

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

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Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

March

- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 7 Work Party
- 14 St. Patrick's Dinner with
Bayliner Club & Diablo YC
Cruising-In
- 28-29 Cruise-Out to Rio Vista

April

- 3 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 4 Opening Day on the River
- 11 Work Party

May

- 1 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 2 Work Party
- 2 Cinco de Mayo Dinner
Party
- 23-25 Memorial Day Cruise-Out



COMMODORE
STEVE MARTINEZ
"DIRTY STEVIE MARTINI"

Well, here it is, March already. Only ten months left, but who's counting?

First of all, we had a great Super Bowl Party. Thank you Lou & Belynda Zobb; you did it again! The food was plentiful and excellent—especially the Elk Chili! I had a great time and I am sure everybody else did too. I cannot remember so many people jumping around at one time acting like little kids. It was one helluva game! Probably the best Super Bowl in quite some time.

The February Club Meeting Dinner was great thanks to Doug & Shari Horton and Gary Abeyta. Loved that fried chicken! The Work Party was a success, thanks to Charlie and to all who helped.

The Crab Feed was a great success. It was sold out with over 160 people. The Raffle was off the hook,

thanks to Alice Gibson and Sherry Lively. Everyone came away from the raffle happy with their prizes. A special thanks to Dr. Dan and Sherry for the boat trip they donated, that was a big hit. I want to thank the kids who served; they did an excellent job. I also want to thank everybody who helped with the Crab Feed; the crab cleaning party, the cooking, the decorations, the bar and bartenders. This is what makes our functions successful!

I hope everyone is ready for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on the 14th. We have two clubs cruising-in that day; the Bayliner Club and Diablo YC. This should make our Beer Drinking Contest really exciting! So, let's get our appetites ready for some excellent Corned Beef & Cabbage and Green Beer!

Rock N' Roll!



VICE COMMODORE
CHARLIE KATUSICH

There was a lot going on at the last Work Party, whether you helped with the Crab Feed or helped to clean and maintain our Club. I would like to thank everyone who participated.

I am looking forward to next month's Work Party, we have many more things to accomplish and with everyone's participation, it should go well. Once again, I want to thank everyone for their help and input; together we can keep our Club the best around the Delta.

If you have any ideas or concerns, that need to be addressed at a Work Party, please let me know.





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**REAR COMMODORE
BOB KARR**

February has been an interesting month with rain, wind, and average temperatures running 12–15 degrees colder than January. Not the best boating weather; I hope next month will be better. The month started off at the Club with a great Super Bowl Party. Many tasty potluck items were served in addition to Belynda Zobb's delicious Elk Chili; I am told the Elk meat was provided by Chuck Carroll. Thanks, Chuck. I am also told that Belynda, with the support of Lou, has been conducting and cooking for this event for 15 years. How is that for commitment and dedication, folks? Shirley and I had never attended a Super Bowl Party (we live a quiet life) and we had a good time. The only downside was Arizona not being able to pull off a win. Later in the evening, several members of the Ebony BC stopped by to visit and have a few drinks. They said they like it here because we always have something going on!

I would like to thank Garry Ridolfi for coming to our aid on the afternoon of February 6th. Our parking lot was a

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PICYA Report
Darlene Dawson

The 17th Annual Commodores Ball and Installation was held at the St. Francis YC on Saturday, January 31st. Thanks to Deanna Desin who coordinated the event, we enjoyed a delicious dinner and impressive Installation. Junior Staff Commodore Fred Goodwin extended his thanks to all and acknowledged their fine work. The 2009 Commodore Bill Needham announced "Reach Out" as his theme for the year. Reach out to other people through civic and community efforts. Reach out to each other by conducting conferences, sponsoring regattas, hosting cruise-ins and numerous other activities. Reach out to our local, state, and national government representatives.

