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Commodore's Report - Nicole Drake



Hello Everyone. For my first comments being your Commodore I would like to start by thanking everyone that keeps the club going on a daily basis, from the coffee club, the Wednesday night dinner warriors and the ice queen, we appreciate all that you do. I would also like to welcome the newly elected board members and welcome back to those that have served in the past. Last but certainly not least a special thank you for those who ran for seats, it was a close one this year and I hope your enthusiasm for the club continues. Alameda Yacht Club has the potential to be the best club in the Bay Area, lets make it so. Happy Holidays to all and their families and don't forget this is a big time of year for us to collect food, coats and toys, remember your good fortune this year, and spread it around. It only comes back. Looking forward to a great 2011 and thanks for your confidence.

Vice Commodore's Report - Gary Sherry



It is a pleasure to serve you this year as Vice Commodore, if you have any suggestions on membership drives or ways to improve services at the club please email me. This month I would like to welcome Tim and Ann Brown along with Cindy Dailey to the AYC membership. I have also put new badge request forms with instructions on top of the badge cabinet so you can easily order new ones if you have lost yours or want a second one, the form can also be download on the web site under "documents". The Cost is \$10 each. It is important we wear our badges when in the club and especially when behind the bar. Remember only members are allowed behind the bar. Many of you may not know it but I also run the AYC web site. If you find missing links or if you have information that should be posted there, please email me. Did you know you can find all the club officers and email address on the web site? (hint: under "officers") along with club events and flyers, copies of all the newsletters, not to mention movies and pictures of the parties we have had. It's all there online at www.alamedayachtclub.org Also as a side note the best way to communicate with me other than in person at the club is email garys@bushwacker.net and I will usually respond back the same day, so if you need something or have a question please ask. I am here to help. I look forward to a great year, see you at the club.

Rear Commodore's Report - Tom Tazelaar



Boy, this is a load of work. But, I can't say I wasn't warned. The bar is going well. With the Halloween Party, the Commodore's Ball and the November birthday party, we have had a lot of activity and good income. I have gotten some new glassware: beer, wine, and old fashioned glasses. This should make up for about a year's worth of breakage. I had Marc Jimenez in to give a wine tasting of some Merlots and Cabernets. While I like some of the wines, keeping good wines at our current pricing is becoming more difficult. I am hoping to have a tasting of some American whiskeys early in the coming year. The draft beer selection seems to be doing well and I am not too tempted to try changing it at the moment. I am trying to rotate a couple of new bottled beers in. I would like to thank the people who are helping me with the bar. First and foremost is my predecessor Chris Conner. He has been very careful to show me the ropes and is a wealth of knowledge regarding vendors, products, management and knowing my customers. I would also like to thank Jane Jackson for tirelessly getting ice and stocking snacks. I would also like to thank the volunteer bartenders. Alan Sawyer's efforts at the birthday party were remarkable. No major problems with the house. One ongoing annoyance: The chill coil in the refrigerator in the galley freezes up if it is stuffed too full, particularly the top two shelves. When this happens, (p.2)





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the refrigerator in the galley freezes up if it is stuffed too full, particularly the top two shelves. When this happens, the refrigerator warms up and we have to shut it down to thaw out the coil. Please try to leave some open space at the back corners of the two top shelves for the cold air to circulate. Two leftover items from our last health department inspection: put a paper towel dispenser by the hand washing sink in the galley and get the door gaskets on our refrigerator and freezer replaced. PG&E has contracted out with a firm to do it at no cost to us. In the new year I will be getting the House Committee organized and into action to take a look at our facility and equipment and implement an ongoing maintenance plan. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to bend my ear at the club or drop a note in my mail box.

A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER--CLAIR ROMMELL



Thank you for re-electing me Treasurer, I am looking forward to a healthy and robust year! Club Expenses: When purchasing on behalf of the Club, please use the Bar Envelopes near the cash register. Remember to include you name, amount and the receipt. Remember to pay your dues by the 15th of every month. Perhaps you want to explore automatic payments through your bank...its easy to do and hassle free. Call me for details.



