VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

The BINNACLE

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P.I.C.Y.A. Club of the Year in 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 & 2006!

UPCOMING EVENTS

VYC Annual LUAU *and potluck*

Saturday, September 10

5 pm - 9 pm

Roast Pig Provided

Please bring your favorite Side dish to share!

Sign-up sheet at the Club!

Vallejo Yacht Club Blue Water Cruise

September 10 – 18

Save the Date

Change of Watch Ceremony and Dinner

Saturday, October 8

Be Sure to Vote!
Watch for Your Ballots in the Mail!

COMMODORE REPORT John Cole, Commodore

The Club has recently welcomed a nice group of new members. This includes some folks who are a long way from the gray hair stage most of us find ourselves in. Younger members bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to the Club. We all need to make them feel welcome, get them out on boats and make sure they enjoy themselves. We also have two women running for Club leadership positions this year. The Club needs the leadership skills of women in our Club.

Women bring new ideas and a different perspective to our decision making. The important thing is to VOTE when you receive your ballot in the mail.

September will be a busy month. The Master Mariners will be here over Labor Day weekend. Our traditional Luau dinner will be the following weekend. There is a good crowd going on the Blue Water Cruise to Monterey the middle of the month. The Single Hand Sailors will also be visiting the Club in September. Please check the calendar for all these important dates.

The Board of Directors is still working on getting some harbor construction done this year. There will be more news about the construction schedule soon.

— *John Cole, Commodore*

VOICE OF THE VICE Bob Lockhart, Vice Commodore

We can all be thankful for the safe return from Hawaii of "Nota Bene" after Jack Vetter and crew spent a few harrowing days navigating huge waves offshore. I among others look forward to hearing about their experience.

Wow! September and October are jam packed with events and activities at the Club. The Master Mariners cruise-in on Labor Day weekend for some BBQ and entertainment, everyone's favorite potluck, the Luau on Sept. 10 - main course and entertainment provided. There are Wednesday races with dinner, Friday dinners and more...come on down.

The annual Vallejo Waterfront Weekend is Oct. 1 & 2. VYC will again be hosting the chili cook-off, which is open to all comers (sign up at www.vallejowaterfrontweekend.com). Check the website, vyc.org and calendar, for more information.

The annual election of Flag Officers and 2 Directors is this month. Please be sure to participate in the election process, as those elected are the members who will be part of the Club's management team for the next few years.

Please contact me if you are interested in being an Assistant to the Port Captain or one of the Fleet Captains, Safety Officer, wish to participate on a committee or host a specific dinner or event this next year.

— *Bob Lockhart, Vice Commodore*

REAR REPORT Rick Bastien, Rear Commodore

The VYC Race season is still in high gear!! With our beer can races on Wednesdays, VYC North Bay series #7 Angel Island Race Sept. 3 at 9:00 am. Welcome home Jack Vetter and crew of Nota Bene, Ruben Gabriel on Rufless, a Melges 32. Participants in this year's 2016 Pacific Cup Race to Hawaii.

The clubhouse was pretty active last month with parties, both private and Club oriented. When we have a private party, I usually hand out a membership application or two. So keep up the good work and book our clubhouse - it's a win win.

I still have some room on our Steering and Organizing Committee for the GVR. We'll be meeting soon. You can get in touch with me at 805-710-6384.

The nominations for the 2017 Officers and Directors have been posted, so be sure to participate in the election process.

