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Northern California Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association**

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Commodore's Comments *by Commodore Patrick Welch*

This report is actually written from the bridge of *Colleen* because since May 6th I am officially homeless. I put my home on Lake Merritt for sale thinking that the market being as it is the house would probably sit there for a few months at least. Not my luck. It sold in three days and I moved out, with most of my things

into storage and a few essentials moved on board *Colleen*. It's tight but doable and I

don't regret the move, thus far, anyway. One downside to the move was that I had to disconnect my cable service and because of that Comcast canceled my internet by the way without telling me. So for all who want to know it, my new e-mail is pwelch2006@gmail.com.

I didn't last very long in the covered berth that I had found for *Colleen* last year because when I started to actually live on board I found the darkness depressing. Now, in an open slip right in front of Jack London Square, things are good.

This spring has been a busy



The Classics on Parade

one. I took a very spur-of-the-moment trip to Brazil for two weeks, and when I returned I had to face the move-out of the house and move-in on the boat. Undaunted, six days after I moved out another friend of mine called me up and told me to pack my bags (I hadn't unpacked them yet) and we were off to Thailand for another two weeks. Both

trips, in very different ways, were great adventures, but Brazil was definitely a place I would return to at the drop of a hat. You could start with people, food and beaches and then begin to count all of the other reasons why Brazil is a great travel destination.



Patrick enjoying his 39th birthday, again

So *Colleen* and I have begun a more intimate friendship, and while I have managed to arrange what few things I brought with me from the house in good order she is way too small for a long term accommodation. So I have begun to look at larger boats because living on board has definite appeal for me at least for awhile.

Thanks to Vice Commodore Les Cochren the first Bridge meeting that I unfortunately missed was ably handled and



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Continued Commodore's Comments *by Patrick Welch*

all important business transacted. I had no intention of missing the next Bridge meeting that was held at the home of our Roving Reporter, Clara Yeats Aseltine, but then Thailand came up, so, once again, Les stepped up to the plate and took control of that event as well. I owe Les big time for helping out like this. It is no easy feat for him to make these meetings because, as of the Fall 2010,

he has taken up residency in the St. Louis area and has to fly out every time he attends one of the northern fleets events. I did hear through the grapevine that once the meeting started Alan Almquist made a motion to impeach me for having too much fun, but apparently it died (fortunately?) for lack of a

second.

After a well attended Opening Day on the Bay event our boating season for the Northern California fleet was offi-



cially launched. Our traditional pot-luck luncheon at Treasure Island was another great success, food a plenty for all. Steve Kadzielawa has reported more fully on Opening Day in another column here in the newsletter. When the summer issue of Classic Currents goes to press we will also have completed our annual

Delta Cruise, this year directed by Shawn Ball who did such a great job for us last year at the Stephens Rendezvous. The cruise started out again in Stockton and wound up with

a truly remarkable open air dinner at the beautiful mansion of Rusty Areias in Walnut Grove. The photos hardly do this home justice. Rusty, an aficionado

of classic yachts, owns two Stephens, the 1956, 60 foot *Miss 102*, and the 1957, 50 foot *Contessa*.

Coming quickly on the heels of the summer kick-off, the mostly annual Marin Yacht Club Car and Boat Show is shaping up to be the best ever,

with at least thirteen classics signed up for the July 9th show. Jim and Bernadette Sweeney are organizing the classics for this event as well as hosting us at their home in South Lake Tahoe for the ACBS show over the July 29th-31st weekend. If that wasn't enough Jim is organizing a classic yacht cruise to the Corinthian Yacht Club on August 13th. This event, open only to the membership of the yacht club, was a lot of fun last year, so thanks, Jim and Bernadette for making this happen once again. Finally, I would like to announce the date of the next Bridge meeting at the Richmond Yacht Club on Sunday September 25th, with our thanks to Martin McNair for arranging this meeting for us. The meeting will be followed by a tour of the beautifully restored 92 foot Blanchard, *Wanda*, now owned by

Andrew Roettger whose web site for *Wanda* can be found in this issue of Classic Currents. So for now, safe boating to all for a great summer of classic yachting.

Lake Tahoe Weekend *by Jim Sweeney*

July 29th and 30th 2011 LAKE TAHOE WEEKEND

Jim and Bernadette Sweeney are once again welcoming the members of the Classic Yacht Association to join them for the Antique and Classic Boat Society's SOUTH TAHOE WOODEN BOAT CLASSIC show on the weekend of July 29-30th. The fun begins at 1700 hours Friday with a cocktail reception and barbecue at the Sweeney's summer residence, 2291 Montana Avenue, South Lake

Tahoe. The Sweeney's are organizing the food and libations for the party and they have also promised us a few surprises to go along with the fun.

