D* is short and has a huge beam, but its boat speed seemed better than average. Jeff fashioned this boat in honor of his friend known as, Crazy Dennis.

Jeff did out sail me on the beat during our board together.

*Crazy D* pulling ahead of Mike Stobbe's *'Spearmint*.

## ***RC Sailing***

### **2024 ODOM Season Finale – Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

by Tom MacDonald

The eighth and final race of the 2024 SFMYC One Design One Meter class (ODOM) points series was held on Tuesday, October 8.

The eleven SFMYC ODOM sailors who competed in season-ending Race #8. From left -- Richard Ludt, John Ely, Mary Rose Cassa, Nick Mulford, Norman Tuck, Bob Pinotti (fr), Dave Misunas, Jim Harrold (fr), Tom MacDonald, Bob Gallagher (fr), Dick Hunter - photo by passerby



Eleven members of the Club ODOM fleet answered the bell for the season's final event, with all the entrants still competing at day's end. Dick Hunter continued the dominance he has displayed all season, winning all eight of the day's races to cap off his third straight SFMYC championship in the ODOM class. Jim Harrold finished second on the day and Richard Ludt third.

Results of ODOM Series Race # 8:



**SFMYC 2024 ODOM RACING SERIES**  
**Race Day #8**  
**10/08/24**



Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
1	705	Dick Hunter	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	28	Jim Harrold	21	5	2	12dnf	2	2	3	3	4
3	594	Richard Ludt	25	2	4	3	5	5	7	4	2
4	650	Bob Pinotti	29	6	3	6	4	4	5	2	5
5	798	Bob Gallagher	33	9	7	4	3	3	4	6	6
6	21	Dave Misunas	34	7	5	2	7	6	2	5	7
7	102	Nick Mulford	48	3	9	8	8	9	10	8	3
8	64	Tom MacDonald	50	11	6	5	6	8	6	11	8
9	2	Jon Ely	56	4	11	7	9	10	8	7	11
10	98	Mary Rose Cassa	62	10	8	9	11	7	9	10	9
11	15	Norman Tuck	68	8	10	10	10	11	12dnf	9	10

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

No less than twenty SFMYC ODOM sailors participated at times in the 2024 season series, held every second Tuesday from March through October. A number of additional members and non-members also came out for practice racing on other Tuesdays; remarkably there have been at least forty days of Tuesday ODOM sailing on Spreckels Lake thus far in 2024!

A close mark-rounding during an ODOM race on Spreckels Lake - photo by Dick Hunter

Dick Hunter, who has also capably served as the Club's ODOM Fleet Captain the past three years, turned in what can only be described as an amazing season performance -- winning all eight of the season regattas and finishing first in an incredible 49 of the total 64 races held (a 77% win percentage)! And this accomplishment





took place in a growing and increasingly competitive ODOM fleet that included four other prior season champions. Jim Harrold, the 2021 season champ, took second place in the 2024 season standings, followed by another past multi-time season champ Dave Misunas in third place.



The most-improved sailor award (if there is one) goes to Bob Pinotti for claiming fourth place on the season. Bob Gallagher, the 2019 ODOM season champ, who also previously served admirably as ODOM Fleet Captain, finished fifth in the 2024 season standings. And finally, Jason Spiller, another past multi-time champ in ODOMs and several other classes, deserves the longevity award for remaining a regular competitor at age 95, over 50 of those years as an active SFMYC member.

Congratulations to Dick Hunter, the 2024 SFMYC season champion and ODOM Fleet Captain - photo by Tom MacDonald

The 2024 ODOM season Podium: From right -- Dave Misunas 3rd place, Jim Harrold 2nd place, Dick Hunter 1st place - photo by Tom MacDonald







Pinto Lake near his former home in Watsonville. Goerge will be missed and remembered with gratitude for his great contributions to model yachting.

George Ribeiro 1937-2024 -- photo by Tom MacDonald



## News from the Santa Barbara Fleet

text & photo by Rob Weaver, commodore

October 26<sup>th</sup> marked the final RC race of the season. Seven Santa Barbara sailors ignored predictions of no wind and met at the club with a hope and prayer that the weather forecasts were bad guesses. Weighing in between 23 and 28 pounds, and being a couple of inches shy of 6 feet long, it can be pretty daunting to get these big boats sailing in light conditions. As it turned out,

the wind was light, but pretty constant. The fleet had no trouble sailing over the glassy waters of Spreckels. In fact, it was a little magical seeing the boats glide over the lake with constant winds of 4 – 5 mph.



Smooth sailing on a calm lake in October. Is there a better way to spend an afternoon?



Of course, there was a dead spot near the top of the course, but these beasts had no trouble rounding the weather mark and heading downwind. The secret was to take all the speed the wind would give you and glide around the mark. It is amazing how far the momentum of these boats will take you if you only exercise a little patience and avoid getting in irons.

