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## PYC Virtual Meeting

*by Stephen Hamilton & Anne Mirante*

On Friday April 24th Commodore Leland Fishman launched a new first for PYC ... a virtual happy hour ... More than 40 members zoomed in to share their stories of sheltering in place. Many were festively attired ... at least from what we could see .... and thankfully everyone has stayed healthy.

Members brought their own drinks and food and enjoyed the one hour long chance to chat and catch up with other members. It was fun to see everyone after so long since the club was forced to close in response to the current pandemic.

It was especially nice to be 'invited' into members homes and backyards. Sheila and Gardener Bride participated from outdoors at their ranch and Linda & Forest Blue also were enjoying the outdoors. David Quist and Jannie van Aalderen looked dazzling .. or dazzled ... in their holiday shades ... Linda & Tom Corbett appeared to be on the same beach as your editor ... though how they got there is their secret. Le-

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anne and Mike Gallup zoomed in from their boat ... John Wolthausen looked dapper in his gonzo goggles and sun helmet and Darby and Chris were somewhere on the ocean. Laura Brazil was present but Rich was sleeping off an excess of stay-in-place spirits!! McKenzie Smith even baked some chocolate chip cookies that Francesca said were excellent.

I don't think any of us have seen so many kitchens, living rooms and ceilings in one PYC meeting!

Now I think we will all agree that it wasn't quite like being at the club but certainly at Casa Hamilton the drinks and food were good and I didn't have to put a clean shirt on!

s/c Francesca Smith was so inspired by the meeting she sent along some poetry, though as she says "*You can tell I'm desperate for something to do when I resort to corny poetry.... This is a little tongue and cheek homage to "Twas the Night Before Christmas"...*

### It's 5 o'clock Friday

"It's 5 o'clock, Friday!"

I announce quite out loud.

"Time to head downtown

And hang with our crowd."

The volunteer bartenders have ice all prepared  
In hopes that the regulars soon would be there.  
When all through the town, the county, the world  
A pandemic of epic proportions unfurled...

The members are hunkered all snug in their beds  
With memories of signature cocktails swirling 'round  
in their heads.

When out on the Internet there arose such a clatter  
That I launched my web browser to see what was the  
matter?

What I saw was so cool – it could erase all this gloom  
It was a link for me to my new bestie - Zoom!  
And soon one by one the invites they flew  
Meetings and celebrations – all with a cocktail or  
two...

So I say unto you my dear PYC friends  
We all be together when COVID finally ends.  
In the meantime stay healthy, raise a glass ... and  
Zoom with your friends!

Hats off to Leland for organizing this virtual meeting and let's hope we can all meet in the club soon.

Anne says the first club event might be a socially distanced dinner event in the parking lot and deck. Possibly arrange individually packaged food from a local restaurant so we support our great restaurants.



# Dredging Update

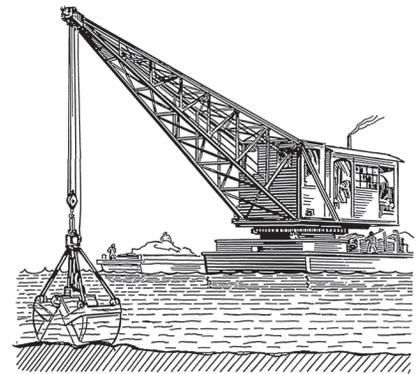
by Commodore Leland Fishman

I was privileged recently to have a 20 minute Zoom meeting with our city manager Peggy Flynn and Public Works Director Jason Beatty. I'm not sure how I was so lucky to have them both in the same place for 1/3 of an hour, but since I used to take spinning classes from Peggy I guess I have an in.

There is very good news as well as not so good news when it comes to dredging. In a nutshell the Army Corp of engineers is slated to put the dredging out for bid in June, make an award in July, and if all goes well dredging will begin in August. The plan is to use two dredging "teams", one beginning at the turning basin and one mid river working south. The hope is to have the entire job finished by the time "dredging season" ends in mid-October. If the job isn't finished, an emergency extension can be applied for. The dredge spoils are slated to be pumped to Schollenberger Park.

