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EBC Celebrates Black History Month

Our American Story

Knowing the Past Opens the Door to the Future: The Continuing Importance of Black History Month

By Lonnie Bunch, Founding Director



Studio Records, ca. 1905-1994, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.

No one has played a greater role in helping all Americans know the black past than Carter G. Woodson, the individual who created Negro History Week in Washington, D.C., in February 1926. Woodson was the second black American to receive a PhD in history from Harvard—following W.E.B. Du Bois by a few years. To Woodson, the black experience was too important simply to be left to a small group of academics. Woodson believed that his role was to use black history and culture as a weapon in the struggle for racial uplift. By 1916, Woodson had moved to DC and established the “Association for the Study of Negro Life and Culture,” an organization whose goal was to make black history accessible to a wider audience. Woodson was a strange and driven man whose only passion was



*Dr. Carter G. Woodson, late 1940s
Scurlock Studio Records, ca. 1905-1994, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.*

history, and he expected everyone to share his passion.

This impatience led Woodson to create Negro History Week in 1926, to ensure that school children be exposed to black history. Woodson chose the second week of February in order to celebrate the birthday of Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. It is important to realize that Negro History Week was not born in a vacuum. The 1920s saw the rise in interest in African American culture that was represented by the Harlem Renaissance where writers like Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglass Johnson, Claude McKay—wrote about the joys and sorrows of blackness, and musicians like Louie Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and Jimmy Lunceford captured the new rhythms of the

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cities created in part by the thousands of southern blacks who migrated to urban centers like Chicago. And artists like Aaron Douglass, Richmond Barthé, and Lois Jones created images that celebrated blackness and provided more positive images of the African American experience.

Woodson hoped to build upon this creativity and further stimulate interest through Negro History Week. Woodson had two goals. One was to use history to prove to white America that blacks had played important roles in the creation of America and thereby deserve to be treated equally as citizens. In essence, Woodson—by celebrating heroic black figures—be they inventors, entertainers, or soldiers—hoped to prove our worth, and by proving our worth—he believed that equality would soon follow. His other goal was to increase the visibility of black life and history, at a time when few newspapers, books, and universities took notice of the black community, except to dwell upon the negative. Ultimately Woodson believed Negro History Week—which became Black History Month in 1976—would be a vehicle for racial transformation forever.

The question that faces us today is whether or not Black History Month is still relevant? Is it still a vehicle for change? Or has it simply become one more school assignment that has limited meaning for children. Has Black History Month become a time when television and the media stack their black material? Or is it a useful concept whose goals have been achieved? After all, few—except the most ardent rednecks - could deny the presence and importance of African Americans to American society or as my then-14 year old daughter Sarah put it, “I see Colin Powell everyday on TV, all my friends—black and white—are immersed in black culture through music and television. And America has changed dramatically since 1926—Is not it time to retire Black History Month as we have eliminated white and colored signs on drinking fountains?” I will spare you the three hour lesson I gave her.

I would like to suggest that despite the profound change in race relations that has occurred in our lives, Carter G. Woodson’s vision for black history as a means of

transformation and change is still quite relevant and quite useful. African American history month, with a bit of tweaking, is still a beacon of change and hope that is still surely needed in this world. The chains of slavery are gone—but we are all not yet free. The great diversity within the black community needs the glue of the African American past to remind us of not just how far we have traveled but lo, how far there is to go.

While there are many reasons and examples that I could point towards, let me raise five concerns or challenges that African Americans — in fact — all Americans — face that black history can help address:

The Challenge of Forgetting

You can tell a great deal about a country and a people by what they deem important enough to remember, to create moments for — what they put in their museum and what they celebrate. In Scandinavia — there are monuments to the Vikings as a symbol of freedom and the spirit of exploration. In Germany during the 1930s and 1940s, the Nazis celebrated their supposed Aryan supremacy through monument and song. While America traditionally revels in either Civil War battles or founding fathers. Yet I would suggest that we learn even more about a country by what it chooses to forget — its mistakes, its disappointments, and its embarrassments. In some ways, African American History month is a clarion call to remember. Yet it is a call that is often unheeded.

Let’s take the example of one of the great unmentionable in American history — slavery. For nearly 250 years slavery not only existed but it was one of the dominant forces in American life. Political clout and economic fortune depended on the labor of slaves. And the presence of this peculiar institution generated an array of books, publications, and stories that demonstrate how deeply it touched America. And while we can discuss basic information such as the fact that in 1860 — 4 million blacks were enslaved, and that a prime field hand cost \$1,000, while a female, with her childbearing capability, brought \$1,500, we find few moments to discuss the impact, legacy, and contemporary meaning of slavery.

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In 1988, the Smithsonian Institution, about to open an exhibition that included slavery, decided to survey 10,000 Americans. The results were fascinating — 92% of white respondents felt slavery had little meaning to them — these respondents often said “my family did not arrive until after the end of slavery.” Even more disturbing was the fact that 79% of African Americans expressed no interest or some embarrassment about slavery. It is my hope that with greater focus and collaboration Black History Month can stimulate discussion about a subject that both divides and embarrasses.

As a historian, I have always felt that slavery is an African American success story because we found ways to survive, to preserve our culture and our families. Slavery is also ripe with heroes, such as slaves who ran away or rebelled, like Harriet Tubman or Denmark Vessey, but equally important are the forgotten slave fathers and mothers who raised families and kept a people alive. I am not embarrassed by my slave ancestors; I am in awe of their strength and their humanity. I would love to see the African American community rethink its connection to our slave past. I also think of something told to me by a Mr. Johnson, who was a former sharecropper I interviewed in Georgetown, SC:

*Though the slaves were bought, they were also brave.
Though they were sold, they were also strong.*

The Challenge of Preserving a People's Culture

While the African American community is no longer invisible, I am unsure that as a community we are taking the appropriate steps to ensure the preservation of African American cultural patrimony in appropriate institutions. Whether we like it or not, museums, archives, and libraries not only preserves culture they legitimize it. Therefore, it is incumbent of African Americans to work with cultural institutions to preserve their family photography, documents, and objects. While African Americans have few traditions of giving material to museums, it is crucial that more of the black past make it into American cultural repositories.

A good example is the Smithsonian, when the National Museum of American History wanted to mount an exhibition on slavery, it found it did not have any objects that described slavery. That is partially a response to a lack of giving by the African American Community. This lack of involvement also affects the preservation of black historic sites. Though there has been more attention paid to these sites, too much of our history has been paved over, gone through urban renewal, gentrified, or unidentified, or un-acknowledged. Hopefully a renewed Black History Month can focus attention on the importance of preserving African American culture.

There is no more powerful force than a people steeped in their history. And there is no higher cause than honoring our struggle and ancestors by remembering.

The Challenge of Maintaining a Community

As the African American Community diversifies and splinters, it is crucial to find mechanisms and opportunities to maintain our sense of community. As some families lose the connection with their southern roots, it is imperative that we understand our common heritage and history. The communal nature of black life has provided substance, guidance, and comfort for generations. And though our communities are quite diverse, it is our common heritage that continues to hold us together.

The Power of Inspiration

One thing has not changed. That is the need to draw inspiration and guidance from the past. And through that inspiration, people will find tools and paths that will help them live their lives. Who could not help but be inspired by Martin Luther King's oratory, commitment to racial justice, and his ultimate sacrifice. Or by the arguments of William and Ellen Craft or Henry “Box” Brown who used great guile to escape from slavery. Who could not draw substance from the creativity of Madame CJ Walker or the audacity and courage of prize fighter Jack Johnson. Or who could not continue to struggle after listening to the mother of Emmitt Till share her story of sadness and perseverance. I know that when life is tough, I take solace in the poetry of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Langston

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Hughes, Nikki Giovanni, or Gwendolyn Brooks. And I find comfort in the rhythms of Louie Armstrong, Sam Cooke or Dinah Washington. And I draw inspiration from the anonymous slave who persevered so that the culture could continue.

Let me conclude by re-emphasizing that Black History Month continues to serve us well. In part because Woodson's creation is as much about today as it is about the past. Experiencing Black History Month every year reminds us that history is not dead or distant from our lives.

