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Change of Watch

By Todd Mendoza



Good time was had by all. The change of watch and installation of officers for 2018 2019 was a great event. This year's event was held at Rooster Run Golf Club . Thanks to all that attended. The evening started off with drinks and appetizers out in the patio. While we were socializing with our libations in hand Sal Sanchez the photographer caught many smiles and much laughter in the early part of the event. Some of us took the opportunity to pose in front of the PYC Backdrop. We took a chance, but seemed to be a hit with people lining up for their favorite pose.

Moving on to Dinner which was also a hit with choices of Salmon or Steak, beautiful fresh salad and potatoes and vegetables. Tables decorated

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to a tee with your favorite old ship identified. Most were sailing vessels, one power boat.

Stating the program of was McKenzie Smith acknowledging and thanking the club for a phenomenal year of support, Presenting gifts to all the committee chairs that attended. Well-deserved honors went to Bruce Stender who was presented the *Member of the Year Award*. McKenzie also presented outgoing Vice Commodore Todd Mendoza and Outgoing Rear Commodore Leland Fishman with awards of appreciation. Well McKenzie was not finished. The change of watch ceremony was facilitated by Senior Staff Commodore Al Alys. As Senior Staff Commodore Alys swore in the new Bridge, McKenzie honored us with our Yacht Officers Flag: Bruce Stender - Rear Commodore, Leland Fishman - Vice Commodore, and Todd Mendoza - Commodore.

Newly installed Commodore Todd Mendoza was then installed into the Petaluma Navy, by Al Alys, a coveted honor bestowed on few. The ceremony was drawing to a close with now Junior staff commodore McKenzie Smith receiving his award and thanks for all of his hard work and commitment to the club from Todd Mendoza. Todd installed his new board and committee chairs, welcome new members Chris Keagan, Gail Cardaropoli, Jay Townley, LeAnne Gallup and Darby Tarantino, but special recognition was given to none other than Francesca Smith for all her hard work and enthusiasm with her role as special events chair. Great job Francesca.

Finally the music started with Sheldon Belmont Band. From the first song to the last there was not a song that was missed on the dance floor. The pictures painted the evening much better than this writer can ever describe. This was a great start to a New Year

