

## SAUSALITO WOODEN BOAT TOUR

A Narrated Walking Tour of the Sausalito Waterfront by Victoria Colella, author of the *Sausalito Wooden Boat Tour* book.

Have you ever fought your way through a hurricane or circum-navigated the globe in a small wooden boat? Many of the people and boats you will encounter on this tour have lived adventurous seafaring lives, others have never navigated beyond the Golden Gate. Nonetheless, the handcrafted wooden boats that grace our harbors have called to them all, inspiring adventure, art, poetry and song throughout the ages. Whether your appreciation comes through historical significance, artistic interest or past experience, the Sausalito Wooden Boat Tour will send you home just a little bit closer to a nautical life.

## NORTHERN TOUR OUTLINE

Herein lies the soul of old Sausalito. You will see the original houseboat and floating home communities, two historic ferry boats, art studios, wooden boat building shops and working boat-yards. You will hear tales of the Beat Era, Houseboat Wars, famous artists and the building of the Libertyships. We will visit the *Arques School of Traditional Boatbuilding* and visit their collection of traditional wooden boats, considered to be floating works of art, and encounter an eclectic collection of older wooden boats including an infamous tugboat called the *Go Getter*.

## WALDO POINT AND YELLOW FERRY HARBOR



In the sixties, people came to Waldo Point and thought "Oh, I can build my own house and party!" So they did. Much like their counterparts at Galilee Harbor, many of the residents used castaway military items along with bits and pieces of flotsam to build a variety of creative housing solutions. This harbor is a testament to the alternative lifestyles that have made Sausalito so popular among the creative and young at heart. Slated for renovation, see this community before it changes forever.

## THE ARKS AND FLOATING HOME COMMUNITIES



## THE HISTORIC MARINSHIP DISTRICT

The entire country was taken by surprise when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in December of 1941. Sausalito was chosen as a site for a shipyard and in a matter of months 838,763 cubic yards of earth and rock were blasted from Pine Point and 26,000 pilings driven to form the Marinship. This area stretches from Gate Five Road to Schoonmacher Harbor and many of the buildings and ship yards are still here today to illustrate the story of the ships that won the war.



*Varda Landing is home to the infamous Vallejo ferry which was the center of the Sausalito bohemian scene in the 1950's and 60's.*

## THE ARQUES MARINA



The Arques Marina is in the heart of the Marinship. Today it is the last place on the Sausalito waterfront where wooden boats are still being built. Learn about Donlon Arques, the man who made this possible and visit the Arques docks and ship ways and the Arques School of Traditional Boat Building. Some of Sausalito's most skilled shipwrights work out of the Arques and with a little luck we will be able to observe them in action.

**RESERVATIONS (415) 332-6608**

## SOUTHERN TOUR OUTLINE

Herein lie the classic yachts, sailboats and cruisers. You will see the an 1880 hay schooner replica, tug boats, an original houseboat community, and many historic vessels. You will hear the stories of Galilee Harbor, Cass Marina, Dunphy Park and the 'anchor outs' as we move south to Sausalito Marine Ways, Pelican Yacht Harbor, Ark Row, Sausalito Yacht Harbor and finally to the Bird Sanctuary, home of the Bird Boats which are found only in the San Francisco Bay.



## THE HISTORIC VESSELS OF GALILEE HARBOR



## CASS' MARINA, DUNPHY PARK AND THE CRUISING CLUB

Joe Tate and John Chalmers Gidley dredged Cass' Marina one weekend while the City Council was out of town. Get the story behind Annie's Island and the little duck houses that dot the docks.



Adjacent to the Marina is the Cruising Club, an WWII army artillery barge. Established in 1948, the club has been recently renovated and plays host to a number of community events.

## MARINE WAYS

Menotti Pasquinucci built Monterey fishing boats here and you can still see the remnants of the old boat ways. Here you will



see a truly eclectic collection of wooden boats ranging from a Laurel and Hardy's *Ida May* to a 1983 Su-Chow named *Aurelia*.

## ARK ROW



The first houseboats on the waterfront made their appearance in the late 1800's. Handcrafted arched wood ceilings, hand hewn door and window trims, tongue and groove walls are a few of the features of these landmark structures.

