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EBONY BOAT CLUB

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Happy New Year and Aloha Ebony Boat Club!

As of this writing I'm in Hawaii enjoying a short vacation with Pam. As some

of you know, we traded burgees with Lahaina Yacht Club last year. By doing so it established reciprocal rights between EBC and LYC. We returned again this year, twice in the same week. Tuesday we had Prime Rib and Thursday we had Lobster. The EBC burgee was proudly displayed with all of the other burgees in their dinning area. The next time you go to Maui be sure to stop by Lahaina Yacht Club. The staff and members are very friendly and the view is one of the best in Lahaina, Maui.

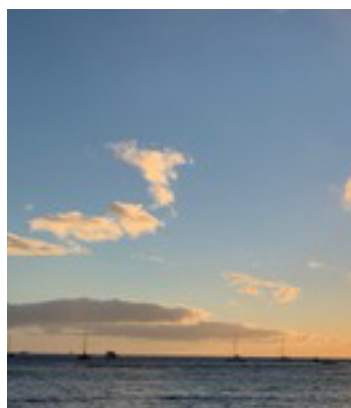


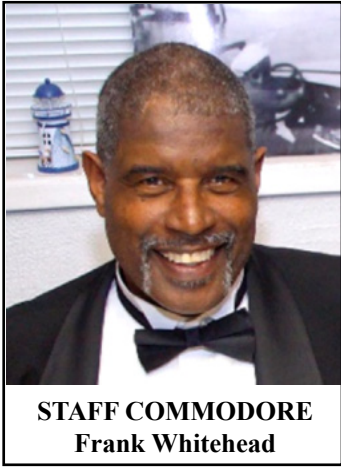
I have a birthday coming up on February 5th. Please don't get me wrong, this isn't a tasteless plug for birthday presents for me!

But it is a request for a gift to help deserving students with their academic future. If you go to my Facebook page and search for Dane's Birthday Fundraiser for Ebony Youth Foundation and donate whatever dollar amount possible it would be the best birthday gift you could give me. It will be available through February 7, 2020. I'm sure all EBC members know just how important this is. If you will, please donate whatever you can, Thank you.

The Executive Committee and I are very happy to have the opportunity to serve Ebony Boat Club this year. We have much to offer our club members as the many committees did before us. I do have a favor to ask you, everyone of you. Please do your very best to invite guests to our monthly meetings, events and activities. We're a great club let us not make it a secret.

Thank You Very Much,
Dane McCoy, Commodore





**STAFF COMMODORE
Frank Whitehead**

Hello EBC,
Here's hoping everyone had a Joyous and Blessed Holiday Season.

This is the time for maintenance and upgrade of our boats. The boating season is right around the corner.

We have a busy and exciting calendar this year starting with the PICYA Commodore elect Robert Willis's installation dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 18th at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda, and we are hoping for 100% EBC support for him.

Next on the calendar is our first General Membership Meeting on Saturday, January 25th. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there to kick this year's club activities off on a good foot. The following month is our Super Bowl and Chili Cook-Off, scheduled for Sunday, February 2nd. This is really a fun event, come and sample a variety of homemade chili and vote on your favorite palate pleasing pot of chili while cheering on your super bowl football team. Our first Drive In to the Sportsmen Yacht Club for their Annual Crab Feed is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd. Space is limited so get your reservation in ASAP! Additional information and sign up forms will be available during the January General Membership Meeting.

Here's praying that we have a fun, successful and safe 2020 boating season.

Thank you for letting me to be of service,
Staff Commodore, Frank Whitehead



Ebony Youth Foundation
**2019 Scholarship
Recipient's
Note of Thanks**



Hello there, Ebony Boat Club! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

At this time, I am currently taking a winter course while working as a personal trainer at The Perfect Workout located in San Jose

during this holiday break.

Since I began working as a personal trainer back in August, I have been able to take the road to strength and recovery into my own hands for my clients by programming personalized workouts to fit their needs and goals. This opportunity allows me to critically think of exercises and lifestyle solutions for clients that have a broad range of health history. I am also hoping to get started with an internship with an Athletic Trainer while I am on Winter Break so I can continue to build on my experience working with clients of all medical and athletic backgrounds. As I continue into my second semester as a Kinesiology junior at San Jose State University, I plan to further my knowledge by becoming NASM certified.

