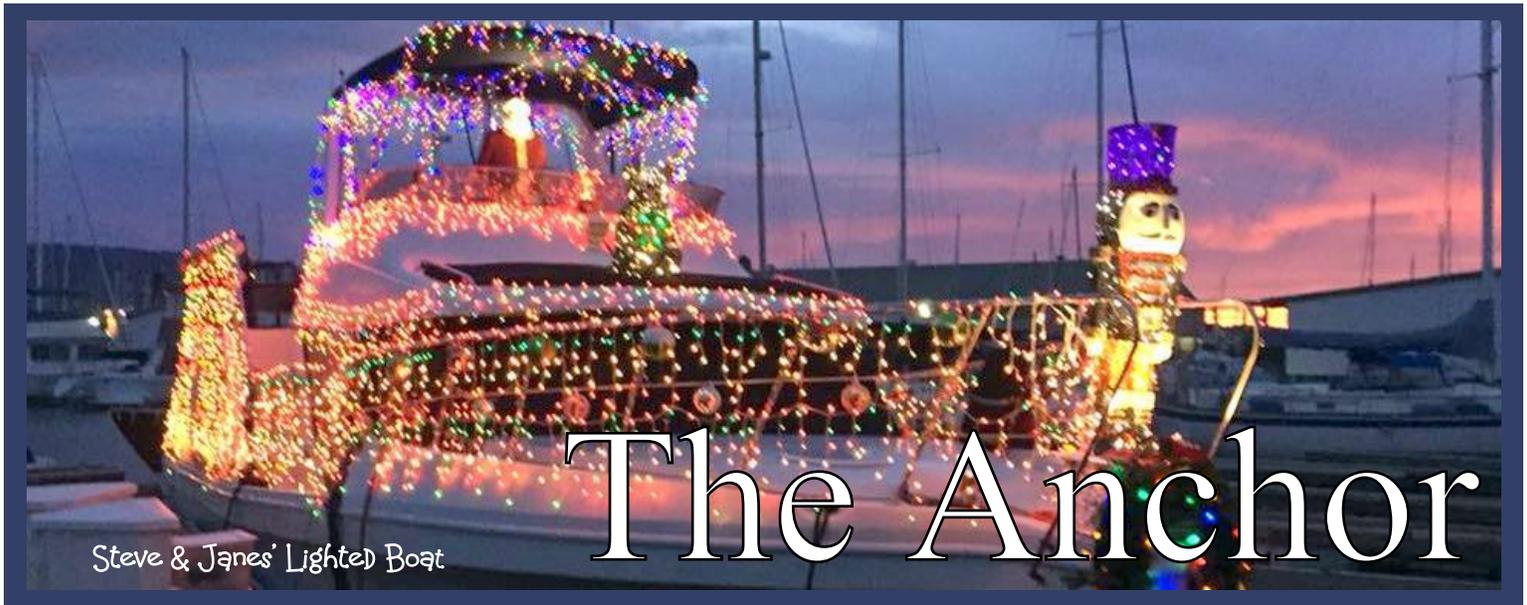


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## UPCOMING EVENTS



December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tree Trimming/Parade



