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A MESSAGE FROM THE HELM



Dane McCoy
Commodore

Ahoy Ebony Boat Club!

I'm sorry to report the COVID-19 cases are on the rise in the Bay Area Counties, and 20 other states, yet the restrictions are being relaxed. Many of our members live in the Bay Area and we travel to other Counties. I live in Contra Costa County and frequently travel to San Joaquin County, Solano

County and Sacramento County. I wear a mask; wash my hands and I try to physically distance. Hopefully scientists will develop a cure and or vaccine for COVID-19 soon.

Pam and I have a few favorite waterways like the Sacramento River, the Mokelumne River, Snodgrass Slough and Steamboat Slough. On June 8th we moved our boat to Willow Berm Marina which is located on the Mokelumne River. We will leave it there for a month or two. We will visit the area often and It is now our new home away from home.

Willow Berm Marina is a beautiful destination on the California Delta that offers great fishing, shuffleboard, Bocce, a clubhouse and a beautiful Tiki Hut that has Bar-B-Que grill seating and counter space to accommodate about 50 people. And it's all located on the water's edge.



Ebony Youth Foundation (EYF) needs your support. The last time I checked, Ebony Youth Foundation only has enough donations to offer two scholarships. It would be great to offer three scholarships. Pam and I are pledging \$100 to EYF. It would be great to see no less than nine other people or memberships to pledge the same. More now than ever we need to recognize that our youth truly is the future of our country. Let's promote them in the best way possible.

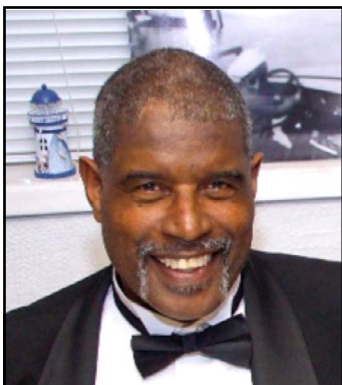
Thursday, June 25th at 6PM the Executive Board will meet via Zoom, an internet video conferencing company. General members are welcome to listen in. On Saturday June 27th we will have a General Membership meeting at 12PM also via Zoom. If you wish to speak during the General Meeting please raise your hand and I will acknowledge you in order. I will send the Zoom meeting codes for each meeting as we get closer to the meeting dates.

I wish you all good health and an abundance of happiness. I pray for those of you that are ill and those of you who are in need of help. Please let me know if there is something I can do for you if you are in need. I look forward to when we can meet on the water and at the clubhouse.

Dane McCoy,
Commodore Ebony Boat Club



A Message From :
THE STAFF COMMODORE



STAFF COMMODORE
Frank Whitehead

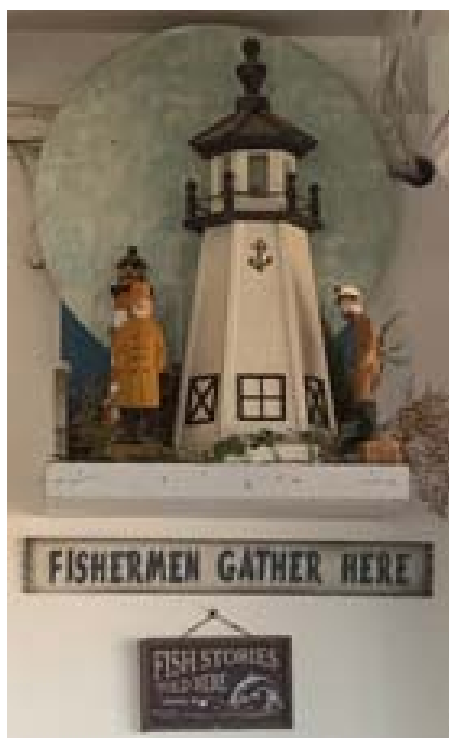
Hello EBC Family,
Carol and I hope everyone is safe during this time of challenges and sacrifice. Our Prayers go out to the family of George Floyd We hope that they receive comfort in knowing, that his ultimate sacrifice has brought people together from all around the World and in a way that has

never happened before!

