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From the Commodore, Ed Stetson

August was a busy month. We had a nice visit with members of "Riverview Yacht Club" at the general meeting. Nice people, we may indeed have some "synergy" with them for the future.

Now I know what an Alligator Race is, (another excuse to drink, eat, and have fun). Four couples dinged down the San Joaquin to Haven Acres for this event on Saturday the 11th. Then out to dinner from the club when we got back. Thanks to Ken & Judy for organizing this event, lots of fun.

The Petaluma YC cruised in on Saturday the 18th for dinner and breakfast on Sunday. Somehow their reservation got lost in the shuffle so we did not know they were coming until about two weeks prior to their arrival. Thanks to all our members who turned out on short notice to help host them. This

was part of their two week "Delta Cruise" and the first time they had cruised in to MWYC in quite a long time. Good people and we had a fine time.

The weekend of the 24th through the 26th brought the Pittsburg YC cruise in for "Hot August Night". Seven boats and 17 people joined by one of our boats and 18 MWYC members made for a great time. Again thanks to our members for turning out to help host these visitors. Ethylene even showed up with a tenor to sing to us. That is what makes MWYC unique in my mind. We always have people there to make visitors feel welcome and appreciated. You don't experience that at many other clubs. Thanks to Lynn Hahn for preparing breakfast for both cruises, helping decorate, serve and everything else she helps with.

Special thanks to the "First Lady" for all her help this month on the

cruise-ins.

It is great having Doc Harper back, and not just because he pruned the olive trees, cleaned up the side yard, tended bar for both cruises and generally made himself useful without being asked. He is also so much fun to tease.

Thanks to Jack McCarty for installing a new light pole at the top of the dock ramp, it was about to fall down.

There are still spots available for the Bay and Blue-water cruises, contact the Commodore.



From the Vice Commodore, Ken Dretzka

It's hard to believe that September is already here! While Labor Day signals the "official" end of the boating season, there are those among us that know better. September is the beginning of probably some of the best boating in Northern California.

The Pittsburg Seafood Festival is the destination for the 2nd weekend, September 8th. The Commodore and First Lady will be our Fleet Captains for this Cruise Out of fun, food, R&R, more food, more fun, etc., etc. Last year, a great time was had by all that attended and this year promises to be even better. Not only will there be a bunch

of "go fast boats" racing at speeds too fast to believe, there will be "Splash Dogs" doing their thing and the Delta Air Show with the Patriot Jets will also be performing. You won't want to miss out...get those reservations in!

September 14th is the night of our General Meeting. Not only is it always a good time to visit with friends, we also have a lot to talk about regarding our club and its future. C'mon down and throw your two cents in. We need all your thoughts and ideas.

The MWYC annual Bay Cruise begins on September 21st. And there's still time to join in. This year looks to have very interesting

ports of call on the agenda. If you like to boat, golf or shop, visit a few yacht clubs, or just enjoy the San Francisco Bay, this trip could be for you. Usually the Wheel Chair Regatta is the culmination of the trip but this year our Commodore is taking it one more step... BLUEWATER to Santa Cruz! Let Ed know if you have any questions.

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GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14th

\$12.50—Dinner

RSVP to Lynn Hahn

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Meet the members from Riverview Yacht Club

Port Captain/Club Manager— Jeff Rose

The Club dock is available for the Labor Day Weekend. Just let me know that you are coming so I can reserve a space for you.

Bring meat to grill and a side dish to share. When you use the club-

house, be sure to clean up after yourself. It is ant season and small morsels left behind are a banquet for the ants.

Give me a call if you see something that needs fixing. My cell phone number is

printed on Page 2 of The ANCHOR.

ENJOY AND HAVE A SAFE WEEKEND!

Jeff

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

Commodore Stetson and First Lady Bonnie joined Mary Lee and I at Stockton Yacht Club for the August Delegates Meeting. We celebrated Mary Lee's Birthday she always enjoys getting to celebrate specials occasions at functions of our various volunteer organizations!! At least it was a short drive. The next Delegates Meeting will be on Monday, September 10th, at San Joaquin YC. This is fairly close, so you may want to join us! Let me know soon, because

reservations are mandatory!!

As reported last month, the next PICYA event of interest to MWYC members is the Wheel Chair Regatta on September 29, 2007 at the conclusion of our MWYC Bay Cruise. I strongly encourage participation in this event and our Bay Cruise. The Wheel Chair Regatta has been established as a 501C(3) tax exempt organization, so participation is tax deductible, including polo

shirts, fuel, etc. Please consider driving to Encinal YC in Alameda for the WCR, if your not going on Bay Cruise, because help on the land side is always needed. More importantly, those of us that will have our vessels can always use crew!

if you haven't picked up your 2007 PICYA Yachting Yearbook, come to the Club and get it!!

The PICYA Fall Management Conference is October 13, this year. It is

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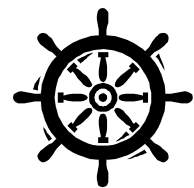
September

Bonnie Stetson

Scott Nelson

Peggy Greening

Pat Patmon



earlier than usual, so officers should be sure to put it on their calendars, and members should consider attending to learn more about yacht club operations. It just occupies a few hours of your Saturday and will be held at the Stockton Sailing Club this year. Can't be much closer!

If you have questions about PICYA give me a call!