Fair Winds

— *Rick Bastien, Rear Commodore*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Newton Family Celebration of Life	29 Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	30	31 Wednesday Night Race Series: Tony Smith Perpetual #5 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	1 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 5 Board Meeting 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	2 announcements about Master Mariner's Weekend 9:00 am - 10:00 pm Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	**3** Master's Mariner Race Weekend! Office Closed Pecorella's Band To Play....Celtic Festival.... Bring Your Instruments RACE: VYC North Bay Series #7 Angel Island Race 9:00 Am - 4:00 Pm
4 Master's Mariner Race Weekend! Possible Captain Cook Memorial Spam Cook-Off Plus Afternoon Games And BBQ...	**5** Master's Mariner Race Weekend! Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	**6**	**7** Wednesday Night Race Series: George Van Dolson #1 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	**8** Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 51 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	**9** Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	**10** VYC Blue Water Cruise New Member Orientation Tour w/ Club Manager and Napa River Boat Ride 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm VYC Luau Potluck 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
11 VYC Blue Water Cruise	**12** Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games VYC Blue Water Cruise	**13** VYC Blue Water Cruise Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 am - 9:00 pm	**14** VYC Blue Water Cruise Wednesday Night Race Series: George Van Dolson #2 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	**15** VYC Blue Water Cruise	**16** VYC Blue Water Cruise Welcome OYC: (6 boats) John England Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	**17** VYC Blue Water Cruise Welcome OYC: (6 boats) John England Race: Champions of Champions 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm St Vinnie's Fundraiser 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
18 VYC Blue Water Cruise Welcome OYC: (6 boats) John England	**19** Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	**20**	**21** Wednesday Night Race Series: George Van Dolson #3 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	**22**	**23** Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	**24** Sock Hop 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
25	**26** Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	**27** Leadership Vallejo Presentation 5:30 Pm - 8:00 Pm	**28** Wednesday Night Race Series: George Van Dolson #4 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	**29** VYC General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	30 Welcome: Richmond YC Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	1 Vallejo's Waterfront Weekend Welcome: Richmond YC Chili Cook Off 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Waterfront Weekend Challenge Race & Regatta (all boats welcome- racing or not!) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

VYC Historian 2015–2016

Election Time!

Time to cast your vote for Rear Commodore and two (2) new Board of Directors. Due to the number of candidates running, space is limited in this month's Binnacle. Therefore, my article will be short. In the past, shipmates were instructed to come to the Club to vote in person. Due to a by-law change in 1987, ballots for officers were mailed out for the first time. This change allowed for more shipmates to participate in the election as it was easier and more convenient. You should receive your ballot by Monday, September 5th. The deadline for voting is Friday, September 16th. Should you mail your ballot, it has to be postmarked by September 16th. You can also bring your ballot to the Club. Be sure it is put in the ballot box. The ballots will be tallied on Saturday, September 17th. Results will be posted the same day on the Club bulletin board. I have worked on all aspects of Vallejo Yacht Club elections and am available to answer any questions you may have. You can call me on my cell phone: (925) 451-7231.

BE SURE TO VOTE!

This is your opportunity to voice your preference.

Toni Borges, Historian

THE SHIP'S STORE

Hello Shipmates,

It's luau time again. Do you have your Aloha shirt? Check out our selection in the Ship's Store. Our summer sale rack is getting very skimpy thanks to all of our members shopping for bargains. We still have a few great pieces left so come in and browse our rack! Don't forget you can still get GVR merchandise at www.pirateslair.com. They also carry merchandise from other regattas and America's Cup merchandise.

Wishing you all calm seas and smooth sailing!

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson

BOARD CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

The dock project is coming sooner than you think. The start will include the entire south headwalk and B/C docks. Berthers there might want to start emptying dock boxes. We will make special arrangements for owners to move their boats to the City marina for the brief time the new docks will be installed--date will be announced soon.

Thanks to Bill Zerby and all his "minions" for having so many great events for the Club. I'm sure there are many more to come. And thanks to all who help this Club to grow and be the great place it is. Keep it up! I encourage everyone to find us a new member. Our membership has grown but with rebuilding the harbor and other capital projects that we need to do, we must continue to increase our Club's income. Let's trim for speed and get it done!

—*Ken Leslie*, Chairman of the Board

PORT CAPTAIN REPORT

I have a new helper, Richard. Mid-August I started his training and he will be making repairs in the harbor on Mondays. Please say "hi" and welcome him whenever you see him.

— Ralph Hyde, *Port Captain*

PICYA REPORT

The PICYA August 2016 Delegates' Dinner meeting was held at the Sacramento Yacht Club, on the Sacramento River, on Monday, August 1st. VYC PICYA delegate Maggie Sabovich and husband Roger Karlsrud attended this meeting, earning VYC four Club of the Year Points.

This year we awarded the four $2500 college scholarships to the winners of our scholarship competition at our August delegate meeting. Twenty seven applicants submitted their applications this year.

The PICYA Youth Perpetual Cup Regatta was held in conjunction with the BAYS #3 Regatta on July 23-24 and was hosted by Sequoia Yacht Club and the Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation. There was separate scoring based on the age and year in school requirements of the PICYA Deeds of Gifts for the Youth Regatta.

