



# Sportsmen Yacht Club

## Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

Feb

- 4 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 5 Work Party
- 6 Super Bowl Party
- 12 Crab Feed
- 18 BINGO!

Mar

- 4 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 5 Work Party
- 12 St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Beer Drinking Contest
- 18 BINGO!
- 25-27 Rio Vista Cruise-Out

Apr

- 1 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 2 Work Party
- TBD Opening Day on the Delta
- 15 BINGO!
- 29-1 Village West Cruise-Out



**COMMODORE  
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Here we are in the New Year and things are moving right along. I am happy to be your Commodore and promise to you to do what is best for our Club. I want everyone to know I am here for you, along with my team of Officers and Directors. I think you have chosen an excellent staff to lead us through the year.

We are going to have a very fun filled year of events and hope everyone can come out and enjoy themselves. Coming up are the Crab Feed and Super Bowl parties. I hope we have a great turnout for both.

As you all know, we had our first meeting of 2011 and it was quite interesting. There was a lot on the agenda to discuss with very complex issues. I hope everyone reads all the issues at hand and thinks about them very seriously before making any decisions.

During the next few months you will see some more changes around the Club to better serve our needs. We plan on making it more user friendly for all.

I must say thank you to all my Officers, Directors and Chair personnel - all of you are doing a great job and it's very much appreciated.

Enjoy the Club and I'll see you there!



**VICE COMMODORE  
RICKY SCANNELL**

Sportsmen, here we are again, another month passing by as fast as you can blink an eye. It's hard to believe we just celebrated New Year's. I understand I missed out on one great Casino Night, as well as good music playing in the background. Considering the feedback I received, everyone had a great time.

I'm excited and looking forward to seeing what new challenges await me this upcoming year. We have a fairly new and young board (Flag Officer and Directors alike). I do feel each and every one of us wants the same from the Club - a safe

place to get together and have a good time without having to spend a lot of money. I feel that with a little help and participation from all the members, the Sportsmen YC will continue moving forward in the right direction.

Each month, your elected Officers are asked to contribute a newsletter article. I can ONLY write for MYSELF and MYSELF ALONE. This being said, here's what I've observed my first month in office. Please remember, these are my opinions and my opinions only.

I experienced my first meeting from a different point of view. A view you can't describe unless you've been there (just ask any Past Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, or Treasurer). We're critiqued with every action we do, whether it be good or bad for Sportsmen members. Every member has their own opinion that they believe is right. Right or wrong, it's your opinion. My challenge to the membership is to show up to all the meetings, learn the By-Laws, and have a little courtesy for each other. Every one should have time to be heard and have the ability to explain their thoughts about the topics at hand. When you show up to the meetings you're able to vote. Every vote counts, so if you don't vote you have no voice. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Work Party last month. I know it's hard for everyone to be here all the time. For the associate members, there's a lot of work to be done; this is a great opportunity to be seen by other members, make new friends and help with the upkeep of the Club. With all of our talent, we should be able tackle any project that arises. New or old members, it would be nice to see you here. Your help is appreciated.

Sports fans . . . mark your calendar for Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Super Bowl Sunday. Dinner is provided by Chuck and Ann English, so please sign up early. Where else can you get a \$7.00 steak dinner, entertainment, and a place to hang out with friends?

Seafood lovers . . . on February 12<sup>th</sup>, do we have a treat for you! It's time for our annual Crab Feed. Remember to reserve your spot early. You don't want to miss out on the wonderful crab and all the fix'ins. It's all you can eat, so make sure you arrive with a big appetite.





**REAR COMMODORE  
LOUIE ROCHA**

Dear Sportsmen Members,

As we say goodbye to last year, we have wonderful memories to take with us as we move forward into the New Year.

There were a number of social events throughout the year at the Sportsmen YC for members to take part in. Each event provided our members the opportunity to come together for good fellowship. Tammy and I have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many friendly people who go out of their way to welcome you here.

On behalf of the members who attended our Monday Night Football dinners, I would like to thank Chuck and Ann for providing wonderful steak dinners, Dave and Heather for supplying the tasty duck treats, and my wife Tammy for hosting the bar during these past 20 weeks. The positive camaraderie that exists between so many of our members is what makes people come back for more.