On Saturday plan to attend the WOODEN BOAT CLASSIC show, where a fabulous selection of snazzy runabouts, race boats, launches, sedans, and utilities will be on display. The featured boat will be the 30 ft 1930 Sea Lyon triple cockpit runabout WHITE

SMOKE. The show will be held at the beautiful Tahoe Keys Marina. It is a judged event and trophies will be awarded for seventeen categories. The rumble of vintage engines periodically revved up at dockside and underway should boost more than a few heartbeats and a Dixieland band will add the happy sounds of jazz throughout the day. At the Marina's Fresh Ketch Restaurant superb seafood and cocktails both indoors and al fresco are available for lunches. In addition, a vari-

ety of wine, food, and aquatic themed dry goods booths at the show will furnish casual shopping opportunities. Two-day admission tickets may be purchased at the gate or in advance at \$15 per person by logging on to www.acbs-tahoe.org

To register for this weekend, kindly fill out and mail to the Sweeney's the form that was sent to you with the special announcement of this event: James Sweeney, 116 Eye Street, San Rafael, CA 94901.

Rovin' Reporter

by Clara Yeats Asestine

Your Rovin' Reporter missed Opening Day on the Bay (had to attend a funeral) the first one she has missed in more years than she can count. However the enthusiastic reports confirmed that this was its usual fantastic day for kicking off our summer sailing schedule and to add to the festivities there were two birthday celebrations with cakes for Patrick and Steve. Speaking of birthdays, your rovin' reporter saw a picture of Cynthia McMillen at her celebration of a big important birthday. There was a zero at the end, but any guess of the

had to drop out at the last minute but Sea Gal, Eslo, Flamingo and Catherine E made a fine showing and their crews had a great time. Ranger was in the vicinity, but wasn't able to join in the fun. Hiltot II couldn't make the trip as Dick wasn't feeling well. All the good wishes flowing his way should speed his recovery. The Stockton Waterfront was a terrific venue from Friday night's ball game to the Mexican fiesta on Saturday afternoon. As we arrived at the plaza wonderful live music was playing including a harp that sounded like a full orchestra!

Later the mariachi band had everyone's toes tapping and the singing was superb. There was a free tequila tasting bar and later

they served fantastic ceviche with mounds of chips and fresh salsa. The ladies were even given a little gift bag as they departed. Then it was time to head for Willow Berm and the barbeque on the dock. The tide and current made slow going so by the

time the ten of us gathered around the dinner table there was a backdrop of a gorgeous sunset. It was a lovely evening

our yachts at the municipal dock in Walnut Grove. After we had tied up against a fast running current, he shuttled us over to the Walnut Grove mansion of Rusty and Julie Areias where we had been invited to join him and his family for dinner. The steak and salmon was grilled to perfec-



Cheryl

and conversation around the table lasted until it was dark.

tion.

And now - a flash from Beverly. When Les becomes commodore of NCF he will have a new flagship, Fantasea!

After a leisurely breakfast at the clubhouse it was time to travel again. Alan had arrived via asphalt cruiser and met



George

first number would be at least two decades lower! Way to go Cynthia!

The just completed Delta cruise was great fun. Shawn put together a wonderful weekend. A number of boats



Shawn, Doug, George, Candace, Beverly and Nancy

CYA Clothing Report



It is always fun to have CYA clothing to wear at the various events or just lounging on your boats. We have two embroidery companies that have our logos on file and so you can order any item from their catalog and get it customized. They will also add the name of your boat.

The Embroidery Factory, 6000A Egret Court, Benicia, CA 94510, (707) 746-7625 (Shirley) www.embroideryfactory.com

or

American Logowear, 603-B East Bidwell Street, Folsom, CA 95630 (916) 983-8800

ADD A PATCH

CYA Blazer Pocket Patch with dual red and blue pennants \$25 each including Shipping. Contact Margie



RBOC Updates- California budget problems will, no doubt, affect Cal Boating funding (money the agency receives from boating fuel tax and registrations). Senate Bill 623 (Kehoe) would **prohibit copper based paint** in California Jan 1, 2015.

Senate Bill 595 bill authored by Senator Wok would extend authority to the State Lands Commission to remove abandoned vessels from the Delta. Dept. of Boating and Waterways already has the authority to remove these vessels and has a successful program in place. This action might result in money being taken away from DBW.