The City planned to have the marina dredged at the same time, but unfortunately the type of dredge that's to be used in the turning basin and river, a suction dredge, cannot be used in the marina; its too large and the swinging boom of the dredge could damage the pylons used to hold the docks in place. The city planned to issue their own contract to have a clamshell dredge take care of the Marina, but has since learned that its not a good idea to have both types in use at the same time. Suction dredges require miles of pipe to be laid down river while clamshell dredges require numerous barge trips to dump the dredge spoils. Additionally, the city had planned to tap their TOT (transit occupancy tax) funds from our hotel industry to pay for dredging the marina. These funds have dried up as our hotels are empty and tax revenues are not what they used to be. The city is committed to dredging the marina, they simply have to put it off a year. Given the different types of dredges needed to do the job, there is very little economies of scale to be had by combining the projects. So that's the bad news. But there is additional good news. It's complicated, but there are three different maps showing how far into the basin the Army Corp was willing to dredge. The worst of the maps show the docks in the way

of the dredge, so the Corp backed off the zone they intended to dredge. After negotiations with the city, the Corp has agreed to go deeper into the turning basin, but the docks must be removed to



allow access. The city determined the existing docks are beyond their useful life and need to be replaced, so they included in their 2020-21 budget \$365,000 to replace all the docks in the turning basin and bring them back into working order. That means power and water. That means new docks by the end of boating season. That means next Memorial Day is gonna be rocking out...that means by next year, and perhaps for a time this year, we will have the ability to host yacht clubs from around Northern California. It means that the city has finally accepted their responsibility to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the boating community. Whew, finally some good news.

What I need from all of you, especially those of you that are boat owners, and especially those of you that are boat owners who keep their boats somewhere other than Petaluma; how many of you would bring your boat back to Petaluma if you knew the marina was in tip top condition. There is still a chance the city could play a shell game with funds and find a way to dredge the marina. But it will only happen if we dangle a carrot of increased rent and fuel revenue. If you currently own a boat and you keep it somewhere other than Petaluma and you'd want to move it back, please send me an email with details on your boat. To coin an old phrase, money talks and b\*llsh\*t walks.....if several of you would move back to Petaluma the city may find a way to dredge the marina this year.....please let me know.

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# New Membership Status

by Co-Chair s/c Tom Corbett

| Applicant                      | Application Date | Sponsored By                  | Boat | Status  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------|
| Sara Ferrandini & Terry Brown  | 3/20/2019        | Niles & Mendoza               | No   | Wait    |
| Vern Chang & Sandy Spring      | 6/24/2019        | Corbett's & Hart's            | No   | Wait    |
| John & Robyne Hilton           | 7/26/2019        | Keegan /Tarantino & Corbett's | No   | Wait    |
| Bill & Chris Diles             | 8/18/2019        | Townley's & Hart's            | No   | Wait    |
| Ron Noble                      | 1/19/2020        | Taormina & Corbett's          | Yes  | Pending |
| James & Susan Symons           | 2/26/2020        | Cardapoli & Powell's          | No   | Wait    |
| Rick Lam & Kathy Wilson        | 1/3/2020         | Linda Frost & Arena's         | No   | Wait    |
| Charles Dollwet & Norma Eckert | 3/6/2020         | Mike Gallup & Brazil's        | No   | Wait    |

## Cocktail Corner

by mixologist Linda Corbett

Corbett's Cool Cucumber Cocktail! (*C to the 4th Power!*)

This recipe is as simple as it gets: gin, lime, mint, cucumber and tonic water. Even the novice bartender can throw this together at the amazement of onlooking guests. A light, refreshing cocktail with a surprising, pleasant crunch from cucumber slices.

Prep Time: 5 Mins.

Servings: 1

Freezer Friendly: No / Best when Fresh!

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 oz gin (1 1/2 oz equals 3 Tbsp)
- 4-6 slices cucumber
- 1/4 medium lime (sliced)
- 4 oz diet (or not) tonic water
- 6 mint leaves
- 1 Tbsp sugar (optional)

### Instructions

- 1) Add mint, lime, gin, and sugar (if using) to shaker and muddle.
- 2) Add cucumber slices to shaker and shake vigorously.
- 3) Pour mixture over glass filled with ice and top with tonic water.
- 4) Stir, let set for a few minutes for the flavors to enhance and enjoy.



### Notes

\*For those who prefer a sweeter drink, add sugar to taste. However, it is also quite enjoyable without.



