

PETALUMA YACHT CLUB CHICKEN SCRATCH



February 2016

New Members — Saul Cohen & Annie Flynn

Anne and I are very happy to join the crew at the Petaluma Yacht Club. We were celebrating Valentine's Day and Anne's birthday on an overnight at the turning basin when an open door near the gate led us to poke our head inside and see our future sponsors at the bar. Welcoming us in, the Smiths and Quists (which sounds like the name of a pub in England) showed us about the club. Anne and I were very impressed with the facility and how well it was kept up.

We were given a fantastic opportunity to join and three meetings later, here we



are not even a secret handshake to remember.

Anne's boating experience as I remember (she asked me to write this and I'm not one to fact check) took place on St Lawrence River in the summertime on borrowed motor boats of all different sizes. She has considerable experience sailing as she grew up in Virginia on the water.

Anne also has a captain's license but I have to say I have no idea of the tonnage. No she was not in the Merchant Marines, although that would have been fun to see her face if I put that in here.

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New Members—Cohen & Flynn —continued



My boating experience started out at ten years old in a found half sunk stich and glue plywood skiff that had marooned itself on a sandbar in the Pompton river where I grew up in Northern N.J. My friends and took more found wood and hammer and nails patched the hole and set off for great adventure. That lasted all of fifteen minutes as the intrepid craft sank for good and all hands waded to shore. Apparently holes in boats require more than just some more lumber slapped over them.

In search of a sturdier vessel I came across an ad from Uncle Ben's rice. For a now unremembered but I'm sure my mother never wanted that much rice, amount of box tops a 17' aluminum Grumman canoe could be had at half price. My lawn mowing

money and pile of coupons from my now favorite Uncle and I had my first real boat. I paddled my canoe about for a few years quite happily.

Of course like any other boater eventually I wanted something bigger and faster. I traded up for a Sears aluminum rowboat with an electric motor. Now that was living. I fished and cruised the many ponds and lakes in New Jersey until I went off to college.

I was boatless (it's not a word but it should be) for quite a number of years until I had been living in California and divorced. With no one to tell me I couldn't I bought an old Thunderbird Trihull with a big white 1966 60 HP motor on it. I restored the boat which had not seen the water in 30 years or so. I could tell that because the last time it was registered men where wearing bell bottom pants and everyone was dancing to disco.



I sold the motor which was inclined to only run in reverse as "vintage" for nearly the price of the boat and repowered with something more modern and dependable. It was a fun boat but boating on the bay in an open bow meant you got wet.....often.

Of course like any other boater I wanted something bigger and faster. That brings us to the boat we have today. She's fast, big enough to sleep on, has enough room for my son and his friends, a galley and a head and true pleasure to operate.

Anne and I love to overnight on board and are just discovering many of the diverse boating areas we have here. The ocean, Delta, the bay, lakes and of course our Petaluma river.

We aren't around the club as much as we would like. Anne spends a lot of time in the South Bay and travels a bit for work. I'm catching up with numerous projects and of have been away from a number of meetings due to my volunteer work with the Master Gardeners and my other love, hunting season.

We have enjoyed everyone we have met so far and I'm sure we will be better acquainted as time goes on

As for *Invictus*, hopefully I won't be inclined for anything bigger or faster any time soon.....but you know how boaters are

FLAG OFFICER'S REPORTS



Tina Powell - Commodore

cos.

The bar is in excellent shape with our vice Commodore, David Quist offering monthly specials. The new wines are plenty and await the pour. Rear Commodore McKenzie Smith is keeping our club in tip top shape. The club rentals have been keeping Mac very busy and now cruise in season begins. The fun continues.

Looking ahead at February, Happy Valentines Day ! We will wait

To hear from the Galley as I believe we have the CHILI COOK OFF, just around the corner.

See you at the Club, Cheers



David Quist - Vice Commodore

Ahoy all!

The bar has specials lined up to cap off not only football season but the end of my holidays!!

A great Superbowl party is in the planning stages. Mark your calendar for the 7th! Food, friends, pools \$1/sq as usual! More later!

As a die hard Eagles fan I will buy anyone a classic shot of Jose Cuervo 15 minutes before game kickoff! Classic means salt on hand, lime slice & shot. All to tune of Tequila Sunrise!

The rest of the month will be devoted to love and all you Valentines! More in next Bar News!

VCO David





McKenzie Smith - Rear Commodore

During the colder months many members arrive with coats on and once in the club look for a place to hang their coats. The average member takes off their coat and lays it over a chair in the bar room. Once that coat is placed on a chair, the chair is then unavailable for others to use. The coats owner rarely ever sits in the chair. We have a coat rack down the rear hallway but it almost never gets used. It is out of sight and out of mind. It has become a lost and found, mostly lost.

