

## **GOOD FOOD AND VIEWS, MODEST BUT ATTRACTIVE CLUBHOUSE, NO ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, CA**

We visited the SFYC in November 2010 and had lunch. The club is located near Tiburon, north of San Francisco, on Belvedere Cove overlooking San Francisco Bay. The club was founded in 1869 and is the oldest yacht club west of the Mississippi. The club was originally in the city of San Francisco but moved to Sausalito, where it had a very elegant clubhouse. It moved again in 1926 to Belvedere Cove. Some members wanted to go back to San Francisco, and split off, founding the St. Francis Yacht Club.



The present clubhouse is quite attractive inside and well maintained, but is modest in size, has only one storey, and looks rather squat. The yacht basin is large and has 185 water slips and 83 dry storage berths. The club has a view of part of the San Francisco skyline, but not of the Golden Gate.

Our lunch was good, but the best part was the excellent cheese scones which were provided as part of the bread basket. Service was friendly and helpful. Staff

allowed me to hose down my dirty classic car, which we were driving up the coast – no charge!

Lunch is served Thursday through Sunday from 11:30 to 3 pm. Dinner is served as a limited light menu on Wednesday night, and as a full menu Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The club has no overnight accommodations and no arrangements for discounts with nearby hotels.



The club is close to interesting shops in Tiburon, and makes for a nice outing from San Francisco.

The SFYC is not the local yacht club which won the America's Cup in Valencia, Spain in February 2010; that honor went to the Golden Gate Yacht Club and BMW-Oracle Racing. GGYC is located on a point of land jutting out from the Marina district on the north side of San Francisco, this is about six miles south of the SFYC. It appears that the 34<sup>th</sup> America's Cup may be held in San Francisco, hosted by the GGYC, in 2013, using fast 72 foot catamarans with wing sails. If so, this will have a huge impact on the city and on all the yacht clubs and hotels in the region. You may wish to book your rooms now!