

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2006



FROM OUR COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



Well, ready or not, here comes 2006. Lots of fellow Sportsmen have been asking if I'm ready to be

"Commodore." I guess it's a lot like most things, you're an expert after you've done it. Sportsmen YC is one of the most special things in my life. Its membership runs all the way from my personal family to some of my best friends. To put it simply, the Club is full of people I love. I think I feel the same as all past commodores do, and that is it's not that I care about having a great year; I want the Club to have a great year. Our Club has a history of great commodores and I only hope that I can live up to what the Club has come to expect. I've had a great mentor in **Darlene Dawson** and 2005 was an honor to serve as her vice. Much has been accomplished on her watch and I hope we can

continue to make great strides. I would like to thank all the fellow officers, directors, and committee chairmen who have volunteered to serve for my year. I believe we've got a super lineup and I look forward to working with all of you.

Writing newsletter articles this year will be a bit different for me as I've been pretty much writing about the Work Parties the last two years. I'm going to have to shift gears here and talk about the Club events and the folks who make them happen from now on, a task I look forward to.

The Lighted Boat Parade was hosted by Sportsmen and we enjoyed boaters from Driftwood YC and Bridge Marina YC. The list of winners is shown on Page 3. In addition, **Dr. Dan & Sherry Lively** were awarded the Good Samaritan Award for rescuing a stranded boat which led to them missing the opportunity to be judged. Thanks also to the Parade Marshall, **Chris**

Lauritzen, and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Boat. The boats participating from Sportsmen were: *After Midnight*, *Lil Tug*, *Miss B Haven*, *Morning Mist*, & *Woody III*. A big thanks to the **Bill Worrell & George Brayton** families for the delicious dinner served following the parade. (In case you missed it, they served New York steaks.) Kudos to the folks who helped clean up afterwards: **Kay Power, Dan & Sherry Lively, Jane Parsons, Patrick Thompson, Casey Curry, and Bob & Angie Williams**.

Again Santa was brought in this year by the **Jim & Darlene Dawson** on "After Midnight." It's really a treat to watch the children when **Santa** comes to Sportsmen YC by boat. Thanks to **Gary Mills** and **Honorary Member Penny Mills** for their special contributions to make the evening a memory that will be fondly recalled for years to

(Continued on Page 6)

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2006

6	Club Meeting
7	Work Party
21	Installation Dinner

February

3	Club Meeting
4	Work Party
5	Super Bowl Party
11	Annual Crab Feed

March

3	Club Meeting
4	Work Party
18	St. Patrick's Day Party

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY



HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ONE & ALL!

2005 was truly a terrific year under the stewardship of **Commodore Darlene Dawson**. We were truly

blessed at Sportsmen YC with lots of new members and associates and even had a baby born. (I think the first in the Club in several years.) Then, of course, there are our four legged friends with lots of new puppies arriving this past year. Our Fleet was increased with a few new boats and RVs. We've accomplished so much this past year with the dredging being completed, dock work, ferry maintenance and renovation, new gate, cameras, sound system and a new ice machine. We can all pat ourselves on the back; Good Job Sportsmen! LET'S KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.

We have a busy year with 4S being hosted by our Club. We will need all hands on deck to assure our success. There are several projects that need to be completed, plus a few new ones. We hope to get the new galley flooring done the first of the year. I'm planning to steam clean our chairs before the

Installation Dinner, so if anyone wishes to help, please call me. It would be nice to have a group of ladies (or gentlemen) give the ferry a good cleaning in January, prior to our Installation Dinner. I will be looking for help with "Work Party lunches" this year or if someone would like to host a lunch, please call me. We would like to see the west side of the Ferry siding project finished prior to 4S.

As most of you know, I've become Vice Commodore without the benefit of being Rear Commodore first. I feel a bit overwhelmed by the whole thing, but I am looking forward to the challenge. Be assured I have not taken this position on lightly. I will in earnest weigh each suggestion and concern carefully and give my outmost attention to the job at hand. I know with all of your help, guidance, and most of all patience, I will be able to do a good job.

I, for one, look forward to a great year under the leadership of **Commodore Chuck Carroll**. The 4S years can be the most challenging, but also the most rewarding. With all of your help and cooperation, I know we will have a most successful and fun year.

