

September 2022

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CALENDAR/SPECIAL EVENTS

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September 2022

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Hello Shipmates,

lection time is here! Ballots will be mailed to Lyour address on record early this month. Make sure to return it quickly- all ballots are due by September 16th. Good luck to all candidates. We had some great times at the club and on

the water this last month. Amy and I decided to spend the week at Owl Harbor prior to the Commodore's Cruise. Other than me being a mosquito magnet our last night there, we had a fantastic time relaxing and enjoying that wonderful California Delta weather. It also gave me a chance to thank Owl Harbor in person for sponsoring the Great Vallejo Race again this year. From there, we went to a great weekend at the Pittsburg Yacht Club. Thank you to our wonderful hosts at PYC and to all the members who sailed, motored or drove in to enjoy the festivities. It was great to see so many VYC folks there.

We also had a great wine tasting event last month. This tasting event was put on by one of our beverage distributors and the goal was to try some new options for house wines. I've gotten a number of comments over the years regarding our wine selection-hopefully we can find some good options from the tasting event. We had a great turnout and the attending members really enjoyed being able to have a say in our wine selection. I'd like to see more tastings in the future, either just for the experience or perhaps to find some premium selections we could sell by

the bottle. Let me know your thoughts.

I want to give another shout-out to Ab Ream and his crew that have been working on the Cal 20s. I was down at the club for the Senior Citizen's Day brunch and I didn't even recognize the bright red boat up on the north lot. It looked brand new! Good job, everyone and thanks for the hard work!

We've only got one more month of Wednesday night races to go before autumn sneaks up on us. If you haven't gotten involved yet, there are usually boats looking for crew. All you need to do is show up on race night with a drink or snack to share and you'll most likely find a ride. Speaking of Wednesday nights, I was chatting with our Social Chair, Jim Glenn, the other day. He has some great ideas for maintaining our midweek fun (or "weekend in the middle-of-the-week", as Staff Commodore Scott always says). We talked about everything from movie night, to guest speakers, to the aforementioned wine tastings. Let him know if you have any other ideas.

There are lots of fun events already on the docket for the club this month. Please be sure to stop down during Labor Day weekend for the Hot Rod Barbecue on the third and the always fun luau on the fourth. Be sure to wear your best Hawaiian shirt and Aloha!!! See you at the club!

> Matt Hendricksen, Commodore commodore@vyc.org



VICE COMMODORE REPORT Jeremy Haydock

Greetings Shipmates!

Tt's hard to believe that summer is drawing Lto a close, it always seems to go by so fast! We had a busy and fun summer here at the club with many successful events, activities, and functions.

The Commodore's cruise out to Pittsburg

Yacht Club was a huge success. We had more than 30 members attend the catered Mexican-themed dinner on Friday night. We also had 8 boats, and their happy crews make the beautiful downwind trip to Pittsburg. It was a fun weekend, and we even saw about 90 high-end speed boats when they made a stop at Pittsburg during a poker run event.

We have more fun and interesting events coming up this fall as well. For instance, the first weekend of September, we have the pig roast (roasted on our restituted BBQ pit that was originally made out of "spare" parts from the Mare Island Shipyard) and the Boyz Under the Hood car show and Hot Rod Barbecue. What a great opportunity to see some awesome classic cars on Saturday and enjoy a traditional full pig roast on Sunday!

As a reminder, don't forget about the annual Bluewater Cruise

coming up Sept 16 - Sept 25. This is a great opportunity to gain some offshore sailing experience with the added help and knowledge of going with a group of experienced offshore sailors. If you want to round out your sailing skills, this is an excellent way to do it! An added bonus of this trip is that you get to see the California coastline from a different perspective, a perspective that most folks never see (the deck of your own boat). It is a very satisfying experience to see the entrance to Santa Cruz harbor, Monterey Municipal Marina, and indeed the Golden Gate, knowing you made the trip on your own boat.

Fall is also election season here at the club. We have a great slate of candidates running for the Board of Director positions and flag officer positions. I would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to all who are running for office. Being willing to step up and volunteer your time for the good of the club is a noble task and I would encourage all our membership to express a "Thank You" as well towards these excellent candidates. Please don't forget to vote, it is so important for the continued success and vitality of our club. Ballets will be mailed out to you, so be on the lookout in your mailbox!

