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Commodore's Report - Gary Sherry



We started off the 2012 board year with a great Commodore's Ball. It was really a nice way to thank the 2011 board for a fine job and to introduce the new 2012 board members. You can see the line up on the AYC website by clicking on the officers tab. We have also installed 2 computers in the club house with internet access. They are yours to use. I really want to thank everyone for their effort in getting these parties setup and put away afterwards. One of my goals this year is to drive more membership participation in everything from Wednesday night dinners, to stocking the bar and helping with the monthly theme parties. We are always looking for cooks, bar tenders, and set-up/tear down help. We have a handful of members in this club that keep it going and we need more support from the rest of you. I also notice at the Wednesday night dinners we have 40+ people show up and enjoy a nice meal. Did you know those same people who cooked all day for you also have to clean up afterwards. So next time say " Can I help bus tables or do dishes?" It's a nice way to tell our cooks you appreciate their hard work and effort. If you want to help at any of the events please let me know, I can hook you up with the right people. Want to practice bar tending or stocking the bar? Show up on Friday nights and we will work with you so you can learn. It's fun and a great way to meet other members. Also remember to bring your badges to the club and wear them. It is an easy way for us to tell the members from the guests. We all need to show a little more club pride. I look forward to serving all of you this year as your Commodore. See you at the club.



Vice Commodore's Report - Tom Tazelaar



It seems so strange not to be talking about the bar and house... You kind of get used to things like that after a year's time. Since membership matters are my new forte, it is my pleasure to welcome our newest member; Mary "Kat" Burns was accepted as a member at the November 10th Board of Directors meeting. She hails from Colorado Springs, CO and has a Yorktown 33 sailboat named 'FREE SPIRIT' moored in Alameda. We welcome her and look forward to seeing her at the Club.

On the subject of membership, look forward to two membership drives this year. The first one will be in the spring in May and the second will be in the fall, probably September. They will include open houses with complementary barbecues (burgers and the like). In addition to recruiting new members, I also want to make a special emphasis on reaching out to our current members who we haven't seen in awhile and inviting them to come on down and enjoy their membership. We have dinner every Wednesday evening, parties once a month and a lot of other activities. I will be asking for help (mainly from officers and board members) on this project. The last item: name badges. If you need a replacement, fill out one of the forms above the cabinet where the name badges are stowed. Put in my box by the back door and include a check for the cost (\$10 each). The lead time is about two weeks. I will order them and let you know when they come in. Questions or comments, let me know. I'm usually around.



34th Annual Lighted Boat Parade

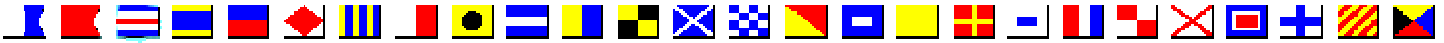
Saturday, December 3rd @ 5:30

Come watch the parade with AYC

Do a little Tree Trimming, Commence Being Merry,

Deck Them Halls, Jingle Some Bells....





Rear Commodore's Report — Diana Garino



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and encouragement. I am looking forward to the challenge this positions brings. If there is any particular liquor, wine, or beer you would like to try out at the club, there is a clip-board on the inside door of the liquor cabinet for you to write down your requests. Also if you see that we are running low or run out of anything PLEASE write it down on the clip board so I can order it. This will help immensely to keeping everything in stock.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Rommell for helping us acquire a nearly new 8' beer cooler from Mariposa Yacht Club for an AYC favorite cost of \$0.00. Also a big thank you to Dennis Landou for the use of his tail-gate lift truck, so we could bring it over. Also thanks to Dave Moore, Dave Calhoun, Tom Tazelaar, Gary Sherry and Mark for giving up their Saturday morning to assist with the moving. Contrary to popular belief, it will be cost efficient in the end, we will be able to order much larger kegs which is a great saving from the kegs we have now, also it has an eight tap, which will mean more choices in beer. We will be replacing the existing beer cooler with the 'new' one in the very near future. Also be on the lookout for a new facelift on the bar front coming soon.

A reminder to everyone who uses the club facilities: Please clean-up after yourselves. Wash glasses when you see them piling up, stock the bar when things are running low, when using the galley, CLEAN-UP after yourself, don't leave dirty dishes for someone else to wash. A reminder: The dish sanitizer is just that A SANITIZER, it is NOT a dish washer, items need to be washed BEFORE putting them in the sanitizer. If you have any questions please call or e-mail me. We all need to work together to keep things running smoothly and efficiently.

I am looking forward to a great year at AYC.

Ciao for now!!

Port Captain — Dana Chohlis



Thank you everyone for the vote of confidence at the last board meeting. I'm proud to be on the board again as your Port Captain, a position I first held about ten years ago. My goal is to have a cruise-in for every party, be it by boat or car! Please spread the word as you visit the surrounding yacht clubs. To other yacht clubs reading this article, please see our calendar of upcoming parties. We are a fun and energetic group and would love to roll out the red carpet for your members. Please contact me through the AYC website to book a cruise-in to the Alameda Yacht Club.

