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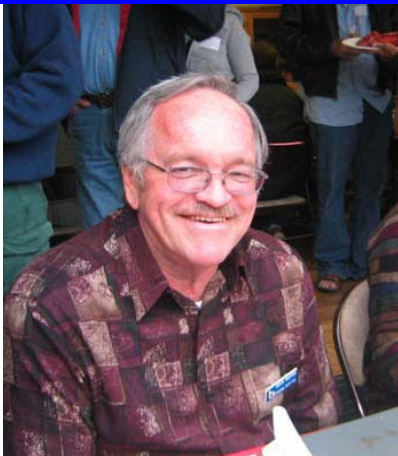
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COMMODORE'S REPORT - BRUCE WHITTEN



Hello Friends,

We held our Membership meeting on Saturday, April 21. Valerie, Joe, Forrest and Dino fixed breakfast for those who were present. It was good to see about 40 members take time from their busy weekend to join the Board. Our 2007/2008 budget has been approved by the Board and we are operating within the budget.

Mark Ruckman the Fortman Marina Harbor Master has requested that we keep the outside areas at the club a little more tidy. So please walk the trash out to the trash container and put the cooking utensils away after you are finished. This is an area of public access so it is defiantly a safety issue. Mark's letter will be posted on the club bulletin board for your reference.

At the meeting the Planning Committee present a plaque dedicated to memory of AYC members. The plaque was sponsored by Phyllis Sheldon in memory of her husband George. Thank You Phyllis. The plaque contains the names of AYC members who have passed on. If you have information on a member you'd like to add to the plaque please forward the name, date of birth and date of death to Eric Schoenwizner the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Were you at the Wednesday Night Diner on April 25? This was the Pasta Cook Off. All of the pasta's were great. It was terrific! We sold 61 dinners. This was our monthly fund raiser for charity. Last nights raffle raised \$155.00 for the Leukemia Society.

Check this newsletter for Cruise Ins and Cruise Outs. Come on down and join the party. And you are always welcome to drive to a Cruise Out. Be sure to sign up so Loren knows you are coming.

Have you seen the great videos on the web site? Check it our. Gary and Kathleen are doing an excellent job on your newsletter.

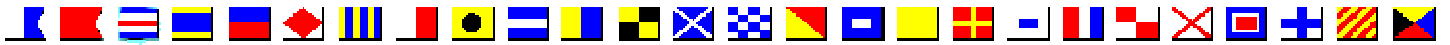
Don't forget the Kentucky Derby Party and the Mother's Day Brunch. Check this issue for details.

Will you be on an AYC boat for opening Day On The Bay? We have seven boats entered in the parade of boats. Loren and his Opening Day Committee have been busy for over a month working on boat decorations. They could use your help, join the fun!

Hope to see you on the bay.

Bruce





VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT - RICH BRAUN



Hello Everyone,

I have been so overloaded this month that I haven't had time to submit a formal report. Things have been rather busy with getting the Flat screen TV working, installing the WiFi system and all the other chores that come along with running a Yacht Club. Not to mention cooking at most of the events and helping with the open day festivities. More to follow next month.

See you at the club.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - FORREST REED



Hi everyone-

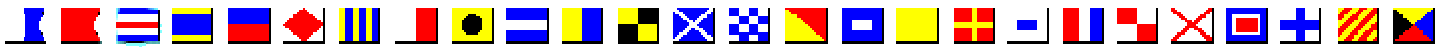
April has been a successful month for the club. We have had a great series of Wednesday Night Dinners that have been well attended. Two of these dinners produced bar revenues that topped \$600 and "pasta challenge" on the 25th didn't miss the \$700 mark by all that much. Scott Francis held a great birthday bash for Evelyn, which was well attended. Two paid bartenders and a disc jockey were generously supplied by Scott. The bar did very well that night. Scott also hired galley help and the place looked pretty good on Sunday.

