



The Star

The Greatest Little Yacht Club In The Land



RBYC WATCH 2017 -2018

Flag Officers

Commodore:	Tim Leveque
Vice Commodore:	Burt Drobnis
Rear Commodore:	Paul Winward
Fleet Captain:	Jim Black

Ex-Officio Officers

Staff Commodore:	Karl Hoppe
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Elected Directors

Karen Beckner, Maureen Billingsley, Mimi Clarke, Sheryl Hoy, Paula Radtke, Peter Thorne

Treasurer: Sandy Grieve

Treasurer-in-Training: Position Unfilled

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21 - Pre-Opening Day at Tiburon Yacht Club

FROM THE HELM:

Commodore: Tim Leveque



While the month started out stormy and wet it ended with beautiful Spring weather.

There were two nice events this month. The first Sunday of March we participated in the Mariners Sunday service at St. Luke's Presbyterian church. The service was followed up with a brunch at the Loch Lomond Yacht club . Over 300 meals were served at the brunch. RBYC was well represented by its members.

On March 17th RBYC held a St Patrick's Day dinner dance at the San Rafael Yacht Club. The dinner was co-hosted with the San Rafael Yacht Club. There was a large turnout from our membership. It was a very musical evening, and a good time was had by all who attended.

This next month, on April 21st, we will have a dinner dance at the Tiburon Yacht Club. The music will be supplied by the Key Lime Pie Band. We will be celebrating opening day "Nations on the Bay." Please plan on attending. It will be a fun event.

As always, there will be an RBYC board meeting the second Wednesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend. There is free food and refreshments.

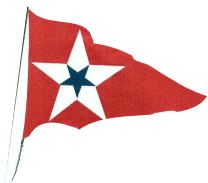
I hope to see you at our April function. Have a nice Passover/Easter Sunday.

Timothy M. Leveque

Commodore

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/DANCE





RESULTS OF THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/DANCE POLL



Total Responses:	6
Avg. For the SRYC facility and decorations	8.5
Avg. for the food	6.3
Avg. for the Time Travelers Band	8.5
Avg. for the Combined Event with another	8.3

COMMENTS:

Parking at the SRYC is no surprise and is always a challenge, the trick is to get there as early as possible. I love the yacht club as it has a "shit kickin" feel to it that commands doing shots at the bar and smoking a dubee.

The food was soooooo over cooked and warmed and re-warmed plus the cut of corned beef was nasty and should have been brisket for that price. However, it made a real good Corned Beef Hash with the leftovers (tons of) the next day.

The Time Travelers preformed well when at last the stage was given to them. They were very patient as the Irish band (just suppose to be two old Irish guys playing in the bar).... wouldn't stop playing. Too many "surprises" and not enough communication between clubs--just saying.

The combined event maybe should not be at the SRYC for the lack of seamless communication. But other clubs... GREAT!

Finally, Tim and Sharon being there would have made the event complete and much more fun!. Also, there was lot of confusion about folks not wanting to wear their badges at the bar...apparently, the law requires only to serve alcohol to club members". I get that...but many claimed the badges were... dorky/ "ruined my dress" and then there's the ugly factor. And, they really don't lie down well...kind of flopped around and became a nuisance.

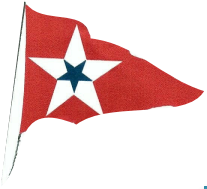
Very fun evening.

This was our 2nd time at the SRYC and like the 1st time, they were highly disorganized. Not enough bartenders, music was unorganized, appetizers were scant and the corned beef was cold and tough as leather. Thank goodness they at least reserved tables for us. I like the idea of joint events as it allows us to meet other people. Finally at \$25, the price was right.

The SRYC is kind of a nice funky Club. They have some deferred maintenance to deal with. Their deck is fenced off as it is probably unsafe. There was plenty of food for everyone; however, the corned beef was like leather. I don't know how you're able to do that as it's supposed to be boiled and be very tender. The Chime Travelers are very easy to listen to and their repertoire is very familiar to their audience. The idea of a combined function is okay. There was a little social interaction among people who were either members of both Clubs or were prior acquaintances of members of the other club. I don't think there was much opportunity for interaction among members who did not know anyone from the other club, but it was not a problem as there were still plenty of people to interact with within our own club.

The combined event worked out quite well. The SRYC reserved tables for the 2 visiting YCs which made it a comfortable, non-confusing event. Decorations at the club were well done, very festive atmosphere. The musicians at the beginning and dancers at the end were very special treats. The fee for the event was very reasonable considering all that was provided.





RESULTS OF VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE POLL

Total Responses	6
Avg. for the McInnis facility and decorations	10
Avg. for the food choices	7.2
Avg. for the 7th Sons Band	9
Avg. for the Super Bowl Grid as a club fund raiser	9.7

**The poll results from the Valentine event
were not available for the March Star,
so they are included here:**

COMMENTS:

The super bowl was an 8 as it was not originally explained very well that evening at the Christmas event. If it had been I think you would have sold it out. – still a very good idea.

Do not choose the Saturday night of a long holiday weekend. Plus, our lamb was wonderful and others at our table that had the salmon said it was very good.

Prime rib was under cooked and way too fatty.

I thought everything was a ten. Great music and everything looked beautiful!
I would be interested in the Super Bowl event next year

The food was excellent my lamb was fab...it was well prepared and came out of the kitchen hot and delicious...I was so disappointed when kitchen didn't have our toffee/heathbar ice cream cake - a sad sad sad day...It tells me we (entertainment folks) have to check and double check the menu with the chef 2 days in advance at all restaurant venues...Super bowl was clever and timely for the club...Thank you so much Paul for organizing and running it...Maybe on special occasions like V-day..or when we have many guests, the commodore should make an announcement specifically targeting the advantages of joining...As my guest took it to be one big party without the "hooks and social pressure" into joining... Also on another note: on the invitation for St. Paddy's night, let's make the addition of names, what they want to eat, but also email address and phone number of the guest so we can follow up and contact them after event and send info.

We weren't able to attend Valentine's as I was in Mexico, but I did participate in the Super Bowl Pool and so am responding. It was a great idea for the club. It's fun, and I assume a good (and basically effortless) fundraiser.

Wonderful evening! Well done. I liked the band. Perhaps we can try the band "Void Where Prohibited" at some future date. I find them to be the best that I have heard in Marin.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4/17 - Karl D Hoppe
4/30 - Luke Hickman



**HAVE A WONDERFUL
MONTH AND AN
ADVENTUROUS YEAR!**

PRE-OPENING DAY DINNER - DANCE



SATURDAY - APRIL 21

**Pre-Opening Day
NATIONS ON THE BAY
at
Tiburon Yacht Club**



**Music provided by The Key Lime
Pie Band**