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Commodore's Report *by Steve Kadzielawa and Alan Almquist*

Since last reporting, our fleet closed out the 2016 season with the NC Fleet Change of Watch at Trader Vic's in Emeryville followed by the San Rafael Lighted Boat Parade. Our banquet room at Trader Vic's could not have served us better for this annual event. The unobstructed views of the bay and the city lights were festive and breathtaking. After cocktails and a fabulous dinner, the officers for the 2017 watch were installed with our own Martin McNair, Captain, US Navy Ret., conducting the ceremonial change of command. Unfortunately, our incoming Rear Commodore, Gary Killgore, owner of *Sea Gal*, recently had to step down due to work commitments that caused chronic scheduling conflicts with his CYA duties.



Gerry Kamilos, Vice Commodore, Alan Almquist, Commodore, Steve Kadzielawa, Staff Commodore

Fortunately, Gary realized that there was going to have this problem, and so, at our first Bridge Meeting on February 4th at the Richmond Yacht Club, Scott Andrews was elected by the bridge to fill the vacant Rear Commodore position. Thank you, Gary, for initially stepping up. Maybe in the near future your schedule will allow you to serve on the bridge. And thank you, Scott, for also stepping up to fill the void.

The San Rafael Lighted Boat Parade was, once again, a huge success. Lots of boats with lots of beautiful lights and thousands of spectators on shore watched the parade which begins for our fleet at the Marin Yacht Club and progresses along the, regrettably, shallow (it badly needs to be dredged) San Rafael Canal to the western turning basin at the San Rafael Yacht Club and return back to Marin YC. Apparently the weath-

er gods are quite fond of this parade because for the 10 years or more that we have been participating, we have never had even a hint of inclement conditions during the parade. And this year was no different. Besides no rain, it wasn't even cold. The best part is, you can participate and be a spectator at the same time

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with the best seat in the house. The light show was amazing and the CYA yachts, *Elizabeth* and *Flamingo*, were lit up as bright as Lady Gaga's Super Bowl half time show. As always, it was a great evening and a great way to combine our yachting interests with the holiday spirit.

The NC Fleet Bridge at the first meeting of the 2017 watch where, among other business, we plotted a course to provide a great variety of exciting cruising events. In the very near future we will be participating in Opening Day on the Delta on Saturday, April 8th once again returning to Bethel Island and the San Joaquin Yacht Club to circle the island. Our base this time will be the (in) famous "Rusty Porthole" docks and restaurant for a great dinner following the parade.

On to Opening Day on

the Bay, again in April, on Sunday the 23rd where the fleet will rendezvous off the St. Francis Yacht Club, and, following the fireboats, will once again lead the parade along the waterfront past Pier 39 and down to the western anchor of the Bay Bridge. If the weather permits our annual potluck luncheon is scheduled at the docks of the San Francisco harbor. Next up on the list is the "Salute to American Graffiti" weekend in Petaluma for the 19th and 20th of May. If you like classic American muscle cars, nice restaurants, and a fabulously scenic cruise, the Petaluma weekend is definitely a bucket list event.

For June, a number of us will again head to France where we have secured

boats for a week of cruising on the famous "Canal Du Midi" with a stop-over to explore the walled citadel of Carcasone. We will report on that cruise and the local ones which we have planned for later in the summer in our next newsletter report.

One idea, proposed by Jim Sweeney at the bridge meeting that gained a lot of support was to begin a series of monthly luncheons at different places around the Bay and Delta as casual alternatives to the formal cruising events, which, as everyone knows, are a sizeable commitment of time and energy. Everyone loved the idea and the NC Fleet will be arranging these luncheons for purely social purposes. There would be no formal business discussions,

just an opportunity for the mutual enjoyment of good fellowship, sea stories, and a pleasant meal among kindred spirits. Our gatherings will be scheduled on the second Friday of each month commencing at 1130 hours for libations, with lunch to follow on or about noon. The first of these luncheons is scheduled for March 10th at Pier 15 restaurant, 15 Harbor Street in San Rafael. If anyone in the CYA is in the neighborhood we welcome you to join us at these luncheons along with any cruises that we make during the season.

