



VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

September 2014

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*P.I.C.Y.A. Club of the Year in 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 & 2006!*

# VYC Annual LUAU and potluck

Saturday, September 20

Roast Pig Provided  
Please bring your favorite Side dish, to share!  
Sign-up sheet at the Club!

A decorative floral arrangement with purple, yellow, and pink hibiscus flowers and green leaves is on the left. On the right, there are three tiki masks in black, grey, and wood tones, each with a flame on its head.

Be Sure to Vote!  
Look for Your Ballots  
in the Mail!

A large red checkmark icon is centered at the bottom of the blue starburst shape.

UPCOMING MEETINGS  
Sunday, September 6 at 4 pm  
in the Clubhouse – Special Meeting  
Sunday, September 14 at 4 pm  
in the Clubhouse – General  
Membership Meeting

SAVE THE DATE  
October 18  
Change of Watch Dinner



## COMMODORE REPORT John VanVessem, Commodore

*"The First Rule For Coastal Cruising: start early; finish early."* Anonymous

### Special Meeting

As allowed for in our By-Laws, specifically Article XV, Section 3(C), there will be a Special Meeting held on Sunday, September 6th at 1600 hours in the clubhouse. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on a petition to override a Board decision. That decision is to hold General Membership Meetings quarterly. In order to override that decision at the Special Meeting, a quorum plus 4 Board members is required. A quorum would be 1/7th of our total voting membership. Again, Full Family Members are entitled to two half votes. So if only one member of the Full Family Members is present, there can be only one half vote by that Member. We presently have 273 voting memberships so we would need 39 members present to establish a quorum. We will allow a brief discussion of the issue prior to voting. Voting will be done by ballot; there will be full ballots and half ballots handed out after the discussion. When all ballots are in, they will be counted. To overturn the Board's decision, a 2/3 vote of the Full members or 26 votes are required.

### General Membership Meeting

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next General Membership Meeting to be held on Sunday, September 14 at 1600 in our clubhouse. It's important that you attend these meetings, as they give you an opportunity to voice your opinion in front of the other members present.

### Club Annual Election

You should have received your ballots in the mail for our Annual Election. You need to vote for two new Directors and a Rear Commodore. These are very important positions and your vote should be given careful thought. The Board and Officers you vote for are the people that run the Club and make the important decisions.

— John VanVessem Commodore



## VOICE OF THE VICE Mark Bauder, Vice Commodore

Hi Shipmates - Mother nature decided to show us her awesome power once again with a 6.0 earthquake. I hope you all fared well and had minimal damage to your property and no injuries.

The club had some damage - we had to replace the water heater, lost some inventory in the liquor room and had

some broken glasses but as a whole we came thru pretty well! I hope you all have had a chance to get out on the water lately, the weather has been great. VYC is participating in the Vallejo

Waterfront Weekend October 4th & 5th and hosting the Chili Cookoff as our contribution to the event. So if you cook a mean chili and want to show it off, please visit the website ([www.vallejowaterfrontweekend.com](http://www.vallejowaterfrontweekend.com)) for a registration form or just see me for one. We'll also be having live music in the parking lot so it should be a blast. Please contact me if you'd like to be a volunteer and help with this event - it's a great way to showcase our club to the public!

Very Vicely Yours,

— Mark Bauder, Vice Commodore



## REAR REPORT John Cole, Rear Commodore

Don't forget the dinner for The Cal Maritime Academy Sailing Team. They have the distinct honor of representing the United States in the Student Yachting World Cup in France. Come to the Friday Night Dinner on September 5th.

Meet this great racing crew and contribute to their success by assisting their fundraising efforts.

Let's thank all those who volunteer for the many invisible repairs that get fixed when no one even knows they were broken. Today I saw Bruce Martens and Marcos rehang a door. Thanks guys. And thanks to those I didn't see fix something.

We have formed a number of committees for the 2015 Great

Vallejo Race. We do need members to develop the sponsors for the new race. If you know of a possible sponsor, please contact Bruce Alexander. Bruce is preparing our Sponsor Promotional Package.

