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# Happy St. Patrick's Day



## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9-11

Cruise Out Petaluma



March 10, 24 - 8 pm

Saturday Night Fireside Dancing

March 14 - 7 pm

Annual Vallejo Yacht Club Skippers Meeting

March 17

Jigg's Dinner



March 24

PICYA Conference



Day Light Savings Begins **March 11**



## COMMODORE REPORT Rick Bastien, Commodore

Hello shipmates,  
Springtime is coming quickly. There are many projects and events coming up such as a VYC cruise out to Petaluma Marina, the Jigs dinner, PICYA conference, Monday Food

and Games and Friday night dinners. Coming soon are the Dock and House Repairs, Club Clean Up of house and grounds, Opening Day Blessing of the Fleet and The Great Vallejo Race.

We, the Vallejo Yacht Club and membership, have a gem here in the Bay Area. We have great wind, location and good weather. I don't think I've ever heard a bad word about our club. Let's keep in mind that VYC is a destination for cruisers, racers and power boats. Please respect our club, rules and bylaws. We have an amaz-

ing club and an awesome membership. Let's keep the sails full, and have another great year.

We are still looking for a House committee chairman and a Social committee chairman. Please contact myself or a board member if you are interested in any of these positions.

The general membership meetings will be held at 7:30pm on the last Thursday of each month to allow people to attend who are unable to make it earlier, and we'll be serving a small dinner or snack whipped up by Jim Glenn and his crew. The list of scheduled events is on the bulletin board with sign-up sheets for event leads and helpers. If you any questions, please contact me at 805-710-6384.

As always, Fair Winds

— Rick Bastien, Commodore



## VICE COMMODORE Cameron Kriens, Vice Commodore

On the Vice side...  
Vice and Port Report

The Port Crew has installed a starboard for slip D-27 which has allowed the Port to welcome the Trumbull brothers into D-2. Jeff Ruzler and Captain Bill Thomas (the two Assistant Port Captains) have benefited this club so much.

We're looking forward to the spring push to ready the club for the April 28-29 Great Vallejo Race. We have loaded another Flatbed trailer with some old head walks and the club has saved another \$600.00. Jim Glenn has found people to take some fingers and old foam. The Port Crew has processed and loaded tons of material which saves the Club on \$800.00 dumpsters. Also, I want to thank Don Havorka for loading and taking a huge trailer of foam to the dump.

On the Vice side, the Board of Directors has become concerned about abuses of our Honor Bar. Until our Bar software with passwords come online, I would like to post a sign reminding patrons that, "The Honor Bar will be strictly enforced and please support the success of our Club." The board and members will be discussing some interim solutions. I would propose that volunteers might tend bar on Monday through Thursday from 4pm to 7pm and only exact change or chits be used. Let us know if there are any other ideas. We have a successful adop-

tion for the three kittens we were able to trap from the North Lot. Whiskers, Tails and Ferals (non-profit organization) provided the traps while Rachel Sweet socialized the kittens in about five days and the kittens are now enjoying their new homes.



We have been having some great parties and Friday nights have been filling the Club. Thank you Chef Amy! Finally, I want to start scheduling a few parties for the next six months beginning with the Port Captain's Fire-side Dancing featuring hot music videos. Such event will start at 8pm on Saturday, March 10th and March 24th. Watch out for this one! Later in the spring I hope to host another Poker Charity, Charity Square Dance, Dingy/Kayak/Small Sail Race and possibly bring back the Toga Party. Thanks for all being great members!

Best regards, Cameron.

— Cameron Kriens, Vice Commodore



## REAR COMMODORE REPORT Bill Zerby, Rear Commodore

March is upon on us. Several excellent events (Crab Feed, Abrams election luncheon and the Hootenanny) were well attended and ran smoothly. The volunteer crews were outstanding and deserving of the many

THANK YOUS received from the event attendees.

The Crab Feed had about 150 dinners, and all went home with a full belly. We only had about two pounds left over at the end of the night, which myself and the Commodore enjoyed after midnight. Damn good crab it was! The Abrams re-election luncheon served about 100 guests.

The Hootenanny was a blast with numerous local musicians playing and singing. A special thanks to the "Up Stairs Five" you wow'ed the crowd !!!

The Long Range Planning Committee has returned and given a report on the future goals of the club.

