



# The ANCHOR

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## From the Commodore, Ken Dretzka

Opening Days on both the Delta and Bay for 2011 are now behind us. Do you know what that means? It means officially that the boating season is finally here! It also appears that Mother Nature has decided to cooperate and make it easier for us to do fun things on the water... It really is ABOUT TIME!

The Pittsburg Yacht Club cruised in to the MWYC last month and did we ever have a great visit with them! It all started with a Friday night delectable taco bar. And who invented putting a hard taco shell inside a soft one and filling it with all the fixins to the very brim anyway? Hmmm, Hmmm Good! After a quick lunch at the Club the next day, we all went down to the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center and tasted a bunch of wine. Did you know that there are over 80 wineries in this area? And one is better than

the other!

Later on back at the Clubhouse, we were treated to an unbelievably tasty gourmet meal orchestrated by the "Chair" for the weekend event, Ed and Bonnie Stetson. They did yet another superb job on Sunday's breakfast too. Afterwards it was a little breezy (gale force) when all the Pittsburg boats decided to go home but our Port Captain jumped right in and made everything right. Thank you again Ed!

May promises to be a great time to get on the water and do our "thing". I'll be looking for you...



## From the Vice Commodore, Ron Harper

Words from the Vice.....

Greetings fellow boaters. April is winding to a close & the Pittsburg Cruise in was a really great success! The weather cooperated, a gourmet meal was consumed per Ed Stetson efforts & the bingo games finished a fine evening, the wine trip was very enlightening, but just needed more wine. Several members corrected that at the end of the tour!

At our General meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be welcoming 5 more members into our club, I hope there will be a good turn out for that event.

In May we have 2 cruise ins with Bridge Marina & Castaways & Driftwood cruise out for the martini crawl, so get your recipes practiced ahead of time. Competition is fierce!

If you can't cook there is always a need for a cleanup group, so save somebody else's dishpan hands for a change by volunteering.

See you at the club

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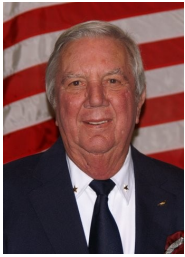
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## Rear Commodore, Cliff Hahn

Greetings from your Rear Commodore!

Remember to adjust your calendar.....there is not a General Membership Meeting for the month of May. The next General Meeting will be held, Friday, June 17th. Be sure to read the Anchor in June for all the details.

We had a great April general meeting with the introductions of several new members. Since it was Good Friday, instead of a full meal, we served Clam Chowder and a Beef and Vegetable Soup, Salad, French Bread and German Chocolate Cake. Everyone in attendance reported it was tasty.

Prizes were awarded to the first to make reservations, Joe & Connie for January, John & Lucy for February, Ron for March, and Mark & Susan for April.

Take note all you long standing members....Mark & Susan became members at the April Meeting, they are off to a really good start. Wonder who will win the prize for the June meeting?

## BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

- 7th Warren Wynant
- 12th Madeline Vickers
- 12th Mike Mc Intyre
- 19th Jane Mc Intyre



## Port Captain, Ed Stetson

If you plan to bring your boat to the club, be aware there is a lot of trash (tullies) collecting in the harbor. By themselves they don't pose a threat to your boat, but there are significant logs hiding in them. We try to keep them pulled out for the weekends, but can't always get to all of them. Just be observant when pulling into a large clump.

The Yacht Club Docks are always available for members use. If you want to bring your boat to the club for the weekend, or just for a day, it is important that you contact the Port Captain by email [ed.griffin@yahoo.com](mailto:ed.griffin@yahoo.com), or by phone at 209 992-8073 so we can make sure we have adequate docking.



Remember, the visiting club and their hosts have priority on our docks for cruise ins.

Ed Stetson



## PITTSBURG YACHT CLUB CRUISE IN



### ***BOAT-IQUE NEWS!***

**STOP IN TO THE SHIPS STORE  
TO SEE THE NEW SHIRTS!  
BARGAINS GALORE**

**CHRISTY, Boat-ique Manager**

## **Sunshine & Sadness Report**

Good News! Vice Commodore Ron "Doc" Harper finally bit the bullet and had his knee surgery completed. Off the crutches, off with the bandage, and ON with his social life. I understand that the good Doctor commented "there is no such thing as painless surgery". Glad you are back on the boat Doc and healing.

