



November 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18th Christmas Party, Lighted Boat Contest, Toys for Tots and Ugly Sweater Party!!

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PICYA 5-Star Club of the Year – 2025

OPYC is proud to announce that we have been awarded the PICYA 5-Star Club of the Year for 2025. This is a tremendous honor that reflects the collective work of our entire membership.

This achievement wasn't the result of one person or a small committee — it came from the combined strength of our community. It took our PICYA Delegates traveling across the Bay Area and Valley to represent OPYC at meetings. It took members attending the Management and Leadership Conferences, supporting the PICYA Foundation, and donating to RBOC. Our outreach and philanthropy made a major impact:

- Benefit by the Bay fundraiser
- Coastal Cleanups
- Dockwalker participation
- Newsletter production
- Yearbook purchases

And of course, our participation in the Wheelchair Regatta—from captains giving Veterans boat rides to volunteers working the shore—earned valuable points.

Our boating activities also played a major role. A full cruise-out schedule, hosting cruise-ins, participating in regattas, and attending Opening Day on the Bay all strengthened our standing.

Every dinner, every cruise-out, every event, every act of showing up for one another added up. You did this.

Let's keep that enthusiasm going into 2026!



Open House 2025



This year's Open House, held Sunday, September 21st, was one of the most successful membership events in recent club history, drawing more than 80 attendees and resulting in 13 new members joining OPYC.

Membership Director Linda worked the room tirelessly, turning visitors into enthusiastic future members. The club was beautifully decorated by Joe, Catherine, and Linda, creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere.



Music filled both rooms with Friends of Ken performing in the dining room and Mike T entertaining in the bar. The food was abundant: Ron Stahl grilled cheeseburgers and hot dogs all afternoon, while Chef Jeff and Catherine prepared ribs, chicken, chili, salads, and more. Many members also brought appetizers and desserts, contributing to the incredible spread.

We're thrilled to welcome our new members, many of whom have already begun attending events regularly. We can't wait to continue building friendships and making memories together.

Wheelchair Regatta



The Wheelchair Regatta is one of the most meaningful community events OPYC participates in each year. Organized by PICYA, the Regatta brings together yacht clubs from across the Bay Area to give Veterans a memorable and uplifting day on the water. As many of you know, this event requires tremendous preparation and volunteer support, and OPYC was proud to contribute in full force.

This year, OPYC provided **three boats** to ferry Veterans across the Bay:

- **TuTu** – Captain Kirby
- **Mary A** – Captain Jeff
- **Options** – Captain Tim and Catherine



Fall weather on San Francisco Bay was nothing short of magical, offering warm air and calm seas for the smooth crossing to Encinal Yacht Club on Friday the 26th. That evening, a Captain's Dinner was held to welcome and honor the participating skippers and crews.

Saturday morning brought a surge of volunteer energy. **Janis** baked *hundreds* of homemade cookies to share with the Veterans, and she, **Mike**, **Linda**, and **Rico** worked tirelessly on shore to help serve breakfast and lunch to the hundreds of attendees. Their efforts, along with those of countless volunteers across the region, helped ensure that every Veteran felt welcomed and appreciated.

The event was, as always, a great success full of gratitude, camaraderie, and heartfelt moments. OPYC is proud to support this important tradition and honored to play a part in giving back to the men and women who have served our country.



Fleet Week

Even though the Blue Angels were grounded and the federal government was shut down, the OPYC fleet still enjoyed a phenomenal Fleet Week Cruise-Out to San Francisco Marina with unbelievably perfect weather.

The fleet departed Friday morning around 10:00 am and included both longtime members and newcomers. New members Anna and Rico joined the Chapmans aboard the Ol' Pelican, Captain Kirby and the TuTu hosted Trudy and Nancy, and Jeff brought the Mary A with Annie and new member Stacy.

We joined Sierra Point and Loch Lomond Yacht Clubs for an interclub cruise-out, totaling seven boats. The group enjoyed dock parties, shared meals, beautiful weather, a great airshow, and wonderful camaraderie throughout the weekend.



Halloween Costume Party

On October 25th, OPYC hosted a wildly fun and spirited Halloween Costume Party with over 40 members in attendance. Engagement was fantastic, and the room was packed with creative costumes and an impressive Mexican-themed feast that could have fed an army.

The costumes were the highlight of the evening, and judges Trudy and Nancy selected the winners:

- **Best Costume:** Tim Lynch (Pirate)
- **Creepiest Costume:** Commodore Rico (Beetlejuice)
- **Funniest Costume:** Stephanie Sims ("Navigation Lights")
- **Most Creative:** Dianna (Scarecrow)
- **Cutest Costume:** Catherine (Tinkerbell)

We also held three rounds of trivia, with a close competition that ended with Commodore Rico's team edging out the Lynch kids and Andrew by just one point.

