

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

FEbruary 2008



**COMMODORE
CASEY CURRY**

First off, I would like to thank all the dedicated people who worked so hard putting on the Installation Dinner. What a great party!!

A big thank you to the galley crew, all of our great kids who served us, and those who helped clean up. Thank you to Anne Marie Alcorn for her invaluable help in the galley and Al Alcorn for keeping those kids in line. Also, I would like to thank the bar crew including Pat Bown, Rod Kreiss, and Rod Miller, for the fantastic job they did behind the bar. I heard nothing but compliments.

Sherry Lively, Alice and Lonnie Gibson, Jackie Steele, Bob & Shirley Karr, and my son Jake did a fabulous job

decorating. I would also like to thank Jackie and Shirley for the great snacks and Ann Marie for the delicious cookies.

A big thank you to Chef Paul for cleaning the main galley before the caterers arrived and to Lonnie and Bryan Tapp for helping with the Sunday morning clean-up after the event. Tina Tapp filled in for Barbara to serve breakfasts because Barbara was not feeling well.

It seems that everyone had fun at the Installation; I know Diane and I did. If the Installation Dinner is any indication, I'm sure we're all going to have a great year in 2008. In speaking with many of the members, they have some great ideas that I am looking forward to implementing.

We are looking forward to our next event, the Crab Feed. With lots of your participation, it will be another success.

Safe Boating!



2008 Officers are sworn in at the Installation Dinner

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**VICE COMMODORE
PAT SEBERS**

January stormed with buckets of water, causing larger than normal roof leaks and dock ramp problems. Work Party turnout was pretty good with great progress being made. I worked with Tim Lamb to repair and reconstruct the steel collar causing part of the guest dock ramp to ride up and over the dock. It is amazing what Tim can do with steel and a welder (when he has both hands free and is not eating something).

While it is beautiful and sunny as this

article is being written, if you have a boat in dry storage you may want to come out and inspect it. You could find out that you have a boat in wet storage. Water fills up boat covers and sits until it finds a way inside. High winds have blown some covers around to where they are not doing their job.

Don't forget the Work Party on February 2nd. With Chuck Carroll as the Work Party Chairman, we are assured of competent direction. Chuck is a natural leader with a skill set second to none. Come to the Work Parties; you will learn things that you did not know you didn't know, while helping the Club get through the winter.

That same weekend, we will also have

some fun at the Super Bowl party. Bring an hors d'oeuvre and come join us!

I can't wait for the Crab Feed on February 9th. Crab cracking (or is it eating) is my calling in life; don't forget to bring your 'anti crab splatter' gear and a cracking device. People have been pretty creative in the past concerning what they use to crack the crab. Let the Bloody Mary's flow...

The Marine Garage sale is on the 16th. Last year I picked up a backup anchor and a swim step fender for a super price. Bargains galore and fun will be had by all.

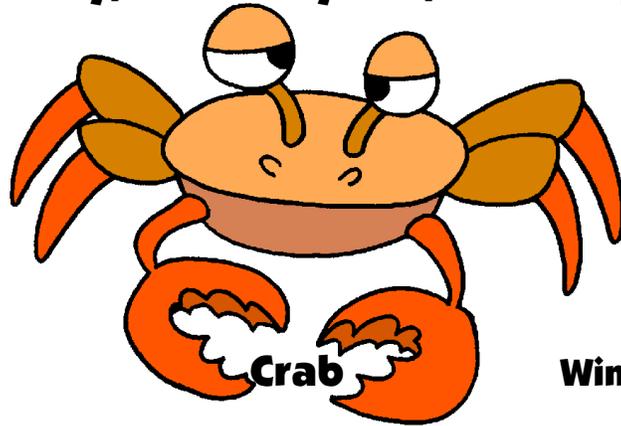
I love this place!

Crab Feed

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

Clam Chowder

Salad



Pasta

French Bread

Wine

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

\$40 per person

Make your reservations online or contact Cindy at 625-0590



St. Patrick's Day Party!