> Respectfully, Jeremy Haydock, ViceCommodore@VYC.org



REAR COMMODORE REPORT Scott Green

Greetings, shipmates!

In the relatively short time since I've returned from my regular gig aboard Cal Maritime's training ship, I've been reminded constantly of why I wanted to join the Club in the first place: the camaraderie. Despite the occasional squabble

I see going on between a few members overwhelming, I see countless examples of members supporting, helping, socializing with, and just plain being friendly with other members. Never mind all the fun had during our usual racing and Friday Night Dinners; I'm talking about just everyday things....

Such as last weekend's quasi-impromptu send-off party for Jennifer Thornton, who is (sadly) leaving us to return to Maryland. It was a huge get-together, with food, drinks (thank you, Jeanie and Ed, for manning the honor bar!) music (courtesy of the South Dock Dingy Boys). I'm sure she'll remember it for years to come.

Or how about the countless little errands folks run for each other? Or the walks along the waterfront? Or impromptu beers and conversation at random times in the bar or on each other's boats? Or maybe those random encounters I've had with some members at the Sardine Can for breakfast on a Sunday? And let's not forget the various cruise-outs that Noble Brown so deftly coordinates.

And gosh! In my own case, what about the immense help George provided in towing poor, limping SEAKER up to Napa to figure out her propulsion train vibration problem? Or how about Matt Mack's invaluable skill (and brawn) on replacing her engine mounts, getting that infernally clogged up propeller and shaft

out? She's purring like Woodie the Cat now! Thanks, Matt!

It's not much use (or space) to list all of these wonderful things, so I'll just close by reminding you that these goofy, random, impromptu, spurof-the-moment things make up a HUGE part of the soul of our club. While I'm sure other clubs out there enjoy similar "soul," there are plenty of others where things feel way more hoity-toity and impersonal, just a boat slip and a bar. Our soul is special to me, and I'm certain that, when you think about it yourself, you'll realize it's special to you too — despite those occasional squabbles. So let's all look around us and appreciate when members, staff, and volunteers are doing things to help others out. It's not about trying to hinder, so let's all look around and thank everyone around us for being so cool!

> Humbly, Your Rear Commodore, Scott

Welcome to the Club

In August, we welcomed more new members to the Vallejo Yacht Club family. It's wonderful to see the club in growth mode. Please extend a warm welcome to our new members!



Gina Medeiros, Oliver Jones, and Matt Hendricksen



Monique Well and Matt Hendricksen



Chris Eulert, Vicki Petrokovich, and Matt Hendricksen



Brandon Barrett, sailing Jennifer Thorton's former boat.

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Safety Report

Hi everyone!

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52 will be offering a boating safety class on Saturday, September 10th in Vallejo. Please join us as we guide you through key topics on responsible boating. If you still need to obtain your California Boater Card, this course will provide the knowledge needed.Please see the flyer below for more details. You can also send questions to me via email. Hope to see you there! Cheers, Deb Rocchild



TO REGISTER: email – basicboatingsafety@gmail.com or text – (707) 337-8271

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THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

When this Binnacle comes out in September the annual Pink Sail for the Cancer Society will have taken place. Thank you to all that participated!! It's always a fun event. I have been surrounded by pink for a long month!!

I am looking forward to fall and fall colors!! Always my favorite time of year!! Our plan is to have our Fall Luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, November 19. I will need

helpers so please let me know if you can help. I will also need models!! Special treats are involved and a wonderful meal with soup, salad, entree, and dessert!!

A warm welcome to all our new members!! Please come by the store so we can meet in person if we haven't already met!! New members, say the special code words "new member" and get 10% off your first purchase!!! We also need help in

the store, so if any of you new members are looking for a way to get in some volunteer time, please let me know!!

Here's to balmy beautiful fall weather with just the right amount of wind!!

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara Brown, Ships Store Chairperson

Galley Report

Join us for some delicious food and drinks every Friday night. We are trying to get more live entertainment into the club as well, so check your emails to see when there will be music for the evening!

