

# Treasure Island Yacht Club, "JIBE"

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Club located at the Marina, Treasure Island in the center of San Francisco Bay

## Secretary's Message



From: George C. Knies, Treasure Island Yacht Club Secretary

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Treasure Island Yacht Club Bylaws, the Nominating Committee appointed by the Commodore posts the following slate of **Officers for year "2009". The election of Officers and Directors will take place at the Annual General Meeting in November 15, 2008 at the Treasure Island Yacht Club.** Those members—in-good-standing unable to attend the General Meeting may mail their ballots to the TIYC Secretary.

**TIYC "2009" OFFICER/DIRECTOR BALLOT**

Commodore	Russ Breed	[ ]
Vice Commodore	Rich Ahlf	[ ]
Rear Commodore	Matt Farnsworth	[ ]
Corporation Secretary	George C. Knies	[ ]
Treasurer	Fred W. Gibson	[ ]

Write-in Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Four Directors up for two (2) year terms. Please vote for no more than FOUR (4):

Peter Van Putten	[ ]	Jerry Huff	[ ]
Sharon Harper	[ ]	Alice Pilram	[ ]

Continuing Board Members:

Jim Aberer, Don Mibach, Ray Zahnd, Neil Nevesny

Write-in Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Commodore:  
A. J. Desmond Thorsson

Vice Commodore:  
Russell Breed

Rear Commodore:  
Atta Pilgram

Staff Commodore:  
Reginald Smith

Corporate Secretary:  
George C. Knies

Treasurer  
Fred W. Gibson

Appointed Officers

Membership:  
Lynette Breed & Shirley Ahlf

Office Manager:  
Joyce Waters

Port Captain:  
Rich Ahlf

Publications & Race Director:  
George C. Knies

Webmaster:  
Desmond Thorsson

Recording Secretary:  
Sharron Harpor

Safety Officer:  
Neil Nevesny

Directors

James B. Aberer	Alice Pilram
Donald Mibach	Jerry Huff
Sharon Harper	Neil A. Nevesny
Mary A. Holden	Ray Zahnd

Delegates

Reg. & Debrenia Smith	PICYA
Rich Ahlf	PICYA
George C. Knies	YRA

From Wikipedia: A staycation (or stay-cation, or stacation) is a period of time in which an individual or family stays at home and relaxes at home or takes day trips from their home to area attractions. Staycations have achieved high popularity in current hard economic times in which unemployment levels and gas prices are high.

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# Commodore's Message

Desmond Thorsson

It may be difficult to escape the bad news all around the world, but remember that the club is always here for you and we hope you'll use it whenever you need a quick "island getaway." Our unique location is as nearby as it is a world away. It's your club, so drop in anytime you need to escape. Switch your clocks to Island time whenever you need to, but especially during our events. Even if your budget is tight, we're already making efforts to create delicious dinners at lower costs so that you'll always be able to fit us into your plans.

## It's Been A Great Year – But We're Just Getting Started!

What a wild ride it has been so far! Laura and I can't say enough about how thrilled we are with this club and all of the exciting things that we've been able to do with everyone. Fleet Week was no exception. Even with many of you out on other commitments and short notice about the event we were able to fill the club with great members, new guests, fascinating conversations, and a delicious barbecue dinner featuring tri-tip steak, grilled chicken breast, simmered sausages, and loads of fresh oysters barbecued on the half-shell!

I'd like to extend special thanks to my father Glenn Thorsson and his assistant Rob for bringing his gear and recipes to the club. If you're wondering how he was able to get such great food together so quickly, Dad has spent years tuning these skills as the "go-to guy" for fundraisers and events with Novato Rotary and Roto-Plast international. In fact Roto-Plast invited him to join the team that travels to foreign countries providing free advanced medical aid to impoverished patients.

I've been able to pick up some tricks from his work that we can hopefully add to our own and help us keep producing great dinners that are delicious while bringing the cost down for our members.

Thanks, Dad!

