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Upcoming Events – Sign Up at the Club

Super Bowl Party

'Cook Your Own' Steak
and All the Trimmings

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February 1 at 2 pm



Sweetheart's Cruise-Out

To Martinez Yacht Club

February 13 - 15



COMMODORE REPORT Mark Bauder, Commodore

Greetings Shipmates,
Well another crab feed is in the books and Rear Commodore Lockhart and volunteers did an excellent job. Jack Higgins once again went the extra mile and brought in numerous auction items to raise funds for our learn to sail program - Thank you Jack! We have a Super Bowl Party coming up on Feb. 1st with a cook you own steak dinner and all the trimmings hosted by Past Commodore Glenn so come on down and join the fun. Our first cruise out of the season,

the Sweetheart's Cruise Out to Martinez Yacht Club, is coming up Feb. 13 - 15 so contact our Fleet Captain Cruise Director Noble Brown if you'd like to participate. Please consider volunteering for the Great Vallejo Race - this is a huge event for our club and requires a lot of work to pull off - contact Vice Commodore Cole on this one - I'm sure he'd love to hear from you. On another note, our Past Commodore Manny Lorenzana had a stroke on Jan. 3 and has been in a coma since then so keep him in your prayers. See you on the water keeping it wet as he says!
Mark Bauder, Commodore



VOICE OF THE VICE John Cole, Vice Commodore

Kudos to Rear Commodore Bob Lockhart for a great job of staging the Crab Feed.
Let us all step up and welcome Matthew back to the helm as Club Manager of the Vallejo Yacht Club. Let's offer our help, cooperation and support as he represents the Vallejo Yacht Club.

him about the exciting projects he is working on with the waterfront and the Vallejo community.
Once again we are preparing to welcome hundreds of boats into our harbor and thousands of racers and partiers into our Club. Yes, the Great Vallejo Race is upon us. Glenn McKeig is preparing the volunteer sign-up board for all the jobs, tasks and must do's for the successful management of the 2015 Great Vallejo Race. Please sign up early and meet with the team leaders.
— *John Cole, Vice Commodore*

A big thanks to Felicia Rogers and Chris Mendonca for jumping in and filling a big void.
The next time you see Commodore Mark Bauder ask



REAR REPORT Bob Lockhart, Rear Commodore

I find myself in a bit of a quandary. Subjected to a conundrum as it were... writing an article 10 days before you will read it, about an event in our future that will be history by the time you read this blog. I am referring to the CRAB FEED and how great it will be... or rather was.

cadets, who provided kitchen and table service again this year. Many thanks to the volunteers who stepped forward to make this event possible: Gary Cicerello, Bruce and Jennifer Alexander, John Cole, Javier and Judy Acha, Glenn McKeig, Jim Glenn, Ken Leslie, and especially Cheryl for cooking the spaghetti and directing the kitchen. Thanks to my consultants (Roger, Toni, Margot, Amy, and many others) and the staff; Felicia, Marco, and that new guy, Matthew 2.0.

Thanks to all who donated items or arranged donations for the auction, which is where most of the money was raised for the Learn to Sail program. Thanks to the Learn to Sail crew (Dale, Bob, Val, Chris, and Bill) and a special thanks to Jack Higgins for bringing many donations and fun to the auction. My thanks to the Maritime Academy

Finally, thanks to all of you who attended and made this year's crab feed a successful fundraiser.
— *Bob Lockhart, Rear Commodore*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Membership Interviews The Enchanted Woman 10:00 am - 2:30 pm	4 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	5 U.S. Coast Gaurd Auxiliary Division 5 Board Meetings 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	6 San Rafel Yacht Club Cruise in FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	7 San Rafel Yacht Club Cruise in VYC Tiny Robbins Midwinter Series #4 1:00 am - 5:00 pm
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March

VYC Historian 2014-2015



VYC Cruises

What are VYC cruises? These are cruises to various yacht clubs. This is to introduce and familiarize our shipmates to other yacht clubs of which we have reciprocal privileges. These cruises take place on a given weekend, usually leaving on a

Friday and returning on Sunday.

