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Commodore's Report - Nicole Drake



As the holidays come and go I ask myself, when did I stop believing in Santa and all that. When I was 6 years old my brother, who was nine, told me a few days before Christmas that Santa was run over by his sleigh, so don't expect anything. For years I repeated that story and dashed many hopes and dreams of other children. That was 1973, and I have never really believed again until I came upon the Alameda Yacht Club. The world has a way of gifting you what you need and not what you want. We are an island of misfits that have been fortunate enough to find one another.....I believe in Santa, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny only after finding you guys. Thank you for one of the greatest chapters in my life. Happy Holidays to you and your families and a fantastic New Year for everyone



Vice Commodore's Report - Gary Sherry



We didn't have any new members for the month of December as we had no board meeting this month. I did want to wish every one of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New year. I look forward to a great 2011 and a long HOT summer. I also wanted to remind everyone about the forms in the club for ordering new badges if you need one. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



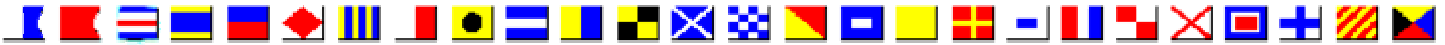
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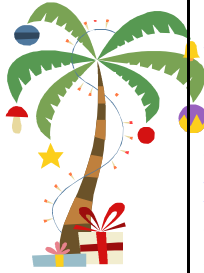
Thank you to all who pitched into help decorate the club for the holidays. Steve picked out the most beautiful Christmas tree we've ever had in the club. It is tall and statuesque with snow on the tips. Stop by to see it, if you haven't been to the club yet this month. Many members brought their children to the club, who decorated the tree with the club's plethora of ornaments. Diana, Kathleen, Steve, Shelly, Dave and Cupcake all helped to hang brightly colored ornaments from the net above the bar. The potluck was an AYC success! We had meat, more meat, some more meat and cookies, cake, pie, and candy. Not a vegetable in sight!! Carols were sung, toasts were made and wishes for Santa revealed. A hugggggggeeeeeeee thank you to all who bought presents for the Head Start children. Secret Santa was a big success thanks to you. Special thanks goes to Cheryl for all her hard work. She made sure every child had a sponsor. She collected extra donations so each child had a toy and clothing plus she collected money so each family had a grocery gift certificate. Thanks also to the members who delivered all the packages before work Friday morning. Our next celebration is New Year's Eve. The party starts at 8:00 pm and continues through the new year. Bo Jones will be our band for the evening, food will be available, along with a midnight champagne toast. There will be two drink specials you won't want to miss: The Drake (dark and strong) and the Dr. Danger (sweet and classy). Please come to share a good time with friends and to welcome in 2011. Congrats to AYC members Gemma and Chuck for their 3rd place will in the Lighted Boat Parade...it was a great evening, with warm weather and our tree trimming potluck...fun was had by all. Here are all the winners. Grand Prize: The Trawler SCOOTER

	POWER DIVISION:	SAIL DIVISION:	OTHER VESSELS
1 st :	The Reel Office	Mei Ling	The Barge
2 nd :	Sunday Diver	Nouvelle Vie	Rudolph
3 rd :	Gemma da Sea	Boundless	





The Annual New Years Day
ROUND THE ISLAND Cruise



START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT – ON THE WATER! JOIN THE FUN!

Beginning at 900 hours, **Island** Yacht Club will commence serving Fresh Squeeze Mimosa and a Continental Breakfast. From there venture under the Park Street Bridge, Fruitvale Bridge and High Street Bridge to the **Aeolian** Yacht Club. Notorious for their Gin Fizzes and Hangover Chili...don't worry their harbor has been recently dredged...so its plenty deep. Onward under the Blue Bridge to **Ballena Bay** Yacht Club. They will once again fire up the Barbie and toast ya some burgers and dogs.....But wait....it's not over until you try the Bloody Mary Bar at **Encinal** Yacht Club, the bar opens at noon and Clam Chowder and Hot Dogs served from 1-4.....

A Landlubber? Never fear **Alameda Yacht Club** is always serving a great time....



A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER—CLAIR ROMMELL



Happy 2011 – I am looking forward to a great year at AYC....debt free!

Let's make this year rich with friendships new and old. Join the many bountiful events at AYC this year. I look forward to seeing familiar and new faces.

USCG NOTICE: DREDGING OAKLAND INNER & OUTER CHANNELS

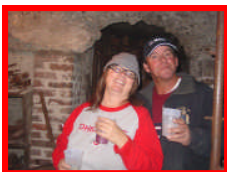
Maintenance dredging in the Navigation Channel will last until March 31, 2011. BOATERS Please use caution in the area. The derrick barge NJORD and 2 scows will be on-site and will monitor VHF-FM Channel 14, 16 and 66.

