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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everybody, this is going to be my first official article for 2016. I hope everyone had a great and wonderful Christmas. The Holidays are always about family and at Sportsmen we are a family. For our Club, 2015 was a great year; congratulations to Rick and the rest of the Board for doing a great job.

The Christmas Tree Decorating Contest was a great idea. Thank you, Ann English, for coordinating this event. The winners are listed on Page 5 of this Newsletter. Let's do it again next Christmas!

The Kids' Night with Santa was awesome. I invited a few coworkers and their families and, to be honest, they thought it would be like seeing Santa at the

mall. They were pleasantly surprised to see how intimate a family event it was; there were lots of compliments. We had a wonderful Santa Claus family! Thank you, Jim and Darlene, for once again picking Santa up on West Island and ferrying him to our Club.

The last event of 2015 was New Year's Eve - always a fun time for the outgoing Commodore to happily hand over the helm and keys to the incoming Commodore. Everyone else got to enjoy a happy, fun night bringing in 2016.

The first big event of 2016 is our Installation Dinner on January 16<sup>th</sup>. This is our fanciest event of the year where everyone gets dressed up. This year's theme is "Sportsmen—We Are A Family."

Our January meeting night will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> due to the New Year's weekend. Game night will continue, with our first Game Night on January 22nd.

Now that we have a good roof, I want to continue with refurbishing the East galley, so we can resume weekend breakfasts. Also, another project this year is using the lumber that Floyd Simpson got for us to rebuild the fishing pier. I would like to place this thought in everyone's mind: If you are proud to be a Sportsmen, why not participate in continuing to beautify the Club? Here are some suggestions: picking up trash around the Club grounds, cutting down the weeds around

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## Vice Commodore Matt Tate

Well, here's to a looking forward to a new year at Sportsmen Yacht Club!

We will now have a new Board of Directors with Doug Horton as Commodore. Best wishes for the coming year, Doug!

I would like to welcome our newest member on the Board of Directors, Dale Bauer, and also welcome Robert Babo

moving from Director to Rear Commodore.

Many thanks to our now Past Commodore Rick Barton for a great 2015, and also to former Director and Bar Manager Scott Jett.

December was a pretty busy month at the Club with the Lighted Boat Parade, Santa with the Kids, Game Night, and New Year's Eve. Congrats to

our parade winners—the Bauer and the Simpson families; your boats looked GREAT! Many thanks are due to all involved with hosting the event, especially Terri Barton for arranging all of the details of hosting and feeding a crowd of over 110 participants!

Another event at our Club in December was the Santa

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## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY THE TATE & BAUER FAMILIES

**\$10 PER PERSON**



Limited to the first 60 reservations.  
Make your reservations **ONLINE** 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 (286-0017)

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

## Welcome New Associate!



Ferris J. Anthony II

*(Horton's article continued from Page 1)*

the front gate, keeping the docks clear and clean.

I am also looking into the possibility of getting a bus gambling trip to Reno or Tahoe this year. I would appreciate your input on an overnight trip or single day trip. I am going to start getting prices together for a summer-time trip. Also I am looking at an A's or Giants game - if anyone is interested let me know.

Thanks, in advance, to everyone for all the support that is being given to the Club and to the Board.

Live well and be a part of a great family - Be a Sportsmen!

Quack, Quack!



*(Tate's article continued from Page 1)*

Party with all of the kids. The ferry looked great with all of the Christmas trees lit up, the festive decorations, and lots of 'good' little children; I don't think I saw a naughty one in the house! Special thanks to Ron and Liz Allen (Santa and Mrs. Claus), our two elves, my own Marianne Tate and the ever cheerful Heather Newton. Each and every child had a personal visit with Santa and then his or her picture was professionally taken by esteemed Club Photographer, Freda Lucido—the pictures were great!

Thanks, and I'm looking forward to a great 2016 and seeing all of you either at the Club or out on the water!

