

**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

**Justin Long**  
**City of Alameda – Recreation and Parks Dept.**  
**2226 Santa Clara Avenue**  
**Alameda, CA 94501**

**Re: Svend Svendsen Background Investigation**

**Mr. Long,**

Per your request, we have prepared the following investigative background report to assist the City of Alameda with determining the feasibility of naming a park after long time Alameda Business Owner Sven Svendsen. As stated by the city, the focus of the background was to determine the general character and reputation of Sven Svendsen and his family with a goal of identify any information that would have a negative impact on the City of Alameda should a public park be named after Mr. Svendsen.

During this investigation we researched the following areas:

- Family history
- Legal history (civil and criminal)
- Demonstration of bias
- Political affiliations
- Media reports and social media presence

### **Early Years**

Svend Karl Svendsen was born March 2, 1932, in Espergaerde, Denmark to parents Ama “Anna” Eveline and Jen Louis Svendsen.

#### *Svend’s Paternal Side*

Our research found that Svend’s Father, Jen Louis Svendsen was born April 14, 1907, in Tikob, Lyng-Kronborg, Frederiksborg, Denmark to the parents of Svend Jens Svendsen and Ingeborg Caroline Pedersen also of Denmark. Svend’s great grandparents on this side, Julius Svendsen and Ane Marie Frederiksen were located as was great great grandparents Svend Bendtsen and Elizabeth Jendatter. We were able to find other family members on this side going back to the early 1700’s however there were limited records outside of some handwritten census records (see attached).

#### *Svend’s Maternal Side*

Our research identified two different records for a woman by the name of Ama “Anna” Eveline as the potential mother of Svend Karl Svendsen. The first record listed her as being born on October 13, 1907, in Egebaeksvang, Helsingor, Frederiksborg, Denmark. The second record (California Death Record) indicated that she was born on the same date in the state of New Jersey. Marriage records showed that she married Jens Louis Svendsen in 1927. We could not find any records between 1927 and 1971.

A California Death Record reported that this woman died in Alameda, California in 1971. Outside of these records we were only able to locate a name for Svend's possible grandmother on this side as Inge Nielsen.

It's worth noting that the family provided us with the name of Anna Pedersen as the mother of Svend which was different than what we found. We researched that name and found an Anna Elizabeth Pedersen who was married to a Jens Svendsen Techen Christensen.

During this portion of the family research, we found over 465 persons from Denmark with the Svendsen last name however it appeared that only 18 were directly connected to our Svend Karl Svendsen. Due to the time period these Svendsen's were living in, records were extremely limited. Most were handwritten census documents which were archived by the local Danish government at the time. In all of the names that were researched including those up to Svend, we could not find any negative or disparaging information. The census records found are attached to this report.

### **Childhood**

In a few online stories, we read statements that at age 8 during the Nazi occupation of Denmark, Sven was said to have delivered messages hidden in bread to the Danish Underground. We searched several historical sites pertaining to the Holocaust and the Nazi's plan to deport Jews from Denmark in 1940. Although we found several stories of locals resisting the Nazi's by smuggling Jews to nearby Sweden, we could not find any specific information to validate Svend's specific role.

Family provided information stating that Svend served one tour in the Danish service. We could not locate any public records and when contacting the Danish National Archive, we were told that those records were consider confidential due to the Danish Privacy Act.

### **Move to the United States**

In 1956 Svend was said to have immigrated to the United States. Through records from the United States Department of Justice and the United States Treasury Department, we were able to locate Manifest #32 of In Bound Passenger for the naval vessel S.S. Ryndam. The document noted that the tourist vessel departed Rotterdam April 24, 1956, and arrived in New York on May 4, 1956. The passenger manifest listed 25 passengers including Svend Svendsen from Denmark Travel Document# I 1103106. The manifest is attached to this report.

Through information found online we determined that upon arrival to the United States, Svend took a job at Decrektor Shipyards for an unknown period of time. One person reported it was for approximately 1 year and he left due minimal pay. We searched the limited public records available for this period and could not find anything for Svend or his provided social security number. We contacted the Decrektor Shipyard inquiring about his employment but were told they didn't maintain records that far back.

### **California**

Based on records it appears that Svend relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area between 1957 and 1960. One article reported that Svend drove from New York to the Bay Area with a few fellow Danes.

The next record placing Svend in the Bay Area was a marriage record for he and Suzanne D. Cole dated April 16, 1960.

