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VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

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In Memorium



Our clubmate and friend, Ken Hall, passed away at his home on June 13, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ken was born in Port Huron, Michigan, the son of Harold and Thais Hall. Ken grew up in Manhattan Beach, California, enjoying surfing and overhauling his cars and his airplane. He worked for United Airlines for 34 years and has remained close friends with many of his co-workers.

Ken enjoyed sailing on his sailboat, Lady Hawk, and spending time at the cabin that he built in Cold Springs, California. He was very active at the Vallejo Yacht club.

Ken was a gentleman to be respected and he lived a life to admire. He was talented, kind, and hard-working. He was loyal to his family and friends.

Ken is survived by his wife of 27 years, Gail, his daughters Cheryl and Nadine, and grandchildren Lauren, Brittany, and Kenneth.

Ken has done so much for our club and was a friend to all. The Vallejo Yacht Club extends our deepest sympathies to Gail, Ken's children and extended family and friends. A memorial service for Ken will be held at the Vallejo Yacht Club at a later date. Fair winds, our friend!

JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 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 Learn to Sail weekday Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8pm Bar opens 5:30 - 8pm	2 Learn to Sail weekend 9am - 3pm
3 Learn to Sail weekend	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED Learn to Sail 9am - 3pm Fireworks, Band 6 to 8 Bar opens 5 - 10pm	5	6 Wednesday Night Racing Dinners 5:30-8:30pm U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting 7:30-9:30pm	7	8 Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	9 North Bay Series Race 9am - 12pm
10	11 Monday Night NFL & MLB Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	12 Board of Directors Meeting 7-9pm	13 Wednesday Night Racing Dinners 5:30-8:30pm	14	15 Annual Delta Cruise - Pittsburg YC Friday night Dinner - Long Table for New Members 5:30 - 8pm	16 Annual Delta Cruise - Owl Harbor
17 Annual Delta Cruise - Owl Harbor	18 Annual Delta Cruise - Grindstone Joe's Monday Night NFL & MLB Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	19 Annual Delta Cruise - Grindstone Joe's	20 Annual Delta Cruise - Stockton YC Wednesday Night Racing Dinners 5:30-8:30pm	21 Annual Delta Cruise - Stockton YC	22 Annual Delta Cruise - Anchor Mildred Isle Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	23 Annual Delta Cruise - Anchor Mildred Isle
24 Annual Delta Cruise - Pittsburg YC	25 Annual Delta Cruise - return to Vallejo YC Monday Night NFL & MLB Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	26	27 Wednesday Night Racing Dinners 5:30-8:30pm	28 General Membership Meeting 7:30-9:30pm	29 Friday night Dinner 5:30pm - 8pm	30
31	AUGUST 1 Monday Night NFL & MLB Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	2	3 Wednesday Night Racing Dinners 5:30-8:30pm	4	5 Friday night Dinner 5:30pm - 8pm	6 Midwinter Race 1 - 4pm U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting 7:30 - 9:30pm

Special Events

Monday, July 4th, 5 -10pm Fireworks & Potluck
 Tuesday, July 12th, 7 -9pm Board of Director's Meeting
 Friday, July 15th-July 25th Annual Delta Cruise Out
 Thursday, July 28th, 7:30pm General Membership Meeting

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 Wednesday Night Racing Dinners 5:30- 8:30pm
 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 - 8:30pm





COMMODORE REPORT Matt Hendricksen

Hello Shipmates,

Summer is here! I'm writing this letter on the first day of summer and boy did Mother Nature start it with a bang as I'm typing away in my barely air conditioned office and it's 101F outside. I'd much rather be sitting on the deck of the club with a frosty beverage and nice breeze to keep cool!

Of course every day is a great day to be at VYC, but be sure to check out the events calendar for all the goings on. This month we'll have fireworks and a potluck celebrating our nation's independence on the 4th, the new member dinner on the 15th and the great California Delta cruise-out also starting on the 15th.

You may be wondering why you didn't see me around much in June. Amy, Alex and I took our first non-boating vacation since the "Before Times" and went to Hawaii. None of us had ever been before, so all the tips I got from fellow clubmates were invaluable. Even though we cheated and took an airplane, we still made sure to stop by the Waikiki Yacht Club. I always bring a burgee to swap just-in-case, but of course it wasn't necessary. Our burgee was immediately visible above the entrance to their club bar.

