



VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

# The BINNACLE

February 2022

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*February 5th*

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

*February 8th*

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

*February 13th*

Superbowl Party

*February 18th-20th*

Sweet Heart's Cruise  
Benicia Yacht Club

*February 24th*

General Membership Meeting  
7:30-8:30 PM

*February 26th*

Mardi Gras Party  
5:30-11:30 PM



## COMMODORE REPORT **Matt Hendricksen**

Hello Shipmates,

After a quiet January, the club should be hopping again this month. Friday night dinners are in full swing and

the 2022 cruising season kicks off with the Sweetheart's Cruise to Benicia on February 12th! Thanks to our cruise director, Noble Brown, for getting that organized. Planning for The Great Vallejo Race is underway. Hard to believe, but we're only three months away as I write this. Vice Commodore Haydock is inviting anyone interested to the planning meetings -- look for invites from the office. And please keep the weekend of April 30th clear on your calendar. We will absolutely need all hands on deck to pull off the race and party. If you're a

new member and haven't been to a GVR yet, you don't need to know anything about sailing or racing to help -- just know that it's an amazing time and we want you to be there! I wrote about physical security in last month's report. While research is being done and estimates are being put together the Board of Directors and flag officers are continuing to solicit feedback from members. Do you have thoughts on what you'd like to see? So far, options discussed include a parking lot gate and additional fencing. Any feedback sent in will be considered -- this is your club.

— *Matt Hendricksen*, Commodore

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## VICE COMMODORE REPORT **Jeremy Haydock**

Hello shipmates,

February is here and so is the latest Covid variant surge. Please try to be mindful of all your fellow shipmates and always wear a mask inside the

clubhouse at all times per California and Solano County mandates. In the coming weeks you will see the Great Vallejo Race signup board appear inside the clubhouse (special thanks to Glenn McKeig for creating the board). Please take a few minutes to look at the board and sign up for open positions. Our membership who volunteer their valuable time is what makes this event happen every year. This year we are looking at a potentially large turnout with the first time the race is returning to it's regularly scheduled race dates of the last weekend in April (April 30-May1) in over 2 years. By signing up and volunteering, you are

almost guaranteed to have a great time, meet and greet new people and help your club put on one of the best sailing events in the entire bay area! We still have plenty going on as well. We have the VYC Midwinters Saturday race on Feb 5 with a 1:00 pm start. We also have the Sweetheart's cruise out to Benicia Feb 18-20. This will be our first cruise out to another club of the season and a good excuse to get our boats out. Don't forget about the Mardi Gras party on Saturday Feb 26 starting at 5:30. Of course our ongoing Friday night dinners with occasional guest chefs bringing their own favorite recipes to our shipmates.

Cheers!

— *Jeremy Haydock*, Vice Commodore

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## REAR COMMODORE REPORT **Scott Green**

Hello Shipmates!

Yes, the Annual Crab Feed is a complicated beast at this time. All around me in my personal life and at work, and all around the Club, this pesky virus is ... well, complicated. It does frustrate me (and all of us!) that we've been dealing with this oft-politicized mess for nearly two years! However, I am determined to take the stance the Brits took during World War Two: we shall prevail; we shall overcome. The difficult part is that so many folks believe that "it's just a flu"; they don't want others telling them how to treat their bodies... Friends! I get that!!!!!!! But honestly, if even one person in my sphere of Life were to be devastated by this virus, I would be devastated and I know you would be, too. The virus is rampant all around me, forcing me and others to lay low and to be as conscientious as possible toward our fellow community. Fact is, though, I believe that we all want a party. We all, I think, want a Crab Feed where we can

all sit shoulder-to-shoulder, cracking those shells and chowing down Honestly, though, is that really wise at this time? Is it financially feasible given the limited crab season and high prices of fresh crab? I have ruminated on this for many long and anxiety-filled nights, and we have decided to change up the in-person Crab Feed. I want to plan an alternative event that will bring folks as much drive-through happiness and culinary enjoyment as possible. Now, I'd much rather try for a "real" feast; not one we take home, but given the COVID situation and the sky-rocketing crab prices, I would like to have a few fun alternatives. Please stay tuned to your emails from the club to see what we can offer in February for a drive-through option.

With humility, your Rear Commodore

— *Scott Green*, Rear Commodore  
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## PICYA REPORT



PICYA's (Pacific Inter Club Yacht Association) 2022 Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers at the Corinthian Yacht Club has been postponed until Saturday, March 12th, 2022 due to COVID omicron virus concerns. You may register on the PICYA website. The last PICYA Board meeting was held in November, but ongoing planning activity for the Commodore's Ball has been proceeding online and virtually via Zoom. Commodores, Chairmen and Directors from PICYA's member yacht clubs should plan to attend this grand event.

All VYC Officer and member information for this year's 2022 PICYA yearbook needs to be provided to Editor Patti Mangan at [patti@imaginethatsf.com](mailto:patti@imaginethatsf.com), by Feb. 15, 2022.

