SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2008





COMMODORE CASEY CURRY

Well, it's a new year already and, by the way, what have I done to myself? Just kidding. I am really looking forward to a great year. I, with the help of a lot of people, have some great ideas for the months to follow. We have some great cruise "outs" and "ins" planned along with a calendar full of events at the Club.

This whole experience is very surreal to me because it has only been three years since I was introduced to the Sportsmen Yacht Club. Since then, I have met a ton of fantastic people all of whom have the same interests as my family and me.

We are looking forward to the Installation Dinner, which is only in a few short weeks away. I think I have everything in line but I am "sure" that if I have forgotten something, someone will let me know. Oh well, I will just have to "wing it."

I would like to thank all of the people who have agreed to advertise in our monthly Newsletter. I am sure they will all realize a considerable return on their investment.

I would also like to thank all of the new as well as the returning people who have said O.K. to another year of commitment to the several positions that make this Club "tick." I would especially like to thank Pat Sebers and Steve Martinez for being my right hands next year. We're going to have a lot of fun.

Please feel free to come to me with any suggestions and improvements you would like to make at the Sportsmen.

And last but not least, I want to thank Sherry Lively for a great 2007, and the wonderful job she did last year. I hope I can continue to keep this Club fun and successful.

Have a Wonderful and Blessed New Year. God Bless America!

Safe Boating

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We hope you enjoy the Newsletter—now in color!





Another year slips by as we look ahead - 2008 promises to be a good year.

The New Years Eve party was a good way to start things off. I think this year we will hide the lampshades in order to tone things down.

The Sunday after our December meeting, Dave MacDougall had a heart attack. I went to visit him at

John Muir Hospital in Concord. Fortunately, there was not any heart muscle damage, however, there were 3 major and 3 minor arteries all but blocked. I guess that is called a sextuple bypass (or a thri-pass if you just count the major arteries). The day after surgery, the doctors had to reopen his chest to stop some bleeding. Dave and I came to the conclusion that the surgeon probably left his car keys in there...

I waited a few days after his surgery before I called him because whenever we talk, there is a lot of laughing involved – it is very painful for him. I can tell it is painful by the way he curses at me as he is

laughing. His scheduled date home was December 17th.

Dave said that was pretty much a life changing event – anyone who wants to offer words of encouragement, feel free to call his cell at 925-437-1180. By the way, I have Dave's permission to write about him.

Friends are hard to replace - so everyone go to the doctor. Great people; I am honored to be able to share the Sportsmen Yacht Club with each and every one of you, even Dave MacDougall.





REAR COMMODORE STEVE MARTINEZ

I am looking forward to an exciting year as Rear Commodore and also taking on the responsibilities as Bar Manager. Both of these are exciting and new adventures.

For the bar, I will be looking for a lot of help and volunteers behind the bar. I have some good ideas and fun activities throughout the year.

As Rear Commodore, I will need lots of help and understanding as this is new ground for me.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

JANUARY

- 4 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 5 Work Party
- 19 Installation Dinner

FEBRUARY

- Club Meeting & Dinner
- 2 Work Party
- Super Bowl Party
- 9 Crab Feed
- 16 Marine Garage Sale (weather dependent)

MARCH

- Club Meeting
- 8 Work Party
- 15 St. Patrick's Dinner
- 22 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch
- 29 Cruise-Out to Rio Vista



To Darlene Dawson

For her recent appointment to the

Delta Protection Commission

by Governor Schwarzenegger

Congratulations to the Lighted Boat Parade Winners and Thanks to All Participants!