The PICYA Staff Commodores Perpetual Youth Sailing Trophy was awarded to the Club with the best combined score for all four (4) divisions, which was the Encinal Yacht Club

PICYA is hosting its 20th Annual Wheelchair Regatta on Saturday, September 24th at the Encinal Yacht Club. This annual event provides 300 veterans, many in wheelchairs, an opportunity to have a two hour cruise down the Oakland Estuary and along the SF waterfront. On their return, these veterans are treated to a picnic barbeque lunch and live entertainment on the grounds of the Encinal Yacht Club, plus are given gift bags containing personal care items to take back with them.

Most of our honored vets live in Northern California Veteran's Homes and Hospitals. This event could not happen were it not for the volunteers from our PICYA member yacht clubs, who donate the power boats to take the veterans out on the Bay, donate the funds for the food and drinks for this event, prepare the dishes and cookies for the luncheon, barbeque the hamburgers and hot dogs, lift the disabled veterans in their wheelchairs onto and off the power boats, take time to talk to the vets while they enjoy their boat trip and luncheon, and set up and take down the chairs, tables, and tents. We still need volunteer power boats and skippers, money for the food and drinks, cookies baked by the various yacht club bakers for desserts and gifts to the vets, personal care items for the veterans' gift bags, donated wine for the skippers' gift bags, and funds for the food for the skippers' dinner on Friday evening. PICYA member yacht clubs are urged to donate at least $250 each toward the food and drinks, plus red and white wine for the skippers' gift bags. And most importantly, club volunteers need to contact Linda Blue, PICYA Vice Commodore and Wheel Chair Regatta Chairman at 510-851-4387 or via e-mail at linda.a.blue@gmail.com to donate your boat for the afternoon or any of the other items needed for this event.

The annual PICYA Fall Management Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at the Loch Lomond Yacht Club, starting at 8 AM. There will be a representative from California's ABC there to present information as to how our yacht club bars should be managed with updates on the new laws.

The September PICYA Delegate's Dinner meeting will be held at the Oakland YC in Alameda on Monday, Sept. at 5 pm.

—Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

House Committee Report

"Do what you can, when you can, if you can." —Joe Balocca

As summer winds down, let's remember the warm days of September and October are coming--perfect time to come to the Club and enjoy a great afternoon on the deck. And as you sit there with our wonderful view and warm breeze, remember that I'm encouraging all members to sponsor/donate to cover the cost of this improvement to our Club. Give your donation to Club Manager Matthew Ceryes. Sponsor's/donor's names will be enshrined for all time on a plaque to commemorate your generosity to the Club.

After you've enjoyed your "sundowner," please remember to return all barware to the bar. If you feel the urge to be productive, please brush and rinse your glasses and place them in the washing tray.

Special thanks to Bill Plummer who is refinishing the benches on the deck, they look better than new, and to Michael Linnear who cut the weeds in the north storage lot. Thanks to all who have "lent a hand" to keep our house and grounds looking good.

—*Ken Leslie*, House Chairman

2016 VALLEJO YACHT CLUB **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS NOMINEES**

COMMODORE – **BOB LOCKHART**

I have served as dishwasher, Club Treasurer, Rear Commodore, and am currently your Vice Commodore. These past years have been a great experience in learning how things work at the Club. I am asking for your vote for Commodore, so that I may continue to be part of the management team at VYC. My goals are that we work together to 1) promote new memberships, 2) get as many members, both new and experienced, involved in more Club activities and 3) promote our current major projects, i.e. dredging and dock replacement / improvement in a fiscally responsible manner. I appreciate your support and look forward to a fun and productive year at Vallejo Yacht Club.

VICE COMMODORE – **RICK BASTIEN**

Hello Shipmates, I have been honored to serve as your Rear Commodore this last year. I have enjoyed making friends and helping out in various activities around the VYC. I chaired a successful crab feed fundraiser that almost didn't happen, but in the end it all came together, also a very nice Opening Day ceremony.

I'm a second generation Club member. My parents joined the VYC in the 70's. I joined in 1991 and enjoyed beer can races, as well as many Club activities and making new friends. My employment forced me to leave the Club in 1996 and move to So. California.

I have some ideas that I think would help the Club move forward, increasing activities, boating events and membership. If I am confirmed for the office of Vice Commodore, I will do the very best job that I can.

