

Commodore's Report by Steve Kadzielawa

.Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Steve

K. and I will be your driver. Translation: As Commodore for the 2016 watch, I am excited to be involved on the bridge of the NC fleet with many of my

closest friends. Maybe next issue we will visit the full spelling of my last name. Depending on how long you have been a CYA member, you may or may not know that I was the Commodore in 2009. So, I guess you could say this isn't my first rodeo.

I have been spending the last few weeks getting up to speed on the goings on of the CYA and the NC Fleet and working with the bridge to form a road map for the 2016 season. In one sense it feels like just yesterday that I was sitting around the table

with familiar faces discussing bridge business. On



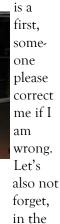
Flamingo on San Francisco Bay

the other hand much has happened over the last seven years. The organiza-

tion is taking the final steps to complete the 501 C3 tax status and has adopted an updated perspective of CYA membership including an ad-

justment to the qualifying year of a boat for vintage

status. An additional criteria, aside from year of vessel to qualify, has recently been established to be inclusive of newer classically styled yachts that are not quite old enough to qualify based on age. We also witnessed the resurrection and restoration of the yacht Acania, the pride of the NC Fleet if not the finest restoration in all of the CYA. We now have a Trumpy as a member of the fleet. I would venture to say this



last sev-

Kadzielawa, Commodore, Alan Almquist, Vice Commodore and Gerry Kamilos, Rear Commodore

Susan Takami, Staff Commodore, Steve

en years we have witnessed our local teams win three world series',



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appear in a Super Bowl, and win the NBA Championship. All in all, I think it has been an interesting seven years.

We just celebrated our fleet change of watch on Saturday, February 20th and a very special thanks goes to George Homenko and Otto Schreier for organizing and providing such a delightful venue

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for us at the Tiburon Yacht Club. I would also like to extend a my gratitude to Martin McNair for presiding over the important and often overlooked ritual of passing command, and to Susan Takami for assuring that all the fleet business ducks were in a very neat row before stepping down and handing me the keys.

Our first bridge meeting of the year is now in the books. This is always an important meeting because it is when we put our collective heads together and organize a calendar of events for the year. I am sure you couldn't help but notice that nearly the entire month of February offered the most amazing boating weather one could dream of. Midseventies temperatures and nary a breath of wind to not soil the fine finishes with salt spray. If you didn't catch boating fever in February, you're not a boater! In short, we have a series of exciting events planned this year with more opportunities to cruise to desirable locales than the CYA has burgees.

The year will kick off with Opening Day on the Bay on Sunday, April 24th. This is an important day for bay area yachting and the CYA. We are firmly

established as the leaders of the parade along the San Francisco waterfront which allows us exposure to thousands of spectators as well as many of the most significant clubs and the who's who of boating on the bay. The traditional pot luck food and drink fest will ensue at Treasure Isle Marina. It is a lot of fun with a lot of action packed into one day which is all conveniently located within the central bay.

A return trip to Petaluma for the American Graffiti Weekend is scheduled for May 20th thru 22nd. This was a first for us last year and proved to be loads of fun and a tremendous success. If you are not familiar with this event, it is, as the name implies, a celebration of vintage American automobiles and muscle cars while recognizing the role Petaluma played in the iconic movie. It is produced by the City of Petaluma and is extremely well organized and enjoyable. Nearly the entire downtown area is closed to traffic and provides the setting for visitors to view the hundreds of beautifully restored and customized cars. And you can't get much closer to ground zero than to be on your yacht in the Petaluma

Turning Basin.

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In June we will return to the Stockton Yacht Club for their annual Classic Car and Boat Show. This was another first for us in 2015 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. It is easy to loosely throw around the expression of "Classic Car and Boat Show" but the SYC took it very seriously and hosted a beautiful event. There were several categories of judging, with awards for the cars as well as official balloting for People's Choice for the boats. The club's grounds and facilities are warm and welcoming and the hospitality extended to the CYA participants was over the top. The entire guest dock was reserved for us as exhibitors and we used every last inch. There was even a bow pulpit overlapping and encroaching into the aft deck area of Catherine E to squeeze us all in. If the paint was any thicker on our hulls, we wouldn't have fit. It was a great showing of CYA vachts and I am hopeful we can attend with even more this year. So start loosening the bristles on those varnish brushes and polish that chrome, this one is the real deal.