Happy New Year!

January
Happy Birthday
Wishes



Jan 01 Harry Parker
Jan 01 Rich Trantham
Jan 03 Richard Mello
Jan 04 Jan Harrington
Jan 05 Alma Wood
Jan 07 Elaine Davis
Jan 09 Bob Williams
Jan 09 Jerry Calhoun
Jan 10 Carl Rasmussen
Jan 10 Ray Murphy
Jan 13 Ismael Ramirez
Jan 14 Thom Dias
Jan 15 Barbara Russo
Jan 16 Darrell Lackey
Jan 16 Don Lucido
Jan 16 Scott Vickers
Jan 17 Borise Larson
Jan 17 Chuck Carroll
Jan 18 Dorothy Carroll
Jan 18 George Greer
Jan 18 Kevin Wickman
Jan 20 Bob Lenz
Jan 20 Elaine Rasmussen
Jan 21 Mardi Haines
Jan 22 Vincent Rafanan
Jan 23 Dan Lynch
Jan 23 Lou Zobb
Jan 26 Belynda Zobb
Jan 26 Ted Brown
Jan 27 Ron York
Jan 27 Tony Siino
Jan 28 Ben Best
Jan 28 Bill Pato
Jan 28 Ruth Trombetta
Jan 30 Arlyce Siino
Jan 31 Max Wheeler



PICYA Report By Larry Draper

The next PICYA event will be the Installation Dinner of incoming **Commodore Manny Mier** (Presidio YC). PICYA extends an invitation to all members of PICYA clubs and their guests. This year the event will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2006, at Corinthian YC in Tiburon, at 6:00 PM - No Host Cocktails. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM, and the menu choices are Salmon, Pork Loin, or Vegetarian. The cost is \$65.00 per person. Lodging is available at

Tiburon Lodge and Waters Edge Hotel in Tiburon; Holiday Inn Express, Acqua Hotel and Tamalpais Motel in Mill Valley; and Best Western in Corte Madera.

The theme Manny has chosen is "Familia y Amigos para Fiesta y Paz." RSVP by January 15, 2006, to Caroline Mines, 544 Central Avenue, #312, Alameda, CA 94501. (Phone number: 510-814-0624.) **Larry and Deanna** will be in Rome, Italy, at this time and it would be great if someone else would represent Sportsmen YC.

Doug Hipsley, President of RBOC has an article in the November/December *PICYA Log* asking for support from

PICYA member clubs. Less than 50% of clubs made a donation in 2005. RBOC had a successful year and made a difference to recreational boaters throughout the state. **Governor Schwarzenegger** signed into law all legislation that RBOC supported.



Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of
each month.
Flyer information is requested by the 15th.

Send Newsletter information to:
Shari Horton
e-mail: deshorton@sbcglobal.net
phone 778-1680

FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE CASEY CURRY



Well, well, well.
What have I done?

Just kidding. I am very much looking forward to my tenure as Rear Commodore in the upcoming year.

As of the end of January, I will have been a member in the Sportsmen YC for one year. My, how the time has flown by. I can't believe what a wonderful place this is: the history, the people, the location. I have been an avid sportsman for a big part of my life, and this place is unbelievable. I live only 15 minutes from the Club, and can be hunting or fishing as well as socializing in a heartbeat. This place is great. I have made many new friends, and have not met a person whom I have not liked.

I am looking forward to a great year,

maybe the best. I have had time to consider some proactive things that I think would better serve the Club as a whole. One of the first things that comes to mind is the Work Parties and social events. Let's all pitch in to keep this Club the best on the Delta. I am open to any suggestions or ideas that any of you may have.

I am aware we are hosting the 4S this year which should be fun. I hope at certain times I can call on some of you to assist with this event; it should be a great event. "GO SPORTSMEN."

As most of you know, I am new at this, but I am up for any and all challenges.

Have a fabulous 2006 and let's "GET IT ON."

Happy New Year

P.S.
More to come next month as I get my feet wet.

HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



In case you didn't see the San Francisco Chronicle on November 30th, **Carl Nolte** did a wonderful article about our Club and gave a

historical account of the collision at sea between the Sausalito and the San Rafael on this same date November 30, 1901.

