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October 2010

## Announcements

- The 20th Annual Ida Tyer Flea Market was a great success! The club profited more than \$2,800. Thanks to everyone who chipped in and made it all possible! See page 6 for a few photos from the big day.
- Join your fellow shipmates each week to watch Monday Night Football at the club on our brand new flat screen television. In addition to the sounds of helmets smashing, fans cheering, and your very own *Binnacle* Editor shouting at the screen, you get to eat a delicious dinner for \$5 or less.
- It's time for the Change of Watch. Be sure to RSVP for the formal dinner on Saturday, October 9. More details are on page 2.

## Picture of the Month



### 2010 Blue Water Cruisers

*After You*  
Arden Perkins, George Ennis,  
Mike McLucas

*Andiamo*  
Leon and Jennifer Lucchesi, Joe  
Resnick

*Compañera*  
Joel, Bob and Amy Sorum

*Delfini*  
Armand and Cynthia Seguin  
(Carquinez Power & Sail  
Squadron)

*Mortoise II*  
Dennis Ronk, Dale Anderson

*Seascope*  
Roger Smith (Blue Water Cruise  
Director), Michelle Ballew

## ★★★ Commodore's Report



I would like to thank a lot of people for making the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Ida Tyer Flea Market a success. Wayne Dickman donated a lot of his personal items to the club booth. Wayne was up and at 'em by 6:00 AM - before Lynn and I - setting up the booths with help from Joel Sorum and Mike Pretzer. Joe Balocca helped out by

working security at our gate. Gail Hall took care of all of our advertising while Lita Karuzas took charge of the snack bar with Tony Borges, Shelly King and Shelley's mom. Thanks to Barbara Brown for working the ship's store. Jim Glenn, Dave Nadolne, Ray McEaney and John Karuzas cleaned and auctioned the boat the club had. Pat McCarthy did a great job running the check-in booth. My wife Lynn deserves credit for making sure the event ran smoothly. I'd also like to thank John Luke and Manny Lorenzana for their contributions. I apologize if I've missed anyone who helped with the set-up and take-down.

I would also like to thank Lita Karuzas for an excellent luau. She has taken this on for a number of years and always makes it a main event for the club.

Brian Liddle

## ★★ Voice of the Vice



Hello to all,

Well, October is here and fall is coming fast. We are lucky to be in an area where we can be on the water most of the year.

The election has come and gone, and I would like to thank everyone who voted. Please continue to support the club by

attending the Change of Watch dinner on October 9. We will welcome the newly elected officers, congratulate those who were reelected and thank those who are leaving for their generous service.

Pam received a very nice framed print from one her vendors, and it has a caption regarding teamwork I thought was pertinent to our club.

### The Essence of Teamwork

*Teamwork means that we share a common ideal and embrace a common goal. Regardless of our differences, we strive shoulder to shoulder, confident in one*

*another's faith, trust and commitment. In the end, teamwork can be summed up in five short words . . .*

*"We believe in each other."*

Please remember this when dealing with other shipmates and be considerate. In the end we all want what's best for the club.

Don't forget Monday night football! We're having an inexpensive dinner and lots of fun. Come join us and root for your team.

May your boat stay afloat,  
Jim Glenn

## ★ Rear Report



Hello shipmates.

I would like to thank everyone who voted in this year's election. I am looking forward to serving as the club's Rear Commodore. I will do my best and work hard to make our club a better place.

We have a lot of wonderful members - new and old - who have great ideas on how to help VYC regain its reputation as one of the best clubs in the Bay Area. Here's to a new year!

Thanks for your support,  
Manny Lorenzana



## Change of Watch & Formal Dinner

**Saturday, October 9**

**Dinner Menu Choices:**  
Chicken Grand Marnier  
Filet Mignon au Poivre  
Chilean Sea Bass Veracruz

**\$35/person**

RSVP by October 2  
to [manager@vyc.org](mailto:manager@vyc.org)  
or (707) 643-1254

## Message from Port Captain Bruce Martens

Hello shipmates. Well, the change of watch is upon us. I want to thank you all for supporting me as Port Captain during these last two years. I feel I have made our harbor safer, cleaner and more efficient. I have enjoyed running the harbor and wish the next Port Captain all the best!

# Safety Report Submitted by George Ennis, Safety Officer

This month I want to talk about the "F" Word. That's right: Fog. To the experienced mariner, fog presents a challenge to navigating. To the inexperienced mariner, it can be a terrifying challenge.



