

RIVERVIEW YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MEMBER NEWS...

CONDOLENCES

To Cookie Hanlon for the loss of husband, Ron, a former Commodore of our club.

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(1961)

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COMMODORE REPORT

by Sherri Olson

This was another hard month for the club. We saw the passing of Ron Hanlon, a Past Commodore, and loving husband of Cookie. He will be greatly missed. It was good to see so many of our members at his memorial service.

We had a great time at Caliente Isle YC. Those attending were the Olsons, Beauchamps, Kazees and Howard. CYC are the greatest group and very friendly to everyone. We had super meals and fun even though there was too much wind for the blindfolded dinghy races. Since this was their 40th anniversary as a PICYA member, they barbecued steaks to go along with the eggs made to order, fruit, toast and drinks for breakfast.

We are still waiting to hear from Marina West about our July Cruise. We will keep you posted. The July dinner will be a SALAD POTLUCK. Bring your favorite. I will not be there for that meal, as I will be floating down the Kings River with a group of girls that have been doing this for 25 years. Your Rear Commodore, Joe Collins will be in charge. Good Luck, Joe. I know you will do a great job.

I hear that the Morans have a new boat. They have bought Dale and Jean Hafelfinger's vessel. I am sure they will really enjoy it and are itching to take it on the next club cruise. Congratulations, Tom and Helen.

We need everyone to participate in this club for it to flourish. We had a great turnout at the June dinner and lots of nice raffle prizes. Let's keep the momentum going!

Please attend dinners and cruises and bring in new members. We still need cruises for August, September and October. If you have any suggestions, let me or another board member know.

See you in August!

In Memory of Ron Hanlon by Cindy Kazee

Peanut butter and jelly, gin and tonic, salt and pepper, Ron and Cookie. Some things just go together. For many years, our friends have been inseparable on the Delta waters, on the camping trail, and at the River View Yacht Club house. It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of one half of this twosome. Ron Hanlon passed away after a fierce battle with cancer on Sunday, June 17th. He left this life with how he lived it, with courage and faith, and surrounded by his family.

Ron was known and loved for his soft-spoken patience and dry sense of humor. In the nearly 10 years I have known him, I had never seen him raise his voice in anger, or to speak poorly of another person (unless he was making a good-natured joke). He was quick to offer a hand to others and was always ready for an adventure by land or by sea. Even when his illness slowed him down, it didn't stop him from hitting the road to the county fair to see his grandson, Eric, win first prize for his 4-H hog, to a ballgame to watch his granddaughter, Danielle, play softball, or to the coast to take in the fresh sea air with his extensive group of family and friends.

In fact, Ron did not allow the cancer to make him an invalid. He quickly adapted to getting around on a scooter, mastering the skill of backing up far better than Cookie behind the wheel of the truck. He continued to do the things that he and Cookie loved to do with their family and friends, and according to Cookie, never failed to end each day by telling her how lucky he was to have her in his life, and that he loved her.

Ron was born in Hanford, California in 1946. He and Cookie were married nearly 38 wonderful years. Most of us know well their daughter, Rhonda, her husband, Eric, and grandkids Eric and Danielle. A longtime member of RVYC, Ron served as the commodore in 2002. The story goes that the Hanlons met up with Bill and Crystal Bradley at Westgate Landing many years ago. Ron impressed Bill with his skill at the blender, but it took an entire fifth of rum to perfect the recipe. Somehow, Ron and Cookie were recruited in the club, but the details remain fuzzy.

I visited Ron and Cookie's home soon after he passed away. It was crowded with immediate family and close friends; a large group of people that increased by the hundreds at his memorial. I commented to Cookie that she would need the loving support of these people, and how fortunate she was to have so many who came to be by her side and to remember Ron. She said that she is blessed to have so many friends and that meeting people and bringing them together was something she had learned from her mother. While I know this to be true, I know that she did not give herself, or Ron, enough credit. The two of them were a magnet that drew people to them like bees to the sweetest flowers. Because where there is love and laughter, there are friends and family.

Ron has left the physical world and its suffering behind, but his spirit is all around us. His grandchildren know that when someone comments on how many friends they have, they can say they learned it from their Papa.



FYI...

RVYC SPONSORS

The Treasurer says that donations for St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be collected in Ron's memory at the July dinner. You can also include your donation with your third quarter dues payment.

The Ziglers were not in the line of fire at South Lake Tahoe. They live about 5 miles from where the wildfire occurred.

The Beauchamps hope to take possession of their '91 Overseas PT trawler around the first of August.

The Morans have purchased Hafelfingers' boat.

The Kazees are putting their yacht up for sale.

The McMahons had a good trip to Mexico.

The Marin YC at 24 Summit Avenue in San Rafael is having a Concours D'Elegance on August 11th, featuring 100 rare and restored antique automobiles. Members of the Classic Yacht Association will also display many of their boats. More info at (415)453-9366.



ACTIVITIES REPORT

by Joey Horak

The June dinner was well attended and the food was great as usual. To celebrate our 50 years with the PICYA, we had a Big Raffle with a different twist.

Instead of putting all the raffle tickets in one container, we had a paper bag by each item and you could put your tickets in the bags of your choosing. It was a lot of fun and I hope all participants left with a prize of their choice. July's dinner will have a 50/50 Split the Pot. Lottery scratchers were won by J. Beauchamp, D. Kazee and J. Howard. I know that Joanne had a \$2 winner.

I, for one, am glad that we got to see Ronnie Hanlon. I am sure we will all miss him for a very long time. Ken and I express our deepest sympathy to Cookie and her family.

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Upcoming Events

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 10 Board Meeting
- 20 Monthly Dinner
- 27-29 Cruise to Commodor Island or ?

August

- 17 Monthly Dinner / Board Meeting
- 24-26 Cruise or Anchor Out?

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At Tower Park Marina

MONTHLY DINNER

Friday, July 20, 2007

Hosts: The Club

MENU: SALAD POTLUCK (Bring one of your favorites)

Bar: 4:30pm / Dinner: 6:30pm

Eight Bells for Ron Hanlon

50/50 Split the Pot



PICYA NEWS

Again this year, the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Assoc. and Western Boating Safety Group are offering three \$2,500 scholarships for graduating senior or students continuing higher education learning. The students' parents, grandparents or guardian must be affiliated with a yacht club that belongs to PICYA. Last year's recipients may re-apply. The scholarship packet can be downloaded from the PICYA website, www.picya.org or by contacting Linda Breninger at lbreninger@jps.net or calling 916-771-5685. The deadline is August 30, 2007.

The 11th Annual Wheelchair Regatta will be held on September 29, 2007 at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. This event honors disabled veterans from various hospitals and nursing homes. They always look forward to their "Day On And Near The Water." If you can volunteer your boat to take one or more of these special people for a couple of hours ride, it would be greatly appreciated. The skipper decides on the route and skilled personnel will lift the veterans on and off your vessel. Afterwards, a BBQ lunch, music and entertainment will be provided for all. You, also, may want to attend the skippers' meeting and dinner the night before. The guest dock will be available before and after the Regatta. Joanne Beauchamp will have registration forms at the July dinner or you can download it from the PICYA website mentioned above.