**New Clubhouse Lease through 2009.** As of this writing, the ink is still drying on our new lease with the Treasure Island Development Authority. Copies have been signed and sent to the City Attorney for approval. Our rent has been kept at the same rate and our insurance requirements have been eased from the previous year, giving us savings in our premiums. If you roam Treasure Island you'll notice the leasing department at TIDA has been very busy lately, with many new business tenants.

## Fogwatch Demolished!



Those of you with memories of the old Chief's Club, most recently known as "The Fog Watch" should cherish them as there will be no new ones. After suffering from lack of use and rumors of a major copper theft, the building was demolished on September 22 as part of a project to beautify and improve the Ave of Palms area. Lately, we've seen a number of new picnic tables, benches and trashcans installed on this part of the island improving the area for all visitors and a nice space for our guests as well. The plan to revamp the area and attract visitors also includes creation of a pathway along the shoreline and a pavilion of some sort on the site that was formerly the Chief's Club.



# Vice Commodore's Message

Russell Breed

**Cast Away Weekend Aug 30 – Sept 1** – A few cruisers joined us for a laid back weekend over Labor Day. One of the cruisers donated two bags of books to be used to start the TIYC lending library.

**Delta House Dinner September 6th** – Sandy & Jim Aberer again hosted a very memorable weekend at their delta house. There was lots to do, including swimming, rides on the party boat, riding on the peddle boats or being towed behind the wave runner. The high light of the weekend was the flag retirement ceremony with everyone being able to help remember those who have given so much supporting our country. Don Mibach served as honor guard firing a volley after taps.



**Pig Roast & Auction September 27th**— Vallejo YC cruised in on Friday and had a great grill your own dinner. Thanks go to Lynette Breed and Debbie Reith for setting up the club and serving as OD until Russ arrived. There was a great turn out (about 27 cruisers). The next morning Rich and Shirley Ahlf arrived early to set up the roasting pit. While the pig roasted over a bed of coals an awning of old sails was set up over the picnic tables. Several tables of nautical and



not so nautical items were set up for the first (Annual) TIYC Auction. There was even one table of items that were donations to the yacht club. Jerry Huff was auctioneer assisted by Karen. The event really heated up as the VYC members arrived. Some of the items sold included an Islander Bahama sail, folding bike, cookie jars, books, wind indicator, bosun chair, etc.

There were 53 dinners sold. Thanks go to all of the club members who helped with the setup and serving of the pig roast. Gordon Strom assisted with the carving. Reg Smith and Don Mibach helped behind the bar. Two new applications for membership were received at the Pig Roast.

The club also received a donation of two framed pictures; one of a ship going thru the golden gate while the GG bridge was under construction and another of a ship going under the newly completed bridge.

**Fleet Week Dinner October 10th** – Thanks to Desmond for hosting the dinner at the club for Fleet Week. The two clubs who indicated (last year) that they were planning to cruise in (Caliente Isle and Napa Valley YC's) did not cruise in as planned. Roger Ladwig at Treasure Isle Marina had been turning away potential cruisers awaiting info from those clubs. We need to consider having a cutoff for clubs that contact us.

**2009 Calendar Input Needed.** A draft of the calendar for 2009 is in progress. Input concerning racing, cruising destinations and club social events is requested.

## **Events that I attended this month:**

October 4 – PICYA Management Conference

October 6 – PICYA Delegates Meeting

October 14 – YRA Scheduling meeting (at Island YC)

## Come join our TIYC Holiday Celebration!

Friday, Dec. 5th, starting 16:00-ish

**Bring a Holiday Dish to share while we decorate our TIYC Clubhouse. At 19:00 we will take time to watch the Angel Island Tree Lighting, remembering our TIYC members and family who have passed over the bar.**

Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual cruise out to Island Yacht Club and the Oakland Estuary Lighted Boat Parade.

**Arrangements are being made for those who blacktop to view the parade aboard an IYC member's boat. The dinner will be a Potluck and a holiday decoration.**

Rich and Shirley Ahlf will be our Cruise Leaders. Please let Rich know if you are planning to take your boat, enter your boat, or which to blacktop to the club, the dish you will be bringing.