The Coastal Marine Permit still being worked upon – RBOC is urging provisions to the bill to be based upon science. The Delta Plan (“water diversion”) has already been blasted by a study

by a recognized objective scientific group done at Senator Feinstein’s request.

Annual Awards. Nominations are open for the 2011 Annual Awards, they are the Douglas Boswell Perpetual Trophy Yachtsman of the Year, Condon Award, Poseidon Award, Nimitz Trophy, Jo Bates Memorial Delegate Award, Meritorious Service Award, Public Service Award. There are also two new awards, the Lloyd Ryland Historical Award and the Glenn Harter “RBOC” award. See the www.picya.org website for descriptions and applications of these awards. They must be received by PICYA by September 30, 2011.

Yachting Yearbook 2011 has been published! The orders placed just made the minimum needed for printing. Every bay boater should have at least one copy. If

you have not yet obtained yours, they are available from the publisher \$10 incl tax +S&H \$4. www.picya.org has the order form. Future issues will not list boat and member names, speculation is the 2011 issue will become a collector item?

PICYA Scholarships. Four \$2500 awards were won in 2011, three are available for 2012. Relatives of PICYA club members are eligible. Entry information may be found on www.picya.org – The deadline for submission is June 30th.

The Wheel Chair Regatta will be held again on Sept 24th and based at Encinal YC.

The Make A Wish annual fundraiser by Driftwood YC will be held on October 3rd.

PICYA Website

www.picya.org **Most sign-ups can be done online!** Member club events are listed. Links to other boating groups are listed.

Next PICYA Meeting is Monday July 11th at the Bridge Marina Yacht Club. If you are interested in attending this or future meetings contact Mavis or Dick Engfer for help with the reservations. Price of the dinner is \$22.50.

The next Board of Directors Meeting, Oakland Yacht Club - July 18, 2011

For any other questions – if you can’t find the answers on the website, please contact Dick Engfer and he will see if he can find the person with an answer.

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RBOC Advocating in the State Capitol by Bill Wells

Recreational Boaters supports bills and regulations that would enhance recreational boating, and opposes bills and regulations that would have a detrimental impact on the state’s three million boating enthusiasts.

The organization’s advocacy efforts include testimony in public hearings, meetings with elected officials, preparation of amendments to alleviate potential problems with specific bills, as well as the sponsorship of proactive legislation to benefit the recreational boater. RBOC also works closely in partnership with Boat U.S. on

federal legislative and regulatory issues important to boaters. Approximately 50,000 boating families, belonging to 187 boating and sailing clubs throughout California, support RBOC and its activities through both financial contributions and grass roots advocacy efforts. Boaters are encouraged to take action now to express their opposition to SB 623 [Kehoe] to their representatives in the California State Senate.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday, May 26, without a vote and without testimony. The bill will then be taken up

on the Senate Floor [Senate Third Reading] between May 27 and June 3.

This bill would prohibit recreational boaters state-wide from using copper-based anti-fouling paints on the hulls of their boats to prevent marine organisms from growing on their hulls.

The bill would impose:

1. A January 1, 2015 ban on the sale of new recreational boats with anti-fouling paint containing copper, and

2. A January 1, 2019 ban on the use or application of these paints.

RBOC is opposed to SB 623 as amended on April 25 unless the bill is revised to ensure that any deadline for a ban on copper-based antifouling paint does not take effect until there are alternatives that are effective, available, and affordable.

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Your donation will help RBOC fund ongoing advocacy and information efforts. Donate online at RBOC.org

Vice Commodore Les Cochren put together a fun filled Memorial Day weekend at Old Sacramento and the Sacramento Marina. Sue and I fired up the motors in the old *Ranger* and after topping off the fuel tanks headed up Georgiana Slough early in the morning on Thursday May 20. The current was strong due to the spring runoff and there were a lot of tree trunks and flotsam coming downstream. When we got to the Georgiana Slough Bridge there was a huge tree right under it but the bridge operator warned us about it and so we were fortunately able to avoid it.

The gentleman operating the bridge that day was Jens Hanson, former owner of *Ranger* sister ship *Huapala* (Alex Kanwet). Whenever Jens sees *Ranger* he always asks how Alex and the boat are doing. I reported to him that all was well and that *Huapala* was doing great the last time I saw her.

After we pulled out onto the Sacramento River the Department of Water Resources had a barge and several boats in

the area doing some research work. I spoke to one of the engineers and he said they would be out of the river in a few days. We cranked the motors up to 1800 rpm to try to keep ahead of the swift current and the random bicyclist we saw along the shore.