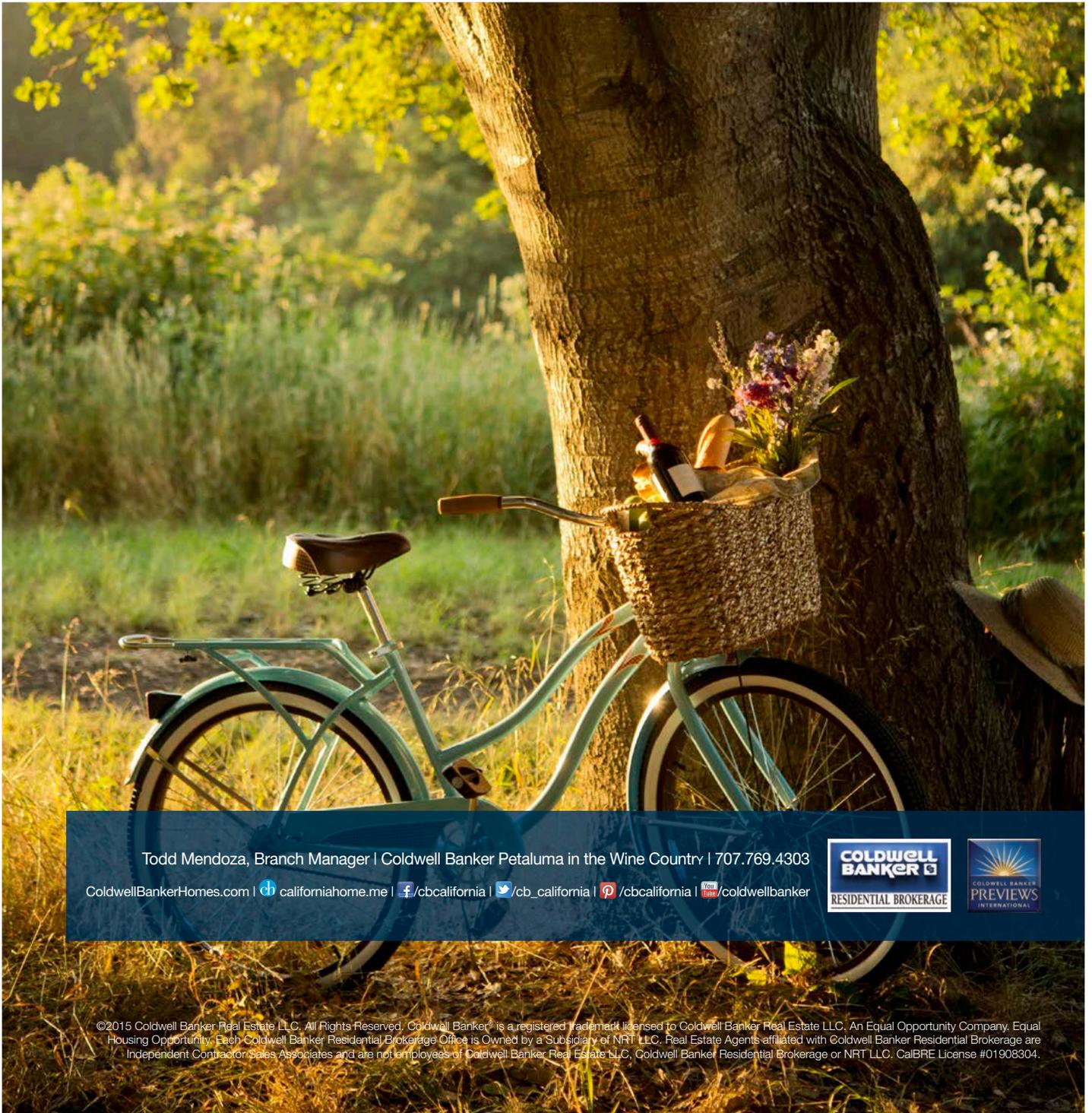


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Change of Watch - *A perspective*

By Rich Brazil

The first thing Laura and I noticed as we walked into the Rooster Run Event Center ballroom was how nice everyone looked in their evening attire. The men dressed in Tuxedos or suits and the women dolled out in evening gowns. Change of watch, which follows the changing season signifies a new beginning at PYC with a new incoming bridge.

The evening started with casual conversation in the much too long of a line to get a cocktail, to the nicely appointed and well stocked appetizer table. Dinner consisted of a well timed Buffet consisting of Salmon, Beef, roasted potatoes, yummy veggies and more. I must commend Lane Morales, the event coordinator from Rooster Run for overseeing such a nice meal.

Awards were presented and kind words spoken to congratulate the outgoing Bridge. Bruce Stender was awarded member of the year. *Again!* Shortly after dinner the Sheldon Bermont band turned up the heat in the room and soon had most PYC faithfuls shakin it up on the dance floor. Francesca even got McKenzie to dance!

A Message from the Events Chair

Ahoy!

2019 is just around the corner, and that means a new season of PYC events are coming your way! I'm very excited to be at the helm of the events committee this year, and although I have some very big shoes to fill, I know we'll continue to grow and evolve our events repertoire to make 2019 a successful year for the club.

Want to get in on the fun? Here's your chance —

Join us on Monday, December 3rd for the first Events Committee meeting to brainstorm and explore ideas for upcoming events, including our Holiday Open House —(formerly the Lighted Boat Parade) scheduled for Friday, December 14th at 7 pm. We'll sip cocktails, and enjoy a few light snacks while we plan our 2019 events calendar, so come one, come all to the PYC Events Committee meeting and let's have some fun next year!

Full details below —

- ⚓ What: *PYC Events Committee Meeting*
- ⚓ Where: *Petaluma Yacht Club*
- ⚓ When: *Monday, December 3rd at 6 pm*
- ⚓ Why: *Because this is YOUR club and our events are only as good as your participation. And did I mention cocktails and snacks?*

I look forward to seeing you there!

