

Richmond's Maritime Industry - Bay Area's Best

The city of Richmond is well known for its rich maritime history. During World War II, over seven hundred war ships were constructed at Kaiser Shipyards, which made it the largest shipbuilding operation in the United States.

Today, the waterfront and surrounding areas are still teeming with maritime activity catering to both the leisure and commercial communities. From marinas offering stunning views of the bay and the San Francisco skyline to deep water docks for larger ocean going vessels along with boating service and supply stores, yacht clubs, yacht sales, and even a sailing school, the maritime industry still thrives in the city of Richmond.

We encourage you to experience firsthand the following reputable Maritime Industry Businesses located along and around Richmond's scenic waterfront areas:

1. Bay Marine Boat Works, Inc. (800) 900-6646

A full-service boatyard specializing in fiberglass and wood repairs, topside and bottom painting, sandblasting, welding, electrical and mechanical repairs.

2. Brickyard Cove Marina (510) 336-1933

Brickyard Cove Marina has 250 berths, 125 dry storage, All's Fare Restaurant, Custom Canvas, Tradewinds Sailing, Easom Racing and Rigging, Quantum Sails, Passage Yachts, Swedish Marine and available office space with spectacular views of San Francisco Bay

3. Channel Marina Yacht Harbor (510) 233-2246

Private harbor with over 70 covered and uncovered berths and a fuel dock.

Richmond Community
Redevelopment Agency
Office of Economic Development
(510) 307-8140
Richmondca4business.com

4. Club Nautique (866) 606-7245

Award winning sailing school with the largest, newest, best equipped fleet of sail and powerboats for lessons and charters from beginners to offshore.

5. Foss Maritime (510) 307-7820

Foss operates the largest, most modern fleet of tugs on the West Coast and provides a full range of marine transportation services, including Harbor Services, Ocean Towing, Shipyard and Terminal Services.

6. Keefe Kaplan Maritime, Inc. (510) 237-4141

KKMI is a complete Marine Service facility and internationally recognized yacht brokerage, world-class boatyard, and an on-site Marine Store.

7. Levin – Richmond Terminal Corporation (510) 232-4422

Private bulk cargo marine terminal and short-line railroad interchanging with Union Pacific and BNSF – Offering import/export services and deep water berthing.

8. Mackay Marine (510) 669-9560

Providing complete solutions for maritime navigation and communications electronic systems including 24-hour on-site repairs anywhere on the Bay Area.

9. Marina Bay Yacht Harbor (510) 236-1013

845-slip marina in a deep draft harbor surrounded by the Bay Trail and 4 parks. Amenities include Salute's Restaurant, Aminis' Deli and the Marina Bay Yacht club.

10. Passage Yachts, Inc. (510) 236-2633

Passage Yachts has a full-service brokerage and new sailing and power yachts from Beneteau, Island Packet and Wauquiez.



11. Point San Pablo Yacht Club (510) 233-1046

A private club, located at the north end of the Santa Fe Channel – Always accepting applications for new members.

12. Quantum Pacific Sail Makers (510) 233-1046

Provides custom service – sail maker for all types and sizes of sailing craft

13. Richmond Yacht Club (510) 237-2821

Since its inception in 1932, the Richmond Yacht Club has been the home of sailors and has developed a reputation as “the ‘sailingest’ club on the Bay.”

14. Richmond Yacht Harbor, LTD. (510) 235-1176

RYH, Ltd. is a small privately-owned yacht harbor on the Santa Fe Channel in Pt. Richmond. Quiet, deep water accommodates boat sizes of 20-75 feet. Marine architect and custom repairs on site.

15. Richmond Yacht Service (510) 234-6959

Sailboat: Deck Hardware; Complete Rigging Service.

16. Rutherford's Boat Shop Inc. (510) 233-5441

Marine woodworking, Classic yacht restorations, structural and interiors, traditional rigging. Currently restoring the 126' steam yacht Cangarda originally built in 1901.

17. SugarDock (510) 232-4282

A uniquely configured full service deep-water dock offering the convenience of fueling, provisioning, watering and repairing with the ability to service those larger ocean-going vessels most harbors are unable to berth.

18. Swedish Marine (510) 234-9566

California's #1 heating and refrigeration store.

19. Tradewinds Sailing School & Club (510) 232-7999

Tradewinds has more than 40 years of experience making sailing easy and enjoyable to learn. Offering a professional training program and affordable rental and charter programs to members.

