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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00 - 9:00pm	2 U.S. Coast Auxiliary meeting - Steve Johnson - 707-205-6108 7:30 - 9:30pm	3 Friday night Dinner - Burger or Hot Dog w/ fries - Bar opens 5:30 - 8:00pm	4 GREAT VALLEJO RACE North Bay Series Race 1:00 - 4:00pm
5 GREAT VALLEJO RACE	6 Soroptomist Meeting 12:00 - 2:00pm Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00 - 9:30pm	7	8 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00 - 9:00pm	9 Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 51 (Commander Phil Craig 707-260-4596 Ron Nathan 707-980-6935) 7:30 - 9:30pm	10 Friday night Dinner - Spaghetti or Chicken Fettuccini - Bar opens 5:30 - 8:00pm	11 Vallejo Plant & Seed exchange - Roxann / So Club parking strip
12 MOTHER'S DAY MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH 10:00am - 1:00pm	13 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00 - 9:30pm	14 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00pm	15 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00 - 9:00pm	16 Discovery Bay YC Cruise-in 6-12 boats 28-30 ft Vallejo Chamber of Commerce Mixer "B" 5:30 - 7:30pm	17 Disco Bay YC Cruise in Friday night Dinner - Steak night - Long Table - bar opens 5:30 - 8:00pm	18 Disco Bay YC Cruise-in
19 Disco Bay YC Cruise -in	20 Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00 - 9:30pm	21	22 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00pm - 9:00pm	23	24 Friday night Dinner - Pizza Night by Jose - Bar opnes 5:30 - 8:00pm	25
26	27 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day Celebration 12:00pm - 2:00pm Monday Night NFL & MLB - Fun & Games... 6:00 - 9:30pm	28	29 Wed Nite Beer Can Race and Dinner \$15 6:00 - 9:00pm	30 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 - 8:30pm	31 Friday night Dinner - Fish Fry - Bar opens 5:30 - 8:00pm	JUNE 1 North Bay Series Race 1:00 - 4:00pm
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Monday Night Fun and Games 6-9:30 pm Wednesday Night Racing & Dinners 6-9: pm Friday Night Dinners 5:30-8 pm			Mother's Day Brunch - May 12 10am-1pm Memorial Day Celebration - May 27 12-2p			

May Galley Report!

May 3 - Burgers or Hot Dogs and Fries

May 10 - Spaghetti & Meatballs or Chicken Fettuccini with salad & dessert

May 12 - Mother's Day Brunch

May 17 - Steak night with baked potato & Salad

May 24 - Pizza Night by Jose 3-styles of pizza and salad bar

May 27 Memorial Day Celebration

May 31 - Fish Fry with fries with salad and dessert





COMMODORE Scott Green

Greetings shipmates and friends!

I don't know about you, but with the return of the sun I've been feverishly working at sprucing up my boats and house for this

incredible weather. As many of you may have noticed, I'd been a bit remiss in my reports the last couple of issues, and for that I am sorry. Thing is, life is hard for all of us in many ways, and this winter has brought me a few ... challenges. But I always in life have viewed challenges as part of what makes us grow; what make us better people - should we choose to learn from our experiences. Indeed, my motto has long been that there is no such thing as bad experience, only pleasant and unpleasant. No such thing as "bad." And so I write today with a few reminders and "asks."

For starters, the year 2023 and early '24 smacked me in the face with the most profound reminder of all: that life is unpredictably short. As such, one MUST always remember that you never can know what's coming your way, or for that matter, what's in store for the others around you. Have you ever run into that person at the grocery store or wherever who was just cranky and and not seemingly receptive to you even saying hello? Have you ever even bothered to say hello to a stranger? Well, we all should from time to time, because you never know when such a gesture might be exactly what someone who's been having a rough day needs to brighten things up. Heck, maybe they have a loved one in the hospital; maybe their dog just died; maybe they're just tired. So my "ask" here is that we remember that members of the Vallejo Yacht Club have a sort of ... legacy.... an obligation to perpetuate the warm hospitality for which some folks from other clubs view us as famous. I, for example, try to come down every Friday evening (broken ribs and concussions notwithstanding hahaha) to see you all. When I see a new person I don't know, or a prospective member Mark and Pat

might be interviewing, I remind myself that these are new folks to whom we want send a message: Welcome in!! Indeed, I can't think of many times I've been to the Club when I haven't met someone new! I don't reach out just because I'm your Commodore (although I view welcoming people as a duty of all officers). I view it as my nature (having been a paralytically shy guy all my life) and my duty as a member. So, I ask that all of you out there reading this remember to do the same. And don't be surprised if I drag you over to meet somebody! I'll look forward to all fellow members doing the same.

