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Vallejo Yacht Club wins P.I.C.Y.A. Club of the Year 2014.
We proudly share this honor with the Richmond Yacht Club, and Oakland Yacht Club.

Congratulations Vallejo Yacht Club

❧ HAPPY NEW YEAR ❧



Annual Crab Feed and Live Auction

Saturday, January 24, 2015

First Seating 6:00 PM • Second Seating 8:00 PM

\$40 per person

Crab, Spaghetti, Salad and Bread!

Sign-up sheet on bulletin board or call the office to make your reservation 707-643-1254

To donate auction items, contact Dale Anderson 707-280-3365

or Bob Lockhart 707-310-4275



COMMODORE REPORT Mark Bauder, Commodore

Happy New Year!

We've had a full year around the club in 2014 with the success of events like the Crab Feed (this year's the 24th of January), Jiggs Dinner, Great Vallejo Race, our Cruise outs, the

racing season, and so much more. We've had many new members join the club with fresh ideas and enthusiasm which is essential to our survival as the best Yachting Club on the bay! But along with the good some sad events have happened as well and one that hits me directly in my heart is the passing of my good friend and music partner Jim Pecorella. Jim was the most positive man that I have ever met. He always had a smile on his

face and would do anything he could to lend a hand to help. I think Elvin Valverde said it best when he said that he always expected to see wings on Jim's back when he took off his coat - I'll miss you Jim!

There is a new problem that we have been having in the harbor that is temporary but could be problematic and that is the water hyacinth that has been floating down from the delta. Although the plants don't survive in salt water, they can decay and cause problems to intake systems, etc., so please pull them out of the water and put them in the dumpster when you have the chance.

Once again, Happy New Year!,

Mark Bauder, Commodore



VOICE OF THE VICE John Cole, Vice Commodore

Thank you all for making 2014 memorable at the Vallejo Yacht Club.

As we enter the New Year we should be thankful for what we have and optimistic for the future. The future of our Club lies in lasting friendships, growing our membership, rebuilding

our head walks, growing our youth boating program, and expanding our presence among the boating community and in our city. The vitality of the Club's past was based on its new and more diverse members. We must recognize the future vitality of the Vallejo Yacht Club is based on recruiting more new, young, diverse members.

The Club is about our members. It is a place where we gather for dinner, events and boating. Let's be kind and respectful towards one another and pass on a great

club to the future members, just as the past members bequeathed this Club to us. As we care for each other, the Club will care for us.

By working together for the Vallejo Yacht Club we promote some of our great traditions. The Race to Vallejo in 1900 became the Great Vallejo Race of today.

Our themed parties have evolved over the years, but one practice has endured, the Vallejo Yacht Club's crab feed and auction to raise funds for our Learn to Sail program. After all, the future of our Club is the kids of today who learn about boating today. The more we encourage boaters of tomorrow, the more likely the Vallejo Yacht Club will be celebrating New Year's in the year 2115.

Be safe, respectful, and responsible.

— John Cole, Vice Commodore



REAR REPORT Bob Lockhart, Rear Commodore

The holiday season of another year is past and the New Year is upon us. I don't know about you, but time is passing way too fast for my taste. Maybe we can slow it down with a lot of events, and the next big event is the CRAB FEED on January 24. This

one is important as the proceeds benefit the Learn to Sail program which "will teach anyone to sail" and is one of the best attractions we have for acquiring new members. While the CRAB FEED is the big draw, most of the profit is generated from the auctions (live and silent). We are still collecting auction items and are looking for donations...

big and not so big. Your generous contribution of (for example) wine, tickets to games, timeshares, unwanted gifts, goodie baskets, etc., will be greatly appreciated. If you have an item to donate or ideas, please call Dale Anderson (707) 280-3365 or me (707) 310-4275. The crab is ordered and the reservation sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board...so bring yourself, family, and friends on January 24. The volunteer sign-up sheet is also on the bulletin board. We will need kitchen help, table/chair set-up, and between seating clean-up. Let's make some funds for Learn to Sail. See you there!

— Bob Lockhart, Rear Commodore

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	3 VYC Tiny Robbins Midwinter Series #3 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
4	5	6 Membership Interviews The Enchanted Woman 10:00 am - 2:30 pm	7 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	8 Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 51 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	9 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	10 Memorial Gathering Mrotz (Ochs) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
11 The Free Wheelers (Car Club Annual Meeting) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	12	13 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	14 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	15 Carquinez Sail & Power Squadron Monthly Meeting	16 VYC Welcomes Benicia YC Cruise In FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	17 VYC Welcomes Benicia YC Cruise In
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20 GEEZER CRUISE (boat ride and lunch) 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	21 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	22 U.S. Coast Gaurd Auxiliary Division 5 Board Meetings 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	23 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	24 Crab Feed-LTS 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
25	26	27	28 Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	29	30 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	31

VYC Historian 2014-2015



Articles of Incorporation

Here we are facing another New Year 2015. I'll start out by saying Happy New Year to all my fellow shipmates.