Left: Dan & Sherry's Boat—Best of Show Winner Below: Dennis & Sharon Higgins' Boat—1st Place Under 35 feet

Awards Results

Best of Show

Dan & Sherry Lively (SYC)

1st Place Over 35 Ft

Joe & Wrenda Sabino (BMYC)

2nd Place Over 35 Ft

Kevin Pack (Los Rios YC)

1st Place Under 35 Ft

Dennis & Sharon Higgins (SYC)

2nd Place Under 35 Ft

Carl & Elaine Rasmussen (SYC)

Judges' First Award

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Judges' Second Award

Lee Peretti (BMYC)



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Parade Marshall

Chris Lauritzen Jim Dawson





HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

How to Simulate the Life of a Sailor

- \sim Buy a steel dumpster, paint it gray inside and out, and live in it for six months.
- \sim Run all the pipes and wires in your house exposed on the walls. \sim Repaint your entire house every month.
- ~ Renovate your bathroom. Build a wall across the middle of the bathtub and move the showerhead to chest level. When you take showers, make sure you turn off the water while you soap down.
- \sim Raise the thresholds and lower the headers of your front and back doors so that you either trip or bang your head every time you pass through them.
- ~ Disassemble and inspect your lawnmower every week.
- ~ On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, turn your water heater temperature up to 200 degrees. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, turn the water heater off. On Saturdays and Sundays tell your family they use too much water during the week, so no bathing will be allowed.

- ~ Raise your bed to within 6 inches of the ceiling, so you can't turn over without getting out and then getting back in.
- ~ Sleep on the shelf in your closet. Replace the closet door with a curtain. Have your spouse whip open the curtain about 3 hours after you go to sleep, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and say "Sorry, wrong rack."
- ~ Make your family qualify to operate each appliance in your house dishwasher operator, blender technician,
- ~ Have your neighbor come over each day at 5 am, blow a whistle loudly, and shout "Reveille, reveille, all hands heave out and trice up."
- ~ Have your mother-in-law write down everything she's going to do the following day, then have her make you stand in your back yard at 6 am while she reads it to you.
- ~ Submit a request chit to your father-in-law requesting permission to leave your house before 3 pm.
- \sim Empty all the garbage bins in your house and sweep the driveway three times a day, whether it needs it or not.
- ~ Have your neighbor collect all your mail for a month, read your magazines, and randomly lose every 5th item before delivering it to you.

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NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JACKIE STEELE

No cruise outs are planned for January, as we have our new Officer Installation Dinner, Super Bowl festivities, etc. I would like to do a 'garage sale' of our excess boating stuff in February, towards the end of the month.

As for our first official cruise out, I'll be checking with the Rio Vista docks to plan a March gathering to include our RV contingency from the club. With enough people, we can use the party area as well as the docks to enjoy our celebrations. If you'd like to do another Scavenger hunt, let me know – because otherwise, I'd like to plan a Chili Cook-Off for that cruise out. (or a rib cook off?)

If any of you have ideas for special cruise destinations, please email me or the Commodore with your ideas and we will certainly entertain most any brilliant idea! In the meantime, please boat safely and have a great 2008!

See you on the river, Jackie Oh!



Commodore Lively shows off her new grandson - starting a new tradition for her family of coming to the Club for Santa's visit!

Thanks to Sherry and all her helpers, the Club was decorated with a festive flair just in time for Santa and the children and their families.

More Santa photos are on our website!

Kathie Hammer has led the children in singing Christmas carols for many years. Being a pre-school teacher, she has just the expertise needed to keep the children occupied while they're waiting for Santa's arrival! It's always an exciting moment when announced that Santa's boat is in view and the children dash to the decks to get their first glimpse of Santa's boat on the river.



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PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS JIM DAWSON

A job well done to Commodore Sherry Lively and her 2007 crew. Congratulations to Casey Curry and his 2008 Board and crew. One of the things Casey and I discussed last month was changing the caretaker's days off from Tuesdays and Wednesday to Saturdays and Sundays off. As of January 5th, the caretaker's time off will be starting Friday at 8pm and ending Sunday 8pm. I want to thank everyone who volunteered for the Tuesdays and Wednesdays caretaking last year. Casey and I are in hopes that this change will get some new folks caretaking so the few who graciously handled 2007 will have some relief.

We will be changing the batteries in the smoke alarms at the January Work Party. Batteries will be available for any cabin holder who wishes to change their batteries themselves. The hall and top deck alarms will be serviced Saturday as well as any remaining cabins. We will have batteries available at our January meeting.