REAR COMMODORE – **GINA BARBOSA**

I moved to Vallejo from Santa Clara for a new job, and a fresh start, making friends and of course to sail. I sure found all that at Vallejo Yacht Club, and look forward to each and every time I pop in for a quick hello, or to attend some of our awesome member events. I'm honored to be on the ballot for the position of Rear Commodore, and know that I can bring a fresh perspective to not only the role of Rear Commodore, but also bring some fresh ideas that will grow our membership with some new faces, who have a passion to sail and be a part of such a solid family of sailors and historians who are so full of great memories of the Club.

I have always loved the ocean and the beauty and challenge of being on the water, and in 2005 I discovered a passion for sailing after a 4th of July sunset sail with friends. I fell in love with sailing instantly. Unfortunately, my life's journey had its own timing and my sailing days were detoured for almost 10 years as I finished raising my kids and working through a successful career as an Art Director and Designer.

For the last 3 years I've been sailing with friends and working through my certifications, crewing and racing all over the San Francisco Bay from Vallejo, Berkeley, Sausalito to South Bay. Then, nearly a year and a half ago I found myself shopping for a sailboat of my own. I own a 28' US Yacht Sloop, made by Bayliner by the name of Sweet Alexandra and sail her 1-2 days a week.

Last October I started my own sailing network with Meetup.com which I originally created to build a crew list for my boat. I named the group "Castaways n' Salty Sailors." The sailing group is about bringing newbie sailors and experienced sailors together to learn from each other. Now I have over 140 dedicated members sailing with me several times a week. My hope is to continue to grow my group, and use it to help grow our membership at VYC, so if you see me sitting around with 4-5 new faces, come say hello to my newbie sailors and share a story or two.

Yes, I've been bitten by the sailing bug and now sail as much as I possibly can. I still have so much to learn and have been plenty lucky to be friends with so many great VYC sailors who continue to mentor and encourage me. I'm looking forward to being more hands-on and helping get some fresh ideas flowing through the Club, building our membership with new lady sailors like myself, and inspiring some new events that can generate income and awareness for our Club. Thanks again for considering me as Rear Commodore… Onward!

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REAR COMMODORE – **WENDELL SNYDER**

I am the Commodore of Glen Cove Yacht Club. This is my 2nd year as Commodore. I am the PICYA delegate for Glen Cove YC and have been for 3 yrs. I am the alternate delegate for Vallejo YC. I am interested in helping to maximize Vallejo YC presence and impact in the Bay Area. I am also interested in maximizing volunteer participation at Vallejo YC through use of volunteer's experiences and skills.

REAR COMMODORE – **BILL ZERBY**

Elections Are Here!
Please Vote
Do not vote for someone you like
Do not vote for someone you dislike
Vote for someone who is active and sees a future for the Vallejo Yacht Club!!!

DIRECTOR – **MIKE COLEMAN**

Hello fellow Vallejo Yacht Club shipmates. My name is Mike Coleman and I am running for a seat on the Vallejo Yacht Club Board of Directors. I have been a member of Vallejo Yacht Club for approximately 34 years and have served on committees including Long Range Planning and Harbor Seawall Improvements. I have a boat in the harbor and enjoy the VYC racing program. I am a graduate of California State University, Sacramento, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. At this time I am enjoying a wonderful retirement with my wife, Rhonda. We have traveled the world and look forward to more adventures in the future.

It's been my pleasure to serve as a Board of Director for three, three-year terms, including one year as your Chairman of the Board. Many improvements in the Club over that period have made VYC one of the best clubs in the Bay Area for working class members, but there are more issues that need addressing. They include the replacement of our dilapidated docks, ongoing dredging, and improvements to our much loved clubhouse.

DIRECTOR – **SCOTT GREEN**

Ever since I was a kid, I have always been thrilled by life on the water, in all manners of craft and across the globe. Coupled with this drive is my intense fascination with maritime history. It must've been fate that brought my career to just such a life mixing all of the above! Moreover, my career as an engineer and instructor is simply the manifestation of this passion. In fact, I believe that it is in the area of "teaching" that the VYC should and must grow: teaching about boats; about the art of sail; about how a boat works and how to fix things when they don't work right (and how to keep them from breaking in the first place); maybe even teaching kids how to build a boat. Being invited into the Club was a thrill, and it is my deepest hope that I may assist in guiding this amazing institution, with all its rich history, into the future. But frankly, the times for all yacht clubs have become very challenging, this one most especially. As our membership ages, as our facilities wear out, we simply have no choice but to explore new and exciting ways of doing things - ALL the time, not just on race days and Friday nights. This parking lot needs to be filled constantly, with laughter and light streaming from our windows. I look around and see so much potential for activities that just is not realized. And I believe it is through sharing our Club with more people, and through teaching the community about the vast range of maritime fun to be had that we can survive and thrive. But we also need to hold ourselves to a standard of conduct; we need to hold to our own rules and mandates of decency. It is only in these ways can we ever hope to grow. I therefore humbly ask for your support by appointing me to your Board of Directors. Thank you deeply and here's to happy fun for all!