I want to ask that the members who regularly attend the club take a little more care with washing the glasses and how about some hot water. Scott mentioned some excellent practice at the General Membership Meeting: avoid driving your glass into the ice; use the ice scoop that is provided. Broken glass shards, even if very small, can cause major injury or even death if ingested; Ron Steininger made that point. If you don't see your favorite libation, let me know and we'll see what we can come up with. (I know, Barb, Goldschlager and Jagermeister).

Bartenders, lend us your talent! E-mail me at freed@portoakland.com, and I'll get a list going, so we can draw on a good squad for the next social function.

I look forward to seeing you all at the clubhouse.





SOCIAL CHAIR — DANA CHOHLIS

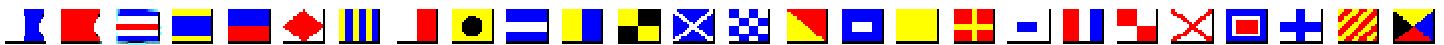


Thanks to everyone who helped with our Country & Western Barbeque. Check out the fun on the AYC website, Gary put together another fantastic slide show. Thank you to Rich for his fabulous BBQ tri tip.

Cheryl took the leftovers and made dinner again the next day. Jim Ferguson was once again an excellent dj. Forest had bartenders lined up to tend bar - way to go guys! Special thanks to Dino who spent most of the night mixing drinks. Shindig thanks to Diana for teaching us all to line dance, Forest for washing pots and pans, Loren and Eileen for pitching in where needed and Don for selling tickets.

The next AYC party is a Kentucky Derby affair put on by the Commodore and his ski club. Neighhhhhhhhh!!!!

Mother's Day is just around the corner. I need some help with this one. I'll be at my daughter's graduation at Humboldt State and the rest of the crew will be with their families. If you'd like to make brunch for the AYC mom's give me a holler.



CRUSE OUT CHAIR — LOREN PRIDDY



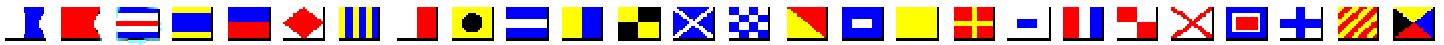
Opening Day, Loch Lomond and Oyster Point Cruise Outs

By the time you read this Opening Day will have already occurred but I want to recognize those involved. Steve Jackson entered in the "Decorated to Theme" power division. Thank you to Steve along with Forrest Reed, Rich Braun, and others for helping turn Steve's boat into a paddle wheel steamer. Six AYC boats will be in the "Flags and Streamers" club fleet division, captained by Mike DePinna, Sterling Bell, John Dovano, Dino Bor-tolin, David Tucker, and myself. Congrats to all those that chose to get involved. We'll try to get some pictures published so everyone can see the amount of work it took and how it all came out.

Saturday, May 26th, we cruise to Loch Lomond YC. The sign-up list is posted so put your name down and join us Memorial Weekend. Loch Lomond is putting on a dinner for us so I'd like to see big numbers attend. There are a number of options for Sunday night. I'm seeking permission to spend a second night at Loch Lomond's guest dock. I'm picturing a dinghy flotilla crashing the bars at both Marin and San Rafael Yacht Clubs (my liver is groaning already). There is also the possibility of joining some of our people already rafted at Angel Island, depending on the policy and enforcement of the number of boats per mooring.

I'd also like to talk about the June 9th cruise out to Oyster Point. By the time the June newsletter is published I'll be having to take down the sign-up list so I'll promo it now. Oyster is planning a big party. There is plenty of dock space and the weather will be great. Just writing about it makes me thirsty! I'll post the sign-up list in mid May so mark it on your calendars.





MEMBER ARTICLES — PEG FRAGA

Special AYC Easter



April 8th, at the club, was an eventful celebration of members and friends. An Impromptu Potluck Brunch was put together by the Lucky Seven Group with Richard Braun and Cheryl Franklin's experienced help. Forrest had the club polished and supplied.

Tables were decorated with Cherly's candies and baskets. Yellow tablecloths and lavender placemats were the background for Peg's candles and orchids. Tony Fraga set up and bartended. The 'scene' was set, only guests were needed, with food. Tina, Etto, Patrick, Barbara, Rodney, Dale and other members stopped by.

