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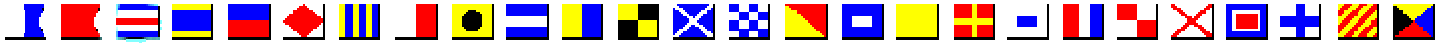
# The Anchor



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## COMMODORE'S REPORT - DANA CHOHLIS



Thank you to everyone that continues to make this club so much fun and to those that help keep it well organized and clean. We have a day of cleaning coming up and hope you will consider coming by for an hour or two to help with the club spring cleaning. A friendly reminder about drink chips: If you are lucky enough to have someone purchase a drink chip for you - remember these chips are for well drinks only. If you choose to buy something not from the well you must pay the difference.

Once a year on your statement for club dues you are asked to contribute to ROBC. ROBC is a non-profit government advocacy organization led by 19 volunteer boating directors from all over the state. They work with lawmakers to inform them of California boaters' needs and to advocate boater positions on legislation and regulations. ROBC is celebrating 40 years by continuing proactive efforts to protect our waterways and make boating safe and fun for everyone. Consider making your donation the next time it is on your bill.

We love seeing you at the club. Please check your calendar for our summer parties. As always you are welcome on Wednesdays to make dinner to share with your AYC friends.

Club members please remember the pump out station at Fortman Marina is not a guest dock. We have received complaints of members parking their small boats there while visiting the club. This makes it difficult for the tenants near that dock to get their boats in and out. Please be courteous to our neighbors and friends in the docks near the club.



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT - FORREST REED



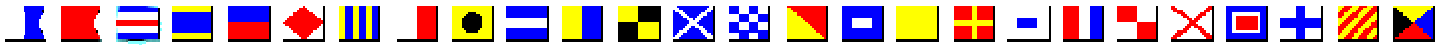
Hello everyone We held the first of three membership drives planned for this year on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We met a lot of good people, although not all of them were a good fit for our club. It has been a long time since we have gone out "to beat the bushes", as it were, but we'll get better as we go.

Please welcome new members Henry Faybusovich & Nicole Drake; Robert & Kate Fish; Todd Francis; Kimberly Bacon; Larry Bilsky; Pieter & Barbara Wilhelm; Marty & Linda Chin.

We are going to start paying sales taxes on bar sales and on the monthly Club Sponsored Dinner events, which are calendared. Clair is still researching the accounting details, and Curtis has been analyzing our bar pricing structure, but we haven't made any final decisions yet; we'll keep you apprised of the progress.

See ya 'round the club.





## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - CURTIS KING

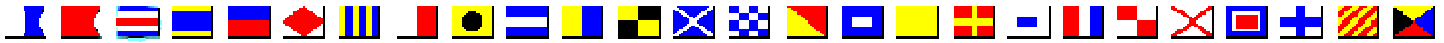


Hi folks

We need bartenders for Wednesdays and parties. I will be volunteering for the Pirates party any bartenders or helpers would be appreciated. Contact me at [cuttime@live.com](mailto:cuttime@live.com).

We will be having specials from time to time to clear out old stock from the store room. Look for flyers at the bar.

See you at the club



## SOCIAL CHAIR — DIANA GARINO



Ahoy Mates: Aye begad it's time to get out your Jolly Roger and come have some Grog and Grub. June 21st is our "Pirates of the Estuary" Party. Get ye costumes out and enter the 'Best Bilge Sucking Pirate' and 'Best Saucy Wench' contest. Don't ye be missing out on this one or ye will have a Black Spot put upon ye and ye will be visiting Davy Jones locker!!!

Here is a list of 'Pirate Slang' to prepare you for a night of "Piracy".

Ahoy: Hello ; Begad: My God ; Jolly Roger: Skull & Crossbones flag ; Grog: Alcoholic drink usually rum ; Grub: food ; Black Spot: Being sentenced to death; Davy Jones Locker: Bottom of the sea ; Booty: Loot ; Land lubber: Non sailor ; Salt or Sea Dog: an experienced seaman ; Shiver me timbers: Expression of Surprise ; Arrrrr: Expression of glee ; Yo Ho Ho Ho: a practical thing to say, doesn't really mean anything. So gather ye 'Booty' and join ye fellow Pirates and Wenches for an evening of feasting and dancing. (See flyer for details)

On another note I'd like to thank everyone who helped out with the 'South of the Border' party. There was plenty of food and margaritas to everyone's enjoyment. We had a great time dancing to "Bowjones" band, they were awesome!!

