

January 2021



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Welcome 2021!

What a challenge 2020 presented on so many levels for so many people in so many ways!

But, let's take hold for a moment. Oakland Yacht Club is a community of boaters and we may not have the answer to every challenge, but we know how to course correct. When we had to close our dining room, Chef Brandi prepared delicious take-out meals to brighten our weekends and give us a break from our own kitchens. When organized cruise-outs became prohibited, we sailed or motored our boats and safely enjoyed our favorite coves and harbors "together but apart". When in-person meetings became forbidden, we turned to technology solutions like Zoom and Go-to-Meeting and stayed on schedule with plans and projects. As a result, attendance improved and people who couldn't always make it to the clubhouse, were able to participate. Virtual get-togethers kept us connected on a social level, enabling members who moved (we miss you Judy & Jim, Nettie & Phil, and Diane & Tyler) to continue to be part of the OYC family. And, most significantly, no OYC member contracted the dreaded virus! So, while we are so happy 2020 is now a memory and look forward to the promise of a new year, we don't really wish 2020 never happened.

As you read the committee reports, you will learn of the ambitious 2021 goals for our club, including progress on the new harbor, a new management software system, monthly virtual Saturday brunch get-togethers, the Sunday Brunch racing series, new fun and interesting members, to name a few.

The Bay and beyond are yours to safely enjoy; so continue to catch the wind, follow the tide and bask in the sunshine that our sport and environment provide us. As our community health system progresses with its measures to control Covid-19 and slowly return us to the activities we miss, we must continue to be vigilant in keeping ourselves safe. Follow the rules. Don't take chances. Stay healthy. We want to eventually see you all celebrating our traditions, partaking in our parties, dancing to the rhythm of the music, congregating at the bar and feasting on Chef Brandi's great food.

Hey, and if you see me or Marlene, hanging out at the club or working on our boat, Second Wind Symphony, say hello! There are no strangers at the Oakland Yacht Club - the friendliest club in the bay!

There's a rainbow on the horizon.
Happy 2021!



Vice Commodore - Julie Cheng

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Welcome to 2021! As I write this, it's still the end of 2020, but I am greatly looking forward to the new year.

I hope everyone and their loved ones are well as we move into the new year. Although 2020 was hard, it gave us opportunities to re-assess the important things in life. We have a love-hate relationship with rain (can't do without it, but we can't go sailing in it), but we are very lucky to live in a place that allows us to continue outdoor activities year-round. I have family in the east and my brother reported they got 41" of snow in 1 day shortly before Christmas!

Speaking of weather, I hope that this winter will not be too rough, as we have some piles that are in severe need of help. The Harbor Committee is looking at fixes for some of the worst piles, and we need your help to identify the ones that are most in need. If you happen to be on the docks during a very low tide, please check the nearby piles and identify any that are looking to be in very bad shape (take pictures if you can do so safely). We have already identified piles on Docks 1-3, but please let Ben and Dan know if you see any others that are in bad shape.

I am hopeful that lockdowns will ease in the coming weeks, but we all need to stay vigilant – please continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing. After 10 months, it's both easier and harder: easier because it's becoming routine, and harder because we are not meant to be socially distant with our friends and family. Stay safe!

The Harbor Committee meets via videoconference, every second Thursday at 6pm – if you would like to participate, please contact Ben Yamanaka, the Club General Manager (gm@oaklandyachtclub.com), for call in details. Come join us if you are interested in helping out, joining the Committee, or just want to listen.



Rear Commodore - Owen Bottler

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Hoping all had a happy, safe and healthy Holiday Season. Many things the same, but so many things are different. Thanksgiving Dinner - Yes, but only with those within one's "Social Bubble". Gifting - Yes, but more opening of gifts via ZOOM and Skype. New Year's Eve - Yes, but again celebrations via ZOOM and Skype. Common theme here – Physical Distancing and limiting meeting with extended family and friends. Here is to a New Year's Resolution – something I rarely, if ever do, a back to the old normal for the Holiday Season in 2021.

One of the core projects the House Committee has been working on over the past year has been the replacement of the current BUZ Club Management System. As we move forward in the process of selecting and installing the replacement system, we would like to hear what features you, the membership would like to see on our new Website. If you could let Ben and me know your ideas, your input would be greatly appreciated. We believe the two finalists are flexible in website design. We are hoping to make a recommendation to the Board of a selected vendor shortly.

Interested in becoming a member of the House Committee, it meets every first Thursday at 6:00pm, currently as a virtual meeting. If you are not sure, please feel free to drop in and meet the members of the committee. We may not be the most exciting committee of the club, but rather a "nuts and bolts" group keeping the club's infrastructure intact for all members' enjoyment. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please let Ben and me know so we can get you on our distribution list.

I am sure we are all tired of hearing the precautions, warnings, and limitations related to COVID. We are all suffering from "pandemic fatigue" but I urge all to continue to follow the rules that have been put in place to protect all of us, both around the clubhouse and harbor as well as guidance in place as you make decisions to move around outside. I know we are all tired of hearing these three core rules 1) wear a mask when out and about, 2) maintain physical distancing, and 3) wash hands frequently.

Hopefully, even though it does not seem like it now, things will return to some level of normalcy and we will be able get together again in person at the clubhouse. Until then, we are all becoming "experts" with ZOOM and Skype, I know I am.



Membership Chair - Jennifer Mengel

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I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season! We start off the new year welcoming our newest members Matt McDermid and Brian Lewis! Matt and Brian joined OYC after purchasing Northern Sky from our own Michelle Leonard. They are on dock 5, please stop by and welcome them.

