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From the Commodore, Judy McCarty

From the Commodore...We've kicked off the New Year and the New Club house in a grand celebration. Change of Watch was wonderfully presented at our new location at Tower Park. I think everyone was really surprised with how well it all looked. I thank you, Ken and Judy Dretzka, Jeff Rose and Lynn Hahn for all your time in planning and setting up. You guys really rock! This was just the encouragement we all needed to start really setting this place up. We will be planning a, "Paint and Pizza Day" sometime soon.

As we have done in the past we will again be asking for donations to help defray the costs of setting up the club house. Most of you are aware that we are starting from scratch. We'll be setting up the new galley, a new head, a new bar and dance floor just to name a few of the projects. Please watch the

Anchor for lists of items, with the cost, as near as we can get it, for your considerations. Along this same line any skilled contacts that you may have will be very helpful. For example, Ed & Bonnie's son is a Master Plumber, Pipe fitter & Steamfitter, among his many skills, and he is currently looking for work. We could certainly use his expertise and help him out at the same time. Cliff Hahn and Jack Mc Carty are collaborating on the new flag pole. The materials are due in this week. Cliff has also started plans for the BBQ outside. Several members are searching for signs and banners we have used in the past to be hung at several sites to show the public where we are. They will be placed to be seen from the street, water and bridge sides. Can you feel the excitement building as we begin to carry-out these plans?

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From the Vice Commodore Norm Calloway

It's February already and that means our Crab Feed is in the history books!

It's time to look forward to the events scheduled for February.

The first event is fairly significant because it's not only Valentines weekend, Feb 13th & 14th, it's our first cruise-in in over a year and a half and the first since we moved to our new club house at Tower Park! The brave club daring enough to venture into this uncharted territory is the Oxbow Yacht Club! Thank You Oxbow!

We start the festivities with a caravan to the Lodi Wine & Chocolate Festival Saturday at

10am. Tickets are \$30 each; contact Candy Calloway (931-2844) to place your order. By the way, I am told we need drivers (designated drivers attend the festival free), if you are interested let Candy know. After a fun & full day at the festival dinner will be served at our new club house, with breakfast the following morning. We're going to have a great time and look forward to everyone's participation.

Our new Commodore McCarty is working on a Mardi Gras celebration scheduled for Feb. 20th. Details are not available at this time so be sure to keep checking in to find out all the pertinent information.

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I look forward to serving this year as your Vice Commodore and appreciate all your feedback and assistance as I learn the ropes.



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Rear Commodore, Cliff Hahn

Come One, Come All.....you won't want to miss the very 1st General Meeting in our new digs. The meeting, "put a string around your finger" is **Friday, February 19th**...adult beverages at 6:00 PM and meeting @ 7:00 PM...

Reservations are very important, since we need an actual head count before taking everything needed, to the club....things work a little different without a galley.

Please reserve by the 15th, yes still \$12.50 per person, to the Rear Commodore's right arm, @ www.lynnhahn@comcast.net or 209-477-7653.

Menu, well, come and find out. If you have any real food dislikes please clue me in and I will do my best not to serve.....like peanut butter!

Cliff Hahn, Rear Commodore's "right arm, Lynn"

Port Captain, Jack McCarty

No Report

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

The Stetsons and I along with Commodore McCarty and possibly Jr. Staff Commodore Dretzka will be attending the first Delegates Meeting of the year at Oakland Yacht Club. Will be reporting, with enthusiasm, our new location and inviting all to plan on visiting! As reported last month, the March Meeting will be on Monday, the 1st, at Coyote Point YC. Let me know if you would like to attend so we can make reservations!

The PICYA Leadership Conference will be on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Benicia YC. I strongly encourage our officers to attend and spread the word of our new location! Please contact Lynn Hahn know so she can get your reservations sent in. The registration forms are on the PICYA Website at www.picya.org.

I'll have more to report in my report next month!

