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Dear Jerry--Understand EUREKA is getting a \$38,000 re-
fit at Richmond shipyard which will include repaired
crank, fidley windows upstairs, and windows on one of
the paddle boxes. The 1941 souvenir edition of Sausa-
lito News mentions a number of funny incidents includ-
ing the time W.R. Hearst tried to beat SAN RAFAEL with
his yacht AQUILLA. In all previous attempts the yacht
lost so WR gave orders to spare no coal. The AQUILLA
did beat the sidewheeler but strained so hard she never
could run again! There's the incident of TIBURON's
whistle cord tangling with the beam; result: "Toot" on
every revolution! In 1896 TIBURON had a fire at SF;
engineer was asked how much water was in the hold. He
went down, came up all wet, gave the answer: "It's
over my head." Wonder if a future book should cover
the Catalina steamers. I understand Sacto. Riv. str.
AMELIA ran to Catalina in the '80s. The AVALON, CATA-
LINA and CABRILLO shared SF Bay runs with ferryboats
during World War II. Sincerely, *Luh*