

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008



**COMMODORE
CASEY CURRY**

As most of you know, we had our annual Crab Feed in February. I scrambled to make sure we had enough crab, even though we did not quite have a sellout. I thought the crab was excellent and I heard several comments stating the same thing. Scott Wood made some of his famous Clam Chowder, which was a great hit. Thanks to Anne Marie Alcorn, we had a great salad with all the trimmings as well as pasta and bread. Gary Abeyta and Doug Horton were also a great help in the kitchen in keeping things flowing. All of our kids did a great job serving, as I don't think anybody was out of crab for very long. I would like to thank all of the folks who helped behind the bar. All thirsts were quenched as far as I could tell.

During our last Work Party, the Relief Caretaker's cabin (#9) was spruced up to include a heater, TV, and a new air bed mattress for those who wish to be a Relief Caretaker and do not have an RV or boat to stay on. Once again, we need caretakers on the weekends. Please contact Jim Dawson if you wish to occasionally help out.

I am currently in the process of getting

bids for our leaking roof on the old girl. Just fair warning, it will not be cheap. I would like to discuss this at our next meeting. I am sure that Chuck Carroll will mention this in his article, but thank you to Michael Hoskins for installing our new water heater and I would also like to thank Larry Palen for donating and installing a new 40 gallon water heater plumbed directly to our new dish washer. It works great. Thanks Larry!

We also have a cruise out to Rio Vista this month and the last time I looked, we only had about 5 boats signed up. Jackie Steele has reserved 10 spots. We need more people to sign up so when I run out of fuel, I have plenty of people to choose from in order to tow me back to the Club.

Be sure and get signed up for our St. Patty's Day dinner. Doug Horton will be at the helm again this year and, as we all know, it's not something that anyone will want to miss. Thanks Doug for stepping up again.

I'm starting to plan the 50's bash in June. I know it's a little early to start talking about this but I could use some cool decorating ideas. Let me know.

See you at the next meeting.

Safe Boating

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**VICE COMMODORE
PAT SEBERS**

Although there were plenty of storms to go around in February, the sun also came out as if it were spring - many Sportsmen took advantage of the good weather for the Crab Feed. The crab crackers were all at the fishing shack as I pulled up fashionably late. Ready to start, I discovered what everyone else already knew....all but two boxes of crab came cracked from the seafood place. I guess it's the thought that counts! The Bloody Mary's still tasted great.

The Work Party had a good turnout; I will let Chuck Carroll talk about that.

Lonnie Gibson, our Harbor Captain, had been asking when I would complete the modifications to the dock where my little Boston Whaler is berthed in Area 2. Lonnie had asked me several times to fix my part of the dock, what I finally realized was over the last year and a half. I have great respect for Lonnie, but was showing disrespect by not taking care of my part of the dock, regardless of my labor skill level. Thankfully, Dennis Higgins was standing near us and offered to help. It was not difficult and was actually fun. I really want to thank Dennis, and apologize publicly to Lonnie for this taking so long. I know many of us with boats berthed

here have wanted to do something to improve the docks, but may have figured it is more than one person can do on their own. March's Work Party would be a great time to get some dock projects started. If all the boat owners showed up at the same time and worked together, we could get a lot done. Even if it is just to clear the clutter, it would be a good start. As a party to several 'dock parties,' it can be quite entertaining to watch some of our heavier members do what they do best (being heavy can have advantages) as they try to squash down a huge piece of foam under a dock. Lightweights need not apply for the foam squashing job.

The Marine Garage sale was on February
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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 Mammon
4720 Oak Forest
Oakley 94561
625-0590

Reservation Deadline is March 11th

\$20 per person



Our Crab Feed was GREAT!!!



Thanks to Everyone Who Made it a Success!!





**REAR COMMODORE
STEVE MARTINEZ**

The month of February went by fast; I would like to thank everyone who helped behind the bar keeping it clean and stocked.

Everyone had a great time at the Super Bowl party. The food and game were fun for all.

The Crab Feed, from all the stories told, was great. I was unable to be there, but I would like to thank everyone who helped out that night. The names would be too long to list here and I would not want to miss anyone. The Club works great because everyone pitches in when needed.

Hope you have noticed the decorations around the bar area that have been used during the different events. They keep everything festive.

