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COMMODORE'S REPORT - DANA CHOHLIS



It has been a fabulous summer with many exciting adventures both at the club and on the bay.

Our next event is our annual Lobster Feed on September 13th.

Please volunteer to give the social committee a hand as this is one of our biggest parties.

On Saturday, September 20 we will have our second General Membership meeting. Please plan to attend to hear all the news of the club. Ballots for Board elections have gone out in the mail. You may return yours via mail or put it in the ballot box at the meeting. The ballots will be counted after the meeting and the new board posted.

Please plan to join us for the breakfast at 9:00 am and the General Membership meeting at 10:00 am.



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT - FORREST REED



Please welcome new member Jimme Moller, member number 700 (yes I know, you could have some fun with that number depending on which way you wrote the sequence). Jimme is interested in cooking, bartending, club maintenance, planning, and membership. Jimme has sailed professionally on large "maxis" all over the world, most notably with the late Jim Kilroy on Kialoa 3, 4, and 5. Ask him about the infamous Fastnet '79 sometime.

I would like to share something that I have tried to strive for, sometimes falling miserably short, but always striving for this goal: It is called Attitudes and it goes something like this"

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company a, a home, or a yacht club.

The remarkable thing is that we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one strength we all have, and that is our attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.

And so it is with you; we are in charge of our ATTITUDES.

(With my apologies for butchering something normally attributed to Charles Swindoll)





VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT CONT.- FORREST REED

You all should be receiving a ballot for the general membership meeting on Saturday, September 20. Come on in and get a free breakfast and support your club. Oh and don't forget about the lobster feed the Saturday before on September 13; get signed up quickly so you don't miss out on this one; there is a band afterwards. Come on! Let's cook some steak and lobsters and then let's chow down and then try to dance it off!

See you all around the club.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - CURTIS KING



Thanks to Joe and Valery, Dana, Greg, and all the others who helped at the bar to make this go smoothly. We will need volunteers for the lobster party bartending crew. Find the sign up sheet on the wall, the more the better



SOCIAL CHAIR — DIANA GARINO



Wow, where did the summer go? Time sure flies when your having fun, ask anyone who attended the Tropical Party. It started out with a great dinner, an old family recipe of new member Jimme. Then 'Lost Dog' started playing and the dance floor was packed for the rest of the night. Our Commodore earned herself a new title; "Hula Hoop Queen" by using 4 hoops at one time and was the only one to be able to

keep them going. Brian won for the men, he got it to go around at least once!! It was also a big night for Olympic Star, Michael Phelps, he was going for 8 gold medals and we didn't want to miss seeing that. The band stopped playing and all gathered around the TV to watch Olympic history in the making. You would of thought he was an AYC member by the cheering that was going on. Afterwards the dancing resumed and someone decided to see how many shoes could end up in the middle of the dance floor (I won't mention any names). After a huge pile sat there, I decided to have a contest to see who could find their shoes and put them on before anyone else. The winner's where David and Nicole, congratulations for knowing how to put your own shoes on!! What a fun party!!!

I want to thank everyone who helped with decorating on Friday night, preparing dinner on Saturday and all who helped with the clean-up.

Our next event is our annual 'Lobster Feed' on September 13th. This is a pre-pay dinner and space is limited so make sure you sign-up early. (See the attached flyer) If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Till then--- Ciao





TREASURE REPORT—CLAIR ROMMELL



I miss my Boat. So we will be bringing Platinum home! I will be doing the Baja Bash from August 28th until September 17th (or sooner). So any Treasurer related issues, please contact our Office Manager, Kathleen Reed. Keep your fingers crossed for brisk southerly winds and calm seas..... Mistakes Happen! Fortunately AYC has not received a lot of bounced checks, but fees for these NSF checks have increased and therefore as of September 1st, any NSF check returned to Alameda Yacht Club will be charged an additional \$15.00 fee. Enjoy the Lobster Feed! Don't forget to Vote! See you at the General Membership Meeting – September 20th !



CRUISE OUT — KIM AND JIM



We had a whopping 12 boats participate in our “cheap and easy” cruise out to Treasure Island August 9th and 10th.

The weather was perfect and sunny! Some of us rafted up to get cozy, and this made it easier to share in the snacks and drinks! Saturday afternoon we watched all of our cruising buddies arrive and get settled. Then it was appetizer time on board Timo's Startime yacht. He had the music going, and Terry put together some wonderful snacks to share. One by one, we all got aboard Startime and had a great time. Cocktail hour eased into dinner time, and we gathered up our potluck items and shared them with everyone. It was a feast! One of our members, Mike, an avid fisherman, brought some freshly caught fish and grilled it. I've never had fish so fresh (3 hours earlier it was swimming around in the ocean!). The party continued into the evening, with dancing on Timo's deck. Outside, the fog decided to stay away, and we saw the beautiful stars!

In the morning, we had a delicious breakfast, followed by mimosa “eye openers” on the Dovano's yacht. John Dovano had put together a DVD from the Petaluma cruise out, and showed it. He's quite the filmmaker!

Most everyone left by late morning on Sunday, but we couldn't bring ourselves to leave! We stayed anchored out and enjoyed the peacefulness and sunshine. We weren't the only ones, either! Our commodore Dana Cholis and her friend Mark stayed and sunned themselves on the beach. It was a perfect day.