As we are introducing boating and sailing in our schools and expanding our Youth Sailing Program, I am asking all Vallejo citizens 16 and older to vote for our boating program. Become a sailing instructor or helper. It is time to give back by training the future sailors/members. Remember, today's youth are the future boaters of tomorrow. Our Club will grow if we are able to boldly step up and promote the future.

— John Cole, Rear Commodore

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 Membership Interviews The Enchanted Woman (Jolin Halstead) 10:00 am - 2:30 pm	3 VYC Wednesday Night Races Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm VYC George Van Dolson #1 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4 US Coast Guard Auxiliary Div. 5 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	5 Cal Maritime Sailing Team Dinner 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	6 Solano Rowing Club Monthly Meeting 9:00 am - 11:00 am Special Membership Meeting 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
7	8	9 Welcome Tiva of the Village West Yacht Club 6:00 pm - 9:00 am Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	10 VYC Wednesday Night Races Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm VYC George Van Dolson #2 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	11 Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 51 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	12 Friday Night Dinners 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	13 North Bay Series #6 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
14 VYC General Assembly Meeting 4:00 am - 6:00 pm	15	16 Geezer Cruise (boat ride & lunch) 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	17 VYC Wednesday Night Races Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm VYC George Van Dolson #3 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	18 Carquinez Sail & Power Squadron Monthly Meeting	19 Friday Night Dinners 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	20 VYC Luau! Pot Luck Polynesian Luau! Welcome: Richmond Yacht Club (5-11 Boats)
21	22	23	24 VYC Wednesday Night Races Welcome: Oxbow YC Bluegrass Jam 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm VYC George Van Dolson #4 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	25 Oxbow YC Tour of MI Museum Welcome: Oxbow YC Power Squadron District Meeting 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	26 Welcome: Oxbow YC Friday Night Dinners 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	27 Tentative: Blue Water Cruise-Out Blue Water Cruise
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**SAFETY REPORT** *Don't bang your head on our head walks, and here are some successful rescues stories...*



Two race events with high wind produced two different outcomes.

40 mph gusts delay Topper World Championships in Pwllheli. The Topper World Championships 2014 at Pwllheli were expected to get underway at 11:00

BST on Monday. But organizers, Pwllheli Sailing Club, have put back racing until at least 14:00 BST after 29 mph winds were recorded. More than 700 sailors are taking part in the event which will run until Friday.

A major dinghy sailing event has been delayed because of strong winds gusting up to 40 mph in Gwynedd Wales. The second event had a different outcome. Ten injured as Strangford Lough regatta hit by storm. A major rescue effort got underway after 87 sailing dinghies were hit by a sudden squall. Initial reports suggested up to 100 people, including children, were in the water. However, the coastguard has since confirmed that 20 went overboard. Everyone has now been rescued. A major incident was declared at a nearby hospital but has

since been stood down. A spokesperson for the Ulster Hospital in Dundonald said two people had been taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

About 87 vessels were taking part in the race on Strangford Lough when 20 capsized. The injured were treated by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, which set up tents at the scene. Most of those being treated showed signs of hypothermia. Liam Colquhoun, watch manager at Belfast Coastguard, confirmed the search and rescue operation had been a success and was called off within three hours.

“We have now been told by our rescue units on scene that everyone has safely returned to shore and that no one is missing,” he said. “We believe 20 people ended up in the water after their boats capsized this afternoon, 10 of them requiring medical attention. The weather conditions on scene have been pretty treacherous, with winds gusting up to 60 mph. We’re very thankful that everyone has now safely returned.”

— John Cole, Safety Manager

**THE SHIP'S STORE**



*Hello Shipmates,*

Summer is winding down and fall is already in the air. Only a few more weeks of racing. Thank you to all skippers and crew for supporting our Ship's Store! I really enjoy having the store open for you on race night and you repay me by supporting the store and our Club!

Have you checked out our sale rack lately? We have marked down the merchandise even more this week!! New things go on the rack weekly. When this merchandise is gone, we can purchase new styles and colors. Tell me what you would like to see in the store and we will try to make it happen!!