While we could not find any legal documents, articles found online, and information provided by the daughter indicated that when Svend came to California he worked for a few different Maritime businesses until opening Svendsen Boat Works in Alameda in 1963.

### **Criminal & Traffic Records**

Our research found no criminal records and one traffic citation out of Siskiyou County Superior Court in Northern California. The citation was for exceeding the posted 65 MPH speed limit on November 5, 2003. On this records it listed Svend's driver's license as G0497941 and valid at the time of the citation.

### **California Employment Records & US Business Affiliations**

California Employment Records revealed Svend owned:

- Svend's Boat Works at 1851 Clement Avenue in Alameda
- Svendsen Rigging also at 1851 Clement Avenue in Alameda.

We found the following three businesses listing Svend as being affiliated with:

- Bay Maritime Corp / Svend's Boat Works
- Svendsen's Boat Works
- Svendsen's Marine Store

All were registered to the 1851 Clement Avenue address.

### **Legal Matters**

No civil matters nor any Bankruptcies, Liens or Judgements were found under Svend's name, DOB or SSN.

### **Real Properties**

We located the following properties which were registered as Svend being the owner:

- 3026 Gibbons Drive, Alameda, CA
- 1851 Clement Avenue Alameda, CA
- 1923 Oak Circle Yountville, CA
- 2900 Main Street alameda, CA
- 2900 Main Street #19 Alameda, CA
- 921 Glen Drive San Leandro, CA

### **Voter Records & Political Affiliations**

We could not find any political affiliations associated with Svend; however, we did find two voter records in California of which both listed him as a Republican.

### **Associated Individuals**

During our investigation we came across various names that may have an association with Svend. We conducted a high-level check of each name for any information which would negatively reflect on Svend. Nothing of significance was found.

### **Non-Maritime Activities**

We located City Council Minutes from the City of Alameda dated January 17, 1984 where Svend spoke about a matter involving the contracting of maintenance and operation of the Municipal Golf Course. The minutes stated that Svend spoke on the matter but expressed no position. Minutes attached.

**Social Media / Articles**

We searched the 30 most commonly used social media accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, Reddit and Instagram but could not locate any personal accounts for Svend. We did locate various online articles regarding both Svend and the business Svendsen's Marine and all articles were extremely positive. Many did not have public comments but for those that did, they were positive in nature. Some of the articles we found are attached to this report.

**Summary**

Overall, there was relatively little public information on the personal life of Svend Karl Svendsen. A majority of the records found were on his maritime business. Based on similar investigations, we attribute this to his age, the collection of public records during his generation, a possible lack of social media use, and the availability of online records versus manual records.

With a focus on determining the general character and reputation of Sven Svendsen we could not locate any negative information. In fact, all articles and feedback were extremely positive. We believe that based on our findings, there was no information found which would negatively impact the City of Alameda should a public park be named after Mr. Svendsen.

This concludes our work in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding our work in this matter, please feel free to contact our office.

Professionally,



Harry Arruda



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**- 4 MAY 1956**

**QUOTA-NON QUOTA**

**S.S. "RYNDAM"**

**New York N.Y.,**

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5	RUECKERL	Erika	I 939725 Germany	1 SC	
6	SPEY	Elisabeth	I 758006 Germany	1 SC 1 CS 1 PKG	
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21	DE JONG	Margaretha	I 954830 Netherlands	2 SC	
22	RUPP	Johann	I 1032027 Netherlands	1 SC 1 BX	
23	VAN HOVEN	Philippus	I 954964 Netherlands	2 SC 1 CS	
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Two of the nations largest marine chandlery chains have moved up the stakes in the San Francisco Bay Area. A chandlery, for you landlubbers, is the maritime term for a boat supply store. West Marine opened two new stores in April, one in Alameda and one in Antioch. on June 1st. Boat US opened two new Bay Area stores, one just blocks from West Marine’s largest in Oakland, the other in Sausalito. There are now two mega chandlery stores across the 23rd/Park Street Estuary Bridge from the Bay Area’s long-time local marine goods supplier Svendson’s. Sven Svendson opened his chandlery as a natural next step 4-5 years after starting Svendson’s Boat Yard in the ‘70s. Today, Svendson’s is a successful, well-respected full service facility still holding its own with the big boys of the country. Many ask, what’s going to happen? How is this going to effect Sven’s. Bay Crossings visited with Sean Svendson, Sven’s son and VP of the Svendson Boat Yard & Chandlery operations.

