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**“OPENING DAY ON THE BAY”
OFFICIAL START OF SAN FRANCISCO’S 2011 BOATING SEASON**

WHEN: Sunday May 1, 2011, Crissy Field to Pier 39, starting at 12 Noon.

WHAT: The 94th Annual “Opening Day on the Bay” Decorated Boat Parade, hosted by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA), representing over 100 yacht clubs in Northern California celebrates the official beginning of the 2011 boating season on San Francisco Bay. This year’s theme is “Giants of the Bay” celebrating the many people and things that have made San Francisco so unique. “Emperor Norton IV” is the Grand Marshal. The parade will feature over 120 historic workboats, fireboats, towboats, classic and contemporary craft decorated to the theme. There will be both power and sail boats competing for best decoration honors.

HOW and WHERE: Get out on a boat. Decorate some boats for your club. Each PICYA club is encouraged to have multiple entries in each parade category. Buy a ticket for the Committee Boat Hornblower “California” Free public viewing is available on San Francisco’s Northern Shoreline from Crissy Field to Pier 39.

HOW to be INVOLVED Opening Day:

- Get out on the Bay, Crissy Field to Pier 39, tell your friends. Get them out too....
- Attend The 48th Blessing of the Fleet 1030 to 1200 Racoon Straight www.cyc.org
- Decorate a PICYA yacht club sponsored boat...or two or three
- Sponsor/Donate for the Prize-Gift Bags
- Buy a ticket for a lunch and the parade on the Committee Boat-Hornblower “California”
- Restaurants along the parade route offer a great view.
- Charter boats, Potomac, Mazapeta, The Alma, Adventure Cat, Sailboats, Bay Tour boats
- The 112th Great Vallejo Race, sponsored by The Vallejo Yacht Club **April 30 & May 1, 2011**
<http://vallejorace.vyc.org>

There are six trophies up for grabs and prize bags for the participants with great items such as dining certificates, event tickets, wine, clothing, art work, boat gear, books, travel, and sailing excursions all donated by various businesses and yacht clubs.

Additional information is available at:

www.PICYA.org

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