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The PICYA finally

recognized our editor, Mary Lee Michael, for her efforts in putting together the MWYC ANCHOR! Of the 104 yacht clubs holding memberships in the PICYA, the MWYC ANCHOR placed third in overall GREATNESS in newsletters. Hats off to Mary Lee! (All we have to do now is find a place to display the trophy.)

The MWYC also



From the Commodore, Ken Dretzka

achieved a "Three Star Club" rating from the PICYA for 2008. Credit for this needs to go to our Parliamentarian and PICYA delegate, Jack Michael. Thanks Jack for making us stand out. Your continued liaison work with the PICYA is appreciated.

Further, the MWYC was recognized for having delegates present at all PICYA meetings for three consecutive years with no absents. Thanks to Richard Hardy, Jack Michael and Ed Stetson

for being there in behalf of the MWYC.

The weather during our November land cruise to the Solano Yacht Club could not have been better! But before we got down to business with the Chili Cook Off we were invited to participate in at the yacht club, Solano county's wineries laid in wait for us to visit. And that we did. Some wines were okay but some were almost great. All of us tasted. Some of us even went beyond and bought Con't Page 4



It's hard to believe, but here we are closing out another year.

I hope your calendar is not too full as we have some entertaining events through the end of this year and the beginning of 2009.

On December 6th we will once again sponsor our *Delta Reflections* lighted boat parade, and we expect Lynn Hahn to present us with great weather for the event. On December



From the Vice Commodore, John Mc Cray

13th we will have our Christmas party at Tower Park. You may make reservations for your boat through the Marina office at 209-464-0790.

I believe our Change of Watch is now scheduled for January 10th. Further information will be supplied by our Commodore Ken Dretzka. We will be having our annual crab feed at Tower Park on January 31st, so plan on attending and bring all your friends. The tickets will be priced at \$40 each this year due to the increase in crab cost. Again, you can make reservations for your boat at the ma-

rina at the number listed above. Christy McCray is in charge of the event.

On February 14th and 15th we will be touring *Lodi's Wine & Chocolate* event which is a two day passport deal. You may come either day or both. More details will follow in the January newsletter. The McCray's will be in charge of this event.

On February 28th we will be riding the rails to Old Sacramento for a day trip. This event has always been fun filled, and I can't wait. More details will follow in the next

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Rear Commodore, Judy Mc Carty

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at Tower Park. It will be on Sunday, December 13th, the morning after the Christmas Party. As of this date, I have been unable to get in contact with "Trish" at Tower Park. I'll keep trying. The evenings events will be very similar to last year's. With only a few minor changes. We will be having dinner, instead of Potluck Appetizers, and dancing after we open our gifts, if you want. If for some reason, Tower Park is not going to work out, we do have, a back up plan. E-mails will follow with finer details.

Just a reminder "Change" of Watch will be, Saturday, January 3 and the January Board Meeting will be the following Sunday morning. So save that weekend. Details will also be followed up with an e-mail message. If you have any questions or need updates I'm usually available, via e-m and will respond, generally, within 72 hours. If you need a faster reply please feel free to call. I'm sure you all have our four numbers.

Looking forward to the Christmas Party and seeing you all there.

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

DEC 1st—Richard Hardy

Only 1 Christmas Baby??



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

Marina West Yacht Club was represented at the November 3, 2008 PICYA Awards Dinner by Commodore Ken Dretzka and First Lady Judy, Junior Staff Commodore Ed Stetson and Bonnie, Delegate Richard Hardy and Joan Marsh-Clune, and Staff Commodore/Delegate Jack Michael and Mary Lee. As you read in the Commodore's Report, the large MWYC turn out was very pleased with the honors the Club received!

Also at this meeting was the election of PICYA officers for 2009. Our good friend Linda Breninger, of Oxbow YC, was elected to the office of Rear Com-

modore; and Bill Needham, Saint Francis YC; and Reginald Smith, Treasure Island YC were advanced to the offices of Commodore and Vice Commodore respectively. They will be formally installed at the Commodore's Ball and Installation, which will be held at Saint Francis YC, on January 31, 2009. This conflicts with the MWYC Crab Feed, so I am hoping that Richard Hardy and Joan Marsh-Clune are planning to attend the Commodore's Ball. It

would be nice to score the COTY (Club of the Year) points. I don't think we will be able to arrange a "Mother Sitter" to attend that event, but I'm hoping

we can get one so we can attend the closer to home Crab Feed!