Sunday, Sept. 4th

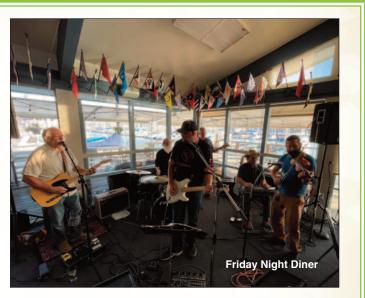
• Luau!

Friday, Sept. 9th

- Lemon pasta with shrimp, and salad bar
- New York strip steak, baked pototo, and salad bar
- Dessert

Friday, Sept. 16th

- New York strip steak, baked potato, and salad bar
- Shawarma chicken, rice and salad bar
 - Dessert



Friday, Sept. 23rd

Friday, Sept. 30th

- Olga's Dinner
- Dessert
- Pizza night with salad bar and dessert



PICYA Report - August

August Meeting

The last PICYA delegate meeting was held on Monday, August 1st, 2022, at the Stockton Yacht Club, both via Zoom and in person, with Social Hour/Networking: 5 PM, Dinner: 6:30 PM, Meeting: 7:30 PM. This meeting featured the Annual PICYA Scholarship Awards for student applicants who were selected by the PICYA Scholarship Committee members.

Upcoming Meeting

The upcoming PICYA Delegates' Meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at Coyote Point Yacht Club in Redwood City, with Happy Hour beginning at 4:30 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. The hybrid Delegates' meeting begins at 7:30 PM on Zoom and in person.

California Coastal Clean-Up Day, sponsored by the California Coastal Commission, will take place on Saturday, September 17th, 2022 from 9 AM-noon. If your yacht club has not registered to participate, you can donate that time to clean up areas adjacent to your own yacht club location, starting with your waterfront areas and adjacent coastal areas and parks, as all trash that ends up in coastal areas starts with cleaning up neighborhood trash. The Coastal Commission Coordinator Vivian Matuk urges clean-up crews to count how many bags of trash they collect to see whether statewide trash collection goals are met or surpassed in 2022.

The October PICYA Delegates Meeting will be held at the Elkhorn Yacht Club in Moss Landing on Sunday, October 2nd, from 4:30-8:30 PM. This will be a "sit down Sunday Dinner" with a long lively Happy Hour from 4:30-6:30. Participation on Zoom will also be offered for the 7:30-8:30 time period.

25th Annual Margo Brown Wheelchair Regatta

On October 15th, 2022, at 8 AM, PICYA will be sponsoring our several years' postponed 25th Annual Margo Brown Wheelchair Regatta at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda, and skippers with their large power boats and volunteers are badly needed to make this annual event a success. The skippers will take disabled veterans out on their boats on the Oakland Estuary and on San Francisco Bay along the San Francisco city waterfront for a two-hour boat ride. On their return to the Encinal Yacht Club docks, the vets will be treated to a barbecue picnic lunch. Many volunteers are needed ashore to assist in welcoming the vets, helping them board the boats, preparing and serving the lunch, and entertaining the guest veterans and their caretakers. Also, donations such as personal care items and socks, along with taxdeductible cash donations to pay for items we are unable to have donated for this special event are needed.

We also need bottles of wine donated, along with adult clothing items, including shirts and hats, to present to the skippers who donate their boats for the Bay boat rides. We also need cash donations to purchase supplies, film, food, and drinks for 600 veterans, caregivers, and volunteers.

For skipper information contact Staff Commodore Linda Blue at 510-851-4387 or e-mail: linda.a.blue@gmail.com

For Volunteering and logistics information call Staff Commodore Winston Bumpus at 650-644-7968 or email:

sycwin@gmail.com

You can also volunteer online on the http://www.picya.org website.

Checks may be made out to "PICYA FOUNDATION/ WHEELCHAIR REGATTA," and mailed to:

Winston Bumpus, Treasurer PICYA Foundation 805 Seal Point Drive Redwood City, CA 94065

You may also donate online via PayPal on the PICYA website.