**Why do you think two of the nations largest marine chains are suddenly in tour backyard?**

It is more than just to be near Svendson's. Alameda is a very attractive place for boating. Not 100 percent certain of the stats, I think only Marina del Rey and maybe San Diego may have more boats than Alameda. Even so, Alameda has one of the largest ratio's of boats per capita in California. Possibly the highest. Alameda is a high impact market, a good place for a boat business to be. That's probably why they're here (chuckling).

### **Have you heard from or spoken to anyone from either chain?**

In conversation with a corporate decision maker in Boat US at the recent boat show I asked why are they moving in. He said they want to go head-to-head with West, not just in the Bay Area, but in many areas of the country.

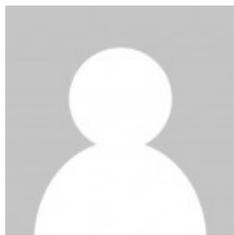
### **Do you think this resembles the intense competition of super markets or fast food chains?**

Like Home Depot or Target? Yes, I think of them as that. Between Boat US and West it is a bit of a business war with the Bay Area as a battle ground.

### **What do you think makes Svendson's different enough to survive or thrive with this kind of competition?**

First, Svendson's is a full service boat yard that allows and supports people to participate in their boat's maintenance. That is why our chandlery will always have a place. We are not purely a "shave and hair cut" (haul, clean, paint and launch) boat yard. We have one of the best rigging shops in the Bay, an engine department, plumbing, wood and race boat expertise and a small boat section with five lines of new small boats for purchase. We have working experts on-site in most marine areas to answer questions.

Second, like the big boys, Svendson's has a thriving wholesale business. We are fortunate to have a loyal customer base of large and small local marine businesses who trust us to find parts they need. We help them get what they need for their customers at a competitive price, quickly, saving them time and money.



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# Family and friends mourn an Alameda sailing stalwart

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ALAMEDA — Boat building and sailing were not just a heritage and livelihood for Svend Svendsen. They were an abiding love that endured from his childhood in Denmark to his life in Alameda, where the boat shop he launched a half-century ago remains a thriving waterfront business.

Svendsen died May 27 after battling cancer. He was 81.

“He was a true legend in the sailing community,” said Brock de Lappe, the harbor master at Alameda Marina.

Svendsen initially opened his business as a one-man shop in 1963. It’s now a full-service yard on Clement Avenue, offering services that range from dinghy sales and repairing keelboats to complete retrofits of commercial vessels.

Along with founding Svendsen’s Boat Works, Svendsen constructed the first Nordic folkboat made of fiberglass in 1975, a move that helped make him famous among Bay Area sailors.



Rigged as a sloop, the first folkboats were built of wood in Sweden and designed as compact vessels that could be easily maneuvered. Shifting to fiberglass helped spread the boat's popularity and today thousands are sailed and raced around the world, including on San Francisco Bay.

"He had a huge impact on sailing and on folkboats in particular," said Hilary Andersen, the president of the San Francisco Bay Folkboat Association. "He was a friendly and warm person who created a community wherever he was. People gravitated toward him."

Building folkboats out of fiberglass likely saved it as a design for future sailors, de Lappe said.

"If Svend had not done it, the boats probably would not have survived as a class," he said. "That's because fiberglass is easier and cheaper for owners to maintain than wood."

Descended from Danish fishermen, Svendsen was born in 1932 in Espergaerde, Denmark, the fourth of six children to Anna and Jens Svendsen.

"He spoke often of his favorite childhood job, delivering fresh baked bread on his bicycle — through all weather conditions and driving snow storms," said Nancy Svendsen, his daughter-in-law.

When the Nazis occupied Denmark in 1940, Svendsen delivered messages for the Danish underground hidden in the bread, she said.

Svendsen graduated from a boat-building college before coming to the United States in 1956. He briefly worked at a dockyard in New York, then made his way to the Bay Area, where he worked for yacht builders in Sausalito and Oakland until he opened his own business.

Svendsen met his wife, Suzanne, while on a skiing trip in Lake Tahoe. The couple married in 1960 and raised a son and daughter together.

Along with sailing, Svendsen enjoyed golfing and was a fixture on Thursday mornings at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex on Bay Farm Island. His skill led him to pro-am tournaments in Hawaii, where among those he shared the green with were Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods.