Originally floating homes, in 1917 the six arks on Ark Row were transferred to piers, where they stand today.



### PELICAN YACHT HARBOR

This marina was once owned by Donlon Arques "waterfront Don", and founder of the Arques School of Traditional Boat Building. It was once dictated that only wooden sailing boats could berth here. While this is no longer the mandate, Pelican Harbor still has the largest collection of classic wooden boats on the Sausalito Waterfront.

### SAUSALITO YACHT HARBOR

Founded in 1940 when three log steamers, the Lassen, Wesley and Santa Barbara were filled with mud and left to sink on the North edge of the new harbor. These vessels were used to transport redwood from the Oregon coast to San Francisco after the earthquake and fires of 1906. Remnants of the Lassen can still be seen sticking out of the mud at low tide. Boats of every description have made this harbor their home. From the floating Taj Mahal, to the last remaining "J" class boat and the San Francisco Bird Boats. There are no two boats alike.



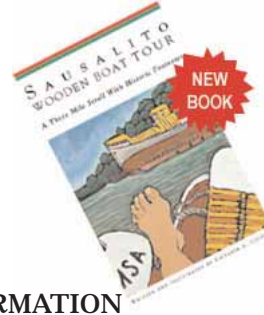
## DOWNTOWN HISTORICAL DISTRICT



Now back in Sausalito's Downtown Historic District, a wide selection of cafe's, fine restaurants and specialty shops await you. Relax and enjoy. If you have purchased a copy of the **Sausalito Wooden Boat Tour** book, you can relive your experience over and over again.

Signed copies of the **Sausalito Wooden Boat Tour** book and keepsake will be available on the tour.

\$20.00



### TOUR INFORMATION

A good pair of walking shoes and a sense of adventure is all you need to enjoy the ambiance and colorful details of the Sausalito Wooden Boat Tour, so grab your camera and come aboard!

The **Northern Tour** is on Saturdays and the **Southern Tour** on Sundays. Each tour is approximately three hours and is \$50 per person per tour. We meet in front of the kiosk on the ferry landing in downtown Sausalito at 12:30 pm.

### RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

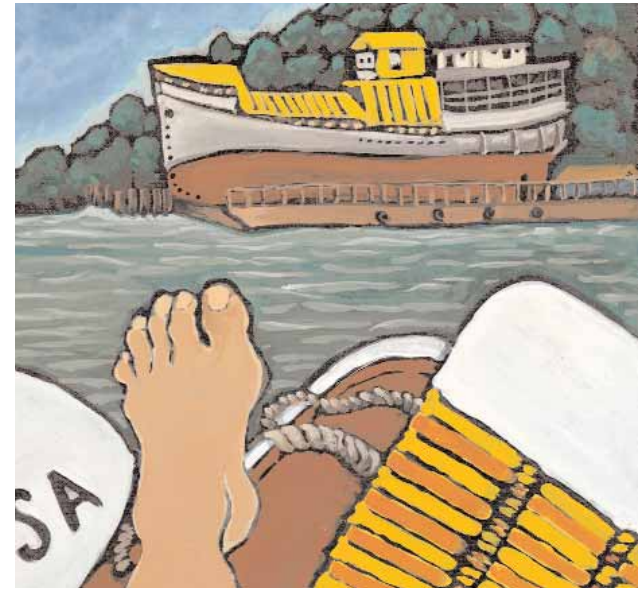
Private tours available for groups of five or more.  
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*Discover the History & Mystery of the Sausalito Waterfront*



**NARRATED WALKING TOURS BY SAUSALITO  
ARTIST AND AUTHOR VICTORIA COLELLA**

WOODEN BOATS FROM THE FINEST TO THE FUNNIEST-ORIGINAL HOUSEBOATS & FLOATING HOMES-HISTORIC WWII MARINSHIP-ART STUDIOS-HISTORIC VESSELS-CLASSIC YACHTS-TUGS-SAIL-BOATS-LAST OF THE FERRY BOATS-ARQUES SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL BOAT BUILDING AND BOAT SHOPS WITH NEW BOATS AND RESTORATIONS IN PROGRESS-MEET THE SHIPWRIGHTS WHO KEEP SAUSALITO'S HERITAGE ALIVE!