

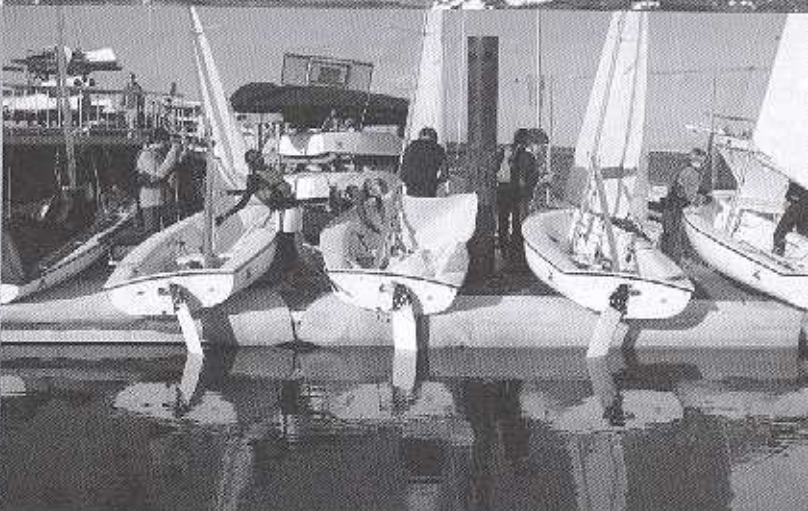
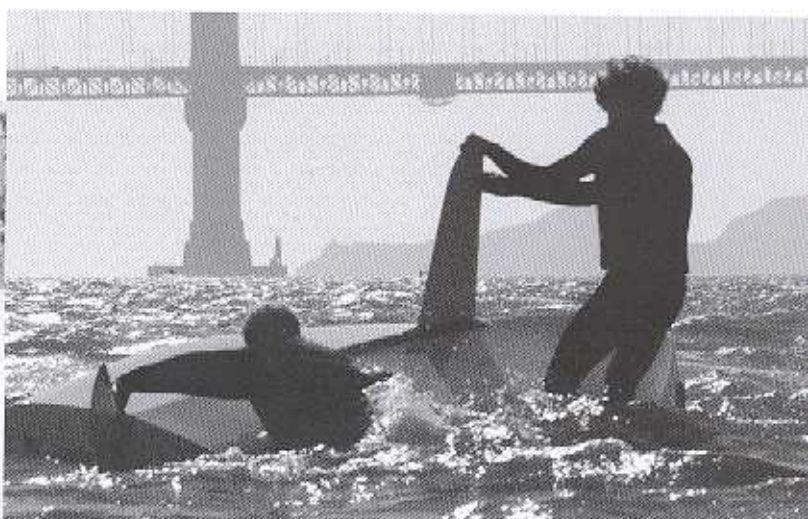
Bay School Growing up on the Water

By Jesse Oliver

At the city's newest high school, The Bay School of San Francisco located in the Presidio, a short distance from the club, athletic activities are a required part of every student's day. This spring the school teamed up with the Club's Junior Program to offer sailing as an athletic elective. Of the 62 students in the first freshman class, fifteen have taken part. Half of this group had never sailed at all, but all have made enormous strides under the tutelage of Ben, Jesse, Dan, and Bay School teacher Tom Henning.

"Every one of my students has grown enormously from their sailing experiences," Mr. Henning observed, but added,

"and not just from learning the sailing skills and seamanship. They have tested themselves in chilly Bay waters, and used their knowledge to upright a capsized boat and to plot a course around Alcatraz. This is a real confidence builder for a fifteen-year old raised in the confines of the city. The school, the students, and their parents are very grateful to the Yacht Club and to Ben in particular for making this possible." With over 120 students enrolled next year, the Bay School hopes to expand its sailing offerings and will explore the possibility of a competitive sailing team.



Upper left: Bay School sailors after a sail on the Harbor. Upper right: Windy conditions often give the sailors an opportunity to do some swimming between drills. Lower Left: Friends take a minute to converse while sailing in front of the club on a light afternoon. Lower right: Rigging up at the dock the students are encouraged to work as a team.