

The



VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

BINNACLE

February 2023

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Happy Valentine's Day

February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Friday night Dinner - Stew or Clam Chowder in Bread Bowl \$20 Bar Opens 5:30 - 8pm	4 Midwinter Race 1 - 4pm Soup & Sandwiches 1 - 4pm
5	6 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	7 GVR Planning Meeting - Zoom 7 - 8pm	8	9	10 Friday night Dinner - Fish & Chips - Hamburgers - Bar Opens 5:30 - 8pm	11 VYC Valentine Party - Tomahawk Steak for 2 - Bar Opens 6:30 - 9pm
12 SUPER BOWL	13 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	14 Board of Directors Meeting 7pm - 9pm	15 63rd Vallejo/Hogan Class Reunion Meeting 2 - 4pm	16 Jack London's SF Bay Program Meeting 4:30 - 7pm	17 Friday night Dinner and New Member Long Table 5:30 - 8pm Mardi Gras 6:30 - 7:30am	18 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check 10am - 1pm
19	20 OFFICE CLOSED - President's Day Monday Night Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	21 Fat Tuesday - VYC Drinks 6 - 8pm	22	23 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 - 8:30pm	24 Sweetheart Cruise to MTZ YC Friday night Dinner - Pasta - Bar Opens 5:30 - 8pm	25 Sweetheart Cruise to MTZ YC
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Special Events

Saturday, February 11th, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Valentine's Day Dinner

Tuesday, February 14th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board of Director's Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm General Membership Meeting

Friday, February 24th - 26th Sweetheart's Cruise to Martinez

Saturday, March 4th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Crab Feed!

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

NEW! Thursday Night 8-Ball Pairs Tournament - 7:00 - 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!

For a typically slow month, January was pretty busy here at the club. Our annual New Year's Eve party was a success, with many of our members getting out there on the dance floor and having some fun! The Benicia Yacht Club joined us for a great Friday night dinner, and we had a very full house that night. The Admiral (my beautiful wife Julique) and I were in Portland for our anniversary on Dec 31st, and we stopped by the Portland Yacht Club. What an amazing club with an incredibly welcoming membership. I would highly recommend swinging by for a drink with a wonderful view of the marina on the river if you ever find yourself in Portland Oregon.

February is shaping up to be even busier. We have a Midwinter race on Saturday, Feb 4, with a start time of 1:00 pm. Chef Jim will be making soup and grilled cheese sandwiches to warm our frosty racers when they get back from the racecourse. We also have our first cruise out of the year, going to Martinez Yacht Club Feb 24-26th. The harbor has been dredged, so we are going back. I think we might be the first Yacht Club to do a cruise there since the harbor was dredged. There are already 9 boats signed up, so there is very little room for more at the guest dock, but driving to the Martinez Yacht Club is also an option. Please contact our office, or our Cruise Director Noble Brown to get your name on the list. They are having a Mardi Gras party and based on other parties I have personally attended there, it is not to be missed. We are also doing our own Valentine's Day party on Saturday, Feb 11. Definitely a full weekend of fun on tap.

Our own Mardi Gras party will be on Friday, Feb 17 which is also a new member welcome dinner too. In keeping with the theme, we will be serving drinks in the bar on Fat Tuesday, Feb 21.

The next big event coming up will be our annual Crab Feed. Rear Commodore Hugo Knief has been working to put together the event. We are still looking for donations for the silent auction. This year the crab feed will be Saturday, March 4 starting at 6:30 pm. This year is looking to be a good crab year and I'm looking forward to eating my body weight in fresh crab!!

The really big event, The Great Vallejo Race is in the planning stages. Please join Vice Commodore Scott Green on various Tuesday nights 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 for business. We have reminded you all for the past few months, but just to be sure the message reaches everyone....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 and must 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. What this means for our club is that any member who wishes to use the honor bar and pour themselves, or others a drink, must be RBS certified with a server ID. **ONLY**



*Visiting the Portland Yacht Club
Portland Marina*

MEMBERS WHO HAVE THE RBS CERTIFICATION WITH A VALID SERVER ID WILL 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 huge blow to us all.

