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From the Commodore, Ken Dretzka

Hats off to Captains Patmon and Rose for putting together a GREAT raftout!

Our spot was at a perfect place at Mandeville. The panoramic view was tremendous, the weather was perfect and the water wasn't all bad either. After a very pleasant and lazy Saturday, Pat and Jeff decided to have a rib cook-off. Pat had to show off and throw some tri-tip and lamb into the mix but no one seemed to mind. And it was very hard to determine who barbequed the best ribs. I think the real winners were the judges. Sunday morning Captain Hahn took all of us on a boat ride for lunch (was supposed to be breakfast) aboard the Lynn E. The trip was hilarious! Of the many entertaining antidotes: Pat showing Cliff that the throttles actually do go further than 1/4 forward. And, by the way, the Lynn E can actually "plane"!

off as planned. After another fun tailgate party in the parking lot of the train station, all 18 of us adjourned to the tracks to wait for the 9:01AM train to Antioch. When 9:15AM came around and still no train, we knew there was a problem. It turned out that there was an accident further up the line and the train was going to be delayed by at least 2 1/2 hours. Not to be deterred from our goal, several vehicles participated in transporting us to a delightful brunch. The brunch was followed by a short convoy trip to Moore's Riverboat, where still more fun was had. We'll have to do this again...

It's hard to believe we're already into September. Where has this year gone to? The good news: Boating in the Delta is about to get better again!

Our Land Cruise to Humphries didn't quite start



From the Vice Commodore, John Mc Cray

Coming up is the cruise out to Devil's Isle on Sept. 11-13 should be lots of fun. See the flyer in this edition of The Anchor for the details.

Christy McCray know if you are planning to participate. Reservations are necessary at all the ports. . . So call Christ ASAP.

That's about it for this month. See you on the water.

Also coming up is the Wheelchair Regatta held each year at Encinal Yacht Club. The date is Saturday September 26th.

On October 2nd is the "Make A Wish" cruising out of Driftwood Yacht Club. A very worth while fund raising event.

And last, and certainly not least is our very own Bay Cruise which also begins on October 2nd and ends on October 11th. Be sure to let





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Rear Commodore, Judy Mc Carty

September's Meeting will be on Sunday the 13th at Devil's Is. Cruise out. It will be BYOB, Bring your own Breakfast. Look forward to seeing you there.

Questions can be answered by the Commodore at ken@dretzka.com

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

1st Peggy Greening

4th Bonnie Stetson

10th Gary Grinstead

26th Pat Patmon



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

The last PICYA Delegates Meeting was held at the San Joaquin Yacht Club. Ed and Bonnie Stetson were just returning from Victorville, but Richard Hardy, Joan Marsh-Clune and I enjoyed another superb dinner and good fellowship. The September Meeting will be at the Sausalito YC on September 14.

There was another effort by a Sportsman YC Delegate to stir up the Delegates in opposition to a peripheral canal in the Delta through promotion of the "Million Boat Float" to Sacramento. The Commodore allowed a short presentation, and stated that in the future issues such as this will be channeled through the PICYA and RBOC committee structure before they are brought to a Delegates Meeting.

The next big PICYA event, of interest to MWYC, is the Thirteenth Annual Wheel Chair Regatta on September 26, 2009 benefiting institutionalized U.S. Veterans and hosted at the Encinal YC in Alameda. At this point, the Trixie Lee and Griffin will be headed to The Bay to participate! Help is always needed on shore to feed the anticipated 600 that may be attend-

ing and helping out. Help on the water is also needed. Let Ed or I know if you want to participate and/or help out.

The Fall Management Conference will be held on October 24, at the Aeolian YC in Alameda. To take advantage of the lowest registration fee, registration must be made by October 5, 2009. The tentative Agenda and Registration Forms are posted at www.picya.org. I always encourage MWYC Officers and Directors to attend these conferences. I have been attending for eleven years and always learn something new!

