



VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1	2 Wednesday Night / RBS classes 6:30 - 8:30pm	3 8 Ball Pool Tournament - pairs every Thursday nite until Feb 16 7 - 9:30pm	4 Friday night Dinner Pasta \$20 5:30 - 8pm	5 Awards Banquet for Racers/Cruisers "B" 5:50 - 10:30pm
6 Daylight Saving Ends U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30 - 9:30pm	7 Monday Night NFL & MLB Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	8 Board of Directors Meeting 7- 9pm	9 Wednesday Night Actives/Snacks 6:30 - 8:30pm	10 Marines Birthday Cruise Luncheon 12 - 2pm 8 Ball Pool Tournament - pairs every Thursday nite until Feb 16 7 - 9:30pm	11 OFFICE CLOSED Veteran's Tribute / Flag Retirement 10am - 12pm Friday night Dinner - Tomahawk Steak \$30 RSVP 5:30 - 8pm	12
13 90th Birthday Party(Private Party)"B" 1 - 5pm	14 Monday Night NFL & MLB Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	15	16 Wednesday Night Actives/Snacks 6:30 - 8:30pm	17 8 Ball Pool Tournament - pairs every Thursday nite until Feb 16 7 - 9:30pm General Membership Meeting 7:30pm - 8:30am	18 Friday night Dinner and New Member Long Table 5:30 - 8pm	19 VYC Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon 2 - 3pm
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Special Events

- Saturday, November 5th 5:30- 10:00 pm Sailing Awards Banquet
- Tuesday, November 8th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- Friday, November 11th, 10:00 am -12:00 pm ... Veteran's Day Flag Retirement Ceremony. The office is Closed for the Veteran's Day Holiday
- Friday, November 18th, 5:30 pm New Member Long Table Dinner
- Saturday, November 19th, 2:00 pm Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon
- Thursday, November 24th Happy Thanksgiving! The office is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Friday, December 1st, 5:30 pm Friday Night Dinner and Holiday Tree Lighting
- Saturday, December 2nd, 1:30-4pm Mid-Winter Race and Dinner
- Saturday, December 2nd, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Lighted Boat Parade (in conjunction with the City of Vallejo's Tree Lighting Event)
- Saturday, December 10th, 9:00 am - Noon Kid's Christmas Party
- Saturday, December 17th, 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm Holiday Party

Monday Night Fun and Games 6:00-9:00 pm

NEW! Thursday Night 8-Ball Pairs Tournament - 7:00 pm -9:00 pm through Feb. 16th

Wednesday Night Activities & Dinners 5:30- 8:30 pm • Friday Night Dinners 5:30 - 8:00 pm



COMMODORE REPORT Jeremy Haydock

Greetings Shipmates!

Wow, October was a crazy month here at the yacht club! We had major events and activities happening pretty much every weekend and many weekdays. A huge note of appreciation and a heartfelt “Thank You” to all our amazing members who stepped up and stepped in, to help facilitate all of this activity. I know I say it all the time, but our membership is unique and special in this regard, and one of the reasons why I love this club so much. That being said, we still desperately need more members to volunteer, particularly new members, who can add great new insights and dimensions to our events and activities.

Here we are, heading into November and our new officer leadership team is in place and our new Board of Director members are also in place. We are looking forward to a great year of continued success and building on the good work already accomplished by Staff Commodore Hendricksen and his amazing wife Amy Hendricksen.

We have a lot going on this month in November. We are continuing to get together on Wednesday nights for movie nights, upcoming cruising seminars, and other events that will be announced weekly. We also now have a Thursday night 8-ball pool league which will meet each week (except on General Membership Meeting nights). Of course, Monday night football and poker are ongoing on Monday nights. One big event is the awards banquet for racing boats and crews for this past season. This will be Saturday, November 5. This event is open to all our members and non-members alike, not just the crews that competed in racing this year. This event is an excellent opportunity for new members

to meet boat skippers and crews, learn about racing, and potentially get on a crew next season in April when the weekly beer can racing resumes. Please come on down and see for yourself the fun and the inclusivity that this group has when they are together. We also have the Fall Fashion Show on Saturday, Nov. 19 where many of the leadership team will be showcasing our cool logo wear from the Ship’s Store and Barbara will have some special apparel available for sale as well.

