



March 2015

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P.I.C.Y.A. Club of the Year in 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 & 2006!

Day Light Savings Begins **March 8**

Upcoming Events - Sign Up at the Club



Jiggs Dinner

Saturday, March 14

6pm Cocktails • 7pm Dinner

\$25 if paid by 3-12-15

\$30 after 3-12-15

Cruise-Out

South Beach Yacht Club

March 13 - 15

Save the Date

Vallejo Yacht Club Opening Day

Saturday, April 18 - 10 am

Great Vallejo Race

May 2nd and 3rd

Vallejo Yacht Club Day at the Races

Friday, May 15, 2015

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA

More details in April Binnacle





COMMODORE REPORT Mark Bauder, Commodore

Greetings Shipmates,

Well the year is rolling along nicely with a lot of great events happening at the club. Chef Amy is doing a wonderful job with the Friday night dinners so come on down and join

us! I would like to thank Noble Brown for the great job he's doing as cruise director - we had a wonderful time at the Martinez Yacht club for the Sweetheart's Cruise Out. Kudos to Earl Trumbull Sr. for putting together this year's Hootenanny - for those who missed it, we had a blast with a wide variety of music and our very own standup comics. The Great Vallejo Race is sneaking up

on us and will be here before we know it so I would like to call on all of you to contact John Cole and volunteer to help with the event - I'm sure that he'll have something for you to do. On a more somber note, our beloved Manny Lorenzana lost his battle with his illness and passed away February 20th. What can you say about someone who was as giving and caring as he except that the world will be a sadder place without him. I know that I will miss him and I'm sure that many feel the same way. Let's keep him in our hearts and go out and "Keep it wet" as he would want it!

See you on the water!

Mark Bauder, Commodore



VOICE OF THE VICE John Cole, Vice Commodore

While the rest of our country is being pounded by one winter storm after another we seem to be having perpetual spring. Some members are discovering sunburn in the winter.

Let's get ready for Opening Day on the Bay and our own Vallejo Yacht

Club's Opening Day. Register for the big San Francisco Boat Parade and talk to Rear Commodore Bob Lockhart about participating in our festivities.

Saying goodbye to Manny is hard, but I believe his

sentiments are expressed in this "unknown" sailor's farewell: "Fair Winds, Following Seas, and One more Round for Three. May There Be No Mourning at the Bar When I Ship Out to Sea."

It was grand seeing Bruce Martens. He will be back east with family recuperating and learning about winter.

Congratulations to the stagers of the Hootenanny. Let's have more great music from our talented members. A special thanks to the stand-up guy P/C Earl Trumbull Sr. for MC'ing and standing fast to the heckler.

— *John Cole, Vice Commodore*



REAR REPORT Bob Lockhart, Rear Commodore

Spring seems early this year (as of Feb. 20) with no rain in sight, unfortunately. March is supposed to be "in like a lion, out like a lamb," so maybe rain will happen if we are very lucky. Spring officially starts on March 20 at 3:45 pm PDT and unofficially on

March 8 when Daylight Savings Time starts ;) Such nice weather turns one's thoughts to boating, but as the wind is still fickle and tides are strong, I'll spend more time cleaning up the boat.

There are some great activities at your Club this month. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is hosting a Safety Class and Dock Walk on Saturday 3/7 9:30 am to noon, before

Midwinter Race #5 at 1 pm. The Geezer Cruise is Tuesday 3/17 at 10 am. Everyone's favorite ...The Jiggs Dinner is March 14, and we have Friday dinners every week, so come out and support Chef Amy and the Galley.

Vallejo Yacht Club's Opening Day is April 18 starting at 10 am with the flag raising and remembrance of those members sailing the great beyond. Chaplain Jeannie Forte and Phyllis Manoogian will conduct these ceremonies and the Blessing of the Fleet. Check the bulletin board, email, and April's Binnacle for more about the festivities.

