

# The Beacon



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## COMMODORE'S REPORT David Dial

Hello EBC,

Here we are going into August and the hot summer days are upon us. If you have spent time here in the Delta, the summer winds are doing a great job of keeping you cool however, they like to make it a bouncy ride as you try to find a sheltered spot to anchor up.

I hope everyone received the update letter I sent out about the progress in finding a new location for our clubhouse. So far, the four locations to consider are Downtown Stockton Marina, Outrigger Marina, Riverboat Marina, and King Island Resort. Please take a little time and find information on these resorts. I encourage you to look them up on the internet or even better make a trip to the location. At our next meeting on August 23, I expect to have enough information that we can ask for a membership vote to select our prime choice. This has been a lot of work but I am encouraged that we are close to finding our new home.

The Jazz night was a great success. The music and food was great and the fun and games was something every one enjoyed. The one thing that we all have learned from in the past two events is your cell phone, or someone who has one can really help you in these games. I think there are thoughts of how to level the field by eliminating the online information, but in any case it was a lot of fun.

August 16<sup>th</sup> is the cruise in by San Joaquin Yacht Club and the chili cook off. We have to bring our game and win this event. We know EBC is King of the chili. Let's show them.

Looks like we are all set for a great cruise-out to Riverboat Marina on Labor Day, August 30 thru Sept 1. We have the Lagoon Reserved for EBC Boats and this should be a great event. There will be live music on Saturday Night (Classic Rock Band) and Sunday Afternoon (Blues Band) See below. We had eight boats sign up for the cruise during our last meeting. If you plan to cruise in please contact Elroy, Carol, or myself and let us know so we can make sure we have enough space at the harbor. You can also drive and meet us there any time during the weekend. We will decide specific cruise time at the next membership meeting on Aug 23.

**August 30: Labor Day Weekend! Slippery Pickle  
8:30 – 12:30 am**

**August 31: Labor Day Weekend! Jeremy Norris  
1:00 – 5:00 pm**

Address: 106 W. Brannan Island Road, Isleton, CA

Hope to see you there.

David

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

**Ann Dukes**

**Lori Dial**

**Roosevelt Kensey**

**Roxanne Washington**

## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

**Tony & Pegge Hagans**



**BOATIQUE MANAGER  
Marilyn Brock**

Greetings EBC

It was great to see so many members out for the Jazz Night. We had an awesome time, lots of fun. The Jazz combo was awesome. The games just added to the excitement of the evening. In addition, I would be remised if I did not mention the delicious food. Thanks to all for a great evening.

The boutique did very well that night as well. However, we still have inventory that I would like to sell before we commit to any more monies in the upcoming fall. So if you had your eye on a few items in the boutique the upcoming club meeting would be a good time to purchase those. There will be a 20% off sale before and after club meeting any purchases over \$100 Will receive a free gift.

In addition, remember we still are taking special orders from the catalog.

God Bless, see you all at club meeting.

**“Who ever said money can't buy happiness simply didn't know where to go shopping”.**  
**Bo Derek**

Marilyn Brock, Past Commodore  
Boatique Manager



**SCHOLARSHIP REPORT  
Marilyn Brock**

Hello Everyone,

I pray this newsletter finds everyone and their family doing well. As reported at club meeting there were three complete Applications for consideration for the scholarship.

The scholarship committee will conduct oral interviews on August 16 at the clubhouse from 12 o'clock until 1 PM.

Each applicant has a 30-minute interview; this is the final step for acceptance for the scholarship award.

Once again the three applicants are:  
Frantasia Mile  
Rebecca Baker  
Mikayla Campbell

We look forward to meeting these young women. They all are very impressive.

We understand that there will be an event going on at the clubhouse so the interviews will be conducted on board Enchantment.

I look forward to seeing you all at club meeting.