New Year's Eve at Sportsmen was a wonderful way to bring in the New Year. The evening provided members with time to socialize and reflect upon the past year. There were terrific snacks and entertainment for all. As we brought in the New Year, there were toasts and cheers honoring those that have given so much of their time to SYC this past year, and for the new leadership team who will now have the honor and duty to serve.

Under the leadership of Bob Karr, there were numerous projects completed on our grounds that improved the presentation of our historic ferry. I want to thank all of the members who dedicated so much of their personal time toward making Sportsmen the most beautiful club on the Delta.

We had the Installation Dinner on January 22nd to honor our members for their participation and leadership. I hope you were able to join us as we celebrated accomplishments from last year and great promise for the New Year!

**HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS  
FOR THE NEWSLETTER?  
DON'T BE SHY . . . LET US KNOW!**

**Newsletter articles due  
the 20th of each month**

**Please send to: Julie Thornburg**

**Email: [newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org)  
Phone: 510.915.4253**

**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 @ 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.

# Menu

## February Meeting Dinner

*Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Veggies and/or Salad  
Dessert*

*Prepared by Marina and Billy*

*Dinners are \$10 per person  
Come join us!*

*We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations on-line  
or contact Ann English at  
925.779.9330*



3rd Friday of the Month

**February 18, March 18,  
April 15**

**6 pm - Bingo Cards on Sale  
7 pm - Let the Games Begin!**

**\$10.00 / 4 Cards  
\$2.00 / for Each Extra Card  
10 Games per Evening**

**Cash Prizes Determined by Participation**

**Hot Dogs and Chips / \$2.50 and Nachos / \$1.00**

## Friday Night Meeting Dinners

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to cook at the Friday Night Dinner Meetings! We ate some really good dinners in the past year and we are looking forward to more delicious dinners in the coming year.

There is now a signup up sheet by the galley; so if you are interested in preparing one of the Friday Night Meeting dinners, please make sure you sign up for a month. If you do not feel comfortable in cooking for a large crowd, then please help us out by signing up to clean up after the dinner.

**And of course you can always contact us directly:**

Terri Barton - (925) 757-1475 / [the5bartons@comcast.net](mailto:the5bartons@comcast.net)

Becky Wilson - (925) 229-3121 / [xparts06@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xparts06@sbcglobal.net)

**Thanks!**

**Please update your Member Directory**

**Julie Thornburg // Telephone: 510.915.4253**



**HISTORIAN'S  
NOTES  
KATHIE HAMMER**

Keith and I spent New Years Eve in Victoria B.C. to celebrate a significant anniversary. The reason I mention it is because of the ferry ride from Swartz Bay Washington to Tsawwassen B.C.

It was advertised as, "On board you can enjoy a wide range of services, including snacks, an entire meal, shopping, entertainment, plus comfortable seating with scenic views." It sounded just like advertisements from the days of the San Francisco Ferries from 1894-1931 and many more years.

We had flown to Seattle, then boarded a bus. The bus drove right on the ferry with many cars that had been waiting in line for hours. When many of us were children we rode the car ferries and it felt very familiar as we parked and walked between the buses and cars then up the stairs to find a good place to sit.

Of course the grandeur of the past ferries is not quit there, but the excitement of taking off and sitting by a window and watching the water is still wonderful. We would recommend it to everyone.

**A Word from  
Chuck Carroll**

We had our first Work Parties for the year on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. On the 8<sup>th</sup> was the official Club Work Party and on the 17<sup>th</sup> was the annual floor preparation for the Installation Dinner headed by Lonnie Gibson. Assisting him was Jim Arnold, Alice Gibson, Mike and Paulet Hoskins, Jerry Kent Sr., and Micheline Simpson. For the monthly Work Party, we had a nice turnout with over 30 members helping out.