The day had two high points. In the first race, and in his first Santa Barbara race, new member Rob Yohai got an excellent start, and led the fleet around the windward mark and both leeward marks. Unfortunately, he was unaware of what Dick Hunter calls the Jason Spiller lift that will hit your boat if you hang onto the port tack after the leeward mark until just before the starting line. Rob Y. tacked early not having the benefit of local knowledge and was promptly passed by Rob Weaver who trusted that the Jason Spiller lift would hit and take him on a sleigh ride towards the finish line. In another race, Ron Ulrich did everything right for over half the race, and no one could catch him around the first two marks. His boat was sailing fast and he was picking all the right spots until he lost his concentration at the bottom of the lake and got passed. Now he just has to remember what he did and repeat it around the full course.

The other news from the class is that Michael Fischer has organized informal racing in the off season. We will race Santa Barbaras (rain or shine according to Michael) on the third Sunday of each month this winter starting November 24<sup>th</sup>. Don't worry if the wind is light. As we proved at the last race of the season, the big and heavy boats don't seem to have much difficulty sailing in the light stuff.

## ***Stars in the rain 2022 -- it's the season coming up!***

from Michael Fischer



Stars in the rain, 2022

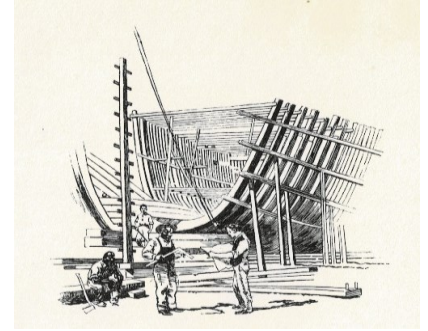
## *In the Workshop*

### **‘JERSEY GIRL’ A Scratch Built Boat – Part 1, the hull**

text & photos by Blaine Russell



‘JERSEY GIRL’ A  
Scratch Built Boat From  
‘Jersey Coast Kingfisher’  
Online Plans



Back story: Early in 2017 a longtime friend and fellow SSMA member, Ken Valk, and I were on the hunt to locate a design for an oyster dragger or ‘buy boat’ to build up and add to our fleets. Mutual friend Ralph Perkins, a model designer and engineer, suggested a Howard Chapelle ‘Work Boat’ design that would fit our needs. Ken and I, and two other friends, each built an RC model of that Chapelle design.

#### Howard Chapelle ‘Work Boat’

Well, in the original search for a work boat, I found another plan online that looked good, nice lines, and one that could be scratch built into whatever kind of fishing boat we wanted. So, I ordered the plans, then had them enlarged to bring it closer to the scale I like; 45” long by 13 1/2” wide. However, these plans got stowed away for a while until ‘it was time’ for me to unroll the drawings and build the boat, six years later!







The actual Kingfisher, off the Jersey coast

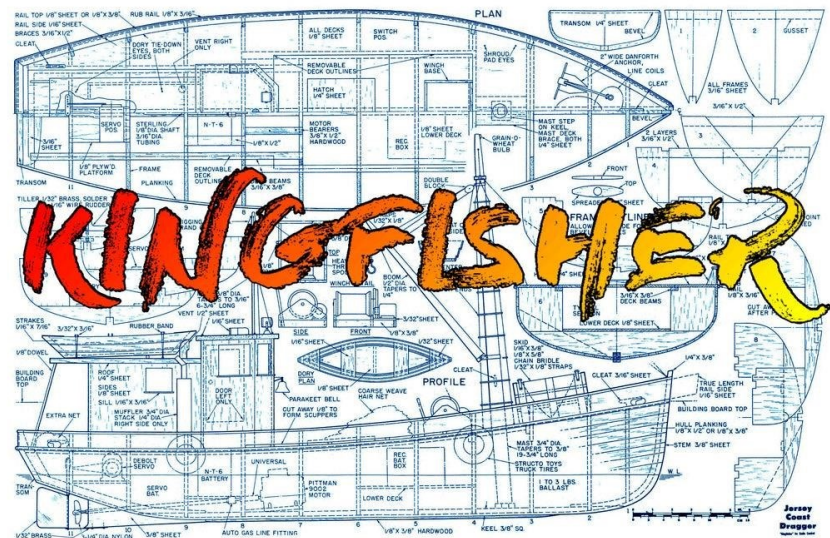
Please follow along with me as I build one up from the online plan called the 'Jersey Coast Kingfisher'!

The boat builds into a very nice-looking fishing vessel, very close to the original boat we were looking for, only with less draft.