The building committee and I are looking to remove the coat rack from the back hallway and install it in the bar room corner behind the stair case. The coat rack would then be more visible and used much more. The chairs would then not be used as coat racks and could actually be used as chairs. In the rear hallway I am hoping to build and install an oak cabinet similar to the one next to the galley door that is used for wine storage.

The **Antique Classic Boat Society** and the **San Francisco Yacht Club** are both cruising

in to our club on the April 8th weekend. **Butter and Eggs** weekend is April 23rd. We don't have a club scheduled for **Butter and Eggs** yet but clubs have been calling about it and I am sure they will schedule a cruise in soon.

Our club house can be rented for a private personal party. The cost is \$150. Contact me 45 days prior to your event. Short notice rentals are possible, but would typically be for a funeral or memorial type service where the event could not possibly have been planned ahead of time. Club house rental rule #14 reads – **Do not abuse the spirit of your membership by using the club for a private function, meeting or event when a club house rental would be more appropriate.** In other words, don't bring a bunch of non-members to the club without renting the club.

If you have any ideas for the building you can speak with me or the **Building Committee chair Al Alyas.**

Keep plenty of fuel in your tanks!

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General Meeting MINUTES

January 8, 2016 8:00 pm



Call to order @ 8:04 PM

Thank you to Karl Brandt, Nancy Walker and David Quist for dinner tonight! February's dinner will be hosted by Kim and Clyde Schultz.

Guests No guests tonight.

Treasurer's Report—Sherri Adams reported that all bills are paid, memberships are paid and the club is in great shape.

Secretary's Report—Anne Gealta reported that all remaining membership cards will be kept at the Bar next to the register.

Commodores Report—Tina Powell—

- Thanks to Larry Calvert for the article in the paper regarding debris in the River.
- Spinnaker Yacht Club in San Leandro extended an invitation to the PYC officers and members to visit their club anytime.

Vice Commodore Report - No report

Rear Commodore Report - McKenzie Smith reported that there are no cruise in's so far.

- Rentals approved for January are 1/12, and 1/23.
- There will be a Memorial Day Weekend Meeting on 1/14.
- There is also a Lost and Found table near the front of the club that has miscellaneous items that need owners to claim.
- Al Alys reported on behalf of the Building Committee and confirmed that the exit signs in the back of the building are down. Ted Adams, Larry Calvert, and Al Alys installed the new water heater under the bar sink. The locksmith for the front door met with the committee today. Hoping to have this item completed within the next month.

Committee Member Reports

- Events – The 2016 theme for this years Butter & Eggs Parade is “All Aboard, Next Stop Petaluma”. BE parade will be held on April 23rd.
- Gail Swift – The Memorial Day Weekend meeting will be on 1/14 at the club to discuss the events for Memorial Day Weekend.
- Membership – No report.
- Advertising – Connie M. requested those who have ads in the newsletter to please send in your money. New business/new members are encouraged to advertise in the newsletter.
- Cruise-Outs – Diane Parker reported that the Suisun Cruise Out is cancelled. Half Moon Bay is February 5-7. Greg W. suggested moving Half Moon Bay to March. Benicia has been moved to November 11-13. Changes are being made due to overlapping current events.
- Newsletter – No report.
- Photography – No report.

- PICYA - Linda Blue reported that 1/23 is the installation dinner for PICYA and will be held at the Encinal Yacht Club. Schmick Engineering is responsible for the damages to Blue Crew but insurance is paying those bills.
- Web – No report.
- Coop – No report.
- Galley– No report.
- Delta Cruise- Mac Smith reported that the Delta Cruise is scheduled for August1-5.
- Sunshine– Linda Frost reported that Fred Frost is doing well as is Gloria Roberts.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

For the good of the club: No report.

Next board meeting will be 1/21/16. **General meeting** will be 2/5/16.

Meeting was adjourned @8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Gealta, Secretary



Nautical Terminology

HATCH—A device similar to a mousetrap, in that it will drop down on your head or hand without warning. Also, an opening for admitting water into the boat.





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PYC FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------|---------------|
| 3rd | Annie Flynn |
| 4th | Dave Powell |
| 10th | Barbara Lind |
| 10th | Clyde Schultz |
| 13th | Meg Rosenfeld |
| 17th | Tom Griffith |
| 20th | Charlie Sleep |
| 23rd | Garrett Hill |

Please contact me if you know if one of our members are sick or any other news about our members. I can't do my job without your help.

It is with great sadness our beloved Bette Quaresma passes away. For those who knew her she was a kind, generous, and loving person.



We will ring the 8 bells at February's general meeting and ask her two daughters to join us at that meeting. Upon Bette's request there will be no services

Madison Keller enjoying a visit with Betty on the farm (2013).



PYC sends our condolences to Mike Freeman on the passing of his father.

PYC Ladies Lunch ~ Gail Swift has this measuring cup —please see her to claim it.





