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Ukrainian Benefit Dinner A Fundraiser for the Ukrainian people

To offer support for the Ukrainian people, Olga Hambrick is cooking a wonderful, traditional Ukrainian dinner with the proceeds going to humanitarian support. Please join us! The meal, including an appetizer, soup, main course, bread, and dessert is \$30.

Menu

Appetizer: Salad Olivie



Traditional Ukrainian potato salad with carrots, onions, green onions, chicken, pickles, green peas, hard-boiled eggs, all sorts of herbs, olive oil, mustard, and mayonnaise.

Main Course: Choice of One Option

Option 1: Golubtsy



This traditional Ukrainian dish is stuffed cabbage, a filling dish of cabbage stuffed with minced vegetables, meat, and rice.

Soup: Ukrainian soup Borscht



Have you ever tasted traditional Eastern European soup borscht? Sometimes our people call it "beets soup". This organic vegetable soup contains: potato, cabbage, beets, carrots, onion, tomato paste. (Meat upon request).

Borsche will warm you up on a chilly evening and can be a main dish for your reunion family dinner.

Puffy buns with garlic butter will be a nice addition. Usually borsche can be decorated with sour cream and chopped parsley.

Option 2: Plov



Plov is rice with meat, carrots, onions and spices. It's absolutely delicious - tender chunks of meat, fluffy rice with lots of aromatic flavors given by onions, carrots and garlic.

Plov is a very popular, historical dish. Also referred to as "pilaf" or "palov".

Stuffed buns: Pirozhki



Ukrainian baked boat-shaped buns with a variety of fillings. Pirozhki are a popular street food and comfort food in Ukraine.

Dessert: Mom's lemon cake with a ball of ice-cream.



April 1st

Olga Hambrick's Ukrainian Benefit Dinner
6:30-8:30 PM

April 2nd

VYC Yard and Lot Work Cleanup Party
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

April 9th

Cook Your Own Steak Dinner
6:30-8:30 PM

April 10th

Sunday Brunch
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

April 12th

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

April 15th

CMA Oceanography Group Dinner
5:30-8:00 PM

April 16th

VYC Opening Day and Flagpole Ceremony
10:00 AM

April 22nd-24th

Cruise Out to San Pablo YC

April 28th

General Membership Meeting
7:30-8:30 PM

April 29th

Great Vallejo Race Prep Night
5:30-9:00 PM

April 30th-May 1st

Great Vallejo Race

Monday Night Fun and Games

6:00-9:00 PM

Wednesday Night Racing Dinners

5:30-8:30 PM



COMMODORE REPORT Matt Hendricksen

Hello Shipmates,

We've got an action-packed month planned for April. Starting this weekend, our own Olga Hambrick will be hosting a Ukraine Benefit Dinner on Friday, followed by a yard and lot work cleanup party on Saturday. Come on down and help! We've also got a

cruise-in from the Solano Yacht Club, a cruise-out to Point San Pablo Yacht Club, Monday night games and MLB (Go Brewers!), and Wednesday night racing is back too!

Rear Commodore Scott Green is planning a fun-filled VYC Opening Day. We'll christen the wonderfully refurbished flagpole that was done by Bruce Martens, have some hot dogs and burgers on the grill, enjoy music by the renowned Benicia High School Jazz Band and have a blessing of the fleet. Rumor has it the rubber duckie race is coming back too after being absent the last few years.

We'll finish the month off with, of course, The Great Vallejo Race! Make sure this historic event is on your calendar. Whether you're a racer or not, this party is epic and not to be missed. We also still have plenty of volunteer positions available! The signup board is at the club, or feel free to email myself or our Vice Commodore.

I don't have much to update you on yet regarding the security upgrades at the club. The chairman and Board are taking their time to do this right and make sure we have all options on the

table. Once we have something more concrete we'll get all the information out to you.

We still need bartenders! If you're even remotely interested, let me know, or get in touch with our Bar Manager. As of September, any bartender that is serving drinks will need to be certified. Getting certified is easy -- it's \$3 and requires completion of an online class. We'll also be looking for a new Bar Manager soon. Our current Bar Manager will stay on to help transition you into the role. No experience necessary!

I've been speaking with members for a while now about volunteering. We are thankful to have as many folks volunteering as we do, but we always need more. It seems lately that it's been getting harder to get folks to come down to the club to give back. I've been talking with members and officers trying to brainstorm ways to foster volunteerism at the club. The sailing club I was a member at before moving to California and joining VYC had what they called "work hours." In a nutshell, once a certain amount of volunteer hours are hit, you get a discount on your membership dues. Do you have any ideas that could help with getting folks down to the club to help out? Let me know!

See you at the club!