December 16  
Secret Santa Gifts



December 31  
New Years Eve Party

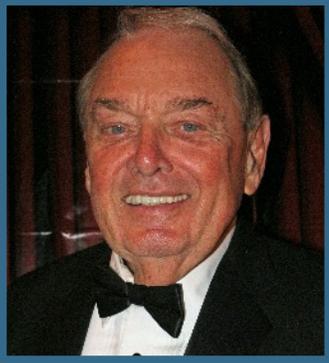


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## COMMODORE *John Dovano*



First off I want to thank everyone who helped make last month's Commodores' Ball such a success and so much fun! Spirits were high and several members told me that they were looking forward to a fun and rewarding 2018 with our club. And I believe we have the right people in place to make it happen. I'm especially encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by our new Cruise-out Chairs Dorothy & Kevin and our Racing Chair Dave Tucker who certainly have hit the ground running. And what else can I say about our Social Chair Tess Huffman who has proven herself time and time again and who is working diligently to line up some wild & wooly parties for the coming year. I encourage all our members to participate in our club events and support those who are working hard to make membership in the Alameda Yacht Club a fun-filled and rewarding experience. Also, a special thanks to Kristen from the Island Yacht Club who so graciously took photos of our Commodores' Ball. I have scheduled a planning meeting with the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for December 7 to discuss next years events calendar which will include cruise-outs, racing, and club social events. We are always looking for new ideas on how we can make our activities even more interesting and fun and thereby increase member participation. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

## VICE COMMODORE *Valerie Storm*



It's been an exciting first month as Vice Commodore. The Commodore's Ball was a wonderful way to kick it off. From the décor, to the food, to the band and dancing, it was a fantastic event. We all clean up very well! Thank you to Clair and the rest of the outgoing Board for all you've done for the club.

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## VICE COMMODORE *Valerie Storm (con't)*

We welcomed a new member to the club in November. Rick Gast was sponsored by Mike Tosse. Rick enjoys the Friday Night dinners so be sure to introduce yourself when you see him. Unfortunately, a couple of members resigned from the club. We hope they'll stay and touch and know they are always welcomed back. On the house side, if you store food in the club fridge, please put your name and date on each item. Items without names and dates will be considered available for general consumption or disposed of.

And more excitement in November - Alameda Yacht Club went global! Susan Walsh visited the Royal St. George Yacht Club in Dublin Ireland with her parents and bestowed upon them an AYC burgee. The club was founded in 1838 as a rowing club but soon grew as a racing and cruising club when construction of the clubhouse was complete in 1843. Susan and her parents enjoyed a wonderful lunch and tour of the yacht club facilities by Club Steward, Caoimhe Lawlor. Susan has some great photos! If you are planning a trip abroad or across the bay, let me know. We will feature your trip in the AYC newsletter!

There's more excitement to come in December. We have the Lighted Boat Parade and tree trimming party on December 2nd and other festive events throughout the month. The Secret Santa wrapping party will be held at the Club House December 16th at 12pm. Susan is making her list (and checking it twice!) of the Head Start children that will be a part of the Secret Santa drive this year. If you are interested in sponsoring a child please contact Susan (510-282-1207). I'm really looking forward to the Spirit of Christmas that AYC members bring to the club.

## STAFF COMMODORE *Tom Tazelaar*



Friday night dinners took a break for the Thanksgiving holiday, but will be returning in December. To start things out on December 1, Cindy and I will be cooking cottage pie (Shepard's pie, with hamburger in place of lamb or mutton), salad and brownies and ice cream for dessert. After that, I am looking for volunteer cooks for the remaining December Fridays. If you would like to cook, please let me know by e-mail [tazelaar@yahoo.com](mailto:tazelaar@yahoo.com) or catch me at the club. Bon Appetit!



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## SOCIAL CHAIR *Shirley (Tess) Huffman*



Hope you all had a very Happy and blessed Thanksgiving! I am Looking forward to seeing everyone at the tree trimming party December 2nd.

The Holiday Season is upon us, and with it comes plenty of wrapped gifts, kisses of thanks for fulfilled wishes. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Watch for the flyer in the club or your email with details about our up coming NEW YEARS EVES PARTY!

## CRUISE-OUT CHAIR *Dorothy & Kevin Mueller*



It's official: Cruise Out Planning for next year has begun! It is on good authority that soon you will have the opportunity to make new memories while participating in the joys of mini-adventures on the Bay, essential bonding sessions, and relishing in happy hour AYC style if so desired! January's three day weekend is still in the works so an email will go out as soon as possible with details. A nearby one-nighter set for Saturday, February 3rd at either Angel Island or Clipper Cove will be happening (weather permitting)! Don't take the chance of not

being present to experience the revelers getting rowdy, which is the best form of cheap entertainment- GUARANTEED!

