



## A Tradition of Yachting Excellence



# The Anchor



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## Commodore's Report - Nicole Drake



Summer is here at last and we are calling all members who have not been around, we miss you. I have been having a great time being your fearless leader and I want to thank the best yacht club ever for being everything that you should be and more. To all the members that wash glasses, cook Wednesday night dinners, empty trash and ashtrays, thank you from the bottom of my heart. For those that missed the pirates party.....ARGHHH. It was a good one, thanks Forrest, Dana and crew for giving us great booty. The AYC birthday party is coming and I hope to see everyone out for a good time. At this time I am getting email from friends that are out cruising and we have people coming through the Bay Area on their way south, and I won't lie its hard not to want to be them. My captain and I have 10,000+ miles under our, but we have been home for 10 years and we are getting anxious, the blue waters call. For all of you that sit around and think you have time to live your dreams, do it now, it's later then you think.



## Vice Commodore's Report - Gary Sherry



I want to wish everyone a happy 4th of July and hopefully the start of some awesome boating weather. I am up here in Canada enjoying a little R&R with my Friends on their Nordic Tug 42. I wanted to welcome our new members for the month of June. First is Barbara Gillette on her 1963 River Queen 36 "Dolce Far Niente", member #762, we would also like to welcome Russ and Terry Watson, member #763, on their 1976 Contessa 36 "Blue Blazer". I also wanted to remind everyone we are going to have our first open house on Saturday July 16 from noon till 5. We will be getting the BBQ going for lunch and appetizers.

Look for the flyers and tell your friends. Till next month...



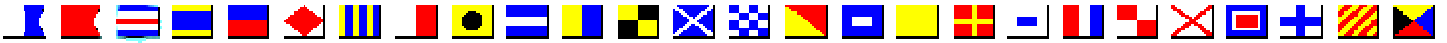
## Rear Commodore's Report - Tom Tazelaar



Things are moving along well at the bar. I would like to thank everyone for keeping on top of the dirty glasses. A little help from everybody keeps the mess from piling up. As for the product line, I am going to be bringing in a couple of new bottle beers: Coors Light and Clausthaler non-alcoholic beer. Also the Anchor Porter is nearly gone and Eye of the Hawk Ale will be replacing it. After the tasting sponsored by Cherie (our sales rep. from Southern Wine and Spirits) at the Pirate Party (if you missed, you should be flogged!) I am considering replacing our current Berringer Chardonnay with the Geyer Peak Chardonnay. I would appreciate comments on that. I also have a request in to try a hard cider. Sounds interesting.

In the house, everything seems to be working well. We replaced one of the barbecues about six months ago. The other is probably about due for replacement too. After long consideration, I had decided not to do any radical surgery on the ice machine. It is limping badly, but still alive and does not seem in imminent danger of death. The condenser coil is badly corroded and deteriorated, but still seems to be doing a sufficient job of cooling the Freon. Opening the system to replace it would risk creating more problems than we solve. Best to leave it alone. It does need a major cleaning, replacement of water filters, and a I would like to fit it out with a disposable furnace type of air filter to keep that condenser coil clean. The other refrigeration equipment in the club (bar chill boxes, galley refrigerator and freezer) and the air condition condenser on the roof all need similar maintenance. Questions, comments, requests or (best of all) offers of assistance are always welcome. I'm around most evenings.





## A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER—CLAIR ROMMELL



.Summer is here....Warm Weather, Cool Breezes....Here we are in the best boating venue in the world.....Remember your PFD and Sunscreen....and stop by AYC!

### It's RBOC season.

Recreational Boaters of California is the non-profit group that fight for our boating rights! During June, July, August and September, AYC will add a \$20.00 donation fee on your monthly billing statement.

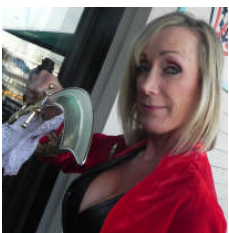
**This is voluntary donation**, if you are so inclined, please enclose a \$20.00 made to AYC with your dues payment.