For more details Bob Richardson 510.232.6319.



Land Cruising

Tony Rossellini hosts an annual holiday party the first Friday of December at Klockars Blacksmithing, 443 Folsom Street, San Francisco. This tradition began around 1965. Jane Jackson met Tony at the Boondocks in the 90's and has been going to the party for 20 years. For the 2010 party, a group of AYC members invaded and started the holiday season in style singing carols on the sidewalk and meeting new friends. Klockars is a historical landmark and has been in the same location since the late 1800's Mark your calendar for the 2011 party.





Editors Comments—Diana Garino



Congratulations to the couple of you who found last month's errors! That shows me that your actually reading the newsletter. Find the one's for this month now!

I'm going to try something new this year. Each month we will have a "Getting To Know You" page. There are so many members that I don't know other than name and sometimes a familiar face. I think it will not only help to get to know one another but it will be fun finding out how we all got to AYC and share our boating adventures. Please contact me if your interested in sharing your stories/adventures/and/or talents. I thought I'd start with some of the board members you have elected. My e-mail: Diana.garino@gmail.com. I have some suggestions for you if you need help.

"Getting to Know You"



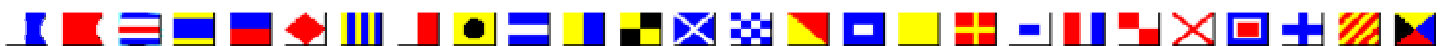
Nicole Drake: I was born and raised in San Francisco at the start of the summer of love. May 24, 1967. I was the first of my family to be born in SF. I am the oldest girl, I am second from the top. Growing up my grandparents had a pool so we were always in the water, later in high school I joined the crew team for 3 years, more water. My captain and I met in 1998 on my first date with someone else. He then used his powers of persuasion and he and I went out 6 months later. I had no idea that I was in for the adventure of my life. I had been on power boats and row boats but never under sail. Our first over-night was to Angel Island. I kept asking him if we should leave before it got dark, we didn't. When we finally left under the cover of darkness he left me at the helm and went to raise the mainsail. By the time he returned I was terrified and in tears at the prospect of sailing at night. 1 year later we quit our jobs and began our shake down cruise of 10,000 miles. From San Francisco to South America, Haiti, Jamaica and Cuba, I have been fortunate to have seen more that I could have dreamed of. One of the things I like most about cruising is when you are out at sea you can't smell anything, but within 100 miles of land all of a sudden you can smell the earth. Cruising taught me patience, compromise and a deep respect for anyone or anything that moves in your circle. Also to grab fear by the hand and say "Come on , we are going this way.



Hello everyone, as part of our "Getting to Know You" section I want to share a little about me. My name is Gary Sherry I am your Vice Commodore for 2011. By day I am a sales person for a high Tech company and live in the San Jose area and spend my weekends on my boat at Marina Village. I have been a member of AYC now for 6 years and enjoy the club and its activities. I have been boating now for over 27 years starting with my first sailboat a Columbia 26 then I moved to a Catalina 36 then on the a Spencer 53. Last year I decided it was time to turn to the dark side and switched to a power boat and we purchased a North Pacific 43. All of my Boats have been named "Bushwacker" and it's a long story better told over a beer at the club. I have sailed all over the west coast, the pacific northwest, Canada, Mexico and in the Caribbean. 8 years ago I even went and got my Captains license which was one of the toughest things I have done since college. For my 50th birthday I did the 07 Baja Ha Ha with several other AYC members. What a trip I never wanted to come back. I love boating and life on the boat. I hope one day to retire and continue the adventure full time.



Dana Chohlis: I've been a member of AYC for over ten years now. I first came to sailing at a suggestion from a colleague. She said the people in the boating world were fun and adventurous. And she was right! I visited many of the yacht clubs in the bay area before joining AYC. Some clubs were snooty and others just plain stuffy! When I visited Alameda Yacht Club for the first time and said I wanted to learn to sail, I didn't have a shortage of invitations and the fun has continued for over a decade. Last winter I purchased my first boat. It was a lien sale and needed some elbow grease but it is quite the ketch! *The Electra* is a 22-foot Catalina down on D dock. My boating partner and I can be seen on weekends floating, sailing, screaming, smiling and sometimes being towed down the estuary.





