



# The ANCHOR

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## From the Commodore, Ed Stetson

We had a great time at the Solano Y.C. Land Cruise, and even won their "Chile Cook-off". Also toured Jelly Belly and visited an olive oil tasting room.

Very light turnout for the Asparagus Festival, but we had a good time with two dinghies cruising downtown and the Hahn's cruising by SJRTD. Judy McCarty prepared a very nice, intimate, pasta dinner. Candles and everything.

Those of you that missed the Ox Bow cruise in, you missed a great time, see the event report further in this Anchor.

Delta Marina also cruised in this month, another fun group. Check out the pictures on the

web site. We filled the dock with 11 boats plus the Griffin and had a total of about 40 people each night and for Sunday breakfast. We tried a new event, The Run for the Roses", and it was great fun. Some people took it **VERY SERIOUSLY!**

We have a tremendous signup for the Ladies Day Cruise, so many ladies we are adding two more boats to get them all to Tower Park.

The Stetsons, Michaels, and McCarty's will be on the PICYA Alaska cruise June 10 – 20. Consequently we will miss the Bar-B-Q on the Green at Tower Park. I encourage everyone to participate; it is always a lot of fun. Kuehns are fleet captains.

As I mentioned last month, Driftwood Y.C. has a long standing tradition of supporting the "Make a Wish" foundation. Last year they presented a check to the foundation for over \$50,000. We have been asked to help support their effort in 2007. I have raffle tickets for a 2007 PT Cruiser at \$20.00 ea. The response has been pretty good so far, but I have lots more tickets. They have also asked if any of our boats would be willing to provide short cruises out of Driftwood on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. They sell cruises to the community. Tax deduction certificates will be provided for fuel costs. We will discuss this further in the coming months. The Griffin and Trixie Lee are planning to participate, contact me if you want to join in.



## From the Vice Commodore, Ken Dretzka

It's June... and the boating season is officially here!

Ladies' Day kicks off the month on the first Saturday. The last I heard there will be more than forty ladies all dressed in **RED** taking a cruise on the Delta. 'Sounds like some great photo opportunities are in the making. And it all begins a little before noon on the docks of the Marina West Yacht Club. 'See ya

there!  
The General Meeting takes place the following weekend on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. You don't know what you've been missing if you haven't been to a club meeting in a while. C'mon down and see what's happening. The next day, June 9<sup>th</sup> is Tower Park's BBQ on the Green. There's always a lot of fun to be had whether you cruise in to Tower Park via water or land. Check out their web site: [www.towerparkyachtclub.com](http://www.towerparkyachtclub.com) for further details.

The PICYA sponsored Alaskan Cruise departs on June 10<sup>th</sup> for a glorious ten day excursion. A few of our club members are lucky enough to be booked on this cruise. I sure hope they take lots of pictures and look forward to their reports upon their return.  
'Look forward to seeing you on the water!

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**Rear Commodore, Tev Liotard**

**THE JUNE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS  
ARE CANCELLED**

**DUE TO VACATIONS, CRUISES, ETC.**

**AS A RESULT, THERE WILL NOT BE A QUORUM.**

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS ARE  
JULY 13, 2007 SEE EVERYONE THERE!**

**Ed Stetson, Commodore**

**Port Captain Jeff Rose**

This month was a little hectic for me. I was out of town for two of the functions so look to the Commodores Report for more information on what we all missed. The Running of the

Roses weekend with Delta Marina YC was super. We had 11 boats and Griffin. I'm looking forward to Memorial Weekend where we will have our boats at the docks and it looks like that

should be about 8 boats. If anyone wants to use the docks, let me know. I'm usually available to help.

**P.I.C.Y.A. Report—Jack Michael, SC—Delegate**

I joined with Commodore Ed and First Lady Bonnie, Richard Hardy and Joan Marsh-Clune in representing MWYC at the May Delegates Meeting at the Oyster Point YC. This meeting was dedicated to the presentation of awards for the Opening Day on the Bay Parade. The best award of the evening was the Filet Mignon smothered in mushroom sauce, along with Caesar salad, and steamed vegetables which was served for dinner. I believe they out did last year's filet that they served for this award dinner, and it was such a joy to get off the "chicken circuit"!

Richard Hardy has been appointed as one of the three MWYC Delegates to PICYA. He replaces Tony de la Llera as a matter of convenience. Thank you Tony for being a Delegate the past several years, and Richard for taking on the responsibility.

