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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Rick Barton

I realize this is a slightly biased opinion, but I have to say that 2015 has gotten off to a great start. It all began New Year's Eve where I decided to lead by example. I figured that if I could cook five steaks how much harder can it be to cook eighty-five? What was I thinking? Somehow I managed to pull it off. We had a great dinner, great DJ and everyone I talked to said they had a great time.

We followed that up on Saturday with our first Work Party and I was humbled by the number of people who turned out. Thank you all!

We have a very ambitious schedule for Work Parties this year but I know that, if we continue to get the turnout that we had in January, there will be a lot

accomplished. Finally, we had the Installation Dinner where Chef Paul was his usual brilliant self. The Romano Orchestra was in fine form and everyone seemed to be having a great time.

Our big event for February is the Crab Feed but if you don't have reservations you're too late. It is already sold out! (We are taking a Waiting List.)

I think the word is out that Sportsmen is the place to be in 2015. I hope you will all come out and be part of all our events.

The one thing that has really hit me this year is how many people are involved in making this Club run smoothly. It takes a small army to keep this place running and there are so many people who

give so much of their time that it just amazes me. Yes, 2015 has gotten off to a great start and I like to think that I had something to do with it, but the real reason is all of you who make this such a great place. I just wanted to say "Thank you."



At Sportsmen YC, we get 'em started early! Violet is learning to help with preparation for the January Meeting Night Dinner and she had lots of fun doing it!

Why not try it yourself?
You'll make friends and
make memories too!



Vice Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everyone. January was one heck of a month.

The Commodores' wives, Terri, Shari, & Marianne, along with many other wonderful ladies of Sportsmen all jumped in and really did some great decorations for our Installation Dinner. This is one of the times of the year the Ferry looks its best. Thank you, Marina and Billy, who did an

excellent job on the floors! If you had dinner, I think you were pleasantly surprised by one of the most awesome meals prepared by member Chef Paul; he and his students never let us down. I think we will see them again next year.

I would like to thank Don and Becky Wilson for a great year in 2014! Shari, Ethan, and I are throwing

our support behind Rick and Terri Barton. Thank you, Matt & Marianne Tate, for stepping up; another great asset to our Club.

Our Crab Feed, which is put on by Lonnie Gibson and crew, is an event you do not want to miss!

Super Bowl, Super Bowl, Super Bowl! Ok, who cares? No Niners, no Raiders, who cares? But

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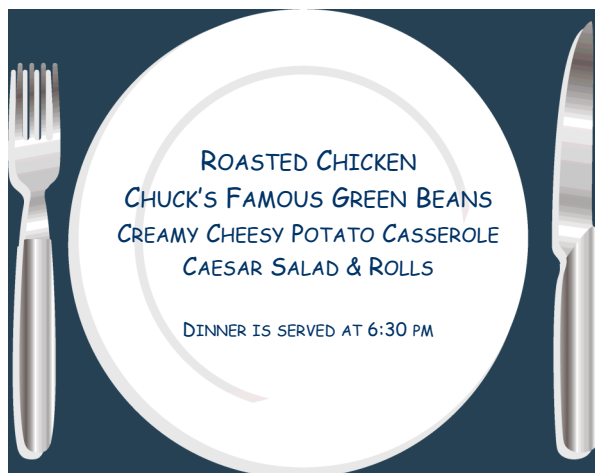
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Valentine's Day Italian Night Dinner



FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY THE ENGLISH & GOETSCH 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:

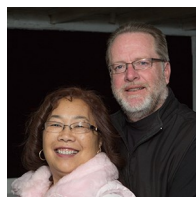
The regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first
Friday of each month, following the General Membership Meetings.

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
or contact Freda Lucido at 228.3609

Welcome New Associates!



Bob & Janet Buckley

(Address & phone number not
shown on online version.)

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as Sportsmen, we can party with no pressure. This is also one
of our favorite events. Everyone brings a potluck dish and has
a good time.

By the way, Corned Beef is coming in March!

I have been talking to Rick about some upcoming projects;
Floyd Simpson has picked a lot of lumber we can use for some
major repairs on the decks, docks and the fishing pier.

On a personal note, Ethan and I just saw the movie *American
Sniper*; I highly recommend it!

Quack,
Quack!



NOTICE:

Your 2015 Membership Cards
are in your mailboxes at the Club.
Please pick yours up and put it in your wallet!
That way, when you visit another club,
you'll have your proof of membership!!!



