

December 2020



Commodore - Keith Dines

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This is my first article written for the Seascope newsletter as your Commodore. I am honored to be a member of the “Flag Officers” of the Oakland Yacht Club. My wife Marlene and I have been members for 6 years and our involvement with the club has grown deeper every year.

Last month was the first meeting of the New Board of Directors and, as expected, we spent considerable time reviewing last year’s accomplishments and work in progress before discussing new ideas for next year. If you missed it, don’t feel bad - the meeting ended at 10:25 PM. We covered a lot of ground and, yet, didn’t cover everything!

This year, the Club offered Thanksgiving Dinner to-go for the first time. Chef Brandi prepared a wonderful traditional dinner for pick-up at a very reasonable price. The response was overwhelming and everyone who participated raved about how delicious it was. I heard from many couples that the best part was how carefree Thanksgiving was this year. No days-long preparation and no major cleanup after dessert was served! Plenty of time to watch football too! Almost everyone we know held virtual get-togethers with their children, relatives and friends. Hopefully next year’s Thanksgiving will be back to normal and this year will become an “footnote” in our families’ history.

I need some help with filling two important committees:

Tyler and Diane Heerwagen were co-chairs of Cruise Committee last year but recently moved to North Carolina. With COVID-19 induced shelter-in-place restrictions and prohibitions of gatherings of more than 10 people, there were very few cruise outs in most of 2020. We hope that 2021 will bring the return of some form of normalcy and cruise outs can resume. I hope someone, or a couple, who enjoy the comradery of cruising the Bay will agree to help. In the meantime, don’t forget that informal groups of like-minded members can plan to sail together and end up at the same destination provided Oakland Yacht Club has no “official” role in the planning, sponsorship or execution of the cruise.

The other committee that was impacted by the pandemic is the Social Committee. Since social gatherings have been prohibited, our fabulous dance parties, theme nights and wine tasting dinners couldn't be scheduled, and we sorely missed them. Informal groups with weekly Zoom calls sprung up among the members. A few "virtual" game-nights were hosted by members including online Bingo and card games. Many of us discovered that eating dinner on the patio behind the Regatta Room among socially distanced "friends with masks" helped satisfy our longing for social interaction and maintained our connection to the Club. These were not planned events but spontaneous and serendipitous occasions. Until the pandemic restrictions are eased, we hope to continue these forms of reinforcing our relationships and membership in the Club. There are many more possibilities, perhaps virtual birthday celebrations once a month, virtual dance parties, virtual line dancing classes, poker tournaments, virtual wine tasting or beer tasting, virtual Nautical trivia, virtual movie nights, etc., etc.

I hope those of you who enjoy these kinds of activities will volunteer. My idea would be a "Social Committee" (as opposed to a Social Chairperson) where individuals or couples would volunteer to organize and host at least one online activity. This would avoid one person or couple becoming overloaded with all of the responsibility. We could schedule the activities a few months in advance to coordinate with other possible activities (races, cruise outs, etc.). Ask yourself what you miss most and let's get it scheduled!

This year, our Lighted Yacht Parade was "on again – off again" because of the COVID-19 surge protocols. The organizing committee members from OYC and Encinal Yacht Club struggled with the decision. Even though we were forced to cancel the Santa Claus and Gift Giving parties at both clubs, the Committee decided to continue with the parade. Then the Parade was canceled due to the recently enacted curfew. Jennifer Mengel, our Membership Chair, came up with the current plan to have a Virtual Tour of both clubs' Lighted Yachts. If the decorated boats can't go on parade, we will take the parade to the boats! Jen and I will walk through the harbor with a cell phone to stream a Tour of the Lighted Boats. We know it's not the same thing, but we encourage you all to join us by Zoom and vote on Zoom for your favorite decorated lighted yacht! More details to follow!

There is a small ad-hoc committee working on a Virtual New Year's Eve Party. One idea is to have a virtual cocktail party, possibly virtual dancing, and toast at midnight when the ball drops. That would be midnight EST, 9:00 Pacific, so we can retire at our normal pandemic bedtime. If there is enough interest, we can arrange for Brandi to prepare dinner for pick-up so we can all enjoy dinner online together. Please provide any ideas or other feedback.

Members are encouraged to submit ideas to me at commodore@oaklandyachtclub.com.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17. Feel free to join by Zoom.

On behalf of the OYC Board of Directors and Staff, Marlene and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy Kwanza, and Happy Any Holiday I might have missed. Happy New Year to all as well



Vice Commodore - Julie Cheng

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I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

Now that the Annual Meeting has come and gone and the new Board has had its first meeting, it's time to look forward to the new year. With the possibility of several different vaccines on the horizon, let's hope that spring will allow us to gather again, even if socially distant. In the meantime, let's stay safe during this holiday season.

