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UPCOMING EVENTS



December 1
Tree Trimming Party
Lighted Yacht Parade



Secret Santa Drive
Wrapping Party Dec. 15



December 31
New Years Eve Party

In the true spirit of the season, wishing you peace and joy. Wishing you the gifts of love, friendship and good health. May love, hope and happiness be yours at this holiday season and always. Season's greetings with all the best for the New Year.



AYC Revelers gather at the Fortman Pier to watch the 2017 Lighted Yacht Parade. Join us again this year for this colorful and exciting event!

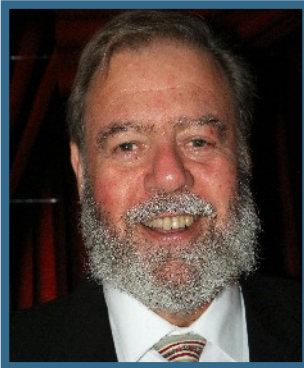


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COMMODORE *Forrest Reed*



Thanksgiving was a joy at the club this year. There were a lot of great appetizers, four deep fried turkeys, two hams, all the trimmings, and great deserts. Most of all there were a lot of good friends and acquaintances and Kathleen and I enjoyed being there. Hey there's still time to be a Secret Santa for a young child less fortunate than our kids were. Contact Dora Strehle at (510) 719-1277. She is the Secret Santa Coordinator. Get involved right away: December 9th is a key wrapping date at the club. American

Entrepreneur Jim Rohm once said, "If you really want something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse." Let's get together on Saturday Dec. 15 at the club and have a white elephant Christmas gift exchange. Suggested \$10 limit, re-gifting ok from your own stock is encouraged; bring the gift wrapped. We'll draw numbers for order; person #1 chooses a gift and opens; person # 2 can steal that gift or choose a new one to open. If your gift is stolen, you open a new gift; limit 2 steals. Kathleen and I hope to see you there and we wish you all a happy holiday season.

2018 Calendar of Remaining Events

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DATE	EVENT	HOST	ENTERTAINMENT
December 1	Christmas Tree Trimming Lighted Boat Parade	TBD	TBD
December 9	Secret Santa Wrapping Party	Dora Strehle	TBD
December 31	New Years Eve Party	Cheryl Franklin	Yes
The Board of Directors meets every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend			



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VICE COMMODORE Joanne Weeton



Greetings!

The holiday season is upon us and I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

This year's Secret Santa is in full swing; Dora Strehle has successfully found 25 sponsors for the 15 boys and 10 girls aging from 1 - 10 years old. Thank you so much for sponsoring the kids!

We had a great turnout for the benefit dinner on November 16th. \$179.00 was raised to help these kids. If you weren't able

to sponsor a child, don't worry, there's still plenty to do and volunteers are needed. Cash donations will be accepted through 12/9. Place your donation in an envelope and put it in the safe behind the bar. Remember to label the envelope, "Secret Santa". All gifts (unwrapped) must be dropped off to the clubhouse by Sunday December 9th so that we can determine which child still needs a gift or two. The final shopping spree will take place on 12/11. We'll then have a wrapping party on the 15th! Don't miss the spiced cider, brandy eggnog and delicious sweets. Thank you all for participating in this AYC tradition and an extra BIG thank you to Dora for taking on the event this year!

As a reminder, please label your food items that are in the fridge and don't forget about them! Also, if you see something expired, please throw it away. There's also a list on the inside of the liquor storeroom door where you can let me know if we are running out of something.

If you know of a member who is in the hospital, home recovering or just not feeling well, let me know and I'll send a get well card out to them with as many notes of cheer as I can collect.

Have a wonderful December!

See you at the club or on the water!



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CRUISE-OUT CHAIR Dorothy & Kevin Mueller



First off Dorothy and I would like to thank all who participated in our first year of cruise outs. I know we had a great time and had some great hospitality from fellow boaters and yacht clubs. We have one last cruise out coming up. We are heading to Berkeley yacht club for the lighted boat parade and fireworks that takes place in the marina. We are leaving Friday 12/7 and heading back to AYC on 12/9. The weather report (as of today) is looking excellent with sunny skies and balmy temperatures.

We are also looking for input regarding locations to visit next year. We currently have a tentative cruise-out schedule for 2019 but still have time to make appropriate adjustments. Looking forward to seeing you all on the water!