Are you ready to get out for some fun? We are having a “Cabin Fever Fishing Derby” on Saturday, June 20th from 4am until 4pm. See the flyer on page 10 for more details and information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 925-219-5987. Hope you can join us.

Stay safe & God Bless.

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



A Message From :
THE REAR COMMODORE



REAR COMMODORE
Shelia George

Hello Ebony Boat Club,
I hope all is well with everyone. I am hopeful that the social distancing will be over soon, as I miss all of you and can't wait to be with you again.

I would like to inform the EBC Membership, that I have completed the training class provided by the California Division of Boating and Waterway. I am officially a certified Dockwalker.

The effort of Dockwalkers is to increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating in California, thus improving the recreation experience of boaters while helping preserve the precious wildlife habitat and water quality of this state. See page 13 for additional Dockwalker information.



As you all know, I became a first time boat owner last year with the help from Frank Whitehead, Otis Brock, James Mack and Tony Petit. They assisted me in getting my boat up and running.

I also want to thank Otis Brock and Jim Mack for teaching me how to operate my vessel. Last week I took it upon myself to take my boat out of the slip. I was a little nervous but I kept repeating the instructions Otis and Jim had given me. I docked my boat back in its slip, I felt great, what an accomplishment!

EBC Cabin Fever Fishing Derby, here I come!

The EBC Site and Construction Crew had a work party at the clubhouse on Wednesday, June 10th to provide maintenance on the propane system. As the Clubhouse Manager, I must report that I found the clubhouse to be in good shape, just waiting for us to come back together. I can't wait!

Hope to see you all soon,
Sheila George, Rear Commodore

A message from:
EBC Treasurer



Otis Brock
Treasurer

Hello fellow
Ebony Boat
Club Members:

For the last
three years, the
Ebony Youth
Foundation
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Scholarships
to the Ebony
Boat Club
Scholarship

Program. We were funded with donations received from the Ebony Boat Club's Cruise In's and special events. This year many of the fundraising events have been cancelled and we have received less donations. Therefore, this year we have initiated an exciting way of raising funds for the Ebony Youth Foundation. The Ebony Youth Foundation is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service. This means that you can deduct contributions to the Foundation under Internal Revenue Code Section 170. If you are interested in assisting the foundation, you can make a donation directly to the Ebony Youth Foundation by mailing your check to:

Ebony Youth Foundation ~ 1253 Yuba Avenue
San Pablo Calif. 94806.

You can also submit your donation online at:
Network For Goods, Click on Ebony Youth
Foundation and follow their instructions.

We are listed on the Eligible Organization List at 814228897. Another way that you can help is to forward this information to your E-Mail friends and your Facebook Page.

Download Organizations Eligible to Receive Tax-Deductible Charitable Contributions at:

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donate/>
Thanks, and Safe Boating,

Treasurer, Otis Brock

A Message From
The PICYA Commodore

Greetings EBC,

G o v e r n o r
N e w s o m
announced on
May 22, 2020
that
"Not A Single
Soldier In
California's 8
Veteran Home
System Had
Died From
The Covid-19
Virus." What an
accomplishment
f o r t h e
California's
V e t e r a n s
Administration.

The VA shut
down the VA operated homes 2 weeks before the State mandated closure. What an amazing response for the safety of our California Vets.

The Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta is why I got involved with PICYA (Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association). This event is planned entirely to entertain the hospital assigned Veterans here in our Northern California Veteran Home facilities. As a retired card carrying military veteran, I applaud all my fellow veterans past and present for their sacrifice and service.

So, I hope you enjoyed your Memorial Day. However, I hope you took a few moments to reflect about the real meaning of the Holiday and what it means to our country and its' history. So, if you are reading my article you have already accomplished my mission.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Willis
US Air Force/ US Army Reserve Retired
Commodore PICYA 2020
Commodore Ebony Boat Club 2016



Robert Willis
Commodore /PICYA

A message from: EBC Secretary

Hello EBC Members and Friends,

I Pray that everyone and their family and loved ones are doing well under this moment in time of our Country's history. Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone when the time is right.

