

Are you a mariner that travels offshore on the 'High seas?' Are you aware that in the event of an emergency, when you call for assistance using your normal marine communication gear, your radio transmissions may or may not be readily heard? Do you really want to take this risk with the lives of your love ones and friends on board, in addition to placing your property at risk?

But if you have an amateur HF radio on board with you; you should note that in the event of an emergency, your chances have improved significantly that your message for assistance will be heard by licensed amateur radio operators, particularly by amateur radio operators involved with Amateur Radio Maritime Mobile Service Net and the Amateur Radio Pacific Seafarers Net.

The West Valley Amateur Radio Association in conjunction with the Sequoia Yacht Club and the Sea Scout Ship Sea Eagle, (Ship 65), out of Redwood City, California, will present on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Coyote Point Yacht Club, 1820 Coyote Point Dr, San Mateo, CA 94401 a talk on the "The Pacific Maritime Mobile Service Net", and how it benefits the ocean-going mariner on the "High Seas".

(See [www.cpyc.com](http://www.cpyc.com)) for directions to the yacht club and to confirm your reservations to the dinner on Friday night).

**Are you curious?**

**Would you like to know more?**

If your answer is 'yes' please note that, in celebration of The Sequoia Yacht Club's Opening Day on the Bay, on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, members of the West Valley Amateur Radio Association will have a demonstration HF station outside of the Sequoia Yacht Club's clubhouse for you to listen in on amateur radio communications. **(WVARA Members and ARRL section managers and: if you are going to come to the communication tent as well as come the dinner and/or presentation Friday night, PLEASE WEAR YOUR CLUB or ARRL SECTION BADGE TO IDENTIFY YOU AS A CLUB/ARRL SECTION MEMBER).**

(See [[www.southbayopeningday.org](http://www.southbayopeningday.org)] for a listing of all events on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and for directions to the yacht club as well as the reservation form for the Friday night dinner). Most of, if not all, the events are free, please bring your children, grandchildren, they will have a ball.

Please feel free to stop by, we will be available to answer any questions about amateur radio that you might have.