



The Star



The Greatest Little Yacht Club In The Land

RBYC WATCH 2016-2017

Flag Officers

Commodore:	Karl Hoppe
Vice Commodore:	Tim Leveque
Rear Commodore:	Mimi Clarke
Fleet Captain:	Paul Winward

Ex-Officio Officers

Staff Commodore:	Jim Black
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Elected Directors

Karen Beckner, Mia Bernt, Maureen Billingsley, Sheryl Hoy, Peter Thorne

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 9 - 7:00 General Meeting
Belvedere Community Center

September 15 - Change of Watch
The Spinnaker in Sausalito

FROM THE HELM:



Karl Hoppe, Commodore

Our club received some very nice complements about our July social event from the TYC crew last Saturday night. As you know the TYC provided full bar service, staffed by their members. Our "spirit", the music, and the obvious fun we were having impressed them enough that one of their flag officers interviewed several of our members for pointers on what they can do to make their events as much fun as

ours are. It seems that they really enjoy having us hold our events at their club, and we have been invited to drop by any Friday during racing season and join them for dinner.

I think that it is our members that make all our events so successful that other clubs come to us for advice on how to do what we do so well. Our fantastic social events are just one reason that this is the best little yacht club on the land, along with all the other benefits of membership in the RBYC, including admiration from other clubs.

If you agree that the RBYC is the best little yacht club on the land then now is the time for you to answer the clarion call to duty for our wonderful club. We still have a vacant **flag officer position** and a **treasurer in training** position. **If we cannot get a quorum for the election and no volunteers for vacant board positions then this may be the last year of the club.** That would be very sad, indeed.

The Richardson Bay Yacht Club is at a tipping point. We need ALL MEMBERS to attend our August 9th meeting at the Belvedere Community Center. The club is facing several significant issues. Active membership has declined and few new members have joined. We need your ideas about how to grow our club.

Commodore's message continued...



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Club executive positions need to be filled by members willing to volunteer a few hours a month to help our club. We also need volunteers to help with other fun and entertaining club activities.

We need you to step forward and join in at a "staff" level. Currently our club is in fairly good financial health, but our future is not at all certain. The costs to run the club and provide great social events has risen over the years, while our dues have remained constant. We no longer have the contributions generated by the annual auction.

We need your ideas about how to remain financially sound so that we can continue as the best little club in the land. Please plan to attend, Aug. 9th, 7:00pm – Belvedere Community Center
Refreshments will be provided for your enjoyment

THE FUTURE OF YOUR CLUB DEPENDS ON YOU !

Cheers,
Karl

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/02 - Rick Saber
08/12 - Sheryl Hoy
08/24 - Zohre Grothe



GENERAL MEETING **August 9 - 7:00 PM**

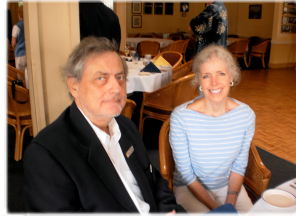
BE A PART OF THE FUTURE OF THIS WONDERFUL CLUB

When: Wednesday, August 9
Time: 7:00 pm
Where: Belvedere Community Center
450 San Rafael Avenue
RSVP: To be sure we have adequate
refreshments please let **Paul Winward**
know you are coming: pwinward@att.net.

General Meeting, election of officers,
financial report and general discussion
of issues facing the RBYC. Food and
drink will be provided.



FAIR WINDS TO NIELS HOY January 1947 - July 2017





RBYC COMMODORE: 1997 - 1998



A while back I invited Niels and Sheryl out to lunch in the hopes of getting some stories of the history of the club. I got more than I bargained for, and it was at this lunch that I fully realized how much Niels gave to this club. Some of these tidbits were shared in a prior newsletter, but they are worth repeating:

NWW editor of the STAR

Niels Hoy is known for many things! He was introduced to a mariner's life early on becoming an observer in the Danish Navy.

Some members may not know that Niels coined the phrase "the Greatest Little Yacht Club in the Land" while on his watch from 1997-1998. He also called Jean Clare SWMBO (She Who Must Be Obeyed) for the first time.

He was very creative over the years to try to make sure the club was fiscally sound. When he took command of the helm, the club was struggling financially. When Niels found out from the Fleet Captain that they were spending \$1000/yr for storage space, he thought that was ridiculous so he put everything in their garage and the Hoyes became the self-appointed archivists of RBYC overnight.

At one auction, Niels started taking his clothes off to try to up the bidding. Sheryl was so appalled she bid high and shut down the bidding and the removal of clothing!

In addition to taking his clothes off, Niels enjoyed dressing up. There used to be many costume themed events, and Niels could always be counted on to wear an assortment of get ups!

Niels also knew how to take advantage of an opportunity. In one of the famous Golf tournaments, Niels made a hole in one. Maureen Billingsly declared that for a prize he shouldn't have to pay dues for a year!!- so he didn't!! Mia Bernt set up a make-your-open-martini bar at the end of the last green with cigars and all. Then they had the club gear fashion show.

At the Chapman Cup races, Niels & Hank Chapman started the race then went down to the finish line to end the race. One time Hank's boat was stopped by the Coast Guard for a random check- they boarded the boat and did a safety check and they passed- much to Niels' surprise.

Niels had a love of life that was contagious. We thank him for all he gave "The Greatest Little Yacht Club in the Land" and we wish him Fair Winds as he continues his journey.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

**WELCOME TO LINDA PFEIFER!**

Linda Pfeifer was sworn in by Rear Commodore, Mimi Clarke at our July Party at the Tiburon Yacht Club. Sponsored by Karl Hoppe, Linda brings energy and expertise to *The Greatest Little Yacht Club in the Land*.

Always interested in education, Linda received her doctorate from USF. Utilizing her educational background, Linda works for the Coast Guard at the USCG Training Center in Curriculum design and development. She is a member of the Auxillary at Station Golden Gate. She works in human resources at the Flotilla Staff Office and was the Vice-Flotilla Commodore.

Originally from San Diego, Linda lives in Sausalito where she served on the Sausalito City Council for eight years.



We encourage our membership to bring many of your friends in order to grow new members, which seems to be the best way we are able to attract new people to our club. We encourage you to bring guests to our activities so they can see first hand what "The Greatest Little Yacht Club In the Land" is all about.

There is a page on our website devoted to New Membership. Below are the stated benefits of belonging to

The Benefits offered by RBYC Membership

- *Instant enlargement of your circle of friends and contacts.*
- *An organized program of delightful and unusual social activities - the easy way to vary your routine and add a great deal of fun.*
- *Music and Dancing evenings with great bands in great venues.*
- *A chance to play on San Francisco Bay - boater or no, you'll spend pleasant times on or near the water in the RBYC.*
- *We're a Fraternity in the world wide yachting community. Our members have been welcomed in Yacht Clubs on both coasts, major inland lakes, in Europe, the Caribbean, Hawaii and the South Seas and our burgee hangs proudly in Clubs around the world commemorating our visits.*
- *An opportunity to add a new social dimension to your life as you participate in RBYC activities and management.*