Anyone out there who would like to be part of a fun loving social committee, please let me know. There is always something to do and the old cliché--"Many hands make the work load lighter" or something like that. We have a great group of helpers but there is always room for a few more. Our social events start the morning of the events, from food preparations, to balloons being exploded, we laugh a lot as we are 'working'. Often times people outside the galley have to come in to see what all the laughter is about or what is so funny about blowing up balloons or setting tables up. By the time the party starts we are all prepped and ready to go. Soooo if this sounds like something that would interest you please let me know, you have only a few months left of this year to have an unforgettable experience and getting to know your fellow members in a real different atmosphere.

### Upcoming events:

July: AYC Birthday party put on by past commodores (all you past commodores please contact me if you are willing to help with this years party, don't MAKE ME CALL YOU :)  
August is our Tropical Party so make sure you mark your calendars accordingly.

See you all at the club.



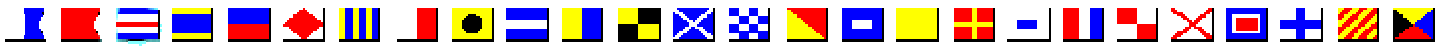


## TREASURE REPORT—CLAIR ROMMELL



There continues to be confusion regarding Quarterly Billing. Here we are into the third month of the Quarter and only half of the membership who stated they wanted Quarterly Billing have paid! What's up with that?

Quarterly Payments of \$105.00 are due the first month of each quarter (January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> or October 15<sup>th</sup>). Membership Dues are essential to the Club as they pay the Basics: Rent, Utilities and Cable Television, so please make your payments timely.



## EDITORS COMMENTS — GARY SHERRY



I was just going through the old movies from previous parties on the AYC web site when I came across this photo and remembered the Pirates Party is just around the corner. I think this is one of the best parties the club has. I also think over the last few years the costumes have been getting better and better as people have been adding a little here and a little there. I know I have added one or two new things each year to mine. So start getting ready for this years festivities. I am sure the flyer will be attached

with all the details.

Several people have also been requesting some new music in the Jukebox. Remember the club has a 400+ CD collection in the office and we regularly swap some of the music in and out of the jukebox. Most of that has fallen on my shoulders but any member can volunteer to be the club music manager, I am more than happy to train you on the label making application in the office. It is easy, and will only take about 20 minutes, well if you know what a computer is. If you also want to bring in a CD we can add it to the jukebox to be played. Remember it needs to be an original CD, no copies or bootlegged CD's. Please put your name on it so I can get it back to you after we are done with it. If this sounds like something you might be interested in email me.

Want to get added to our email list? Email me at [editor@alamedayachtclub.org](mailto:editor@alamedayachtclub.org)



## RACE COMMITTEE — CLAIR ROMMELL

### INTER-CLUB RACING:



On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 37 sailboats competed in the warm spring race with gusty South Bay winds. Steve Jackson skippered the Committee Boat for the AYC hosted Inter-Club Race, but had lots of crew on board: Peter, Rich, Ray K, Greg, (did I forget anyone?) raised and lowered the course flags to the regimented David Hand (IYC) commands, As I had to attend a wedding (what were they thinking?) George Gurrola (OYC) assisted our eagle eyed Kathleen in checking in boats and scoring the race. Fun was had by all except South Beach Yacht Club entrant who miscalculated and hit the race committee boat. Luckily no damage, injuries or worries!

Come on out, next race is June 14<sup>th</sup> -- Inter-Club Racing is sponsored by Local Yacht Clubs: Aeolian, Alameda, Encinal, Island, Oakland, Treasure Island and BAMA (Bay Area Multi-Hull Association) and Catalina 34 One Designs all competing on 11 mile to 19 mile Central and South Bay Courses. Sign-Up and Information on the Inside Bulletin Board.

