

# Sportsmen Yacht Club Newsletter

March



## COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY



Spring is rapidly approaching; not soon enough in my opinion! With spring, comes longer days for us all to enjoy the Delta and all that it has to offer.

We have lots to do in and around the Ferry and some very fun events up coming. St. Patty's Day is always so much fun; I would encourage you all to get a reservation in quickly. As he did last year, **Doug Horton** is cooking corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings. **Chuck Carroll** is running the Beer Drinking Contest and trying to line up some female contestants to give **Lee Fitzgerald** some competition. It won't be me, Lee! We also have a DJ for entertainment following the dinner. He is the same DJ we had at the New Year's Eve party, and many of you requested his return (and the music won't be quite as loud this time!). This should be a great evening with lots of fun, good food, and high stepping - remember your green!

We also have a Treasure Hunt

Cruise-Out on the week-end of the 24th, so get those boats and RVs out. Let's go have some fun! **Jackie Oh** has an exciting week-end planned in Rio Vista. It's a great place to take a bike ride or go for a walk in the old downtown area.

Speaking of boating, we have a change of date for our Opening Day—April 7th. Driftwood YC is hosting this year's event and the theme is "Pages of Time." Some of you will note a conflict of interest with our calendar (we also have our Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for that day). We will discuss possible changes at our March membership meeting.

The work on the harbor side of the Ferry is slow going and more extensive than first thought. **Charlie Katusich** and **Steve Martinez**, with their crews, are working hard to get the repairs done. Thanks to all who are working so hard on our old Gal.

To all who helped to make our Crab Feed a success, thank you! First, **Carl Swenson** arranged for the crab and had it delivered to

the Club. Then Saturday morning started out with cleaning and cracking the crab, then placing it in trays and hauling it up the stairs. The galley crew, headed up by **Lonnie and Alice Gibson**, was terrific. Big Thank You's go to our associates **Tino Abon** and his sons, **Nate Cordova**, and **Tom Botorff** for their delicious pasta. The wonderful chowder was made again this year by **Scott Wood**.

Many people commented on the great service they received at the dinner! Our kids did a great job keeping the tables filled with crab, salad, pasta, bread. Thanks **Tess Stubberfield**, **Mookie & Brooklynn Camp**, (Gibson's granddaughters) and their mom, **Becky Camp**, **Jake & Wyatt Curry**, **Katrina Weddle** (Sebers granddaughter). Then **Tino Abon & sons**, **Nate Cordova**, **Gary Abeyta**, and our **Rear Commodore Pat Sebers** worked hard to clean up. **Brian & Paula Hope** helped out behind the bar and with the raffle. **Paul & Kathy**

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## VICE COMMODORE CASEY CURRY



The February Work Party turned out to be a great success. Much was accomplished.

First, the west side has some more new siding on it thanks to the following: **Chuck Carroll**, **Charlie Carroll**, **Michael**

**Carroll**, **Joe Stubberfield**, **Chris Stubberfield**, **Dave Beckert**, **Dave Selvy**, **Lonnie Gibson**, associate **Bob Garrett**, **Ted Idsoe**, **Dan Lively**. Looks better guys!

Many worked on the sheds in Area 3. It needed, among other things, to be up righted after some of the big wind storms we have experienced

in the past. With the help of the old boom truck, rope, and chain, the mission was accomplished thanks to **Charlie Katusich**, **John & Dan Perryman**, **Dennis Higgins**, **Roger Mammon**, **Lonnie Gibson**, **Tim Lamb**, **Gary Abeyta**, **Steve Martinez**, **Dan Lynch**, **Len Adkerson**, and **Jim**

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 17th

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[www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)



**REAR COMMODORE PAT SEBERS**



February was a pretty busy month, with many activities – extra Work Parties, the Crab Feed, and the Willow

Berm Cruise-Out. Thanks to **Charlie Katusich, Steve Martinez**, and all who helped, for taking on the big job on the east side of the Ferry.

I really enjoy being part of the Crab Cracking Crew, as it is organized chaos with good friends – OOPS, sorry about that crab splatter! I am not really a Bloody Mary drinker; however, that was difficult to tell as we were being served the finest by **Kathy Larosee**.

Next year I am bringing a bigger hammer!

