

# The Yeoman

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We thought July 1st would never come, but we kept our plans despite the county delaying the opening of inside dining and bar services, so we shifted everything to the outside patio. It is a good thing our bartending team of Kandi Sweeney, Shelly Hawkins and Mark Pavusko worked out a system to serve food and drinks on the outside patio. The bartending team donated most of the food so please remember to contribute to the donation jar.

The biggest challenge in using the patio for outside dining was keeping enough shaded areas. Thanks to Margo, Mark and Dan Dobbs for installing the canopies and screen to provide shade complete with a mister.

The first event to kick off July was Taco Wednesday. Thanks to Shirley Acosta and her able crew of Dave and Nancy Henderson and Linda Merletti they never missed a beat with thirty-one taco dinners served on the outside patio, complete with to go containers of salsa, sour cream and guacamole. The tacos never tasted so good topped off with ice cream cake donated by Carol Teiche to celebrate the birthday and anniversary event with Joe Dopart as your host. Joe had to improvise since there was no public address system to share stories about the member's birthdays and anniversaries. Joe promises new stories the next time.

The Fourth of July came in with a bang even though there were no city sponsored fireworks. There was plenty of action as fireworks lit up the evening sky along the channel. Everyone enjoyed the smoked BBQ ribs, tri-tip and chicken by the Marlon and Judi Brandle family. Everything on the plate was delicious with the baked beans infused with chicken, green beans scattered with sausage and Judi's potato salad and fruit skewered with PYC flags. Sharky and Mark provided the finishing touches with a patriotic cake.

Sue McDaniel provided a hearty bean and ham dinner on the next Wednesday with corn bread by Chris Brodsky. The cost of the meal was covered by Sue McDaniel and Chris Brodsky with a contribution from Lynn Fogleman to make up the difference with the inside dining price.

The outside patio will continue to serve food and drinks on Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. Mark and Sharky will be the chefs for most days when open. Because of the limited dining area, the patio will be open to members and their immediate family only. The PYC board felt this safeguard was necessary to protect the members during the pandemic.

Watch for a special brunch the third Sunday in August featuring Jan's biscuits and gravy. The food will compliment morning drinks.

**DUE DATE**

**NEXT YEOMAN ARTICLES OR SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE ON AUGUST 15TH**

Early submissions are greatly appreciated.





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When I wrote my article for the July Yeoman I expected the yacht club to be open for inside dining on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to the increase in cases of COVID-19 in Contra Costa County and, indeed the entire state, we needed to remain as outside dining only. We opened for outside dining June 13 following the rules for restaurants. Restaurants can only serve outside and can serve alcohol along with meals. No indoor service is permitted. Our bartenders worked out a plan to offer service to our members under the state guidance for restaurants. You must wear a facial covering at all times except when actively eating or drinking. You order your meal and drink from the outside bar window. You must wear a facial covering to order. The bartender receives your payment and prepares your drink. The meals are prepared in the galley and delivered to a table in a doorway for pick up. You may pick up a meal when you are ready – no rush. Once you have ordered a meal, you may order an additional drink, if you like. The bartenders try to keep the meal cost very reasonable. We are open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 5 pm to 9 pm. We are concerned for the safety of all of our members. We would not be open at all if it were not for the procedures adopted and refined by our bartenders. They meet the guidance for restaurant service developed by the state of California and confirmed by Contra Costa County Health. Our thanks to **Kandi**, **Shelly** and **Mark** for their dedication and hard work!

We did not have any major events at the club in June. Our sales in June covered our bar costs and made a contribution toward the club expenses. We are doing our best to reduce expenses, including shutting down most refrigeration and air conditioning. Thanks again to our volunteer bartenders working in challenging conditions!

Our deck is open! If you are healthy, grab your facial covering and come on down for a meal and a drink. Enjoy the breeze. Enjoy the sunset. Visit with old friends. We look forward to seeing you!

My goodness! It's more than half way through the year and usually we are so busy with cruise ins. As we are all aware, that cannot be until we get the all clear .

We had 2 clubs this past month. On Friday July 10th, San Francisco came with 7 boats that wanted to visit for the first time, albeit on the deck with masks and segregated. On Saturday the 11th, Vallejo came with 6 boats. Sadly, I had to turn them down and they went to the municipal Marina and spent money in the town. Nobel Brown called me to let me know they were there and said "Samantha this is the first time ever". Let's hope it's the last.