The June Delegates Meeting will be on Monday, the 4th, at the Vallejo YC. Let me know if you want to go.

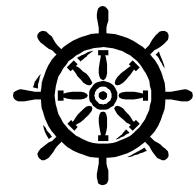
The next PICYA event of interest to MWYC members, unless you want to help out with or participate in some sailing regattas, is the

Wheel Chair Regatta on September 29, 2007 at the conclusion of our MWYC Bay Cruise. This is a very rewarding experience to give our veterans a day on San Francisco Bay. The Encinal YC hosts this event for the PICYA, and they have substantially improved the loading and unloading process from past years. I strongly encourage participation in this event and our Bay Cruise. It is the best opportunity to learn and practice your boat handling techniques under varying situations, and enjoy the boating environment of "The Bay". If you can't participate

**BIRTHDAYS**

**JUNE**

Jack McCarty  
Karen Kuehn  
Candy Calloway  
Jeff Rose  
Bob Shannon  
Betty de la Llera  
Ed Stetson



on the water, the Wheel Chair Regatta and BBQ can use plenty of help on the shore side.

The PICYA is again sponsoring a scholarship program with the Western Boating Safety Group. There will be at least three \$2500 scholarships awarded. To be eligible, students must have parents, grandparents, or guardians who are members of a PICYA member yacht club. An Application Form is on the Club bulletin board. Make a copy and submit it by August 30, 2007.

If you have questions about PICYA give me a call!



## R.B.O.C. Report, Jack Michael SC, Representative

In my May report, I focused on the R.B.O.C. sponsored AB 1458 (Duvall), the "Vessel Operator Certification" legislation, which had recently been amended. This month I am reporting that AB 1458 has been parked in the Assembly Appropriations Committee until next year.

A short explanation for those who may not be familiar with the legislative process is in order. The Legislature operates by Sessions which cover a two year period. The Sessions are governed by Joint Rules adopted by the Assembly and the Senate. The Joint Rules contain dates by which actions must be taken, such as deadlines by which each bill must be reported to their

respective house floor. In this case, the Rule that applies requires bills to be reported to the floor of their House of Origin by June 1, 2007. Although AB 1458 passed out of the Assembly policy committee with no negative votes and no listed opposition, issues began surfacing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

What do I mean by "AB 1458 has been parked"? The Joint Rules also set a deadline for bills to be reported to their respective house floors in the second year of the Session. Parking a bill in committee gives the bill sponsor and author time to work out opposition issues. It is always difficult

to get good legislation passed in Sacramento, and AB 1458 is good legislation. The bill is simple, short, accomplishes the objective of making boating safer, and adds financial responsibility and oversight to millions of boater's dollars.

Our RBOC President Lenora Clark and Legislative Advocate Jerry Desmond, Jr. have done an excellent job in drafting this bill and getting it to this point in the legislative process. We all need to give them our support as they continue grinding through the process.

You may recall that I reported in May that the bill contains an excellent provi-

sion regarding the \$27 million in boater taxes and fees that have been transferred to the Department of Parks and Recreation each year recently, and that the provision would likely not survive the legislative process. It simply requires that the funds be specifically identified and justified! This provision has brought some opposition and I suspect has made it somewhat political with all of the other major money issues that are being dealt with in Sacramento. Buying more time while preserving what has already been accomplished is a good idea.

Get out and enjoy your boats, fight the wind, soak up the sun, and I will keep track of your interests, but, please stay tuned!! I'll be back with more next month!

## Monthly Safety Tips/Reminders—Safety Officer, Jack McCarty

### Bigger On The Water, Not Only Means Bigger, But Danger As Well!

#### The Law Of Gross Tonnage

by Wayne Spivak, National Press Corps, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

In a recent news release issued by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary wanted to educate boaters, specifically recreational boaters about the dangers of playing in traffic.

Traffic, as defined by both the release and the federal navigation rules are "narrow channels" that "restrict the movement of vessels, which are constrained by their

draft". Herein lies the tale of why us small boaters should not play in traffic when the big boats are there.