Alan Sawyer/Marlane Angle: Alan and I are an “old” married couple. We met 27 years in New Braunfels, Texas. I had just moved to Texas to begin a post doctoral fellowship at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio and was going through kayaking withdrawal. During the final year of my PhD studies at Auburn University I had taken up white water kayaking as a way to manage stress and meet new people (ie, guys). It had worked so well that I spent the last six months during my PhD kayaking every weekend on some of the spectacular rivers of the southeast including the Nantahala, New, Gauley, and Chattooga (where Deliverance was filmed). Moving to Texas abruptly ended those weekend trips. So I went searching for kayakers one Saturday and found Alan, eating a taco in a tiny pair of swim trunks with a terrific six-pack. Ah, love at first sight. During the past 27 years we have spent a lot of time camping, bicycling, kayaking and sailing, often with our two kids in remote parts of the Pacific Northwest. We took long bicycling vacations on tandems down the Continental Divide in Montana, kayaked the eastern and western coasts of Vancouver island, and did the occasional sailboat charter. Once we knew we were moving to the Bay Area the idea of living on a sailboat took hold: the kids were now out of the house, we couldn’t afford Bay Area housing prices, and we both loved to sail—why not? Three years ago we moved aboard a 43 foot Hunter in Grand Marina. Alan is now a bottom diver (Need your boat’s bottom cleaned? Give him a call.), and I commute into the city every day to “make babies” in a private In Vitro Fertilization program. Our hope is to weigh anchor in about 3 years and head north to Alaska to watch a glacier calf and then turn south for Mexico and points beyond.

BILGE WATER



If you don’t ever want to see an angry Commodore, I suggest you do not try to make drinks when she is trying to clean up an inch of muck left behind by some clogged up drains behind the bar; you’re liable to get the mop handle where you don’t ever want a mop handle to be! I understand that several people (all males) took the opportunity to imbibe without offering to lend assistance; no, not your finest hour boys. On the bright side, Alan Sawyer, took time out of his day to meet a plumber, who found the best way to clean the drains from a cleanout on the outside of the building; looks like we have a new annual maintenance task for club scrub. Oh the trial and tribulations of a new boat! Yes campers, we speak of the mighty Bluewater and her extremely complicated Sanitary Control Systems. What other environment would you bring all of your friends over to try and figure out where to put your, uh...well your, uh...uh, oh come on, you know what goes down a marine head! “Alrighty then, I think we flip this switch here, no wait...it’s all going into the bilge!” Oh man! That gives Bilge Water a new meaning. Ok, have you ever seen a rat so big that it could kill and eat a Chihuahua? We had one running around terrorizing our women and some of our men. But after a night of having his way with our yacht club he decided that he needed some coffee early one morning, but he made a fatal mistake. He didn’t put 50 cents into the grey box! We took this still off of the security camera showing how he looked after Robert Jensen caught him not paying for his coffee...as Robert-the Rat Killer stomps his boot down on him so hard that it rearranged his physical features to a considerable degree. What do you think the rat’s last thoughts were?”



“Damn I Should’a Paid”

STOMP





HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

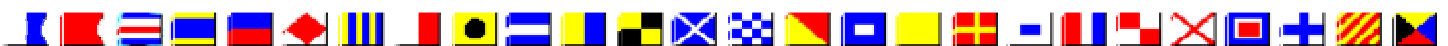
\$5.00 members

\$10.00 nonmembers

For questions and RSVP contact:

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AYC MOMENTS



Tree Trimming Party





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/ Chili Cook-Off* 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. *



Super Bowl Sunday



We are celebrating the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 6th, 2011, at the Club. Two TV's are needed....to borrow only. We will also do a 'Chili Cook-Off and Challenge' that day (at Half-Time) - flyers will be distributed, after the Holidays.

Thank you, Peg Fraga, Director, AYC



Christmas has come and gone—WHEW!! Tired of the fudge and plum pudding? Well, count yourself lucky. The Daily Meal, a foodie web-site recently focused on nine of the more unusual food festivals in the country. The web-site included some of the more unusual offerings at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, but Gilroy's got nothing on the others--Beer-marinated deep-fried bull testicles, Spam sushi, liver mush and something that actually looks worse than it sounds, Wasp larvae ice cream. Uh, could someone pass the Fruit Cake.

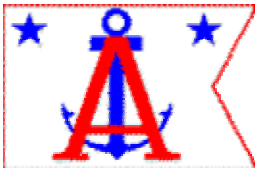


If you cracked up and actually gave your True Love all of the gifts mentioned in the "12 Days of Christmas", how many birds would you have to deliver???

(I know your all singing that song now)

(Answer on back)





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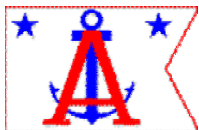
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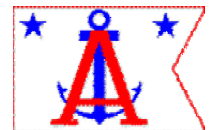
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Director	Sue Williamson	Director	Mike Depinna
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Answer: One gift per day your true love would get 23. If you go for repetition, it's 197. How many got it right?