We have also cancelled Sacramento with 10 boats on July 13th and 2 boats on the 16th. also from Sacramento.

August is clear up to now.  
 September we have Stockton and Sacramento, both on the 26th.

Thank you all for your support and I can't wait to get up and running again . Well maybe not the running.

Samantha, Your Very Eager Port Captain





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Well, June allowed us to have a soft opening with outdoor dining on the patio with social distancing. Food and drinks can be purchased through the bar window. Masks are required.

Our opening day meal was a taco dinner prepared by our chef extraordinaire Shirley and her crew Nancy and Dave. A delightful meal on the patio with a beautiful harbor view. Our great bar staff of Shelly and Mark have been providing delicious small plates while Candy takes care of us at the bar.

July started off with an outstanding 4th of July bar-b-que prepared by Marlon and his crew.

It's great seeing members we haven't seen during the pandemic. Everyone I saw was so happy to see friends again. I was lucky enough to introduce a potential new member at one of the Wednesday night dinners and he was impressed with our club and our members friendliness. Thank you to those who stopped by to great him.

I hope you have taken the time to read the articles about our members that Evie Dopart has been submitting. She is quite the journalist and provides such interesting backgrounds of our members.

Looking forward to when we can utilize the whole club and present a wider menu of activities and indoor dining. In the meantime---stay healthy and stay safe.

We will get through this!!!!

As we continue with outside dining only for an extended period of time, Shelly, Kandi & Mark have done a fabulous job with their food samplers. They have accommodated all of us with our drink choices and have provided excellent service going over & above.

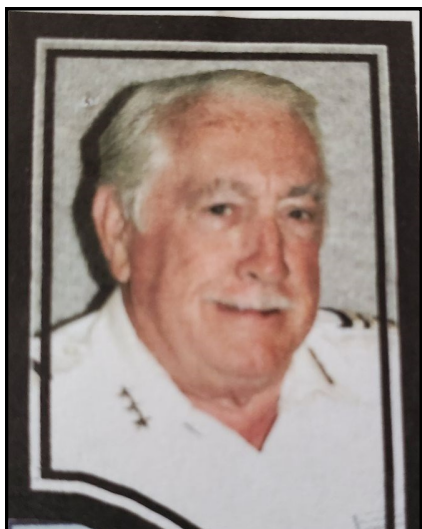
A huge thank you to Mark for also continuously keeping our restrooms cleaned and sanitized. The shade tarps were an excellent idea. Thank you to Shelly, Mark, Joe, Margo, Dan Dobbs and Shannon who also check on our shade screens weekly to provide comfort out of the sun for our members. It is wonderful to see our members coming down to enjoy the outside dining weekly. Their generous contributions with food & drink purchases has helped reduce our monthly expenses.

We are so thankful for our members.



# Get to know our members!

## Interview with Gary McGrath



Gary McGrath and his lovely wife Estella (now deceased) have been a very important integral part of Pittsburg Yacht Club for many years. They have both been Commodores of PYC; Gary has been the Vice Commodore of our club 3 times. He holds the most prestigious position of any male member of our Yacht club ever had. He was the President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel of the Western Division of the United States. (further explanation at the end of the article).

Gary was born in Portland, Maine and lived there for the first 10 years of his life. He still has many relatives there where he acquired his love for fishing and boating. Even though he lived in many other states, he spent all his summers in Maine. Other states he lived in were Connecticut, Massachusetts, Missouri, Colorado and South Carolina. He has been in 38 states of our country.

He attended Aurora High School in Colorado and went on to the University of Colorado. He enjoyed music, playing the saxophone in the high school band, in a western band and briefly in a dance band. He worked as a car hop beginning at 13.

He joined the Navy active reserves in 1954 and was on active duty in 1959. He met his lovely wife Estella on Halloween Night. He belonged to a car club called "The Gamblers". He drove a 1951 customized maroon Lincoln Monterey that had dice hanging from the rear-view mirror. He would go cruising with 3 of his other friends. That night they hung out at Kelly's Place where he met Estella and the rest is history. Also, that evening as they were cruising another car full of guys pulled up alongside him and were looking for trouble. Gary pulled back and they pulled ahead of him. Then they turned around and shot his car 3 times. Once in his front head light, once in the back and once in the side. You could say "it was an unlucky car."