*There is a large cargo ship behind the sailboat in the above picture. Can you see it?*



*That same cargo ship is now only a few hundred feet away from this boat.*

Fog forms when the air temperature reaches the dew point - the point where the air can no longer hold its water content. The water "falls" out of the air, obscuring our vision. Our primary sense, vision, is blocked by the water particles. The water particles also inhibit the transmission of sounds, diminishing our next most important sense for navigating.

It is easy to lose your bearings. You may experience vertigo, which is a dizzying sensation accompanied by loss of orientation. What can you do? Number one: Do not panic! Rely on your charts and instruments. Aids to navigation will have fog horns, bells, whistles, and lights to help you detect them and determine your position. Consult the Local Notice to Mariners to determine the status of the Aids to Navigation.

As with all things, preparation is key. Make sure you have current charts. Radar is a critical aid to navigating in the fog and at night. It sees through the fog. Yes, it is expensive, but it is worth the cost. Before you start, check and spin up your radar. You don't want to enter a fog bank with a defective radar. Radar is worthless if you don't know how to read and operate it competently. Practice using it when you can see what it detects. Learn how to adjust the gain to eliminate sea clutter so you don't have false or alien targets.

Use your VHF radio to monitor commercial ship traffic around you. Vessel Traffic Service for the San Francisco Bay Area uses Channel 14 to announce ships traveling in, out and around the bay and delta. Inshore, use channel 13 to communicate "bridge to bridge" with commercial ships, ferries, and tugs; Offshore, use channel 12. If a vessel fails to respond on Channel 12 or 13, use channel 16 to hail it. You should communicate with the vessel in terms of location: "Tanker approaching Angel Island. This is the sailboat on your starboard bow." They don't know and probably can't see your boat's name.

An Automatic Identification System (AIS) receiver can allow you to determine the location, name, course, speed, and other information of an AIS transmitter equipped vessel. AIS units usually require an additional antenna. Pay special attention to vessels towing barges. Your radar should pick up the tug and barge, but it won't see a 2,000 yard topline! Never cross between a tug and its load.

GPS is wonderful, but don't depend solely on it to determine your position. GPS sets have a built-in error of several meters, and a channel marker may be closer than it appears on the screen. Like everything electronic, GPS receivers can fail. In accordance with Murphy's law, this usually happens at the worst times.

Make sure your watch standers look and listen carefully and communicate their observations to the skipper. You may only see shadows, or you may see a trail of cavitations in the water from a large propeller. Large ships are surprisingly quiet, but if you listen carefully you will hear the engine sounds. If the Golden Gate Bridge is ahead of you, a loud foghorn behind you is a good clue that a large ship is approaching behind you! Seeing a large bow bulb break through the fog a couple of hundred feet behind your stern is a religious experience most of us could do without. If you hear the surf crashing nearby, you are too close to the shore!

Do you see a lighthouse? Which one is it? Buy a stopwatch to time the flashes and consult your chart to verify the flash period. You can see some of these lights 20 miles away, while others are much shorter in range. These are important navigation tools.

Finally, your depth sounder is another great source of information. If you are following the 30 fathom curve but your depth sounder is showing you are in 10 feet of water, something is wrong. One word of caution is in order. Very deep areas often have thermoclines, which are layers of water with different temperatures. These layers of hot and cold water can give false depth readings. The trench in Monterey Bay is notorious for these anomalies.

With careful preparation and observation, you can reduce the anxiety of navigating in foggy conditions. Make sure you are ready before entering the fog bank. Remember: Safety starts at home.

**2010-2011**

**Elected & Appointed Officers**

Commodore	Brian Liddle
Vice Commodore	Jim Glenn
Rear Commodore	Manny Lorenzana
Staff Commodore	Chris Mendonca
Treasurer	TBD
Secretary	TBD
Port Captain	TBD
Asst. Port Captain	TBD
Fleet Captain Sail	TBD
Asst. Fleet Captain Sail	TBD
Fleet Captain Power	TBD
Fleet Captain Cruise	TBD
Parliamentarian	TBD
Bar Manager	TBD
Club Manager	Matthew Ceryes

**Board of Directors**

Director	Jack Vetter
Director	Arden Perkins
Director	Mike Coleman
Director	Bob Sorum
Director	P/C John Karuzas
Director	Dennis Ronk

**Committee Chairpersons**

Binnacle	TBD
Social	TBD
Safety	TBD
Learn to Sail	TBD
Membership	TBD
Grounds	TBD
Long Range Planning	TBD
Historian	TBD
Ship's Store	TBD
Safety	TBD
House	TBD
Sunshine	TBD