Roof patch will be available for Saturday's Work Party, so please earmark any leaks so we can attempt to repair them.



From our Harbor Captain

The Harbor Captain will be assigning the Dry Storage spaces for boat trailers during the January Work Party.

If you have a boat berthed at our harbor, please send a copy of insurance confirmation for your vessel to the Club—my attention.

Thanks, Lonnie Gibson

Dinner will be served before our January Meeting!

Our Menu

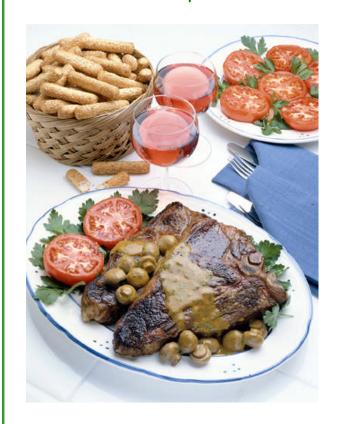
Tri-Tips Vegetables, Salad, Bread

\$10 per person

Prepared by Steve Martinez, Mike Stroer, Danny Kipp, Isaac Barrett, and Floyd Simpson

Come join us!

We are limited to 50 reservations, so contact Cindy Mammon (625-0590) or make your reservations on line as soon as possible





WORK PARTY CORNER **CHUCK CARROLL**

Commodore Curry has invited me to be his Work Party Chairman this year and seeing how the Club has such a great membership and a solid Flag and Board of Directors, I am actually excited about our Club achieving some of Sportsmen's goals for next year. Some of the more pressing items are to address a few roof leaks, both sides of the ferry, a new electrical main, installation of a new dishwasher in the galley, and berth repairs. And, of course, the grounds and building maintenance are always a constant necessity. Our Club has been blessed with so many talented new members over the last few years so that when we make an effort, we really have the resources to get much done.

Our next Work Party will be on Saturday, January 5th, and we like to start at 7AM (but trust me, we've never sent anyone home if they're late). We like to start picking up about 1:00 and then serve lunch at 1:30 which means we've been at it for about six hours. Then we gather on the patio for a cool one.

The folks you usually want to check in with to see what projects are going on for the day are myself or the Harbor Captain (Lonnie Gibson), Port Captain (Jim Dawson), Grounds Keeper (Al Alcorn), or any of the Commodores. Charlie Katusich doesn't hold any official title at the Club this year, but you can usually find him running a job somewhere. Also, everybody who brings their own tools is appreciated as the two rusted screwdrivers and one broken hammer at Sportsmen really don't go very far.

I'd like to say that I've been attending Work Parties here for 25 years and in all that time I've never once seen it where eve ryo ne was not deeply appreciated for showing up. So drag your pretty mug down here and lets "get er done"!!

See you on the patio after lunch, Chuck



PICYA Report Larry Draper

Fred Goodwin of San Joaquin YC will be installed as PICYA Commodore on January 26th. Fred has chosen "Lighting the Way in 2008" as his theme. Also being installed is Bill Needham, (St. Francis YC) as Vice Commodore, and Reginald Smith, (Treasure Island YC) as Rear Commodore.

The 16th annual Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Emeryville. No host cocktails at 6:00 PM, dinner at PM. Installation and program at 8:00 PM will be followed by music and dancing. Reservations are available at \$80 per person. Mail a check payable to PICYA to: Linda Breninger, 1325 Avenida Alvarado, Roseville 95747. Check www.picya.org for hotel reservations and additional information.

At the November meeting Sportsmen YC was awarded a certificate as a One Star Club. There was no PICYA meeting in December.



