



A Wonderful Opening Day on the Bay! “Legends of the Sea”

By Reginald Smith, PICYA Vice Commodore

Because of the work of the incredible 2009 PICYA Opening Day on the Bay Committee, April 26, 2009 will go down in history as a “legendary” Opening Day for the 104 Yacht Clubs of PICYA.

Thanks in part to a one day weather window that provided warm weather and sunny skies, over 100 boats representing 28

PICYA Clubs participated. With 140 people from 35 clubs represented on the committee boat, participation from PICYA member clubs was nothing short of amazing.

This year Opening Day on the Bay coincided with the Sunday Streets initiative in San Francisco, which blocked automobile traffic from Aquatic Park to AT&T Park along the Embarcadero. Thousands of people viewed the 93rd Opening Day Parade while skating, bicycling, or just walking along the

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Commodores Comments *By Bill Needham*

Sunday was a perfect day for our Opening Day Parade, themed "Legends of the Sea" and thanks and a great deal of credit are due to Vice Commodore Reginald Smith and his committee. All that are associated with the parade and PICYA have every reason to feel proud, our parade was the biggest and best, even the weather cooperated. Reginald will give us more details in his article but for me let me just say a big THANK YOU.



The day started early for Pennie and me as we were given the privilege of representing PICYA at the Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony and breakfast at the beautiful Corinthian Yacht Club. We were hosted at their celebration and elegant brunch before being escorted by US Coast Guard Captain Paul Gugg to observe the blessing ceremony on board the Cutter Hawksbill. Then, in a smaller boat, it was off to our own committee boat, the Empress Hornblower, where we were warmly welcomed and had the opportunity to watch the parade. As in the past the parade opened with the magnificent display by the fireboat Phoenix followed by the Potomac and the beautiful classic yachts. Creativity was evident in the decorated boats, both power and sail, and I know the judges had a difficult time selecting the winners from the multitude of boats decorated to theme. The day continued with a sit down service of a lovely meal and a relaxed tour of the Bay on our way back to Encinal Yacht Club. Every contingency had been anticipated and was seamlessly executed, special thanks to Rear Commodore Linda Breninger, the day was perfect. Now that Opening Day is behind us, let's look at a wider agenda.

Thus far into 2009 many of our member clubs have acted on this year's theme of "Reaching Out" and have conducted events that illustrate their commitment to help others. Some examples gleaned from our April Meeting

of Delegates minutes include: Benicia YC is conducting 9 weeks of Safe Boating Classes; Discovery Bay YC is offering Educational Classes; Island YC raised funds for United Cerebral Palsy through their Annual Double-Handed Lightship Race. These are great examples of positive involvement in our communities and should be made known to others. Please let me know of your charitable activities so we can publicize them encourage each other to do more for more. The message from the White House is to reach out and volunteer, we are right in step with the times.

PICYA's newly formed Public Relations Committee, under the leadership of S/C Manny Mier, is available to all PICYA Clubs to assist in generating publicity about your events, both before and after the fact. It is to our advantage to freshen and upgrade our image so we are seen as an asset, especially in times of economic difficulty. Governments, at all levels, are looking for way to curtail expenses and we must make sure that we are not on the receiving end of these cuts.

Let's not forget that the primary purpose of boating is for pleasure so enjoy our beautiful waterways. Remember, safety comes first, but boating season is open so get out on the water and have fun!

Bill Needham, Commodore

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The following are the PICYA Officers and Directors for 2009

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expansive urban promenade.

PICYA Commodore Bill Needham, his wife Pennie and Coast Guard Sector San Francisco Commanding Officer Paul Gugg moved smoothly from a Coast Guard Vessel to the Empress Hornblower (committee boat) to the admiration of the many PICYA officers, delegates and friends aboard.

Aboard the Empress Hornblower, guests were treated to a scrumptious continental breakfast and a sit-down lunch, with great views and ample space. I wouldn't be surprised if the committee boat sells out early next year, if the accolades from the attendees I talked to are any indication of future enthusiasm.