## Sheila Bride *Citizen of the Year*

Our very own PYC member, Sheila Bride has been named Sonoma County Woman of the Year by Sen. Bill Dodd. Sheila owns and operates the Petaluma Coffee and Tea Company and has applied her passion for healthy eating to fighting chronic hunger and helping those in need in Sonoma.

In addition to being a long standing member of PYC, Sheila is an advisory board member of Petaluma Bounty and former board member of the affiliated nonprofit, Petaluma People Services. Petaluma Bounty is focused on addressing food insecurity and getting nutritious food to people who otherwise cannot afford it. The group continues to work during the corona-virus crisis to ensure people get the food they need.

Sheila also has created, along with the Rotary Club of Petaluma Valley, the Friendship Garden, located at her home, which raises money for books for elementary school children. The vegetables are sold to Rotary members at their weekly meetings. The remainder are donated to Lucchesi Senior Center for their meal program.

Sheila is a former airline flight attendant who launched her coffee company in 1989. She says she was inspired in part by her Hawaiian upbringing, cooking with her grandmother and working in her store. She said she "always liked healthy eating and thought we should teach children about it so they can share their knowledge with their parents."

Sheila was quoted as saying "I am honored and humbled by this award from Sen. Dodd and really don't know what to say except that there are so many other women doing extraordinary things for our community who deserve this too. I think that we live in the best place on earth with the most wonderful organizations and people to serve, so it's easy to help",

Congratulations Sheila! Fiona and I (*and I am sure many others!*) are really looking forward to the Petaluma Coffee and Tea Company opening up fully soon so we can smell the coffee!

**PYC General Meeting & Dinner**

**7pm, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**CANCELLED**

# PICYA News

## Opening Day on the Bay - *Virtually!*

When it comes to sailing on the Bay the PICYA is there and no time like the annual opening of the day ceremonies. The PICYA wasn't going to be stopped by a little pandemic... This year the PICYA celebrated its 103rd Opening Day on the Bay Parade virtually and to scale!

All Clubs were invited to enter a model/scale boat - crafted and or decorated while at home and shared in a virtual two hour celebration on Sunday April 26th on Zoom.

More than 20 clubs participated, some sending video, some entertained with stay in place music. In addition PICYA bridge and guests , including USCG Captain Marie Byrd, Latitude 38 publisher John Arndt, maritime historian David Perry and journalist Bill Wells., provided commentary and greetings.

Barbie and her close friend Ken were even seen among the many 'entries' in the virtual boat parade though either of them were wearing PFD's!!



## Devil's Gauntlet

s/c Linda Blue recently spotted the pirate ship "Devil's Gauntlet" , a 91-foot brigantine built in Half Moon Bay in 1977.

The boat is reputed to be a replica of the *Sultana*, the smallest warship ever designed by the U.S. to protect the coast of Massachusetts from pirates.

The Buccaneer League, a fully accredited "pirate themed" non-profit 501(c)(3) organization devoted to inspiring people to live life fully and become masters of their own lives, is sailing "Devil's Gauntlet" from Northern California along the Pacific Coast and eventually to the Caribbean, where it will serve as a vehicle to help Veterans and First Responders suffering from PTSD.



# Arm Chair Sailor

book review by Stephen Hamilton

After participating in the Half Moon Bay YC virtual speaker series featuring Randall Reeve\* talking about his sail around both the American and Antarctic continents in a single season and alone, it was somewhat fitting to pick up a copy (*curbside from our local Copperfield's*) of Michael Palin's ripping yarn *Erebus*, sub titled a story of a ship, two epic voyages and the greatest naval mystery of all time.

Michael Palin, though best known for being one of the famed Monty Python team, is an accomplished traveler, writer and of course, comedian. In this book he charts the early 19th century voyages of *Erebus* a Royal Navy 'bomb ship' that, under the command of James Ross, (*reputedly the handsomest officer in the Royal Navy*), spent four years on an Antarctic circumnavigation. Accompanied by its sister ship, *Terror*, Ross and crew sailed *Erebus* to the now named Ross Ice Shelf and were "the first ships to come face to face with irrefutable proof that the Antarctic continent existed."

