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Puttering Around Puget

by Mike Freeman

Preparations continue for our upcoming Great Loop Trip. Armed with checklists and project plans, I have spent the last month in Everett doing upgrades on our new boat, *Amy Marie*; playing with grandkids, and cruising the northern Puget sound. Beth has flown up, in between her final shifts as an ICU nurse, to cruise and work on *Amy Marie*. She is strongly anticipating her retirement in early June.

Even though I have been boating for years, there is still a courtship period with a new boat. Basic systems are similar, but entirely different. For instance, *Amy Marie* has a reasonably current Garmin integrated navigation, sonar, radar, engine instrument, autopilot, and weather reporting system. There are menus galore to work your way through. My goal is to be proficient at using the system to keep boat and passengers safe while underway. That takes practice so you can recall and execute the keystrokes to quickly access the correct built-in functionality. This may seem trivial, but it is not. I spent half a day on one cruise trying to figure out how to resume the autopilot course correctly after I deviated for an on coming vessel. "Networked Systems" may be a wonderful marketing slogan, but the reality is that the learning curve is steep. With time, *Amy Marie* is revealing her secrets. It

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does take patience, manuals, and guessing to tease knowledge out of her. Also, a phone call to Garmin tech support was required to figure out how to get the autopilot course control unit to display the same heading as the heading sensor on the multi-function display. The fellow at Garmin was extremely helpful by the way.

Other systems, like fresh water and black water, need to



be traced out, inspected, upgrades where needed and then necessary spare parts identified. I installed a mixing valve on the water heater to avoid being scalded. The holding tank is getting a level indicator. It is good to know when you are FOS!

In between work *Amy Marie* work sessions, we've been able to explore some of the surrounding waters. This is certainly a fascinating boating location. Beth and I have been out watching gray whales feed just outside



our marina and over to the town of Langley on Whidbey Island with the grandkids. The marina at Langley had the narrowest fairways I have ever experienced. I could barely turn and exit the slip when departing. I was awfully glad *Amy Marie* is outfitted with both bow and stern thrusters. Clearances were so tight it was the

best way to rotate the boat as single screw maneuverability is poor on Ranger Tugs. Yes, I have embraced thrusters! They are a great tool.

Beth and I also did a multiple day cruise to Poulsbo and Port Townsend. Both towns have an interesting and long history. As you might expect, it involved wood products, fishing, and boat building. Port Townsend was also, for many years, the customs port for all international traffic into Puget Sound. In fact, the marina, in which we stayed, was the boat basin for the former Coast Guard Station. Port Townsend is also the location where "An Officer and a Gentleman" was filmed. The movie starred Richard Gere and Debra Winger and used many local spots as shooting locations. Nearby Fort Worden served as the base for basic training.

Watching tides and currents is critical in this area. The local nav charts have a symbol I have never encoun-



tered. It looks like a tornado on the water. I looked it up on Chart 1 and found it means swirling waters, like violently swirling! When I checked the local Coast Pilot, there were admonitions to avoid some of those areas during certain phases of the tides. So be forewarned!

We are looking forward to exploring more of the Pacific Northwest prior to leaving for the Great Loop. We will explore up here between now and September. Then we will trailer the boat to Santa Rosa for some final projects and travel in October to our departure point in Alabama. It will be here before you know it!

Editor: This is part 2 of Mike Freeman's log of their Great Loop adventure. Part 1 can be found in the <u>March 2021</u> edition of Chicken Scratch



Cruise In Report

by Cruise In Greeter Linda Corbett

March 30 through April 8...what a beautiful week for our first cruise-in of the year...Barbary Coast Boating Club. (BCBC)

Your Cruise-In Greeters, Tom & Linda Corbett, met with BCBC Cruise Director, Mark Chaney, Captain of the power boat *WikiWiki*. After providing Mark with his welcome packet, we dropped packets off at each of the boats while most of the captains & crews were out enjoying our beautiful town.

The packets, supplied by Marie McCusker, Executive Director of our Visitor's Center & Downtown Association and consisting of a Welcome Letter from our Commodore, a walking map of Petaluma and a Visitor's Guide for both Petaluma and Sonoma County, were well received.

We chatted with Mark a short while, answering questions and giving him a few tips. There was a total of 12 boats so they made quite an impact as the large crowd enriched our restaurants and shops with their free spending

Their parting comment ... "We Love Petaluma and we will be back!"