Major concerns were listed with recommendations for

each area: Dredging, Berthing, Slip fees, Replacing Arrow, Replacing guest dock and pilings along the front of the club house. The Board will have had a special meeting to address the recommendations and prioritized by the time you read the Binnacle.

Have received several comments about intruders parking their vehicle and say thank you for the information. Asking a stranger to remove their car is difficult and should be done only under the best conditions and always with another club member present. Always make note of the vehicle license number before making any contact. Be polite and do not argue; just walk away. Please continue to report any intruder vehicle to the office.

Several months ago the club purchased a cordless drill for use in the club, and it is now missing. Please return ASAP as it is used daily.

— Bill Z., Rear Commodore



## BOARD CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

The future is better than it used to be. At the February BOD meeting, the Long-Range Planning Committee presented recommendations that will continue to move the club forward. Their ideas were presented by PC Chris Mendonca. The

recommendations included long-range budgeting to provide continuity to the future growth and success of the VYC, a list of prioritized recommendations for work to be done in the near term (like now), and many long-term infrastructure needs.

The committee's overarching concern is funding and completing the dredge of our harbor on a 3-year cycle. The committee also presented ideas to repair house structure under northwest corner of the bar, repair the guest dock, and drive piles for the repair of A dock. If you have any positive constructive input, please talk to a board member. And in the words of that great American philosopher, Larry the Cable Guy, let's "git 'er done!"

Of course, growth of membership is paramount to our club's future and, thanks to Chris Wagner and the Membership Committee, the VYC is continuing to experience expansion. Additionally, we are having more social events. During their cruise-in, the collective comments from the cruisers from the San Rafael YC were "is it always this active and fun here?" And yes it is! We had the regular Friday Night Dinner by Chef Amy and the Hootenanny on Saturday. If you haven't been to the club in a while, I encourage you to check the calendar and come on down, welcome new members, and enjoy the great fellowship and positive vibe of the VYC.

Thanks to all who "pitch in" to make this club a success. It is the cooperation, friendliness, and dedicated work of our members that will continue to push this club toward our successful future.

Full Steam Ahead!

— Ken Leslie, Chairman of the Board

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 <b>Monday Nights:</b> Food & Fun & Games	27	28	1 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 5 Board Meetings 7:00pm - 10:00pm	2 \$15 Dinner Night FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER CHEF JOSE's B-DAY Dinner 6:30pm - 8:00pm	3 Mid-Winter Race 1:00pm - 4:00pm
4	5 <b>Monday Nights:</b> Food & Fun & Games	6 Janet's Band practice	7	8 Coast Guard Auxil- lary Flotilla 51 6:00pm - 9:00pm	9 Friday Longtable Dinner FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30pm - 8:00pm VYC Cruise-out to Petaluma Marina	10 VYC Cruise-out to Petaluma Marina Port Captain's Fireside Dancing Featuring Hot Music Videos 8:00pm - 9:30pm
11 VYC Cruise-out to Petaluma Marina  Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 <b>Monday Nights:</b> Food & Fun & Games	13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	14 <b>Skipper's Meeting For Race 2018!</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm	15	16 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30pm - 8:00pm	17 <b>Jiggs Dinner</b>
18 VYC Jason Delumpa hosting seminar in VYC Board Room 5:00pm - 7:00pm	19 <b>Monday Nights:</b> Food & Fun & Games	20	21	22	23 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30pm - 8:00pm	24 <b>PICYA Conference 8:00AM - 2:00PM</b> Port Captain's Fireside Dancing Featuring Hot Music Videos 8:00pm - 9:30pm
25	26 <b>Monday Nights:</b> Food & Fun & Games	27	28 <b>Welcome 3 Boats:</b> Napa Valley YC	29 <b>Welcome 3 Boats:</b> Napa Valley YC New Applicant Social 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	30 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	31 TENTATIVE: Hall Rental - Coffter Campaign 4:00pm - 6:00pm



## 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.

Vallejo Yacht Club is a "volunteer club." But you knew that didn't you? Some things you can do to help our club are:

- Make sure the gates are shut at all times.
- If you are the last in the clubhouse, be sure the doors are shut and locked.
- Don't forget to turn off the heat and the fireplace.
- Did I mention lights? Turn them all off. Our power bill is getting out of hand.
- As long as we're of the subject of volunteerism, when your Commodore, Vice Commodore, or committee chairperson ask for your help, please

respond with a resounding "YES!" We'll all be glad you did.

