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Commodore's Report



Dear Members

Dana and I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am writing this on Christmas Eve so I am going to use this as an opportunity to reflect on 2023.

First, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for volunteering to stay in place while we worked with the Marina to secure a lease for 2024. The support of the board members and the extra time they put in to work with Kim Korth and her staff has paid off. We are one of the few Yacht Clubs in the area that has a dedicated clubhouse much less a bar, so this is a big win for MWYC.

Second, I would like to thank Kim Korth and the Oxbow Marina staff for working with us to find a resolution that benefits all parties. We look forward to working with you throughout the year so that we will have a place for years to come.

Next, I would like to call out a few members that have stepped up to make 2023 successful. This will be a partial list as so many people helped make 2023 happen.

- Patty and John keeping the clubhouse going on those summer weekends.
- Patrica Chavez, Jancie, Valerie, Lucinda, Susan, Magic and the rest of the decorating team. for transforming our clubhouse for all of our events.
- Kyle and Tommy for their work on the cruise ins and other events that we had this last year.



And finally, to all of the members that helped in the kitchen for all of our cruise in's. Prep and cleanup are not fun but with many hands the job is much more bearable.

Our goal in 2023 was to have fewer cruise in's but make the same income. I am glad to say that we did just that. This will be our new plan for the future. This will give us more time to enjoy ourselves and do fun things as a club. Speaking of which, I would like to thank Sam Teresi for volunteering to become our new Fleet Captain. He will be organizing cruse out's for MWYC in 2024. It has been a while that we have had an official cruise out and with the influx of new members with "big" boats this is much appreciated. The first one is Memorial Day Weekend at Delta Marine Yacht Club in Rio Vista (at the Point Restaurant). This cruise out is designed for both big and small boat members so we can all be involved.

As we close the book on 2023, Dana and I have much to be happy and thankful about and we both look forward to seeing everyone on the river or in the clubhouse.

Yours in service,
Bill Power
Commodore
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Vice Commodore's Report

Dear Members,

I am writing this on Christmas Eve morning, as it is a good time to kick back and reflect on things. As Vice Commodore, I am in charge of a lot of things, including "membership." I feel like the club had a fantastic year in 2023, even though we had some difficulties. Like every other yacht club in recent years, we have struggled with membership numbers which translates to financial struggles. Our partner, Oxbow Marina, has worked with us, the board, to help keep us in the black, to keep our clubhouse. Without Bill's leadership and a good partner in Kim Korth, we would be a "paper club."

Speaking of membership and membership numbers, members come and go. But we have a very strong core membership that does an amazing amount of volunteer work for the club that keeps things fun and exciting. I am not going to list names because I would surely leave someone off the list by accident. When Bill and I took leadership roles, one of the decisions we made was to try to get away from cruise-ins being hosted just to pay the bills. We wanted each cruise-in to effectively be a party for our members first, where we also have guests coming over. It was a subtle change in attitude, but I think it really helped us to have more fun in 2023 while also hosting cruise-ins that helped us financially. And you, our member volunteers, made it happen.

As I reflect on all the fun times in 2023, there was a ton of volunteer effort behind the scenes. Anyway, I am rambling.... The point I wanted to make in this paragraph is that some members come and go, but we have a core group of amazing members. And, I am very excited about the new members we have gained in 2022 and 2023! You newer members have been stepping up and getting involved! You each bring unique ideas and talents. Thank you!

Your club officers volunteered to keep their positions during the last election in order to have continuity while working on a new lease agreement with the marina. Now that we have more solid footing, I would like to challenge each of you to consider taking a turn at being an officer in the future. It is not for everybody, I know. I cannot say that I wanted to do it. I was only willing to do it because of a crisis at the time. I like to poke fun at myself for being Vice Commodore, where there is a lot of responsibility but none of the glory. Susan tells me to not talk like that because then nobody will ever want to do it. She is right, of course.... It is really a good position to have. I am involved in a lot of stuff, but none of it is brain surgery. You see me often with a microphone in front of crowds in the clubhouse. That is not because it goes with the position; I just like a microphone! Even when I am no longer VC, I am taking the microphone!

As long as I have been in the club, it has been a challenge to get new volunteers, especially to host events and be officers. Paul Cameron used to practically beg for help when he was a combined Commodore and Vice Commodore. We all sat on our hands for whatever reasons we had, and he trudged on. We have got a lot more volunteering going on these days, thank goodness! But we (the board) have done a mostly lousy job of grooming future officers.

