



# THE BEACON



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HELM



Dane McCoy  
Commodore

Hello Friends and Family,

I pray that you are healthy both mentally and physically during this very trying season.

The clubhouse is still closed as of this writing. As much as we would like to open the clubhouse and enjoy the company and fellowship of our membership, we the

executive board are very concerned with your safety first. Clubhouse maintenance is ongoing by a handful of members who take safety precautions by wearing masks and socially distancing while we make basic repairs and maintenance.

Speaking of maintenance, we have installed an automatic hand sanitizer near the sign in desk. Please feel free to use it upon entering the clubhouse. We also have a thermal thermometer that takes temperatures by aiming it at the forehead. It's non-invasive and takes temperatures within seconds. I would like to give a big shout out to Past Commodore Otis Brock for researching and purchasing the items out of our budget for a very reasonable price.



Save The California Delta Alliance (STCDA) is working hard to stop the Southern California water contractors and the Central California corporate mega farmers from trying to get tax payers to pay for diverting fresh water from the Sacramento River to Central and Southern California. Sacramento River and San Joaquin River water flow is bad enough as it is. If they get away with this it will decimate the 1,200 miles of the California Delta. For more information go to [www.nodeltagates.com](http://www.nodeltagates.com)

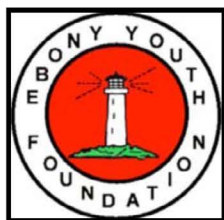


Ebony Boat Club has an executive board election coming up. Please refer to Past Commodore and 2020 Treasurer Otis Brock's article for more information on that. I must say that 2020 has been a year to forget. With the politics, wild weather, fires and COVID-19 I'm more than ready to move on to a better year.

With that being said, I am seeking a second term as Commodore of Ebony Boat Club. Although our board has done a good job at taking care of the day to day, behind the scene duties of operating a yacht club there is so much more that I would like to accomplish. I have many great ideas for 2021. I also intend to help plan and work at some of our traditional events such as the Jazz and Wine Festival, the White Party, Youth Programs, including the Scholarship Foundation just too mention a few. So please, when you receive your ballot. Please vote for me, Dane McCoy, Commodore Ebony Boat Club, 2021 on your ballot.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Dane McCoy  
Commodore - Ebony Boat Club

# Ebony Youth Foundation 2020 Recipients



Hello everyone,

Thank you for all your donations towards the Youth Foundation Scholarship fund. This year with your assistance the Ebony Boat Club will be able to fund 3 scholarships to a future Registered Nurse, Fashion Merchandise/Marketing Executive and a Physician specializing in Pediatric Oncology.



Ms. Kayleigh Simmons.



Ms. Anesia Franklin



Ms. Mika Millan

The Scholarship committee is looking forward to presenting tips on mentoring in these changing and challenging times for everyone to assist our youth in meeting their life goals.

Again thank you,

Scholarship Committee

Janet Noyd, Scholarship Chair

A Message From :

## THE VICE COMMODORE



**L.C.Fuller Jr.**

*Vice Commodore*

Hello EBC Members,

I Hope All of You are Safe. These past several months away from Activities with the Club Members has not been easy.

This time last year we had a Record Number of Boats to Cruise-In to Our Club. We Celebrated Mardi-Gras, Jazz & Wine Festival, Annual White Party and the Discovery Bay Yacht Club (Pour Manns Winery Tour) and Exchanging Burgees with the Delta Outlanders and the Diablo Yacht Club.

These are only a few of the Many Activities which we All have missed out on this year. While we cannot live in the past, but we can look forward to a brighter tomorrow.

Let's All continue doing our part to support our Club and our Communities. As Commodore Dane McCoy said in his email earlier I am looking forward to returning to the EBC Board.

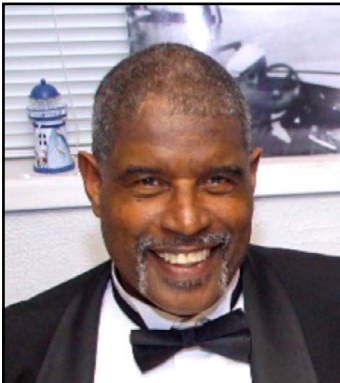
Remember to "Keep it Water Tight"...

L.C. Fuller Jr.

Vice Commodore EBC

A Message From :

## THE STAFF COMMODORE



**Frank Whitehead**  
*Staff Commadore*

Hello EBC family and friends,

Carol and I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy.

We have been social distancing on the water and having a ball. We went with some friends, Pete and Ana deep sea fishing for rock cod out of Emeryville in August. I had caught the jackpot winning ling cod until the last stop where my buddy's wife Ana beat me when she caught a 20 pound ling cod.



Ana and her winning ling cod and her catch for the day



Our next journey was with some life long friends Ray and Marion. They invited us to cruise with them from Marina Del Rey to San Diego aboard their yacht "Fortitude" a 62 foot Fairline Squadron. Ray loves it when we come down to Marina Del Rey for a visit, because he can relax and enjoy the cruise while I assume skipper duties.



Frank and Ray at the helm



High school class mates Frank, Marion and Ray



"Fortitude"

I feel it is very important for me to share what happened when we got San Diego. Trump flags were flying from just about everything from kayaks to 100 yachts and by us not being Trump supporters, I felt rather uneasy



Pulling into the San Diego Marina

But as we turned into the Marina our port engine stalled. Ray made a call to our contact person on

the dock and as I was trying to keep the boat off the rocks using the starboard engine and the bow thruster, no less than 5 dinghies came to our rescue and escorted us in. I was able to restart the port engine and we docked safely. As boaters we always assist someone on the water, wouldn't it be a Blessing if we could maintain the same mentality on dry land! I know for a fact that we all have more in common than realize and that our differences are not insurmountable and that common ground is achievable if we all are willing to try.