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DIRECTOR – JOLIN HALSTEAD

We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch it, we are going back from whence we came. JFK

When the kids were grown, a change from my Napa home of 25 years was in order. I sought a more diverse community. I researched and soul searched. Northern CA, again I wondered? What about Boulder, Portland, Italy, Spain? Should I go back to my midwest roots? After much introspection, research and reflection, I navigated my way to VALLEJO. . . she became my obsession! I purchased a property and shortly thereafter joined the VYC seeking to gather my new extended family in community. Everyone knows lovers of water are keepers of the kingdom, and I wanted to embrace and be embraced in my new kingdom. Vigilantly, I assembled a sizable group of like-minded women, and we began meeting at the Club once a month. I went about gathering a vibrant group of individuals all actively seeking to empower and embrace the gifts and challenges of our community. Uniting our gifts and talents and embracing the value of common sense and common cause, we quickly grew an effervescent formidable "team". Like bees to a hive we took our places and responsibilities seriously and with grace and alacrity, we began to structure, strategize and collaborate with accountability, leadership and transparency. There was a place for everyone and everyone had a place. Each one of us no matter what the job, big or small, was important to the whole. We embraced one another's differences and OUR common causes. We always started with a "PURPOSE and INTENDED RESULT". We championed the meaning of "COMMUNITY". From that point forward, we could take on the collective hopes and dreams in OUR community. We called this process "GOing VITAL".

I'd also decided to run for Vallejo City Council. Two months later my baby brother had a Traumatic Brain Injury and I was called away to keep him alive and help him thrive. I continue that today. "Pilot of the sea and sky" we call him, Matthew is my "sidekick". You'll find him sleeping on the sofa when he's at the Club or just BEing around a crowd of souls that he can relate to. Come say hi. He doesn't bite, he might bark, but most often he'll love you like nobody loves you.

I am a serial entrepreneur. I am a humanitarian. I have notable skills in design, event production, fundraising, organization, sales, marketing, advocacy, holistic healing, parenting and LIFE. My skills pale in the face of my mantra ~ Love deeply, live vitally. My mother and father, my best teachers and mentors taught me to LOVE deeply, live passionately, give more than you take, buy the best and cry only once (and that has nothing to do with $$$), be kind and generous, speak your truth and tell the truth, GIVE MORE. LOVE MORE.

I have been a member of many yacht clubs in many countries along my years. If I hale the gift of representing this extraordinarily different and very special Vallejo Yacht Club, I promise to stand for nothing more and nothing less than what I have described herewith in my testimonial of who I am and how I have been raised to live a life worth living. You can always find people that speak to the "ME" generation. The question at the end of the day is… who are the people who will speak for the "WE" generation.

In kind heART. LOVE deeply. LIVE VITALLY. Everything else pales.

"We are more alike my friends than we are un-alike." Maya Angelou

DIRECTOR – JACK REMINGTON

I spent 4 years, US Navy, 21 months in the p.i., and 2 years 3 months on the USS Interdictor Agr-13. We were part of the d.e.w. Live and NORAD. We were on duty during the Cuban Blockade. Our ship was on a standoff with a Russian sub for 3 days, when the Russians removed all the missiles from Cuba.

After the Navy, I did a lot of jobs for the operating engineers local #3 then came to Mare Island where I worked for a total of 33 years as a rigger on new construction and refueling nuclear subs in the dry docks.

I've been a member for about 7 or 8 years and I've been on the Race Committee for 2 or 3 years. If I'm elected to the Board, I will learn more about the Club and I hope I can benefit all of the members by doing a good job.

DIRECTOR – TONY WILLIAMS

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DIRECTOR – JERRY PUGLIA

I have lived in Vallejo for the past seven years and I'm looking forward to serving on the Board of Directors at the VYC because I want to use my energy in a positive way and have my voice count.