— Matt Hendricksen, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE REPORT Jeremy Haydock

Greetings Shipmates!

I recently had the great pleasure and privilege to preside over a new member welcome dinner that took place on March 18th. For the last two years, due to the pandemic, we weren't able to celebrate our new members with a special dinner.

It was so amazing to be able to conduct one of these important and vital functions that help secure the future and well being of this club. The new members we welcomed into the club are an enthusiastic, fun, and interesting group and I am sure this group will be a great addition to our ranks. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone who was there that night and look forward to getting to know them more in the future.

I would highly encourage everyone to come on down to the club the next time we hold one of these new member dinners in the near future. What better way to demonstrate how amazing our members are than for the new members to interact with our membership and be welcomed into the fold.

The big date is drawing closer, April 30 - May1 for the Great Vallejo Race will be here before we know it! We are expecting a big turnout this year, with registrations for other races so far being up by large margins.

The big signup board is in the clubhouse in the main room. We have had quite a few amazing members signup, but the board is still more than half empty. We still need more bartenders, line handlers, boat dockers, cashiers, help with setting up the big tent

out front a few days before the event, and take down of the tent the day after the event. We still need more ship's store volunteers selling our awesome Great Vallejo Race shirts and sweatshirts and other swag.

This year we will not be using tickets, just cash or credit cards, so we will definitely need some members to be cashiers at the beer truck, the burger stand, and the main food tent. Our new wireless credit card readers are the easiest thing to use, even easier to use than a cell phone!!

Any member who just wants to come down and help in a general way, we will of course, welcome you with open arms as well!!

Keep in mind that all volunteers get a free meal (bbq baby back ribs, or bbq chicken, or a burger) and a free drink.

Feel free to join our Wednesday night zoom meetings at 7:00pm to help in the planning and sponsorship drive as well.

Our amazing members are the heart and soul of this event, and are the reason why this event has such a great reputation as being an amazing party, an incredibly welcoming and fun event. Many bay area sailors look forward to this event all year long and that is because of the incredible effort and time our members willingly put into this event.

Cheers!

— Jeremy Haydock, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE REPORT **Scott Green**

Greetings!

The weather is phenomenal, yes? And while the wind is not exactly kind to my alter-ego Crew Coach hat, it does mean that, well, y'all need to get out and have fun! Racing season is just around the corner, and to that end, we will be

holding our traditional Opening Day festivities on Saturday, April 16th. We'll start at 10am with an Easter Egg Hunt for our littlest members and family, with some continental breakfast offerings from the galley. Next will be a flag raising ceremony at about noon, to honor the members who left this earth over the past year. This will also be our chance to recognize the stellar work Bruce Martens has done on revitalizing our club's flag pole. Following all this, we'll have a light lunch of burgers and such. We will be (at last!) also seeing the Amazing Rubber Duckie Race, which has been on hiatus for quite some time. One of my favorite events! My goal is to have each duck sponsorship to go toward a charity to be determined. The Benicia High School Jazz Band will be on hand to cheer us on as well!

And then comes the Blessing of the Fleet and Poker Run. I'll have SEAKER out as the blessing boat, so if you're interested in helping with the logistics for that, do let me know! Don't risk jinxing your vessel!!! We'll keep you posted on details, but please get on out there!

The exact schedule of this event is, of course, subject to change, based on weather, etc., so please keep your eyes on your email inbox, website, and signs at the club for further information.

Most importantly, I want to express my extreme gratitude for all the help and support you provided for the inaugural Dock Hop! It turned out to be more successful and fun than I'd imagined, raising about \$1600 for our Learn To Sail Program. The Bar did great as well, due to so many people coming out and revelling! Although no one actually did have their food delivered to their boats, seeing this event actually in the clubhouse was awesome. I'll tell you, though, I don't want to see another tray of manicotti for a while! Thank heavens Collin and Matt stepped up to help stuff those eight trays! And without Irene's filler gizmo I'd still be stuffing! To Bob Sampayan and the group of Cal Maritime Cadets who came down to help greet and to serve our guests, I owe a special debt of eternal thanks. Without all this help, the Club cannot function. Amy's curry was a massive hit as well! Food flew off the counters, basically selling out of everything.

All of you! You're AMAZING!

I thank you sincerely and, humbly,

— *Scott Green*, Rear Commodore
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Having WAY too much fun at the Dock Hop!

Galley Report

We've got some great dinners planned for the month of April.
Please stop down and join us!

With the opening of the racing season, the galley will be serving some great dinners as well, so stop on down!