A brief list of some of our accomplishments include the mowing of all our new lawns, new hinges on the Club doors, the tool room was cleaned and organized, the furnace was repaired in the caretaker's residence, the new storage van was cleaned and some of the Club decorations put away there, the water line in Area 3 was repaired, the electrical problem in Area 1 was taken care of, the bar was well cleaned, the trailers were moved in Dry Storage and the Clubhouse was cleaned.

Kudos and hats off to Jim Arnold, Gene Buchholz, Ed Elledge, Dan Espinosa,

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**PICYA REPORT  
DARLENE DAWSON**

**2011 PICYA CALENDAR**

Feb 7	Delegates Dinner & Meeting Coyote Point YC
Feb 26	Leadership Conference Golden State YC
Mar 7	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Half Moon Bay YC
Apr 4	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Aeolian YC
May 1	Opening Day on the Bay
May 9	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Oyster Point YC (OD Awards)
Jun 6	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Stockton YC
Jul 11	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Bridge Marina YC
Aug 1	Delegates Dinner and Meeting San Rafael YC
Sep 12	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Presidio YC (Regatta Awards)
Oct 1	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Tahoe YC
Oct 15	Management Conference
Nov 7	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Encinal YC (PICYA Awards)
Feb 6 2012	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Pittsburg YC
Mar 5 2012	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Discovery Bay YC
Apr 2 2012	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Marina West YC
May 7 2012	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Oyster Point YC
Jun 4 2012	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Solano YC

**2013 America's Cup**

The 34th America's Cup will be sailed in San Francisco, California with 72 foot wing-sail catamarans at Golden Gate Yacht Club.

As the defender of the America's Cup, after their racing team, BMW Oracle Racing defeated the Swiss Alinghi team of Société Nautique de Genève in the 2010 America's Cup. The Italian Club Nautico di Roma has been announced as the Challenger of record.

~ From Wikipedia, the free internet encyclopedia.



**NEWS FROM  
FLEET CAPTAIN  
CYNTHIA PETERSEN**

Hello there and here's hoping everyone had a great January. Ed and I are leaving for Arizona on February 1st for our annual desert trailer trip, so we will miss seeing you at the February 4th general meeting. Sherry or Dan Lively has offered to give a report and cover for me at the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming March cruise-out, please be sure to ask one of them, or contact me as listed below.

The March cruise-out to Rio Vista is scheduled for the last weekend in March. Delta Marina has spaces for both boats and RVs and includes the Point Restaurant. A sign-up sheet has been posted and there are already a number of folks signed up. This has always been one of the Club's most popular cruise-outs, and a Chili-Cook-off has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Everyone is invited to participate. Last year, Sherry Lively organized a great alphabet skit game, and we're trying to come up with something equally fun to do for this year. Please let Sherry, Becky Wilson or myself know if you have any game suggestions or other good ideas.

In order to support this and other fun SYC cruise-out activities, I've requested a small budget to cover expenses and prizes for the coming year. This will be on the agenda for consideration at the February 4th GM meeting and your support would be appreciated when the matter comes up for a vote.

In addition, April will be here before we know it. Bridge Marina YC is hosting the annual Opening Day on the River event and (subject to confirmation) BMYC Vice Commodore Camp has advised the parade is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2011. Confirmation of the date will be sought prior to Club's Feb. 4th meeting.

While we are gone, I will continue to monitor e-mails ([edncyn@att.net](mailto:edncyn@att.net)) or call my cell (415) 497-8751 with any questions or for additional information.

Thoughts...  
Life is not measured by the number  
of breaths you take,  
but by the moments that take your  
breath away.





The celebration of Groundhog Day began with Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states, "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May..."

Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the 1800s. The first official trek to Gobbler's Knob was made on February 2, 1887.

So the story goes, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Prior to being called Phil, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

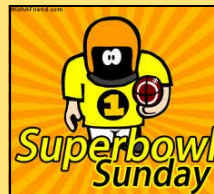


Chinese New Year  
February 3

"Gung hay fat choy" (gun hay fah choy) means, "Best wishes and congratulations. Have a prosperous and good year."

Chinese New Year marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It is a time for family reunions, for honoring ancestors, and for giving thanks for blessings.

People born in the Year of the Rabbit are articulate, talented, and ambitious. They are virtuous, reserved, and have excellent taste.