— *Bob Lockhart, Rear Commodore*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Membership Interviews The Enchanted Woman 10:00 am - 2:30 pm	4	5 U.S. Coast Gaurd Auxiliary Division 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	6 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	7 VYC Tiny Robbins Midwinter Series #5 1:00 am - 5:00 pm US Coast Guard Aux. Div. 5 Safety Class & Dock Walking 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	11	12 Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 51 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	13 South Beach Marina Cruise Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	14 Jiggs Dinner 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
15 South Beach Marina Cruise	16	17 GEEZER CRUISE (boat ride and lunch) 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	18	19	20 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	21
22	23	24	25	26 General Member-ship Meeting 7:00 pm	27 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	28
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VYC Historian 2014-2015



Historical Notes

These two Historical Notes from the past are from The VYC – The First 100 Years. They were written by Club historian Tom Hosley P/C.

“The following was published in the Aug. 10, 1901 Vallejo Evening Post and reprinted in the March 1984 Binnacle.” (Pg. 514) “The Vallejo Yachting and Boating Club is the youngest nautical organization on San Francisco Bay. It was organized in April, 1900 by a few enthusiastic amateur sailors in Vallejo. During the five years previous to that time, several attempts were made to launch such an organization, but it was not until W.J. Wood took up the scheme that anything like success became apparent...

The piling (of the clubhouse) was put in place by the first week in February of this year. Then came the erection of the headquarters. The cost of the foundation had exceeded the amount the officers had figured on, then when it came to putting up the house they found they would have to go into debt. This they were not willing to do, so they set about to devise some means whereby they could have what they wanted and at the same time do it with the money at hand. It was decided to call on the members to do the work themselves. Carl Siebrand, an architect who some years ago designed the home of the Seattle Yacht Club, was in a position to know just what was wanted and has laid out the best appointed clubhouse on the Bay. Not only did he furnish the plans, but he has superintended the building of the structure. The clubhouse is almost completed and in a short while will be thrown open to the members and their guests.

As the name of the Club signifies, the interests of those who are disciples of the “white ashbreeze” are considered and rowing is fostered by the Club. Mare Island Straits is an ideal place for rowing. At the turn of the tide on a summer evening, when the moon shines forth in all its glory, the waters seem fairly alive with the clean-cut pleasure boats, freighted down with maids and matrons whose sweet voices lifted in song remind one of far-off Venice. So between

the yachts when the winds blow high and blow low and the small boat when there is not a breath stirring, the Vallejo Yachting and Boat Club can always offer some attractions to its members.”

“The following was published in the March 1993 Binnacle.” (Pg. 515) “The earliest surviving records of junior membership are found in the Register of the Vallejo Yachting and Rowing Club which lists the names of members in all classes of membership from 1900 to 1939. One section lists the junior members starting in 1909.

According to the two earliest surviving bylaws, 1901 and 1905, the minimum age for regular membership was eighteen years. No provision for junior membership was included. The Register lists 23 names as junior members in 1909.

Sadly, the first person listed named Barry, who joined on Jan. 28, 1909, was also noted as drowned on July 17, barely six months after he became a member. This 1909 listing of twenty-three junior members was the largest recorded. Many years have as few as three junior members on the roll. A total of 93 junior members were listed between 1909-1939. Apparently, a relatively small number of junior members stayed on to become active regular Club members. Some notations after their names show “moved to senior list” but only a few of these appear on the senior list for very long. Most often the word “suspended” was the notation!

At least three of the early junior members played major leadership roles in the Club as regular members. Herman Streichen joined the Club as a junior member on March 31, 1910. His boat was listed as Lois, an 18-foot open cruiser. Seven years later, in 1917, he had risen to be Commodore. Streichen was drafted into the army on 1918 and served overseas in France. After World War I, he returned and was Commodore for the second time in 1920. Herman Streichen continued his leadership role by serving as Vice Commodore in 1930, 1935, and 1936. He was a member of the Board of Directors in 1937, 1946, and 1947 and was Fleet Captain in 1943. Streichen was well known around

the yacht club as a "hotrod" power boat skipper in his power cruiser Empah and earlier in his 1924 H-3 hydroplane Gertrude.

Oscar Setterquist also joined the Club as a junior member in 1910. His boat was Nymph. Oscar served as Port Captain in 1914. He is memorialized in the photo on the clubhouse wall as the man riding the new float, at a precarious angle, during its launching. Setterquist had a long career in public service for the City of Vallejo and has a park named for him.