Assuming it ever stops raining, we are looking forward to emerging from our covered sheds in Alameda and San Rafael and getting *North Star II* and *Flamingo* out on the Bay for some badly needed exercise. We are certainly looking forward to that!



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The subject of insurance was one of the topics this year at the National Change of Watch. After many discussions and e-mails with all our fleet officers, I thought I would summarize what we talked about and how it effects the members.

Question: I have my own insurance on the boat. Why do we need insurance for the CYA as a group?

Answer: The CYA group policy extends coverage to all members and volunteers for any bodily injury and property damage the association might be held liable for. A CYA member should have their own insurance to protect their boat in the event of a covered loss. However, it's likely the association would be named in a lawsuit if an incident happened at a CYA event such as the Bell Street Rendezvous.

Question: Does it cover just liability associated with CYA events and activities or will it cover any boat related liability for CYA members?

Answer: Yes and No. Yes, the policy will respond to a liability claim associated with a CYA event or activity. No, it does not cover any boat related liability to the ownership of an individual's vessel. This is why each member has to have their own boat insurance. The CYA group policy will pay for attorney defense costs and any court judgment amount (up to the policy limits) for the members, but only if the CYA as a group / association identity is specifically named in the lawsuit.

Question: Does it matter whether the CYA sponsors / hosts an event or just participates in one?

Answer: Since there is no definition of a sponsored event in the policy language, the policy will respond whether the CYA participates in or sponsors an event. Example, the Northern California Fleet's Lighted Boat Parade is sponsored by the Marin Yacht Club. They are organizing the event and the CYA members are invited to participate. The Bell Street Rendezvous is an example of a hosted event by the CYA where they are inviting the public to the boat show. The insurance will respond to either scenario if the CYA is named in a lawsuit for bodily injury or property damage to a third party.

Question: What about insurance for the fleet's director or officers?

Answer: Yes, we have Directors and Officers coverage. This protects the CYA Board of Directors from any wrongful or personal injury acts against a 3rd party. A "Wrongful Act" means any actual or alleged act, error, omission, misstatement, misleading statement, neglect or breach of duties. A "Personal Injury Act" means any actual or alleged malicious prosecution, invasion of privacy, wrongful entry or eviction, libel, slander or defamation. This policy will pay the defense costs and any judgment amount up to the policy limit. This coverage is designed to cover decisions made by the board, not bodily injury or property damage claims like the other policy does. Examples might be the board's failure to adhere to the CYA's by-laws or a breach of fiduciary duties.



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Answer: Please contact Jim at Hackworth Insurance (800-894-9224) to request proof of insurance. There is no additional charge to add them to the policy and is available for all CYA events. We will work with the marina or any other entity to send proof and answer any questions they may have.

The PICYA Change of Watch ceremony and Commodore's Ball took place in Petaluma on January 28th, followed by the first Delegate's meeting of 2017 at Coyote Point Yacht Club on Feb. 6th. Another full year of regattas and events is planned, beginning March 5th at 10 a.m. with the annual Mariners Ecumenical Sunday Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in San Rafael followed by a great brunch at Loch Lomond Yacht Club.

The annual Leadership Conference for flag officers is scheduled for March 19th.

and HAWAIIAN CHIEFTAIN will join the festivities cruising Richardson Bay and firing cannon. Purple is the traditional color for "100" and special purple burgees will be featured for sale on the PICYA web site.

The Recreational Boaters Association of California (RBOC) continues its work on our behalf. Lobbying efforts are currently being pursued in opposition to the Delta Tunnels (as blocking Constitutionally protected navigable waterways), in support of copper anti-fouling paints (under long-term threat in Southern California waters) and in conjunction

with the BoatUS effort opposing problematic gasoline fuel lends. Club and individual donations in support of RBOC are always welcome.

come.

Wednesday Yachting Luncheons at the St. Francis Yacht Club:

The Wednesday Yachting Luncheons continue a 49-year tradition of relevant topics, friendly fun and good food in a relaxed, informal setting. The buffet lunch service begins at

11:45am. The program begins at 12:30pm sharp. Presentations and Q&A usually wrap up by 1:30pm and guest speakers often linger for personal conversation with members of the audience.

