



December 2017

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Happy Holidays!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2
Lighted Boat Parade

December 9
Kids Christmas Party • 12pm to 4pm

December 13
VYC Card Ladies Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 15
Members Christmas Party
Potluck Only • 6:30 to 10:00

December 31
New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance





COMMODORE REPORT Rick Bastien, Commodore

Hello shipmates,

By the time you all read this, the dredge should be finished (fingers crossed). Thank you for your patience. I know some of us were displaced during the dredging. The fall

fashion show was a great time. Thank you to Barbara Brown, Gail Hall and all of the models. Our Thanksgiving dinner was a great success. Thanks to Ed and Jeanie Baker for cooking the turkeys, Toni Borges, Jerry Benkowski, Margot MacKerrow, Keith Clark, Bill Zerby and everyone who brought a dish.

That was just the beginning of the holiday season. We look forward to more events coming up.

Saturday Dec. 2 Lighted boat parade, fun and drinks (bring snacks) - 5pm

Saturday Dec. 9 Kids Christmas party with Santa

Claus, noon - 3pm

Friday Dec. 15 Adult Christmas and potluck, music TBA

Monday Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

Sunday Dec. 31 New Year's Prime Rib Dinner & Dance. Live Music with the Darrel DW Edwards Band. We welcome them back.

Be sure to check the events calendar and sign up on the bulletin board or the office. Let's have a fun and safe holiday season.

Currently there is an opening for the position of House and/or Social Director. Please contact myself or Bill Zerby for more information about the position(s).

Fair winds

— Rick Bastien, Commodore



VICE COMMODORE Cameron Kriens, Vice Commodore

On the Vice side...

The date for the Great Vallejo Race has been set for next year April 28-29, 2018. Please let me know if anyone is interested in helping. Our stated club purpose is to "promote and encourage yachting and related social

activities." The Great Vallejo Race is the perfect event to maximize and realize our mission. I hope all of our members will come to enjoy this event.

As for the Port Report, the harbor basin and fairways are being dredged. We have approximately sixty boats to move around to accommodate the dredgers. With winter upon us, it is advised that berth holders inspect their lines and riggings. It's been very busy around the Port, and the Port crew has stepped up to every challenge. I'm hoping we can get some rest in December to celebrate our solid year and holiday season.

— Cameron Kriens, Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE REPORT Bill Zerby, Rear Commodore

Winter is with us! Time to start thinking about boating next year, visiting other yacht clubs and how their reciprocity works. While I was researching the topic of reciprocity with other yacht clubs, I found

reciprocity is like a boat owner; no two are the same. Further searching found the following article written by an unknown author for PICYA; it's an excellent refresher and worth reading. My thanks to PICYA for the article.

Reciprocity Between Clubs

Questions often arise about issues of reciprocity between yacht clubs and the role of PICYA with respect to this matter. There are 108 yacht clubs and boating organizations in PICYA, each unique in size, structure, membership interests, and facilities. Therefore, it must be the responsibility of each club to develop its own program of activities and its own policies and procedures about reciprocity with other clubs. There is nothing automatic about reciprocal privileges despite the fact

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that uninformed individuals and organizations pass this word along. While we believe that all our member clubs have a spirit of sportsmanship and friendliness toward other boaters, we support every club's right and responsibility to establish its own policies with respect to visiting privileges. Reciprocity is a privilege not a right.

Visiting Protocol and Courtesies of Clubs

If your club does not already have a policy on reciprocity and non-member privileges, work with your Board to develop one. In addition to the courtesy that extends to both your members and your guests, it may be important for compliance with requirements of taxing authorities and the Alcoholic Beverage Control if you

sell such beverages at any time. A club is no different from a person's home with respect to guests. Most yacht clubs in NCA reciprocate with other clubs on a formal basis through the exchange of reciprocal cards that are issued on an annual basis. Post the comparable cards that you receive so that mutual arrangements can be made between port and fleet captains or individual members. Be aware of the requirements of the ABC in this regard. These reciprocal privileges are not intended to entitle guests unlimited use of the other's facility. Under no circumstances should a yachtsman assume that all yacht clubs are reciprocal and before requesting entrance, you should check with the club.