This year four \$2500 PICYA scholarships were awarded to worthy students, three funded by the Western Boating Safety Group and one by PICYA. The Scholarship Program will be held again in 2009 so keep it in mind if you have children, grand children, nieces, nephews, or other relatives looking for college scholarships.

The dates for the PICYA Leadership and Management Conferences have already been set for February 21, 2009, Pittsburg YC and October 24,

2009, Aeolian YC. I encourage our officers and any other member to plan on attending these sessions. Put them on your calendar now!! I have been attending these for at least 14 years and have learned something valuable at each one!

I wish you all a very Happy and Merry Holiday Season!



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

Since my report last month, the financial condition of State Government reportedly continues to deteriorate. Likely, the major focus of RBOC legislative activity will be to protect boater generated revenue the State receives for boater related purposes, because everyone will be after it! I am already seeing TV ads, funded by an Indian tribe, presumably trying to protect their gambling revenues. Of course the ads say nothing about that, they just go on and on about all of the things the tribes do for their people that would otherwise have to be funded by State and local Government!

So, since there is nothing definitive to report, I will just provide you a reminder

of what RBOC is all about. Recreational Boaters of California celebrated its 40th year of protecting boater's interests this year. Over the years, these efforts have saved boaters thousands of dollars! RBOC is funded by voluntary member donations of PICYA member clubs and a donation from Boat U.S. based on the number of Boat U.S. members in California. There are eighteen RBOC Directors who serve voluntarily. Nine are appointed by PICYA and nine by SCYA (Southern California Yachting Association). I serve as one of those Directors. A Sacramento lobbying firm, Desmond & Desmond, is retained to carry out the necessary

lobbying efforts in Sacramento. They also provide the necessary administrative functions of the organization. This combined effort is the major expenditure for RBOC. The Board meets four times each year with one meeting being a Legislative Day in Sacto to meet with Legislators and staff. These meetings alternate between Northern and Southern California. The Presidency of RBOC also alternates between North and South each year. The Director's transportation to these meetings is reimbursed from the RBOC budget, if requested, but all other expenses are paid by individual Directors.

MWYC has, for years,

included a provision in its By-Laws that assesses each member \$10 per year for a donation to RBOC. Members are also encouraged to make additional donations. You can be assured that supporting RBOC is the most cost effective boating expense you have!

I will do my best to keep you up to date on the issues that will be most important to you, and ask that you keep me current on your concerns. Please stay tuned!

Commodore's Report Continued

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some wine to enjoy later.

The Chili Cook Off turned out to be a lot of fun too. Of the fourteen entries, the MWYC took 1st and 2nd places. Great job Ron Harper but even a greater job Judy McCarty! I've got to say that most of all the other chilies were not all bad either. After all that tasting, it took me a day or two to recover but it was definitely worth it.

Can you believe that before we went home on Sunday we decided to go olive oil tasting? As luck would have it we arrived before the olive tasting joint was open. That's not a problem when our Club Manager, Jeff Rose is around. Don't you know when the folks arrived to open their establishment; there we were...having yet another Tail Gate Party with snacks and the whole nine yards! Boy! Was that fun or what?

'Look forward to seeing everyone during the Delta Reflections on December 6th...





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Steps For Reducing The Possibility Of Boat-People Collisions

According to U.S. Coast Guard Boating Statistics for 2006, 104 of the 123 people who were struck by a recreational boat or its propeller were struck by vessels measuring 25 feet or less. That's a whopping 85 percent! And that figure is likely on the low side because in an additional 14 instances, the size of the boat was unknown.

Given the number of boaters out there, the figures aren't huge, but they're hardly insignificant, either. Clearly some safety precautions are in order to prevent boat-people collisions, starting with paying attention.

Face it, swimmers and/or divers aren't as easy to see as another boat. So you need to watch out for them in congested waters, in anchorages and in designated swimming areas. Slow down, and don't assume any area is clear. How many times have you seen a boat towing a tube full of kids in a busy channel? Just because it's foolish doesn't mean people aren't doing it. Having a designated lookout as an extra set of eyes is a necessity, not a luxury.