Get Ready!! The Annual Ship's Store Luncheon and Fashion Show is coming again this year! Save Sat., November 22nd on your calendar! We will also need volunteers to model for us. How about some of you ex-Commodores? We would love for you to participate!! Great food and a great time is promised. There will also be door prizes!! I will also need volunteers to help with setting up and decorations!! I have everything; we just need to put it all together on the tables!! The menu will be announced at a later date.

I am going to Hawaii soon and will be buying some new Hawaiian shirts. Some of you have already put in your order for colors and Burgee placement!!! Just in time for the VYC Luau!

— Respectfully submitted by Barbara Brown, Ships Store Chairperson



## VYC Historian 2013-2014



### OUR PRESENT VYC CLUBHOUSE

The article this month is how our clubhouse came about. This is from the Oar, Power and Sail written by P/C Dr. Thomas Hosley:

"The first stirrings about a need to replace the old clubhouse occurred in 1961. The Vallejo Redevelopment Agency was authorized to purchase and remove the clubhouse as part of a major downtown redevelopment project. Nothing happened until 1965, when at the January 25, 1965 meeting, Club members voted overwhelmingly to launch the reconstruction project which included a new clubhouse, ways, parking, landscaping, and other harbor improvements. In June 1965, Commodore Dr. Bob Frank signed over the deed to the old clubhouse, and a check for \$50,000 from the Redevelopment Agency was placed in escrow. On October 15, 1966, a 'kick-off' dinner was held in the old clubhouse boat shed and the new clubhouse project was underway. Vice Commodore Dr. George Halterman had prepared a printed seven-page report which gave a brief history of the old clubhouse and the architect's sketch of the proposed building. The estimated cost of the new clubhouse was \$123,000. Financing, over and above the \$50,000 received from the Redevelopment Agency, was to come from the sale of promissory notes to members. The notes were in the amount of \$50 each with interest at 5 percent repayable starting in 1969. A bank loan provided the needed remainder after a second plea to members for additional funds to cover a \$32,000 shortfall. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on March 19, 1967. Jack Hough was master of ceremonies with architect Bill Jefferies, Al Newman, and Commodore Hal Roemmick participating. Red Fox was delegated as the Club's construction supervisor. Contractor Emil Meyers began the task of building by driving 90 piles. One thousand linear ft. of 12' x 16' girders were

bolted to them; 6,000 lbs. of steel and 30,000 board feet of decking were laid to form the base for the building.

The first event to be held in the new building was the New Year's party of December 31, 1967, which featured a ham and turkey buffet for the price of \$6.00 per person. The official move into the clubhouse was in February 1968, and the old clubhouse was demolished shortly thereafter. Among the items taken from the old clubhouse for use in the new facility was the bar which was modified several times and used until 1987. The fine hardwood flooring from the old dance floor was installed in the new clubhouse main room. Dedication ceremonies for the new clubhouse were not conducted until February 22, 1969, with a steak dinner and dance following the dedication. The promissory notes and the bank loan were paid off and a gala mortgage-burning party was held on December 2, 1978. Upgrading and redecorating have periodically taken place. A major expansion of the bar area was accomplished in 1987.

The history of the Vallejo Yacht Club provides a glimpse at the ever-changing scene of the water-oriented community of Vallejo and of the San Francisco Bay area as it relates to yachting and recreational boating. As a resource for yachting history, the Vallejo Yacht Club has one of the few extensive collections of records, photographs and other materials in its archives. An ongoing committee is recording and storing these materials as they become available. A pictorial history of the Vallejo Yacht Club is available as a twenty-five minute slide show. The slide show must be in the History Archives. I'll try to locate it. If I find it, maybe it can be shown to the membership, and maybe we might have a fellow shipmate who can make it into a CD???

See you at the Luau on September 20th. Aloha!!!

*Toni Borges — Historian*

## PICYA REPORT

VYC Delegate Maggie Sabovich attended the August 4th PICYA Delegate's Dinner meeting at the Sacramento Yacht Club, earning the VYC four more Club of the Year Points. Sabovich serves as a PICYA Board Director and also as Regional Affairs Chairman.