Good News! SC Jack & Mary Lee Michael just returned (reluctantly) from their 16 day Panama Canal Cruise. That is the LIFE! Happy early 25th Anniversary!

Remember, let Mary Lee know about any news to share with the members.





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

The last Delegates Meeting was held on April 4, 2011 at Aeolian Yacht Club. Staff Commodore/PICYA Sgt.-At-Arms Ed Stetson and Director Bonnie, Richard and Joan Hardy, PICYA Linda Breninger and Dave, and I attended. Thank you to Ed for attending and reporting on the March Delegates Meeting in Half Moon Bay. The next meeting will be on May 9, at the Oyster Point YC at which the various awards for “Opening Day on the Bay” will be presented.

Most of the meeting was centered on promotion of attendance at the various Opening Day events on The Bay and in the Bay area. However, don't forget the availability of scholarships for any of your relatives interested in attending college. PICYA will be again awarding at least three \$2500 scholarships

this year. An essay is required and the applicant must be related to a yacht club member. The essay subjects to chose from are; 1) Mandatory boater education concerns and solutions, 2) Improvements for the Bay and Delta Waterways, and 3) Community service and volunteer work. The details are on the PICYA website at [picya.org](http://picya.org). Applications must be postmarked by no later than June 30, 2011.

Unfortunately, we were not able to attend Opening Day on the Bay this year because of our return date from our cruise through the Panama Canal, which was just fantastic! Be sure to attend our next MWYC General Meeting to get a report from those that attended Opening Day on the Bay.

## **R.B.O.C. Report, Jack Michael SC, R.B.O.C. Vice President North**

The RBOC Board of Directors held their Annual Legislative Day and Board Meeting on April 5 & 6 in Sacramento. It was a very busy two days with several interesting and meaningful meetings with legislators, the State Parks Department management, and John Laird the Secretary of the State Natural Resources Agency. A very important bill that I mentioned in my report last month is SB 623(Kehoe) which, as amended, would prohibit the sale of any new recreational vessels containing anti-fouling paint containing copper on and after January 1, 2015. In addition, on and after January 1, 2019, it will be unlawful to use on or apply antifouling paint containing copper on a recreational vessel, with a one year extension under certain specified circumstances. We have met with Senator Kehoe's staff on numerous occasions, but maintain our strong position of “Oppose unless Amended”. Thanks to Ed Stetson for recently notifying you of our “Call-To-Arms” on this bill, and thanks to those that were able to respond on such short notice! Unfortunately, the bill passed out of the policy committee on a 5 to 1 vote, and will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Be prepared to get letters and e-mails written on this issue when we send out the updated Call-To-Arms! The additional problem with the amended language is that you will have to spend thousands of dollars to strip the existing bottom paint on your boat even if there are no anti-fouling paints available by January 1, 2019. This is becoming a very aggravating issue when only rec-

reational vessels are being targeted and all commercial and military vessels are being exempted.

Beyond the copper bottom paint issue, RBOC will be giving special attention to the following issues: (A) boater access to navigable waterways, (B) safety, (C) ethanol, (D) issues regarding water quality in marinas, and (E) any matter that would increase boating costs. Regarding State Budget issues, the status presented in last month's report remains unchanged with the ongoing budget stalemate in Sacramento. We are working on prioritizing the programs undertaken by Cal Boating so we can recommend which programs have the highest priority to boaters if substantial cuts to the Department's budget are proposed. Let me know if you have any opinions on this issue.

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!



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

### May Safety – By Ed Stetson

The following is an excerpt from **Seaworthy Magazine**, the Boat U.S. Marine Insurance Damage Avoidance Report, frightening. To read the full article, follow the link at the bottom of this page.

### A Preventable Dockside Tragedy

By  
Kevin Ritz

We were a live-aboard family with three active children at a fresh-water marina on a tributary of the Willamette River near Portland, Oregon. Other kids were already swimming in the cove because it was that kind of day— hot and lazy. This was a common practice by adults as well as children during the warm summer of 1999.



**Lucas Ritz:  
1991—1999**

Our sons Ian, age 10, and Lucas, age eight, asked to swim with their friends. Permission was granted, subject to close adult supervision by parents including their mother, a graduate nurse. The boys were both wearing Type II life jackets, so it was great fun and presumably safe to play in the water. Our children were schooled in aquatic safety. Being young professional people, my wife, Sheryl, and I had taken every precaution we could for peace of mind in a water environment.