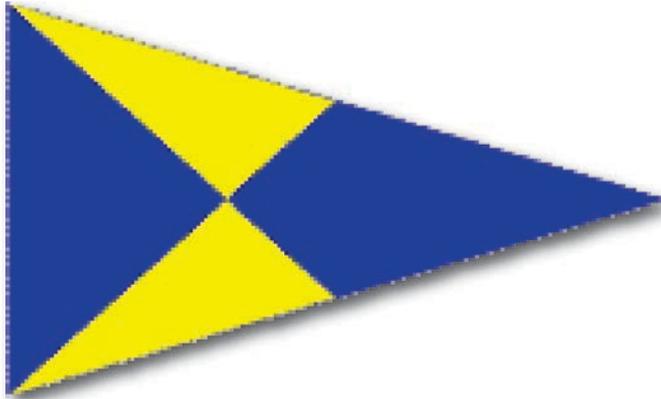
Darby Tarantino



Marin Yacht Club Cruise Out

By Francesca Smith

Six boats and over a dozen “land cruisers” enjoyed our last cruise out of the club year under the leadership of Commodore McKenzie Smith. Destination: Marin Yacht Club.



The cruise over from the Delta was as smooth and comfortable as we've ever experienced. Suisun Bay? Flat and calm. San Pablo Bay? Same.

But alas - not all was well with the entire fleet. *Manu Moku* experienced engine trouble and lost the starboard engine under the San Rafael bridge. Gerry Reinartz expertly guided the boat into port with Larry and Denise Calvert assisting at the dock. *Update! Gerry identified the cause of the trouble, made repairs (without huge \$\$ expense) and cruised*

the boat back to South Beach Harbor. Whew!!

MYC is as close as to can get to a resort in the Bay Area yacht club world offering three tennis courts, bocce court, swimming pool and rec center. We availed ourselves of the tennis courts in particular with our three year old grandson getting an enthusiastic intro to the sport. After a brisk walk from the docks, he didn't even take time to take off his pfd!

Friday night, the land cruisers all met for cocktails at MYC on their patio overlooking the canal with a view of the City in the distance. Dinner at MYC was tasty and Commodore Smith thanked everyone for participating in PYC cruises during the year. Ours is a great group of intrepid cruisers who enjoy their time together on the water. And what better than to cruise with friends.

Saturday morning started with a hearty potluck breakfast aboard *Lady Francesca* and followed by more tennis! MYC also turned out to be a short bike ride to Loch Lomond for picking up provisions. And speaking of which, my dear Commodore enlisted Bruce and Marilyn Stender to deliver roses for my birthday! What a treat!

Saturday evening the group gathered aboard *Patience* for cocktails and then split up into smaller groups for dinner aboard our vessels.

Sunday morning we got underway and made it back to the Delta in good time but not without experiencing a bit of chop crossing Suisun.

Thanks for a great cruising year - and a wonderful birthday weekend!



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Mike Feeman's *Patience*



Tom & Linda Corbett's *Lightwave*



Cap'n Mac at the helm



Enjoying MYC's hospitality



The Smith's grandson Shedrick Wilson enjoying his first tennis match



America's Cup Racing

By Stephen Hamilton

The America's Cup, the longest continually running sports event, commenced in 1851 when the schooner America beat the best of the English fleet around the Isle of Wight. Queen Victoria was present at the finish line and when told who had won, she asked 'and who is second' ... to which the legendary response was 'there is no second ma'am'.

For over one hundred and thirty years the New York Yacht Club accepted twenty challenges for the America's Cup from several nations finally losing the cup to the winged wonder from down under, *Australia II* in 1983. I remember listening on the radio to commentaries from the 1962 races when Australia's *Gretel* was beaten by *Weatherly*, and seeing Sceptre, the first British post war challenger, sailing at Cowes. When *Australia II* won the cup in the pre-Internet days of 1983 I kept calling the local TV station asking for updates on the final deciding race.

