



# THE BEACON



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HELM



Dane McCoy  
*Commodore*

Pam and I bought a different boat about a couple of months ago. We named it Pamela Ann II. We've been busy making a few improvements like adding a back up camera, a new mattress (a must when purchasing a used boat), and new bedding among other things. We added new batteries and all fluids have been changed. We are excited about using Pamela Ann II much more often when the weather is better.



Pamela Ann and Pamela Ann II

Happy New Year Ebony Boat Club!

I pray that you are all healthy, happy, and safe. It's good to put 2020 behind us and look forward to having fun club activities in the new year.

I'm pleased to announce Ebony Boat Club is recognized by Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) as a 5 Star club for the year of 2020. I must say it was no easy feat to accomplish with governmental restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With that, our members completed acts of community service and held fun club

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events via zoom. Our club will be mentioned during the March 2021 PICYA general meeting on zoom at which time I will explain what EBC did to deserve this accolade. The exact date in March is not known by me at this time. It will be posted later at the PICYA website which is [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org). We will also have it on the EBC calendar once we are notified by PICYA. Please mark your calendar for that event.

Lastly invite your friends and family to our monthly general meetings and events. It's easier than ever for as long as we are having our meetings via the internet.

There is nothing absolutely nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

– Kenneth Grahame, *Writer*

Be safe, stay healthy, and enjoy life,

Dane McCoy  
Commodore



A Message From :  
**THE TREASURER**



**OTIS BROCK**  
*Treasurer*

Hello fellow Ebony Boat Club Members:

Thanks to all of the members that have paid their 2021 dues. This will be very helpful in the preparation of the 2021 budget. You should have received your new membership card and some business cards. To enter the club or access the members only page please look at the back of your 2021 membership card for the access code.

Last year the marina changed its parking policy. They require a parking placard to park in the close parking spaces. Contact me if you want me to send you one. We normally receive U S mail at our P O Box 796 Stockton Calif. 95201. You can use this address for future correspondence with your club, or send it directly to my home address. Please let me know if you are having a problem receiving your treasurers reports. We may have an old E-mail address for you.

Thanks and Safe Boating  
Treasurer, Otis Brock



A Message From :  
**STAFF COMMADORE PICYA**



**ROBERT WILLIS**  
*PICYA*  
*Jr. Staff Commadore*

Ahoy Members,

The Mission Statement for PICYA (Pacific Inter- Club Yacht Association) is stated on the picya.org website. "The purpose of this corporation is to constitute an association of yacht clubs and boating organizations to promote inter-club communications, yachting activities and the social interaction relating thereto, and to organize and conduct programs which enhance the general welfare of member organizations." PICYA was established in 1896.

PICYA is planning another great calendar for 2021. Upcoming sponsored PICYA events are:

- PICYA Commodores Installation January 23 @4pm likely zoom.
- On February 20 @ 12pm PICYA presents the Unity Parade. This is a celebration and recognition of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition held on Treasure Island. Join us in a 360 degree three hour long parade around Treasure Island.

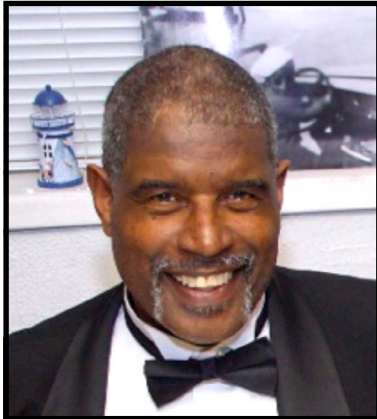
There will be entry points from all directions north, south, east and west. All boaters are welcome.

See you on the water,

Robert Willis  
PICYA Jr. Staff Commodore



A Message From :  
**THE STAFF COMMODORE**



**Frank Whitehead**  
*Staff Commodore*

Happy New Year,

The new year 2021 is finally here! As we put the past year behind us, let us not forget our accomplishment yet remembering our disappointments. This new year brings new opportunities as well as challenges and it will be up to all of us to continue to move The Club forward.

The “Emergency Cabin Fever Fishing Derby” was held on Saturday, December 19th. It was truly a day for fishing, the deep channel area in Pittsburg was engulfed with boaters. Even the pier in Pittsburg was full of people fishing. We only had a few club members who participated. Thank you Otis Brock, Kerry Davis, Jim Mack, Glen and Dolores Williams and Carol and I. Another \$50 donation challenge for the Ebony Youth Foundation was started by Carol and I. So far a total of \$325 has been donated, these funds will help benefit the Ebony Youth Foundation’s scholarship program. The challenge was taken on by Otis and Marilyn Brock, Robert Willis, Ann Dukes, Dane and Pamela McCoy, Glen and Dolores Williams, and Richard Clark., thank you all for your kind donation. If anyone else would like to join in on the challenge please contact EYF’s Treasurer Otis Brock.

The morning of the fishing derby was very, very foggy, we were uncertain if the derby would even



start. Carol and I took a very slow journey to our favorite breakfast spot “Big Daddy Ross” in Bay Point. We placed our orders and sat in the warm comforts of “Jencarro” to eat our breakfast. The fog was starting to clear,

so we tied up at the launch ramp to go purchase bait. Walking up the ramp I spotted a boat that



looked familiar and I said to Carol “I sold them that boat.” When we reached the top of the ramp I went over to the two gentlemen who were prepping the boat for launching. The name appearing on the back of the boat was “FRANKIE III” with emblems of a dolphin on both sides of the name, which was in honor of our son who we lost in 2005. The boat was sold three to four years ago. After telling the current owner about naming of the boat, he stated that he had plans of remodeling and repaint the boat and would honor the death of our son by leaving “Frankie III” as the name of the boat. I was so touched by his jester that I volunteered to pay for



replacing the name once he was finished with the repairs and painting. We exchanged numbers and vowed to stay in touch with one another.

We went into the bait shop looking for grass shrimp which they were out of, so we settled for ghost shrimp and eel, hoping to catch something with this combination of bait. After finding the best spot to anchor down and start fishing, I baited the poles and cast them out. We sat and sat with no action at all. One of the polls slipped to the side of the rail so I reeled it in to find a 12 inch striper on the hook, what a surprise!



Jim, Kerry and Otis had a blast catching a load of blue gill from the Driftwood Marina area. More than likely, these guys were catching them as bait for later on. I'm not sure who caught what, but they were some very busy fishermen.



Glen and Dolores Williams who also participated in the derby fished from the back of their boat in their slip at the Pittsburg Marine, but did not catch any fish.

I'm not sure who to report as the winners of this fishing derby, but we all had fun being out on the water. Therefore all of us were winners! Stay tuned for our next fishing derby. What do you think about a weekend fishing derby?