The Crab Dinner was fantastic. **Alice and Lonnie Gibson** are the very salt of the 'event organizing' earth. Good food – serving provided by Casey's boys, **Wyatt & Jake**, and of course my Granddaughter, **Katarina Weddle**. Thank you to **Tino's boys** for their help as well – I know I have forgotten someone... The after dinner party at the bar was quite memorable and lasted until the wee hours of the morning. All I remember is that my sides hurt from laughing, my wallet is lighter from the liars dice classes, and I may become

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**Dawson.**

We also needed some roof work done on the fishing pier. This work was completed by **Tim Lamb, Keith Hammer, and Dave Davidson**. Thanks for keeping us dry.

Plenty was done on the inside of the Ferry as well. Dusting, cleaning behind the bar, washing windows, and mopping both the dance floor as well as the west side galley. Thanks go out to **Kathy Larosee, Maxine Veloz, Audrey & Bill Coach, Brian & Paula Hope, Tino & Janet Abon, Don & Freda Lucido, Alice Gibson**.

Also, please take a minute to look at the great new sign as you approach the ramp to Area 1. In big red letters it says, "Kids Don't Float" along with "Life Jacket Loaner Station." Once again, any children 12 years and under must put on a life jacket before stepping on any of the berth and guest dock areas. It's in the By-Laws. This idea was brought to us by **Bill Coach**, Safety Coordinator. The actual sign was designed and constructed by **Harry Parker**. Thank you very much for this most important addition to our Club.

As most of you know, a special Work Party was formed to address repairs under our

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We have some great cooks in this Club!



Contact Doug Horton right away to get your name in for the month you would most like to cook a Meeting Night Dinner!

From now on, the meeting night dinners will be \$10.00 per person unless stated otherwise.

Dinner will be served before our March Meeting!

Our Menu

Oven Roasted Chicken Halves

Baked Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Salad

Dinner Rolls

\$10.00 per person

by

Pat Sebers

We are limited to 50 reservations,

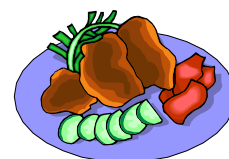
so contact **Audrey Coach,**

**Elaine Rasmussen, or**

make your reservations

on-line as soon as possible

Come join us!



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**Larosee** helped with the tables and **Audrey & Bill Coach** handled the reservations. The two who pulled this all together are my dear friends **Lonnie & Alice Gibson** and again I want to tell them *Thank You!*

*"Wherever you go, whatever you do, may the luck of the Irish be there with you." Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen!

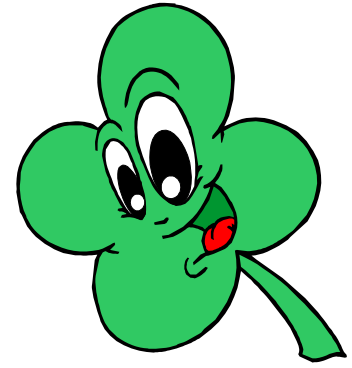
March

- 2 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 3 Work Party
- 17 St. Patrick's Dinner
- 24 Cruise-Out to Rio Vista  
(RVs welcome too!)

April

- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 7 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch  
Note: Because of a conflict with Opening Day, this will be discussed at the March General Meeting
- 7 Opening Day
- 28 Cruise-Out to West Gate Landing

# St. Patrick's Day Party



Saturday, March 17th

\$20.00  
Per Person

6:15 p.m.

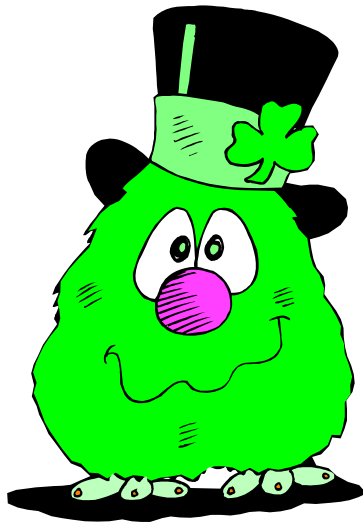
Beer Drinking Contest

7:00 p.m.

Corned Beef  
& Cabbage Dinner

9:00 p.m.