My article this month will be on the Articles of Incorporation of the Vallejo Yachting and Rowing Club.

In a Binnacle article in 1991, Historian Tom Hosley wrote the following:

'On March 31, 1902, Articles of Incorporation were adopted which made the Yacht Club a taxable corporation. Yacht Club members became shareholders and stock certificates were issued (up to \$300) to members who purchased them. Funds thus raised were used primarily to build the clubhouse.

"The Board of Directors of the Corporation who signed the Articles of Incorporation in 1902 were all officers of the Club with the exception of Frank Devlin and Carl Siebrand. Commodore A. E. Chapman, Vice Commodore Arthur P. Noyes, port Captain George Warford, Secretary S. J. McKnight and Director David Barry Sr. all signed this had written copy of the Articles of Incorporation. Corporation officers were designated as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Required under these By-laws was holding an annual meeting of shareholders, a special meeting if the indebtedness exceeded \$300 per shareholder.

"In the journal kept by S. J. McKnight from 1902 -1912, details of the expenditures for materials used for construction are listed. Many of these materials were purchased by members and later reimbursed. Other such reimbursement was in the form of giving credit for dues to those who provided volunteer labor constructing the building. Commodore Chapman had the largest amount of credit (\$85.50) and the lowest to Clay Davis for \$5.00."

You can refer to VYC The First 100 Years book to read the Articles of Incorporation on page 9.

Morale of this story goes – last year our newest Director Bill Zerby (my Historian assistant) was rearranging things in the archives. This folder falls on the floor and this paper comes out. It is the original proclamation certificate dated March 7, 1902. The gold seal was not tarnished and as gold as when received some 112 years ago. Certificate was professionally framed and enclosed in glass. Staff Commodore Van Vessem displayed the certificate at one of the General Membership meetings. If not at this meeting, certificate can be seen hanging next to the fireplace in the bar.

Here's to a successful year 2015!

Toni Borges - Historian



THE SHIP'S STORE

Hello Shipmates,

Gail, Penny, Robert, and I want to Thank You for your patronage in the VYC Ship's Store this holiday season and we hope you have Smooth Sailing into the New Year!

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson

SAFETY REPORT



Boat collisions are human error. Claiming a collision was an accident is a failure to accept responsibility for not paying attention to your boating environment.

Standing watch requires continuous vigilance. If something occurs while not paying attention, it is not an accident.

Watches should be spread out and short. The shorter the watch the less chance to become complacent, bored, and hypnotized or mesmerized by the wind, the horizon, the motor or any sameness. Stand, move, sing, dance but stay alert. Look at everything. Staring at an object makes you steer towards the object.

Standing watch has two parts: Standing and Watching. Standing requires balance and staying alert enough not to fall over. Watching here implies using all your senses to interpret input from sight, smell, taste, touch and sound, recognize the threat and respond with appropriate action to avoid and prevent a situation before it is a situation.

If you get too complacent all you will be watching is the inside of your eyelids.

Remember, after an accident, sorry is too late. For the New Year, Be Safe Respectful and Responsible.

— John Cole, Safety Manager



House Committee Report

“Do what you can, when you can, if you can.” —Joe Balocca



Special thanks to our office assistant (and general do-everything person) Felicia for decorating the Christmas tree and Club. There may be others who helped and thanks to them too. I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy one or more of the many holiday events at the VYC. NFL playoffs and Super Bowl are just

around the corner so keep an eye on the bulletin board and VYC website for event details. For those of us who don't use email, Board Chairman Chris Mendonca has re-established the phone tree to keep members informed.

Board member Bill Zerby is spearheading an event committee to plan and coordinate upcoming events.

If you have suggestions, please let him know. Any reason to party is acceptable--January is National Soup Month, the 4th is National Spaghetti Day, the 17th is National Hot Buttered Rum Day, February 7th is National Fettuccini Alfredo Day--do you get the idea? How about a Valentine's or Mardi Gras party? Any excuse to eat and party!

A reminder to all who use the galley--please wash all dinnerware/cookware before placing it in the sanitizer, clean the stove/oven/grill if they were used, wipe down the counter surfaces, empty the galley garbage cans, and be sure to shut off all burners and fans.

Remember . . . the VYC is open. Be of good cheer!

Ken Leslie, House Chairman

PICYA REPORT

The last PICYA meeting of 2014 was the PICYA annual Awards Dinner at the Encinal Yacht Club, where the Vallejo Yacht Club again won Club of the Year for 2014. The other two PICYA Club of the Year winners for 2014 were the Oakland Yacht Club and the Richmond Yacht Club.