**Delegates**

PICYA	TBD
YRA	TBD

## Blue Water Cruise 2010 Photos



*Cruisers take in the view of the Golden Gate Bridge before leaving the Bay and beginning their journey on the open ocean*



*Overlooking the harbor at Pillar Point in Half Moon Bay, Barbara's Fish Trap was one of many stops for hungry cruisers*



*Roger Smith and Michelle Ballew (Seascope) hop in their dinghy to explore the Elkhorn Slough in Moss Landing, CA*



*Excited to be in Santa Cruz, Arden Perkins, Mike McLucas and George Ennis pose for a quick shot in front of the yacht club's sign*



*Cruisers spotted some amazing wildlife: sea turtles, otters, pelicans, dolphins and whales.*



## VYC Swabbie Log Submitted by George Ennis

### Blue Water Cruise 2010

Take six boats and crews, add 10 days of perfect weather, a few family reunions and terrific ports, and you have the makings of a great cruise out!

On the first day, some of the boats headed to the Richmond Yacht Club while others headed to Sausalito. Those who chose Richmond were treated to a gourmet meal that included roast duck. The next morning, the fleet headed out the Golden Gate in foggy conditions. Accompanied by dolphins and a couple of whales, the flotilla docked at Pillar Point in Half Moon Bay.

The Half Moon Bay Yacht Club laid out the Welcome mat with a "Chicken Something" dinner that was enjoyed by all. The next day we motored to Santa Cruz. Jeremy Sorum met with his dad Joel, brother Bob, and sister Amy on *Compañera* after driving up from southern California. The crews assembled for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on *After You* and then headed to the Crows Nest for football and dinner.

The next day *After You*, *Andiamo*, *Compañera*, *Delfini*, *Mortoise II* and *Seascape* headed to Monterey. *Compañera* spotted more whales, and a rare and endangered Leatherback Sea Turtle. *After You* spotted a endangered Loggerhead Sea Turtle and several pods of dolphins.

At Monterey the crews had a chance to relax and explore for a couple of days. Some ran on the beach, some explored the aquarium, some dinked around looking at sea life, some just relaxed, and others shopped. A group went to the Original Fisherman's Grotto to celebrate Jeremy Sorum's Birthday with a hearty meal and some drinks. Happy Birthday Jeremy! Next stop: Moss Landing and the Elkhorn Slough. Elkhorn Slough is renowned for its diversity of wildlife and a trip on the rubber boats up the slough proved its reputation is well deserved. One intrepid seal tried to join the trip by jumping onto the Sorum inflatable. I don't know if the seal or Bob Sorum was more surprised when they came nearly nose to nose. The seal quickly changed his travel plans.

Continuing into the slough we saw sea otters, seals, pelicans, egrets, and nesting seabirds and jellyfish by the thousands. The area is a nursery for wildlife and must be seen at least once in your life.

Some boats stayed a second day at Moss Landing while others traveled back to Santa Cruz to pick up and drop off family members. Darren Perkins dropped by to visit his father Arden, and Tanner Sorum arrived to stay a night and pick up his dad Bob.

On Thursday we dined at Aldos, enjoying a selection of seafood and wine. Friday morning brought sad Good byes as Jeremy, Bob, and Tanner Sorum headed for home. Matthew Lucchesi joined his mother Jennifer and dad Leon on *Andiamo*, for the cruise back to Vallejo. Friday evening the fleet enjoyed the hospitality of the Santa Cruz Yacht Club on their Friday night dinner, featuring a variety of entrees.

The next day we motored north to Pillar Point in some of the calmest conditions I have seen. At Pillar Point we broke out the last of the provisions for an afternoon get together. We snacked on Brie, crackers, artichoke hearts, olive tapenade on flat bread, salad, and other goodies.

All the eating helped us build up an appetite. We gathered one last time to break bread at Barbara's Fish Trap to feast on local sea food.

The last leg home was bittersweet. Joel Sorum found a dead whale off the coast of San Francisco. He notified the Coast Guard of the whale's location. We regretted the loss of this beautiful animal.

All in all, we brought back 10 days of great memories of camaraderie, food, and nature's sights. I hope to see all of you on the 2011 Blue Water Cruise.



## CALLING ALL VYC MEMBERS!

Share your adventures with your shipmates.

Submit your stories and photos to [binnacleeditor@vyc.org](mailto:binnacleeditor@vyc.org).

Photos from the VYC Flea Market



*Ken Hall risks life and limb to hang the 20th annual flea market sign*

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event a great success.

The club's \$2,800 profit wouldn't have been possible without all of your hard work!