Grand Marshall Carl Nolte of the San Francisco Chronicle thrilled the guests with his impromptu talk. Sponsors Tim Parker of Parker Diving Service and Richard Schwartz of Boat US again showed us that there are corporate sponsors out there

that still care about contributing to the public good. We thank them for their support in these difficult times, and recognize that our patronage of their businesses during the next year may help them to continue their support of this fantastic event.

Judges Beth Newburger Schwartz, Department of Boating and Waterways Director, Ray Tsuneyoshi, and Diane Shipway of Parker Diving Service had to make tough decisions, and did so with care and grace. The competition was fierce, and the participants raised boat decorating to a new level of expertise.

Based on the decision of the judges, the 2009 Opening Day Awards ceremony at Oyster Point Yacht Club awarded trophies/awards to the following parade participants: (See photos on pages 6 & 7)

Please thank the members of the 2009 PICYA Opening Day on the Bay Committee for their hard work, which helped to make this day special for everyone participating.

- PICYA Commodore, William Needham and Pennie Needham
- PICYA Vice Commodore, Opening Day Chairman Reginald Smith and Debenia Smith
- PICYA Rear Commodore, Committee Boat Ticket Sales Linda Breninger and David Breninger
- PICYA Secretary/Treasurer, John Roderick and PICYA Director Dr. Sue Roderick
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- PICYA Staff Commodore, Parade Registrations George Neill and Martha Neill
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- Andy and Deanna Desin, Publicity
- Caroline Mines
- Bob Lewis, Judging Chairman
- Johnnie Owen, Program, Photographer
- Christa Schriber, Name Badges
- Dr. Robert Dubois, Garment Sales
- Richard Engfer Jr. and Mavis Engfer
- James and Sandra Aberer, Press Boat
- Erich Schoenwisner, Parade Announcer
- Kathleen Barr, Blessing of the Fleet
- Harley Gee, Poster Design
- Atta Pilram and Alice Pilram
- Gary Gordon and Linda Gordon

- St. Francis Y.C.
- Treasure Island Y.C.
- Oxbow Y.C.
- Aeolian Y.C.
- Bridge Marina Y.C.
- Sea Breeze Y.C.
- Ebony Boat Club
- South Lake Tahoe Y.C.
- Berkeley Y.C.
- Encinal Y.C. & Delta Marina Y.C.
- Ebony Boat Club
- San Rafael Y.C.
- Presidio Y.C.
- Richmond Y.C.
- Oakland Y.C.
- Mariposa Hunters Point Y.C.
- Aeolian Y.C.
- Pt. San Pablo Y.C.
- Meeks Bay Y.C.
- Treasure Island Y.C.
- Benicia Y.C.
- South Bay Y.C.
- Marin & Treasure Island Y.C.
- Alameda Y.C.
- Corinthian Y.C.
- Richmand Y.C.
- Treasure Island Y.C.
- Ox Bow Y.C.

OBSERVATION

You can't prove your merit on quiet waters. - Donald Trump

Regional Affairs

March 23, 2009

Dear Commodore,

Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association continually strives to meet its objectives – “To promote communication, yachting activities and social interaction among member clubs.”

Communication is provided through the monthly Delegates meetings; bi-monthly *Log* newspaper; bi-annual Leadership and Management Conferences and **Regional Affairs Forums**.

To those ends (yachting activities and social interaction), we are asking your club to donate 2, 4, or 6 tickets to an upcoming function; such as your crab or lobster feed; jazz or wine festival, club dinners, etc.

As Chair of the Regional Affairs Committee this year, I would like to introduce you to the following committee members covering the six regions:

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Tahoe YC

PACIFIC Inter-Club Yacht Association

Western Boaters Safety Group

Scholarship Program 2009

The Committee members listed above have volunteered and are assigned as liaison to your respective club. Now we ask that you appoint a Regional Affairs representative for your club. Your Regional Affairs representative will act as another link in our communication chain to and from your club. We plan to have at least two meetings, Regional Affairs Forums, a year to exchange information and enable issues peculiar to a regional area to be shared, discussed and addressed.

Please contact me or your designated Regional Affairs committee member with the name of your club's Regional Affairs representative; so that we may begin to plan our next Forum meeting.

Thank you for providing a necessary link to PICYA inter-club communications.