**Your 2016 Club Directory**  
will be in your mailbox  
by the January General Membership Meeting  
Cell Phone Numbers are in the back of the Directory

## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### January

- 8 Club Meeting
- 9 Breakfast by Billy
- 9 Work Party
- 11 College Football Championship Game
- 16 Installation Dinner
- 22 Game Night & Dinner

### February

- 5 Club Meeting
- 6 Work Party
- 7 Super Bowl Party
- 12 Game Night & Dinner
- 12-14 Bayliner Club Cruise-In
- 13 Breakfast by Billy
- 13 Valentine's Dinner
- 14 Continental Breakfast
- 20 Crab Feed

### March

- 4 Club Meeting
- 5 Breakfast by Billy
- 6 Work Party
- 11-14 Delta Marina YC Cruise-In
- 18-20 Diablo YC Cruise-In
- 18 Game Night & Dinner
- 19 St. Patrick's Day Dinner



## Rear Commodore Robert Babo

I would like to start by thanking the membership for electing me Rear Commodore. It is an honor and a privilege to be an officer of Sportsmen YC.

When Denice and I first joined the Club, we did not know what to expect—so many new faces, names and things to do. It did not take long and things fell into place; soon we were cooking meeting dinners, attending work parties, attending cruise-outs and events. We have made many new friends and family here at the Sportsmen.

Being the Master at Arms for 2015 and in charge of the "Wheel Spin" has given me the opportunity to meet and talk to just about everybody who comes to the monthly meetings and events. I would also like to thank the membership for the opportunity to fill in as a Director during the latter part of

2015, as this gave me the chance to see the inner workings of our Club.

I will support Doug & Matt with their duties; with the support of the Club's members, I look forward to a prosperous and exciting year!



*Mark Your Calendar!*

## Valentine's Day Dinner

*Saturday, February 13th*

*Delta Bayliner Club is  
Cruising-In that Weekend!*



## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

First I would like to wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

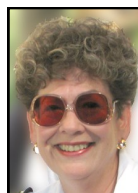
At our last meeting, it was wonderful to hear of all the work that was accomplished this year, especially the new roof. Next time you are at the Ferry just look around; the galley looks wonderful and now the bar will be brought up to date.

While looking through some old bulletins, one caught my eye. In a bulletin dated 1972, there was an Aspirations List:

1. Rewiring the ferry
2. Dredging the harbor.
3. Berth maintenance.
4. Oiling and compacting our entrance road.
5. Have the boat owners scrap and weed the ground in the trailer parking area.
6. Painting: a couple of areas of the Ferry boat that never received even a first coat of paint during that project a couple of years ago. Finishing the job would greatly add to the old girl's appearance.

(Postscript) Before this bulletin came into print, two members were inspired to don coveralls and began painting all on their own. It was Sunday, January 16, 1972; visibility was about 100 yards, temperature about 36 degrees. How inspired can you get?

Work has been going on since members brought our ferry into our harbor in 1939. Without the workers, our ferry would not be what it is today. Thank you to everyone past and present for all of your hard work.



## PICYA NEWS

**DARLENE DAWSON**

### 2016 PICYA CALENDAR

Jan 23	Commodore's Ball & Installation of Officers	Feb 1	Delegates' Meeting Coyote Point YC
		Mar 7	Delegates' Meeting Benicia YC

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 24th annual Commodores' Ball & Installation of Officers, honoring Erich Schoenwisner and the Officers and Directors for 2016, will be held at Encinal YC in Alameda on Saturday, January 23rd. All PICYA members are invited. If you want to know more about this very special event, please contact me.

The first Delegates' Meeting for 2016 will be held February 1st at Coyote Point 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!

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

## 2015 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of December 16, 2015)

We have 56 people entered in the 2015 Derby.

- \* There is \$815 total in this Derby.
- \* Rules are posted at the Club.
- \* Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- \* Three categories: Strippers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- \* Cost is \$5.00 per category.
- \* For our Striped Bass category, Jim Dawson went fishing and he holds the first four places with a 32 pounder for 1st Place, 23 pound 11 ounce for 2nd Place, 22 pound 8 ounce for 3rd Place, and 21 pound 13 ounce for 4th place.
- \* In the Catfish category, Kenny Norris holds 1st place with a 16 pound 8 ounce monster! Then he caught a 14 pounder for 2nd place. Nick Macey holds 3rd place with a 2 pound 12 ounce catfish and Albert Perez has 4th place with a 1 pound 2 ounce catfish.
- \* In the Sturgeon category, Bill Pato Jr. holds 1st place with a 67 pounder; Bill also holds 2nd place with a 47 pound, 8 ounce sturgeon; Kenny Norris secured 3rd place with 31 pounder; and Gabe Comages is hanging onto 4th place with a 28 pounder.