As Palin describes "More than a year of their three and a half years away had been spent in or near the most inhospitable continent on earth, with no relief from the relentless cold and no human contact of any kind, other than those men squeezed together on the two ships that carried them into this wilderness. And here they were, for a third season, grasping frozen lines with frozen hands, soaked to the skin, clinging to the rigging as the ships pitched and tossed and icebergs three times higher than their masthead loomed out of the darkness." ... and we think that stay in place is bad!

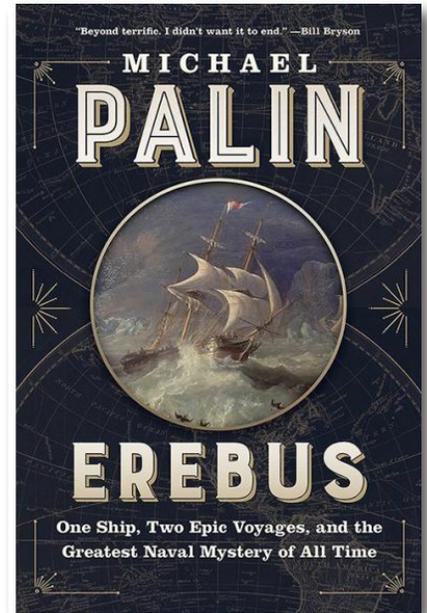
After its successful Antarctic explorations *Erebus* returns to England where she languishes at anchor in a mothball fleet for several years before she is chosen to be the flagship of the ill-fated Franklin expedition to find the fabled North West Passage. Much has been written of this tragically failed expedition ... how Franklin set

off with two boats, crewed by 68 men each and supplies to last at least four years including 8,000 tins of preserved meats (the lead sealing them may have been poisonous), three tons of tobacco, 200 gallons of wine and 4,500 gallons of strong West Indian rum .... and was never heard from again.

In 1854, the Inuit would tell a terrible tale of the ships being "crushed in the ice," the survivors had "abandoned them to walk south to find food," and left the impression that cannibalism had occurred. The two ships' whereabouts would remain a mystery until in September, 2014 a Canadian expedition found the *Erebus*, and later the *Terror*, well preserved in 36 feet of Artic water.

The story of *Erebus* and her sister ship *Terror* seemed such a contrast to Randall Jackson's voyage and yet there are great parallels. It seemed poignant that both voyages covered much of the same seas and yet had very different results.

*Note: Most books reviewed in this column can to be found in the PYC Club Library.*

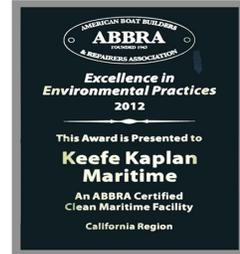


\*Those of you who missed Randall Reeve's presentation you can access the recording here:

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# From Tom's Galley

## Honey Dijon Mustard Sauce



I thought I would make a simple recipe with multiple uses so here's a sauce. The honey cuts the harsh mustard flavor with a sweetness and the cream smooths it out and adds texture with the vinegar adding a slight acidity.

This is very versatile sauce. Very simple to make and works well over vegetables like steamed broccoli, cauliflower, or grilled asparagus, mashed or roasted potatoes, or a dip for French fries. Drizzle over a grilled steak, pork loin medallions, breaded sautéed fish fillets, or sautéed or deep fried shrimp. It can even be refrigerated and served as a dip for your favorite chips. You can use this chilled as a salad dressing! Give this a try and create your own uses for this great sauce.

### Ingredients:

- ⚓ 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- ⚓ 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- ⚓ 1 tablespoon honey
- ⚓ 1/2 teaspoon red wine vinegar

Simmer all ingredients in a small saucepan over low heat for 10 minutes.

Sauce will thicken slightly.

Spoon over desired food.

Makes about 3/4 cup.

Refrigerate leftover sauce for another use. Sauce will thicken when refrigerated and then can be used as a dip or salad dressing. It can easily be doubled to yield 1 1/2 cups for dipping.

*These recipes have been created and developed by PYC staff commodore and chef Tom Griffith and are designed to be prepared on board your boat, land yacht or at home using only two burners or a BBQ.*

*Bon Appétit!*



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# Feedback Wanted

by Leland Fishman

Dear Club Members,

I would like to have your opinions on the potential, partial reopening of the club, using expanded social distancing protocols. If you could, please respond to my personal email, [lfishman@fishmansupply.com](mailto:lfishman@fishmansupply.com) with your feelings on the following subjects.

