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## From the Commodore, Ken Dretzka

MWYC's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Delta Reflections Lighted Boat Parade was even more lit up

and beautiful than last year's. A total of fifty two boats were registered and the MWYC ended up once again with the most boats entered by any participating yacht club! On top of that some pretty prestigious awards were won by MWYC member boats because of their well placed and laid out lighted decorations. Besides all the fun that was had, \$1,300 was raised that is being donated to the Women's Center of San Joaquin County. Another GREAT JOB, Lynn Hahn and GREAT JOB MWYC!

After the December MWYC Board meeting that lasted nearly two hours, our Rear Commodore Judy McCarty came through with

yet another real fun MWYC Christmas party. This time the party was hosted by and at the Hahn's. The food was great but what would you expect? We also did the what has now become the normal gift exchange "game" again but this time it was a little toned down. Hardly any gifts were "stolen" this year. Either everyone was very tired or very happy with their gifts? Bottom line → we all had a blast!

It's hard to believe that 2010 is here! We've got our work cut out for us with our new club house at Tower Park. C'mon down and join in...I'll bet we'll have a lot of fun along the way. The MWYC will RISE AGAIN in 2010! And, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore.



## Vice Commodore, John Mc Cray

(written by Ken Dretzka)  
The recent passing of John McCray hit all of us very

hard. Everyone that knew him will hold unique memories of him. My brief history with John only goes back five years but I have memories of him containing many antidotes, incidents and events that occurred with him either being in the center or close to it. Some were fun, others not as much and one or two even harrowing. But, those thoughts are mine to be cherished and sometimes even shared. God bless Christy, Tracy and Kim. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

The MWYC Change of Watch is scheduled for

the 9<sup>th</sup> of January at our new club house. If you can make it, make sure you let the soon to be "EX" First Lady know as soon as you can. Also, there will be plenty of room for those wishing to cruise in. Make sure you let the Port Captain know of your intentions.

As of this writing, the Driftwood Yacht Club Cruise In scheduled for the weekend of January 23<sup>rd</sup> is up in the air. We will be kept abreast by Ed Stetson, Chair for this event, as the plans come together.

Our annual Crab Feed is once again at the banquet room at Tower Park next to Rosa's Restaurant. Invite all your friends and let's



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have some fun along with the chowing down on tons of fresh cold crab. Remember, you can bring your boat if you want to.



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John Mc Cray**

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**Secretary:  
Candy Calloway**

**Treasurer:  
Lynn Hahn**

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Ed Stetson, Richard Hardy, Jack Michael**

**RBOC Delegate:  
Jack Michael**

**Blue Gavel Dist. 19  
Jack Michael**

**Club Manager:  
Jeff Rose**

**Safety Officer:  
Ed Stetson**

**Supply Officer:  
Christy Mc Cray**

**Fleet Captains:  
John & Christy Mc Cray; Ken & Judy Dretzka;  
Jeff Rose; Ed & Bonnie Stetson**

**Sunshine Committee: Mary Lee Michael**

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Rear Commodore,  Judy Mc Carty



**DELTA  
REFLECTIONS  
LIGHTED  
BOAT  
PARADE**  
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## BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 2010

What?

No Birthdays

In January??



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

The first Delegates Meeting of the year will be February 1, 2010 at Oakland Yacht Club. The March Meeting will be on Monday, the 1st, at the Coyote Point YC. Let me know if you would like to attend one of these meetings during the year. The dinners are usually very good, and sometimes excellent, and getting to know other clubs and members from all over Northern California is really enjoyable, and very important to spread the word of our new Clubhouse and encourage participation in our activities.

The PICYA Commodores Ball and Installation (Change of Watch) of officers will be held at The Hilton Garden Inn in Emeryville on January 30, 2010. Reginald Smith, Treasurer Island YC, will be installed as Commodore, Linda Breninger, Ox Bow YC will be installed as Vice Commodore and Mia Bernt, Richardson Bay YC as Rear Commodore. As like the past couple of years, this date conflicts with the MWYC Crab Feed, and Mary Lee and I

are going to pick crab over The Hilton!

There will be a PICYA Leadership Conference, likely in February, but I am not sure of the dates or location. I always encourage the MWYC Officers to attend. It is even more important this year as we get our new location re-established.

Happy New Year to you all!!

