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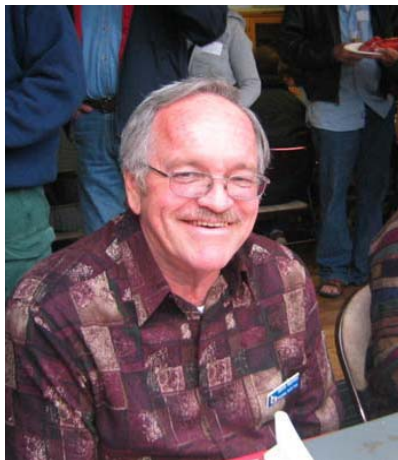
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## COMMODORE'S REPORT - BRUCE WHITTEN



Hello, AYC Members,

Hope you were at the wonderful St Patrick's Day Party that Dana and her "Social Crew" put on last Saturday night. Have to call it a crew and not a committee because she had lots of members helping. Here's what I mean: Forrest, Doug, Tom, Loren, Corina, Steve, Cheryl, Rich, Diana, Kathleen, Karen and Gary taking pictures for the newsletter. I quit counting heads at 164. Great party, good food good friends and a great band. Did you notice that Cheryl was behind the bar for the whole evening servings drinks? Not the first time she's done that. Thank you Cheryl!

Curtis had Richmond Yacht Club cruising in. And we had visitors from Island Yacht Club as well. I think there were about 40 people. Thanks for all your hard work Curtis.

If you see Diane and Daniel Hayes at the club be sure to thank them for repairing the blinds on our windows.

Did you notice that Forrest had the bar stools and bar bumpers reupholstered? Ordered new chairs for the table on the deck? Bought four new remote phones? **NOTE: If you are the last person to leave the club please be sure the phones are not left outside on the deck.**

Loren has openings on his committee for you if you can help decorate the five boats we'll be entering in the Opening Day on the Bay (April 29) decorated boat contest.

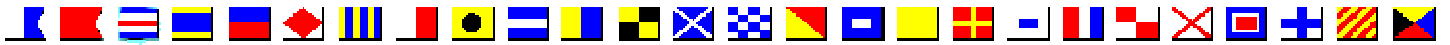
Our Membership Meeting is April 21. Please plan to attend. The planning Committee will be presenting a Memorial Plaque to the club. And we'll have our 2007 Budget available if you'd like to take a look at it. This is an opportunity to talk to Femie and Kathleen about our budget, if you have questions. Our redecorated office will be open if you'd like to see it.

If things seem to run a little smoother, or are a little more organized, or are where you'd expect to find them, that would be Rich's work. He's like Forrest- all ways there, working for your club. These are our present and future leaders. They are doing a wonderful job. For that matter my entire Board, Committees and you the membership are doing a wonderful job supporting your club.

Warmer weather is here. I hope to see you at Dana's next social affair, the Country Western BBQ on April 29.

See you at the club, Bruce





## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT - RICH BRAUN



Well looky here, another new member. Lets look for and say hi to Greg Munn and his wife. OK shoot me cuz I can't remember her name.

If you missed the St Patties party boy did you miss! A great time was had by all. I heard that Forrest's corned beef and cabbage was great. It must have been since by the time I got to the serving table it was ALL GONE. After the dinner it was time to burn some calories on the dance floor. The door slammers, what a band! And did you see that sax player? (WOW) A big hand to Dana and her

crew for another awesome party.

I want to say thanks to everyone who came to the Wednesday nite dinner for meals on wheels. We raised \$435.00 for this cause. Something I didn't know is that meals on wheels receive no money from any government agencies. They are funded solely by private donations. So great job AYC. As always Wednesday nite dinners need, (you guessed it) VOLENTEERS! It a lot of work for the few that have been doing it over and over. Even if you can't cook there is still set-up take down trash and other things you can help with. So jump in at any time.

Now with the weather finally getting better, there are more people showing up and cooking going on at the club house. I would just like to remind everyone to please clean up behind you. When guests show up we always want to look our best.