The ABC has relaxed two of its rules as it pertains to Club Liquor licenses, and Bruce and I want to gauge your feelings on whether or not we should proceed.

1) The club is now allowed to sell bottled wine, beer and spirits for consumption **off-site**. While it is still against club policy, we are considering a temporary rule that would allow the club to sell you your favorite wines and spirits at a small mark up over wholesale cost as a way to generate some revenue for the bar and give you an opportunity to save some money. The biggest savings would come from buying higher end wines and spirits, and Bruce would put together a “menu” of items that you could order ahead of time and then he’d have a pickup day at the club. This doesn’t work on the lower priced items, like the Bogle Wines, because big retailers get much better prices than PYC does. But, for instance, pricing on the Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve wines is very attractive from the wholesaler when we buy 3 or more cases. If you have a favorite brand Bruce could research it and see if its available. This goes for wine and spirits.

2) Secondly, the ABC has relaxed the rules regarding where alcohol may be served on your premises to aid in social distancing.

In our case, we can apply to make the parking lot a registered space and members could congregate outside enjoying their cocktail. The rule requires that the establishment serve food during these events, so our thought is to pre-order food from one of our local restaurants to meet the requirement while helping out restaurants get back on their feet. Details would have to be worked out on how the bar would be managed, would the club’s restroom be open or would we bring in a porta-potty. Your opinions are valuable as we try to figure out where to go with our shut down.

So, if you are so inclined, [please email me with your thoughts](#). I want to know:

- a) Would you feel safe congregating outside and on the deck.
- b) Do you think we’re moving too fast? Too Slow?
- c) Would you have any interest in ordering from a PYC wine and spirits sale?

I think everyone is anxious to get together again, but I want to gauge your thoughts on when.....I look forward to your responses.

Leland



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# Whye Waite's Musings



## Memorial Day Salute

Greetings fellow Yachties. I sit forlornly on *Sailing Suds*, contemplating my next boat project, and at the same time, a lump grows in my throat. I'm a veteran. Memorial Day has an exceptional meaning for me.

I'm one of the lucky ones who survived, unscathed. I proudly served our country so everyone can say, and do, pretty much whatever the hell they want. (*First Amendment*)

I hear by, proudly, stand at attention--and give a heartfelt, solemn, proud-to-be-an-American salute to you, my fellow soldiers, whom we will never forget. I'm one lucky son of a b#%ch.

Oh, Crap! Me and my rambling, the epoxy is getting hard!

*Whye Waite*

# Sunshine and Birthdays

by Sunshine Reporter Laura Brazil

Name the boat from the Movie:



(You should be able to get at least 1 right!)

1. Jaws
2. Titanic
3. Captain Ron
4. A Perfect Storm
5. Caddy Shack

1. Orca, 2. Titanic, 3. The Wanderer, 4. Andrea Gail, E5. Flying Wasp

As always, if you have any news that I can or should share with the Club, please let me know via email at [fllaura@sonic.net](mailto:fllaura@sonic.net)



## JUNE

3rd Larry Rosenfeld  
 4th Kim Schultz  
 4th Ermelle Warner  
 7th Bunny Potter  
 9th Stacy Robert Horton  
 12th Jay Townley  
 14th Gil Lucas

14th Colleen Mahoney  
 16th Michael Freeman  
 18th Fred Frost  
 20th Nancy Wolf  
 26th Linda Corbett  
 26th Maria Matthies  
 28th Jeff Mayne

# Flag Officer Reports

## LELAND FISHMAN - *Commodore*



Good Day PYC,

As we enter our third month of “new normal”, I sit at my desk and ponder what pearls of wisdom are appropriate for this months Chicken Scratch. Given all we’ve endured, what could I say that wouldn’t sound trite? So, if I might,

here are a few thoughts from my heart, if not from my brain.