Bill Knorp, our Ferry expert, was mentioned in the article and he wrote to me and said, "The article by Carl Nolte was wonderful and right on all counts. It is good to know that something from the Bay Area's maritime past and from the turn of the century is brought back. Those early days mentioned in Mr. Nolte's article are treasurable memories." Bill Knorp rode all the San Francisco Ferry Boats, but his favorite was the *Sausalito*. He told me when he entered the Sausalito Ferry, it was like entering a lovely Victorian home.

When Carl Nolte came to visit the Ferry, he could hardly believe she was in such good shape after all these years. He is the Executive Vice President of the Historical *Liberty Ship*, *The Jeremiah O'Brien*, and was aboard her when they took her back to Normandy for the anniversary of D-Day.

Our *Sausalito* is so precious and it is important that she is also recognized by historians of San Francisco, Sausalito, and the Maritime community; I am happy to say, she is.

On Saturday night, December 10th, **Santa** came to visit by boat to the delight of many little ones. As I read stories and sang with the children, they could hardly wait to see Santa come up the stairs to the Clubhouse. When he

(Continued on Page 5)

Lighted Boat Parade

Awards Results

Best of Show
Joe & Wrenda Sabino
1st Place Over 35 Ft
Jim & Leslie LaFond
2nd Place Over 35 Ft
Dick & Marilyn Cusimano
1st Place Under 35 Ft
Carl & Elaine Rasmussen
2nd Place Under 35 Ft
Wally & Laurie Young
Judges' First Award
Sheriff's Boat
Judges' Second Award
Dennis & Sharon Higgins

*Congratulations to our winners
and thanks to all our participants!*

Parade Sponsors

Driftwood Marina
Lloyd's Holiday Harbor
Bridgehead Dry Dock
Behind the Scene (Jackie Steele)

Our Judges

Steve & Diane Hoffman
John Anthony, Driftwood YC
Brian, Bridge Marina YC
Arne Simonsen, City Council Member

Trophies were given to:
Bridge Marina YC
Driftwood YC
Sportsmen YC

Thanks to all Sponsors & Judges!

Visit Sportsmen YC's Website: www.sportsmenyc.org

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, this notice will be posted in this Newsletter monthly:

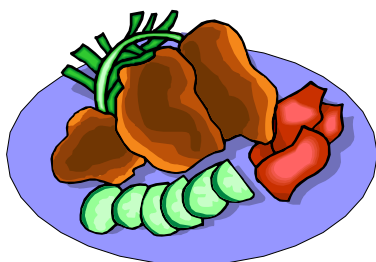
The regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first Friday of each month, following the General Membership Meetings. If the first Friday is a holiday weekend, the meetings are held on the second Friday of that month.

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Don't miss
Your Opportunity!

Get your name in
to Jim Dawson
for the month
You would like
to cook the
Meeting Night Dinner
in 2006!

Try out your
Favorite Recipe
& we'll all thank you
for it!



MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER



- **John Torres** had an accident on Thanksgiving Day and cut off a couple of fingers. *John, that's no way for you and Helen to spend Thanksgiving Day! We wish you a speedy recovery.*



LIKE TO WATCH *SPORTS*?
LIKE GOOD *FOOD*?

THE PERFECT PLACE FOR
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IS ALLSTAR!

**ALLSTAR SPORTS
BAR & GRILL**

2521 SAN JOSE DRIVE • ANTIOCH • 925-778-9282

NTN TRIVIA & PLAY-ALONG SPORTS COMPETITION
COMPETE WITH OTHERS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

DIRECT SATELLITE SPORTS PROGRAMMING
COVERING ALL NFL, NBA, MLB & SOCCER GAMES



In Sympathy Of

Shirley Nelson passed away on December 6th following a brief illness. She and her husband, Jim, joined the Club in 1998. Shirley was a native of Michigan and a resident of Vallejo for more than 45 years. She had worked at Brookside Hospital in Pinole for 20 years and was a 8-year member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. In addition to our Club, she was also a member of the Daughters of the Nile.