--YACHTSMAN OF THE YEAR--



Yachtsman of the year is AYC's most prestigious award. This award is bestowed upon the member that unselfishly volunteers over and over without hesitation, always with a smile. Yes, AYC is fortunate to have many such volunteers, but I am sure that you will agree this person shines above. Although new to the club, our Yachtsman has spent many hours in the kitchen cooking or cleaning for our weekly dinners or monthly events; behind the bar searching for that elusive bottle of bud, has donated many hours to the planning, social and the ever-popular nominating committee. But what sets this year's recipient above the rest is from the moment you walk on this deck, our Yachtsman welcomes you with a big hug, a sincere warm and friendly greeting and a radiant effervescent smile that lights up the night. So join me in congratulating the 2010 Yachtsman of the Year..... PATTY LATHAM.

A WORD FROM STAFF COMMODORE--CURTIS KING



The commodores ball was a blast. Everyone has been really sweet and Nicole showed a lot of class when she took over. Hail to the chief! Speaking of the ball the traditional gift to board members we gave was a personalized vest in blue with name boat and office on it. We have had some interest in these vests so we are planning to do a run of personalized vests like the ones the board got for the commodores ball. The vest will have the club logo on the left and name and boat name on the right.

Those people interested should email me at cuttime@live.com with name and boat name spelled out as well as their size (include women's or men's sizes).

SOCIAL--DANA CHOHLIS



Alameda Yacht Club, I am so happy to be back as your Social Chair for 2011. Our parties this year will range from your favorites like the Lobster Feed and Pirate Party to a few new parties (Spring Fling in April and Prom Night in May). I'll be looking for help each month decorating, cooking, serving and planning. Don't be shy, come on down to the club on party days to lend a hand. Our last parties of 2010 are: 12/4 - Tree Decorating Party. Let's start the holiday season together. Join us in

the early evening to decorate the club tree and then we'll walk down to the estuary to watch the Lighted Boat Parade - Bring your favorite dish to share for a late potluck supper. 12/31 - New Year's Eve. We'll dance the year away together - Then pucker up and kiss in the new year.





Editors Comments—Diana Garino



Hello AYC!! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Diana and I am your new Newsletter Editor. Rebecca will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best to fulfill her shoes. I personally want to thank her for the fantastic job she did the past two years. I have been with AYC for almost 10 years now and have served in various positions on the Board but this will be by far my biggest challenge. I am open to any suggestions and new ideas that you would like to see in upcoming issues.

Just contact me at Diana.garino@gmail.com or 510-552-2116. I am looking forward to serving you in 2011.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all !!



Alameda Yacht Club
Tree Decorating Party and
Potluck Supper

Saturday, December 4

4:30 - Tree Decorating

5:30 - Lighted Boat Parade

7:00 (ish) - Potluck Dinner

Bring your favorite dish to share

(\$5.00 – no dish to share

\$100.00 – no holiday spirit to share)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS



Dec. 1:	Beef and Chicken Tacos	Patti Latham
Dec. 8	Yankee Pot Roast	Forrest Reed
Dec. 15	Cottage Pie (aka Shepard's Pie)	Tom Tazelaar
Dec. 22	Pre-Christmas Pot Luck	





Alameda Yacht Club's

New Year's Eve Celebration

December 31, 2010 - January 1, 2011

8:00 pm - 12:30 am

Enjoy Finger Foods and Drink Specials

Dance the Year Away

And

Kiss in the New Year

\$5.00 members

\$10.00 nonmembers

For questions and RSVP contact:

Dana Chohlis, Social Chair

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TOP TEN NEW YEAR'S EVE RESOLUTIONS

New Year's Eve has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. Did your New Year resolutions make the top ten list?