Both my boat neighbors have sold their boats and little Tigger is feeling lonely (although one of my other boat neighbors moved down one so I at least have 1 next door neighbor). It reminded me that, with COVID, those who I actually see (my pod) have been very few, and it got me thinking that I should get back in touch with those that I haven't seen these past 6-9 months. With Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season, it seems like a good time to check in and see how people are doing. I encourage everyone to do the same.

As I begin my term with the Harbor Committee, I look forward to learning from those who have already been on the Committee, and I hope that others will join us. Since I'm new to the Committee, come ask questions with me and learn the ropes!

The Harbor Committee meets via videoconference, every second Thursday at 6:00pm – 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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As I write this, I have yet to chair my first meeting of the House Committee. While I have been a member of that committee for the past three years under the very capable leadership of Brad Budinger, Keith Dines and Julie Cheng, I will have some very large shoes to fill. That said, our club committees are only successful with dedication and participation of the members of those committees.

A great deal of work was done earlier this year under Julie's guidance. Some of that, which remains incomplete, will continue over the next months. Two high priority items begun this year are 1) the selection and installation of the BUZ replacement system and 2) continuing update and adherence to the re-opening clubhouse plan, meeting state and county guidance.

Hope to see many of you around the clubhouse sooner rather than later. Most importantly though stay safe and healthy as we continue the changing journey with current health conditions.

The House Committee continues to meet via videoconference, every first Thursday at 6pm – if you would like to participate, please contact Ben Yamanaka, the Club General Manager (gm@oaklandyachtclub.com), for call in details. We welcome input from the members on these matters, and we welcome volunteers to help make these ideas become reality. Come join us if you are interested in helping out, joining the Committee, or just want to listen.



Membership Chair - Jennifer Mengel

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First I'd like everyone to welcome back Steve and Patricia Stanley! They are re-joining OYC after spending the past 5 years cruising in Mexico. I'm sure they'll have plenty of great adventures to share with us!

Also please welcome our newest members to OYC:

Bill Hooghuis

Bill recently bought a Jeanneau 54 DS which he will be bringing into the club from San Diego. He and his daughter, Jessica, were able to spend some time on their new boat recently and are looking forward to learning more about sailing in the San Francisco bay.

Mike and Teresa McClaren

Neal and Karin Fox

The Foxes and McClarens are proud co-owners of a SeaRay 410 which they will be bringing into OYC marina very soon. They are Alameda residents and excited about being able to participate in our active boating community.

Look for photos of our new members in the January Seascape!

We all know that 2020 has been a difficult year and it looks like the beginning of 2021 is going to continue to challenge our ability to get together as a club. To help keep us all connected and to welcome our newest members, the membership committee is looking for people to volunteer as buddies for any members who have joined in 2020. If you are interested or just want to learn a bit more, please reach out to me or join our next membership committee meeting at 6:00pm on December 8th.

Happy Holidays!
Jennifer



Race Committee Chair - Debby Ratto

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This month's Racing Committee update is dedicated to Jim Hild, who crossed the bar last month.

Racing just doesn't happen without those that have a love of the sport and love it enough to not always be on the water but to work to have races so others can be out there racing. Jim Hild was that kind of racer.

Jim took over as Race Chair in 2011, from John Tuma, the same year that John and I joined OYC. Drawn to the Club by Emile Carles, the most avid racer we have known, and as it was racing that brought us to OYC, we joined the Race Committee. As with all Committees it takes a cast of characters and Jim was the biggest character of all.

On the race deck there were times when Jim would get distracted and it became the norm to yell "squirrel" when we wanted to get his attention. Jim could hand it out but he could also take it ...



Even when Jim wasn't feeling the best, he was on the deck.

Jim's phone was always ringing, calls from his children who he loved dearly, or customers needing to schedule a boat cleaning or bottom job. For a while his ring tone was the song "Sic 'em on a chicken" which is a catchy tune and became the unofficial race deck song, so when it rang or when we'd request it, he'd breakout his phone and play it and we'd dance! Remembering so many fun times.



The above picture is a snapshot taken from a video where we are dancing away and running a race. We were serious about the races but had loads of fun too.

These past years Jim had many medical problems including breaking his neck in a racing accident and having a liver and kidney transplant as a single operation but each time he fought his way back. Sadly, Jim passed away November 21, 2020. He was a caring man that we will miss.

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.

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PICYA Delegate - Mike Fanfa

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OYC PICYA Report 9 NOV 2020 (the meeting was after the November deadline)

This month was the annual PICYA awards meeting. The results are as follows.