BILGE WATER



Yes campers, once again it's time to flip the pump switch to "ON"! It's been quite a while so there's plenty to pump over the side. This Reporter was wandering through the clubhouse one morning when I noticed that Finnegan was watching a drug commercial on TV when an evil smile suddenly crossed his face. He turned to this reporter with a grin and said, "Possible side effects; headache, nausea, and diarrhea...huh, I think I'll order some for Christmas and give them to (the former owner of a Jack Russell Terrier). This Reporter also noted that the potential recipient of Finnegan's Christmas Present was less than amused. Random Access- This is a new featurette

of Bilge Water where roving reporters from our staff go around amongst the members to ask them various questions. Most members who are queried in this fashion want to remain anonymous for fear of appearing in this article. So when asked "How do you pick the lessor of two evils?" One intrepid member said, "Lessor is not important, just pick the one that you haven't tried before!" It was also noted that a member seemed depressed and had obviously consumed too much from the bar. When asked what the matter was, the member slurred, "I tried to log into my iPad. Turns out it was an Etch-a-Sketch and I don't own an iPad...Also, I'm out of wine." And that's the way it is. See you next month for another installment of Bilge Water.



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STAFF COMMODORE John Dovano (& outgoing Newsletter Editor)



I was asked to do one more newsletter to finish out the year and give Rebecca Tabert, the incoming Editor, a chance to come up to speed. I wish her, Commodore Forrest Reed, and all the members of the Board of Directors, as well as the Committee Chairs the best of luck for the coming year. It has been a lot of fun publishing this rag for the past three years and I must say I'll miss it. I must also express my love and gratitude to MY editor, Delores, who's help in correcting my errors, keeping me on the straight and narrow, and providing immeasurable inspiration must be acknowledged. My new assignment as Staff Commodore affords me the opportunity to take on some special projects and I look forward to pursuing them for the benefit of our club and it's members.

AYC Showed Some Class!

The band "Spill the Wine" played for us at last month's Commodores' Ball. They sent us the following note:

Last night we had the privilege of performing for the Commodore's Ball at the Alameda Yacht Club. I don't know a lot about boats but the people that love them are really fun. The party theme was Casino Royale and it was great. We played a long set and enjoyed some great martinis at the bar (shaken not stirred of course). We went back on and the crowd was dancing and we were all having a ball together. As it got near break time Kelly said, "lets play it out". Mind you, a lot of musicians wouldn't go for that. But we did, we played two hours straight. In a little shack on the water, the band crammed on the little dance floor alongside the dancers. Just partying and having fun. Toward the end one of the members comes over with a big pitcher of ice water and poured water for us. It was just a little moment of kindness and thoughtfulness. Then another member came over to offer beer as well. It wasn't a big concert hall and we aren't big rock stars. Just the magic of music. We are SO GRATEFUL to the Alameda Yacht Club and all of our friends who support our efforts to entertain you and put a little sparkle in your day when you see us.



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2018 Secret Santa Drive

AYC is very well known for their contributions to the community. We wish to present you an opportunity to again aid those less fortunate.

Alameda "HeadStart" Program has hundreds of children enrolled of which 25 of the most in need have been selected to participate in the AYC Secret Santa. These are children local to our community, ages 2-5 some of which have special needs.

We are looking for individuals to sponsor a child. However, even the smallest donation helps. If you can sponsor a child, please contact Dora Strehle (510) 719-1277. Cards are being prepared with the children's information and their letters to Santa for their Christmas gift wishes.

Please use red envelopes next to flyer for all cash donations, and return to bar to be placed into the vault for collection.
All Donations must be collected by 12-9-2018

Christmas Tree Decorating Party

Christmas tree decorating and Ivar's Clam Chowder with garlic bread starting at 3:00 on Saturday 1st of December in the club. Then around 6:00 pm take a break and watch the lighted Yacht Parade. Staging is between Wind River and the Fortman Marina's public pier as the sun goes down. Starting about 5:30pm the boats will proceed down the Alameda side past Encinal and Oakland Yacht Clubs, where they judges are. Proceeding down the Alameda side past the Rusty Pelican where the boats will cross to the Oakland side and pass by the Port of Oakland, Scott's and Kincaids continuing down the Grand Marina where the parade will turn and make its way past Grand Marina and Fortman Marina back to the staging area at Wind River. Enough Chowder and goodies to last into the evening. Come and join us.

Commodores' Ball November 10, 2018



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