Back in May, I had the pleasure of presiding over the new member dinner at the club. These monthly events are a great opportunity to meet new members and welcome them to our



family. Be sure when you see our newest members to introduce yourself and include them — whether

that's inviting folks to a day on the water, a race or maybe just a friendly game of pool. Lastly, let's make sure we make the club a friendly, welcoming and respectful place for ALL members, both those that are new and those who've been with us for years.



Matt Hendricksen, Commodore
commodore@vyc.org



VICE COMMODORE REPORT Jeremy Haydock

Greetings Shipmates!

Wow, the month of June literally blew by (yes it was very windy here all month) but we also had so much going on at the club.

July looks to be just as fun filled with lots of upcoming events. Of course our usual 4th of July celebrations will be ongoing on the 4th. Also, that will be the last weekend of our 1 week Learn to Sail Program. It is always great to see youth and adults gain confidence in their sailing skills on that last weekend and watching them take out the Pico boats with enthusiasm and gusto!

The other big event in July is our annual Delta Cruise. This year the cruise will start on Friday July 15 and go through the week and end on Monday July 25. Noble Brown, our illustrious cruise out director has a wonderful itinerary

planned with stops at favorite marinas and anchor outs all over the delta. If you have ever thought about going to the delta, but are a bit hesitant, this is the perfect opportunity to do it with a group and learn about the beauty and lure of a week on the delta. Sign up ASAP as space can be limited at some of these marinas. Noble's email is berneb@jps.net

Lastly, a few words about decorum among our membership. Let's try our best to be courteous to one another, respect each other and understand that while we may not all see eye to eye on many issues, we share much more in common with our mutual love of the water, boating and all things nautical. We really are an extended family and being respectful of others feelings is an important part of being an extended family.

Jeremy Haydock
Vice Commodore @ VYC.org

Galley Report

Thank you to all the clubmates who continue to come down and support the galley and bar at the club.

Menu

July 1st

- Fettuccine Alfredo with shrimp, salad bar
- New York steak, baked potato, salad bar
- Ice cream with peaches

July 8th

- New York steak, baked potato, salad bar
- Cioppino and salad bar
- Apple crisp

July 15th

- Surf and turf, salad bar
- Risotto, salad bar
- Cheesecake

July 22nd

- Barbeque baby back ribs, corn on the cob, salad bar
- Ice cream with fruit

July 29th

- Taco bar– choice of beef, shrimp, fish, and carnitas
- Apple pie tacos

Happy Birthday

Michael Boese7/2
 Richard Riker7/2
 Ralph Natividad7/3
 Dudley Miller7/3
 Kerstin Roberts7/5
 David Trumbull7/6
 Collin Wojahn7/6
 Russell Smith7/6
 Donald Havorka7/7
 Keith Miller7/8
 Mark Jensen7/8
 James Rohrssen7/9
 Bruce Chrisp7/11
 Peter Sideris7/11
 AJ Simonsen7/12
 Timothy Dunn7/12

Maxwell Martir7/13
 Nick Nicora7/14
 Dale Anderson7/15
 Kenneth Castellano7/18
 Linn Tyer7/18
 Mark Littlefield7/18
 Jack Remington7/18
 Steve Bell7/20
 John Williams7/21
 Victor Beltran7/22
 Dean Hambrick7/24
 Ramona Sampayan7/26
 Glenn McKeig7/27
 Clark Hawley7/27
 Barbara Chodacznik7/29

Welcome to the Club

We would like to welcome Kim Trotter and Jim Rutherford to the club.
We are always happy to have new boaters join VYC!



You Don't Say...

It's getting to be summer and that means grilling and picnic season is upon us. Hot dogs on the grill...can't beat it, but one thing about hot dogs always bothered me. One of the mysteries of life to me has always been why hot dogs come in packages of ten and buns come in packages of eight. There seems to be a mismatch in marketing as we always end with more hot dogs than buns.

The story goes, and this makes sense even to my abstract mind, that before 1940 hot dogs were sold by the pound like most meat. A hot dog weighs about 1.6 ounces each, so ten make up a pound. Buns are also sold using unit prices. Sandwich rolls,



which hot dog buns are, are baked in eight unit pans, therefore, are sold in units of eight.