All members of recognized PICYA yacht clubs are welcome at the Wednesday Yachting Luncheon. First-time guests are asked to please visit our Front Desk for a guest card and a smile. We hope you enjoy our luncheon fare, fabulous view and sailor's hospitality.

ty. Please introduce yourself to the Watch Captain. We look forward to meeting you. If anyone would like to attend the monthly delegates meeting, let me know and I will help you make the required reservations. The meetings include a great dinner put on by the host clubs. Here is the list of the following dates and places for these meeting for 2017.

- March 6, Benicia Yacht Club
- April 3, Pittsburgh Yacht Club
- May 1, Oyster Point Yacht Club
- June 5, Half Moon Bay Yacht Club
- July 10, Stockton Yacht Club
- August 7, Sacramento Yacht Club
- Sept. 11, Berkeley, Yacht Club
- October 7, Tahoe Yacht Club
- November 6, Encinal Yacht Club

Further details on these and other pending activities can be found on www.picya.org



The 100th anniversary of Opening Day on the Bay, with the theme "Cruising the Century" will be celebrated April 23rd. Gerry and Karen Kamilos' AURORA V will serve as the Corinthian Yacht Club's pleasure fleet blessing vessel in Raccoon Straight. The tall ships LADY WASHINGTON

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The CYA annual Board was hosted this year by the USA fleet in Mystic CT. Ted Crosby arranged the event with support from the Mystic Seaport. Many of the attendees arrived in New York city a few days early for some sightseeing and for a very special event Ted arranged at the venerable New York Yacht Club, in midtown Manhattan on Friday, January 13th. Jim and Bernadette Sweeney, and Susan and I attended for the NCCYA fleet. Susan and I arrived on Tuesday, and spend Wednesday and Thursday on an art museum binge! We lunched at the dining room at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, took in a fabulous haut couture fashion exhibit. We enjoyed a Broadway show Wednesday evening with Rick and Elissa Olson (Rick is the 2017 CYA Commodore, and Elissa is doing a second tour of duty and the SC Fleet commodore!). We had made advanced reservations so Friday we boarded a ferry to Liberty Island, and climbed the 397 steps to the Statue of Liberty crown. The crown is smaller than it seems from the ground and from movies – perhaps about 12-15 feet across. We were somewhat surprised to discover too that Liberty sways a bit in the wind!!



The New York Yacht Club

The New York Yacht Club building was located only about 4 doors up from the Algonquin Hotel, where most of the attendees stayed, so we all walked together. On arrival we were escorted up to the library, where hors d'oeuvres and drinks were served amid the historical books and marine artifacts. We then were escorted down to the "Model Room" for a brief tour and some photos. The Model Room is magnificent. A huge carved fireplace forms the centerpiece, and hundreds of ship models of all sorts adorn the walls and fill large glass cases around the perimeter. Jim Sweeney was especially taken by the numerous super detailed steamship models, many with cutaway sections so you could see the inside of the ship. I was enchanted by the array of America's Cup yacht models, going back decades. For each Cup match that involved a

NYYC boat (and there were many!) they had models of the two boats side by side in glass cases.

Following photos in the

Model Room, we headed upstairs for a lovely dinner.

Saturday we all headed to Mystic, and held the first day's meeting at the new event center at the Mystic Seaport.

Saturday evening we held the Change of Watch ceremony, inducting the new Rear Commodore Garth McBride (CAN) into the chairs, elevating Ken Myer to Staff Commodore, Rick Olson to Commodore, and me to Vice Commodore. The new team of officers and directors represents a wealth of experience and skills. I am

looking forward to another productive year as we begin various new initiatives to grow our membership, and provide value to our members.

The meetings over the two days were uneventful, now that we have resolved the Burgee issue and settled into being a 501.c3 non-profit corporation. We did start a number of initiatives aimed at substantially streamlining the membership application process, and paving the way for an online application.

Sunday, following the day 2 meeting, we were treated to a tour of the boat shed, which included nearly 100 old boats or varying sizes and ages. One section was populated by dozens of antique steam engines of various sizes. Truly a treasure trove of maritime history!

