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COMMODORE'S REPORT David Dial

Hello EBC,

As you know, August was a very busy month. You should have received your ballots in the mail regarding the selection of whether Stockton Downtown Marina should be the new home for our clubhouse. Please make your selection and return to us quickly so they can be counted on September 15. We are actively looking for a company to move the clubhouse and we need that for wherever we move. If you know of a company, we can use please contact Robert or Richard.

You also should have received the information regarding a new security system that we installed in the clubhouse. This was necessary due to the lack of security at our current location. We have contacted harbor management and it appears we can expect no improvements in the near future. Please use caution when going to the clubhouse, especially at night. Please make sure that when you leave the clubhouse the alarm system is armed. We will provide lessons on the new system at the next club meeting or you can contact one of the board members.

The cruise out to the Riverboat Marina on Labor Day was a blast. Everyone had a great time and we had a great turn out. We had 27 people attend the dinner on Saturday night, which is a great showing of our club. I hope we can plan a similar outing in the near future.

Remember our club meeting is on September 20 as we accommodate the Wheel Chair Regatta, which will be on September 27.

We have a very busy time ahead in the next few months. We want to vacate the current location

as quickly as possible. We will be asking for everyone's help so please make yourself available to assist where you can. I am excited that we will soon have the move behind us and we will have a new home. This will allow us to dedicate our focus on our events including the youth activities and fundraising, but most of all just having fun.

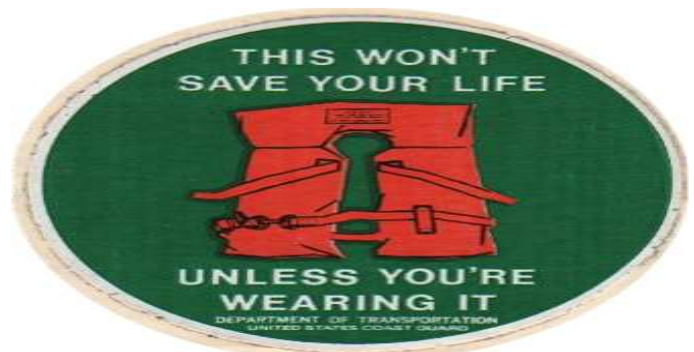


TREASURER'S REPORT Otis Brock

Hello fellow Ebony Boat Club Members

Once again, we have good news to report to you. Come to the meeting on September 20, 2014, we will have tickets for the Annual Change of Watch Motel Room Raffle. You can be the first to have those tickets in your hand. If you want tickets and you cannot come to the meeting, you can mail a check to the club's P. O. Box 2881 and we will include your tickets in the drawings. Drawing for the winner of the Motel Room will be held at the November 22, 2014 club meeting. We will also have a raffle at the change of watch. If you have any ideas for raffle prizes, please send me your ideas. We need at least three raffle prizes.

Thanks and Have Safe Boating
Treasurer Otis Brock





STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT
Ann Dukes

Hello EBC,

We are in the middle/ down slope of the 2014 boating season. Ebony has had some interesting times. The June Jazz event was a blast and we made money. The Jazz and Blues nights were also very well attended and with a good income.

I drove up to Riverboat Marina for the Labor Day cruise out. What a party that was. Most of the members cruised up on Friday. I arrived Saturday to discover Commodore and First Lady had prepared fish tacos for lunch. I heard I missed out on a real treat, but I will get them next time. There were twenty seven (27) members and guests for dinner Saturday night, Several other members had come up during the day for a total of thirty one (31) participating in the event. It has been a long time since we have had that kind of participation with a cruise out. Way to go Ebony.