By the time you read this, we will have completed our Half Moon Bay Blue Water Cruise out...We'll be able to report that next month!

Until then, See you at the club and on the water!





RACE COMMITTEE — CLAIR ROMMELL



AYC needs a Race Committee Chairperson for the 2008-2009 sailing season. Please volunteer in order to keep this wonderful program alive!

IT'S THE LAST Inter-Club Races Left – Will you miss the season?
SEPTEMBER 13TH Contact JOHN @ 510-917-4618



SUGGESTION BOX - DANA CHOHLIS

Below is a copy of a suggestion that was placed on a napkin in the AYC suggestion box. This is a response from our Commodore Dana Chohlis.



Dear Audrey,

I like ice cream too! Banana is my favorite flavor with Mint Chocolate Chip as my second choice. We try very hard at AYC for a happy and satisfied membership. We will do our very best to keep the freezer stocked with ice cream especially for you. Remember though you have to ask daddy for permission.

Good luck in kindergarten and remember Girls Rock!

Sincerely,

Dana M. Chohlis
Girl Commodore



Looking for something to do during the week with fellow boaters and club members?

Tired of cooking? Don't want to stay home?
Well look no further.

Join Your Fellow Boaters And Club Members at AYC for
Wednesday Or Friday Night Dinners

Our Volunteer Chefs Whip Up A Variety Of Sumptuous Culinary Delights





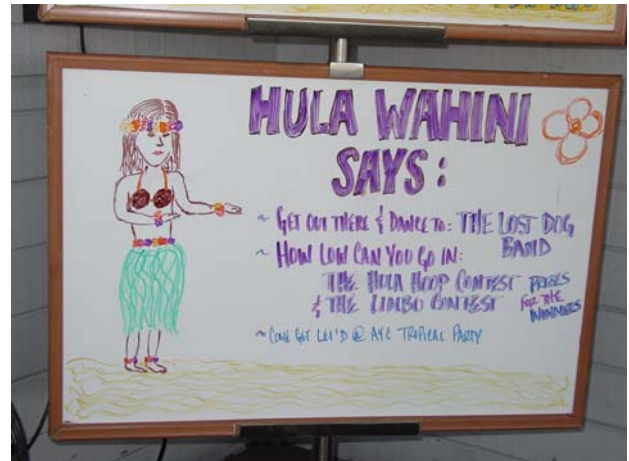
EDITORS COMMENTS — GARY SHERRY



Another action packed month around the AYC club house. I must say those members from the San Rafael Yacht club are a fine rare bunch. We tested out the new Karaoke system and too my amazement we do have some talent in the club. Joe Milsaps can sing! We need to get him on TV. Also the AYC won the gold medal in the 100m beer drinking relay. Go TEAM AYC. And you thought the Olympics were over. What a party. Those were also some of the best raffle prizes I have seen, good job Dana and crew. I don't know what the final total was but all the proceeds went to the San Rafael Yacht Club to help them rebuild after the fire. Well that was my two cents worth. See you at the club. Here are some of the pictures from the San Rafael Yacht Club Cruise in.



Want to get added to our email list? Email me at editor@alamedayachtclub.org





“Eye on the Club”

Pictures taken during this month’s AYC Tropical Party
Don’t forget you can see the movies of past events on the AYC website

<http://www.alamedayachtclub.org/photoalbums.htm>





Calendar of Events for 2008



Planning Committee Meeting
 Lobster Feed
 Inner-club Race BAMA sponsor
 Board Meeting
 General Membership Meeting
 Benefit Dinner
 PICYA Wheelchair Regatta
 Simps

September 9
 September 13
 September 13
 September 18
 September 20
 September 24
 September 27

Simpson Cup Race
 PICYA Management Conf.
 Planning Committee Meeting
 Board Meeting
 Benefit Dinner
 Halloween Party

October 4 or 11
 October 11
 October 14
 October 16
 October 29
 October 31

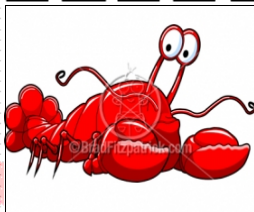
PICYA Awards Dinner
 Planning Committee Meeting
 AYC Commodore's Ball
 Board Meeting

November 3
 November 11
 November 15
 November 20

2008 Cruise out Schedule

August Tentative 8/23/08 - 8/24/08 San Rafael YC
 September Labor Day weekend Half Moon Bay

Tree Trimming Party/White Elephant Party December 5
 New Year's Eve Party December 31



AYC ANNUAL LOBSTER FEED

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Cocktails: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Steak & Lobster: \$40.00

Lobster Only: \$35.00

Steak Only: \$28.00

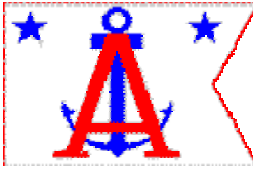
Must be pre-paid by Sept.7, 2008

Mail checks to AYC, Lobster Feed

1535 Buena Vista Ave. Alameda, Ca. 94501

Limit: 125 dinners





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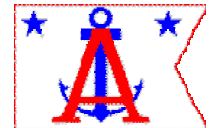
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