I hope I have provided you with some enticing insight to the first part of the season and there is more I would like to just put on your radar. 2016 will be a Stephens Rendezvous year which is tentatively scheduled for early September in the Delta, a Tahoe Weekend for the South Lake Tahoe Classic Boat Show at the end of July, a showing of classics at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon in late September, and an enhanced Kruzin' for Kids in October. I say enhanced because Jack London Square, where the event is based, is getting involved and combining our well established event into a publicized "Classic Weekend" featuring an exhibition of our classic vachts and a show of classic cars.

If that isn't enough to give you the cruising bug, you need to check to see if you have a pulse. And if you do have one, I am looking forward to sharing some good times, laughs, and a cocktail on the dock with everyone.

You can visit us on facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Classic-Yacht-Association/126059857432815



Photos from Bridge Meeting and Change of Watch



Bridge Meeting at McNairs—Susan Takami, Steve K. and Scott Andrews—Love the Sombreros



Steve Kadzielawa, Gary and Sheila, Kilgore, Doug Ball, George Homenko, Candace Gable, and Shawn Ball, Cheryl Anderson (behind Shawn)



Scott Andrews,, Martin McNair, Dick, and Mavis Engfer, Nancy and Tom Clothier



Lori Payne, Patti Webb, Otto Schreier, Dave Olson, Alan Almquist and Stuart Kiehl



Mel Owen, Patrick Welch, Lucas Donovan, Karen and Gerry Kamilos, Jim and Bernadette Sweeney and Gig Owen

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International Meeting Report— by Scott Andrews

Commodore Susan Takami and I attended the CYA Annual Meeting in Vancouver B.C. in January. The Canadian Fleet did a marvelous job organizing the event at the Granville Island Hotel. Granville Island is a lovely venue with many galleries, shops, restaurants and a large public market. We were also treated to a reception at the Vancouver Maritime Museum, and a lovely Change of Watch dinner at the beautiful Royal Vancouver Yacht Club.

Day one of the meeting included the election of officers for 2016. I was elected to serve as CYA Rear Commodore. I am looking forward to serving the CYA membership as we evolve toward a larger and more educational and inclusive organization. Other new board members include Christine Rohde as fleet representative for the SC fleet, and Peggy O'Brien as fleet representative of the CAN fleet. The Board also moved forward with various changes to the Bylaws to facilitate our conversion to a 501.c.3 (non-profit) corporation. One of the many benefits of this conversion will be that members should be able to write off their expenses for attending public CYA sponsored events, and it will become possible to seek out grant funding for various educational activities. One such activity we are considering is the development of an online classic yacht archive that would provide detailed documentation for as many boats as we can identify and catalog.

The Board also voted to change the CYA burgees

that the membership should weigh in on this decision. The Board will be holding an advisory vote of the membership, and, on the basis of the outcome of that vote, may revisit this design. We urge everyone to vote.

On day two, the board voted to change the cutoff date for Vintage membership by five years. The date will move from



New approved burgee for all members

from the current set of three different colored burgees corresponding to the three different membership classifications (Classic, Vintage and Affiliate) to a single "one for all" burgee design as pictured below. The Board also voted to replace all of the member burgees with this new design.

It is important to note that a small group of members has complained 12/31/1959 to 12/31/1964. Member boats that fall in this revised classification may reapply for vintage membership at no additional cost.

Lastly, the Board also modified the membership rules to make it easier for the Membership Committee to grant Vintage membership to newer boats that have special or unique characteristics. This change involved changing the "Historical Significance" language in the membership criteria to "Special Consideration". I am pleased to announce that Northern CA fleet member Gerry Kamilos' magnificent yacht Aurora V was the first boat to be granted Vintage membership under this new rule.

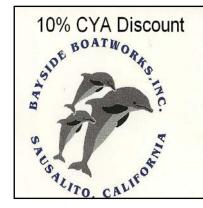
These two changes will allow a number of newer member boats to become Vintage members, continuing this years' theme of greater inclusiveness.



A Dispatch from the Delta by Bill Wells

With the recent rain filling the rivers it looks like it is going to be a good boating season in the Delta. The cold weather has helped kill off much of the hyacinth too. Now in late February the weather is turning warmer and we have had some beautiful days, a harbinger of things to come I am sure. Sometimes you hear us Delta folks mention the "X-.02 point" this is a point where they try to maintain the salt content to two

many excellent events at Oxbow over the years going back to the "Oxbow Incidents" in the early 1990s. It is always a fun place and Isleton is only a short drive away. The Delta Loop proper is maybe ten minutes by automobile or 20 minutes by shore boat. Kim and George Homenko are chairing the event and I am confident it will be a fantastic kick off to the Delta summer. Sue and I plan to be there and I



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with the club.