- **Our biggest event of the year, The Great Vallejo Race, is almost upon us. Many of your shipmates have already been busy preparing for this event. There's so much to do to get our facilities ready for the event as well as on the days of the event. Every club member is asked to participate in one way or another. However you choose to help with this event, you will have a great time!**

We can all agree our Vallejo Yacht Club is our "happy place." No one wants to hear your complaints. Rather complain in the bar, do what you are able to correct whatever you're concerned about. If you're unable to do so, take your concern to your flag officers or board of directors for appropriate action.

### Safety Report

A walkabout through our harbor shows a marked improvement in neatness on our head walks and fingers. Neatness translates directly to harbor safety. Thanks for your efforts. D and E rows, however, still need some attention. Please remove personal items from the head walks and fingers as these areas are not for storage of batteries, power washers, anchor rope, pumps, lines, and other personal items. Let's make our marina safe.

— Jeff Dickey, Safety Committee Chairperson

Subject: 2018 Skippers Meeting At Vallejo Yacht Club

TO ALL SKIPPERS,

The annual Vallejo Yacht Club Skippers Meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Vallejo Yacht Club. I am requesting all skippers who plan on racing any club event this year to please attend this meeting. To help make it worth your while, attending skippers will get \$25.00 off their annual race registration fees of \$125.00.

If you know of anyone who did not race last year, but who plans on racing this year please forward this message to them and c.c. me so I can get them on my mailing list. I expect the meeting will be fairly short (1 hour). Topics for discussion will include: PHRF ratings, how races will be scored (time on time), and a few surprises to add some fun to our club races and encourage participation by junior sailors. Also what to do with the Wednesday July 4, evening race (possible conflict with fire works).

If you have any questions or have a topic for discussion please let me know before March 14th.

Mark Littlefield, Fleet Captain • 916-835-2163 • E-mail: Sansouci@surewest.net

## VYC Historian 2017-2018

### History of Our Yacht Racing Association T-Shirts



Due to the up and coming Yacht Racing Association (YRA) race on April 28-29, 2018, Barbara Brown, our ship store manager, is working again with Pirate's Lair for the 2018 race t-shirts. I found this

article from a past Binnacle that I had written about the race t-shirts.

"The annual YRA Race brings VYC the sales of the YRA t-shirts, sweatshirts and etc. Everyone has their own reason for buying the t-shirt. Here are a few reasons:

- First boat in – wants crew to have memorabilia
- First time sailing in YRA Race – wants each member of family to have one
- Proof of being here or racing in that particular year
- T-shirt given to you by a guy you met or vice versa
- Love the artistry
- Worked on a certain committee that year and the reasons go on and on....

**When was the first YRA t-shirt sale?**

After several years of handling the yachting apparel

for the club, Ginny Hargrace turned the job over to a committee consisting of Carmen Batchelor, Shirley Bunnell, Anna Van Dolson and myself. This was in 1985. The new committee was approached requesting, possibly sales of t-shirts for YRA. After many discussions we were given the go ahead and in May 1986 our first YRA t-shirts were made and sold. We were only allowed to order 100 t-shirts. The powers-to-be were fearful they wouldn't sell. Wrong! To date, we have sold thousands of t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps and will continue in this endeavor. We are very lucky to have the artwork done by Jim DeWitt and our own P/C Arvel Voss. There was a year that we had a contest and the winner was Kelly Phillips, daughter-in-law of Bob and Peggy Phillips. We all have our favorite years. Mine being 1988. Commodore Pat Lane and myself dancing to the 'Your Momma Band' with Mare Island and the sailboats in the background, artwork done by P/C Voss. The only person I know that has all the t-shirts since 1986 is Ida Ann Tyer. Maybe one of these Friday 'happy hour' nights she could display them for us. Happy YRA weekend and don't forget to buy your t-shirts!"

Although Ida Ann Tyer is no longer with us, Margot MacKerrow now continues on with this tradition. Happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter!

— Toni Borges, Historian

## THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

Our new Point of Sale (POS) system is up and running!! Thank you for being patient while we learn how to use it! So far so good!!