Saturday, March 15th

6:15 p.m. The Beer Drinking Contest!

7:00 p.m. Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

9:00 p.m. Music for Dancing by DJ

Make Your Reservations Online or Send Your Prepaid Reservations to

Cindy
625-0590

Reservation Deadline is March 11th



\$20 per person



**REAR COMMODORE
STEVE MARTINEZ**



Hello Sportsmen!

So far so good this year; bar sales were really good for the Installation Dinner.

Just a reminder this is your Club and volunteer participation is how we function. Also, for the Associates, this is a way to get your face and name known by other members.

Besides the meeting nights, weekends and Work Parties, this month we have the Super Bowl Party and Crab Feed. We will need plenty of volunteers for both of these events.

Have fun and drive safe.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- 7 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 8 Work Party
- 15 St. Patrick's Dinner
- 29-30 Cruise-Out to Rio Vista

APRIL

- 4 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 5 Work Party
- 12 Opening Day
- 19-20 Diablo YC Cruise-In

Super Bowl Party!



Bring your favorite finger food to share

Roast Beef & Turkey with all the trimmings for making sandwiches will be provided

**Belynda promises to make her famous Elk Chili, Parmesan Cheese Crab Dip, and Taco Soup.
Lou promises to have lots of fun!**

Make sure you see Neal Essary for our Fun Sideline Activities

Sunday, February 3rd

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

Kick-Off at 3:15 p.m.

In Memory Of

Olga Lamphear passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2008. She and her husband, Zeb, were also married on January 23, 1951, 57 years ago. Their history with Sportsmen goes back many years to the late 1950s-1960s when they were caretakers for our Club. Their living quarters were what is now our Board Room at the Club. They also ran the river-side galley for breakfasts, lunches, and dinners on weekends. Then they became managers and caretakers for San Joaquin Yacht Harbor and we enjoyed many years having them as great neighbors. In 2004, they joined Sportsmen as members. Olga loved cats and even had Zeb build a playhouse for their cats while they were living at SJYH. She was active with Eastern Star and loved to play Bingo until she became too ill to get out.

Our sincere sympathy to Zeb and their family and friends.



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Before the San Francisco Ferry Building was built, square riggers and ferryboats came into Meiggs Wharf that was north from what is now Powell and San Francisco Streets. Today it is filled in and the site of Fisherman's Wharf.

During the 1920's and 1930's the San Francisco Ferry Building was the center for ferryboats, connecting four steam railroads with 29 city streetcar and cable car lines. Over 55 million passengers came through the Ferry building each year.



NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JACKIE STEELE "JACKIE OH!"

Our February fleet activity will be the 2nd Annual Marine "Garage" Sale, scheduled for Saturday, February 16th (weather permitting). Those who participated last year found it a great way to unload the miscellany we all seem to keep on board our boats that we think we'll need. So, get busy between now and then - check your boat storage compartments, the rafters of your garage (mine are chock full of boat and RV stuff) and bring the excess lines, fenders, extra anchors, etc., and see what you can sell! We can run the sale between 10 a.m. and noon, or later depending upon the level of interest.

Please check your calendars for our March Cruise Out to Delta Marina in Rio Vista. We have paid for a minimum of ten boats, at a per boat fee of \$25.00 for Saturday, March 29th. If you can get

away sooner, the additional day(s) must be handled directly between you and the marina (707-374-2315). Be sure to make your reservations as early as possible to be assured of dock space. Delta Marina also has some very nice RV spaces for those of you who prefer to travel the asphalt sloughs - please make your reservations direct with them. I will post a sign-up sheet for this event, and your Saturday night \$25.00 reservation check must be to me (payable to Sportsmen YC) by March 15th to hold your space. This is always a popular cruise destination and, as in past years, those entering the harbor by boat will be unceremoniously critiqued with regard to docking skills (or lack thereof).

