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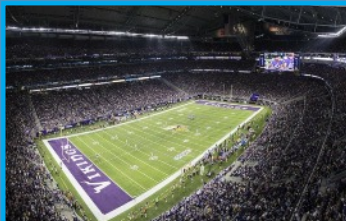
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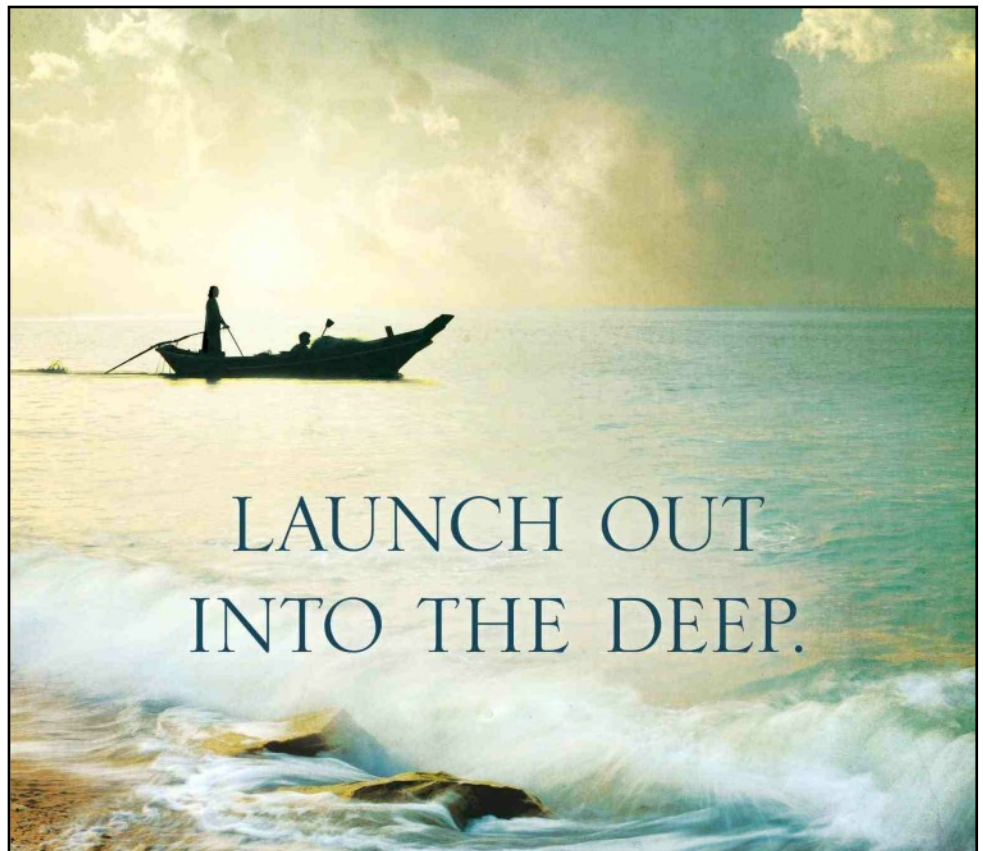
UPCOMING EVENTS



January 20
Land Cruise



February 4
Super Bowl LII
Chili Cook Off



Be it Resolved that AYC Members will take to
the water to make 2018 the Best Boating Year
Ever!



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COMMODORE John Dovano



December was a great month at the Club. Our members always show their best side when it comes to helping others, especially kids! Susan Walsch & Valerie Storm did a great job again this year rounding up gifts and money for needy children through the Secret Santa Charity. Thanks to all those that participated.

I've been working with the Chairs of the various committees to establish our events calendar for 2018 (see last page of this Newsletter). The calendars for Cruise-outs and Racing are not yet ready so I hope to publish them on our Website at www.aycinc.org as soon as they are as well as the February Newsletter.

One of the unpleasant tasks associated with being Commodore is the responsibility of informing a fellow member that he or she is in violation of one or more of our rules or the rules of the Fortman Marina, our Landlord. I received an email from the Fortman Marina Harbormaster recently concerning our use of the deck. The main topics of his concern revolved around these issues: the large tent over the deck; the Smoker; food glasses and debris left on tables and on the deck; pets not on leash; pet toys, dog beds and bowls cluttering the deck and representing a trip hazard; and smoking too close to the clubhouse. I believe that part of the problem is that many of us don't know what the rules are when it comes to use of the deck. We agreed that a placard delineating the rules for usage of the deck be posted so that it is clear. I hope to post the placard by the middle of January.

So, to avoid ending on a down note, I want to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year **AND REMEMBER...**



January is a great month to work on your bottom!