There is a list at the bar showing all the members who have taken the test and are now RBS certified with a server ID. **These are the only people allowed behind the bar to serve themselves or others.** IN ADDITION, 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



REAR COMMODORE REPORT Hugo Knef

Greetings Shipmates,
I've managed to get out on the new rowing wherry a few times between storms, and I have to report that this is a great workout. The boat is very stable and fast. It only takes a few minutes to put the boat together and

launch and get underway. Please get in touch with me and I will get you going on the water!

The annual crab feed is scheduled for Saturday March 4th. We

haven't been able to have the feed at the club the last couple of years so, hopefully, everyone is getting their butter warmed up and ready for a fun evening at the club! I am going to plan on having the South Dock band play after the feed to keep the fun going. Any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. See you down at the club.

Thank you,

Hugo Knef
Rear Commodore
rearcommodore@vyc.org

Cruise Program 2023

We have our first cruise out of the season coming up! We will head out on February 24th for the Sweetheart's Cruise to the Martinez Yacht Club. Due to the water depth, we have not been to Martinez for about five years. I can report the entrance and guest dock area was dredged in November of 2022. The tide will be low in the morning, so the best time to leave would be around noon to catch the incoming tide.

If you haven't cruised with us before, or even if you've cruised many times with us, you may want to join us on Wednesday, January 25th for an informational meeting about our cruise outs. Noble Brown, our Cruise Director, will share stories and answer questions about what a VYC cruise out entails.

2023 Cruising Calendar

All dates confirmed EXCEPT the Commodore's Cruise. Stay tuned!

February 24th-26thSweetheart's Cruise to Martinez Yacht Club
March 17th-19thLoch Lomond Yacht Club
April 14th-16thPoint San Pablo Yacht Club
May 19th-21stSouth Beach Yacht Club
June 16th-25thAnnual Delta Cruise (not so hot June)
July 14th-16thPetaluma Yacht Club
August 11th-13thCommodores Cruise to San Francisco Yacht Club
September 9th-18thBluewater Cruise

Happy Birthday

Bill DionFebruary 1st
 Mar VannguyenFebruary 1st
 Ian GriffinFebruary 2nd
 Carol AlbanFebruary 12th
 Olivia FabrizioFebruary 12th
 William HarnoisFebruary 13th

Terri GerowFebruary 14th
 Michael McGowanFebruary 18th
 Elvin ValverdeFebruary 19th
 Robert MacLeanFebruary 20th
 Garrett HernandezFebruary 21st
 Jeremy HaydockFebruary 27th

PICYA Report

by Maggie Sabovich, VYC PICYA Delegate

The first PICYA event of 2023 was the Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers, which took place on Saturday, January 14th, 2023, at the Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City.

The new PICYA Officers for 2023 are:

- Commodore Larry Mayne, from The Club at Westpoint, a new yacht club in Redwood City.
- Vice Commodore Jan Lucas, Sea Ray Club of Northern California.
- Rear Commodore Glen Bigelow, Point San Pablo Yacht Club.
- Junior Staff Commodore Joan Marsh, Pittsburg Yacht Club.

2023 PICYA Directors are:

- Ann Dukes, Ebony Boat Club
- Jim Haussener, Spinnaker Yacht Club
- Rich Holden, Dos Rios Yacht Club
- Jillian Humphreys, Stockton Sailing Club
- David Jackson, Sequoia Yacht Club
- Melissa Sopata, Oakland Yacht Club

The next regular PICYA Delegate meeting will be on February 6th at the Berkeley Yacht Club from 5-8:30 PM, which will be an in-person as well as Zoom virtual dinner meeting, with Happy Hour beginning at 5 PM.