Frank and I have been practicing the social distancing requirements, but we are going stir crazy just sitting at home twiddling our thumbs. Our favorite breakfast spot in West Pittsburg "Big Daddy Roos" has been open for take out orders only. So, to get away from our typical staying at home routine. We donned our face mask, hand sanitizer and wipes. Boarded "Jencarro" and headed West to Big Daddy Ross Cafe.



Making our way to Big Daddy Ross's Cafe

The weather was great, water was a little rough, but the fresh air and the roaring of the twin engines some what made us forget that we were still under quarantine.

We arrived at our destination at the McCavoy Marina within twenty minutes. The tide was very low and we weren't sure if driving the boat down was a good ideal. Knowing Frank and his quick thinking, we side tied the boat to the end of the dock and headed up the ramp for breakfast.



Frank placing our order with Ross at the Cafe

We had not seen Ross and the staff in over a month, we were all glad to see one another. The waitress pulled up our usually order. We cleaned off a table outside and waited for our breakfast. As we set sipping our coffee and tea, Ross brought out our to-go plates. The meals were great as usual and we always have left-overs for an early lunch. As we said our good-byes, we boarded "Jencarro" and headed home. What a wonderful get away, can't wait for our next trip out on the water.



Jencarro heading down the channel toward home

Enjoy your time out on the water,
Carol Whitehead, Past Commodore

Tips from:
EBC Safety/Training Officer



10 Tips For Safe Summer Boating

Stay safe on the water before heading out this summer with a few essential checklist items.

1. File a float plan with a trusted friend or family member that can alert rescue services should you be late getting home. (See page ___ for a sample.)
2. If installed, make sure your engine cutoff device is operational and the tether is attached to the helmsman.
3. Check fluids like fuel, oil, and water. It only takes a few minutes and can avoid a tow.
4. Make sure your transom plug is in place, if your boat has one, before launching.
5. Update your first-aid-kit. Keep the essentials, including medications, in a waterproof container.
6. Fire extinguishers should be easily accessible and fully charged. (The indicator must be in the green.)
7. Test Blige pump and switch operation by tipping a bucket of water into the bilge.
8. Ensure the anchor is properly shackled to the rope or chain. (For a video on how to do this, go to [YouTube.com/BoatUS](https://www.youtube.com/BoatUS) and search “shackle.”) Can the anchor be easily deployed in an emergency?
9. Check the expiration date on flares. They expire 42 months from date of manufacture. Flares that are out of date may not work and could land you with a fine.
10. Ensure there’s a properly sized life jacket for everyone on board. Kids’ life jackets can be borrowed at no cost from BoatU.S. Foundation Life Jacket Loaner site. (Find one near you at [BoatUS.com/Map](https://www.boatus.com/Map).)

Safe Boating,
Kerry Davis, Training & Safety Officer



Float Plan

BoatU.S.

<p>1. Phone Numbers</p> <p>Coast Guard: _____ Marine Police: _____ Local Tow/BoatU.S. Company: _____</p> <p>2. Description of the Boat</p> <p>Boat Name: _____ Hailing Port: _____ Type: _____ Model Year: _____ Make: _____ Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____ Color, Hull: _____ Cabin: _____ Deck: _____ Trim: _____ Dodger: _____ Other Colors: _____ # of Masts: _____ Distinguishing Features: _____ Registration No: _____ Sail No: _____ Engine(s) Type: _____ Horsepower: _____ Cruising Speed: _____ Fuel Capacity, Gallons: _____ Cruising Range: _____</p> <p>Electronics/Safety Equipment Aboard</p> <p>VHF Radio: _____ Cell Phone: _____ CB: _____ SSB: _____ Frequency Monitored: _____ Loran: _____ SatNav: _____ Depth Sounder: _____ Radar: _____ GPS: _____ Raft: _____ Dinghy: _____ EPIRB: _____ (specify type) A/B/C/406M</p> <p>3. Trip Details</p> <p>Owner/Skipper (Filing Report): _____ Name: _____ Age: _____ Address: _____ Boating Experience: _____</p> <p>Additional Persons Aboard, Total: _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Age: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Boating Experience: _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Age: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Boating Experience: _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Age: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Boating Experience: _____</p>	<p>Name: _____ Age: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Boating Experience: _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Age: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Boating Experience: _____</p> <p>Departure Date/Time: _____ Return No Later Than: _____ Depart From: _____</p> <p>Marina (Home Port): _____ Phone: _____ Auto Parked At: _____ Model/color: _____ Lic. # _____</p> <p>Destination Port: _____ ETA: _____ No Later Than: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Anticipated Stopover Ports: _____ ETA: _____ No Later Than: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>ETA: _____ No Later Than: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>ETA: _____ No Later Than: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>ETA: _____ No Later Than: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Plan Filed With: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p><small>Get in the habit of filing a Float Plan. It can assure quicker rescue in the event of a breakdown, stranding or weather delay. Fill out the permanent data in Sections 1 and 2. Then, make enough copies to last for the season. If you file a Float Plan with someone not at your home, such as a harbormaster or boating friend, be sure to notify them as soon as you return. Don't burden friends or authorities with unnecessary worry and responsibility if you are safe.</small></p>
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Messages from the Members