In 1993 while I was working at HP I had the fun job of liaising with the *America's 3* challenge team that HP had sponsored. The syndicate was funded by Bill Koch and featured an all female crew. My role included entertaining corporate clients at the elimination trials in San Diego. This was a close as I ever got to the Americas Cup ... until this fall when our eldest daughter Alex (*aka Lex*) and I were crew on AC76, an International America's Cup Class racing yacht used by the ORACLE Racing team in their preparations to challenge for the 2003 America's Cup.

We raced in the Richmond Yacht Club's Great Pumpkin Pursuit Race in late October. Starting at Point Richmond and circuiting Alcatraz and Angel Island., the participants could choose to go around the course clockwise or counter clockwise, just as long as they rounded both islands.

As the fastest boat in the fleet AC76 had to start last and catch up with the rest of the fleet in this pursuit race.

Hitting the line within seconds of our scheduled

start time, we were able to make Alcatraz Island in one tack and rounded it in thick fog, which made for some close calls as we powered past the slower vessels of the fleet. Crossing over to Angel Island we met the leaders of the fleet that had decided to do a counter clockwise route. They had the right of way so we had to make some hasty maneuvers. Entering Raccoon Strait the wind began to die but AC76 continued to pull through the fleet with only two or three ahead of us in the clockwise fleet.

Once we cleared the wind shadow of Angel Island we could see the leaders of the counter clockwise fleet gaining on us. Now would have been a great time for the spinnaker! Unfortunately the owners of AC 76, probably wisely, don't fly the kite, which apparently has three times the sail area of the Genoa and main combined!



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Americas Cup Racing (cont.)

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Even though AC76 is past her prime the speed of this 84' mono-hull is impressive and she points high into the wind. And even with twenty of us on board, there is still lots to do Manning the 'coffee grinders', the huge winches that trim the sails and steering this 50 tonne beast is a thrilling experience.

In the end, after three hours, we crossed the line a respectable 14th out of 137 I am sure this is a close as I will ever get to racing in the America's Cup ... but it was thrilling and a huge thank you to Alex. The best birthday /

fathers day present yet!

From Tom's Galley Shrimp Fried Rice

This is a simple recipe that has an oriental flavor from the Sesame oil and soy sauce, but when combined with the sautéed shrimp, rice and fried egg, it makes an entrée with various layers of flavor. Making the rice in chicken stock adds additional flavor to the rice that melds well with the shrimp. Give it a try.

Ingredients:

- ⚓ 1 cup white rice
- ⚓ 2 cups chicken stock
- ⚓ 1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined (21-25 count)
- ⚓ 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- ⚓ 2 Tablespoons sesame oil, divided
- ⚓ 1 small white onion, chopped
- ⚓ 1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed
- ⚓ 2 – 3 Tablespoons soy sauce
- ⚓ 3 large beaten eggs
- ⚓ 2 Tablespoons chopped green onions (optional)

In a saucepan cook rice according to package instructions using chicken stock instead of water.

Peel and devein shrimp.

Chop onion.

Preheat a large skillet over medium heat.

Add vegetable oil, 1 tablespoon sesame oil and shrimp to skillet. Salt and pepper to taste.

Saute shrimp 2 to 3 minutes until no longer pink. Remove with slotted spoon and set aside in a bowl.

Add white onion and peas and carrots and fry until tender. Place vegetables in bowl with shrimp.

Pour eggs into the skillet and with a spatula, scramble the eggs.

Once cooked, mix eggs with vegetables

Add rice, shrimp and vegetables to the eggs. Mix to incorporate..

Pour the soy sauce and 1 Tablespoon sesame oil over top.

Stir and fry until heated through and combined.

Add chopped green onions if desired and serve.

These recipes have been created and developed by PYC member, Staff Commodore and chef Tom Griffith and are designed to be prepared on board your boat, using only two burners or a BBQ. They can also be prepared at home for any family dinner.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

"*This is a winch*" I exclaimed, as I laid my hand a top the shiny Lewmar 45 self tailing beauty. "*It eases and tightens the jib sheets*" I continued, trying my best to be as sailor like as I could.