Warmest Regards,

Lenora Clark

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Four \$2,500 scholarships are being offered by Western Boaters Safety Group and PICYA. Any high school graduating senior (2009) may apply, as well as any college student who is continuing to pursue their educational goal.

PICYA members know that one of PICYA's objectives is to promote activities that enhance the general welfare of the member organizations. Administering and awarding scholarships for our member's children, grandchildren or children in their guardianship or mentorship is an excellent way for PICYA to promote our member yacht clubs.

The Western Boating Safety Group organization has been around for about forty years. Their mission is to inform and deepen the recreational boater's commitment to safety, advocacy and education in boating. This is done through boating education classes, boat insurance, boating repairs and boating accessories.

The application form and letter of instruction is on the PICYA web site: www.picya.org. All applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2009.

The criteria the Scholarship Committee will use, is based on the students academic record, scholastic record, school involvement, community involvement and the written essay.

If you have any questions, please contact any Scholarship Committee Chair Linda Breninger, 916-771-5685 or lbreninger@surewest.net.



I FOREWARN YOU COUNSELLORS, JUSTICE WILL BE DISPENSED SWIFTLY TODAY, IT'S REGATTA WEEKEND YOU KNOW.



"I TOLD YOU THE BOAT WAS TAKING ON WATER... IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD" YOU SAID! WHAT DO YOU SAY NOW?"

A Boater's Blessing

... from Days of Yore

May there always be water under your boat,
May she always be seaworthy and ever afloat,
May your bilge pump be certain to work all night and all day,
May your compass and charts always show the safe way,
May you find gentle harbor as every day ends,
May you lower your anchor amidst peace and good friends.

A Boater's Blessing

...Nowadays

May your outdrive be saved after hitting that rock,
May your bow be rebuilt after ramming your dock,
May you find your new watch that fell overboard,
May your neighbor quit stealing your slip's power cord,
May Lysol mask the musty smell under your berth,
May you someday owe less than the damn boat is worth.

Captain Morgan Trophy (Powerboat Decorated to Theme) Class 100

- 1st — 101 Sans Souci — Jim Purvis — Marin YC
- 2nd — 115 Truant—David Bennett/Natalie Sturm—Oyster Pt YC
- 3rd — 128 Tigh Drag — Elvester Woods, Jr. – Ebony BC

PIER 39 Trophy (Sail Boat Decorated to Theme) Class 200

- 1st — 201 Aniasuma II — Sandy Grieve — Richardson Bay YC
- 2nd — 230 Rasa — Eric Jacobsen — Vallejo YC
- 3rd — 209 Cygnus — Michael Simpson – Island YC

Marine World Foundation Trophy (Juniors)Class 300

- 1st — 306 Nangor — C. Gordon Strom — Treasure Island YC
- 2nd — 302 Pelican — Doug McVae — Richmond YC
- 3rd — 301 WL Stewart — John Craig — St. Francis YC

Royal Cruise Line Trophy (Flags and Streamers) Class 400/500

- 1st — Oyster Point YC
- 2nd — San Joaquin YC
- 3rd — St. Francis YC

Any Decorated Boat (700)

- 1st — 704 Oak Knoll Construction
- 2nd — 701 C# Minor — Jon & Paul Brelin — “Self”

Royal Cruise Line Trophy (Flags and Streamers) Class 400/500

- 1st — Oyster Point YC
- 2nd — San Joaquin YC
- 3rd — St. Francis YC



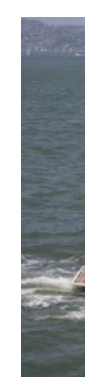
Captain Morgan Trophy - Powerboat Decorated to Theme
 1st — 101 Sans Souci — Jim Purvis — Marin YC



2nd — 115 Truant



3rd — 128 Tigh



2nd — 3



PIER 39 Trophy - Sail Boat Decorated to Theme
 1st — 201 Aniasuma II — Sandy Grieve — Richardson Bay YC



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 e Island YC

PRIZE WINNING CLUB NEWSLETTERS

By Jack Michael

PICYA Newsletter Committee Chair

Club newsletter editors should be working to win the Best PICYA Newsletter Award for 2009! Each year the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association awards the Edwin H. Wilder Perpetual Trophy to the club whose newsletter best typifies outstanding and distinguished service to yachting. The award was established in 1982 in memory of Ed Wilder for his long service as Chair of the PICYA Publications Committee and Publisher of the Yachting Yearbook. The declaration of trust for this award can be found in the Yachting Yearbook.

