

State of California -- The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 1D

Other Listings P-43-001468
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

Page 1 of 2 *Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) South Bay Yacht Club

P1. Other Identifier: _____

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

*a. County Santa Clara and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Milpitas Date 2021 T 06S; R 01W; of of Sec ; Mt. Diablo B.M.

c. Address 1491 Hope Street City San Jose Zip 95002

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S, 590332.00 mE/ 4142717.00 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, decimal degrees, etc., as appropriate)
APN 015-02-042

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

The building at 1491 Hope Street is two-story, irregular plan wood frame building located immediately east of the crest of the Guadalupe River levee. The building is topped by a dramatic hip roof with a front-facing gabled dormer with flared sides, and a central cupola. The roof and dormer walls are clad in asphalt shingles. The building is clad with board and batten siding. A deeply set front porch is supported by square posts with corner brackets. The west (primary) façade faces the levee and the Guadalupe River beyond. Pairs of double-hung, four-over-four windows flank the main entrance. A secondary entrance is located south (right) of the windows and a two-by-two fixed window is located at the far southern edge of the façade. Most other windows are modern, tripartite vinyl sliding windows with simulated divided lites. The cupola is glazed on all four sides by groups of three four-over-four single hung wood windows. Rafter ends are exposed throughout. A simple chain is strung across the front porch to separate the wood porch deck from the surrounding landscape. See Continuation Sheet.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2

P5a. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



*P4. Resources Present:

Building Structure Object Site
 District Element of District
 Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) View from the top of the Guadalupe River Levee, looking northeast, November 2022

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: Historic Prehistoric
 Both

c.1903, SBYC Website

*P7. Owner and Address:

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1044 Catherine Street
San Jose, CA 95002

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address) _____

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*P9. Date Recorded: _____

March 30, 2023

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.")

Neighborhood of Alviso Historic Context and Survey

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
 Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record
 Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List): _____

CONTINUATION SHEET

Property Name: South Bay Yacht Club

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P3a: Description (Continued)

The building was relocated from the corner of North Taylor and Hope Street in 1985.

History

According to the South Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) official history, the organization was founded in May 1896 as a successor to the South Bay Yachting Association. Its first officers were Joseph O. McKee, Commodore; Dr. H.A. Spencer, Vice Commodore; John E. Auzeais, Secretary; and S.E. Smith, Treasurer. McKee was a well-known architect and builder in San Jose. The SBYC served as a social and recreational club that organized races, regattas, and outings for members and for other such clubs around San Francisco Bay.

The building was constructed in 1903 at the corner of North Taylor and Hope Streets, immediately adjacent to the shoreline at that time. The clubhouse was dedicated on June 24, 1903, with a clam bake and barbeque. The club continued as a social and community organization, maintaining a small fleet of boats within a mooring basin on the Guadalupe River. Between 1930 and 1960 land throughout Santa Clara Valley dropped by up to 15 feet as a result of ground water depletion. This necessitated construction of levees along the waterways, including along the Guadalupe River. In 1969, the club abandoned the mooring basin and constructed docks with berthing slips accessible from shore.

Also during this time, the club building was subject to several severe and frequent floods. The most severe occurred in 1983 when the clubhouse flooded with nearly six feet of water. This caused severe damage to the flooring and foundation. Following the flood, the Santa Clara Valley Water District began construction of a new, much higher levee system. The building was relocated to its current site in conjunction with the levee project. It was rededicated in 1985 and continues to serve its membership and the community.¹

Status

The building is a contributing feature to the 1972 Port of Alviso National Register District and is included in the 1995 *Port of Alviso, California Point of Historical Interest*.^{2,3}

¹ "A Brief History of the South Bay Yacht Club," *The South Bay Yacht Club*, January 3, 1996, <https://southbayyachtclub.com/history>.

² Phyllis Butler and the Santa Clara County Historical Landmarks Advisory, *National Register Nomination: Port of Alviso (San Jose)*, April 7, 1972, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/123861641>.

³ City of San Jose, *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, 1995.