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118th GREAT VALLEJO RACE

Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

VALLEJO YACHT CLUB OPENING DAY

Saturday April 15, 10 am



Kids' Easter Party

Saturday, April 15, 11 am - 1 pm



Opening Day on the San Francisco Bay

Sunday, April 23rd

See page 8
for important
information
about the VYC
Cruise-Out!

SAVE THE DATE

Vallejo Yacht Club Day at the Races

Friday, May 19 - Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley

Leaving VYC at 11:00 am - if you need a ride, please let Toni know

\$40.00 per person

For further information, contact Toni Borges at (925) 451-7231





COMMODORE REPORT Bob Lockhart, Commodore

The second Member/Prospective Member mixer & luncheon on Sunday, March 12, was well-attended and received many positive reviews. Thanks to all of the members who came to meet your prospective shipmates. Some of the applicants can be interviewed during the week and some only on weekends, so we will accommodate with this format as needed.

We are currently caught up with applications, so the next mixer will be announced via email, again as needed. New member and prospective pictures are on the bulletin board. Please review these, so you can recognize and greet the new people AND make them feel welcome.

The Jiggs Dinner on March 18 was a great success. I thank

Chef John Giordano for two days of hard work and great tasting food. I thank you, Cheryl, for helping in the galley and for the delicious desserts. April is a busy month at VYC, so please check the calendar! Opening Day was moved to April 15 in order to accommodate the PICYA attendees, so the Kids' Easter event will be on the same day. Watch for an email announcing the schedule for the day's events. Weekly racing begins Wednesday, April 5, with the Ochs Family Perpetual #1.

We will need to clean up the harbor, north lot, and clubhouse before the Great Vallejo Race, so let's volunteer early and often when the work parties are announced. Thanks. We still have a need for galley chefs and helpers on some Wednesdays and Fridays this year. Thank You, Bob 707-310-4275 bob.lockhart@sbcglobal.net

— Bob Lockhart, Commodore



VOICE OF THE VICE Rick Bastien, Vice Commodore

Hello Shipmates,

It's springtime and the VYC April calendar is loaded. Wednesday night races are back with the Ochs Family Perpetual #1 on 4/5, Breakfast Club meal and race #2 4/16, VYC Opening

Day 4/15, PICYA Celebrating 100 years on the Bay Opening Day is 4/23, VYC North Bay Series #1 4/22, cruise-out to Point San Pablo Yacht Club is 4/21, and don't forget Monday food and games and Friday dinners with Amy. Please come to work party on 4/1; lots to do to help our Club look nice and prepare for our big spring events, like the Great Vallejo Race 5/6-5/7.

Did I say the Great Vallejo Race!! Yep it's coming. We are

still contacting and looking for potential sponsors. We have many return sponsors from last year's race, but there is always room for more. Individual sponsorships are \$50 or \$100 and come with \$10 or \$20 in meal/drink tickets, as well as recognition. You may sign up in the office or with me. The volunteer sign-up sheet for the Race is on the easel near the bulletin board. There are lots of opportunities to help and we do need help. This race would not be a success without you!! We also need 1 or 2 zodiac type dinghies with operators for push boats inside the harbor. The Great Vallejo Race will be a Capt. Ron themed party, so get out your eye patches, pukka shells and Hawaiian shirts and let's have some FUN. It's springtime so come on out and enjoy your Club!

Fair winds.

— Rick Bastien, Vice Commodore



REAR REPORT Gina Barbosa, Rear Commodore

Greetings,

SAVE THE DATE!

Vallejo Yacht Club Opening Day, Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 am.

Opening Day is April 15 starting at 10 am with the flag raising and remembrance

of those members sailing the great beyond. Chaplain Jeannie Forte will conduct these ceremonies and the Blessing of the Fleet. Check out the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet if

you are participating in the boat parade festivities. We will be serving lunch so plan for a fun day of socializing and celebrating our Opening Day.

For those participating in the 100th PICYA Opening Day on the Bay parade on Sunday, April 23, the theme is "Cruising the Century." Be sure to check out the parade rules on their website because there are some new line-up guidelines.

Onward!

