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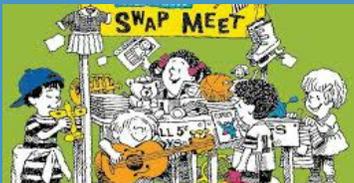
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UPCOMING EVENTS



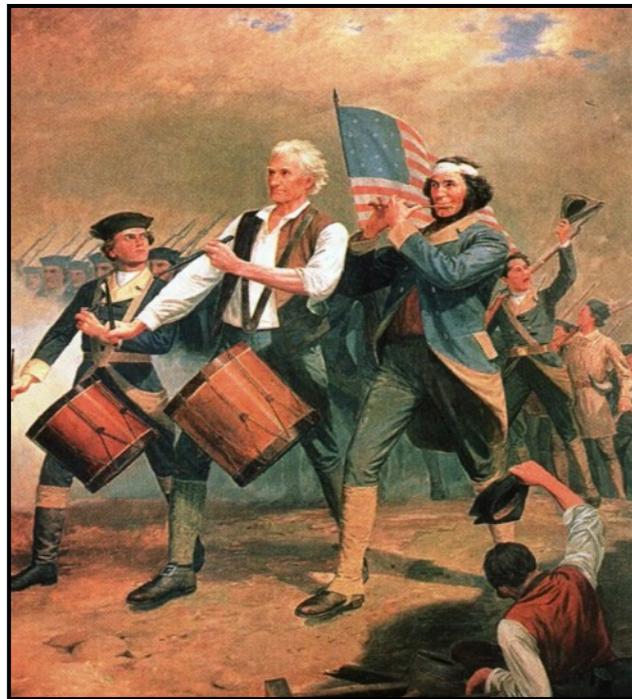
July 2-4
Cruise-out Berkeley YC



July 8
Open House & Swap Meet



July 15
AYC Birthday Party



Originally entitled Yankee Doodle, this is one of several versions of a scene painted by A. M. Willard that came to be known as The Spirit of '76 and a symbol of American patriotism.



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COMMODORE *Clair Rommell*



Summer has arrived like an inferno. Hopefully you will be cooling off out on the water.

So much to do: Delta Ditch, Inter-Club Racing, Cruise-Out to Berkeley Yacht Club, Poker Run, AYC Birthday, Open House, Flea Market or just chilling on the AYC Deck. However, you spend the summer, thank you for supporting Alameda Yacht Club. The Galley has been completed, please join us for Wednesday Night Dinners.

RBOC: You will notice on your Dues Statement a Line Item “Voluntary Donation of \$20.00”. This is totally voluntary. Please join us in supporting Recreational Boaters of California fighting for our Boating rights. If you choose to donate, thank you. The Line Item will be deleted in September.

Also, your dues increase July 1, 2017 to \$40.00 per month. If you choose to pay quarterly that will be \$120.00 per quarter and annually equals \$480.00. Still a bargain!

Jay Warren has resigned as Vice Commodore. We will be filling the open position at the July Board Meeting July 20, 2017. If you are interested, please contact Clair Rommell at mcrommell@yahoo.com.

Welcome, Mark Rea and Stacy Sher sponsored by Danny Porschien. Mark is former Coast Guard, so he is very familiar with the Bay Area. They have a 29.9 Bristol named Tuatara and would like to get involved in cooking and help out on the Planning Committee. When you see them please say hi!

Bar Security: We have been informed that members have been bringing in their personal wine and storing in the club’s bar coolers. This is not allowed and is in violation of the ABC Code. You may not bring your own liquor into the club. You may enjoy it on the public deck. You may use a club wine bucket with ice and a glass.

Again, there have been many reports regarding specific members who are either pouring shots in their coffee or not paying for their drinks, or even worse taking bottles of wine. We need to have the date and time, this will allow us to immediately go to the specific spot on the video and confirm. We had an IT guy complete maintenance on the system, we are now able to see all 8 cameras on one screen which will make it easier and quicker than before when we had to watch each camera. A security Committee has been appointed to review the security tapes. Thanks for volunteering Lorraine Fisher, Christine Wood, Tina Chelucci and Gina Bignone.



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TREASURER Cheryl Franklin



Summer is upon us and the galley is in full repair and we are on our way to a healthier and happier AYC. The days are much longer and sailing is at it's best. The bar is in order and we will be adding to the club coffers when social is able to be up and running. A number of changes are on the horizon for membership and club activities. Please look about you and volunteer often. AYC is your club and we need the members to participate. If you have any ideas to help the club with attracting good members please let us know. John Dovano is heading our new Membership Development Cmmittee that is looking to address a number of club issues. Let John know if you can help or have any ideas. Let's try to keep expenses down and friendliness up.

