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COMMODORE'S REPORT - FORREST REED



Hello everyone

I hope you all are enjoying your summer as much as I am. It was Joe Milsaps' idea to roast a pig for the Tropical Party. I don't actually blame Joe for taking his boat out of the water that weekend...but that is where the idea went south. I decided that that it would be a good idea to have a big pig butchered to order; 184 pounds it was (yeah, I was afraid of running out). So... member Terry Rose has a buddy with a big Bar-B-Q trailer and we hooked up. I went to get the pig the morning of the event and the first problem is that it's

big and heavy. 3 of us try to get it into my minivan and we can only get it about 3/4 the way in, athartships. I close the side door with the pig's head propped up against the window like the dead body it was. OPD did a double take as I was turning onto Broadway to get back to the club. The comedy of errors didn't end all day. We got the pig onto the rotisserie, charged up the Bar-B-Q with 3 bags of charcoal and let'er rip...not! After several attempts, there are too many things working against us, not the least of which is the size of "hogzilla". Now the real problem is how to get this thing out of the Bar-B-Q trailer with a raging inferno under it! Greg Rested came to the rescue with a forklift and he expertly butchered up the critter right there on the forks. We then went to plan B and fired up the smoker and we got'er done. My sincere thanks go to all who participated but in particular, I want to acknowledge Greg Rested for literally snatching my bacon from the fire and give a hearty thank you to Rich Braun for cleaning up the smoker after "hogzilla". I'm sorry Rich, I should have tackled that mess the day after the party.

I hope you all enjoyed the Carnival Dancers, and we will definitely have "The Voltones" back as a dance band. Don't forget to get your pre-paid reservations in for the Lobster Feed on September 12. It is more important this year, because there is a Cruise-in scheduled.

The following is offered for this month's inspiration:

A Short Course in Human Relations

The six most important words:

I admit that I was wrong.

The five most important words:

You did a great job.

The four most important words:

What do you think?

The three most important words:

Could you please. . .

The two most important words:

Thank you.

The most important word:

We.

The least important word:

I.





VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT - CURTIS KING



We held a membership drive on August 15, the day of the Tropical party. We met some interesting people who are interested in joining our club. Still we need to do more. Forrest mentioned a membership drive done some years ago where members who brought in new members were put in a lottery where the winner would win a very special prize. Forrest described the results as "very successful".

We are starting a committee to explore this idea. I think this is a very exciting idea. New membership renews and invigorates the club, few things are as important to the future of the club as new members. If you are interested in joining our committee please email me at cuttime@live.com. See you at the club!

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - GREG RESTAD



GREAT time at the tropical party the Skyy promo girls were a gas to work with, the band was fun, good, fun turn out by all. The price of our Sauza tequila went up over well pricing. I need a new well. Forrest & Clair will be helping me find a new one. I will probably have to have a tasting party. (OH DARN) If you have any suggestions on brands, let us know.

CLUB TIP: A few complaints of soda flat, yet a lot of bubbles. This happens because the water is not cold enough in the lines so the CO2 separates from the water. We need to keep ice in the bin to keep the distributor cold. I am still finding food surfaces up on washed utensils. This means you have to touch the eating surface when you put them away. HANLDES UP /FOOD SURFACE DOWN in sanitizer

STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT - DANA CHOLIS



Please remember it is a club rule at AYC and all yacht clubs that you must be wearing a badge in order to be served at the bar or be behind the bar. New signs are posted in the club reminding all members and guests to sign in and wear a badge.

CRUISE CHAIR REPORT—DAVE TUCKER/SHELLY CRAMER



Sep 4 - 7

Half Moon Bay YC

Oct 10 & 11 or 17 & 18

TBA



SPECIAL THANKS!

MEALS ON WHEELS/FUNDRAISER

My Birthday Celebration was awesome. Over 60 Members and Friends were fed, free, as we collected a donation for the ALAMEDA MEALS ON WHEELS organization. The total collected was \$731.00 (clear) – Plus, almost \$800 from the Bar for the Club, (and Tips.) Evelyn Francis won \$61.00 from the 50/50 donation.