Commodore Lenora Clark commented on the July 26th Coastal Mini-Conference held at the Elkhorn Yacht Club in Moss Landing, which 70 yacht club members attended. Many were new faces from yacht clubs all over the Bay Area. Elkhorn YC member Krista Brassfield and Maggie Sabovich were thanked for organizing the program and obtaining the speakers. There was great interest in the Tax and Audit segment, with two speakers sent by the State of California Board of Equalization Office in Salinas, who were very helpful as to ascertaining which services and food and drink items are taxable when serving guests at yacht clubs.

Vice Commodore Liz Allison is asking yacht club members for donations of individually wrapped personal care items for the disabled veterans attending the Wheelchair Regatta in September, and these items will be included in the "goody" bags we provide for each veteran. Donations of wine for the power boat skippers' bags are also being solicited. These items may be brought to the September 8th Delegates meeting at the Oakland Yacht Club.

Rear Commodore Erich Schoenwisner announced that PICYA's Fall Management Conference will be held at the Richmond Yacht Club, on Saturday, October 18th, and will cost \$25.00 per person. He requested that attendees bring the white binder with them that was handed out to yacht club delegates at the Spring Leadership Conference, held at the Vallejo Yacht Club, so that they can add to their current information.

PICYA's immediate concern now is obtaining donations of large power boats plus their skippers, and receiving funding for the food, drink and personal care items which PICYA provides each year for the 200 plus disabled veterans we host at the PICYA Saturday, September 27th PICYA Wheelchair Regatta. It will be held again at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda, and the PICYA Foundation needs another \$5000 in donations in order to pay for this event. In past years, we

had received large donations from various community organizations, which have not come through this year. PICYA is asking each yacht club to donate at least \$250 to go toward this event, and each club receives 10 Club of the Year Points for donations of \$250 or more. We also need more volunteers to participate from each yacht club, as we receive 5 COTY points per volunteer, so in addition to VYC PICYA delegate Sabovich, the VYC needs to send another 3 volunteers to help with the Wheelchair Regatta in order to earn our Club the 20 Club of the Year points possible.

Yacht club Newsletter Awards coordinator Jack Michael reminded delegates that September 15th is the deadline for submission of newsletter samples from their respective clubs in order to compete for the "Best Newsletter" Award.

The next PICYA Delegate's Dinner featuring awards for the Youth CHISPA races will be held at the Oakland Yacht Club, on Monday, September 8th.

RBOC report from Greg Gibeson, Vice President, North.

- SB 941: the Vessel Operators Certificate program is in suspense. We expect it to be restored to committee for consideration soon and will be testifying in support.
- Hearings with the State Water Quality Board in Sacramento are being monitored. RBOC will send a response to the Sacramento Bee about an article written by Counterpoint.
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan: Recent activity excerpts showed up in the "Log". This is a good sign, as it is being well distributed.
- The RBOC website continues to be improved in order to help those who wish to directly contact their representatives via e-mail. Please send a copy to RBOC as well.
- There are excellent articles concerning the current water supply during the drought being written by David Breninger, a former Commodore of PICYA and General Manager of the Placer County Water District.

Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate

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



Improvements to our VYC clubhouse continue. Special thanks to P/C Chris Mendonca for his hard work cleaning and repainting the upstairs Boardroom. If you saw it before, you wouldn't recognize it now. Additionally, there are two storage closets in the Boardroom that are chockfull of VYC history; pictures, documents, and artifacts. It is our hope that we can display

these things for all to see.

Don't you just hate it when a door that's supposed to close doesn't? The door to the Race Deck was just such a door. Not

anymore! Master wood wizard Bruce Martens and Marcos Hussong have replaced the door jamb, lock, and reset the door so it will work to perfection. Now if we could just get the people who prop the door open to remember to close it .

In an attempt to lower energy costs, light bulbs in the house are being gradually replaced with LED bulbs. However, the best way to reduce our \$3000 monthly electric bill is for members to remember to turn out lights when they leave.