He married Estella in 1956. They honeymooned in South Park, Colorado. (yes, there is such a place). Then they traded in his Lincoln for a 1955 Mercury that was snowshoe white with a red hard top. Gary then went to work at Martin Murrieta doing quality control on Titan Missiles. He worked on the Titan 1, 2 and 3. While working he was finishing college at the same time. Another job he had was selling cash registers.

Estella and Gary were married 58 years. They had 4 sons. One lives in Atlanta, Georgia, one in Concord, one in Clayton and one at home with him. He has 5 grandchildren. They are all boys except for one girl which is the love of his life. He gets to see her quite often. He also has had special puppies that he enjoys very much. Concord has been his home for 37 years.

He first belonged to the Metropolitan Yacht Club in Jack London Square, Oakland, Ca. He rose to the position of Commodore there. While at the Club he bought a boat from someone who is a friend of his to this day: Ralph Tocci. Ralph used to have a boat business in Antioch but moved it over to Pittsburg. He then joined the Pittsburg Yacht Club and convinced Gary to move on over and become a member also which he and his wife did. His first boat was a 31"Trojan. He also has owned a 19"Keaton ski boat, a 34"Carver which was destroyed in a fire on P dock, and a 38"Chris Craft Constellation that sunk at the dock. Someone had disconnected the electrical cord from the dock to the boat.

Gary and Estella were very very active in Pittsburg Yacht Club and in the International Order of the Blue Gavel. This is the highest Yachting Organization in the United States & Hawaii. It is divided into 5 areas. Our area is known as Delta District 19 and is in the Western Division. It is an honor to belong to this organization. The local chapter consists of local past commodores. You have to be a member in good standing to be voted into this organization by The Past Commodores that are already in this. Gary was voted into this. Then he applied and was elected to be the Vice President of the Western Area of which we are part of. Next he applied and was elected to be the President. It takes at least 10 years of total dedication, involvement and hard work plus a lot of traveling to be the top person of the whole organization. Gary then rose to be the International President of the Blue Gavel. One of his most special places to go was to the Rose Parade in Portland, Oregon. That was a very special memory. We are very fortunate to have someone like him with his background and extensive knowledge in our club. Thank you, Gary, for putting Pittsburg Yacht Club in such a high position in the Yachting World. When you get a chance, go talk to Gary about some of his experiences. You will find them fascinating and very very interesting. We are indeed proud to have him as a distinguished member of Pittsburg Yacht Club.



# Get to know our members!

## Interview with Alice & Rueben Rosalez



Pittsburg, California has been a very important city to the families of Alice and Rueben Rosalez. Their parents and grandparents were born and lived here and have always been an important part of Pittsburg. They were both born here and went through the Pittsburg School System. Although they have lived different places as adults, they are very happy to be back in the town where they first began.

Alice and Rueben met at her sister's quinceanera in high school. Rueben was class president all four years and was on both the wrestling and football teams. He took up Italian as his foreign language while also belonging to the La Raza Spanish Club in High School.

After high school Alice went on to Diablo Valley College and majored in Computer and Business Management. Rueben went on to the University of the Pacific and majored in Public Administration. On returning to Pittsburg he was on the Board of Education for 9 years. He was very interested in our public schools and wanted to make a difference in them.

Their engagement is one of the most romantic engagements you will have heard of. Where in the world would you think Rueben would propose to Alice?? This is not just your ordinary proposal but the most amazing one ever. It was in Venice, Italy on a gondola with the song "That's Amore" by Dean Martin playing in the background. Would you believe!!! You know that their marriage would be even more special because they were united at THE PITTSBURG YACHT CLUB, where all great marriages take place!!!

Alice comes from an extremely large family and is number #7 child out of 8 children. She works for Kaiser at an I.T. Consultant.

Rueben comes from a family of 3 sisters and one brother (now deceased). Rueben works for the Federal Government. He has held many important positions over the years for the government and is now a Regional Director of the Western States. He has two offices, one in San Francisco and one in Walnut Creek. As part of the executive training for his job he went to Coco Beach, Florida & got to tour The NASA Facility and even got to watch one of the rocket launches.

Alice and Rueben have 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. Their two daughters live close by in Brentwood. One daughter is a home decorator and the other is the manager of Mel's Diner. One of the sons just got out of the army and the other son just graduated Cal State, Monterey. They have 5 grandchildren, 3 girls and 2 boys ranging in age from one to seven years old. They really enjoy spending time with them.