Thanks to your contributions towards the scholarship fund, this scholarship has helped me pay for my winter course, books, and taping and wrapping materials for my Athletic Training class. I am very grateful for the ongoing support from the Ebony Youth Foundation, Ebony Boat Club and it's members, my family, and mentors as I continue to build my career.

Thank you, and I hope you all have a Blessed 2020!
Sincerely,

Deja Osborne
2019 Scholarship Recipient

A message from:

EBC Rear Commodore

Hello Ebony Boat Club,

First I would like to thank everyone who believed in me and elected me to the position of EBC Rear Commodore. I recognize my responsibility and I will do my best and give a hundred percent effort to the club.

Reminder to all activity chairpersons, please submit a flyer and budget form to me for your upcoming events, let's try and plan ahead this year in order to achieve the best turn out for our events. If you need help in creating a flyer just let me know and help will be provided. We still have several events for this year requiring a committee chairperson, your help is needed to fill these vacant positions.



Sheila George
Rear Commodore

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) **January 18th**
PICIYA Commodore's Ball
(OUR OWN) - P/C Robert Willis
- 2) **January 25th**
General Club Meeting
- 3) **February 2nd**
Super Bowl & Chili Cook Off Party
- 4) **February 21st - 23rd**
Cruise Out to the Sportsman YC for a
Crab Feed
- 5) **February 29th**
The EBC Black History Program
General Club Meeting

Please, let's try and make it to our events if possible, we are looking forward to having a great year!

Thank you,

Sheila George
Ebony Boat Club
Rear Commodore,



A Message From The Treasurer

Hello fellow Ebony Boat Club Members

I Hope you enjoyed the holidays. We are planning another year with a lot of fun events.

The Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook off are fast approaching. This is always a fun event for our members to bring their Chili to be judged by our members and guest.

We are once again offering personalized business cards with our club address. Your new cards will be at the club for this event. Come to the club meeting on January 25, 2020 and we will give a complete financial review of 2019. We mailed your membership dues invoice early in December. Please contact me if you need a replacement invoice.

Thanks
Your Treasurer,
Otis Brock

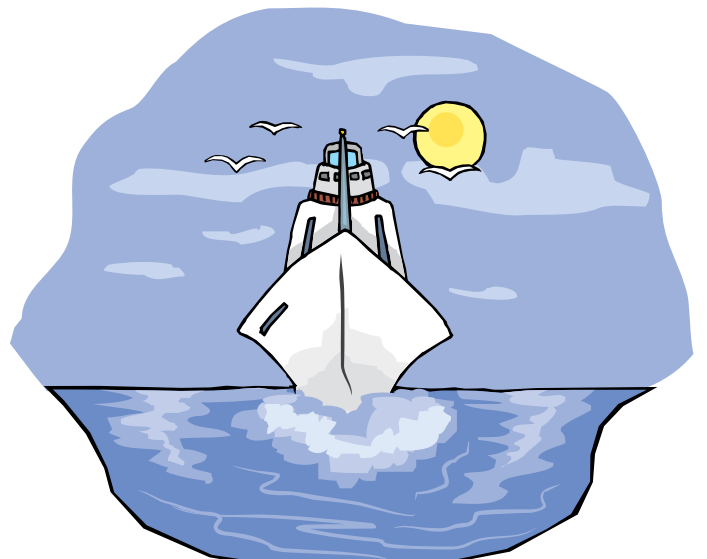


THESE ARE THE GUYS TO BEAT!!
2019 Super Bowl Chile Bowl Cookoff CHAMPS



Kerry Davis - silver, Jim Mack - gold, Otis Brock - bronze
2020 Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off
& Boat Blessing
Feburay 2, 2020

Ebony Boat Club's Next
Cruise Out



February 21-23
Cruise Out to Sportsmen YC
&
Crab Feed



Ann Dukes ~ Past Commodore

HAPPY NEW YEAR EBONY BOAT CLUB!

Hello Members of EBC

The holidays are over and it is now time to get ready for some serious boating plans. I am ready to get on the water and enjoy our club house.

With that said, I am making plans for the Mardi Gras Cruise In on March 20-22. The Diablo Yacht Club and Delta Yacht Club are scheduled to cruise in and visit us. We want this to be an unforgettable experience!

I need help and ideas for the weekend. I have asked George Spencer to provide the music.

For the menu, I am thinking: Red beans and rice, fried chicken, veggies, cornbread, and dessert. Gumbo, rice and veggies have also been suggested. If you have other suggestion please join the committee and share. I am open as long as it is easy.