The Mokelumne River Bridge is operating great after being retrofitted last

> summer. Be aware that the Three Mile Slough Bridge is undergoing repairs and not opening to

boat traffic at times. It is another low bridge with a clearance of about ten feet at high tide.

The water war is going strong with Mark Cowin's Department of Water Resources applying to the State Water Board for permits to divert the Sacramento River around the Delta. Delta residents and activists are doing all they can to stop this massive boondoggle that will destroy the Delta and have all Californians picking up the \$75 billion tab. I am confident that ultimately common sense will prevail and the project will not happen but it is a very expensive fight on both sides.

For all things Delta check the Chambers website at www.californiadelta.org or email info@californiadelta.org or give me a call at 916-869-911.

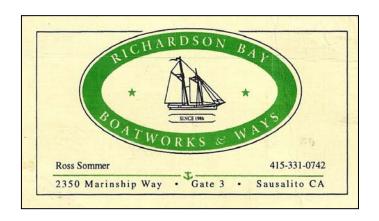


parts per thousand in the water (it is more complicated than this but this is easier for us laymen to understand). Normally this is around Jersey Point in Suisun Bay but last summer in the drought it was all the way up to the Rio Vista Bridge. This is not good for Delta farmers or Delta boaters naturally. Hopefully this year it will stay where it belongs.

Kim Korth and her family have generously offered the guest docks at Oxbow Marina for a classic boat show on the weekend of May 7th. We have had

hope you all can join us.

You should make it a summer in the Delta, once again we plan to attend the Classic Car and Boat Show at the Stockton Yacht Club on June 25th. This is another excellent function. The club is located maybe a half-mile up the Calaveras River on beautiful tree shaded grounds. This is one of my favorite places to visit - a beautiful location and a lot of great people to hang out with. They have an excellent galley too! Tom Clothier is coordinating this event



Around the Bay— by Alan Almquist

Our 2016 yachting season was officially kicked off at the first Bridge Meeting of the new year at the beautiful home in Point Richmond of Janis and Martin McNair. A very ambitious cruise schedule was proposed that includes a number of great Bay events. Incoming Commodore Steve Kadzielawa is in charge of the Opening Day on the Bay, on the calendar for Sunday April 24th. More details will come later from Steve but at this moment we are looking at the regular parade start time at noon and following the parade along the San Francisco waterfront a pot luck luncheon on the docks at Treasure Island. Traditionally, before the parade there is the blessing of the fleet sponsored by the Corinthian Yacht Club in Raccoon Straight. This year, as it has been in the past, Andrew Roettger's classic yacht Wanda will host the Corinthian delegation for the blessing.

In case the San Francisco Opening Day parade doesn't fully get you in the boating spirit there are additional opportunities to join up in two other Opening Day events in the bay: one, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Yacht Club on April 9th, and two, sponsored by the Benicia Yacht Club on April 23rd. Contact information for these clubs are Benicia YC 707-746-6600 and Pittsburgh YC 925-432-1056 for more details about these parades, or check out their websites for the details.

The "American Graffiti" event held annually now in Petaluma welcomes the Classic Yacht Association to bring our boats to the Petaluma basin joining with the classic car show that is going on in the downtown. George Homenko will take charge of CYA participation, and just on the success of last year's show this event will definitely be one of the highlights of our activities

for 2016. Plan to be in Petaluma for May 19 through the 21st. More details to follow from George as we get closer to the date.

Speaking of invites we just received an open invitation for 2016 to cruise into South Beach Harbor and enjoy the clubhouse and facilities of the South Beach Yacht Club, located at Pier 40 in San Francisco. Please phone ahead to 415-495-2297 if you would like to plan a cruise to this great Bay destination.

While this next event is really in the preliminary planning stages, there is a move on to organize a classics rendezvous by the folks at Jack London Square on the weekend of October 15th. The idea, as I understand it, is to recreate a sort of "Bell Street" event on the same order that annually involves the Pacific Northwest fleet in Seattle. A conflict, though not insurmountable, arises with the fact that the annual "Kruizin 4 Kids" event is scheduled for the same weekend. If the two events do manage to

occur on that weekend there may have to be some juggling of boats if members want to participate in both.