20. West Marine (510) 965-9922

The country's leading retailer of boating supplies and accessories.

Historic Steam Yacht Sails Again in Richmond

The *Cangarda*, a majestic 126-foot yacht built in 1901, will soon be steaming out of Richmond with a new lease on life. The ship is one of only three Edwardian-era steam yachts in the world, and the last one in America. She is currently in the final stages of restoration at Rutherford's Boat Shop in Richmond Yacht Harbor, which is well known for their work restoring classic yachts as well as their flawless work in marine woodworking, structural and interior work and traditional rigging.

The *Cangarda* is named after original owners Charles Canfield, a Michigan lumber mogul, and his wife, Belle Gardner. Canfield ended up selling the boat to George Fulford, a member of the Canadian Parliament who owned a 20,000-square-foot mansion, Fulford Place, on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. The *Cangarda* was a perfect centerpiece for the beautiful waterfront property and eventually an entire room was devoted to it at Fulford Place.

The Fulford family enjoyed the yacht for decades afterwards. Daughter Martha was married aboard her in 1909; Sir Wilfred Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, gave the bride away. And in 1927, Mary Fulford hosted a famous dinner entertaining the Prince of Wales, Duke of Kent, and the Prime Ministers of both England and Canada.

During World War II, she was used as a training vessel by the Canadian Royal Navy. After the war the ship was sold but the new owner failed to maintain the vessel and the *Cangarda* slowly went into disrepair.

In the early 1980s an attempt was made to restore her. The ship was disassembled and an effort was made to rebuild the hull, but the project eventually ran out of money. In 1999 the gutted hull sank at a Boston pier; it looked like the *Cangarda* was gone for good.

What was left of the *Cangarda* was rescued shortly thereafter, however, and the search began for a new owner who would complete the restoration. Captain Steve



The *Cangarda* leaves Richmond's Marina Bay for Rutherford's Boat Shop where her restoration will be completed.

Cobb, who has skippered pleasure yachts and a plethora of maritime vessels for over 30 years, took it upon himself to shop the crippled *Cangarda* around to possible buyers. He was looking for someone who would appreciate her unique beauty and

and chose to have the restoration done at Rutherford's Boat Shop in Richmond Yacht Harbor. He had worked with owner Jeff Rutherford in the past to restore the sailing yacht *Joyant* (built in 1911) with amazing results. When asked how he found the

Cangarda, the owner's response was, "Boats find me!"

The *Cangarda*'s original hull was damaged beyond repair, so Rutherford had it scanned with a laser; he then used the three-dimensional image to reverse engineer a new hull that would conform to the specifications of the original. Next, a new boiler was



The *Cangarda* was launched into Richmond's Marina Bay on August 24th.

historic significance, and who might have the funds to undertake the massive restoration project.

Cobb was able to find a prominent Bay Area yachtsman and venture capitalist who enjoys restoring classic boats. The deal was done, and the *Cangarda* was shipped in bits and pieces to the West Coast. The new owner, who has asked to remain anonymous, has a home in Richmond

manufactured to fit in the footprint of the original, which, although it would still hold pressure, could not be recertified for use due to its age. Finally, the beautiful Victorian interior was reinstalled, complete with the original Cuban mahogany woodwork.

Bay Area native Jeff Rutherford is no stranger to extensive restoration projects. When he was in his twenties, he got his

start by working in Rockland, Maine rebuilding a 90-foot schooner. He worked on the project for a full year, and then moved back to San Francisco, where he worked repairing wooden tugboats. He then took a job with Pacific Fishboat Company building large fishing boats, until that company closed two years later. He then started his own business, setting up shop in Richmond Yacht Harbor in 1982, and has been there ever since.

It took a crew of 20 people three years to get the *Cangarda* to the point where she could be launched; on August 24th she slipped into Richmond's Marina Bay in front of over 100 onlookers. The boat briefly rolled to one side, which Cobb said was a definite possibility, but quickly righted herself to the relief of everyone watching. Because the steam engines aren't currently ready to power the *Cangarda*, she was "escorted" back to Rutherford's Boat Shop, where the remaining work will be completed while she is afloat in Richmond Yacht Harbor.

When asked about the cost of the restoration, both Cobb and the owner said it was irrelevant; reported estimates have ranged from \$5 to 10 million. What they do see as important is the historic preservation of such a masterpiece.