A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER—CLAIR ROMMELL



As 2011 comes to a close – let's briefly review those items I harp on:

Club Envelopes: Please use the Bar Envelopes when sponsoring a dinners or purchasing items on behalf of the club. Remember to include you name, amount and the receipt and if you have been reimbursed or need me to send a check.

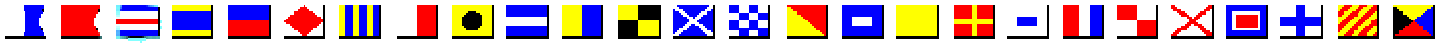


Merchandise Envelopes: Please use, this helps Terry Tracy track the items purchased.

Dues: Remember to pay your dues by the 15th of every month. Quarterly payments are due the first month of the quarter. Perhaps you want to explore automatic payments through your bank...its easy to do and hassle free. Call me for details.

Fun: Thanks for a fun filled 2011, I am looking forward to seeing all of you in 2012.





Staff Commodore—Nicole Drake



This is my first entry as Staff Commodore and for the last time I would like to thank everyone that participated for the past year and those that have stepped up to the plate this time around. Diana, Dana, Scott, Nola, Sandy and Forrest did a fantastic job on the Commodore's Ball, the whole event was very elegant. We are looking forward to a great year with the new board. Please give them your respect. A little reminder as your safety manager—please adhere to the galley rules, if you use it make sure its yours to use, and clean up after yourself. Your mother doesn't work here.

Happy Holidays.

P.I.C.Y.A — Eric Shoewisner



On November 7, 2011 PICYA held its annual awards dinner for 107 yachts in Northern California. The event was hosted by the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. There were 12 major awards given out this year. We did get our 11 years of perfect attendance, plus our 1 Star Club of the year award. In 2012, we will strive to do even better. All Alameda Yacht Club members can help. Thank you for your participation.

The next PICYA event will be the Commodore's Ball on January 28th at Corinthian Yacht Club. Opening Day on the Bay will be on April 29th. The theme will be: 'American Spirit.'






Planning Committee-Erich Schoewisner

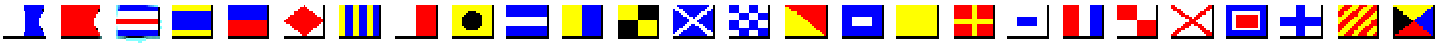


Hi. My name is Erich and I will be chairing the planning committee. One of the functions of the planning committee is to plan Wednesday Night Dinners. We would like to do this one month in advance. I will be working with Heidi in Social. Together we will be planning your Wednesday night dinners.

Please remember this is our club, and we need volunteers. A dinner sign-up sheet will be posted near the kitchen so you can sign up for when you want to cook. Thank you in advance.

December 7th		Open	
December 14th		Beef Stew	Patty Stinson
December 21st		Hanukkah Dinner; Latkes, Brisket and Glazed Carrots	Heidi
December 28th		Tamales	Nicole





SOCIAL—Heidi Benson/Diana Gentry



There we were, deep into our cups at one of Dana’s fabulous parties, when Vice Commodore Sherry suggested that we would make great Social Chairs for 2012. Next thing we know, we are receiving notice for the annual Calendar Meeting! And so, here we are ... planning fun times for you next year at AYC! Dana is going to be a tough (and classy!) act to follow, so we needed two of us to match her energy. Please give us your ideas and most of all, assistance, in creating events that will continue to give us the reputation as the “Funnest (yes, that is a word!) Club on the Island!” We are

looking for help with decorating, cooking and clean-up. Contact either of us at the Club or via phone or email if you want to be part of Team Diva!

Diana and I are both former Chamber CEO’s and event planners and earned our Associates degree at Chabot College in 2009, walking the stage together. We are currently “entrepreneurs.” She and her hubby, Cliff Park, are new power boat owners of “Night Hawk” and will be living aboard in Emeryville soon. I co-own and live aboard sailing vessel “Sonho” with Aaron Stagg and our Chiweenie, Tiki, at Marina Village Yacht Harbor, Gate 9. You’ll also see my teenage son, Harley, around the Club.

We will be featuring many of the popular party themes from previous years, as well as introducing a few new ones. Check out the Social Calendar in this issue and on the website for details. We have also started a new Facebook page for Social updates. You will find all of the event flyers on the Alameda Yacht Club page as well as links to the bands.

First up will be the Annual Tree Trimming Party on Dec. 3. Come on down for appetizers, homemade clam chowder, Christmas cookies and holiday libations before the Lighted Boat Parade. Right around the corner will be the New Year’s Eve Party. We are bringing back the BoJones band, who was a hit at parties this year. There will also be scrumptious desserts and a midnight toast ... Dress up or come as you are! A new theme, Roaring ‘20s, is scheduled for Jan. 21 ... pull out your pin-striped suits, flapper dresses and violin cases as we turn AYC into a Speak Easy! Details to follow soon.

Looking forward to more good times at AYC in 2012!