Just so you are prepared for Opening Day - the decoration theme is *Children's Fairytales*, and the date is Saturday, April 12th. We have some very creative members who I know will compete for top prizes!

Safe boating and I'll see you on the river!



Happy Birthday to our February Babies!

- 03 Chuck Kotecki
- 04 Barbara Chapman
- 04 Bill Pato_Jr
- 06 Ron Roberts
- 07 Bob Saunders
- 07 Nate Cordova
- 07 Rosie Fernandez
- 08 Jason Knox
- 08 Jean Sieben
- 10 Chuck Trombetta
- 10 Sharon Goldsmith
- 11 Michael Carroll
- 12 Amy Hammer
- 13 Susan Wood
- 14 Dorothy Welch
- 14 Sharon Higgins
- 15 Jane Connelley
- 15 Tim Lamb
- 16 Tess Stubberfield
- 16 Victor Campo
- 18 Carol Lawhorn
- 18 Ken Corippo
- 20 John Muccianti
- 21 Bert Landes
- 23 Winky Scannell
- 25 Gene Buchholz
- 29 Dan Perryman



Past Commodores' Table at the Installation Dinner



Commodore Lively thanked Chris Stubberfield and other members who worked hard in 2007



Reminder!
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**PORT CAPTAIN'S
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**

Just a reminder that our caretaker has weekends off and we need Relief Caretakers to fill in those days. The hours needed start Friday evening at 8 pm and continue through Sunday evening at 8 pm. The first two weeks of the new schedule have been challenging since no one signed up until Friday afternoon.

The purpose of the change was two-fold, first to help the caretaker and second to allow our members who have these days off an opportunity to caretake.

The calendar to sign up on is located on the Bulletin Board above the shuffleboard table. Thanks in advance to those who sign up and I really appreciate those who are able to sign up further in advance.

We are in the process of emptying a couple of storage cabins and then they, too, will be rented. Those cabins are not as nice as most since they have not been occupied in a long time, but I am confident they can be fixed up or maybe used for storing personal items. I will be contacting folks soon who are on top of Cabin Waiting List.



From our Harbor Captain

Dry Storage spaces are being assigned for all boat trailers. Check with me if you have questions.

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 February
Meeting!**

Our Menu

**Oso Buco on Angel Hair Pasta
Tossed Salad and French Bread
A Special Dessert will also be served**

\$10 per person

**Prepared by
Dave Selvy and crew**

Come join us!

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





**WORK PARTY
CORNER
CHUCK CARROLL**

Well, our first Work Party was a cold and wet one, but the turnout was terrific. One of our new Commodore's objectives is to empty out a few of the cabins that have been used for Club storage and get them rented to members who are on the Cabin Waiting List. With the help of over 40 Sportsmen who showed up, we got a lot done. The Storage Room was cleaned up and much that was in there is now sitting on tables on the south deck waiting for any member who wants it. The next WP it will be hauled off as trash or scrap metal. There are four cabins that Port Captain Dawson and I are getting cleared out to rent: Tool cabin, beer cabin, junk cabin, and the wine cabin. This will make four members who have been on the waiting list happy and bring additional revenue to the Club.

We also made a new wine storage cabinet, fixed a ton of leaks on the roof, hauled trash, made repairs to the ways, repaired the ramp in Area 5, an old chase-way was closed up, the bar and galley cleaned, updates made to our security system, a new printer installed, and new photos posted of our new officers. And, I'm going to add the mini Work Party we held on the following Saturday for Installation preparations in which our floors were cleaned and polished, a new dishwasher installed, the Ferry completely cleaned. There are

