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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Rick Barton

As we close the books on 2014, I wanted to send a big Thank You to all of the members of the Club who worked tirelessly to make 2014 such a great year. In particular, I would like to thank our outgoing Commodore, Don Wilson, for all the help he gave me in preparing for 2015. We had many long talks in which he tirelessly explained things to me. His help will be invaluable to me as we move forward into 2015. As I am frequently reminded, he set the bar pretty high last year, and I think that's a good thing. If we all pull together and work as a team, we can keep the momentum going all the way through 2015!

There was one event in December that I would like to mention. For the first

time since becoming a member, I participated in the "Lighted Boat Parade" on December 6<sup>th</sup>. It was an incredible event. Matt and Marianne Tate invited my wife and I to join them on Ms. Fitz and we had an absolutely wonderful time. The cheering crowds along the waterfront in Antioch blew me away. There were fourteen boats in the parade and eight of them were from Sportsmen! My goal for next year is to increase that number to twenty so if you are a boat owner I will probably be bugging you all year to join in the fun. We will be hosting Opening Day on the Delta and the Lighted Boat Parade in 2015.

I sat down with some members recently and we outlined our plans for the Work Parties in 2015. It is

a pretty ambitious schedule. The only way we will be successful is with the help of our members. Please try your hardest to attend the Work Parties this year. We always had a good turnout in 2014 and I'm hoping that continues. Our first Work Party will be on January 3<sup>rd</sup> so let's get the year off to a great start!



Have some fun  
in the snow!!!



## Vice Commodore Doug Horton

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas; as usual I did not get anything. (Ha-Ha!) What a great time at our Kids with Santa Night at Sportsmen. We have been members for over eleven years and this is still our favorite function. I still remember the look on my little Ethan's face seeing Santa at five years old; let's keep this tradition going.

Our very last event of the year is our New Year's Eve event and since this is the January Newsletter, it's already happened—but as this article is being written, we are still looking forward to a great time that night.

Has anyone noticed we have lost our old neighbors and have gained new ones? Check it out. I think this is the beginning of a beautiful relationship.

I would like to address some issues with the galley and laundry room. First of all, thank you to Chuck & Ann English for being our Galley Captains for 2015. I need you to know that being Galley Captain does not mean galley custodian! In December, I received a lot of complaints and have personally seen the galley a total mess on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

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## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY THE BABO & PEREZ FAMILIES  
\$10 PER PERSON



Limited to the first 50 reservations.  
Make your reservations On-Line or  
contact Ann English at 779-9330  
as soon as possible!

**Volunteers are needed to cook for the  
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.**  
Please contact Cynthia Perez for details (260-2786)

Cancellation of reservations for an event must be made at least three (3) days  
prior to the event to avoid being charged for the event. Please notify Ann  
English at 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations.  
(This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, the following 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.

Your ideas and suggestions for this Newsletter are welcome!

Articles are due by the 20th of each month.  
Email: [newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org)  
or contact Freda Lucido at 228.3609

## Game Night!

Friday, January 23rd

Pizza & Dessert Bar at 7 pm Games at 8 pm

Details will be announced at the  
January General Membership Meeting



**Monday Night Football  
Steak Dinners  
Sign Up at the Club!**

**College Football Championship—January 12th**

*(Horton's Article Continued from Page 1)*

You must understand that our Ferry gets rented out to members on the understanding that there will be a clean galley and they will leave a clean galley. If you use the galley for ANY reason, you MUST clean up after yourself. Even if there is a mess that you did not make – be the better person and clean it better than you found it.

On a more somber note, we lost Pito Gutierrez in December. Our prayers go out to his family. I'm ending with a note to my friend, Steve Cornell, who also passed away unexpectedly in December, "Save me a shot of Jack Daniels; we will drink it in heaven. Thank you for being my friend."



**The Club's Calendar for 2015 is available  
on our Website.**

**Click on "Scheduled Events"  
all year long for all the up-to-date information!**

## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### January

- 2 Club Meeting
- 3 Work Party
- 12 College Football Championship
- 17 Installation Dinner
- 23 Game Night

### February

- 1 Super Bowl Party
- 6 Club Meeting
- 7 Work Party
- 13 Delta Bayliner Cruise-In
- 13 Taco Bar Dinner
- 14 Valentine's Italian Night Dinner
- 21 Crab Feed

### March

- 6 Club Meeting
- 7 Work Party
- 13 Diablo YC Cruise-In
- 13 Taco Bar Dinner
- 14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 20 Italian Night Dinner



## Rear Commodore Matt Tate

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to serving the Club and its membership as Rear Commodore this year. The Club has become like a second home to me and I look forward to giving something back.

