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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## *Upcoming Events – Sign Up at Club*

*November 15*

*VYC Awards Dinner for Racers and Cruisers*

*Bar 5 pm – Dinner 6:30 pm*

*November 22*

*Ship's Store Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon*

*Noon – 3 pm*





## COMMODORE REPORT Mark Bauder, Commodore

Hi Shipmates,

Well another change of watch has come and gone and the new officers and directors are ready to continue the business of running the club.

I'd like to congratulate John Van Vessum for the great job he did as Commodore last year and of course that couldn't have happened without the help and support of his better half Cathy - way to go! We've been very busy lately with the events and club projects that have been under way for quite a while and have finally come to fruition. The Vallejo Waterfront Weekend festival was a huge success with some of the best chili ever made being offered to the attendees. Our own Clair Harmon (Bar Manager) took top honors in all categories - The Judges Choice, People's Choice and Best Presentation! For those of you who missed it and didn't get a chance to taste her

winning recipe - not to worry, she has promised to do a Chili dinner for the club in the near future. On to the dredging - Woo Hoo, it's finally done! Well almost, we're waiting for the post dredge survey to be completed which should happen before the end of the month. Have you seen the south dock lately? The crew (too many to list), led by Tom and Eric Ochs have been doing a spectacular job! Another example of what we can do for the club by volunteering - please let me or any of the flag officers and directors know if you are interested in helping with anything around the club. We'll be having a pot luck Thanksgiving dinner this month, so stay tuned for the details. See you around the club house!

All the best,

— Mark Bauder, Commodore



## VOICE OF THE VICE John Cole, Vice Commodore

Join me in thanking our new Staff Commodore, John Van Vessum, for the thousands of hours working for and promoting our Vallejo Yacht Club, and supporting our new Commodore, Mark Bauder.

Send your prayers and good wishes to Bruce Martens, his family and friends.

As another yacht club year begins with the Change of Watch, I have to report we should be thanking those who work so hard for our Club. At the south dock I saw a bunch of old guys in the hot sun pounding nails with sledge hammers. When Eric and his crew are finished, the dock should be good for another 40 years.

— John Cole, Vice Commodore



## REAR REPORT Bob Lockhart, Rear Commodore

Thanks to all for the support, congratulations, and condolences :) on my becoming Rear Commodore. Many of you have already offered to help me with "whatever is needed," and I do appreciate it. There are plenty of opportunities (committees,

dinner, events, projects) for new volunteers at the Club. We have many long-time members managing events throughout the year, so volunteering is a good way for new members to get acquainted and involved ... don't be bashful.

All those interested, remember to sign up for the Thanksgiving potluck dinner, where we can give thanks for the Dredge among many other things. New and experienced volunteers will be needed for the Crab Feed, which will be on **January 24**, so please **Save the Date** as this event benefits the Learn to Sail Program. We will be looking for donations of auction items, prizes, or ideas for acquiring them.

— Bob Lockhart, Rear Commodore

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> HALLOWEEN CRUISE-OUT to SOLANO YC Solano Rowing Club Monthly Meeting 9:00 am - 11:00 am VYC Tiny Robbins Midwinter Series #1 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
<b>2</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends  HALLOWEEN CRUISE-OUT to SOLANO YC	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Membership Interviews The Enchanted Woman 10:00 am - 2:30 pm	<b>5</b> Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>6</b> Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	<b>7</b> WELCOME SOLANO YC (10 boats)	<b>8</b> WELCOME SOLANO YC (10 boats) Member Rental (75 people) 5:00 pm-12:00 am
<b>9</b> WELCOME SOLANO YC (10 boats)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>12</b> Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>13</b> Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 51 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>14</b> WELCOME: NAPA VALLEY YC (8 BOATS)	<b>15</b> WELCOME: NAPA VALLEY YC (8 BOATS) VYC Racing Awards Ceremony 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
<b>16</b> WELCOME: NAPA VALLEY YC (8 BOATS)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> GEEZER CRUISE 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	<b>19</b> Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>20</b> Carquinez Sail & Power Squadron Monthly Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> SHIP'S STORE FALL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Fundraiser for Bruce Martens 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>23</b> / <b>30</b>	<b>24</b> Laurie Marshall HOMEOWNERS GROUP (3-8 people) 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>27</b> THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

**SAFETY REPORT** *Don't bang your head on our head walks, and here are some successful rescues stories...*



Usually I tell stories about boating mishaps and how they might apply to our members. After several discussions with some of our members, we will be inviting safety speakers and set up training for members who want to assist people in trouble rather than just watch.