On Saturday, February 18th, from 12:00 noon to 3 PM, PICYA yacht club members are invited to join together for a 360-degree Cruise of Treasure Island. You are invited to parade around Treasure Island in celebration of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exhibition. Gather around and see the parade map on the PICYA website for the location of the terminal. Connect on VHF Channel 69 Meet Up. See the PICYA website for more information at <http://www.picya.org>.

The March PICYA Delegate meeting will be at the South Beach Yacht Club on March 6th from 4:30-8:30 PM in person and on Zoom. It will be an in-person sit-down dinner meeting with a lively Happy Hour, with a Zoom option for virtual attendees.

Then, 2023's PICYA Opening Day on the Bay is scheduled for April 30, from 8 AM to 2 PM at 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! 2023's theme is "Broadway on the Bay"! More details will be available soon on the PICYA website...

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) News

RBOC supports the dedication of boater fees and taxes for programs and services that directly benefit boaters.

We, therefore, appreciate the decision made by the Governor and Legislature with the state budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 to refrain from significantly increasing boat registration fees and convening a stakeholder process.

This public process of engagement has been underway for the past six months, with three subcommittees led by Boating and Waterways Commissioners and supported by the expert staff of the Division of Boating and Waterways. A wide variety of boating community stakeholders are actively participating.

This process is providing the opportunity for all interested parties and the state to review the expenditure of more than \$100 million each year in fuel tax dollars attributable to boats, the most effective and efficient use of those funds, to identify approaches for increasing the small percentage of those monies currently directed to boating programs, and to enhance the financial participation of non-boaters who benefit from the current and future programs.

RBOC is encouraged by the progress being made and the consideration that is being given to the suggestions made by the boating community in our July 14 letter and in the input being provided by organizations and individuals throughout the subcommittee discussions.

The full commission considered the finalization of its recommendations at its November meeting. The commission's input will inform the Division of Boating and Waterways and the Department of Parks and Recreation as a report is prepared for submission to the Legislature.

MOVING THE CARQUINEZ LIGHTHOUSE

by Club Historian Tom Ochs



The photo is courtesy of Brenden Riley whose father was a longtime member of Club, and an editor of the local newspaper

Most of us here at the Vallejo Yacht Club do not know that, at one time, there were two lighthouses at the mouth of the Mare Island channel. Although they never operated at the same time, one was on the south end of Mare Island and the other at the end of dyke 9, adjacent to Sandy Beach in south Vallejo. I remember the day that that grand building from the Vallejo side of the river was moved to Elliot Cove, which is now the Glen Cove Marina, as my dad took me to Carquinez Heights to witness the event.

The structure was built around 1909 and went into service in 1910. It was built on pilings about

300 yards off Sandy Beach. It was a 28-room structure that housed the light housekeeper, their families, and assistants. It was a two-story Victorian structure with a 75ft. tower where the light was. This remained in service until 1951 and was sold to a San Francisco junk collector for grand total of \$2. The job of getting that building on a barge was nothing short of marvelous, or should I say ridiculous!

The building first had to be cut loose from the piles and then moved on to a 40ft by 130ft barge using house jacks and rollers. The house weighed about 150 tons and was taken in tow by a 600-horsepower tug for its journey to its present site at Glen Cove Marina. The relocation cost was between \$5000 and \$7000. It had been replaced by an automated beacon and fog signal which is still there and has been upgraded as needed.

Dyke 9, which was the access to the lighthouse, also had a boat house at the end and was demolished at a later date, as I recall in the late 60s. The dyke was also the home to target logs that the navy used for World War II gunnery practice. The dyke was eventually closed off, but, as kids, we had no trouble getting in and going fishing from it or just going out on it and getting in trouble.