— Bill Z., Rear Commodore

SAFETY REPORT



Have you ever wondered what you might do in a medical emergency? If you do, you might want to know where the club first-aid kit is located. Both the first-aid kit and the automated external defibrillator (AED) are mounted to the wall next to the club office.

The house fire extinguisher is located there as well. Take a look next time you're in the clubhouse. And what would you do if a boat was taking on water? You'd want to lend a hand to dewater the boat of course. There are two submersible pumps along with an extension cord in the yellow dock box located on the guest dock.

It's been suggested the Safety Committee develop a crisis management plan. This plan could include responses to incidents such as medical emergencies, fire, severe weather or even an active shooter. Any and all suggestions are most welcome. Please email your Safety Chair: Jeffhorn@comcast.net with any ideas you might have. Thanks.

DID YOU KNOW?

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. This month's highlights are:

IX. 5: Each member shall be responsible for his or her conduct and the conduct of his or her family or guests. Loud, boisterous conduct and the use of profanity or otherwise offensive language will not be tolerated.

Let's keep things positive. After all, this is our happy place. You probably know we have a few "live aboards", known as extended stay, in our club. Great to have them for the security of our club. Our insurance allows for up to ten-per-cent extended stay and we are there. Thank you extended stay berthers!

— Jeff Dickey, Safety Committee Chairperson

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BOARD CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

What a year we've had! The club's net income has far surpassed everyone's expectations. The B/C dock repair project has been completed. The harbor has been dredged. We have repaired harbor gangways. The number of events has increased, and our membership is growing. There's only one thing to say about all these . . . FULL STEAM AHEAD!

All this growth would not have been possible without the hard work of so many members. A million thanks to all who have "done what they could, when they could, if they could." And thanks to all who have come to enjoy these events and all that our wonderful club has to offer. The VYC is definitely becoming "our happy place."

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or Solstice, the coming holidays and New Year will be busy at the club. I encourage all to check out the club calendar to see what's going on and come to enjoy the good times . . . and bring your friends. Want to help with an event? Just ask an officer or Club Manager Matthew Ceryes . . . or any member. Your efforts will be gratefully appreciated.

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! Full steam ahead, Donner and Blitzen!

— Ken Leslie, Chairman of the Board

VYC Card Ladies' Annual Christmas Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Time: 12:00 noon at the restaurant
11:30 AM at the Yacht Club to carpool

Place: Front Room by the Wharf Restaurant

All ladies are invited to join us and you may bring a guest.

Deadline to sign up will be Monday, December 11.
Please check the bulletin board at the Yacht Club to sign up.
For more information, please call Toni Borges (925-451-7231)

PICYA REPORT



PICYA's annual Fall Awards Dinner was held on Monday, November 6th, at the Encinal Yacht Club, and awards for 2017 Club of the Year and various individual Meritorious Awards were presented that evening. VYC PICYA Delegate Maggie Sabovich, husband Roger Karlsrud, and Alternate VYC PICYA Delegate Wendell Snyder were present for this event.

The 2017 Club of the Year Award was presented to the San Jose Sailing Club and the Ebony Boat Club this year, as they both accumulated over 250 Club of the Year points to qualify them as Five Star Clubs.

The 2017 Douglas Boswell Yachtsman of the Year Award went to PICYA Jr. Staff Commodore Liz Allison of the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club and the Aeolian Yacht Club.

The Robert S. Olson memorial Poseidon Award recipient was PICYA Jr. Staff Commodore Lenora Clark of the Ebony Boat Club.

The Condon Award went to Kevin Vanstory of the Benicia Yacht Club.

The Jo Bates Memorial Delegate of the Year Award winner was presented to David Breninger of the California Carver Club, the Ox Bow Yacht Club, the Stockton Yacht Club and the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians.

The Admiral Chester W. Nimitz U S Navy Perpetual Trophy was received by the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club.

The Club Meritorious Service Award went to the Encinal Yacht Club.