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

09th - Cliff Hahn

16th - Jack Michael

24th - Georgiana Thomas





Commodore (Continued from page 1)

I have sent out fifty+ letters to various yacht clubs in and around the Delta and Bay announcing our new location and inviting them to cruise-in. We will be following up with phone invitations too. Some are old friends and some are new. If any of you have affiliations with other clubs please pass the invite on to them. The proposed calendar of events is published in the Anchor. I'm sure some of you have already done this but hopefully our calendar is enticing enough for reconsideration for an added event. Let's get our calendar filled up. At this point we have mostly been focusing on cruise-in's. When we get our calendar set we can then fill-in the rest of the calendar with cruise-outs. If any of you have leads please contact Norm Calloway, Vice-Commodore or myself.

I'd like to challenge our membership. The challenge is: let's try to, each one of us, bring in one new membership by July 1st. I think the Valentine Cruise-in with Oxbow is a great time to show our friends how much fun we have together and to consider joining our membership. So, please invite your friends and family to join us for this event. Candy Calloway is the Event Chair and has proposed that we participate in the Lodi, "Wine and Chocolate Festival". Who can resist that combination? Several of us attended last year's affair and really enjoyed it. Don't forget that we will be having "Open House" too. These will be on General Meeting weekends, the third Friday of each month, when we bring in our own boats, if we don't already have an event planned. The "Open House" will be another good time to scout new members. So, who will be the first to pick up the gauntlet, one new member, each, by July 1st?

We now have a Publicity Chairperson. Bonnie Stetson has graciously agreed to lend us her talents in this field. She has already planned some PSA's (Public Service Announcement) on the local radio station, "K-JOY". I hope she will do some more cruise-in packets too. Any ideas in this area please contact her. And thank you Bonnie for stepping up!

I will be setting up the agenda's for each month's meeting, hopefully, by the week before, that's the second Friday of each month. Please contact me by e-m at: ladyoft-hedragons@isp.com so that I can be sure to include your input. We have a lot going on and I don't want anyone overlooked. For the first few months during this "scrambling time" I will send out a reminder that you can reply to. This might be a good time to explain how I came up with "lady of the dragons". Jack and I were both born in the Chinese year of the Metal Dragon. I have always been attracted to dragons whether they be of Medieval or Chinese origin. When I was young there was a radio program called, "Terry and the Pirates" and one of the characters was a "Dragon Lady" who did evil and exciting things and I was attracted to her and her

voice. She was one of the few female roles we girls could emulate. And of course that was when we played outside with the other kids of the neighborhood and these scenario's lasted for weeks on end! Well, that's my story and I'm sticking with it. Don't forget contact me with your agenda items.

I recognize that we all have lives outside of Marina West Yacht Club, (much to the surprise of our children) so, I would like to express my admiration and appreciation for the time, the efforts and donations that everyone seems so willing to put into the success of rebuilding our club house. It bears repeating that, "... we are Eagles and we will soar because we have no turkeys here." Thank you one and all and see you at the club house and out on the water. Happy New Year.

Sunshine & Sadness Report

We are sorry to report the passing of the following former MWYC Members :

Mary McCue, Clubhouse Manager for many years. Our condolences to husband Don McCue.

Tad Platt, former member. Our condolences to his wife Gay.

Please contact Mary Lee Michael if you have information for this Report.
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R.B.O.C. Report, Jack Michael SC, R.B.O.C. Director

I attended the RBOC Board of Directors Meeting at the California Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey last week. The meeting was very productive, as usual. RBOC has issued a "Call-To-Arms" in opposition to a proposed Marina Permit Program being developed by the State Water Resources Control Board staff. This Program is intended to require all marinas to have permits to meet standards for water quality. It is estimated that the cost to boaters for this permit program could be a \$10 per foot, per month increase in slip fees! We believe that it is being proposed to implement strict standards on the use of copper based bottom paints and to get around the exemption boaters were able to get through Congress recently from the Federal Clean Water Act regarding permits for all water discharges from boats. By the time you read this, all the information you will need to respond to the Call-To-Arms should be on the RBOC website, www.rboc.org. Also, you will likely be getting a direct e-mail from me and Ed Stetson!