I am currently working on filling the committee and chair positions within the club. The vast majority of these awesome volunteers are continuing on in their positions and I am so grateful for everyone’s continuing involvement and support. I would also like to thank all of you who voted for all our leadership positions, myself included, and thank you for your continued support.

One area we are still severely short of is volunteer bartenders. What better way to meet lots of people, have fun, and take home some tip money? We will pay the fee to take the ABC course on serving (it is not much). Please reach out to Mike or Arv in the office, or myself, or Jim Glenn if you are interested, and we will get you hooked up.

A final note. You may have noticed that we have most, if not all, of the upcoming club events and activities for the coming year on the club calendar already. I would like to thank the group that helped put all this together which was Jim Glenn, Amy Hendricksen, Arv Voss, Mike Reid Julique Lewis Haydock, Noble Brown, and Barbara Brown.

We are going to have fun this coming year and continue to grow!

Respectfully,
Jeremy Haydock, Commodore



VICE COMMODORE REPORT Scott Green

Greetings shipmates, friends, and colleagues!

The season is well upon us!! Well, OK, in more ways than one! The big excitement for me is “the holidays,” when so many of my favorite traditional events at VYC take place. Boat parades, costumes, big-honking turkey ... the whole shebang. And while things remain a little tentative as far as what we’ll be allowed to do, I assure you, I’m all in to make stuff happen - and to make it FUN!

But the other “season” that comes to mind is that of the Great Vallejo Race. This event is our showpiece, as you all know, and requires immense help (as you all know) from the full membership. I am committed to bringing things to the pre-pandemic level and bringing attention to the Club. With your help and commitment to our club, we are well poised - thanks to the wildly successful GVR led

by Jeremy Haydock only a few months ago - I see us bringing excitement to a wide audience that will be the envy of every club on the Bay. But it can’t be a solo effort, so stayed tuned for more information regarding upcoming meetings. They’ll be on Zoom to start off but will eventually transition to at least some in-person gatherings as we get closer to the event.

The event! The GVR for 2023 will be held over the weekend of May 5-7. Obviously, this involves a lot of planning, coordination, and sponsorship, so if you’re able to help out in any way, and/or want to be a part of the planning process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until then, fair winds and happy sailing!

Humbly,
Your Vice Commodore,
Scott



REAR COMMODORE REPORT Hugo Knef

Greetings Shipmates,

Thank you for your support in electing me to be the new Rear Commodore. I look forward to working with Jeremy, Scott, and our board of directors. I would like to use my first Binnacle entry to introduce myself and

give a little background of my life and how I wound up at this Vallejo Yacht Club.

I was born and lived my early childhood in coastal New Jersey. At the age of five, I started sailing in dinghies at the Monmouth Boat Club located on the Navesink River. Some of my fondest memories of growing up were sailing, rowing, fishing, swimming, or any activity down at the river. We also spent a lot of summertime at the beach.

At the age of 10, the family moved west to San Francisco. We gave up boating as my parents thought the Bay was too cold and intimidating. I adapted and became a city kid playing basketball and baseball in the city parks. During a vacation to Kauai, I learned how to surf. I still had a love of the water and the ocean.

Soon after that trip, my father was transferred to Los Angeles, and we moved to Pacific Palisades. Our house was on Sunset Blvd just up from the beach. I made my Dad buy me a surfboard the first week we moved in! I was hooked. I could walk to the beach after school and on weekends. Life was good, but it didn't last. My parents went through a divorce, and Dad was transferred back to San Francisco.

I was offered the opportunity to attend the Cate School, a private all-boys boarding school near Santa Barbara. The school offered surfing as an after-school sports option. One of the best surfing breaks in the world was 10 minutes away! Sign me up! Attending boarding school was definitely a highlight of my life, and I made many lasting friendships during my four years there. It was also during this time that I began sailing again. The school had some old FJ dinghies that we would sail out of the Santa Barbara harbor.