As we move into 2021, our members continue to make OYC a thriving community. To help us all maintain our connections, the membership committee will host a Saturday brunch call once a month to allow our new members to meet others and existing members to reconnect until we can safely gather in person again. Our first call will be January 30th @ 10:00am. We will send details in the upcoming Blast.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!





Race Committee Chair - Debby Ratto

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2021 Race Season off to a bit of a slow start.

The current Alameda County and State COVID-19 rules state the first possible date for the Stay at Home rules to be lifted is 1/7/21. OYC Race Committee has decided, in keeping with these rules, to postpone **Sunday Brunch Race #1 scheduled for 1/3/21 and work to reschedule to a date to be determined.**

Want to join the Race Committee; we'd love to have you. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7pm in the Regatta Room. For additional information about the OYC Racing Program, call Debby Ratto @ 510-390-1620 or e-mail: oycracecom@gmail.com

OYC Racing Results can be found on Jibeset, on the OYC Web site and posted on the bulletin board in the downstairs hall.

OYC's SUNDAY BRUNCH SERIES is dedicated to Jim Hild



**OAKLAND YACHT CLUB
2021
SUNDAY BRUNCH SERIES**

January 3, 17 & 31; February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21

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Cost: Only \$70 for the series (\$80 after 12/31/20), or \$15 for each single race (\$20 if you sign up the day of the race).

This series will be sailed in compliance with Alameda County Covid-19 Health Orders: See <http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx>
These rules may be as amended so please stay current.

To register online go to:
<https://www.jibeset.net/OYC000.php?RG=T00752810>



PICYA Delegate - Mike Fanfa

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No PICYA update this month.

Happy New Year!

OYC Women's Book Group

Welcome to 2021! We continue to meet "virtually" via **Go To Meeting** and will do so until the club is permitted to re-open. The meetings are going pretty well and are well attended.

Current Book Group members are emailed a log-in/call-in access code a few days prior to the meeting. Everyone in the group has download the GTM app, which is the product we use. If you are not a member of the group, you are welcome to join us. Just be sure to contact Mindy individually, via cell or email, well ahead of the meeting, for a full set of instructions.

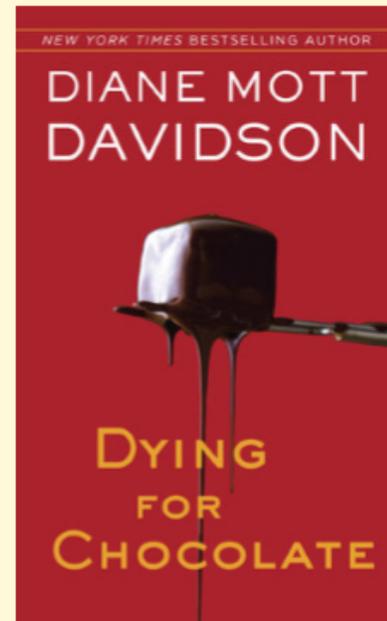
Attendees are be able to begin accessing the meeting by 5:30. We ask everyone to log in no later than 5:50. This gives everyone ample time to log-in ahead of the discussion, which begins promptly at 6.

Next Meeting: Thursday Jan 28

Book: Dying for Chocolate
A Goldy Bear Culinary Mystery

Author: Diane Mott Davidson

For more information or to be added to our email list for **this month's log in instructions**, please contact Mindy Hart-Shaw. She can be reached via email at mindy-hart@sbcglobal.net or by cell phone at 510-882-5371.



January Meetings

These meetings are open to all members. Your attendance is encouraged and welcome.

1/7	House Committee	6:00 pm	Virtual
1/5	Race Committee	7:00 pm	Virtual
1/12	Membership Committee	6:00pm	Conference Call
1/14	Harbor Committee	6:00 pm	Virtual
1/21	BOD Meeting	6:00 pm	Virtual

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (until the Board Meeting)	
Amateur Radio – Rich Beckett	Parliamentarian – Kim Lonie
Budget & Finance – Julie Cheng	PICYA & RBOC – Mike Fanfa
Cruise – ??	Racing – Debby Ratto
Education & Safety – Angelo Perata	Reciprocity – Julie Cheng
Harbor – Julie Chen	Risk Management – John Eglund
House – Owen Bottler	Seascape – Marlene Dines
Librarian – Len Cardoza	Social – ??
Membership – Jennifer Mengel	Social Communications – Millie Ramirez
Merchandise – Michelle Leonard	Staff Commodore – Brad Budinger
Nominating – Mile Jackson	

January Birthdays



Len	Cardoza-S/C	2-Jan	Troy	Jones	18-Jan
Corinna	Stolp	5-Jan	Doug	Vaughan	20-Jan
Michael	Russell	7-Jan	Steve	Stanley	20-Jan
Katy	Burns	7-Jan	Toni	Lyman	20-Jan
Donna	Beckett - S/C	8-Jan	Wayne	Nordby	23-Jan
Mindy	Hart-Shaw	8-Jan	John	Davis	24-Jan
Robyn	Mohr	11-Jan	Muggs	Zabel	25-Jan
Carolyn	Ciarelli	11-Jan	Bette	Perata	26-Jan
Alla	Bottler	12-Jan	Michael	McLaren	27-Jan
Gary	Campbell	12-Jan	Patrick	Robertson	29-Jan
Judy	Wolthausen	12-Jan	Michelle	Baack	30-Jan
Bill	Hooghuis	13-Jan	John	Norheim	31-Jan
Kenneth	Letsch	14-Jan	Ann	Reigelman	31-Jan
Karis	Forster	14-Jan			

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