The October Delegates Meeting will be on Saturday, October 3rd, at the Tahoe YC. Neither Ed nor I will be able to attend this one, so if you would like to enjoy a great weekend in Tahoe, and help MWYC get Club of the Year points, contact me about attending. There will be a tour of the Sierra Boat Company, and a nice dinner party on the shores of Lake Tahoe!



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

As I write this report, we are still winning the battle to save the State Department of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating). However, one never knows from where the next challenge may come!

There are many efforts underway regarding the Delta and the State's water supply and distribution as I indicated in my report last month. The latest RBOC Call-to-Arms involve a project that would place movable barriers across Old River and Connection Slough in the south Delta to reverse some flood tide flows in an effort to determine just how such flows affect fish migration. This is known as the 2-Gate Project. Go to the RBOC web site, www.rbo.org, and click on the Call-to-Arms regarding boaters access to learn more about it and to send letters of concern. RBOC representatives have met with the Project proponents and voiced concerns regarding access. Additional meetings are planned.

RBOC representatives will also be attending Public Meetings in September regarding the Bay-Delta Conservation Planning studies that have been underway for some time. I will report more on these in next month's Report.

Legislation that RBOC has been working on has moved on in the process, like the abandoned vessel bills that I have reported on previously. These bills

are on the Suspense File in the respective Appropriations Committees because there is Money involved. We believe these bills will ultimately make it to the Governor. Many of the bills involve fixes in the Delta and Delta Governance which have now been amended to represent the Democrats solution to saving the Delta and meeting the water supply needs of the State. Hearings on these bills are underway as I write this report.

I made the annual MWYC donation to RBOC at the August PICYA Meeting. If you can see your way clear to making an additional donation to RBOC's efforts, please do so by sending a check to Treasurer Lynn Hahn. If you can get them to Lynn or to me by September 11, I will make another donation at the September PICYA meeting!!

We try to keep the RBOC website updated but things keep changing very quickly. In any event check www.rbo.org to see what's new. 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/Sadness Report

Unfortunately, Ed Stetson's brother David lost his long and brave battle with cancer. Ed and Bonnie spent time with the family. A Memorial Service is planned for the Stockton area at a later date.

Fortunately, Jack Michael is back to 100% after several months of Atrial Fibrillation. A change in meds worked to convert his heart back to normal rhythm. He feels great and continues his 3.5 mile walks 5 days a week.

Remember to count your blessings daily. You never know when those "glitches" in life will appear. Everyone stay well. . .

Mary Lee Michael



Monthly Safety Tips/Reminders—Safety Officer, Ed Stetson

BOATING SAFETY – By Ed Stetson
Excerpted From Boat US – Seaworthy, by permission.

Why File a Float Plan?

Several times each season, BoatUS Marine Insurance gets a phone call from a distressed spouse--a boat is overdue. Maybe the missing skipper "is always home by a certain hour" or "has never been this late before." The overdue skipper almost always calls; everything is fine. But a lot of worry and frustration could have been prevented by taking a few minutes to file a float plan.



A float plan lets your family and friends know your whereabouts and, should a trip come to grief, the plan will give the searchers a valuable head start locating your boat.

Whether you are on the water for an afternoon or a month-long excursion, a float plan can be a life-saver. Follow the link below to print out the easy to use form, fill it in and leave it with a spouse, or e-mail to another relative and/or a friend. You may even want to leave a copy with your marina manager. **BE SURE TO NOTIFY THEM UPON YOUR RETURN OR IF YOU ARE DELAYED BY SOME NON-THREATENING EVENT. OTHERWISE, AN UNNECESSARY SEARCH MAY BE INITIATED!**

The Float Plan starts with the basics: phone numbers to be called if the boat is overdue, a description of the boat, registration numbers, etc., which can be penciled in at the start of the season. Copies can then be made and details added before each trip.