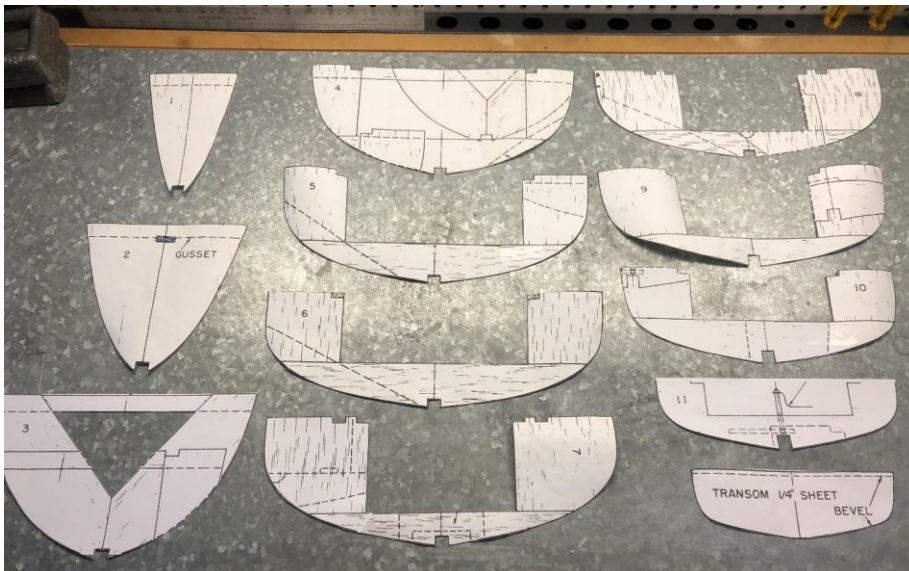
These plans are still available online from eBay today. Note that the picture shown on the eBay site is not exactly the same as on the plans, but kind of!

The plan set

This very vintage (1958) plan set, showing an old DeBolt servo for steering and an original style Pittman 6-volt motor to power the model, brought back early memories of my first radio control set. I would love to know how many sets of plans for this boat have been sold over the years.



Bulkheads



**The build:** First off was cutting out all the templates to trace all the bulkheads and formers on 1/8" balsa sheet. Enter an old building trick I use. I apply M77 (3M Super 77 Multi-Purpose) contact spray on the back of the paper templates, just one side, and smooth them



down over the balsa wood. They stay in place quite well, good enough to cut all your bulkheads and then simply peel off the paper. And the glue stays on the paper when you pull it off. This makes for perfect bulkheads and formers when done this way .



Next was laying out the keel and adding a little more depth to the stern area to enable an increase in the prop diameter. It was the first modification to the build I made. The prop size would go from a 1-1/4" to 2-3/8" (for better handling).

Laying out the keel

The location of the formers to the keel are next, with stations set and marked. I used all balsa wood formers throughout,

which back in 1958 when these plans were drawn was the material of choice (but could be easily substituted for 1/8" light plywood today). Not my typical build setup but I had a lot of 1/8" balsa sheet, so I stuck with the plan, squared them up and cemented them to the keel.

Moving on, with the hull set upside down now for a more typically built platform, the planking was started. Again, the plans called for balsa, 1/8" by 1/2" planks, but I found it much easier with 1/8" by 1/4" balsa planks. I'm going use epoxy and a 3.7-ounce glass cloth to cover all of it when finished. That gives good strength to the overall hull .

Planking

Now, I'm not much of a fan when it comes to planking (is anybody?). It's a painstakingly tedious process and I can't wait to see that last plank go into place.







Finally planked

After some careful sanding and shaping I did get it into a respectable ready-for-glass hull, smooth and true.

Now, happily, it's time to lay on the 3.7-ounce glass cloth and epoxy resin. I don't like to do more than I can manage while glassing so I just do

one half of the hull at a time. I have done whole hulls but it can get a little hectic when your resin starts to set. It's worth the wait to be patient and do the other side the next day!

#### Glassing the hull

I use the West Systems Epoxy Resin # 105 and their # 206 hardener. It was bought with their pump dispenser which gives me an exact measured amount with each pump.

Another tool I like to use is a kitchen spatula for a squeegee. I cut them down to the size I need and it's a little more flexible, easier to use. And they clean up with denatured alcohol very well .



Once you have both sides done it's time to sand the hull again, then give it one last 'finishing' coat of resin. Most of this resin is squeegeed off, leaving a very thin layer to facilitate final sanding in support of the final finish.

Time to crib the boat keel down on the building board, to start on the decking and finish planking. Tune in next month for Part 2 -- The Completion with a Lowell Grand Banks Dory.

## ***Wanted / For "Sail"***

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## **For Sale**

-- *More free Boats -- Two boats were found in front of the clubhouse, in various states. Any member is welcome to take them! Contact Vice Commodore Carl Brosius at [cbfuture@aol.com](mailto:cbfuture@aol.com)*

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IOM w/o sail servo. \$300.00  
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