**“Our greatest weakness lies in giving the most certain way to exceed is to always try just one more time.”**

**Thomas A Edison**

Marilyn Brock, Past Commodore  
Scholarship Chair



# 2014 CHILI COOK-OFF

with



## EBONY BOAT CLUB



Saturday Evening, August 16, 2014

3305 Wilbur Ave., Antioch, CA 94509

Cost \$20 - includes entertainment and meal

### CHILI COOK OFF AGENDA

4pm – 5pm	Chili Contest Registration*
5pm – 6pm	Cocktails
6pm – 7pm	Dinner & Awards Program
7pm – until	Entertainment & Horserace

\*Bring Chili to feed 8-10 people

*Come Join Us by Land or by Sea  
and enjoy our Friday Dinner or Saturday Breakfast*

*Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Dinner - \$15*

*Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast - \$10*

For Cruise-In information or reservation, please contact Roy Booker, Port Captain at (510)304-8270  
Chili Contest or meal reservation, contact Carol Whitehead, Rear Commodore at (925) 915-9549

***AT "EBC" THE FUN STARTS WHEN YOU GET HERE!***



## **DEVOTED EBC MEMBERS Marshall & Marian Wattel**

Dear Fellow EBC Members,

At the request of Commodore David Dial, I submitted two recommendations for the relocation of Ebony Boat Club (EBC). Being familiar with and having looked at the other suggested sites, Marian and I have come to the conclusion that the most advantageous site is the Stockton Downtown Marina at the head of the Stockton Channel.

The advantages of this site as per our face to face conversation with the harbormaster on 28 July 2014 are as follows:

1. A 5 year contract with Westrec Marina Management with the option to renew. The company is working as the rental agent for the City of Stockton and the contract would be binding even if management changed.
2. Free rent for five (5) years to include no charge for water and pump-out services. Plus 250 KW of electricity (\$25.00 value) per month.
3. There is a choice of 2 different docking locations. One faces North and the other faces West. Our personal choice would be the site facing West as the EBC clubhouse would be the first thing boaters see when entering the marina.
4. There would be no need for spuds as the clubhouse would be tied directly to the dock; therefore, there would be no need for a steep ramp as the dock and the clubhouse would raise and lower with the tide.
5. Direct access to 30, 50 or 100 amp plug-in electrical service.
6. There is no need for city building permits; Westrec has the marina and works closely with the city to attract new business.
7. A paved parking lot, restroom, and shower facilities are located at the top of the access ramp which is handicap accessible. The ramp leads to new, wide concrete walkways making access to the proposed site extremely easy.
8. Twenty-four (24) hour security is provided by the marina and Warehouse Towers. Security cameras are wired directly to the Stockton Police Department and monitored.
9. In addition to our club docks, additional adjacent dockage for overflow will be provided at a nominal fee.
10. Members who may want to relocate to the marina would receive a member's discount from the marina for their slips.

11. The dumpster is located near the restroom facilities; the marina staff will also help dispose of bagged garbage placed on the dock for EBC.

12. The marina will provide for large gatherings the secure amphitheater, Tuleberg Lane closure, and the promenade. This would include insurance coverage through the marina for the events.

13. Marina will provide use of the golf cart driven by a marina employee as needed.

14. Free launching for boats at Morelli Park for members.

15. Marina offers discounts for tickets to ballgames, theater, hockey games, and other events. There are 15 nights of fireworks at the municipal ballpark across from the marina docks.

16. Westrec management will work with the club in securing the least expensive means to successfully move the club to the new location.

There was some concern mentioned about water quality of the channel. There is a problem at this time and the city is working to fix the bubbler system and addressing the seasonal concerns. The city works to remove (harvest) floating plant and there is no aquarium grass on site.

We feel that this is a win-win situation for the club, the marina, and the City of Stockton. All parties concerned will benefit.