We have some beads and will get more but other ideas are welcome.

I also want to take this time to invite you to join us for the installation of Robert Willis as Commodore of PICYA on January 18, 2020 at Encinal Yach Club in Alameda.

Congratulations to Commodore Dane McCoy. Looking forward to a great boating year with you at the helm!

LOVE AND PRAYER,
ANN DUKES



2019 Burgee Exchange
Delta Outlanders Yacht Club



Carol and Shelia
Mardi Gras
Cruise In 2019





Robert Willis
PICYA- Commodore
EBC Past Commodore

Hello All

Definitely, 2019 was a year to be remembered for me and I'm sure for the club. It is great to see the **Ebony Boat Club** growing, prospering and making an impact on the NorCal boating

community. This is four years in a row that Ebony Boat Club has been awarded the **PICYA COTY(Club of the Year)** trophy. This no small feat. Just ask the over 105 yacht clubs that didn't earn COTY recognition.

I joined Ebony Boat Club in 2005 under the leadership of P/C (Past Commodore) Marilyn Brock. A Commodore's job is to create an environment where the members under their leadership can be creative and successful going up the chairs. My yacht club involvement started with being encouraged by my first Commodore and other members who wanted success for EBC not only for the general membership but for the executive committee including the Flag Officers(Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore).

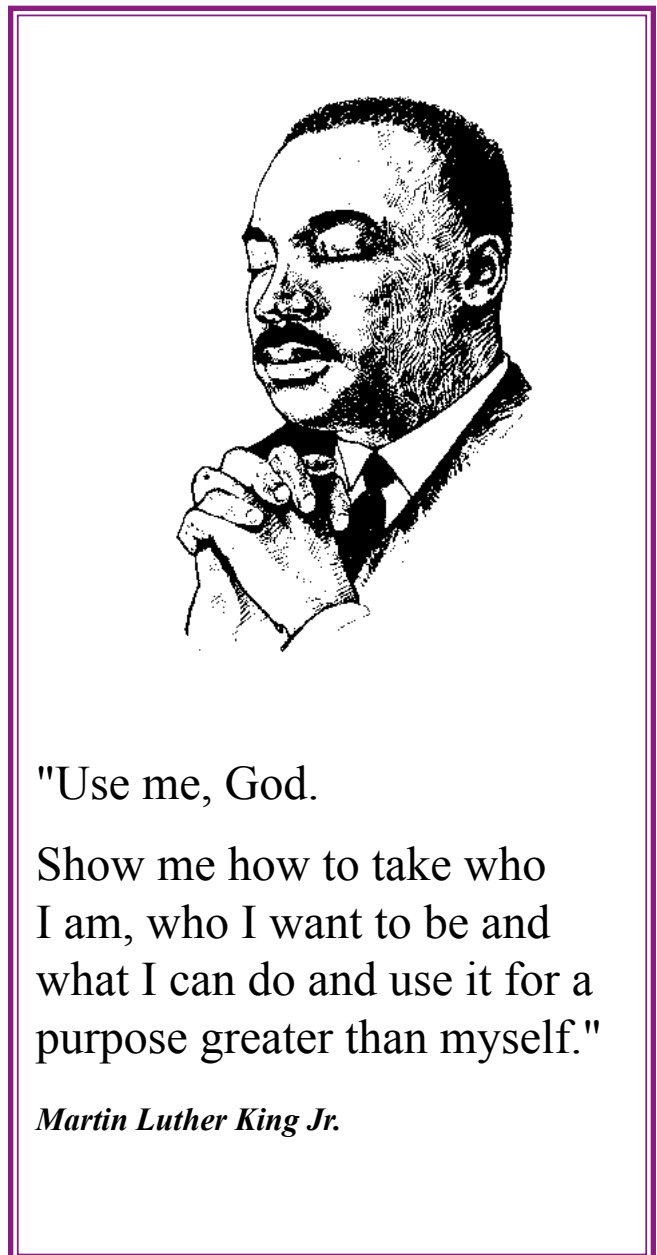
Volunteering is what yacht club members do for their club. We volunteer not expecting any recognition, however if any praise or recognition is handed down we usually accept it begrudgingly. We do things for our club because we love our club and have "A Love for Boating" which by the way is the theme for my PICYA 2020 year as Commodore.

