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VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

BINNACLE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 North Bay Series Race 1 - 4pm
2	3 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm SOMIRA 6 - 8pm	4 GVR Planning Meeting Zoom 7 - 8pm	5 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	6 U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson 707-205-6108 7:30 - 9:30pm	7 Friday night Dinner - Flank Steak Roll ups - \$25 - Bar opens 5:30 - 8pm	8 Private 80th B'Day Party F. Williams "B" 1 - 6pm
9 EASTER SUNDAY Easter Brunch 11am - 2pm	10 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	11 Board of Directors Meeting 7 - 9pm	12 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	13 Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 51 (Commander Phil Craig 707-260-4596 Ron Nathan 707-980-6935) 7:30am - 9:30pm	14 Point San Pablo Cruise out 4-14 to16 Friday night Dinner - Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar \$25 - Bar opens 5:30 - 8pm	15 PSPYC Acha 60th B'Day Party - "B" 5:30 - 10pm
16 PSPYC	17 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	18 GVR Planning Meeting Zoom 7 - 8pm	19 60th Class Reunion Meeting 2:00pm - 4:00pm Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	20	21 Friday night Dinner and New Member Long Table - Lasagna \$20 - Bar opens 5:30 - 8pm	22 VYC Opening Day
23	24 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	25 GVR Planning Meeting Zoom 7 - 8pm	26 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	27 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 - 8:30pm	28 Friday night Dinner - Baked Cod & Rissotto \$25 - Bar opens 5:30 - 8pm	29 VYC Work Party
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Special Events

- Wednesday, April 5th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM First Beer Can Race of the Season!
- Tuesday, April 11th, 7:00 PM Board of Director's Meeting
- Friday, April 14th - Sunday April 16th Point San Pablo Cruise Out
- Saturday, April 22nd VYC Opening Day
- Thursday, April 27th, 7:30 PM General Membership Meeting
- Saturday, April 29th VYC Work Party
- Wednesday, May 3rd - Friday, May 5th Set up for GVR
- Saturday, May 6th - Sunday, May 7th Great Vallejo Race

Monday Night Fun and Games 6:00-9:00 pm
 Wednesday Night Racing and Dinner 5:30- 8:30 pm
 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 - 8:00 pm



COMMODORE REPORT Jeremy Haydock

We have had a busy winter here at the club with many events and cruise outs. Here we are now in March/April, and with all this rain, it still feels like winter! The rain did not deter a successful cruise out to the Loch

Lomond Yacht Club in Marin! We had a great turnout with seven boats, and boy, did the Loch Lomond Yacht Club really roll out the red carpet for us for St. Patrick's Day! These cruise-outs are great fun, I just want to reiterate that these events are the best way to have a fun weekend, learn about other clubs, see the bay, and build fellowship with your fellow club members. Even if you cannot make it by boat, you can always drive to these clubs and attend the dinners. Just be sure to RSVP with Noble Brown so that the hosting club knows how much food to cook!

A big thank you to Hugo Knief, our Rear Commodore, for putting on an excellent crab feed, and a big thank you to all our club members who volunteered to help with the cooking, the serving, and just pitching in wherever needed to make the event happen. The event was very successful, and we raised \$1305.00 for the Learn to Sail program during the auction, where I actually auctioned the cool crab shirt off my back! It was a great event! A big thank you to the various individuals and businesses who generously donated items to auction off at the event. Some of the bigger success items were bottles of wine from Thirty Seven wines and others.

We have another busy month coming up in April with our April Fool's party on Saturday, April 1, and a Saturday day race that starts at 1:00 pm. Our ever-popular Wednesday night beer can racing program resumes on Wednesday, April 5, and of course, don't forget about Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 9th, at 10:00 am. We also have one of our perennial favorites, our cruise out to the Point San Pablo Yacht club the weekend of April 14-16th. This club is always so welcoming, and everyone always has a great time; plus, it's a great excuse to get your boat out on a lovely trip to the bay!

The other large event in April is always our opening day ceremony which will be held on Saturday, April 22. For those who have never been to our opening day festivities, it starts out with a blessing of the fleet by our fleet chaplain, a boat parade with all the boats fully decked out in flags, usually some fun events in the afternoon, culminating in a late lunch or early dinner. Be sure to come down and enjoy the spectacle and the fun!

The really big event, The Great Vallejo Race, is in the planning stages. Please join Vice Commodore Scott Green on Tuesday nights

at 7:00 pm for Zoom planning meetings to help put on the best and biggest sailing event on the bay. We need your help to pull this off and the more members we can get involved in the planning process, the smoother and easier the event will go!

Now...down to some business...