You see, people are impressed with sailing jargon and I was dang sure I was going to use every single term I could think of to impress these two would be boat owners, the For Sale sign on *Sailing Suds* still wet from its posting only a few hours ago. This would be easy, I thought, I can spot 'em a mile away, walking slowly down the docks, heads swiveling from side to side like the would be, seagull scaring owl decoy, mounted on the bow pulpit of *Sailing Suds*, that seems to attract more gulls than scare away.

"*Welcome aboard*" I mused, sensing an air of naiveté in the would be sailors. "*Would you like a tour?*" The interested couple clumsily made their way up the boarding ladder. "*I'm Whye Waite.*" As I plunged my diesel stained callous hand into the strangers lily white limp noodle hand. "*Welcome aboard Sailing Suds, see she's a cutter rigged fractional sloop with an additional detachable baby stay for a stay sail or storm sail. Shes got a drifter, asymmetrical as well as a symmetrical spinnaker, boom furling main, roller reefing 140 degree Genoa, all new halyards and sheets, recently fitted standing rigging, 4 Lewmar self tailing winches, two 45's and two 35's, a 65lb Manson Supreme with a back up Danforth, Awlgrip anti slip decks, lazzerettes the size of Volkswagens!*" I proudly exclaimed. "*Down below shes got a desalination unit, gimbaled stove, fore and aft cabins, a Pullman berth, all with lee cloths, two heads, one with a Lectra San sanitation unit, the other a Lavac!*" I huffed and puffed. "*Well, what do ya think?*" Sensing the kill. "*Actually, we were just looking for the marina bathroom*"

Whye Waite



Dear Editor

We read a depressing article in a recent edition of the San Francisco Chronicle about the current state of the Petaluma River. Junior Staff Commodore McKenzie Smith was quoted along with other boaters. With fewer and fewer vessels braving the voyage for fear of grounding, and the Lighted Boat Parade being canceled, it is a sad story.

The most depressing line in the news article was the quote from the Army Corps of Engineers who said " ... \$600,000 has been awarded for preliminary studies of the dredging that everyone acknowledges needs to be done. The \$10 million for the actual dredging is "waiting for a final approval," a process that has gone on for more than a decade."

This dreadful state of affairs must be rectified. The economic impact on our town and on the commercial traffic is significant due to the reduced depth of the river. There is also economic impact on businesses and clubs that depend on visits from recreational boaters. These visits have essentially stopped due to fear of boats getting grounded and/or damaged.

We encourage all our members to alert the friends and neighbors to the sorry state of the river, and encourage everyone to contact our respective state and federal representatives. Petaluma without a river would not be the same.

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Linda & Tom Corbett

Upcoming Events



- ⚓ Wednesday December 5th, **Rental**
- ⚓ Thursday December 6th, **Rental**
- ⚓ Friday December 7th, **General Meeting**
- ⚓ Saturday December 8th, **Rental**
- ⚓ Monday December 24, **Rental**



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General Meeting

Pot Luck

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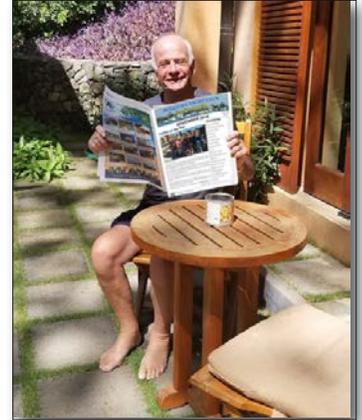
Sunshine and Birthdays



We hear from our editor that he and his lovely wife Fiona are enjoying a month long sojourn in Costa Rica. Stephen reports that the job opportunity as a surfer dude on the beach is pretty tempting. If he doesn't succumb to that temptation, the Hamilton's will be back in Petaluma in December. ¡Pura Vida!

Hoping all our members enjoyed a wonderful and delicious Thanksgiving holiday!