Hungry guests did arrive...about 35-40, with dishes sumptuous for Kings. Two hams, one sliced (Donice and Buudha)...the other to be baked (did not get the gentleman's name); baked chickens, (Mack and Kim); sliced turkey (Scott Francis and Evelyn); baked turkey breasts (Peg and Tony Fraga); Peter's shrimp tray and Tom Tazelaar's standing rib roast...BBQ'd on the spot. Cheryl sliced potatoes for scallops and baked them. Varietals salads, corn bread and vegetables appeared. The separate dessert table held home-made apple pies, chocolate and berry cheesecakes, giant cookies and chocolate eggs.

Donice, with her daughters' help, served 'jello surprises'?!?! Cheryl hosted an Easter Egg Hunt. Since children arrived late, the 'eldest' guest was allowed to start the egg 'hunt'. Everyone raced the deck...tree branches and dock railings held eggs in plain sight. Our 'eldest' out-of-town guest won the Egg Hunt! Her prize? All she could drink, of her favorite 'cocktail'!...Water! (No Club expense.)

Thanks to everyone who helped 'share'.

Bless us All!



14th Annual KFOG KaBoom
Saturday, May 12, 2007, 4 - 10pm
Piers 30/32, San Francisco

Get more information at <http://www.kfog.com/kaboom/>



AYC 2007 Cruise Out Schedule

May 26.....Loch Lomond YC

August 25.....Corinthian YC

June 9.....Oyster Point YC

September 15.....Vallejo YC

July 21.....Richmond YC

October 13.....Coyote Point YC



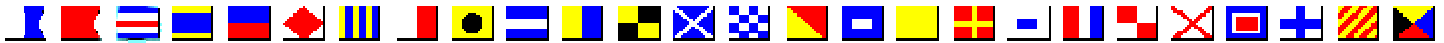


Alameda Yacht Club's Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 13, 10:30AM

\$10.00 / person

Please RSVP to Bruce Whitten with the number of attendees. 510-317-9865



AYC News Letter Classified Ads section coming soon.

Do you have a dock box or garage full of un wanted boating equipment that is too valuable to throw away? Well here's your chance to pass it on to other club members and make a few bucks on it. Starting next month all AYC members can list items in our news letter for FREE. That's right FREE. More details to follow



MEMBER ARTICLES DIANA GARINO

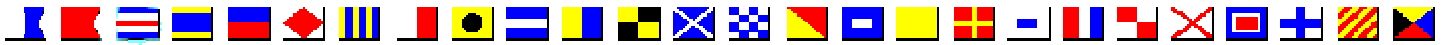
On April 25th AYC held it's first ever Pasta Challenge.

Four Italians competed for bragging rights to their pasta sauce. Etto Chelucci challenged Diana Garino a while back and finally the challenge came to be. Tina Chelucci and Gina Bignone couldn't let this opportunity pass them up so they also got in on the 'challenge'.

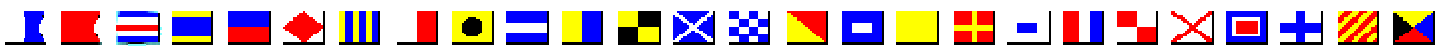
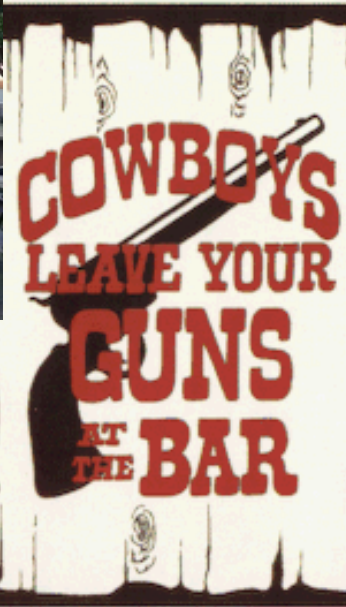
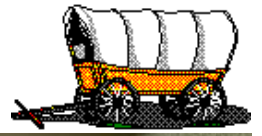
As people arrived, tension started building up in the galley. The challengers tasted their competitors sauces and each thought I'm in trouble, they were all really good!!! Time came for the judging to begin--one by one members and guests tasted each sauce, not knowing which one belonged to which competitor. They wrote the number of their favorite sauce on the back of their dinner ticket and turned them in when the pasta's were served. After dinner Commodore Bruce tallied the votes----Tension was rising----The announcement was made----ETTO beat out the 'girls'!! CONGRATULATIONS ETTO you are the Pasta King of AYC. A great time was had by all and a big Thank You to Etto; Tina; Gina and Diana for your yummy pastas and Kathleen for the great salads and desert.

