



COMMODORE *JIM RUTHERFORD*

And just like that, September is gone, and here it is October and time for club elections. The general membership meeting is being held on October 17th at AYC and via zoom. Just like the last general membership meeting an email with the zoom link will be sent with information on how attend.

Seems like it's been so long ago since I was elected to be your Commodore. My goals were to make the club more inclusive, bolster our racing program, improve the club house and place it on a better financial footing. Things were going great, more people were showing up for our social events, Jeff had set up an ambitious racing program, club repairs were underway, including paint, upgrades of new ceiling tiles and lighting. All this was possible due to members donating materials, time and expertise. The club was moving forward and was started to make money. Then the Pandemic brought it all to a screeching halt and the club was ordered to close and my priorities had to shift from growth to survival mode. Thanks to the memberships paying their dues on time, cash donations and a rent reduction we are surviving. And now that the club has been able to open for outdoor dining, we are starting to make up some of the loses incurred during the closer. Things are looking better but we are not out of the woods yet.

I would like to thank Clair Rommel for all her help and guidance, Ian Stride for stepping up to be Rear Commodore and taking control of the bar, BarbaraAnn Patnode for making sure the money was where it should be, Dorothy Mueller for being secretary and keeping the minutes and agenda, Tom Tazelaar for taking the lead on the reopening of the club and running the galley for way too many months, Mark Rommel, Susie McCaffrey, Misa Gidding-Chatfield, Aracely Perez, Kim Trotter, Kevin Mueller, Eduardo Vargas, Jeff Lee and the membership for the countless hours of work to help make AYC what is today. Without you there would be no Alameda Yacht Club.

Jim Rutherford
Commodore AYC

VICE COMMODORE *CLAIR ROMMELL*

I have been asked about new memberships. We have postponed any new memberships because they have not been able to meet the majority of members. However, we will introduce and vote on new members at our General Membership meeting October 17th. If you are a sponsor, please make sure the applicants have their membership application and initial fee in as soon as possible. Please mark the dates they have been participating in dinners or charity events. I am excited about some of the new potential members. Get those applications in to me.

It has definitely been an interesting year, so much thanks to Commodore Jim, Rear Commodore Ian, Susie Mac, Misa and Mark Rommel, they have been my rock during the past 6 months. Can't say it's a pleasure but definitely an adventure and that is what life should be.

Thank you for letting me serve as your Vice Commodore.

REAR COMMODORE *IAN STRIDE*

Glad to say that bar sales are still increasing as we deal with everything that this year has presented us with.

Tijuana Nights" was a huge success and it was the most the bar has taken since "Project Re-start" – I think the tequila specials helped because, let's face it, we all love a bargain, right? It was reminiscent of parties we had pre-Covid, social distancing and limited attendance notwithstanding. Buen trabajo Aracely y familia! Hope we can put something similar together in the near future.

I am so appreciative of all the help that I have received since I have taken over this role and also the positive attitude around the club. Positivity is contagious, so lets keep it going!

Love to Misa, who finished the deep clean of all the bar fridges, and I am sure they have not looked this good in many moons – red or otherwise.

Please get in touch with suggestions, criticisms, and, of course, offers of help Keepin' Hope Alive!

Your AYC Rear Commodore team – Ian, Susie and Misa.

TREASURE *BARBARA ANN PATNODE*

Hi all. Fourth quarter billing is all set to go out the beginning of October.

Note, statements will go out to every member as information is included regarding the General membership meeting.

Speaking of Statements, I prefer sending statements verses invoices as statements show past payments. There are two places on the statement that show the amount due. 1) the upper right-hand corner under date is the TOTAL DUE and 2) lower right-hand corner under the title Amount Due.

AYC bills quarterly, thus most statement will show \$120 due. (3 months at \$40/month)

If your statement shows a positive number higher than \$120, you are behind in your dues

If your statement has a zero in the two spots above, you are pay through the end of the year.

If your statement has a negative number, this means you have paid ahead and owe no dues at this time.

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AYC dues are, payable by the 15th of the month. Please pay your dues on time. Remember, AYC Dues may be paid with Zelle, directly from your bank, find the Transfer & Pay section while logged into your bank account, add a recipient like "AYC Dues." Associate this recipient with the Email address (AlamedaYachtclub@comcast.net). Enter the amount you would like transferred adding your membership # in the memo section.

PORT CAPTIAN **MARK ROMMELL**

Although this cruise in season was not what we expected, we did get visits from Ballena Bay and Corinthian. It is always great to have visiting clubs. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Port Captain for the past two years.

CRUISE DIRECTOR **DORTHY AND KEVIN MUELLER**

Unfortunately these cruise out directors do not have much to recapping to do for this past year. We started out strong in December when we attended Berkeley Yacht Club's lighted boat parade and festivities. In March we sailed over to Point San Pablo Yacht Club for a dual cruise out with many San Rafael Yacht Club members. Even though we did not get to experience a full year of cruise outs, these two events were loaded with so much fun that the memories have an everlasting effect! More recently we had 6 boats attend the cruise out to Loch Lomond Yacht Club for one literally hot, hot, hot Labor Day weekend! Their club has a big deck for outside seating and their members came in and cooked just for us! It is always great to see those members as they are good people! Well folks, I really hope to see you all out on the water several times this upcoming year. We have some making up to do!

DIRECTOR / NEWSLETTER EDITOR **KIM TROTTER**

Jim and I enjoyed a break from reality and took a road trip in September for my birthday. We traveled over 4000 miles, and visited 6 National Parks and 8 western States! Highlights included Grand Tetons, although there was haze from our Western fires that had blown into Montana, Canyonlands and Arches in Utah, and Mesa Verde in Arizona. It was quite the trip! We are back, and refocused on work, home improvements and of course our wonderful little AYC.

Erich's fundraiser at AYC for the Alameda Food Bank was a great success, and you, the members, raised over \$800 for this charity! What a great achievement during the Pandemic. Special thanks to Erich and his team for spearheading this great idea. It was great to be able to still succeed in one of our goals: Charity.

Special thanks goes out to Jane Jackson, for her continued support of our dinners. She is there, nearly every night we serve dinner, volunteering as cashier or bartender. Thank you Jane!

Another shout out to Cheryl Franklin, who with Susie Mac's help, did a deep cleaning of the galley and bar floor. Thank you Cheryl!

Recycling is good for you and the environment. Cans and bottles should be placed in the recycling bins and not the garbage.

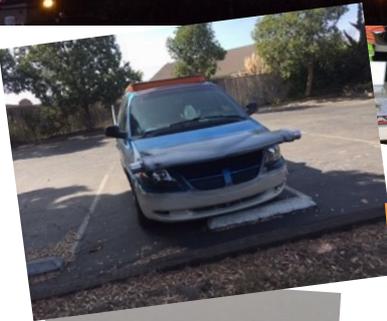
Lastly, our Planning and Development Committee is resuming! We need to get the club house back in order in preparation for when we can enjoy it again! We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. This is currently a live meeting on the deck, after Wednesday night dinner. Please come with your energy and ideas!

Calendar of Events

<u>October</u>	10/9-11 10/17	Cruise-Out: Fleet Week: Canceled General Membership Meeting/Elections Halloween – Host: Eduardo Vargas: Canceled
<u>November</u>	11/14	Commodore's Ball ?
<u>December</u>	?	?



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