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This has been a pretty wet winter so far and I have just been hanging out on *North Star* during the week trying to stay warm and looking forward to the opening of our 2017 boating season. I am glad to be in a covered berth that's for sure. Jim Sweeney moved *Elizabeth* into the covered slip next to me that was vacated by *Cielito* last Fall. It's nice to have a neighbor again, especially another Stephens. There is only one more slip to go and the "L" dock will be filled up even though there are a few more slips in the other covered dock where Mal Weaver had *Nirvana*. Apparently the slip fees at Loch Lomond are getting a big boost this month and a number of boaters are looking for other options. My son, Chris, has his sailboat there but since he is a live-aboard and wants to finish up his Community College work at College of Marin, he is stuck there for awhile.

I joined the Oakland Yacht Club this month. Patrick Welch and Lucas Donovan invited me to join them for dinner there last fall and I really liked the club (especially since Patrick paid for dinner). As many of you already know it is right next door to Encinal YC which is also a great club, and as an added bonus for Encinal (and of interest to me, anyway) has the famous mezzo-soprano, Frederica Von Stade, as a member. Oakland YC has an interesting history in that it was originally located in Oakland (makes sense). Apparently a number of years back they had a disagreement with the Port Of Oakland over their lease and one night moved out taking their docks with

them. That must have been something to watch that happen. One advantage of the Oakland Yacht Club is that it has a spacious room downstairs that will make a great place for our Bridge meet-

will change in 2017. Meanwhile Mal is a regular with the events around the estuary and has steered me towards a couple of things that I want to mention. We are always looking for folks to



Massive clean-up needed at the Corinthian Yacht Club

ings during the year and I have already taken advantage of this situation and booked the next meeting for Sunday, April 2nd. There will be breakfast available at the club before the meeting so I hope to see many of you there.

Speaking of Mal Weaver it was good to see him and Maureen at the change of watch. Mal and Maureen have not been able to participate in club events as much as they did in the past so I am hoping that

do work on our boats and when I hear of someone who is good I want to pass it on. So Mal introduced me to a local fellow, Patrick McKenna "Sparky" who's has a great reputation as a marine electrician and also general mechanic. If you would like to try him out his phone number is 510-304-0983 or e-mail at yapat12@yahoo.com. I met him the other day over at Fortman's local Alameda Yacht Club. This is a modest club



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Out of the blue a month or so back I received an e-mail from Adrienne Felicioni. She informed me that the brother of the owner of her place of employment LJ Productions in San Jose, had been trying to restore an old classic yacht built in 1912(?) named *Edna*, and, perhaps, was once owned by the well-known movie actor, William Powell. A number of us, including Steve Kadzielawa, our past commodore, Tom Clothier, Gerry Kamilos and George Homenko were in the loop on this unexpected find, and offered our help in and finding a marine surveyor to determine the sea worthiness of the vessel which they needed in order to put the boat on the market. The brother had recently died but spent some 30 years in restoring the interior of the boat. Unfortunately, the survey came back and the work that will be required to get the hull in seaworthy condition is substantial. Somewhere down the line the hull below the water line was cold molded fiberglass over the planking. Nothing had been done to the

frames and much of this structural repair work will have to be completed. If someone is looking for a project boat this may be your opportunity to pick one up. If anyone has any interest in this yacht, Adrienne can be contacted at 408-993-9999 or Adrienne@ljp.us.

Stuff out of Chapman's. On occasion during these rainy days I pull out my copy of Chapman's and read up on the many subjects that are covered in this useful book. Here's a couple of "I didn't know that" facts that might challenge your knowledge of the construction of our old wooden boats. I imagine everyone knows what a "false keel" or "worm shoe" is, but what do you call a timber that is fastened along the TOP of the keel to strengthen it? Got that? OK, here is another one. What do you call a triangular reinforcing member, usually of wood but sometimes of metal, placed horizontally behind the stem to strengthen the bow? Answers below.