Cruise In Calendar

by r/c Linda Lockwood

May

- 14-16 NorCal Classic Yacht Association -10 boats
- 21-23 Vallejo YC 7-10 boats
- 27-31 Coyote Point YC 10 boats
- 28-31 Ox bow YC 10 -15 boats
- 27-31 Ballena Bay & Encinal YC 4-5 boats
- 29-31 Sequoia Sailboats (no YC) 2-3 sailboats

Iune

4-6 South Beach & Sierra YC's

July

30th - Aug 1 Club Nautique 8 plus boats

August

- 6-8 San Francisco YC 10 boats
- 13-15 San Jose Sailing club 5-8 boats
- 20-21 Sausalito YC # of boats TBD
- 20-21 Solano YC 6 boats

Sept

- 4-6 Master Mariners Benevolent Assoc. 12-20 boats
- 17-20 Caliente Isle YC 10 boats
- 19-21 Stockton YC 1 boat

Oct

- 15-17 Pt. San Pablo YC 5-7 boats
- 20-23 Sacramento YC TBD





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PICYA News: Opening Day on the Bay

Sunday April 25th @ 12:00

From the blessing of the fleet in Raccoon Straits to the parade of decorated boats this is a great day to get out on the Bay.

Dating back to 1917 and organized by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association, the pa-

rade runs just north of Anita Rock off the shore of Crissy Field in the Presidio, follows along the city front to first Fort Mason building east of the Marina Green.

USCG Commander Marie Byrd is the 2021 Grand marshal.

Any vessels can take part as long as they <u>register beforehand</u>. Some boats will be decorated to this year's theme "*Back in the Day on the Bay*." This theme is open to many interpretations. Some may chose to depict one of the over 100 previous themes of Opening Day on the Bay from yesteryears. Others may dream

up scenes from previous nostalgic Bay happenings. Some boats will fly flags and streamers or just join in the parade not decorated. All are welcome.

There is a category for everyone and prizes for:

- Classic and historic yachts
- Powerboats decorated to theme
- Sailboats decorated to theme
- Dower or sail decorated by Juniors
- Flags & Streamers by Yacht Club
- Decorated not to theme
- Non-decorated boats



May General Meeting

The next virtual PYC General Meeting will be May 7, 2021 at 6 p.m.



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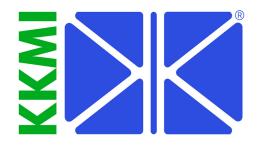






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From Tom's Galley

Honey Mustard Chicken Strips



This recipe is so simple and only uses three ingredients, chicken, yogurt, and mustard honey pretzels.

Process the mustard honey pretzels a little finer than in the photo. This was my first attempt to create this and a finer breading would be more desirable to me. This recipe is also quick as cooking time is only 25 minutes.

Serve with honey mustard as a dipping sauce. You can also serve this as an hors d'oeuvre, Simply cut the chicken into bite size pieces and follow the same instructions. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 2 skinned, boneless chicken breasts
- th 1 5-ounces container vanilla Greek yogurt
- ♣ 1 5-ounce container regular Greek yogurt
- 12 ounces honey mustard pretzel bits
- ♣ Cooking oil spray

Preheat oven to 350°.

Slice chicken breasts into 1/2 inch strips, set aside.

In a processor, pulse honey mustard pretzels into a crumb breading consistency. Pour breading into a bowl.

Spray a sheet pan with cooking spray.

Place yogurt in a large bowl. Mix well to blend. Add chicken strips a few at a time and coat chicken on all sides.

Dip chicken strips into pretzel breading and coat chicken on all sides.

Place chicken strips on sheet pan.

When oven is up to temperature, bake chicken for 10 minutes.

Remove chicken and cover with foil, return to oven and bake an additional 15 minutes or until cooked through.

These recipes have been created by 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.



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Newsletter - May 2021

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We gathered at the club Friday and I met new member



Bob Buhrer who has a special connection to one of Petaluma's original boating clubs from the 1960s. Here's Bob holding the sweatshirt that he wore as a five-year-old boy. (below) Evidently the

Petaluma Boat Club was a water ski club down at Miramonte.

s/c Francesca Smith

Bob Welcome aboard ... I know I speak for all our readers when I say that we would like to hear more about you and the Petaluma Boat Club.

Editor

Dear Editor:

I heard that you have decided to retire!!. I hope it wasn't because I decided not to come to PYC!?! What exactly does the editor do anyway? Can anyone become the editor?