The entries are not due until September 15, but if you think seriously about the requirements now, you will be in a great position to win. Planning ahead will likely lead to innovations and improvements to your newsletter as the year progresses. Club communication through your newsletter is a vital ingredient to the success of your club. It also serves to promote your club as you recruit new members.

The judges will be looking at primarily the following:

- Newsletter content, writing, editing, design, photography, and print quality
- Budget available to produce the newsletter – creative use of resources
- Effective and timely communication of information from your club, PICYA and RBOC

When the time for submission comes, you will need to be prepared to submit three sets of three different issues. We encourage you to include PICYA and RBOC reports in every issue of your newsletter, but you will want to be sure that the three issues you submit for judging include these reports! The other reason you want to do this is that in addition to getting high marks from the judges, you get Club of the Year points for your club. You will also be asked to include in your submission a cover letter that includes the following:

- A statement of the goals and objectives of your publication
- A listing of the newsletter's staff and whether they are paid or volunteers
- Frequency of publication
- Average pages per issue and average circulation
- Average cost per issue and total annual budget (excluding postage)

I will be sending reminders through the year, but for now, good luck, work hard, and you will be rewarded!! The competition gets tougher each year and the San Jose Sailing Club, the winner the past few years, isn't sure they can repeat again this year. They can be beat!! If you have any questions, I can be contacted through the PICYA Web site at www.picya.org. and I attend the monthly Delegates Meetings.

PICYA REGATTAS CHISPA, Lipton Series and Youth

Two months to go for our Lipton Series Regatta and three for our CHISPA and Youth Regattas.

As many of you are aware by now, we have changed the format back to previous times in conducting One Design instead of PHRF Divisions. Our numbers have dropped considerably over the past couple of years, hence the changes. We will have to see if this works. If it does not then we make a change for 2010. Same goes for the CHISPA and Youth Regattas.

The response overall has been extremely favorable, only two dissenters, from racers, fleet captains, Race Committee personnel etc. Above all the support of Commodore Needham and the Board of PICYA.

Our PRO for the Lipton in July will be Matthew Dean, Rear Commodore of Encinal Y.C. whom I know will do an excellent job, as all our past PRO's have.

Our CHISPA and Youth in August will be hosted by Encinal Y.C. Again a change from Lasers to FINN class boats. Only three Lasers showed up last year, not good enough. Also as we have been trying for years to get the message across, the **CHISPA is OPEN TO ALL AGES**, with the FINNs I know this will be corrected. The FINN folk are very enthused, and we are all looking forward to this event.

This Chair would like to thank all those who have offered suggestions/comments, which are welcome.

All newsletter editors are requested to place the above information in the next two or three issues.

Ten commandments of safe sailing

1. Always tell an adult you're sailing
That way they can help you
2. Never leave your boat
It will float when full of water: you won't
3. Wear a flotation device properly
An unfastened one is worse than useless
4. Check your buoyancy bags
and their straps and fittings
5. Drink enough water
Dehydration makes you sick
6. Wear enough clothes (and a hat?)
Cold and sunstroke make you sick
7. Have two bailers, tied in
A full boat will float but it's not fun
8. Tie in your daggerboard and mast
You can't sail without them
9. Tie in your paddle
It can be your best friend
10. Never wear a damaged drysuit
Check the weight of a balloon full of water

PICYA Lipton Series Regatta Entry Form

July 18-19, 2009 - Golden Gate Yacht Club

Check your division

 Big Lipton
J-105

*Sir Thomas J Lipton
Perpetual Challenge*

 Larry Knight
Islander 36

Larry Knight Perpetual

 Little Lipton
Express 27

*Sir Thomas Lipton
Challenge*

 Admirals Cup
Olson 25

Admirals Cup Perpetual

Print Yacht Name		PICYA Club Represented
Hull Color	Sail Number	PHRF #

Print Helmsperson Name	Yacht Club Must be same as above
Helmsperson Signature	Date
Mailing Address	City ZIP
Email	Phone