— Jim Glenn

April Menus

Friday, April 1st

Ukrainian
Fundraiser Dinner

Friday, April 8th

Entrees

- Mongolian pork chop, braised cabbage, garlic mashed potatoes
- Chicken fettuccine alfredo, Caesar salad
- Wedge Salad

Appetizers

- Beer batter shrimp
- Sweet potato fries
- Beer battered mushrooms

Dessert

- Stephanie's dessert

Saturday, April 9th

SYC cruise in members
welcome

Cook your own steak,
baked potato bar, salad
bar

Sunday, April 10th

Brunch, 9am-12pm

Friday, April 15th

Entrees

- New York steak, baked potato, salad
- Alaskan cedar plank salmon, risotto, salad
- Spaghetti with meat sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread

Appetizers

- Beer batter shrimp
- Sweet potato fries
- Jalapeno poppers

Dessert

- Stephanie's dessert

Saturday, April 16th

This is the Vallejo Yacht
Club Opening Day.

Join us for burgers
and hot dogs after the
Flagpole Ceremony!

Friday, April 22nd

Entrees

- Half roasted chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, salad
- Wedge salad

Appetizers

- Arancini balls
- Jalapeno poppers
- Beer battered mushrooms

Dessert

- Stephanie's dessert

Friday, April 29th

This is GVR Prep night.

Anyone who comes to
help get ready will be
treated with burgers and
hot dogs. Thank you in
advance for your help!

THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

I am wrapping up orders for the Great Vallejo Race/YRA Season Opener for this year. It's a daunting job and a challenge to pick out the right colors and amount of merchandise. It's also getting increasingly difficult to even get the merchandise! A lot of hard work is put into getting the GVR together for all the Bay Area racers!

New members, this is your chance to help and to get some volunteer hours and meet other members. Long time members, please get on the board to help our club have a successful event. Come in and sign up, please!

Come into the ship store and check some of our new swag and wear it proudly as a Vallejo Yacht Club member!

Hope to see you soon!

— Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson

PICYA REPORT



PICYA (Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association) held their last meeting at the Pittsburg Yacht Club on March 7, 2022, both virtually on Zoom and in real time. Thirty nine PICYA Delegates attended on Zoom and 45 attended in person. Following this meeting, 160 PICYA delegates and officers attended the 2022 rescheduled Installation of Officers and Change of Watch at the Corinthian Yacht Club on Saturday, March 12th. PICYA also had invited RBOC officials President South Todd Leutheuser, and RBOC lobbyist Jerry Desmond along with John Arndt, editor of Latitude 38 magazine. PICYA and RBOC were featured in an article in Latitude 38 magazine featured on Latitude 38's Facebook page.

John Arndt, Editor of Latitude '38 magazine, wrote on their Facebook page after the PICYA Change of Watch event at the Corinthian Yacht Club on March 12th; "We often write about the critical pieces of marine infrastructure that keep local boating alive. This includes access, launch ramps, marine services, waterfront development and much more. There's one other important piece of infrastructure that's incredibly important, and that's the people and organizations who support sailing/boating on San Francisco

Bay." We recently attended the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association's Commodore's Ball and Installation of new officers at their 2022 officers dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Featured in the photograph are PICYA Staff Commodore Linda Blue, Petaluma Yacht Club, Junior Staff Commodore Patti Mangan, South Beach Yacht Club, newly elected 2022 Commodore Joan Marsh, Pittsburg Yacht Club and RBOC President South, Todd Leutheuser, Long Beach Yacht Club.

PICYA's Spring Leadership Conference was held on Saturday, March 26 at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, with presentations from ABC officials about current laws governing the serving of alcoholic beverages

at private clubs, which include yacht clubs, as well as information about the upcoming Opening Day on the Bay. The next PICYA Delegates' dinner will be held both virtually and in person at the South Beach Yacht Club, next to the Giants BallPark in San Francisco, on Monday April 4th, starting at 5:30 PM.

PICYA's annual Opening Day on the Bay 2022, with the theme "San Francisco Bay- Leading the Way", will be held on Saturday, April 24th, with the PICYA Committee boat leaving from Alameda. PICYA needs boats of all sizes. You do not need to be a member of a yacht club or pay a fee to participate in the decorated boat parade along the San Francisco waterfront. You do need to register your boat on the PICYA website in order to get your boat parade position and timing. Everyone is welcome to purchase a ticket to be onboard the official PICYA Committee Boat – the Cabernet Sauvignon – which includes a sit-down lunch and a narration of the boat parade. The Cabernet Sauvignon leaves on time from LUX Cruises in Alameda where there is plenty of free parking. Cost of breakfast and lunch on the committee boat is \$95. See the PICYA website for more information at <http://www.picya.org>

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

[RBOC Directors lobbied California legislators on Key 2022 issues](#)

The voluntary members of the RBOC Board of Directors had a series of virtual meetings on March 14, 2022 with members of the California Senate and Assembly to advocate on several key measures including:

- Boater Fees and Taxes - State Parks & Division of Boating and Waterways
- Outdoor Recreation and Preservation of Water
- Beach Erosion and Replenishment
- Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessels
- Human and Medical Waste in Waterways
- Boating and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
- Dredging

RBOC and BoatUS are co-hosting the 2022 California Boating Congress on April 19th in Sacramento. If you are interested in attending, go to the RBOC website, www.rbo.org

— Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate
mksabovich@yahoo.com

Some new additions to the club!