She enjoyed boating, camping, traveling, and most of all she loved her dog, "Hope."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim.

Our sympathies to her daughter and son and their families.



For all your boating and fishing needs, come to our store at
4645 Century Boulevard in Pittsburg!

Phone: 778-1560

Mon-Sat: 9:00-7:00

Sun: 9:00-5:00

PORT CAPTAIN COMMENTS JIM DAWSON



As most of you know, the refrigeration system behind the bar hasn't worked in many months. Thanks to the hard work of members **Bob Saunders** and **Dave**

MacDougall, the refrigeration unit now works great! They replaced the evaporator, proportioning valve, and charged the system. If you know anything about refrigeration, it was a lot of work and took many hours.

Our meeting night dinner was another sell out thanks to **Al and Ann Marie Alcorn** and **Diane Barnard** (Driftwood YC). We have folks signed up for January and February dinners, but we need folks for the remaining 10 months. We limit the amount of dinners to 50 and you can cook your favorite dish. Please sign up and support the dinners.

We need relief caretakers! All you have to do is sign up for any Tuesday and Wednesday (the calendar is on the bulletin board). You are paid \$30 per day and the duties are turning lights on and off, making rounds twice daily,

bagging ice, and anything else you feel like accomplishing. I did forget to mention the vast amount of socializing which comes with the job.

SAVE MART SUPERMARKET

Thanks to Roxanne Cole at Save Mart Supermarket for giving us such a great deal on our Bone-in Rib eye Steaks for our Lighted Boat Parade Dinner.

(Hammer's Article Continued from Page 3)

appeared, it was a historical happening. **Gary Mills Jr.** helped Santa out this year, as did his mother **Penny**. Years ago, Penny helped her husband, **Gary Mills Sr.** in the same capacity for about 25 years. This was a historical, full circle event enjoyed by everyone.



YES!

Dinner will be served before
our January Meeting!

Our Menu

New York Pepper Steak

In a Brandy Cream Sauce
with Sautéed Mushrooms & Onions

Baked Potatoes

Fresh Vegetables

Caesar Salad

\$9.00 per person

Prepared by
Ken Carver

We are limited to 50 reservations,

so contact
Audrey Coach or
Elaine Rasmussen
as soon as possible

Come join us!

Super



Bowl



See Neal Essary for our fun
Sideline Activities!
Bring your favorite finger food to
share

Ham with all the trimmings for
making sandwiches will be provided

Sunday, February 5th

Pre-Game begins at 1:00 p.m.

Kick-Off begins at 3:15 p.m.

Party!!!



SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO



Around the first weekend there was a Christmas lighted parade of boats and Bronco man was out on the pointy end of his boat directing his crew as they strung him up...uh

strung lights on the boat. What were all those fishing rods lined up on the stern? ...Y'know? He caught the 1st & 2nd place Stripers in the Bethel Island Bass derby last month!! Anyway, he said if he "marked one" during the parade, he would fish. I guess he didn't though, he came back in time for dinner. He's quite a guy! (But I think a certain **Norwegian sailor** is gonna be a little light in the wallet...you can bet his alligator mouth will be closed next year!)

I heard that The **Virgin Surgeon** lined up at the end of the parade, pulled a blue angel thing, more like Pavlov's dogs and in the darkness followed another boat into the tules near Humphrey's. Doc was fortunate enough to get off the mud...but the other guy wasn't so lucky. So the good doctor threw him a line and hauled his boat off. Word has it, he's got a couple of new vibrations. That skipper repaid the Virgin Surgeon's kindness with a fine bottle of Scotch! Why don't these things ever happen to me???

Santa came by the 10th and the old elf had a terrific time. It was cute. Christmas time always brings out the ol' handkerchief. To your new Commodore "**Chuck-what's-his-name**"...do well; you are well respected. ...And to you **Darlene**, rest well; you are loved ...Come here Cat ... I'm cold; were going to bed. See you all next year.

-Ghost



Your 2006 Club Directory
is included in this Newsletter!



NCPCA Report

A magnificent steak and lobster dinner, prepared by members of the host club, San Joaquin YC, preceded the annual Season Awards and Change of Watch on November 19th. This gala celebration was well attended by members of the Northern California Power Cruiser Association (NCPCA) who eagerly awaited the forthcoming trophies to be awarded by the outgoing Commodore Steve Allen.