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"Given his down to earth nature, Svend's golf picture wall of fame was often

Svendsen was a longtime member of the Young Scandinavian's Club in San Francisco, and he was a member of the St. Francis Yacht Club since 1974. He was named the club's "Yachtsman of the Year" in 2004.

Svendsen's fellow sailors plan to create a trophy using a folkboat model that was autographed by him and present it during upcoming single-handed races of the vessel, de Lappe said. The races have been taking place locally since 1969.

Sailors are also expected to race in Svendsen's memory following his memorial service June 15 at the Encinal Yacht Club.

Svendsen's survivors include his wife, Suzanne Cole Svendsen; son, Sean Svendsen and wife Nancy Svendsen; daughter, Sabrina Svendsen Baltutis and her husband Larry Baltutis. He is also survived by three grandchildren.

Svendsen hoped others would be inspired by his love of sailing, especially children, de Lappe said.

"We need to get all the Alameda kids out on the bay," Svendsen once told Alameda Magazine, adding: "The wind's going to blow every afternoon out there. You're going to have fantastic sailing."

#### MEMORIAL

A memorial for Svend Svendsen will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. June 15 at the Encinal Yacht Club, 1251 Pacific Marina, Alameda.

#### FYI

Tax-exempt donations (ID 94-3156600) in his memory can be made to the "Svend Svendsen Memorial Fund," c/o Encinal Sailing Foundation, 1251 Pacific Marina, Alameda, CA 94501.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA  
HELD TUESDAY - - - - - JANUARY 17, 1984

The meeting convened at 7:40 p.m. (at the conclusion of the Community Improvement Commission Meeting) with President Diamant presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Gorman. The Invocation was given by President Diamant.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmembers Gorman, Hanna, Lucas, Monsef, and President Diamant - 5.

Absent: None.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hanna made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monsef, that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meetings of December 6 and December 20, 1983, be approved as submitted; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Diamant announced that the Salary-classification resolution would be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar and considered later in the meeting.

Councilmember Gorman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hanna, that the following, remaining items on the Consent Calendar be adopted; the motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Gorman, Hanna, Lucas, Monsef, and President Diamant - 5. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

\*84-023 From Finance Director submitting Investment Portfolio as of December 31, 1983. Accepted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

\*84-024 Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, New Series "Authorizing grant of Easement for public utility purposes to the Bureau of Electricity, City of Alameda (Easement from Bridge View Isle)." Introduced and passed to print.

\*84-025 Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, New Series "Authorizing execution of agreement with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission imposing restrictions on the use of real property, relating to the Easement from Bridge View Isle." Introduced and passed to print.

\*84-026 Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, New Series "Authorizing acquisition of certain real property from Aeolian Yacht Club, relative to the exchange of real property for Fernside Extension." Introduced and passed to print.

\*84-027 Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, New Series "Authorizing transfer of certain City-owned real property to Aeolian Yacht Club, relative to the exchange of real property for Fernside Extension." Introduced and passed to print.

FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

\*84-028 Ordinance No. 2176, New Series "Authorizing amendment to lease between City and Martin O'Toole to provide that upon installation all alterations, additions and improvements made to the premises shall become the property of City in accordance with California Property Law." Finally adopted.

BILLS

\*84-029 An Itemized List of Claims, certified by the City Manager as correct, was approved in the amount of \$972,294.65.

RETURN TO REGULAR AGENDA

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

84-030 From City Manager concerning the status of contracting for maintenance and operation of the Municipal Golf Courses.

The following persons spoke in opposition to contracting for maintenance and operation of the Municipal Golf Courses:

Charles Tillman, 2415 Roosevelt Drive  
Robert Blomberg, 1332 Pearl Street  
Chuck Corica, 1000 Post Street

Ronald Ratto, 2305 Alameda Avenue  
Fred Scullin, 1120 Chestnut

Flory Rodd, 1816 Harvard Drive, and Svend Svendsen, 3026 Gibbons Drive, spoke on the matter but expressed no position.

After discussion, Councilmember Hanna made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lucas, that the recommendation to authorize the distribution of a request for proposal for a study by a private firm with recommendation to Council by March 6 be approved.

After further discussion, Councilmember Hanna and Councilmember Lucas agreed to withdraw the motion.

Councilmember Hanna made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lucas, that the recommendation that the City Manager's Office be directed to undertake a study of the Golf Course operation to be completed by April 30, 1984, be approved; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

Councilmember Gorman made a motion that the recommendation to develop and distribute a request for proposal to contract golf course operations be approved and an overall indepth study made to address ramifications to employees and current concessionaires if operations are under contract, and the information back to Council prior to July 1, 1984; the motion FAILED for lack of a second.