In addition, VYC's newsletter, "The Binnacle", organized and assembled by Editor Cathy Van Vessem and printed by Commodore Mark Bauder's printing company, Wheeler-Sonoma Printers, won the annual Wilder Award for best yacht club newsletter for 2014! This was the first time the Vallejo Yacht Club newsletter has ever won the Wilder Award, and Cathy Van Vessem and Commodore Mark Bauder are to be congratulated!

The next opportunity for the VYC to earn another 10 COTY points for 2015 is 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 has designated December 31st as the final date for submission of yachting yearbook information. All updated fleet, member and officer data and photos should be e-mailed to Patti at: patti@imaginethatsf.com

The next PICYA sponsored event where Club of the Year points may be earned is the PICYA Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers, which will be held at the St. Francis Yacht Club on Saturday, January 24th, beginning with cocktails at 5:30 PM, dinner at 7 PM, and Installation of the 2015 PICYA new officers at 8 PM. The reservation deadline is January 10th, 2015. The Commodore's Ball Information is on the PICYA website at picya.org. Black tie evening wear is suggested for this event.

The cost is \$80.00 per person, and PICYA will be subsidizing an additional \$15.00 of that amount for each reservation, as the St. Francis quoted us a price of \$95.00 per person. There is an opportunity to earn 6

Club of the Year points for the attendance of a current VYC Club Officer and 4 points for the attendance of the VYC PICYA Delegate/Club member.

PICYA's next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, February 2nd at the Benicia Yacht Club, as there are no meetings in December and the Installation of Officers is in January.

RBOC News:

There was a Monday, December 15th Town Hall Meeting on Delta Invasive Species in Stockton at the State Building Auditorium at 31 East Channel Street in Stockton. Boaters were encouraged to attend this Town Hall Meeting, which was organized by Senator Cathleen Galgiani on Monday, December 15, from 12 to 1:30 PM, in order to discuss the invasive weeds in the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta waterways. Senator Galgiani moderated a panel comprised of representatives of the state Division of Boating and Waterways, California Delta Chambers & Visitor's Bureau, Port of Stockton, USDA and NASA. RBOC representatives and officers were in attendance.

Our RBOC representatives are also working to make it easier to contact our elected officials via e-mail, as many of our elected officials do not allow any more than a minimal message to be communicated to their offices via e-mail, which makes it impossible to contact them in detail about our concerns. There was an opportunity to earn five Club of the Year points for mailing or emailing 10 responses to this RBOC Call to Action and RBOC needs to make it easier to correspond with our elected officials about these challenges.

Call to Action responses are sent to: Recreational Boaters of California, 925 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or can be e-mailed to RBOC CALL TO ACTION at <http://www.rbo.org/call-to-action/>

Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

—Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

NEW/PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



Sean Adley

Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, currently lives in Atascadero, CA. Works for BMW Corporate Office, interests include: all kinds of boating, classic cars, auto racing, horses, restoring cars/boats, home projects, cycling, camping, hiking and anything outdoors.



Michael and Hari Carr

Michael, who is originally from England, and Hari, who is from Indonesia, met and married in Jakarta in 1982. Since then they have lived in Calgary, Canada, Concord, CA, The Woodlands, TX, Pioneer, CA, and, for the last five years, in Vallejo. Michael is a retired Chartered Accountant and Hari has a part time self-employed job as an interpreter. They have travelled extensively in Europe and Asia and enjoy meeting other people who have travelled. Michael had limited exposure to sailing some fifty years ago but to all intents and purposes they are both novices. They intend to take sailing lessons so that they may be able to rent or buy a boat in the future.



Jeff Jacobson and Charlein Sheets

We are both very excited to be a part of the Vallejo Yacht Club. After retiring from the Air Force a few years ago and moving to Vallejo, we were lucky to meet some current VYC members that have included us in some Club events over the past couple years and we have always enjoyed the times we have spent as the guest of VYC members. I have spent the past few years crewing for a few race teams over the past couple seasons and we finally made the plunge and purchased our first power boat. We look forward to making more new friends if approved for membership.



On December 2, we sadly lost our shipmate and good friend, Jim Pecorella. Our condolences and prayers go to his wife, Janet, and grandson, Austin.

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE



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

SANTA VISITS THE RACERS ON RACING DAY




Photos courtesy of Martha Blanchfield








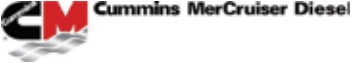
January Birthdays

Robert Edgley	1/1
Hal Roemmick	1/2
Richard Leijonflycht	1/4
Rob Orr	1/5
Elissa Stewart	1/09
Alan Parker	1/10
Roger Shortz	1/13
Delight Pendola	1/17
David Tomason	1/17
Alison Laytham	1/20
Samantha Fordyce	1/21
Mike Navas	1/22
P/C Barbara Taylor	1/22
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 Fleet Captain Power TBD
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 Club Manager John Douglas

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 Director Ken Leslie
 Director Bill Zerby
 Director Mike Coleman

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