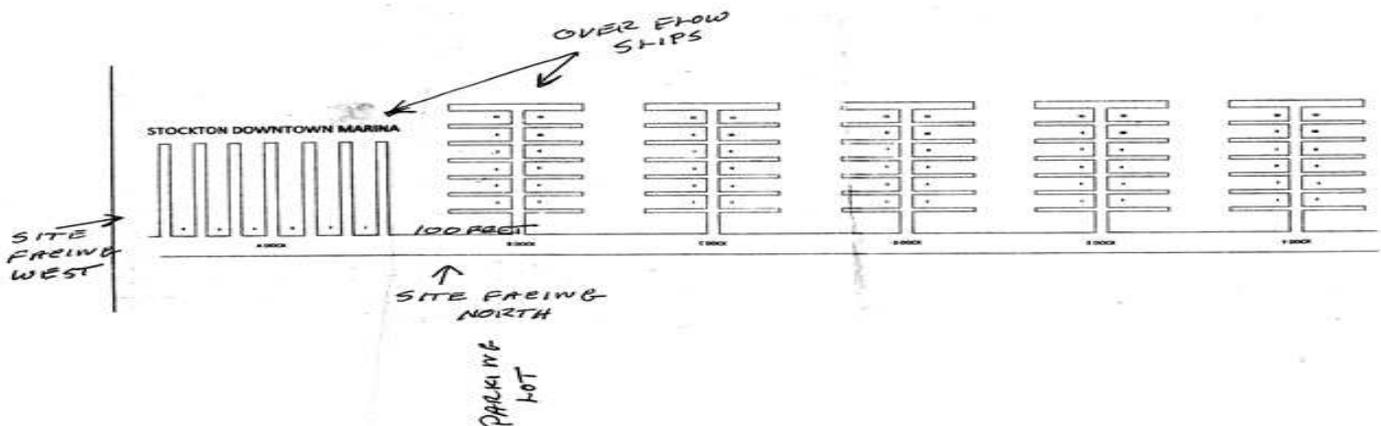
EBC can create a building fund and not have to beg funds from members for every crisis that arises. During the 5 year period, the club would save more than \$30,000 in rent, power, water, and pump-outs.

The marina and city are hoping the presence of EBC will generate more traffic to the Downtown Marina and create activities for the community. It is hoped the spill-over effect from EBC presence in the marina will help local businesses.

In closing, we would like to say that Port Stockton Yacht Club thrived while at the location; unfortunately, it was evicted to make way for the construction of the new marina.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall & Marian Wattel  
Devoted EBC Members

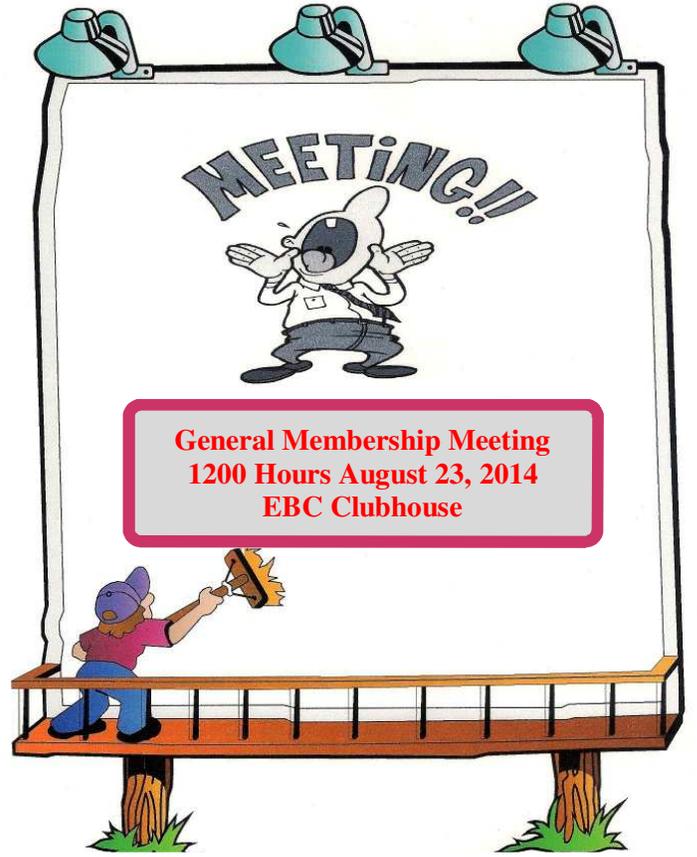




**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**  
Eddie Jo Mack

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Ebony Boat Club welcomes our new members, Anthony J. & Gloria Petit**





# ANNUAL PICYA WHEELCHAIR REGATTA

September 27, 2014 at Encinal Yacht Club



**PICYA is hosting its Eighteenth Annual Wheelchair Regatta. This event will once again provide veterans, many confined to wheelchairs, with the rare opportunity to experience a power boat cruise on the Oakland Estuary and San Francisco Bay along the San Francisco City front.**

On their return, our guests will be treated to a picnic luncheon and entertainment on the grounds of Encinal Yacht Club. Most of our honored guests are U.S. Veterans residing in Northern California Veterans' Homes and Hospitals. In order to make this event successful, powerboat skippers/owners are needed to donate their time and boats to host one or more guests aboard their vessel.

