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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



**March 9:**  
**Board of Directors meeting**  
**7-9 PM**  
**virtually via Zoom**

**March 25:**  
**Membership meeting**  
**7:30-8:30PM**  
**virtually via Zoom**





**COMMODORE REPORT Kerry Scott**

Here it is, February 20, and I've got to tell you I am ready for summer!

I'm ready to start going places in my boat. My punchlist is of course getting longer but my goals are also getting larger. I am definitely planning on

sailing with Noble on our blue water cruise and I think we're gonna have quite a large fleet for that adventure!

Funny, of the guys planning on doing the Bluewater most of the wives plan on arriving by car. Oh come on ladies, we guys need the company.

For Valentine's Day, Jennifer and I drove up the Delta

(yes via car) to Cortland, home of the Dinky Diner. The Dinky Diner would not normally be a Valentine's Day choice for a dinner out, but the road trip up the Delta, crossing the bridges and driving the levee roads was very nice. Plus we were all the while looking at summer boating destinations and making our nefarious plans for summer weekends on the Delta.

All Vallejo Yacht Club things move slowly and all the things I would normally tell you about are moving slowly; we are making good progress and looking forward to summer and easing of Covid restrictions.

— Kerry Scott, VYC Commodore



**VICE COMMODORE REPORT Matt Hendricksen**

Hello Shipmates,

Breaking news! After conferring with YRA, a decision was made to push the Great Vallejo Race to August 21st-22nd. Dealing with the restrictions around Covid has been a challenge,

and it's the hope of VYC leadership and YRA that by mid-August we will be able to have some semblance of a normal GVR party. Tides are favorable that weekend, and we will still be the first big race on the YRA calendar.

I think this will be a great thing for both the club and all the race crews in attendance.

Club racing is back! Per Fleet Captain Sail Mark, the season will be starting off with "friendly, practice events" until we can race fully crewed again. It will be a great chance to get family members and boats out on the race course that don't usually race. See you out there!

Stay safe everyone!

— Matt Hendricksen, Vice Commodore  
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**REAR COMMODORE REPORT Jeremy Haydock**

Greetings Shipmates!

Just a quick update about the silent auction from the crab feed. We did receive bids for the haul out services that Commodore Scott at Vallejo

Marine Craft generously donated, which generated an additional amount of revenue for the Learn to Sail Program. A special thank you to Jack Vetter and Michael McGowan who were the successful bidders.

Looking forward to the next big event of the boating season, which is opening day in Vallejo. This will be on Sunday April 18. Depending on the Covid restrictions, we

are hoping to have an outdoor ceremony for the blessing of the fleet and a memorial observance at the memorial plaque at the north end of the parking lot in honor of our departed shipmates. A boat parade down the river will also be conducted, so start looking for those sets of flags and other cool stuff to fly from the halyards! Keep an eye on your emails for more information to come as the event takes shape.

Cheers!

— Jeremy Haydock,, Rear Commodore  
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## THE SHIP'S STORE



Hello Shipmates,

Almost Spring?? That means racing and cruise outs are coming soon!! That also means people will be coming down to their boats!! Time for spring cleaning and tuning up your boats for racing and cruising!!

You have to look good while doing all of the above, right? How about a new VYC tee shirt or hat? We have tees in short sleeved and long sleeved!! We have hats in all colors!! We also have sweatshirts with both crew and zippered hoodies. We can also outfit your crew and embroider your boat name on their new outfits!! :)

Do you need a new jacket? Did you know some of our styles can be ordered in tall sizes? We also have watch caps and sailing gloves!

Here is hoping we can get back a little piece of normal soon at the club and have regular store hours again. In the meantime please call me and I can meet you at the store. 707-480-0734. Our club managers Arv and Mike can also help you if needed.

The GVR committee is busy with plans for this year's race!! We will have GVR merchandise online, with a few items in the ship's store. Right now the plan is to have tee shirts and hats. More info to follow!

Respectfully submitted by,

— *Barbara Brown, Ship's Store Chairperson*

## SAFETY REPORT



To card or not to card, that is the question. No, not Shakespeare, of course, far from the bard. Some may know, some may not know, the California boating law requires boaters to obtain and carry a "California Boater Card (CBC)" while operating a recreational motorized vessel on California

waterways. This requirement is being phased in over eight years beginning January 1, 2018 for persons 20 years or younger through January 1, 2024 for persons 60 years of age or younger and January 1, 2025 for all persons. This may seem non-safety re-

lated, but indeed it is. Many of us boaters have been a witness to incompetent actions by boaters out on the water. Often these actions lead to property damage, injury and even death. This is a fine example where a little knowledge can go a long way in keeping the boater out of trouble or even preventing an accident. There is a website, Boat-ed.com, where you can take a course of study and even, upon completion passing a test, obtain a California Boater Card if desired. Even if you have no desire to obtain a card, the knowledge gained will make you a better and safer boater. Be smart, be safe, stay healthy and wear that PFD when out on the water.