**Six Rescued from Fishing Boat off Donegal Coast**

Six people have been rescued after their fishing boat got into trouble off the County Donegal coast. The vessel got into difficulty after it began taking in water at about



03:30 BST near Dunree. Once the trawler was stabilized, the lifeboat escorted the vessel safely back to shore at Rathmullun. Two Lough Swilly lifeboats, a rescue helicopter from Sligo, and the all-weather boat attended the scene. The lifeboat managed to get a pump onboard that allowed the crew to get rid of the water. Joe Joyce, from Lough Swilly lifeboat, said their quick actions saved the boat. "They were all in their survival suits, had the life raft ready to deploy and they were wearing the lifejackets in case they had to leave the boat quickly," he said. "I'd say if we had not been there, the boat might have gone down." No one was injured in the incident.

— *John Cole, Safety Manager*



**THE SHIP'S STORE**

*Hello Shipmates,*

Another year has passed, they go so quickly! A Big thank you to John Van Vessem and Cathy Van Vessem for the great job they did as Commodore and Mamadore this past year. Welcome to our new Commodore Mark Bauder. Looking forward to a new year.

Thank you to all of you members that made the Ship's Store successful this year. Without the wonderful members who buy our Club merchandise, we would not have a Ship's Store so I will work hard again this year to provide you with what you need and like in the store. Come by and let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the store that we don't have.

Have you marked your calendars for the Annual Ship's Store Luncheon and Fashion Show? It will be November 22, 2014 at noon. We have several past Commodores that have agreed to model for us. We are planning our menu as we speak and a great time is promised for all. The menu and sign-up sheet will be going up soon.

Don't forget to think about the Ship's Store when planning for Christmas presents this year. If you let me know early enough I can order what you want and have boat name, etc., placed on the merchandise. Does your special boat person need towels with their boat name on them? Or, how about their boat name on a jacket? Now is the time to think about it so it can be ordered.

Please make it a point to stop by the store when you are in the Club to say hi to our hard workers that give their time to make sure the store is open for you.

Here's to windy days and calm seas,

— Respectfully submitted by *Barbara Brown, Ships Store Chairperson*

## VYC Historian 2013-2014



### Shirley Burns

Our newest Commodore Mark Bauder has asked me to continue as the VYC Historian. I am honored to serve as your Club Historian once again.

My article this month will be short and sweet. With our new Office Manager, Johnathan Douglas, and Bookkeeper, Felicia Rogers, joining us recently, I'll be writing about Shirley Burns.

It's a little excerpt from Oar, Power and Sail (Pg. 6). "On December 16, 1976, Shirley Burns became the first paid manager of the Club, thus providing much needed daily operation responsibilities and services required by a business with a budget of \$116,000 per year. Shirley remained as manager for ten years, except for two breaks, and was replaced by Barbara Chandler in 1987."

Shirley is a very intelligent woman. We did not have computers, emails, texting and all the other modern technologies that we have today. If you wanted to

know how much money in a particular fund, Shirley could answer in seconds. She had a photographic memory. We have a Club barge named after her called "Shirley." It's still in the harbor, but could use some repair. Shirley is still alive and shipmate Shelly King often takes her shopping and to appointments. A lot of longtime members have many stories of Shirley and we all miss her here at the VYC clubhouse.

Before I end this article I would like to recognize our Chairman Chris Mendonca. He has revamped our old Board Room. He cleaned, painted the walls, and displayed numerous photos of VYC past. Thank you Chris Mendonca; it's greatly appreciated not only by me as the Historian, but also from all your fellow shipmates. Check it out if you haven't seen this room.

Also, if you haven't met Johnathan and Felicia come to the office and introduce yourself. Communication is a good key between shipmates and office personnel.

Happy Thanksgiving to All Our Shipmates and Their Families

—Toni Borges - Historian

## House Committee Report *"Do what you can, when you can, if you can."* —Joe Balocca



Special thanks to out-going Commodore John Van Vessem for his diligent work, ideas, and efforts for the past year and congratulations to our new officers. This past watch has been a challenge to all, and there is no letup in sight. As we enter our next watch, we could all take a cue from the many members who give

of themselves to make our Club what it is, and what we hope it will be in the future.