I am open to suggestions, as always. But I was taught at Indiana Bell that if you want to make real progress, do not bring up a complaint or problem without offering a solution. Does not mean your solution is right or anything, but it is usually a good place to start. With that in mind, if you are still reading this :-) and have even the slightest willingness to become a future officer or director, how about joining in on a future monthly Board of Directors zoom call? Maybe offer to be copied on email communications just to get more of a sense of how things are run today? Maybe do some shadowing of officers in those ways. What do you think??

Thank you for all you do for our club and our fellow yacht clubs. With all that said, I am looking forward to days getting longer and warmer and... boating!

Yours in Service,
Kyle Cordes
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore

Happy Holidays to all of our members!

I am always amazed at how quickly the months roll by and 2023 was no exception. From the Commodores Ball in January and cruise -ins beginning in February, we had some great times together at the numerous events. I am looking forward to what 2024 has in store for our group.

With the addition of new members that joined in 2023, I am pleased to see that we will have a decent size fleet ready to cruise out to various Delta destinations in 2024. Some of these will likely include other yacht clubs that we can all visit by boat or car and enjoy their facilities.

As your Rear Commodore, my primary responsibilities are the Clubhouse and Bar operations. I order all the supplies and products and facilitate maintenance issues as they arise. I appreciate member feedback on how we can make our experiences at the club more enjoyable so please do not hesitate to discuss your ideas with me. I have been at this a very long time and I do not doubt that there is room for improvement.

I do have a request of the membership and that is we need to have a couple of volunteers to bartend when I am busy or away travelling. You do not have to have experience and there are several of us to show you the ropes. The state Alcoholic Beverage Control department set a requirement last year that anyone service drinks at a licensed facility must hold a servers certification known as RBS. Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) training is a mandatory program which educates people seeking employment or those who are currently employed as alcohol servers at on-premises licensed locations, such as bars, restaurants, tasting rooms, clubs, stadiums, movie theaters, hotels, and caterers. The Responsible Beverage Server training is very easy and only takes a couple hours' time. Kyle and I both hold the certification for our club, but we need more. If you are willing to help, please get in touch with me. Bartending at our club is a great way to get to know all the members too.

I hope you all have a safe and prosperous New Year!

John Romero
Rear Commodore & Clubhouse Manager



January 2024

Kara Bulling - 16th

Walter Bulling - 17th

Thomas Cheddar - 29th

Kim Morgan - 30th



See the Bartender for Your Birthday Drink Take



February 2024

Kyle Cordes - 8th

MaryAnn Owsley - 13th

Patricia Chavez - 19th

Tom Forsythe - 22nd



See the Bartender for Your Birthday Drink Toke



Welcome Our New Members



Sam & Kathy Teresi



Pat & Jessica Cummings



Thomas & Barbara Cheddar





MARINA WEST <i>Yacht Club</i>		2024 CALENDAR		Revised: 12/27/23	
JANUARY			JULY		
13	Commodore's Ball Hosted by: Bill Power	TBD	July 4th is on a Thursday		
Week of the 20th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call	Week of the 20th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call		
20	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD	20	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD		
FEBRUARY			AUGUST		
9 - 10	Valentines Day Celebration & Cruise-in w/Delta Marina YC Hosted by: TBD	Week of the 17th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call		
Week of the 17th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call	17	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD <small>(Announce the Nominating Committee)</small>		
17	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD	<small>The Nominating Committee will prepare a ticket and file it with the Secretary, no later than 9/15, who will announce the ticket to the members. Before Sept. 22nd, any two regular members in good standing may nominate any other regular member in good standing as a candidate for any of the club officer positions in writing to the Secretary. The Annual Election will be held in October online.</small>			
MARCH			SEPTEMBER		
Week of the 16th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call	Week of the 21st	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call		
16	Quarterly General Membership Meeting & Dinner Hosted by: TBD	21	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD		
APRIL			OCTOBER		
Week of the 20th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call	Week of the 19th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call		
20	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD	19	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD <small>"Annual Election in Progress" Ends 10/15/2024</small>		
		26	Halloween Party Hosted by: TBD		
MAY			NOVEMBER		
Week of the 18th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call	Week of the 16th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call		
18	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD	16	General Membership Dinner Hosted by: TBD		
24-27	Cruise Out: Delta Marina Hosted by: The Teresi's				
JUNE			DECEMBER		
Week of the 15th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call	7th or 14th	Saturday, Lighted Boat Parade & Potluck		
22	Quarterly General Membership Meeting/Dinner Hosted by: TBD	Week of the 20th	Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom Call		
		20	Quarterly General Membership Meeting/Dinner Hosted by: TBD <small>Introduce and Swear in Officers</small>		
		31	Tuesday, New Years Eve Party & Potluck		



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Our website page for MWYC is:

<https://www.marinawestyachtclub.com>

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also available on our website**