Print Tactician Name	Yacht Club Must be same as above
Tactician Signature	Date
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Owner Signature	Date
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List additional crew on back of this sheet

Entries must be legible and fully complete to be considered

For and in consideration of the acceptance by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) of my entry in this regatta, I hereby accept all risks and responsibilities of my yacht's participation in said regatta and waive any and all claims I may have against the PICYA, its officers, directors, agents and/or employees, and all members clubs and committees concerned, arising out of or in any way connected with such participation. I agree to abide by the conditions of the Deed of Gift of this event, and by the rules of the host organizations. Furthermore, I certify that our entry conforms with the requirements set forth in Section 2 of the Notice of Regatta.

FAX and/or mail entry form and a copy of current NCYRA PHRF certificate to the Regatta Chair, as listed below. Entries are to be received by July 13, 2009. Sailing instructions will be available at the Golden Gate Yacht Club at 0800 hours July 18, 2009 and on the PICYA Regatta website <http://www.picyaregatta.us> on or before July 1, 2009 for the Big Lipton, Larry Knight, Little Lipton and Admiral's.

Questions and Information

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RBOC KEY ISSUE OVERVIEW

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May 7 Capitol Hearing on Elimination of Cal Boating

RBOC is lobbying the Legislative Committee that will be hearing the issue, and is requesting a “no” vote on the Governor’s proposal to eliminate the independent Cal Boating. The 3-member Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 has scheduled a hearing to consider the proposal to terminate Cal Boating. The Committee is comprised of Chairman Joe Simitian [D-Palo Alto], and Senators Alan Lowenthal [D-Long Beach] and John Benoit [R-Palm Desert].

The Governor’s proposal to eliminate the independent Cal Boating could be pursued within legislative actions taken to address the continuing budget crisis as state revenues are less than had been projected in the budget agreement adopted several weeks ago.

The proposal could also be pursued as a formal reorganization proposal. Boater constituent contacts with legislators were critical to preserving Cal Boating in the recently-enacted budget, and are just as important during this next phase.

Cal Boating provides accountability, transparency and leadership regarding the collection and use of boater-derived taxes and fees, and the best use of these funds for programs benefiting boating.

Aquatic Invasive Species

RBOC is working to ensure that the important efforts to control the infestation of aquatic invasive species are effective and workable. Recently, RBOC opposed a proposed budget action that would have directed boater-paid state fuel tax dollars for an undefined Bay-area inspection, sticker and electronic tracking program that presented significant logistical and privacy-related concerns.

RBOC is monitoring emerging new boat inspection requirements at some lakes and waterways that are designed to stop the spread of quagga / zebra mussels. The Tahoe

Regional Planning Agency adopted a blue boater program in March. The program will involve education and outreach, will initiate boater fees and will require inspections and possible wash-

downs as a preventative approach to invasive species infestations.

RBOC is also tracking state efforts to address the problems associated with invasive species including the Governor’s recently formed California Invasive Species Council.

The purpose of the Council is to provide policy level direction and planning for mitigating harmful invasive species infestations throughout the state and for preventing the introduction of others.

Coastal Marina Permit

RBOC is engaged as a state working group continues its consideration of actions that can be taken statewide and/or regionally to address the findings of elevated levels of pollutants in a number of coastal marinas that are popular boating areas. One proposal involves a coastal marina permit for clubs and marinas in these areas. The discussions could lead to the promulgation of draft regulations this summer.

RBOC Supporting BUI and Lifejacket Bills to Enhance Public Safety

RBOC is supporting SB 154 (Benoit), legislation that would require that individuals convicted of boating under the influence be ordered to participate in a recovery program as a condition of probation. RBOC is also supporting SB 717 (Runner), a boating omnibus bill. This measure would increase the maximum age under which a person aboard a boat must wear a life jacket from 11 to 13, in conformance with federal law.