RBOC will NOT be sponsoring the "Vessel Operator Certification Program" legislation this Session because of the dire budget issues the Legislature is facing. Not a good time to try to get a new program approved! However, there is a legislator interested in getting some type of educational program, directed at minors, in place, and they are asking RBOC to help them out. I will keep you advised. The deadline for bill introduction is February 19, so we will have a better idea next month what other issues we will need to address. There have already been two bills introduced that are directed at eliminating State

Agencies and programs, so the Save Cal Boating effort will also be in the fore front.

Some better news the 2-Gates Project to place gates across Connection Slough and Old River to study the migration of the Delta Smelt has been put on hold by the Corp of Engineers. They are asking for further study of the science which is the underpinning of the project. We have been advised that the substantial boater opposition to the project also contributed greatly to this suspension. Thank you all for taking part in this opposition! We can make a difference!!

There are other efforts to restrict boaters access to navigable waterways that we are keeping our eyes on, and I will advise you when more help is needed. One of these is an adopted Plan by the City of San Rafael that would include retractable pedestrian bridges across the San Rafael Canal. This would severely restrict vessel passage up the Canal. As you know, the San Rafael YC is at the head of the Canal! I will be forwarding an e-mail regarding this soon, and ask that you respond to this as well!

It looks like another busy year so any additional donations to RBOC, beyond the \$10 assessment you were already supposed to pay with your dues, will be appreciated and put to good use. 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!

Sneak Preview - Big Reveal in March Issue



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Monthly Safety Tips/Reminders—Safety Officer, Ed Stetson

BOATING SAFETY – By Ed Stetson

International Code Flags or Signaling Flags

Although you may never see them displayed except at fleet parades, around naval installations, and areas with heavy international shipping traffic, International code flags are used to signal between two ships or between ship and shore. Also called signaling flags, they are a set of flags of different colors, shapes and markings which used singly or in combination have different meanings. The flags include 26 square flags which depict the letters of the alphabet, ten numeral pendants, one answering pendant, and three substituters or repeaters.

Only a few colors can be readily distinguished at sea. These are: red, blue, yellow, black, and white; and these cannot be mixed indiscriminately. You will notice, for clarity, the flags shown are either red and white, yellow and blue, blue and white, or black and white; besides plain red, white, and blue.

One-flag signals are urgent or very common signals (see meanings below). Two-flag signals are mostly distress and maneuvering signals. Three-flag signals are for points of the compass, relative bearings, standard times, verbs, punctuation, and also general code and decode signals. Four-flags are used for geographical signals, names of ships, bearings, etc. Five-flag signals are those relating to time and position. Six-flag signals are used when necessary to indicate north or south or east or west in latitude and longitude signals. Seven-flags are for longitude signals containing more than one hundred degrees.

	Alfa Diver Down Keep Clear		November No		Answering Pendant
	Bravo Dangerous Cargo		Oscar Man Overboard		0
	Charlie Yes		Papa About to Sail		1
	Delta Keep Clear		Quebec Request Pratique		2
	Echo Altering Course to Starboard		Romeo		3
	Foxtrot Disabled		Sierra Engines Going Astern		4
	Golf Want a Pilot		Tango Keep Clear		5
	Hotel Pilot on Board		Uniform Standing into Danger		6
	India Altering Course to Port		Victor Require Assistance		7
	Juliett On Fire Keep Clear		Whiskey Require Medical Assistance		8
	Kilo Desire to Communicate		Xray Stop Your Intention		9
	Lima Stop Instantly		Yankee Am Dragging Anchor		1st
	Mike I am Stopped		Zulu Require a Tug		2nd
					3rd

As a recreational boater, you will probably never carry or use signal flags, except to “dress ship” for opening day parade. However, you should be able to recognize the basic, single and two letter signals such as “ALPHA-Diver Down”, “OSCAR-Man Overboard” or “Golf/Whiskey –man Overboard, Please take action to pick him up”.

Feel free to copy this chart and carry with you when boating.