So.... there you have it. Hot dogs ten to a unit, buns eight to a unit. So the buns can't keep up

with the hot dogs. I guess if you're having a big party, you could buy 5 packages of buns and 4 packages of hot dogs and call it a day!

Things are changing, however. Nowadays, Ball Park Franks are starting to sell in hot dogs packages of eight, and there is another brand that does the same. Each dog is heavier than a traditional dog, to make up for the difference.

So, there you go! Another one of life's mysteries solved.

Enjoy your next picnic this summer!

By Tom Ochs, a wealth of useless information

Wednesday Night Racing

Wednesday night racing is in full swing at the club. We have had several prospective new members find space on seasoned boats this racing season. Thank you for making those folks welcome! If you haven't raced at the club, stop on down on a Wednesday night before 5 and you are likely to find a boat that could use another set of hands to haul lines or fetch drinks! It's really a welcoming bunch. The clubhouse is open as well, so join us for a drink and dinner afterwards.



PICYA Report - April-June

PICYA (Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association) held their most recent meeting at the Benicia Yacht Club on Monday, June 6, 2022, both virtually on Zoom and in person, opening with an 8 Bells Ceremony for Past Delegate Helen Horn.

PICYA's new Officers and Directors were introduced from the Head Table: 2022 Officers are Commodore Joan Marsh, Vice Commodore Jennifer Neumann, Rear Commodore Jan Lucas, and Secretarial consultant and Commodore Oyster Point YC, Trish Fiorini. PICYA Directors for 2022 are Marilyn Sperling, Jillian Humphreys, David Jackson, Glen Bigelow, Rich Holden, and Jim Haussener. Commodore Marsh introduced Robert Sesar, Delegate from Glen Cove YC, as the newest Director for RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California), as selected by the PICYA Board of Directors.

Commodore Marsh commended Vice Commodore Jennifer Neumann and her committee for their excellent organization of the PICYA 2022 Opening Day on the Bay. Jennifer was presented with a plaque honoring her successful Opening Day on the Bay 2022.

Vice Commodore Neumann acknowledged Opening Day Parade Grand Marshall Captain Taylor Lam of the US Coast Guard as well as Opening Day Decorated Boat Parade Judges Steve Meckfessel, Kate Humphreys, and Eric Jones. Thanks were also given to Luxe Cruises & Events, Captivating Photos and Pier 39 San Francisco for their sponsorship contributions.

Special recognition and thank you's were extended to Ebony Boat Club as a Silver Sponsor and to VYC Delegate Maggie Sabovich, Village West Yacht Club, Director Glen Bigelow, and S/C Liz Allison as Bronze Sponsors.

Vice Commodore Neumann gave special recognition and thanks to all the individuals who donated gifts and prizes for the Opening Day Award Ceremony, which also included VYC Delegate Maggie Sabovich.

Opening Day on the Bay Decorated Boat Parade Awards were presented at the Coyote Point YC at our May 9, 2022 Awards meeting. They are:

- Class 100, Powerboat decorated to theme: 1st, South Beach YC, Brian Isaac "Anabel," 2nd, Oyster Point YC, Kirby Combs, "Tutu," 3rd, Benicia YC, Ryan Opfer, "Half A Loaf"
- Class 200, Sailboat decorated to theme: 1st, Island YC, Eric Korbas, "Amanda," 2nd, South Beach YC, Reiko Yamamoto, "La Playa"

- Class 300, Any Boat decorated to theme by Junior Members of PICYA Member Clubs: 1st South Beach YC, Frances Larose, "Paperboy," 2nd, San Jose Sailing club, Tim Ellenberger, "Hummingbird"
- Class 400, PICYA Fleet club decorated with flags and streamers: 1st, St. Francis YC, 2nd, Loch Lomond YC, 3rd, San Jose Sailing Club
- Class 700, Any Decorated Boats, 1st Aeolian YC, Thomas Ostley, "J&J"
- Class 800, Any Non-Decorated Boats, 1st Alan Poeroy, "River Otter," 2nd, South Beach YC, Matthew Cannon "Good Omen," 3rd, Sierra Point YC, Harald Junker, "Spontane"
- Best Overall, St. Francis Yacht Club, Brent Herril, "Willhite"

In closing remarks by Commodore Marsh, she remembered Past PICYA Commodore Fred Rutledge of the Encinal Yacht Club, whose memorial ceremony was held on June 18th, and longtime San Jose Sailing Club delegate Paul Anderson, whose memorial ceremony was held on May 21st.