Councilmember Gorman requested the City Manager's study include further analysis of the information he presented relative to operations at other Golf Courses.

Councilmember Lucas requested further details relative to feasibility of revenue bonds for paying off debt and capital improvements.

84-031 From Finance Director submitting Management Letter for 1982-83 Audit.

In response to inquiry of Charles Tillman, 2415 Roosevelt Drive, the City Manager stated that staff would attempt to address the concerns.

Councilmember Gorman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monsef, that the report be accepted and the recommendations approved; the motion carried by voice vote - 5.

RESOLUTIONS

84-032 Resolution No. 10232 "Adopting Plans and Specifications for renovation of Upper Washington Park, calling for bids and directing City Clerk to advertise same."

In response to inquiry of Josephine Bixler, 814 Haight Avenue, the Recreation and Parks Director stated that the restrooms would be accessible to the handicapped from both inside and outside.

Councilmember Gorman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hanna, that the resolution be adopted; the motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Gorman, Hanna, Lucas, Monsef, and President Diament - 5. Noes: None. Absent: None.

84-033 Resolution No. 10233 "Creating the position of Executive Director of Housing Authority and establishing salary therefor."

Councilmember Gorman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hanna, that the resolution be adopted; the motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Gorman, Hanna, Lucas, Monsef, and President Diament - 5. Noes: None. Absent: None.

84-034 Resolution No. 10234 "Supporting National League of Cities resolution to protect local control and consumer interests in cable legislation."

President Diament announced that the Salary-classification resolution which was withdrawn from the Consent Calendar would be considered at this time.

84-035 Resolution No. 10235 "Salary-classification resolution - creating one position of Development Specialist and establishing salary therefor."

Councilmember Lucas expressed concern that the Development Specialist would be working on housing rehabilitation and on new low-income housing and stated that she would vote against the resolution.

Councilmember Gorman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hanna, that the resolution be adopted; the motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Gorman, Hanna, Monsef, and President Diament - 4. Noes: Councilmember Lucas - 1. Absent: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

84-036 Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, New Series "Amending the Alameda Municipal Code by amending Article 1, Chapter 1, Title XVII, and Article 1, Chapter 2, Title XIII, thereof, relating to motor vehicle carriers and permits."

The following persons spoke in opposition to the ordinance:

Carol and Lance Hopkins, Goodwill Cab Company  
James Kennedy, Attorney for Goodwill Cab Company

Councilmember Gorman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hanna, that the ordinance be introduced in its present form with a modification to make radio dispatch service a requirement.

In response to inquiry of Councilmember Hanna, the City Manager stated that a Notice of Intention to Issue Permit could be advertised if no public hearing were held.

Councilmember Gorman amended the motion to include advertisement of a Notice of Intention, and the amendment was accepted by Councilmember Hanna.

Councilmember Lucas suggested provisions be added that an application may be denied an owner or driver if they have been convicted of a felony, narcotic, prostitution, or other crime of moral turpitude within the last two years.

The City Attorney recommended that Sec. 7-117 be amended so that a permit would be valid only so long as the driver continues to operate a permitted taxicab as either an employee or independent contractor.

Councilmember Gorman amended the motion, accepted by Councilmember Hanna, to include the suggestion of Councilmember Lucas and the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Councilmember Monsef stated he would abstain until he had reviewed the final draft.

The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Gorman, Hanna, Lucas, and President Diamant - 4. Noes: None. Abstaining: Councilmember Monsef - 1. Absent: None.

Councilmember Monsef suggested the fine for driving a nonpermitted cab be increased to \$100.

Councilmember Gorman requested the Police Chief to report as to whether there had been a problem that would justify the suggested increase.

#### FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

84-037 Ordinance No. 2177, New Series "Amending the Alameda Municipal Code by adding Chapter 5 to Title XI thereof, consisting of Sections 11-511 to 11-5135, relating to community noise."

The City Attorney recommended a minor addition be made on page 7, (f) (3) after word provision -- "only applies to (f) (1)."

Councilmember Gorman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hanna, that the ordinance be finally adopted with the minor addition recommended by the City Attorney; the motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Gorman, Hanna, and President Diamant - 3. Noes: Councilmembers Lucas and Monsef - 2. Absent: None.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

84-038 President Diamant noted that resignations had been received from Edward Earle, Housing Authority; Robert Shahbazian, Social Service Human Relations Board; and Paul Kapler, Recreation Commission.

