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COMMODORE'S REPORT - BRUCE WHITTEN

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all AYC members. I hope your holidays were great, mine certainly were.

I spent Thanksgiving in North Caroline with my fiancée, Ruth Blumer. In early December we moved Ruth to San Jose. I am a very happy man. A long distance romance can be a lot of fun and very romantic. However I enjoy seeing Ruth every day. No more redeye airplane flights for either of us.

AYC is an amazing club. The level of voluntarism is terrific. You may do it without thinking about it. You are the reason this club is successful; the Wednesday Night dinners, impromptu weekend gatherings, the social events, and tending bar. What you the members do for your club is wonderful.

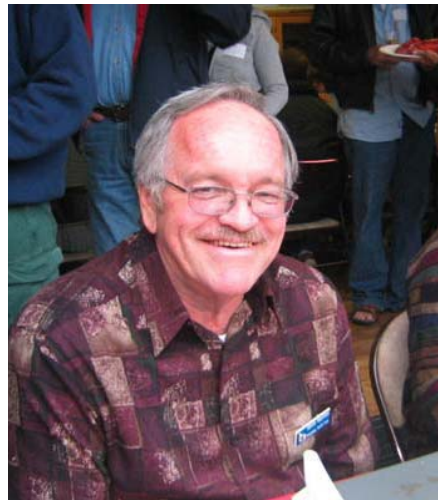
Thank You !!!

The First Aid/CPR class is Saturday, January 6, 10:00AM at the club. You can pay for the training the day of the class. The following members have signed up: Bob, Mark, Diane Brown & Ward, Tina Chelucci, Peg Fraga, Dee Fox, Karen Larson, Kathy Renault, Chalmers Ingersoll, Jim & Tess Huffman, Will Matievich and Mary Patrone, Joe & Valerie Millsaps, Daniel Porschien, Forrest Reed, Dale Thelin, Erich Schoenwisner, Dino & Kathy Bortolene, Mike & Laurel Depina, Ruth Blumer and Bruce Whitten..

In January and February your board will be working on an audit of our finances, redecorating the office, and setting up the budget for 2007.

See you at the club,

Bruce



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - FORREST REED



This December brought one of the most memorable tree trimming events in club history. Eric Knight outdid himself with the selection and purchase of the Christmas tree this year. There was a good pot luck dinner and a lot of holiday spirit; the bar grossed over \$800 that night.

Wednesday night dinners continued almost unabated over the holidays, thanks in large part to Cheryl Franklin and Kathleen Reed. The Wednesday night dinner series is a great way to enjoy the club and at the same time support the club. The bar revenue spikes on Wednesdays, and the small profit center for the dinners helps keep the galley restocked with condiments, seasonings, and with repairs and replacements of tools and equipment.

A hearty welcome to Gary Sherry to the House Committee; his unbridled enthusiasm and technical skills will serve us all well. Any one who has a genuine interest to participate in the operation of the club house, please consider this to be your open invitation to join the House Committee. I would like to see a total of 4 on the Committee to give some good balance.

By the way, my thanks to all of you that have been putting an over-ring slip in the till, when you see a problem with number on the register, with the amount you actually purchased. It really does make it easier to balance the cash with the tape every morning; keep up the good work!

NEW YEAR'S



Delivering a Dream (with a touch of the Pirates in the Caribbean)

By: Maryanne and Rod Collins

A friend of ours, Mike Olson, has retired and decided to spend his foreseeable future with his girlfriend living on a 42' catamaran and sailing the world. We were asked to join them bringing their newly acquired boat from St. Lucia up to the West Coast of Florida (where 2-3 months of outfitting is going to happen). It took Rod and I about 2 minutes to say "YES!" as this has been a dream of ours for some years. The plan was to sail during the day and anchor most nights which meant we were hoping to average 50+ mile days. On November 1st after spending a couple of days enjoying Marigot & Rodney Bay in St Lucia, we started our adventure and headed North. We sailed to and anchored at the Islands of Martinique, Dominica & Guadalupe (Les Saintes). Stopping at St. Kitts, USVI and BVI's and Puerto Rico for provisioning and sightseeing. The beautiful Caribbean weather we had gotten used to started to change as we entered the Atlantic Ocean to get to San Juan. Colder and more rain. We anchored on the west side end of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla, right in front of a Police station. The next day we sailed for the Dominican Republic which was a long run for us (80-90 miles). As we came upon the east end of the Dominican Republic it was clear that the anchorages on our charts had none of the lights listed that we needed to pull into one for the evening. Since we were unfamiliar with this area and all of the reefs noted on the charts we decided to keep going and sail/motor through the night. The next morning we decide to pull into a bay near Cape Carbon in the Dominican Republic. It was a beautiful bay with high lush green hills on either side, very protected with an opening about 300 yards wide and beautiful white sand beach about a ½ of a mile wide. At 8:00 AM we dropped anchor and went below for some much needed sleep. There was no town in the bay but there were a couple of shacks on one side of the beach and a couple of tents where people were camping on the other side. As we were sitting on the back deck in the early afternoon we noticed that a bus had pulled up to the beach and that quite a few people, that appeared to be tourists, were enjoying the beach. A local man with a young boy came up on a surfboard paddled out to say hello to us. We talked for a while then they left. We were the only boat anchored in the bay and it was beautiful! It was late in the afternoon and we decided that this was a perfect anchorage so we stayed the evening. We all went to bed around 7:30 PM and were sound asleep when we were awakened at 10:30pm to loud banging on the boat. There was someone yelling "***Policia! Policia!***" Not sure of exactly what was happening we stayed inside the boat and did not go out. We asked to see the badges of the police which naturally was to no avail. We kept our lights out inside the boat so that the intruders were unable to see us. Captain Mike was able to see from his vantage point said that he saw at least two men with machetes and they were not police. The "pirates" started to kick at the center doors leading to the salon and yelling "***Policia, Policia, Money No Problemo***". Mike & Rod assessed that we had to defend ourselves. Since we had picked up this boat in a foreign country we were unable to get all of the equipment we would have liked, including equipment for our defense. We had a fish filleting knife but surely no match against machetes. STAY TUNED...until next month.