— *Jeff Dickey, Safety Committee Chairperson*

## Welcome to New Members and Families

### Statement from Potential New Members: Parker Woo & Jessica Swinbank

We are excited to be part of the club and get to meet new people. We just bought Penelope from Dale. We are excited to learn about taking care of a big boat. Parker has been living in Denver and Seattle for the past year and a half and is an avid skier and camper. Jessica is from the north of England and in October sailed across the Atlantic. We're looking forward to the end of the pandemic and being able to have social events!



# PICYA REPORT



The first PICYA Board Meeting of 2021 was held virtually on Zoom on January 11, and the installation of officers was held on January 23. The Treasure Island Yacht Club was the host for this event.

“Unity in Community” is Commodore Mangan’s theme for 2021.

**2021 Officers are:**

- Commodore, Patti Mangan, South Beach Yacht Club
- Vice Commodore, Pat Brennan, Berkeley Yacht Club
- Rear Commodore, Craig Thorson, Coyote Point Yacht Club
- Staff Commodore, Robert Willis, Ebony Yacht Club
- Secretary/Treasurer Colleen Stauss, Loch Lomond Yacht Club
- Director Maggie Sabovich, Vallejo Yacht Club
- Director Matthew Byers, Loch Lomond Yacht Club
- Director Tim Ellenberger, San Jose Sailing Club
- Director Jennifer Neumann, Ox Bow Yacht Club
- Director Wendy Foulks, Village West Yacht Club
- Director Richard Holden, Dos Rios Yacht Club
- Director Jan Lucas, Sea Ray Boat Club

The February 3 virtual meeting was under the sponsorship of the Coyote Point Yacht Club, and the February board meeting, normally held at the Aolian Yacht Club, was held virtually on February 8.

The March 1 Delegates Meeting, sponsored by the Ebony Boat Club, will be on Zoom and will begin with Happy Hour at 5:30, with the Delegates meeting from 6-7:30.

The March PICYA Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 15 at 5:30 PM on Zoom.

The PICYA annual Spring Leadership Conference will

be held on Zoom on Saturday, March 20th from 2:30-5:30 PM, with speakers to be announced soon.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, “Opening Day on the Bay” will be held on Sunday, April 25th, on Zoom as we did last year, with videos of actual decorated boats in the respective categories. We can also include personal videos of decorated model boats in the different categories. Participation by juniors is encouraged, as junior boaters did such a creative job preparing model boats for the virtual Opening Day last year.

PICYA sponsored the “Pacific Rim Unity Boat Parade” on Saturday, February 20 from Noon – 3 PM. This boat parade was in celebration and recognition of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition held on Treasure Island, in cooperation with the Treasure Island Museum, the Treasure Island Yacht Club and the Consul General of Peru, Hernando Torres-Fernandez. Our boats joined in a clockwise round Treasure Island boat parade from noon to 3 PM. The year 2021 is also the 125th anniversary of the founding of PICYA in 1896, as the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association. A new burgee has been designed for this occasion and is available for sale from [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org).

**RBOC Current News:**

RBOC and a number of additional boating community organizations are advocating for key revisions to Governor Newsom’s proposed 250% vessel registration fee increase that would take effect on July 1. California boaters would see their boat registration fees increase from a minimum of \$20 every two years to at least \$70 every two years as soon as July 1 if the Governor’s state budget proposal is enacted. Budget subcommittees in the state Senate and Assembly are discussing this proposal now, and are anticipated to decide on the issue in the next few weeks. as the state budget development process moves forward in the state capitol. RBOC leaders and advocates are lobbying and testifying.

— Maggie Sabovich, PICYA Delegate  
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# BILL'S STORY