Send your pictures for the next *Binnacle* to [binnacleeditor@vyc.org](mailto:binnacleeditor@vyc.org).



Visit the Photo Gallery at [www.vyc.org](http://www.vyc.org) to see more pictures.



*Wayne Dickman, who donated a lot of his own things for VYC to sell, mans the club's booth*



*Our fearless Lita Karuzas manning the grill to make sure no one goes hungry.*

## Message from the Ship's Store Submitted by Barbara Brown

Our newly acquired merchandise has been well received by the membership. In fact, we sold out of the raspberry sweatshirts and had to order more. We also ordered sweatshirts in eggplant! We have done our best to respond to members' requests. We also have some new hats coming in next week. Also, we recently received Hawaiian shirts from the big island and are now having them embroidered with the VYC burgee.

Don't forget about the design contest for the 2011 Great Vallejo Race t-shirt. Entries are due October 16.

The ship's store will host a luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, November 20 at 12:30 PM. Stay tuned for more information on the menu and cost per person. Shirley from the Embroidery Factory will be the guest speaker and will bring in some exciting new things for Christmas. We need volunteers! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for food service, clean-up, decorating, and modeling. We expect to have a great time. If you can't volunteer, mark your calendar and plan to attend. It's a great chance for all the gentlemen to enjoy some great food and get your Christmas shopping out of the way. We'll even have Christmas wrapping available.

Another exciting addition to our inventory is Vallejo Yacht Club Burgee pendants and chains. Stop by the store to check these out.

Gail Hall, Lynn Liddle and I have had a great time running the Ship's Store and getting to know all of you. If you have not dropped in, we'd love to meet you and show you around.



### *October Birthdays*

- 5 Jan Jacobsen
- 5 Bob Paedon
- 6 Ray McEneaney
- 6 Ellen Torngren
- 8 Edward George
- 10 Roger Smith
- 13 Ruben Gabriel
- 17 Jeffrey Massingham
- 18 Leeanne Patterson
- 20 Bob Emerick
- 20 Jeanne Forte
- 21 Denise Carpenter
- 21 Melinda Ellis
- 22 Lisa Kaplowitz
- 24 John Van Vessem
- 27 Steven Strunk
- 29 John King
- 30 Lilly Balladone
- 30 Tony Martarella
- 31 Pat Lane
- 31 Monisa Patel

**Celebrate your birthday with your shipmates!**

Attend a Friday happy hour during your birthday month and receive one free drink.

Is your birthday missing?

Contact the VYC Office Manager at (707) 643-1254 to add yours to the list.

*Fall is in the Air*

*Mark your Calendar*

*Please join Our Ships*

*Store staff in our*

*First Annual Luncheon*

*and Fashion Show*

*Sat November 20, 2010*

*12:30pm*

*Details, menu, and signup sheet to follow*

## Over-the-Bottom Race Submitted by Manny Lorenzana

On September 11 Liz Lorenzana, Margot MacKerrow, Nancy LeBoeuf and I represented VYC in the Over-the-Bottom race.

Nancy charted our course and set up our times; Liz checked our locations at all times; and Margot kept watch to make sure we did not hit anything, as I had to focus on staying on course and controlling our speed. It was tough.

We practiced the two days before the race, and I guess it paid off. We place third! Plus, we won an award for the best start: two seconds to the start line. The rest followed by seven, nine and 15 seconds.

We had a great time. I learned a lot about charting (I even used my chart plotter!) and how to control our boat at seven knots. Best of all, VYC received some COTY points. See the tables for more detailed race results. *Please Me* is number 401.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER CRUISER ASSOCIATION

### CONTEST RESULTS

#### 2010-BYC Benicia Yacht Club

9/11/2010

Place	Flat Start	Novice	Number	Boat Name	Contestant Name	Club	Knots	ErrorPoints
1			123	JUDIE ANN	Ken Whitham	SJYC	7	336
2			138	BLUE DOLPHIN	Graham Giggins	SJYC	7	392
3			401	PLEASE ME	Emanuel (Manny) Lorenzana	VYC	7	567
4			134	USER FRIENDLY	Ricardo Mares	BYC	7	693

## Cruise News Submitted by Manny Lorenzana, Fleet Captain Cruise



The Blue Water cruisers had a great time. See the Swabbie Log to read more about it.

