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January 8th

VYC Mid-Winter Race
1:00-4:00 PM

January 11th

Board of Directors Meeting
7:00-9:00 PM

January 14th-15th

Benicia Yacht Club Cruise In

January 16th

Sunday Brunch
10:00 AM-1:00 PM

January 27th

General Membership Meeting
7:30-8:30 PM

February 5th

Crab Feed
5:30-10:30 PM

February 8th

Board of Directors Meeting
7:00-9:00 PM

Monday Night NFL and MLB Fun

6:00-9:00 PM

Friday Night Happy Hours and Dinners!

5:30-7:30 PM



COMMODORE REPORT **Matt Hendricksen**

Hello Shipmates,
Happy New Year, Vallejo Yacht Club!
I had the pleasure of attending our holiday party a few weeks ago. It almost felt like old times, seeing everyone in the holiday spirit. It was

wonderful seeing everyone enjoy the new Christmas tree and decorations, door prizes and lottery tickets, delicious grub from Jim's galley and the decadent holiday drink specials from bar manager Dave and bartender Jen! Thank you social committee and everyone in attendance.

There is still much fun to be had down at the club. This month, we'll have another Midwinter Race on the 8th, Benicia Yacht Club cruise-in on the 14th-16th, a Sunday brunch on the 16th, as well as our continuing Monday fun and games. Be sure to check the calendar for any updates.

There are always opportunities to volunteer. Whether you want to tend bar, hammer a few nails, plan parties

or contribute ideas, you can help give back to the club. Reach out to me or the office at manager@vyc.org and we'll get you started.

During the membership meeting last month, we discussed some options for physical security at the club including adding a parking lot gate and possibly extra fencing. I've already received some great feedback from some members on how they'd like to see us move forward. If you have thoughts you'd like to share, please reach out and I will make sure everyone's thoughts are heard.

Lastly, the state of California is under a new state mask mandate through January 15th. We are also under an indefinite mask mandate from the City of Vallejo. Please be conscientious of your fellow crewmates and wear your mask while inside the clubhouse.

— *Matt Hendricksen*, Commodore
Email address: commodore@vyc.org



VICE COMMODORE REPORT **Jeremy Haydock**



Hello shipmates,
Another year has flown by! Here we are at the beginning of the year in 2022 with so much going on at the club. We have another race in the Midwinter race series on Saturday Jan 8th. The club is happy to welcome the Benicia

Yacht Club who are coming for a boat in cruise event the weekend of Jan 14th -15th. We also are still doing Monday night football gatherings to watch the game and socialize and eat.

The club Christmas party was a great success due to the diligent efforts of the Social Committee and chef Jim and his galley crew. There were special Christmas inspired cocktails created by our amazing bar manager Dave Nadolne including a homemade eggnog recipe of Dave's! It was a great time with even a few door prizes thrown in to boot!

Speaking of the bar.....Do you like interacting with people? Do you like mixing cocktails? Do you like to have fun? We

are looking for more bartender volunteers, especially for special events which generate much needed revenue for the club. No experience required! Dave Nadolne will train you and you could be slinging drinks and merriment in no time!! Please contact: Dave Nadolne @ daven30ww@gmail.com or call him at 925-580-1499.

Our next Great Vallejo Race planning committee meeting will be on Jan. 13th @ 7:00 pm. This will be an all Zoom meeting. Please check your email for the link. We need to start hitting up our usual sponsors now because the race is only a few months away! I look forward to seeing you online.

Lastly a huge "Thank You" to Irene O'Brien for organizing the Faith Food Friday food drive, which we ended up not only filling the bucket, but several boxes as well. Thank you to all our amazing members who donated for this worthy cause.