Ken Whitham, Master of Ceremonies, did a great job keeping the ceremony running smoothly. Awards were presented for the year.

Congratulations go to the 2006 officers installed that evening: Dennis Pippin, Commodore, San Joaquin YC; Peter Paradis, Vice Commodore, San Joaquin YC; Nancy Bishop LeBoeuf, Rear Commodore, Vallejo YC; Betty Gordon, Secretary, Coyote Point YC; and Sue Praytor, Treasurer, San Joaquin YC.

The 2006 NCPCA calendar is:

January 21	Board Meeting
February (TBD)	Spring Delegates Mtg.
March (TBD)	Novice Contest
April 22	Fun day Cruise Out
October 14	Fall Delegates Meeting
November 18	Change of Watch/ Season Awards

CONTEST SCHEDULE 2006

May 6	San Leandro YC
May 13	Oakland YC
June 3	OxBow YC
June 10	Bridge Marina YC
June 17	San Joaquin YC
August 19	Driftwood YC
August 26	Stockton YC
September 16	Coyote Point YC
September 23	San Rafael YC
September 30	Vallejo YC

For more information on these navigational contests please contact

**Sportsmen's
NCPCA Representatives
Barbara Chapman, Tony Chapman,
or Dave De Cato.**

(Carroll's Article Continued from Page 1)

come. For a second year, we were also visited by two of Santa's Elves and our thanks to **Cassie Moody** and **Kristina Korbmacher** for making each child feel extra special.

Barbara Wigmore (our new Weekend Breakfast Cook) did the table setups, **Dennis Higgins** and **Debbie Dawson** decorated the dinghy, **Bob Williams**, **Debbie Dawson**, **Amy Dawson**, **Dennis Higgins** helped **Jim & Darlene** decorate the Santa Boat, and **Doug Horton** coordinated the potluck. Thanks to **Kathie Hammer** for leading the children in caroling and story reading, **Ken Carver**, **Dave Bower**, and **Robbie Horton** for bartending, and **Keith Hammer** for directing Santa's Boat.

Reminder to Club Berth Holders!

- Turn in your proof of insurance to our Harbor Captain Lonnie Gibson.
- Make sure your 2006-2007 stickers are on your boats.

THE WESTIN

SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

Park-N-Fly services
are available

For Reservations Call
650-692-3500

One Old Bayshore
Highway, Millbrae 94030

westin.com/sanfranciscoairport

(Sponsored by Vincent Rafanan)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sportsmen Yacht Club

2006 Calendar

January

6 Club Meeting
7 Work Party
21 Installation Dinner/Dance

July

1-4 4th of July Cruise-Out
7 Club Meeting
8 Work Party
14-16 4S at Sportsmen YC

February

3 Club Meeting
4 Work Party
5 Super Bowl Party
11 Crab Feed

August

4 Club Meeting
5 Work Party
12 Poker Run & Potluck

March

3 Club Meeting
4 Work Party
18 St. Patrick's Dinner

September

1 Club Meeting
2-4 Labor Day Cruise-Out
9 Club Picnic

April

1 Opening Day
7 Club Meeting
8 Work Party
15 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

October

6 Club Meeting
7 Work Party

May

5 Club Meeting
6 Cinco de Mayo Dinner
13 Work Party
27-29 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

November

1 Fishing Seminar
3 Club Meeting
4-5 Weekend Fishing Derby
11 Work Party

June

2 Club Meeting
3 Work Party
10 Blue Grass BBQ
24 4S Try-Outs

December

1 Club Meeting
2 Lighted Boat Parade
9 Kids with Santa & Potluck
31 New Year's Eve Party

This calendar schedule is subject to change. Please check your monthly Newsletter to review the most current calendar schedule.

Santa Comes to Sportsmen by Boat!

For more pictures, see our website! Copies of each Child's pictures will be placed in related member boxes.



Thanks to Commodore Dawson and her helpers, our stage was turned into a "glimpse of Christmas." Santa's Elves pose in the Christmas Dinghy that held all of Santa's gifts for the children.