Marilyn Brock, Past Commodore

Hello EBC

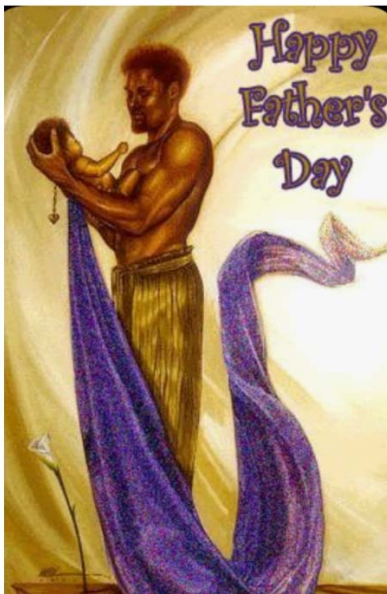
I pray this newsletter finds you all and your families in good health.

We are living in unprecedented 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 America. 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



*Anniversaries
That Were Overlooked
In Our May Newsletter*

James & Eddie Jo Mack



Marshall & Marian Wattel



*Happy Belated
Anniversary*

Messages from the Members

Ann Dukes, Past Commodore

Good Morning EBC,

Yes I am missing all of you. Now that I have that out of the way, I am prayerful that we are all doing well. I know there have been some ups and downs but hopefully there were more ups. Yes, I took a hit. I lost a brother to lung cancer but my family and I are doing well. Thanks for all the calls, text and emails and prayers. They were all needed and appreciated. It was difficult not going back. The services were zoomed so I still got to attend. The love and support I received from you made the event so much better

Now for more pleasant thoughts. The Derby sounds like fun. Maybe we will be able to open in July and we can have another big event. I am leading up to funds for the scholarship funds. At this time we have five applicants and we can only give two scholarships. I am asking each member since we have not had any events, maybe you will consider making a donation to the scholarship fund. The committee would love to be able to give three this year. Just asking.

I went up to the club with Janet last week and just walking in felt so good. It felt like a weight was lifted from my shoulders. The club is still decorated for Mardi gras and is so beautiful. It is calling us. And I will be glad when I can answer. Stay safe my family and enjoy.

I have included my recipe for a delicious summer treat! (recipe on the side)

WITH LOVE AND PRAYER,
Ann Dukes, Past Commodore

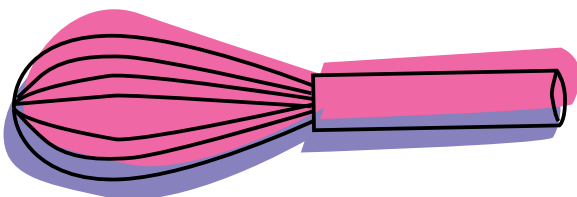


MY BERRY BOWL

- 2 cups blueberries
- 2 cups strawberries (cut in half or in big pieces)
- 2 cups blackberries
- 1 cup raspberries
- 2 tablespoons of good honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup raspberry liqueur

Directions:

Rinse berries and dry well, sprinkle spice over berries be careful not to break the berries. Mix honey and liqueur pour over berries and mix. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Serve in a pretty bowl. You can use 1/2 cup sugar if the berries are not sweet. The amounts or combination of berries can be any of your favorite. You can also add more liqueur. Really good on a warm evening/night.