Hello!

My name is Clare and I am a live-aboard here at the Vallejo Yacht Club with my partner Hugo. Lately, in my spare time I have been making a south-dock garden sanctuary with existing, donated and gifted plants, wine barrels, and decor.

So far it's been a slow process but very rewarding. I have been so happy with all of the positive reactions to the progress in a previously dead space.

It's a visually appealing outdoor lounge area for all members to enjoy.

We have these awesome blue Adirondack chairs from the 2019 GVR, surrounded by wine barrels full of succulents from my fathers backyard, random nautical decor.

I incorporated existing foliage from around the grounds.

I hope to see more members enjoying a sunny weekend at the south dock!

Looking forward to a growing club!

Cheers!

Clare Harmon



You Don't Say.....

In another installment of You Don't Say... this one also comes from our own, self-proclaimed, "wealth of useless information", Mr. Tom Ochs. :)

Have you ever wondered where the phrase "Passing the Buck" comes from? Well, the story goes that most men in the early west carried a jackknife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker, it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer to start, the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal, he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted, then "the buck stopped there".

If you have a fun anecdote to share, please email it to binnacleeditor@vyc.org!

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	29	30	31 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm		

April 2022

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					1 Olga Hambrick's Ukranian Benefit Dinner 6:30pm - 8:30pm	2 VYC Yard and Lot Work cleanup party - sign up Lunch provided 9:00am - 2:00pm
3	4 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	5	6 Wednesday Night DINNERS \$10 - Bar Opens 5:30pm - 8:30pm Wednesday Night Races 6:00pm - 8:30pm U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30pm - 9:30pm	7 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm - 9:30pm	8 Solano Yacht Club Cruise-in Friday night Dinner 5:30pm - 8:00pm	9 Saturday Dinner - "Cook Your Own Steak" w/Baked Potato Solano YC & VYC 6:30pm - 8:30pm
10 Sunday Breakfast Solano YC & VYC 9:00am - 10:30am	11 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	12 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm	13 Wednesday Night DINNERS \$10 - Bar Opens 5:30pm - 8:30pm Wednesday Night Races 6:00pm - 8:30pm	14	15 Friday night Dinner- CMA Oceanography Group 5:30pm - 8:00pm	16 VYC Opening Day / Flagpole Ceremony - Followed by Festivities - Hot dogs & Hamburgers available.
17 Easter Sunday	18 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	19	20 Wednesday Night DINNERS \$10 - Bar Opens 5:30pm - 8:30pm Wednesday Night Races 6:00pm - 8:30pm	21	22 Cruise Out -Point San Pablo YC Friday night Dinner - Long Table for New Members 5:30pm - 8:00pm	23 Cruise out -Point San Pablo YC
24 Cruise Out - Point San Pablo YC Opening Day of Yachting Season on the Bay	25 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	26	27 Wednesday Night DINNERS \$10 - Bar Opens 5:30pm - 8:30pm Wednesday Night Races 6:00pm - 8:30pm	28 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30pm - 8:30am	29 Friday night Dinner 5:30pm - 8:00pm	30 Great Vallejo Race 9:00am - 10:00pm

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Great Vallejo Race 9:00am - 10:00pm	2 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00pm - 9:30pm	3	4 Wednesday Night DINNERS \$10 - Bar Opens 5:30pm - 8:30pm Wednesday Night Races 6:00pm - 8:30pm	5 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm - 9:30pm	6 Friday night Dinner 5:30pm - 8:00pm U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30pm - 9:30pm	7



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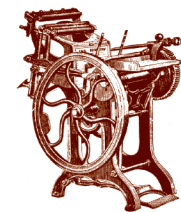
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Staff Commodore	Kerry Scott
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Fleet Captain-Sail	Mark Littlefield
Fleet Captain Power	TBD
Fleet Chaplain	Bob Reeves
Fleet Surgeon	TBD
Bar Manager	Dave Nadolne
Club Manager	Arv Voss

Board of Directors

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Director	Matthew Mack

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Development	TBA
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Delegates

PICYA	Maggie Sabovich
YRA	TBD



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