I would like to thank all those members who have helped; everyone who has worked an event, pounded

a nail, painted, cleaned, picked up, set up, tore down, or brought a glass to the bar, because it all adds up. And most of all, thanks to those of you who have been here to enjoy! Keep your ideas coming in. Our Club has a rich history but it is the future that we must focus on. We have many positives in our Club; Jack London, the Great Vallejo Race, over 100 years of tradition, life members, and great memories. So let's all do our part to keep pushing our Club forward; pay off the seawall, dredging, new docks, etc., bring in new members, have more events, and increase our enjoyment and pride in our Club.

—Ken Leslie, House Chairman

## PICYA REPORT

VYC Delegate Maggie Sabovich attended the Oct. 8th PICYA Delegates' Dinner meeting held at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, earning the VYC another four Club of the Year Points.

The VYC earned the 20 Club of the Year Points possible at the annual PICYA Wheel Chair Regatta held on Sept. 27 at the Encinal Yacht Club. Seven VYC members volunteered their time to assist the disabled veterans, help with food prep and serving, and clean-up of the yacht club after the event. Those from the VYC who volunteered this year were Ken and Gail Hall, John and Laurie Marshall, Tom and Sandy Lee and Gayle Ann Frank. PICYA Delegate Sabovich was ill and could not help out and appreciated the efforts of all of the VYC volunteers who made this year's event the best ever!

675 people were served lunch this year, which included the veterans, their caretakers, the Coast Guard, the Alameda Fire Department, the Sea Cadets, the Sea Scouts, the Society of St. John, and 160 volunteers from area yacht clubs. The VYC also donated \$250 to the PICYA Foundation for this event to purchase food and drinks for the attendees. Those members who provided additional individual donations were Commodore John and wife Cathy Van Vessem, \$300, Earl Trumbull, \$100, and Gayle Ann Frank, \$200. Maggie Sabovich donated all of the bottled water for the Regatta.

The next PICYA sponsored event was the Fall Management Conference, which was held at the Richmond Yacht Club on Oct. 18. There was an opportunity to earn 15 Club of the Year points for attendance, with 2 points earned per Club Officer or Director, 3 points for each Club Officer-Elect or Director-Elect for 2015, 2 points per PICYA OYC delegate, and 1 point for each club member attending. Attending were Commodore John Van Vessem, Vice Commodore Mark Bauder, Rear Commodore John Cole, Staff Commodore Manny Lorenzana, Secretary/PICYA Delegate Maggie Sabovich, Director Elect Bill Zerby and VYC Manager Johnathan Douglas for a total of 16 points!

The Conference programs covered boating safety issues, provided by the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, RBOC issues presented by our PICYA law firm lobbyist/attorney Jerry Desmond, and Northern California RBOC President Elect for 2015 Greg Gibeson, information about laws governing alcohol consumption in yacht clubs and on boats, and three excellent afternoon programs about establishing and developing youth sailing programs in the San Francisco Bay area. The Richmond Yacht Club has a wonderful youth sailing program, which was covered extensively, and Vice Commodore Elect John Cole met with the woman who coordinates that program after the conference to get more information about how they might help the VYC to establish its own Youth Sailing program. There were also two excellent presentations from the SF Maritime Museum youth boating program and the Redwood City Sea Scouts program.

Relative to the VYC 2014 PICYA Club of the Year status, all COTY points had to be totaled and emailed/mailed to PICYA 2014 COTY Chair Ann Dukes by Oct. 15. PICYA Delegate Sabovich, VYC Manager Douglas and Comm. Van Vessem provided the VYC point count totaling 255 points to Chairman Dukes by the deadline. A last minute VYC RBOC donation was personally delivered to RBOC Treasurer Otis Brock's home by

Sabovich on Oct. 14, when it was discovered by Comm. Van Vessem and Manager Douglas that the 2014 RBOC donation had not yet been mailed. This gave the VYC the additional 10 points required to compete for the PICYA Club of the Year 2014 title. A total of 250 points is required for PICYA Five Star Club of the Year Status. The VYC hopes that the point count provided with accompanying explanations will meet the COTY point Chairman's requirements.

The PICYA Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the Encinal Yacht Club on Nov. 3, when the awards and trophies for the year will be presented to the respective club winners. Newly elected Commodore Mark Bauder and Vice Commodore John Cole will be present to accept any awards won by the VYC. The VYC is also in the running for the Wilder Award for the Best Yacht Club newsletter, as we have already been told that we are one of the top three contenders, so huge kudos go to Cathy Van Vessem, "Binnacle" editor for 2014, and publisher Comm. Mark Bauder for their efforts this year!