Rather, I see the African American past in the way my daughter's laugh reminds me of my grandmother. I experience the African American past when I think of my grandfather choosing to leave the South rather than continue to experience share cropping and segregation. Or when I remember sitting in the back yard listening to old men tell stories. Ultimately, African American History — and its celebration throughout February — is just as vibrant today as it was when Woodson created it 85 years ago. Because it helps us to remember there is no more powerful force than a people steeped in their history. And there is no higher cause than honoring our struggle and ancestors by remembering.

The theme for Black History Month 2024 is "African Americans and the Arts". The theme explores the influence of African Americans in the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary, and other forms of

cultural expression.

The theme is infused with African, Caribbean, and Black American lived experiences. It explores the creativity, resilience, and innovation from a culture that has uplifted spirits and soothed souls in countless ways across centuries.

The African American experience has been wrought with pain and sorrow, grit and determination, as well as resilience and fortitude. Members of the armed forces, such as James Reese Europe, and artists such as Langston Hughes, Josephine Baker, and Lois Mailou Jones brought Black culture and Black American aesthetics internationally.



Check out the life stories of the Florida Highwaymen. In the early 1950s through the 1980's a group of twenty-six African-American artists used vivid and bright colors to display the beautiful untouched Florida landscape.

Visit floridahighwaymenpaintings.com



Photo by Alfred Hair, member of the Florida Highwaymen



The 2025 Black History Month theme, AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR. Americans, and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people.

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COALITION FOR EXONERATION OF THE PORT CHICAGO 50

We seek exoneration of the Port Chicago 50, to have their names cleared and their records expunged. Their convictions for mutiny stemmed from racial discrimination in our armed services during World War II. These brave men did not commit mutiny. They were whistleblowers who served honorably under oppressive conditions, and their principled stand was a catalyst for the modern civil rights movement. The orders given to the Port Chicago 50 lacked moral authority because the Navy knew the orders imperiled the Port Chicago 50 and all of the sailors at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine. Instead, those orders were stained by the animus of racial discrimination. We are calling on the Defense Department and the Navy to change their personnel records to reflect honorable discharges, which would strengthen the rule of law in this country by correcting an historic injustice.

History



On July 17, 1944, a cargo vessel exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in the San Francisco Bay Area, resulting in the deadliest home front disaster of World War II. 320 sailors, 202 of whom were



African American, were killed in the explosion. The Navy was segregated, and all sailors loading munitions at the time of the explosion were African American.

Many of the surviving sailors, who lived during Jim Crow segregation which devalued the lives of African Americans and contributed to poor working conditions, refused to return to loading explosives unless and until they could be provided with proper training, basic gear, and improvements to safety practices. Fifty of the sailors, now known as the Port



Chicago 50, were threatened with death-by-firing-squad if they did not return to loading explosives, but they persisted.

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For their courageous stance, they faced a court martial and were wrongfully convicted of mutiny in a military trial that was the only punishment the Navy imposed on anyone for the Port Chicago Disaster.

Civil Rights Heroes



As word of their heroics spread, a national appeal campaign on the sailors' behalf, led by NAACP's Chief Counsel Thurgood Marshall, gained support from First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt among others, and the sailors were quietly released from prison and returned to active duty in January 1946. One month later, as a result of intense public pressure, the Navy became the first branch of the military to end segregation. The mutiny convictions, however, remained, and the Port Chicago 50 received discharges that were other than honorable, which placed a stigma on the rest of their lives.

Today, the collective actions of the brave sailors are now widely recognized as one of the catalysts of the modern civil rights movement.

They Are Innocent

Decades after the trial, the Navy publicly released internal records revealing hazardous working

conditions at the naval magazine violated federal safety laws and regulations, and the sailors should not have been punished for refusing unlawful orders. In fact, Naval historians now acknowledge the Port Chicago 50's courageous actions changed the U.S. Navy for the better and probably saved many lives.

It's Time For Exoneration

After nearly 80 years, it is long past time for the Navy to restore honor and justice to the legacies of the brave sailors of Port Chicago through full exoneration. Although nearly eighty years have passed since the Port Chicago Disaster, that is – unfortunately – yet another passage in the struggle for civil rights. Generations of Americans have called on the nation to do better, and the nation has too often been slow to act. Many did not live to see change – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Medgar Evers, and Emmett Till to name a few -- but they and their fellow Americans entrusted these issues to the succeeding generations to get it right. We are advocating for exoneration in the belief that it is never too late to make good on that ideal, and now is that time...



The Navy defense team sits in front of the fifty accused stevedores during the trial in 1944.

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The mutiny trial was fundamentally flawed. Five lawyers represented fifty sailors. Evidentiary rulings permitted testimony of allegedly conspiratorial statements without attribution, while excluding evidence of the conditions facing the sailors as they lived and worked at Port Chicago. The trial proceedings were tilted in favor of the prosecution, depriving the accused sailors of due process of law. There are strong national interests in preserving, advancing or restoring the rule of law to one grounded in impartial and even-handed justice. Exoneration will reassert the importance of due process of law by emphasizing that we as a nation are willing to correct historical injustices where our justice system fell short of our national values, and now is that time...

Our nation has a long history of protecting lawful protest. We are currently examining the contours of those issues with the hundreds of prosecutions arising from the January 6 Capitol riot. The current proceedings against the January 6 defendants are noteworthy for their individualized assessments of each participant, from charging decisions that track culpability of conduct, bail decisions that consider individualized risk of danger or flight, and sentencing outcomes that weigh each individual's conduct as well as any mitigation. By contrast, the Port Chicago 50 mutiny trial proceedings treated the sailors as a unitary whole. The Port Chicago 50 refused to return to work under the unsafe conditions that led to the deaths of 320 sailors, but they expressed readiness to work if they had proper training and equipment. This conduct highlighted dangerous conditions imposed on the sailors and would be considered protected whistleblowing by today's standards. Exoneration will recognize that the Port Chicago 50 deserved due process, acted reasonably, and called attention to unsafe conditions created by their commanding officers. Now is that time...

Finally, there is much in our public discourse about the essential role of the rule of law in our society. But the rule of law settles our expectations as a society only when it is just. Our notion of what is just evolves with our national experience. A century ago, we were a nation living under a regime of discriminatory race relations wrongly decided by the Supreme Court in *Plessy v. Ferguson*. *Brown v. Board of Education* established a new rule of law, just a decade after the mutiny convictions of the Port Chicago 50. We believe that the correction of an unjust outcome of any legal system is a test of its strength and the strength of the rule of law. Because when our legal system reaches back to correct the mistakes of the past, it is tested by its ability to engage in self-examination and self-reflection, and as a result, the rule of law is strengthened. Now is that time...



Jack Crittenden

Ninety-two-year-old seaman and Alabama native Jack Crittenden died in his sleep on New Year's Day in 2017. The World War II veteran was drafted in 1944 before he graduated high school as one of the first black seaman and earned his first assignment at Port Chicago, California. He was the last known survivor of the Port Chicago 50.

*Contra Costa County Bar Association Port Chicago Task Force *Chief Master Sergeant Jason J. Felisbret, USAFR, Retired *Parents for African-American Achievement Team (PAAACT) *East County Branch of the NAACP *Yulie Padmore *Yolanda Barial Knight

A Message From : THE COMMODORE



COMMODORE
ANN DUKES

Hello my fellow Ebony boat Club members,

Ebony Boat Club was founded with the idea of being a light, a shining beacon for other boaters, especially Afro-America boaters. Our Founders wanted to share their knowledge and love of the Delta, the water and boating. The founders set a mission of “Staying the Course” to accomplish our goal of being that special Beacon of Light.

Historically, our membership maxed at 48. Although we have always been a small club, Ebony Boat Club has always upheld very high goals and standards. The mission of the Ebony Boat Club has always stressed dedication, pride and perseverance. This mission, has standards that may have seemed at times challenging,

The history of the Ebony Boat Club shows, that by maintaining and performing to these standards of excellence, individually and collectively as a club, the Ebony Boat Club models a level of excellence that is respected and admired by many in the boating community.