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VICE COMMODORE *Valerie Storm*



I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas holiday. There's nothing like the month of December at AYC, starting out with the tree trimming and Lighted Boat Parade viewing parties. We rounded off the month with the Secret Santa wrapping party and spreading cheer to 25 children in need. Looking forward to what 2018 brings, starting with the New Year's Eve party.

We receive one membership resignation in December. As usual, we hope they stay and touch and know they are always welcomed back. We also received two new membership applications. Looking forward to seeing the prospective members at functions and eventually welcoming them into the club. As we ring in the New Year, please invite friends to our upcoming functions to see firsthand what a great club AYC is.

On the house side, this is a reminder to put your name and date on each food item if you store personal food in the club fridge. Items without names and dates will be considered available for general consumption or disposed of.

I know several members traveled over the Christmas holiday. If you checked in to a yacht club or had a great boating experience during your holidays, please let me know and we can feature your trip in the newsletter. If you are looking to visit Santa in the North Pole to see how he spends his off-time, you can board the nuclear icebreaker ship, 50 Years of Victory, in Murmansk, Russia for a 14 day journey to the North Pole. The adventure includes helicopter and hot air balloon rides, sightseeing (if you like to look at ice), and watching the local wildlife. You can also enjoy a glass of champagne on deck in the balmy 30 degree weather. All of this for a mere \$30,000, including airfare!

As 2017 winds down and 2018 ramps up, I look forward to all the great things the next year brings to the yacht club and its members!

Happy New Year!



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SECRETARY *Cindy Baldwin*



Happy New Year to all, and to all a healthy one!

PICYA yearbook wants you boat name- I will be compiling list from our computer system. If you do not want your boat listed, please let Us know.

Since I am one of the AYC Food Manager certificate holders & a retired nurse, my eyes are still upon us to keep the germs away.

Here are some friendly reminders:

- 1- PLEASE wash your hands before handling anything clean.
- 2- Use the sanitizing bucket when cooking or cleaning behind bar (1 teaspoonful bleach to 1 gallon water).

STAFF COMMODORE *Tom Tazelaar*



Friday night dinners continue to do well with about 30 to 35 dinners served each Friday. I nearly canceled dinners on the Fridays before the Christmas and New Year holidays since I thought a lot of people would be out of town. Wrong! Glad I didn't. Forrest Reed served Yankee Pot Roast on 12/22 and I served Roast Pork Loin on 12/29 with about 35 dinners served each night. Looking forward to January, Susan Roberts will be cooking on 1/8 with the menu to be determined. I have also

heard rumors of Beouf Bourguignon and am working to nail down a date on that. As always, volunteer cooks are always needed (some times desperately). If you would like to cook, contact me (tazelaar@yahoo.com) or sign up on the clipboard outside the galley door. Bon Appetit!



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CRUISE-OUT CHAIR Dorothy & Kevin Mueller



Happy New Year Fellow AYC Members

We are so ready for this new year and all the adventures it will bring! After receiving feedback from several members, we have a great start to the Cruise Out Calendar. Our intention is to mix it up between keeping some traditions, bringing back destinations where members had great memories, and of course experimenting with new places. Scavenger and picture hunts, an AYC Gong Show, a docktail contest, and more are in the planning

process for these excursions!

Although every month's destination is not set in stone, we have dates for you to put on your calendar. Keep an eye out for the Cruise Out Board in the Clubhouse to sign up. As it becomes closer to each cruise out an email will go out with details.

First up is our land cruise from Alameda to Pier 41 on Saturday January 20th. We will depart from Alameda Ferry Station at 10 AM and arrive at 10:25. We are going to be tourists in our own backyard!!! Lunch, walking tours, and cable cars....it will be a great experience!!!

SOCIAL CHAIR Shirley (Tess) Huffman



Happy Holidays everyone , Hope that your Christmas was merry and wishing everyone a very Blessed and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Looking forward in seeing you all in 2018, with good health, happiness and a new outlook on life.

Goodbye 2017 and hello 2018. Starting off with a bang full of fun parties and new members, our annual tree trimming party was a lot of fun not to mention watching the beautiful lighted boat parade from the Fortman Pier with fellow members.

So come to the club and reacquaint yourself with fellow members and say hi to our new members. This is the place to be! HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



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2017 SECRET SANTA DRIVE *Susan Walsh & Valerie Simms*



On December 16th, the Alameda Yacht Club was full of Christmas Spirit as we wrapped presents for the Secret Santa Fundraising campaign. This year, the AYC provided 25 children from Alameda Head Start program with new shirts, pants, jackets, shoes, and toys.



A big thank you goes out to everyone who made this year's fundraiser such a huge success. Through generous sponsorships and cash donations, 25 children received everything on their wish list!