### RBOC

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California) Accomplishments for 2021 are being listed so that you may know what your RBOC Officers and Directors are

doing for our member yacht clubs, who are asked to support this organization financially each year. No RBOC Officer or Director receives any funding to pay for

their participation in all of the activity that supports boater rights in California.

1/5/2021 Virtual Annual Planning Meeting

1/14/2021 Meeting with Boating Coalition re: Governors proposed budget and 250% boater registration increase.

2/4/2021 Letter finally received from Dept. of Boating and Waterways (DBW) explaining Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund deficits

2/9/2021 RBOC delegates virtually attend Senate Budget Committee Meeting

2/11/2021 B&W Commission Meeting

2/17/2021 Assembly Budget Hearing

2/18/2021 Article in LOG regarding Harbors and Watercraft funding deficiency and 250% increase in boater's registration fee

3/1/2021 RBOC and BoatUS issue Call to Action (4000 letters sent)

3/3/2021 Latitude 38 article submission about RBOC's efforts to reduce 250% boater registration increase

3/9/2021 Jerry Desmond and Winston Bumpus meet with Doug Powell on Fixit Ticket bill legislation, AB591

3/9/2021 RBOC signs 12 month Fishing License Coalition letter, AB817

3/17/2021 Jerry Desmond RBOC presentation at California Boating Congress

3/17/2021 RBOC creates letter to support adding verbiage for those boaters with physical disabilities, SB624

3/19/2021 RBOC Board meets to approve and discuss positions on legislation impacting boaters

3/24/2021 RBOC creates support letter for AB335, warranty information for boats and watercraft

3/31/2021 RBOC supports coalition letter for AB591, re: Fixit Tickets

4/1/2021 RBOC provides a support letter regarding the public's access to the Visitor's Dock in Newport,



## PICYA REPORT

which is being occupied by the Sheriff's Dept. vehicles.

4/8/2021 Orange County restores public access to Visitors Dock

4/6/2021 Legislative Day Orientation for RBOC Officers and Directors

4/14/15 Virtual Legislative Days, 29 visits to 15 legislators and 15 legislative staff members via Zoom

5/14/2021 Meeting with State Parks and Dept. of Boating and Waterways staff regarding revised budget

5/18/2021 RBOC Board Meeting to discuss results of meeting with State Parks and Dept. of Boating and Waterways Staff

5/19/2021 RBOC attends Virtual Assembly Budget Meeting

5/21/2021 Latitude 38 prints RBOC Press Release re: raise in boater registration fee

5/24/2021 Senate Staff recommends no increase in registration fees and creation of a stakeholder process for boater feedback to staff

5/24/2021 RBOC issues statement in support of Senate Staff recommendation

5/25/2021 RBOC participates in Senate Budget Committee hearing where staff supports our recommendations

6/2/2021 Assembly budget committee sends budget to floor for vote with staff recommendations

6/9&10 Boating and Waterways Commission meeting to discuss Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Funding proposals

7/12/2021 Governor signs AB 591, boater Fixit ticket into law

8/12/2021 RBOC directs attend Boating and Waterways Commission Meeting

8/13/2021 Confirmed that new budget does not have any boater registration fee increases

8/18/2021 RBOC Virtual Board Meeting

8/24/2021 BoatUS Press release re: beating back 250% increase

8/30/2021 RBOC sends letter to Orange County re: Dana Point Slip increases

9/13/2021 Joint letter sent by BoatUS and RBOC on AB 335

10/8/2021 Governor signs AB 335

10/11/21 Harbors and Watercraft deficiency meeting San Diego, Jerry Desmond/RBOC Directors

10/25/21 Virtual RBOC Board Meeting

10/28/21 Letter to Dept. of Boating and Waterways Task Group

11/2/21 RBOC signs coalition letter regarding CARB proposed emission regulations

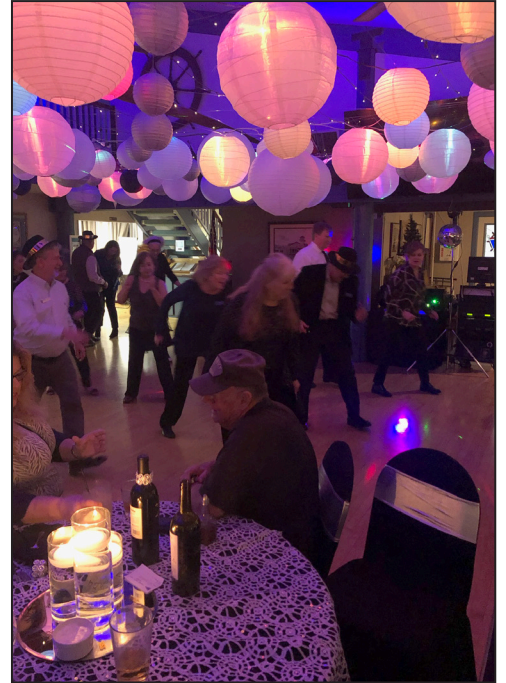
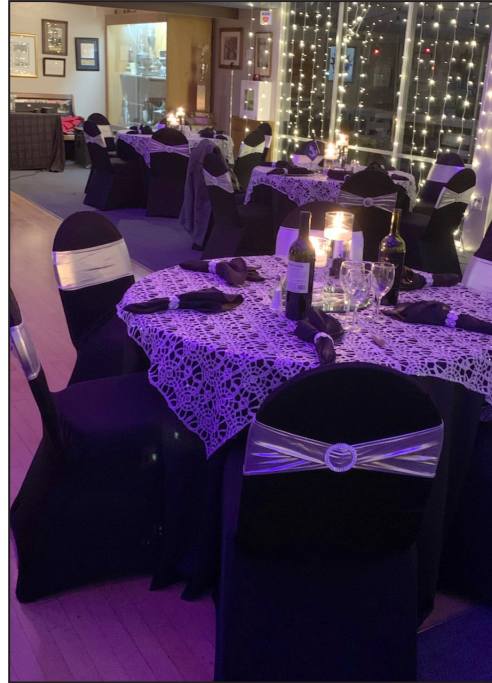
11/17/21 Dept. of Boating and Waterways Harbors and Watercraft Stakeholders Process begins