Music for Dancing by  
Watergate DJ



Make Your Reservations On-Line or  
Send Your Prepaid Reservations to

Audrey Coach

686-1167

## Opening Day on the Delta!

Saturday

April 7th

(Note the change of date)



This year's Opening Day  
is hosted by Driftwood YC

The theme is "Pages of Time"

Look for more information to be posted  
at the Club during March

## Blue Grass BBQ on the River is coming soon!

Mark your calendars now....

Saturday, June 9th



Plan to spend the  
afternoon listening to  
some great Blue Grass  
tunes and enjoying a  
great BBQ with family  
and friends!



## March Birthdays!

- 01 Al Alcorn
- 02 Bill Carr
- 02 Jerry Redfern
- 04 Len Adkerson
- 07 Joe Fray
- 07 Michelle Buchholz
- 09 Angelyn Williams
- 10 Diane Essary
- 10 Jim Arnold
- 14 Ellie Landes
- 15 Betty Fraser
- 16 Frank Reece
- 17 Dennis Higgins
- 21 Joe Stubberfield
- 23 Paul Bernhardt
- 27 Elsie Campo
- 30 Elaine Brown
- 30 Gary Abeyta

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Ferry. The team was headed up by **Charlie Katusich and Steve Martinez**. Some new beams have been brought in to us by **Ken Carver** on one of his work boats. Others who helped were **Chuck Carroll, Chris Stubberfield, Jim Dawson, Doug Horton, Casey Curry, Rick Walker and Harry Parker**. Thanks to all.

This is a personal thanks to the guys who fixed the fingers around my boat in Area 3. Thanks to **Lonnie Gibson, Dennis Higgins, Roger Mammon and Charlie Katusich**. I should have stayed and helped instead of going fishing in the Sturgeon Derby. I would have fared better.



## FLEET CAPTAIN JACKIE STEELE



Ah, yes - the proverbial "Applause Meter" scheme. Uh huh! I got it! Well, if you've never cruised to Rio Vista with the Sportsmen YC boaters, you've never been

officially 'judged' by the assembled group on the docks, (complete with rating cards from 1 to 10, an applause meter, and champagne toasts upon your safe tie up). Yep, it's what we did in the past, and the past is being revisited with our March CruiseOut.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of March 24-25th for a cruise to Delta Marina in Rio Vista. We've been asked to make advance reservations and pre-pay for the night (\$20 per boat), with a minimum of 10 boats. If we don't have 10 boats going, then we do not have a group reservation and the space available is first come, first served. The individual docking fee per boat is \$0.65/foot.

Our theme for this cruise is "Treasure Hunt" and we will have a list of crazy stuff you'll have to locate on your

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## HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



A gallant lady made her way into the San Francisco Bay on a Sunday afternoon in February, making history.

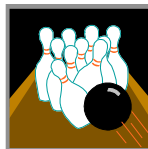
The Queen Mary 2 is the largest ship ever to enter the Bay and the largest ocean liner afloat. She is 151,000 tons and 1,131 feet long.

When she sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge, it looked like she was going to hit for sure. As she sailed under the bridge she blew her deep whistle as to say, "Here I am!" Hundreds of people lined the bridge and shore to welcome her. The passengers sipped champagne and waved handkerchiefs from her decks; what a marvelous sight.

The QM2 was so large she had to wait for a change in the tide current to dock at Pier 27. Even though she was only here for a very short historic visit, the passengers spent 1.2 million dollars in San Francisco.

She left the Bay on the following

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Flyer information is requested by the 15th.

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phone 778-1680

*Welcome  
New Associate Member!*

*Bruce & Jane Connelley*

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blind in one eye.

On a final note, I want to optimize the performance of the galley dishwasher. If anyone has direct experience with the dishwasher and its inner workings, please let me know. I love this place!

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Monday for Honolulu, Hawaii, on her second leg of a world cruise. The 2000 passengers who boarded her in San Francisco had had reservations for a long time. There was a waiting list of people hoping to sail on her.

**Note:**

To protect the privacy of our members, address and phone information will not be listed on the on-line version of our Newsletter.

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boat, in your purse, on land, etc. Prizes will be awarded for the most complete list!