Messages from the Members

John and Gayla McCoy

Hi EBC,

I'd like to share this recipe that I've passed out to friends with kids/grandkids that's been a big hit because it's super quick and easy (See the full recipe on the side)

Depending on who I'm serving, I've



Creamy Sausage Rigatoni

Prep time: 25 min

Total time: 25 min

Makes 8 servings

substituted a pound of ground hamburger or if you prefer a little more spice, I used a tube of hot Jimmy Dean sausage instead. If you're like my husband John, I also will grill a couple of spicy (or sweet) Italian sausage and slice in chunks for additional meat in the sauce. Plus, we always add some Concord grape Manischewitz for a little more flavor!

Here's a picture of our 2,000 piece-puzzle. Because of the virus, there wasn't much choice in puzzles, so we ended up with one of Pokemon characters!

Stay safe,

John and Gayla McCoy



WHAT YOU NEED

1 lb. rigatoni pasta, uncooked

1 lb. Italian sausage

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 jar (24 oz.) CLASSICO Marinara with Plum Tomatoes & Olive Oil Pasta Sauce

1 pkg. (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, cubed

1/2 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, torn

1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

LET'S MAKE IT

Cook pasta as directed on package, omitting salt.

Meanwhile, remove casings from sausage if necessary; crumble sausage into large skillet sprayed with cooking spray. Cook on medium heat until evenly browned, stirring occasionally. Add garlic, cook and stir 30 sec. Add pasta sauce and cream cheese; mix well. Cook on low heat 3 to 5 min. or until cream cheese is completely melted and sauce is well blended, stirring frequently.

Drain pasta. Add to pasta sauce mixture; mix lightly. Top with basil and Parmesan

EBC'S THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

By Past Commodore Ann Dukes

Hello EBC Family, Let us keep Eddie Jo Mack in prayer. She is home from the hospital and a get well soon plant was sent to her on behalf of the EBC Club Members. I am asking for continued prayers for my family as we adjust to the loss of my brother.

Keep each of us in prayer as we adjust to our "NEW NORMAL" of life. We were clean before but now we have to really be aware of clean hands and wearing of masks. Keep your 6 feet distance, and be aware of others around you coughing or sneezing. It is hard to tell an allergy cough/sneeze from a virus one.

Please stay in contact with one another including neighbors who are alone, sometimes just a wave is helpful. This sheltering in place can cause loneliness especially in the elderly and home bound. A note, bag of cookies, flowers or a plant on their doorstep can be a big boost.

LET'S STAY HEALTH

Daily Prayer

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Extended Reading - Jeremiah 29:11



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

EBC Member Sheila George and family for the loss of her three month old niece

EBC Member Ann Dukes and family for the loss of her beloved brother

EBC Member James & Eddie Jo Mack recovering from illness

EBC Member Kimberly Romes & Family recovering from illness

EBC Member Dane McCoy recovering from medical procedures

EBC Member Sheila George medical issues

If you know of someone you would like to add to the prayer list please contact the Newsletter Editorial Staff

EBONY BOAT CLUB'S CABIN FEVER FISHING DERBY

Saturday, June 20, 2020 6am to 4pm
(subject to weather)



“RULES”

1. Registration fee is a donation to any charity or food bank of your choice.*
2. Monitor VHF 68
3. Fish anywhere - lake, Delta, ocean, swimming pool or bathtub.
4. Take a picture of your fish along side of a ruler or tape measurer and send it to EBC Staff Commodore Frank Whitehead at 925-219-5987 or email me at itsallgoodfw@gmail.com.
5. Entry must be logged in by 4pm.
6. Winner to be announced via VHF 68 and pictures of winning fish will be posted on the Ebony Boat Club website and Facebook page.
7. First Place winner will receive a trophy and 2 tickets to the Ebony Boat Club Jazz & Wine Festival on June 5, 2021. Second and Third Place winners will receive a bronze or silver Fishing Derby Medal.