Commodore Marsh also noted new US Coast Guard requirements for fire extinguishers, engine cut-off switches (ECOS), and electronic visual distress signals (eVDS).

The next PICYA Delegate meeting will be on July 11, 2022, at the Loch Lomond YC, both on Zoom and in person.

The Lipton Regatta was held on Father's Day Weekend June 17, 18, and 19th. Winner Awards will be presented at the July 11, 2022 PICYA meeting.

Coastal Clean-Up Day is scheduled for September 17, 2022, and all PICYA yacht clubs will hopefully be participating.

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC)

RBOC Directors met both on Zoom and in person at the Lake Tahoe Yacht Club on June 9th, 2022, as current RBOC President Todd Leutheuser lives part-time at Lake Tahoe, and he hosted 12 of our Board members there. Many new funding ideas to support RBOC's lobbying group, Desmond and Desmond, were introduced, as each year we owe that firm for their efforts at the end of the year. All Directors pay all of their own expenses, but RBOC could not exist without the guiding hand of the Desmond & Desmond lobbying firm, a partnership that began in 1968.

RBOC and partner BoatUS cohosted the 2022 California Boating Congress on April 19th, 2022 in Sacramento.

THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

We have a lot of red, white and blue apparel in our Ships Store for you to be Patriotic this 4th of July to watch the fireworks from our deck. Come to the club and enjoy the festivities!

Wait for it!! Are you ready?? I just purchased the Hat Hoop for my 10 needle embroidery machine!! I am patiently waiting for it to arrive!! Are you as excited as I am??

Amy Hendricksen has asked to be trained on the POS system in the Ships Store so it can be open more often than I can provide. Would anyone else like to be trained? We would like to be open on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Please let me know so I can get you trained!!

We have 2021 and 2022 Great Vallejo Race shirts and sweatshirts at a great bargain price. Sizes are limited. Come by the store and see what we have!!

Happy 4th of July, everyone!

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Brown, Ships Store Chairperson



Thank you to everyone who sends stories and photos from our club events to post here in The Binnacle. It's wonderful to be able to share these experiences with everyone in the club. We would also like to capture all the day-to-day events that happen at the club...stories of boaters helping boaters, meals shared in the dining room, and laughs on the deck! The Vallejo Yacht Club is a great place to be, so please feel free to share your club stories and photos with binnacleeditor@vyc.org. Thank you in advance!



SAFETY REPORT

This month's safety tip is brought to you by
Past Commodore Ken Leslie.

Protect yourself when doing the simplest projects.

Over the years, your yellow Marincos shore power cord has been subjected to everything the weather and dock can throw at it. Bright yellow and shiny when purchased, it's probably gotten dirty and sticky to the touch, not something you particularly want to handle, and it leaves black marks on your shiny deck. You will find there are many marine-focused vinyl cleaners available, along with chemical and abrasive cleaners from the local hardware store. None work particularly well. And with 50 feet of cord to clean, you want something quick and effective. Enter acetone. To keep yourself safe, use some rubber gloves—the industrial type, not the disposable type, as acetone will dissolve thin vinyl or rubber. Be careful to avoid breathing the fumes as exposure can

cause headaches, nausea, and lightheadedness. The fumes can also irritate eyes, nose, and throat. Also wear protective glasses to avoid drops getting into your eyes.

Gather a bunch of small rags. Soak a rag in acetone and wipe a short section of cord clean before the acetone evaporates. Multiple rags and multiple soakings will make short work of all 50 feet of cord. This will leave the cord surface clean but dry and dull looking, open to contamination. To protect the surface, apply 3M Ultra Performance Paste Wax over the entire length, buffing it to a shine when the wax dries. The cord will now look and feel like new with a minimum of time and expense.

In short, take care of your power cord. And make sure it is secured so that it doesn't fall in the water or become a trip hazard.



2021 - 2022 Elected & Appointed Officers

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 Club Manager Arv Voss

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