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## From the Commodore, Ken Dretzka



Mother Nature decided to make the Memorial Day weekend too windy and cold to do much on the water. So the MWYC members originally planning on cruising around in dinghies that weekend ended up indoors at the MWYC. But that turned out to be good. We land cruised for lunch a couple of times, ate leftovers at the club and even barbequed. In the middle of all this eating and merriment, we still had time to relax and play several games of Lynn Hahn's favorite game: **quarters**. Every game we played, incidentally, was won by our former First Lady and Past Commodore, Bonnie and Ed Stetson. I think a re-match might be in order.

The very next weekend, our illustrious Web Master, Larry Delfino, picked up his new responsibility as Cruise Captain and made an unbelievable run with it. Because of all his planning and execution, our cruise out to Driftwood Yacht Club was extraordinarily enjoyable and lots of fun. From a great breakfast at a very old riverboat, (Sportsman Yacht Club), followed by bocce ball and horse shoe tournaments, everyone was being made ready for the next event in Larry's overall plan...our second annual **martini crawl!** That turned out very well as each MWYC boat there offered up their own version of a martini as we

"crawled" from one boat to the next sampling each others concoction. Wow! Did we have a good time! And no one even fell in the water either! (Our Fleet Captain did end up on his back on the dock, though. Check out the event photos on our web site for a good laugh). Putting the icing on the cake, Driftwood Yacht Club delivered a great Saturday night meal followed with dancing and live band entertainment. Later, for those members still awake, Larry and Norm Calloway serenaded us on the dock into the wee hours. Great cruise out, Larry!

Ladies Day this year was great for most but disappointing for a few. Apologies go out to those ladies that didn't enjoy as much as we hoped and thanks go to the rest for coming. Additionally, it was very windy that day and the Captains that offered up their boats for the day were challenged with unusual circumstances. Special thanks go to Past Commodores John McCray and Ed Stetson for doing great jobs as they maneuvered their boats through the high winds and gusts. Other thanks go to all the crews for their help in pulling this off.

Our Vice Commodore, John McCray, moved his boat the day before Father's Day to

Mandeville in order to be in the "right" spot for the fire works happening on the 4<sup>th</sup> being put on by Hilton. John is still out there! Consequently, his report will not be available this month. If you can't figure out a way to join him and Christy over the holiday weekend, try to at least cruise by, stop and say "Hi!" If he had made a report before he left, he would have advised that no formal MWYC July events are planned with the exception of our move day on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Packing and preparation for the moving of all our belongings of the club began after our May meeting and continue spearheaded by director Ron Harper. Please feel free to come down to help with the move. Just give anyone of the board members a call for the particulars.

Our search for our new home continues. We have a couple of irons in the fire and will keep you abreast of the happenings. In the interim, 'hope to see you on the water!

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Jack Michael**

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Jack Michael**

**Blue Gavel Dist. 19  
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Jeff Rose; Larry Delfino; Ed & Bonnie Stetson**

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## Rear Commodore, Judy Mc Carty

No General Meeting in July

Board Meeting as scheduled—see calendar on pg. 9

## Club Manager, Jeff Rose

Hi everyone

We're down to our last month, we are moving in the middle of the month of July and we need help.

All liquor will be two dollars, all open bottles, wine and beer also. Remember we still have to follow club rules, name tags and sign in your guests. Thanks Jeff

## BIRTHDAYS

**JULY**

**7— Judy Dretzka**

**19- John McCray**

**25—Lois Luis**

**29—Betty Costa**



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

The June Delegates Meeting was at Bridge Marina YC on June 2. Junior Staff Commodore Stetson and Bonnie, Richard Hardy, and I represented the Club. The next meeting is on July 14 at Discovery Bay YC if you are interested. Let Ed or I know if you would like to join us. Disco Bay is close!

As I have reported previously, PICYA will again be offering three \$2500 scholarships funded by the

Western Boating Safety Group to student relatives of member yacht clubs. There have not been too many applications submitted so the chances are better that your kids, grandkids, nieces, or nephews could receive one of these scholarships. There was a June 30, 2008 deadline, but it may be extended. You can get an application by going to [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org). The PICYA Cruise this year is in Octo-

ber to the Mexican Riviera. You can get all of the details on the PICYA Web Site for this Princess Cruise.

The wind finally died down a little, as fuel prices increased and smoke filled the Delta, so great boating should be on the horizon, if you can see it!! The Trixie Lee may even get out of the slip one of these days!

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

I indicated in last month's report that the ever present political winds in Sacramento always blow stronger than those representing the peoples best interest. Well, that was largely the case with the RBOC sponsored bill, AB 2110 (Duvall), to establish and implement the "Boat Operator Certification" Program. With the current budget issues in Sacramento, there was a lot of concern that setting new fees for a new, self supporting program would likely be considered a tax. A new tax

that wasn't solving the budget deficit, and that this would likely doom the bill. So, it was decided to back off and start again next year at the beginning of a new two-year Session.

