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## COMMODORE'S REPORT - FORREST REED



Hello everyone, the Lobster feed was a good party. Dave Calhoun did an excellent job with the steaks and of course you can't cook bad lobsters as long as they're alive when you throw'em into the pot and you pull'em out as soon as they float. The only glitch was that the Inverness Yacht Club failed to cruise in as scheduled. Not to worry, Garry Garino helped me shuck 30 o'them bad boys and we stuck the tails and the claw meat in the freezer. Then we served up Lobster Newburg in pastry shells on Wednesday Night. Worked like a charm, thanks to Susan Williamson and Susan Roberts. Thanks also to Steve Jackson

who sold the rest of the New York Steaks on Sunday night. Thanks to the additional efforts of all these members, the party was a financial success because all our costs were covered and we made some money.

Alrighty then... on to the next Party; Halloween will feature another live band. Watch for the flyer and start planning your costume get-up. We're not gonna have a sit down dinner this time, just a lot of finger food throughout the evening, with plenty of dancing. Come on down and let's have a crazy costume party.

Here are a few quotes for this month's inspirational message:

- "I must do something" will always solve more problems than "Something must be done."
- A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something
- A lot of people have great ideas, but nothing in the world is cheaper than a good idea with no action
- Charles Schwab said, "A person can succeed at anything for which there is enthusiasm"
- Teddy Roosevelt said, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are"
- Henry Ford said "Don't find a fault; find a remedy"
- John Gardner said, "A prime function of a leader is to keep hope alive"
- And finally, General George S. Patton said," An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body"

See you all around the club.





## STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT - DANA CHOLIS



What is an Officer of the Day?

For the last two months of the 2009 Board's term, we have decided to try instituting an Officer of the Day for the remaining Wednesday night dinners and parties. The Officer of the Day will be a Board Member and act as an Ambassador. The OD will request that all members have their badges on and that all visitors are signed in and wearing a paper badge. The OD will be on hand to greet visitors and prospective new members. If you are in need of assistance please look for the Officer of the Day. Here is the list of the OD assignments through this Board's term:

### Wednesday Night Dinners:

September 23:	Erich Shoenwisner	September 30:	Vicki Cruz
October 7:	Peter Taggermann	October 14:	Mike Depina
October 21:	Greg Regstad	October 28:	Doug Holt
November 4:	Clair Rommell	November 11:	Diana Garino
November 18:	Curtis King		

### Parties:

October 31:	Forrest Reed	Halloween Party
November 14:	Dana M. Chohlis	Commodore's Ball

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - GREG RESTAD



FUN trip to Half Moon Bay. You should been there. Do NOT miss our last cruise out to San Rafael Knowing those guys I can guarantee a great weekend. I am so sorry to miss the officer's meeting last month. NO excuse, just can not keep my dates straight.

Tip: How about tips. Since most of our drinks are \$2.50 we go through a lot of quarters. If you are doing laundry try to get quarters from your bank. I really do not care if you get them from the till but people get upset with me because they can not make change. I keep an extra roll in the tip jar. If the till is empty take THE COMPLETE ROLL & trade it for \$10 from the till. Also if you are dumping the tip money in the safe and there is no roll of quarters please leave me \$10 so I can replace it.

## CRUISE CHAIR REPORT—DAVE TUCKER/SHELLY CRAMER



Oct 17 & 18

San Rafael



Remember AYC is a volunteer Club  
Are you doing your part?





## TREASURE REPORT—CLAIR ROMMELL



Gosh I can't believe its October!!!!!! What a fun year so far...

RBOC Season is over. A **HUGE THANK YOU** - to the AYC members who have generously supported RBOC to keep the voice for everyone's boating rights, We collected **\$510.00**.

October and Fourth Quarterly billing statements are in the mail. Please remember that **all** dues are to be paid by the **15<sup>th</sup>** of the month. Due to technical difficulties (Comcast) we are unable to e-mail billing statements, so all invoices will go out by snail mail, we apologize for the inconvenience.

Don't forget to join us for Wednesday night dinners or spend any harvest moon under the AYC stars.....

## SOCIAL CHAIR — KATHLEEN REED



The Lobster Feed was a bit small but those of us there had a great time. It morphed into an awesome Wednesday night dinner, which was very scrumptious. We had many folks come afterwards for the dancing and socializing. The Voltones may become our club band. They kept the dance floor full and everyone happy.

So onward to the Halloween Party Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be munchies all night long for a mere \$5 if PAID by October 28. Drop your money in the safe at the clubhouse or mail it in. You have plenty of time. Otherwise, it will be \$10 at the door.

Dancing will begin at 8:00 with Bump City. Costume Contest will happen at their first break. So start thinking about your costume. This is my favorite time of the year. A night to just having FUN.

In addition, you should already have the Commodore's Ball on your calendar – Nov. 14. Silva the saxophone player will be here to entertain us as she did last year.

Watch for the fliers.



Drop by and see the new club merchandise including hats, denim shirts, polo shirts and wind breakers.

## A WORD OF THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in and /or raised money for the "Friends of Faith" 5Th annual Breast Cancer walk. We raised over \$350 for a great cause. Remember October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, if you haven't made an appointment for a mammogram now is the time to think about it. 6% of men get the disease, so guys you check too. The easiet way is self examination-September 23rd we had the club benefit dinner for "Friends of Faith" and we raised \$500, so thank you to everyone who came out and a special thanks to member Jay Warren for helping me start to finish in the galley

On another note....I haven't forgotten about the sewing group. We are looking for a Saturday in October or early November, before the rain starts. The days I am looking at are 10/10, 10/24, 10/31 or 11/7. Please weigh in on your availability.