*Call Staff Commodore Frank Whitehead at 925-219-5987 or email me at itsallgoodfw@gmail.com to register and for any questions. Please be sure to leave a message if I do not answer.

What you need to know about your stimulus check

Checking In

12 Myths About



Stimulus Checks

What to believe and not to believe about the coronavirus relief payments

by John Waggoner, **AARP**, May 20, 2020

A number of misconceptions are flying around about the \$1,200 stimulus payments called for under the CARES Act. Here's a closer look at a dozen of these erroneous claims surrounding what the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) refers to as economic impact payments. Consider yourself warned.

1. Donald Trump signed the stimulus checks

Millions of paper stimulus checks issued by mail do bear the president's name but not his signature. The checks are actually signed by Vona Robinson, an official with the Treasury Department's Bureau of the Fiscal Service. The president's name does, however, appear in all caps on the face of the [stimulus checks](#), next to the image of the Statue of Liberty. If you receive a stimulus check with Donald Trump's signature, it's a fake.

2. You had to file a tax return to get a stimulus payment

Absolutely not. While stimulus-payment eligibility for many was based on 2018 or 2019 tax returns, the IRS went to great lengths to ensure that those not required to file tax returns also got their checks. At

the urging of AARP, the IRS worked closely with the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make sure that non-filers who received benefits from SSA — including benefits for survivors, the disabled (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients — or the VA got a check. It also rolled out a tool on [irs.gov](#) called, logically, “[Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#).” Don't use the tool if you intend to file a 2019 return, due by July 15.

3. The IRS will garnish your payment for back taxes

The IRS says it will not take all or part of your [stimulus payment for back taxes](#). If you owe back child support, however, your state will report you to the Treasury Offset Program (TOP), which can take your entire stimulus check, up to the amount you owe. If you're married to someone who owes child support (and you don't), you can [file an injured spouse form](#). This can allow you to keep the portion of the stimulus that doesn't belong to your spouse.

4. You owe income tax on your stimulus payment

Nope. To quote the [IRS coronavirus economic impact information center](#): “No, the payment is not income and taxpayers will not owe tax on it. The payment will not reduce a taxpayer's refund or increase the amount they owe when they file their 2020 tax return next year. A payment also will not affect income for purposes of determining eligibility for federal government assistance or benefit programs.”

5. College students aren't eligible for stimulus payments

As long as you're 17 or older and aren't claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return, you're eligible for a stimulus check. Whether or not you're in school doesn't matter. You must also meet the income requirements. To receive a full \$1,200 stimulus payment your adjusted gross income (AGI)



Don Casey
Contributor, BoatUS Magazine

CHOOSING DOCKLINES

When you decide to purchase dock lines, it is possible to be overwhelmed by the variety of rope available. If you are after rope to secure your boat to the dock, you can — and should — ignore most of those spools. Most marine cordage is for general or specialized use aboard sailboats, and the less it stretches, the more it is revered by sailors. For dock lines, however, sailors and powerboaters alike need a rope that does stretch.

Nylon only

In pursuit of dock lines that do not stiffen with age, some rope manufacturers have in recent years begun offering pre-spliced dock lines made from "stretchy" polyester. These may be good for large boats in protected marinas, but for tying your boat to whatever dock, slip, pier, or seawall you might encounter, you should skip right over all rope labeled polyester or Dacron or Kevlar or Spectra or any other fancy name. The right rope for dock lines is plain old nylon. Nylon has three characteristics that make it ideal for dock lines. It is incredibly strong, it is very stretchy, and it is very good at resisting the harmful effects of sunlight.