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



A Message From :  
**THE VICE COMMODORE**



**Sheila George**  
*Vice Commodore*

Our 2021 Calendar is full of fun events, cruise ins and cruise outs. However, all events are contingent on the safe return of our new normalcy pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic. As we get more information from the State of California and the CDC we will update our members on the status of each upcoming event, so stay tuned for additional information.

The clubhouse is currently being checked on and is looking good, just waiting for our return. If you are ever in the downtown Stockton area be sure to stop by the clubhouse just to check on things. Ever year the code for

**Please remember that membership payments must be in before the end of January to avoid a 10% late fee.**

Hello EBC Members, family and Friend,

New Year's Blessings to all for a healthy, and prosperous 2021. I am so thankful that 2020 is behind us and I am looking forward to what the new year has to offer.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the EBC Prayer Warriors who have pretty much kept this club PRAYED up throughout the years, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the loss of lives, homes, jobs, vitality and sanity, the EBC prayer warriors have you covered no matter what your circumstances might be. A call to our Benevolence leader Ann Dukes will see to you being placed on the prayer list. I personally would like to thank all EBC members for your thoughts and prayers, cards and phone calls during my few days in the hospital earlier this month. I am feeling much better and looking forward to this New Year.

Our first General Membership Club Meeting will be held via ZOOM on Saturday, January 30th at 12pm. The agenda and the ZOOM log in information will be emailed to everyone a week prior to the meeting. Our first Executive Board Meeting is scheduled via ZOOM on Thursday, January 21st at 7pm. All EBC members are welcome to attend the meeting, but will not be able to participate in the meeting. The agenda and ZOOM log in information will be sent out prior to the meeting to all EBC Members. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Commodore Dane McCoy or myself. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings.

the front door and alarm panel is changed. If your 2021 membership dues have been paid, the new entry code along with your EBC personal business cards will be mailed directly to you. Please remember that membership payments must be in before the end of January to avoid a 10% late fee. If you have any questions concerning membership dues please contact Otis Brock. If you happen to drop by to check in on the clubhouse be sure to follow the COVID-19 entry protocol; enter with a mask on, sanitize your hands, take your temperature and don't forget to sign in. If you discover a potential problem within the clubhouse, please contact Commodore Dane McCoy or one of the building maintenance officers, Tony Petit, Kerry Davis, James Mack or Otis Brock.

In closing, please stay safe and follow all guidelines necessary to maintain your health. This pandemic shall pass, but it's going to take all of us to do our part in making it happen.

All good things comes from Gratitude,

Sheila George  
Vice Commodore

A Message From :  
**THE REAR COMMODORE**



**Jennifer Duhon**  
*Rear Commodore*

I would like to start off the new season by requesting participation from all of our members. Do what you can and get in where you fit in. Volunteer to be on an event planning committee - wonderful! Offer to be on the set up or take down crew at the events - great! No act is too small.

The editorial staff of the Beacon and the Facebook manager needs your help. We need articles and ideas of what you would like to see in the Beacon. Don't forget to post pictures of your boating excursions on Facebook.

Greetings Members and Happy New Year,

Now that 2020 is behind us, it is time to exhale. The danger from Covid 19 is not over so we must remain vigilant. We must continue to wear our masks, wash our hands frequently, limit our exposure to those outside of our family bubble and if we can take the vaccine when it becomes available to us.

We have a busy schedule planned for this year. Our first quarter of events in February include the Super Bowl Party/Chili Cook-Off and EBC Black History Month Program. In March we have a EBC Cruise Out to Village West and our Mardi Cruise In. We are looking forward to hosting the Diablo and Delta Outlander Yacht Clubs.

All of the 2020 issues of the Beacon Newsletters are now on our website for all to read. [EBC@ebonyboatclub1987.com](mailto:EBC@ebonyboatclub1987.com) I encourage you to invite your family and friends to visit.



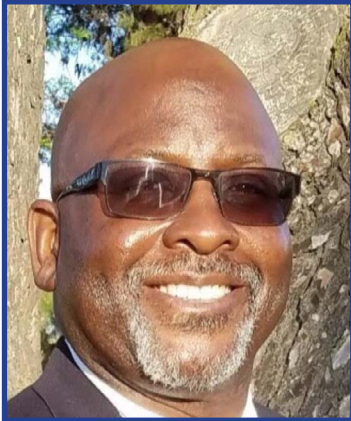
I thank you again for your vote of confidence and look forward to the new season.

Stay safe and be well,  
Jennifer Jo Duhon, Rear Commodore

Of course none of this can happen until the EBC Board has determined it is safe to do, but we are actively planning and preparing so we can be ready.



A Message From :  
**THE SAFETY & TRAINING OFFICER**



**KERRY DAVIS**  
*Safety & Training Officer*



Greetings EBC family,

Happy New Year, I hope that this message finds you well, let's hope that 2021 is a better year for us all.

As we are getting ready for the 2021 boating season, don't forget to check the condition of your life jackets, be sure that you have the appropriate amount of life jackets for your boats seating capacity and that you include jackets for the kids as well.

I'm looking forward to another safe year of boating where we can all get together again, and safely enjoy our time on the water.

Smooth cruising,  
Kerry Davis, Training and Safety Officer



## **Life Jackets are for Everyone**

A life jacket (or Personal Flotation Device - PFD) is the single most important piece of equipment on your boat and the most important consideration should be size. More than two-thirds of all boating fatalities are drowning incidents and 90% of drowning victims were not

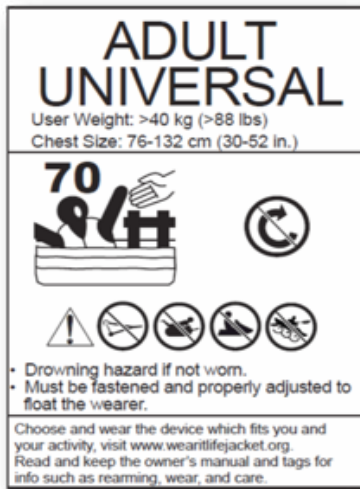
wearing a life jacket. So buy a life jacket that you will wear ... it could save your life. There several types of traditional foam flotation devices as well as new inflatable life jackets. Each is designed for different boating activities and water conditions and each has its own maximum buoyancy, performance level, and limitations. You should choose your life jacket based on your boating activities and conditions. Life jackets must be U.S. Coast Guard-approved in order to meet carriage requirements.

### **The Requirements for Life Jackets**

There must be a properly fitting life jacket for each and every person aboard a recreational vessel. Life jackets must be Coast Guard-approved, in serviceable condition and the appropriate size for the intended user. Obviously, they are most effective when worn. On a vessel underway, children under 13 must wear an appropriate Coast Guard-approved PFD, unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin. Within the geographic boundaries of any State that has established a child PFD wear requirement, that State's requirement will be adopted. Our Life Jacket Loaner Program for kids can help you get the right life jacket for the day or weekend. To find the loaner site nearest you, [use our convenient map](#).