During my college years, I attended UC Berkeley. I had begun to learn to windsurf during my senior year in high school. During my time at Berkeley, I became addicted to this new sport. I would spend

the next 30 or more years chasing the wind and waves. For a summer and part-time job during college, I began working on the tour boats operated by the Blue and Gold Fleet at Pier 39 in San Francisco. It was a job that I really enjoyed, and after a few years, I studied for and obtained my 100-ton inland operator license. I drove some charters here and there, but nothing steady. Then there was an Earthquake...

Looking back now, the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake probably had the most significant impact on my life and career. Suddenly ferries were back on the Bay. I didn't start driving ferries right away, but the seed was planted. Transportation planners started developing new routes. In 1994, the city of Vallejo purchased the Jet Cat Express and contracted the Blue and Gold Fleet to operate the service for the city. I now had a full-time captain job. My wife and I moved to Sonoma and raised two daughters. I worked an early shift most of the time four am to noon. It was a perfect schedule for having a family. Lots of time to help with the kids.

After 18 years, my wife and I separated. I purchased a sailboat and moved to Glen Cove. All the years, I commuted and worked in Vallejo but really didn't know much about the community. At Glen Cove, I met Mary Mueller, who invited me to race on her sailboat. After a few Wednesday night races on Vellocita, I applied for membership at the club.

I moved my boat to the harbor, and for the past 11 years as a full member, I have had a wonderful time racing, volunteering, and being an active member of the club.

I felt that it was finally my time to step up and become a flag officer, and here we are. I have a lot to learn in this position. My goals are to start up some monthly club workdays and help keep The Learn to Sail program thriving.

I am in charge of the annual crab feed as part of my duties. If you have any ideas or donations for the raffle auction, please let me know. Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Hugo Knef, Rear Commodore

Cruise Program 2023 Proposed Calendar

(dates not yet confirmed and subject to change...check back every month for updates.)

Please mark your calendars for the following 2023 cruise-out events.

- February 10-12Sweet Hearts Benicia Yacht Club
(Martinez YC if the Martinez Harbor is dredged as proposed)
- March 17-19Loch Lomond Yacht Club
- April 14-16Point San Pablo Yacht Club
- May 19-21South Beach Yacht Club
- June 16-18Annual Delta Cruise (not so hot June)
- July 14-16Petaluma Yacht Club
- August 11-13Commodores Cruise to San Francisco Yacht Club
- September 9-18Bluewater Cruise



THE SHIP'S STORE

Hello Shipmates,
Please join us for the VYC Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon at 2 pm on Nov. 19th. You'll get a sneak peek at new club merchandise!

Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson



SAFETY REPORT

No Safety report for November.
Stay tuned for updates in December!

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Galley Report - November Menus

Join us for delicious Friday night dinners!

Friday, November 4th

- Pasta and salad bar, dessert

Friday, November 11th

- Tomahawk steak night for 4, baked potato, salad bar, dessert

Friday, November 18th

- Special dinner from Guest Chef Kevin Lyons

Thursday, Nov 24th

- Thanksgiving dinner

Friday, November 25th

- Fish and chips
- Burgers
- Dessert

PICYA Report

by Maggie Sabovich, VYC PICYA Delegate

Our most recent PICYA Delegates’ meeting was held on Sunday, October 2nd, at the Elkhorn Yacht Club above Monterey which began at 1 PM with cocktails and networking, with brunch served at 2:30 PM. The Delegate’s meeting began at 3 PM with a Zoom option for those not able to be there in person. Delegates had been invited to drive down Friday evening for appetizers and music, and then they were treated to whale-watching tours organized on Saturday for those delegates interested in taking a trip on Elkhorn members’ boats. Those who went had a fantastic time, with whales within almost touching distance of the boats. Members who did not drive to Elkhorn had the option of attending the meeting on Zoom, with the Delegate’s meeting beginning at 3 PM.