*Get in the Derby! Go out and catch some fish!*

*Jim Dawson*



## Game Night

Friday, January 22nd

### Pizza

6:30 p.m. \$10

Reservations ONLINE  
or call Ann at 779-9330



# 26th Annual Lighted Boat Parade Results

## Congratulations to the Winners

### Best of Show:

1st Place over 35 ft.

2nd Place over 35 ft.

1st Place under 35 ft.

2nd Place under 35 ft.

David & Lori Dial

Floyd & Micheline Simpson

Philip & Cheryl Clark

Dale & Debbie Bauer

Steven & Crystal Peedle

Ebony BC

Sportsmen YC

Dos Rios YC

Sportsmen YC

Sportsmen YC

Thanks to everyone who participated and made this event a success!

Parade Marshall  
Judges  
Business Donors

Chris Lauritzen, Lauritzen Yacht Harbor  
Debbie Vieria, William & Mary Chapman  
Hotel Nikko San Francisco  
Lone Tree Golf Course, Antioch

Hosted by Sportsmen YC  
Other Participating Clubs: Bridge Marina YC, Dos Rios YC,  
and Ebony BC

### Parade Committee

Chair

Vice Chair

Georgine Shunk  
Darlene Dawson  
Jim Davi  
Jane Parsons  
Kay Power

Bridge Marina YC  
Sportsmen YC  
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Sportsmen YC  
Sportsmen



## In Memory of...

*Berdell (Bert) Schneider passed away November 29, 2015, after a long battle with dementia. Bert joined our Club in 1977 and introduced Sandie to our Club. They later married and enjoyed cruise-outs and fishing on their boat, "The B.S." One of Bert's favorite sayings was, "It's 5:00 somewhere!" and he would then smile and enjoy a glass of brandy.*

*Bert retired from Sears where he was Manager of the Appliance Department at the Sun Valley store. Sales was a natural fit for him because he loved being around people and was always jovial. Many of our members purchased appliances from him throughout the years.*

*Bert and Sandie enjoyed camping. The first time he went abalone diving he got his own abalone!*

*He also enjoyed spending time with his sons and family.*

*One thing you may not know: Bert had an identical twin brother, Berdett, who preceded him in death. There are stories of one pretending to be the other, with some very entertaining consequences!*

*Our sincere sympathy to Sandie and their family.*

*No services are planned.*

## 1st Annual Christmas Tree Winners!!!

By Popular Vote:

1st: "My BFF" by Alice Gibson

2nd: "The Grinch" by Cynthia Perez

3rd: "Traditional Little Snowmen" by Cheryl Goetsch

4th: "Reindeer" by Micheline Simpson



"My BFF" by Alice Gibson



"The Grinch" by Cynthia Perez

Judges' Choice:

1st: "Red Ribbon" by Anita Hinds

2nd: "Let It Snow" by Marianne Tate



"Red Ribbon" by Anita Hinds



"Let It Snow!" by Marianne Tate

"Little Mermaid" by Shirley Karr received Honorable Mention



## Crab Feed

Saturday, February 20th

6:30 p.m.

Clam Chowder, Salad, Pasta, French Bread, Wine

We Hope to Have  
**Lots & Lots of Crab!!!**

Price to be determined  
Check the Website for updated information!

## Superbowl 50

Come out to the Club for the  
Super Bowl Game!



Sunday, February 7th

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

Finger Foods Welcome

Cheeseburgers Available for \$8



Reservations Requested by January February 1st

Make Reservations Online or  
Call Ann at 779-9330

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**THANKS TO  
Don Wilson**  
for being at every  
General Membership  
Meeting in 2015 to  
interview associate  
candidates!



# *Installation Dinner*

*Saturday, January 16, 2016*

*Our Theme: "Sportsmen, We Are A Family"*



*Cocktails at 5 p.m.*

*Dinner Served at 6 p.m.*

*Installation of 2016 Officers Follows Dinner  
Music and Dancing into the Night!*



*Featuring Chef Paul's Filet Mignon Dinner*



**\$50**

*Reservations Required—Available Online or call Ann at 779-9330*