On the inside of the dock, the kids were having a great time floating down with the river current on an inner tube. Lucas moved away from the others toward his mother, who was keeping pace on the dock with the children's water activity. As he approached the ladder to get out of the water, he let out a loud gasp, immediately rolling onto his back in his life jacket, apparently unconscious. Sheryl yelled to the other kids to help him and jumped into the water herself. As the kids approached Lucas, they felt a slight tingling sensation in the water and immediately backed off. Upon hitting the water downstream from Lucas, Sheryl's extremities went numb and she experienced extreme difficulty moving her limbs, which, at the time, she attributed to fear. Somehow, Sheryl managed to pull Lucas to the dockside where others assisted in getting him onto the dock.

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

Follow this link, then click on the "Archives" link on the Seaworthy home page and select "Dockside Tragedy" from the popup menu.



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Members

Jeff Rose, Ken Dretzka, Ron Harper, Ben Penn, Chair Ed Stetson

Thanks to a MAJOR contribution from John and Lucy Anthony, we are nearing completion of the galley. Sanitary FRP paneling is being installed on the walls, the fixed windows reconfigured to provide wall space for shelving. A new window that can be opened to provide fresh air is being installed. Cabinets have been purchased and will be installed when the walls are completed. An exhaust system for the stove is being researched. And, we may even be able to obtain a dishwasher.

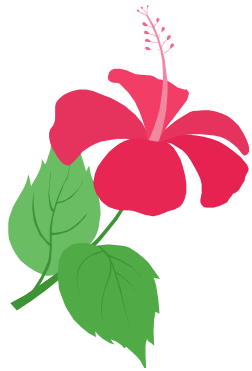
Everyone should thank John and Lucy when you see them, they are really getting involved in MWYC after all their years with Driftwood.

Thanks to everyone that has helped with the projects we have completed.

Ed Stetson, Chair

## MORE PITTSBURG YC CRUISE-IN FUN





Spring Into Great Fun.... **Bridge Marina** is Cruising To **Marina West Yacht Club**.....Join In May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Baked Potato Bar, Tossed Salad, Bread, Strawberry Shortcake

**Lunch, Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Macaroni Salad, Chips

**Dinner, Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

MWYC will provide, *you BBQ*, your entrée of choice  
Served with Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Ice Cream Pie

**Breakfast, Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast Casserole, Fresh Fruit, Muffins

Reservations to Wendy Wynant 100 Ox Bow Marina Drive  
Isleton, CA 95641.....**By May 9<sup>th</sup>** (Reservations a Must)

**Friday Dinner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number @ \$8.00 ea** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number @ \$5.00 ea.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Dinner** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$15.00 ea.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Select Your Choice # Chicken** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Steak** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Breakfast** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number @ \$8.00 ea.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Beverages @ 5:30, Dinner @ 7:00, Breakfast 9:30**

Are you ready for our  
Annual  
**Martini Crawl?**



**But wait...REMEMBER**  
**Barbecued Oysters**  
**have been added to the**  
**Mix!**

**This all happens at Driftwood Yacht Club May 20-22:**

**Friday Night:**

ARRIVE AT YOUR LEISURE  
ON FRIDAY--FESTIVITIES  
BEGIN AT 1800 HOURS

Fish Fry including halibut, calamari and maybe some FREE abaloni! (other entree's will be available for non-seafood lovers). Dancing will follow with music provided by the Desert Moon Band.

**Saturday:**

MAYBE EVEN A BOCCI BALL  
GAME OR HORSESHOES?

1:00 PM Martini Crawl-Oyster Extravaganza

8:00 PM Two Pound Lobster Dinner!

