



November 2018

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sign Up at the Club

November 3 - Award Dinner for Racers and Cruisers

November 10 - USO Party

November 11 - Veterans Day



November 17



All You Can Eat Chili Dog Night

(benefitting new Sun Deck railings)

**Chili Dog Event will feature the return of the famous
Liars Dice Tournament which will begin after dinner.**

November 22

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

November 30

Ship's Store Fall Fashion Show

December 1 - Lighted Boat Parade

December 15

Adult Member Christmas Party





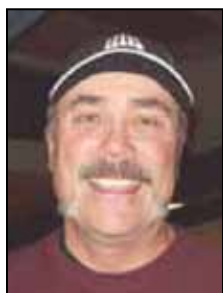
COMMODORE REPORT Cameron Kriens, Commodore

I had no idea of how much fun it would be to volunteer at the Vallejo Yacht Club. We have a simple mission to promote boating and related social activities. I mainly want us to support each other and enrich the lives of so many others in our yachting and local community. We are one of the oldest and historically rich Yacht Clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area. This is partly due to our close proximity to the Mare Island Naval Shipyard that was first opened around 1854. While many clubs have struggled, we have recently maintained a full harbor with of over

135 vessels and we have seen an increase in membership. This doesn't usually happen by mistake. My first priority is to enhance our internet presence and our networking outreach. At the same time, we'll continue to host more big events for our members, community friends and charities. I want to express my special thanks to all of our members for being here for the club and our community. Please talk to any of our newly appointed chair people or officers to get involved.

Fair winds

— Cameron Kriens, Commodore



VICE COMMODORE Ken Leslie, Vice Commodore

On the Vice side...

Vice and Port Report

WELCOME BACK, DALE! VYC's iron-man of the oceans, Dale Jennings, has returned. Hopefully, you have been following Dale's excellent Pacific adventure--his letters that were posted on the bulletin board have told the stories of his solo trek to Christmas Island, Fanning Island, Palmyra, Pago Pago, and more. But the greatest feat was his 73-day non-stop return trip from Tonga to VYC. Members were on deck to welcome home the weary sailor. I can't wait to hear more of his stories.

In light of the need for improvement in club appearance, I am promoting an "all-you-can-eat chili dog feast." The fundraising dinner will cost \$20 per person to help defray the cost of a replacement for our deck rail. I am also seeking donations for raffles. Please check the VYC calendar for date and time.

Wheels are already in motion for the 2019 Great Vallejo Race to be held the first weekend in May 2019. You'll be hearing more soon.

Lastly, we all say with pride, "We are a volunteer club." As such, let us ALL "do what we can, when we can, if we can."

Full steam ahead!

— Ken Leslie, Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE REPORT Terri Nichols, Rear Commodore

I am excited for my first year of service to the club as a flag officer. I am looking forward to a productive year including but not limited to the VYC Annual Crab Feed. Prior to being rear commodore, I volunteered for many events, along with so many other members and felt we had a voice and an im-

pact without being appointed committee members. That is what I love about our club. We are volunteer based. We can all have a voice and make a difference. I look forward to working with both new and long time members. I am here as an ear if anyone has ideas to help forward the growth and health of our club.

— Teri Nichols, Rear Commodore

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	30	31	1 Raiders VS. 49'ers Come on Down, Appetizers available! U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 5 Board Meetings 7:00pm - 10:00pm	2 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30pm - 8:00pm	3 Awards Dinner For Racers/Cruisers 6:00pm - 8:30pm
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends	5 Monday Night Football: Dinner & Fun & Games	6 Janet's Band practice 6:00pm - 7:00pm	7	8 Coast Guard Auxil- ary Flotilla 51 6:00pm - 9:00pm	9 Friday Longtable Dinner FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30pm - 8:00pm	10 Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon - Christopher Percy (BAR- YES) USO - DANCE PARTY!
11 PORT CAPTAIN BRUNCH NFL GAMES 10:00am - 1:00pm	12 Monday Night Football: Dinner & Fun & Games	13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	14	15	16 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30pm - 8:00pm	17 All You Can Eat CHILI DOG NIGHT! (raising funds for the new Sun-deck Railings) 6:00pm - 7:30pm LIARS' DICE TOURNAMENT (after dinner)
18	19 Monday Night Football: Dinner & Fun & Games	20 Janet's Band practice 6:00pm - 7:00pm	21	22 Thanksgiving Day Club Pot Luck Office Closed	23 NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER Office Closed	24 Tentative: BHS - High School Reunion BAR- YES (2) Office Closed
25	26 Monday Night Football: Dinner & Fun & Games	27	28	29 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm - 8:30pm	30 Ship's Store Fall Fashion Show FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	1 Lighted Boat Parade & City Celebration Port Captain Fireside Dance & Music Videos 9:00pm - 12:00am



BOARD CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

We are starting a new fiscal year and the future of the club looks more promising than ever. The planned dredge is being done now, and the harbor and house piling improvement projects will be done later this year. Your new Officers and Chairpersons have plans for many improvements to the house and harbor... systems and infrastructure. New events are being added to the calendar...it looks to be a great year.

