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Francesca Smith, Commodore

*My Heartfelt Thanks to the Members of Petaluma
Yacht Club*

For a Fabulous Year as Commodore

The Memories Will Never End!



My dear PYC friends, when I took the helm of the club twelve months ago I set these three goals:

Goal #1 – Have Fun! My tagline for the year was “*Here’s to PYC 2010 – Where the Fun Never Ends!*” Well, we cruised, we enjoyed our clubhouse, we welcomed new friends as members, we hosted parties and events, we walked the red carpet...and then we cruised some more. J We can all agree we accomplished goal number one!

Goal #2 – Short Meetings! Our average General Meeting ran under an hour, and the average Board Meeting was just over an hour. We conducted business, listened to the membership, made progress on all committee work and our financial ship is in good order.

Goal #3 – Promote our Volunteer Spirit! This is the goal I’m most proud of. Judging from the pride our membership shows for our clubhouse, attendance at our events, the results of all your fine committee work and the ongoing compliments of our guests and cruise-in visitors, I can look back on my year with satisfaction and pride.

My sincere thanks to the Bridge and Board, my Committees, the general membership and my family - McKenzie, Paige and Chip – for a fantastic year! Thank you for your friendship and support during my year at the helm - a sum total of five so far on the Board. I’m looking forward to serving my last year on the Board as Staff Commodore and assisting Diana Holmes with her transition. Please join me in supporting Diana as she takes the helm in November.

It’s been a pleasure serving the membership for the good of the club, and I will treasure the memories always.

Fondly,

Francesca Smith

Commodore 2010



Diana Holmes
Vice Commodore

This year at the Yacht Club has been fun! I have enjoyed running the bar, and now must hand it over to Linda Blue our incoming Vice Commodore. As always the bar is well stocked and doing great and our income exceeded the projected budget. Because of the new beers, we also made more in beer sales in this last year than previous years, and what I added to the bar in the way of Premium drinks has done very well.

The installation dinner is around the corner, and 85 people have signed up. It is going to be a fun event, a little different than past years, but a change is good.

Keeping this short, I am still trying to get the canvas finished for my old boat (too late – it's raining!) But she will be $\frac{3}{4}$ covered before I take off for Mexico this week. Will be back to organize the party.

Looking forward to being your Commodore .

Diana Holmes

VCO

Linda Blue
Rear Commodore



It's November and there are so many things to be thankful for. Where did the time go? My tour of duty as Rear Commodore was a flash! It was a joy being on the first all female Bridge with Francesca Smith and Diana Holmes. More than the day to day duties of the RCO, I enjoyed working with and getting know Diana and Francesca.

I want to thank the building committee for all their help with maintaining the building. These men put in numerous hours and donate many of their personal supplies to keep our clubhouse in pristine condition. It was a pleasure working with my sponsor and Building Committee Chair, Al Alys.

I have had a wonderful time meeting the various visiting cruise chairs from yacht clubs around the Bay Area and Delta. I thank Cruise-In Greeters, Tom and Linda Corbett, for helping to welcome our incoming clubs

I appreciate the confidence the membership has placed in me by promoting me to Vice Commodore. I am looking forward to learning all the ins and outs of my new post as Vice Commodore. I will be working on the new bartending schedule, so if you have any vacations planned outside your previous preferences for bartending, please drop me an email at linda.a.blue@gmail.com.

Stay dry, keep those tarps strapped down, enjoy your fireplaces, and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Linda Blue, RCO



