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# LOBSTER BOIL

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## September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> E-mail list of candidates to members Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8:00pm Candidate Night 7:30 - 8:30pm	<b>2</b> Pig Roast for Luau 9:00am - 10:00pm Cal 20 Sailing - Am 10:00am - 12:00pm Cal 20 sailing - PM 1:00 - 3:00pm
<b>3</b> Luau "B" 4:00 - 10:00pm	<b>4</b> LABOR DAY Mail ballots to full members OFFICE CLOSED - Monday Night Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00 - 9:30pm SOMIRA 6:00 - 8:00pm	<b>5</b> Elections ballots start to come to office Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00pm	<b>6</b> VHS Class of '60 reunion meeting 2:00 - 3:00pm Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00 - 9:00pm	<b>7</b> U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30 - 9:30pm	<b>8</b> Lobster Boil Feed 6:30 - 9:00pm	<b>9</b> North Bay Series Brother's race - 10:00 am start 10:00am - 4:00pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> OFFICE CLOSED PICYA Delegate's meeting - (B) - Dinner 4:30pm - 8:30pm Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00 - 9:30pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00 - 9:00pm	<b>14</b> VHS Class of '60 Reunion "B" 2:00 - 4:00pm Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 51 (Commander Phil Craig 707-260-4596 Ron Nathan 707-980-6935) 7:30 - 9:30pm	<b>15</b> Commodore's Cruise to San Francisco YC 9-15 to 9-17-23 Last day to vote in election Friday night Dinner 5:30 - 8:00pm	<b>16</b> SFYC Vallejo/Hogan High 60th Class Reunion Count ballots 9:00am - 12:00pm
<b>17</b> SFYC	<b>18</b> OFFICE CLOSED Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00 - 9:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00 - 9:00pm	<b>21</b> Dan Gordon memorial - "B" 4:00 - 7:00pm	<b>22</b> Friday night Dinner and New Member Long Table 5:30 - 8:00pm	<b>23</b> Art and Craft Show
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED Soroptimist Meeting 12:00 - 2:00pm Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00 - 9:30pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00 - 9:00pm	<b>28</b> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 - 8:30pm	<b>29</b> Friday night Dinner - 5:30 - 8:00pm	<b>30</b>
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<p><b>Monday Night Fun and Games 6:00-9:30 pm · Wednesday Night Racing &amp; Dinners 6:00- 9:00 pm</b>  <b>Friday Night Dinners 5:30 - 8:00 pm</b>  <b>Vallejo Waterfront Weekend - Saturday, Oct 7: 10 - 7 pm · Sunday, Oct 8: 11 - 4 pm</b></p>						

## GALLEY REPORT • Jim Glenn

*We have some special events this month... From the Luau to the Lobster boil to our Friday Night Dinners, there is something for everyone! Stop on down.*

**Fri, Sept. 1st**  
Shish kebobs  
Rice  
Bread  
Dessert

**Sat, Sept. 2nd**  
Luau!

**Fri, Sept. 8th**  
Lobster Boil  
\$85.00 per person

**Fri, Sept. 15th**  
Tamale pie  
Spanish rice  
Corn bread  
Salad  
Dessert

**Fri, Sept. 22nd**  
Tri tip  
Baked potato  
Green beans  
Salad, Bread  
Dessert

**Fri, Sept. 29th**  
Red snapper squash  
Grilled asparagus  
Salad  
Bread  
Dessert



# What to Watch

Staff Commodore, Matt Hendricksen, continues his movie review series with *Styx*, a 2018 film.

*Styx* is a drama film directed by Wolfgang Fischer and written by Fischer and Ika Künzel. It stars Susanne Wolff as Rike, a German doctor who embarks on a solo sailing trip from Gibraltar to Ascension Island. Along the way, she encounters a sinking boat full of refugees and faces a moral dilemma of whether to help them or not.




as well as the bureaucratic and political obstacles that prevent her from getting help.