We have beautiful VYC license plate frames in the store that are brass and chrome plated!! Very nice and sturdy!! Come by and check it out!!

Awaiting a new order to come in!! New jackets and

ladies shirts.

I am still looking for someone to help in the store! If you are interested please let me know!! It's easy and fun!! Good way to do your volunteer hours helping the club!!

Here's to fair winds and calm seas!

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Brown

Ships Store Chairperson

— Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson

# PICYA REPORT



2018's first PICYA (Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association) meeting was held at the beautiful Discovery Bay Yacht Club, on Monday, February 5th. VYC PICYA Delegates Maggie Sabovich and Wendell Snyder attended, along with Maggie's husband Roger Karlsrud.

Newly elected PICYA Rear Commodore, Mia

Bernt, announced that this year's Mariners' Interfaith Sunday service will be held at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 10 Bayview Drive, San Rafael on Sunday, March 4th, starting at 10 AM. The St. Francis Yacht Club's "Sons of the Sea" Men's Choir will provide the music for this special occasion. The nearby Loch Lomond Yacht Club will be providing a Mariners Brunch starting after the service at 11:30 AM, with a full breakfast buffet and their famous Bloody Mary and Gin Fizz bar service. Please contact the Loch Lomond Yacht Club to make a reservation for the brunch by Thursday, March 1st, if possible.

The PICYA Spring Leadership Conference is sched-

uled for Saturday, March 24th, at 8 AM at the Vallejo Yacht Club, with registration and a continental breakfast at 8 AM and lunch at noon. Many interesting speakers will present information of interest to boaters and yacht club officers. Cost of this event is \$25 per person, and the VYC earns Club of the Year points for each officer or member in attendance.

PICYA's Opening Day on the Bay 2018 is scheduled for Sunday, April 22nd and this year the theme is "Nations on the Bay", using an international theme as a guide for those who wish to decorate their boats to enter our annual decorated Boat Parade. Prizes are given for the winning decorated boats in the various classes of boats entered, along with multiple Club of the Year points that are earned by the yacht clubs participating. Please contact Noble Brown, VYC's Cruise Director, for information about entering your boat in the parade, as he is developing a cruise-out on Friday, April 20th at a location near the San Francisco waterfront that same weekend.

The next PICYA Delegate's Meeting will be held at the Richmond Yacht Club on Monday night, March 5th starting at 5 PM, with dinner at 7, the meeting at 8 and the meeting's end about 9 PM.

— Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS FOR MARCH

### March 9 - \$15 - Community Tables

Niman Ranch Spaghetti  
Broccolini  
Caesar Salad  
B & B

Warm Chocolate Chunk & Walnut Cookies

### March 16

French Organic Chicken Tarragon  
Best Rice Pilaf  
Big Beautiful Salad with Haricots  
Verts & Shallots  
B & B

Strawberry Streusel Cake

### March 23

Grilled Niman Flank Steak with Salsa Verde  
Roasted Potatoes, Artichokes & Garlic  
Arugula and Parmesan with Lemon & Olive Oil  
B & B

Almond Cake with Soft Cream & Berries

### March 30

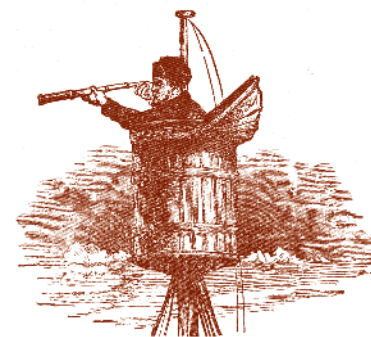
Marinated and Grilled Niman Pork Chops  
Fresh Corn Polenta  
Asparagus with Hard Cooked Egg & Chives  
Simple Salad Vinaigrette  
B & B

Strawberry Shortcakes with Soft Cream  
& Berry Sauce



## 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.



Traveling in Spain in 2016 I made a stop at the Real Club Nautico de Barcelona with burgee in hand. What a fabulous and attractive location! If you are in Barcelona, try to visit. They were gracious and inviting to me.