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2010



- Call to order 20:03
- Annual Election of Officers – quorum (25% of memberships represented) verified.
- Dinner – CO thanked dinner crew – Mike and Helen Scott and Sherri and Ted Adams
 - ◇ General Meeting November – our annual Installation and Change of Watch on November 6th at Petaluma Women’s Club
 - ◇ Parking lot – remind members to not park on the east side of the parking lot.
 - ◇ CO asked everyone to help with clean-up and take down tables and chairs
- Introduction of guests or prospective members: Swifts introduced their exchange student from Germany
- Minutes of September General Meeting - accepted as submitted.
- Treasurer’s report - collecting annual dues and ROBC contributions.
- Commodore’s report – annual membership payment notices were mailed on September 15th Members are asked to pay promptly - due November 1st.
- VCO report – Diana Holmes
 - ◇ Bar report: Transferred money to general fund and exceeding projections. Checks for Installation due Oct 15th. \$60 per person. Send to Diana Holmes.
 - ◇ Installation dinner - formal dress if desired.
 - ◇ Bar class is Wed Oct. 13th at 6PM.
- RCO report
 - ◇ Cruise in schedule - Stockton YC, Passport Owners Assoc Oct.15th –16th.
 - ◇ Club rentals - Sat. Oct 23rd Adams.
 - ◇ Building Committee - Al Alys not present. Fire inspection passed. Items will be kept in storage until Building Committee presents recommendations at next board meeting. RCO reminds members to lock and close all doors and windows before exiting the clubhouse.
- PICYA Report - Larry Kubo absent.
- Committee Reports:
- Sunshine - Dee Jones reports Dave Simonson surgery done and doing good. Please report any news to Dee for the newsletter.
- Events:
 - ◇ Ladies on the Hook – Gail Swift - cruise to Lakeville – October 2-3. Gather at 9am to organize the fleet. Sign up for ladies coming onboard and also for dinner with spouses. 25 going to dinner at Papa’s Taverna Greek Restaurant. Request for signups. Dinner at 6:45 prompt.
- Cruise-Outs – McKenzie Smith
 - ◇ One more cruise – Berkeley YC for Oktoberfest Oct 16-17 - German food and music. Berkeley Marina has a Doubletree Hotel if you are not boating in.
- Ship’s Store “The Coop Chicks” – Sherri Adams and Tina Powell - continuing discounts. 50% off items in coop. Models: Dee Jones, Bente Niles, and new member Nancy Wolfe.
- Membership – Gail Swift - installation of new members – Dennis and Janet O’Leary (sponsors Doug Xiques and Ted Lehmann), Paul Heavenridge and Paula Freund (sponsors Jim McGuire and Todd Mendoza).
- Newsletter/Website – Alta Gardner, Gerry Reinartz - everything going well.
- Photography – Diane Parker – no report
- Galley – one more stocking run; write a note on the whiteboard in the galley if you notice any supplies running low
- Old Business - none

Motion – Don Roberts to close nominations and accept slate unanimously; Second - Levi Swift. Unanimous voice vote. CO congratulated Officers and Directors-elect and thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.

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Commodore's Recognition
2010 Volunteer Spirit Award



Gail Swift

From time to time the Commodore exercises executive privilege to recognize a member who contributes to the organization in an outstanding and exemplary manner. And for me, that member would display friendship, dedication, cooperation and willingness to work as a team. This member would respect our fine tradition and history, embrace our club's purpose and goals, and when the call comes or a need arises, would possess the desire, drive and the wherewithal to "make it happen."

Gail Swift has taken on not one, but two jobs for the past two years - Membership Chair and Memorial Day Chair. These two roles are almost as big as they get. And in her spare time she organized other events for us including Ladies on the Hook which we're embarking on tomorrow morning. Gail starts working on Memorial Day right after Christmas. The only reason she didn't get started sooner last year is - I wouldn't let her. She recruited and organized a large committee of volunteers, handled marketing and advertising to other clubs, planned and scheduled the event roster and then personally welcomed most of our visitors. And I think she ran the vacuum cleaner once or twice. I can't begin to estimate the hours Gail has spent on our club's signature event these past two years, nor can I estimate how much sleep she's lost. But I know she has lost some sleep by the time stamp on her emails! And she's already signed up to be Memorial Day Chair for next year.

Membership is a year-round activity and rarely does a prospective member wiggle off her hook once she's set it. We started the year wondering how we would replace the members who had moved away. We set a lofty goal and Gail stepped up to the challenge. She spent countless hours returning phone calls and meeting prospective members at the club for tours. Once approved by the Board, a new member goes through an orientation with the Membership Chair. And at the next general meeting, it's the Membership Chair who introduces and installs the new members.

Only someone who is genuinely enthusiastic about PYC could take on not one, but two important positions - and do it twice! Gail, your volunteer spirit is infectious and has helped me stay focused on what I needed to do to make "PYC 2010 - where the fun never ends."

Thank you for your friendship, your talent, time, dedication and hard work for the good of the club. I am proud to present my 2010 "Volunteer Spirit Award" to you.

Francesca Smith

Commodore





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When you’ve exhausted all methods to get the Board or the Membership to see it your way, re-read instruction number 1.

Presented this day, 21 October 2010

Enjoy your watch, Diana!

Francesca Smith



Minutes Continued from Page 3

- New Business – Annual Election of Officers and Directors:
 - ◊ Secretary read the slate of nominees: Commodore - Diana Holmes, Vice Commodore - Linda Blue, Rear Commodore - Marty Little. Directors - Ted Adams, Jim McGuire, Tina Powell, Gerry Reinartz, Francesca Smith –Staff Commodore.
 - ◊ Motion – Don Roberts to close nominations and accept slate unanimously; Second - Levi Swift. Unanimous voice vote. CO congratulated Officers and Directors-elect and thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.
- For the Good of the Club: Representative of the Mighty Midget historical ship to speak at Petaluma Kiwanis Club meeting in October. David Quist offered to take notes and present at next PYC Board meeting.
- Commodore's Recognition - presentation to Gail Swift for "Volunteer Spirit Award": recognizing her two years as Membership Chair and two years as Memorial Day Chair in addition to putting on a variety of events for the club.
- RCO reported that Suzanne Little was being awarded a State Farm Customer Service award tonight.
- Adjournment: Motion – Sheri Adams, Second Tina Powell – at 20:50 hrs.