February 6th

NY Steak Dinner

\$7.00

Pre-game

1:00 pm

Please bring your favorite finger foods to share

Kick-off

3:00 pm

Steaks cooked to order

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Hosted by: Chuck & Ann English

Reservations: On-line, or call Ann English @ 925.779.9330,

or sign-up at the front desk by:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

(Last steak dinner of the season)

Annual Crab Feed

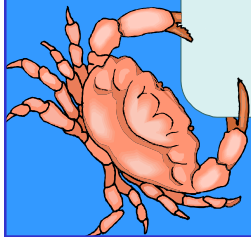
February 12th  
7 pm

All you can eat Crab  
Pasta  
Clam Chowder  
Salad  
Bread  
Dessert  
Wine

\$40.00 per person



Please make reservations by February 6th. Contact Ann English @ 925.779.9330.



President's Day  
February 21

St. Patrick's Day - March 12th

Beer Drinking Contest

6:15 pm

Dinner

7 pm

Dinner Prepared by  
Doug Horton  
and Friends





## February

- 04 Barbara Chapman
- 04 Bill Pato Jr.
- 07 Bob Saunders
- 07 Rosie Fernandez
- 08 Alice Jackman
- 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
- 19 Richard Holmes
- 20 John Muccianti
- 23 Winky Scannell
- 24 Ann English
- 25 Gene Buchholz
- 26 Val Saranacha
- 28 Lurch Fredrickson

Birthstone: Amethyst

Flower: Violet

### Results of the 2010 Sportsmen YC Annual Fishing Derby

#### Striped Bass

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Dawson	35 lbs. 8 oz.	11/15/10	\$30.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Dawson	23 lbs.	11/18/10	\$18.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Dawson	22 lbs.	11/15/10	\$12.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Dawson	16 lbs.	11/18/10	prepaid entry 2011

#### Sturgeon

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Dawson	61 lbs.	3/22/10	\$32.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Odum	59 lbs	5/13/10	\$20.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	William Odum	48 lbs.	3/20/10	\$13.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	William Odum	33lbs.	2/28/10	prepaid entry 2011

#### Catfish

1 <sup>st</sup>	Larry Pacheco	12 lbs. 8 oz.	12/1/10	\$30.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Yarbrough	1 lb. 1 oz.	12/1/10	\$18.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Yarbrough	1 lb.	12/1/10	\$12.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Winner to be determined by drawing 1/7/11			prepaid entry 2011

Thanks to all the participants  
and congratulations to the **WINNERS!!!**  
Neal and Diane Essary

~ A Word from Chuck Carroll - Continued from Page 3

Marina Faconti, Keith Hammer, Jerry and Lee Fitzgerald, Lonnie and Alice Gibson, Natalie Greer, Bill and Sarah Haynes, Mike and Paulette Hoskins, John Hunter, Scott Jett, Bob and Shirley Karr, Jerry Kent Sr., Jerry Kent Jr., Caesar LaFrades, Tim lamb, Dr. Dan Lively, Don and Freda Lucido, Barbara Maldon, Jeff Maples, Steve Peedle, Jacqueline Ridolfi, Tammy Rocha, Rick Scannell, John Shaner, and Don and Becky Wilson. A great lunch was prepared by Doug and Ethen Horton and Dan Espinosa.

Jim Arnold has been heading up the efforts to pull the necessary permits to rebuild the south fence and a number of Members have been contributing to this project. I'll let you all know who they are after we "finally" get the permit.

Please remember we have another Work Party scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> and there is much to accomplish. A special thanks to all of you who contribute at the Work Parties; the place just wouldn't be the same without your efforts.

### 2011 Sportsmen Yaht 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 three (3) 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 three (3) 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:
  - 1st Place: 50% of the money received in that category.
  - 2nd Place: 30% of the money received in that category.
  - 3rd Place: 20% of the money received in that category.
11. This Derby begins January 1, 2011, and ends December 31, 2011, at midnight.
12. All prize money will be awarded at our January, 2012 Regular Membership Meeting.

**Good Luck!!!! Neal and Diane Essary**