Because we are doing well, the club is seeing more guests and more people interested in becoming members these days; it is important for every member to

remember that we are all club ambassadors. Please keep our communications pleasant, avoid 'sketchy' terminology, and maintain a positive atmosphere at all times.

Whether you are an 'old Hand' or **new** to the club and wondering where to start participating; there are always projects to do, work parties to help, tables and chairs to setup or take down, meals to help prepare, or dinner clean-up... ask an officer or committee chair how you can help **Volunteering does not have to be a major commitment... just pitch in when you see a need.**

Thanks

— Bob Lockhart, Chairman of the Board

SAFETY REPORT



Did you know the Vallejo Yacht Club has a full set of By-Laws, Harbor and House Rules? These By-Laws, Harbor and House Rules have been set and have evolved over the last hundred and seventeen years to ensure the safe enjoyment of all members. Some are in place to ensure we are following the terms of our liquor license. Each month in the Binnacle you will find a few of these for your information. If you're impatient to know them all, go to the club web page or see the copy in the clubhouse for all Harbor and House Rules.

Our little marina is a permanent home to some, a vacation home for others, a nice place to hang out, and great place to begin a boating adventure for us all. It is imperative we keep our little slice of paradise as safe as possible. Here are just a few things we all can do to be safe. Stay out of the water, no swimming in the harbor. You never know when a boat may be leaving or arriving. Be sure you and your guests are wearing proper footwear. If the shoes aren't boat friendly, they probably won't be dock friendly as well. High heels

and flip-flops are trouble waiting to happen. Loose items should not be left on the docks. They might be kicked into the water or cause someone to trip and fall. Be proactive in keeping your boat shipshape, particularly the fuel and electrical systems. Fires can be avoided. Be the safety eyes for your Port Captain. Do you see something amiss? Please tell the Port Captain as soon as you can if you are unable to make the needed corrections yourself. Being safe is a full-time job. More safety tips coming next month. And as always, don't forget to wear your PFD when out on the water.

Did you know?

Yes, you do know. We think of our club as a volunteer club. The advantage is not only to keep costs down, but to foster a sense of camaraderie as well. It's all good. Now that the change of watch is history, be prepared to say "yes" when one of your new flag officers or committee chairpersons asks for your help. As you read this, the dredge should be done opening us up for a myriad of clubhouse and harbor projects. Roll up your sleeves and dig right in. You'll not regret it and the club will thank you.

— Jeff Dickey, Safety Committee Chairperson

THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

November is here and that means Ship Store Fashion Show during the November Long Table Dinner!!! Be prepared to model in our fun filled night of nautical fashion!!

We are getting ready for "A Very Nautical Christmas" at our club!! Come into the Ships Store for all kinds

of special surprises for the sailor in your life!! We will again have our Battenburg lace Christmas ornaments for sale in whimsical boating themes, think mermaids etc!!!

We are looking forward to helping you with your Ship Store purchases!!

Respectfully submitted by,

— Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS FOR NOVEMBER

November 2

Spice Rubbed Niman Pork Chops with
Carmelized Apples and Cider,
Dijon & Creme Fraîche
Buttered Noodles
Broccolini
B&B (Bread and Butter)

Pumpkin Cake with Pecan Streusel & Soft Cream

November 9 (\$15 Community Tables!)

Organic Chicken Thighs with Teriyaki Sauce,
Scallions & Sesame Seeds
Jasmine Rice
Peanut Noodles
Big Beautiful Salad with Cucumbers,
Carrot Ribbons, Mint & Miso Dressing
Warm Ginger Cookies

November 16

Grilled Niman Bavette Steak with Salsa Verde
Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Sautéed Spinach
Romain Hearts with Bleu Cheese & Apples
B&B (Bread & Butter)
Pear Cake with Soft Cream

November 30

Crispy Fried Fish with Homemade Tarter Sauce
Best Rice Pilaf
Big Beautiful Salad with Green Beans
& Shallot Vinaigrette
B&B (Bread & Butter)
Almond Cake with Soft Cream & Berries

Please RSVP to Chef Amy Troutner amytroutner@comcast.net by Thursday,
one day prior to the dinner, at 5:00 PM or (707) 299-9019 (text or call)

SPECIAL FEATURE STORY: Member & Boat Spotlight of the Month

Members: **John Baldwin and Kristina Fischer**

Occupation: John (Business Owner) and
Kristina (Sommelier)

Learned to sail: in Cape Cod at 11 years old

VYC Member since: June 2017

Vessel Name: Northeast Wind

Manufacturer and Date: Hinckley 1967 Model:
Sou'wester 48

Description: Outside teak. Inside mahogany. Floors
teak with rosewood inlay.

Built to be: blue water cruiser and handle any weather
and go anywhere in the world

Purchase Year: 2015, 2nd boat 4th owner

Delivery Home: I motored her up from Marina del
Rey to Benicia in 56.5 hours with no stops. I chose the
weather very carefully and did it with one friend.