We've posted this many times before, but just so that we are clear... there are new rules regarding who can be behind the bar at the club. As many of you might know, the California Alcohol Beverage Control board (ABC) has instituted new rules for any entity that serves alcohol. Any person who serves alcohol is now required to be a certified server, take an online course, and pass a 50-question test. The program is called the Responsible Beverage Server program (RBS). This rule applies to our honor bar as well. For our club, any member who wishes to use the honor bar and pour themselves or others a drink must be RBS certified with a server ID. **Any member who DOES NOT have this RBS certification ANB a valid server ID WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to serve themselves or others at the honor bar. Failure to comply with this new law will result in the club losing its liquor license, which would be a massive blow to us all.**

A list at the bar shows all the members who have taken the test and are now RBS certified with a server ID. **These are the only people allowed to serve themselves or others behind the bar. YOU MUST BE WEARING YOUR NAME TAG TO GO BEHIND THE BAR.** As more members go through the program and pass the test and get their certificates, more members' names will be added to the list. The goal is to get as many members certified as possible so that we are in compliance with the rule.

Moving forward, we will be doing one of these training sessions on a Wednesday night to help facilitate our members getting certified. The cost for the certification and the online training is less than \$20. The club can credit your account for the fees once you have passed the test and have a server ID. We will send out an email to the membership when the next Wednesday training session will be. It will also be posted on the bulletin board.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Haydock
Commodore
commodore@vyc.org

GALLEY REPORT

Jim Glenn

Join us for delicious Friday night dinners!

Friday, April 7th: Flank Steak Roll Ups, Baked potato, Salad Bar, Cheesecake

Sunday, April 9th: Easter Brunch 11 AM - 2 PM

Friday, April 14th: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Dessert

Friday, April 21st: Lasagna, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

Friday, April 28th: Baked Cod, Risotto, Asparagus, Dessert



SHIP'S STORE REPORT

Hello Shipmates,

Spring is here with April showers! Do you need new rain gear? We have waterproof and water-resistant jackets in the Ship's Store in men's and women's sizes in an array of colors. If we don't have it, we can order it. Some styles come in tall sizes, also.

April also brings Race season! Do you need new sailing gloves? We also carry cap lanyards and cords to save your glasses. Do you have a tattered Burgee from the winter storms? Did you know I have new VYC Bugees for sale in the Ship's Store?

We are gearing up for the Great Vallejo Race, so don't forget to sign up for a shift when the signup board is posted. I will also need help setting up and taking down our booth.

I am looking for someone to take over the Ship's Store in October when I step down after 13 years. Please let me know if you are interested. I will help with the transition, and I can help with the merchandise ordering and embroidery.

May you have calm seas and fair winds for your boating journey!

Barbara Brown
Ship's Store Chairperson

PICYA Report

by Maggie Sabovich, VYC PICYA Delegate

The March 6th PICYA Delegate meeting was at the South Beach Yacht Club in San Francisco, and a great meeting and gourmet dinner were enjoyed by all attendees, with an additional Zoom meeting participation format for those who could not be there in person. The Master of Ceremonies was our new Commodore, Larry Mayne, who provided the attending delegates with a schedule of upcoming events.

The next PICYA regular Delegates' meeting and dinner is scheduled for Monday, April 3rd, from 4:30 to 9 PM at the Sacramento Yacht Club, and will be on both in-person and Zoom format.

PICYA's Annual Spring Leadership Conference took place on Saturday, March 25th, from 9:30-3:00 PM at the Stockton Yacht Club, 3235 River Drive in Stockton. Admission for this event was still \$25.00 for continental breakfast, the meeting, and lunch.

2023's PICYA Opening Day on the Bay is scheduled for April 30, from 8 AM to 2 PM at the newly renamed "Luxe Cruises and Events" (previously "Commodore Cruises"), 2394 Mariner Square Drive, in Alameda, so decorate your boat and join us for the Annual Opening Day Decorated Boat Parade, along the San Francisco waterfront! The 2023 theme is "Broadway on the Bay!" Or join us on Luxe Cruise's flagship boat, "Cabernet Sauvignon"! Early registration cost prior to 4/15/23 is \$125 for Adults and \$60 for kids 3-13, to enjoy the cruise and a gourmet luncheon. You do not have to be a yacht club member to attend the event on "Cabernet Sauvignon."

More details are available now on the PICYA website...From the blessing of the fleets on Raccoon Straits to the parade of decorated boats, it's always a great day to be out on the Bay. Go to the PICYA website (picya.org) to register your boat to be included in the decorated, themed boat parade!

On Sunday, September 30th, PICYA's Annual Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta to benefit veterans with a trip around the Bay on our delegates' volunteered boats will take place once more at the Encinal Yacht Club on the Alameda Estuary. Many of the veterans are confined to wheelchairs, so we need members with power boats to volunteer to take the

vets out on the Bay for a two-hour boat tour of the Oakland Estuary and the Bay along the San Francisco waterfront. On their return, there will be a great hamburger/hotdog barbecue luncheon ready for vets, boat owners, and volunteers alike on the Encinal Yacht Club lawn, with accompanying live music for all. Please mark your calendars and VOLUNTEER!