The moral of this story is not to drive a 62 foot yacht 25KTS for a 140 miles without checking the gas gauge!!! LOL Stay safe and healthy, 2021 is our year! Gear up for it!

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



A message from:  
**EBC TREASURER**



**Otis Brock**  
Treasurer

Hello fellow Ebony Boat Club Members:

If you plan to nominate anyone, Please confirm with them before you place their name on the ballot. At the end of our September club meeting we will have finalized our ballot for the 2021 Executive Board.

**Ebony Boat Club Officer Nomination Form**

*Before writing in a name below, make sure that the member you are nominating has agreed to running for that position. This form must be turned in before the close of the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2020.*

**EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS**

Commodore      Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore      Treasurer  
Safety & Training Officer  
Port & Fleet Officer  
Staff Commodore  
Parliamentarian  
Secretary

certificate to be redeemed at the EBC Bar. This offer will terminate at the beginning of the next club meeting. When I complete the list, I will turn it over to the Beacon Editors. This will aid the Editor in acknowledging your important Dates.



We made this request before and to this date, we only received One donation directly to the foundation. I would like to remind you that 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 @ 1253 Yuba Avenue San Pablo Calif. 94806. Or online @ Network For Goods. Click on Ebony Youth Foundation and follow their instructions. We are listed on the Eligible Organization List as 814228897. Another way that you can help is to forward this information to your E-Mail friends and your Facebook Page.



Members Birth and Anniversary dates are still incomplete. Last month I requested this information, but only a few members responded. I am again requesting this information.

Download Organizations Eligible to Receive Tax-Deductible Charitable Contributions (ZIP ASCII)

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donate/>

I will award every fifth person that turns in their information by E-Mail to me, a Ten Dollar Gift

Thanks and Safe Boating  
Treasurer, Otis Brock

A message from:  
**EBC SECRETARY**



**Carol Whitehead**  
*Secretary*

Hello EBC Family,

I Pray that this month's newsletter finds you and your family in the very best of health and security. This year started out with such great hope and admiration for a prosperous boating season. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our

club pretty much has been out of commission since March. It has projected chaos into every aspects of living. Ebony Boat Club will rebound and move forward into 2021 because we are the Little Club that could and we will!

We have our Executive Board Elections coming up as well as planning our calendar of events and fund raising for next year. In order to keep this club running it's going to take all hands on deck, more so now than ever before. Below is the list of the Executive Committee positions.

**EBONY BOAT CLUB  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB SHALL BE A:

***Commodore***

***Vice Commodore of Administration***

***Rear Commodore of Events***

***Secretary***

***Treasurer***

***Parliamentarian***

***Training & Safety Officer***

***Staff Commodore***

***Port & Fleet Captain***

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

In order to prepare for the election of our 2021 Officers it's important to publish each position and the duties of that position, so that each voting club member has the opportunity to nominate the person you feel will provide the best leadership to help move this club forward. It is your responsibility as a member to ask your potential nominee if they have the commitment and leadership for the position. This coming year is going to be a very difficult and trying time for this club and we are going to need the best, of the best of the best to see us through it. So please don't take your responsibility lightly for who you choose to nominate nor should those being nominated take their position lightly, it's time for all of us to roll up our sleeves and get busy!

Each elected Executive Officer must and should take their job responsibilities seriously. Your fellow club members are depending on you. Make sure you attend meetings, events regularly and make suggestions and or recommendations that will help to improve the functionality of the Club. Be an active Executive Officer by recruiting new members and getting current members interested in joining an event committee to help grow our club and to make it prosper.

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If you feel you need additional information or have a question about being a nominee, please don't hesitate to call upon one of the many Past Commodores available to assist you or call on one of the current Executive Officers for assistance.

Executive Officers are also responsible for purchasing a summer and fall professional dress uniform for attending meetings and other functions requiring Officers to be in a full professional dressed uniform. These items can be purchased through the Club's Boatique.

# Ebony Boat Club BUSINESS CORNER

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1 month \$10

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Business Card Size Ad  
12 month Ad for \$25

**Larger Business Ads**  
prices may vary

*For more information please contact Carol Whitehead at (925) 915-9549*

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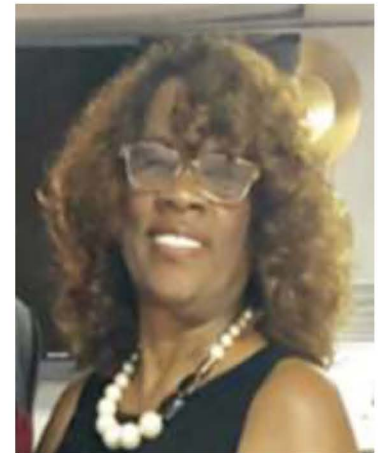
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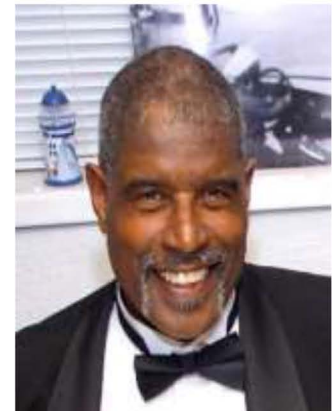
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