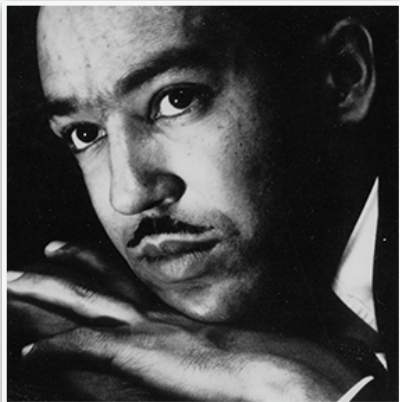
I would like Ebony Boat Club to continue to “Stay the Course in 2024. Yes, it will be a challenge. Many of our members are thirty years older so we need to be creative in looking for new members and maintaining our financial stability. Times have changed and so has interest, but there are still young boaters out there. Through our events and programs, we, The Ebony Boat Club, can be that Beacon of that bright light to bring these persons to our club. As your Commodore for the year 2024, I am praying that you, the membership of Ebony Boat Club will enthusiastically join me. I am willing and dedicated to guide this club as we charter new levels of excellence in the boating community. Let us STAY THE COURSE, Thank you.

WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS,
ANN DUKES, COMMODORE

Langston Hughes

1901 – 1967

A poet, novelist, fiction writer, and playwright, Langston Hughes is known for his insightful, colorful portrayals of black



life in America from the twenties through the sixties and was important in shaping the artistic contributions of the Harlem

DREAMS

*Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-wing bird
That cannot fly.*

*Hold fast to dreams
When dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.*

From The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes published by Alfred A. Knopf/Vintage.
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A Message From : **THE REAR COMMODORE**

AFTER COVID

By Glen Williams, Rear Commodore

After the COVID-19 virus ended, setting up entertainment activities with the boating clubs has been harsh. The high cost of food, fuel, and club locations has slowed club cruise-in to almost a complete stop. Some clubs have converted to paper clubs (clubs with no physical location). What are some of the recommendations the club can consider for staying active?

Prepare your fundraiser event calendar months in advance. Distribute your calendar to all Yacht/Boat Clubs associated with PICYA. Send your fundraiser calendar to the PIYCA Yacht / Boat Clubs every quarter. Get your fundraiser events posted on the PIYCA Event Calendar. Update your club calendar with the reciprocal events you plan to attend and contact the Yacht/Boat Club to let them know your intentions.

Some geographical locations have more than one Yacht/Boat Club in their area. Club members should work with each other to have an annual fundraiser event. The location of the event changes each year.

Can the Yacht/Boat Clubs invite local citizens to their fundraiser events? Review your By-Laws to determine if local citizens can attend fundraisers without being represented by a member. Hold Open House events to allow local non-boating citizens the opportunity to join your Yacht/Boat club. If your By-law's screening process is reliable and meets SOP rules, post your fundraiser event in local media organizations.

Host fundraising events that benefit the community. For example, training programs for children and adults. Yacht and Boat Club members should attend community events at least once a month. Get to know the organizations and clubs surrounding your clubhouse. Community events are also reciprocal.

When serving food at fundraisers, make your menu clear and straightforward. Make your menu cost-effective by establishing a food manager who can purchase food for the event. Base your food cost on anticipated ticket sales from previous events. Make sure you include a cost-of-living increase in the food budget each year. This amount should also be included in the cost of the ticket.

Ebony Boat Club is the little boat club that could! We aim to work with other Yachts/Clubs to stay active and continue building a reciprocal relationship with them. Ebony Boat Club will want other Yachts/Clubs to have a mutual reciprocal relationship. Ebony Boat Club will engage the local community and non-boat owners to become members if eligible. Ebony Boat Club, the little boat club that could, will work hard to stay active and see Yachts/Clubs, boaters, and non-boaters in the following months/years.

Safe boating,

Glen Williams, Rear Commodore

OPEN CRUISE IN DATES OR CLUBHOUSE USE DATES

March 15-17
May 3-5
May 10-12
May 31-June 2
June 21-23
July 12-14
Aug 9-11
Aug 30-Sept 2
Nov 1-3
Nov 15-17

**To reserve a date contact Port/Fleet Captain
Reg Kelley @ (480) 628-2185**

A Message From: THE TREASURER



OTIS BROCK
Treasurer

Hello fellow Ebony Boat Club Members:

Our financial situation is something that we need to address this year to ensure that we are financially solvent next year. If you have any suggestions on how we can increase our revenue or decrease our expenditures, please submit them to a board member or bring them to the next club meeting.

If you missed the last EBC fishing trip, don't worry as soon as the ling cod and rock cod fishing season opens for 2024, you will have another opportunity to join us aboard the Golden Eye 2000 which is docked at Berkeley Marina's K Dock. We plan to limit the trip to 20 Anglers. The price will be determined as soon as the fishing season opens. Please contact me if you are interested in this trip.



Golden Eye 2000, docked at the Berkley Marina.

Please contact me if you are having any problems opening the attachments with the monthly treasurer's report.

A Message From : THE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

Good afternoon EBC members,

After careful consideration and review of the completed applications received, the Scholarship Committee would like to recommend that Aziah Franklin be awarded a full Ebony Youth Foundation Scholarship of \$1,000 to be distributed in 2 (two) \$500 increments. The recommendation was voted on and confirmed at the August General Membership meeting.



Aziah is a past recipient of the 2022 Scholarship Award and continues to excel in all his educational endeavors at UC San Diego maintaining a 3.8 GPA in Mathematics with Concentration in Computer Sciences and also in the community continuing to participate in the food bank program and other church sponsored civilities. He has received a glowing Letter of Recommendation from a mathematics Professor at UCSD and a High School educator/mentor along with a recommendation from Ann Dukes current Vice Commodore.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!
Janet Noyd
Scholarship Coordinator

A Message From: THE SECRETARY

EBC: Afloat and Floating On

Black history, lifejackets, fishing, boat rides, jazz, wine! Oh my! The Ebony Boat Club and clubhouse were literally and figuratively afloat and floating with summer activities. This included Opening Day, Juneteenth Youth Day, and the Jazz & Wine Festival.

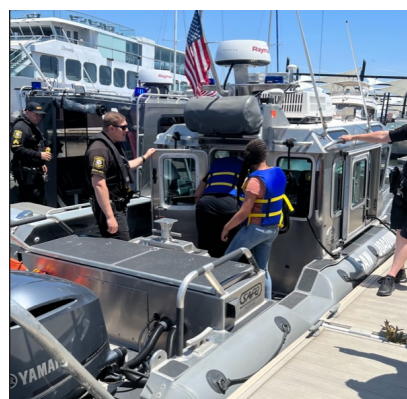
Opening Day in May was a fun-filled event. Family, friends, and first-timers enjoyed a bountiful selection of fried fish, shrimp, and chicken as they participated in various games! Float on, EBC!



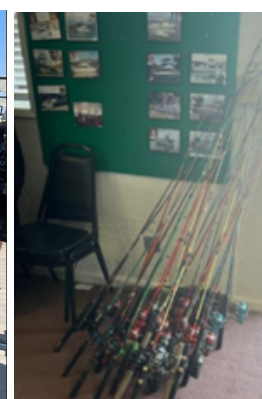
Life vest for everyone



Water safety instructions by Sheriff Water Patrol unit



Tour of patrol boat



Youth fishing poles

EBONY BOAT CLUB PRESENTS

BOAT LIFE

OPENING DAY & REGATTA BOAT RACE
Saturday, May 20th, 2023 - 12pm to 7pm

Join us for a fun filled day on the water with
Ebony Boat Club
705 Weber Ave.
Downtown Stockton Marina

MENU CHOICES

* Cat fish	Potato Salad	Coleslaw	French Fries
* Tilapia	Bread	Dessert	Corn on the Cob
* Red Snapper			
* Shrimp			
* Fried Chicken			

MEAL COST: \$15 to \$25

For more info contact Glen
(925) 285-1080

Juneteenth Youth Day included a Juneteenth presentation by several Ebony Boat Club members to youths and their families from Oakland's Alpha Omega Foundation. This was followed by water safety education, a water sheriff patrol presentation, lunch, games, fishing, and boat rides! Float on, EBC!