The next PICYA event will be the PICYA Fall Management conference which starts at 9 AM on Saturday, October 22nd, and will finish up after lunch by 2 PM that afternoon. The cost is \$25.00 which includes the program, a continental breakfast, and lunch. There will also be a Zoom option for those not able to attend in person. Dan Garrett of the Elkhorn Yacht Club will be discussing “Safety on the Water,” Paper Yacht Clubs and how to structure them will be presented, along with a new ABC program that will be presented by Megan Brewer of ABC, for those yacht club members interested in changes in the rules governing “Honor Bar” serving of alcohol in private clubs. There will also be a much-needed presentation about current “Boating Insurance Rules and Regulations,” by our PICYA Commodore, Joan Marsh.

PICYA’s Annual Awards Luncheon will be held this year on

Sunday, November 6th, at the Oakland Yacht Club, starting at 11 AM, with lunch at 12:30 and Awards being presented at 1 PM. The cost will be \$30.00 per person.

Also, the 2022 Wheelchair Regatta was canceled this year, which was scheduled for Saturday, October 15th, due to governmental regulations restricting the veterans from veterans’ homes from participating in public events where disabled vets may be exposed to the COVID virus. It has been rescheduled for next September 30th, the last Saturday in September 2023.

RBOC News:

RBOC RBOC held its quarterly Meeting of Directors and Board Members on October 11th at the Long Beach Yacht club. More information about the content of this meeting will be covered in the December *Binnacle*.

Donations to RBOC continue to be urgently needed, as RBOC can only achieve success for California’s boaters if we have access to Desmond & Desmond’s lobbying and governmental expertise, and we are very much in debt right now to this organization that we have benefited from since 1968. Our Vice President of Northern California this year is Debronia Madison-Smith, Treasure Island YC, who has reviewed the goals of Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC), and states that this non-profit entity is continuously watching and lobbying for and against legislation that directly impacts boaters to freely have access to all of California’s navigable waters. Please go to <http://www.rboc.org> to provide your donation, no matter how small.

Happy Birthday

Roger P. Ruud 11/1	Davy Dacayo 11/13	Caroline Knef 11/21
Lee Deckard 11/3	Lisa Messina 11/13	Maureen Bates 11/22
Mark Hersey 11/4	Arlene Passini 11/15	Dave Tiefenbach 11/23
Nancy Barnett Moore 11/6	Michael Reed 11/15	Ab (Albert) Ream 11/25
Michael Fisher 11/6	Jerry Puglia 11/19	Don Gober 11/25
Michael Eli 11/7	George Beavis 11/19	Ken Eldridge 11/26
Carol Barker 11/9	Hugo Knef 11/20	George Hale 11/27
Roger Clark 11/13	Gordon Smith 11/21	Robert Boyce 11/28
		Michael Pimentelli Jr. 11/28

CHANGE OF WATCH

We celebrated the Change of Watch ceremony on October 8th. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the evening so special. Jim, Geoff, Norm, Stephanie, and the crew did a fantastic job with dinner, Jennifer kept our glasses full at the bar, and Dave Nadolne kept the evening moving as our master of ceremonies. Thank you to everyone who supported the flag officers in their past terms, and thanks in advance for your support of the new officers and the board.



A BIT OF CLUB HISTORY

FROM CLUB HISTORIAN, TOM OCHS

Did you ever wonder how women became members of the Vallejo Yacht club???

This is one of those sea stories that, unless you were there, you wouldn't believe it. Back in the '70s when I joined the club, women were not recognized as members of the yacht club. My friend and past commodore Pat Lane wrote this years ago, and somehow it surfaced to be shared with fellow members.

Pat Lane's March 1998 article (paraphrased by Tom Ochs):

It was the summer of 1970 or '71 when I first met Horace MacKerrow. My first wife and I had just taken delivery of our brand new Hahama 25, "Blueberry Truffle." Horace was introduced to me by the then Fleet Captain Sail Tiny Robbins. Tiny had invited me down to the bar for a drink and to try to get me to join the Vallejo Yacht Club. I was no joiner, so I wrangled an invitation to race with the fleet next season as a guest.

For the next few years, I raced as a guest and endured a never-ending litany of pleadings, begging's, and in the end, threats from Horace, to join the VYC.

Horace bought a brand new, bright yellow Volvo from me, and I remember him saying, "now you have to join the club." He was right, and shortly thereafter, Tiny purchased a pickup from me, and my fate was sealed. I did have to join the club then.