I am looking for help during the St. Patrick's Day party. Green beer anyone?

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

2 Club Meeting & Dinner
3 Work Party
24-26 Memorial Day Cruise-Out



Please Note Our Calendar Changes!

- The Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch has been cancelled.
- We will have a Chili Cook-Off Contest on the docks at Rio Vista on March 29th! Come one—Come all!
- Opening Day is now scheduled for Saturday, April 5th. We will join with Bridge Marina YC, Ebony Boat Club, Pittsburg YC, and Driftwood YC for a parade of decorated boats and lots of fun! This year's theme is "Children's Fairytales."

In Memory Of

Bud Chappell passed away on February 4, 2008, following a lengthy illness. He joined our Club in 2002 and always had a smile for everyone. He had lived in the Jackson/Pine Grove area his whole life. Bud enjoyed life and, even when it became difficult for him to breathe he still found a way to look at life in a positive way. Dolores Swart has been his loving companion the past several years and they enjoyed doing everything together, including coming to the Club especially when there was going to be music for dancing! Bud and Ray Telles also enjoyed coming to the Club for breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

We extend our sympathy to Dolores and Bud's family.

Wanda Worrell Suniga passed away on February 19th. She and her husband, Clyde, became members in 1957. Clyde served as Commodore in 1959 and 1960. Their son, Bill, and grandson, Shawn, continued the family tradition of Sportsmen membership. Wanda once held the position of Commander of Flotilla #36 in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She was also a Patrol Vessel Commander for many years with Search & Rescue.

After Clyde passed away, Wanda married Sal Suniga. They were married 22 years and enjoyed traveling together. Whenever they were at the Club, Wanda had a special twinkle in her eyes and was always happy to share their most recent adventure.

Our heartfelt sympathy is shared with Sal, Bill & Sharon, and their family.



HISTORIAN'S NOTES

KATHIE HAMMER

We have a national treasure practically in our backyard. The USS Hornet museum is moored at historic Alameda Point on San Francisco Bay. The aircraft carrier participated in two of the greatest events of the 20th century, World War II and the Apollo 11 manned space mission.

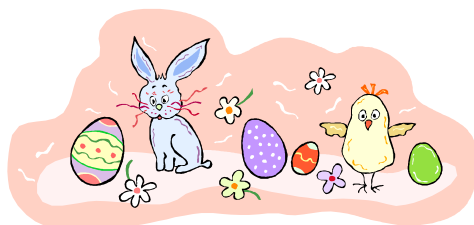
The goal of the USS Hornet is to educate old and young on the past. The docents on the ship are all past Navy and they are

very proud of their ship. The supporters of the ship are trying to get more visitors to board the ship; it is not bringing the revenue they expected.

It would be a shame to lose this important part of history.

This could be a wonderful day trip. When you board this giant aircraft carrier, it is very exciting!

I would like to recommend you take the time to visit this historic relic and to see first hand the Apollo space capsule and walk the decks where so many men served.



Happy Birthday to our March Babies!

- 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
- 11 Jim Linhart
- 14 Ellie Landes
- 15 Betty Fraser
- 16 Frank Reece
- 17 Dennis Higgins
- 19 Judi Roberts
- 21 Joe Stubberfield
- 23 Paul Bernhardt
- 27 Elsie Campo
- 29 William Odum
- 30 Elaine Brown
- 30 Gary Abeyta

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16th and was held in the BBQ area. Only two Sportsmen showed up with items for sale. We may soon call this annual event the Carl Rasmussen Annual Marine Sale. I picked up a portable propane catalytic heater for a super price, and hung out in the sun telling Carl what a good price negotiator he was...

Cruise out on March 29-30 to Rio Vista – Make it if you can; last year was great fun. Drive a car if you are a land lubber, we will find a place for you to sleep.

I love this place!

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NEWS FROM FLEET

CAPTAIN

JACKIE STEELE

"JACKIE OH!"

Our February fleet activity, the 2nd Annual Marine "Garage" Sale scheduled for Saturday, February 16th, (weather permitting)...didn't happen. We will schedule another swap meet of sorts later in spring and hope to have better participation!