The film is also a powerful exploration of the themes of empathy, responsibility, and courage. The film challenges the viewer to question their own values and actions in the face of injustice and suffering. The film also raises ethical questions about the role of individuals and institutions in addressing humanitarian crises.

The film is a gripping portrayal of the refugee crisis and the human cost of indifference. The film uses minimal dialogue and relies on the performance of Wolff, who carries the film with her nuanced and complex portrayal of Rike. The film also uses stunning cinematography and sound design to create a contrast between the beauty and danger of the ocean, as well as the isolation and tension of Rike's situation. The film does not shy away from showing the harsh realities and consequences of Rike's choices,

*Styx* is one of those movies that sticks with you after it's over. The film does not provide easy answers or solutions, but rather invites the viewer to reflect on how they would approach the situation if they were in the main character's shoes. I give *Styx* 3.5 out of 4 buoys.

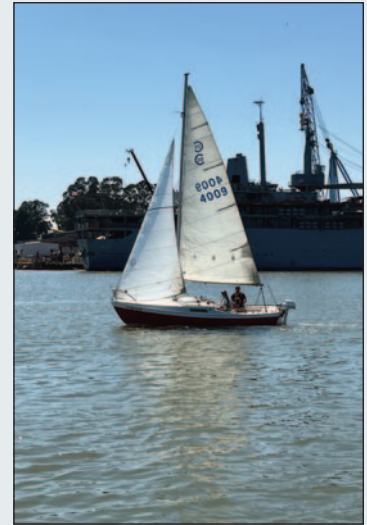
Where to watch:  
Streaming on Amazon, Tubi and Plex

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



## Cal 20 Sailboat Program

*Here are few photos of our Cal 20s out on the water on August 5th.  
If you are interested in taking out one of our Cal 20s, please call the office!*



**FREE EVENT**

**VALLEJO WATERFRONT WEEKEND**  
PRESENTED BY KAISER PERMANENTE

**SATURDAY 10-8 & SUNDAY 11-4**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

# VALLEJO WATERFRONT WEEKEND

Whaleboat Regatta • Glo Run • Disc Golf  
Filipino Martial Arts Tournament  
Kornhole • Kid's Zone • Car Show  
Flag Football Clinic • Beer, Wine, Food  
and Craft Vendors and much more...

**SATURDAY MUSIC LINE-UP**  
presented by  
**MARE ISLAND CO.**  
LJ BRYANT • 12-1 pm  
**SOUCANO**  
1:30-2:30 pm  
**ALVON** • 3-4 pm  
**EAST BAY MUDD**  
4:30-5:30 pm  
**PAPA JOE**  
6-7:30 pm

SCAN the QR code or go to [VallejoWaterfrontWeekend.com](http://VallejoWaterfrontWeekend.com)  
for more information, event sign-ups, entertainment  
schedule and where you can buy Lucky Ducky Derby tickets!

*Events & times subject to change.*





## In Memorium

A fellow clubmate, Dan Gordon, passed away in August. His granddaughter sent us this message for our membership. There is always sadness in losing a loved one, but that sadness can be tremendously buoyed by an appreciation for a powerful and fruitful life well-lived. We lost our patriarch, Dan Gordon, on Sunday, August 6th, after 84 years of a large life. He spent his last day with all of us, and he slipped away quietly and dignified, the way he spent most of his life. A great many things in our community would not be what they are without his influence. Dan had a multitude of leadership roles in his career as well as within his community. Whether it was his leadership as a probation officer and mentor of young men, his run as the first black President of the Solano County Employee's Association, or as the owner of the only black-owned yacht brokerage and boat repair business on the west coast, he had the willingness to chart uncharted territory.

Dan's quest for restoring boats began back in 1968, when Dan and his father, Dan Sr., went out on a limb to purchase their first boat, knowing that it was going to require a lot of work. Dan Sr. wrote a check to cover the repairs, but Dan Jr. never cashed it. He saved the check for \$536 in the dresser drawer as a reminder of a humble beginning.