Each state may have additional wear requirements, such as for water skiing, personal watercraft operation, white water boating activities and during certain cool-weather months. Additionally, a boat 16' in length or greater, except canoes and kayaks) must have a throwable flotation device. [See specific state requirements for life jackets](#).

## New Life Jacket Labels and Icons – What do they Mean?



If you haven't already seen them, soon you will notice certain life jackets have a new style of label on the inside. Eventually, all new life jackets which are Coast Guard approved and available for purchase in the United States will have these new labels. It is part of an effort to make selecting the right life jacket for you and your intended on-water activity, easier. This new labeling process is also referred to as life jacket label harmonization, which is an effort to make them more universally understood and accepted, especially in Canada and Europe. The goal was to simplify the labels, with less writing and more icons.

### Top 10 Features and Goals of the New Life Jacket Labels

1. Performance summary graphic
2. Activity appropriateness icons
3. Legal requirements specified
4. Reduce language barriers
5. More universal acceptance
6. Harmony with other countries
7. Approval status clearly noted
8. Third party testing verification
9. Manufacturer contact information
10. Care and cleaning instructions

In general, the intent of the new labels is to help users select and care for the appropriate life jacket for the activity in which they are

participating. The labels have fewer words more easily understood icons.

### What About the Old Labels and Life Jackets?

In 2014, the U.S. Coast Guard removed the "Type" codes from the Code of Federal Regulations. As you may recall, life jackets and personal flotation devices had been referred to as Type I, II, III, IV and V, each of which corresponded to a certain performance or designated use. Going forward, these devices will be referred to as either "throwable" or "wearable" and have a performance category indicated by an icon.



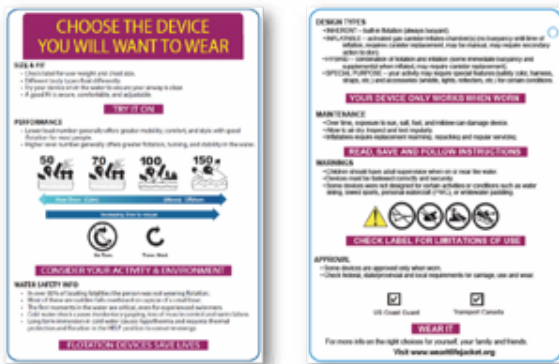
New life jackets that are brought to the market will feature these new labels. However, it will take many years for the older style labels to be completely phased out and you are likely to see both styles in stores, on boats and in use for many years to come. Any life jacket will the old style label that is still serviceable and in overall good shape, as long as it's Coast Guard approved, will continue to meet regulatory requirements.





## Take the Time Understand the New Label

Selecting a proper life jacket and wearing it is the best thing a boater can do to ensure a safe and enjoyable day on the water. A hang tag with important information will accompany each new life jacket. If shopping in a store, be sure you leaf through this hang tag or ask a store associate if you have any questions. If shopping online, read the full product description and reviews to ensure you're purchasing the right life jacket for you.



New life jackets feature information in four main categories, usually in separate boxes. At the top of the label, usually toward the neck, is sizing information. The sizing usually specifies a user weight range and chest size range. Proper fit is one of the most important considerations when selecting a life jacket. Additional considerations are found elsewhere on the life jacket label. The placement and location of the information may vary, however, they must be on the life jacket.

### What the Labels Tell You

- Performance, Buoyancy and Turning Information
- Warnings, Intended Activity and Limitations of Use
- Manufacturer, Certification and Approval Information
- Care and Maintenance Instructions

## Understanding the New Label and Icons



Performance, Buoyancy and Turning Information – The first thing you'll notice is a bold-faced number. It could be 50, 70, 100, 150, or 275. This a measurement of gravitational force, which in the case of a life jacket is essentially buoyancy. Simply put, the higher the number, the greater the floatation. For the time being, most all of the life jackets on the market today in the United States are Level 70 life jackets. Let's go over an example.



Level 70 Label Decoding - The bold 70 means it's a Level 70 life jacket which provides performance similar to the Type III life jackets previously available. Life jackets that are rated lower than 70 are not U.S. Coast Guard approved. This is a metric measurement in Newtons (70N is roughly 15 lbs. of floatation). Newtons are used so that it's consistent with European and Canadian standards.

Also, on a Level 70 life jacket label, you'll see a dock and an extended hand with some slightly wavy lines indicating fairly calm water. This means this life jacket is suitable for near shore use in relatively protected water where rescue is likely to be near at hand. You'll note that the higher the number on these icons, the farther away the dock and background is, and the bigger the waves are in the icon.

The curved arrow indicates the turning ability of the life jacket. Turning ability is whether or not a life jacket is capable or designed to turn an unconscious person face up, unassisted. A Level 70 life jacket will not turn a person right side up, that's what the curved arrow with a slash through it indicates. If there is no slash, it will turn most wearers face up. The higher the level number the more turning ability.

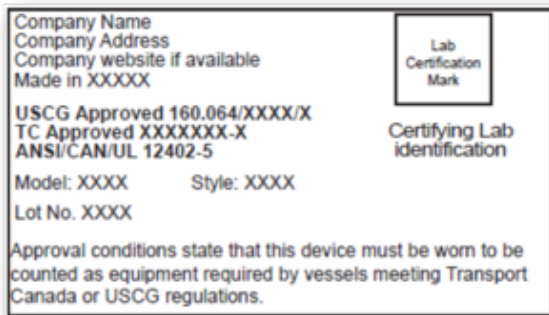


The next thing you'll notice are warnings and exclusions. In this example, this life jacket is suitable for general boating. However, there are icons with activities and a slash through it. These symbols indicate this life jacket is not suitable for towed sports such as skiing and tubing, nor is it for personal watercraft operation or whitewater paddle sports.



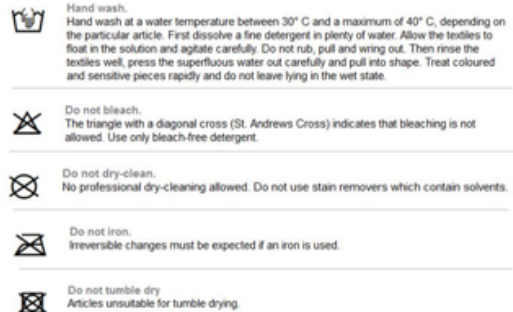
## Manufacturer and Certification Information

In the United States and on navigable waterways, a Coast Guard approved life jacket, properly fitted for the intended wearer must be aboard for each occupant. Therefore, knowing your life jacket is approved by the Coast Guard to meet carriage requirements is important. You'll find this information, as well as testing approval numbers and manufacturer information in this section of the label.