Our March cruise-out will be to Delta Marina in Rio Vista. Because we will all be stern tied to the docks, making it easier to navigate "boat hopping," we will do our Chili Cook-Off Contest at Rio Vista. So! Rifle thru Gramma's old cook books and prepare a batch of chili for all to sample. You'll have to come up with an appropriate name for your concoction, such as previous winner Steve Anderson's "Delta Sludge" (which, if I'm not mistaken, won two years in a row!). This is a serious competition with silliness all around. There will be prizes for the best (and the worst) and winners will be published in next month's newsletter. Heh, heh, heh. And, don't forget, you will need to be signed up and paid (\$25.00/boat, payable to Sportsmen Yacht Club) by March 15th. This will pay for your Saturday berthing fees. If you choose to come in on Friday, please reserve direct with the Harbormaster at 707-374-2315.

Our April event will be the Opening Day – the decoration theme is Children's Fairytales, and the date is Saturday, April 5th. We have some very creative members that I know will compete for top prizes!

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



Reminder!
1st Quarter
Dues & Fees
are past due.



THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO

I had the opportunity to go hunt for buried treasure, when I snuck into Dan & Sherry Lively's luggage to go to Hawaii.

I will bring back tales of adventure next month.

See ya soon matey!



Address Changes

Dorothy Carroll

(See hard copy for this information)

Bob & Angelyn Williams

(See hard copy for this information)



Member Information Corner

Lee Fitzgerald was hospitalized in February. She is home now and feeling much better.

We're glad to hear you're better, Lee!

Help us keep our records up to date!
If you have a change in address, phone number, boat ownership, etc., please notify Freda or Don at 228-3609.

Thanks!

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**Dinner will be served
before our
March Meeting!**

Our Menu

**Pork Tamales
Pork Chicana
Rice & Salad**

\$10 per person

**Prepared by
Bryan & Tina Tapp**

Come join us!

**We are limited to 50 reservations,
so contact Cindy Mammon
(625-0590)**

**or make your reservations on-line
as soon as possible**





WORK PARTY CORNER CHUCK CARROLL

Thanks to everyone who showed up at the February Work Party and to those who continued with projects throughout the month. Every month it seems we are accomplishing some pretty major tasks. We now have a commercial dishwasher in our galley thanks to several guys who stayed on top of that project until it was done. Our Club simply wouldn't be the same without those of you helping out in your areas of expertise and others who are willing to learn from someone else's experience.

Our March Work Party will be on Saturday, the 8th, and we have several projects we need to work on. We will continue with repairing the Ways, prepping cabins for rental, and there are some more roof leaks to be addressed. In addition, I would like to have a crew working on the west side of the Ferry and we have some electrical work to be done in the berth areas.

We appreciate everyone who comes out and there is always something you can do to help. It's a great way to get to know fellow members and there's always free beer on the patio after the Work Party lunch!

So, plan to come to the Club on March 8th and bring your tools!



PICYA Report Larry Draper

On February 2nd, the PICYA Delegates' Meeting convened at Pittsburg YC. Vice Commodore, Bill Needham, St. Francis YC, discussed Opening Day theme, "Mother Goose and Friends." Opening Day shirts are available and can be ordered directly from the Embroidery Factory on their website: www.embroideryfactory.com

Rear Commodore, Reg Smith, Treasure Island YC, announced the Spring Leadership Conference will be at Richmond YC on March 22nd starting at 8:00 a.m. COTY points will be earned for attendance. There will be guest speakers from U.S. Coast Guard; Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms enforcement; Department of Boating and Waterways and others.

There will also be breakout workshops for discussions. Cost is \$25.00 and includes Continental Breakfast and catered lunch. Registration form is on PICYA website: www.picya.org

Delegate Deanna Desin from Mariposa-Hunters Point YC announced a Champagne Brunch at the yacht club followed by a Giants-Dodgers baseball game on August 10th. The ballpark is within walking distance and parking is free. Cost is \$35.00 for the brunch and bleacher seats at the game.

The Yachting Yearbook is expected to be available by Opening Day. Western Boating Safety Group is again sponsoring three scholarships of \$2,500.00 each. The deadline this year is June 30th and applications are available on the PICYA website.

The next PICYA meeting is at Coyote Point YC in San Mateo on March 3rd.

Your Boat Pictures!

will be taken on
Saturday, March 22nd
11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Please contact Freda Lucido at 228-3609



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