A Message From: THE SECRETARY

EBC boats surrounded the clubhouse in July for the Annual Jazz & Wine Festival. This year's wine tasting theme of Wines Around the Word showcased sixteen wine selections with at least one wine from each continent except Antarctica. Based on consumption and in no particular order, South Africa's Chenin Blanc, France's Red Blend (Bordeaux region), Argentina's Malbec, Italy's Montepulciano D' Abruzzo, and USA's Riesling (Napa's Black Girl Magic, of course) were the favorites of the 16 selections. As usual, the band and soul food were jammin'! Float on, EBC!



Boats afloat



105 degrees outside, and the band played on...



Wines from Around the World

Opening Day, Juneteenth Youth Day and the Jazz & Wine Festival were fun filled and are over for this year. However, EBC is still afloat and floating on. We welcome you to come *float on* with us. *Float on, EBC!*

Dolores Williams, Secretary

A Message From : THE STAFF COMMODORE

On Saturday, October 28th during the Club's General Membership Meeting the several EBC members were select and were excused from the general meeting to start the official ballot count. The official ballots were mailed out to all EBC members in September. The ballot which listed the nomination for the 2024 Executive Board which included the position of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Port/Fleet Captain, Safety/Training Officer, Parliamentarian, Treasurer and Secretary. The Staff Commodore position was not on the ballot. This position is held for the out going Commodore and is not an elected position.

The three selected members collected the ballot box which included the sealed envelopes from club members which were either mailed in or placed in the ballot box prior to the days' meeting. They exited the meeting to open all of the sealed envelopes pertaining the EBC embossed seal ballots to start the tallying process. Any ballots without the embossed EBC seal officially will not be counted.

As the general meeting continued an hour later the selected ballot committee reentered the meeting with the election results and proceeded to give the results of the election. It was reported that there were sixteen envelopes received and a total of twenty two ballots were counted with the official EBC embossed seal on them. The results reported were:

Commodore Ann Dukes = 22 votes
 Vice Commodore Janet Noyd = 22 votes
 Rear Commodore Glen Williams = 22 votes
 Treasurer Otis Brock = 22 votes
 Secretary Dolores Williams = 22 votes
 Port/Fleet Captain Reggie Kelley = 22 votes
 Safety/Training Officer .. Joseph Wright = 22 votes
 Parliamentarian Jennifer Duhon = 22 votes

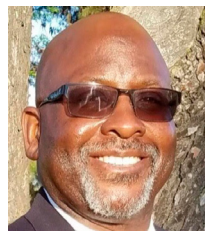
After the ballot committee delivered the election results, Commodore Kerry Davis addressed the general membership with the introduction of the Executive Board Members for 2024. A motion was made by EBC member Otis Brock and was seconded by EBC member Ann Dukes to adjourn the meeting.

Congratulations to the 2024 Ebony Boat Club Executive Board Officers.

Kerry Davis
Past Commodore

Thank You 2023 Executive Board Members for your support, service and dedication throughout the year, I could not have done it without you!

2023 EBONY BOAT CLUB OFFICERS



COMMODORE
KERRY DAVIS



VICE COMMODORE
ANN DUKES



REAR COMMODORE
GLEN WILLIAMS



PORT/FLEET CAPTAIN
REGGIE KELLEY



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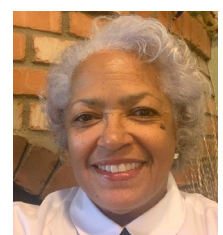
SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER
JOSEPH WRIGHT



SECRETARY
DOLORES WILLIAMS



TREASURER
OTIS BROCK



STAFF COMMODORE
JENNIFER DUHON

A Message From : **THE PARLIAMENTARIAN**

7 Perfect Days on the Ebony Boat Club Down Bay Cruise

Tuesday, September 26th was a perfect day to be out on the water. The participating members had been looking forward to this day. Our flotilla this year consisted of Marilyn and Otis Brock on Enchantment, Jim Mack on the MiKayla, Frank and Carol Whitehead on the Jencarro and Reggie Kelly and yours truly, Jennifer Duhon on the Kickin' Back II. First things first was fueling up. Kickin' Back II, Enchantment, and Mikayla fueled up at the Antioch Marina. Diesel fuel was \$5.75 a gallon and much better than the price of \$7.30 in the San Francisco Bay. We then headed out to meet up with the Jencarro who was waiting for us at the Pittsburg Marina.



"Jencarro" with Frank and Carol Whitehead aboard



"Kickin Back II" with Reggie Kelley and Jennifer Duhon

I always enjoy cruising from the Delta down to the Bay. Passing under the Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez Bridges and into San Pablo Bay. The cruise through San Pablo Bay was smooth and pleasant. Soon enough we were cruising under the San Rafael-Richmond Bridge and at the entrance of the channel that would take us to the San Rafael Yacht Club (SRYC).



"Enchantment" with Otis and Marilyn Brock aboard



"MiKayla" with James Mack aboard



The San Rafael Yacht Club Clubhouse

A Message From : THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

We had a bit of a wait while a barge dredged past us, and it was tense for a moment holding in place as it was very shallow water. Arriving at SRYC, the Port Captain was there to meet us and got us safely tied to their docks. We then convened in their clubhouse for libations and fellowship with a few of their members. Linda and Forrest Blue from the Petaluma Yacht Club (PYC) also stopped by to say hello.



EBC crew pulling into the San Rafael Yacht Club

Next morning, Wednesday, we headed out to our next stop at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club (PSYC). After the repositioning of a sailboat and some skillful maneuvering we were snugly tucked in at the docks. The rest of the afternoon was spent relaxing at the PSYC bar enjoying their drink special of the day. Under the coaching of our mixologist Reggie, their bartender also made us some delicious grasshopper drinks. There *is* a use for creme de menthe! Dinner that night was grilled pork chops cooked by me and sides provided by Marilyn and Carol.



EBC crew cruising into the PSYC marina.



Jim, Marilyn and Otis waiting for their drinks.



Carol enjoying her first grasshopper drink.



EBC boats docked at the PSYC marina

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Our next port of call on Thursday was the Berkeley Yacht Club (BYC). Docking at their guest dock required some fancy boat work but our EBC captains were up to the task, and we were soon tucked in safe and snug. About 5 p.m. the Berkeley Club manager opened the bar for cocktails. Later we dined at Skates restaurant. We rounded out the evening relaxing to some smooth jazz under the full moon.



The Berkeley Yacht Club clubhouse



EBC boats docked at the Berkeley Marina



The crew having dinner at Skates in Berkeley



Kickin Back II crew preparing drinks for everyone



Otis and Jim enjoying some jazz and a drink



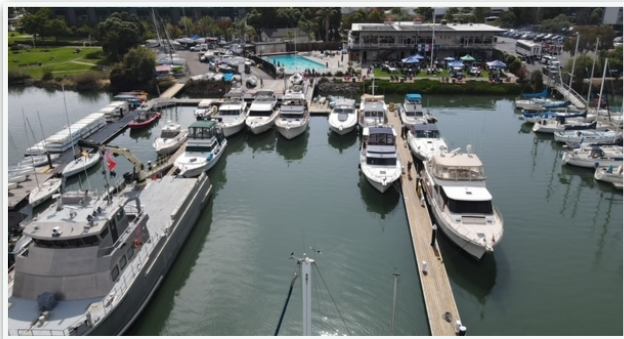
Enchantment sitting below the evening's full moon

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Friday morning it was time to head over to Encinal Yacht Club (EYC) to check in for the PICYA's 2023 Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta. This year was the 25th year of the PICYA members providing Bay cruises on their individual yachts to veterans. The Army's Core of Engineers' boat the Dillard was also there. The Oakland and Alameda Fire Departments along with the Sea Scouts provided assistance with loading the vets on the boats as well as serving the delicious barbecue meal that had been prepared.