A few of my qualifications are that I served 6 years in the Connecticut National Guard. At age 22, still in Connecticut, I founded and became the President of my own corporation named Custom Wood Design which I sold for a profit after 10 years.

After moving across the country to California, I created and owned a business in Marin for three years named Personal Business Services. After that I took a position for one year as the project manager of a $15 million resort named Coccoloba on the island of Anguilla in the British West Indies.

Last year, I was Vice Commodore of the Glen Cove Yacht Club. As of today, and the past 7 years, I'm Captain of the Vallejo Senior Center Bocce team.

In summary, I would appreciate your vote for a position as a Director on the Board of our great Club, the Vallejo Yacht Club. I have been a member in the Club for over a year now and I'm sure you have seen me working in the galley.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2
Chicken Marsala with Buttered Egg Noodles
Sautéed Green Beans with Shallots and Thyme
Simple Salad Vinaigrette • Bread and Butter
Peach Crisp á la Mode

September 9
Niman Ranch Meatloaf
Creamy Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Broccoli Salad • Bread and Butter
Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

September 16
Prawn Scampi with Fettuccini Alfredo
Asparagus
Big Beautiful Salad • Bread and Butter
Strawberry Shortcakes with Soft Cream and Berry Sauce

September 23
Niman Ranch Carnitas
Green Rice
Black Beans
Lime Cilantro Coleslaw
Warm Tortillas
Homemade Salsa
Flan

September 30
Marinated and Grilled Niman Tri Tip with Olive Relish
Roasted Rosemary Garlic Potatoes
Tomato and Eggplant Gratin
Big Beautiful Salad
Bread and Butter
Warm Brownies with Ice Cream

Proposed 2016 Cruise-Out Schedule

October 28-30 . . . . . Point San Pablo Yacht Club Halloween Cruise

Noble Brown, Cruise Director

Mandy Novotny and Sponsors

In early July, I was fortunate to walk into the Club and inquire about membership. The members were very friendly and welcoming and I felt I could develop a great community for myself here. I also decided to become a member to explore my desire to sail and eventually buy a sailboat of my own. My two teenage children are also interested in learning to sail which creates a family hobby/interest for us to share. Fun facts about me: I am an ordained deacon of the Presbyterian Church, have officiated weddings, am a real estate agent specializing in Contra Costa, Solano, Sonoma, Napa and Marin Counties, am in love with the water, and I live in Glen Cove. I am originally from Bellingham, Washington and moved to California in 1999. I owned and operated an in-home caregiving company for the elderly and disabled for nearly 10 years all over Northern California before selling it and transferring into the real estate industry. I look forward to meeting all of the Vallejo Yacht Club members and enjoying many good times together!

HOT ROD BBQ 2016

People's Choice Award

Beautiful Classic Runabout

The 4th Annual Hot Rod BBQ was once again a success! As always, the cars started lining up at 8 am. Luckily Mary Morrow (my partner in crime and Rock-a-Billy style today) was on-hand to help me get folks registered. Then the pros, Laura and Anji, arrived-thank you! The bartender was ready with our customary Bloody Mary's and the day was off and running.

This year we had a couple of new features. First, the BBQ Rib Cook-Off that was organized by the Vallejo Yacht Club. We had guest chefs from VYC, the good folks at Rebuilding Together Solano County and, of course, representing Boyz Under the Hood, Jimmy Folan, who walked away with First Prize! I've gotten great feedback on the Cook-Off. Terrific job, Jim Glenn and crew, for putting this together! Also new this year was a live auto auction - a cool 36' Ford complete with rumble seat. We didn't get the car sold but it was a fun addition to the day. Fortunately, after a cool morning the sun came out just in time for lunch and live music. Later, Mary and I decided on an impromptu photoshoot, so thanks to all of you who let us pose on your cars.

Rebuilding Together Solano County did a ton of work with their raffle, silent auction and morning breakfast tent. RBTSC also provided extra trash cans and a port-o-let for the day. They had a very successful day and have some new funds for the important work that they do. RebuildingTogetherSolanoCounty.org

Special thanks to Barbara Brown for saving us and doing the embroidery on the prizes: burgees and aprons with (oops my fault) no lead time.

This year Boyz Under the Hood skipped the fundraising and just had a party – hope you had a good time! Kerry and I so appreciate the support of the Vallejo Yacht Club and the Boyz! Thank you so much for spending the day with us.