In 1990, he had the opportunity to restore a 39-foot Sparkman and Stephens yawl named Sybaris. He only had 7 days to get the job completed - due to the color being black which would show any imperfections, and no time to do it over. The Yacht Masters' crew, under Dan's leadership, completed the job error-free. If you happened to see a 1990s ad for the "Infiniti" with a silver car in front of a 39-foot black boat, that was the work of the Yacht Masters team.

To the family, Dan was a great provider and leader. He never allowed his kids to think that they were less than anyone else and gave them the confidence to walk into a room like they own the building. For a poor kid from Mississippi who never would have imagined that he would be remembered as a yachtsman, his was a tremendous voyage.

We will miss our Captain.

The Vallejo Yacht Club extends our sympathies to Dan's family. Fair winds, friend.

## Cruise Out

Please contact our Fleet Captain, Noble Brown at [berneb@jps.net](mailto: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

August 11th - 20th - Bluewater Cruise to Monterey

### UPCOMING CRUISE

September 15th - 17th - Commodores Cruise to San Francisco Yacht Club



# The Brazos Life Bridge Incident:...

*or did you know you were going to have a bad day when!!!*



The Brazos Bridge services the trains from the California Northern railroads that access the North Coast and North Western Pacific railroads near Shellville. It travels from Oakland to the Fairfield Suisun yard and then to Lombard.

The Fairfield station is being slowly abandoned. Lombard is where highway 29 goes over the tracks in American Canyon. Schellville is in Sonoma, where the Airport is. From Lombard to Sonoma, the tracks go across the Napa delta I wrote about.

Well, the only way to get across the Napa River is to cross it by the bridge at Lombard. Many of us who have traveled the Napa River have passed by this lift bridge as we have gone to the Napa Valley Marina.

In the early and mid '70s, the bridge was a swing bridge, which remained open to permit marine traffic, and closed when the trains were scheduled. It was replaced by the lift bridge in the late '70s.

The existing bridge has a 98 ft. clearance and spans the river. It is left in the elevated position until rail traffic requires its lower-track connection. There is also a wharf that was used to deliver a bridge tender and keep

the skiff moored. On the north side of the tracks, there is an island named Kelsaw Island. For many years, this was a favorite cruising destination for the Vallejo Yacht Club. Kelsaw was a yacht club member and would graciously open his island for a couple of cruises every year.

Silting has rendered access difficult. On several occasions, the lift bridge was not in the proper position to receive traffic. In 1983 there was one of those days. My dad called me up one morning and said to meet him at Dutton's Landing. When I arrived, there were two locomotives off the end of the tracks and securely attached to the bottom of the Napa river. Word got out in a hurry, and there was a whole crowd of on-lookers.

Evidently what happened was the air bled off in the brakes, broke the tiedowns and went for a coast down to the bridge. A couple of trucks raced the locomotives, one on the access road next to the tracks and the other down the county road to Dutton's Landing and up onto the bridge to manually override the electric boxes and lower the bridge. As the bridge was being lowered, the engines tripped a relay that stopped the lowering of the bridge, and the locomotives went for a swim, which was the lesser of two evils. The bridge was saved but not the locomotives.

Two large cranes lifted the trains out of the water. One suffered minor injuries, and the other was put on injured reserve and rebuilt. The last photo is from a 1962 pic of the original swing bridge.

So...when you may be thinking you are having a bad day, and nothing could get worse, try stopping a train going for a swim!

This is just a bit of my useless information I wanted to share with all, and thanks for reading.

Tom Ochs, Club Historian



## Ship's Store Report - Barbara Brown

Hello Shipmates,

As you know, I am stepping down as Ships Store manager this October after 14 years of running the store and doing the embroidery. Time for fresh ideas and someone with new enthusiasm! I have enjoyed the store very much and will be available to the new manager to help with the transition. I will also be available to do some of the embroidery as needed.