The value of strength is self-evident, but the benefits of elasticity may not be as obvious. When your boat surges against an unyielding dock line, the load on the line goes from zero to the maximum at the instant the line comes taut. The likely consequence is a broken line — not unlike how you might snap a piece of thread with a jerk. Even if the rope is strong enough not to break, it is hammering cleats and bits with every surge. Nylon doesn't come taut suddenly, but dissipates the load by stretching. It is like the difference between hitting the steering wheel or hitting the air bag.

As for nylon's resistance to ultraviolet damage, dock lines — particularly permanent dock lines — live in the sun. Nylon lines enjoy quite a long life in that environment. Polyester is marginally better in this category, but the advantage is insufficient for giving up elasticity.

Nylon actually has a fourth appealing characteristic that you will surely appreciate: it is less expensive. The only exception is polypropylene. In pursuit of dock lines that do not stiffen with age, some rope manufacturers have in recent years begun offering pre-spliced dock lines made from "stretchy" polyester. These may be good for large boats in protected marinas, but for tying your boat to whatever dock, slip, pier, or seawall you might encounter, you should skip right over all rope labeled polyester or Dacron or Kevlar or Spectra or any other fancy name. The right rope for dock lines is plain old nylon.

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DOCKWALKER

You Can Protect Our Waterways by Becoming a Dockwalker

Who are DOCKWALKERS?

Dockwalkers are partners who inspire and educate boaters and other recreators to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California. These partners distribute boater kits with educational materials while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and events. *If you are already a trained Dockwalker and were trained more than 3 years ago, please join us next year for a refresher class. Anyone from 15 to 100 years young and interested in water quality and sharing clean boating information (regardless of your background) can become a Dockwalker!*

How Do Dockwalkers Help?

The efforts of Dockwalkers increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience in California while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality. There are over 600 Dockwalkers statewide who have distributed more than 90,000 boater kits since 2000.

How Do I Become a DOCKWALKER?

People interested in becoming Dockwalkers are required to attend a FREE 1.5 hour training class. During the class participants learn about potential sources of boat pollution and their impact, environmental regulations for boaters, and clean boating practices that prevent pollution from boating. In addition, the training provides information on how to conduct Dockwalking and an overview of the educational materials Dockwalkers will distribute including the boater kits. Age range is 15 years and up. The program can document community service hours. Contact the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905; ymatuk@coastal.ca.gov or visit <http://www.boatingcleanandgreen.com/> to register for a class.

What Is a Boater Kit?

The **boater kit** is an educational tool for boaters. Items include: a pocketbook of tide tables, Division of Boating and Waterways pamphlets (*ABC's of the California Boating Law*), oil absorbent pillow with reusable zip tie and instructions, and more. Depending on your region, we may also provide the Delta Clean Boating map and/or the San Francisco Bay Area Clean Boating Map and the new edition of the Southern California Boater's Guide. Boaters can receive a boater kit after completing a brief boater questionnaire/pledge. This questionnaire will help to identify gaps in environmental services and better target future boater education efforts.

How Can I Order the Boater Kits?

After the class we will be mailing you some boater kits. If you are a very active Dockwalker and need more boater kits, please contact the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905 or ymatuk@coastal.ca.gov.

What is a Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge?

All boaters who receive a boater kit must complete a brief and anonymous [Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge](#). The information is used to improve the Program, better understand boater behavior and identify gaps in terms of safe and clean boating education and services.

What is the Dockwalker Contest?

In recognition of the good work and dedication of our clean boating Dockwalkers, the top Dockwalkers who return the most number of completed boaters questionnaire will be honored with great awards donated to our partners and will join the ranks in the Dockwalker Hall of Fame. Dockwalkers will be asked to collect their boater questionnaires and return them after finishing their Dockwalking activities.

Why should you get involve?

Becoming a Dockwalker is a fantastic way to interact with boaters and to help keep California's marinas, waterways, and ocean clean and healthy. Dockwalkers help boaters to further their knowledge, implement environmentally sound and safe boating practices.