The Halloween cruise to Solano Yacht Club is approaching fast! The roster is posted, so be sure to sign up. It will be a blast! The menu for Saturday, October 30 is Chicken Divan, rice, salad, bread and cobbler. Also, one of our members has a place in Suisun Valley where he grows

corn. Last year he made a maze and had an open house for it along with a bonfire. It was a lot of fun trying to go around in the maze in the dark. He's doing it again this year and is going to have a special day for our club on Friday night. We are looking into transportation for those who want to go out for the fun.

This is my last Cruise News report. Mary Kraybill will take the helm as your new Fleet Captain Cruise! I know she will do a great job. Check the bulletin board at the club and the website, [www.vyc.org](http://www.vyc.org), for updates on upcoming cruises. I have enjoyed serving as this position for the last two years and want to thank everyone for all their support during my term. I especially want to thank Fran for all her help and doing such an outstanding job on the *Binnacle*.

Most of all, I want to thank my lovely wife Liz who always comes up with great ideas and helps at our great Club.

Keep it wet,  
Manny Lorenzana

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# PICYA Report Submitted by Maggie Sabovich

Staff Commodore Eric Jacobsen and I attended the September 13 delegates meeting at the Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City. The next meeting is on Monday, October 4 at the Driftwood Yacht Club in Oakley.

The primary presentation was the awarding of trophies to the winners of the Lipton Series, CHISPA, and Youth Regattas. PICYA Commodore Reginald Smith presented VYC member Noble Brown with a trophy for his second place finish in the Big Lipton Larry Knight Islander 36 race category.

After the awards ceremony, we watched a video presentation by Ron Blatman, Executive Producer of the PBS Series *Saving the Bay*. The series honors PICYA delegate Sylvia McLaughlin for her role in initiating the movement responsible for keeping the San Francisco Bay from being turned into landfill more than 50 years ago when developers wanted to build more commercial and residential space.

Vice Commodore Linda Breninger mentioned that four scholarship recipients have been selected from a pool of 14 applicants. The winners will be announced at the next PICYA meeting.

Rear Commodore Mia Bernt reported that the Fall Management Conference will be from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM on October 16 at the Sportsmen's Yacht Club in Antioch.

Staff Commodore Vern Bendsen announced that the solicitation of club nominations for PICYA Annual Awards is due by September 30. These awards are listed below.

- Douglas Boswell Perpetual Trophy for Yachtsman of the Year
- Condon Award for distinguished and selfless promotion of sailing, particularly (but not exclusively) to young people
- Poseidon Award to a person for selfless commitment of time and effort for the greater good of the boating community
- Nimitz Trophy to a club that has made the greatest advancement in promoting youth activities in yachting
- Jo Bates Memorial Delegate Award for the most outstanding PICYA delegate
- Meritorious Service Award for any person who has performed exceptional acts of rescue/aid in saving of life and/or property
- Club Meritorious Service Award for the club whose member receives the Meritorious Service Award
- Public Service Award for the yacht club with outstanding community service efforts

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) Chairman Dr. Linda Bendsen reviewed some of the key issues RBOC is working to address. These include the following: alternative strategies for anti-fouling surfaces; boater access via locks at the Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Program in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; invasive species concerns; and chemicals used in marine toilets. Go to [www.rbo.org](http://www.rbo.org) for more information.

PICYA closed the meeting with an 8 Bells Memorial presented by Staff Commodore Dedrick Denison to commemorate the passing of PICYA Staff Commodore Glenn A. Harter one week after the death of his wife.



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# VYC October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Carquinez S&P Squadron Happy Hour	2 VYC Champion of Champions Race
3	4 Monday Night Football 5:00 PM  SOMIRA Meeting 5:30-8:30 PM	5 Membership Committee Interviews	6 Ladies Card Game & Bluegrass Jam Session 12-3 PM	7 Coast Guard Aux Mtg. (Div. 5)	8	9 Change of Watch Dinner (\$35) & General Membership Meeting
10	11 <i>Columbus Day</i>  Monday Night Football 5:00 PM	12	13 Ladies Card Game & Bluegrass Jam Session 12-3 PM	14 Carquinez S&P Squadron General Members Mtg	15	16 Welcome Singlehanded Sail Society (65 boats)
17 Welcome Singlehanded Sail Society (65 boats)	18 Monday Night Football 5:00 PM	19	20 Ladies Card Game & Bluegrass Jam Session 12-3 PM	21	22	23 Breast Cancer Fundraiser Dinner
24 Private Party 31 Halloween Cruise (Solano YC)	25 Monday Night Football 5:00 PM	26	27 Ladies Card Game & Bluegrass Jam Session 12-3 PM	28	29 Halloween Cruise (Solano YC)	30 Halloween Cruise (Solano YC)

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