### *New Member Applications Received*

*David & Linda Breninger—1325 Avenida Alvarado, Roseville, CA 95747—Sponsors: Jack Michael and Ed Stetson*

### *Reinstated Memberships*

*Gary & Debbie Grinstead—2270 Canal Dr., Stockton, CA 95204*



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

The year 2009 was an extremely busy one for RBOC in protecting boaters rights and dollars, and 2010 looks to be just as busy! It is interesting to look at just a year ago when we were looking at the possibility of the State being bankrupt, and sure enough, after three or four attempts to solve the fiscal problems through 2009, the State is still facing bankruptcy! So boaters dollars are still threatened. The hope of getting some boat operator education requirements passed is still an RBOC goal, but it will likely take a couple more years because of the state's fiscal issues (new programs are not politically popular!). We will be very busy protecting boaters access to navigable waterways and keeping draconian permit requirements from being imposed on boaters as a ruse for protecting water quality.

I will be attending the RBOC Board of Directors Meeting at the California Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey on January 20, 2010, and learn more of what we can expect in the new Legislative Session which begins January 1. Also at this meeting, Anne Sacks, California YC, will be installed as the RBOC President and Linda Bendsen, Delta Marina YC, will begin serving the second of her two year term as Vice President North.

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 and Sadness Report

"A long time friend and "fellow delta rat", John McCray passed away from heart complications this past Wednesday.

John was an avid delta boater, having plied its waters with his family for more than 25 years aboard their beloved "Cheers". John and Christy have entered Cheers as a participant in this Delta Reflections Parade since its inception and have taken home numerous awards.

I'm sure many of you know John and Christy McCray for their support and membership of Tower Park and Marina West Yacht Clubs. John worked his way through the ranks of each club including serving as Commodore of both.

Most of us that cruise the delta have made the journey up and down Georgiana Slough many times. As such, I'm sure you'll remember passing one of the more attractive docking areas known as "Port Apache". John, Christy and their two daughters Kim and Traci, were one of the founding members of that infamous area and were instrumental in its development and maintenance until just a few years ago.

So tonight, as you watch all of these wonderfully decorated boats and share the special moments with your boating friends and loved ones, raise your glass to the RMS Distillery Brandy god and offer a "Cheers" to one of the best, John McCray!

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Christy, their daughters Kim and Traci and their husbands Eric and Richard as well as to their wonderful grand children, for their loss."

Ed. Note: the reference to RMS Distillery will be important to Christy and other older TPYC members. John and I spend many an evening sitting on the back of Champagne Jam and Cheers sipping on that fine brandy after a club cruise to Napa.

By: Tim Methanitis



**John Arthur Mc Cray**  
7-19-44—12-3-09

We say a sorrowful Goodbye to our Vice Commodore John Mc Cray.

May he rest in Peace



## Monthly Safety Tips/Reminders—Safety Officer, Ed Stetson

Boating Safety; by Ed Stetson

For many of us, this is a slow time for boating. If we were Midwestern boaters, the boat would be laid up by now. The weather in the Midwest and the East have seasonal cycles that remind us to perform the annual maintenance procedures that keep the boat in peak operating condition. Here in “paradise” we can boat year around and don’t have the layup and launching cycle that is dictated by the weather in less temperate regions. Consequently, we must have our own schedule to keep the boat operating reliably.

Personally, I devote January to performing the routine maintenance that keeps “Griffin” in reliable operating condition. Every boat is different, but there are basics that should be performed on all vessels every year, at a minimum.

A partial list:

- Change engine and generator oil and filters
  - Submit oil samples for chemical analysis
- Change engine and generator fuel filters, primary and secondary
- Change engine and generator coolant and filters
- Change engine and generator zincs
- Check belts for proper adjustment and age checking
- Check ALL coolant, water and exhaust hoses for aging
- Replace raw water impellers
- Drain and replace transmission fluids
- Lubricate control cables
- Clean all raw water strainers, lubricate and close and open all thru hull valves
  - Make sure a tapered plug is available at each thru hull
- Clean all battery connections and coat with anti-corrosion paste
  - Flooded cell batteries should be checked and filled monthly.

As stated, this was a partial list. Consult your owner’s manual for vessel specific procedures and schedules.

Football will end soon. To fill those long winter evenings, BoatUS offers an excellent On-Line Boaters safety course at the link listed below.

<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/guide/>

Safe Boating, See you on the water.





*You* are cordially invited to the MWYC Change of Watch at our new Club House at Tower Park on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2010.