84-039 In response to inquiry of Councilmember Hanna, Councilmember Lucas explained that the County had refused to permit Berkeley to be a voting member of the ACTEB/ACAP Board because the Council does not pledge allegiance to the flag at their meetings and noted their interests are represented by County Supervisor Santana.

84-040 Councilmember Lucas stated that the Flag Committee is working with the Chamber of Commerce, and the preliminary proposal is to judge the flag entries during the boat show at Mariner Square in April. She stated they are attempting to get additional design submittals and hope to have a more definite outline for the next Council meeting.

84-041 Councilmember Hanna referred to parking problems around Parrot Village and suggested neighbors reporting automobiles parked long periods of time might be an effective approach.

Councilmember Lucas stated that it seems some people live in Parrot Village, not under the authority of the Housing Authority, and park less than the 72-hour period required for enforcement. She stated that there had also been an increase in illegal activities in the area.

The City Manager stated that if specific information were reported from persons observing illegal activities, the Police Department would investigate.

84-042 Councilmember Hanna referred to a letter from Dr. Glasser, Alameda Hospital, implying there was a delay in an emergency situation, and the City Manager stated that he had a copy and would explore Dr. Glasser's concerns and provide information to the Council.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

84-043 The following persons spoke in favor of the AC Transit proposal to route buses from Versailles Avenue to Broadway:

Elsie Becker, 2809 Yosemite Avenue (submitted petition) Harold Gypson, 1728 Versailles  
Antionette Carbone, 3121 Fernside Boulevard James Royer, 3100 Fernside

The following persons spoke in opposition to the proposed change:

Joan Kenny, 1717 Versailles Avenue Sally Baldi, 1610 Broadway  
Vivian Cowan, (submitted petition) (presented petition)

President Diament recommended that the matter of the proposed change be referred to the Traffic Advisory Committee for review and interested parties notified of the meeting.

The Council agreed with the recommendation by consensus.

Councilmember Hanna recommended staff request AC Transit to hold the proposed change in abeyance.

The Council agreed with the recommendation by consensus.

#### FILING

84-044 Easement agreement with United Cable Television of Alameda, Ltd.  
License agreement with AC Transit for bus shelter at Santa Clara Avenue and  
St. Charles Street.

#### ADJOURNMENT

84-045 With consensus of Council, President Diament ordered the meeting adjourned to Executive Session for a discussion of personnel and litigation matters.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was determined that no action would be taken at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7, 1984, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Deen Speegle*  
DEEN SPEEGLE, City Clerk

January 17, 1984



Darrell Stoddard

★★★★★ **Denmark - A whole Nation of Holocaust Heroes**

Reviewed in the United States us on October 15, 2011

By Darrell Stoddard, darrellstoddard@gmail.com

My Neighbor, Sven Svendsen now dead, was a member of the Danish Underground. These were Danes that risked their lives daily through the entire Nazi occupation to save the lives of Jewish people. I have actually held in my hand an object made sacred - the blue, yellow, and red armband worn by my neighbor Sven and by the members of the Danish Underground.

Our hearts are moved by Oscar Shindler, by Roal Wallenberg, and by Irena Sendler, who at the risk of their lives, saved numberless Jews, and by the noble Dutch people that hid Anne Frank and Corrie Ten boom. (See my review of the motion picture "Boy in the Stripped Pajamas.")

In the book "Darkness Over Denmark," we learn of an ENTIRE NATION that strove to hide and save thousands of Jewish people. My admiration for the Danish people swelled as I read and saw photographs of their heroism in this beautiful landmark book. It will lift you to heaven to make this book a part of your life. The book concludes with something so wonderful it is hard to believe: For the Danish Jews (not saved by the underground) that were deported to the death camps, the Danish people still saved for those Jews their apartments, their homes and their belongings (even knowing that they would probably never return)! God should save a special place in heaven for such noble people.

See all of my Reviews. I write only about books, events, or motion pictures that have changed the course of history or unforgettable books or motion pictures that will totally change peoples lives.