Inquiring minds wish to know

Whye Waite

Dear Whye:

Thank you for your letter and for all your contributions over the past few years. I know our readers will miss your musings.

Indeed after having had the privilege of producing nearly 48 editions of this august journal it is time for me to turn the typewriter over to some fresh blood.

The job of the editor is to collect the stories, news and photos from, and about the club and put them together in a monthly newsletter. Anyone with a semblance of computer skills (Mac or Windows) can do it.

It probably takes a day or so of effort each and every month. The job description and details are **posted on line**. I am happy to provide any training or support as needed.

My last edition will be the October 2021 ... five more months ... and counting

Editor

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Sunshine and Birthdays

By Sunshine Reporter Rosemary Hart



We opened! This month, pictures are worth a thousand words!

















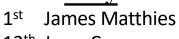






new member applicants





13th Jerry Cooper 16th Anne Mirante

18th Jennifer Carter

19th Jan Parkinson

29th Randy Hinz, Jr.

29th MAJ (USA Ret.). Richard Tarr





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Flag Officer Reports



BRUCE STENDER - Commodore

The Petaluma Yacht Club is slowly waking up from the Covid nightmare. We have had two "soft" openings with everyone very excited about once again gathering together. Your esteemed Vice Commodore, Leanne Gallup, is providing excellent libations for our very thirsty members.

We are still expected to wear masks when not eating or drinking and to keep a safe distance. Please direct any suggestions or concerns regarding this issue to me.

With all the boating activity in the turning basin, it is very tempting to extend our famous gracious hospitality to visiting yacht clubs. However, PYC is still closed-only members (and prospective members) allowed. Since Memorial weekend will be extremely busy, we have decided to host a hospitality table with visi-

tor information and Coop items for sale with the bar closed to all members on Friday, May 28. Rear Commodore, Linda Lockwood, has done an outstanding job connecting with yacht clubs visiting the turning basin providing information and to alert them to our "Closed Club" status. To provide consistency with her message the decision was made to cancel any club activities on that date in order avoid an awkward situation.

The primary focus for Memorial weekend will be supporting our local businesses and restaurants, demonstrating our commitment to being good neighbors during this time of Covid restrictions. Next Memorial weekend-Watch out! We will be putting on an amazing event that we are well known for throughout PICYA!

We will see how well we are doing by the California Covid "no restrictions" target date of June 15th. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we get back to a more pre-Covid normal. It is amazing what we take for granted, until it is taken from us.

Let the adventure continue!

Club House Bar Duty

May*
Bar Manager: TBD

Fri 7th

Garrett & Nicole Hill

Fri 14th

Joe & Lauren Lautner

Fri 21st

John & Kristy McDill

Fri 28th:

Bruce & Marilyn Stender Leland Fishman & Anne Mirante David Quist & Janny van Aalderen June

Bar Manager: TBD

Fri 4th & Sat 5th

David Quist & Janny van Aalderen

Fri 11th & Sat 12th
TBD

Fri 18th & Sat 19th:

Jill Olson & Bryant Moynihan

Fri 25th & Sat 26th

Stacy Robert Horton and Linda Lockwood July Bar Manager: *TBD*

Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd
TBD

Fri 9th & Sat 10th

Nancy Wolf and John Wolthausen

Fri 16th & Sat 17th:

TBD

Fri 23rd & Sat 24th

TBD

Fri 30th & Sat 31st TBD

* Note that in May the club house is only open on Fridays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 5 - 7 pm.





LEANNE GALLUP - Vice Commodore

Our soft grand opening was a huge hit! It was so lovely to see everyone in the club, thank you to those who participated. Please make sure to RSVP for happy hour on Fridays from 5 to 7 to Francesca. It has

also been great to see all the boats in front of the club! Currently we are working on implementing a credit card option for our bar. This will be beneficial for the club because studies have shown people spend more with credit cards (than cash), it's convenient, and we will have the ability to monitor our inventory better. Stay tuned for details on training and such. Don't worry, it will be easy. I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful weather we are currently having. See you all at the club!



You can sign up for your bar duty by simply sending an email to pycinfo@petalumayachtclub.com with a subject of **Sign-up**. You will get an automatic reply with all the instructions. It's simple, easy and fast! Try it now!!