My wife, Marianne, and I have shared many good times with many of the club members. We are now proud to call you our friends and have made many lasting memories. We both look forward to the friendship and memories this year will bring.

I would say 2014 was a pretty busy year at our Club, especially with the 4S; 2015 is shaping up to be another great year with many events and cruise-outs planned. Please try to get out to as many of the events as possible.

Along with all of the fun times and great events that we all enjoy at our Club comes the necessity of the routine maintenance and upkeep of the Ferry, harbor, and grounds. Our new Commodore Rick Barton has some ambitious projects that he would like to see accomplished this year. With as many hands as possible during our Work Parties we will be able to complete them.

The Club is made up of all of us and any suggestions or advice are always welcome. I look forward to being the Sportsmen YC's Rear Commodore.

Best wishes for a Great 2015.



Here's a "Behind-the-Scenes  
Shout-Out" to  
Barbara Maldon...  
For Distributing Our  
Newsletter Every Month!



## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Happy New Year everyone! As we start the year, I would like to get back to our History – Part IX.

The land was purchased. A dredging contract was signed for a land locked harbor 100 x 300 feet, a cradle for moving the Club House. The dredging was completed as preparations were being made to move the Club House. The moving of the Sausalito was a very simple matter after all. Scoville and his gang salvaged an old pump and motor which worked like a charm. Three hours and fifteen minutes after starting the pump the boat was pumped dry, and forty five minutes after the tug boats hooked on, the Sausalito was in her new berth without a bump or jar, even a vase of flowers in one of the roof cabins was not jarred out of place.

Although there are no official documents attesting to the preliminary work involved on the actual purchase of the property, the author of this history (who remains unknown) interviewed many members far and wide for data. In all of these interviews one name kept coming to light. Without stealing the glory and gratitude from the many who participated in devious ways, I would like to reveal the name for those who were not around at the time. He is a shy individual, still ranking amongst the most active members----Joe Thoza (this was written August 1975).



## PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

### 2015 PICYA CALENDAR

Jan 24	23rd Annual Commodores' Ball St. Francis YC	Feb 2	Delegates' Meeting Benicia YC
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The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) was formed in San Francisco on May 12, 1896. The purpose of this association was to improve communication between yacht clubs, provide uniform racing rules, and encourage yachting.

Three of the five Charter Clubs are in existence today; San Francisco YC (1869), Corinthian YC (1886), and Encinal YC (1890).

The purpose of PICYA has grown over the years and so has its list of member clubs—over 100 clubs (approximately 15,600 boating families).

The 23rd annual Commodores' Ball & Installation of Officers, honoring Liz Allison and the Officers and Directors for 2015, will be held at the St. Francis YC on the Marina in San Francisco on January 24th. All PICYA members are invited. If you want to know more about this very special event, please contact me.

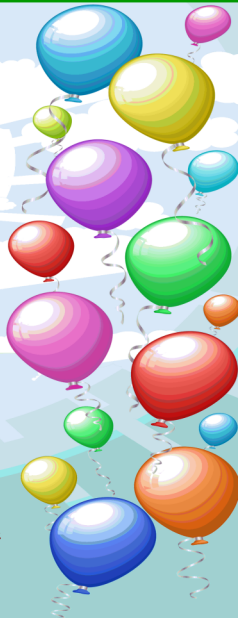
The first Delegates' Meeting for 2015 will be held February 2nd at Benicia YC. If you've ever wondered what goes on at these meetings, why not plan to attend one this year? It's a great chance to see other yacht clubs and meet new friends.

Wishing all of you a Happy New Year!



## January Birthdays!

Jan 01 Harry Parker	Jan 18 George Greer
Jan 01 Kimberly Norris	Jan 18 Kevin Wickman
Jan 04 Jan Harrington	Jan 20 Elaine Rasmussen
Jan 05 Alma Wood	Jan 20 Ross Cooper
Jan 05 Ted Olsen	Jan 21 Chip DeSair
Jan 07 Elaine Davis	Jan 22 Liz Allen
Jan 09 Bob Williams	Jan 22 Nick Macey
Jan 09 John Continente	Jan 22 Vincent Rafanan
Jan 10 Carl Rasmussen	Jan 23 Dan Lynch
Jan 10 Ray Murphy	Jan 25 Russell Morgan
Jan 12 Gina Moore	Jan 26 Ted Brown
Jan 12 Sarah Haynes	Jan 26 Belynda Zobb
Jan 13 Desiree LaFrades	Jan 27 Tony Siino
Jan 13 Ismael Ramirez	Jan 28 Bill Pato
Jan 13 Mark Engle	Jan 28 Ruth Trombetta
Jan 14 Thom Dias	Jan 28 Tina Tapp
Jan 15 Kurt Chaisson	Jan 30 Arlyce Siino
Jan 16 Don Lucido	Jan 30 Tabitha LaChance
Jan 17 Chuck Carroll	Jan 31 Max Wheeler
Jan 17 Lori Moore	



**Crab Feed**  
Saturday, February 21st  
6:30 p.m.

Clam Chowder, Salad, Pasta, French Bread, Wine  
**Lots & Lots of Crab!!!**

Price to be determined  
Check the Website for updated information!