Through Rain, Sleet and Snow...Club Scrub goes on...once again, we had a great turn out and the club looks fabulous... Let's Give a Big Cheer to everyone who pitched in, rolled up their sleeves and had fun.

Lots of new faces...Give a big AYC "HI" and get to know our new members...

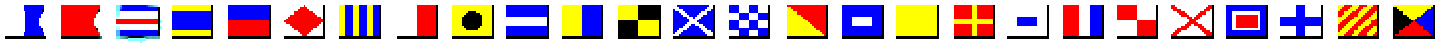


## SOCIAL—DANA CHOHLIS



Thank you to everyone for helping with the Pirate Party. It was an awesome success! Forrest Reed with his assistant Dave Calhoun prepared Salmagundi (Pirate Stew) with real alligator meat! The stew was delicious as were the two accompanying salads. The creative master piece was the Banana Foster's station where everyone had an individually prepared dessert. Thanks to Diana and Cupcake for helping with set-up and clean-up. And thanks to all who jumped behind the bar (with out being asked) and tended to needs of our guests and members. Enjoy the pictures from the party either to relive the evening or see what you missed. The next event is the celebration of the club's birthday.

This event will be in combination with an Open House/Membership Drive on Saturday, July 16. Come up to the deck and enjoy a complimentary hamburger.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALAMEDA YACHT CLUB!!!



Join us July 16th for an 'Open House' Celebrating AYC's Birthday.

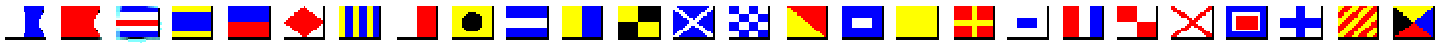


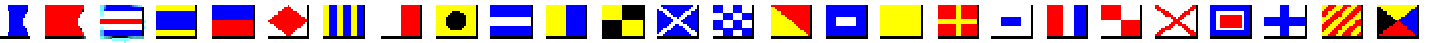
B.B.Q. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Salads and Birthday Cake

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This will co-inside with our membership drive  
So come by and see old friends and meet new ones.

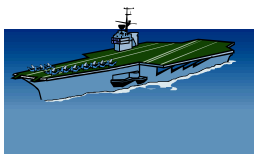




# Director—Peg Fraga



The June 8th fundraiser dinner for the S.F. Fireman made \$145.00 from the 50/50 raffle; 1/2 went to the Fireman's families and 1/2 went to an AYC member who bought the winning ticket. Diana Weddale has given me cards for the U.S.S. Hornet Museum; this is also a fundraiser. When you purchase your groceries at Lucky's, a percentage is sent to the Hornet's Museum. (They merely swipe the card.) No cost to you, the store does all that—a good way to help our priceless museum here in Alameda. If you do not know the history of the U.S.S. Hornet, please take a tour and learn more about it.



There are card at the club, courtesy of Diana W. who works there. Stop by and ask for one.

# Eric Shoewisner — P.I.C.Y.A



Alameda supports San Francisco's efforts to host the next America's Cup competition and welcomes the opportunity to provide residential, warehouse, and docking facilities to the sailing syndicates and to visitors. Alameda has a lot to offer. A committee has been formed for the Islands' Yacht Clubs to come together and assist for the ' America's Cup' 2012 / Trials and 2013/ Race. Contact Erich for more details.





## Party on the River



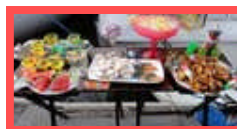
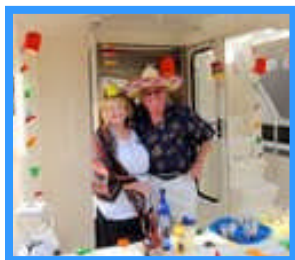
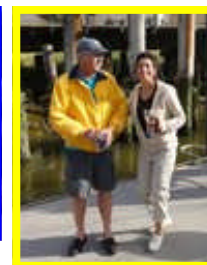
Petaluma Yacht Club hosts Memorial Day party for regional boat clubs.

