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VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

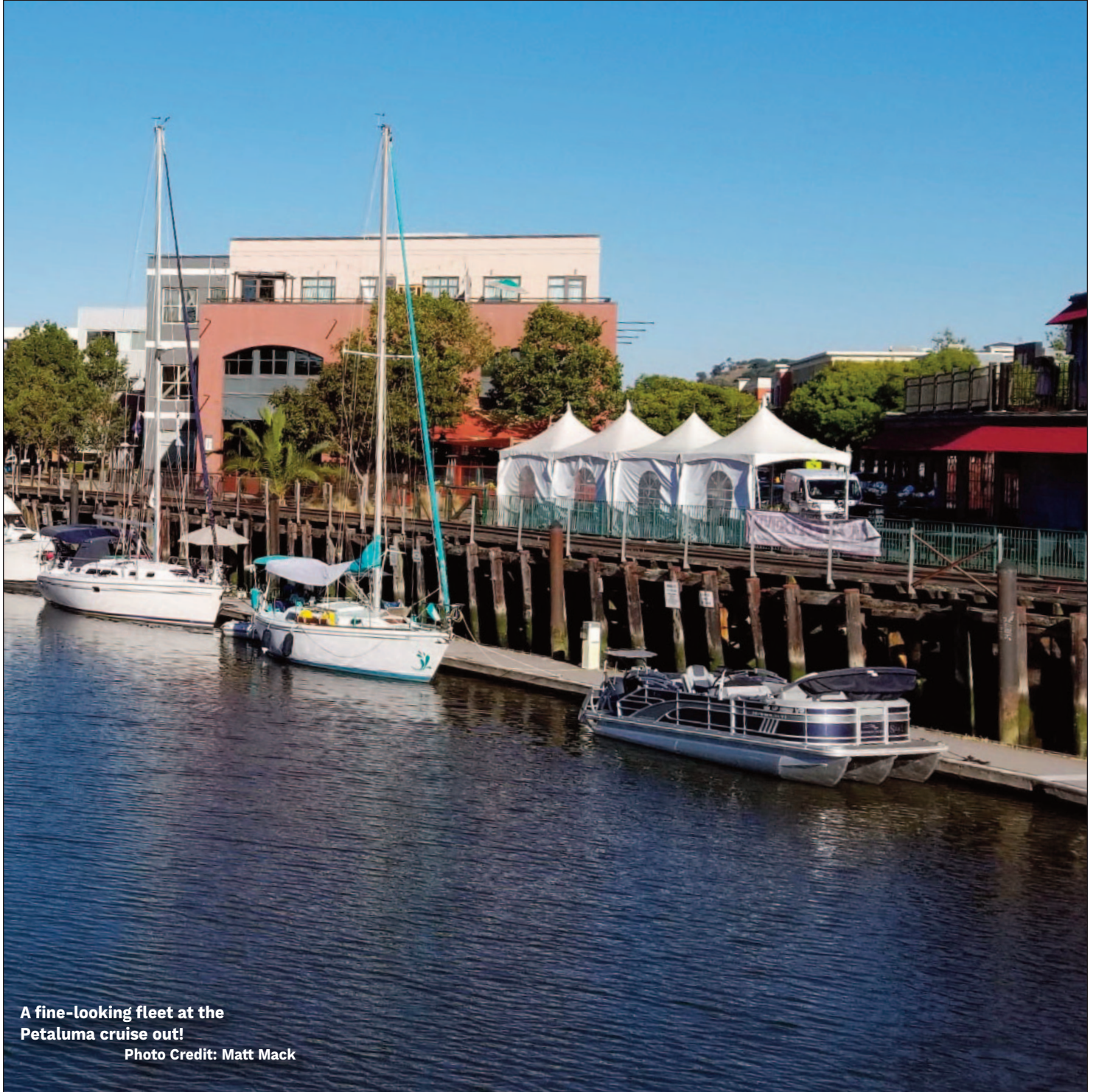
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P.I.C.Y.A. Club of the Year in 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006!



A fine-looking fleet at the
Petaluma cruise out!