— Ken Leslie, *House Chairman*

### 2014 CRUISE-OUT SCHEDULE

September 27 – October 5	Blue Water Cruise	Confirmed
October 31 – November 2	Solano Yacht Club Halloween Party	Confirmed

*Bob Sorum, Cruise Director*

## RECIPES FROM OUR CHEFS Today's Chef is Amy Troutner

### Coconut Macaroons (About 1-1/2 dozen cookies)

- 1/3 C all-purpose flour
- 2-1/2 C shredded coconut
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 2/3 C sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment. Mix flour, coconut and salt together. Pour in condensed milk and vanilla. Stir well to make a thick batter. Drop batter by 1/4 cupful onto sheet pan leaving an inch between cookies. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan and cool on racks.





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### COMMODORE - MARK BAUDER

Vallejo Yacht club is the crown jewel of the north bay. The reason we are is because of all the great volunteers we have who give their time selflessly to the constant ongoing projects that keep our club running strong. I am proud to have been a part of this by serving as Bar Manager (which by the way is a great way to meet the club members), being on the Board of Directors and working my way up thru the chairs as Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore. I have seen the inner workings of this club and know that the Commodore must be able to work with all the members. I believe that I have this capability and can continue to lead this club in a positive direction that will keep us the best club on the bay for many years to come. I humbly ask for your vote so I may continue to work for the betterment of the club.

### VICE COMMODORE - JOHN COLE



There are many interlocking projects and jobs that must be accomplished to keep the Vallejo Yacht Club moving forward into the future. There are at least thirty conflicting opinions on how each project should be done. In order for our Club to succeed, all parties must work together for the good of the Club. We are fortunate to have many enthusiastic volunteers that step up to help the Club. My job is to listen, investigate and help instigate innovations in a safe, responsible and respectful manner.

The coming year I will be representing our Club by staging the Great Vallejo Race and expanding our exceptional Learn to Sail Program. Neither one of these projects can be done in a vacuum. John Van Vessem's and Mark Bauder's continued efforts on the dredging and new head walks are important projects that are brought into reality by a great deal of coordinated planning and effort. These projects require the combined and coordinated efforts of our membership. As someone once said, goals are great but the journey of doing is the adventure. Please come with me on the Vice Commodore adventure.

For the past year as your Rear Commodore I also served as chair of the Membership Committee and the Safety "Officer", contributing monthly safety articles for the Binnacle. I would like to continue to work for and represent the Vallejo Yacht Club as Vice Commodore. I will respect and support the bylaws and decisions of the Board of Directors of the Vallejo Yacht Club. I am asking for your vote so I may continue to serve the Vallejo Yacht Club as your Vice Commodore.

### REAR COMMODORE - CARL CHAKER



Carl was raised in Northern New Jersey where he enjoyed sailing 14' Sunfish dinghies on the local lake. After graduating from high school, he attended the United States Military Academy (West Point) where he studied French, Spanish and environmental engineering and completed the parachute schools of both the United States and French armies.

Upon graduation from West Point, Carl was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Transportation Corps. He served for five years, two of them deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his five years in the Army, Carl held command and served as the Executive Officer (deputy commander and chief-of-staff) of units ranging in strength from 60 to 270 soldiers.

Carl left the Army as a Captain to attend the University of Michigan Law School, where he participated in moot court competitions and spent summers working for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and for the California Attorney General's Office.

After graduating from law school, Carl was accepted into the United States Government's Presidential Manage-



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ment Fellows Program which prompted his move to Vallejo, where he began his work with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Soon after moving to Vallejo, Carl's passion for sailing was re-ignited when he crossed the Mare Island drawbridge one Wednesday after work to see a flotilla of beer-can racing boats readying to cross the start line. Soon thereafter, he became a member of our Club. In his current employment, Carl leads the redesign of personnel and budget practices of a \$500-million-per-year, 3000-employee healthcare organization.

Carl wishes to serve our Club in the elected office of Rear Commodore, where he hopes to both act as a sounding board for the concerns of our members and to lead initiatives that will continue to improve our Club. Specifically, he is interested in the membership's ideas regarding improvement of facilities, accelerated increase of Club membership and community involvement. Whether as an elected officer, or simply as a member, Carl looks forward to continued good times at our beautiful, historic Club.