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Sportsmen Yacht Club 2008 Calendar

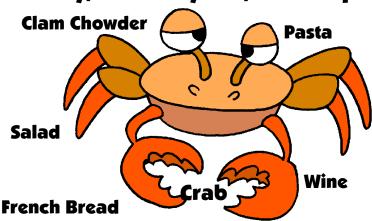
January			July		
	4	Club Meeting	4-6	4th of July Cruise-Out	
	5 19	Work Party Installation Dinner/Dance	11	to Three River Reach Club Meeting	
			12	Work Party	
February			18-20	4S at Stockton YC	
1 Club Meeting		Club Meeting	August		
	2	Work Party	1	Club Meeting	
	3 9	Super Bowl Party Crab Feed	2 16	Work Party Poker Run & Potluck	
	16	Marine Garage Sale	30-31	Labor Day Cruise-Out to	
		(weather dependent)		Decker Island	
March					
	7 8	Club Meeting Work Party	September		
	15	St. Patrick's Dinner	1	Labor Day Cruise-Out	
	22 29-30	Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch Cruise-Out to Rio Vista	5 6	Club Meeting Club Picnic	
	29-30	Cruise-Out to Rio Vista	O	Oldb Fichic	
April					
	4	Club Meeting	October 3	Club Meeting	
	5 12	Work Party Opening Day	4	Work Party	
		Opening Day Theme: Children's Fairytales Diablo YC Cruise-In	18-19	Discovery Bay Cruise-In	
	19-20	Diable 16 Citise-III			
May			November		
May	2	Club Meeting	5	Fishing Seminar & Dinner	
	3	Work Party	7 7-9	Club Meeting Weekend Fishing Derby	
	24-26	Memorial Day Cruise-Out "Chili Cook-Off"	15	Work Party	
June	6	Club Meeting	December 5	Club Meeting	
	7	50s Bash/Tower Park Cruise-In	6	Lighted Boat Parade	
	21	4S Try-Outs	13	Kids with Santa & Potluck	
			31	New Year's Eve Party	

This calendar schedule is subject to change.

Please check your monthly Newsletter for the most current calendar schedule.

Crab Feed

Saturday, February 9th, at 7:00 p.m.



Prepaid reservations for members & guests must be received by February 4th

Price dependent upon market prices & will be announced in the February Newsletter Make your reservations online or contact Cindy Mammon at 625-0590



NCPCA REPORT BARBARA CHAPMAN TONY CHAPMAN DAVE DE CATO

The Northern California Power Cruiser Association (NCPCA) held their Change of Watch and 2007 Season Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 3rd. This event was hosted by the Vallejo YC.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Past Commodore, Ken Whitham, San Joaquin YC, who did a fantastic job (jokes and all).

The 2008 NCPCA Officers were installed by Past Commodore, Ken Whitham. They are: Commodore, Nancy LeBoeuf, Vallejo YC, Vice Commodore, Mark LeBoeuf, Vallejo YC, Rear Commodore, Diane Lasher, OxBow YC, Secretary, Betty Gordon, Coyote Point YC, and Treasurer, Sue Praytor, San Joaquin YC. Congratulations to our new officers. They are already working hard for NCPCA to have a great year in 2008.

Come on out and join us next year.

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The Ghost of The Sausalito

The Ferry fairly shook with all the goings on around here Saturday afternoon and evening on December 1st. I saw sno...tapping penguins, waving Santa's and even a few red nosed reindeer...there was even a campfire on the pointy end of one of your boats...Hey! It was the Lighted Boat Parade! What fun! There were so many pretty boats...WOW! Cat curled up with me as I leaned back against the wheel house and we watched a great view of the show below. There was a small boat with a huge candy cane and a soldier guarding a waving American Flag!! Impressive! The Virgin Surgeon and his Commodore wife won Best of Show!!! THAT is really impressive because of the number of entries...They really had the boat looking great! The music and singing was a key element and I must say you really put on a show.