Some of you may have met Michele in the store recently. She is helping in the store when she can and it is very much appreciated!! A special thank you to Mike and Arv in the office for helping during office hours.

I recently went to Hawaii and brought back 10 new Hawaiian shirts!! I only have one or two of the new ones left!! I should have bought more!! We are seeing much Aloha at the club!!

My next purchases for the store are jackets and hats. My inventory is getting low!! Maybe it's all the new members wanting VYC swag?? Don't forget we have a selection of GVR swag left from the 2023-22-21 races!! Reduced prices!!

Hope to see you all soon!!

**Barbara Brown**, Ships Store Chairperson



# PICYA August Report - Geof Lambert

*We welcome Geof Lambert as our new PICYA Delegate. Thank you, Geof!*



The August 6 delegates meeting was held during a lunch at the San Joaquin Yacht Club on Bethel Island, and on Zoom.

A warm welcome was presented by Commodore Larry Mayne, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call of Officers.

At this meeting 2023 Scholarship Recipients were announced by Ann Dukes, they include the following scholars from all over Northern California, Brandon Beck, Bella Blue, Matilda Spennelli, and Madison Stroud.

A report of various local Cruise-Ins and Regattas was made. There are lots of great opportunities to share fellowship and fun with fellow yacht clubs and sailors/boaters on the horizon.

Vice Commodore Jan Lucas gave a report on Opening Day on the Bay 2023, and mentioned that due to various circumstances this event has run a bit in the red in the past few years post COVID, and they are looking to turn that around in 2024. Many pictures of the event are posted on the PICYA website [www.PICYA.org](http://www.PICYA.org).

For those who might not be aware, PICYA is an acronym for Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association. It was originally founded in 1896, yes, it is even older than the Vallejo Yacht Club, and is one of the longest running associations of its kind in the United States. The main purpose of PICYA is to constitute an association of yacht clubs and boating organizations, to promote inter-club communications, yachting activities and the social interaction

relating to these organizations, and to organize and conduct programs which enhance the general welfare of its member organizations. In short it was created to help clubs share fellowship and develop an ecosystem where they can survive and thrive well into the future!

Two of the biggest on the water events of the year for PICYA annually are:

1. Opening Day on the Bay
2. Lipton Cup Annual Regatta

Hopefully the Vallejo Yacht Club will be able to send some boats to the Opening Day on the Bay parade next year, and potentially field a team of sailors to compete in and win the 2024 Lipton Cup Annual Regatta.

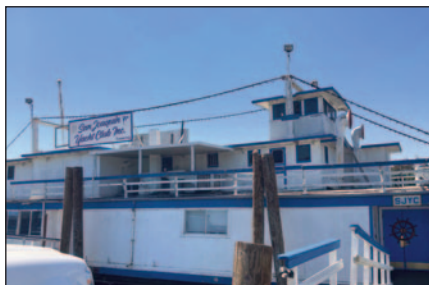
**Upcoming PICYA events of significance are:**

- Aug. 26, PICYA 360 Cruise, Discovery Bay YC
- Sept. 11, PICYA Delages Meeting, Vallejo YC
- Sept. 16, Coastal Cleanup
- Sept. 30, PICYA Wheelchair Regatta, Encinal YC

It goes without saying, there is fun and safety in numbers, so get out on the water, and explore all the wonderful bounty the bays, rivers and inlets of Northern California have to offer! There is a whole community of clubs (over 100 of them) and members out there to help you do just that.

Geof Lambert, PICYA Delegate  
[Geof.Lambert@gmail.com](mailto:Geof.Lambert@gmail.com)

## August PICYA Meeting



# Vallejo Yacht Club Elections

Election time is upon us. There are two director positions open, and we have candidates approved to run by the election committee for those roles as well as flag officer positions. The Election Committee members are:

Jeremy Haydock • Mark Ashworth • Toni Borges • Simon Lee • Julique Lewis Haydock

Please read the following candidate statements that were submitted to the Binnacle Editor. Candidates may have posted printed materials directly to the board at the club.