Ebony Boat Club Community Service Day on December 21 was a lot of work but EBC members knew they were volunteering for a good cause. I am sending photos which I hope included everyone that participated in the EBC

Community Service Day 2019. I don't have all the names of members and non members who contributed or participated so rather than omit anyone maybe the photos will identify those that served meals to the homeless encampment just a few football field lengths from the club.

Happy New Year Everyone!

Robert Willis
PICYA- Commodore
EBC Past Commodore



"Use me, God.

Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be and what I can do and use it for a purpose greater than myself."

Martin Luther King Jr.

EBONY BOAT CLUB ANNUAL

Toy Drive & Feed the Homeless 2019



EBONY BOAT CLUB'S ANNUAL

Toy Drive & Feed the Homeless 2019



*Life's most persistent
and urgent question is,
"What are you doing for others?"*

Martin Luther King





EBONY BOAT CLUB'S THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Recommended by Past Commodore Carol Whitehead



"I WISH YOU ENOUGH"

Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport as the daughter's departure had been announced. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said, "I love you and I wish you enough." The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough too Mom." They kissed and the daughter left.

The mother walked over to the window where I sat. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking. "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?" I replied, "Yes, I have. Forgive me for asking but why is this, a forever good-bye?" "I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is the next trip back will be for my funeral, she said" When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, "I wish you enough." May I ask what that means?" She began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone. She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more. "When we said "I wish you enough, we want the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them." Then turning toward me, she shared the following, reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-byes.

She then began to cry and walked away. They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, and an entire life to forget them.

TAKE TIME TO LOVE!

To all my friends and loved ones,

I WISH YOU ENOUGH!

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

EBC Member Elroy Booker's brother, Sidney Booker for a speedy recovery

Past EBC Member Peggy Hagen for a speedy recovery

EBC Member Kimberly Romes, recovering from a broken ankle





**EBC'S DRIVE IN TO
SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020**



Join us for a fun "Drive In" to the Sportsmen Yacht Club in Antioch for a Crab Feed on Saturday, February 22nd. Space is limited so make your reservation now!

Crab Feed - \$50 per person

Contact Reggie Kelley, Port & Fleet Captain at 408-628-2185 or Host Carol Whitehead at 925-915-9549 for more information and to make a reservation.



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2020 Activity Schedule

Date	Description of Event	Contact	Location
Jan 18	PICYA Commodore's Ball/Installation of Officers	PICYA	Encinal YC
January 25	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
February 2	Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook-Off	Otis Brock & Jim Mack	EBC Club House
February 8	George Spencer – Church Retreat	George Spencer	EBC Club House
February 22	Drive In to Sportsmen YC - Crab Feed	Reggie K. & Carol W.	Antioch
February 29	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
February 29	EBC Black History Month Program		EBC Club House
March 7	Otis & Marilyn Brock – Birthday Celebration	Otis & Marilyn Brock	EBC Club House
March 13-15			
March 20-22	Mardi Gras Cruise In-Diablo YC/Delta YC	Ann / Reggie	EBC Club House
March 21	PICYA Leadership Conference	PICYA	Martinez YC
March 28	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
April 4	Opening Day on the Delta – Antioch/Stockton	EBC Membership	EBC Clubhouse
April 18	Spring Youth Day		EBC Club House
April 25	Monthly Club Meeting – Membership Picture Day	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
April 26	Opening Day on the Bay- "Bounties Of The Bay"	PICYA	San Francisco
May 2	Family Carnival	Pappy Simmons	EBC Club House
May 15-17			
May 22-25	Memorial Day Weekend		
May 30	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
June 5-7	Jazz & Wine Festival & Cruise In	Carol / Reggie	EBC Club House
June 12-14	George Spencer – Church Retreat	George Spencer	EBC Club House
June 27	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
June 27	Lenora Clark-Family Gathering (after club meeting)	Lenora Clark	EBC Clubhouse
July 10-12	Cruise Out to Discovery Bay Yacht Club	Reggie Kelley	Discovery Bay
July 25	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
Jul 31-Aug 2	Discovery Bay Cruise In	Cheryl - DBYC	EBC Club House
August 14-16	EBC Annual White Party & Cruise In	Carol / Reggie	EBC Club House
August 21-23			
August 29	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
September 4-7	Cruise Out Martinez YC Club-Labor Day	Reggie Kelley	Martinez YC
September 19	Monthly Club Meeting & Election Nomination	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
September 19	Coastal Clean Up	Kerry Davis	Stockton Marina
Sept 23 - Oct 3	Cruise Out - Down Bay Cruise	Otis / Reggie	Bay Area Cruise
September 26	Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta	Robert Willis	Encinal YC
October 3	Ann Dukes – Church Retreat	Ann Dukes	EBC Clubhouse
October 10	Fall Youth Day		EBC Club House
October 17	4 th Annual Day at the Races-Golden Gate Fields	Tony Petit	Albany-GGF
October 23-25			
October 31	Club Meeting – EBC Election	LC Fuller	EBC Club House
November 7-9			
November 13-15			
November 21	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
December 5	Lighted Boat Parade Antioch & Stockton		
December 12	EBC Change of Watch Dinner	Dane McCoy	EBC Club House
December 19	EBC Community Service Day - Toy Distribution	Carol Whitehead	EBC Club House