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

The Legislature finally finished their summer Budget Dance! I am not sure of the status of the many Budget Trailer bills as I prepare this report, but less than a month remains in this half of the Session for "Legislative Mischief" to take place!

I hope you have all sent letters to your Congress member and Senator regarding support of HR 2550, the legislation intended to enable EPA to continue the current exemption from permits for discharge of waste water from recreational vessels.

If you haven't, you can get all of the information to do so by going on line to www.rboc.org.

Back to the State Legislature, for a moment, there are a couple of issues that RBOC is working on. Vessel Registration Fees, AB 118 (Nunez), would increase the fee from \$20 to \$40 every two years, until 2016, to fund research and development of alternative fuels. RBOC is trying to get the fee and duration reduced and will oppose the bill unless it is so amended in a way that assures any

research and development also applies to vessel engines. They are also working on a measure to get the \$27 million in boater fees and taxes that go to the State Parks Department returned to Boating & Waterways, or at least specifically prioritized to result in benefits to boaters.

In RBOC's latest "Key Issues" paper, there is a measure, AB 695 (Karnette) that would require boat owners to demonstrate that their gas engines meet new air

emission requirements applicable to model year 2008 and newer engines. This could be a big problem!! I will find out more about this issue and get back to everyone that has an E-mail address!

I'll be back next month to inform you of the damage, and may need letters from you in the mean time! So, stay tuned!!

Monthly Safety Tips/Reminders—Safety Officer, Jack McCarty

Anchor Hang-Ups

Some of the happiest parts of boating are the things that happen when you're standing still: a quiet picnic in the lee of a remote islet; an impromptu game in a friendly cove; or a splash ashore to an inviting beach. In all of those situations - or even if your boat is small enough that it can be driven or dragged onto dry land - you'll want to secure it with an anchor.

Of course, there can be other reasons for dropping the hook that may not be quite as much fun: an unexpected loss of power; a sudden change in weather; or the need to reorient after missing a turn in unfamiliar waters.

Whatever the motive, anchoring is one of those deceptively simple exercises that can be a source of all the wrong kind of surprises.

For example, nothing identifies us as alumnae of the School for Seagoing Simpletons quite as decisively as bending down at the skipper's signal to give the anchor the old heave-ho — and finding it is securely lashed to the deck. Or to toss it out with the appropriate elan, only to have it jerk to a stop a full foot above the water because of a kinked chain or knotted rode. (Crustier seadogs refer to the anchor line as a "rode," most likely to avoid being understood. This can be useful information for someone striv-

ing to recover lost face on the backlash of an embarrassing gaffe: "What fool fouled the rode? Shiver me timbers.") And then there's the boater who is so afraid of losing his anchor to thieves that he padlocks it in place and leaves the key in a cigar box under the work bench in his garage.

Here are some of the other common anchoring pit-falls, and some easy tips on how to avoid them.

The anchor, the rode or both can be tangled up with mooring lines, fishing equipment, even with ankles of passers-by. Keep it clear; the times you're going to need it are often spur-of-the-moment, and sometimes unforgiving.

The boat is moving backwards so fast the anchor sleds above the bottom, or if the hook has already taken a bite the rode is playing out too fast to be snubbed off. Use your sail or motor to move up on it.

Someone grabs a fast-moving anchor rode and loses skin. Anchor handling is one of the best reasons to wear gloves, which should be kept close to where they're needed.

The part of the anchor rode which is supposed to be attached to the boat - called the "bitter end" by those who speak the language - isn't, and it follows the anchor overboard (thence, possibly, the name.) This is another situation best



Boating Safety continued

corrected in advance.

The wind or tide shifts, and the swinging boat fouls on someone else's anchor rode or bangs into an adjacent vessel. One way to avoid this is to secure both bow and stern. Another is to use two bow anchors, one on either side of the boat; this won't stop the boat from turning around, but it can greatly reduce the scope of the swing.

The anchor won't set. The most common reason is that the scope is too short for a good parallel pull along the bottom. This is easily corrected by playing out more rode. Other possibilities are the wrong type or size of anchor, or mud, clay or weed (usually requiring clearance by hand) fouls the flukes.

The anchor sets, but the boat settles back into the wrong position. This is a common problem in wind or moving water, because the anchor always hits bottom in a different place from where you let go of it. Pull it back up, clean the flukes if needed, and on your next try allow for drift.

The anchor is set, the scope is right, the weather is fair, so you turn in for the night — and two hours later you realize the boat has stopped rocking. This can be for a number of reasons: the weather, the tide and the current are in perfect stasis; you are in the tractor beam of an alien orbiter; or - and this is far more frequently the an-

swer - you didn't check out tide charts or the depth for your anchorage, and now you're on the bottom. One way to find out which of the above pertains is to lie perfectly still and wait; unless the sea bed is very deep mud, you're going to start sliding to one side or another in your bunk as the boat heels over. A good time to drain the sink, flush the head, secure the dinner ware, and thank God for the fact that His tides flow in both directions twice every day. This is one case where there's no immediate need to check the anchor.

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Schedule of Events

- Sept. 3—Labor Day at Club Dock
- Sept. 7—Pittsburg Seafood Fest Cruise Out
- Sept. 14—Board & General Meeting
- Sept 21—BAY CRUISE—Space Available—Call the Commodore
- OCTOBER
- 12th—Board & General Meeting
- 20th—A Taste of Autumn
- 26th—Cruise Out—Oxbow YC

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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.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		