

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

LUNCHEON, 11:45AM

SPEAKER, 12:30PM

Q&A, 1:15PM

By Ron Young, Wednesday Yachting Luncheon Chair



September 5: The Growing World of Sailing Clubs – Making a Living Doing What You Love **Rich Jepsen, Co-Founder, Olympic Circle Sailing Club**

Public Access Sailing is revolutionizing the game. Properly introducing children and adults to the sport accelerates learning, builds confidence and creates a social magnet in their lives. By removing the boat-purchase hurdle, public access sailing, whether commercial or not-for-profit, has changed the playing field and has reversed the decline of sailing participation that started in 1979. Rich will also review the challenges of international bareboat chartering; and local youth programs, from the bold FAST plan (Facility for Advanced Sailing and Technology) and Treasure Island's "Puddles to Podium" initiative to Alameda Community Sailing Center's "Just messing about in boats" model for developing a lifelong relationship with sailing for Bay Area kids.



September 12: 48 Years of International Yachting Photography – From Swiss Lakes to High Seas **Daniel Forster, World Renown Yachting Photographer**

After apprenticing in a studio in Berne, Switzerland, Daniel became a professional photographer during the 1972 Olympic games. Since then, he has covered all twelve Olympic Games (1972 – 2016) and thirteen America's Cups (1977 – 2017). In addition to documenting Rolex yachting events, Daniel covers events for owners and regatta organizers. He is a correspondent for yachting magazines in the USA, Australia, Germany, France and Switzerland. In 1987, his photo of Dennis Conner winning the America's Cup appeared on TIME's cover. His photo would grace TIME's cover again in 1995, when New Zealand won the Cup. In addition to shooting sports, Daniel enjoys portrait, landscape and seascape photography. A selection of his work can be viewed at DanielForster.com.



September 19: Love 'em or Lose 'em. – The Precarious Future of Earth's Coral Reefs **Michael Webster, Executive Director, Coral Reef Alliance**

Corals are extraordinary animals and the reefs they build have more concentrated bio-diversity than rain forests. Nearly 25% of all fish depend on corals for food, shelter and nursery habitat. An estimated 500 million people worldwide depend on coral reefs for food and income. But today, 75% percent of our reefs are threatened or already gone. Learn how climate change is threatening coral reefs at a global scale. Join us for a conversation with Dr. Michael Webster from CORAL, an Oakland-based nonprofit whose mission is to unite communities to save coral reefs. Dr. Webster will share scientific predictions on the precarious future of coral reefs and what humans can do to save them.



September 26: The Care and Feeding of San Francisco's Eco-Friendly, Waterfront Tourist Trade **Captain Joe Burgard, Executive Vice President, Red and White Fleet**

The Red and White Fleet, operating in San Francisco Bay since 1892, will be taking delivery of its newest vessel in September 2018. At 128 feet and with a capacity of 600 passengers, Enhydra (a tribute to the California sea otter), will be the largest plug-in hybrid electric passenger vessel ever built under US Coast Guard regulations. Joe will share details about the state-of-the-art technology, operational efficiencies and the innovative plans to make the vessel "all electric", including the shoreside infrastructure necessary to provide fast charging for its very large battery packs. The Enhydra is one more step towards Red and White Fleet's goal of providing a zero emissions fleet by 2025.



October 3: Ocean Sailors and Sharks – Our San Francisco Voyagers Who Cross the Pacific **David McGuire, Founder, Shark Stewards; Scientist, Author, Sailor, Dive-Master and Ocean Advocate**

Like Trans-Pac sailors, San Francisco Bay sharks traverse long distances, eventually returning to their home port. Learn about shark tagging, migrations and how a sailing voyage to New Zealand led to shark protection from California to Asia. Marine biologist and ocean advocate, David McGuire is the Director of the non-profit, Shark Stewards. Their advocacy catalyzed the coalition leading to the passage of the California Shark Conservation Act in the State of California, AB 376. He is co-chair of the Golden Gate Marine Protected Area Collaborative, communicating and facilitating marine protection in California's statewide MPA network. Work on fin regulation is ongoing in other US states and in the Western Pacific through the Pacific Shark Coalition.