#### Federal Law

The "Rules of the Road", which were enacted in 1980, are contained in a book called "Navigation Rules; International-Inland" COMDINST M16672.2D and published March 25th, 1999. You can download a copy of the rules from the USCG ([http://www.navcenter.org/mwv/mwv\\_files/NR\\_Files/navrules.pdf](http://www.navcenter.org/mwv/mwv_files/NR_Files/navrules.pdf)) or purchase it from either the US Government Printing Office or at your local marine supplier.

Every boater should be familiar with the "Rules of

the Road". Just as you are supposed to be familiar with the vehicle and traffic laws, you should be familiar with the nautical rules as well. "Ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking it..." Oliver Wendell Holmes, The Common Law (1881).

Please note: all vessels that are 39.4 feet or larger are required by federal law to have a copy of this book on their vessel at all times.

Rule number 9 – Narrow Channels, Inland states that:

"(b) A vessel of less than 20 meters [65 feet] in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only

within a narrow channel or fairway.

The local boating public should be aware of the penalty provisions within U.S. Code, Title 33, Section 2072, that specify "Whoever operates a vessel in violation of the navigation rules is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation, for which penalty the vessel may be seized and the case shall be brought before the district court of the United States of any district within which the vessel may be found."

Now that the legalese has been stated, let's discuss in rational terms why you, the recreational boater should not play in traffic. (Con't on Pg. 5)



## Safety Officer (continued from pg. 4)

### Law of Gross Tonnage

The law, which is more common sense than explicitly written in the code, goes like this: "The heavier vessel always has the right-of-way."

This is based on simple Newtonian physics. Newton's first law talks about objects in motion stay in motion unless another force is acted upon it. In other words, if a boat is moving east at 5 mph and you were in the vacuum of space, it would never stop traveling east at 5 mph. However, we all know when we stop our engine on our boat, we slow down.

How long it takes to go

from 5 mph to zero depends on wind, and current. Even if there was no wind or current, we'd still slow down, because the water itself provides friction upon the hull of the boat, and that in itself acts as a brake.

We have all observed that the bigger the object, the longer it takes to slow down. Newton's second law of physics talks about how the amount of force required to move an object is inversely proportional to the mass of the object.

So, if a tug and barge were traveling down a narrow channel, and you stopped your boat 1,000

feet away, right in front of the tug and barge; and, if the master of the tug saw you immediately; and if the master of the tug immediately began to stop the tug and barge; you'd have less than one minute to move your vessel.

If you didn't move your vessel in less than 60 small seconds, the tug and barge would just run right over you. It would be impossible for the master of the tug to stop, based on the collective mass of both the vessel and the barge, in 1,000 feet.

The law of gross tonnage is un-relenting. It is a fact of life. Another fact of life is that you should not depend on the master of the tug or any other large vessel is able to see you, either visually or on radar.

### Radar and Visual Lookouts

Radar, lookouts and even VHF radio's all work the same. They actually work on the same basic principles of physics. Yes, physics that subject most of us hated in high-school rears its ugly head, yet again!

Radar, and VHF Radio, as well as your ability to see something, is all based on "line-of-sight". If it is not in your field of vision, you won't be able to see it.

Think about it? Have you

ever looked for something, but couldn't find it, and it was right under your nose? How about walking with a small dog, and it disappears on you, because it is right under your feet, but you don't see it, because you're looking further a field, away from you.

This same principle is at work with radar, and your VHF radio. The radar antenna on a large boat is raised much higher over the water. This enables the ship to see farther out to sea. However, on the downside, it also gives a larger blind area.

The radar waves generated from the antenna are narrow beams of energy. A properly configured radar antenna won't begin to come near the surface of the water until its maximum state range. So a 24-mile radar will scoot high above the surface for large distances before the waves will begin to pick-up objects that are close to the surface.

Recreational boats are close to the surface. So, even though you may be a quarter-mile away from a large vessel, the lookout, be it human, electronic or both, may never be able to see you.

### Lessons Learned

So, to sum up today's lesson in physics. Don't play in front of large ships. They are bigger, they are dangerous, and they may never see you.

## Club Manager, Jeff Rose

The functions have been great all month. I wish we could have been at all of them. Delta Marina takes very good care of our refreshment center (bar).

If anyone would like to use the clubhouse for a private function, please call to let me know so I can reserve it for you.

If you use the BBQ, which I hope you do, keep an eye out on the charcoal. I have it for the club functions but might not have much extra. You will need to

pick some up if you are using the BBQ.