Volunteers from each of our PICYA member clubs will make this a most memorable day for our guests, and for those donating their assistance as well. Many volunteers are also needed ashore to assist in welcoming, boarding, preparing and serving lunch, and entertainment. If you can assist with this rewarding community service project, please complete and return the form provided below for your convenience.

**If you need additional information or have any questions, please call Linda Blue at (510) 851-4387 or e-mail [linda.a.blue@gmail.com](mailto:linda.a.blue@gmail.com)**

**YES, count on me to help with the Eighteenth Annual Wheelchair Regatta!**

**I AM VOLUNTEERING: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

**My boat:** Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

My vessel can carry (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ Guests: In Wheelchairs

My vessel can carry (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ Ambulatory Guests

**OR**

**MY SHORE-SIDE SERVICES:** (Please indicate preference)

0700-0900 - Set-up/Continental breakfast

0900-1500 - Escort a veteran

0900-1200 - Food preparation

1130-1500 - Food Service

1400-1700 - Restore Order

Donation of items: Food, Drinks, Money, Items/Souvenirs for Veteran Bags:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail To:** Linda Blue, 4 Ricci Ct. Petaluma, CA 94952 (510)851-4387 [linda.a.blue@gmail.com](mailto:linda.a.blue@gmail.com)

Sign-up online at [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) under PICYA Events

## EBC 2014 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION/CONTACT
February 2	Super Bowl Party/Chili Cook-off	EBC Clubhouse/O. Brock/J. Mack
February 8	Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting-Pegge Hagans Boatique	EBC Clubhouse/Marilyn Brock
February 22	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
March 8	Coppino Feed	EBC Clubhouse/David Dial
March 8	PICYA Leadership Conference	Vallejo Yacht Club/PICYA
March 29	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
April 5	Blues Night - DJ Roosevelt Kensey	EBC Clubhouse/George Spencer
April 12	Opening Day on the Delta - Cruise-out to Stockton YC	Stockton YC/Carol Whitehead
April 19	Spring Youth Day	EBC Clubhouse/Carol Whitehead
April 26	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
April 27	Opening Day on the Bay	Pier 3 "Hornblower Landing"/PICYA
May 31	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
June 7	Wine & Jazz Festival	EBC Clubhouse/George Spencer
June 14	Juneteenth Youth Day <b>POSTPONED</b>	EBC Clubhouse/Carol Whitehead
June 28	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
July 12	Bingo Night <b>CANCELED</b>	EBC Clubhouse/Carol Whitehead
July 19	Church Choir Retreat	EBC Clubhouse/George Spencer
July 26	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
August 2	Jazz Night	EBC Clubhouse/George Spencer
August 16	San Joaquin YC Cruise-in & Chili Cook off	EBC Clubhouse/Carol Whitehead
August 23	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
Aug. 29 - Sept. 1	Labor Day Cruise-out to River Boat	River Boat/Carol Whitehead
September 13	BAFW Fashion Show	EBC Clubhouse/Carol Whitehead
September 20	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
Sept. 21 - Oct 1	Down Bay Cruise	TBD/Carol Whitehead
September 27	Wheel Chair Regatta	Encinal Yacht Club/PICYA
October 11	Fall Youth Day	EBC Clubhouse/Carol Whitehead
October 15 - 19	Mexico Fishing Trip	Buenavista, Mexico/David Dial
October 18	PICYA Fall Management Conference	Richmond Yacht Club/PICYA
October 25	Monthly Club Meeting/Elections/Open House	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
November 22	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
December 31	New Year's Eve	EBC Clubhouse/Friends & Family
January 10, 2015	Change of Watch/Inaugural Dinner Dance	Encinal Yacht Club/Otis Brock

## 2014 CLUB OFFICERS

**Commodore**

**David Dial**

**Vice Commodore**

**Robert Willis**

**Rear Commodore**

**Carol Whitehead**

**Secretary**

**Lori Dial**

**Treasurer**

**Otis Brock**

**Training/Safety Officer**

**Luther Johnson**

**Port/Fleet Captain**

**Elroy Booker**

**Parliamentarian**

**Richard Clark**

**Staff Commodore**

**Ann Dukes**



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