Clarence "Red" Fox was the other notable junior who

had a distinguished career at VYC. He joined as a junior member in 1920 and became Commodore only two years later at the age of twenty-two. He served as Commodore four times and remained an active member of the Club for over 65 years."

These are just two historical notes that I thought you would be interested in reading and there are many more to write, but I will do so in another article.

Happy St. Patty's Day!

Toni Borges - Historian



THE SHIP'S STORE

Hello Shipmates,

After a slow winter in the Ship's Store, it is picking up in February and March. Good sales and I expect Spring will be good too. We do need to sell some merchandise so that I can purchase some new things for the store. We will be having another sales rack soon so be on the lookout for it with some great bargains.

I am pleased to announce that Jean Stevens will be working with us in the Ship's Store as soon as I can train her on the ins and outs and get her a key. Robert will be on vacation for a while so it will be myself, Gail, Penny, and now Jean manning our little boutique! Please come by to say hello when you see the store open. Remember the store is kept open and run by volunteers!

I recently found a great place to get wonderful handmade windsocks for our boats at very reasonable prices. They will send me some samples so let me know if you are interested! If I get enough prepaid orders, I will put in an order. If enough people are interested, I can have our burgee screen printed on them. It would be awesome to see them flying on our

boats during cruise-outs, especially the 5 foot one.

Please go to the Pirates Lair website (pirateslair.com) (888-Sail-Bum) if you want last year's (2014) Great Vallejo Race shirts. Great time to get them at good prices and a chance for the Club to make some money. We are working hard on getting the gear ready for this year's race also, with great photo artwork provided by Chad Ponder-Clevenger. He will also provide copies of the photo artwork for sale at the Club during this year's race. More information to follow about shirt sales and photo sales.

Please sign up to help sell GVR merchandise during the Great Vallejo Race! We will be helping Pirates Lair in their booth this year. Ken Miller has a lot of great sailing gear available for you and will also be at the Skippers Meeting in Sausalito. Soon you will be able to preorder 2015 shirts and have them customized with your crew or boat name. Watch for the order sheet on the YRA website or the Pirates Lair website. Oh yeah, the Vallejo Yacht Club website too!!!

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson

SAFETY REPORT



Ethics and safety seem like a strange mix of topics. How can ethics be a safety issue? I have been repeating a simple slogan over the years, "Have fun, be safe, respectful and responsible." Another slogan from the past: "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything.»

There seems to be a few members who feel it is their right to gossip, slander and denigrate other members or employees. Safety is about doing our best to protect everyone at the yacht club. If you hear anyone talking trash, maligning or making accusations about someone else while at the Club, tell them to stop! There is a procedure in place for officially addressing complaints or concerns. Write them in a formal letter and give it to one of the flag officers, the Chairman of the Board or an individual Board member. All members should be respectful and consider the "safety" of others and the entire Club. Malicious gossip in the Club should not be

tolerated by any member and many of us just don't want to hear it. Yes, we are sailors, but it might be best to avoid some of the "salty" adjectives some of us use in reference to others.

Pope Francis recently criticized some clerics of "the terrorism of gossip." He said "those who look obsessively at their own image" were guilty of "cold-bloodedly killing the reputation of their own colleagues and brothers" by using the "terrorism of gossip." No one has a right to make unsubstantiated assertions, or vouch for the truthfulness of unsubstantiated assertions, without expecting objections from thinking folk. Since poor ethics can lead to injury, like any other "safety" issues, report it to an officer or the Board, and we will either fix the problem or get rid of it.

Have fun, be safe, respectful and responsible.

— John Cole, Safety Manager

House Committee Report *"Do what you can, when you can, if you can."* —Joe Balocca



What great joy to have our shipmate Bruce Martens return to us for a couple days after suffering a stroke! He's made amazing progress slowly but steady. Bruce is spending a couple months with his sons in Maryland and will continue his rehab there.

What great heartbreak to hear that P/C Manny Lorenzana passed away. His friendly smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed. Smooth seas, Manny.

And now, on to more mundane things. It's getting to be the time of year when many members come to do spring cleaning or get out on their boats. I'd like to remind everyone to make sure they have a VYC sticker on their car. Several cars without stickers have been noticed parked in the lot. Do they belong to members, guests, or non-members trying to save a parking fee?