Finally, Mel and Gig Owen told us that the model of *Pat Pending* is now complete and will be on display at the San Francisco Yacht Club soon. Mel said that he had the model constructed by a well-known model maker in

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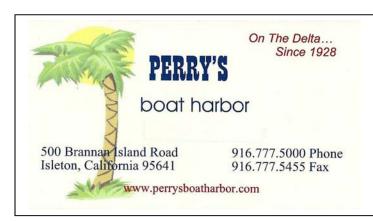


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Sausalito just for the fun of it. From the photo featured here it is a beautiful job complete with a miniature harmonica near the wheel on the fly bridge. Mel wouldn't say how much the model cost to build but he did say that it was twice as much as the family paid for the original boat in 1940.







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From our Staff Commodore

by Susan Takami

What a wonderful evening we had at the Change of Watch dinner and ceremony on February 20th. The weather cooperated and we enjoyed stunning views from the Tiburon Yacht Club. It was delightful catching up with fellow members and guests, and those who were unable to attend were greatly missed.

I am relieved of my position as Commodore, and must thank Martin McNair for his gracious handling of his role as master of ceremonies, and to all the many hands that contributed to the success of the evening. It was my honor to pass command to the 2016 Bridge: Steve Kadzielawa, Commodore, Alan Almquist, Vice Commodore, and Gerry Kamilos, Rear Commodore. The Northern California Fleet is in good hands in the coming years.

Our many event hosts are working hard on this year's calendar and we are on track for events and cruise-ins all around the Bay and the Delta. So no matter where you keep your boat or if you prefer to join us by car, there are opportunities for everyone. It is sure to be one of our best years yet and I hope you will join us!

Don't Miss this One—by Tom Clothier

After more than sixteen vears of steadfast and commendable service to the Northern California Fleet, Dick and Mavis Engfer have "retired" as our Representatives to the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Association. We all owe them a hearty "Well done" and "Thank you!" for the myriad responsibilities they have fulfilled on behalf of our fleet and all Northern California recreational boaters those many years. Bernadette and I have been appointed to fill the vacancy. We sincerely appreciate Dick's guidance and advice during the turnover of duties and look forward to more good times with Dick and Mavis at CYA events and aboard their beautiful 1940 44 ft. Stephens Brothers cruiser HILTOT II.

Now, here is a brief rundown on pending PICYA events.

March 6th - Mariners Sunday at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in San Rafael (a fine ecumenical service accompanied by stirring music performed by the acclaimed St. Francis Yacht Club's "Sons of the Sea") followed by brunch at the nearby Loch Lomond Yacht Club. Bernadette and I will attend with pleasure and encourage other NC Fleet members to join us at these two traditional yachting events.

Here are the upcoming delegates meetings that all are welcome to attend with advance reservations.

*April 4th
Pittsburgh Yacht Club;

*May 2nd
Oyster Point Yacht Club;

*June 6th
Stockton Yacht Club;

*July 11th
Delta Marina Yacht Club
(The Point);

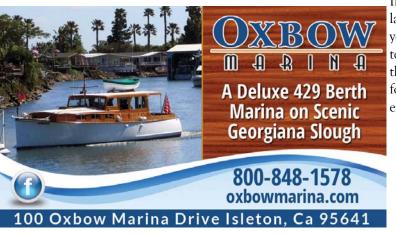
*August 1st
Sacramento Yacht Club.

Further details on these and other PICYA activities can be readily found in the calendar of the website www.picya.org. Smooth sailing, Jim Sweeney



The Stockton Yacht Club has again invited the NCCYA to participate in their 2016 Car and Boat Show which will be held on Saturday June 25th. This is a fantastic event an there is not a better or more welcoming club in the Bay or Delta. Plan to arrive on Friday June 24th and relax a bit prior to their special Friday night welcoming dinner. On Saturday during the show a BBQ lunch is available for a moderate charge and Saturday night is the spectacular awards banquet with dancing and entertainment following. Sunday Morning prior to our departure enjoy an all you can eat breakfast at the club.

Last year 9 CYA boats attended the weekend festivities and many CYA members attended by land yacht. Over 150 SYC members and their guests toured our boats and almost everyone carried a ballot and voted for the, "Peoples Favorite". Three awards were given to the most popular yachts and the members and guests could not have been more appreciative or gracious. All of our CYA members enjoyed the 25+ vintage automobiles on display and chose their favorite be it from the 1920's 30s' 40s' 50's 60's or even later.



If you missed this event last year don't miss it this year. It is never too early to make cruising plans for the summer and so watch for the flyer and sign up early!

Classic History—Hunter Boat Company by Alan Almquist

Hunter Boat Company, Suisun City, CA.