— Gina Barbosa, Rear Commodore

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Spring Cleaning WORK PARTY
2	3 Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	4	5 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES VYC Ochs Family Perpetual Race (#1) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	6 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 5 Board Meetings (Will Sumner 776-7237) 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	7 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	8 SOMIRA Whaleboat Race & Luncheon BAR (2 or 3)-YES! (180 folks!) 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
9 CMA CREW Celebration 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	10 Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm	12 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES VYC Ochs Family Perpetual Race (#2) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	13 Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 51 (Commander Phil Craig 707-260-4596 Norwood Maddry 208-9280) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	14 Friday LONGTABLE Dinner FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	15 Kids' Easter Party (tentative...) VYC Opening Day
16 The Breakfast Club (Meal & Race!) 9:00 am - 12:30 pm VYC Women's Book Club 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	17 Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	18	19 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES VYC Ochs Family Perpetual Race (#3) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	20	21 CRUISE-OUT to POINT SAN PABLO YC FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	22 CRUISE-OUT to POINT SAN PABLO YC VYC North Bay Series Race (#1) 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
23 CRUISE-OUT to POINT SAN PABLO YC PICYA Opening Day on the Bay TOM's MOM B-DAY (100 folks BAR-YES)	24 Monday Nights: Food & Fun & Games	25 Sol. County Retirement Private Party 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	26 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES VYC Ochs Family Perpetual Race (#4) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	27 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	28 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	29
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BOARD CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

Anticipation! And then more anticipation! But it's happening--the completion of the dock repair project is in sight. Weather delays have taken a toll, but workers and a hoard of great Club volunteers have worked hard to keep the task going. We all owe a million thanks to all who have spent time to get us this far. The B/C phase of docks should be complete the first part of April with dock boxes, water, and electricity to follow soon thereafter. And how soon can we get started on A dock?

The next big push will be to continue expanding our membership. There is much discussion of ways we can continue to grow, especially in younger age groups. (We might feel 35, but the gray hair gives us away.) The VYC Development Committee will have a booth at the Pacific Sail & Powerboat show April 6-9 to answer any questions show-goers might have about our Club and membership. Other great ideas include expanding Learn to Sail, becoming more involved with the CMA rowing club, and an "open boats" day each month to take members and guests out for a ride. Got an idea that could work? Share it.

I ask all members to come to the Club and enjoy the many events. Check the calendar or call the Club office to make plans. And when you come, bring friends. Every friend is a potential member and with increased membership comes more events--an upward spiral, if you will. And that spiral will help this Club flourish for another 116 years.

Full speed ahead!!

— Ken Leslie, Chairman of the Board

THE SHIP'S STORE

Hello Shipmates,



The first day of Spring is here!! It's time to do spring cleaning on your boat. It's also time to go through your sailing gear to see what is still usable, needs repair or replacement.

We have Sailorbag duffels and tote bags. Come in and look at our catalog now to order what you would like before racing/sailing season starts.

We have full finger and 3/4 finger sailing gloves, sunglasses, and sunglass croakies in the store, also hats and hat keepers and beanies for when it's cold!! Need matching shirts for your crew with your boat name? Come in and order them now!!

Looking forward to boating season this year!! May you have fair winds and calm seas!!!

Respectfully submitted by,

— Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson



VYC Historian 2016-2017

A Little Known Secret of Vallejo Yacht Club...



Have you ever wondered how the Prohibition times in 1921 impacted events at Vallejo Yacht Club? Well, there is a little known secret that occurred you might find interesting and definitely amusing. As you recall,

Prohibition was a time from 1920-1933 that did not allow the production, importation, transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages in the United States. Knowing that, how then did alcohol become 'the secret' at Vallejo Yacht Club?

In a front page October 31, 1921 Vallejo Evening Chronicle article, Police Judge Browne—Jack London's good friend and the same "Judge Ha Ha" who had suggested the Navy was being hypocritical in its anti-gambling stance—proposed a contract between the city and the Vallejo Yacht Club that would enable the Club to buy contraband booze seized in police raids. The liquor could be used to remove barnacles and old paint from boats, said Browne, an active yacht club member. "After endangering his olfactory organs this morning while determining that certain evidence in bottles was indeed 'likker', Judge Brown declared that the stuff would quickly remove barnacles and paint from copper bottoms of boats but would have to be removed quickly if the owners of the boats want to save the hulls," the article stated. The proposed

contract was just a joke, but the Yacht Club still had a way to get liquor without anyone noticing. Club member and longtime Vallejoan, Tom Ochs, says his father, Ralph Ochs, also a Yacht Club member, told him about a secret hatch in the Club, which during Prohibition was built on pilings over the water. The hatch, at the bottom of what appeared to be a janitor's closet in a bathroom, opened directly to the river. "When a boat with the hootch came in, that's where it would be pulled up," Ochs said. "And you could always tell when the stuff came in because some judge's car, or the mayor's car, or the police chief's car would be parked on the street in front of the Club."