The Lloyd Ryland trophy was awarded to Editor Bill Wells of the Bay and Delta Yachtsman publication, who is also a member of the Classic Yacht Association.

The Bay and Delta Yachtsman Public Service Award went to the Sequoia Yacht Club.

The Edwin H. Wilder Perpetual Trophy for the best newsletter was awarded to The San Jose Sailing Club, 1st Place, the Stockton Yacht Club, 2nd Place, and the Pittsburg Yacht Club, 3rd Place.

The next PICYA event will be PICYA's 25th Annual Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers, which will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Sequoia Yacht

Club in Redwood City. Winston Bumpus will be installed as the 2018 PICYA Commodore, along with his Officers and Directors. No host cocktails will start at 5:30 PM, with dinner at 7 PM and Installation of Officers at 8 PM, with music and dancing to follow. Please RSVP by January 17th, 2018. Reservations will be \$85 per person. Seating at Sequoia is limited, so please sign up early. For reservations, please go PICYA's website at www.picya.org

Latest RBOC news...

Recreational Boaters of California has been working on these issues this fall:

FALL 2017 BOATER BRIEF

- Drinking Alcoholic Beverages while Operating Vessels
- Elimination of Mortgage Interest Deduction on Second Homes
- Vessels Eligible to Use Distinctive Blue Lights
- Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Tax Increase
- Court-ordered Impoundment of Vessels
- Ban on Smoking in State Parks or on Beaches
- Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Fee
- Ban on Nonbiodegradable Toxic Chemicals for Vessel Waste Facilities
- \$3.5 Billion Parks Bond
- Delta Water Contractor Costs - Benefits, Delta Plan, Policy
- Local Emergencies - Harbor Improvement Districts

RBOC Directors are also meeting regularly online and in person to develop protocol for issues such as bills being introduced to take recreational boaters' money derived from their annual boat registrations and marine fuel taxes and apply it to removing sunken commercial vessels, in addition to recreational vessels.

Commercial vessels do not contribute to this fund, so therefore it is illegal to use the Department of Boating and Waterways funds from recreational boaters fees for these vessels. Frazier from Contra Costa County keeps introducing bills to use our funds to get rid of commercial vessels, when they have not established their own remediation fund.

RBOC continues to fight for the rights of boaters to have safe access to California's waterways...

— Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

VYC Historian 2016-2017



Living History – Past Commodore Clarence W. “Red” Fox

First, I would like to thank Commodore Rick Bastien for appointing me to the 2018 Historian position. As you know or didn't know, each year the new Commodore appoints the person to the Historian

position. I also want to thank PICYA for voting me the 2017 Lloyd Ryland Historian of the Year Award. It was an honor and a privilege to receive this award.

Now I would like share some living history - P/C Red Fox. The following is from the February 1987 Binnacle:

“On January 29, 1920 Clarence W. “Red” Fox joined the Vallejo Yachting and Rowing Club. He has been an active member of VYC longer than any member... 67 years. At the age of 22, Red served as the youngest Commodore in our club's history. In addition, he served as Commodore for four terms (1922, 1928, 1929, 1933); he also served on the Board of Directors, as well as holding many other offices throughout the years. One of his most distinguished contributions was the design and construction of the harbor, docks and walkways.

At the January 10th Change of Command dinner, Red Fox (now age 87) received awards from the City of Vallejo and VYC honoring him for exceptional leadership and service - this was the 65th anniversary of his first term as Commodore.”

If you have or have access to Vallejo Yacht Club's “The First 100 Years” history book, you will find Red on

many pages that tells of all the projects he worked on and accomplished during his amazing 70 years as a member of Vallejo Yacht Club.

I was fortunate to have known Red for 10 years. Shirley Burns, former office manager, stated in the 1990 October Binnacle: “We are all fortunate for having known him and loved him. His status as a legendary landmark of Vallejo Yacht Club will last as long as the club has a member.”

Have the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year ever!

— Toni Borges, Historian



It was an emotional moment for P/C Red Fox when he received an award from Vallejo's Mayor, Terry Curtola, presented by Councilman John

THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

December is here!!! The Ship's Store at VYC is your one stop shop for your favorite sailor!