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC)) News

On March 14th and 15th, the RBOC Board of Directors participated in their annual meetings with Legislators in order to present the legislators and/or their staff with a list of challenges and issues that RBOC has been addressing, that impact boaters and their ability to enjoy being out on the inland and coastal waters of California, in addition to speaking to them about boaters funds being used for inappropriate projects that have nothing to do with providing resources to the boating public.

On March 14th, RBOC Board members and guests met in our Sacramento lobbyists' offices to plan our meeting strategies, and then on March 15th, our members visited their respective delegates' offices to speak with staff representing the delegates, about current issues of concern to boaters, and what they might be able to do about the various challenges we are facing in California right now.

Most were not even aware of monies being diverted to non-boater projects or that taxes on boat fuels are the source of much of the money that should be dedicated to boaters projects only...Then at the end of the day on March 15th, the board members got together again at Jerry Desmond's office to speak about their respective visits and how effective they felt they might have been with their visits.

Many felt that most of the delegates had no idea about what was happening to tax monies that should be devoted to boaters projects, and not used for the Division of Parks projects, since the Department of Boating and Waterways was folded into Parks several years ago.

Everyone felt very satisfied that they had at least made the delegates' offices aware of these challenges with this year's meetings.

Welcome, New Members!

We welcome new members to the club on the third Friday of every month. Please join us for our new member dinners and make a new friend or two. It's great to see our organization grow! Welcome!



Judy Lamb



Laurie Agrillo



Liz and Matt Read



Sylvia St. Arroman Keita



Vladlen Pogorelov and Tetyana Mizina

Happy April Birthdays!

Andy Tittle . . . . .	.04/01	Ernie Serpa . . . . .	.04/17
Denise Arrell . . . . .	.04/03	Eric Ochs . . . . .	.04/17
Michael Linnear . . . . .	.04/03	Taylor Durant . . . . .	.04/21
Richard Haydock . . . . .	.04/04	Dianna Jensen . . . . .	.04/21
Ernest (Jim) David . . . . .	.04/08	Matt Hendricksen . . . . .	.04/22
Naoko Dawson . . . . .	.04/10	Matthew Mack . . . . .	.04/23
Randolph Gon . . . . .	.04/12	Gary Callahan . . . . .	.04/24
Angela Williams . . . . .	.04/12	David Bowman . . . . .	.04/24
Bob Sorum . . . . .	.04/12	William Schmid . . . . .	.04/24
Roscoe Daniels . . . . .	.04/13	Dan Karonis . . . . .	.04/24
John Gray . . . . .	.04/13	Tucker Catlin . . . . .	.04/27
Daniela Keil . . . . .	.04/13	Robert Lockhart . . . . .	.04/27
Javier Acha . . . . .	.04/15	Renee Reyes . . . . .	.04/29
Jennifer Thornton . . . . .	.04/15	Barbara DeHart . . . . .	.04/30
Bill Thomas . . . . .	.04/16		

Cruise out to Loch Lomond

What a great time at Loch Lomond! We were treated to one heck of a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Thank you to everyone who joined, and a huge thank you to the hosts at the Loch Lomond Yacht Club!



Club Manager Notice

Reminder– Beginning March 1st, no cash payments will be accepted for your VYC Account(s). The only form of payment accepted are:

- Online payments
- Bill pay
- Credit card payments
- Checks
- Money orders

The easiest way to pay is online linked to your bank account using your account number as your user name and your last name with a capital first letter. Please call or stop by the office during business hours if you have any questions.

Also, please mark your calendars for a few special days coming up in April. On April 22nd, we will have the VYC Opening Day. The following weekend, April 29th, we will also be hosting a VYC Work Party. We have work to do to keep our club looking great and also to prepare for the upcoming Great Vallejo Race. Thank you in advance for pitching in and helping out.

RACING SEASON IS UPON US!

Spring is here, and the ritual of the Wednesday night sailing races is about to commence. These races have been going on since about 1966 or so as a way to get through and break up the work week. It is also a chance to use our boats (those who have them), meet new members and old friends, and just have a good time.

Due to the lockdown and other turns of events, participation has dwindled, but that happens like the flow of the tide. Sometimes it's great, and other times it is better. And this year, it will get better. Last year's participation reminded me of when these races started.

A long, long time ago...in a land far yet so close away...

Yes, I was there and still in high school, and damn, I am old.

As the years progressed, the fleet went from about seven and steadily up to where in the 80s, we had about 30 boats on the starting line regularly. We were always looking for additional crew, and normally that was not a problem.

