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VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2 OFFICE CLOSED in observance of New Year's Day Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6 - 9:30pm	3	4 Wednesday Night Activites/Snacks 6:30 - 8:30pm	5 8 Ball Pool Tournament - pairs every Thursday nite until Feb 16 7 - 9:30pm	6 Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	7 Midwinter Race 1 - 4pm
8 Learn to Sail weekend	9 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	10 Board of Directors Meeting 7-9pm	11 Wednesday Night Activites/Snacks 6:30 - 8:30pm	12 8 Ball Pool Tournament - pairs every Thursday nite until Feb 16 7 - 9:30pm	13 Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	14 Lobster Boil 6:30am - 9:00pm
15	16 OFFICE CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr Day Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	17	18 Wednesday Night Activites/Snacks 6:30 - 8:30pm	19 8 Ball Pool Tournament - pairs every Thursday nite until Feb 16 7 - 9:30pm	20 Benicia YC Cruise in - Fri Dinner Friday night Dinner and New Member Long Table 5:30 - 8pm	21 GVR Sponsor's Only - Cocktails and Appetizers 4 - 7pm
22 Benicia YC Cruise-in	23 OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night NFL & MLB Fun & Games 6 - 9:30pm	24	25 Wednesday Night Activites/Snacks 6:30 - 8:30pm Cruise Talk - Noble Brown 7 - 9pm	26 8 Ball Pool Tournament - pairs every Thursday nite until Feb 16 7 - 9:30pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 - 9pm	27 Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	28 Hootenanny- Music and Karoke - Amy H. & Julique L to EMCC 6 - 8pm
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Special Events

Sunday, January 1st, 2023 ... Happy New Year

Office closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year Holiday

Tuesday, January 10th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, January 14th, 6:30 pm Lobster Boil

Friday, January 20th Benicia Yacht Club Cruise In

Wednesday, January 25th, 7:00 pm -9:00 pm Cruise Out Talk with Noble Brown

Thursday, January 26th, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm General Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 28th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Hootenanny & Karaoke

Monday Night Fun and Games 6:00-9:30 pm

NEW! Thursday Night 8-Ball Pairs Tournament - 7:00 pm -9:30 pm through Feb. 16th

Wednesday Night Activities & Dinners 6:30- 8:30 pm

Friday Night Dinners 5:30 - 8:00 pm



COMMODORE REPORT Jeremy Haydock

Happy New Year Shipmates!!

Wow, that was a fast year. It was a busy year here at the club. Life at the club returned to pretty much a normal pace, with lots of events each month and numerous things happening in, on, and around the club.

This year, we are setting up an even busier year with more events planned throughout the year. If you have not already noticed, we are now posting more regularly on Facebook for our larger events, and we will continue to do so. We will also be sending out more emails to our members as reminders for upcoming events. These events are also posted on the bulletin board at the club as well for those who do not regularly read their emails.

January is usually a slower month, but we still have quite a bit going on. Our first race of the new year will be on Saturday, Jan 7th. Start time is 1:00 pm, so be here around noon to help your skippers and crewmates get our boats ready after what for most, has been a long period of slumber. Our last race was rained out in December!

Our big event for the month will be our famous Lobster Boil on Saturday, January 14th. Stay tuned for more details which we will send out via email, Facebook, and posting at the club.

Also happening: Our illustrious cruise director Noble Brown will be giving a cruise out talk on Wednesday night, January 25th, so if you are interested in attending cruises, this is a great opportunity to learn more about how fun they are. This is an area we really need more participation, as the main core group of cruisers has mostly retired from cruising. If we want to continue this awesome program, we will need a lot more participation from our members. Trust me, you won't want to miss these events, they are amazing, fun, and informative. What better way to learn about the local waters and see other clubs all over the bay and delta and the down the California coast?

On Saturday, January 28th, we will put on a Hootenanny. Bring your musical instruments and talents, and we might even do some karaoke!

Now for business. 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. Members who do not have this RBS certification with a 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. **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 comply with the rule.