Special thanks to Board of Director Tom Ochs and Brendan Riley (his father, Wyman Riley, served four consecutive terms as Board of Director, serving as Chairman from 1980-1982), who from their family archives, provided this fun and wonderful secret. In addition, this story was told to Tom Ochs by Joe Schlosser. Joe Schlosser was bartender of Vallejo Yacht Club during the time of Prohibition and is still the longest bartender to have served the Yacht Club. A picture of Joe can be seen on the back wall of the bar at the Club.

See you at Opening Day at the Yacht Club!

— Toni Borges, Historian

PICYA REPORT



The March PICYA meeting was held at the Benicia YC on March 6. VYC Delegate Maggie Sabovich, husband Roger Karlsrud, alternate VYC Delegate Wendell Snyder and 110 other delegates enjoyed a great salmon dinner. The next scheduled PICYA meeting will be held at the Pittsburg YC on April 3.

The PICYA Spring Leadership Conference was held on March

18 at the Martinez YC. Registration began at 8 AM with a Continental breakfast, and a chicken piccata luncheon served at noon. Fifty attendees enjoyed the program, which was packed with information about subjects of interest to every yacht club, and was organized and led by PICYA Rear Commodore Bill Gargan of the Sausalito Yacht Club. VYC Vice Commodore Rick Bastien represented the Vallejo Yacht Club, along with VYC PICYA Delegates Maggie Sabovich and Wendell Snyder.

The next major PICYA sponsored event will be PICYA's 100th Anniversary Opening Day on the Bay scheduled for Sunday, April 23 from 8:30 AM to 2:45 PM. The theme will be "Cruising the Century" celebrating Opening Days from 1917-2017, and the decorated boat parade theme can be from any event during that period, and may be nautical, scientific, historical, technological or from any event that has occurred during the past 100 years. To celebrate this historic event, PICYA invites the commodores from PICYA's 104 member yacht clubs to participate by appearing together on PICYA's Hornblower Committee Boat for an historic photograph to be taken while on board during the Opening Day Decorated Boat Parade, which will be passing by the committee boat. PICYA asks these commodores to appear in their official blue blazers and light or white pants for this photograph, which will forever mark this historic occasion.

To register for your cruise on the committee boat, or to register your boat to participate in the decorated boat parade, please go to www.picya.org, and click on the "registration" icon. The parade will feature over 100 historic workboats, fireboats, towboats, and classic and modern craft, all decorated to theme. Both power and sailboats will be competing for "best decorated" honors. Your boat and skipper must be registered in order to be considered for an award, and that has to be done at least a week ahead of the Opening Day event. This year's parade Grand Marshal

is Lt. Colonel John Morrow of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Each PICYA member club is asked to contribute their club's ship's store merchandise, wine, spirits or any other nautical gift items worth at least \$250, as these are the items that will be awarded to the 16 Decorated Boat Parade winning boat crew members. Some clubs also contribute gift baskets of their club merchandise which will be offered in an "opportunity drawing" onboard the Committee Boat.

The PICYA was founded in San Francisco on May 12, 1896 by five charter yacht clubs with Charles G. Yale of the San Francisco Yacht Club as its first President. This organization was formed in order to improve communication between yacht clubs, to provide uniform regional racing rules and to encourage yachting competition and activity. The five charter clubs and the years they were founded were: California Y.C. (1893), Corinthian Y.C. (1886), Encinal YC (1890), Pacific YC (1873) and the San Francisco YC (1869). South Bay YC, founded in 1888, joined PICYA in 1897.

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

VYC PICYA Delegate Maggie Sabovich was appointed to be one of 16 RBOC Directors in January 2017. She attended the annual "Meet your Legislators" Day in Sacramento on March 28, along with 15 other RBOC Directors, when she met with State Senator Bill Dodd along with several other legislators in order to solicit their support of legislation that impacts the rights of boaters in California. Current issues being addressed by the RBOC Board of Directors are listed below:

1. Boater fuel taxes should be used exclusively for boating programs and services.
2. No viable alternative paints are ready yet as a substitute for copper-based anti-fouling paints.
3. Boating under the influence should not be included on your DMV driving record.
4. Actions to mitigate invasive plant species are ongoing by the Dept. of Boating and Waterways thanks to the lobbying efforts of RBOC.
5. Take action today to protect your boat engine from the corrosive affects of higher ethanol gasoline by writing your California and national legislators. This higher ethanol content gas is being urged by the corn growers lobby in D.C.