RSVP to Rich & Shirley Ahlf, [rahlf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rahlf@sbcglobal.net), 925-672-2514, or sign up on the Website.

Wednesday/Thursday, Dec, 31<sup>st</sup>-Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - **New Year's Eve Potluck and New Year's Day Breakfast and Cruise around Treasure Island.**

Saturday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009- **Annual Change of Watch and Crab Feed dinner hosted by George and Ann Knies. Details to follow.**



# Yachting Club of America

**T**hanks to an anonymous Club Member sponsor, TIYC has rejoined Yachting Club of America. Yachting Club of America was the first national association of yacht clubs founded in 1963 and represents over 300,000 members of YCA registered yacht and sailing clubs in America, as well as being recognized by Embassies throughout the world. Their Web site is [www.ycaol.com](http://www.ycaol.com).

2009 YCA cards are here. If you haven't already, please let Lynette Breed of our Membership Committee if you would like a 2009 Membership Card.

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**W**hile on the subject of reciprocity, many miss-conceptions and questions have come up that membership in PICYA automatically confers reciprocal privileges among all PICYA member clubs. That is not the case. PICYA supports every club's right to establish its own policies with respect to visiting privileges. The Gold page section and club page of the PICYA Yachting Yearbook shows information regarding each club. In many cases you can also find out about reciprocal privileges and procedures on Yacht Club Web pages. If you are interested in visiting a yacht club here are a few easy courtesy procedures.

- Verify if there is a club reciprocal privilege and follow any required procedures.
- Call ahead to ensure space is available, that your visit will not conflict with other club functions and so the club can make any necessary arrangements.
- Always ask about club and marina rules, i.e. pets, parties, electrical hookups, etc.
- Always sign the guest register.
- Always have your current TIYC Membership card and YCA card and be prepared to present it/them if requested.
- Wear a TIYC nametag. A traveling nametag can be ordered through Joyce.
- Ask for or review a copy of the club rules and observe them, as the members of that club must. Please remember you are a guest in their club/house. Just as a guest at TIYC should respect and follow our club rules, we should do the same when visiting other clubs.
- Please be courteous with club employees and members.
- If you are planning a TIYC cruise, please make arrangements early in the year with the appropriate officials and maintain the contact giving adequate information and than you.
- When visiting a Yacht Club's marina, please patronize the facilities of the club just like you would want them to do at TIYC. They, like us, may have brought in extra staff and provisions for your visit. So please make reservations with our cruise leader early and cancel if you are not able to attend a cruise.
- Under no circumstances board or make fast to any vessel, unless directed or after obtaining permission.
- Do not use hoses, stairs, mops, or other materials belonging to a slip holder without permission of the harbormaster or owner.
- Many of us leave lines, particularly spring lines at our slips to use in docking upon their return. Never use or re-tie these lines, as your action could cause serious damage to returning vessels and crews.
- Please follow good environmental practices i.e., trash disposal, vessel discharges and leave a clean wake.
- IT is a good practice to follow up you visit with a thank you note mentioning any members or employees who were particularly helpful.
- If needed, please let TIYC Commodore know well in advance so that any there is ample time for correspondence or letters of introduction.

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## “Human Ballast” a serious safety issue left unchallenged!

George C. Knies \*

**I**n the late 90's I participated in the investigation of several incidents of pontoon excursion/tour boats capsizing in the Naples/Fort Myers Florida area due to overloading. More recently there were several small ferry and tour boats that capsized on the East Coast that caused fatalities due to overloading. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has recommended that vessel capacity plates reflect the overweight/obesity problem now prevalent in the U.S.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, between 1999 and 2000 the average American male weighed a whopping 190 lbs. Our female counterparts should not smile as the average female tips the scales at 163 lbs. We are getting bigger rapidly and the capacity plates on our boats haven't kept up.