Darrell Stoddard, Founder - Pain Research Institute and saveusa.biz



## Svend Svendsen 1932-2013

May 31, 2013



After a courageous and dignified battle with cancer, Svend Svendsen passed over the bar quietly at home in Alameda on May 27 with his family by his side. Born 1932 in Espergaerde Denmark, Svend was the fourth of six children to Anna and Jens Svendsen. Svend descended from a long line of Danish fishermen. Out of necessity, Svend developed a strong work ethic at an early age and held many jobs growing up. He spoke often of his favorite childhood job, delivering fresh baked bread on his bicycle – through all weather conditions and driving snow storms. When the Nazis occupied his Danish homeland in 1940, he delivered messages for the Danish underground which were hidden in the loaves of bread.

After the war, Svend attended and graduated from a boat-building technical college. Faced with the choice of going to Australia or the United States to pursue his new trade, Svend chose New York, traveling across the Atlantic in 1956 on one of the last immigrant ships. After working briefly for the Derecktor shipyard in Mamaroneck NY, Svend traveled across country with several Danish friends in a car with no reverse gear. He ended up in San Francisco, where he worked for a number of well-known yacht builders in Sausalito and Oakland, and traveled the country with the world's fastest unlimited hydroplane boat which he helped build and maintain.

In 1960 Svend married his loving wife of 52 years Suzanne Svendsen, whom he met while on a winter ski trip at Tahoe. Together they shared over five decades of love, family unity, creativity and adventure. Svend was an original member, a Board Chairman, and later an honorary member of the Young Scandinavian's Club (YSC) in San Francisco, where he and

Suzanne carried on Danish traditions. His fellow members were more like his extended family, and together he and Suzanne created life-long friendships within the YSC.

In 1963, Svend and Suzanne founded Svendsen's Boat Works at the Pacific Marina in Alameda (now Marina Village). In 1966 Svend moved the business to its current location in the Alameda Marina. For fifty years, and up to his passing, Svend worked side-by-side with his employees, growing it from a one man shop into to one the largest and preeminent boat repair and supply businesses on the West Coast. Svend took risks during his illustrious maritime career and constructed many sailboats, including the first Nordic Folkboat made of fiberglass. Known as the "Godfather of Folkboats", the transition from wood to fiberglass construction helped save the Folkboat class, causing it to grow into one of today's most active racing classes both in Europe and San Francisco Bay. Svend was a member of the renowned St. Francis Yacht Club since 1974, where in 2004 he earned the "Yachtsman of the Year" award, given to the person who has contributed the most to the sport of yachting in the greatest sense of the word. He was an avid yacht-racer, and his son Sean crewed with him from a young age. Together they won numerous regattas over the course of Svend's sailing career.

Svend was also an avid golfer, and played regularly with close friends on Thursday mornings at the Alameda Golf Complex. He was the Treasurer of the Commuter's Golf Committee which organizes the annual Commuter amateur golf championship, and served as a course marshal every year on the 15th green. He loved to play in pro-am tournaments in Hawaii, and had the good fortune to play with the sport's biggest names like Nicklaus, Couples, Furyk and even Tiger. Given his down to earth nature, Svend's golf picture wall of fame was often fascinating to those who just met him.

Svend was best known for his good nature, charisma and charm, and for the friendship he bestowed upon all who crossed his path. Svend was a great father and mentor to his son Sean. He dearly loved his daughter Sabrina, and was very proud of her jazz and tap dance performances. He adored his three grandchildren who called him "Far Far".

Svend is survived by his loving wife Suzanne, his son Sean Svendsen and wife Nancy Svendsen, daughter Sabrina Svendsen Baltutis and husband Larry Baltutis, grandchildren Tor and Annelisa Svendsen, and Olivia Baltutis, his sisters Inge Thorvaldsen, Hanne Nielsen, brother Erik Svendsen, and numerous nephews and nieces. Svend had verve and panache, and was a lover of life. He will also be missed by his employees, whom he treated with the utmost respect and loyalty. Svend will be remembered by all for the positive influence he had on his community and the world around him.



**San Francisco Bay  
Folkboat Association**

**Tribute for Svend Svendsen  
Sunday, June 2, 2013  
10:45 AM**

As a fitting remembrance of the life of Svend Svendsen, we invite the Woodies fleets to participate in a sailing salute on Sunday, June 2nd prior to the Woodies Regatta races.

Upon leaving the harbor, boats should sail up the City Front and assemble in the vicinity of X in front of the GGYC by 10:45 am.

Given his role as the Godfather of the Folkboat fleet,

Sean has asked that the Folkboat fleet lead the procession.

Round "B" to starboard and reach across the starting line to "A",

casting flowers beginning at "B" and along the starting line,

then proceed down the bay to the committee boat.