Also, note that candidate statements have not been edited in any way and are listed in alphabetical order by last name within each category. Review the candidate statements and cast your vote for our open positions. Your active participation in the voting process is important to the success of the club. Ballots are due to the club by September 15th in order to be counted!

Good luck, Candidates. Thank you for putting yourself forward for volunteer positions.



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**  
**OLGA HAMBRICK –**  
**Candidate for**  
**Rear Commodore**

My name is Olga Hambrick and I am

running for Rear Commodore of Vallejo Yacht Club. I graduated Kiev's Construction Engineering University as an engineer in 1991 and Kiev's State University in 2004 with a financial degree. Nowadays I work for a canvas shop in Bay Area.

I have been in the US as a Green card holder since 2018. I have sail experience since 2010 and have been sailing around the world. I am a mother of one son.

With my husband Dean we joined VYC in July 2020. Since I have been volunteering in the galley and in the club. If I am elected as a Rear Commodore I will dedicate my time and my effort to make our club more successful and organized and be nicest club in Bay Area.



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**  
**CLARE HARMON**  
**Candidate for Vice**  
**Commodore**

My name introduces me as Clare Harmon, and I am seeking the role of Vice Commodore. For those who are not yet familiar with me, I hope this introduction provides some insight.

My ties to Vallejo run deep, spanning five generations, with strong roots extending to Petaluma, Napa and Yountville. Over the past decade, I've been an active member, fostering connections and experiences within this community. Together with my partner, Hugo Knef, I've owned multiple boats, creating memorable maritime experiences. In addition, I had the privilege of managing the bar for around four years, which offered a wonderful opportunity to engage with fellow members.

Volunteering is a cornerstone of my commitment to this club. Whether it's in the kitchen, behind the bar, or tending to the grounds, I am always eager to contribute. Currently, I've embraced the lifestyle of a live aboard, allowing me to stay closely connected to the waters that surround us while pursuing local employment. My role as a deckhand on the Vallejo ferries not only serves the community but also aligns with my dedication to the union cause, be it job calls or supporting picket lines.

A familial link ties me to this club's history—my grandfather tended bar here many years ago, I just need to dig up some of the pictures as then it was known as the rowing and yachting club. Furthermore, I am an avid sailor with this club, mainly on the Wednesday night beer can races aboard the vessel Wayward Wind, a Baltic 38 with Captian Fred VonStiff.

Looking ahead, I am determined to immerse myself in the club's activities, particularly the esteemed Vallejo race, and to ensure transparency and responsibility in all club matters. My record speaks to my ability to recruit new members and to actively engage with the wider community.

In conclusion, my name is Clare Harmon, and I am vying for the position of Vice Commodore. With a decade of membership, a passion for boating, a track record of volunteerism, and a commitment to our community, I aspire to contribute positively to the club's present and future.



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**  
**JIM RUTHERFORD**  
**Candidate for Vice**  
**Commodore**

WHAT! James Rutherford is running for Vice

Commodore.

Why would I run for Vice Commodore? At the request of several members and the VYC nominating committee, I've decided to run for the office of Vice Commodore. You might ask what might qualify me to be Vice Commodore? My former military service has taught me the importance of patience and teamwork, my work experience to never give up when facing adversity, and finally after holding many board of directors positions



including past Commodore of Alameda Yacht Club, I learned to listen, compromise, build an environment of consensus and trust. As Vice Commodore, along with help from the membership, I will do all I can to make Vallejo Yacht Club a more inclusive, friendly and fun destination on the bay.



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:  
SCOTT GREEN**

**Candidate for  
Commodore**

Greetings shipmates,  
friends and colleagues!