Become a Friend of RBOC online by contributing \$20 a year to finance our lobbying efforts on behalf of California boaters. RBOC has 50 Years of Fighting for California Boaters' Rights. For more information go to www.rbo.org.

— Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

SAFETY REPORT

Hello Shipmates,



First Aid? How many of us are current with our American Red Cross First Aid Certificates? Or even have had one? I know my certification in CPR and first aid have expired. We are fortunate to have a location here in Vallejo where EMTs can get to us in short order. However, your Safety

Committee feels that short order just isn't as good as we can make it and having as many Vallejo Yacht Club members certified to give first aid would add to elevating the safety of our Club. How about you? Are you certified to give first aid? If not, would you be interested in taking a class to become certified? Let me know. I

think it's a good idea. As long as we are thinking first aid, do you know where the Club kits and defibrillators are kept? If not, please scout around and see where they are located. That knowledge just might save a life.



I'm sure you've heard the saying "Safety is no accident." I tell my high schoolers there is no such thing as an accident, just carelessness. Let's not be careless on our docks. I still see lots of water hoses, electrical cords and other clutter on our docks that are tripping hazards. As there is a place for everything, let's put everything in its' place and not on the docks.

— Jeff Dickey, Safety Committee Chairperson

Cruise-Out to Oakland Yacht Club



Vallejo Yacht Club Cruise Out - Destination Change

Due to shallow water at the Marin Yacht Club,
the cruise-out will be to the Point San Pablo Yacht Club.

April 21-23

PROPOSED 2017 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE

May 12 – 14Petaluma Yacht Club
June 23 – 25Napa Valley Yacht Club
July 14–23.....Delta Cruise (Sacramento)
August 11 – 13San Francisco Yacht Club (Commodore's Cruise)
September 8 – 17Bluewater Cruise
— *Noble Brown*, Cruise Director



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO VYC SHIPMATE
MARY KRAYBILL,
WHO JUST RECEIVED HER
CAPTAIN'S LICENSE!**

Way to go, Mary!



Michele Nolan and Ross Mosbarger



Philip Faires

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS FOR APRIL

April 14

Mary's Organic Fried Chicken

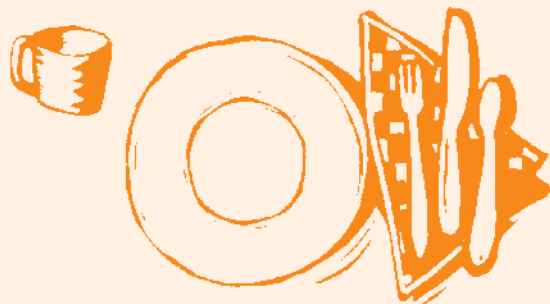
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Spicy Collard Greens

Big Beautiful Salad

Bread and Butter

Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp
with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream



Beer Can Race Dinner

Wednesday, April 19

Amy's Killer Homemade Niman Ranch Chili

Baked Potatoes with all of the Fixings

Big Beautiful Salad

Rice Crispy Treats

April 28

Mary's Organic BBQ Chicken

Warm Potato Salad Vinaigrette

Spring Succotash with Tomatoes and Basil

Garlic Bread

Blueberry Pudding Cake



April Birthdays

Andy Tittle	4/1
LF Brinkman Herman	4/3
Michael Linnear	4/3
Gabrielle Wunsch	4/6
Sarah Fraze	4/6
Charlein Sheets	4/6
Pat Patterson	4/7
Tony Williams	4/7
Jim David	4/8
Russ Taft	4/8
Arlene McDaniel	4/11
Bob Sorum	4/12
Cory Whitecotton	4/12
John Gray	4/13
Elizabeth Simpson	4/14
Javier Acha	4/15
Christian Frank San Miguel	4/16
Bill Thomas	4/16
Eric Ochs	4/17
Becky Berger	4/18
Thomas Prince	4/20
Deborah Lovett	4/20
Leslie Guth	4/21
LF Jerry Halteman	4/22
Joanne Koenig	4/22
Matthew Mack	4/23
David Bowman	4/24
Gary Callahan	4/24
William Schmid	4/24
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Bob Lockhart	4/27
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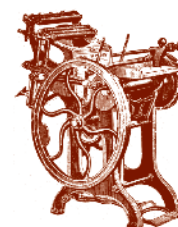
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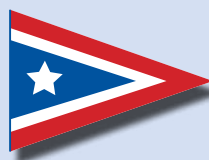
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