When they are not spending time with their grandchildren, they are traveling the world. They have been to every major city in Italy, Spain, Guam and Saipan. They even toured all over Pittsburg's sister city in Sicily: Isola delle Femmina. They were scheduled to go to Greece this year but it was canceled due to the Covid-19. They hope they can get back to traveling again soon.

The other part of their life that they really like is boating. They have owned a 16 foot ski boat, a 24" Sea Ray and now a 31" Sea Ray called Buddy C. They love to go up and down the the Delta looking for neat places to eat and hang out.

Another fun part of their life is dancing. They love to dance! Just call them Fred & Ginger. They enjoy all kinds of dancing especially the "fox trot." They really should be on "Dancing With The Stars!! They miss all the functions and dancing at The Pittsburg Yacht Club and can't wait until they start up again. We are happy to have such a fun loving, diversified, dancing couple to be part of our Pittsburg Yacht Club Family. We can't wait to see them back out on the dance floor soon!!!

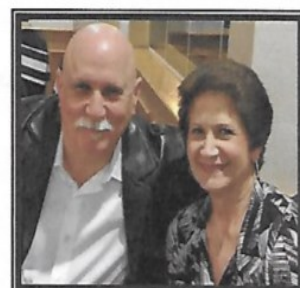


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# COMMODORE MJ'S



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Throwback!

# Throwback!



## BOATING SAFETY BY ED STETSON

**RECALL ALERT**—More than 40 Million Kidde Fire Extinguishers. This Kidde Fire Extinguisher equipment recall includes models supplied with boats and PWC from 1973 to 2017.

By Charles Plueddeman – BOAT.COM

November 8, 2017

*Editor's Note: We received the following media release from BoatUS on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> regarding an important recall of Kidde fire extinguishers, many of which may be on boats. I used the information and discovered that each of the three Kidde extinguishers in my household are subject to this recall. We urge readers with Kidde extinguishers on their boat or in their home or shop to take action.*

ANNAPOLIS, MD, November 6, 2017—More than 40 million Kidde fire extinguishers equipped with plastic handles, some on the market for more than 40 years, have been recalled. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), "The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard." A recall for Kidde Fire Extinguishers has been issued for 134, ABC- or BC-rated models manufactured between January 1, 1973, and August 15, 2017.

CPSC says there have been approximately 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, including one fatality; approximately 16 injuries, including smoke inhalation and minor burns; and approximately 91 reports of property damage.

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean water is urging recreational boat owners to check their boats for the recalled extinguishers and get a free metal-handled replacement by going to the CPSC [recall website](https://www.cpsc.gov/recall).

The recall affects both plastic-handle and push-button Pindicator Kidde fire extinguishers, including 134, ABC- or BC-rated models manufactured between January 1, 1973, and August 15, 2017. The extinguishers are red, white or silver and were sold in the US and Canada through a wide range of retailers, from Montgomery Ward to Amazon. The CPSC [recall website](https://www.cpsc.gov/recall) shows how to easily identify the affected extinguishers.

In the recall, [Kidde also acknowledged](https://www.kidde.com) the free replacement push-button extinguisher being sent to personal watercraft owners is similar in size to the recalled model but may not fit in the same location as the old fire extinguisher. "This may require a slightly different mounting orientation or location," said BoatUS Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner.

Kidde may also be contacted toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday. The company offers additional recall information online at [kidde.com](https://www.kidde.com) by selecting "Product Safety Recall."





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# BIRTHDAY BASH 2017

Throwback!







*EVENT HELD IF COUNTY EASES 'SHELTER IN PLACE' ORDER*

# *PITTSBURG YACHT CLUB'S*

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



*Friday, August 14, 2020*

*Dinner: 6:45 PM*

*Meeting To Follow @ 8:00 pm*

*Our Chef's du Jour: Shirley Acosta*



*Stuffed Pork Loin, Roasted Red Potatoes,  
Veggies, Spring Salad, Hot Buns, Carrot Cake.*