### REAR COMMODORE - BOB LOCKHART

Cheryl and I have been married for 29 years and have 2 grown children and 4 grandsons, including twins that enjoy coming to the Club. We have lived in Vallejo since 1990, and joined the yacht club just a few years ago. We are happy to be members enjoying the activities and friendships in this Club. Some of you know me because I am currently serving as Club Treasurer, but many of you will know me as the guy who is married to the lady who makes great desserts or the guy who often washed dishes before we had a regular dishwasher.

My history includes Lifeguard/ Water Safety Instructor, hospital service, material mgmt. (buying, inventory control, warehousing, delivery), load logistics (scheduling, dispatch, tracking, billing) and trucking (local/long haul). I completed a Mechatronics degree in 2012, and generally try to learn new skills...currently - sailing.

I share this history so that you may decide if I have experience that is helpful in doing this job, which I see as an opportunity to help make this Club more successful for all our enjoyment. I consider it an honor to be asked to run for Rear Commodore, and if elected, will do the best job I can for the membership.



### DIRECTOR - BRUCE ALEXANDER

Bruce has more than 35 years of boating experience. From cruising to racing, he has owned both power and sailboats. His blue water travels have taken him from Canada to Mexico, over dozens of trips and thousands of miles. His experience in asset management and the insurance field give him business insights helpful to the operation of the yacht club. He currently owns his own boat brokerage and sales company.



### DIRECTOR - NOBLE BROWN

My name is Noble Brown and I have been a member of the Vallejo YC for 7 years. I have a 36' Islander sailboat in the harbor. I've owned and sailed four different boats for over 40 years, many ocean passages including coastal racing, Hawaii and Mexico. After 32 years I retired as supervisor from the Valero Refinery in Benicia. I have been a member of the Island YC, Benicia Sailing Club and the Benicia YC. As a founding member of the Benicia Sailing Club, I helped develop it into a PICYA club and sponsor the first sailboat race in Benicia. I would like to be part of the Board of

Directors and work with the members to help the Club continue in the future as the best yacht club in the San Francisco Bay.

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### DIRECTOR - RALPH HYDE

I have been a member of VYC for over four years. My second year I was Assistant Port Captain, the next year, Port Captain and I have taken this year off. Four or five times a week I am at the Club. Also, I go on most of the cruise-outs. My thinking is this gives me a good knowledge of what goes on at the VYC, as well as the needs and issues that are most important.

In the past ten years I have served on two other boards; The HO Association and the Condo Association. These experiences have confirmed to me how important it is to work as a team to a common goal and to negotiate with those on your team, not holding grudges. If I am elected, I vow to work closely with the Board, Officers, Staff and Club members to keep this a great yacht club.



### DIRECTOR - TOM OCHS

Shipmates! It's September again, and here at the Vallejo Yacht Club that is when members select new Flag Officers and Directors for the coming year, and again, my hat is in the ring.

Growing up at the Vallejo Yacht Club, I realized my passion for sailing, and being around boats and the pleasure that it brings. My family joined the Club in the 30's and now I and my son Eric are third and fourth generation members.

As a teenager, I used to run around the docks and sail with whoever would take me. The lessons I learned from these older members have helped guide me in both boating and life experiences.

I joined the Club in my early 20's and at that time the Commodore coerced me into starting a youth sailing program, which has morphed into the present day Learn to Sail Program.

As an active sailor, many of you have seen us on races, introducing others to the sport. Many of these fine crewmembers have gone on to become members, boat owners, and officers of this yacht club. I have served two terms as a Director, and was selected Chairman on one occasion. In part of my tenure, I served on the long-range planning committee and did fundraising when the seawall was constructed. It is my intention to bring the historical value to the management of this fine organization. As a member for 42+ years, I have witnessed the ups and downs of this Club, and intend to work to make this place even better than it is. Top of my list are more activities and repair of the infrastructure (docks, electrical, and other maintenance items), as well as encouraging membership. Although I do not always agree with the Board decisions, I will support it with the management of this fine yacht club.

