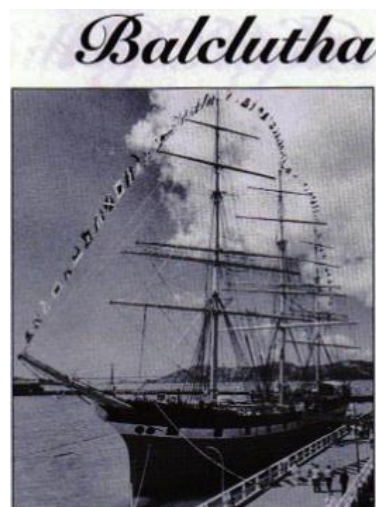


Thursday, October 20, 2011, SIRs Maritime Day



SIR San Francisco Branch 4



Join SIRs Branch 4 on a visit to the Hyde Street Pier including an hour tour of the Balclutha and lunch afterward. Thursday morning, October 20, 2011, Hyde and Jefferson Streets, San Francisco.

10:00 Meet and view the new visitors center in the Argonaut Hotel at the corner of Jefferson and Hyde Streets/499 Jefferson across from the pier.

10:25 Assemble at the ticket booth on the Hyde Street Pier: free admission with America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass or SF Maritime National Park Association card or \$5 otherwise.

10:30 tour of the Balclutha.

11:45 lunch at Capurro's one block from the pier. [About \$20]

Reservations by October 18:

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**LADIES
WELCOME!**

In 1886, Charles Connell & Company built a three-masted, riveted steel ship "to the highest class in Lloyd's registry" near Glasgow, Scotland. Her owner, Robert McMillan, named that 256-foot vessel *Balclutha*—the Gaelic name for Dumbarton, Scotland.

As a deepwaterman, *Balclutha* and a 26-man crew rounded Cape Horn with grain for Great Britain, and later ran Pacific Coast lumber to Australia. Each year as a salmon packet, the vessel carried hundreds of men (with boats and supplies) to the salmon-fishing grounds of Alaska. *Balclutha* even had a brief Hollywood career. The vessel was rescued from decay by the San Francisco Bay Area community in 1954, and has been restored as a memorial to the men and times of the grand days of sail.