The party kicked off with appetizers and cocktails at 4:00 pm and continued well past 10:00 pm — a great night of fun, laughs, and community.





Installation Dinner

Oyster Point Yacht Club held its annual Change of Watch / Installation Dinner on Saturday, November 8th at 6:00 pm. The event was exceptionally well attended with over 50 RSVPs. We began the evening with a lively cocktail hour hosted by our own Commodore Rico, whose generosity ensured several rounds were enjoyed by all.



Our long-time catering partner Dominics prepared a spectacular four-course dinner featuring appetizers, crisp salads, and a choice of Prime Rib, Baked Salmon, or Chicken Marsala, served with roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes, and a decadent dessert. As always, Dominics delivered a top-notch meal worthy of OPYC tradition.



The evening was memorable for many reasons. We celebrated the hard work of the 2024–2025 Board, whose teamwork made this year a milestone for the club, and we welcomed the incoming 2025–2026 Board. Former Commodore John Sims served as master of ceremonies, guiding the program with humor and ease. Commodore Rico delivered an inspiring address highlighting the accomplishments of 2025 and sharing his vision for another “Five-Star Year” ahead.

Honoring Our Members

Two members received special recognition during the program:

Commodore's Achievement Award – Trish Fiorini

Trish was honored for her exceptional dedication to OPYC through her service as PICYA Delegate, Past Commodore, Flag Officer, and Director. Her unwavering commitment and advocacy for our club continue to inspire all of us.



Special Recognition Award – Janis Chapman

Janis has long served as OPYC's Treasurer and is an essential part of the club's operations. She dedicates countless hours to managing the books, paying bills, helping behind the bar, contributing homemade dishes, and volunteering whenever needed. This year she baked hundreds of cookies for the Wheelchair Regatta and worked shore-side to serve our Veterans. Her quiet generosity and steady leadership are deeply appreciated.



The evening concluded with the formal installation of the new Board and live music from Mike T, whose performance carried the celebration into the night. If you missed the event, you were missed — but we look forward to seeing you next time.

Final Thoughts and First-Quarter Preview

As we wrap up 2025, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every OPYC member for making this such a wonderful year. And the year isn't over yet!

Our **Annual Christmas Party and Lighted Boat Contest** will take place Thursday, December 18th at 5:00 pm. Please bring an unwrapped toy for **Toys for Tots**. Each unwrapped toy earns one complimentary holiday dinner featuring roasted chicken, spiral ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, and pumpkin pie. Oyster Point Marina will award **one free month of slip fees** to the winner of the Lighted Boat Contest. There will also be an **Ugly Sweater Contest** with prizes for the Ugliest, Funniest, and Cutest sweaters.

This will also be our **second and final discounted membership opportunity** — invite your friends!

Looking ahead to 2026:

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We look forward to another fun, vibrant year at OPYC — let's make 2026 even better!



Christmas Party RSVP



PICYA Upcoming Events



COMMODORE'S BALL

PICYA 34th Annual Commodore's Ball

Saturday, January 24, 2026

5:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Commodore David Jackson, along with the Officers and Directors of PICYA, cordially invite you and your guests to the distinguished:

34th Annual Commodore's Ball & Installation of Officers

An elegant evening honoring
Commodore Colleen Stauss
and the 2026 Officers and Directors

Black Tie Suggested

Schedule of Events

- 5:00 PM – No-Host Cocktails & Appetizers
- 6:30 PM – Dinner
- 8:00 PM – Installation Ceremony & Program
- Followed by Music & Dancing

Location and Menu: To Be Announced

In addition to our events and volunteer efforts, OPYC earns points when members engage with RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California). Please take a moment to visit and support their important advocacy work on behalf of California boaters:

<https://www.rbo.org>

Thirsty Thursday

Join us for Thirsty Thursdays, our twice-monthly open house from 4 PM to 6 PM on the first and third Thursday of each month. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, enjoy the company of fellow members, and introduce new friends to the Oyster Point Yacht Club community.

We always encourage you to bring a friend or invite anyone who might enjoy a laid-back evening by the bay. Often, Jeff delights us with a delicious meal

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at the next Thirsty Thursday!

Stay Connected with OPYC!

Don't miss out on the latest updates, photos, and happenings around the club!

- Visit our website: [OPYC.com](https://www.opyc.com)
Catch event recaps, fun pictures, and important club news.
- Follow us on Facebook: OPYC – Oyster Point Yacht Club
- Stay up to date on parties, cruise-outs, and even those spontaneous "impromptu dinners" that make our community so special.

Stay connected, stay involved, and keep the OPYC spirit sailing strong!