We will be celebrating the summer with Wednesday night dinners and monthly events once again. We are creating new steps to secure the correct invoicing for members and welcoming new members into the AYC family. We have lost a few members who have moved away and we will miss them. So if you have friends or family members looking to join our club please bring them around and introduce them to everyone. RBOC donations are being requested and remember it's only \$20.00 and it helps all boaters. See you at the club.

Secretary Cindy Baldwin



Hello galley users, reminder to wash, then sanitize your dishes and pans that you use. It is your responsibility to clean up after yourself including putting away clean dishes.

For all bar users, remember to wash your hands BEFORE you make a drink. Let's all keep healthy and in compliance with the county health dept.

Many thanks for those members helping out with keeping the galley refrigerator food labeled and throwing out outdated food.



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PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR *Tom Tazelaar*



Wednesday Night Dinners

The galley is back up and running, but Wednesday night crowds seem to down a good bit. We are serving about 20 to 25 dinners each Wednesday. Regardless, my eternal search for Wednesday night cooks goes on. I'll bet taking the lead myself of Wednesday, July 5th, with roast pork loin, au gratin potatoes, corn, salad and brownies and ice cream for dessert. \$8.00 per plate, first 30 served. After that, the slate is blank. If you would like

to cook, e-mail me at tazelaar@yahoo.com or sign up on the clipboard outside the galley door. Bon appetit!

AYC WILL BE 32 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH

		
<p>Alameda Yacht Club Invite you to Celebrate 32 years Saturday, July 15, 2017</p> <p>Enjoy A Mexican Feast from Dos Tacos Karaoke for the Brave Free to Members \$6.00 to Guests</p>		
	<p>RSVP by July 12th Commodore Clair almadenyachtclub@comcast.net</p>	



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CRUISE-OUT CHAIR Ed & Debbie Zakariades



Our nearest and often most attended, cruise out to Treasure Island, proved to be a challenge due to high winds most of the weekend. Thankfully we had participants with ample anchoring so we were held strong throughout the weekend. We definitely appreciated the warm welcome from the Treasure Island Yacht club. The upstairs area of the club proved to be a great place to hang out when we weren't boat hopping on the raft up.

We did enjoy some nice calm morning coffee on the boats and Saturday night we did bust out the cockpit dancing before getting a good nights sleep thanks to no "Washed Out Yacht club " in the Cove.



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CRUISES-OUT CHAIR (con't)

The next Cruise-out to the Berkeley YC on July 1-4 is getting a little ahead of us. We are confirmed to start arriving there beginning on Saturday July 1st. We are currently working on the berthing situation. If things go as they did last year we had to individually call to get berthing in the Berkeley Marina. We will let you know by email as soon as we have confirmed the situation. What we have so far... Sat. arrive by noonish, pot luck appetizers and Pain Killers at the guest dock around 4:00. Debbie & any volunteers :) will fix dinner for Sat. night up at the club, menu and price to follow. I'm thinking taco/burrito/salsa bar? for around 10 bucks at around 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in a little friendly Salsa making competition? Your feedback is welcome! Whatcha hungry for? Sunday is Lunner & Jazz at 4:00pm. Don't know what the menu is but it was a fantastic deal last year. Monday we're thinking pot/luck appetizer/lunch and games at the club. Bring your favorite to share! Tues morning light breakfast at the guest dock before we have to head for home. Tues if you don't have to head home, there is a great Fourth of July festival at the Berkley Marina with live bands, food and fireworks from noon to 10:00 pm.

REMAINING CRUISE-OUTS FOR THIS YEAR

DATE	VENUE	COORDINATOR	COMMENTS
July 1-4	Berkeley YC	Ed/Debbie Zahariades	Independence Day
August 5-6	TBD	Ed/Debbie Zahariades	
September 2-4	TBD	TBD	Labor Day Weekend
October 14-15	Presidio YC	Ed/Debbie Zahariades	Fort Baker



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JUNE PIRATE PARTY WAS A BLAST, ARRR!



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COMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE



Alameda Yacht Club

Saturday July 8, 2017
11am to 4pm
Open to the Public

The Alameda Yacht Club welcomes the public to join us for an **Open House, Swap Meet & Silent Auction!**

Whether or not you have a boat, come join us for an afternoon of fun and camaraderie and let us show you why we are the friendliest yacht club on the beautiful Oakland-Alameda Estuary. A barbecue lunch will be served for \$5 and we have a full bar.

For further information contact John Dovano at john@dovano.com

We're trying something a little different this time. We're combining an open house, swap meet & silent auction all into one and blending it with Bellina Bay YC's Poker Run! The Swap meet will run from 9am to 12pm, the Open House from 11am to 4pm and the Silent Auction starts at 11am and will close at 3pm. Tables will be set up on the deck and parking lot for the swap meet at \$5 each. Contact Clair Rommell (510) 417-8696 mcrommell@yahoo.com for further details or to reserve a table and also for the poker run.