The delightful Miss "O" hosted a large contingent of "Sisters" and since she has trouble in the wind with the boat she acquired last year, she hired the "husband part" of one of our newer associates (she had the "wife part" join the ladies) and he drove while they all sang songs ...the funny part is they kept referring to themselves as "Sister Mary this" and "Sister Mary that", including the Skipper's wife ...(so I guess that makes him an Episcopal Priest) as they kept referring to him as "Father Bob!!" Any way, one of the "Sisters" brought in industrial size bottle of Vodkaaahhh and they were all in their vespers by the end of the evening...all except "Father Bob" who they say,

hid his face at the awards dinner. The delightful Miss "O" couldn't get a single word in, edgewise, ...Yeppers...you didn't hear me stutter... SHE couldn't get the "Sisters" to clam up long enough to tell them where to hang their cassocks, and when she did...they all started laughing again... honestly, some people just don't know how serious boating on the "SEA" is. Meeting night was a fun affair - The bunch of you was involved in lots of issues concerning the goings on around here and how to better see them. I sure hope you can't see ghosts with the "special optics" available...One of the new members voted in was so excited he rang the bell twice...Then it was rung again ...and again... the dice games went on, well into the night; some folks are slow learners...

Tool Man was out back drying his boat covers the next day and Uf-Dah took some branches out to the trash pile and I overheard Uf-Dah telling some funny looking guy back at the ferry that Tool Man came over to help him unload the branches and said he couldn't be happier to be voted into the club...Good thing he wasn't there for your roasting! Such fun, this place!

So the next night, this ferry was rocking...not from a band, but a huge load of kids all decked out in their best clothes and behavior— well... behaving as well as they could. For who was coming as a special guest? The Jolly Old Elf himself and an added bonus...Mrs. Claus...They were a very happy pair. The children all were screaming when the lighted and then not lighted and then the lighted ...seems that Bronco's PC wifeypoo, put the heater plug into the inverter plug...anyway, once it was figured out ...the lighted boat...carrying Santa was spotted and the yelling didn't stop until Santa and Mrs. Claus cleared the front door...The fun was quickly underway and the interviews were thorough and Miss Kathy and Miss Elaine got all the names down, with the wishes for under the tree. Santa got spotted a coupla See-Gars from one of the little tykes and Mrs. Claus a box of some tempting goodies...The tyke never misses a beat ...she knows who brings the goods...and sees to it that they REMEMBER her! I am still laughing over that one.

Y'know something really nice happened that night...Next year Santa will have a new cadre of elves helping him...It seems that "Tinkerbelle" (Happy Holly) is leaving you for a while...she is joining the ARMY!! She is going to nursing school and wants to be a nurse. There are some very good people around here and they do many good, unsung, things...I wish I wasn't a ghost sometimes, so I could hug you guys now and then.

Well the campfire got a good workout this year...last summer there were ghost stories...(I had to laugh at that one) and then there were howling contests when the moon was full...then on the Parade night... there were musicians singing ...more howling at the non-existent moon...and funny jokes told.

I think I am going to find a place where I can hang out more often out there, as I am certain there are good stories to be heard.

The New Commodore is the kinda guy who is gonna live up to the name "Casey"...now the tough part is going to match him up with the character; "Casey at the Bat" ...or "Casey the Engineer"? There are nights when each could be employed ...Come on, Kitty, let's get some winks...things are going to get interesting...



Happy Birthday to our January Babies!

- 01 Harry Parker
- 01 Rich Trantham
- 03 Richard Mello 04 Jan Harrington
- 05 Alma Wood
- 07 Elaine Davis
- 09 Bob Williams
- 09 Jerry Calhoun
- 10 Carl Rasmyssen
- 10 Ray Murphy
- 13 Ismael Ramirez
- 14 Joli Dynbar
- 14 Thom Dias
- 14 Tyler Dias
- 16 Darrell Lackey
- 16 Don Lucido
- 17 Borise Larson
- 17 Chuck Carroll
- 18 Dorothy Carroll
- 18 George Greer
- 18 Kevin Wickman
- 20 Bob Lenz
- 20 Elaine Rasmussen
- 21 Mardi Haines
- 22 Vincent Rafanan
- 23 Dan Lynch
- 23 Lou Zobb
- 26 Belynda Zobb
- 26 Ted Brown
- 27 Tony Siino
- 28 Bill Pato
- 28 Janet Abon
- 28 Ruth Trombetta
- 28 Tina Tapp
- 29 Maxine Veloz
- 30 Arlyce Siino
- 31 Max Wheeler