Update 1/25/2020



January Birthdays

LC Fuller

James Mack

February Birthdays

Dane McCoy

Jennifer Duhon

Marilyn Brock

Happy Birthday to All

PICYA 2020 CALENDAR



Commodore's Ball - January 18th – Encinal YC

Delegates Meeting – Feb. 3rd - Coyote Point YC

Delegates Meeting – March 2nd - Stockton YC

Delegates Meeting –April 6th – South Beach YC

Opeing Day On The Bay – April 26th – San Francisco Bay

Delegates Mtg & Awards Day – May 2nd Oyster Point YC

Delegates Meeting – June 1st – illage West YC



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2020 EBC CLUB MEETING DATES

January 25th

February 29th

March 28th

April 25th

May 30th

June 27th

July 25th

August 29th

September 19th

October 31st

November 21st

Executive Board Meetings start at 11am

General Membership Meetings start at 12pm

Jazz & Wine Festival- June 6th

Annual White Party-August 15th

Annual Day at the Races-October 17th

Change of Watch Dinner- December 12, 2020

What are King Tides and how it will effect us

You can raise awareness about sea level rise and help communities plan for the future by taking and sharing photos of the highest high tides of the year.

We need your help, and it's easy to do.

- Find out what time the King Tides will be near you.
- Learn how to participate by uploading your photos via a web browser or app.
- Check out last year's photos on our interactive map.

During King Tides you can head out on your own, with friends and family, or join one of the organized events below. As always, please be cautious and respect the power of the ocean. Learn more at california.kingtides.net.

What causes sea level rise, and what do King Tides have to do with it?

The sea level rise we're experiencing now and will experience in the future is caused by burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas. To briefly explain the process, carbon dioxide in our atmosphere acts like a blanket, trapping in heat that would otherwise escape. When we burn



fossil fuels, we're adding more carbon dioxide, thickening the "blanket" and warming the planet and ocean. Sea level is rising because land-based glaciers and ice sheets are melting into the ocean and also because water expands in volume when it warms. The amount of sea level rise we will ultimately experience will depend on how quickly we stop burning fossil fuels.

King Tides themselves are not caused by sea level rise, but allow us to experience what higher sea level will be like.

King Tides are the highest high tides of the year, about a foot or two higher than usual, which is what we expect to see during the next few decades. When you observe the King Tides, imagine seeing these tides (and the associated flooded streets, beaches, and wetlands) every day. Understanding what a King Tide looks like today will help us plan for sea level rise in the future. Sharing your photos and talking about what you've noticed helps others understand that they're part of a community that cares about climate change. Thank you for your help!

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What Knot to Know!

Alpine Butterfly Loop

Provides a secure loop in the middle of a piece rope

If you have a situation where your line becomes damaged, you can isolate the damaged section and the rope may still be used.

Tying:

Wrap the rope around your hand twice. At the end of turn one, position the rope close to your fingertips. Continue around and complete turn two back near your thumb. Pick up the turn near your fingertips. Wrap it around the other two turns. Slide the knot off your hand and tighten by pulling on the loop and the ends.

Uses:

It is useful anytime a secure loop is required in the middle of a rope. A good example is when a line of hikers wish to hook on along the length of a shared rope or as a possible option for the first part of a Trucker's Hitch. Also, if a length of rope is damaged, it is a wonderful way to isolate the damaged section so that the rope may still be used – far safer than the Sheep Shank.

Advantages:

It is more stable than either the Bowline on a Bight or the Figure 8 Loop - both of which may roll over. Even after a heavy load, the Alpine Butterfly Loop remains reasonably easy to undo.



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