## Care and Maintenance Instructions

A life jacket should be viewed as an investment. You should care for it like you would anything else aboard that depends on proper function, with the exception this one could save your life! Your label and manual that came with your life jacket will have general cleaning and care instructions. These icons inform you to hand wash only, and to not use bleach, dry-cleaners, irons, or dryers in your care routine.

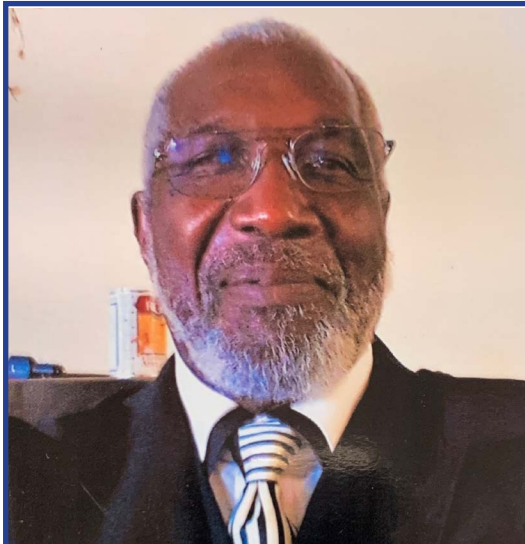


## Life Jackets - Some Things to Know

- There must be at least one life jacket for each person aboard
- Life jackets must be properly sized for each person aboard
- Children under a certain age are required to wear their life jacket (typically under 13 – see state requirements)
- Participants engaged in certain water sports are required to wear a life jacket (typically skiing and personal watercraft operation – see state requirements)
- Life jackets must be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard in order to meet requirements
- These life jackets must be readily accessible and not in an out-of-reach location or in original packaging
- Any boat 16' and longer (except canoes and kayaks) must carry a throwable PFD
- Throwable devices must be immediately available for use such as in the cockpit or near the helm
- An inflatable life jacket must be properly armed with an unused gas cylinder
- Inflatable life jackets are authorized for use on recreational boats by a person at least 16 years of age.

A Message From :

## THE PARLIAMENTARIAN



**JAMES MACK**  
*Parliamentarian/Bar Manager*

Greetings everyone,

I pray that this newsletter finds everyone in the very best of health.

As Parliamentarian and Bar Manager of the club I wanted to bring a little insight on both of my positions. What are the responsibilities of the Parliamentarian? The parliamentarian is well versed in the club's procedures and serves on the Executive Board of the club. I am responsible for making sure that all EBC rules and regulations are followed during meetings, events and during any clubhouse functions. On occasions I oversee the implementation of new rules, regulations as needed in order to update our By-Laws and our Standard Operating Procedure's (SOP) Manual. The SOP was updated in December with the new clubhouse entry procedures dealing with the COVID-19. For our Executive Board members or future EBC Board Members, I would recommend that you read the twelve steps listed in "Roberts Rules Simplified." It will help guide you through the purpose for serving on an Executive Board.

### **Twelve Fundamentals of Common Parliamentary Law (Robert's Rule Simplified)**

By Arthur T. Lewis and Henry M. Robert)

- 1. The organization is paramount.** To it belongs the power. Its interest and convenience supersede those of an individual member.
- 2. All members are equal.** Each member has equal right to propose business, discuss it, and vote—rights which cannot be suspended or restricted save in the interest of the whole, and then only by a two-thirds vote.
- 3. One thing at a time.** There can be but one main proposition before the assembly at one time. Only one member can have the floor at one time.
- 4. Full discussion before action.** This applies to all main propositions and may be suspended only by a two-thirds vote.
- 5. Propositions rather than persons.** The objective is the opinion and decision of the group upon the proposition, hence debate is impersonal.
- 6. Propositions may yield to privileges.** Matters affecting the convenience or privileges of the assembly or an individual may interrupt consideration of a question.
- 7. No discussion for interruptions.** Matters of sufficient urgency to interrupt discussion may not themselves be discussed.
- 8. No discussion for suspensions.** Motions which have the effect of suspending a rule are not debatable.
- 9. No second time in the same form.** To protect the assembly against waste of time, a question once decided may, as a general rule, not be presented again at the same meeting in the same form under similar circumstances unless a reconsideration is ordered.

A Message From :  
**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN**

10. **The majority decides**—usually. The majority decides all ordinary questions, but it requires more than a majority to limit a member’s parliamentary rights to introduce and discuss questions and vote, or to suspend or modify (without notice) a rule of order previously adopted.

11. **Two-thirds vote for extraordinary questions**—such as motions to amend by-laws, to change or repeal (without notice) a motion previously adopted, to suspend the rules, or restrict the rights of members to introduce questions, discuss them and vote.

12. **Silence gives consent.** The right to vote must be exercised. Silence has the same effect as assent to the will of the prevailing side.

As succeeding chapters deal with parliamentary motions and the rules regarding them, reference to the above fundamentals will enable the member to see the reason for them. It will be seen that these fundamentals protect the individual against autocracy or minority rule; that the only restraint of the individual is in the interest of the whole; and that the supreme right of the group to transact its business in due order and with economy of time is fully safe-guarded.



As Bar Manager, it is my responsibility to make sure that the bar is well stocked to accommodate most requests from our bar patrons. Over the past nine months the clubhouse has been closed, so there has been no bar serve available. Until the club and bar are reopened I will post one of our club member’s favorite drinks monthly. I will start January out with how to make a “Moscow Mule.” If you have a drink you would like to share please let me know.



## **Moscow Mule**

An iconic drink that pairs spicy ginger beer with vodka and the juice of a lime. While the Moscow Mule is often served in a copper mug, don’t let the lack of a copper mug prevent you from making this drink. It’s just as delicious in a highball glass.

### **Ingredients**

1.5 oz Premium Vodka

5 oz Ginger Beer

2 Lime Wedges or 1/2 oz Lime Juice

For a Skinny Mule, try the [Light Ginger Beer](#) (fewer calories without sacrificing taste!). For a sweeter, more floral mule, try [Hibiscus Ginger Beer](#).

### **How To Prepare**

Fill a highball glass or copper mug with ice. Pour in your favorite vodka and squeeze in the lime, leaving the lime shell in the glass. Then pour in the ginger beer and gently stir to combine and garnish with a lime wedge.

### **Variations**

Because Ginger Beer has less sweetness in it, it leaves more room to add a special flair. Try adding fresh juice (watermelon is great!) or 1/2 oz of your favorite liqueur to sweeten it up and add a personal twist. Enjoy! Please drink responsibly and do not drink and drive.