The club was transformed into Secret Santa's workshop with many hands making light work as we wrapped, and wrapped, and wrapped (a testament

to the generosity of our club)! Sandwiches, Hors d'oeuvres, festive cocktails, and Christmas music fueled the elves all afternoon. A big thank you to Cup Cake for sponsoring the food and drinks for this wrapping party, it was a lot of fun!



Like last year, the generosity from AYC members went way beyond our hopes. We cannot call out everyone who donated and helped, but you know you are! Thanks to each of you, these children woke up on Christmas morning and experienced the joy and happiness of this special season. Wishing you all a safe and Happy New Year.



Sincerely,
Val and Susan



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★ COUNTDOWN TO ★ 2018

Come and Celebrate with Us at our
Gala New Year Eve Party!

8pm to 1am

Dancing to the Tim Skelton Band

Appetizers Served All Night Long

Champagne Toast at Midnight

Only \$10 pp

Contact Shirley Huffman

by December 28th

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**Alameda Yacht Club 2018 Super Bowl Party Sunday
February 4th at 1535 Clement Ave. in Alameda.**

**Chili Contest: Bring your best homemade chili and
enter to win cash. (Your recipe not from can).**

Contest Judging enter at 2:30p. Judging at 3:00p.

Game Kick off is at 3:30 p.m. (Teams TBD)

Wear your favorite team apparel for club photo.

**For further info contact: Shirley Tess Huffman
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2017 in Review



AROUND THE BAY

MARIPOSA YACHT CLUB FUNDRAISER

GENTLE REMINDER - Jan 7th Fire Victims Fundraiser - Commodore Chris Abraham is Challenging all members to donate raffle items BY JAN 3rd

Commodore Chris Abraham is Challenging all members to donate raffle items to help raise monies for the recent fire victims in Sonoma , Napa and Lake Counties. Please donate raffle items BY WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3RD and help us raise money for this cause.

Commodore Chris is donating a pair of Warriors Tickets and VIP parking
Peter Harris is donating a pair of Club level Giants game tickets behind home plate
John Christian is donating a round of golf for 4 at an exclusive country club
Director Paul Schlotfeldt pledged \$1,000.00 cash.

Commodore Chris has have reached out to all of our Bay Area Sports teams for signed memorabilia.

All proceeds from the bar for the day will also be donated along with bartender tips.

WHEN: Sunday January 7th

TIME: to be determined

FOOD: Rear Commodore Kenny and I will be cooking for the event

MENU: to be determined

MUSIC: Aftermath has graciously agreed to play at the Club for free!!!

Please donate! Tell your family and friends and put this date on your calendar

Let's show the Community what this Club is all about.

More details to follow

I Love This Club!

Commodore Chris Abraham

Mariposa Yacht Club

SWENDSEN'S BOAT YARD IS MOVING

After 55 years at the same location in Alameda, Svendsen's Boatyard will be moving to Pt. Richmond. We have joined forces with Bay Marine Boatworks to create the premier boatyard and repair facility on the West Coast. We hope to be able to serve as many past loyal customers as possible. And we hope to meet many new customers too, as we grow. We thank you for your patronage and hope to see you in the future at Svendsen's Bay Marine, 310 W. Cutting Blvd., Richmond, CA, 94804

Best Regards,

Rob Konzett

Customer Service Representative

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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DATE	EVENT	HOST	ENTERTAINMENT
December 31	New Years Eve Party	Shirley (Tess) Huffman	Tim Skelton Band
January 1	Cruise around Island	no host	n/a
January 20	Land Cruise	Dorothy & Kevin Mueller	n/a
February 4	Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook-off	Shirley (Tess) Huffman	Super Bowl TV
February 17	Crab Feed	Forrest Reed	n/a
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Party	Shirley (Tess) Huffman	TBD
April 14	General Membership Meeting	John Dovano	Always Entertaining
April 22	Opening Day on the Bay	Dorothy & Kevin Mueller	n/a
May 19	Wigs & Lids	Dee Furley & Mark Pavusco	TBD
June 16	Pirate Party	Forrest Reed	TBD
July 21	AYC Birthday Party	Shirley (Tess) Huffman	TBD
August 18	Tropical Party	Ed & Debbie Zahariades	Pain Killers
September 15	Lobster Feed	Forrest Reed	TBD
October 20	General Membership Meeting	John Dovano	TBD
October 27	Halloween Party	Shirley (Tess) Huffman	TBD
November 10	Commodores' Ball	John Dovano	TBD
December 1	Christmas Tree Trimming Lighted Boat Parade	TBD	TBD
December 31	New Years Eve Party	TBD	TBD
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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