Sportsmen who individually followed through on most of these tasks, but there was so much multi-tasking going on that I want to offer a big thank you to the following members: Al Alcorn, Jim Arnold, Paul Bernhardt, Blair Camp, Charlie Carroll, Ed Collins, Casey Curry, Jim Dawson, Jerry Fitzgerald, Bob Garrett, Lonnie & Alice Gibson, Kathie Hammer, Dennis Higgins, Rick Hinds, Doug Horton, Michael & Paulet Hoskins, Bob & Shirley Karr, Danny Kipp, Rod Kreiss, Tim Lamb, Dan & Sherry Lively, Don & Freda Lucido, Cindy Mammon, Steve Martinez, Rod Miller, Dwayne Minick, Harry Parker, Gary Ridolfi, Pat Sebers, Dave Selvy, Chris Stubberfield, Joe & Tess Stubberfield, Floyd Simpson, Bryan & Tina Tapp, Steve Toms, Michael & Michelle Tranate, guest Scott Wigmore, and Bob Williams.

See you on the patio after lunch!



**PICYA Report
Larry Draper**

The Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers was held on January 26, 2008, at the Hilton Garden Inn hotel in Emeryville. Sportsmen delegates planning to attend were are **Larry Draper & Deanna Tomei**. Incoming **Commodore Fred Goodwin**, has chosen for his theme, "Lighting the Way in 2008." More details of this event will be in the March Newsletter.

Commodore Goodwin's first official Delegates Meeting will be at Pittsburg YC on February 4th. The theme for Opening Day in April is "Children's Literature, Fairytales and Fables." PICYA sponsors a Management Seminar in March and a Leadership Seminar in October. Both will give Club of the Year points for attendees. Information will be available soon.

**Have a Beer on Us!
(following the Work Party)**



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Member Information Corner

Ken Carver was hospitalized recently. He is home now and feeling much better.

Bob Lenz was also hospitalized in January. He is home and doing better.

We wish you speedy recoveries and hope to see you at the Club in the near future!



Russell & Cheryl Morgan

William & Kelly Odum

Welcome New Members!

Bryan & Tina Tapp

Michael & Michelle Tranate

Address Changes

Tino & Janet Abon

Ron & Judi Roberts

Floyd Simpson

To protect our members' privacy, we do not list addresses and phone numbers in the web version of our Newsletter.



THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO

How time flies...

It seems like yesterday I was talking about the Ryde Hotel and meeting Francine, my counterpart there...and here we are looking at a New Year, five years later...coming up.

So much time has passed that even Santa has lost one of his elves to the Army Nursing Corps.

The New Year came in with a bang and a hoot with horns, music, dancing, singing, adult beverages and the ubiquitous conga line...more like the Rockettes. You guys really know how to party.

The Incoming Commodore and the Outgoing Commodore switched stars and shoulder boards and smooches all around as the 12 o'clock hour arrived and so did the New Year.

It was cold and not much fun to sit outside with the non-existent cat that preferred the old gunny sacks in our space to curl up in. So I wandered out to the ramp and kinda looked around. Sure seems different without the rain. Hmm...it feels a bit windy... Wonder if something's a-stir?

I got my answer a week later. Eighty-five mile per hour winds - Rain falling horizontally and tides that literally lifted

the sheds almost off their pins... it happened in Area 2. The clutch of you guys hanging around just to see if you could negotiate your way to the upper decks ran out to tie the docks down and save all the boats and the shed from heading out to the river in the wind. The resilience of this place never ceases to amaze me.

So on to the meeting night and the new Commodore follies. What fun. Casey took his turn at bat and after a couple of strikes...he stepped out of the box and spit on his hands. Rubbed em together, picked up the Louisville Slugger, and knocked the rest of the meeting out of the park. Laughter and good reports and then a clutch of new members. Good ones to boot. One of them can cook up a storm and her husband Father Bob of a parade of late, seemed so delighted they forgot to come back that night ...oh well, saved a chunk of change at the bar. The other folks included some more talent in the kitchen as well as with the tools in the shed. Your talent pool has once again been enriched.

Say, who's the guy running the bar and wearing one star on his collars? I had to look twice...this man is taking his new office so seriously that he trimmed the locks and sported a serious desire to lead and get things done. I am impressed with the new flag. The vice seems to have warmed up to his job and the Commodore has wisely started this year off on a positive note.