As a long time member with extensive experience in club government over the years, I am asking you for your support in my candidacy for the Board of Directors. I do not think you can find a better yacht club. Thank you for your support and by the way, there is nothing better than sailing with your kid.



### DIRECTOR - STEVE STRUNK

I have been around the Club since about 1959, just a little kid playing in the harbor. I advanced to sailing in my early teens while in Boy Scouts and later Sea Scouts in Vallejo. I graduated to bigger boats and racing in my later teens. I have represented the Vallejo Yacht Club down Bay over the last 44 years or so. The only hiatus was when I went into the Army as a commissioned officer attaining the rank of Captain and serviced overseas in the 70's.

I have owned five boats; one power boat, and four sailboats, the latest is Cold Drinks II, a Newport 33 which I race in Beer Can Series and weekend races.

I have been the Club's representative to SF YRA for the last three years. I have served as Assistant Port Captain. I

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served as Rear Commodore before health reasons forced me to resign that position. I am up and running now and would like to serve the Club and its members as a member of the Board of Directors.

### DIRECTOR - BILL SWEITZER



Hi to all! I have been a member of VYC for over 37 years. In 1984 I was Fleet Captain Sail, in 1990 the Port Captain and in 1998 Commodore. I spent 10 years going through the chairs and as a Director.

I own the yacht X T A C, an Olson 29 and race on Wednesday nights. I have been an instructor in our Learn to Sail (Jr.) Program since 1998, certified by US Sailing. I am active around the Club and harbor doing various projects.

I feel we need to ensure fiscal responsibility in our Club so we can meet the future obligations necessary to continue as a viable yacht club. Hopefully we can all enjoy our Club and shipmates for many years to come. I will work for you to that end. REMEMBER TO VOTE!



### DIRECTOR - BILL ZERBY

Shipmates, having joined the yacht club in 1978, my observations have run from the humorous to disbelief and proud while enjoying the position of member and thus protected from being judged or applauded. Yet every year the Club is rewarded with a new Board of Directors and Flag Officers for the membership to again judge.

Members are well aware of the many tasks facing the yacht club every year with a majority repeating themselves. How does the Club accomplish these events? With members that want to see the best for the yacht club and step up to volunteer.

This year there are two Board of Directors ending their term of judgment and success. With this opportunity it is my goal to be elected to the Board of Directors and give the membership the best of my ability and knowledge to continue the successful goals that lie ahead of the Club.

My past experiences in the boating world include the opening and managing of the Benicia Marina for three years, supervising five employees, creating a year-to-year budget and seeing the harbor maintained with full occupancy for 200 plus slips. After three years the marina changed hands and the owners asked if I would come to Dana Point and manage their one thousand plus slips marina. Assuming the responsibility was a major move and allowed exposure to other large and small marinas and how they operate. The next move, I was recruited to manage two marinas in San Diego, again managing, budgeting and maintaining full occupancy.

I am a sailor at heart but started with powerboats and enjoy both. I believe in change. I believe in history. I believe in a Better Yacht Club! Do I want to be your next Board of Director member? Yes! And I would be honored to have your vote in the upcoming election.

***Look for Your Ballots in the Mail  
& Be Sure to Vote!***



## NEW/PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

### *Keith & Patti Tipton*

Hi, my husband and I have recently relocated from the Sacramento area to Glen Cove. He is from St. Louis and I was born and raised in the Sacramento area. My great grandfather was Manual Nunes of the Nunes Brothers Boat Works in Sausalito.



Although I come from a family with a long legacy of wooden boat building, it was only in the last 3 years that we became involved in the boating and marine world. Recently we were involved in the restoration of a 1947, 23 ft. Bear Boat, which is a sailboat designed and built by the Nunes Brothers and, a rare 1957 Nunes Jet, an outboard powered race boat, originally designed by my grandfather, Ernie Nunes, for competition on the Sacramento River. Although we are still novices, we enjoy sailing and power boating, as well as kayaking. We each have our own wooden kayak, which were built by my husband and his friend.

My husband and I know several members of the Vallejo Yacht Club and we are looking forward to meeting you and becoming involved with the Club and its boating and social activities.