We are asking members to donate something nice for the Silent Auction with proceeds going to our Club. Each item will have a bid sheet with instructions on the bidding process.

Flyers for this all inclusive **Membership Development Event** have been distributed far & wide including to the new housing development adjacent to our club, so be an **AYC Ambassador** and introduce yourself to our guests and make them feel welcome!

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WE BOUGHT A BOAT! *Joanne Marquez & Randy Weeton*



Finally, after all the I's had been dotted and the T's crossed, the wait to bring Miss Teak II up the California coast has ended. The sale closed June 8th, Randy and I had to wait until June 24th to bring her home.

Friday night after work, with our vacation requests approved, we boarded our delayed one-way flight to San Diego. We picked up our sea crew (Randy's niece and sister) and provisions, and on Saturday at o'dark thirty a member of our land crew drove us all up to Dana Point.

I love how boating people are so friendly. It wasn't hard to find someone to let us onto the "secure" docks and also let us know that the gate locks from the inside as well so we should probably prop it open or have someone stand by. And then, aah, the sight of Miss Teak, our new boat. Miss Teak is a Catalina built Morgan 45 with a center cockpit. And to us, she's HUGE! What did we get ourselves into? She doesn't know it yet, but her name will be changed to Compass Rose in the coming months.

With our provisions on board the broker hands over some final paperwork and we throw off the dock lines to begin our grand first adventure. Oh, one last question, "Can you point us to the fuel dock?" If you're ever in Dana Point and need to fill up, let them know you're a member of U.S. Tow and they'll give you a discount.



We leave the break water behind and we're heading north!

That day, the ocean was flat. I've seen rougher water in the Alameda/Oakland Estuary! That's cool, it gives us time to get to know Miss Teak, stow our gear before the Pacific reveals herself.

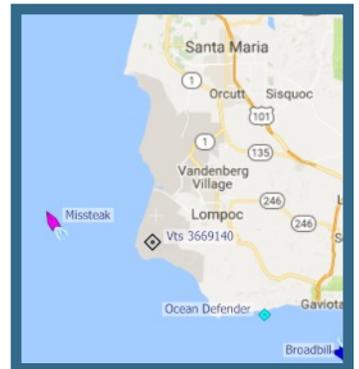
Day turns into night and we have sick crew. I won't go into details, suffice to say we decided the next day to pull into Santa Barbara to rest. Right next to the gas dock, we pull up to top off. "Do you have any discounts for U.S. Tow members? No? How about for AARP members?" The kid just rolled his eyes at me. We found our slip, those who were hungry had a nice hot lunch and then naps were taken. A trip to West Marine, right on the docks no less, for some Dramamine, we then stopped in at the Santa Barbara Yacht club. Just because we could. Reciprocating Privileges are nice indeed!

After about 4-hours of rest, we decide to carry on. Randy is really getting the hang of docking and leaving. Undocking? I'm sure there's a nautical term for leaving a dock. There's a nautical term for everything! Disembarking? Anyway, he backed out of the slip and got us on our way, yet again, like he's been on this boat for years. Randy is not inexperienced, he's just used to his Catalina 36, which is no small boat, either.

WE BOUGHT A BOAT! (con't)

On top of having 9-extra feet of boat, we now have a dingy on davits hanging off the stern which is behind the “back porch”. With the center cockpit we have an aft-deck, poop-deck, or quarter-deck to remember to watch out for. After about 4-hours of rest, we decide to carry on. Randy is really getting the hang of docking and leaving. Undocking? I’m sure there’s a nautical term for leaving a dock. There’s a nautical term for everything! Disembarking? Anyway, he backed out of the slip and got us on our way, yet again, like he’s been on this boat for years. Randy is not inexperienced, he’s just used to his Catalina 36, which is no small boat, either.

We’re back on the ocean heading north once again. The crew comes together to discuss Pt. Conception. We want everyone to know we’re probably in for a rough night. If you’ve never been in the ocean at night, without a moon, let me tell you it’s surreal. You can’t see the swells so you don’t know which ones will cause the bow to dip under and send tons of water over the deck. I’m so thankful for the dodger and bimini. We found below deck side panels for the bimini. Wow, what a difference those made to stop the wind and spray. Well, most of it. Note to self: need to sew sand bags for a makeshift dam to stop the entire ocean from flowing up the deck and under the dodger.



We’re wet. That’s OK, you expect to get wet while cruising the ocean. Especially going north, uphill. What you don’t expect is to have forward cabin and salon to leak like a sieve! We were able to tighten a few of the portholes and we found out later that the front hatch wasn’t closed as tight as it should have. But why was there water leaking from an overhead light fixture? We’ll deal with that once we get home. So we’re wet. Ok, onward.