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/FloatPlan.pdf>

Note: The Coast Guard does not accept float plans and should only be notified by your spouse or friend if there is a "deviation" (you are overdue) from the float plan.

BOATING COURSE David Tygett (H) (209) 957-4058

The San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron will offer its Boating Course starting Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

Classes will meet at Tully C. Knoles School, 6511 Clarksburg Place (Benjamin Holt Exit—East—off I-5) Stockton, CA.

This course is one of two classes conducted each year and is open to men and women over the age of 12. Boat ownership is not required. A nominal charge of \$50 covers the cost of the syllabus and plotting tools. The syllabus can be shared with family members. There is no charge for the instruction.

Register at the first session or receive additional information by calling (209) 957-4058.

Topics include boat handling, rules of the road, docking and anchoring, regulations and safety, aids to navigation, trailering, weather and engine troubleshooting. The U.S. Power Squadron is a non-profit organization that promotes and teaches boating safety. All boaters and personal watercraft operators are invited to attend the class.



Hey!

Let's go to Devils Isle September 11-13th.

Bring your kite, remote controlled toy boat, some quarters and be ready to have a fun time! (Kicking hack and just relaxing is okay, too!)

Friday: Arrive at your leisure. Dinner on your own; on your boat or on the island.

Saturday: 0930 Hours: Bloody Mary's, Champagne, Mimosa's on the dock.

1230 Hours: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and all the fixins.

1300 Hours: Fun and games until Tea Time.

1600 Hours: Tea Time...bring a snack to share on the island.

1830 Hours: Dinner on the Island prepared by the MWYC Commodore and First Lady: Gazpacho, Mexican Green Salad, Enchiladas, Frijoles, etc. (you get the idea) followed by Hot Cinnamon Apples with ice cream.

Sunday: 0930 Hours: Ramos Fizzes & Danish on the dock

1200 Hours: Depart for home anytime.

RESERVATIONS

Name: _____ Estimated time of Arrival: _____

Cost includes island rental (\$25 per night) and \$25 per person for food and incidentals. Send check to:

Judy Dretzka (made out to MWYC)
1535 Gill Court
Dixon, CA 95620

Please respond by September 8th.



August Raft Out





Sunday Brunch





Marina West Yacht Club 2009 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 10 Change of Watch
- 11 Board Meeting & Brunch
- 31 Crab Feed

FEBRUARY

- 2 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 14 Chocolate & Wine Festival
- 20 Board/General Meeting
- 21 PICYA Leadership Conference
- 28 Train Trip

MARCH

- 2 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 13-15 Caliente YC Cruise Out
- 15 Board Meeting

APRIL

- 6 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 17-19 Driftwood YC Cruise Out
- 19 Board Meeting
- 25 Opening Day on the Delta

MAY

- 2-3 Delta Loop
- 4 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 15 Board/General Meeting
- 23-25 Dinghy Cruises

JUNE

- 1 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 12 Board & General Meeting
- 13 Ladies Day—Judy Dretzka

JULY

- 6 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 11 Taste of the Delta
- 13 Board Meeting

AUGUST

- 3 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 7-9 Commodore Island Cruise Out
- 9 Board Meeting
- 23 Brunch at Humphries

SEPTEMBER

- 7 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 11-13 Devils Isle Cruise Out
- 13 Board Meeting
- 26 Wheelchair Regatta Encinal YC

OCTOBER

- 3 Drift Wood Make- a- Wish
- 3-11 Bay Cruise
- 5 PICYA Delegates Meeting
- 16 Board & General Meeting
- 24 PICYA Management Conference
- 30-11-1 San Joaquin YC Cruise Out

NOVEMBER

- 2 PICYA ^{Awards} Dinner
- 13-15 Weber Point Cruise Out
- 15 Board Meeting

DECEMBER

- 5 Delta Reflections
- 6 Awards Banquet for Lighted Boats
- 12 Board Meeting
- 12 Christmas Party

JANUARY

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