Les was waiting at the dock at the Sacramento Marina and helped guide us into a nice covered

slip next to his *Rivercat*. After securing the lines and fenders we sat in the cockpit and caught up on all of our recent activities. Les seems constantly on the move having spent time in the mid-west and Arkansas as well as visiting Italy over the last several months.

2011 was the 38th annual traditional (Dixieland) jazz festival in Old Sacramento just a few hundred yards up the river from the marina.

Countless bands played over 400 sets of live music and that didn't include the many street musicians that entertained for tips. The whole area takes on a festive feel for the beginning of the summer season. This is a do not miss event in the Delta each year.



Les Cochren confronting the Sacramento River Pirate

Les's friend Kathy had her large houseboat tied up at the Old Sacramento

dock and held a party on the top deck. Les made his incredibly good, melt in your mouth ribs for the event, while others brought lots of food and drink for a good time. The weather was a little unpredictable over the weekend. We were hit with a rain squall and headed for cover under a gazebo and umbrellas on the deck.

During the weekend my daughter Kim and Granddaughter Daisy along with

Kim's high school pal John dropped by the marina to hang out. Daisy's brother Henry who is an aspiring pirate also came by to see firsthand what life is like aboard ship. As luck would have it a pirate ship was moored just down the dock from us so we got to thoroughly inspect it.

We had intended to return to Isleton on Tuesday May 31 but we found out that Les along with the Sacramento Marina and West Marine were putting on a "Kids on the Water" day at the marina so we stayed till Thursday to participate and let the children tour *Ranger* (75 came aboard 10 at a time). The event was a huge success with the first graders making their own miniature racing boats and working on an activity book that Les designed as well as learning much about water safety.

We left that afternoon and Les rode back down the river with me. Down river we made good time with the five knot current at our stern instead of the bow for the journey home.



KIDS ON THE WATER—SACRAMENTO MARINA

Note from the Sacramento Marina:, Bud Camper, Marina Manager

"I would like to specifically recognize Les Cochren and Bill Wells of the Classic Yacht Association for their continued dedication and support to our marina and specifically, but not limited to this event, Kids on the Water. They are instrumental volunteers who made the event what it is today. Les is absolutely wonderful at teaching the kids fun boating and water facts and even ties in facts about wooden boats. Bill was more than accommodating about letting the kids aboard his classic yacht, *Ranger*, so that the kids were able to actually experience what Les was teaching."

Marin Classic Car and Boat Show by Alan Almquist

The Marin Classic Car and Boat Show will be held again this year on Saturday, July 9th. The NCCYA has registered thirteen yachts from around the Bay and Delta for this always exciting event, including Commodore Welch's *Colleen*, *Cielito* (Mont and Cynthia McMullen), *Elizabeth* (with newly installed engines, (Jim and Bernadette Sweeney), *Eslo* (Tom and Nancy Clothier), *Flamingo* (Steve and Cheryl Kadzielawa), *Killara* (Greg and Amy Sabourin), *North Star II* (Alan and Barbara Almquist), *Renegade* (Stuart Kiehl), *Sea Gal* (Doug and Shawn), *Stephanie* (Bill and Grace Bodle), *Tule Lady* (Jim and Carol Staley), and *White Swan* (Richard and Sandra Solomon).

Jim Sweeney, who is coordinating this event for the fleet

has been working closely with Lee Cordner and Ned Barrett of the Marin Yacht Club and Harbormaster Dave Watson

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CLASSIC CAR & YACHT SHOW
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and tells me that they expect that about 2,000 people will attend to view the many cars (about 105 by last count) and yachts that will be on display.

This year Marin YC has promised us berths together and close up to the shore line on "B" Dock for maximum exposure for the public viewing. The public will be invited on board our yachts but this invitation is at the discretion of the individual Captains. If you plan to leave your boat unattended for any extended period of time you might want to use the "OPEN" or "CLOSED" signs available from the club for posting.

The Marin YC has offered us free docking for both Friday and Saturday nights for this show. There will be food available all day on Saturday and a special dinner at the club house Satur-

day night for the exhibitors and members of the club. As a special feature two lectures are scheduled, one at 1300 hrs and the second at 1400 hrs given by a representative of the Potomac Association. These thirty minute talks followed by a question and answer session will be held in the MYC clubhouse and will review the history of this important yacht and its needs for continual operation on the Bay.

Thanks to Bill Wells for volunteering to make the informational signage for these lectures. At 1500 hrs the Marin YC 7 piece band will begin playing at the entrance to the clubhouse. The Marin YC is charging a \$10 entrance fee to the public with all proceeds benefiting Community Action Marin

Saving A Classic by John Dilillo

Jim Price, Marin County Administrator for Richardson's Bay scheduled Show Girl, a 34' 1950 Stephens for demolition.