We held two different training sessions on Wednesday nights in November, and many members attended and registered for the course, registered with the ABC. Many have taken the online course, taken the ABC test, and passed the test to be certified. Moving forward, we will be doing one of these training sessions one Wednesday night per month 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 Knief

Happy New Year Shipmates,

Another year come and gone, and now a new year to make new plans and goals. How many of us make that New Year's Resolution to exercise more and to get in better shape? I know I do! Do I act on it?

Maybe for a while, but new habits are hard to form.

Well, I have a new challenge and a challenge I am going to put out to all club members. Row! Row! Row! your boat! Vice Commodore Scott Green and I have purchased an open water, sliding seat, sculling, wherry-style row boat in hopes to get more members down to the club and out on the water in the river. We have great access to a perfect body of water to learn and practice this wonderful sport. Rowing is a low-impact, full-body workout that can be enjoyed by

all age groups. Just imagine being alone out on the river on those calm peaceful days. I would say that sailing is a big activity at the club, but it is only windy for the sailing season for half of the year. For simplicity's sake, you just can't beat rowing. It will only take you minutes to get out on the water.

If a sliding seat exercise rowboat is a bit much for you, we also have a nifty little nine-foot fixed seat rowboat that is very fun to go mess about in. Do you accept the challenge? Let's get this started, and maybe it can grow into a small fleet of boats for our club members to enjoy when they come down to the club and are looking for some fun activity. And getting in better shape certainly wouldn't hurt! See you on the water!

Thank you, Hugo Knief
Rear Commodore

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-21st South Beach Yacht Club**
- June 16th-18thAnnual Delta Cruise (not so hot June)**
- July 14th-16thPetaluma Yacht Club**
- August 11th-13thCommodores Cruise to San Francisco Yacht Club**
- September 9th-18th Bluewater Cruise**

Happy Birthday

Anita Bird..... 1	Tim Hurley..... 3	Samantha Fordyce..... 21
Shirley Burke..... 1	Diana Estrin..... 4	Yissel Lopez..... 22
Gary Cicerello..... 1	Rob Orr..... 5	Karen Andersen..... 24
Louise Gasser..... 1	Michael Lane..... 6	James Rutherford..... 24
Jerry Halterman..... 1	Yrving Torrealba..... 7	Donald MacKerrow..... 26
Peggy Whitmore..... 1	Tetyana Mizina..... 8	Philip A. Faires..... 28
Souanny Mankins..... 1	Sandra Kenyon-Collins..... 9	David Crouch..... 29
Mark Ashworth..... 1	Diana Cook..... 11	Douglas Schmer..... 30
Thomas Wilson..... 1	Mike Zumwalt..... 14	Kerry Scott..... 30
James Shorter..... 3	David (Huck) Tomason..... 17	

Christmas at the Club

We kicked off the holiday season with the lighted boat parade. To those hearty souls who bore the cold and rain, thank you! If you stepped inside the clubhouse during the holiday season, you were treated to quite a beautiful sight. Sandy Kenyon, Clare Harmon, and other enthusiastic volunteers festooned the club with lights, trees, and an assortment of BEAUTIFUL decorations. Thank you all for your hard work making the club look so festive. We held the Children's Holiday party on the 10th and the adult party on the 17th. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, participated, and enjoyed the holiday season at VYC!



Merry and Bright!



SAFETY REPORT Have a SAFE and Happy Holiday Season!

Please email me at droccsAUX@gmail.com if you'd like to schedule a Vessel Safety Check in January. Afternoons and weekends, schedule and weather permitting. Happy 2023!!

Deb Rocchild, Safety Chair

GALLEY REPORT

Join us for delicious Friday night dinners! Please note every month, we host a new member dinner to welcome in new clubmates. It's a great opportunity to meet new folks and share a delicious meal. This month, the new member dinner is Friday, January 20th. We hope to see you there!

PICYA Report

by Maggie Sabovich, VYC PICYA Delegate

PICYA does not have a Delegate meeting in December, so the next PICYA event will be the Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers for 2023, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 14th, 2023 at the Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City.

New PICYA Officers for 2023 will be:

- 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 will be:

- 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

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC):

RBOC issued a call to action opposing the Delta Conveyance Project (the Tunnel Project). RBOC opposes the Project that would negatively impact the ability of the recreational boating public to navigate in the waterways of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta for the 14-year-long duration of the project construction.