Taco Bar



Friday, February 13th

**Join us for a Taco Bar Dinner
with our Delta Bayliner guests!**

\$10

Reservations ONLINE or call Ann at 779-9330

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

February

- 1 Super Bowl Party
- 6 Club Meeting
- 7 Work Party
- 13-15 Delta Bayliner Club Cruise-In
- 13 Taco Bar Dinner
- 14 Valentine's Italian Night Dinner
- 21 Crab Feed

March

- 6 Club Meeting
- 7 Work Party
- 13-15 Diablo YC Cruise-In
- 13 Taco Bar Dinner
- 14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 20 Italian Night Dinner

April

- 3 Club Meeting
- 4 Work Party
- 11 Opening Day (hosted by Sportsmen YC)
- 17 Italian Dinner
- 25-26 Rio Vista Cruise-Out



Rear Commodore Matt Tate

Greetings. It was been a pretty busy time around our Club in January. The planning and set-up for the Installation Dinner and Dance took a lot of time and effort by many people and it all seemed to go off without a hitch. The Ferry looked wonderful, all decorated in blue and white, and it was great to see so many of the Past Commodores on hand to take part in this annual event at our Club. As usual, Chef Paul and his crew did an outstanding job preparing and serving the dinner. Thanks to 2014 Commodore Wilson for the Sportsmen jacket emblem/patch and Commodore burgee that he distributed to this year's Commodores. I will fly mine with pride!

I would like to take a moment to thank and recognize those involved in helping to rid our harbor of all of the hyacinth and debris that was diverted into our little piece of the Delta over

the past month or so, due in part to the barge stationed at our harbor entrance during the ongoing construction next door. In particular, Past Commodore Jim Dawson, who, along with several others, spent many hours on the Harbor Queen, taking load after load of the pesky plant out of our harbor. At times, our harbor was literally packed with the plants, logs and other debris, rendering it almost non-navigable. With Jim's time and persistence, the harbor is usable again and the hyacinth back to more manageable levels.

We had a particularly well-attended and productive first Work Party of the year in January with several projects underway: painting of the material for the north deck railing, dismantling and salvaging of the wood in Dry Storage, and the aforementioned cleaning out of the harbor to name but a few. While I didn't venture to the upper deck much that morning, I understand there was quite a bit of activity up there as well. Every corner of the galley was cleaned, shined, organized and labeled by Ann English and a team of dedicated Associate members. *Thanks to All!* February's Work Party is coming up and, with this dedicated work crew, we can continue some of the ongoing projects on the Ferry, and start a new one ... or two.



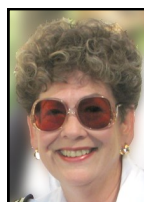
HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

I would like to continue our Club's History Part X from our Club's bulletin dated October 1975.

The previous articles explained how, with the financial aid of many members, Sportsmen, Inc. purchased seven acres of waterfront property. It was pointed out that the Clubhouse 'Sausalito' was moved in and a 100 x 30 foot area was dredged out. This was indeed a great time for rejoicing. It was also a time for hard work. The job was tackled collectively by all members with the usual zest and ambition that had secured the Club in past years. This task, however, was an undertaking motivated with a newer zest and ambition. All members also realized that by owning their own land and facilities they could not help but reap the harvest of their diligent toil. The members also realized that at last their efforts were being expended for their own benefit. A sculptor will take a lifeless mass of clay and, with the deftness of his creative hands, mold and shape a statue that will live in his mind and often in the minds of others as a masterpiece in art of his own vision.

The members of Sportsmen, Inc. with their seven acres of land, hull of the Sausalito, and an abundance of vision began to sculpture their masterpiece on the banks of the San Joaquin River. A look at one of the old newspaper clippings dated April 1, 1939, will give some idea as to the scope of their vision. The article quotes the then president Roy Hanford, announcing plans for a boat harbor, shaded picnic grounds, good beach, card rooms, dance hall with an orchestra playing nearly every weekend and sufficient cabins on shore to augment the cabins on board. These are to be individual housekeeping quarters with running water and electric lights. This was a vision that would truly be a masterpiece if it could be created without over-stepping the financial bounds that had been self imposed.

Part XI in March Bulletin.



PICYA NEWS

DARLENE DAWSON

2015 PICYA CALENDAR

Feb 2	Delegates' Meeting Stockton YC	Mar 8	Spring Leadership Conference Vallejo YC
Mar 2	Delegates' Meeting Benicia YC		

PICYA's Annual Commodores' Ball & Installation of Officers

Master of Ceremonies, Staff Commodore Fred Rutledge, welcomed everyone to the beautiful St. Francis YC for the 23rd Annual Commodores' Ball and Installation of Officers. Commodore Elect Liz Allison's dear friend, Deanna Desin (2011 Silver Star recipient), gave the evening's invocation. PICYA Director Winston Bumpus led the flag salute.

After a delicious meal and "fun" conversation, Staff Commodore Dedrick Dennison presented the Staff Commodores' Silver Star Award to David Breninger in recognition of diligent service to his club as a Delegate. This award is based upon commitment, dedication, and valuable service to both PICYA and the recreational boating community.

Pacific Coast Yachting Association (PCYA) Commodore Gary Green presented the prestigious 2014 Langlais Award to Staff Commodore Dedrick Dennison for his individual contribution to yachting. PCYA was founded in 1923 by representatives of the Southern California Yachting Association and the PICYA to promote every phase of yachting for the greatest good of the sport itself. Subsequently, they were joined by the Pacific International Yacht Association from the Pacific Northwest.