The Commodores' night was an affair with sumptuous food and wines followed with a great desert and then old Dino Marchetti and his orchestra made a return engagement for your dancing pleasure. And Pleasure it was. There were some past commodores out there spinning the ladies around and even a cigar or two on the outer deck with a lot of good conversation and the source of many good new memories to come.

I believe with all this simple fun happening, you will all find that this New Year will be one of cruising, relaxation, some partying and more ideas to improve this wonderful place.

I am getting a bit maudlin here so I think I will quit whilst I'm ahead.

Didja hear the news? It seems that "Billy Bass" has a new moniker - call him, "Ring Neck." It seems the dyed in the wool fisher kid busted his first Pheasant a coupla weeks ago. Nice to see you keeping the youngsters involved in the field and stream sports.

Well that's the news from the spooky part of the ferry... Now if I can get cat to slide over...a cat sliding...now there's a picture. Ha!

Get ready...I hear there will be some Crab laying around looking for a crack or two and will end up on your plates if you get in before the seats (or plates) are all sold out.

I'm going ta bed!

2008 Sportsmen Yacht Club Annual Fishing Derby Rules

1. Entry Fee(s) must be paid to Neal or Diane Essary at least **24 HOURS PRIOR TO WEIGHING IN ANY FISH.**
2. The entry fee is \$5.00 per category (Striped Bass, Sturgeon or Catfish). The fee for all three categories is \$15.00.
3. If less than four fish are entered in a category, remaining prizes will be awarded to entrants in that category and will be determined by a drawing.
4. The entry fee will cover a member, their spouse, their children to age 18, and their grandchildren and great grandchildren to age 18.
5. This derby is open to our Regular, Family, Associate, Life, and Honorary members.
6. Any Associate member turned down for membership will have their entry fee(s) refunded.
7. One person may win all four (4) places and all three (3) categories.
8. All participants must adhere to all California Sport Fishing regulations to qualify for prizes.
9. To be fair and equal to all participants, any fish entered must be weighed in at the Sportsmen Yacht Club scales and witnessed by a Sportsmen member or the Club caretaker. The results must be posted and initialed on the appropriate weigh-in sheet.
10. Prizes

1 st place	50% of the money received in that category
2 nd place	30% of the money received in that category
3 rd place	20% of the money received in that category
4 th place	prepaid entry fee in that category for the 2009 derby
11. This derby begins January 1, 2008, and ends December 31, 2008, at midnight.
12. All prize money will be awarded at our January 2009 regular membership meeting.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!
Neal & Diane Essary

Results of the 2007 Sportsmen YC Annual Fishing Derby

Striped Bass

1 st	Dennis Higgins	31 lbs. 7 oz.	11/19/07	\$60.00
2 nd	Larry Palen	23 lbs. 14 oz.	11/3/07	\$40.00
3 rd	John Hunter	16 lbs. 4 oz.	12/5/07	\$25.00
4 th	Jim Dawson	14 lbs. 12 oz.	11/30/07	prepaid entry 2008

Sturgeon

1 st	Jim Dawson	60 lbs. 4 oz.	1/29/07	\$55.00
2 nd	John Hunter	51 lbs.	12/22/07	\$33.00
3 rd	-By Drawing-			\$22.00
4 th	-By Drawing-			prepaid entry 2008

Catfish

1 st	Dennis Higgins	5 lbs. 12 oz.	11/21/07	\$53.00
2 nd	Bob Art	4 lbs. 4 oz.	8/10/07	\$31.00
3 rd	Dennis Higgins	3 lbs. 14 oz.	11/21/07	\$21.00
4 th	Dennis Higgins	3 lbs. 4 oz.	11/21/07	prepaid entry 2008

Thanks to all the Participants
and
Congratulations to the Winners!!!

Good luck in 2008!
Neal & Diane Essary