Bird's eye view of the Encinal Yacht Club



Boats prepared for the Wheelchair Regatta



Enchantment cruising out with veterans aboard

EBC made a great showing with their boats. Additional crew on our boats were EBC members Tony Petite on the MiKayla, Commodore Kerry Davis, First Lady Fabian Brown and her granddaughters on the Enchantment and Debra Duhon on the Kickin' Back II.



First Lady Fabian Brown aboard Enchantment along with her granddaughter

Vice Commodore Ann Dukes, Past Commodore Eddie Joe Mack, Past Commodore Robert Willis and our Scholarship Coordinator, Janet Noyd were on hand to assist with the ground operations. It was a nice surprise to see Kimberly Romes who stopped by for a visit. After cocktails and dinner at the Encinal bar and restaurant, we ended the evening with a friendly game of Quarters with Linda and Forrest Blue from the Petaluma Yacht Club.

Sunday morning and it was time to head over to South Beach Marina, Pier 40. After relaxing, we

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took the Muni light rail to our favorite SF restaurant, Thang Long's, for garlic crab and noodles. Later that evening, we said goodnight and so long to Jim, Frank and Carol as they would be leaving early the next morning to head home.



The Down Bay crew heading into South Beach Harbor

Monday, our last day at South Beach, we decided on a tour of the Salesforce complex. Although we weren't able to tour the tower, we were able to tour the park that was built over the transit complex. It took a moment for me to realize that this was the old Transit Bay terminal that housed AC transit, Muni and the Greyhound Bus depot. The park is a pretty oasis with lots of plants and flower exhibits as well as a grassy area to enjoy a picnic. Afterwards, deciding lunch was in order so we headed over to Harry's Hunan restaurant for Chinese food. Pooped out from walking and eating, we returned to our boats for rest and relaxation. Later we decided to bar hop at three of the local yacht clubs in the downtown area and watch the Monday night football game. Unfortunately, South Beach YC and Mariposa Hunters Point YC were closed. We were happy to discover that Bayview Yacht Club was not only open and happy to see us but there was live music scheduled for the evening. We never did see the game, but the music played by the trio more than made up for it! It was an early night, and we turned in early as we planned to leave by eight the next morning.



Otis, Marilyn, Jennifer, Reggie and Jim. Enjoying dinner at Thang Long's. Next time you're in the City stop at Thang Long's

All too soon it was Tuesday, seven days from when we left, and time to head home. Marilyn on Enchantment and I on the Kickin Back II piloted most of the way home. We were lucky again that the weather was warm and the waters calm. After Reggie and Otis put our boats smoothly back in our slips, it was time to say our goodbyes and part ways. It truly was seven perfect days on the "Down Bay Cruise."

I look forward to cruising again next year and hope more of our members will be able to join us.

Until then, take care.

Jennifer Jo Duhon, Staff Commodore

EBC HEALTH UPDATES

Do you need to worry about COVID again?

New data from scientists and vaccine makers Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech suggests that a newer, highly mutated variant of the virus that causes COVID-19 is not as alarming as some experts had feared when it was first detected several weeks ago.

Nicknamed "Pirola" on social media, the BA.2.86 Omicron subvariant is being tracked by both the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

What is new about COVID?

COVID infections and hospitalizations have been rising in the U.S., Europe and Asia, but are well below previous peaks. The weekly U.S. hospitalization growth rate slowed for three consecutive weeks in August, according to CDC data for the week ended August 26.

As of Aug. 30, CDC said the BA.2.86 variant was detected in at least four U.S. states in people or wastewater. Delaware on Tuesday said it had detected a BA.2.86 infection at a hospital. The WHO has reported finding BA.2.86 in at least six countries.

According to CDC data, the EG.5 subvariant, a descendant of the Omicron lineage nicknamed "Eris" on social media that originally emerged in November 2021, accounts for about a fifth of current U.S. COVID cases.

A variant nicknamed "Fornax," officially FL.1.5.1, is the next largest at 14.5% of U.S. infections, and represents a growing share of East Coast COVID cases. A wide range of other variants account for smaller shares of the total, with BA.2.86 currently representing less than 1%.

Dr. David Dowdy, an infectious disease epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, believes FL.1.5.1 will become the predominant COVID variant in the coming months, but he does not expect an infection wave like the one driven by Omicron last winter.

Dowdy suggested that the current surge in cases may be due to immunity from vaccination and infection wearing off some since the last surge.

What do scientists say about BA.2.86?

Scientists have been keeping an eye on BA.2.86 because it carries more than 35 mutations in key portions of the virus compared to XBB.1.5, the dominant variant through most of 2023.

The dramatic changes - on par with the genetic shift seen in the Omicron variant compared with its Delta predecessor - raised concerns that the new variant could cause a major surge.

Experiments testing versions of the virus in two U.S. independent laboratories suggest that is unlikely, said Dr. Dan Barouch, director of the Center for Virology and Vaccine Research at Beth

EBC HEALTH UPDATES

Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, whose lab led one of the studies.

His team tested lab-made versions of the virus in people who were vaccinated or previously infected and found that antibodies against the variant were comparable or slightly higher than those against current circulating variants.

Experiments done in the lab of Dr. David Ho at Columbia University, as well as by teams in Sweden and China, had similar findings.

Will vaccines protect against new variants?

Barouch's studies also suggested that newly updated vaccines will raise antibody responses "to some extent" against all of the currently circulating variants, including BA.2.86.

Moderna on Wednesday said clinical data showed that its retooled COVID vaccine generated a nearly 9-fold increase in human antibodies that can neutralize BA.2.86.

Pfizer said on Wednesday that its updated COVID shot showed neutralizing activity against BA.2.86 and EG.5 in studies conducted on mice.

The updated shots are being reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and are expected to be available this month.

(Reporting By Deena Beasley and Julie Steenhuysen; Editing by Bill Berkrot)

Measles Cases and Outbreaks

As of February 29, 2024, a total of 41 measles cases were reported by 16 jurisdictions: Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York City, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington.

Transmission of Measles

Measles is highly contagious. **Call your healthcare provider immediately** if you think you or your child have been exposed.

How measles spreads

Measles is a highly contagious virus that lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person. It can spread to others through coughing and sneezing. If other people **breathe the contaminated air or touch the infected surface**, then touch their eyes, noses, or mouths, they can become infected. Animals do not get or spread measles.

Measles is one of the most contagious diseases

Measles is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 90% of the people close to that person who are not immune will also become infected.

Infected people can **spread measles to others from four days before through four days after the rash appears**. Measles virus can **live for up to two hours in an airspace after an infected person leaves an area**.

Measles isn't just a little rash. Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children. Measles typically begins with

- high fever (may spike to more than 104°)
- cough
- runny nose (coryza), and
- red, watery eyes ([conjunctivitis](#)).

2-3 days after symptoms begin: Koplik spots

Tiny white spots (Koplik spots) may appear inside the mouth two to three days after symptoms begin.

3-5 days after symptoms begin: Measles rash

Three to five days after symptoms begin, a rash breaks out. It usually begins as flat red spots that appear on the face at the hairline and spread downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet.

- Small raised bumps may also appear on top of the flat red spots.
- The spots may become joined together as they spread from the head to the rest of the body.
- When the rash appears, a person's fever may spike to more than 104° Fahrenheit.

EBC EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB SHALL BE A:

Commodore

***Vice Commodore of
Administration***

Rear Commodore of Events

Port & Fleet Captain

Training & Safety Officer

Parliamentarian

Treasurer

Secretary

Staff Commodore

***This information can be found in the
EBC By-Laws Page 6 article 7.6.1 - 7.6.9***

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES

Commodore-The Commodore shall be the Chief Officer and Representative of the Club. He or she shall supervise the implementation of all policies and programs of the Club, subject to the orders, instructions and approval of the Executive Committee, shall preside at all meetings of the General Membership and the Executive Committee. The Commodore may delegate specific duties to other officers or the members of the Executive Committee. The Commodore shall be an ex- officio member of all Committees of the Club. Special committees and chairpersons of such committees shall submit an annual report showing the conditions of the affairs of the Committee, and make any recommendations relative thereto, to the Executive Committee. In addition to the above duties, the Commodore shall have full authority to act on matters that are required to comply with the laws of the State of California and the California Code.