In 2004, the NTSB recommended that the Coast Guard revise its average body-weight standard of 140 lbs. after a tour boat capsized in Maryland. One year later the standards faced even more scrutiny after another capsizing in New York, in both cases the NTSB found that each passenger weighed nearly 30 to 40 lbs. more than the average weight that the capacity limits were based upon.

Following the New York incident, then Governor George Partaki demanded that the Coast Guard revise its weight standards and directed New York to raise its weight standard to 174 lbs. per passenger for tour boats.

While the Coast Guard was initially slow to respond in 2006 it recommended a new standard of 185 lbs. per passenger for small commercial boats. This is still under review, and to date there has been no mention of amending the weights for recreational boats.

It is glaringly apparent that there is an obesity epidemic in the U.S. affecting children as well as adults. I have been involved in Aviation Safety issues for over fifty years. I have written many articles addressing the obese passengers that require a seatbelt extension to meet the *fasten seatbelt FAA rule*. The coach passenger seated next to a grotesquely obese person who has not purchased two seats and is encroaching on your territory has two alternatives, move to another seat, if none available get off the aircraft. Aircraft weight is an economic as well as a safety factor. I have argued—why should a 150 lb. passenger pay the same fare as a 350 lb. passenger!

The safety conscious boater should take the prudent course and apply the aforementioned weight criteria, especially on boats of 26 feet or less. Use common sense and not the outdated capacity plate when loading your boat. Should the state of California follow that of the state of New York?———You bet, considering the rate of increasing obesity in our society.

\* (MARINE UPDATE Vol. XVII-10/08, Patriot Press, Freeport Grand Bahaman Is.) ©

## Pot Pourri

### *Its BA HA Bound for Brian and Kat*

Brian Morrison and Kat Gartin have started a 6 months adventure. They headed out the “GATE” as crew on a Hallberg-Rassy 48 & turned south. Kat and Brian will be gone until late Spring 2009. To follow their adventures, they have set up a Skype account “katnbrian” and a web cam. Their blog is <http://scratchkatlitterbox.blogspot.com/>, Kat's Website is [www.scratchkat.com](http://www.scratchkat.com), and their email address is [kgartin@gmail.com](mailto:kgartin@gmail.com). They look forward to sharing their adventure with us, as well as hearing from us time-to-time—Safe Journey, See you in Spring

**NOTICE**———TIYC Fleet Information must be into Joyce prior to Nov 10<sup>th</sup> so she can meet her deadline of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't sent her your information update, please do so prior to Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

New Items being added to the Ship's Store: — *Web Belts (blue, black, khaki, or white) with TI Burgee on Brass buckle, Club Ties (blue & yellow stripe)*

## PICYA Management Conference:

The PICYA Management Conference was held at the Benecia Yacht Club on October 4, 2008. Reg Smith was the M/C and masterfully kept the agenda on schedule, which is no easy task considering the seasoned speakers who tend to orate beyond their allotted time. George Knies, IOBG Legal Officer presented his ever popular "Red Flag" warnings regarding ABC, IRS issues (Reciprocity, Unearned, Income, etc.), this time no one let the air out of his tires.

Rich & Shirley Ahlf, Russ & Lynette Breed, Matt Farnsworth, George Knies, Desmond Thorsson, as well as Reg and Debrina attended the all-day conference on behalf of TIYC.



George Knies with his mouth open, a rare sight, indeed!



L-R Front Row - Lynette Breed, Shirley Ahlf, Desmond Thorsson, Debrina Smith, Russ Breed \* Rear Row George Knies, Rich Ahlf, Reg Smith, Matt Farnsworth

The morning session included Real Admiral Paul Zukunft's fascinating key note discussion on US Coast Guard areas of coverage and recent activities, a presentation from Boating and Waterways Chief Deputy Director Lucia Becerra, RBOC updates by Legislative Advocate Jerry Desmond, Jr., PICYA Yachting Yearbook.