Further Info contact CLAIR ROMMELL @ 510-350-6058 OR JOHN DIEGOLI @ 510-482-0896





## CRUISE OUT — KIM AND JIM



### Memorial Day Weekend Cruise out to Petaluma Yacht Club

A good time was had by all! We had a total of 8 boats, and four asphalt cruisers for this very popular weekend. Petaluma Yacht Club hosts a Memorial Day cruisers party every year. This was our first one. We had three new members on the cruise: Bob and Janice McPeek on their Nonsuch Cat Pau Hana (which means done working in Hawaiian), and Laurelyn Coleman and her dog Alec on their power boat Rope Yarn. If you see these new members, make sure to make them feel welcome! First up, once we got settled in on Friday, was the Cocktail

Contest. Of course, in true Alameda Yacht Club form, we placed first, second AND third! First place was Dino and Cathy Bertolin on Delphinus, with their four stroke Honda mixer that sounds like a weed whacker. Second place was yours truly, Kim and Jim with their Mai Tais...Third place was David and Shelley on Illusions with their Brandy Separator...Saturday was rainy, so some of us went to McNears for a great lunch. Then it was Mai Tais and appetizers on the docks, until the rain started again. Then we moved on to John and Del Dovano's power boat and out of the rain. Sunday started with breakfast, followed by a scavenger hunt through old town Petaluma. Congratulations to David Tucker and John Dovano for tying first place! In the afternoon, there were fun games, so we created teams to compete. Joe and Valerie Millsaps, the newlyweds, arrived just in time to be "volunteered". We came in third place in the games, out of 6 clubs that participated. Sunday night we had a potluck BBQ on the back deck of the club, and enjoyed dancing through the rest of the evening. Monday, we had eye openers on the dock, and all took off for home. When we got to our club, we were greeted by our fellow cruisers and had a nice impromptu BBQ. What a nice finish to the weekend!

### Next Few Cruises:

We're going to try to get something going for either the weekend of June 7<sup>th</sup>, or the weekend of June 14<sup>th</sup>. June 21<sup>th</sup> is the Pirate Party, and we don't want to miss that! We will send out an email when we have the June cruise figured out.

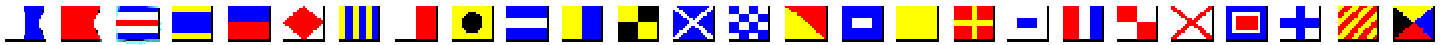
The July Cruise out will be to the Delta for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We'll have the sign ups at the club next week. This will be a long cruise, but you can come and go as you like. We'll start out in Benicia or Martinez, then sail on to Mandeville Island for a huge forth of July party and fireworks. Then we'll go to Georgiana Slough to Oxbow Marina, then find a few anchor outs, then head for home. Dates for this one are: July 3-July 13.

Labor Day Weekend Half Moon Bay Cruise out: Get some blue water experience, and cruise with us to Half Moon Bay. This was very popular last year, and we hope it will be again. More information forthcoming.

See you on the bay and in the club!

Kim, Jim, Jake and Max, your cruise-out committee...





## MEMBERS ARTICLE—PEG AND JANE

### AYC OPENING DAY

The weather was perfect, clear, sunny and slightly breezy. AYC members gathered to motor or sail around the Island, joining other Clubs' boats and friends. Peter had decorated his boat beautifully!

However, when passing the Judge's Stand, a huge mistake had been made. His boat was registered but not under HIS number! He was disqualified. Disappointment abounded.

Then, voices called across the water: "Ray has run aground between Bay Farm Island and the Fruitvale Bridge!" The day had just begun. Dave and Shelly offered assistance but could not get Ray off ground...or they too would be stuck! Other boats and friends tried to 'free' him up...It was Ray's fatal mistake. He would be aground until the tide came in! All boats were forced to abandon the rescue.

Friends, awaiting the changing tides and dubiously feeling terrible for the inability to help Ray, returned to the AYC Club Deck where they imbibed, forcefully in spirits, all awaiting Ray's return.

Eight hours and 25 minutes later, the boat freed up. Ray started his engine and headed back to the Club Dock. His mast was sighted, moving slowly into the Marina, the boat's nose pointed toward his moorage.

A shout went up! "Five dollars he reaches the Gate at 4:32 PM"!