PICYA Fall Management Conference

The PICYA Fall Management Conference will be presented on Saturday, October 22nd, 2022 from 9 AM-2 PM at the Richmond Yacht Club, 351 Brickyard Cove Road, Richmond, CA. Continental breakfast will be served in the morning and lunch will be served at 11:45 AM. The cost is \$25 per person. Some subjects covered will be: Boating Clean and Green, ABC Bartender and Bar Server Certification Update, Paper Clubs 101, Cruise Planning and Management, Live Aboard Issues/Implications, and Safety Issues presented by the PICYA Safety Committee Chair. You may register to attend on the http://www.picya.org website.

RBOC News

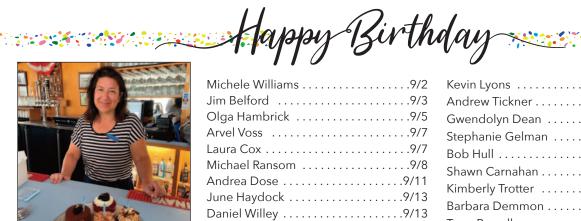
RBOC will hold its quarterly Meeting of Directors and Board Members in October at the Long Beach Yacht Club to review present state legislation and regulations, and to develop a plan to keep the California Parks Department, umbrella organization for the Department of Boating and Waterways, from using boaters' funds for various parks projects, including control of invasive weeds in the Delta.

Donations to RBOC are still needed urgently, 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 Debrenia 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.

WINE TASTING

n August 18th, Dave Nadolne and our wine distribution partners hosted a wine tasting event at the club. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event. Your feedback will help the future wine selections at the club. It was a productive social event, and we had great participation from established and new members. Thank you again to everyone who participated, our distribution partners, and to Dave and Jean Nadolne for coordinating!





Our bartender, Jennifer Charvez, and her birthday cupcakes last month.

Michele Williams
Jim Belford
Olga Hambrick
Arvel Voss
Laura Cox
Michael Ransom
Andrea Dose9/11
June Haydock9/13
Daniel Willey9/13
Pamela Lazor9/15
Stephen Stevenson9/15
Michael Kazek
Bruce Martens9/19

Kevin Lyons	6
Andrew Tickner	
Gwendolyn Dean9/23	5
Stephanie Gelman9/23	
Bob Hull9/25	
Shawn Carnahan	
Kimberly Trotter9/25	
Barbara Demmon	
Terry Brazell9/27	
Joe Balocca9/28	
William Dunbar	
Valerie Parreira9/30	
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SPECIAL FEATURES

Commodore's Cruise Pittsburg Yacht Club

Ten boats made their way from Vallejo (some via Owl Harbor!) to Pittsburg on Friday, August 12th, for the annual Commodore's Cruise. The Friday night dinner, a Mexican feast, was amazing. The flag officers, bartenders, and club members couldn't have been more inviting. On Saturday, we saw an amazing fleet of high-powered, cigarette boats descend on the harbor for the Poker run. The amount of horsepower in the harbor was amazing! As much fun as the cruise outs are, it's always nice to head home, although the bash on the way back is probably the least enjoyable part of the trip! We would like to thank the Pittsburg Yacht Club for a very warm welcome at this year's Commodore's Cruise Out.



Goodbye to the Best Boy

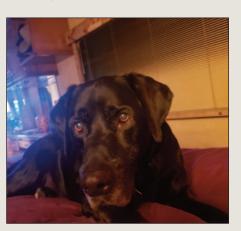
I have lost my friend. Guiness had to be put down. Sadly I was not there for him that day as I was out of town.

Amy Hendricksen was sitting for him. Amy, Matt Mack, and Pam Bond were there for his last minutes. I will be forever grateful to them.

Guiness was an amazing dog, and he loved everyone. He did not have a mean bone in his body, and his favorite things were people, water, and car rides. His love of life was an inspiration to me. He had a boundless joy in him I wish I could duplicate.

I would like to thank Katherine Mays for being there to console me during the first hours of his passing and all my club member friends that have offered condolences.

He will be missed., Jim Glenn



PS...From everyone at VYC, we will miss you, too, Guiness! Here's to endless swimming, treats, belly rubs, and naps in the shade across the rainbow bridge. We all miss you!

