



Pacific INTER CLUB *Yacht Association*

April 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,
Boating Enthusiast & San Francisco Bay Promoter,

The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) is comprised of 105 yacht/boat clubs throughout Northern California. Our history goes back over one hundred and twenty years and has grown to be one of the largest yachting associations in the world. We were formed to foster communication and cooperation among boaters and clubs. Today we support the promotion of youth sailing, recreational boating and various civic activities.

For 109 years, according to the Yachting Registry, PICYA has opened the yachting season with a parade of boats large and small. **Opening Day on the Bay will be Sunday, April 26, 2026** with a decorated parade. The theme for this year's parade is **"Myths and Legends"** on the Bay. This year's theme celebrates and honors folklore, mythology, and storytelling. The theme is open to many interpretations and skippers are encouraged to be creative. Some boats will fly flags and streamers or just join in the parade not decorated.

Come on out and decorate your boat for this traditional event. All boats are welcome. Participants do not have to be a member of a yacht club. Prior to the beginning of the parade is the Blessing of the Fleet, at 10:30 in Raccoon Strait, hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club. The parade begins at Noon, led by the San Francisco fireboat, so participating in the blessing and parade is possible. The "Blessing Boat" will be anchored in Raccoon Strait, come through from the backside and then cruise on over to the San Francisco waterfront and join in on the fun. Boat Parade registration is free at <https://picya.org/opening-day-on-the-bay> There are lots of prize bags and trophies for winning boats. There are categories for decorated to theme Power, Sail, Youth and vessels in the flags & streamers and not decorated to theme categories.

For those who want a front row seat for this beautiful parade join with about 170 others aboard our committee boat on the Commodore Cruises vessel Cabernet Sauvignon. Take a beautiful ride on the Bay, enjoy parade commentary, sit down lunch and parade viewing. This is the **only** boat allowed inside the parade route and will have PICYA Officers, Judges, Dignitaries and the Grand Marshal. Anyone is welcome to purchase a ticket so tell your friends and family. The boat departs from Commodore Cruise's home port in Alameda which has free parking. Tickets are \$135PP or \$1200 for a table of 10 on an early bird special until March 15th.

Contact PICYA Staff Commodore Linda Blue at linda.a.blue@gmail.com for more information or visit the PICYA web site events page at www.picya.org for the registration form for sponsorships, the parade of boats and to go on the cruise. It will be a great day!

Sincerest Regards,

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