12/15-17 Stakeholder meetings continue re: Dept. of Boating and Waterways Harbors and Watercraft funding challenges

— *Maggie Sabovich*, PICYA Delegate  
mksabovich@yahoo.com

# New Year's Eve Party

The New Year's Eve party was a wondrous occasion. Our clubhouse was transformed into an elegant venue for our glamorously-clad clubmates to enjoy an evening of delicious dinner and dancing. A big thank you to Irene O'Brien and social volunteers for coordinating the event, Jim Glenn and kitchen staff for delivering a delicious dinner, and Dave Nadolne and bar crew for keeping spirits high!



*An Evening to Remember*

## ~~You Don't Say.....~~

This is a new segment of The Binnacle to feature fun facts, short stories, anecdotes and the like. This was a great suggestion from Tom Ochs and it seemed like a really fun segment to include. Feel free to send your submissions to [binnacle@vyc.org](mailto:binnacle@vyc.org), or drop off a written copy at the office and we will include them.

### A Shot of Whiskey

A shot and a beer. A margarita and an extra shot of tequila. A jello shot. It doesn't matter where you are from or how old you are...we all know what you mean by a shot. But....what does it really mean? Where did we get the term "shot" from?

According to a submission from the aforementioned Tom Ochs, the term "a shot" comes from the Old West. Back then, a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents. So did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This serving size became known as "a shot" of whiskey.

If you want to talk more about this, hop on down to the club and find Tom. I'm sure he would be more than happy to chat with you. For a shot. Or a beer. Honestly, just stop down. Cheers!



### From The Galley

The galley is open for business. Stop on down on a Friday night for some fine eats and a cold drink at the bar! Folks have been enjoying some of the amazing food coming out of Jim's galley....take a look at those ribs!



*I'll take two, thanks!*



## February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>BSA Venturing Crew222 meeting 7:30pm - 8:30pm</b>	2	3	4 Friday night Dinner 5:30pm - 8:00pm	5 <b>VYC Midwinter Race - 1:00pm - 4:00pm</b>
6 U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30pm - 9:30pm	7 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	8 <b>Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm</b>	9	10	11 Friday night Dinner 5:30pm - 8:00pm	12
13 Super Bowl Party	14 Valentine's Day Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	15 <b>BSA Venturing Crew 222 Meeting 7:30pm - 8:30pm</b>	16	17	18 <b>Sweetheart's Cruise to Benicia Marina</b> Friday night Dinner 5:30pm - 8:00pm	19 <b>Sweetheart's Cruise to Benicia Marina</b>
20 Daytona 500 Party <b>Sweetheart's Cruise to Benicia Marina 9:00am - 1:00pm</b> <b>Crab or Shrimp or Pasta Drive through Box Dinner 12:00pm - 3:00pm</b>	21 President's Day Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	22	23	24 <b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30pm - 8:30am</b>	25 Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm - 8:00pm	26 <b>Mardi Gras Party 5:30pm - 11:30pm</b>
27	28 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm					



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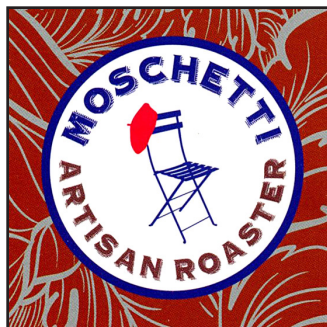
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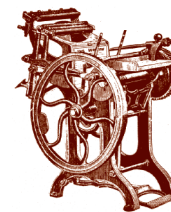
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## 2020 - 2021 Elected & Appointed Officers

Commodore .....	Matt Hendricksen
Vice Commodore .....	Jeremy Haydock
Rear Commodore .....	Scott Green
Staff Commodore .....	Kerry Scott
Treasurer .....	Chris Mendonca
Secretary .....	Samantha Fordyce
Port Captains .....	Jeff Ruszler & John Van Vessem
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 Ruszler
Director .....	Gail Ashworth
Director .....	Tom Ochs
Director .....	Matthew Mack

## Committee Chairpersons

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

## Delegates

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



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