The current owner had given it to the County and walked



away. On the off chance someone might want the boat Jim called CYA member Bill Bodle four days before the

scheduled demolition. Bill referred Jim to another CYA member John Di Lillo. After talking to Price, John contacted other CYA members including Alan Almquist, Tony Gliedt, and Stuart Kiehl. Everyone put out the SOS with three days to demolition.

With two days left Stuart went

to see Show Girl to gather more information and see the actual condition of the boat. Stuart got Mike Linder of Bayside Boats to help him estimate repair costs. While checking out the boat a Mr. John Foss walked up and asked what was going on. Stuart filled him in on the situation and John said he would love to have the boat. To which Stuart replied, "Only if you join the CYA". We now have a new member and saved a limited production classic.

Check it out...

Here are the beginnings of a web site for WANDA. New owner, Andrew Roettger, is still looking for accurate history if you have any sources. The site will be improving over the next few months with Videos, up-to date pix etc.

www.MVWANDA.com

Opening Day on the Bay by Steve Kadzielawa

A DAY TO REMEMBER

In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes. (Benjamin Franklin, 1789). Sorry Ben, but times have changed. The 18th century had Ludwick van Beethoven. The 21st century has Lady Gaga. Maybe someday I will be immortalized with my own updated rendition: Nothing can be said to be certain, except *Pat Pending* and Opening Day. (Steve K., 2011).

In keeping with tradition, the CYA fleet proudly led the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association's Opening Day parade along the San Francisco waterfront. The PICYA has been hosting the parade since 1917.

This year was of particular significance for the CYA and San Francisco Bay yachting.



Seventy years ago to the day, in 1941, the Owen family aboard *Pat Pending* led the Opening Day parade. At the helm was Don Owen who that year was the president of the PICYA. This year the Owen family with their many guests aboard *Pat Pending*, led the CYA fleet and the rest of the 150 yachts through the



parade route. During that 70 year span, *Pat Pending* has had a strong and reliable association with this annual yachting event.

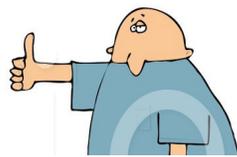
Shortly after the parade in 1941, *Pat Pending* was drafted by the U.S. Navy and saw active duty patrolling the submarine nets across the Golden Gate. This year immediately after the parade *Pat Pending*, along with the rest of the CYA parade entrants, cruised in to Treasure Island Marina for the traditional afternoon potluck gathering to celebrate the arrival of a new boating season. Other classics in attendance were

Eslo, *Colleen*, *Beauty*, *Sea Gal*, *Killara*, *Renegade*, *Shamrock*, and *Flamingo*. All yachts were

dressed in full parade regalia, and with the bright sun illumi-

nating the chrome and varnish, they looked absolutely magnificent passing the checkpoints along the San Francisco waterfront.

After a lengthy winter that continued through Spring, up to and including early June, we were all blessed that the weather on Opening Day was the warmest day of the year to date. Mid afternoon temperatures reached into the low eighties, the winds were light and the water was flat ~ the recipe for a perfect day to cruise the bay and kick back for the afternoon at Treasure Island. We all caught one heck of a break. We know it and we'll take it. Wouldn't it be nice if we could say that nothing can be said to be certain, except for beautiful weather on Opening Day.



Join the Fun

Have a boat in an event & want additional crew?

Your boat not in an event & want to hitch a ride?

Contact the event coordinator and join the fun.

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Coming Events

SAN RAFAEL, CA July 9, 2011
Marin Yacht Club Classic Car and Yacht Show. *Contact: Jim Sweeney (415) 459-8681*
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LAKE TAHOE WEEKEND July 29-30, 2011
Contact Jim Sweeney (415) 4 59-8681, james.sweeney3@comcast.net

TIBURON, CA August 12-14, 2011
Corinthian Yacht Club Classic Yacht Show. *Contact: Jim Sweeney (415) 459-8681*
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SACRAMENTO, CA September 17-19, 2011
Forget me Knot Festival (honoring veterans) *Contact: Les Cochren (916) 985-9489*
rivercats@msn.com

BELVEDERE, CA December 4, 2011
Change of Watch. *Contact: John Dilillo (916) 985-9489, johnd@mvclassicboats.com*

SAN RAFAEL, CA December 10, 2011
Holiday Parade of Lighted Yachts. *Contact: Alan Almquist (916) 505-3680, ajalmquis@yahoo.com*

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