The Hunter Boat Corporation started in business in Alameda in 1887. The company was founded by the father of Arthur D. Hunter who became company president and managed the business for many decades. During the 1930's the company's address was listed at 2414 Harrison St. one half block east of the Park Street bridge. Earlier history is some what sketchy but by 1930 the boat building business became quite successful. Advertised in the 1930 issue of Yachtsman the "Hunter 26" was a standardized cruiser powered by a 44 H.P. Gray motor providing a speed of 13 m.p.h. with an out the door price of \$2250.00. The company also advertised the manufacture of a complete line of inboard and outboard runabouts and yacht tenders starting at \$65.00.

In early 1931 the companv announced a move from the Harrison St plant to 2329 Landing St in Alameda because of a rapidly expanding business. Small skiff, tenders and outboard runabouts up to 16 feet at a cost of \$248.00 were advertised along with two cruiser

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models, "Kruzabouts," at 22 feet and 27 feet in length. The 27 foot Kruzabout, had sleeping accommodations for four people with a complete toilet and galley. This model was powered with a 4-56 gray engine. The smaller 22 foot version was equipped with a 25 H.P. Falcon engine. The superstructure of both boats was built with mahogany. The cruisers were distributed by John G. Rapp Corporation of 123 2nd St San Francisco. Rapp was also the distributor of the A.C.F. boats from the East Coast and the line of Dodge speedboats.

The 1938 line listed 6 models from 27 to 38 feet in length. All powered by Kermaths. The 32 and 38 foot models were twin

screw. The company boasted of their production in that year of 75 boats produced in 26 months and claimed to be 4th in tion in the United States.

They later upgraded that claim to 3rd in produc-

The company had moved to Suisun Slough by 1938. In 1939 the compa-

ny advertised a new series of cabin cruisers with models ranging from 27 to 38 feet in length. Model 38, twin cabin De Luxe slept seven and was powered with twin 91 H.P. Kermaths with speeds up to 16 m.p.h.

During WW2 as did most boat builders who aimed to help the war effort, they made life rafts and other military boats. The company ceased construction of yachts in the early 1970's, never making the transition to fiberglass hulls. Soon afterwards the company was sold to Arkay Boat Repair.



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Petaluma Event—American Graffitti—May 20 to 22—by George Homenko

Every year Petaluma hosts a salute to George Lucas' film American Graffiti. Events include a car show that closes down several streets for a great nostalgia car show, on Saturday morning. Followed by a car parade on the same streets this classic movie was filmed on.



Last year was our first cruise in to this event and it turned out to be a great time for all. For those of you that have never boated to Petaluma it is, in my opinion, the best place you can cruise to on the Bay. Within a very short walking distance are great eateries and fun shops. With American Graffiti days happening it makes it an

event not to miss. Please hold the dates of May 20^{th} – 22^{nd} .









Coming Events

Opening Day on the Bay WANDA at the Corinthian for the Boat Blessing

Sunday, April 24, 2016 Steve Kadzielawa, Chair

Delta Loop Opening Day/Oxbow Classic Cruise

May 6-8 Kim Korth/George Komenko, Chairs

American Graffitti Cruise In

May 20-22—Petaluma, Scott Andrews/George Homenko, Chairs

Hooked on Jazz, Sacramento

May 27-30

Les Cochren, Chair

Stockton Classic Car and Boat Show

June 24-26 : Stockton YC Tom Clothier, Chair

ACBS Tahoe (the Sweeney's house),

July 29—30— Possible opportunity to include the Reno Fun Train

Weekend at the Corinthian Yacht Club and Boat Show

September 10 Jim Sweeney, Chair

Forget Me Knot

(TBA) September—Sacramento Les Cochren, Chair

Grindstone Joe's Member/Guest Cruise-In

September 17-18
Scott Andrews/Martin McNair, Chairs

Stephens Rendezvous

September 23-25 Rio Vista
Scott Andrews/Rusty Areias, Chairs: .

PICYA Wheelchair Regatta

September 24—Alameda (Dick Engfer, Chair

Kruzin 4 Kidz

October 15⁻⁻Jack London Square, Oakland John DiLillo, Chair

Vintage Weekend at Jack London Square

October 15-16th
Gerry Kamilos/Patrick Welch, Chairs

CYA NC Change of Watch

December 4^TTrader Vics in Emeryville Gerry Kamilos, Chair

Lighted Boat Parade

December 3 Jack London Square.

Lighted Boat Parade

December 10⁻San Rafael Steve Kadzielawa, Chair



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