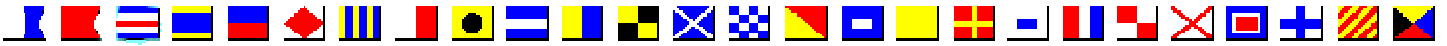
BILGE WATER



Omission: Last month’s scandal sheet left no room for mechanical problems. Yes campers I speak of the mighty Bluewater and her intrepid skipper. The mighty Bluewater, like all high-tech wonders is operated in “fly-by-wire” mode, meaning that a computer actually accelerates or decelerates the engines when the “pilot” actually manipulates the throttle controls. Ok, so far so good. But unlike the F-22 Raptor that has billions of our tax dollars to make sure it operates within spec, the mighty Bluewater didn’t quite get that level of quality control. In fact, the “Fly-by-wire” system was an after market add-on, according to an unnamed source. So last month as the skipper skillfully maneuvered the mighty Bluewater into a space at the Jack London fuel dock, just imagine his horror as the “fly-by-wire system decided to take a life of its own and crash into the M-60 Machine-gun that was mounted on the Homeland Security Vessel that was moored in front. “Oh man, I hate

when that happens.” “Let’s see...shut down the computer...reboot...damn common, lets getter done!” Now we shall speak of my friend Gennady Sergeyeovich and the Commodore’s Ball as we drank Russian Standard together, but mere shots are not the tradition of Gennady, no, no campers, I’m telling you he went native and started serving me the Russian vodka in a water glass; me of fragile make up and a faint heart. But I rose to the occasion (I secretly poured some in Timo’s glass) and we got through it somehow, but there were a lot of Russian Standard bottles in the recycling bin the next day. So we’ve all heard the metaphor: Don’t look a gift horse in the mouth. Makes sense, it’s a gift, right, no reason to actually see if it has any use-right? Witness, if you will the very large beer cooler that is doubling as a serving table for the Wednesday Night dinner. Yes campers, this was going to be a free gift horse that was going into the liquor closet to be filled with large beer kegs and lines out the bar would provide an unlimited supply of lots and lots of suds. But, alas, there would have been no room for anything else. I think there is a re-evaluation of priorities going on as this issue goes to press.





AYC on Facebook!



Search for “Alameda Yacht Club”
 And “Like” us for updates on Social Events!
 And please “Check In” when visiting
 To help promote our great Club!
*Feel free to “Share” our events on your Page
 to invite guests to check us out!*



A Christmas to Remember
 Come join us for our
 Annual Tree Trimming on
 Saturday, December 3, 2011
 at 4:00 p.m.
 (before the Lighted Boat Parade)

Alameda Yacht Club
 1535 Buena Vista Avenue
 Alameda, California

Featuring Clam Chowder, Hors d'Ouerves,
 Christmas Cookies, and Special Holiday Drinks

\$5 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, November 30th to
 Diana Gentry at diana.gentry@sbcglobal.net

New Year's Eve Party
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
 8:00 PM TO 12:30 AM

**DANCE 2011 AWAY AND
 WELCOME IN 2012**

Bring Your Favorite Appetizer
 to Share, Hosted Dessert Bar,
 Dancing to the Sounds of
 BoJones, and Midnight
 Champagne Toast!

\$5.00 per person

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Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday,
 December 28th to Heidi Benson
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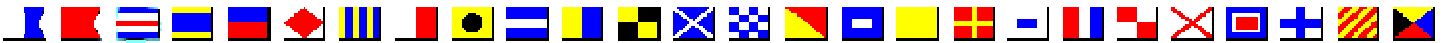
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 New
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









'FUN TIMES AT AYC'





Calendar of Events for 2011



 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p>  <p>3rd Lighted Boat Parade Tree Trimming Party</p> <p>10th Rutherford Party</p> <p>17th Pre-Christmas Dinner</p> <p>25th Christmas</p> <p>31st New Years Eve Party</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p>  <p>19th Board Meeting</p> <p>21st Roaring 20's Party</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p>  <p>5th Super Bowl Sunday</p> <p>11th Crab Feed</p> <p>16th Board Meeting</p> <p>25th PICYA Leadership Conf.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p>  <p>15th Board Meeting</p> <p>17th St. Patrick's Day Party</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p>  <p>19th Board Meeting</p> <p>21st Western Ho-Down</p> <p>28th General Membership Mtg. Club Scrub</p> <p>29th Opening Day On Bay</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p>  <p>17th Board Meeting</p> <p>19th Mardi Gras Party</p> <p>26th Petaluma Cruise-Out</p>

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

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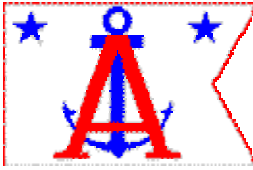
at
Plato's Hair Design
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YOUR CARD CAN BE HERE TOO!!!

- For a nominal monthly fee of \$10.00 or \$100.00 a year we will have your business card posted in the newsletter and on the AYC website. Also a classified section 'New to You' of the newsletter offering items for sale, for a nominal \$5.00 per month. Contact: Diana, Clair, or Gary



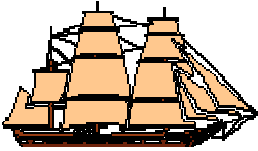


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