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I am looking forward to Opening Day on the Bay which will be held on Sunday, April 23rd. Same drill as last year: Blessing of the fleet in Raccoon Strait sponsored by the Corinthian Yacht Club with Vice Commodore, Gerry and Karen Kamilos' beautiful Trumpy yacht, *Aurora V*, being the blessing vessel for this part of the event. Later around 1145 hours the Classic Fleet will rendezvous off Anita Rock west of the St. Francis Yacht Club and we, as has been the custom, will lead the parade behind the fireboats. Tom Clothier is attempting to get us space at the San Francisco Marina for our pot

luck lunch after the parade but more about that later when Steve Kadzielawa, chair of this event, finalizes the details. You may remember that last year Tom booked this spot for us but the weather did not cooperate, and the winds caused most of the fleet to abandon lunch and make full speed back to their berths. Let's hope this year we have better luck. Stay tuned.

Ans. Keelson or apron; Breast hook. Did you get them?

Despite all the rain, wind, and flooding in the region the Delta is still here. The Sacramento River is flowing at a higher volume than it has in 20 years. Resorts along the river have flooded and logs and trees are filling the waterways. The parking lots of many marinas have flooded and the promenade around the Stockton Downtown Marina has flooded. My people report that they are seeing furniture and appliances floating through Suisun Bay.

But don't despair, these Delta folks have been through these rough winters before. They are nothing if not resilient and I am confident when summer arrives it will be business as usual everywhere. The boating season here traditionally starts with the various opening days. For several years, back in the 1990s our fleet would meet at Mimi Millers house on Sandmound Slough for a weekend of partying on opening day at the San Joaquin Yacht Club.

Mimi is gone now but we had some fantastic times at her guest dock. We had some great potluck dinners and gin fizz fueled breakfasts. We would either go to the club for dinner or Mimi would take some of us cruising local clubs in her Cadillac

boat was but we filled it and cruised back to Mimi's in the dark with no running lights or any lights for that matter. It was a fine adventure and we all had a lot of laughs.

The start of the parade was signaled by the

things. One year it was really foggy so I waited for the fog to clear on the morning of the parade and headed over but when I got to the Rio Vista bridge we hit another fog bank, we hove to while we figured out a plan of action but low and behold after a several minute wait the fog began to clear and we made it to the parade just as it was starting and managed to get into our spot with no problem. Another time driving down to the Delta on I-5 we ran into the mother of all storms and I thought we were going to have to turn back because of the wind and rain. We stuck it out and spent the night on *Ranger* in her berth. The next morning the weather



Opening Day in the Delta potluck at Mimi's in the 90s

sedan. Mimi lived about a half mile from the San Joaquin Yacht Club by boat so one time Mont McMillen came over to the club in his new inflatable shore boat. After dinner he invited a bunch of us to ride back with him. I am not sure what the capacity of the

club's cannon so I always fired mine off a few times before the parade to help confuse

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was beautiful and we made it to the parade in time to make the start. We later heard from Dick and Mavis aboard Hiltot II that they were traveling from Pittsburg to Bethel Island and got caught in the storm, they said visibility was almost nil and there was lightning striking around them during the trip. They managed to make it with no damage and had a great sea story to tell.

If you can only make one trip to the Delta this year, please plan to attend the Delta Cham-

bers 16th annual Taste of the Delta. In 2017 it will be held on Saturday August 5th at the Stockton Yacht Club on the Calaveras River. This is a beautiful club with beautiful shady grounds. A perfect spot for a wine and food tasting event. The event is a strolling wine and food tasting party. Generally there are around twelve or so local wineries and a like number of area restaurants providing samples of their delicacies. A select number of local artists and artisans will have their works on display also. Guest docking is availa-

ble at the club and there is fuel available nearby. There are other quality marinas in the area so you could spend a few weeks exploring the area if you wanted to. www.tasteofthedelta.com

One final note, Sue and I will be riding on the committee boat for Opening Day on the Bay I will do my best to get photos of all participating CYA boats. Just remember to be looking at the committee boat

when you pass, the judges are on the boat too and it never hurts to look sharp for them.



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Opening Day on the Delta—Bethel Island Style

Rusty Porthole Docks, April 7th - 9th

Arrive on Friday afternoon the 7th for an evening pot luck on the boats.

Saturday the 8th participate in the parade around Bethel Island or stay on you boat and watch the parade pass by. Saturday dinner will be no host at the Rusty Porthole.