In the 90s, with the tutelage of the commodore and now office manager Arv Voss, these races also became popular with the older members. Folks could come to the Clubhouse. They would have a good meal, and racers migrated from the pizza parlors to the club. The spectators enjoyed our antics, and we started and finished the races in the clubhouse.

It was great...Folks met new people and saw old friends. Now, there was a lot of storytelling, and one could not tell which were stories or fairy tales. The difference between a sea story and a fairy tale is one starts out once upon a time, and the other starts... "Man, you won't believe this sh--!..." Sailors tell a lot of the latter!

Ok, so getting back to today... as these are beer can races, the first thing you need is beer. If you are crewing on a boat...you need to bring beer. Period. Bring beer and be prepared to help. That can mean grind at the winch, slide yourself up to be rail meat. You need to be prepared for all that can happen, and acclimate your body to this sport, as it can be, and is, tough on your body.

Sailboat racing, if you own the boat, is like going into a cold shower, smoking a cigar, and lighting it with \$100 bills. When something breaks, and something surely does, the acronym BOAT applies. That translates to Break Out Another Thousand, and it comes in units. So when you are on a boat, and something breaks or is about to, tell the owner, but not in the heat of a fire drill.

Now, most new, I said most, go on a boat, and they instantly become "rail meat."
Depending on the wind strength, fat guys like me make good rail meat, known as "topside ballast."

As the cockpit gets crowded, this is where most of the crew can sit, as it helps the boat sail faster and prevents bloody noses due to elbows being thrown during maneuvers, like tacking, spinnaker sets and dowses, etc.

While on the subject of spinnakers, my son Eric when he was about 10, referred to the sail as a "colorful metaphor" after watching Star Trek the night before.

And he was spot on, as anytime things become critical or imminent, it is incredible what you hear when correcting the situation.

RACING SEASON ... CONTINUED

And remember, most of the time, the colorful language is not directed at you as it is the situation. In other words, “those who remain calm, in the midst of this confusion, simply do not understand the situation.”

And remember, some skippers are a little more vocal than others, but excess by them is unacceptable. Get used to it. Most of the time, they don't want anybody getting hurt or breaking anything.

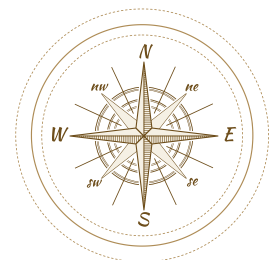
Now for some fun...here are some tips to prepare for racing if you're new to the sport...

1. Put sunscreen on your face; forget some of it, leaving it in streaks. Sit in front of a sunlamp for about 2 hours. Don't forget your own sunscreen, or you will look funny at work tomorrow.
2. Sit on a metal-framed bench cutting into your legs, and stare at the sun for about 4 hours. This is even more realistic if you have a commercial fan blowing in your face and you have some of your friends throwing buckets of salt water at you. This intensifies the sunscreen effect. It also helps to have about 4 of your friends yell at you during the process for a more robust workout.
3. Repeat this in jeans and a sweatshirt with your head turned sideways, so the water can go down your shirt and into your ears while having a wedge in your jeans. The alternative to this is just having a bucket of ice water poured into your lap.
4. Put sandpaper on your stairs, and climb up and down them on your bare knees for a couple of hours or as needed. Simulates crawling across deck tops. For more fun, place a knife or fork under the sandpaper and forget where you left it. Your knee will find it.
5. Hold tightly on a rope, preferably nylon three braid, tie it to a friend's car, and let them slowly drive away. Let your hands try to stop it as it slides down your hands. When finished, put your hands in the salt water that will be thrown on you later.
6. Buy a case of beer the day before, and drink it warm while doing all of the above.

That will get you started, and remember, this is supposed to be fun. In all seriousness, be safe, wear a lifejacket, have a good time, and remember the words of Val McGowen, “If I have to put my foul weather gear on before I leave, I'm not goin'.”

Enjoy!

Tom Ochs
Club Historian



2022 - 2023 Elected & Appointed Officers

Commodore Jeremy Haydock
 Vice Commodore Scott Green
 Rear Commodore Hugo Knef
 Staff Commodore Matt Hendricksen
 Treasurer & Dredge Fund Project Manager ... Bob Lockhart
 Secretary Samantha Fordyce
 Port Captain, Administrative Arv Voss
 Port Captain, Dock Maintenance
 and Engineering Jeff Ruzler
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 Fleet Captain, Sail Mark Littlefield and Denny Mosher
 Fleet Captain, Power TBD
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 Club Manager Arv Voss
 Financial Manager Michael Read

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 Director Geoff Lambert
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 Director Jeff Ruzler
 Director and Parliamentarian Bill Sweitzer

Delegates

PICYA Maggie Sabovich
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