

through the night with the winning boat from the South End Rowing Club finishing in 15 hours and 31 minutes. The *Farrell* crew took third.

With those long rows to show the way, the Dolphin Club began a tradition in 1956 that continues most summers with fun rows upriver 90 miles to Sacramento, California. *Farrell* has made the journey dozens of times.

Moreover, in September 1980, the *Farrell* competed in a thirty-six-mile, open-ocean regatta from Catalina Island to Marina Del Rey, California.

Keeping any wooden boat operational for a century is not easy. To survive, the *Farrell* has required regular maintenance by boat shop volunteers, a lofting and major keel-up restoration by Jon Bielinski in 1986-1987, plus tender loving care by all rowers.

**Sources:** Dolphin Club Board Minutes, boat shop records, publications, and membership records. These club materials are preserved in the Dolphin Club Archives, 502 Jefferson St, San Francisco, Ca 94109.

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### **Project Information:**

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