David Trumbull



On their summer vacation in Europe, Binnacle Editor Samantha Prince and her travel companion Milton Beral chartered a boat for a day sail in Split, Croatia. While on their mid-winter trip to Hawaii, they both received the famous Hawaii missile attack emergency alerts on their phones. By the time they made it to brunch, the alerts had been recalled, so they could still enjoy a breakfast of fresh papaya and pineapple. Despite all this, the weather was perfect, and their travel was safe with no delays.



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 [binnacleeditor@vyc.org](mailto:binnacleeditor@vyc.org)

## WELCOME TO PROSPECTIVE/NEW MEMBERS

### Welcome To Don And Carol Sterkel

After almost 49 years of marriage and 13 homes we have landed on Mare Island. We are looking forward to making new friends at the VYC and enjoying the amenities of the club.

Don had a 30 year career with Time Inc. in the areas of Sales, Marketing & Corporate Development. Carol held a number of positions including an interesting stint with PBS in NY.

Our "long table" dinner last Friday was a wonderful introduction to the club and members. Looking forward to enjoying many more and helping out any way we can.

**Seen on the Martinez  
Cruise Out.**

**Owner: Peter Turner.**

**Boat: Silverheels II.**

**Name this flag.**

**Answer below.**

The yacht ensign consists of a boat anchor enclosed within a wreath of 13 stars. The pattern first emerged in 1848 when Congress officially designated the design for use on non-commercial U.S. sailing vessels. Although the legislation for its use was eventually revoked, the use of the flag persisted throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and continues to be widely flown on private boats and yachts today. This small 2' x 3' example dates circa 1920.

**Yacht Ensign.**





# ♥ Sweetheart's Cruise Out ♥

## Martinez Yacht Club



Thank You to Cruise Director Noble Brown for Another Fabulous Cruise out! Sweethearts Cruise Martinez 2018








## March Birthdays


Jennifer Valverde	3/1
Bob McGowan	3/3
Samantha Curtis	3/3
Scott McKenney	3/3
Jim Kesler	3/4
Nathalie Stark	3/5
Media Medcroft	3/6
Earl H. Trumbull	3/7
Ross Mosbarger	3/7
Scott Gregor	3/9
Pat McCarthy	3/10
Val McGowan	3/10
Deborah Mueller	3/11
Christopher Mendonca	3/12
Noble Brown	3/12
Mike Coleman	3/13
Linda Simms	3/15
Lisa Voss	3/15
Patti Tipton	3/17
Gail Sinclair	3/20
Margot MacKerrow	3/20
Scott Carroll	3/20
Gary Vinyard	3/21
Patrick Neuman	3/21
Dali Rus	3/22
Anthonette "Toni"	3/23
Bill Campbell	3/23
Wayne Law	3/23
GayleAnn Frank	3/24
Michelle Nolan	3/27
Robert Burgess	3/28
Barbara Owens	3/31
Don Corkrean	3/31



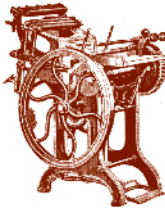
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Vice Commodore .....Cameron Kriens  
Rear Commodore .....Bill Zerby  
Staff Commodore .....Bob Lockhart  
Treasurer .....Michael Carr  
Secretary .....Maggie Sabovich  
Port Captain .....Cameron Kriens  
Fleet Captain-Sail .....Hugo Knief  
Fleet Captain Power .....Capt. Bill Thomas  
Fleet Chaplain .....Jeanne Forte  
Fleet Surgeon .....Bryan Barber, MD  
Bar Manager .....Clare Harmon  
Club Manager .....Matthew Ceryes

### Board of Directors

Chairman .....Ken Leslie  
Director .....Jeff Dickey  
Director .....Bill Sweitzer  
Director .....Jack Remington  
Director .....Mike Coleman  
Director .....Scott Green

## Committee Chairpersons

Social Directors .....TBD  
Safety .....Jeff Dickey  
Learn To Sail .....Dale Anderson  
Membership .....Chris Wagner  
Membership Committee Assistant .....Irene O'Brien  
Grounds .....Jennifer Valverde  
Historian .....Toni Borges  
Ship's Store .....Barbara Brown  
House .....Bill Zerby  
Binnacle .....Samantha Prince  
Development .....Elvin Valverde  
Webmaster .....Bill Zerby and Assistant Jack Vrms

### Delegates

PICYA .....Maggie Sabovich  
YRA .....TBD



## VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

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