Kerry & Jennifer Scott

And the Winners are:

People's Choice – 1949 Red Packard • Commodore's Choice – 1929 Red Roadster

Admiral – 1929 Silver Model A Pick-up • Fleet Captain – Black 55 Ford Wagon

West Marine Pacific Cup

Written by Jack Vetter's Son, Travis

Jack, Travis, and Nicholas Vetter, Stephen Kennery, Mark Littlefield, and our Pacific Cup Grandfather, Dennis Ronk.

More Water! More Wind! More and More and More…

In 1996 Jack Vetter agreed to doublehand the Pacific Cup with Dennis Ronk, who also agreed to bring my brother and me (18 and 19 at the time) on the return journey. That trip began a 20-year arc of Pacific Cups, which we wrapped up last month with the fastest, most hectic installment yet. On July 12, skipper Jack Vetter, navigator Travis Vetter, crew Nicholas Vetter (brother), Stephen Kennery (uncle) and fellow traveler Mark Littlefield set sail from SF. We began a 2070nm voyage with 40 gallons of diesel, 90 gallons of water, and some nylon on the good ship Nota Bene.

The 2016 race was a blast. Starting in 1520kts of wind, we sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge and into the Pacific Ocean. After a brief escort from some whales, the breeze picked up to 30+ as we pushed offshore and into the first night. It barely abated the rest of the race. Variable winds between 22 and 30+kts for over a week can stress boat and crew, but also push Nota Bene, a Beneteau Oceanis 411, over the 2070nm course in 10 days, 19 hrs, and 14 minutes! A full day and a half faster than the boat's previous best and over 2 days faster than our 2006 division winning run aboard TuttoBene. Big waves, troughs like chasms and big bow waves accentuated many day runs over 200nm.

Alas, "adventure" comes with hurdles! Seasickness, refrigerator issues, and all manner of gear failure is just part of the experience. I don't know what an 18klbs boat feels like in the middle of the night under full size 1.5oz kite in 40k ts of breeze… I was asleep… I can only tell you about the cleanup. Driver, grinning, "It felt like a freight train!" So we switched to the backup 1.5 'shy' kite, already reinforced underway as the corners visibly disintegrated from the continuous high loads. Did I mention our friend Darby, our post hurricane tropical depression? While some boats were forced to wait hundreds of miles from the islands, our last few days became a race to get there first. Nota Bene was in a 'comfortable' position ahead of Darby by about 1218hours… "We'll be ok as long as we don't break anything else in the next 700nm." It was a wild ride! There were so many stories, some of Nota Bene's PacCup and Return can be read at https://notabene411.blogspot.com and others from the fleet at www.pacificcup.org .

While this Pacific Cup was memorable for wind, boat speed and so many stories throughout the fleet, it was a nostalgic one for us. The Vetter Sailing Adventure started in 1989 on a Hobie 16 and has been a constant source of joy, experience, challenge and growth. There will be no shortage of sailing escapades with my family in the future, but wrapping up our Pacific Cups together helps us appreciate them all a little more. For each of these experiences as a family, I am grateful to my father for knowing the value found and retained in each endeavor and for making it possible, to the many friends and family who committed so much to fulfill our goals and dreams. To Uncle Steve for always being game for more and to my incredible brother for his constant strength and wisdom. The story is not complete without further recognition of Dennis Ronk, to whom my father, brother and I are forever indebted for his inspiration. In 1996 he took our Bay and expanded it to an Ocean, and forever the World is more grand and more within reach.

Travis Vetter, Nota Bene

September Birthdays

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LF Anna Van Dolson	9/4
Rocco Messina	9/5
George Leatham	9/7
Susan Snider	9/8
Phyllis Parker	9/8
Tammie Jennings	9/11
Linda Kuykendall	9/11
Judith Ohrt	9/11
Bill Pendola	9/11
Michael Heil	9/12
Jeff Dickey	9/13
Susan Smith	9/15
Gary Cicerello	9/16
Marietta Petersen	9/16
Sandra Lee	9/21
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P/C Karen Ramsey	9/22
Gwen Bradley	9/23
Bob O'Connor	9/23
Carol Eifert	9/25
Robbie Ann Gabriel	9/25
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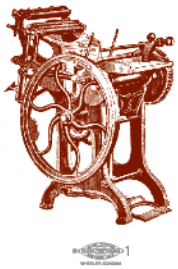

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