### *Mark & Charko Lemke*

Mark and I moved to California in 1978. We grew up in Wisconsin becoming transplants to the Central Coast courtesy of Mark's adventure in the army. Pondering the subtle differences in seasons between the Midwest and California, we thought we might be willing to trade the snow, ice, shoveling, relentless deep freeze, and endless winters for a teeny little earthquake every once in a while.



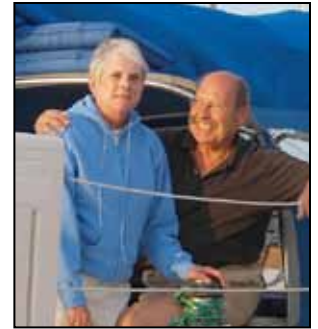
Mark always loved the water. As a teen he owned a small fishing boat that finally came to rest beneath the murky waters of Lake Butte de Morts. Despite this dubious history, I agreed to the purchase of a ski boat for family fun and boating weekends while we were raising our two sons and our daughter.

Our daughter, Kalli, moved to Vallejo three years ago after graduating from college and taking a job in Berkeley. The Learn to Sail banner outside Vallejo Yacht Club caught her eye, she enrolled and also completed the keel boat class, loving every minute of it. She joined VYC, owned a Catalina 20 for a time, and then purchased a Catalina 27.

Eventually, we were hooked, too. Mark and Scott, Kalli's fiancé, completed LTS this summer. Recently, we purchased Captain Bill's C&C 30 MKII. We are working on making it our home away from home and, with a little help and a lot of hard work, on becoming better sailors. We look forward to membership and participation in VYC.

### *Craig & Kristi Butler*

After sailing for over 30 years in the Pacific Northwest on our series of twelve different Catalina sailboats, we have moved our current 36 foot "Lady Jane" to San Francisco Bay - Vallejo Marina. While keeping a Catalina 25 "Therapy" docked at our home on Willipa Bay on the Washington Coast, we expect to spend at least half of our future time down here in Vallejo on "Lady Jane." This puts us in a nearby location to our daughter and family living in Napa and gives us proximity to explore the Bay, California Coast and Mexico.



Besides our sailing together summers in the San Juan Islands and a couple of visits to the South Pacific, Tonga and Tahiti, Craig has offshore experience sailing a transpacific crossing - Hong Kong to LA, along with Mexico, Hawaii and European coastal waters.

We are excited about the opportunity to become members of the Vallejo Yacht Club. Within the Bay Area, you offer us the best in events, location, facilities and very welcoming fun members, all whom we have met so far. We hope to make an active contribution to the Club as a foundation for making many more new and lasting friendships.

### *Amy Anders*

I grew up in El Dorado Hills next to Folsom Lake, and learned how to sail as a teenager. A friend convinced me to help him sail his parents' boat out of Brown's Ravine because they were too busy working. The two of us taught ourselves the basics of sailing and enjoyed several summers without incident. We finally told his parents about our covert adventures ten years later, and we all had a good laugh.



While attending college in Los Angeles, I sailed a lot in the Channel Islands with friends and often spent entire weekends sailing, diving and spear fishing. In 2002, I bought a 35' steel boat, and lived six months in dry dock at Ventura Harbor Boatyard while restoring it. It was a wonderful experience, and I enjoyed the following year and a half sailing out of Marina del Rey before selling the boat.

In 2011, I returned to El Dorado Hills permanently. This year, I've been renewing my affection for sailing by crewing on the Tutto Bene (many thanks to Michelle). I've been having a blast and learning a lot from Captain Jack Vetter, Michelle and the exceptionally talented crew. I've truly enjoyed getting to know everyone at the Vallejo Yacht Club and look forward to becoming a more active member.

# Wednesday Night Races

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## September Birthdays

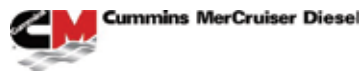
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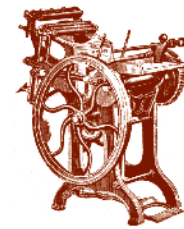
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