Please check your schedules and plan to confirm to me by the first week of March if you plan to attend this cruise out. There are also fully contained RV

sites that you will have to reserve on your own, but it's another opportunity for us to have our RV contingent of members come out and play with us! Don't miss it!

I will post a sign up sheet at the club with additional information concerning water and land directions to the harbor in Rio Vista. See you there!



**Member Information Corner**

Information not listed on-line.

If you want this information,  
please see your hard copy  
of this Newsletter or contact Freda.

We wish you all speedy recoveries and hope you heal quickly!

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**PORT CAPTAIN  
COMMENTS**

**JIM DAWSON**



Thanks to all who keep filling in as relief caretakers.

Just a reminder: **NO SMOKING** inside the Ferry; this includes restrooms and cabins

downstairs. Smoking is only designated at Northeast end of ferry.

RV parking is doing well and I am sure everyone knows there is a 14-day limit unless you have prior approval.

I want to thank **Chuck Carroll's** crew for all the work on the west side of the ferry – looking better.

Thanks to associate **Charlie Katusich** for heading up the east side project where the 12x12 beam broke. Charlie & **Steve Martinez** spend hours in the mud & water under the ferry to shore up 2 of the stele beams that broke loose from the support of that beam. Many other members were there to support the effort, but escaped from going under the ferry like Charlie & Steve.

Thanks to **Ken Carver** for the work boat with the crane. Without this we would have had a difficult time positioning the beam. Ken brought the 56' boat from Crocket for this task.

Charlie has contacted an expert for their opinion regarding short term and long term repairs to the ferry. You will be hearing more on the subject for weeks & months to come.

Please be aware that we have an attack dog type gate. When entering the club, the sensor does not recognize vehicles and will not stop closing. We have had 1 attack occur already and the gate won! The sensor on the gate was checked out on February 23, 2007 AM.

Keep in mind while stacking chair of the paintings, pictures and bulletin board; many are irreplaceable.

Many thanks to all who have been so diligently working on our many projects.





**PICYA Report**

Larry Draper

Berkeley YC hosted the February PICYA meeting. Commodore **Duane Collins** opened the meeting with his year's theme of "Celebrating the Spirit of Camaraderie." Vice Commodore **Fred Goodwin** presented the theme of this year's Opening Day as "Pages of Time." Posters and information on T-shirts and sweatshirts are now available.

Rear Commodore, **Bill Needham**, announced that the Leadership Conference will be held on 3rd at Aeolian YC. Speakers will include U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral **Jody Breckenridge**, **Bob Ferrar** of ABC and **Ray Tsuneyoshi** of the Department of Boating and Waterways.

**Lenora Clark**, 2007 President of RBOC, thanked all clubs and their members for helping to protect boaters' rights in California. Lenora is also the 2007 Chair of the Boating & Waterways Commission. Lenora reported on RBOC's events for 2007, including mandatory education and certification legislation. She also gave information on the infestation of zebra mussels, which are invading fresh water lakes and rivers. To stop infestation, boat owners need to use care in boat cleaning and disposal of bait. For more information about the zebra mussel, please visit the following web sites:

<http://100tmeridian.org>  
<http://www.protectourwaters.net>

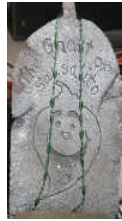
It was moved and passed to re-admit Little Venice YC to PICYA. They have rebuilt in the Delta.

**Johnnie Owen** announced that cabins are still available for the June Alaska cruise.

He also reported that clubs should get yearbook orders in soon.

**Linda Breninger** announced that the Scholarship Program will be conducted again this year. Last year, Western Boating Safety Group presented PICYA with three \$2500.00 scholarships. Last year, 45 applications were received. WBSC will consider underwriting more applications if more applications are received.

**THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO**



I remember a guy around here ...Herb was his name; Now, there was a fellow who knew his crab. I sure miss him. His feedas were really a lot of fun from the cracking to the last game of liars dice. This year there was ample crab and the clam chowder was the home run of the evening. You guys can sure pack em in; full house again.

I was sitting around in your "library" as the kids call it, and overheard a young couple discussing the merits of "regular" membership vs. "family" membership...they got so concerned and animated that he wrapped her in his arms kissed her and well ...Wadaya know? They went and got married so they could join as **Family Membership** ...Aww. It's times like these that make me think you characters are going to make it another 100 years!!