In her outgoing Commodore's message, Lenora Clark thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and expertise. She reflected on a great year for PICYA and their many accomplishments! She

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February Birthdays!

01 Denice Babo
 04 Barbara Chapman
 04 Bill Pato Jr.
 07 Adam Raubfogel
 07 Rosie Fernandez
 08 Alice Jackman
 08 Chris Shelton
 10 Jenny Comages
 11 Michael Carroll
 12 Amy Hammer
 12 Bob Kaiwi
 12 Janie Wegner
 13 Gordon Chinn
 14 Dorothy Welch
 14 Sharon Higgins
 15 Tim Lamb
 16 Victor Campo
 18 Carol Lawhorn
 18 Ken Corippo
 19 Dale Bauer
 19 Richard Holmes
 20 Barbara Engle
 23 Winky Scannell
 24 Ann English
 25 Debbie Bauer
 25 Gene Buchholz
 26 Val Sarancha
 28 Lurch Fredrickson



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asked everyone to welcome and support incoming Commodore Liz Allison and her 2015 Board as they continue PICYA's success while having "fun." Installing Officer Staff Commodore Vern Bendsen told a few good jokes while waiting for everyone to assemble for the Oath of Office.

Excerpts from incoming Commodore Liz Allison's message:

"My theme for this year is, 'It's Time for Fun!' ... I've long said that if the outside world ever found out what yacht clubs are really about, we'd all have to cap our memberships. ... If we practice what our founders preached, our comradery will lead to optimism and positive action. My wisdom for the evening is that as many of us grow older, we should make 'retire' a dirty word. Let's volunteer to help."

On a personal note, Jim and I have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing these two great ladies for several years. *Lenora, thank you for all your visions past, present, and future. Liz, congratulations and best wishes for an awesome and fun-filled year!*



Crab Feed

Saturday, February 21st

Clam Chowder, Salad, Pasta,
French Bread, Wine

6:30 p.m. \$50

Sorry! Sold Out!

Lots & Lots of Crab!!!

Dance to the music of L&L Cheers Karaoke & DJ

Contact Ann at 779-9330
to get on the WAIT LIST!



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

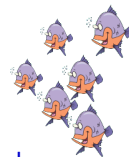
2015 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of January 26, 2015)

We have 37 people entered in the 2015 Derby.

- * There is \$525 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, there are no catfish, striped bass, or sturgeon posted.

Go out and catch some fish!

Jim Dawson



In Memory Of...

Helen Davidson passed away, apparently from a heart attack, on December 19, 2014. She became a part of our Club in 1980. In 1987, Helen and a group of other women whose husbands held membership at our Club became a part of what we now know as Family Membership. We have a painting of the Ferry at the Club that Helen donated "In Honor of the Women Who Helped Make Family Membership a Reality." In 2004, Helen became a Regular member; in 2007, she became an Honorary member.

Helen's mother contracted polio while pregnant with Helen and was confined to the polio unit when Helen was born. She later told stories of how Eleanor Roosevelt visited her mother, delivering yellow roses to the polio patients. When she was two years old, her parents moved to Salinas where the family bought a piece of land and the whole family, including the kids, built their family home. In 1953, Helen married Wilmer Davidson. Helen made many friends through the years; one of her dearest longtime friends was our own Arline Collins (they knew each other since 10th grade). The members of the Club became like second family to the Davidsons. She loved fishing and boating. Helen loved baking cookies and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an avid reader and loved watching old movies—the kind where kids had manners, men were chivalrous, and love meant something. She would tell stories of a time when wagons delivered ice because no one had refrigerators, how the Franciscan Friars would camp near her childhood home, and how the Friars shared the Word of God with her and brought her family to the Lord.

Our sincere sympathy to Helen's family and friends.

Saturday, March 14th

6:00 p.m. Beer Drinking Contest
7:00 p.m. Corned Beef Dinner
Music & Dancing following Dinner
\$25

St. Patrick's Day Party at Sportsmen Yc

Our Friends from

Diablo YC
are cruising-in
for the
weekend!




**Make your reservations ONLINE or call
Ann at 779-9330
Reservations Deadline: March 8th**

Sportsmen YC Annual Fishing Derby Results for 2014

Striped Bass

1st	Jim Dawson	24 lbs.
2nd	Jim Dawson	19 lbs. 1 oz.
3rd	Ken Norris	16 lbs. 1 oz.
4th	Jim Dawson	15 lbs. 9 oz.

Sturgeon

1st	Dave Newton	72 lbs.
2nd	William Odum	53 lbs.
3rd	Bill Pato, Jr.	34 lbs.
4th	Dan Lively	32 lbs.

Catfish

1st	Chris Yarbrough	13 lbs. 1 oz.
2nd	Chris Yarbrough	8 lbs. 4 oz.
3rd	Ed Salmon	7 lbs.
4th	Ed Salmon	5 lbs. 4 oz.

Make sure you sign up now for the 2015 Derby!

Thanks to all participants & Congratulations to the WINNERS!!

Jim Dawson

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*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*