### RBOC Issues:

Governor Jerry Brown has signed into law RBOC-supported SB 941 [Monning and DeSaulnier] to phase-in a boat operator certification requirement in California. SB 941 requires that boat operators pass a boating education examination and obtain a vessel operator card issued by the state Division of Boating and Waterways [DBW] in order to operate a boat in California that is propelled by an engine. This legislation will enhance safety on the state's waterways. SB 941 is modeled on legislation RBOC sponsored previously. This new measure requires DBW to issue a vessel operator card to individuals who have passed an approved examination. The requirement to obtain a vessel operator card would apply initially to operators 20 years of age or younger with a phased-in implementation date depending on the age of the individual. The seven-year phase-in would begin in 2018 and would eventually apply to everyone as of 2025. Importantly, online education including the free BoatUS Foundation course will be an option. The BoatUS Foundation course is available at: <http://www.boatus.org/courses/>. Boaters are subject to the certification requirement according to the following schedule:

On and after January 1, 2018: A person 20 years of age or younger.  
 On and after January 1, 2019: A person 25 years of age or younger.  
 On and after January 1, 2020: A person 35 years of age or younger.  
 On and after January 1, 2021: A person 40 years of age or younger.  
 On and after January 1, 2022: A person 45 years of age or younger.  
 On and after January 1, 2023: A person 50 years of age or younger.  
 On and after January 1, 2024: A person 60 years of age or younger.  
 On and after January 1, 2025: All persons, regardless of age.

In addition, the fees to be established by DBW for certificates will be at levels sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of the development, establishment, and operation of the program. SB 941 will prohibit the fees from exceeding those costs.

—Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate



*Fall is here.....*  
 Mark your Calendar for **the 4th Annual VYC Ship's Store Luncheon and Fashion Show**  
**When: Saturday, November 22, 2014**  
**What time: Noon to 3:00**  
*Menu and sign-up sheet to be posted, so be on the lookout!!!*



## National Champion Cal Maritime Sailing Team Departs for France to Compete for World Championship

Cal Maritime's national champion sailing team departed for France on Oct. 14 to compete in the Student Yachting World Cup in La Rochelle, France. After 22 hours of travel on planes, trains, and buses, the team began practice on Oct. 16. "We will try to work the boat and sails as hard as we can so that if anything isn't Friday," said Charlie Arms, Cal Maritime's Director of Sailing.



The Keelhaulers earned the right to represent the the University of Michigan, Navy, and seven other Naval Academy, is the College Big Boat National history of the Academy. This is the second time Cal SYWoC, finishing fifth in 2010. No U.S. team has

U.S. by winning the 2013 Kennedy Cup, defeating schools. The Kennedy Cup Regatta, at the U.S. Championship. The Sailing Program spans the entire Maritime has represented the United States at the ever won.

The Student Yachting World Cup has been organized technique in France, and it was originally known as the "Course de l'Europe." Gradually, it began to incorporate competitors from other continents. In 1992, the International Yachting Race Union gave it the current name, and it is recognized as the World Cup by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

every year since 1979 by students from the Ecole Poly-

To follow the progress of the team in France, visit [www.csum.edu/sywoc](http://www.csum.edu/sywoc) or follow Cal Maritime Sailing on Facebook.

## Luau and Potluck September 20



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## VOYAGES OF 'SPIRIT BEAR' PART II, BY JOEL SORUM

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The passage across the channel was lumpy, uncomfortable and long (60 miles). It was a relief to arrive by mid-afternoon and secure a slip next to "Gazelle." What fun we had sharing tales of the sea during cocktail hour(s) with Rob & LaDonna and getting updated on their continuing attempt to break the record for slowest passage down the West Coast.

After provisioning, we departed the following day along with "Gazelle" for Santa Cruz Island again. It was a great sail with winds increasing to 20 knots as we approached Anacapa Island. By mid afternoon we came into the lee of Santa Cruz Island with winds shifting to our bow along with an uncomfortable chop. We lost sight of "Gazelle" as we slogged our way to Pelican Anchorage arriving around 4:30. We did manage to catch our one and only fish, a Bonita, along the way.

There were several vessels anchored at Pelican. We dropped our bow anchor and as we backed down to set our stern anchor, we drifted dangerously close to a Ketch anchored nearby. After a few heart pounding moments, Bob set the stern anchor and all was well. Later we were invited aboard the Ketch, "Spirit," and enjoyed a fine cocktail hour with new friends that we nearly bumped into!!! We were joined by Michael on a Nordhaven 40, "Zeena" anchored near us.