To avoid a bad situation (like getting your car towed), please make sure you have your VYC sticker proudly displayed.

Keep an eye on the Club bulletin board for upcoming House work projects. We have some cleaning to do on the north deck, some touch-up painting to do in and around the house, and some ivy to be trimmed in the front lot/sidewalk area. Additionally, we will need three or four volunteers to help for the Great Vallejo Race weekend to prep the house and keep paper towels, etc., filled. Then of course, help to put it all back together. If you're interested in lending a hand, please see me or sign up on the duty roster.

Last but not least, it will save big bucks if the last member out will turn off lights, the fireplace, and make sure all doors are secured. And remember, our Club is open . . . be of good cheer!

—Ken Leslie, House Chairman



MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB MANAGER

THE STATE OF THE CLUB

Dear Shipmates,

As any of the members and officers who have attended the last couple years of VYC Board Meetings can attest, running an American corporation these days is challenging. We regularly receive notices from our vendors telling us due to, e.g. 'higher fuel costs,' prices will be raised. That happened by the dozen around 2010-2012. Of course, we all know gas came down significantly this year. And yet...where are the relief notices? Things only go up. Using PG&E as one example, Vallejo YC paid \$3877 recently, for electric and gas, yet only \$2500 in earlier years. That's a jump of almost \$1400...per month! Project that out for a few years, and you can see what I'm talking about. Heck, even Club burgees, which are such a neat part of membership, have become expensive enough that the Club can't give them away. I miss that already, as people always light up when holding a crisp Club burgee in their hand.

And then there's the Seawall. One of my proudest moments as your Manager was the day (then) Chairman Perkins and (then) Treasurer Mendonca inked the re-financed loan that saved our Club. It was a ton of work. If you remember the US economy in 2009, then you know how touch-and-go our negotiations were. This investment protects our harbor for another 50 years. However, the Bank o' West automatic debit is \$15,283, and it happens every 30 days. That's our mortgage, folks!...Every single month it's \$15k+.

With the awesome membership we have at VYC, and all the beautiful boats, we would be one of the richest, most cash-heavy clubs in the whole North Bay, were it not for our mortgage. But that's the way it goes. A wall that was quoted at 1 million dollars in the year 1999 cost us \$2.1m when we finally splashed that steel. (I am looking forward to our VYC mortgage burning party - 2027!)

We last raised your dues in 2010 and the berth prices in 2011. The current VYC Board voted to raise berthing by 75 cents a foot and the dues were raised by 5 dollars a month. These modest increases, effective March 1st, will go a long way in helping our Club meet its obligations. We thank you for your understanding and your participation.

And lest you think it's only increases, we are actively attacking our expenses, as well. PG&E is low hanging fruit: we've invested in LED lights for the clubhouse and motion detectors, so lights will use less juice, and go out upon exiting (a particular sore spot, historically). A Point of Sale System for the bar/galley is coming online mid-March. Inventory will now be tracked as never before. We knocked trash collection down from twice, to once a week, and cut things like linen rentals and floor runners, etc.

This Club has weathered so much in fine style, and we look forward to putting a more corporate stamp on our business affairs, to ensure fiscal health in perpetuity. Thank you so much for loving the Vallejo Yacht Club!

Matthew Ceryes, Club Manager

PICYA REPORT

History of PICYA For those who are not familiar with what PICYA is and what it does, the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association was formed in San Francisco on May 12, 1896 to promote cooperation between Bay Area yacht clubs. Charles G. Yale of the San Francisco Yacht Club was its first president. For some time prior to this, the major San Francisco Bay yacht clubs were considering an organization for inter-communication, uniform racing rules and to encourage yachting. The five charter clubs and the year they were founded were: California Y.C. (1893), Corinthian Y.C. (1886), Encinal Y.C. (1890), Pacific Y.C. (1873) and the San Francisco Y.C. (1869).

First PICYA Regatta The first PICYA Regatta was held on Sept. 9, 1896, California Admission Day. Joseph M. MacDonough donated a sterling silver trophy in the name of his father Joseph MacDonough Sr., a prominent yachtsman active in PICYA and Commodore of Pacific Y.C. from 1881-1882. The first winner of the trophy was "Truant," (CYC).