Speaking of age... a certain Sr. Citizen...who you call "Hoppy" or some other marsupial name from down under, was sitting in his cabin doing whatever it is he does in there, when all of a sudden CRACK! ...THUMP! His floor fell about a foot and a half and I noticed it on the upper deck when the harbor side door on the south end of the ferry sprung. Well, he came running out to see what the matter was and nearly blew through me. Now normally these sounds mean that some idiot fell down the stairs or another visitor took a part of the guest dock home with them...but upon a closer look...the old girl had a skirt slide down... (musta been drinking... ok not funny) WOW! She suffered a broken support member along the harbor side aft at the sheet piling. There was a scramble for the talent pool and, low and behold, one of you guys moves houses for a living. In no time at all there are cribs and jacks all over the place and the old girl gets another reprieve. Phew!

When did the sewer break - about a month and a half ago...? Well true to the way things happen here, the weekend before a major event, you guys up and decide to - "oh...let's tear apart the outer wall and redo the sink drains from the upper deck." Great! The neat lady with the cute dimples making lunch for the work party dumped a bunch of wash water down the drain and Whoosh!!! Some of you guys got

a nice bath ...if you don't mind a lettuce leaf or two. You hollered up at her and the dimpled smile disappeared and she was about to mutiny; "Fix yer own #\*&^%#\$ lunch ...ingrates!" She took a breath, and recomposed herself and went back to work feeling very much improved. Meanwhile, in a fine show of Sportsmanship, you got it done in time for the feed. ...Impressive.

Well blow me over with a wet fish... you have had yer first cruise-out. You took some of your weather heartened old salts and headed up the river to Willow Berm...nice name; sort of reminds me of "Tales from The Hobbit...but that is another story ...anyway...as yer "Fleet Comadress" called it "Dueling Blenders" produced some rather interesting concoctions. A few of you were having conversations with the concrete seal and the plaster, little old man, running the light house at the end of the guest dock. Glad you spent the night and came home the next day.

Next month there is a little "gathrin' of the clan" so ta speak. The old snake chaser, St. Patrick, has his day and from what I hear that will be a sell-out also. THIS time will you clowns get yer money in early so that the ladies doing the reservations can enjoy the evening with you instead of chasing around looking for folks that haven't paid yet? That needs work. Fix it. The Ghost has spoken. I feel better, thank you very much.

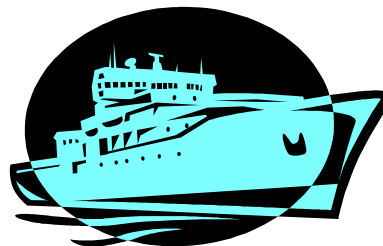
On the subject of age and accusation...I have heard that I am being blamed for a lack of attention exhibited by those senior citizens entering the gates who forget where they are and stop for conversation while positioned astride the gate. It closes, after sensing no more motion, and bangs not so friendly on the car door. This is NOT my fault...I am a prank-filled guy but I am not responsible for the lack of concentration by aged, senile mechanics who point fingers.

One of our sage members was overheard the other day talking to another of you same sage members, "Do you recognize any of the folks at the bar?..." "Nope, Do you?..." "Nope. Where did all these people come from?" Hey you two - get a clue—they are new associate members and you'd better be nice...They are a younger bunch and do a majority of the work around here. Look around.

Whata club! You keep getting so nice to be around and I will get to go home early ... (you know ...HOME?) Keep it up.

Come here cat...we're gonna get some sleep. Say, did I ever tell you about the time....

The California Striped Bass Association (CSBA), along with the Preservation and Conservation League and the Consolidated Sportfishing Protection Alliance, have come together to file suit against the Department of Water Resources, Bureau of Reclamation, and other state agencies for violation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, the California Endangered Species Act, violation of public trust and destruction of fisheries.



CSBA's share of legal fees has been estimated to be \$5,000 per year for the next three years.

Fund raising efforts have been started with a cruise to Alaska, with all proceeds going toward impending legal fees. The fares for the cruise are reasonable.

This cruise is open to everyone and Sportsmen Yacht Club members who are interested are encouraged to check out all the information on our website ([www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)).

The CSBA feels this is a battle worth fighting.