Kevin and I have been researching potential cruise out destinations as well as collecting insightful information from many members and feel that we are in store for a great year of Cruise Outs! The signup board will be put up once all Cruise Out dates have been established. Given recent inquiries about the possibility of attending cruise outs from members without access to a boat, we would appreciate emails from those who have the capacity to bring additional members whether for the entire weekend or just for the boat ride over.

A huge thanks to all of you who have given suggestions and sharing knowledge of popular events at other clubs to make our club's cruise-outs for next year's destinations highly anticipated! Please keep ideas flowing and help us achieve our goals, which are to increase participation and offer a cruise out for every month of the year.



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# Everyone Looked their Best at Our 32nd Ball!



AYC presents our annual

# LIGHTED BOAT PARADE VIEWING

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# CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING PARTY

**Saturday December 2nd 5pm to 10pm**

**Meet at Fortman Pier at 5pm to watch staging of decorated boats: Lighted Boat Parade starts at 5:30pm**

**6:00pm meet back at club for Tree Trimming Party.**

**Music by Skip Hendersons Group 6:30pm to 10pm.**

**Chili or minestrone soup, rolls, salad and dessert. All for \$7.00 pp.**

**Please send email to [Boatsandart@yahoo.com](mailto:Boatsandart@yahoo.com) for reservations before Nov. 30, state name and number of people attending.**

## 2017 SECRET SANTA DRIVE *Susan Walsh*



WRAPPING PARTY!  
12PM-3PM

# Secret SANTA

**SATURDAY DEC 17**  
**FOOD | DRINKS | TONS OF FUN**  
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Alameda “Headstart” Program has over 300 children enrolled of which 25 of the “most in need” have been selected to participate in AYC Secret Santa 2017 Drive.

The childrens’ letters to Santa and tracking sheet will be posted on the AYC notice board. If you sponsor a child please write your name and contact information on the tracking sheet.

A wrapping party will be hosted at AYC on Saturday December 16th from noon to 3pm. Drinks and festive snacks will be provided. Last year this was a blast so feel free to bring your gifts as all the elves will be busy.

All gifts should be wrapped and placed under the AYC Christmas tree by December 16th as the

Headstart Team will pick them up from the club on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for all who participate. I know last year our club’s generosity was amazing!!!

If you have any question, do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers!!

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*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**

**[Shirleytess549@hotmail.com](mailto:Shirleytess549@hotmail.com)**

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## AYC BURGEE FLIES IN DUBLIN IRELAND *Susan Walsh*

In November, I had the opportunity to represent the Alameda Yacht Club in my hometown of Dublin, Ireland where I visited the Royal St. George Yacht Club (RSGYC). The club is located in Dun Laoghaire, a small coastal town in County



Dublin, which is where I grew up. I have very fond memories of this area as I had friends in the RSGYC and my grandfather was a member of the National Yacht Club, located next door.

The RSGYC was founded in 1838. Initially a rowing club, it soon grew as a racing and cruising club when construction of the clubhouse was complete in 1843. It is situated at the entrance to Dun Laoghaire pier. Even

today, no trip home is complete without a walk down the pier. The club is breathtaking, such an old building in a prime location!

This visit was even more special because I was able to bring my parents with me. It had been years since they had been to the club and were really looking forward to visiting it again. We were met at the door by the Club Steward, Caoimhe Lawlor, who, after lunch, gave us a tour of the yacht club and facilities. I presented to Caoimhe with an AYC burgee. She was delighted to accept a piece of AYC.



This was certainly a trip down memory lane and an honor to visit such a beautiful and historic yacht club. It also highlighted the benefits that come with being a member of AYC. I encourage all members traveling abroad to take advantage of our reciprocal privileges as you never know where you might end up!

Cheers,  
Susan



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# 2017 in Review



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