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- \sim Watch no TV except for movies played in the middle of the night. Have your family vote on which movie to watch, then show a different one.
- \sim Make your family menu a week ahead of time without consulting the pantry or refrigerator.
- ~ Post a menu on the kitchen door informing your family that they are having steak for dinner. Then make them wait in line for an hour. When they finally get to the kitchen, tell them you are out of steak, but they can have dried ham or hot dogs. Repeat daily until they ignore the menu and just ask for hot dogs.
- \sim Bake a cake. Prop up one side of the pan so the cake bakes unevenly. Spread icing real thick to level it off.
- \sim Get up every night around midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread. (midrats)
- \sim Set your alarm clock to go off at random times during the night. At the alarm, jump up and dress as fast as you can, making sure to button your top shirt button and tuck your pants into your socks. Run out into the backyard and uncoil the garden hose.
- ~ Every week or so, throw your dog in the pool and shout, "Man overboard port side!" Rate your family members on how fast they respond.
- ~ Put the headphones from your stereo on your head, but don't plug them in. Hang a paper cup around your neck on a string. Stand in front of

the stove, and speak into the paper cup "Stove manned and ready." After an hour or so, speak into the cup again "Stove secured." Roll up the headphones and paper cup and stow them in a shoebox

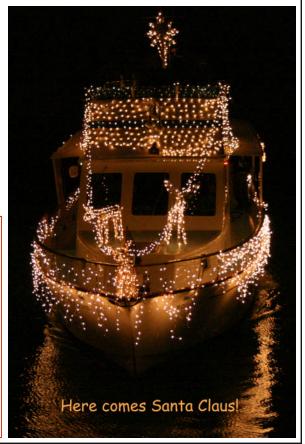
- \sim Place a podium at the end of your driveway. Have your family stand watches at the podium, rotating at 4 hour intervals. This is best done when the weather is worst. January is a good time
- \sim When there is a thunderstorm in your area, get a wobbly rocking chair, sit in it and rock as hard as you can until you become nauseous. Make sure to have a supply of stale crackers in your shirt pocket.
- \sim Make coffee using eighteen scoops of budget priced coffee grounds per pot, and allow the pot to simmer for 5 hours before drinking.
- ~ Have someone under the age of ten give you a haircut with sheep shears.
- $\sim \mbox{Sew}$ the back pockets of your jeans on the front.
- \sim Lock yourself and your family in the house for six weeks. Tell them that at the end of the 6th week you are going to take them to Disney World for "liberty." At the end of the 6th week, inform them the trip to Disney World has been canceled because they need to get ready for an inspection, and it will be another week before they can leave the house.



Reminder!
1st Quarter
Dues & Fees
are due as of
January 1st.



Dave MacDougall had open heart surgery in early December. He is feeling pretty good now and is looking forward to coming to the Club! We wish you a continued speedy recovery, Dave! Thanks to the Dawson's for safely piloting Santa's boat to our Club each year!







We would like to thank Cassie Moody for helping Santa as an Elf over the past four years. Santa will be looking for one or two young ladies who are willing to serve as his elves next year.

(Elves should be between 7th-12th grade)

If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested, please complete the application and answer the questions below.

Send it to Santa's HR Department at the Club address or drop it in the Treasurer's box at the Club

Application to be Santa's Elf

Name	Grade
Phone	Are you a good student?
Do you like to help children?	Do you mind wearing an Elf hat?
Do you have your parents' perm	hission to help Santa as a Elf?
How does Santa arrive at our C	lub?

Elves are required to help Santa and Mrs. Claus read the names of the children receiving gifts and assist children who are a little afraid of Santa to help them feel more comfortable with their visit to Santa.

Disclosure: This position does not pay any money, but the rewards of knowing you have helped children are great!

Santa Claus is an equal opportunity, non-profit Santa!