Horace was working his way through the chairs at the time so, the pleadings came with the weight of a club officer. Because I was a salesman, his talents in this regard were appreciated and I fell into line. I joined in 1974, and Horace became Commodore the next year.

In 1975, there were murmurings of discontent in the club having to do with the fact that it was the man of the family that was the official club member, and the women were the "Auxiliary." Now, Horace's wife and daughter, Marge and Margot, were making things a little dicey around the MacKerrow household, so Mac took the bull by the horns and scheduled a vote to rectify this matter. I remember the meeting as if it were yesterday. The chauvinists were ready to do battle, eagerly looking forward to the meeting, and Mac's mind began churning. Mac lined up his support. The old timers who were never ready to change something that had always been that way had lined up theirs.

Mac started the meeting on time. Most of the opposition was at the bar, discussing the meeting when Mac called for a vote on allowing women to be considered full members. "All of you in favor say Aye., all opposed say Nay." Well, the Ayes had it, and the gavel came down with a grand crashing bang. Out of the bar came the most vociferous members and started to complain. Too late, done deal.

Women have been full members of the Vallejo Yacht club since that day, and they have Horace Mackerrow to thank for it.

Horace presided over the Diamond Anniversary of the club that year and spiced up a great debate about when the club was founded. Was it in 1864 when the Vallejo Rowing club was founded, or when we incorporated???

Horace missed the 100-year anniversary of the Yacht club, but I'm sure that wherever he is, he will be kicked back in a big easy chair, eyes half open, with that brain going full blast, just waiting for somebody to make a parliamentary mistake or a disastrous decision that would adversely affect his beloved yacht club. And as he used to say, "I bamboozled them!!"

I paraphrased some of this from Pat's original paper, but if any of you wondered how the membership changed, this was a starting point. Stay tuned for more club history next month!

Vallejo Waterfront Weekend & October Cruise Ins

The Vallejo Yacht Club was open to the public on October 1st and 2nd. Folks could take out some of our small boats or take a kayak out for a spin down the river. Thank you to everyone who helped support the weekend activities!

We also had visitors cruise in on the weekend of October 14th. We hosted the Delta Marina Yacht Club and the Single-Handed Sailing Society. It's always wonderful to have guests from other clubs. Thank you to everyone who made our guests feel welcome.



Left to right: Commodore Jeremy Haydock, Delta Marina Vice Commodore Mike Greco, Delta Marina Commodore Nancy Barker



2022 - 2023 Elected & Appointed Officers

Commodore Jeremy Haydock
 Vice Commodore Scott Green
 Rear Commodore Hugo Knef
 Staff Commodore Matt Hendricksen
 Treasurer Bob Lockhardt
 Secretary Samantha Fordyce
 Port Capt., Dock Maintenance and Engineering .. Jeff Ruszler
 Port Capt., Admin. Office staff
 Fleet Capt. Cruise: Noble Brown
 Fleet Capt., Sail Mark Littlefield / Denny Mosher
 Fleet Capt., Power TBD
 Fleet Chaplain Bob Reeves
 Fleet Surgeon Fred Von Stieff
 Bar Manager Office staff (Mike and Arv)
 Club Manager Arv Voss
 Financial Manager Mike Reid

Board of Directors

Chairman Elvin Valverde
 Director Gail Ashworth
 Director Jeff Ruszler
 Director Geoff Lambert

Committee Chairpersons

Social Committee Jim Glenn
 Safety Deb Rocchild / Bob Sampayan
 Learn To Sail Dale Anderson
 Membership Chair Mark Ashworth
 Grounds Clare Harmon
 Ship's Store Barbara Brown
 House Chair Matthew Mack
 Binnacle Amy Hendricksen
 Development TBA
 VYC Social Media Networking Julique Lewis Haydock
 Webmaster Matt Hendricksen
 Network Chair TBA
 Galley Chair Jim Glenn
 Community Liaison Officer Julique Lewis Haydock

Delegates

PICYA Maggie Sabovich
 YRA TBD



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