I’m also thankful for the AIS, Radar and Autopilot. Until the screen is blank. What? Reboot, Reboot! Some lost signal or something. In the minute, maybe minute and-a-half, it took to bring it all back on-line, I’m happy to say we did not run into the tanker heading south that was over 12-miles out on the radar and not on a collision course before everything in the wee hours of the night, or was it morning?

Did I mention that one of our crew members is a biologist? We saw many types of marine life including rays, seals and sea lions. We also many pods of Common Dolphins. The whales we saw were Fin, Killer and False Killer. There were hundreds of dolphins swimming and hunting around us. We had whales swimming under the boat. The depth gauge would go from not registering to 25 feet. It would stay there for a few seconds and the go back to not registering because of the depth of the ocean and then we’d see a whale spout! Incredible and very cool!

WE BOUGHT A BOAT (con't)

Our next concern (it's always something, right?) was one of our crew needed to be back in San Diego on Wednesday. Randy has charting software at home where he was calculating the week before our course. We had hoped we could make it home by Tuesday but knew that it was a long shot. We didn't plan on stopping in Santa Barbara and we didn't know what the weather was going to be like. Another full crew decision needed to be made. Do we head to Morro Bay? Monterey or Santa Cruz. We decided on Monterey. But now we have no cell service so we can't tell our NorCal land crew (Randy's brother-in-law) where to pick up our sea crew. A text message finally got out and one got in. We're officially headed to Monterey.



The plan: Drop off crew, take on dry towels and shove off. We checked the weather, we had 25-30 kt winds the night before. It was bumpy, but we were headed right into the wind, give or take a few degrees. The forecast was about the same and Randy and I planned to go on up and home.

It was about 4:30 in the afternoon and I brought up humus, bell peppers, cheese and crackers and a caffeinated beverage. We're munching away noting that it was the first time we were alone on our new boat. Happy in that thought with the wind blowing across our beam, we're now slicing through the swells (in the Monterey Bay). We're snuggled together happy as clams. And then... In the middle of the Monterey Bay, the line-bag the previous owner made breaks apart. Jib lines in the drink! I volunteer to go out and retrieve them. I take both leashes and work my way forward while Randy slows our speed and changes course—thank you Honey. The boat goes up, then down and I duck. Spray hits me but not in the face. I didn't realize sailing in San Francisco Bay has taught me that and it was all muscle memory. With the lines secured and I'm safely-dripping wet in the cockpit, it wasn't a hard choice to delay the final leg of our first grand adventure in our new boat until the next weekend.

Did I mention we bought a new boat? I've loved every minute we've been on her and can't wait to retire and sail the world.

Ships Store



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Iron-on Patches



Key Chains- \$8.00



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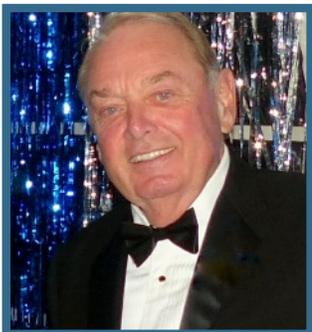
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2017 Calendar of Remaining Events

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July 8	Poker Run	Clair Rommell	n/a
July 15	AYC Birthday Party	Clair Rommell Nicole Drake	DJ Past Commodores
August 5-6	Cruise-out TBD	Ed/Debbie Zahariades	n/a
August 19	Tropical Party	Doris Enright	Band
September 2-4	Cruise-out TBD	TBD	n/a
September 16	Peter's Birthday Party	Judy Schilling	DJ
September 23	Lobster Feed	Doris Enright	Band
October 07	General Membership Meeting	Clair Rommell	DJ/BBQ
October 14-15	Cruise-out TBD	Jim Rutherford	n/a
October 28	Halloween	Doris Enright	DJ
Saturday November 11	Commodores' Ball	Clair Rommell	Band

The Board of Directors meets every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All members are invited.

EDITORS CORNER *John Dovano*



I'm excited about our upcoming Open House, Swap Meet, and Silent Auction on July 8th. This is a Membership Development Event intended to introduce our Club to prospective new members. To help with this effort I distributed some 70 Open House Flyers to the new homes adjacent to our club as well as at Grand Marina, and Tom Tazelaar and Eric Schoenwisner also distributed the Flyers around Fortman Marina and the other Yacht Clubs on the Island. So I'm calling on all our members to join in the

festivities and make all our guests feel welcome and show them what a great group of people we are!

And, as always, I encourage all of you to contribute to this Newsletter with any interesting boating experiences, especially on our very own San Francisco Bay, that would make good reading for our members. The articles then will be included in our other publications: www.aycinc.org, www.facebook.com/alamedayc, www.facebook.com/aycco look forward to hearing from you.



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