The team with the highest score won their heaviest member's weight in beer. The prize was generously donated by the Lagunitas Brewing Company, which went to the **Alameda Yacht Club**.



The Alameda Yacht Club team, which accrued the most points in the boating games. Their prize? Ten boxes of Lagunitas Beer.

2nd year in a row!!!



## BILGE WATER



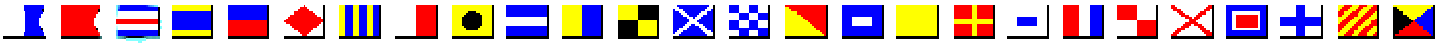
Arrr! The Pirates Party was as memorable as ever and “Beau Jones” was hot, one the best “dance your butts off” band stints that they’ve ever done. The grog was flowing freely, me hearties, and that pirate cook, who ever he was, got his inspiration directly from pirate heaven ‘cause that food was out of this world’. But what happened to the cannon? Wasn’t there supposed to be cannon fire? Well “My Friend” apparently gets a little skitterish around cannon fire, so we thought better of it this year... actually we were afraid of “My Friend’s” owner.

Heard recently on an AYC outing to the Ramp, “Captain aren’t we gonna stop for fuel?” But the captain retorted “Fuel stops, fuel stops! Damn the fuel stops, full speed ahead!” As the powerful vessel roared across the mighty San Francisco Bay fast approaching her destination, a trusted crew member was heard to lament, “Captain the fuel gages say we are sucking fumes! What are we gonna do now?”, “What the...” the Captain snarled, “we couldn’t have used that much fuel, we must have a leak!” They survived the full force of the mighty San

Francisco bay one more time and angels must have given her wings to get back in her slip unassisted.

Take the tent down, put the tent back up. Wait a minute; it’s raining cats and dogs out there. “Quit your whining”, the tent Captain said “let’s getter done”. Completely soaked they got the tent back up....then it quit raining...for a while. Nature played a cruel joke, but we gave back...one of our best parties. Wait a minute, they are all good parties, “**This is how we rule!**” said an AYC member who is one of the direct descendants of the fiery orator, political theorist, and advocate of States Rights, Senator John C. Calhoun from South Carolina. This same member was also overheard telling a guest at the Pirates Party, “When we light this thing off at around 8:00 pm, you will be absolutely amazed if this is your first time here”. You know, I think he’s right.





## "Getting to Know You"



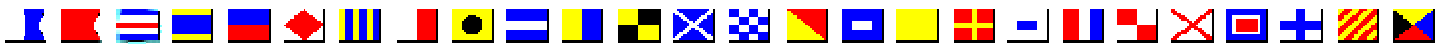
John Reimann:

Most people know me by being married to Sonja, but I'm a real person in my own right. We have the Catalina 36 sailboat the Y-Knot, which we've had for a few years. I learned to sail in little sailing dinghies when I worked at a summer camp in Maine when I was in my 20s. I dreamed of having a sailboat ever since, but always knew that would be impossible. Then some things changed in my life and I went out and got myself a boat for my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday! We got into the AYC through a nutty friend of ours, who shall remain nameless (except to say that she's having a retirement party at the Club on July 2nd).

As to my most embarrassing moment sailing – I'm too embarrassed to say, except to comment that when you go to flush out your holding tank with water you'd better be sure you haven't opened up your fuel tank by mistake. (And, yes, it's possible to drain all the water from a fuel tank by draining the sediment bowl cup by cup, but it takes a long time.)

I'm a retired carpenter and a former member of the Carpenters' Union, where I was very active as a "trouble maker" (in ways you might not want to know about). One thing that I think all sailors should think about is the environment, from global climate disruption to pollution. (Maybe you've seen the recent scientific study that predicts that at this rate the oceans will be largely dead bodies of water in a few decades. Think about that!)