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August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Mail/Email names of candidates to members Board of Directors Meeting 7 - 9pm	2 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	3 U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30 - 9:30pm	4 Friday night Dinner - Fish or Shrimp & Chips 5:30 - 8pm	5 Email and Post Candidate list from Nom Comm Cal 20 Sailing - Am 10am - 12pm Cal 20 sailing - PM 1 - 3pm
6	7 OFFICE CLOSED Soroptimist Meeting 12 - 2pm Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm SOMIRA 6 - 8pm	8	9 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	10 Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 51 (Commander Phil Craig 707-260-4596 Ron Nathan 707-980-6935) 7:30 - 9:30pm	11 Blue Water Cruise - Monterey 8-11 to 8-20 Friday night Dinner - Soul Food Night 5:30 - 8pm	12 50th Birthday Party "B" - Martir 7 - 11pm
13 BWC National Humanitarian Day- Food Drive - 8/13-8/19	14 BWC OFFICE CLOSED NHDFD 9am - 10pm Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	15 BWC NHDFD	16 BWC NHDFD Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	17 BWC NHDFD	18 BWC NHDFD Friday Night Dinner - Mongolian Pork Chop - and New Member Long Table 5:30 - 8:00pm	19 BWC NHDFD Cal 20 Sailing - Am 10am - 12pm Cal 20 sailing - PM 1:00pm - 3:00pm
20 BWC Binnacle deadline for candidates statement 9am - 10pm	21 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	22 Nominations by petition due	23 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	24	25 Friday night Dinner - Cook your Steak 5:30 - 8pm	26 Ida Tyer Flea Market
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED Soroptimist Meeting 12:00pm - 2:00pm Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	29	30 Pink Sail 6 - 9pm Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	31 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 - 8:30pm	SEPT 1 E-mail list of candidates to members Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8:00pm Candidate Night 7:30 - 8:30pm	2 Pig Roast for Luau 9am - 10pm Cal 20 Sailing - Am 10am - 12pm Cal 20 sailing - PM 1 - 3pm
3 Luau 4 - 10pm	4 Labor Day Mail ballots to full members OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm SOMIRA 6 - 8pm	5 Elections ballots start to come to office Board of Directors Meeting 7 - 9pm	6 VHS Class of '60 reunion meeting 2 - 3pm Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6 - 9pm	7 U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30 - 9:30pm	8 Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8:00pm	9

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

GALLEY REPORT • Jim Glenn

Join us for delicious Friday night dinners!

Friday, August 4th

Fish or shrimp and fries
Cole slaw
Cheddar bay biscuits
Dessert

Friday August 11th

Soul food night

Friday, August 18th

Mongolian pork chop
Garlic mashed potatoes
Braised red cabbage
Salad
Dessert

Friday, August 25th

Cook your own steak
Baked potato
Salad
Dessert





COMMODORE REPORT Jeremy Haydock

Greetings Shipmates!

The summer is flying by with all kinds of events and happenings at the club.

We have had a busy June and July.

This year we had to postpone our Learn To Sail program. Many of our instructors are getting to the age where volunteering for the duration of the program in its current structure is a very tall task. But not to worry. We are working on revamping the program for next year with a new format, and the program will be back next year better than ever! We are also looking for new instructors and chase boat operators for next year. If you are interested, please contact our Learn To Sail Director, Dale Anderson. His email address is dwasailfast@aol.com.

Now, for the big news! Our Cal 20 fleet is coming to fruition! This will be a fantastic amenity we can offer our membership, and I am so excited we can finally do this. We have two to three boats ready to sail with outboard motors on them. On July 1st, we had our first session, which was a huge success. We had about 30 members show up, and everyone could go out on a boat for a session. Members can get certified to use the boats by going out with one of our Cal 20 instructors and learning how they sail and how to properly operate them safely. The fee for sailing a Cal 20 for a ½ day or less will be 3

volunteer hours the member will donate to the club. This is quite a bargain, considering anywhere on the bay, the fee to rent a sailboat for ½ a day is a minimum of \$50.

We are actively looking for dedicated volunteers to help staff the program. We need the following: Training Instructors, Maintenance folks, Safety trainers, and Administration folks (tracking the member hours donated for using the boats and scheduling the calendar for using the boats).

For more information regarding the Cal 20 program, please contact Ab Ream, our Cal 20 Program Chairperson/Coordinator. He can be reached at abream@gmail.com. A huge note of appreciation and thanks to Ab and his group of volunteers who have spent about a year fixing these boats up into the beautiful shape they are now in.

We had a wonderful cruise out to Petaluma last weekend with warm weather and lots of fun. We had 4 boats participate, and many shipmates drove over on Saturday for the dockside gathering, with lots of great food provided by all. Don't forget about the upcoming Blue Water cruise from Friday, Aug 11 to Sunday, Aug 20th. Please contact Noble Brown at berneb@jps.net to sign up for the cruise.