Kyleigh was thrilled with the gifts Santa brought her!



The children listened as Mrs. Hammer read them stories about Santa.

Charlie decided to help Santa with his microphone.



...Below, Ethan is grinning from ear to ear!



BUSINESS TEAM

WHEN IT'S TIME TO SELL YOUR BUSINESS, YOU'LL
WANT THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS...
WE ONLY SELL BUSINESSES

BUSINESS TEAM IS THE #1 BUSINESS SELLER IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

CALL ME FOR A CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATION
AL ALCORN 925-354-3735

BUSINESS TEAM HAS OVER 10 OFFICES AND 80 AGENTS
BUSINESS TEAM QUALIFIES OVER 1000 BUYERS EVERY MONTH



Installation Dinner

Saturday, January 21st

5:30 p.m.

No Host Bar

6:30 p.m.

Dinner

Followed by Award Presentations

Introduction of 2006 Officers

9:00 p.m.

Music & Dancing by the

Romano Marchetti Orchestra

The Evening's Menu

Pork Medallions with

Mushroom Sauce

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes

Fresh Garden Vegetable

Caesar Salad

Dinner Rolls

Dessert

*All members will
receive an invitation
in the mail.*

*Please RSVP with your
prepayment check by
January 14, 2006*

\$30 per person

SportsmenYacht Club'sAnnual

All You Can Eat Crab Feed

Saturday, February 11th

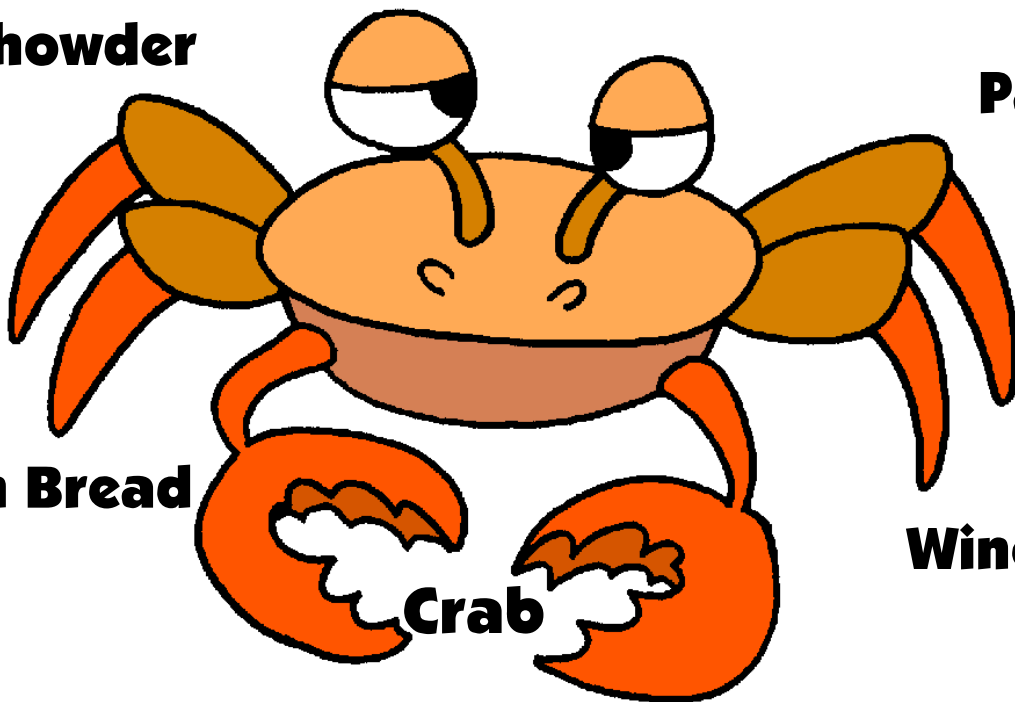
Clam Chowder

Pasta

Salad

French Bread

Wine



Crab

**Prepaid
reservations for
members and
guests must be
received by
February 6th**

\$30 per person

**Dinner served
At 7:00 p.m.**

**For Reservations
Please Contact
Elaine Rasmussen
at 766-6675
or
Audrey Coach
at 686-1167**