— *Jeremy Haydock*, Vice Commodore
Email address: vicecommodore@vyc.org



REAR COMMODORE REPORT **Scott Green**

Golly! Oh how things and life sneak up on us! Yes, the Annual Crab Feed is just around the corner, set for February 5th. We all know how wacky this era has been, and the cost of goods and transportation have skyrocketed. Fuel alone is off the charts, but I'm still looking to be able to the Feed going for something between \$65-\$80 per person. I know that seems higher than last year (and it is) but this is what all the usual suppliers are telling me. So I'd rather shoot higher with the hope of getting the price down, rather than have you all get irritated by a last-minute price increase.

My plan at present is to enclose the deck with clear vinyl so that we can fit folks in more comfortably - possibly even with a system we can use whenever we want, rather than a wasteful bunch of single-use plastic. Additionally, I'm planning to cover the carpeted area of the main hall

so as to help minimize the annual goo that inevitably splashes down.

Of course, a lot of this may change with the latest COVID mandates, but I ask for your patience as I work to restore this important event to our hall. Masks will likely be required unless you are actively eating/drinking, and I ask that we all do our part to minimize the spread of Omicron. I know it's a pain!! But please always remember: it's not all about you having the right to risk sickness if you want; it's about you inadvertently infecting somebody else. You do not have that right! So I beg you to please help us! The last thing we want is a nastygram from the City or, worse, a member falling ill. Let's have fun! I relish the chance to see you all down at the club!

— *Scott Green*, Rear Commodore
Email address: rearcommodore@vyc.org

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Be sure to check the calendar of events online, posted at the clubhouse bulletin board, and your email for club events. If there are activities you would like to see at the club, or would like to volunteer for events, email manager@vyc.org. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to make the club events successful!

One BIG event that we have coming up is the Great Vallejo Race. Please check your email for invitations to planning committee meetings. We will need help on many fronts...from planning and permitting to boat

parking and pouring drinks, to clean up! Feel free to contact vicecommodore@vyc.org if you want to help and can't make one of the meetings.

One last reminder...if you enjoy the events at the club and have taken pictures you want put in the Binnacle, please send them over to binnacleeditor@vyc.org. Just be sure that everyone in the photo is OK with sharing the picture! Suggestions for captions or a description of the picture is helpful. Thank you!

THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

A new year is upon us and we have a lot of new merchandise in the store. Watch for new store hours and opportunities to shop in the month of January! Looking forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Happy New Year,

— *Barbara Brown*, Ship's Store Chairperson

PICYA REPORT



WHAT DOES RBOC DO?

RBOC or Recreational Boaters of California, has been protecting boating interests since 1968, as the nonprofit advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the State of California's recreational boaters. RBOC Board members engage in advocacy efforts on state legislation and regulations, supporting proposals that enhance recreational boating, and opposing proposals that would have detrimental impact on California's boating enthusiasts.

RBOC's efforts include testimony at public hearings, meetings with elected officials on "Legislative Day" in Sacramento, as well as meeting with legislators in their offices throughout the year, preparation of suggested amendments to current bills to alleviate potential problems for boaters, as well as sponsorship of proactive legislation that benefits the recreational boater.

RBOC also works closely in a partnership with BoatUS on Federal legislative and regulatory issues important to boaters across the US.

HISTORY OF RBOC

Back in 1965 several concerned boaters in Northern California, led by PICYA member Ward Cleveland, formed an organization they then called "Boat Owners Associated Together, Inc". This organization incorporated as a statewide group in 1968, by connecting with other boaters, commodores of yacht clubs, and members of the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association or PICYA. In 1971 this group of boaters hired a professional legislative attorney, Jerry Desmond, Sr, who provided his guidance and knowledge as this boating group waded through the many bills that impacted recreational boating activities.

A large East Coast Marine organization, "The Boat Owners Associated Together, Inc.'s" similar name caused some confusion on the West Coast, so the West Coast group decided to change their name in 1982 to reflect their efforts, and thus became Recreational Boater of California or RBOC!

As BoatUS grew and became a nationally recognized organization and a presence in California, both organizations realized that they could benefit one another, and so a cooperative working agreement was reached in 1992. RBOC would provide important information and efforts on California boating legislation to BoatUS and BoatUS would provide RBOC with information as it actively engaged with federal issues. A great partnership has evolved between the two organizations.