For more information about the program and to schedule a training, please contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905, ymatuk@coastal.ca.gov or visit <http://www.boatingcleanandgreen.com/>



Prading or assistance in Dockwalker training provided by these organizations



Ebony Boat Club

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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	CANCELED	EBC Club House
March 21	PICYA Leadership Conference	CANCELED	Martinez YC
March 28	Monthly Club Meeting	CANCELED	EBC Club House
April 4	Opening Day on the Delta – Antioch/Stockton	CANCELED	EBC Clubhouse
April 18	Spring Youth Day	CANCELED	EBC Club House
April 25	Monthly Club Meeting – Membership Picture Day	CANCELED	EBC Club House
April 26	Opening Day Virtual Boat Parade - Online	PICYA	San Francisco
May 2	Family Carnival	CANCELED	EBC Club House
May 15-17	Western Night Cruise In - Diablo Yacht Club	CANCELED	EBC Club House
May 22-25	Memorial Day Weekend	CANCELED	
May 30	Monthly Club Meeting	TELECONFERENCE	
June 5-7	Jazz & Wine Festival & Cruise In	CANCELED	EBC Club House
June 12-14	George Spencer – Church Retreat	CANCELED	EBC Club House
June 27	Monthly Club Meeting	TELECONFERENCE	PENDING
July 10-12	Cruise Out to Discovery Bay Yacht Club	** SUFN**	Discovery Bay
July 25	Monthly Club Meeting	** SUFN**	EBC Club House
Jul 31-Aug 2	Discovery Bay Cruise In	** SUFN**	EBC Club House
August 14-16	Annual White Party Cruise In-Delta Outlanders	** SUFN**	EBC Club House
August 21-23		** SUFN**	
August 29	Monthly Club Meeting	** SUFN**	EBC Club House
September 4-7	Cruise Out Martinez YC Club-Labor Day	** SUFN**	Martinez YC
September 19	Monthly Club Meeting & Election Nomination	** SUFN**	EBC Club House
September 19	Coastal Clean Up	** SUFN**	Stockton Marina
Sept 23 - Oct 2	Cruise Out - Down Bay Cruise	Otis / Reggie	Bay Area Cruise
September 26	Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta	CANCELED	Encinal YC
October 3	PICYA Leadership & Management Conference	PICYA Leadership	Loch Lomond YC
October 3	Ann Dukes – Church Retreat	Ann Dukes	EBC Clubhouse
October 16 - 18			
October 24	4th Annual Day at the Races-Golden Gate Fields	Tony Petit	Albany-GGF
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

**** SUFN** Suspended Until Further Notice**

Update 6/20/2020



June Birthdays

Reggie Kelley
 Vera Labat
 Frank Whitehead

June Anniversaries

Richard & Lenora Clark
 LC & Sharon Fuller
 Bill & Roxanne Washington

Happy Day to All!

PICYA 2020 CALENDAR



Please visit the PICYA website to find out the Teleconferences schedule for the various Delegates and Officers meeting as well as updates on coming PICYA events



2020 EBC CLUB MEETING DATES

Club meetings have been suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus social distancing requirements.

STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Annual White Party-August 15th
 4th Annual Day at the Races-October 17th
 Change of Watch Dinner- December 12, 2020*

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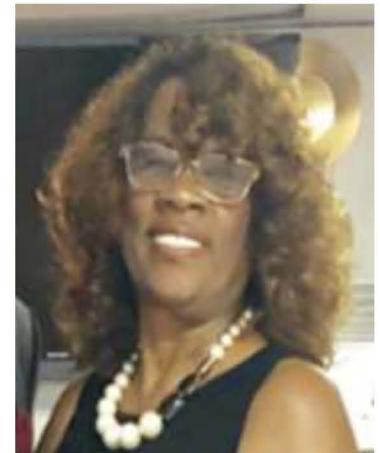
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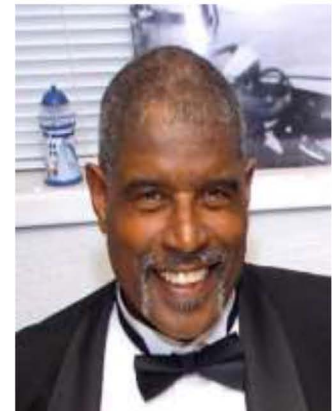
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