Opening Day on the Bay The largest single PICYA event is "Opening Day." This was a term used in the early 1890's when it was associated with the first activities of individual yacht clubs celebrating the spring season. It gradually became identified with the manual opening of the bridge at Corinthian Island, Marin County. This was an event viewed by yachtsmen and local residents as sailboats and "arks" passed through. These had been stored in Tiburon Lagoon to protect them from the ravages of winter.

Recreational Boaters of California or RBOC One of PICYA's greatest contributions to the betterment of boating has been its effort in the legislative field. 1965 marked the leap forward when the necessity for an organization to make legislators aware of boat owners' needs and to guard against an increasing number of adverse bills being submitted in the legislature. This resulted in the nonprofit corporation, 'Boat Owners Associated Together' or B.O.A.T. formed by Past Presidents of PICYA as the first trustees. The Southern California Yachting Association was contacted to bring their half of the state into the field. B.O.A.T. was then reorganized to emerge as a statewide organization in September of 1968 making it an effective state legislative watchdog. In 1983 the name was changed to 'Recreational Boaters of California' or R.B.O.C. Each year nine directors appointed by PICYA and nine directors appointed by SCYA join in Sacramento to visit with Senators and Assembly members from their areas. This has been a very effective method of communication. In 1970, its success was attributed largely to the capable work of Executive Director, Jerry Desmond, Sr. and his staff.

Club of the Year or COTY In 1993, Director George Neil of Richmond Y.C. developed the PICYA "Club of the Year" program to honor the clubs whose delegates were most effective in facilitating club participation in PICYA events. Clubs earned points in many categories including attendance at Delegates Meetings and participation in PICYA seminars and regattas. The member club with the most points at the end of each year would be named PICYA "Club of the Year." The first club to win this award was Bel Marin Keys Y.C.

PICYA Wheelchair Regatta In 1997 Staff Commodore Margot Brown, (1995, first woman Commodore of PICYA) proposed a Wheelchair Regatta to honor disabled veterans with a boat tour of the Bay and a luncheon. There were 8 boats and 68 disabled veteran participants. Encinal Y.C. with its natural location and no public service event at that time was a good fit. There was a great deal of enthusiasm for the event at the time and it has increased in size and participation every year. It continues to be held at Encinal Y.C. on the last Saturday in Sept. as PICYA's charity event.

Current PICYA Activities The first PICYA meeting of 2015 was the PICYA Delegate Dinner at the Stockton Yacht Club, on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015. The new PICYA officers who presided are Commodore Liz Allison, Half Moon Bay Yacht Club, Vice Commodore Erich Schoenwisner, Alameda Yacht Club, Rear Linda Blue, Petaluma Yacht Club, and Junior Staff Commodore Lenora Clark, Ebony Yacht Club. The OYC earns 4 Club of the Year points for the attendance of a PICYA delegate at each regular meeting.

Installation of the newly elected PICYA Officers for 2015 took place at the PICYA Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers at the St. Francis Yacht Club on Saturday, January 24th. The Vallejo Yacht Club had one attendee at the Ball, PICYA Delegate Maggie Sabovich, so earned only 4 Club of the Year points for this event.

The first opportunity for the VYC to earn another 10 COTY points for 2015 was the submission of current VYC fleet, member and officer data and photo information to the PICYA Yachting Yearbook editor/publisher Patti

Mangan by the announced deadline of January 4th. All updated fleet, member and 2015 officer data and photos were emailed.

The next PICYA event where 15 Club of the Year points may be earned is by attendance of VYC Officers and Directors at the PICYA Spring Leadership Conference, which is to be held at the Aeolian Yacht Club in Alameda on Sat., March 21, registration/ continental breakfast at 8:00 AM and a luncheon at noon. The cost is \$25.00/ person. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 16. Registration forms can be found at www.picya.org See COTY chart below for point count.