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Thanks

—Nicole Drake





## MEMBER UPDATE

The sailing season in Scotland is coming to an end, Walela is ready for haul out on 09/09/09. The date was not intentionally picked, it just kind of happened since we're flying out the 10th.

With the miles we've put under Walela's keel we're now halfway around the world. During some of those miles we've made numerous stops along the way. Our first landfall in Ireland was Kinsale. Next stop, because we were out of fuel and Kinsale's only pump was broken was Crosshaven about 15 miles away. While in Crosshaven we stayed at the Royal Cork Yacht Club and got to visit with the niece of John Long. It wasn't anytime at all after our arrival word was out that we (the American couple) was at the yacht club and we knew John. We made a couple more stops in Ireland before departing for Scotland.

First stop in Scotland was Ardrossan. If you've ever read any of the tour guides on Scotland and wondered if what was written was true, Ardrossan is one of those kinds of places. I believe Lonely Planet says something to the affect of "if you're planning a trip to Scotland don't go to Ardrossan". Its true, there's nothing here and the town is nothing to write home about. Main Street isn't quaint, there aren't any shops, there's only one pub in town and its run down and there's nothing to do here. Unless you want to discuss Wal-Mart, or the train and ferry terminals which are across the street from the marina. You can buy groceries and get out of town almost at the same time. Speaking of getting out of town we did just that, we headed for Edinburgh for the Gathering of the Clans. This was the largest clan gathering since 1822, a several day event with over 40,000 clansmen and clanswomen in attendance. The procession up the Royal Mile took well over 4 hours, Carl and Marilyn were just two of those in the procession with Clan Donald.

Our trip through Scotland took us to the Isle of Arran, Isle of Islay, Isle of Oban, Isle of Kintyre and as emissaries to the Isle of Colonsay to try to promote a Sister City relationship between Fiddletown and Colonsay.

Due to extremely bad weather throughout the summer (there wasn't a summer that's how bad the weather was) we didn't fulfill our sailing plans for this season. We wanted to go further north but with gale force storms back to back it just wasn't possible. Since arriving back in Ardrossan, and I'm not going to write home about this town, out of 2 1/2 weeks we've seen the sun for maybe one full day. As we pass people on the street, friendly as they are, they'll end the conversation with "deplorable or despicable weather".

*Carl & Marilyn McDanel and Bob*  
sv Walela  
<http://walela.mcdanel.com>



### Catalina 30 National Regatta

Bonne Vie finished fourth in the Catalina 30 National Regatta in San Francisco. The Regatta was hosted by the South Beach Yacht Club and there were three divisions. Nine boats were in the cruising class which Bonne Vie competed. The entire crew were all Alameda Yacht members led by Fred Minning. Considering this crew had never before sailed on this boat together it was a respectable showing. There was a total of five races. The first two in the South Bay in light winds we finished third in both races Friday Sept. 18. The next two were in the Central Bay in typical Bay Winds. We got a fourth & fifth and broke a cam cleat on traveler. The last race, Sunday went to the City Front From Berkeley and in a very tight race we got a fourth. The boat was not set up to compete at this level but because of Fred's skills and excellent Tacking calls and overall leadership I think we did as good as to be expected. I would like to thank the entire crew, Greg Restad, Steve Grogan, Brian Ahlberg, David Tucker and Especially Fred Minning for everything.

*Bill Dattola, Bonne Vie, Catalina 30*





“Eye on the Club”

Pictures taken during September





# Calendar of Events for 2009

Planning Committee	Oct 13	Planning Committee	Nov 10
Board Meeting	15	Commodore's Ball	14
Halloween	31	Board Meeting	19
		Tree Trimming	Dec 4
		Planning Committee	8
		Board Meeting	NONE

## A SPECIAL NOTICE:

### Charity Dinner for October

October's AYC **Charity Dinner** will be held **10/21/09** and the Potluck will be 10/28/09.

AYC is sponsoring the Navajo School in Navajo, New Mexico thru the Teach American Program. The recession has devastated an already improvised area and the Navajo School ran out of books and supplies the first few weeks it was opened. They are in desperate need of help.



Do it for the kids.

Join your friends and neighbors for this great authentic Pueblo Indian Cuisine.

Don't forget to buy raffle tickets.





# HALLOWEEN PARTY



Saturday, October 31, 2009  
Fun Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Finger Foods Served All Evening !!



“Thriller”

Dancing to ‘Bump City’  
8:00 p.m.



“Purple People Eater”

“Monster Mash”

Costume Contest:  
‘Scariest’, ‘Funniest’, ‘Most Original’

Cost: \$5.00 Paid by October 28th  
\$10.00 at the Door

Request Your Favorite Haunting Dance Tune ASAP  
Band Will Prepare It For You  
Contact: Kathleen Reed @ 510-769-1744





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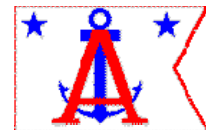
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**Your 2009 AYC Officers and Staff**



Commodore	Forrest Reed	Vice Commodore	Curtis King
Rear Commodore	Greg Restad	Staff Commodore	Dana Cholis
Secretary	Diana Garino	Treasurer	Clair Rommell
Port Captain	Erich Schoenwisner	Director	Mike Depinna
Director	Peter Tangemann	Director	Doug Holt
Director	Vicky Cruz		
Social Director	Kathleen Reed	Cruise Out Chairman(s)	Dave Tucker/Shelly Cramer
Race Chairman	Clair Rommell	Office Manager	Kathleen Reed
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