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| 1. Spend More Time with Family & Friends | 6. Quite Drinking (yeah RIGHT!) |
| 2. Fit in Fitness | 7. Get Out of Debt |
| 3. Tame the Bulge | 8. Learn Something New |
| 4. Quit Smoking | 9. Help Others |
| 5. Enjoy Life More | 10. Get Organized |





BILGE WATER



Well campers, is Iguana back in Bilge Water again? I know their master is worried about their reputation and normally we wouldn't push too hard, but sincere questions have been asked around the clubhouse about that anchor that is still over in clipper cove somewhere. Is it now up for grabs? Can anyone go out there and claim salvage rights? Some say yes, but others say not without a guilty conscience; perhaps it is too soon to know for sure. The Halloween party was great fun, but there was a bit of controversy. It seems that a busty woman in a full burka, caring a book authored by the current President, created quite a stir. So are we for freedom of religion as long as it is what we believe, or do we support freedom of religion period. These issues are at the core of who we are as a people. Personally I can't stand the sons o -----, but better men than me have fought and died to preserve the right to worship freely, so I defer

to them and their legacy. She was a cheap drunk, but she swore that she could rise to the occasion —perhaps next time you can show 'em what you're really capable of, my friend. Hey! What a birthday party and what a bunch of party animals and the food and music were outstanding. So when you go out and see your fine aluminum tender standing vertical in her slip with the outboard submerged, that has to be a heart breaker right? But T.L. put in a new battery and started that old Johnson right up ... good ending to a bad start for Start Time.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS





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Commodore's Ball





Calendar of Events for 2011



<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
1st Around the Island Cruise 15th Japanese Dinner 20th Board Mtg. 23rd AFC/NFC Game Day	6th Super Bowl 17th Board Mtg. 19th Crab Feed	5th Smoke-Out Dinner 17th Board Mtg. 19th St. Patrick's Day Party	16th General Membership Mtg. 16th Spring Fling 21st Board Mtg.	19th Board Mtg. 21st Prom Night	16th Board Mtg 18th Pirate's Party
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
16th AYC Birthday Party 21st Board Mtg.	18th Board Mtg. 20th Tropical Party	15th Board Mtg. 17th Lobster Feed	15th General Membership Mtg. 20th Board Mtg. 29th Halloween Party	12th COM. Ball 17th Board Mtg. 19th Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner	3rd Tree Trimming Party 17th Pre-Christmas Dinner

Make sure you don't miss out— Check out the calendar each month!!!
 New dates will be posted as they come up.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twas the night before Christmas when all thru the club,
 Not a creature was stirring not even the 'Bud'
 The burgees were hung all around with care
 In hopes that some members soon would be there
 The members were nestled all snug on their boats
 With visions of hoping they would remain afloat
 When all of a sudden there rose such a clatter
 They all hit the deck to see what was the matter
 When what to their wondering eyes should appear
 But a Pirate Ship carrying the famous Blue Beard
 More rapid that eagles his coursers he flew
 With his ghost ship assail along with his crew

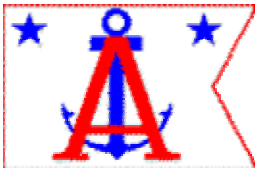
A motley looking bunch with patches and jewels
 Soon were in the clubhouse acting like fools
 They danced and they drank all the rum in sight
 Even went in the galley and cooked all night
 They stopped for a minute and took a look around
 What a great little club we have finally found
 We'll have to come back next year it seems
 For AYC is the place to be
 As they climbed back aboard their sailing ship
 They flew away in a silent wisp
 As the members gazed upon this sight
 The pirates exclaimed with sheer delight

' Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night!! "



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Director	Peg Fraga	Director	Wendy DeWeerd
Director	Sue Williamson	Director	Mike Depinna
Social Director	Dana Chohlis	Cruise Out Chairman	Chuck & Lucy Edelman
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