Blue Water Cruise

The annual Blue Water Cruise is fast approaching. Noble Brown, our cruise director, has a group of 8 boats making their way down the coast. If you have questions about the cruise, please contact Noble. At this point, we are at capacity for the stop in Elkhorn Yacht Club, but reach out if you want to learn more about this amazing cruise opportunity.

Blue Water Cruise Itinerary

- 09/09 VYC to Schoonmaker Marina in Sausalito. We can go out to La Garage Bistro for dinner.
- 09/10 After breakfast we will leave Schoonmaker for Pillar Point Harbor.
- 09/11– Pillar Point to Santa Cruz Harbor. This is usually a "zero dark thirty" departure as it is 48 miles.
- 09/12 A lay day in Santa Cruz to relax. You can get the sleep you lost the night before.
- 09/13 Sail across Monterey Bay to Monterey Harbor, this has always been the best sail of the cruise.
- 09/14 Lay day in Monterey Harbor, we can get some chill time.
- 09/15 Monterey Harbor to Moss Land. We will have a Pot Luck BBQ at the Elkhorn YC.
- 09/16 Elkhorn YC to Santa Cruz Harbor. Last time there were whales everywhere and a great reach.
- 09/17 Santa Cruz Harbor to Pillar Point Harbor. Early start as Pillar Point is 48 miles up the coast.
- 09/18 Pillar Point Harbor to Vallejo YC. Same as the day before, an early start.

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Exchange of burgess at the Lewes Yacht Club

Where in the World is VYC Burgee Exchange

In July, the Staff Commodore of the Lewes Yacht Club in Lewes, DE, exchanged burgees with Teri Nichols of VYC. It doesn't matter if you are traveling by boat, plane, or car... please take a VYC Burgee with you for exchange at our reciprocal clubs!

If you've exchanged burgees with another club, please send your picture and story to binnacleeditor@vyc.org.

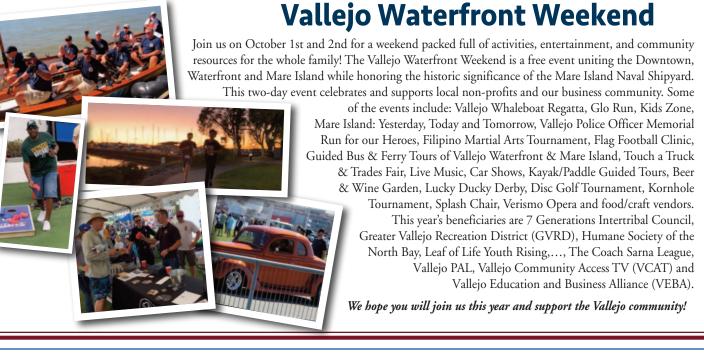


National Senior Citizen's Day Brunch

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On August 21st, Jim Glenn, Stefanie Gelman, Jimmy Verrett, and Alex Hendricksen put on one heck of a brunch in honor of National Senior Citizen's Day. Quiche, egg bites, avocado egg bake, tator tot breakfast casserole, ham, English muffins, fruit, and some killer, made-to-order beignets made for one heck of a feast! Jennifer Charvez kept the coffee, Bellenis, and Bloody Mary's flowing.

Thank you to everyone who attended and the galley and bar crew for the delicious brunch.



2021 - 2022 Elected & Appointed Officers

Commodore Matt Hendricksen
Vice Commodore Jeremy Haydock
Rear Commodore Scott Green
Staff Commodore Kerry Scott
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Secretary Samantha Fordyce
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Fleet Captain-Sail Mark Littlefield
Fleet Captain PowerTBD
Fleet Chaplain Bob Reeves
Fleet Surgeon
Bar Manager Dave Nadolne
Club Manager Arv Voss

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DirectorBill Sweitzer	
Director Jeff Ruszler	
Director Gail Ashworth	
Director	
Director Matthew Mack	

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Membership Chair Mark Ashworth
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Ship's Store Barbara Brown, Tracy Verret, Jennifer Scott
House Chair Matthew Mack
Binnacle Amy Hendricksen
DevelopmentTBA
Website/Social Media Jean Bēkind
Network Chair
Galley ChairJim Glenn
Community Liaison Officer Julique Haydock

Delegates

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