Tony bartended; Rich B. BAR-B-Q'd Tri Tips to perfection while Tom T. assisted. Salads were contributed by Etto and Tina, Donice, Marilyn Fisher, Diana, Rhoda, Marie, Joan, Carolyn, Joanne and Claudio and Jane's new Hubby, Steve.

Gina and Tina carried in the Giant Chocolate, Chocolate cake while colorful balloons bounced across green-covered tables. Susan S. took pictures during this event. Many others helped to set-up and clean-up.

Birthdays are not so bad after all. As we help others, maybe the year will be extra lucky. With great family, friends and members like this, how can ALAMEDA YACHT CLUB lose?

Thank you Members and Friends

Peg Fraga, AYC member





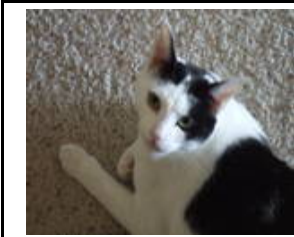
TREASURE REPORT—CLAIR ROMMELL



RBOC Donations are on the rise...so far we have collected almost \$500.00! Big Smiles and Thanks to the generosity of the membership in supporting our boating rights.

Speaking of generosity...Did you know in July, we collected over \$700 for the Alameda Food Bank, plus two barrels of canned goods and in August, we collected over \$600 for Meals on Wheels! WOW! Even in these tough economic times it is great to see that AYC members are so giving and thoughtful. Thank you.

Now I have a Personal Plea: As many of you know Mark and I have once again moved aboard Platinum, and unfortunately our favorite feline friend, Zeke, does not have his sea legs and combined with my allergies we need to find a new home.

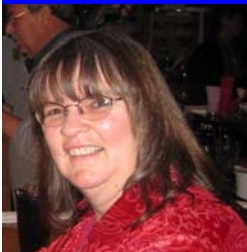


This is an amazing kitty, we truly hate to part with him. Currently he is residing in our home in the Sierras, but with winter approaching the cabin will just get too cold for him as we only have a wood-burning stove for heat and as amazing as he is, Zeke has yet to learn the art of building a fire. He enjoys the outdoors, but has been primarily an indoor cat. Zeke likes to greet you at the door and tell you about his day. He is talkative, and has both Mark and I trained to cuddle on the couch scratching his belly. He talks to the humming-birds and now squirrels or catching flies, never misses his litter box and comes a running when we yell "food". If you are able to give this little guy a home, please give me a call 510.350.6058.

Look into the Crystal Ball – What is in the Future for AYC?

Check out the Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday of the Month at 7pm...have a say in our future.

SOCIAL CHAIR — KATHLEEN REED



ers. The cooking of the PIG was an adventure. First Forrest had to go pick it up—Seeing it sprawled out over Forrest's back seat, staring out the window just called for a photo shoot. I believe we got pictures. Then there was Greg, he was either hugging it or wrestling it. There was plenty to eat and some new flavors to taste.

Ok, onward.

Believe it or not, summer is almost over and it is time for the Lobster feed. This is another event limited to 125 so get your money in to reserve your spot. I am trying to line up some music. Watch for the flier.

A WORD OF THANKS!



To my AYC friends:

I want to extend a heartfull thank you to everyone who helped and expressed their concerns for me during the Tropical Party when I was stung by a bee!! A special thank you to Susan who kept me focused and also kept me from totally losing it. It is times like this that makes my AYC friends so special to me. A word of advice---when you go to brush something off from a friends' clothes make sure it's NOT a BEE!!

Love Ya All,



RACE COMMITTEE — CLAIR ROMMELL



Yes, I did pick the hottest day of the year...and it was a hot race. The not-so-annual race around treasure island. 10 competitors, 9 Sailboats and 1 powerboat (the no-comprende division). 12 noon, the power boat divisions begins and off goes the Connor Team to do two laps around the island..and back down the estuary (Hey its not nice to beat the committee boat to the finish line) 12:05 the gun sounds and the sailboats coast sluggishly off.... Yes there will be wind..... only 2 hour and 49 minutes comes Svenska (Fred Minning) flying its new spinnaker over the finish line. The others follow within 5 minutes....Where is our Greg?



