

Sausalito Houseboat Wars: What Really Happened?

June 6 • Sausalito Library • 6:30 pm

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It's the late 1970s, and the "houseboat wars" erupt in Sausalito on the site of Marinship, the abandoned World War II shipyard. Hippies and squatters are living free and easy on houseboats in a ramshackle shantytown, but public officials and developers want to evict them and build new docks to attract more affluent residents. The counterculture is in full flower, and the houseboaters resist eviction with street theater, civil disobedience, monkeywrenching, and more. All in front of TV cameras.

Join John Byrne Barry, author of *Pirates of Sausalito: Houseboat Wars Murder Mystery*, for a colorful retelling of those turbulent times. He'll read accounts from houseboat residents, as well as journalists, share slides of photographs by Bruce Forrester and Pirkle Jones, as well as video clips of TV news reports from the waterfront. He'll also read from his novel, which is not true, but inspired by those true events.

John Byrne Barry is a writer, actor, director, designer, and crossing guard. He is author of four novels and three plays, including "Sausalypto Houseboat Wars Murder Mystery," which he wrote and directed in 2023, and has since adapted into *Pirates of Sausalito*. There he is, at right, on his crossing guard corner last Halloween, wearing a prop from the play.

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