The first gun will be at 11:30 am.

The family will provide bags of red and white flowers which can be picked up Sunday morning

at the front desk of the St. Francis Yacht Club.

Danish flags are welcomed.

Plans are in progress for a celebration of life memorial.

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## Svendsen's Boat Works in Alameda — the End of an Era?

By John Arndt | August 12, 2020 | Alameda, CA | 6 ● (<https://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/final-days-svendsens-boat-works/#comments>)

As regular readers know, Alameda Marina was the former home to Svendsen's Boat Works and Marine, Island Yacht Club, Doyle Sails, Hogin Sails, LTD Marine, Carl Schumacher's design studio, a host of other marine businesses over the decades, and numerous dry-sailed boats. It is now under redevelopment to provide much-needed housing and to rebuild the seawall along the waterfront and marina. Of all the marine businesses serving the Bay Area boating community during that time, none was better known than Svendsen's Boat Works. They have since merged with Bay Marine to become Svendsen's Bay Marine in Richmond. A reader sent in a photo of the final days of Svendsen's Boat Works in Alameda.



The need for housing in the Bay Area continues to challenge one of the activities that makes living in the Bay Area so great — sailing.



Site of the former Doyle Loft and LTD Marine. The dry-stored boats are now without a hoist for launching.

The original development plans include space for recreational marine access, the marina and a maritime commercial center. For now, the project is in full demolition mode as the old makes way for the new. As we wrote in the July issue (<https://www.latitude38.com/issues/july-2020/#55>), there are plans to replace the currently decommissioned hoist for future dry-stored boats. We also covered Island Yacht Club (<https://www.latitude38.com/issues/july-2020/#68>), which was located on the site and is currently operating as a 'paper club.'

#### 4 MARITIME AND COMMERCIAL PLAN



Exhibit 4.5 - Conceptual Rendering of Phase I in the Maritime and Commercial Core boatyard

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ALAMEDA MARINA MASTER PLAN APRIL 2018

The Alameda Marina Maritime Center in the master plan as it appeared in April 2018.

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While the site is under reconstruction, all the former maritime business tenants have moved to new locations. IYC members continue to keep boats at Alameda Marina and run Friday night races. If all goes well, future condo residents of Alameda Marina will continue to enjoy sailing and have the support of marina services right at their doorstep.

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**JERRY PALMER** 3 years ago

LONG LIVE THE SAILING COMMUNITY!! ALOOOOHA JERRY MAUI

Reply (<https://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/final-days-svendsens-boat-works/?replyto=65679#respond>)



**John Riise** 3 years ago

Shame to see Svend's go. Lot of history goes with it. But 'Condos R Us' seems to be the mantra in the Bay Area and much of the rest of CA. Did you know that SF once actually had 30-some cemeteries? Land became so valuable that in the first part of the 20th century, they dug up all but two and replanted the bodies in Colma. Then built houses on the sites. If you couldn't afford to have your loved ones' marker transferred, I guess the graves went unmarked. Lots of bodies were either mass-reburied or mixed up or their records lost completely. I have read that a bunch of tombstones, columns and other stonework from these places became rip-rap for the breakwater at the SF Marina – or eventually lawn art and coffee table stands for those young, strong and ballsy enough to remove the better carvings in the dark of night.

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**Megan** 3 years ago

Wow I had no idea.. best those homeowners never find out about that lol lol.



**Richard Sullivan** 3 years ago

When I lived in Sunnyvale in the 1980's there were still orchards for Del Monte. Someone decided that growing condos was more profitable than growing fruit and "Poof" the orchards were gone. Now, it's happening to the boating community. As Linda Ellerby would have said, "And so it goes." Civilization Ho!

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**Ryan Schofield** 3 years ago

Alameda does not need any more housing. The island is over crowded as is. I live in Alameda and when I get back to the place that I rent, often times I have to drive around looking for parking as parking is very limited as there are too many people.

The developer could have gone with a more modest plan that would have kept Svendsen's in place and left marine jobs there while building some new housing and rehabbed some of the existing buildings or built some new buildings to host marine businesses. A unique facility has been destroyed.

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**Bob Barnard** 9 months ago

Long live svensens, and Bill nichols. The real things matter, but they are gone. Bob barnard

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Here's your August Caption Contest(!). This video and subsequent still photos went viral a few months ago, inspiring our non-sailing, non-boating friends to send us the footage.

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