The PICYA sponsored Wheelchair Regatta is on September 27, 2014. Please consider signing up to participate in this community event. The rewards are tremendous. The veterans really enjoy the boat rides, the food and just being out. It is the only outing some of them get and they look forward to it each year. I sent you a flyer asking for donations for the take home gift bags. If you can not come to the event please bring your donations to the monthly meeting September 20, 2014, and Robert Willis or I will take them down to Encinal for you. Ebony will be listed as a donor for this event. Ebony will get points for the vessels, ground participation and donations

Although we have enjoyed our present location for the past few years, the change in management has caused us some concerns. The uncertainty with the harbor management is a major concern. The gate has been broken for some time, and there is a lot of activity in the harbor now. Our security cart has been stolen, and there are a lot of unknowns about anytime of the day. Some of us enjoyed just coming up and hanging out at the club. My grandchildren love to come up and fish from the docks but I do not feel comfortable doing that now. I really admire the time and effort our commodore and team have put in

to correcting this situation and I fully support the move from this marina. It may be a longer drive for me and some of you to get to meetings and activities but we will be secure and safe. As we invite our family and friends to our events, we want to be sure they are safe and their cars as well. We have never had a problem in the past and we sure do not want to start now. So let's support the efforts to move to a safer and secure location.

I am looking forward to seeing all you September 20, 2014 at the monthly meeting.

SAFE BOATING
ANN DUKES
STAFF COMMODORE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Susan Meyer**
- Cecilia Huff**
- Linda Bendsen**
- Wayne Phillips**
- George Spencer**
- Bill Washington**
- Marshall Wattel**

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Luther & Vicki Johnson**
- Richard & Gwendolyn Fagan**

General Membership Meeting
1200 Hours September 20, 2014
EBC Clubhouse



BOATIQUE MANAGER
Marilyn Brock



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
Eddie Jo Mack

Greetings EBC

I pray this article finds you and your family all doing well.

We all had a wonderful time at the Labor Day cruise out to the Riverboat Marina. If you were not, there you missed a good time. The Commodore and First Lady went all out with their fish tacos and Tequila from Mexico. We all ate and sat in chairs on the dock having a great time. For dinner Saturday night in the restaurant, there were 27 of us. We had approximately 10 boats; it was a great showing of EBC.

If you have been to the clubhouse then you know everything is packed up out of the boatique. We are ready for the move.

However, make no mistake if there is something that you need we are more than willing to take and place your orders. If there was something in the boatique that you had seen and would like, I do not mind unpacking to get that special item for you.

Just a reminder for those of you that were not at the last club meeting; it was decided by the membership to have a group photo of the membership taken at this upcoming meeting. So all officers and past officers will be dressed in their fall uniforms and members wear something that has Ebony Boat Club on it.

God Bless you all and safe boating.

Marilyn Brock, Past Commodore
Boatique Manager



NOMINATING INFORMATION
For
EBONY BOAT CLUB 2015 Officers

Nominations are open for the 2015 EBONY BOAT CLUB OFFICERS. If you are interested in nominating any EBONY BOAT CLUB Regular Member for office, you may do so with the concurrence of the nominee, by contacting the Membership Chair Eddie Jo Mack at (925) 828-6870 or P C Otis Brock at (510) 233-3370. Nominations may also be made with the concurrence of the nominee, at the September 20, 2014 General Membership meeting.

Offices are –

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Rear Commodore
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Training/Safety Officer
- Parliamentarian
- Port/Fleet Captain

PLEASE NOTE: Nominations shall be closed (Article VII Section 7.3.1. of our By-Laws) with the adjournment of the General Membership Meeting on Saturday 20, 2014. The final Official ballot will be mailed by September 30, 2014. Please contact Membership Chair Eddie Jo Mack with questions/concerns regarding the nomination process. The Nominating Committee is yet to be assembled, so if you are interested and can serve at the October General Meeting, please let me know.

Eddie Jo Mack,
Membership Chair

Ebony Boat Club's



HOTEL ROOM RAFFLE

Saturday, November 22, 2014

***Your suite for the night of the Inaugural Ball
January 10, 2015***

*At the elegant
Extended Stay Hotels
Marina Village Alameda*

***Drawing for the suite will be held at the general
Membership meeting on November 22, 2014
Need not be present to win.***

***Donation: \$10.00
For Ticket Information:
Call Otis Brock at 510 236-6016***

Also visit our web site at www.ebonyboatclub.com



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

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

Sign-up online at 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 POSTPONED	EBC Clubhouse/Carol Whitehead
June 28	Executive/General Membership Meeting	EBC Clubhouse/Membership
July 12	Bingo Night — CANCELED	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 — CANCELED	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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