You also need to pay attention to your own passengers. Don't start your engine(s) until your passengers are safely onboard, and be sure you turn off the engine(s) before they disembark. When you're underway, instruct passengers to stay in their seats. Someone seated on the transom, a seatback, the gunwale or even the bow can easily be pitched overboard if the water gets rough.

If you're towing water skiers or tubers, you and/or your designated lookout need to keep them in sight constantly. Be sure to do your towing in areas where those in the water are not likely to be at risk from other boats. Stay away from high-traffic areas.

A little extra attention to what's going on around you may mean the difference between tragedy and an enjoyable day on the water for everyone.

- Linda Hoff



"Sunshine"

For those under the weather, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. For the rest of us, stay healthy.

Congratulations to Judy McCarty for winning 1st Place on her delicious chili entry at the Solano Yacht Club on November 15th. Judy has taken 1st place two years in a row with the same recipe. Congratulations to Doc Harper. His chili entry came in 2nd Place.

Lynn Hahn is recovering from her recent surgery and was able to join us for the fun and activities at Solano.

Marina West Yacht Club STILL continues, STILL exists, thanks to all who are STILL involved... Smile!

Bonnie Stetson

A Note From Lynn Hahn

Thank you everyone for your hospital visits, home visits, calls, meals, cards, speedy recovery prayers, e mails, and the very beautiful bouquet of yellow roses with the darling white bear ! You all made me feel so very special with your concerns!! Thank you again, most of all for your loving friendship.

I am happy to say, I do get stronger each day, and look forward to being my old self real soon.
Lynn



SOLANO YACHT CLUB CRUISE OUT



**CHILI COOKOFF AND
WAY TOO MUCH FUN!**



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



MARINA WEST YACHT CLUB



Marina West Yacht Club 2008 Calendar

JANUARY

- 5 Change of Watch
- 6 Board Meeting & Brunch
- 26 Crab Feed

FEBRUARY

- 4 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 15 Board & General Meeting
- 15-17 Tower Park Cruise-In
- 23 Amtrak to Old Sacramento

MARCH

- 3 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 14 Board & General Meeting
- 14-16 Delta Bayliners Cruise-In
- 28-30 San Joaquin YC Cruise-Out

APRIL

- 5 Opening Day on the Delta Village West YC Cruise-In
- 7 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 18 Board & General Meeting
- 18-20 Pittsburg YC Cruise-In—Stetsons
- 25-27 Weber Point YC Cruise-Out McCray

MAY

- 2 Ox Bow YC Cruise-In - McCray
- 3 Flamingo Derby—McCray
- 5 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 16 Board & General Meeting
- 17 -18 Delta Marina Cruise-In—McCarty
- 24-26 Dingy Days Cruise-in/out - McCray
- 30-1 Driftwood YC Cruise-Out—Delfino

JUNE

- 2 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 7 Ladies Day—Judy Dretzka
- 13 Board & General Meeting

JULY

- 14 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 18 Board & General Meeting
- 23-27 Tall Ships San Francisco

AUGUST

- 4 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 8-10 Cruiser Haven Cruise-Out—Rose
- 15 Board & General Meeting
- 16 Poker Run— Dretzkas
- 29-31 Anchor Out-Three Rivers– Stetsons

SEPTEMBER

- 8 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 12-14 Cruise-Out to Devil's Isle—Dretzka
- 19 Board & General Meeting
- 27 Wheelchair Regatta Encinal YC
- 26-10/5 BAY CRUISE—McCrays

OCTOBER

- 5-12 Bay Cruise Continuation—Stetsons
- 6 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 17 Board & General Meeting
- 24-26 Ox Bow Cruise-Out—McCrays
- 25 Halloween @ Ox Bow—McCrays

NOVEMBER

- 3 PICYA ^{Awards} Dinner
- 15-16 Solano YC Land Cruise—Dretzkas
- 21 Board & General Meeting

DECEMBER

- 6 Delta Reflections - Lynn Hahn
- 13 Christmas Party @ Tower Park McCarty's
- 14 Board Meeting

JANUARY

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