I’m going to miss Gloria Roberts and Harold Niles. The same way I miss seeing Fred Frost. I don’t have a long history with them, but in my longing for the “old normal”, familiar faces in familiar places are some of the things I miss the most. Fred and Harold were always welcoming to me. They knew my parents, my family and had stories to relate. Gloria I had to win over, and I think that’s why I’ll miss her the most. Early on Gloria questioned why we had joined PYC; we weren’t boat owners and her beloved club was designed for people with the common interest in boating. Before we bought *Sea Casa* we couldn’t win her over with the commonality of boat ownership, but we did it in a much more subtle way; over a meal. The first time Anne and I cooked for a general meeting dinner Gloria came up to us afterwards and simply said, “that was the best dinner I’ve ever had in this club”, and that was it. We were buddies ever since. She had a powerful personality and once she knew you and trusted you, you were IN. I

am going to miss her. My solace comes in knowing that those who are left behind have positive attitudes and are at peace. Having spoken with Bente, I know she is relieved that Harold is not in pain anymore. And having gone through a similar situation with my father, I can relate to Don Roberts telling me that it was Gloria’s decision to discontinue treatment, and that everyone in the family knows she is in a better place and will not have to face the indignities of being an invalid. The circle of life has been on vivid display for us at PYC the last few months, and while we might at times wish we could lengthen that circle, the only control we have over it is our attitude as it slowly closes. From what I can see, our attitudes are strong and good and healthy.

So then:

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone again. There are discussions going on about how we can reopen appropriately and cautiously. The ABC has relaxed their rules on the sale of alcohol by clubs with an ABC 51 license like ours and Bruce and I and the board are considering taking advantage of those changes. We still have to be careful, but I know many of you are ready to grab a cocktail and sit outside and enjoy each other’s company. June, I think, will bring changes, so keep an eye open for club emails.

So, I think I’m finished for now. Be careful, stay healthy and keep looking for that light at the end of the tunnel. I think its just around the corner.

Your Commodore



## BRUCE STENDER - *Vice Commodore*



Ahoy!

Marilyn and I recently took the *Marilyn J* out for a Spring shake down cruise allowing us to get our long needed dose of vitamin "Sea". Nothing quite like the serenity of a beautiful day of sailing!

During our Covid-19 voyage in these uncharted waters, PYC members are certainly dealing with many issues. We all have to do our part to stay safe and healthy until we can return safely from our Covid-19 voyage to a safe harbor. We are all really looking forward to the exciting times ahead, especially our post dredging adventures allowing PYC to again shine as the "*Jewel of Northern California*".

The bar will be ready!

The California Alcohol and Beverage Control is on the same voyage of uncharted waters that we all are experiencing. ABC is making unprecedented efforts to assist the food & beverage industry struggling with these stressful economic times. PYC members

are now allowed to purchase their favorite PYC wine, beer & spirits and take them home to enjoy since group gatherings are not recommended. This is a very special opportunity for PYC members and also a great way to boost PYC Bar income, which for the past two months has been zero.

If the PYC membership is interested in participating in this unique opportunity, I will formulate a plan to best serve our members safely.

ABC is also allowing PYC a unique option to expand our serving footprint to the outdoors, which would include the parking lot for outdoor social distancing gatherings. Until indoor gatherings are no longer banned, this might be a very desirable option. This would involve submitting a permit to ABC for this expansion, which must also include food to be served as well as beverages. If this outdoor option is appealing to the PYC membership, we will proceed with the permit.

As the Covid-19 situation unfolds, we will adapt keeping our members health and safety paramount.

*Be safe and stay healthy.*

*Let the adventure continue!*

## Club House Bar Duty\*

### June

Bar Manager: *Al Alys*

Fri 5th & Sat 6th  
*Garrett & Nicole Hill*

Fri 12th & Sat 13th  
**TBD**

Fri 19th & Sat 20th :  
*Jill Olson & Bryant Moynihan*

Fri 26th Sat 27th  
**TBD**

### July

Bar Manager: *Maureen Gotham*

Fri 3rd & Sat 4th  
**TBD**

Fri 10th & Sat 11th  
**TBD**

Fri 17th & Sat 18th  
**TBD**

Fri 24th & Sat 25th  
**TBD**

Fri 31st  
**TBD**

### August

Bar Manager: *Todd Mendoza*

Sat 1st :  
**TBD**

Fri 7th & Sat 8th :  
**TBD**

Fri 14th & Sat 15th  
*Jeff Mayne*

Fri 21st & Sat 22nd  
**TBD**

Fri 28th & Sat 29th  
**TBD**

\* *No announcements about re-opening the club house have been made at this time.*