Vice Commodore of Administration-

The Vice Commodore shall have the primary responsibility for operation and management of the Club bar, shall in the absence or disability of the Commodore perform the duties of the Commodore and shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or her by the Executive Committee or the Commodore.

Rear Commodore of Events-The Rear Commodore shall serve on the Entertainment and Fund Raising Committee and coordinate the scheduling and execution of all club events. In absence or disability of the Commodore and the Vice Commodore, perform the duties of the Commodore, and shall have other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or her by the Executive Committee or Commodore.

Secretary-The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of General Membership and Executive Committee meetings, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws, be custodian of Club's records and correspondence, in general perform all duties related thereto to the office of the Secretary and other duties assigned from time to time by the Executive Committee or Commodore.

Treasurer-The Treasurer shall be the keeper of all Club funds. He or she shall Chair the Finance Committee, shall keep an accurate and full account of the receipts and disbursements of the Club in books belonging to the Club, shall deposit all money and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Club as may be ordered by the Executive Committee, shall render to the Executive Committee and the membership monthly the financial condition of the Club.

Parliamentarian-The Parliamentarian shall insure that proper procedures and "Roberts Rules of Order" are followed in conjunction with the By-Laws of the Club, and shall Chair the By-Laws Committee.

EBC EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS

Training & Safety Officer-The Training & Safety Officer shall have the responsibility for all training programs, procedures and information services.

Staff Commodore-(Immediate Past Commodore) The Staff Commodore shall provide continuity from the prior year's Executive Committee to the new Executive Committee.

Port & Fleet Officer-The Port/Fleet Captain shall be in charge of the Club docks, berth assignments. Shall receive and record dock rental payments for transfer to the Treasurer. Shall be responsible for all Club property not specifically assigned to another Board Member and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Commodore or Executive Committee.



PROFESSIONAL DRESS UNIFORM LIST

All professional dress uniform items listed below can be purchased by visiting the Ebony Boat Club Boatique.

Spring & Summer Official Uniform To Be Worn Last weekend in April

Blue Blazer, White EBC Dress Shirt, Epaulets and Insignia, EBC Tie, White Trousers, White Shorts or Skirt and White Shoes

Fall & Winter Official Uniform Worn After Labor Day

Blue Blazer, White EBC Dress Shirt, Epaulets and Insignia, EBC Tie, Gray, Black or Dark Blue Trousers, Black or Dark Blue Shorts or Skirt and Black Shoes

What Is Leadership?

Leadership is the ability of an individual or a group of people to influence and guide followers or members of an organization, society or team. To set and achieve challenging goals, take fast and decisive action when needed, and inspire others to perform at the highest level they can. A leader is one who inspires and motivates action; having a can-do personality and strong leadership skills is the key to leading the charge. Investopedia, Webster Dictionary and a little Common Sense!



To our 2024 EBC Officers:

Ann Dukes, Commodore, Janet Noyd, Vice Commodore, Glen Williams, Rear Commodore, Reggie Kelley, Port/Fleet Captain, Jennifer Duhon, Parliamentarian, Joseph Wright, Safety Training Officer, Dolores Williams, Secretary, Otis Brock, Treasurer, Kerry Davis, Staff Commodore.

Thank you all for accepting such a challenging positions as we charter into unknown territories. Your guidance and leadership shall see this vessel through the rough terrains ahead. One thing that we know for sure, we are that *small and mighty boat club* and we're ready to blow the doors off of twenty twenty-four.

We Got You!

Ebony Boat Club Membership

A Message From :
SAFETY & TRAINING OFFICER



JOSEPH WRIGHT
Safety Training Officer



Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning on Your Boat.

This article from the CDC provided answers on how to detect and prevent carbon monoxide poisoning along with some of the most common symptoms and what to do immediately if you suspect someone is experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning. There was also a group discussion on the different types of carbon monoxide detectors and to ensure that they are working properly the detectors should be checked while using shore power and battery. This item was added to the 2024 Vessel Checklist. See information on the following two pages.

Thank you,
Joseph Wright, Training Officer

Hello everyone,

Here is an updated version of a Pre-Operational Vessel Checklist that I presented at the December 2023 meeting. These are items that should be monitored frequently to ensure our safety on the waterways.

In January I presented the attached copy of an article from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



When choosing a carbon monoxide detector for a boat, you can consider things like:

- UL 2034 Marine labeling According to the ABYC, a CO alarm should have this labeling and be located in the main cabin and each sleeping area.
- CO And Fume Detectors | BoatUS The labeling should say what they're intended to do. Also, be sure to buy detectors that are certified for marine use. Typically these are not only built better to last longer, they have settings for the boating environment to make them work better for you. One example is that a house CO detector may go off all the time.

A Message From : SAFETY & TRAINING OFFICER

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

General Information

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Carbon Monoxide Poisoning and Boating

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Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning on Your Boat

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Gasoline-powered engines on boats, including onboard generators, produce carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless and odorless gas that can poison or kill someone who breathes too much of it.

How CO Can Build Up In a Boat

Larger boats, such as houseboats, sometimes have generators that vent toward the rear of the boat. This venting poses a danger of CO poisoning to people on the rear swim deck or water platform. On larger boats CO builds up above the water near the water platform. CO that builds up in the air space beneath the stern deck or on and near the swim deck can kill someone in seconds.



Traveling at slow speeds or idling in the water can cause CO to build up in a boat's cabin, cockpit, bridge, and aft deck, or in an open area. Wind from the aft section of the boat can increase this buildup of CO.

Back drafting can cause CO to build up inside the cabin, cockpit, and bridge when a boat is operated at a high bow angle, is improperly or heavily loaded, or has an opening that draws in exhaust.

Symptoms of CO Poisoning

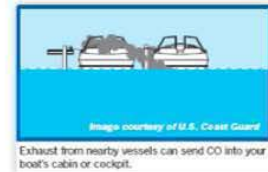
The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. High levels of CO inhalation can cause death. CO poisoning can also cause you to pass out and fall into the water and drown. A person who is sleeping or intoxicated can die from CO poisoning before ever having symptoms.

How to Prevent CO Poisoning on Boats

Install and maintain a working CO detector listed by Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) as appropriate for marine use inside the boat.

- Properly install and maintain all fuel-burning engines and appliances.
- Educate all passengers about the signs and symptoms of CO poisoning.
- Swim and play away from areas where engines vent their exhaust.
- Watch children closely when they play on rear swim decks or water platforms.
- Never block exhaust outlets. Blocking outlets can cause CO to build up in the cabin and cockpit areas—even when hatches, windows, portholes, and doors are closed.
- Dock, beach, or anchor at least 20 feet away from the nearest boat that is running a generator or engine. Exhaust from a nearby vessel can send CO into the cabin and cockpit of a boat.

If you think a person on your boat has CO poisoning move him or her to fresh air right away and contact the nearest emergency services.



More information on CO and boating

- [Carbon Monoxide Dangers in Boating](#)
- [USCG](#)

A Message From :
SAFETY & TRAINING OFFICER

ITEMS TO BE CHECKED WITH DATE, TIME & INITIALS			
ENGINE	YES	NO	DATE/TIME INITIALS
HOW MANY HOURS ON ENGINE (USE HOURS FOR MAINTENANCE)			
LAST TIME SERVICED			
NEXT TIME SERVICE IS DUE			
DAILY/WEEKLY START UPS OF ENGINE (PUT INTO GEAR FORWARD & REVERSE)			
BATTERY	YES	NO	DATE/TIME INITIALS
LAST TIME SERVICED			
LAST TIME REPLACED			
NAVIGATION	YES	NO	DATE/TIME INITIALS
CHECK ALL LIGHTS			
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS CHECKED MONTHLY (DOCUMENT DATE CHECKED)			
CHECK SMOKE DETECTOR & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS (CONNECTED & UNCONNECTED TO SHORE POWER)			
CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ALL LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT & REPLACE AS NECESSRY			
GAUGES COME UP TO OPERATIONAL CAPACITIES			
CHECK POWER CORDS INCLUDING RECEPTACLES & CORD EACH TIME BOARD VESSEL			
START UP RUN & ALL EQUIP SYSTEMS & ACCESSORIES, ENSURE ALL SYSTEMS ARE IN WORKING ORDER			
ANCHOR WINCH & CONTROLS ARE IN WORKING ORDER AT ANY GIVEN TIME OR EMERGENCY			
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR LOSS OF POWER PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR TEMPLATE			
UPDATE ALL INFO FROM LAST CHECK UP ENSURING CURRENT.DOCUMENT ITEMS TO BE REPLACED COMPLETED			
ANY OTHER CONCERNS THAT WERE NOT ADDRESSED ABOVE			

RECIPES FROM THE GALLEY



GUMBO GREENS

By Tiffany Katcher Kreationz

Don't knock it until you try it. My thought was, the flavors just don't go together, boy was I wrong! I made this dish twice in one week's time and each time, the flavor got better and better as my technique for preparing this dish got easier and easier. This is definitely a recipe worth trying and don't forget to cook some cornbread. After all, what's gumbo greens without cornbread?