Sea ya round the club  
Rich B



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - FORREST REED



Hello everyone, I hope that you've been spared "the creeping crud", the 3 to 4 week head cold that has made the rounds through the club house. Business is going well and parties are being well attended. One new development in the bar side of the business: we started charging paid bartenders, which we normally hire for large social functions, to the bar on the theory that the bar would not have had such an enormous revenue evening, were it not for the fact that we were able to efficiently dispense drinks.

This idea brings us full circle to what we used to do, which was to have our members spend a couple of hours tending bar at a party. Of course that was in the "old days" before we became such party hounds. Seriously, I am now calling for volunteers for the County Western Bar-B-Q on April 14. We need two people serving drinks and one person washing glasses and restocking the bar. I want to initially try this at one hour intervals. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. We could really use your help!

On Saturday, April 7, we're going to clean the galley, including, but not limited to the galley stove. One of the more pleasant jobs will be to clean the filters in the galley hood. I am calling for volunteers to help with the galley clean-up. Most of the general organization will be performed early on Saturday morning, so the "hurry up and wait" part should be kept to a minimum. Please volunteer for this duty and just to "put some fire in your bellies", the house will buy a round of drinks for the men and women that step up to the plate, as a way of showing our appreciation. I look forward to working with you. Forrest





## SOCIAL CHAIR — DANA CHOHLIS



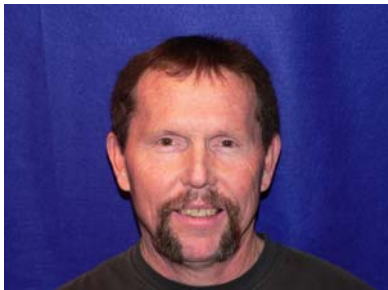
If you haven't volunteered to help at a social event, you are missing a lot of fun! Helping before, during or after an event provides an opportunity to get closer acquainted with other members and it is truly enjoyable. Just ask the folks that helped with the St. Patrick's Day Party: Forest (great corned beef) Loren (thanks for helping in the kitchen), Eileen (dinner ticket sales), Diana (keeping the dance floor hot), Cheryl (serving up drinks), Kathleen and Karen (decorating and serving), Steve, Rich, Rick, Cupcake...

The St. Pat's Party was a merrymaking festival. Johnny Nitro and the Door Slammers played with Sylvia on sax. I've never seen the dance floor so crowded. Richmond Yacht Club sailed over with about 35 members, Island Yacht Club brought in about 10 folks and the other 100 people were from AYC. My green dancing shoes are worn out.

Some of our upcoming events include the Country Western Barbeque on April 14 and the Kentucky Derby Party on May 5.



## CRUISE OUT CHAIR — LOREN PRIDDY



### "Opening Day"

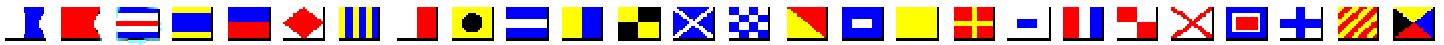
Sunday, April 29, is Opening Day On The Bay. Steve "Action" Jackson has volunteered his boat to be decorated to the "Pages of Time" historical theme and entered in the power division. We will also have four boats entered in the "Flags and Streamers" fleet division. I personally want to thank those that have volunteered and gotten involved, either by entering their boats, or helping to decorate. Your participation is much appreciated.

The last part of this article is an early promo for our May 26, Memorial Weekend cruise out to Loch Lomond Yacht Club. I'll have the sign-up list up by mid-April and I'd like to see at least 10 boats make the trip. It's a long weekend and we have some options for Sunday night that I'll talk more about next month. It's going to be a good one so plan on joining us.