Cruise Out Chair – Loren Priddy

"Let's Get Ready To Cruise"

The 2007 cruise out schedule is almost complete. Already on the calendar are; Berkeley, Loch Lomond, Oyster Point, and Vallejo. Paperwork is in process for Richmond and Corinthian. Once those two dates are confirmed I hope to fill in the last spot with Coyote Point. It should be a fun season and I'd like to see maximum participation.

In the second half of this article I'd like to talk about Opening Day. I have not scheduled a cruise out in April due to Easter and other club activities. I've left April 29th open and I would like to see our club participate as a group in the Opening Day Parade. If we could decorate at least one power boat, one sailboat, one boat decorated by kids, and other boats flying flags and streamers we'd have entrants in four categories. If you're interested in heading up or serving on a committee, volunteering your boat to be decorated or just want to participate in the parade,

call me at (209) 536-0822 or

Email at priddy@lodelink.com

Hi, I'm your new editor, Kathleen Reed. This is my first attempt at a newsletter and hope it is informative and a little interesting too. If you have any submissions, the deadline is the Monday after the monthly board meeting held on the third Thursday of the month. All members are welcome to the meeting that start at 7 PM. You will notice changes to the newsletter but I think it will only get better as the new board and committee chairs get into the year. I welcome suggestions, submissions and any help. Many members are receiving the newsletter by email and this is keeping the cost to the club down but a lot of you still need to sign up and provide your email address.

I have included a picture of Andy, our past commodore, as he resigned the club at the end of December and many of us already miss him.



SOCIAL - DANA CHOLIS, CHAIR

Calendar 2007

Planning Committee Meeting,
January 11
Mid Winters Race January 14
Board Meeting January 18
PICYA Commodore's Ball
January 27

Call Erich for reservations:

510-502-4277

Super Bowl Party February 4
Planning Committee Meeting
February 8
Crab Feed February 10
Mid Winters Race February 11
Board Meeting February 15
Planning Committee Meeting
March 8
Youth Fund Raiser March 10
Board Meeting March 15
Saint Patrick's Day Party and-
Cruise In Richmond Yacht Club
March 17
Mid Winters Race March 18
Inter Club Race? April 7
Planning Committee Meeting
April 12
Country Western BBQ April 14
Board Meeting April 19
Membership Meeting April 21
Kentucky Derby Party May 5
Planning Committee Meeting
May 10
Inter Club Race May 12
Mother's Day Brunch May 13
Board Meeting May 17
Inter Club Race June 9
Board Meeting June 14
Father's Day BBQ June 17

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Upcoming Events:

February 4: A lively Super bowl Party hosted by the
Lucky 7.

February 10: Diana has agreed to host the annual Crab
Feed again - hurrray!

March 17: St. Patrick's Day will never be the same.
Straight from North Beach - Johnny Nitro and the Door-
Slammers with Sylvia on the sax. A party not to be
missed.

Big Thanks:

Kudos to Eric Knight for another beautiful Christmas
tree. The Tree Trimming Party was a wonderful
gathering of friends and family.

Hooray to Cheryl Franklin for a new holiday tradition.
The Holiday Brunch and Cookie Celebrating brought
together children of all ages. Cookies and a
gingerbread house were decorated and donated to a
homeless shelter and
senior center.

Happy Holidays
Dana M. Chohlis
Social Chair



Calendar 2007 continued:

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

ALAMEDA YACHT CLUB

ANNUAL CRAB FEED

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!!



WHEN: FEBRUARY 10, 2007

WHERE: ALAMEDA YACHT CLUB

MENU: SALAD, PASTA, GARLIC BREAD,

ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB CRAB CRAB CRAB CRAB CRAB CRAB!!!

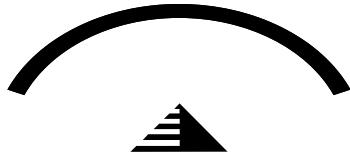
COST: \$30 per person

LOOK FOR YOUR FLYER!!



From Tree
Trimming
To Brunch
& Cookie
Decorating
To NYE
GOOD
TIME
FOR
ALL!!!



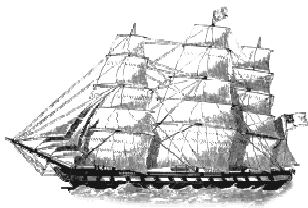


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