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The Anchor

Happy Memorial Day!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



May 5th
Land Cruise G Gate Fields



May 19th
Country Western Party



May 26-27th
Cruise-out San Rafael YC



AYC loves Opening Day on the Bay

Shown above are the AYC members and guests who participated in the 101st Opening Day on the Bay parade on April 22nd. AYC was well represented in the parade with five boats and twenty five members and guests on board. See page 8 for more pictures.



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COMMODORE John Dovano



Yes, it's me in my Stetson hat, practicing for the Country Western party coming up this month- well okay, it's not a Stetson but it's close enough. I hope you all are going to attend and will be wearing your finest Stetsons and chaps. And why not invite a friend or two to help make it an even bigger party. Tess tells me she's booked a great band- **The Dynamics** to play for us (could it be the group from Glasgow Scotland)?? (See the flyer on page 6).

AYC had a lot going on last month both on the water and at the club, starting out with the cruise-out to Angel Island on the 7th, the General Membership Meeting on the 14th, the USCG sponsored whaleboat rowing race awards ceremony on the 21st, Opening Day on the Bay on the 22nd, and Friday night dinner on the 27th were we hosted a cruise in from the San Rafael Yacht Club and a birthday party for the son of Kevin & Dorothy Mueller. Now is that a busy month or what?

Opening Day was a little different for me this year. I thought that since I am Commodore of AYC, I would watch the parade from the PICYA sponsored Committee Boat and have a chance to meet some of the PICYA officers and spread the word about our club. It was also a good place to take pictures of our entries as well as other boats. The wonderful day was capped off by coming back to the club in time to enjoy the lunch that Tess had prepared for the participants in the parade.

Now, onto May which is shaping up to be another great month at AYC!



Don't forget to check out our website at www.aycinc.org and our Facebook at www.facebook.com/alamedayc for more recent news, events & photos!



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VICE COMMODORE *Valerie Storm*



Well, Spring has sprung and, with the celebration of Opening Day on the Bay, boating season has officially begun. There are lots of activities coming in May - cruise outs, cruise ins, club parties, and everything else that comes with great weather, great members, and a great club. Bring your friends to one of our events and show off everything the Alameda Yacht Club has to offer.

On April 21st, the 29th Annual Coast Guard Challenge, a whale boat race around Coast Guard Island, took place. And for the eighth year, the awards ceremony was held at the AYC. It was a hot afternoon, so the new umbrellas saved the day - as did the ice-cold beers! The deck was full of rowers from all around the bay area. It was great hearing all the stories from the day's race and learning about other races that go on in our area. When one of the rowers talked about a rowing from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Bay Bridge, I was hooked! So, in the next couple of months you might see Susan and me rowing around the estuary or even the Golden Gate Bridge!

Before getting too invested in whaleboat rowing, I wanted to find out a bit about these vessels. These boats have a long and interesting history! The whaleboat is an open boat, pointed at both ends so that it can move forward or backward with ease. Designed after Viking boats of the 11th century, the boat can have a sail for sea crossings, or oars for use with large rowing crews. The boats were used in ancient cultures to hunt whales for food. Modern cultures improved on the design of the boats, turning whaling into an industry. Whaleboats were also used in warfare as early as the 17th century in what is now Maine and Quebec, and in the Revolutionary War to mount raids against British troops. The Coast Guard has used whaleboats as safety vessels since 1791. And today, they are rowed around the bay for fun, sport, and to be reminders of their importance in maritime history.

See you on the water!



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STAFF COMMODORE *Tom Tazelaar*



A special thanks to the Dorothy and Kevin Mueller and Barbara Ann Patnode for a terrific Santa Maria tri-tip dinner on Friday April 27th. If you missed it, you missed a great meal. To start things off in May, I will lead off on the 4th with Roast Pork Loin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable, Western Slaw and Brownies and Ice Cream for dessert (\$10 per dinner, first 35 served). After that the slate is blank, and, as always, volunteer cooks are sought (sometimes desperately). If you can cook for a Friday night, drop me an e-mail at tazelaar@yahoo.com, sign up on the board outside the galley or catch me at the club. Bon Appetit!

SOCIAL CHAIR *Shirley Tess Huffman*



Hello everyone. I know that like me, you are wishing for some warm weather! Well, we have a wonderful event coming up this month to help warm things up. On Saturday May 19 we will be throwing our annual Country & Western party with a band called the Dynamics providing the live music (see page 6 for details). So come on out and invite your friends for an evening of camaraderie, good food and entertainment.



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CRUISE-OUT CHAIR *Dorothy & Kevin Mueller*



Our April Angel Island cruise out planning started with loads of eagerness until rains came and kept coming! The weather caused some cancellations with our cruisers. We had 9 boats signed up initially. The chirping sound again...another email containing regret that due to weather not going...And then there were three....well ya'll missed a great weekend! Not a drop of rain and blue skies! It was like we had the entire island to ourselves! We had a great weekend despite the rain!

The destination of our next cruise out will be to San Rafael Yacht Club for their Memorial Weekend Bash (May 25th-28th). A signup sheet will be posted in the club the first week in May. They are planning a big party Saturday night for us so don't miss it. Additionally, a scavenger hunt SRYC VS. AYC is in the planning stages! Other 'reindeer' games will be in play as well with treats and prizes galore! This will be one cruise out not to be missed!!!