### 2007 Cruise Out Schedule

April 29.....	Opening Day	July 21.....	Richmond YC
May 26.....	Loch Lomond YC	August 25.....	Corinthian YC
June 9.....	Oyster Point YC	September 15.....	Vallejo YC
		October 13.....	Coyote Point YC





## MEMBER ARTICLES— MARY PATRONE



On February 24<sup>th</sup>, AYC Members, family, neighbors and friends gathered to send Derek & Sharon Maurer off to Honolulu with a proper 'Royal Hawaiian' send-off. As a long-time AYC member of more than eighteen years, Derek has seen first-hand the numerous changes of watch throughout the years! Always a loyal member of the Club, Derek most recently served as Cruise-Out Chair for two years helping to bring the yachting spirit back to AYC. During his chairmanship, we had some of the greatest turnouts for cruise-outs in years. Working by his side, his new bride, [Yes! These Kids are newlyweds!] Sharon, worked as our Club's Social Chair, and provided us with a fabulous year of parties and events!

Derek and Sharon committed their time and energy to AYC and were awarded with the AYC Yachtsman of the Year Award for two consecutive years. They remain members of the Club as non-residents, and hopefully will have an opportunity to visit us here on the mainland a few times a year. Alhoa!



## COMMUNITY CORNER

Calling all AYC members!!!! Here's a chance to help your club and a needy organization. The planning Committee has come up with a plan to have a benefit dinner once every month. The purpose is to provide help to a needy organization without increasing the price we charge for our Wednesday night dinner. Most of the money for the charity will come from a raffle that will be held at each dinner. If you have a raffle donation please bring it to the club and give to any officer. Then come to the club to support that organization and enjoy a great dinner. March 28 was the meals on wheels dinner and April 25th is a dinner for the Leukemia Society.

We are also forming a TEAM AYC to walk May 20th in the Bay to Breakers. Joe and Valerie are the first to volunteer to join. Val has also signed up to walk the Avon Breast Cancer event in July. It is 39 Miles! Joe cut his hair and donated his pony tail to "Lots of Love" Kathleen walked the "Emerald across the Bay 12K on March 18th. It benefited the Edgewood Children's Center..

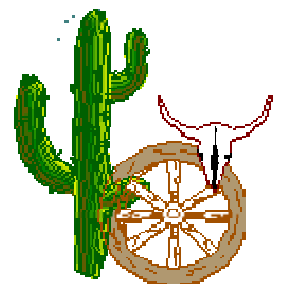


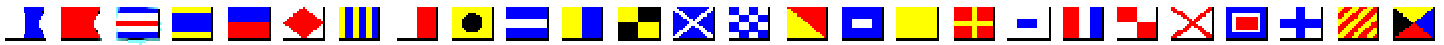
### AYC's annual Western BBQ - Saturday, April 14

Howdy Pardner Get the Stetson out of the closet and polish the boots it's time once again for the Two Step



Cocktails – 5:00  
Dinner – 6:00  
Dance Lessons – 7:30  
DJ: Mike Ferguson – 8:00 till midnight





## MEMBER ARTICLES— ROMMELL UPDATE



Hey gang, we are here in beautiful Puerto Vallarta.

Couldn't get in at either Marina, so a friend hooked us up with a private dock in his condominium complex...quite nice. We are getting ready to participate in the

Banderas Bay Regatta, poor Mark he is prepping the boat like he did for races in SF Bay, but we are in the Cruising division, cause of all the junk us cruisers have on their boats. We have a great crew and will keep you updated. However, check out this month's (March 2007) issue of Latitude 38, page 144 & 145, Yes, that is Platinum in front at the Zihuatanejo Sailfest...behind the MultiHull, but close behind and in first for the monohulls..Will send pix when I learn how.... (Holly, you can get a Latitude at Minnie's or West Marine)