Got any club news? Let Sunshine Chair Laura Brazil know via email at fllaura@sonic.net



Our Editor at Work in CR!



1st Patty Paula
2nd Andy Day

2nd Susan Muscatell
3rd Thom Knudson

3rd Connie Madrid
4th Sal Taormina

20th Bente Niles
23rd Drea Pierotti

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December

Duty Manager - Leland Fishman

Sat 1st
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Fri 7th
Saul Cohen

Sat 8th
Private Party

Fri 14th & Sat 15th
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Fri 21st & Sat 22nd
Ted & Sherri Adams

Fri 28th & Sat 29th
Kurt & Esther Schau

January

Duty Manager - LeAnne Gallup

Fri 4th & Sat 5th
David Quist & Janny Van Aalderen

Fri 11th & Sat 12th
Susan Muscatell & Mike Deverell

Fri 18th & Sat 19th
Nancy & James Keller

Fri 25th & Sat 26th
Stacy Horton & Linda Lockwood

February

Duty Manager - McKenzie Smith

Fri 1st & Sat 2nd
Rich & Laura Brazil

Fri 8th & Sat 9th
Mike Freeman & Beth Darrow

Fri 15th & Sat 16th
Tom & Linda Corbett

Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd
Stephen & Fiona Hamilton

Flag Officer Reports



TODD MENDOZA - *Commodore*

Ahoy Mates,
Well we are off to a new year of fun and frolic. Special Events chair Darby Tarantino has lots of good ideas to start the year off. The special events meeting will be scheduled if not already. Leland Fishman also has new ideas to share as he immerses himself in the bar. First

Board meeting of the year was held, with that we are all getting our sea legs with our new roles and responsibilities. I have said this before if you wish to learn something about the club or just have questions feel free to contact me. If you wish to do a direr this year please let me know that also. The list is starting to fill up. Pot luck this First general meeting RSVP to me as we are formulating our galley team this year and we will have all of the pictures from the installation. That's all for now

Todd Mendoza ,Commodore




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LELAND FISHMAN - Vice Commodore

Happy Holidays PYC, I'm very excited to start my year as your Vice Commodore.

Not only do I plan on mixing things up at the bar, but along with our new events chair

Darby and a long list of folks who are stepping up to help, we've got some great events planned that you won't want to miss.

For December we're closing out some slower moving bar items, and also featuring craft cocktails from our own Jill Olsen's Sonoma

Coast Spirits. Doesn't a *Pomegranate Cosmo* sound amazing during the holiday season? So how about a generous 3 oz pour, shaken vigorously on ice and served in a martini glass for the bargain price of just \$4....Wow, what a bargain.....and for our gin drinkers, all December long any drink made with Seagrams Gin can be a double for the same price as a single.....OK, I admit it, I over bought on the gin and I need the room.....but seriously folks, expect to see new and changing choices at the bar.

Get ready to get out of your comfort zone and try something new.....we're gonna have a blast.....

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BRUCE STENDER - *Rear Commodore*



I am very pleased to be the new Rear Commodore at PYC. I am really looking forward to the New Year!

Cruise-In's are still an issue with the docks closed until dredging can take place.

The San Francisco Chronicle sent

reporter Steve Rubenstein to do a story on the impact on the lack of dredging in the Petaluma River and was given a deluxe "eye opening

tour" by Jeff Mayne and McKenzie Smith. Hopefully, this interview will help with the dredging issue.

The club is rented November 22 and December 5, 6, 8 & 24th with two rentals already approved for the New Year! Always consider the PYC Clubhouse for special events.

John Sheehy and Scott Hess offered to present their new book "On the River Winding Home" to our members on Sunday afternoon December 16. For those who already have or want to buy a copy in advance at Copperfield's they will sign them at our club.

Many exciting up-coming events!