Winning in the No Comprende Division: Chris Conner

Spinnaker 1st: Fred, 2nd: John Diegolie (Flyer) 3rd: Jam Session (Neil Caldwell) 4th: Ben Mewes from Richmond, 5th Mike Tosse in Skipper II.

Non- spinnaker: Our Greg...after he missed the start, turned around came back to the starting line, dropped off



one of his crew on a jet ski, picked up the crew from the jet ski, towed the jet ski, lost the jet ski did a manoverboard to get the jet ski and lost the wind....

In the Hey Buddy do ya have a line ----is Illusions (David Tucker) and Luvelee Too (Ray Kytle) Ray was towed out the the start line...sailed a good race and was towed through the finish line....Next year we will make this an official division

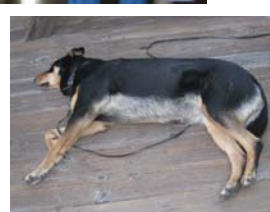
It was a fabolous day....and many many thanks to my great race committee, Peter, Kathleen, Diana, Erich,Judy and the Garino Boys! You Rock!

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



“Eye on the Club”

Pictures taken during August





Calendar of Events for 2009

Planning Committee	Sept 8	Planning Committee	Nov 10
Lobster Feed	12	Commodore's Ball	14
Board Meeting	17	Board Meeting	19
Planning Committee	Oct 13	Tree Trimming	Dec 4
Board Meeting	15	Planning Committee	8
Halloween	31	Board Meeting	NONE
Each Month:	3rd Wednesday	Potluck	
	4th Wednesday	Charity Dinner	

A reminder:

If you haven't sponsored a dinner in some time, there are openings for the 1st and 2nd Wednesday's

A SPECIAL NOTICE:

Steve and Jane Jackson

*invite you to attend our
Wedding Reception / Party
and help celebrate our recent (July 1, 2009) nuptials*

on

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Five O'Clock Somewhere

5:00 p.m. at Alameda Yacht Club

1535 Buena Vista Avenue

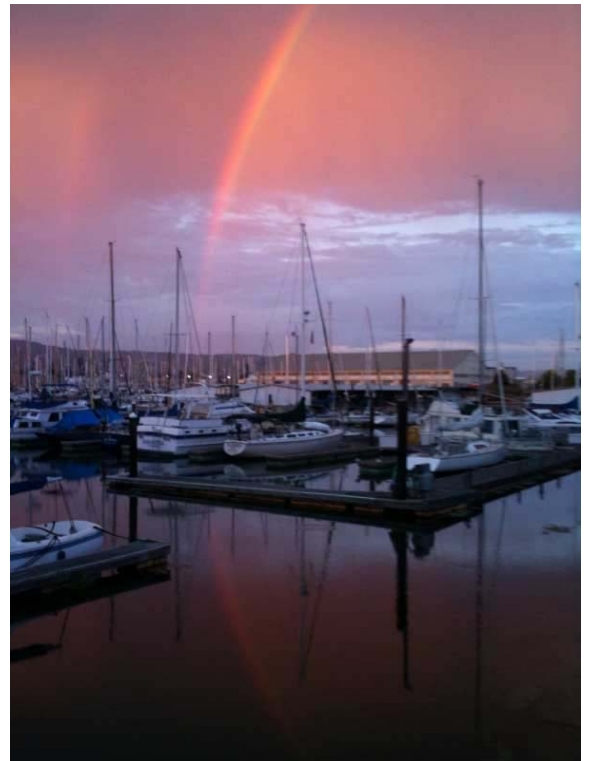
Alameda, California

Buffet Dinner at 6:30p.m.

Dancing, wedding cake, other festivities

Live band until closing time

*Casual tropical attire
In lieu of gifts, a contribution for the band
will be accepted.*





AYC ANNUAL LOBSTER FEED

Saturday, September 12, 2009

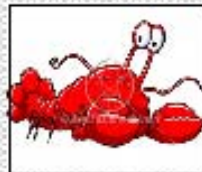
Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Steak & Lobster: \$40.00

Lobster Only: \$35.00

Steak Only: \$28.00



Must be pre-paid by Sept. 7, 2009

Mail checks to: AYC - Lobster Feed

1535 Buena Vista Ave. Alameda, Ca. 94501

Limit: 125 dinners





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