Thanks to all who signed letters asking Governor Schwarzenegger to reconsider closing the Department of Boating & Waterways, 75 form letters from our Club were presented to Jerry Desmond Jr., Legislative Advocate for RBOC, who will hand deliver them to the Governor's office in Sacramento. Many Club members and friends sent e-mail and letters on their own. This all helps!!!! At this writing, it looks like the Department of Boating & Waterways will continue to exist; however, \$27 million a year will continue to be diverted to the Department of Parks and Recreation, \$29 million will be

PICYA's Upcoming Events

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| Mar. 2 | Director & Delegates' Dinner Meeting, Corinthian YC |
| Apr. 6 | Director & Delegates' Dinner Meeting, Aeolian YC |
| Apr. 26 | Opening Day on the Bay "Legends of the Sea" |
| May. 4 | Director & Delegates' Dinner Meeting, Oyster Point YC |

diverted to the general fund. So continue to write; remember they are taking our boat generated dollars that are so important for boating safety, education, and environmental protection.

Jane Parsons attended the February Delegates' Meeting at Oakland YC. Bruce Connelley was unable to make his Save the Delta Cruise presentation because of his brother's illness.

Saturday, February 21st, Rear Commodore Bob Karr, Directors Chris Stubberfield, George Greer, Mike Hoskins, Bar Manager Kelly Odum, and Darlene Dawson attended the timely and informative Leadership Conference conducted by PICYA Rear Commodore Linda Breninger. Conspicuously missing were 2009 PICYA Commodore Bill Needham and Director Ray Tsuneyoshi of the Department of Boating & Waterways

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**Welcome
New Member**

Michael & Marsha

Address Change

Rick & Anita

Last names and addresses not available
for the web version of this Newsletter

**Member
Information Corner**

- Kelly B. had ear surgery
- Barbara C. has been ill
- Jerry G. was hospitalized
- Neil E. had knee surgery



We wish you all speedy recoveries!



Newsletter articles are due by the 18th of each month.

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**NEWS FROM FLEET
CAPTAIN
JACKIE STEELE
"JACKIE OH!"**

Our "Pirates of the Delta Marina" Cruise-Out is slated for the last weekend of March (28th & 29th) and is being planned to cover two distinctly different venues. First is our annual cook-off event, which will be the best Clam Chowder recipes. Yummmm! Second is our famously fun Treasure Hunt. Boaters, RV-ers and those who just show up for the day are encouraged to participate. Sherry Lively and Alice Gibson are handling the Treasure Hunt side of things and warned me to advise everyone to check in at the Ship Stores at Delta Marina to find hidden clues and to get a "token" representation to confirm you visited there. The more tokens and items you discover will help in deciding who the Grand Prize Winner is!

The soup recipe challenge will be decided by all who participate, and the recipe with the most top votes will be the Grand Poobah of Chowder. Heh, heh, heh!

Please sign up at the Club for the cruising boat list; you must make your reservations directly with the Marina for the RV area. This will certainly be one of the highlights of the boating season, so don't miss it!

See you on the River.



**Reminder!
1st Quarter
dues & fees
are due!**



**HISTORIAN'S NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**

Recently Margaret Badger, from the Sausalito Historical Society, contacted me to ask for a tour of our Sausalito Ferry. She wanted to gather information to write an article in their newsletter, "*Moments in Time*."

I met Margaret on Saturday morning, January 24th. I took her on a tour of the upstairs, then to our Museum. She brought me a copy of their newsletter from the Fall 2007 in which she wrote an article about Galilee, which was a west coast brigantine of the late 1800s. I will tell you more about that vessel in the near future.

Margaret loved our ferry and couldn't believe she was in such good shape after 115 years. I was able to share history that she was excited to learn about and she has promised to share her article with us.



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due to surgeries. Our wishes for speedy recoveries for both.

The next PICYA meeting will be held Monday, March 2, at Corinthian YC and is open to members of all PICYA Clubs.

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giant mud hole waiting to greet its Crab Feed attendees the following day. Within about three hours, Garry arranged for 62 tons of road base to be delivered, had borrowed a grader, and spread the material. Great Job Garry!