RBOC TODAY

RBOC is a non-profit government advocacy organization led by 19 volunteer boating officers and directors from all over the state. They work with lawmakers to inform them of California boaters' needs and to advocate boater positions on legislation and regulations.

These directors, along with Jerry Desmond, Jr. who joined his father's firm to become Desmond & Desmond, professional lobbyists in the Capitol, work to promote recreational boaters' interests, protect boaters from restrictive or adverse laws, and enhance boating opportunities.

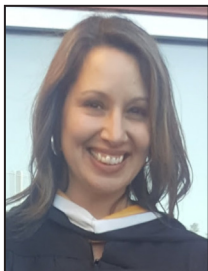
RBOC does this by reviewing all proposed laws that affect boaters, writing beneficial laws, opposing bad laws, and keeping the government from taking boaters' tax dollars for non-boating reasons.

These 19 volunteer Board members do this because they are interested in protecting the rights of boaters in California at a time when other interests have threatened boaters free access to bodies of water everywhere in California. Developers are buying up public and private yacht clubs and marinas throughout California, turning waterfront access for the boating community into parking lots for high density housing developments. The funding to protect boaters interests that comes from marine gas sales is being diverted to support California's Parks Department projects, so RBOC continues to work to protect the income that was designated to support grants and loans for the benefit of the boating public, such as the building of public restrooms and public boating ramps for access to waterfronts throughout the State of California.

The RBOC needs your annual donation to support the work of Desmond and Demond, which enables our volunteers to address the bills that threaten the rights of boaters. Just \$10 a year per boater keeps our organization going...And RBOC thanks you for all the support you have provided throughout the years...

— Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate
mksabovich@yahoo.com

SAFETY REPORT



Sometimes we are forced to learn from our own mistakes, and sometimes we get the chance to learn from the mistakes of others. Either way results in new wisdom, and when it comes to boats it often results in increased safety as well.

The first winter on my first boat was similar to the deluge we experienced this past October: lots of heavy prolonged rainfall. Back in the storms of early 2017, I checked the windows and the bilge for signs of water entry. What I didn't realize at the time was that a slow accumulation of rain was getting into my fuel tanks, thanks to cracked and brittle O rings. That ended up being a costly repair. The difference between that bill and the cost of simply replacing the O rings was more than frustrating to consider. In my case though, the cost also stemmed from my ignorance: I didn't know I should check them.

(Now think for a minute: how old are the O rings



at your fuel caps? Maybe you will learn from my mistake.)

Recently, I took a tip from the misfortune of some fellow boaters. Maybe you've seen their vessel sitting over at Kerry's boat yard. If not, look at the photo that accompanies this article. Seeing the extent of this fire was pretty frightening, especially considering that the owners were

asleep on their boat when it started. What woke them up? Reportedly, it was the sound of the fire devouring the topsides. I thought about my current vessel and the carbon monoxide alarm I have aboard. Where are my smoke alarms? I couldn't remember seeing those anywhere.

Turns out, I had no smoke alarms aboard. Their absence didn't create a survey issue because, as I just recently learned, they are not required on a recreational boat. There are several miscellaneous justifications for this, one of which being that the industry does not produce marine-rated smoke alarms. Nonetheless, what is the harm in using a non marine smoke detector if an alternative is unavailable? There is no argument that responds adequately to this question.

I now have smoke alarms on my boat. And after the eye-opening visit to that charred vessel, I've begun investigating other safety systems as well. More on that next month.

Semper paratus.

Members: please email safetyofficer@vyc.org if you'd like to share your safety stories. Thank you!