## LEANNE GALLUP - Rear Commodore

You really don't realize how much you miss socializing with friends and family until you experience a true quarantine. I dream of the day we get to sit at the bar again drinking our favorite cocktails and chit chatting about our week. It sure makes you appreciate the small

moments, doesn't it? In the meantime, work and boating

is my life. Not too shabby of a life I do say so myself :-)

The good news at the club is that we have upgraded our alarm system, everyone is loaded into the system, and fobs are ready for pick-up. It's super easy and works great so far. Once we move into phase 3, I believe we will be setting up a pick-up party for the fobs. Hang in there everyone, we will meet soon.

Your Rear Commodore,  
Leanne Gallup

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- ⚓ July 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – **Cruise Out Delta Cruise**
- ⚓ Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Cruise Out Benicia Cruise**
- ⚓ Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – **Cruise Out Point San Pablo**

- ⚓ October 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – *Pacific Northwest Cruise.*
- ⚓ December 19th - **Rental - Bar Closed**

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# Boating in the pandemic

*Cruise Captain Mike Freeman forwarded this announcement from California State Parks and the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW).*

We wish to remind water enthusiasts how to responsibly recreate in California's waterways this year during COVID-19. As State Parks and other park operators begin to increase access at parks and waterways in compliance with state and local public health ordinances, it is important for everyone to know how and where they can recreate, who they can go boating with, and how the use of life jackets continues to be life-saving.

"During COVID-19, it's critical for water enthusiasts to limit the unnecessary risk not only to themselves, but to other Californians, law enforcement and first responders," said Ramona Fernandez, DBW Acting Deputy Director. "For National Safe Boating Week this year, we're highlighting ways Californians can prepare themselves to enjoy waterways close to home and maintain the important physical distance from others."

Below are some COVID-19 and safety tips for this year's boating and water season:

- 1) **Plan Ahead:** Visit the webpage of your local waterway before leaving home to find out if it is open, if parking is available or if any new visitor guidelines are in place. Take a boating safety course to learn the "rules of the road" for boating.
- 2) **Stay Local:** Stay close to home. Do not take road trips to California's waterways or neighboring states. We all have the responsibility to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- 3) **Boat Only with Your Household:** Your party should only include those within your immediate household. This means no guests or friends, and no gatherings, picnics, or parties.
- 4) **Conduct a Vessel Check:** Make sure you have the right safety equipment on board your boat such as life jackets, flares, navigation lights, a horn or whistle, and a first aid kit.
- 5) **Stay Clean:** Be prepared, not all restrooms at parks or boating facilities are open. Bring soap/sanitizer, especially for use after touching a marina gate or

fuel pump. And always pack out your trash.

- 6) **File a Float Plan:** Email/text a float plan to a loved one or friend with details of your trip in the event of an emergency.
- 7) **Wear a Life Jacket:** Everyone should wear a properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in or near the water. You never know when an accident may happen, and a life jacket can help save you until search and rescue help can arrive. In swift water, even the strongest swimmers may be easily overwhelmed. By the time a person is struggling in the water, a rescue is extremely unlikely and places the rescuer at risk.
- 8) **Stay Safe at Six Feet:** Maintain a physical distance of six feet or more. Do not raft up to other boaters or pull up onto a beach next to other recreators.
- 9) **Avoid Alcohol:** Do not drink and boat.
- 10) **Actively Supervise Children:** Actively supervise children in and around open bodies of water, giving them your undivided attention. Do not assume that someone is watching them. Appoint a designated "water watcher," taking turns with other adults. Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool: they need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow and changing weather.
- 11) **Be Cautious in Rivers:** Even though this year's snowpack is below average (37 percent of the May average), rivers will continue to rise as snow melts and will be dangerously cold. Avoid these waterways.

For more water safety information, including boating laws and a boating facility locator on over 1,450 marinas and waterbody managers, please visit [dbw.parks.ca.gov/BoatingSafety](http://dbw.parks.ca.gov/BoatingSafety).

State Parks has developed a COVID-19 resource center: <http://parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve> -- to find park safety and closure information. Please check this webpage regularly, as it will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

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