On the lighter, personal, side: I can tell you that as far as marriage the 3<sup>rd</sup> time is a charm. Sonja and I live in Oakland with our two dogs. I also have two children and five grandchildren.



Sonja Engelhardt:

Well, I would probably not be out here sailing at all if it wasn't for our anonymous friend Vicky Cruz and her tricks to take us out every time when there was absolutely no wind...

I thought sailing was just about relaxing and having a couple of beers and some snacks on a hot day out in the Bay. But as soon as John got our boat we experienced some severe wind issues on the Bay. Wow, where did that suddenly come from? (And, no John, it wasn't me...!) I really didn't know there could be so much wind on the Bay. I am still not entirely used to the heeling of a boat but I did enjoy so far our trips to Half Moon Bay, Petaluma and up to the Delta. Coming from Germany, where the summer is only six weeks long, I am still a little bit sad about the fact that – besides in the Delta – you can't actually go swimming here, I mean just jumping from your boat, since the water is too cold and maybe also too polluted around here (unless your name is Craig who enjoys a swim any time – dare him!).



## Editors Comments—Diana Garino



A big Thank You to all who have participated in our 'Getting To Know You' section of the newsletter. There are still a LOT of you out there we haven't heard from. I hope by now you received the suggestion letter I sent out and will respond. It's fun to read about our members experiences and adventures. Also if you have any ideas or suggestions on what you want to see in your newsletter, please let me know, I am open to all. If you come across an interesting boating article or story let me know and I will put it in. This is **your** newsletter!!!! I am sooooo happy that we are finally seeing some sun!!! Have a great time out on the water and be safe!!!

See you at the club.

Don't forget the AYC Birthday Party on July 16th.

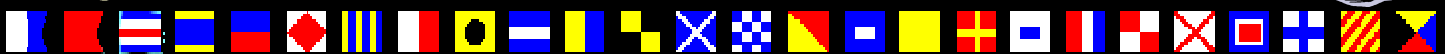


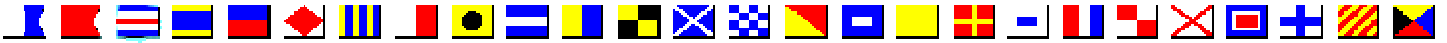


# AYC MOMENTS



# PIRATE'S OF THE ESTUARY PARTY





# Calendar of Events for 2011



## JULY

- 2nd** Vicky Cruz  
Retirement Party
- 10th** B. Gillette Brthy. Party
- 16th** AYC Birthday Party/  
Open House
- 21st** Board Mtg.
- 23rd** Loch Lomond Cruise-  
out

## AUGUST

- 13th** Mark Ruckman,  
Wedding Reception
- 18th** Board Mtg.
- 20th** Tropical Party

## SEPTEMBER

- 3rd** H.M.B. Cruise-out
- 15th** Board Mtg.
- 17th** Lobster Feed

## OCTOBER

- 15th** General Membership  
Mtg.
- 20th** Board Mtg.
- 29th** Halloween Party/  
Reed's 30th  
Anniversary Party

## NOVEMBER

- 12th** COM. Ball
- 17th** Board Mtg.
- 19th** Pre-Thanksgiving  
Dinner

## DECEMBER

- 3rd** Tree Trimming Party
- 17th** Pre-Christmas  
Dinner

**\*\*Make sure you don't miss out— Check out the calendar each month!!! \*\***

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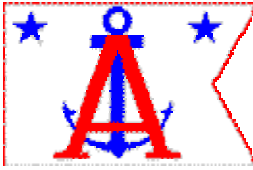
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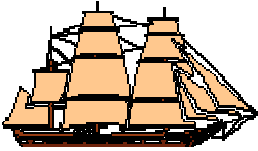


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| Rear Commodore  | Tom Tazelaar              | Staff Commodore     | Curtis King          |
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| Director        | Sue Williamson            | Director            | Mike Depinna         |
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