## Superbowl XLIX

**Come out to the Club for the  
Super Bowl Game!**



Sunday, February 1st  
Pre-Game begins at 1:00 p.m.

Finger Foods Welcome

Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers  
Available for \$5.25 and \$5.75  
Reservations Requested by January 28th

Make Reservations Online or  
Call Ann at 779-9330



## 25th Annual Lighted Boat Parade Results

In 1989, Georgine Shunk of Bridge Marina YC decided it was time the boating community contributed to our local Christmas spirit. That year a committee was formed, yacht clubs and marinas were contacted, and by December Georgine's vision became a reality with 30 beautifully decorated vessels parading from the Antioch Bridge to Humphrey's and back. While boats were organizing and waiting for Parade Marshall Chris Laurentizen to kick off the event, a huge ship appeared on the horizon. With a mighty blast of her horn, she acknowledged our presence adding to the excitement of the hour! There have been a few changes and many stories since that first year. Thank you, Georgine Shunk, for 25 years of dedication to this wonderful annual event!

### Congratulations to our 2014 Winners!

**Best of Show:** Ron & Heather Glenn Dos Rios YC

#### Over 35 feet

**1st Place:** Joe & Dorenda Sabino, Bridge Marina YC  
**2nd Place:** Floyd & Micheline Simpson, Sportsmen YC

#### Under 35 feet

**1st Place:** Jeff & Karen Maples, Sportsmen YC  
**2nd Place:** Jerry & Dorothy Smith, Bridge Marina YC

Thanks to Chris Laurentizen, our Judges, and all Participants!

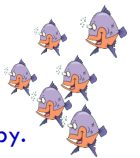
### 2014 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of December 13, 2014)

We now have 70 people entered in the 2014 Derby.

- \* There is \$955 total so far in this Derby.
- \* Rules are posted at the Club.
- \* Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- \* Three categories: Stripers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- \* Cost is \$5.00 per category.
- \* To date, Dave Newton has a 72 pound sturgeon on the board for 1st place, Bill Pato caught a 34 pounder to secure 2nd place, and Dan Lively is now 3rd place with a 32 pound sturgeon. Ken Williams holds 4th place with a 21 pound 12 oz. sturgeon.
- \* Jim Dawson has taken over 1st place with a 24 pound striper and Jim also has 2nd place with a 19 pound 1 oz. striper. Dale Bauer is in 3rd place with a 16 pound striper. The 4th place striper was caught by Jim weighing 15 pounds 4 oz.
- \* For the Catfish category, Chris Yarbrough holds 1st place with a 13 pound 1 oz. catfish, Chris also has 2nd place with an 8 pound 4 oz. catfish, Ed Salmon has 3rd place with a 7 pound catfish, and Ed also has 4th place with a 5 pound 4oz. catfish.
- \* Only five weeks left to catch a winning fish for this Derby. Fish have now been caught for all four places in each category, so there will be no drawings.

Go out and catch one bigger!

Jim Dawson





## In Memory Of...

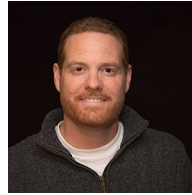


Gaudalupe "Pito" Gutierrez passed away on December 10, 2014, after a battle with cancer. Pito joined our Club in 2013. He was a concrete finisher by trade and had helped at the Club on several projects. He also enjoyed camping

and fishing.

Our sympathy to his wife, Roseanne, and their family.

## Welcome New Associate!



Joe Sansoni

Please Note: Associates' addresses and phone numbers are not included in the Website version of the Newsletter.

### *Valentine's Day Italian Night Dinner Saturday, February 14th*

*A Special Night  
For Your Special Valentine!*

*Lobster Ravioli Dinner  
with Crabmeat Cream Sauce*

*\$15*

*Reservations can be made Online  
or call Marina at 759-2764*

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# Installation Dinner

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Our Theme: "Harbor Lights"

Cocktails at 5 p.m.

Dinner Served at 6 p.m.

Installation of 2015 Officers Follows Dinner

Dance to the Music of the Romano Marchetti Orchestra

Featuring Chef Paul's Filet Mignon Dinner

(See website for complete menu)

\$45

Reservations Required

Available Online or Call Ann at 779-9330