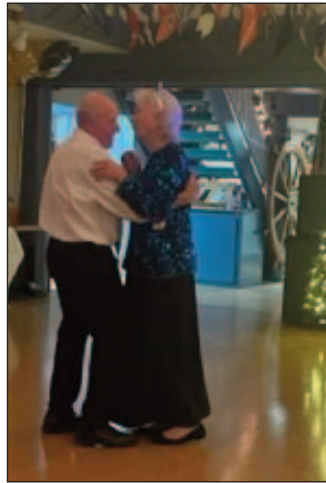
The day it was moved in August of 1955, my dad, some of my uncles, and various members of the yacht club met on Carquinez Heights to witness the event. As exciting as it sounded, the move went off without a hitch, and then, all of a sudden, the barge with the house on it was gone.

A couple of weeks later, we went to Elliot Cove, and there was the lighthouse, on cribbing, where it had a foundation eventually placed around it and has since remained.

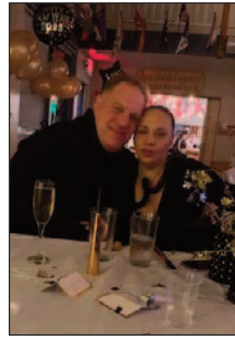
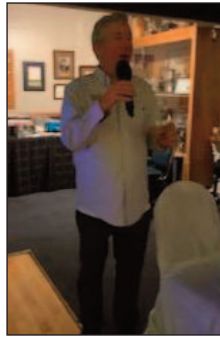
This area of Vallejo was in the county, and it was a pure adventure to get there, and in the 1980's significantly improved due to housing. Gone is the horse farm and other questionable buildings, and in recent years, the Stremmel Mansion at the foot of the bay was razed and the burial grounds of the native Indians were made into a park and also part of the bay trail. The sandy beach there came from the ballast of ships that needed to offload it and it washed onto the beach. There was also a swim raft in the cove, and I have to find photos of it in my family collection and will share those when found.

So now you share some of my useless information. Enjoy!

New Year's Eve



Thank you to everyone who made New Year's Eve an elegant, beautiful night to remember! You came, you danced, you rang in the New Year... heck, some of you even mopped (thanks, Matt Mack!). Happy New Year!



SAFETY REPORT

No Safety Update for February. Stay safe, healthy, and happy!
Deb Rocchild, Safety Chair

GALLEY REPORT

Join us for delicious Friday night dinners and appetizers! Check our menu online under Events! We are also serving appetizers every Friday night in addition to dinner.



Welcome, Justin Walker!

Welcome, New Members!

On the third Friday of every month, we welcome new members to the club. February's new member dinner is going to be extra special...we are having a Mardi Gras-themed dinner.

Stop on down, welcome new members to the club, and, as they say in New Orleans... Laissez les bons temps rouler (let the good times roll!)

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 Ruszler
 Fleet Captain, Cruise Noble Brown
 Fleet Captain, Sail Mark Littlefield and Denny Mosher
 Fleet Captain, Power TBD
 Fleet Chaplain Bob Reeves
 Fleet Surgeon Fred Von Steiff, MD
 Safety Chair Deb Rocchild
 Learn to Sail Chair Dale Anderson
 Membership Chair Mark Ashworth
 Ship's Store Chair Barbara Brown
 Galley Chair & Social Chair Jim Glenn
 Long Range Planning Chair Ken Leslie
 Grounds Chair Clare Harmon

House Chair Matt Mack
 Club Historian Tom Ochs
 Community Liason Chair and
 VYC Social Media Chair Julique Lewis Haydock
 Binnacle Editor Amy Hendricksen
 Webmaster Matt Hendricksen
 Bar Managers Michael Read and Arv Voss
 Club Manager Arv Voss
 Financial Manager Michael Read

Board of Directors

Chairman of the Board Elvin Valverde
 Director Gail Ashworth
 Director Geoff Lambert
 Director Bob Lockhart
 Director Jeff Ruszler
 Director and Parliamentarian Bill Sweitzer

Delegates

PICYA Maggie Sabovich
 YRA TBD



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First Class