LINDA LOCKWOOD - Rear Commodore

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual PYC Work Party - Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 -12:00

- ♣ 8:30 Coffee served
- ♣\$ 9:00 Start Working
- Noon Finish Working Lunch Served

The volunteer response has been overwhelming. Thank you one and all. Look for a final schedule of jobs and what to bring etc... going out to the entire membership on Tuesday, April 27th and a reminder on Friday the 30th. Thank you to those that will work before and after the scheduled work party as well. We will have everything cleaned, stained, fixed, dusted and polished that needs it. What a day it promises to be! Please remember to wear your mask and be mindful of your distance to others.

Cruise Ins to Petaluma Turning Basin

You name the Yacht Club and they are coming! Sailboats large and small, big yachts, small boats, and medium size cruisers. Petaluma Turning Basin is a Bay Area destination spot from now through October. We have booked in 28 Cruise Ins and counting. Memorial Day will sport at least 35 boats from Oxbow, Coyote Point, Sequoia, Ballena Bay, & Encinal Yacht Clubs. At publication, the Petaluma Yacht Club is not planning to be open, but our hospitality will be on display with our greeters and any other members visiting the docks welcoming all these mariners.

PYC Rentals - Notice to Membership

The Arena family has been approved by the Board of Directors to rent the club from 12:00pm on 11/24 through 10:00pm on 11/25, for a private Thanksgiving holiday family gathering.

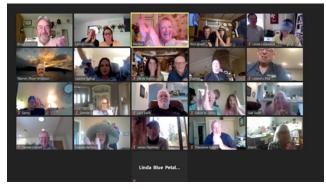


General Meeting Minutes

April 2nd, 2021



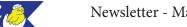
- 1) Call to order
- 2) Introduce Guests
- 3) Secretary's Report Kristy McDill
- 4) Treasurer's Report Sherri Adams
- 5) Commodore's Report Bruce Stender
 - a) Garrett Hill has been appointed to the PYC Board of directors. Needs to be sworn in.
 - b) Plans are being made to "cut Cable TV" for a more cost-effective system.
 - Met with Jeff Mayne reviewing August 28
 Petaluma River Festival plans. It will be great!
 Petaluma Down Town Association & Rotary
 - d) A small donated collection of display model boats was approved. Many potential uses.
 - e) There will be no discussion of the new proposed PYC bye-law change at this meeting.
- 6) Vice Commodore Report Leanne Gallup
 - a) Bar update-April 9 soft opening is booked
 - b) Bar Duty Signups
 - c) Bar Calendar -Fridays Starting April9
 - d) Credit card machine
- 7) Rear Commodore Linda Lockwood
 - a) Barge update Two demolition barges are now in place partially blocking channel.
 Boats are able to navigate by the barges.
 - b) Turning basin calendar -Cruise In's continue to get scheduled. We have @ 10 or so from April through Sept at this point.
 - c) Facilities: I await a meeting scheduled by AL --



to discuss projects etc... No work weekend has been scheduled due to Covid.

- 8) Building Report Al Alys
 - a) Deck repair needed at front side door. Dodd has been able to revive the tree that was a concern.
 - b) Ted Adams & Larry Calvert have organized the boat pictures. Thank You Ted & Larry!
- 9) Events "Save the Date" August 28 Petaluma River Festival!
- 10) Advertising -Advertising renewals complete
- 11) Membership -Tom Corbett-New member application
- 12) Newsletter Stephen Hamilton is definitely retiring after the October issue of the PYC newsletter. Need a member to step up and continue the newsletter,
- 13) Sunshine -
- 14) Cruise Outs PYC will continue to plan, pending COVID 19
- 15) Coop Table will be set up for purchases on April 9 event
- 16) PICYA RBOC support Opening Day on the Bay April 25,2021
- 17) New Business-
- 18) Good of the club -Get Covid-19 vaccine

Meeting adjourned



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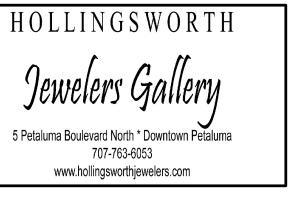
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						Club Spring Cleaning @ 8:30am
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					Bartenders Garrett and Nicole Hill Club Soft Opening @ 5:00pm	Club Closed
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Bartenders Joe and Lauren Lautner Club Soft Opening @ 5:00pm	Club Closed
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Board Meeting Online @ 6:00pm	Bartenders John and Kristy McDill Club Soft Opening @ 5:00pm	Club Closed
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Chicken Scratch Newsletter deadline			Bartenders Stender et al Memorial Day Weekend	
30	31					