There is a potential for the project to significantly increase the transport of invasive species into the Delta waterways, and to exacerbate the occurrence of harmful algal blooms. These reduce recreational opportunities on the waterways and already impose significant costs on the boating community.

While the project might enhance the availability of fresh water for transport out of the Delta, the \$14 billion expenditure would hasten the demise of aquatic

conditions in the Delta as climate change occurs. The foreseeable impacts include higher air temperatures, varying seasonality of inflows, fluctuations in wet weather periods as well as droughts, decreased snowmelt, increased risk of wildfires, saltwater intrusion further into the Delta, higher sea levels, and decreased water quality, especially during droughts.

However, the draft environmental impact analysis inadequately analyses these future risks. It unrealistically limits the future conditions only to the year 2040 for the evaluation of the climate as well as social impacts. It also fails to either disclose or evaluate numerous uncertainties, unknowns, and assumptions associated with the project.

On the contrary, the laws, policies, and projects that are already in place including water conservation, recycling, groundwater recovery, desalination plants, surface water storage, and groundwater management, support a No Project Alternative.

RBOC remains concerned that this project creates no new sources of water to address the impacts of drought, climate change, and population growth. The primary emphasis is to move high-quality water from the Delta, which would leave poor-quality water for the inhabitant fish species, wildlife, and humans. The project does not restore and protect the Delta and its ecosystems. The mitigations are weak to non-existent and in many instances, impacts are mischaracterized as 'Less Than Significant' (LTS) to 'No Impact' (NI).

In summary, the key concerns are:

- Disruption to navigable waters in the Delta for 14 years during construction
- Does not adequately address climate change and its impacts on decreased snow melt
- Unquantified Groundwater Impacts (for Example Table 8.0) nonmeaningful LTS
- Does not create any new sources of water
- Will wreak havoc on the aquatic species, wildlife, inhabitants, recreational users and supporting industries

HOW THE STRAITS HAVE CHANGED

by Club Historian Tom Ochs



Dad's boat, circa 1944

The boat in this photo is a Sun class, which was very similar to a Snipe class of today. It was owned and sailed by my dad, Ralph, and his twin brother Bob. This photo was taken at the opening of the Carquinez straits in about 1944.

As you can see, there are a lot of things that have changed, like only one bridge and a lighthouse building, both of which are not there anymore. The bridge over the Carquinez straits was built in 1927 and removed in about 2003 due to seismic considerations. The parallel bridge was built in about 1957 and serves as the northbound route across the straits. Both of these bridges are cantilever bridges. The newer one, a suspension

bridge, was built about 2003, and the old bridge was removed. At that time, a caisson was built around the bridge, and the existing buoy we race around today was installed. Not many of us around here remember racing around the entire abutment, which is the subject of some great stories.

The original span opened about 1927 and connected San Francisco to Sacramento. It was privately run, and tolls were charged. When the bridge was built, it became part of the Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway. This was renumbered to US 40, and when the interstate system came about in the mid-'50s, it was renumbered Interstate 80. There were several realignments in the meantime. These bridges are vital to our history, as we are closely linked to the military with transportation to and from the area.

The other big change was removing the lighthouse at the Vallejo side of the channel. The light was commissioned in 1910 and deactivated in 1951. This building was lifted, moved, and is now the office at the Glen Cove marina, which is actually located in Elliott Cove. In 1955, when it was moved, my dad took me to Carquinez Heights to watch it being lifted and sailed under the Carquinez Bridge. As a 6 yr old, I was absolutely amazed at this process and even more amazed that dad and half the yacht club knew this was happening.

Getting back to the boat, if you notice, the registration letters are quite large. As the country was at war, the letters were large to identify pleasure boats. I personally don't think that boat would be much pleasure in the straits on a Wednesday night race. Boats of that day were all wood, and most of them are not around anymore, nor are the characters who sailed them. And there were some characters in the midst. When you go out the next time, think and imagine, all the things that have changed, from Jack London's time at our club until today.

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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