It's getting cold out there on the water, and we have jackets to fit the need of all those water loving people on your list.

We have nautical Christmas Ornaments made

especially for our Ship's Store that will look wonderful on your Christmas tree or tied onto your Christmas presents. Come in and take a look!!

Most importantly, Merry Christmas to all of our wonderful shipmates at VYC!!

Barbara Brown

Ships Store Chairperson

— Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS FOR DECEMBER

December 1

Niman Ranch Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Big Beautiful Salad with Escarole, Fennel,
and Honeycrisp Apples with a
Shallot and Sherry Vinaigrette

Bread and Butter

Chez Panisse Ginger Cake with
Soft Cream and Berries

December 8

Cancelled for private party

December 22

Niman Ranch Teriyaki Tri Tip
with Scallions and Sesame

Jasmine Rice

Korean Noodles

Big Beautiful Salad with Cucumbers, Radishes,
Carrots, and a Rice Wine Vinaigrette

Bread and Butter

Almond Cake with Soft Cream and Tangerines

December 29

Linguine with Clams, White Wine,
Chilies, Lemon, and Herbs

Buttered Asparagus

Winter Lettuce Salad

Sourdough Bread and Butter

Chocolate Cake with Mocha Frosting

WELCOME TO PROSPECTIVE/NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Marie Moore and Doug April

Hello all, Doug and Marie here, thank you for the welcome! Both of us are prior Army. Doug is a pilot currently working for Axis Jet and Marie was a Cryptologic linguist/Intelligence Analyst. We previously worked together in the Army about 10 years ago, and as luck would have it, ran into each other 2 years ago after Doug retired and as Marie was finishing her 12-year enlistment.

Doug took Marie sailing, and true to form, Doug accidentally anchored us in Clipper Cove at Treasure Island just in time for the 2016 Super Bowl fireworks. The fireworks really sealed the deal, Marie's "10-year plan" died that day. We spent the next 6 months traveling/adventuring in a camper van, settled in El Paso for a year and now are living aboard the Millennium Falcon (AKA Millie) in Vallejo.

Doug, a Freedom aficionado, bought his first Freedom sailboat (F21) in the desert, Elephant Butte, NM. After lake sailing for 8 years, it was time to move up. He found "Millie" in Oxnard, CA in August 2014. She is a Freedom 33' Cat Ketch. His first passage was sailing Millie North to the Bay.

We plan to stay in Vallejo while Marie completes an Illustration degree at the Academy of Art. Our hope is that the Vallejo Yacht Club will "take us under their wing" while we outfit Millie for a world cruise and as Marie learns sail (so she can teach Doug).

Lighted Boat Parade



December 2

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Vallejo Waterfront
Soup and Sandwich by
"Jim" at 7:00 PM



New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance

*MUSIC BY DW EDWARDS &
"LIGHTING UP THE SOUL" SHOW*



PICTURES

If you attend any
of the Vallejo Yacht
Club events and take
pictures, please send
the pictures (jpegs)
to the Binnacle Editor

at rincesaman007@gmail.com
for inclusion in the Binnacle

Thanks.

It's Time To Winterize Your Boat



December Birthdays

Edward Stohsner	12/5
Jay Chagnon	12/5
Mary Kraybill	12/5
Ludmir Kyjosky	12/6
Richard J Bastien Sr.	12/7
Ken Hall	12/8
William Kreysler	12/8
Woodrow Shiflett	12/8
John Karuzas	12/9
Jean Chene	12/9
Steve Sechrist	12/10
Michael Carr	12/10
Scott Ingham	12/10
David Nadolne	12/11
Frank Mena-Gonzalez	12/12
Linda Lawless	12/12
James Sobolewski	12/14
John Cole	12/15
Jeremy Harvey	12/15
John Marshall	12/17
Jeffrey Berger	12/19
Dan Payne	12/20
Mike Weaver	12/21
Theresa Booth	12/26
Lew Bornschein	12/27
Carl Chaker	12/27
James Hendricks	12/27
Bill Zerby	12/27
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