Happy Summer to you all! Warning: This is going to be wordy, as I out to sea and missed submissions for a couple of months.

Having been away on my usual voyage aboard the Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR, I missed a lot during the early part of the summer, and I quickly recognized that I had a lot of important stuff to catch up on as your Vice Commodore. Just as importantly, I was rapidly re-invigorated with a burning desire to address myriad things I'd been seeing, as well as to (with your help) implement many ideas. Some of these are not "new" but rather dreams and plans never quite materialized. In that light, I decided to continue on "in the chairs" and I ask for your support as I stand for election as your new Vice Commodore. I honestly could not have hoped to survive (especially mentally; I'll get to that in a bit) or to succeed even remotely had it not been for the tutelage and unwavering support of our current Commodore, Jeremy Haydock.

But you see? Herein lies the whole focus of what I'm getting at! We are a club, we are a team, we are friends, we are compatriots. No one of us can even hope to keep this place running — much less get an event like the Great Vallejo Race going! — without the coordination and cooperation of vast numbers of helpers and supporters. And while there were a few very important take-aways and lessons learned from this year's GVR (which I will share with whomever becomes our new Vice), all in all it turned out pretty good. However, I can't tell you how stressed I was that it (aka "I") would fail. But again, with the

gracious support and encouragement of so many of you who keep convincing me that "... GVR will happen," I would have pulled the rest of my hair out! Although people may say this, the fact is that Vallejo Yacht Club will not "just happen." Indeed, we are facing some unprecedented and difficult times (PG&E alone is at an outrageous all-time high), and it will take all of us to do our part in keeping this venerable establishment going, adding to its 130-plus history. That's simply not going to happen without you all, and it's most definitely not going to happen if we all sit around and bicker with each other and say to ourselves, "Ah, so-n-so doesn't know anything b[usually said in more distasteful language]! My way is better and we already tried other ways." Well, how long ago were they tried? Why are you so perfect? Let's all open our hearts to new fun!

Assuming you see fit to have me as your Commodore this coming year, I pledge to you my three primary missions:

- Have a major party or other fun event every month, rain or shine, come hell or high water, making our club the envy of this town as people drive or walk by. I want "committees" to be actual groups of people, not just one person (who invariably gets skewered or praised singularly). I want people as enthralled about this place's history as I was when I joined. I want pictures on the wall, music in the halls. I want to see the resurrection of our former scholarship program, Learn to Sail and to implement a Day Out with a Member. Help me?

- As we current members all grow older, I challenge us all to bring new faces in, to get so much fun stuff happening that people have a REASON to come down! I promise you, I want people around me who have ideas, who have integrity, who have vision, who have spunk. If we want membership to grow, we must adapt to new mindsets and new ways of doing things.

- I pledge that the Bylaws will be (as they always have been) upheld for ALL. That means that you don't get to pick and choose which ones to enforce so that your (or my) own personal life is coddled. There is currently

a huge effort being launched by the BOD to revise and to update the Bylaws to address issues more clearly and to contemporaneously. Please help with this!

Keep in mind that there's a lot to that axiom "we're all in the club together": we truly must remember that the Board is not an "incompetent failure" (as I recently heard someone say) just because they didn't agree with you. Whoever winds up on next year's board, I assure you they will hold the Vallejo Yacht Club and its reputation as its mission. Sometimes that may not jive with making you "happy," but I assure you, all voices are heard with integrity. I've never seen anyone do otherwise. If you think otherwise, then hey, run for the Board and then witness.

This past week, we all witnessed the terrible destruction of a town that we all love. Lahaina will always remain a special place for me, and Lahaina Yacht Club even more specifically so. While I'd had my Vice Commodore's article more or less formulated in my head, I had to start over. For you see, LYC lost everything in an instant. Let us not allow that to happen to us, and certainly let us not rot on the same old bar chairs we all feel like we own. Get up off your ass and invite someone to sit with you, the way LYC always did for me, long before I was a member here.