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General Meeting Minutes November 3rd, 2018

- 1) Call to order @8:05_PM
- 2) Guest. Multiple guests!!!!
- 3) Levi Swift kind words. Kind word about the existing board and everyone in the room.
- 4) Treasurer's Report - Anne Mirante. No report.
 - a) Financial Statement
- 5) Secretary's Report - Rich Brazil. No report.
- 6) Commodore's Report - McKenzie Smith
 - a) Introduce Staff Commodore's. Past commodores introduced themselves.
 - b) Committee chair thank you recognition.
 - PICYA Year book - John Wolthausen
 - Events - Francesca Smith
 - Dock Greeters - Tom and Linda Corbett
 - Newsletter - Stephen Hamilton
 - Web master - Gerry Reinartz
 - Membership - Todd Mendoza
 - Photography - Debbie Powell
 - Cruise - McKenzie Smith
 - Delta Cruise - Forest Blue
 - PICYA - Linda Blue
 - Mike Freeman - Fleet Safety officer
 - Sal Taormina - Fleet Medic
 - Advertising - Connie Madrid
 - Sunshine - Laura Brazil
 - Coop - Marilyn Stender
 - Galley - Bruce Stender
 - Building - Al Alys
 - Ted Adams - Jr Staff Commodore
 - Al Alys - Board Member
 - Bruce Stender - Board Member
 - Roy Johnston - Board Member
 - Maureen Gotham - Board Member
 - Tina Powell - Nomination Committee
 - c) Rich Brazil and Anne Mirante recognition presentation.
 - d) Todd Mendoza and Leland Fishman recognition presentation.
 - e) Member of the year, Special Recognition Presentation. Bruce Stender!
- 7) Vice Commodore report - Todd Mendoza. No report
 - a) Thank you to all bartenders.
- 8) Rear Commodore report - Leland Fishman. No report
- 9) Installation of new officer
 - a) Install Commodore Todd Mendoza
 - i) McKenzie Smith moved to add Todd Mendoza to all bank accounts and remove McKenzie Smith from bank accounts, Leland Fishman 2nd motion, approved.
 - b) Install Vice Commodore Leland Fishman
 - i) McKenzie Smith moved to add Leland Fishman to bar bank account and removed Todd Mendoza from bar bank account, Leland Fishman 2nd motion, approved.
 - c) Install Rear Commodore Bruce Stender
- 10) Installation of new Secretary and Treasurer
 - a) Install Jay Townley as Secretary and Gail Cardaropoli as Treasurer.
 - i) McKenzie Smith moved to add Gail Cardaropoli to bank accounts as treasurer and to remove Anne Mirante from bank accounts, Leland Fishman 2nd motion, approved.
- 11) Installation of Board Members
 - a) Installation of board members, McKenzie Smith, Al Alys, Maureen Gotham, Chris Keegan and Leanne Gallup.
- 12) Old Business. Al Alys talked about the historical aspect of PYC
- 13) New Business. Todd Mendoza Presented a plaque to McKenzie Smith for a job well done.
- 14) 1For the Good of the Club. Laura Brazil's new name tag is Luscious Laura.
- 15) Next Meeting December 1st, 2108
- 16) Adjournment. 8:42pm



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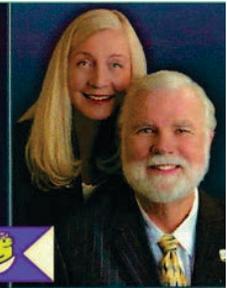
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December Bar Manager: Leland Fishman						1 Bartenders - Allewelt <i>Club Opens At 5:30pm</i>
2	3	4	5 Rental - Club Closed	6 Rental - Club Closed	7 Bartenders - Cohen <i>Club Opens At 6:00pm</i>	8 Rental - Club Closed
9	10	11	12	13	14 Bartenders - Taormina Peterson <i>Club Opens At 6:00pm</i>	15 Bartenders - Taormina Peterson <i>Club Opens At 5:30pm</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21 Bartenders - Adams <i>Club Opens At 6:00pm</i>	22 Bartenders - Adams <i>Club Opens At 5:30pm</i>
23	24 Rental - Club Closed	25	26	27	28 Bartenders - Schau <i>Club Opens At 6:00pm</i>	29 Bartenders - Schau <i>Club Opens At 5:30pm</i>
30	31					