Stay safe and wear a mask,

James Mack  
Parliamentarian

A Message From :  
**THE PORT/FLEET CAPTAIN**



**REGGIE KELLEY**  
*Port/Fleet Captain*

Greetings Mates and Happy New Year!

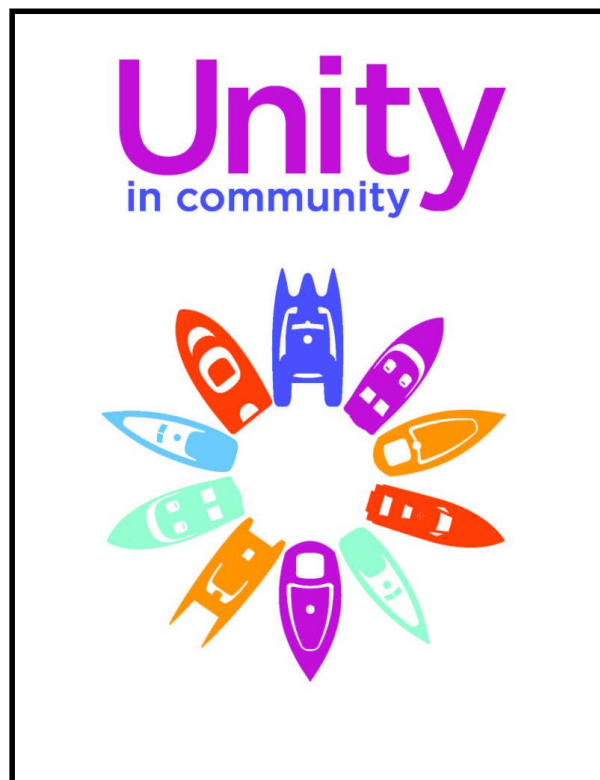
I am looking forward to the new boating season. Our first cruise-in of the year will be the Mardi Cruise-In March 19 - 21st. We are excited to host the Diablo and Delta Outlanders Yacht clubs. As our first hosting event for 2021 we will need all hands on deck. With all members helping out, everyone will have a chance to enjoy the event.

Flyers will be going out soon. If you are planning to attend please respond as soon as possible. If you want to help with the event please contact the event chair Ann Dukes.

Of course all of our planning will depend on the status of COVID-19 and the State of California restrictions. The Board will advise everyone as soon as possible. Let's hope it remains a go!

Until we meet, take care.

Reggie Kelley  
Port/Fleet Captain



Calling all Commodores from our 107 Northern California Yacht Clubs. Let's kick-off the New Year together and introduce all the new leadership—brave fellows in a time of a pandemic. This is an event you won't want to miss! Installing our 2021 Officers in style and thanking the 2020 Board for its service. We plan to have plenty of fun—with zoom due to the state of the state—but nevertheless we will make it interesting! Please register in advance for this event:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**"Social Hour" Following Installation**

**PICYA Commodore's Installation**  
Saturday, January 23, 2021 4:00pm-5:30pm



## MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



**ANN DUKES**  
*Past Commodore*

Happy New Year EBC family

WE made it! WE got through 2020. Some of us had major challenges but we are still here. Our EBC family is still complete and we are all grateful for that. We should use 2020 as a learning tool. As we reflect back it was not all bad. We learned that although the building was closed we still functioned as a club. Our executive board took care of business and kept us afloat. We found ways to have events and earn COTY points. We are now ZOOM experts.

We are looking forward to this New Year. It will be with changes but we will go forward. We are planning for events and gatherings following the safety guidelines. Wearing masks is going to be the normal not the exception. The vaccine will NOT be the cure all for Covid. It will help and will possibly slow it down and lessen the severity but like the flu, covid will be here for a time. WHY? Because there are those who will not follow the rules of masks and sanitization. We will have to be diligent with the people we associate with. There will be people who will not wear the mask properly. The nose and mouth are to be covered not the chin! People who are sick will not stay home but will go to work, the store or wherever. Family if you are sick stay home. Help us control Covid.

I am still “soft” planning for the spring youth day. With the information I am getting from the health department I do not think we will be open in March for that kind of event. The plans for Mardi Gras are still on but I will

not make any purchases until March.

Family, please do not forget to get your regular medical checks. Sisters get your pap smears and mammograms. Brothers get your prostate checks. Please talk with you doctors and get your colonoscopy done if due. Blood checks and diabetes checks are to continue. Please stay healthy. Please do not let the stress and anxiety of being sheltered in place get to you. Take a drive, zoom family meetings, go out around your neighborhood. Do whatever you like but take care of yourselves and know you have a family to reach out too. Remember we are a praying family/club. Let us remember to pray for our club and our family members.

Love you all.

WITH LOVE AND PRAYER

ANN DUKES, PAST COMMODORE



# RECEIPES FROM THE GALLEY

I was trying to find something comforting and warm for this cold weather time of the year. And I came up with rice pudding.



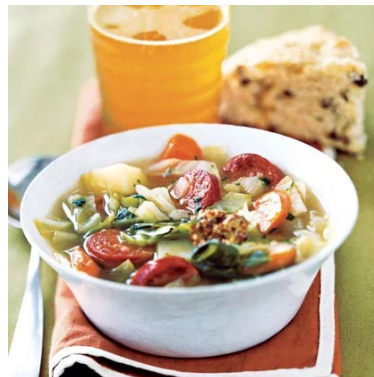
## RICE PUDDING

- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 cups milk
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 3 eggs well beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup raisins

Heat oven to 350 degrees and butter a 9x9x13 pan. Mix all the ingredients except the rice and raisin in a large bowl. Add to rice and mix well, add raisins mix well and pour into pan. Place pan in a pan of hot water. Add more water after it is in the oven until water is about half the way up of the cooking dish. Cook about 35-40 minutes or until pudding is set. Serve warm or at room temperature. ENJOY!

## Sausage and Cabbage Soup

Explore [myrecipes](#)



NOTES: Don't substitute a dark ale or stout for the light beer here; it can be too bitter. For quick preparation, buy a package of shredded cabbage and sliced carrots. Chop the onion and garlic while the sausage browns.

### Ingredients

- 12 ounces linguica (Portuguese) or Polish sausage, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1 onion (6 oz.), peeled and chopped
- 1 large clove garlic, peeled and minced
- 5 cups fat-skimmed chicken broth
- 1 bottle (12 oz.) wheat beer (hefeweizen; see notes)
- 1 pound thin-skinned potatoes (1 1/2 in. wide), scrubbed and quartered
- 1 ½ quarts finely shredded cabbage (8 to 12 oz.; see notes)
- 1 cup sliced carrots (1/4 in. thick; see notes)
- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds
- ½ teaspoon whole allspice
- ½ teaspoon peppercorns
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Whole-grain mustard

### Directions

**Step 1** In a 5- to 6-quart pan over medium-high heat, stir sausage often until lightly browned, 6 to 8 minutes. Spoon out and discard all but 1 tablespoon fat from pan.