With respect and gratitude,
Jeremy Haydock, Commodore
commodore@vyc.org



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Elvin Valverde

At Vallejo Yacht Club, we wear name tags because it is polite. At one time, most of us were the new kid in the class and remember feeling uncomfortable for the first few days. We all have experienced trouble remembering names. When exposed to a group of people that you're unfamiliar with, name-to-face recognition is much more of a challenge. When new members, prospective members, or guests visit the club, they start off knowing only a few people. As a long-time member, wearing a name tag allows newer members to navigate the sea of unfamiliar faces. Wearing

name tags makes newer members and guests comfortable, reduces new kid-in-class stress, and makes people feel welcome. New members are the lifeblood of the club. They are our future officers, board members, and committee leaders. The sooner they develop a sense of belonging, the sooner the club will benefit from their talents and skills. I urge everyone to wear a name tag when at the club. If I fail to put mine on, please remind me. I promise you, I won't be offended.

Welcome, New Members!

Vallejo Yacht Club continues to grow!
We warmly welcome all of our new members and are happy to expand our club family.



Michelle & Marcus Harvey



Carlos & Sage Rico



Marcellus & Roger Mason

HOT ROD BBQ 2023

Thanks to the Vallejo Yacht Club for hosting this event once again! Jim and his team made a terrific lunch, and the property (again, Jim!) was in great shape for us. Thank you, Barbara Brown, for the VYC store gift certificate and amazing Gift Basket! Your creativity and generosity are humbling.

We appreciate the club moving all the cars for the day; we know it's a hassle. I'm proud to say we raised \$2800.00 for the shelter this year and nearing 10k overall. The funds/donations are earmarked for a much-needed play yard expansion. A very good deed indeed. I truly thank everyone who helped make the day a success.

Jennifer Scott

Happy Birthday

August Birthdays!

Anthony Orantes3	Jacob Blei15
Chris Eulert6	Joseph DePietro16
Bob Sampayan7	Samantha Prince16
Dan Sheets8	Laverne Coburn P/C LF 17
Jerod A White8	Chad Crain17
Jennifer Charvez9	Richard Changus18
Guy Nadeau9	Robbin Sheltren20
Brenda Holmes10	John O'Keefe22
Jeff Ruzsler11	Karen Peters26
Vicki Petrokovich11	Traci Stevenson28
Sarah Miller12	Maggie Sabovich29
Oleksandr Moiseiev12	Carlos Rico30
Simon Lee13	Kayhleen Lytle-Linowski 31

Cal 20 Sailboat Program

The Vallejo Yacht Club has restored three Cal 20 sailboats that are now ready to be sailed after much hard work by some dedicated volunteers and top-down support by club management. We are now forming a club of people who would like to sail the Cal 20s and will also volunteer to help maintain and repair the boats.

This is not a “learn to sail” program, but rather it’s an opportunity for qualified members to enjoy small boat sailing with their guests and fellow members.

In exchange, we expect club members to volunteer to help maintain, clean, and repair the boats.

We will require at least one experienced sailor on board with a maximum occupancy of four people. We encourage newbies to go through basic sailing qualifications such as ASA (American Sailing Association) to be able to skipper the boats themselves eventually.

If you’ve never sailed before, complete the following short class to become familiar with some basics, and take the quiz at the end. If you don’t pass, do it again, pay more attention, and retake it until you do pass. It’s not rocket science. You can do it if you want it. That’s how it works. It won’t qualify you as a skipper, but at least you’ll be better prepared for your first sail.

This is a link to the course: <https://asa.com/free-online-sailing-course/>

Space is limited, and boat use will be strictly on a reservation basis, with no walk-ins. We will require sailors to sign liability waiver forms before taking out the boats. As always, members are responsible for their guests.

Initially, the boats will be available two Saturdays per month, with two sessions each Saturday: 10 AM-Noon and 1 PM-3 PM. You need to be there half an hour early to sign in, help with the boats, and organize the

crews. Check-in will be at the manager’s office in the main clubhouse. You’ll need to sign a waiver form, get your wristband, and proceed to North C Dock, where the Cal 20s are located. Plan to stay half an hour later to prepare the boat for the next skipper and crew. As we grow the club and attract enough volunteers, we can expand the days and hours, but that takes some dedicated volunteers.