Following lunch there was a very good presentation on the charting of the New Ferry Routes, America's Waterway Watch, S F Harbor Safety, and Vessel Traffic. This was followed by four breakout sessions: Rich and Shirley attended the Club Management sessions which discussed club business best practices, organizing social events for maximum attendance, and cruise-ins., Matt and Lynette attended the incoming officer seminar which addressed recruiting, cruise out planning, reciprocal privileges, membership. George and Russ attended the Club Finance session which discussed accounting and insurance issues, treasurer best practices, new laws that affect club procedures. Desmond, Reg and Debrina attended the PICYA Regional

Affairs session which discussed local issues such as Vessel operator Certification, Copper-Based Anti-fouling paints, TROA Tahoe, and issues concerning policies regarding access to the Delta and possible locks and dams system near Franks Tract.

Many of these items will be discussed at the Upcoming General Membership meeting on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. **Lynette Breed**

## Welcome New Members

At the October Bridge and Board meeting three new memberships were approved. Welcome, David Busby & Linda Harrington, Mary Graham, and Joe & Connie D'Aura along with son, Tony.

Linda Harrington & Dave Busby. Linda works for the City of Millbrae, Dave works for the City of Vallejo. Dave is also a member of Floating Realty Yacht Club, was former board member and Treasurer of SBRA-Small Boat Racing Association during the 1990's.

Mary Graham has lived near water all her life having grown up in Burlingame and currently lives in Castro Valley. She is interested in Radio Controlled Sailboats, Hospitality for Cruise-Ins, Social, and WBOS.

Joe, Connie and son, Tony D'Aura live in San Francisco. Joe and Connie recently celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are interested in radio controlled boats, social, bartending and have a lot spirit. L M H B

## PICYA 2009 Opening Day on the Bay Theme Announced

At the recent October PICYA delegates meeting at So Beach YC, 2009 PICYA Vice Commodore, our own, Reg Smith announced that the theme for 2009 Opening Day will be: "**Legends of the Sea**". So put on your thinking and creative cap so we can start to work with ideas. L M H B

# TIYC General Membership Dinner and Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the TIYC General Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held at TIYC Clubhouse on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be at 18:00, followed by the General Meeting and Election of 2009 Board and Officers at approximately 17:00.

Cost of the dinner will be: \$20.00 with Reservations, \$25.00 for Late Reservation (received after November 13 at 23:59 or No Reservation made.) Payment will be accepted at the door preferably BY CHECK payable to TIYC, if possible.

RSVP on the TIYC Website, email Lharter444@aol.com, fax to 650-341-5192, or mail to 1792 S. Norfolk St., San Mateo, CA 94403. Please note: our preparers need to purchase & start dinner preparation on 11/14. there is an additional \$5.00 for reservations received after 11/13/2008 or no reservations made.

Dinner includes:

- Salad
- Stuffed Chicken Breasts (or for Vegetarians: Salmon Burgers)
- Vegetable
- Rice
- Bread
- gingerbread cake dessert

## TIYC General Membership Dinner Reservation

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Regular Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetarian Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Total # Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = Total \$ Due \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate box.

( ) I/We have enclosed our check # \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I/We will pay at the door (\$25.00)

# Club, Coming Events

- October 25 Halloween Pot Luck (Hosts: Alice & Atta Pilram)
- October 25 Interclub Awards Dinner (at Oakland YC, Bar 5:30, Dinner 7:00, Awards 8:00)
- November 03 PICYA Awards Dinner (at Encinal YC)
- November 15 Election Dinner and General Membership Meeting
- December 05 Angel Island Tree Lighting Pot Luck
- December 06 Estuary Lighted Yacht Parade "An Old Fashioned Christmas" - starting around 5:30 pm (cruise out to IYC)



## December 31 - New Years Eve Dinner



- January 1 New Years Cruise Around the Island
- January 3 Change of Watch Dinner
- April 4 South Bay Opening Day (Cruise to Redwood City)
- April 26 - Opening Day On The Bay— **Theme "Legends of the Sea "**

PICYA 2009 Yachting Yearbook Order form:  
 Mail \$10.00 to TIYC, 66Clipper Cove Way, San Francisco, CA 94130  
PRIOR TO 15 NOVEMBER 2008 \* Include name address, e-mail address and phone number

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