**Step 2** Add onion and garlic to pan; stir often until limp, 3 minutes.

**Step 3** Increase heat to high. Add broth, beer, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, coriander, allspice, and peppercorns (wrap and tie spices in cheesecloth if desired). Cover and bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are tender to bite, 10 to 15 minutes. Discard spices if wrapped.

**Step 4** Stir in parsley. Ladle soup into bowls. Serve mustard alongside to add to taste.

**Nutrition Facts Per Serving: 301 Calories;** fat 48%; protein 17g; fat 16g; saturated fat 5.6g; carbohydrates 23g; fiber 3.4g; sodium 697mg; cholesterol 38mg.

# RECIPIES FROM THE GALLEY

This recipe is a winner! It's easy to make in a crock pot or Instant Pot. Both recipes are from Kaylyn's Kitchen. Enjoy!

## ROAST BEEF TACOS & SPICY COLE SLAW



### ROAST BEEF TACOS

3 lbs of lean chuck roast (before trimming)  
1 Tbl steak seasoning of your choice  
2 tsp olive oil for browning meat  
1 1/4 cup of Pace picante sauce  
One 4oz can of diced green chiles  
2 Tbl fresh lime juice, 1 Tbl taco seasoning  
1/4 tsp salt

#### **Instructions:**

**Slow Cooker:** Trim meat and cut into several pieces. Rub the pieces of roast all over with steak seasoning. Heat the oil in a heavy frying pan and brown the meat well on all sides about eight minutes total browning time. While the meat browns, mix together the salsa, diced green chilies, lime juice, taco seasoning and a little salt. Put the browned meat into the slow cooker. Pour the sauce over and cook on low until the meat is tender and shreds apart easily about six hours. When the meat is done remove it to the cutting board. Pour the sauce mixture into small pan and simmer on medium until the sauce thickens and is reduced about half. Shred the meat apart with two forks and put it back in the slow cooker to keep warm. When the sauce is reduced, mix it with the meat and continue to keep warm in the slow cooker while you make the slaw, chop the avocados and warm the tortillas.

**Instant Pot:** trim the meat and rub the steak rub as described above. Heat the oil in the Instant Pot and brown the pieces of meat (in two batches if needed). Mix the cooking liquid as described and add to the Instant Pot with the browned meat. Lock lid and set to manual high-pressure, 35 minutes. Let Instant Pot release pressure naturally. Remove meat to a cutting board and set the Instant Pot to sauté or simmer, medium heat and cook the liquid for a few minutes to thicken and reduce (if needed). Shred meat apart with two forks. Put back into Instant Pot to keep warm while you make the slaw, chop the avocados and heat the tortillas as above.

**Spicy Cole Slaw:** thinly slice and chop the cabbage and cilantro. Mix together the mayo, Greek yogurt and green Tabasco sauce. Add to the cabbage. Dice the avocados and toss with the lime juice. Serve everything with warm tortillas.

### SPICY COLE SLAW

1/4 small head green cabbage and 1/4 head red cabbage very thinly sliced then slightly chopped  
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 Tbl mayo, 2 Tbl Greek yogurt  
1 tsp green Tabasco (or use your favorite hot sauce)  
2 avocados diced  
1 Tbl fresh squeezed lime juice toss with avocado



## MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



Marilyn Brock *Past Past Commodore Boatique Ass't Manager*

Happy New Year EBC,

Like you I am praying for this country in which we live. May God Blessed and surround us with his love and compassion. Keep those you love safe and healthy. The Boatique has received an order for 2 cowl ladies sweaters. The black and white sweaters are beautiful. We have a request for a 1/4" zipper cowl sweater for men. We are researching for the best price.

If you have a request, please contact Sharon Fuller-Boatique Manager or myself Marilyn Brock-Assistant Manager. We can be reached by phone call, text message or email.

If you shop at Amazon as I do, check out their charity program. Every little bit counts. Shop with AmazonSmile, charitable donations quickly add up. Ebony Youth Foundation is registered as my Charity. Please join me it's free, this is one of Amazon ways of giving back. The Foundation is already setup, just add the Foundation as your charity. As of January 8, 2021 we have generated \$14.76. Funds are deposited electronically into the Foundation's account.

Just a reminder Sharon and I are able to receive any payments by you using credit cards or debit cards via phone.

God Bless you all and your families.  
Stay safe and healthy.

Marilyn Brock  
Past Commodore  
Boatique Ass't Manager



EBC Membership,

James and Eddie Jo Mack wish to thank all of the EBC members who sent cards,

flowers, plants, who visited and brought food and other expressions of sympathy to us during our season of grief. During the past 5 months our losses include a nephew, Jim's brother, a niece, and our son a few weeks ago. Again, we thank you.

"We love you and miss you all."

Sincerely,

James & Eddie Jo Mack



# EBONY'S MONTHLY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

DECEMBER 31, DAILY WORDS



**As YOU COME TO THE END OF THE YEAR,** take some time to look back - and also to look ahead. Ask *Me* to help you review the highlights of this year: hard times as well as good times. Try to see *Me* in these memories, for I have been close beside you - ever step of the way. When you were clinging to *Me* for help in the midst of tough times, I comforted you with *My* loving Presence. I was richly present in circumstances that filled you with great Joy. I was with you on the mountain peaks, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Your future stretches out before you all the way into eternity. I am the Companion who will never leave you, the Guide who knows every step of the way ahead. The Joy that awaits you in paradise is *inexpressible and full of Glory!* As you prepare to step into a new year, let heaven's Light shine upon you and brighten the path just before you. *Isaiah 41:13; Psalm 16:11 NKJV; Psalm 48:14; 1 Peter 1:8-9 NASB*

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

*EBC Members James & Eddie Jo Mack and family for the loss of their son*

*EBC Members Otis & Marilyn Brock and family for the loss of her cousin*

*EBC Member Sheila George recovering from health issues*

*EBC Member Dolores William recovering from a broken ankle*

*EBC Member Frank Whitehead recovering from a knee injury*

*EBC Member Kimberly Romes recovering from medical issues*

*Please keep all of your EBC brothers and sisters in your thoughts and prayers throughout the coming months.*

***Please pray for the tremendous loss of lives and the many families affected by the Covid-19 crisis.***

***If you know of someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the Newsletter***

# DATES TO REMEMBER



Happy New Year!

## PICYA 2021 CALENDAR



Visit the PICYA website for information on their 2021 Calendar of Events and upcoming scheduled ZOOM meetings

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## 2021 EBC CLUB MEETING DATES

All Club House meetings have been suspended. Monthly meetings will be conducted via ZOOM. The monthly agenda and reports along with the ZOOM meeting connection information will be emailed to all EBC members prior to the meeting.

STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Commodore Dane McCoy*



## January Birthdays

**Dolores Williams**

**LC Fuller, Jr.**

**James Mack**

*Cheers!*



# COVID UPDATES

## Some States Put Residents 65 and Older Next in Line for COVID Vaccines

Several governors deviate from federal guidelines, lower age threshold  
by Dena Bunis, **AARP**, January 6, 2021



SOPA IMAGES/GETTY IMAGES  
People wait in a line on New Year's Eve to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in Oviedo, Florida.

You're 67 and anxious to get vaccinated against **COVID-19**. When will you be able to get your shot? That depends on where you live. If you are 65 or older and live in one of an increasing number of states — from Florida to Texas to Delaware to Ohio — you are now eligible to be **vaccinated against the coronavirus**. But a majority of states either have decided to follow the federal recommendation that people 75 and older be next to get their shots or have not yet announced an age threshold.

The weekend before Christmas, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on vaccines, recommended that the next group to be vaccinated, dubbed Phase 1b, be people age 75 and older and frontline essential workers. After those Americans, ACIP suggested, Phase 1c would consist of people over age 65, those with high-risk medical conditions and other essential workers.

## Vaccine Priority Groups

### Phase 1a (24 million people):

- Health care personnel
- Long-term care facility residents

### Phase 1b (49 million people):

- Frontline essential workers
- People 75 and older

### Phase 1c (129 million people):

- People ages 65-74
- People ages 16-64 with high-risk conditions
- Other essential workers

### Phase 2:

- People 16 and older not in Phase 1

Source: CDC

## Vaccine Priority Group

### Federal resources needed

Public health experts and state officials have been urging Congress to provide more resources to help them stage the vaccination effort. The latest COVID relief bill enacted late last year provides \$8 billion for vaccine distribution. “One of the major problems we’ve had in the United States in our response to COVID is that we have not had a national response,” says Schaffner. “We’ve had a state-by-state response,” he says, and that is a “bad idea.” Kates says having more than 50 different vaccination plans “creates an inequity. It does really mean that where somebody happens to be living in the United States is going to hugely determine when they get vaccinated.” On the other hand, Kates added, she can understand that in some places officials believe they need to consider the demographics of their populations as they make vaccine allocation decisions. Historically, such public health efforts have been handled at the state and local levels.

## The COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan in California

- As of Jan. 7, more than 528,000 Californians had received a COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna. Both vaccines received [emergency use authorization](#) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in late December.
- Following guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), California's initial batch of vaccines is available to health care workers and residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities. On Jan. 7, the California Department of Public Health opened vaccines to everyone in the state's phase 1A priority group, including dentists and home health care workers.
- Adults 75 and up are in the next phase of distribution, along with people who work in the education, childcare, emergency services and food and agriculture sectors.
- [Vaccine news](#) is changing quickly.

### When will the vaccine be available to older Californians?

Likely not until early 2021. California is following the CDC's advice in prioritizing health care workers and long-term care residents, a group that it is calling phase 1A.

The state has developed a [detailed tier system](#) for its first wave of vaccines. California initially prioritized older medical professionals and residents of skilled nursing facilities, but health officials have since opened vaccines to younger health care workers and less medically vulnerable long-term care residents to avoid wasting the state's vaccine supply.

People at least 75 years old are currently grouped in the first tier of phase 1B — just below phase 1A — so they'll get a vaccine before it's available to the general public. State health officials have told local health departments to begin vaccinating essential workers and people at

least 75 years old if they run out of people to vaccinate in phase 1A. The state's essential workers include people who work in the education, childcare, emergency services and food and agriculture sectors.

The second tier of phase 1B consists of people between the ages of 65 and 74 and workers in the transportation and logistics, industrial, commercial, residential and critical manufacturing sectors. People who are incarcerated or homeless are also listed in the second tier of phase 1B.

Once these groups are vaccinated, doses will be open to people in phase 1C. This group consists of people between the ages of 50 and 64, as well as people 16 and up who have serious medical conditions. Workers in defense, energy, IT, water and wastewater, chemical and hazardous materials, communications, financial services, government operations are also listed in phase 1C.

AARP is fighting for older Americans to be prioritized in getting COVID-19 vaccines because the science has shown that older people are at higher risk of death.

### How do I know when I'm able to get a vaccine?



You can find updates about the vaccine's availability for various groups on the [California vaccine information website](#). You can also call the state's COVID-19 hotline at 833-422-4255.

### **I've heard that some vaccines require a second shot.**

The initial COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna require two doses. If you get one of these vaccines, you'll need a follow-up dose a few weeks later to be effectively immunized. "What you have is you get some degree, not optimal, but some degree of immunity a couple of weeks after the first dose," Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said in December. "That's not optimal. After the second dose, you get optimal immunity anywhere from seven to 10 days after the second dose."

You may receive a vaccination card or printout that tells you where, when and which type of vaccine you received, according to the [CDC](#). The California Department of Public Health is considering text, email and robocall reminders to help ensure vaccine recipients get a second dose. The CDC has launched a web tool called [v-safe](#) that lets you sign up for text message reminders for your second vaccine appointment and report [possible side effects](#).

### **Where can I get a vaccine?**

It's available only in hospitals and long-term care facilities to start, and only to the phase 1A group. After that, California plans to work with hospitals, pharmacies and mobile clinics to distribute vaccines. The state may also partner with colleges, universities and correctional facilities to ensure younger and incarcerated Californians have an opportunity to get a vaccine.

### **How will residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities get the vaccine?**

The federal government has contracted with CVS and Walgreens to administer the COVID-19 vaccines at no cost to [long-term care residents and staff](#). The two national drugstore chains say that more than 48,000 of the 50,000 skilled nursing and assisted living communities in the U.S. are participating in the program. However, Los Angeles County has opted to administer

vaccines directly to long-term care staff and residents rather than relying on the drugstore partnership.

### **Do I have to pay for the vaccination?**

AARP fought to make sure the federal government is [covering the cost of the vaccine](#). But the CDC says vaccine providers may still [charge a fee](#) for giving someone a shot. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has said the vaccine will be administered free of charge to Medicare beneficiaries. Some health insurance companies have announced that policyholders won't face out-of-pocket costs. [Note: We are continuing to report on the possible costs, if any.]

### **How long does immunity last after I get vaccinated?**

It's not yet known how long immunity from a coronavirus vaccine lasts and whether it needs to be administered on a regular basis like the flu shot.

### **Should I still wear a mask after getting vaccinated?**

Yes. Experts still need to learn more about the protection the vaccines provide under "real-life conditions," the CDC says. It could take your body a few weeks to build up immunity after the second dose of a vaccine. And while the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are effective at preventing symptoms of COVID-19, it's not yet clear whether someone who's been vaccinated can still catch the virus and transmit it to others.