The Federal Legislation to continue exempting recreational boaters from Federally mandated waste discharge permits is still awaiting floor action in both the House and Senate. EPA has issued the new permit requirements and is holding

public meetings to get input. The closest meeting for California is Portland, Oregon! These new permits will be required after September 30, 2008, unless the Federal Legislation is signed into law before then. Thanks to Jr. Staff Commodore Ed Stetson, you probably already received an e-mail regarding this. However, please take this matter seriously and go to [www.boatblue.org](http://www.boatblue.org) and send a letter encouraging passage of both the Senate and House bills,

which are identical. Just go to the website, click on the "Take Action" button, and fill in the requested info. It is simple and only takes a few minutes. It doesn't matter if you have already done this. Do it again!! We need all of the pressure we can generate.

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!



## "Sunshine"

— Bonnie Stetson

Share your "Sunshine", happy or sad. It's a wonderful feeling to hear from friends.

Judy McCarty is recovering from her surgery at their cabin in Arnold. After that she and Jack are off to Ireland.

Wishing everyone health and happiness...and like that of the rays of the sun, warmth, illumination and brightness.

Did you know that "Insanity is hereditary? You get it from your kids."... and "Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue."



## SAFETY OFFICER REPORT—ED STETSON, JSC

Safety Officers Report

By Permission from: Mad Mariner's Tip of the Day (March 27, 2008) <http://www.madmariner.com/>



Coast Guard Offers Tips And Classes To Keep Kids Safe On The Water If there are kids in your boating family, you want them to enjoy the experience, and at the same time keep them safe. So what do you – and they – need to know? Thanks to the U.S Coast Guard, that information is relatively easy to find. Between its public service announcements on the topic and its safe boating classes for kids and adults, you and yours can be in-the-know in no time at all.

Let's start with one of the public service announcements, released in April 2004 and entitled, "Kids and Boating: An Opportunity To Instill Recreational Boating Safety Values That Will Last A Lifetime."

**Wear PFDs.** According to Coast Guard statistics, more than 2/3 of boating-related drownings of children under the age of 14 could be prevented if all children in that age-group wore life jackets. So buying PFDs for your kids and making sure they wear them is a no-brainer. Right? With PFDs that are more comfortable, colorful and stylish than in the past, you should have no trouble finding some that please your children's tastes. What you're looking for is a Type II or III that is suitable to their age and weight. If you're unsure, check with a Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary representative for guidance.

**Teach Nautical Terminology.** Teaching your children nautical terminology serves two purposes. It increases their familiarity and comfort-level with boating and helps to eliminate confusion, which in turn increases the safety of all aboard. How? Because children comfortable with boat terminology – such as port, starboard, forward and aft – are better able to respond to instructions or to describe actions related to your boat should an emergency arise.

**Teach Radio Protocol.** This is a biggie. Kids need to know how to use a radio in the event of an emergency. They also need to know when NOT to use it – that it's not a toy. Be sure to teach the proper terminology, too. If your child ever needs to use the radio, the information he or she gives out will be deemed more credible if the appropriate lingo is used, and it will certainly be of better assistance to those affecting a rescue.

**Teach Basic Navigation.** Teaching basic navigation is, of course, age-dependant instruction. But if your children can read, it's time to bring out the charts and teach them how to use landmarks to provide an approximation of your current location.

**Teach How To Operate Safety Equipment.** Your children need to know where the onboard safety equipment is located, the dangers and benefits, and how to use it. Cover everything, from fire extinguishers and flares to whistles and mirrors (the latter two should be attached to PFDs). As with the radio, you must instill the proper respect. These items are not toys and should never be treated as such. What you're doing here is telling them, showing them and practicing with them – using the equipment and even practicing man – over-board drills.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Classes are another opportunity to help educate your kids. "Boating Fun – Adventure on the Water" is designed for children ages 4 to 9, and "Waypoints – A Guide to Boating Safety" is for those 10 to 12. Children 9 and older may also be able to take boating safety courses along with their parents. -Linda Hoff



# For Event Photos - Check Out [WWW.mwyc.org](http://WWW.mwyc.org)

## MWYC 2008 BAY CRUISE

Now is the time to make your reservation for this years Bay Cruise.

Saturday September 27, 2008 – Schoonmakers - Sausalito, CA

Sunday September 28, 2008 – Schoonmakers - Sausalito, CA

Monday September 29, 2008 – Schoonmakers - Sausalito, CA  
(boat trip to Tiburon, CA and Sam's)

Tuesday September 30, 2008 – Schoonmakers - Sausalito, CA  
(Maybe a trip to Pier 39)

Wednesday Oct. 1, 2008 – Marin Yacht Club – San Rafael, CA  
(This could change)

Thursday Oct. 2, 2008 – Marin Yacht Club – San Rafael, CA

Friday Oct. 3, 2008 – Open

Saturday Oct. 3, 2008 – Pier 40 – San Francisco, CA  
(Go into the City)

I will need a deposit of \$100.00 if you would like to go. You can go to any or all of these ports. I will need to know the ports you will be at.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat length: \_\_\_\_\_

Ports you will be at: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 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 <sup>Awards</sup> Dinner
- 8-9 Solano YC Land Cruise—Dretzkas
- 21 Board & General Meeting

### DECEMBER

- 6 Delta Reflections - Lynn Hahn
- 13 Christmas Party @ Tower Park McCartys
- 14 Board Meeting

### JANUARY

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