On the 7th, there was a Work Party and a Crab Cracking Party going on simultaneously. The Work Party kept losing members to the Crab Cracking Party because they were serving Bloody Mary's. (I wonder if they got lunch too?) However, a few of us resisted the temptation and accomplished a few



**PORT CAPTAIN'S
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**

Thanks to Rob & Brett Horton, Michael & Paulet Hoskins, Floyd Simpson & Michelin, and Ed Elledge for relief caretaking in February. We need more help for March caretaking; please sign up if you can.

If, for someone reason, you wish to drop off or donate items to the Club, please let us know prior to see if these items are needed and where to store them for future use; do not just drop items off. We had two items dropped off this past month; they were eye sores for anyone to see until they were properly stored. We all want to keep the front of our Club looking nice for everyone to see and enjoy.

We still have some leaks in and around the Clubhouse. We will address these again next Work Party. Thanks to all who help clean the down stairs hallways; we still have a ways to go, but it is much better.

Two Contra Costa Sheriff's Officers asked to visit and walk on the docks to check for current registrations. I walked with dock with them and they were complementary on our 100% compliance to the program. Lonnie Gibson came in and also spoke with the officers. As every berth holder knows, Lonnie is always on top of registration and proof of insurance. Lonnie asked me to thank all the berth holders for keeping up on their insurance and registrations.

As most of you know, a boat exploded at the Pittsburg Marina and killed one person, destroyed two vessels and caused major damage to three other vessels. The heat was so intense that it actually warped the main steel beam in the roof.

chores. Thanks to Rick Hinds and a couple of helpers, there are now cleats on the guest dock. Remember, there is a cruise-out and RV event at Rio Vista on the 28th & 29th of this month. Hope to see you there!



Happy Birthday!

March Babies

01 Al Alcorn
02 Bill Carr
02 Jerry Redfern
04 Len Adkerson
07 Ed Petersen
07 Joe Fray
07 Michelle Buchholz
09 Angelyn Williams
10 Diane Essary
10 Jim Arnold
11 Jim Linhart
14 Ellie Landes
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



March's Meeting Dinner Menu



Minnesota Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Meal By:
Ann Marie Alcorn

Dessert By:
Shirley Karr



Come join us!

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



Save the Date!



**The 2009 4S
at Sacramento YC
is scheduled for
July 17th-19th**



From our Harbor Captain

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





St. Patrick's Day Party!

Saturday, March 14th

6:15 p.m. The Beer Drinking Contest!
 7:00 p.m. Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
 8:30 p.m. Music to Rock the Night Away!



\$20 per person



Reservation requested by March 8th

Make Your Reservations Online or
 Send Your Prepaid Reservations to

Cindy Mammon
 (925) 625-0590



Opening Day on the Delta 2009

This year's theme: Legends of the Sea

Saturday, April 4th

Hosted by Sportsmen YC

Bridge Marina, Driftwood, Ebony, and Pittsburg Yacht Clubs have been invited

- Meet under the Antioch Bridge at 12:30 p.m.
- Monitor Channel 68
- The starboard side of boats will be judged; place parade numbers on starboard side
- Everyone is invited to cruise-in to Sportsmen
- Our Bar will be open immediately following the parade
- BBQ Chicken Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.
 Includes Baked Beans, Salad, & French Bread
- Dinner reservations are requested by Tuesday, March 31st.
 Go on-line to www.sportsmenyc.org or call Cindy Mammon at 625-0590
- Dinner prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under
- Awards will be presented following the dinner



CRAB FEED



Crack some crab...Taste it to make sure it's really good...Have a Bloody Mary
(Not necessarily in that order!!!)



That's what a Crab Cracking



Party is all about!!!



Neil Sterud doesn't miss this event!



Commodore Steve Martinez is ready to enjoy!



Cindy Mammon has been looking forward to eating crab all day!!!

PHOTOS