*Masks Must Be Worn*

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# PITTSBURG YACHT CLUB

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020**



**Bar Opens At 10:00 AM**

**Breakfast 10:30 AM**



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*PYC Volunteers Are*

**\$8.00**

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*Gift Baskets*

# August

| Sunday                           | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                   | Saturday     |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|--|----------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Jul 26                           | 27     | 28      | 29   | 30       | 31                       | Aug 1        |
| PYC Mildred Island<br>Cruise Out |        |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |                          |              |
|                                  |        |         |  |          |                          |              |
| 2                                | 3      | 4       | 5  | 6        | 7                        | 8            |
|                                  |        |         | PYC Board of<br>Directors Meeting<br>Wednesday Night<br>Dinner |          |                          |              |
| 9                                | 10     | 11      | 12   | 13       | 14                       | 15           |
|                                  |        |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |                          |              |
| 16                               | 17     | 18      | 19   | 20       | 21                       | 22           |
|                                  |        |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |                          |              |
| 23                               | 24     | 25      | 26   | 27       | 28                       | 29           |
| PYC<br>Brunch and<br>Fundraiser  |        |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |                          | Member Event |
| 30                               | 31     | Sep 1   | 2  | 3        | 4                        | 5            |
|                                  |        |         | PYC Board of<br>Directors Meeting                              |          | San Raphael YC Cruise in |              |
|                                  |        |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |                          |              |



# September

| Sunday   | Monday    | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                         | Saturday   |
|--|-----------|---------|--|----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Aug 30   | 31        | Sep 1   | 2  | 3        | 4                              | 5  |
|  |           |         | PYC Board of Directors Meeting<br>Wednesday Night Dinner |          | San Raphael YC Cruise in       |  |
| 6  | 7         | 8       | 9  | 10       | 11                             | 12   |
| San Raphael YC Cruise in                         | Labor Day |         | Wednesday Night Dinner                                   |          | San Joaquin YC Cruise in       |  |
|  |           |         |  |          | Seafood Festival               |  |
| 13   | 14        | 15      | 16   | 17       | 18                             | 19   |
| San Joaquin YC Cruise in                         |           |         | Birthday/Anniversary Pot Luck<br>Wednesday Night Dinner  |          | PYC General Membership Meeting | Non Member Event                                 |
| Seafood Festival                                 |           |         |  |          |                                |  |
| 20   | 21        | 22      | 23   | 24       | 25                             | 26   |
| IOBG Luncheon                                    |           |         | Wednesday Night Dinner                                   |          |                                | Stockton YC Cruise In<br>Sacramento YC Cruise In |
| 27   | 28        | 29      | 30   | Oct 1    | 2                              | 3  |
| Stockton YC Cruise In<br>Sacramento YC Cruise In |           |         | Wednesday Night Dinner                                   |          |                                | City Event                                       |
|  |           |         |  |          |                                |  |

# October

| Sunday   | Monday       | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                            |
|--|--------------|---------|--|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Sep 27   | 28           | 29      | 30   | Oct 1    | 2      | 3                                   |
| Stockton YC Cruise In<br>Sacramento YC Cruise In |              |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |        | City Event                          |
| 4  | 5            | 6       | 7  | 8        | 9      | 10                                  |
|  |              |         | PYC Board of<br>Directors Meeting<br>Wednesday Night<br>Dinner |          |        | Non Member Event                    |
| 11   | 12           | 13      | 14   | 15       | 16     | 17                                  |
|  | Columbus Day |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |        | Member Event                        |
| 18   | 19           | 20      | 21   | 22       | 23     | 24                                  |
|  |              |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |        | Member Event<br>Hart                |
| 25   | 26           | 27      | 28   | 29       | 30     | 31                                  |
|  |              |         | Wednesday Night<br>Dinner                                      |          |        | Halloween<br>PYC Halloween<br>Party |

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# Happy Birthday



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 8/4 Joyce Hoffman  
 8/5 Gloria Soderbery  
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 8/8 Ron Kelley  
 8/9 Donna Valador  
 8/8 Greg Coleman  
 8/13 Craig Schoenthaler  
 8/23 Mark Leonard  
 8/24 Sue Coniglio  
 8/25 Barbara Depierl  
 8/25 Gina Zink  
 8/30 Joseph Hassan  
 8/30 Steve Slipka

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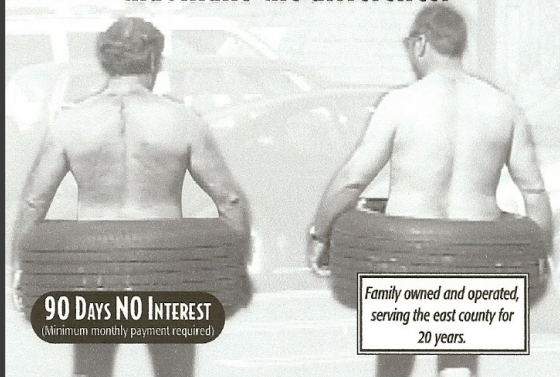
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