I thank you in advance for your continued support, and I thank you in retrospect for more support than I ever could have imagined.

Humbly in service,  
Your Vice Commodore, Scott



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:  
MAURICE CAMPBELL**

**Candidate for Director**

Hi my name is Maurice Campbell I am running for a seat on the Board

and, have been a member of Vallejo Yacht Club for over 7 years, I am a boat owner Santana 35.

Please allow me to introduce my background to you. My Corporate history includes IBM, H.P, Harris Computer Systems, I was in Sales Management, and I won



numerous Corporate awards. My community involvement began on my retirement, I sat on various Community Boards in San Francisco. Community First Coalition where I was the Executive Director it was an environmental organization known Internationally for its work. I received the San Francisco Unsung Hero's Award, I received a special letter of thanks from the Civil Grand Jury of San Francisco for my work with them on the environment.

I sat on the Conveyance Committee of San Francisco, we negotiated with the Navy on How Hunter Point Ship Yard would be transferred/conveyed to the City of San Francisco. I was the Civilian Head of the RAB (Restoration Advisory Board), on how the clean up for the San Francisco Ship Yard was to be done, my Counterpart was The Navy RAB Co Chair. S.F Citizens Advisory Board . ANSWER Coalition (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) I was a Director on the Steering Committee with a membership of over 10,000 members in San Francisco.

I was a DJ and host for KPOO Connecting the Dots Program (Community concerns and speech). Members to me are the most important part of an organization they need clear concise and timely information on what is taking place so they can affect the organization and the direction of it.

They need to have clear understanding of what is taking place, so they can make clear decisions on their decisions and participation. Timely admin reporting on budget, minutes, issues that affect the life blood of the members. I believe in good communications all the way through the organization, so members are fully informed, we members are a resource pool and I know wanted to be included. As members we want more social events, inclusion not exclusion.

This is why I am running for Vallejo Yacht Club Board of Directors I am asking for your Vote, Vote Maurice Campbell Thank YOU.



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:  
KEN LESLIE**

**Candidate for Director**

I'm Ken Leslie. I've been a member of the Vallejo Yacht Club for nearly 25 years. I have served on the Board of Directors for nine years including 3 years as Board Chairman and 3 years as a Flag Officer. I'm running for Director because I believe I can contribute positively to the VYC and help our club move forward and continue its success as a business and as a great place for our members. Our club must continue to grow by expanding membership, offering more events, and being the place that all our members can enjoy.

As a business, we must increase income and monitor expenses so that we can continue to keep our harbor dredged and upgrade, repair, and maintain our facilities based upon a long-range plan. And most importantly, we need to provide our members with the kind of "customer service" they deserve.

As a club, we must all realize that it is a privilege to be a member of the VYC. But with that privilege comes responsibilities, the most important of which is respecting the VYC and all its members. Let's all realize that there is no place for negativity in the VYC. ALL AHEAD FULL!



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:  
KEVIN LYONS**

**Candidate for Director**

My Name is Kevin Lyons and I am running for a Board of Director Position for the Vallejo Yacht Club. I am a lifetime resident of Vallejo and attended Vallejo public schools, graduating from Hogan H.S. in 1975. I studied business and economics at Solano Community College. I married my high school sweetheart (Carol Lyons) in 1979. We have two children and four grandchildren. During my working career, I held several positions in sales and marketing, mainly in the food service industry. I owned and oversaw the operation of a food distribution business serving Northern California school districts

with annual sales of \$25 million while employing a staff of 35 for 16 years in Fairfield. I sold my business and retired to travel the world with my wife in 2015. Community Service:

I joined the Vallejo Jaycees in 1981, serving on the Board of Directors; one term as President ('83-'84) and now, as a JCI Lifelong Senator.