— *Deb Rocchild*, Safety Committee Chairperson
Email address: safetyofficer@vyc.org

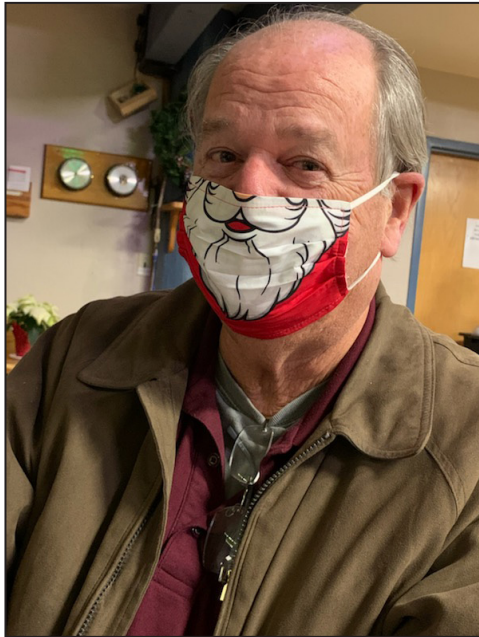
Holiday Party

The 2021 Holiday party was a great success!

We were happy to see so many club members (and some little shipmates!) enjoying the festive time at our club. Thank you to everyone who brought door prizes to share, helped decorate, work the galley, and the bar.

We were especially heartened to see folks wearing their masks while not actively eating nor drinking.

Thank you for ONLY spreading holiday cheer!



Having a Holly Jolly Christmas

And a thank you to a special elf....

Thank you to Sandra Kenyon who took the time to bring some Christmas cheer to the bar area. The windows decorations and tree added another level of warmth to our clubhouse.

Thank you!



Lookin' Merry and Bright!

Connecting with clubs across the country

During the lighted boat parade back on December 3rd, we had the opportunity to exchange burgees with a student at Cal. Maritime who brought his Sandusky Yacht Club burgee with him. We are happy to welcome yacht club guests from near and far to VYC! Thank you all for making guests feel welcome.



January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day Office will be closed
2	3 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	4	5	6 U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30pm - 9:30pm	7	8 VYC Mid-Winter Race 1:00pm - 4:00pm
9	10 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm	12	13 GVR Planning Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00pm - 8:30pm U.S. Coast Guar Auxiliary meeting Flotilla 5 - Steve Johnson-707 205-6108Johnson- 707-205-6108 7:30pm - 9:00pm	14 Benicia Yacht Club - Cruise-in Jan 14-16 "B"	15 Benicia Yacht Club Cruise in - "B"
16 Sunday Brunch 10:00am - 1:00pm	17 Martin Luther King Day Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	18	19	20	21	22
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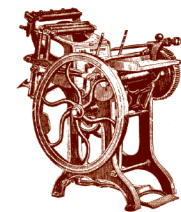
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2020 - 2021 Elected & Appointed Officers

Commodore	Matt Hendricksen
Vice Commodore	Jeremy Haydock
Rear Commodore	Scott Green
Staff Commodore	Kerry Scott
Treasurer	Chris Mendonca
Secretary	Samantha Fordyce
Port Captains	Jeff Ruzsler & John Van Vesslem
Fleet Captain-Sail	Mark Littlefield
Fleet Captain Power	TBD
Fleet Chaplain	Bob Reeves
Fleet Surgeon	TBD
Bar Manager	Dave Nadolne
Club Manager	Arv Voss

Board of Directors

Chairman	Bob Lockhart
Director	Bill Sweitzer
Director	Jeff Ruzsler
Director	Gail Ashworth
Director	Tom Ochs
Director	Matthew Mack

Committee Chairpersons

Social Committee	Amy Hendricksen
Safety	Deb Rocchild
Learn To Sail	Dale Anderson
Membership Chair	Mark Ashworth
Grounds	Carol Ruzsler
Ship's Store	Barbara Brown, Tracy Verret, Jennifer Scott
House Chair	Matthew Mack
Binnacle	Amy Hendricksen
Development	TBA
Website / Social Media	Jean Bëkind
Network Chair	TBA
Galley Chair	Jim Glenn
Community Liaison Officer	Julique Haydock

Delegates

PICYA	Maggie Sabovich
YRA	TBD



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