New Year's Day Brunch at the Club





New Year's Morning at the Turning Basin—
Taken aboard Lady Francesca



Saturday Jan 2nd. Taking advantage of a break in the weather, most of the visiting Nordic Tugs left the dock to head back to home ports. The cruisers enjoyed the New Years holiday in Petaluma including a catered dinner at the club. 14 boats made the trip along with the Smith's Lady Francesca that cruised



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Memorial Day 2016

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Calling upon our “village” to jump in to make Memorial Day Weekend another smashing success.

We have many different ways in which you can help (pick your poison) .

There are several available slots to cover the bar.

Judges needed for the Friday (5pm) Cocktail Contest “Martini Madness” on the dock.

Boat Greeters

Chairing of the Continental Breakfast or being a crew member helping to cut up fruit and get the tables of food ready (this has been done year after year, so we have it down as a science basically, so no reinventing the wheel.

The dinner venue is still being worked out so stay tuned.

“Breakfast at Tiffany’s”, our Sunday brunch. We need helpers to cook, serve and clean up.

Lastly, (well almost) are the games on Sunday afternoon. This is serious stuff!! Get creative and come up with a simple game. We will need those that are creative and those that can hold each game. This is one of the biggest highlights of the weekend, especially the float your boat game. Once points are tallied, the winning team picks a team member, sits that individual on one end of our custom teeter totter and the cases of beer are loaded on the other end to equalize the weight. What’s not to like!! Last year, two of our newest members ran the Float Your Boat game and had an absolute blast.

This is truly one of those.....”you get out of this what you put in” events. There is a reason so many boaters come back year after year to enjoy this weekend. They have lots of fun, they enjoy and compliment our club members for all the work we do to pull it off and you make long lasting friendships from boaters all over the bay area.

Monday, clean up day.....all hands on deck, please!! It goes very quickly, believe me!!

I will have the signup sheets at our February meeting, but feel free to call me or email me with any questions or suggestions or preferred assignments

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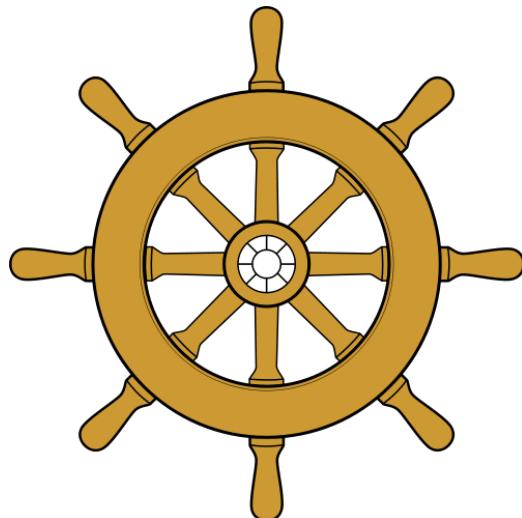
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2016 PYC Cruise Out Schedule

Month	Destination
February	5-7: Half Moon Bay . Stage in Horseshoe Cove Friday night. Depart Saturday morning and return Sunday. Weather permitting.
March	18-20: Berkeley
April	22-24: Sausalito : Lots to explore!
May	27-30: Petaluma : PYC-Memorial Day Event
June	10-12: South Beach Harbor , SF Giants Baseball Game
July	2-5: Solano YC – Enjoy 4 th of July in Suisun City!
August	Date TBD: Delta Cruise —(Delta YC 8/1—8/5)
September	23-25: Alameda Island : Wheelchair Regatta hosted by PICYA and Encinal YC. Perhaps followed by a jaunt to Half Moon Bay so Forest can catch crabs!
October	7-9: Oakland Estuary : Time for a pub Crawl – by dinghy of course! Optional extension October 12th for those with a “relaxed” schedule.
November	11-13: Benicia YC
December	2-4: PYC Lighted Boat Parade (December 3 rd ?) Date still under consideration.





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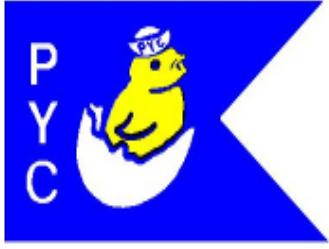
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MONTH**

February

2016

Bar Director: Jay Townley

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Bar Opens 6 PM Bartenders: Roberts & Claeyssens General Meeting 8 PM	6 Bar Opens 5 PM Bartenders: Roberts & Claeyssens
7	8 	9	10	11	12 Bar Opens 6 PM Bartenders: Griffiths	13 Bar Opens 5 PM Bartenders: Griffiths
14 	15 	16	17 6 pm PYC Board Meeting	18	19 Bar Opens 6 PM Bartenders: Townleys	20 Bar Opens 5 PM Bartenders: Townleys
21	22	23	24	25	26 Bar Opens 6 PM Bartenders: Reinhartz/ Walker	27 Bar Opens 5 PM Bartenders: Reinhartz/ Walker
28	29					