RBOC Supporting Two Abandoned Boat Measures

RBOC is supporting AB 166 [Lieu]. The bill would create a state boat surrender program to help rid our waterways of abandoned vessels and hazards to navigation. AB 166 is a re-introduction of last year’s AB 1950, legislation the Governor vetoed together with 300 other end-of-session measures. RBOC is also supporting SB 459 [Wolk], legislation that would expedite the procedures followed by the State

Lands Commission in its efforts to remove abandoned commercial vessels. The bill would speed-up efforts to remove

these navigational hazards.

Boater Access in the Delta

Several bills have been introduced regarding the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta, including governance, conservation, environmental protection, and conveyance. A bicameral group of legislators is meeting in an effort to develop a work product in the next few months for possible consideration in the Legislature.

RBOC is advocating to protect boater rights and to assure access for continued navigation where any control structure (such as gates or barriers) is planned for placement across a navigable Delta waterway. RBOC will seek assurances that, as any changes are contemplated which further alter Delta navigable waterways, alternatives are identified and implemented that will best preserve and sustain recreational boat passage at each location.

RBOC will also seek to have operable boat locks installed as an integral design component to mitigate for the placement of any control structure across a navigable Delta waterway. All control structures and boat locks or other alternatives satisfactory for recreational boat passage should be installed, maintained and operated without cost or expense to recreational boaters. This year’s bills include AB 13 (Salas), AB 39 (Huffman), AB 687 (Salas), AB 1165 (Gilmore), AB 1189 (Skinner), SB 12 (Simitian), SB 457 (Wolk), SB 458 (Wolk), and SB 229 (Pavley).

Visit RBOC on-line at www.rboc.org for the latest updates, press releases, calls-to-arms, and reports on government relations issues impacting the recreational boating community.

Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] is the nonprofit governmental advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state’s recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 41st year as a statewide organization, and since 1968 it has continued its commitment to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

Top 10 boat names in the U.S.

Posted by [Mike Bolton](#) — [Birmingham News](#) May 04, 2009 9:24 PM

Each year Boat U.S. Magazine publishes the top 10 boat names in the U.S.. Here are the most common names for 2009:

1. Seas the Day: While this boat owner may feel they have no control over their declining retirement account, they are completely in charge while boating and intend to get the most out of their boating lifestyle. (This is the sixth appearance of this name and its cousin, Carpe Diem, on the list since BoatU.S. began tracking boat names in 1991.)

2. Summer Daze: A combination of warm weather and long days spent afloat on sunsplashed waterways may have put this boater into a dreamlike state.

3. Second Chance: Perhaps this boat owner has had a life changing experience and feels that their boat now gives them a second lease on life. "Second Wind" is the sailboat equivalent.

4. Aqua-Holic: On the Top-Ten list for the last seven years, this boat name illustrates a boater's chronic love for the waterways.

5. Wind Seeker: No doubt a true sailboat name for a wanderer or racer.

6. Dream Weaver: Like the 1976 Gary Wright song that muses about an escape to dreamland, this boat owner may weave memories of good days spent on the water, sheltering them from the pressures of day-to-day life.

7. Black Pearl: The name of a fast, stealthy and intimidating fictional ship from the Disney Pirates of the Caribbean films, this boat likely has plenty of kids aboard.

8. Hydrotherapy: Takes into account the healing nature that boating provides this boat owner.

9. The Salt Shaker: If you know what a "Parrot head" is, you'll know what The Salt Shaker is for. On a Saturday night this boat and its owner could be the most popular in the marina.

10. Sea Quest: This boat owner likely grew up watching Jacques Cousteau TV specials and wants to explore the world with their boat.

March 2009

RBOC FAN CLUB

The following PICYA clubs contributed to the on going support of Recreational Boaters of California in 2009:

Aahmes Shrine Yacht Club
Aeolian Yacht Club
Bay View Boat Club
Bel Marine Keys Yacht Club
Benicia Yacht Club
Capital City Yacht Club
Classic Yacht Association
Delta Bayliner Club
Delta Marina Yacht Club
Discovery Bay Yacht Club
Dos Rios Yacht Club
Ebony Boat Club
Emeryville Yacht Club
Encinal Yacht Club
International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians
Los Gatos Yacht Club
Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club
Oyster Point Yacht Club
Peninsula Yacht Club
Petaluma Yacht Club
Pittsburg Yacht Club
Point San Pablo Yacht Club
Richmond Yacht Club
San Francisco Yacht Club
San Joaquin Yacht Club
San Jose Sailing Club
San Rafael Yacht Club
Santa Cruz Yacht Club
Sea Ray Boat Club
Sequoia Yacht Club
South Lake Tahoe Yacht Club
Tahoe Yacht Club
Tiburon Yacht Club
Treasure Island Yacht Club

And of course BoatU.S. for their contributions over the past 16 years.