The flip side of this coin, however, is that sometimes what we may think of as "being friendly" does not always equate to what someone else wants or thinks of. We can't just run up to somebody - even somebody we already know - and give them what seems like a customary hug; we can't just grab a stranger by the waist as if they were our cousin. We all need to have the dignity of greeting folks in a dignified way. Ask #2 is that we all try to interact with people and be warm, not be a pain in the neck or invade their space, even though we may have had an awesome rapport with them historically.

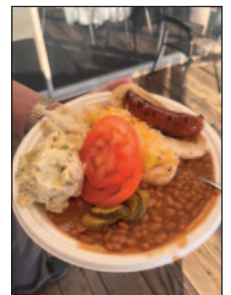
And so, in this world where we can be anything we want, let's be kind. Let's let spring open the doors to new life, new vigor, new relationships and new FUN!!! All of our committees are working hard to make fun happen for all, so let's give them all a hand and a round of applause! This should include all of your officers (on whom I also place the responsibility to do this), who put in countless hours of their own time to foster honor upon this wonderful club. If you have any ideas about new fun to be had, bring it on! Sylvia Keita's tireless vigor as our Social Chair would love to hear it.

And by all means...*Let the Summer shine!* I'm elated (due to weird, unexpected circumstances) to be able to be here through May, and I'm eager to enjoy you all and our VYC.

Humbly, with boundless appreciation
Your Commodore, Scott

LIFE AT THE CLUB

Come out and play, Racing days, friends, good food and plays are back in full force at the club.



Rubber Ducky Race Fundraiser



From left to right the club mates shown here are: Jeff Ruzler, Olga, Jerry, & Jacob Blei.

Thank you!



The VFD came voluntarily to untangle our club's U.S flag that had become tangled by the last storm. Thanks you.



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VYC Cruise Out Schedule 2024

Sign up on bulletin board, with the VYC office, or email Jay Lund at jrlund113@gmail.com.

The May Cruise-out is to nearby and fun Point San Pablo YC, May 31-June 2. I'll be sailing on the east coast late May and early June, so thanks to Jin and Carolyn David for organizing and overseeing this cruise!

Cruises are a great way to go new places (or to familiar places with old friends). We're excited to be getting some new cruisers. Please come join us!

May 31 – June 2 - Point San Pablo YC A nice nearby club, with much good dining in walking distance [Jim and Carolyn David will lead this trip]

June 14-23 – Delta Cruise (Stops include Pittsburg YC, Stockton YC, and other Delta destinations)

July 12-14 – South Beach, San Francisco [Jim and Carolyn David will lead this trip]

July 27 – August 11 (perhaps ending sooner) – Blue water cruise (come for a week including Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Moss Landing or extend for a trip north to Bodega Bay)

September 12 – 14 - Commodore's Cruise – San Francisco YC

October 12 – 13 - Short overnight cruise to nearby location, Details TBA (Napa River or other nearby cruise or raft-up? or afternoon raft-up?)



Photo by Sylvia Keita

Welcome, New Members!

We welcome new members to the club on the third Friday of every month. Please join us for our new member dinners and make a new friend or two. It's great to see our organization grow! Welcome!



Eric Wesselman



Cathy Gent and Thomas Gent II (not shown)



Gen & Carolyn LeMasters

Happy Birthday

April

Jeff Ellis	5/1	Deborah Rocchild	5/18
Ken Leslie P/C	5/1	Lisa Bosola - Peterson	5/20
Donna Seabrooks	5/1	Julie Modenos	5/20
Valerie Suzawa	5/1	Ferenc Lazar	5/21
Robert Meason	5/1	Richard 'Ricky' Bastien P/C	5/22
Maurice Campbell	5/2	Scott Green	5/22
Wesley Eifert	5/5	Chris Platzer	5/23
Tim Dellas	5/8	Cameron Kriens P/C	5/25
Leon Garcia	5/9	Josh Hunter	5/25
Adam Paul	5/10	Damien Lewis	5/26
Leshun Slaughter	5/10	Caroline Miller	5/27
Jaelyn Clark	5/14	Jim Mueller	5/28
Christopher Baker	5/15	Mark Ashworth	5/28
John Baldwin	5/16	Rick Hernandez	5/29
Vladlen Pogorelov	5/16	Gail Ashworth	5/31
Harold Helbock	5/17	Richard Turko	5/31

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 and Engineering Jeff Ruzler
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 Club Manager Arv Voss
 Financial Manager Michael Read
 Parliamentarian TBD

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