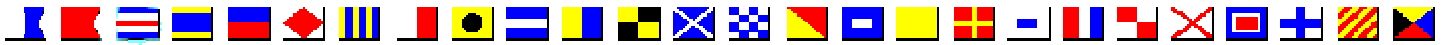
As you know we entered the XV Annual International Banderas Bay Regatta last week, although Mark, a true blue SF Bay racer, had to adjust to racing a cruising vessel (we carry a lot of tonnage now) he stripped the boat (getting rid of windage for hurricane season of course)and we were off. Pulled together a fabulous crew: Vicki (single hander, Inspiration at Sea); Jim (single hander, Murray Grey), Jeff & Judy (Island Mistress of S. Dakota) Larry (Colorado landerlubber) Bill Adams (Annapolis transplant) and Guillermo, (the Canadian friend who owns the Casa Anita hotel here in PV) Practice was brutal, winds 21-26 knots,although it was a pleasant 82 degrees, it made it tough on the new foredeck crew. Everyone bonded quickly and in no time was a valiant team. RACE WEEK, Practice race Wednesday, Seminars, opening speeches and a wonderful Mexican cultural show; Races Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We were in Division 3 consisting of 6 boats, all very competative and they proved to be great competitors. But where was the wind????? I am attaching a draft of the newspaper article which will run here in the local PV gringo paper, it provides a little insight to the races. Did I mention that WE WON!!!! Thanks Clair



Clair and Mark. On behalf of the entire AYC club, Congratulations!  
I am sure many of us club members are jealous and wish we were there with you.

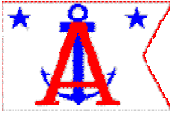
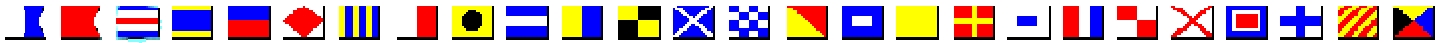
Keep those cards and letters (and email) coming.



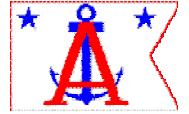


Eye on the Club. Pictures taken during this month's events





# Calendar of Events for 2007



Inter Club Race?	April 7	Inter Club Race	August 4
Planning Committee Meeting	April 10	Planning Committee Meeting	August 14
Country Western BBQ	April 14	Board Meeting	August 16
Board Meeting	April 19	Tropical Party /Tiburon YC	August 18
Membership Meeting	April 21	Simpson Race	August 26
Kentucky Derby Party	May 1	Inter Club Race	September 8
Planning Committee Meeting	May 10	Lobster Feed	September 8
Inter Club Race	May 12	Planning Committee Meeting	September 11
Mother's Day Brunch	May 13	Board Meeting	September 20
Board Meeting	May 17	General Membership Meeting	September 30
Inter Club Race	June 9	Pirate's Party	October 6
Board Meeting	June 21	Planning Committee Meeting	October 19
Father's Day BBQ	June 17	Board Meeting	October 18
Fourth of July BBQ	July 4	AYC Halloween Party	October 28
Inter Club Race	July 7	Commodore's Ball	November 3
Col. 5.5 Race	July 7	Planning Committee Meeting	November 13
Col 5.5 Race	July 8	Mid Winter's Race	November 11
Planning Committee Meeting	July 10	Board Meeting	November 15
AYC B.D. Party	July 14	Thanksgiving	November 22
T.I. Race	July 15		
Board Meeting	July 19	Tree Trimming Party	December 1
		Mid Winter's Race	December 9
		New Year's Eve Party	December 31



## EDITOR COMMENTS - GARY SHERRY



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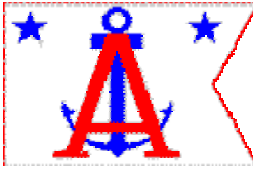
This is also a great way to stay up to date with news and information as it happens



Ron Mero has made several changes to the web site including adding all the movies of the last 3 events at the club in the photo albums section <http://www.alamedayachtclub.org>

We also keep all the past dated news letters and other information here. Check it out..





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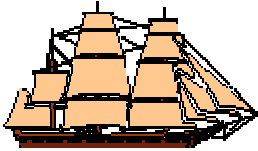
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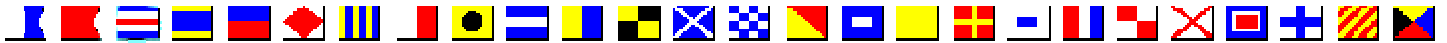
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