Sunday morning breakfast also at the Rusty Porthole and then the cruise home.

Dock space is limited with some 120 volt service, but it is free. Please book early.

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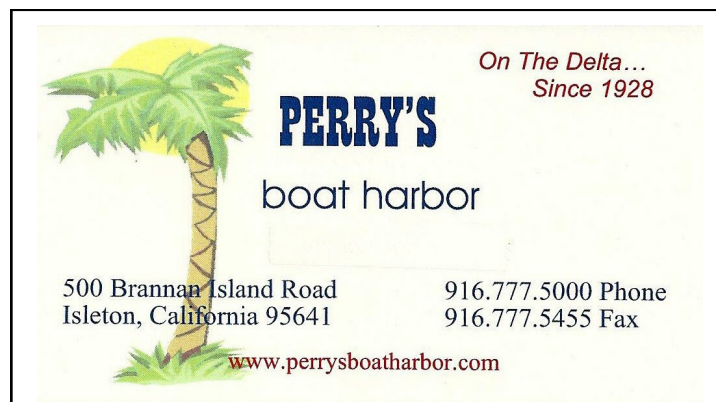
Join Us! – Port Area Symposiums

The CYA NorCal Fleet Bridge has adopted a new program where the Port Captains set a time and place for members of their community to get together socially for libations, food, and conversation; we are calling these gatherings “Symposiums.” All our CYA members of any Port area, all other CYA members, potential CYA members, friends, and family are invited to these casual no host gathering events.

As Port Captain of the North Bay, Stuart Kiehl invites you to the North Bay Symposium on April 11th at Jason’s Restaurant in Greenbrae from 4 to 6pm. The location is Jason’s Restaurant, 300 Drakes Landing Road, Greenbrae, CA 94904, 415 925-0808, Tuesday, April 11, 4-6 PM, Jason’s said we will have an area next to the bar to hang out, so it will be a rather informal gathering during their excellent Happy Hour menu choices. **Please RSVP so we can get an approximate number to give to the restaurant.** stuart@vineyardvideo.com (www.jasonsrestaurant.com)

As Port Captain of the San Joaquin Delta, Bill Wells invites you to the San Joaquin Delta Symposium on Thursday May 11, 2017, 1600 hours at Rosa’s at Tower Park, 14900 W. Hwy 12 Lodi, CA. Rosa’s is an excellent place to enjoy the delta breeze and have some good food! They have great live music as well.

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Coming Events

Opening Day on the Delta

San Joaquin Yacht Club
April 8, 2017, George Homenko, Chair

Opening Day on the Bay

San Francisco Marina
April 23, 2017, Steve Kadzielawa, Chair

American Grafitti, Petaluma

May 19-21, George Homenko, Chair

Taste of the Delta

Stockton Yacht Club
August 5, 2017, Tom Clothier, Chair

Grindstone Joe's Cruise In

September 16, Scott Andrews, Chair

Kruzin' 4 Kidz

Jack London Square, Oakland
October 14, 2017, Gerry Kamilos, Chair

Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise in

September 9, 2017
Jim and Bernadette Sweeney, Chairs

Change of Watch

Trader Vic's, Emeryville
November 18, 2017

Lighted Boat Parade

San Rafael Channel
December 9, 2017

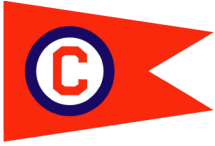
SOMETHING NEW - NC FLEET MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

The NC Fleet is considering arranging monthly luncheons for purely social purposes. There would be no formal business discussions, just an opportunity for the mutual enjoyment of good fellowship, sea stories, and a pleasant meal among kindred spirits.

Since I was assigned the task of exploring this concept I am proposing the following scenario: Our gatherings will be scheduled on the second Friday of each month commencing at 1130 hours for libations, with lunch to follow on or about noon. Locations will vary around the Bay Area and Delta to suit members' convenience. Attendees are requested to advise their intentions by the second Wednesday of the month so advance reservations can be made at the chosen dining establishment.

The first of these luncheons is scheduled for March 10th at Pier 15 restaurant, 15 Harbor Street, San Rafael.

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