Favorite place to go in this boat: "Everywhere I
haven't been."

Likes to go to: Sausalito, Alameda, loves the views of
the city and the Golden Gate

Favorite Sailing Quote: "A free boat is the most expen-
sive you will ever own."

History: By the end of the 1950s, Hinckley was the



John Baldwin & Kristina Fischer
on Northeast Wind

largest producer of sailing auxiliaries and pioneered
the use of fiberglass in boat building. They made the
first fiberglass boat in 1959 which was the Bermuda 40.
They made 208 of those during the life of the model.

Rarity: Hinckley made 15 of this 48 foot boat be-
tween 1967- 1974. Of the 15, 5 were the Sou'wester
which has lower free board and dog house. 13 of the
15 of were rigged as yawls and 2 were sloops. This
boat is one of 2 sloops. Very rare boat.

Race Profile: Northeast Wind was raced in the Jazz
Cup from Treasure Island to Benicia with other club
members Tom Ochs, Bill Thomas, Mark Bauder, and
Dennis Patterson.

Maintenance: 30 hours every 4 months in wood care.
Wax every 6 months.

Service Recommendations: Nery Gonzalez provides
excellent boat maintenance. His company is called
Yacht Maintenance. Services include waxing, varnish,
paint, deck, nonskid, awlgrip.



Hinckley 1967 Model: Sou'wester 48 Northeast Wind



The Hinckley Namplate

HALLOWEEN 2018



Best Group Costume Award: Gilligan's Island



Best Group Costume Award: Clown Couple Hennie and Susanne



Best Individual Costume Award: Day of the Dead Irene O'Brien



John and Laurie Marshall and their chauffeur



The Crow's Nest Revival

What exactly is the Crow's Nest Revival? The Crow's Nest is a special editorial feature of the Binnacle that tells of the happenings and travels of our yacht club members. The Crow's Nest originally appeared in the 80s and was edited by Margot MacKerrow. We are now reviving that tradition and bringing it back to the Binnacle.



Travel Adventures of the Weitzmans

We are almost finished with a ten day cruise around the Chesapeake Bay. We have visited Tangier Island, Solomons, Annapolis, St. Michaels, and Reedville. Lots of mini cruises as well along the Rappahannock and Piankatank Rivers. We saw the remains of the ironclad USS Monitor in Newport News.

- Keith and D'Anne Weitzman



A view of Tangier Island harbor.



Underway on the Choptank River on Maryland's Eastern Shore



Part of the fishing fleet at St. Michaels, MD



An historic Chesapeake Bay "Bugeye" in Solomon's, MD



Pussers Painkiller and Mary at the Annapolis boat show

More Crow's Nest Revival



Cockrell Creek in Reedville, VA



Welcome Home Dale!! Dale with wife Tammie Jennings

Kind reader, I hope you enjoyed reading this new year revival of the Crow's Nest. Know of any special travel or adventures of yacht club members? Short reports are ideal. Photos welcome. Please send your Crow's Nest reports to binnaleditor@vyc.org



A wreath was laid to rest in the memory of Jim McCarthy, husband of Patricia McCarthy.




Volunteer Bill Sweitzer trimming one of the club's palms. The palm decorations at the Luau were natural palm trimmings from our very own VYC palms.




November Birthdays

Todd Griffith	11/1
Stephanie Gelman	11/4
Gwen Silveria	11/5
Nancy Barnett Moore	11/6
Evelyn Sandoval	11/7
Johnetta Ford	11/7
James Couch	11/9
Robert Vienneau	11/9
Anita Bird	11/9
Mark Henderson	11/10
Andy Coe	11/11
Carrie Gordon	11/12
Roger Clark	11/13
Arlene Passini	11/15
Diane McBroom	11/16
Maureen O'Keefe	11/16
Carolee Cattolica	11/17
Hugo Knief	11/20
Lita Karuzas	11/20
Gordon Smith	11/21
Caroline Knief	11/21
Cathy Madore	11/21
Dave Tiefenbach	11/23
Alba Lew	11/25
Ken Eldridge	11/26
George Hale	11/27
Earl A. Trumbull	11/27
Robert Boyce	11/28
Raymond McMurphy	11/28
Carol Oelschlaeger	11/29

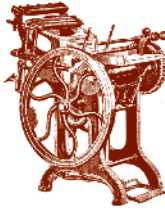


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November 10th 6:30 P.M.

Theme: USO Canteen, 1940s, Patriotic Colors, Swing Dance
Dress: Period Dress
Music: Period Music, DJ or Music videos
Contests: Best Dressed Guy, Best Dressed Gal, Best Dancers

New Year's Eve Party

December 31st

Prime Rib Dinner
Cocktails
Live Music with Don Bassey & Friends
Dress: Semi-Formal
RSVP. \$75 advance purchase tickets per person by Dec 22.
After Dec 22, \$100 per person.

Herd & Scene

*I tried to catch
some fog
but I mist.*

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2018 - 2019 Elected & Appointed Officers (proposed)

CommodoreCameron Kriens
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 Membership Committee AssistantTBD
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