All of our legislative activity cannot be done without your members' financial support. Contributions may be presented as a club report at the next PICYA Delegates' Meeting or mailed directly to:

Linda Bendsen, 400 Marina Blvd., Suison City, CA 94585

CALENDAR

MAY

- 4 Delegates Dinner Meeting, Oyster Point Yacht Club
- 18 Board of Directors Meeting, Aeolian Yacht Club

JUNE

- 1 Delegates Dinner Meeting, Bridge Marina Yacht Club
- 15 Board of Directors Meeting, Aeolian Yacht Club

JULY

- 13 Delegates Dinner Meeting, Discovery Bay Yacht Club
- 20 Board of Directors Meeting, Aeolian Yacht Club

PICYA'S WEB SITE WWW.PICYA.ORG

Ebony's Annual Jazz And Wine Festival is June 6, 2009. Please check the ebony web page for further information.

Richmond Yacht Club

June 6-7: Delta Ditch Run by RYC and Stockton Sailing Club
Aug 15-16: Tri-Island Race
Aug 22-23: Sarcoma Cup (benefit for Sarcoma cancer)
Aug 28-29: Mercury Nationals

COME VISIT Half Moon Bay YC OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND (September 5-6) AND HELP

INAUGURATE OUR NEW CLUBHOUSE! Showers Available! Saturday evening BBQ

and Movie Nite. Sunday morning Bloody Marys and Continental Breakfast.

Sunday afternoon catered dinner followed by live music and dancing on the decks! Paid in Advance Reservations required. Contact laborday@hmbyc.org

YACHTING FOR THE KIDS

There are three Shriner Yacht Clubs in PICYA; Aahmes YC, Ben-Ali YC, and San Francisco Shrine YC. For the first time in memory all three clubs got together for lunch at the Oakland YC. All three clubs were represented and the group plans to continue meeting at the Oakland YC on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

The Ancient Order or the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Shriners) exists to support 22 Children's Hospitals from Canada to Mexico. All health care is at no cost to any person 18 years or younger. The Shriner Children's Hospitals only treat orthopedics, spinal cord injuries, burns, specialized plastic surgery and cleft lip and palate repair.

All Shriners in PICYA are welcome to join us for lunch. Currently our goal is to get to know each other and socialize at various yacht clubs around the Bay Area and the Delta. We will also explore ways we can, as a group, support the hospitals or provide a boating experience for outpatients of the Shriner Children's Hospital in Sacramento.

For more information contact:

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REPORT TO THE PICYA ON THE SOUTH BAY YACHT CLUB

The South Bay Yacht club is one of the oldest clubs in the Bay and using the founding date of 188 that makes us 121 years old.

The South Bay participated in the regional South Bay Opening Day activities by holding their traditional Ginn Fizz breakfast this last Sunday.

I want to give you all an alert to mark your calendars for two dates, May 16th and most importantly September 19th.

The SBYC has gone through a lot of regulatory hoops to clear some items required. These have been extremely costly and have drained down our working capitol. To address this we are embarking on a series of fund raising events.

The first will be a barbeque on May 16th and the other event will take place on September 19th. This event will include an evening of chance with gaming tables, an antique wheel of fortune all played to obtain points which will be used in an auction. Many unique and wonderful prizes will be available. This will be a memorable event so don't miss it.

More information will follow but please mark those calendars and come on down to the SBYC to see what the original yacht club house looks like.

Russ Robinson
Staff Commodore
South Bay Yacht Club
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Alviso, CA

NCPCA 2009 CONTEST SCHEDULE

June 6th Ox Bow Yacht Club
June 13th Bridge Marina Yacht Club
June 20th San Joaquin Yacht Club