No host bar: 1800 Hours  
Dinner: 1900 Hours  
Change of Watch Ceremony: 2000 Hours

Here's what's on the *Menu*

Garden Salad

Grilled Tri Tip  
Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast

Fresh Sautéed Vegetables  
Twice Baked Potatoes  
Butter and Egg Dinner Rolls

Red Velvet and Carrot Cake

Red or White Wine  
Coffee or Tea

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Cost: \$25.00 per person all inclusive X \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check payable to the MWYC and return to: Ken Dretzka  
1535 Gill Court  
Dixon, CA 95620

*Please respond by January 6, 2010*



# Marina West Yacht Club

## Annual Crab Feed



## The Sweetest Crab in the Valley

January 30, 2010

ONLY  
\$40



Menu

Salad, Bread, Spaghetti

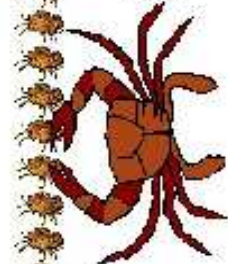
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# DELTA REFLECTIONS 2009

## 35 Ft & Under Award

	Sponsor	Winner
Judges Award	Hahn Tractor	#15 James Gilton
1st Place, Best Over All	Aurora Body Works	#3 Roger & Sheila Kelly-Sea Ray Club of N. Calif.
2nd Place, Best Over All	Stockton Yacht Club	#25 Mario Navarette
3rd Place, Best Over All	Garlic Brothers	#24 Mike & Maggie Samaniego
1st Place, Best Animated	Septic Brothers	#13 Steve & Donna Schuetz—Stockton Yacht Club
2nd Place, Best Animated	Tower Park YC	#21 Kevin DeBock—Port Stockton Boaters
1st Place, Best Decorated	Ken & Judy Dretzka	#4 Marty Galindo, Jr.
2nd Place, Best Decorated	Village West YC	#14 Dave Keener
3rd Place, Best Decorated	Five Star Marina	#22 Thomas Mandich—Port Stockton Boaters
1st Place, Best Lighted	Norm & Candy Calloway	#19 Robert & Kim Englent—Village West Yacht Club
2nd Place, Best Lighted	Bay Yachts	#27 Blair Hake & Mary Martin—Village West Yacht Club
1st Place, Most Original	Jack & Mary Lee Michael	#10 Cliff & Lynn Hahn—Marina West Yacht Club
2nd Place Most Original	Windmill Cove Resort	#2 Dale Bishop
1st Place, Special Effects	Stockton Ports	#1 Jeff DeBock
2nd Place, Special Effects	J & H Marine	#11 Jerry & Tina Tremain—Sea Ray Club of N. Calif.
1st Place, Crowd Pleaser	JR Electric	#8 John & Tami Van Camp
2nd Place, Crowd Pleaser	Windmill Cove Resort	#26 Carl & Jill Peterson

## 36 Ft & Over Award

Judges Award	Cliff & Lynn Hahn	#60 Allen & Linda Pines
1st Place, Best Over All	Turner Cut Resort	#53 Ken & Judy Dretzka—Marina West Yacht Club
2nd Place, Best Over All	JR Electric	#66 Delta Marine Svcs & J&H Marine
3rd Place, Best Over All	Village Barber	#56 Art & Donita Vieira
1st Place, Best Animated	Calif. Delta Chamber	#65 Gary & Debbie Grinstead—San Joaquin Power Squadron
2nd Place, Best Animated	Pacific State Bank	#74 Chris McDougal—Village West Yacht Club
3rd Place, Best Animated	Jack & Judy McCarty	#53 Ken & Judy Dretzka—Marina West Yacht Club
1st Place, Best Decorated	Windmill Cove Resort	#51 Lloyd & Pat Debock
2nd Place, Best Decorated	Ed & Bonnie Stetson	#63 Gary & Bonnie Rogers
3rd Place, Best Decorated	Garlic Brothers	#55 Nick & Megan Patterson
1st Place, Best Lighted	J & H Marine	#75 Pat & Barbi Carson—Stockton Yacht Club
2nd Place, Best Lighted	Stockton YC	#71 Steve & Karen Horak
1st Place, Most Original	J & H Marine	#62 Greg & Jennifer Spears—San Joaquin Power Squadron
2nd Place, Most Original	Aurora Body Works	#64 Mike & Tracy Pengilly
1st Place, Special Effects	Bay Yachts	#61 Don & Holly Neri—Discovery Bay Yacht Club
2nd Place, Special Effects	Wilson Way Glass	#54 Ed & Bonnie Stetson—Marina West Yacht Club
1st Place, Crowd Pleaser	Chitivas Salsa & Sports Bar	#73 Alex Thompson
2nd Place, Crowd Pleaser	Windmill Cove Resort	#57 John Saunders
<b>Hal Schell Memorial Award</b>	Bay & Delta Yachtsman	#15 James Gilton



## 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 <sup>Awards</sup> 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

- 9 Change of Watch

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