The first Vallejo Yachting & Rowing Club program with an actual schedule for the season was in 1926 (pg. 60). I would like to mention a couple of cruises from the past. Page 27, page 112 with photo on page 139.

“Kelshaw Island in the Napa River was again a popular destination for cruises, especially during the war, because fuel was rationed and it was close to the Club. A.E. Kelshaw, who was the Port Captain of Vallejo Yacht Club in 1916-17, owned the island at that time. On several occasions during World War II, wounded servicemen from the hospital on Mare Island were taken on Vallejo Yacht Club boats to the island for outings. In 1943 the Club was interested in buying the island, but since the then-owner Mike Shanahan of Napa allowed the members to use the island whenever they desired, the sale never was completed. Shanahan was made an honorary member of the Club for his generosity.”

The other cruise on page 217.

“On July 9-10, 1966 the Vallejo Yacht Club cruisers were guests of the Navy as they visited Treasure Island. Seventeen boats and 75 people enjoyed a dress-up dinner at the C.P.O. club on the base. The Vallejo Yacht Club was the first yacht club to enjoy the facilities at the naval base.”

Along with the cruises, we have a Fleet Captain Power who is appointed by the Commodore. This position had many titles. In 1972 (pg. 252) Fleet Captain Power was added to oversee the Club cruises; 1984 (pg. 385) was known as cruising Chairman; 1985 (pg. 352) it was Cruising Fleet Captain; 1989 (pg. 382) Fleet Captain Power (Cruise Chairman); 1990 (pg. 390) back to Fleet Captain Power and in 1998 (pg. 455) it was Cruise Director. The Fleet Captain Power had assistance (pg.

405) with titles of Assistance Cruise Chairman. But the original title was Fleet Captain Power. And today 2015 the position is Fleet Captain Cruise.

I would like to reiterate my interview with the Fleet Captain Power (Cruise Chairman) of 1989 and 1990 – Roger Clark. Roger told me he arranged all the cruises for 8 straight years and has the awards to prove it. Note, back then awards were given out to the shipmates participating in the cruises. To qualify for an award you had to have attended a minimum of 5 cruises for the year. Through his experiences, the new Commodore appointed him as the Fleet Captain Power in 1989 and 1990. His assistants were Margot MacKerrow, Ines Gabrielson, RuthAnn Mccann and Kurt (his last name has escaped Roger at this time). He scheduled 10 cruises for each of those years. Two of those cruises were the Delta cruise and the first Blue Water cruise. Roger has always heard from various shipmates, “If there was someone to go out and lead them to the ocean, they would go.” Thus, he started the first Blue Water cruise to Monterey. In August 1989 there was a Club cruise to Corinthian Yacht Club of which 21 boats attended this cruise. On August 13th the parade of 8 boats headed for Yellow Bluff to officially begin the Blue Water cruise. First stop was at Half Moon Bay, onto Santa Cruz Yacht Club and then Monterey Yacht Club for a two-day stay. Returning cruise was to Moss Landing, Elk Horn Yacht Club, Santa Cruz Yacht Club, Half Moon Bay and back to Vallejo Yacht Club. This cruise was enjoyed by all and it still continues today. Roger’s log of this Blue Water cruise was mentioned in longitude 122. Roger did a lot of things on these cruises. He made arrangements to have a band at all the cruises, paid by the visiting yacht club or shared half at Roger’s expense. Most of the time VYC would close the visiting yacht club bar at one or two in the morning. He averaged about 20 boats in each cruise. Roger’s motto was having a good time and enjoying those shipmates of similar interest which is boating and cruising. He still keeps in contact with the friends he has met through the years. There is a lot to write about the cruises that Roger put on, but too lengthy to write. Anyway, thank you Roger, I remember those cruises.

VYC Cruises cont.

Finally, I ran across this quote and we should always try to remember to do this (pg. 154).

“A club membership will assure you of greater pleasure while afloat, assistance when needed and a welcome in visiting other clubs when away from your home port. Displaying a Club burgee on your

boat is your introduction to other yachtmen (sic).”
All the pages referred to in this article are from the Vallejo Yacht Club, The First 100 Years.