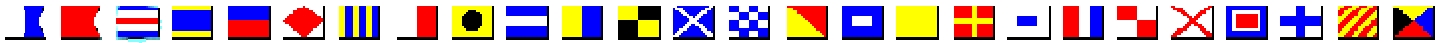
And we raised \$700 for the Leukemia foundation.



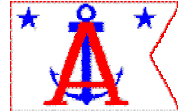


Eye on the Club.
Pictures taken during this month's Western BBQ Party

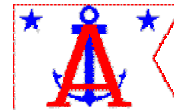




Calendar of Events for 2007



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
		AYC Halloween Party	October 28
Fourth of July BBQ	July 4	Commodore's Ball	November 3
Inter Club Race	July 7	Planning Committee Meeting	November 13
Col. 5.5 Race	July 7	Mid Winter's Race	November 11
Col 5.5 Race	July 8	Board Meeting	November 15
Planning Committee Meeting	July 10	Thanksgiving	November 22
AYC B.D. Party	July 14		
T.I. Race	July 15		
Board Meeting	July 19	Tree Trimming Party	December 1
Inter Club Race	August 4	Mid Winter's Race	December 9
Planning Committee Meeting	August 14	New Year's Eve Party	December 31
Board Meeting	August 16		
Tropical Party /Tiburon YC	August 18		
Simpson Race	August 26		



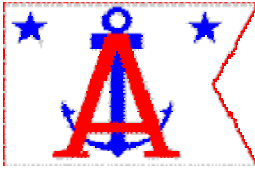
EDITOR COMMENTS - GARY SHERRY



AYC gets new WiFi system.

For those of you spreading the rumor that we are trying to communicate with Pluto, STOP IT! We are not. We are just trying to provide AYC club members and guest with reliable High Speed Internet Access throughout the club and Fortman Marina area. Over the weekend of May 11th Rich, Tom and I went on a two day vendetta to get the club wireless system up and stable. I know for months people have been having trouble with it. We even lost connectivity to the AYC office for the last month. Now all of that is behind us. We have installed 3 new Access Points (AP's) and you will see them on your computer as AYC1, AYC2 and AYC3. We also got rid of that crazy WEP key and all of the AP's are unlocked. Just click on it and go. Fast and simple. You might also notice Grand Marina also has 3 new AP's also operating and unlocked. Now we should have coverage everywhere in the Grand Marina—Fortman basin area. God knows we need high speed to download the news letters, club emails and those club event movies. Enjoy it! If you have comments email me @ editor@alamedayachtclub.org (you do know you can just click on that link and it will open a new email message and add the address and subject line for you?)





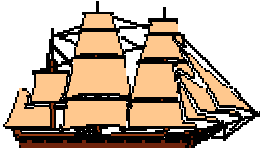
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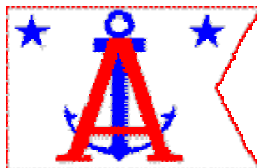
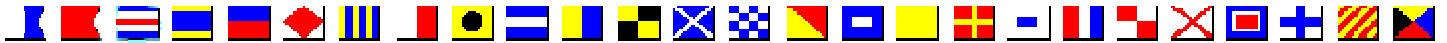
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