Let's remember Bill. William O. Zerby was born in 1941 and grew up in San Leandro, CA. There he completed high school and after graduation Bill joined the Marine Corps. He completed boot camp, basic marine combat training and was assigned duty in a remote area of Alaska. While there he once encountered a submarine in a coastal inlet while on security patrol several miles from his base. Fearing it was a Soviet vessel, he hailed the individuals who emerged from the sub, held them at gunpoint and radioed the base. It turns out it was an American sub on a classified mission, and after alarming the captain who lodged a complaint with the base commander, he was "dressed down" severely. At the end of the reprimand he was complimented for his Marine spirit and given a "job well done" by his base commander. This officer was later involved in Bill's military career and was instrumental in recommending Bill for training and assignment as an armorer in small weapons. Bill was on the USMC pistol team and served with distinction. After serving in Vietnam, Bill returned to the country as a contractor where he was involved in classified duties. Bill had a brief experience as a "soldier of fortune" in Africa but found the job requirements unsatisfactory and declined to pursue that career further. After the military, Bill joined law enforcement in the Bay Area in the late 60s and 70s. He became well known in that arena, serving in drug enforcement and the organized crime bureau. A notable chapter in his law enforcement experience was as a narcotics officer investigating the Hells Angels. His activity against the club resulted in a nearly successful attempt on his life. A bomb placed near his car exploded when he was in close proximity, resulting in trauma and severe hearing loss which persisted the remainder of his life. A movie called "Hear No Evil" was made, chronicling this event. It starred Gil Gerard (as Bill); Bill played a cameo role in the film. While serving as a Solano County sheriff's deputy, Bill encountered many local and national celebrities



*Bill was usually behind the camera. Here are some good shots of WOZ. Cathy Carter, Bill Zerby and Patty Lucky Shasta 1980. Bill Zerby and Cathy Carter with Santa. Mexican restaurant in Benicia 1979. Photo courtesy Cathy Carter*

and maintained personal friendships with them. A notable example is Janice Joplin. He ultimately retired and went into private investigations. He worked for many noted Solano County defense attorneys until he retired in the late 90s, but he kept his hand in the game until last year. Bill joined the Vallejo Yacht Club in 1978 and had been active in sailing and club management ever since. Bill served as Rear and Vice Commodore and as a board member. Bill met his wife-to-be, Janice, while sailing during a club regatta. They were married and had a son they named Spencer. Spencer lives in Chico with his wife Liz and their new baby boy, Royal William Zerby. Bill was immensely proud of Spencer and overjoyed when he became a grandfather last year. Bill was an avid rancher and horseman. He lived near Vacaville for years, where he maintained a stable and rode frequently. Bill loved his horses and dogs. He was partial to Queensland Heelers and grieved over the loss of two of his four dogs last year who had lived to the ripe old doggie age of 15 or 16 years. Bill will be remembered by his irascible but good-natured approach to club management, politics and life in general. He will be missed by his many friends. He loved his family, friends, dogs, horses, sailing, firearms and the Vallejo Yacht Club. Sail on William O. Zerby. We will always remember you and smile.

*These photos are of Bill from 1978-80. His Newport 41 new boat with dog, Grabber 1980. Bill Zerby and Cathy Carter "wonder woman" ready for Halloween Party at VYC 1978. Photos courtesy Cathy Carter*



*Clare Harmon spends many volunteer hours cutting back the ivy in the parking lot. The club has nearly 700 feet of ivy that separates the parking lot from the sidewalk...and there are two sides!! Photo courtesy Ken Leslie*



*New railings by Jeff Ruszler. Photo courtesy Michael Read*



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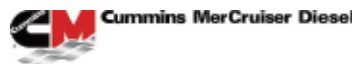
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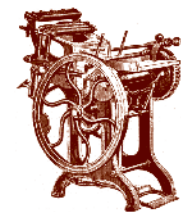
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 Rear Commodore ..... Jeremy Haydock  
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 Treasurer ..... Chris Mendonca  
 Secretary ..... Maggie Sabovich & GayleAnn Frank  
 Port Captains ..... Jeff Ruszler & John Van Vessem  
 Fleet Captain-Sail ..... Mark Littlefield  
 Fleet Captain Power ..... TBD  
 Fleet Chaplain ..... Bob Reeves  
 Fleet Surgeon ..... TBD  
 Bar Manager ..... David Sweet  
 Club Manager ..... Arv Voss

### Board of Directors

Chairman ..... Bob Lockhart  
 Director ..... Bill Sweitzer  
 Director ..... Jeff Ruszler  
 Director ..... Jeff Dickey  
 Director ..... Tom Ochs  
 Director ..... Matthew Mack

## Committee Chairpersons

Social Committee .. Jimmy & Tracy Verrett; Amy Hendricksen  
 Safety ..... Jeff Dickey  
 Learn To Sail ..... TBD  
 Membership Chair ..... Mark Ashworth  
 Grounds ..... Carol Ruszler  
 Historian ..... Deb Rocchild  
 Ship's Store ..... Barbara Brown, Tracy Verret, Jennifer Scott  
 House Chair ..... Matthew Mack  
 Binnacle ..... Deb Rocchild  
 Development ..... TBA  
 Website Chair ..... TBA  
 Network Chair ..... TBA  
 Galley Chair ..... Jim Glenn (pro tem)  
 Community Liaison Officer ..... Julique Haydock

### Delegates

PICYA ..... Maggie Sabovich  
 YRA ..... TBD



## VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

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