Enjoy!

Carol Whitehead

Ingredients

1.5 lbs collard greens, washed and chopped
1/2 C vegetable oil
1/2 C all purpose flour
1 onion, quartered
2 partially cooked smoked turkey wings or one leg
1/2 C bell pepper, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1/2 T Secondline Creole seasoning
3 cloves garlic, minced
5 C chicken broth
1-2 andouille sausage, cut in 1/2 inch pieces

10-12 raw shrimp, deveined and tail off
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
1 tsp garlic powder
1/2 tsp celery seed
1/2 tsp onion powder
2 tsp smoked paprika
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp oregano
1 bay leaf

Instructions

Add wings or leg to chicken broth to cook while you work on the next few steps. When the meat is done, remove bones and continue to simmer.

Over medium heat add vegetable oil and mix in flour, whisking so there are no lumps. Cook until you get a dark brown color, stirring constantly and careful not to burn it!

Add in vegetables and stir to coat in roux. Allow them to soften and then add garlic, cook until fragrant, 1 minute.

Add in seasonings and bay leaf. Next add the broth slowly and stir. Add in the wings or leg and greens. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat and simmer, checking for doneness around 50 minutes. It may need to go longer.



EBC DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 CLUB MEETING DATES

Saturday, February 24, 2024 - Executive Board/General Meeting - EBC Clubhouse

Saturday, March 23, 2024 - Executive Board/General Meeting - EBC Clubhouse

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - Executive Board/General Meeting - EBC Clubhouse

Any changes to the above dates will be emailed to all EBC members. The General Membership Meetings are held at the EBC Clubhouse and are also available via ZOOM. The monthly agenda and reports along with the ZOOM connection information will be emailed to all EBC members.

Commodore Ann Dukes



PICYA 2024 CALENDAR



Monday, February 12th - *Delegates Dinner Meeting* - Marin Yacht Club

Sunday, February 18th - *360 Anniversary Cruise Around Treasurer Island*

Sunday, March 10th - Delegates Lunch Meeting - Aeolian Yacht Club

Saturday, March 23 - *Spring Leadership Conference* - Location To Be Determined

Saturday, April 6 - *Delegates Lunch Meeting* - Benicia Yacht Club

Sunday, April 28th - Opening Day On The Bay

August Birthdays

Ann Dukes
Gloria Petit
Debra Dupon
Roxanne Washington

September Birthdays

George Spencer
Bill Washington

October Birthdays

Kerry Davis
Janet Noyd
Richard Clark

November Birthdays

Lenora Clark
Anthony Petit

November Anniversaries

Frank & Carol Whitehead

December Birthdays

Robert Willis
Eddie Jo Mack

January Birthdays

Dolores Williams
James Mack

February Birthdays

Marilyn Brock
Jennifer Duhon
Thelma Johnson

March Birthdays

Otis Brock
Glen Williams

April Anniversaries

Glen & Dolores Williams
Anthony & Gloria Petit

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Randy Harris
Carol Whitehead
James & Eddie Jo Mack

Enjoy Your Special Day!

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Registration**

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EBC DATES TO REMEMBER



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sign-up sheet

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SAVE THE DATES

Spring Youth Day Program APRIL 13, 2024



EBC CLUBHOUSE
705 Weber Ave.- Stockton, CA



Opening Day On The Bay Boat Parade

APRIL 28, 2024
San Francisco Bay

EBC WESTERN NIGHT & CHILI COOK OFF MAY 17-19, 2024



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705 Weber Ave - Stockton, CA

EBC PARTY TIME & WEEKEND CRUISE IN

JUNE 7-9, 2024



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705 Weber Ave.- Stockton, CA

Juneteenth Community Youth Day JUNE 15, 2024



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ANNUAL JAZZ & WINE FESTIVAL

JULY 19-21, 2024



EBC CLUBHOUSE
705 Weber Ave.- Stockton, CA



Intense Prayer



"She [Hannah] wept and did not eat ... She made a vow and said, 'O Lord of hosts ... if You will ... give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life.'" – 1 Samuel 1:7, 11 NKJV

Some prayers are long; others are short. Some are casual; others are more formal. But Hannah demonstrated serious and intense prayer. Unable to bear children, she felt like a failure. When her husband's other wife mocked Hannah, she reacted with strong emotions, weeping so intensely that she could not eat. But the real turning point came when she prayed!

Hers was a prayer without any inhibitions. She didn't care how she appeared or what others thought. She poured out her soul, praying with such intensity that "Eli thought she was drunk" (v. 13). She was determined to seek God and get an answer. Demonstrating the seriousness of her prayer, she vowed that, if she had a son, he would be dedicated to God. Hannah received an answer to her prayer. And God gave her a son who would become a great prophet.

The Bible makes it clear: God honors those who seek Him with urgency! He honors those who ask and keep asking, seek and keep seeking, knock and keep knocking (Matthew 7:7). He honors those who are like the widow who beseeched an "unrighteous judge" until he answered her petitions. "Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night" (Luke 18:6-7).

Do you have serious needs? Questions? No matter what you face, don't give up! Get serious with God! Pray with passion. Knock on Heaven's door with a sense of urgency.

Prayer

Father, I commit these issues to You: _____. I believe You for the answers I need. In Jesus' name, amen.

Extended Reading

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***Let's Keep Our Boat Club And Its Members, Family and Friends In
Your Prayers For Improved And Continued Healing.***