*Petaluma Yacht Club
Commodore Smith*



Recognizes

Alta V. Gardner

Chicken Scratch Newsletter Editor & Web Master

As she publishes her final newsletter this month, I would like to acknowledge Alta's service to the Club with my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Thanks, Alta - we've enjoyed every edition!

Francesca Smith

*New Petaluma Residents and PYC Members,
Paul Heavenridge and Paula Freund*



Immediately after our marriage in 2006 we embarked on a search for a home and community that we could both call our own. We discovered our perfect location during a tour of the Petaluma River cruising aboard the Delphinus. We fell in love with Petaluma, its river, charming homes, farmers markets, antique stores and friendly citizens.

After finding a house that fit our needs, we began our mission to become involved with the community. As boating the lakes of Michigan was one of our favorite, common experiences, joining the PYC was on the top of our list. During a beautiful spring evening walk we passed by the PYC and by luck ran into and introduced ourselves to several members who were opening the clubhouse for the monthly meeting. Their friendliness and sense of fun were an inspiration; we began our application for membership the next day. Jim McGuire, Connie Tudor and Todd Mendoza graciously offered to sponsor our application for membership, and we were delighted when Gail Swift called to inform us of our acceptance.

We expect to live many happy years in Petaluma and look forward to spending time with our new friends at the PYC.



LADIES ON THE HOOK





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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



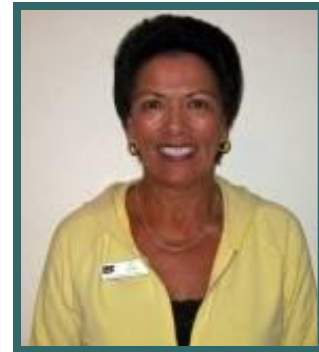


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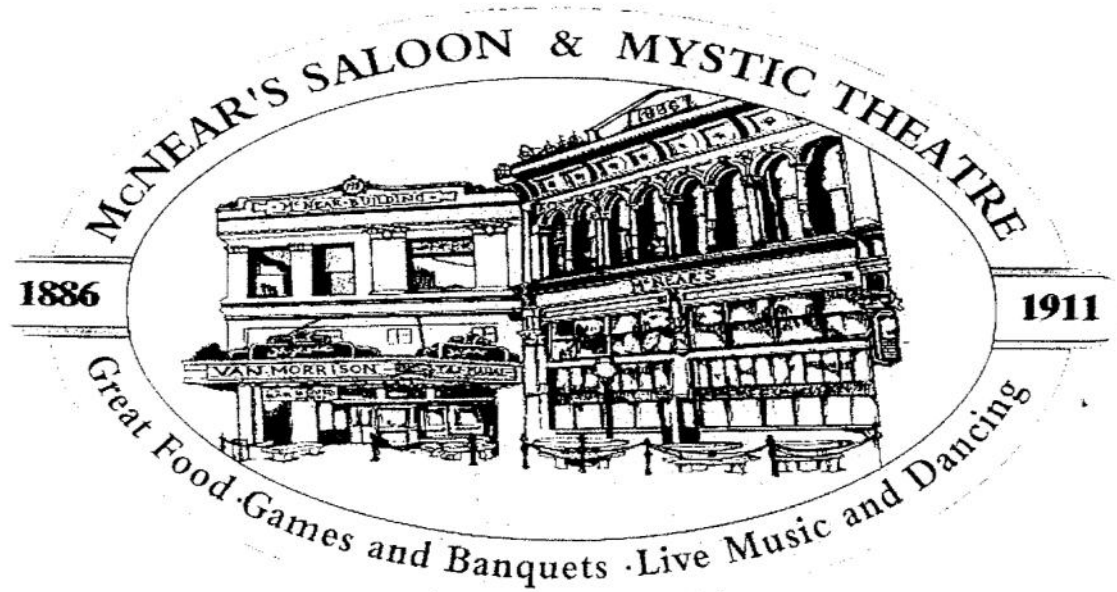
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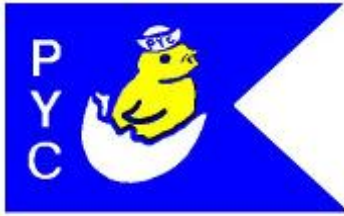


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7	8	9	10	11	12 BAR OPENS 6:00 KELLER	13 BAR OPENS 5:00 KELLER
14	15	16	17	18 BOARD MEETING	19 BAR OPENS 6:00 SCOTT/ADAMS	20 BAR OPENS 5:00 SCOTT/ADAMS
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