Happy Valentine’s Day.
Love and Friendship,
Toni Borges - Historian

SAFETY REPORT

Think Before You Sink - Wear a Lifejacket



Accidents can happen fast on the water and there may not be time to reach for a lifejacket in an emergency; therefore, don’t just carry a lifejacket - wear it. If it’s not on you, it can’t save your life. No matter how much experience you have, it’s always a good idea for everyone to review boating safety rules

before departures. Below you will find 10 basic boating safety tips to help you stay safe:

1. **Be Weather Wise**
Always check local weather conditions before departure.
2. **Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist**
Make sure no boating safety rules or precautions have been overlooked or forgotten.
3. **Use Common Sense**
This means operating at a safe speed, staying alert and steering clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Also, be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids.



4. **Designate an Assistant Skipper**
Make sure more than one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat’s handling, operations, and general boating safety.
5. **Develop a Float Plan**
A float plan can include the following information:
 - Name, address, and phone number of trip leader
 - Name and phone number of all passengers
 - Boat type and registration information
 - Trip itinerary
 - Types of communication and signal equipment onboard
6. **Make Proper Use of Lifejackets**
The majority of drowning victims are the result of boaters not wearing their lifejacket.
7. **Avoid Alcohol**
8. **Learn to Swim**
9. **Take a Boating Course**
10. **Consider a Free Vessel Safety Check**
Take advantage of a free vessel safety check from the Carquinez Sail & Power Squadron or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Safety is also about having the right tools for the job. VYC provides tools on the South Dock. Please return the tools you have borrowed so the next Club member will be able to use the correct tool for the job. Storing the Club tools on your boat or in your toolbox makes them hard to find.

— John Cole, Safety Manager

PICYA REPORT

The last PICYA meeting of 2014 was the PICYA annual Awards Dinner at the Encinal Yacht Club, where the VYC won Club of the Year 2014 and Best Yacht Club Newsletter of the Year 2014 (Wilder Award). Other Club of the Year Winners for 2014 were the Richmond Yacht Club, the San Jose Sailing Club and the Oakland Yacht Club.

The next opportunity for the VYC to earn another 10 COTY (Club of the Year) points for 2015 was the submission of the PICYA Yachting Yearbook fleet, member and officer data and photo information by the announced deadline to the current PICYA Yachting Yearbook publisher, Patti Mangan. Patti had designated January 4th as the final date for submission of yachting yearbook information. All updated fleet, member and officer data and photos were to be emailed to Patti at: patti@imaginethatsf.com

The next PICYA sponsored event where Club of the Year points could be earned was the PICYA Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers, which was held at the St. Francis Yacht Club on Saturday, January 24th. VYC PICYA Delegate Sabovich attended this event to represent the Vallejo Yacht Club and to earn four Club of the Year points out of the 10 points possible. None of the VYC Officers or Directors could attend to earn the additional 6 points, as this event was the same night as the VYC Annual Crab Feed Dinner. Sabovich was installed as a PICYA Director for another two years.

PICYA's next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, February 2nd at the Stockton Yacht Club, as there are no meetings in December and the 2015 Installation of Officers was at the Commodore's Ball on January 24th.

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California) News:

There is no updated RBOC news since PICYA's RBOC Representatives attended the December 15th Town Hall Meeting on Delta Invasive Species in Stockton. Our RBOC Vice President and our other RBOC representatives urged the State of California Division of Boating and Waterways, which is now under the umbrella of the CA Parks Department, to provide adequate control measures to rid our Delta waterways of the water hyacinth, which is blocking access to marinas, commercial harbors in the Delta and threatening all businesses catering to Delta boaters, who are confined to their harbors by this fast growing water plant. The water hyacinth is now making itself known farther down the Bay, in harbors such as those here in the Vallejo Yacht Club and the Vallejo City Marina. It is usually confined to fresh water, so this is a new development.

—Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

NEW/PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



Joe and Chris Balocca

We are Joe and Chris Balocca. We have been married for 21 years. We have two wonderful children: Joey who is 19 and currently attends the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and Crystal who is 13 and is in 8th grade. We are currently living in Wisconsin but are looking forward to moving to California soon! We are very excited to become members of the Vallejo Yacht Club and can't wait to participate in all the activities!

THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

A new year is upon us and it's already February. Have you thought about your Valentine's gifts this year? How about something nautical for your Sweetheart? How about a red Polo Shirt with the VYC logo? We have them in both men's and ladies this year. If you let me know early enough, I can special order your surprise from our many catalogs. We also have several nautical jewelry selections.

I have been working with John Cole our Vice Commodore on the 2015 Great Vallejo Race. We have signed a contract with The Pirates Lair to provide our gear this year. The Pirates Lair will set up their booth at the race and will provide the usual tee shirts, hats, etc., but will also have other sailing gear available. Please let me know if you will volunteer sometime this year selling in the booth. I will need volunteer coverage both days. John will also be putting up a sign-up board.

Gail, Penny, Robert and I look forward to seeing all of our members at the Club this year so please make sure you stop into the store to see what we have to offer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson

RECIPE FROM OUR CHEF AMY TROUTNER

Filipino Adobo Marinade

For Pork Tenderloin or Chicken or Beef Brochettes

4 large cloves garlic, peeled and smashed

6 Tablespoons soy sauce

6 Tablespoons distilled vinegar

3 bay leaves, crumbled

1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns

1/2 - 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes

Mix all ingredients together in a non-reactive bowl or dish. Or you could use a ziplock bag.

Marinate pork tenderloin or other protein for a minimum of 30 minutes and up to an hour.

Adobo is best grilled but you'll need to rub a little oil on the meat so it won't stick.



Deborah and Richie Barren enjoying the New Year's Eve Party.

***SUPER BOWL* Party**
\$12

**'Cook Your Own' Steak
& All the Trimmings
February 1st @ 2 pm**

House Committee Report *“Do what you can, when you can, if you can.” —Joe Balocca*



Well, we're through with January and you know what that means? It's time to start making plans for spring clean-up around the VYC. We're going to start with the Club Room--maybe some new paint or different color scheme? Refinish the oak trim, trophy case, etc.? Move some of the fixtures around? New lights and/or fans? You get the picture. We would like to have the input of members in sprucing up the joint. Think about it and jot down any ideas and bring them to me. Special thanks to Dale and Tammie Jennings, and Earl Trumbull, Sr. for lending a hand cleaning up the Club on New Year's morning. I know there are more members who also pitched in to keep the place looking fine--thanks to all of you.

Make plans to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday at the VYC. P/C Jim Glenn is planning a "cook your own" steak dinner with great steaks from Costco (they're the best) and all the trimmings for only \$12. Be sure to sign up. The game looks to be pretty exciting--Patriots vs. Seahawks.

Got an idea for a Club event? How about a Valentine's dinner and dance on Feb 14? Here are some ideas for other dinners--the 21st is Drink Wine Day (like any of us need an excuse), and the 28th is Clam Chowder Day. If you have any other ideas or would like to help organize one of these, please see me, Bill Zerby, or Club Manager, Matthew Ceryes. And remember . . . the Club is open, be of good cheer!

Ken Leslie, House Chairman

2015 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE

- February 13 -15 Sweethearts Cruise to Martinez Yacht Club
- March 13 -15 South Beach Yacht Club
- April 24 -26 Richmond Yacht Club for Opening Day on the Bay
- May 8 -10 Mother's Day Cruise to Encinal Yacht Club and Sunday Brunch
- June 19 -21 Napa Valley Yacht Club
- July 18 -25 Annual Delta Cruise (itinerary to follow)
- August ? Commodore's Cruise (TBA)
- September 19 -27 Blue Water Cruise (itinerary to follow)
- October 30 - November 1 Halloween Cruise to Solano Yacht Club

More details as the dates get closer.

Noble Brown, Cruise Director

VYC ANNUAL CRAB FEED










February Birthdays

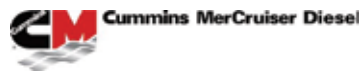
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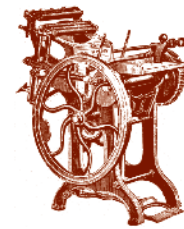
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