MWYC Change of Watch



Swearing In



Commodore Ken & new Commodore Judy McCarty



Jack Michael surveys the new Clubhouse



2009 First Lady Dretzka enjoying the food



Members gather for dinner



It feels like HOME already!!



Marina West Yacht Club

Proudly announces Our New Location at Tower Park Marina
**Special Introductory Open House the Third Weekend Of
April, May, June, August And September!
Saturday & Sunday 12:00 To 16:00
Free appetizers, cash bar, build your own hamburgers and hot dogs.**

Here is a brief preview of our monthly themes and events.

January - Crab Feed.

February- Super Bowl Party, Sweetheart Party & Mardi Gras Open House.

March – St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. (come see how green we can get)

April in Paris events and Opening Day on the Delta.

May - Kentucky Derby Racing.

June - A taste of Rome

July – How many flavors of BBQ can you name? And “Taste of the Delta”.

August – Full Moon Festival.

September – Clam Bake & Gentleman's Day

October – Oktoberfest and Halloween

November – Wine Tasting

December – Stockton's famous “Delta Reflections” Lighted Boat Parade,

and our special blow out new year's eve party.

We cordially invite your club to join us. Cruise in and help us celebrate the following events. For information regarding any of these events or calendar openings, please contact

Commodore Judy McCarty at ladyofthedragons@isp.com

Please be aware, these events are filling up fast and may not be available if you don't get your reservations in soon.



Marina West Yacht Club 2010 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

9 Change of Watch
10 Board Meeting & Brunch
30 Crab Feed

FEBRUARY

1 PICYA Delegates Meeting
7 Super Bowl Party
12-14 Ox Bow Cruise In "Sweet Heart Weekend"
19 Board/General Meeting
20 Club House Grand Opening
"Mardi Gras"

MARCH

1 PICYA Delegates Meeting
5-7 Cruise In—Village West YC
19 General/Board Meeting
21 Club House Open House

APRIL

2 IOBG Cruise In
5 PICYA Delegates Meeting
9-11 Cruise In (TBD) "April in Paris"
16 Board Meeting/General Meeting
18 Club House Open House
24 Asparagus Festival & Opening Day on the Delta

MAY

1 Opening Day on the Delta
3 PICYA Delegates Meeting
14 Cruise In (TBD) "Horse Racing"
21 Board/General Meeting
22 Cruise-Out—Stockton Ports Game
23 Club House Open House
28-31 Mandeville Anchor Out

JUNE

7 PICYA Delegates Meeting
11 Cruise In (TBD)
18 Board/General Meeting
19 Ladies Day
25 Cruise In (TBD) "Italy"

JULY

5 PICYA Delegates Meeting
9 Cruise In (TBD)
16 Board/General Meeting
17 Taste of the Delta

23-25 Cruise-In Pittsburg Yacht Club

AUGUST

2 PICYA Delegates Meeting
6-8 Cruise In TBD
14-15 Tower Park—Tower Festival
20 Board Meeting/General Meeting
22 Club House Open House
27-29 Cruise In (TBD) "Moon Festival"

SEPTEMBER

4 Anniversary Party at MWYC for
Jack & Judy McCarty
6 PICYA Delegates Meeting
11 Ron Harper—Clam Bake
17 Board/General Meeting
17-19 Cruise-In—Carver Club
24-26 Cruise In (TBD)
25 Wheelchair Regatta Encinal YC

OCTOBER

4 PICYA Delegates Meeting
2-10 Bay Cruise
15 Board/General Meeting
16 Oktoberfest
22-24 Cruise-In—Oxbow YC
29-31 Cruise In (TBD) "Halloween Party"

NOVEMBER

1 PICYA Awards Dinner
5-7 Cruise-In—Discovery Bay
12-14 Cruise In (TVD) "Wine Tasting"
19 Board Meeting/General Meeting

DECEMBER

4 Delta Reflections Lighted Boat Parade
5 Awards Banquet for Delta Reflections
8 Delta Chamber Mixer
17 Board/General Meeting
18 Christmas Party
31 New Year's Eve Party

JANUARY

Change of Watch TBA

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