The last Friday in April was a trip-fecta!! It was Friday Night Dinner, A cruise-In from San Rafael Yacht Club, and The Mueller's celebrated their son's 21st birthday with a surprise party, which included the awesome music of Rattletone and a tri-tip BBQ dinner. We want to thank Barbara Ann for all her help! This party was a huge success and hopefully everybody had a great time! San Rafael Yacht Club members definitely added to the fun! They are a great group of people. Thanks to everyone who helped celebrated our son's birthday as it was a special one!

2018 Calendar of Remaining Cruise-outs

DATE	VENUE	COMMENTS
May 26-27	San Rafael YC	
Jun 9-10	South Beach Harbor	
Jul 7-8	TBD	
Aug 18-19	Sequoia YC	
Sep 1-2	Schoonmaker Pt. Marina	Sausalito Art Festival
Oct 6-7	Presidio YC	Fleet Week
Dec 8-9	Berkeley YC	Lighted Boat Parade



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AYC presents our annual

**COUNTRY
WESTERN
DINNER-DANCE**

Saturday May 19th

Coctail hour 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

RIBS

BAKED BEANS

POTATOE SALAD & GREEN SALAD

APPLE PIE

\$15 ADVANCED RESERVATION

\$20 AT THE DOOR

Music by *The Dynamics*

8:30 p.m. To 11:30 p.m.

For reservations contact:

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2018 COAST GUARD CHALLENGE AWARDS PARTY AT AYC

AYC was chosen for the eighth year in a row to host the Awards Ceremony for one of the rowing races in the Coast Guard Challenge. There were 13 rowing clubs that competed in the race and approx. 130 people in attendance.



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OPENING DAY ON THE BAY SUNDAY APRIL 22

AYC was well represented in the parade with five boats and 25 members and guests in attendance. Pictured below: blessing of the fleet at Corinthian YC, the Patomac Yacht, Randy & Joanne "Compass Rose", Kevin & Dorothy "Fiona", Jim & Kim "Noa Makani", and Tom T. "Windance"



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MICHAEL POPES BIRTHDAY PARTY

Michael Pope celebrated his Rock and Roll themed 57th birthday with friends and family at AYC on Saturday, March 3rd. Lots of fun energy flowed through the club with dancing to “The Big Jangle”, a great Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers cover band. Mexican food was catered by Alameda’s “El Caballo Wraps”, wonderful appetizers prepared by club members, Terry Tracy, Jami Lee and Liz Doyle. Audrey Villar made a super cute “Sugar” birthday cake, (Michael’s nickname after a hooker Halloween costume from a past party!) I heard the bar showed record revenue, it was a blast and a birthday party we will never forget! Michael sported a “Pope” hat through most of the evening which was hard to not laugh at. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the party so special, I couldn’t have done it without all of your help! As the weather was not what we had hoped with rain in the forecast, I rented a large circus-looking like tent for the occasion and it kept everyone dry. Thank you to everyone who helped with stringing lights around the perimeter of the deck and overall for the help pulling it all together. We appreciate our AYC family and hope everyone had as much fun as we did! Rock on- Barbara Pope



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2018 OPENING DAY ON THER BAY PARADE WINNERS

2018 Opening Day Prize List		#	Skipper	Boat	Club
Best Overall Boat U.S./WARD CLEVELAND	ONE	110	Mark Christiansen	Fiat Lux	Emeryville YC
	1st	101	James Purvis	Sans Souci	Marin YC
	2nd	161		Anabel	South Beach YC
Powerboat Decorated to Theme (Class 100) CAPTAIN MORGAN	3rd	158	Wallace Parker/ Noel Hanson	Karrma	Loch Lomond YC
	1st	210	Glen Krawiec	Planet Earth	Island YC
	2nd	213	Tim and Sandy Ellenberger	Hummingbird	San Jose SC
Sail Boat Decorated to Theme (Class 200) PIER 39	3rd				
	1st	301	Graham Biehl	Wee Willie	St Francis YC
	2nd	344	Lloyd Ritchey	Breakout	Bay View BC
Juniors (Class 300) MARINE WORLD	3rd				
	1st		St Francis Yacht Club		
	2nd		Classic Yacht Association		
Flags and Streamers (Class 400/500) ROYAL CRUISE LINE	3rd		Aeolian		
	1st		Mike Higgins	Jean Alden	None
	2nd				
Any Decorated Boat (700)	3rd				
	1st	806	Gregory/ Kathy Jones	Midnight Madness	Capitol City YC
	2nd	815		Venture	Presidio YC
Not Decorated (800)	3rd	820	Matthew Cannon	Good Omen	South Beach YC

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California Boater Safety Course

As of January 1, 2018, the California Division of Boating and Waterways requires all boaters to carry the California Boater Card while operating a recreational motorized vessel (including powered sailboats and paddle crafts) on California waterways. The card can be obtained after successfully completing an approved boater education course. The education requirement will be phased in over a span of 8 years. For more info go to <https://www.boat-ed.com/california/>



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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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DATE	EVENT	HOST	ENTERTAINMENT
May 19	Western Party	Shirley (Tess) Huffman	TBD
June 16	Pirate Party	Forrest Reed	TBD
July 21	AYC Birthday Party	John Dovano	TBD
August 25	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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