Individual Meritorious Service Award

Michael Williams and Earl Trumbel Jr.

Club Meritorious Service Award

Vallejo Yacht Club

Bay and Delta Yachtsman Public Service Award

Loch Lomond Yacht Club

Edwin H. Wilder Perpetual Trophy

PICYA Newsletter of the Year Awards

1st Place Tahoe Yacht Club "Block and Tackle"

2nd Place Stockton Yacht Club "Bulletin"

3rd Place San Jose Sailing Club "Backwind"

Jo Bates Memorial Delegate of the Year Award

No nominees this year.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz USN Perpetual Trophy

South Beach Yacht Club Jr Sailing Program

Lloyd Ryland Trophy

Ray Hall of South Beach Yacht Club

Glen A. Harter "RBOC Gale Force Wind" Award

California Carver Club

The Garrett Horder Memorial Trophy

Sterling Syquia of South Beach Yacht Club

The Condon Award

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Robert S. Olson Memorial Poseidon Award

Tracie Glaves of Delta Yacht Club

Roger Kelly of Sea Ray Boat Club

Douglas Boswell Perpetual Trophy Yachtsman of the year Award

Ann Dukes of Ebony Boat Club

Club of the Year (COTY)

5 stars 1st Place San Jose Sailing Club 253 pts
5 Stars 2nd Place Ebony Boat Club 234 pts
5 stars 3rd Place Pittsburg Yacht Club 217 pts

Perfect Attendance 5 years, among others, Oakland Yacht Club

The Commodores Ball in January is going to be Virtual.
No Delegates meeting now until Feb 2021.

Cheers,
Michael Fanfa, PICYA Delegate.

OYC Women's Book Group

This month the 4th Thursday is Christmas, so our meeting is moved to December 30. 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.

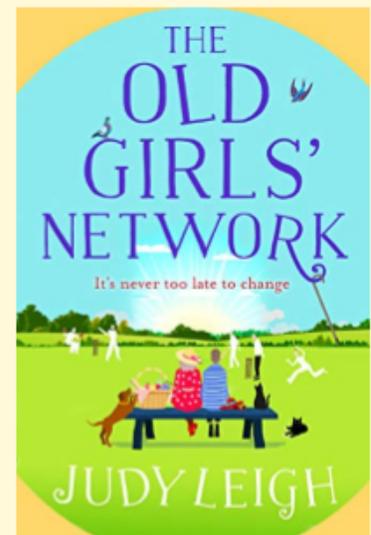
Current Book Group members are emailed a log-in/call-in access code a few days prior to the meeting. Everyone in the group has download the GTM app, which is the product we use. If you are not a member of the group, you are welcome to join us. Just be sure to contact Mindy individually, via cell or email, 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 give everyone ample time to log-in ahead of the discussion, which begins promptly at 6.

Next Meeting: Thursday Wed Dec 30

Book: The Old Girls Network

Author: Judy Leigh



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 mindyhart@sbcglobal.net or by cell phone at 510-882-5371.

December Meetings

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

12/3	House Committee	6:00 pm	Virtual
12/8	Race Committee	7:00 pm	Virtual
12/14	Membership Committee	6:00pm	Conference Call
12/10	Harbor Committee	6:00 pm	Virtual
12/17	BOD Meeting	6:00 pm	Virtual

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (until the Board Meeting)

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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 – Mike Jackson	

December Birthdays



Charles	Olson	1-Dec	Marshall	Eckblad	17-Dec
John	Ratto	5-Dec	John	Egland	18-Dec
Doug	Jarmer	5-Dec	James	Catto	19-Dec
Robert	Engelhart	6-Dec	Michelle	Henry	19-Dec
Renata	Spangler	6-Dec	Christa	Schreiber	19-Dec
Wayne	Martin	7-Dec	Jim	Labbe-S/C	20-Dec
Carol	Martin	7-Dec	Yani	Lindstrom	20-Dec
Dave	Dave	8-Dec	Patrick	Kolasinski	22-Dec
James	Pearson	8-Dec	David	Wheeler	22-Dec
Megan	Zeitler	9-Dec	Emily	Zugnoni	22-Dec
Kreig	James	10-Dec	Craig	Wiley	23-Dec
Karen	Harris	15-Dec	Carol	Waldren	25-Dec
Brad	Budinger	16-Dec	Linda	Huber	26-Dec
Matthew	Everett	16-Dec	Jack	O'Loughlin	27-Dec
Anthony	Kenck	17-Dec	Marlene	Dines	29-Dec
Harold	Reynolds	17-Dec	Laura	Geist	31-Dec

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