Hope to see you for the holiday weekend.





## OX BOW Y.C. Cruise-In By Ed Stetson

Five of Ox Bow's boats cruised in to the club on Friday, joined by Griffin. Four more boats were scheduled to cruise in on Saturday, but decided to drive in due to the high winds. And it did blow!

The McCrays served a dinner of hamburgers and several salads and Bob Shannon volunteered to tend bar. It was a very nice evening, topped off by a rousing game of "Quarters".

Saturday the "Real" Ox Bow showed up!

We awakened to find a "Flamingo Nest" on top of the light pole in the parking lot. The rest of the day was quiet, they had lunch in the Solarium and we tended bar and visited.



About 1500 hrs Ox Bow cleared out of the clubhouse and we began decorating for the Cinco De Mayo party. We went to the Aviary (storeroom) to get our flamingo family to dress them for the event. **THEY HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED!** Following an extensive search, which focused on a locked van in the parking lot, the Sheriff was notified and the clubhouse was sealed off as a crime scene. (For some reason the Sheriff did not take this crime very seriously, they didn't even send CSI).

As time for the evenings festivities approached, we noticed a flurry of activity around the aforementioned van.

The suspects entered the clubhouse.



I was presented a "Ransom Note" which demanded the return of their "Trout" and that I perform the "Flamingo Strut". As the Trout was formally interred last year, and there was no way I was going to do a dance, their conscience got the better of them and our family was returned. Fortunately unharmed.



The evening continued with Tequila Shooters, a fine Mexican meal prepared and served by the McCrays and Lynn Hahn and lots of good natured ribbing between the two clubs. All of the pictures should be on the web site by the time you read this. I told you not to miss this club's cruise-in. What a great and fun group of people.



**Schedule of Events  
JUNE**

- 2nd **Ladies Day**
- 8th Board & General Meeting
- 9th & 10th Keuhn's Fleet Captn.
- 9th & 10th Tower Park Day
- 10th—20th—PICYA Alaska Cruise
- 22nd—24th—Cruise-In TBD  
Keuhn's—Fleet Captains

June 2007						
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**Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!**



**The 2007 Yachting Yearbooks are now available at the Clubhouse.  
Ask a Club Officer to receive one.**

**Flotsam & Jetsam**

Stockton has hit the big time. We now have a cruise ship based at the City docks.

They will be running cruises locally, and cruises to the Bay with return by AMTRAK.

(And they have a Liquor License)



**Be Careful Boating  
Watch for Delta and Dawn**

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## CLUB CALENDAR 2007

January	27 Asparagus Festival	August	3 Commodore's Ball-Delta King
6 Change of Watch	27 Cruise-In—TBD	3 Cruise-In—Discovery Bay	9 Board & General Meeting
7 Board Meeting/Brunch	May	10 Board & General Meeting	9 Cruise-In—TBD
27 Crab Feed	4 Cruise-In—Oxbow YC	18 Dingy Poker Run@Haven Acres	16 Cruise-In—Caliente Isle YC
February	18 Board & General Meeting	31 Anchor Out	17 Casino Night
9 Board & General Meeting	18 Cruise-In—Delta Marina YC	September	December
10 Mystery Land Cruise	28 Memorial Day—Anchor Out	3 Labor Day—Anchor Out	1 Delta Reflections
16 Cruise-In Cruiser Haven	June	7 Pittsburg Seafood Fest Cruise	14 Board & General Meeting
March	2 Ladies Day	14 Board & General Meeting	15 Bart to SF-Christmas Shopping
9 Board & General Meeting	8 Board & General Meeting	21 Bay Cruise	31 New York New Years Eve
9 Cruise-In Delta Bayliners	9 Tower Park BBQ o/t Green	October	
16 Cruise-Out—Driftwood	10 P.I.C.Y.A. Alaskan Cruise	12 Board & General Meeting	
April	22 Cruise-In—TBD	12 Cruise-In TBD	
13 Board & General Meeting	July	20 A Taste of Autumn	
14 Opening Day on the Delta	4 Anchor Out	26 Cruise-Out—Oxbow YC	
14 Pirates @ MWYC	13 Board & General Meeting	November	
20 Cruise-Out—Solano YC	14 Cruise-In—TBD		
21 Chili Cook Off—Solano YC	20 Cruise-Out-Devils Island		