VYC reserves the right to cancel sailing events due to weather, tide, or other conditions that pose undue risk to small boats.

The club will operate until the end of September. The boats will be restricted to the Mare Island Strait and are equipped with a main, a jib, an outboard engine, and all of the required Coast Guard equipment. You can bring your own Coast Guard-approved PFD, or we can provide one for you. If you have a working handheld VHF radio, you can use it. Otherwise, VYC will provide one for you to use during your sail.

We need volunteers to help with the boats, keep them clean, help with repairs, and assist on Sailing Saturdays to get people out

on the water. Without volunteer assistance, we may not be able to sustain this program.

So if you’re interested in sailing and volunteering, please complete the reservation below. If you bring a guest, they must submit a reservation and provide your name as their sponsor.

Link to Reservation form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D6NRRHN>

Any questions should be sent to:

cal20volunteer@gmail.com

Thank you!

Ab Ream



Boats in our Cal 20 Program

What to Watch



Welcome to a new movie review series from our Staff Commodore, Matt Hendricksen. We hope you enjoy it!


Untold: The Race of the Century is a documentary about the classic underdog tale of the 1983 America's Cup, where the Australian team defeated the defending champion New York Yacht Club. The film is well-made and engaging throughout its 83-minute runtime, and it provides a fascinating look at one of the most iconic moments in sailing history.

The film tells the story of a scrappy group of Australians led by skipper John Bertrand, who challenged the New York Yacht Club that held the trophy for 132 years. He and his crew achieved a historic victory with their innovative winged keel design. The film features interviews with members of both the Australian and American crews and archival footage and photos that capture the drama, excitement, and controversy of the events leading up to the event, the race itself, and the aftermath. *Untold* also explores the personal and professional motivations of the sailors, the role of media and politics in the event, and the legacy of the Australia II yacht and its crew.

Even knowing the outcome, I found myself on the edge of my seat while watching the dramatic events of the race. The film depicts how the Australia II and the Liberty, the American yacht, battled each other in a best-of-seven series that went down to the wire. The film captures each race's tension, emotion, and excitement and culminates with the final and decisive race, which was one of the most thrilling and memorable moments in sports history.

Untold: The Race of the Century is worth watching for sailing enthusiasts and sports fans alike. It showcases the passion, dedication, and innovation that make sailing such a fascinating sport. The film is part of the Netflix original documentary series Untold, featuring unique and lesser-known sports history stories. The film is directed by Chapman Way and Maclain Way, who previously directed Wild Wild Country and The Battered Bastards of Baseball. I give this one three out of four buoys. Give it a watch!

MOVIE REVIEW

August Movie Review	Untold: The Race of the Century
Where to Watch	Streaming on Netflix
Rating	

Cruise Out

We have a few cruises left for the season! Please contact our Fleet Captain, Noble Brown at berneb@jps.net if you would like to learn more about our cruising opportunities.



COMPLETED CRUISES – A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

February 24th-26th

Sweetheart's Cruise to Martinez Yacht Club

March 17th-19th:

Loch Lomond Yacht Club – LLYC is having a St. Patrick's Day Party!

April 14th-16th: *Point San Pablo Yacht Club*

May 19th-21st: *South Beach Yacht Club*

June 16th-25th: *Annual Delta Cruise*

July 14th-16th: *Petaluma Yacht Club*

UPCOMING CRUISES

August 11th - 20th:

Bluewater Cruise to Monterey

September 15th - 17th:

*Commodores Cruise to
San Francisco Yacht Club*



**Dockside at
the Petaluma
Cruise Out**

*Photo Credit:
Jeremy Haydock*



Photo Credit: Matt Mack

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
 Fleet Captain, Cruise Noble Brown
 Fleet Captain, Sail Mark Littlefield and Denny Mosher
 Fleet Captain, Power TBD
 Fleet Chaplain Bob Reeves
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 Membership Chair Mark Ashworth
 Ship's Store Chair Barbara Brown
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 Long Range Planning Chair Ken Leslie
 Grounds Chair Clare Harmon

House Chair Matt Mack
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 Community Liason Chair and
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 Webmaster Matt Hendricksen
 Bar Managers Michael Read and Arv Voss
 Club Manager Arv Voss
 Financial Manager Michael Read

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Chairman of the Board Elvin Valverde
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 Director Geoff Lambert
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 Director and Parliamentarian Bill Sweitzer

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PICYA Maggie Sabovich
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