PICYA sponsors the 98th annual Opening Day on the Bay, and this year it is scheduled for Sunday, April 26. This event signals the official start of the San Francisco Bay area's 2015 Boating Season, with a decorated boat parade along the San Francisco waterfront made up of boats from Bay Area yacht clubs as well as boats participating from Delta yacht clubs and decorated boats from the general boating public-at-large. PICYA invites officers, directors and club members to view this parade from the Hornblower Fleet's "San Francisco Spirit", which is one of the newer vessels in Hornblower's fleet. Guests can enjoy a continental breakfast as well as a white tablecloth luncheon and no-host bar, and can view the parade of decorated sailboats, power boats, tugboats, S.F. Fire Department boats, large yachts, Coast Guard vessels, and classic and contemporary boats from the comfort and front row seating of the "San Francisco Spirit". Cost for your cruise, breakfast and lunch is \$85 for adults and \$40 for children ages 2-12 years. Boarding is at 9:15 AM and the boat returns to the pier at 2:45 PM. Deadline for registration for the "San Francisco Spirit" PICYA Committee Boat is Monday, April 20th, as seating is limited to 220 guests. Registration forms are on the PICYA website at: www.picya.org

This year's parade theme is "Youth in Boating", which encourages parade entrants to incorporate youth sailing and boating into their decorated boat themes. This parade is judged by esteemed members of the boating community and by military officers involved in protecting our US coastlines. First, second and third prizes are awarded in each of five categories, including Power Decorated to Theme, Sail Decorated to Theme, Junior Decorated to theme (youth sailors help decorate), Flags and Streamers (sail and power) and Undecorated, plus a grand prize for Best Overall Decorated Boat.

Each PICYA member yacht club is expected to contribute donations of money, wine, liquor, boating wear, accessories such as safety gear and appropriate gifts for junior sailors, as this year boat owners are encouraged to include participants from the youth sailing community on their boats in the parade. A total of 50 possible Club of the Year or COTY points may be earned for participation in various categories of Opening Day on the Bay. See COTY Chart below:

15		2 points per Club Officer or Director in attendance 2 points per Delegate 1 Club member in attendance.	Event Chair
10		6 points for attendance by a current Club Officer 4 points for Delegate/Club Member	Event Chair
50	10	5 points each for cruising on the Committee Boat by a Club Officer/Delegate/Club Member Maximum 10 pts.	Event Reserva- tion Chair
	10	5 Points for \$150 minimum/10 points over \$250 monetary or in kind value (dinners, ships store apparel, wine, etc.) prizes for decorated boat contest winners gift bags.	Event Donation Chair
	10	10 points for the first Club sailboat decorated to theme in parade. 8 points for the second Club sailboat. 5 points for the third Club sailboat. 2 points for the fourth Club sailboat decorated to theme. Maximum 25 points	Event Chair
	25	10 points for the first club powerboat decorated to theme in parade. 8 points for the second Club powerboat. 5 points for the third Club powerboat. 2 points for the fourth Club powerboat decorated to theme. Maximum 25 points	Event Chair

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10	10 points for a Club boat decorated to theme in the youth division in parade.	Event Chair
25	5 points for the first Club boat decorated with flags & streamers in parade. 4 points for the second Club boat. 3 points for the third Club boat. 2 points for each additional boat decorated with flags & steamers. Maximum 25 point	

The next regular PICYA Delegates' meeting will be at the Benicia Y.C. on Monday, March 2nd at 5 pm.

RBOC Issues:

DROUGHT CAUSES STATE TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE EMERGENCY SALINITY CONTROL BARRIERS IN THE DELTA

January 29, 2015 - The State of CA Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) has announced that it may be necessary to install emergency salinity control barriers across three channels in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta if the weather continues to stay exceedingly dry throughout the spring. DWR may need to seek a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers that would allow for the temporary installation of rock barriers at intervals over the next 10 years when salt water threatens deep intrusion into the Delta, which could contaminate water supplies for Contra Costa, Alameda and Santa Clara County residents, Delta residents and 25 million California residents who depend upon this water source.

BOATU.S. ACTION ALERT: PROTECT YOUR BOAT, ASK CONGRESS TO FIX THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

February 4, 2015 - For years, BoatU.S. has been battling in Washington to make sure you can buy gasoline that works in your boat engines. On Wed., February 4, 2015, U.S. Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) introduced The Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015. This bill, which has both Democrat and Republican support, will effectively remove mandates for higher blend ethanol fuels (more than 10%) and allow for investment in other more compatible biofuels. We believe it is a critical step and we are writing you to ask your Congressman to become a co-sponsor and support it.

—Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

2015 Cruise-Out Schedule *(More details as the dates get closer.)*

March 13 -15 South Beach Yacht Club
 April 24 -26 Richmond Yacht Club for Opening Day on the Bay
 May 8 -10 Mother's Day Cruise to Encinal Yacht Club and Sunday Brunch
 June 19 -21 Napa Valley Yacht Club
 July 18 -25 Annual Delta Cruise (itinerary to follow)
 August ? Commodore's Cruise (TBA)
 September 19 -27 Blue Water Cruise (itinerary to follow)
 October 30 - November 1 Halloween Cruise to Solano Yacht Club

Noble Brown, Cruise Director



Hootenanny Hamburger BBQ & Pot Luck

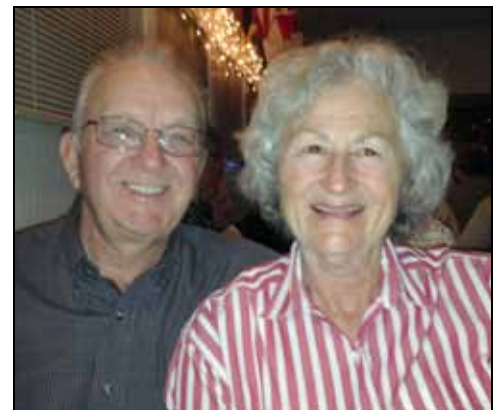




*Queen Linda and
King Roger Smith*



***Martinez
Sweetheart's
Cruise Out***



Today's Chef is Amy Troutner

Chicken Cacciatore: Serves 4-6

This is by far my favorite recipe for this well-known dish. It is very simple to make and has clean, bright flavors. Buy the best chicken you can, it makes all of the difference between a good dish and a great one! Also, San Marzano tomatoes are worth every penny! I like to serve this just with good country bread and butter but egg noodles or potatoes would be lovely too.

3-4 lbs. chicken parts with bone in and skin on (you could buy a whole chicken and cut it into 8 serving pieces)

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

3 Tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 Tablespoon unsalted butter

1 small onion, minced

2 ribs celery, thinly sliced

1/4 teaspoon red chili flakes (I use about a teaspoon!)

One 28-oz. can Italian plum tomatoes in juice or one 28-oz can crushed tomatoes in purée

Several sprigs of fresh parsley, bay leaves, sprigs of fresh rosemary, and celery leaves, tied in a bundle with cotton twine

1. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. In a large skillet combine the oil and butter over high heat. When hot, add several pieces of chicken, skin side down until they turn a nice golden brown, about 5 minutes. Turn the pieces and brown on the other side, about 5 minutes more. Do not crowd the pan, brown the chicken in as many batches as necessary and carefully watch the heat so you don't scorch the skin. Transfer to a platter.

2. Add onion, celery, crushed red chili flakes and salt to the fat in the pan and cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes until softened. If using whole tomatoes, crush with your hands or a food processor and add to the pan. Crushed tomatoes can be added directly from the can. Add the herb bundle and simmer sauce for around 5 minutes. Bury chicken in the sauce and simmer, partially covered, until the chicken is cooked through, 25-30 minutes. Remove and discard herb bundle. Serve with plenty of the sauce!



EIGHT BELLS GO OUT for Past Commodore Emanuel Lorenzana

1963 – 2015



On February 20, we sadly lost our shipmate and extraordinary man, Past Commodore Emanuel Lorenzana. Our condolences and prayers go to his family.



March Birthdays

Jennifer Valverde	3/1
Bob McGowan	3/3
Scott McKenney	3/3
Peter Turner	3/4
Thad Hale	3/5
Chad Medcroft	3/6
Earl Trumbull	3/7
Scott Gregor	3/9
Patricia Carr	3/10
Pat McCarthy	3/10
Val McGowan	3/10
Deborah Mueller	3/11
Noble Brown	3/12
Chris Mendonca	3/12
Mike Coleman	3/13
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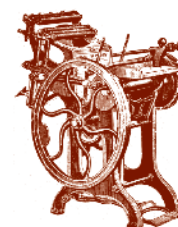
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