"We have to be sober and mindful of the moment we are in, which is challenging and trying," Gov. Gavin Newsom said during a recent news conference, saying the vaccines offer "light at the end of the tunnel" but reminding Californians that "we're still in the tunnel."

The vaccine is just one tool that can help slow the spread of the coronavirus. The [CDC](#) says it could take months for the population to build up immunity, and it continues to recommend preventive measures such as face masks and social distancing.



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## 2021 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Date	Description of Event	Contact	Location
January 23	PICYA Commodore's Ball/Installation of Officers	PICYA	TBD
January 30	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
February 7	Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook-Off	Otis & Jim	EBC Club House
February 27	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
February 27	EBC Black History Month Program	Sheila, Pappy, Ann, Janet	EBC Club House
March 5-7	EBC Cruise Out to Village West Choice #1	Reggie Kelley	Village West YC
March 12-14	EBC Cruise Out to Village West Choice #2	Reggie Kelley	Village West YC
March 19-21	**Mardi Gras-Cruise In-Diablo YC/Delta Outlander	Ann Dukes	EBC Club House
March 20	PICYA Leadership Conference	PICYA	TBD
March 27	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
April 3	Opening Day on the Delta – Antioch/Stockton	Stockton YC	EBC Club House
April 10	EBC Opening Day Boat Parade - Crab Feed	Dane, Carol, Sheila	Stockton Marina
April 17	Spring Youth Day	Ann Dukes	EBC Club House
April 24	Monthly Club Meeting–Membership Picture Day	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
April 25	Opening Day On The Bay Boat Parade	PICYA	San Francisco
May 1	**Cinco de Mayo Cruise In	Marian Wattel	EBC Club House
May 14-16	**Western Night Cruise In & Line Dancing	Sheila George	EBC Club House
May 22	Reno Turn Around Bus Trip	Frank Whitehead	Reno NV
May 29	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
May 28-31	Memorial Day		
June 4-6	**Jazz & Wine Festival - Cruise In	Carol Whitehead	EBC Club House
June 11-13	Annual Cabin Fever Fishing Derby	Frank Whitehead	San Joaquin
June 19	Juneteenth Celebration & Family Carnival	Ann, Janet, Carol, Pappy	EBC Club House
June 26	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
July 9-11	**Mad Hatter Day & EBC Horse Race - Cruise In		
July 16-18	Sacramento Cruise Out - CHOICE #1	Reggie & Melvin	Sacramento YC
July 23-25	Sacramento Cruise Out - CHOICE #2	Reggie & Melvin	Sacramento YC
July 31	Monthly General Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
August 13-15	**Annual White Party Cruise In	Kimberly, Carol, Pappy	EBC Club House
August 28	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
September 3-6	Labor Day		
September 18	Monthly Club Meeting & Election Nomination	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
September 18	Coastal Clean Up	Kerry Davis	Stockton Marina
Sept 23 - Oct 2	EBC Cruise Out - Down Bay Cruise	Otis Brock	Bay Area Cruise
September 25	Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta	PICYA	Encinal YC
October 2	PICYA Leadership & Management Conference	PICYA Leadership	TBD
October 8-10	**Columbus Day Cruise In - EBC Regatta Race		EBC Club House
October 23	4th Annual Day at the Races-GGF	Tony Petit	Albany-GGF
October 30	Club Meeting – EBC Election	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
October 30	**Ghouls/Goblins/Grownups Celebration/Cruise In	Kimberly Romes	EBC Club House
November 20	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
December 4	Lighted Boat Parade Antioch & Stockton	Stockton YC	Stockton
December 11	EBC Change of Watch Dinner	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
December 18	EBC Community Service Day	EBC Membership	EBC Club House

BLUE = OPEN CRUISE IN/OUT DATES    \*\*BLUE = CRUISE IN DATES WITH AN EBC EVENT    PURPLE = EBC CRUISE OUT DATE    GREEN = SCHEDULED EBC EVENT    RED = CLUB MEETING    BLACK = MISC OTHER EVENTS WE ATTEND    UPDATED 11/15/2020

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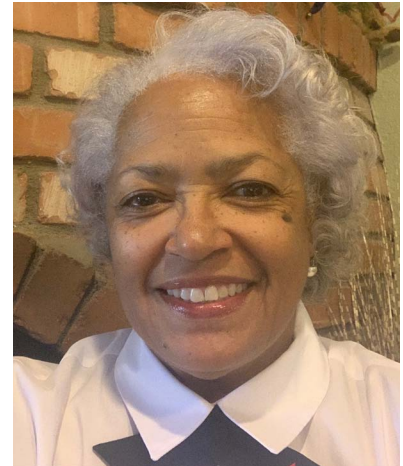
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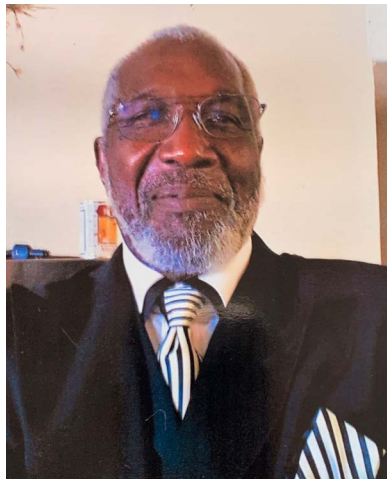
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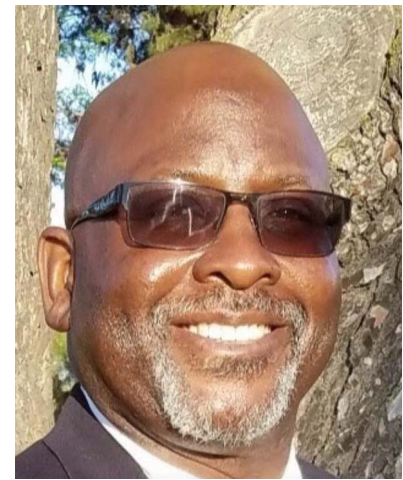
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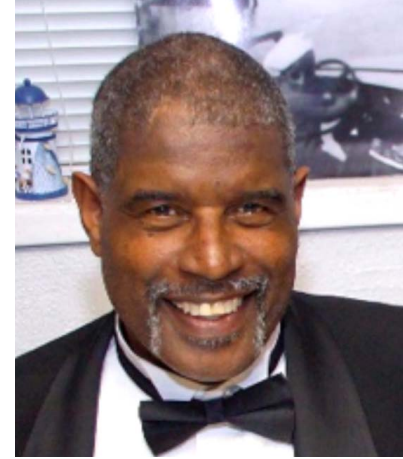
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