Member of the Benicia and Vallejo Yacht Clubs since 2021. I volunteer in the kitchen on Wednesday and Friday nights as well as special events for the Vallejo Yacht Club. If I am elected to the Board, I will do my best to serve the membership and help the club grow and be enjoyable for all of us.



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:  
MATTHEW MACK**

**Candidate for Director**

Hello to the Membership of the Vallejo Yacht Club! My name is Matthew Mack and I am running for the Board of Directors. When I joined the club in 2016 I was enamored by the sense of community, the wealth of knowledge and the experience the entire membership had to offer.

When the pandemic hit, I had my first stint on the Board, I watched the club go through some difficult times and we lost quite a few members but the ones that remained kept that sense of community alive.

This club has been making a strong recovery since and I want to make sure all of our new and existing members experience that same sense of community I experienced when I first joined.

If I am voted onto the Board of Directors I promise to fight for the right decisions and keep the club a positive place for everyone.



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:  
DAVE SWEET**

**Candidate for Director**

Hi, I am David Sweet. I have been a member here at VYC for about 5 years. In that time as a Member, I took on the position as the Bar Manager. I was your Bar



Manager for 3 years and in that time, I worked hard to bring you a better selection of beer, wine, and hard liquor. From the feedback I received from Members They were pleased with my accomplishments in the Bar.

I have worked with the Boy Scouts, with Young Men working on their Eagle Rank. That was the best job that I have had with scouting. I also started the Son's of the American Legion Squadron 101 in Benicia CA. Where the Organization works to help Veterans in the Community and throughout California. I am the Past Commander of the Son's and now I am the Adjutant for the Son's. My job is to keep track of Membership and make sure I pay bills and help to make sure

that our Money is spent wisely. 9 years ago, we started with \$700.00, today we have \$15,000.00. With the help of the Community and the Benicia Son's Membership... and that money goes to the Veterans and the Veterans Memorial Hall for improvement.

I am also a 42 Year Member of the Elks Lodge. I joined the Elks in 1981 at the Vallejo Lodge 559. I was on the house commission in the later years of the lodge working with the Bar, and the trustees tried to keep the Lodge open but there were too many repairs to be done. I am now a member of the Napa Elks Lodge #832.

Now I am asking for your VOTE to help the Club move forward for the next 3 years

and beyond. I promise to do the Best for the Club and Membership. So, when you VOTE please keep me in mind.

Thank you for thinking about me when it's time to send in your Ballot.

Thank You for Your Time  
David E. Sweet,  
Vallejo Yacht Club Member



**Last day to vote is Sept 15**

# Happy Birthday

## September

Michele Williams	2	Matt Read	19
Jim Belford	3	Kevin Lyons	20
Bryan Jensen	3	Andrew Tickner	21
Olga Hambrick	5	Gwendolyn Dean	23
Arvel Voss P/C LF	7	Stephanie Gelman	23
Laura Cox	7	Chris Walker	24
Michael Ransom	8	Bob Hull P/C LF	25
Andrea Dose	11	Kimberly Trotter	25
Angela DePaoli	12	Barbara Demmon LF	26
June Haydock	13	Terry Brazell	27
Pamela Lazor	15	Joe Balocca	28
Stephen Stevenson	15	Sylvia Keita St. A.	28
Bruce Martens	19	William Dunbar	28
Janet DeVecchio	19	Juanita Camacho	28
Michael Kazek	19		

## 2022 - 2023 Elected & Appointed Officers

Commodore ..... Jeremy Haydock  
 Vice Commodore ..... Scott Green  
 Rear Commodore ..... Hugo Knief  
 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  
 Cal 20 Program Chair ..... Ab Ream  
 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 ..... Geof Lambert  
 Director ..... Bob Lockhart  
 Director ..... Jeff Ruszler  
 Director and Parliamentarian ..... Bill Sweitzer

## Delegates

PICYA ..... Geof Lambert  
 YRA ..... TBD



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