In This We All Pray, Amen



2024 EBC Event Calendar

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION
Dec 31 - Jan 1	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Jan 5 - Jan 7	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Jan 14	Jennifer Duhon Father's 100 th . Birthday Party	Jennifer Duhon	EBC CLUBHOUSE
Jan 20	Executive & Monthly Club Meeting		EBC CLUBHOUSE & ZOOM
Jan 21	Dolores' 70 th Birthday Party	Dolores Williams	EBC CLUBHOUSE
Jan 27	PICYA Change of Watch	PICYA	EBC CLUBHOUSE
Feb 2 - Feb 4	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Feb 11	Super Bowl Party		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Feb 24	Executive Board & Monthly Club Meetings		EBC CLUBHOUSE & ZOOM
Feb 24	EBC Black History Month Program		EBC CLUBHOUSE & ZOOM
March 8-10	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
March 15-17	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
March 23	Executive & Monthly Club Meeting		EBC CLUBHOUSE & ZOOM
April 6	Opening Day on the Delta	SYC	Stockton
April 11	EBC Opening Day & Opening Day on the Delta		EBC CLUBHOUSE
April 13	Youth Day		EBC CLUBHOUSE
April 20	Executive Board & Monthly Club Meetings		EBC CLUBHOUSE & ZOOM
April 28	Opening Day on the Bay Boat Parade	PICYA	SAN FRANCISCO BAY
May 3-5	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
May 10-12	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
May 17-19	Opening Day Western Event Cruise-In		EBC CLUBHOUSE
May 23	Executive Board & Monthly Club Meetings		ZOOM
May 24-27	EBC Cruise-Out (Memorial Day Weekend)		TBD
May 31- Jun 2	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Jun 7-9	EBC Party Time		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Jun 15	Juneteenth Community/Youth Day Celebration		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Jun 21-23	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Jun 29	Executive Board & Monthly Club Meetings		EBC CLUBHOUSE
July 5-7	EBC Party Time Cruise-In		EBC CLUBHOUSE
July 12-14	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
July 19-21	Annual Jazz & Wine Festival		EBC CLUBHOUSE
July 27	Executive Board & Monthly Club Meetings		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Aug 2-4	Annual White Party		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Aug 9-11	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Aug 17	Line Dance Party		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Aug 24	Executive Board & Monthly Club Meetings		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Aug 30 - Sept 2	Open For Use (Labor Day Weekend)		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Sept 7	Paint Party		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Sept 14	Line Dancing		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Sept 19	Executive Board & Monthly Club Meetings		ZOOM
Sept 21	Coastal Clean Up		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Sept 21	Monthly Club Meeting		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Sept 24	EBC Cruise Out - Down Bay Cruise		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Sept 28	Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta	Coastal Clean Up	
Oct 5	PICYA Leadership & Management Conference		TBD
Oct 12	Fall Youth Day		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Oct 19	Party Time		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Oct 26	Executive Board & Club Meeting & Election Results		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Nov 1 - 3	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Nov 8 - 10	SYC Seafood Boil		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Nov 16 - 17	Open For Use		EBC CLUBHOUSE
Nov 23	Executive Board & Monthly Club Meetings		EBC CLUBHOUSE & ZOOM
Dec 7	Lighted Boat Parade Antioch & Stockton	Antioch & Stockton	Antioch & Stockton
Dec 14	EBC Change of Watch Luncheon		EBC CLUBHOUSE & ZOOM
Dec 21	EBC Holiday Party & Community Service Day		EBC CLUBHOUSE & ZOOM
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS (CAYENNE) All Executive Board Meetings are held via ZOOM on Thursday nights at 7:30pm, two days prior to the end of month General membership meetings, that are held on Saturday at 12pm. Date and times are subject to change per Executive Board and General Membership approval.			
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (RED) OPEN DATES (BLUE) EBC PLANNED EVENTS (GREEN) NON-EBC MISC. OTHER EVENTS (BLACK).			
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Hello EBC

I pray this newsletter finds you all and your families in good health.

We are living in unpresidential times. I feel that it not only is wearing on me, but on all of us as human beings. I find myself praying multiple times a day, for this whole World and the United States of American. I pray, that we do the just thing by encouraging everyone we know to **VOTE**. We need to make our **Voices Heard**. We now have the attention of the world. **Hopefully Together** we will make the changes so that all our children may breathe and not live in fear.

I pray that God surrounds us all with his love and grace; keep us all safe.

Thank You to Carol Whitehead, Jennifer Duhon and Reggie Kelley, our Newsletter Editorial Staff. We do appreciate all you do to keep us informed.

Be Blessed, Be Well and Stay Safe.

Marilyn Brock, Past Commodore





EBONY YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The objective of the scholarship program is to encourage and assist talented students. The rewards are aimed at providing a source of financial support for graduating high school students OR students currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution*. Relatives and associates of Ebony Boat Club members are also eligible for an Ebony Youth Foundation (EYF) scholarship if they meet the following requirements:

- Applicant must be a high school senior, have applied or been accepted at a qualifying post-secondary institution or currently attending a qualifying post-secondary Institution*, and must have at least a 2.00 (C) GPA.

**A qualifying post-secondary institution is an accredited college, university or vocational/ trade school program*

- All applicants must submit a **COMPLETE** (all questions answered and signed) Ebony Youth Foundation (EYF) scholarship application and include the following in your packet:
 1. **Letter of acceptance** from a qualifying post-secondary institution (accredited college, university or vocational/trade school program);
 2. At least three (3) letters of recommendation describing the applicant's personality, integrity and leadership potential;
 - 1 **must** be from an active EBC member
 - 1 school official or community leader
 - 1 mentor/community advisor
 3. Applicant must submit an **OFFICIAL** transcript
 4. A **photograph** suitable for publication is required. *If you are selected as a recipient of an Ebony Youth Foundation (EYF) Scholarship Award your picture will be used on the Inaugural Ball Program and the Ebony Boat Club's Beacon Newsletter and other publications to promote the Ebony Youth Foundation (EYF) Scholarship Program.*

**Completed application is to be submitted electronically by
July 15, 2024 by 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time,
No hardcopies will be accepted**

For further information, please contact:
Janet V. Noyd, Scholarship Chair at (510) 366-4045

Applications must be submitted electronically email to:
Janetjakrabit@aol.com

Ebony Youth Foundation (EYF) Scholarship Application

PLEASE TYPE

Name (Last, First, Middle)		Last 4 digits Social Security No.
Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)		Birth Date
Home Phone	Cell/ Message Phone	email address
Name of High School / College	Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)	GPA
Parents Name	Have you ever received an EBC or EYF scholarship? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes What Year(s) _____	
Name of College/ University of Acceptance	Admissions Phone Number	
College Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)		
Field of Emphasis / Intended Major		
List any other awards received or acknowledgements (List \$\$ if monetary and year received)		

Please answer each of the following questions (1-7), in twenty-five (25) words or less:

1. Skills, Special Talents and Leadership Roles. Please cite specific examples:
2. Community Activities and/or Work Experience:
3. What are your career goals and how do you expect to achieve your goals
4. What is your 5 year plan?
5. How do you plan to maintain and/or increase your GPA?
6. How will this award benefit you?
7. Please share other facts not covered that you feel are important.
8. Please respond to the following essay question:

The earth has had to battle many climatic changes since the beginning of time. The increasing changes in weather patterns, atmospheric storms, floods along with the increase in frequency of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions can affect the Earth's ecosystems. How have these natural disasters effected the Earth's ecosystems and how will your academic or educational pursuits assist mankind to adapt to these changes in the earth's ecosystems. The essay should contain the applicant's original research, conclusions and a Reference list. Limit 500 words.

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Applicant Signature

Date

References

List a minimum of three (3) references and attach (3) letters of recommendations

Name:	Relationship
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By my signature I attest to the information provided by me in this application to be factual and true.

Signature	Date
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❖ DID YOU:

- ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION
 - INCLUDE ESSAY
 - SIGN & DATE THE APPLICATION
 - INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE
 - INCLUDE AN EBONY BOAT CLUB MEMBER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
 - INCLUDE ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM MENTOR OR COMMUNITY ADVISOR
 - INCLUDE ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR COMMUNITY LEADER
 - INCLUDE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
 - INCLUDE ONE PHOTOGRAPH SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION
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_____/_____/_____
Print Name (Scholarship Committee Chairperson) Authorized Signature Date

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Print Name (Scholarship Committee Chairperson) Authorized Signature Date

Amount of grant recommendation: \$_____

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Print Name (EBC Commodore) Authorized Signature Date

_____/_____/_____
Print Name (EBC Treasurer) Authorized Signature Date

Denial: Reasons for non-selection of applicant based on related selection criteria
Scored ____ % specifically low in the following areas:

- ____/20 POINTS WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- ____/15 POINTS SKILLS, SPECIAL TALENTS, LEADERSHIP ROLES
- ____/10 POINTS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
- ____/15 POINTS CAREER GOALS & HOW TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS
- ____/10 POINTS WHAT IS YOUR 5 YEAR PLAN
- ____/10 POINTS HOW WILL THIS AWARD BENEFIT YOU
- ____/15 POINTS ESSAY
- ____/ 5 POINTS GPA

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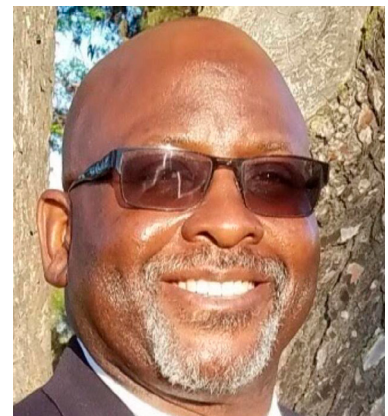
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