Steve waved his bet...then, Dana bet, Bruce bet, Jane bet and even Peter placed a bet! (Peg held the monies.) Ray arrived at the gate at 4:25 PM! Greg's bet won! He ran and rang the Club bell....free drinks for everybody! Jubilation abounded!

A variety of named cocktails was printed on a huge yellow sign: Sea Breezes for \$2.00, Mudslides for \$3.00 and Sex On The Beach, priceless! 'Run Aground Ray' was safely home!

Article by Peg Fraga Pictures by Jane Milam





## “Eye on the Club”

Pictures taken during this month’s South of the Boarder 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

Fourth of July BBQ  
 Planning Committee Meeting  
 Tall Ships Week  
 Inter-club Race EYC sponsor  
 Board Meeting  
 AYC B.D. Party  
 Benefit Dinner  
  
 T.I. Race (not confirmed)  
 Planning Committee Meeting  
 Inner-club Race EYC sponsor  
 Tropical Party  
 Board Meeting

July 4  
 July 8  
 July 8-13  
 July 12  
 July 17  
 July 19  
 July 30  
  
 August 2  
 August 12  
 August 16  
 August 16  
 August 21

Benefit Dinner  
 Half Moon Bay Cruise-out  
  
 Planning Committee Meeting  
 Lobster Feed  
 Inner-club Race BAMA sponsor  
 Board Meeting  
 General Membership Meeting  
 Benefit Dinner  
 PICYA Wheelchair Regatta  
  
 Simpson Cup Race  
 PICYA Management Conf.  
 Planning Committee Meeting  
 Board Meeting  
 Benefit Dinner  
 Halloween Party

August 27  
 August 30-1  
  
 September 9  
 September 13  
 September 13  
 September 18  
 September 20  
 September 24  
 September 27  
  
 October 4 or 11  
 October 11  
 October 14  
 October 16  
 October 29  
 October 31

## 2008 Cruise out Schedule

| Month     | Dates                       | Location         |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| June      | Tentative 6/7/08 - 06/8/08  | South Beach      |
| July      | Tentative 7/3/08 - 7/13/08  | Delta Cruise Out |
| August    | Tentative 8/23/08 - 8/24/08 | San Rafael YC    |
| September | Labor Day weekend           | Half Moon Bay    |

PICYA Awards Dinner  
 Planning Committee Meeting  
 AYC Commodore's Ball  
 Board Meeting  
  
 Tree Trimming Party/White Elephant Party  
 New Year's Eve Party  
  
 November 3  
 November 11  
 November 15  
 November 20  
  
 December 5  
 December 31



## RUB-A-DUB-DUB COME SCRUB YOUR CLUB

### AYC Annual CLUB SCRUB

Saturday - JUNE 7th

Cleaning shall commence promptly at 9:00 am and we will whistle away the winter grime until 3:00 pm

Then Enjoy the Fruits of Your Labor -

Steaks & Shrimp on that sparking BBQ

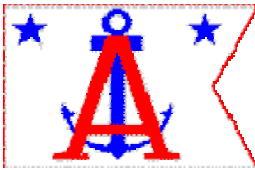
Margaritas stirred in an immaculate blender!



Sign-Up or Show-Up

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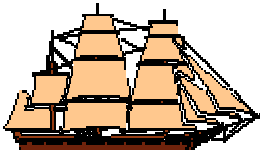
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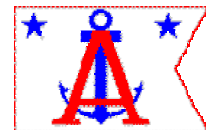
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## Your 2008 AYC Officers and Staff



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| Commodore       | Dana Chohlis  | Vice Commodore         | Forrest Reed           |
| Rear Commodore  | Curtis King   | Staff Commodore        | Bruce Whitten          |
| Secretary       | Femie King    | Treasurer              | Clair Rommell          |
| Port Captain    | David Tucker  | Director               | Tony Fraga             |
| Director        | Gary Sherry   | Director               | Erich Schoenwisner     |
| Director        | Vicky Cruz    |                        |                        |
| Social Director | Diana Garino  | Cruise Out Chairman(s) | Jim and Kim Rutherford |
| Race Chairman   | Clair Rommell | Office Manager         | Kathleen Reed          |
| Web Master      | Ron Mero      | News Letter Editor     | Gary Sherry            |