"Gazelle" arrived at Pelican Anch. the next morning; had a fabulous day swimming, exploring nearby in the dingy and just chillin in the sun!! Late in the afternoon, Bob set up the barbie and we prepared Mahi Mahi and Bonita, along with all the fixings. LaDonna and Rob joined us with wonderful bread and we enjoyed one of the most fun evenings in memory. We hauled anchor next morning and set sail for Santa Barbara where we planned to meet Katelyn, Bob and Kerry's daughter.

We arrived in beautiful Santa Barbara at 2 pm and secured the last slip available as boats were arriving for the So Cal "Ta Ta". We decided to depart the next day as the Ventura Yacht Club had space available and it was a shorter distance for Katelyn to drive. Before leaving we enjoyed a delightful evening at the Santa Barbara YC with new friend, Michael Holland, from the Nordhaven and his lovely wife, Christine. Watching the sun settling into the Pacific from the Santa Barbara YC was simply breathtaking.



Around noon on Thursday, Sept. 4th we departed Santa Barbara and motored along the coast to Ventura. Along the way we were entertained by numerous dolphins much to Kerry's delight. Fortunately, there still was space for us at the Ventura YC dock and we thankfully tied up in mid-afternoon. That evening we received a personal tour of Ventura, compliments of my longtime friend and Ventura native, Monterey Bravinder, and then topped off the night with Bayside Tacos. By the time Katelyn and her dog, Kona, arrived at 11 pm, I was asleep but Bob and Kerry happily welcomed her and tucked her and Kona in for the night.

Next morning we were off again for Santa Cruz Island and Frey's anchorage. We were only able to stay one night but everyone made the most of it. Bob and Katelyn hiked, we all swam and continued to be enchanted with the beauty of this fabulous place. Even Kona joined in the fun, jumping in the ocean with Katelyn and me. Our anchoring improved with practice and we were quite secure despite

variable, and at times, gusty winds at Fry's. Next morning we weighed anchor for the last time and headed back to Ventura and again were able to secure space at the wonderful Ventura YC. By late afternoon we reluctantly saw Kerry, Katelyn and Kona drive off and head north to Woodland and home.

On Sept. 8th the remaining crew, Bob and me, set off for Santa Barbara where we planned to spend one night before heading out again for Pt. Conception and points north. Once back in SB we filled on fuel and water; Bob checked out all systems while I made a provisioning trip to the market. At 5 pm we cleared the Santa Barbara breakwater and headed into the setting sun for Pt. Conception. As we approached Conception, the winds which were on our nose continued to increase to 18 knots. Wind waves slamming into us were between 5 & 6 feet with an 8 second period. Around 1230 am we rounded Pt. Conception in steady 22 knot winds about 7 miles offshore. Very gradually the winds died as the night waned but the seas remained angry and unruly. Dawn found us in lumpy seas with heavy overcast and cool, damp conditions. There was very little ship traffic and no pleasure craft within sight during our passage and very little sealife. After a 22 hour passage from Santa Barbara we finally pulled up to the Morro Bay YC around 2 pm on Wed. Sept. 10th. Bob and I enjoyed some more quality time together before it was time for him to pack his sea bag on Sept. 12, catch a bus to San Luis Obispo where he caught Amtrak to Davis. That night, I enjoyed a fun social night at the Morro Bay YC. One of the great pleasures of sailing is meeting some amazing people along the way and this was no exception.



Presently, I'm enjoying the solitude of a mooring in Morro Bay where I will remain until Sept. 28th when another chapter begins as "Spirit Bear" makes the final leg of this passage up to Monterey Bay and eventually home.



# Change of Watch

October 18










## November Birthdays

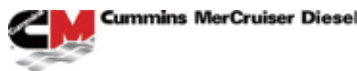
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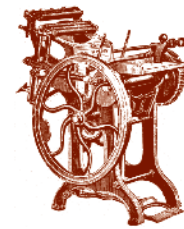
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 Vice Commodore ..... John Cole  
 Rear Commodore ..... Bob Lockhart  
 Staff Commodore ..... John Van Vessel  
 Treasurer ..... TBD  
 Secretary ..... Maggie Sabovich  
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 Fleet Captain ..... Dave Nadolne  
 Fleet Captain Power ..... TBD  
 Fleet Captain Cruise ..... Noble Brown  
 Bar Manager ..... Clare Harmon  
 Club Manager ..... John Douglas

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 Director ..... Elvin Valverde  
 Director ..... Tom Ochs  
 Director ..... Ken Leslie  
 Director ..... Bill Zerby  
 Director ..... Mike Coleman

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