**Sunday:**

DEPART AT YOUR LEISURE

9:30 AM Breakfast at Driftwood

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Friday Night Dinner	\$10.00
Saturday Night Dinner	\$35.00
Sunday Breakfast	\$ 8.00

Make checks out to MWYC & send your reservations to:  
Judy Dretzka (Please respond by May 13th)  
1535 Gill Court  
Dixon, CA 95620 Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# The MWYC Welcomes the

Memorial Weekend

May 27-30th

## CASTAWAYS to the 1st MWYC 500!

**Friday Night Warm Up : Soup Line (3 different kinds)**



**Bread and Dessert**

**Saturday More Warm Up Lunch: Hot Dogs-Hamburgers**

**& all the fixins**

**2:00PM Pick out your car, bid on it and get it!**

**(You'll have till 6:00PM to "deck out" your car)**

**6:00PM Bring your own entree to BarBQ.**

**Salad, sides and dessert will be provided.**

**8:00PM START YOUR ENGINES**

**Let the Races Begin!**



**Sunday 9:30AM Breakfast: Brunch Casserole**

**Fresh Fruit**

**4:00PM Sunday "Linner" Barbecued Ribs or Chicken**

**Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Ice Cream Sundae Bar**

**Monday 9:30AM Continental Breakfast**



Make your reservations by May 23rd to:

Judy Dretzka

1535 Gill Court

Dixon, CA 95620

[judedede@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judedede@sbcglobal.net)

Friday Night Dinner	\$10.00 X	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$ 5.00 X	_____	_____
Saturday Dinner	\$ 5.00 X	_____	_____
Sunday Breakfast	\$ 8.00 X	_____	_____
Sunday Dinner	\$12.50 X	_____	_____
Monday Breakfast	\$ 5.00 X	_____	_____

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_



## MARINA WEST Yacht Club 2011 CALENDAR

**JANUARY**

8	Change of Watch
9	Board Brunch
28 - 30	Cruise in - Village West YC
29	PICYA Change of Watch

**FEBRUARY**

5	Crab Feed
6	Superbowl Party
11 - 14	Oxbow, Driftwood YC & IOBG Cruise In
12	Wine & Chocolate Fest
13	IOBG New Member Induction (MWYC)
18	Board & General Meeting
18 - 21	SeaRay YC Cruise In
26	PICYA Leadership Conference

**MARCH**

5	Amtrack to Old Sac
9	Chamber Of Commerce Mixer
11 - 13	Cruise In - Delta Bayliners
17	St. Patrick's Day
18	Board & Gen Meeting
18-20	Cruise In - Sacramento Bayliners

**APRIL**

15	Board & General Meeting
16	Opening Day on The Delta
15-17	Pittsburg YC Cruise In
23	Open House
24	Easter
24	Easter Egg Celebration

**MAY**

1	Opening Day on the Bay
8	Mother's Day
13 - 15	Bridge Marina Cruise in
20 - 22	Cruise Out - Driftwood (Martini Crawl)
21	Board Meeting
27 - 30	Castaways Cruise In - "NASCAR races"
30	Memorial Day

**JUNE**

3-5	Capital City YC Birthday Cruise In
10-12	Delta Marina Cruise In (Confirmed)
14	Flag Day
17	Board & General Meeting
18	"Dock with the Ports" Cruise to Stockton
19	Father's Day
24-27	Solano YC Cruise In

**JULY**

1 - 4	Independence Day Celebration - Cruise in available
4	Independence Day
8 - 10	Cruise Out to San Joaquin with Driftwood YC
15	Board & General Meeting
16	Taste of the Delta
22 - 24	Hidden Harbor YC Cruise In
23	Safety Day
30	Ladies Day

**AUGUST**

5 - 7	Cruise In - Power Squadron (Caliente Aug Nights)
12 - 14	Devils Isle Cruise Out
19	Board & General Meeting
20	Tower Fest - MWYC Open House
26-29	Diablo YC Cruise In

**SEPTEMBER**

2 - 5	Cruise In Available - Cowboy Weekend
5	Labor Day
9 - 11	Cruise out to PYC (Seafood Fest)
16	Board & General Meeting
16 - 18	Carver Club/IOBG Cruise In
17	Clam Bake
18	IOBG Business Meeting
24	Wheel Chair Regatta
30	Cruise In Available-Chili Cook-off

**OCTOBER**

1	Make-A-Wish Cruise
1 - 2	Cruise In Available-Chili Cook-off
7 - 16	Down Bay Cruise
15	PICYA Management Conference
21	Board & General Meeting
21 - 23	Castaways Cruise In Halloween Party
31	Halloween

**NOVEMBER**

4 - 6	Thanksgiving Trial Run- Cruise in Avail
12	Pasta Feed
18	Board & General Meeting
24	Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER**

3	Delta Reflections
4	Delta Ref Awards Presentation
10	Tower Park YC Christmas party
17	Party
25	Christmas
31	MWYC New Years Eve Party

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