

Sportsmen Yacht Club

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Sunday, March 13th

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

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
- 2 Opening Day on the Delta
- 15 BINGO!
- 29-1 Village West Cruise-Out

May

- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 7 Work Party
- 7 Cinco De Mayo Dinner
- 20 BINGO!
- 27-30 Memorial Day Cruise-In at SYC



**COMMODORE
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Hello Fellow Sportsmen:

We made it through the month of January and what an exciting month it was. I thank all who helped with the Installation Dinner – it was a great party! It didn't end until the wee hours of the morning; we danced and sang the night away. I thank all the outgoing Board Members and also Bob and Shirley Karr - what a great job you both did! I wish everyone could have seen the look on Commodore Karr's face when I gave him his outgoing gift! I think everyone there could only say one thing . . . priceless! I also welcome the new Staff Members who took the oath with me. I think we have a great team of leaders with lots of new ideas.

I want to thank Vice Commodore, Ricky Scannell, for covering for me at the February meeting. I hear he did a great job and all went well. I was out doing a charity event to help raise money for needy children.

February was a tough month for me. The weather sent me places to repair damage and also put new things in place that are upcoming in the company. So . . . is it Spring yet? I am ready. LOL. I am looking forward to getting home to enjoy some of the beautiful weather. I spent a week in which the average temp was a cool 17 degrees; one night it was -74 degrees. BURRRRR!

Let's all come out and enjoy our beautiful Club and have some fun. I hear the Crab Feed was great and was sorry I had to miss it. Thanks Louie and Tammy Rocha for taking care of business. Great job!

I hope to see all of you at the March meeting. Let's all show our support and be there, especially our new Associates. I know Chuck Carroll has a work party scheduled and it would be nice to see our new members and associates come out to help.

Spring is nature's way
of saying, "Let's party!"
~Robin Williams



**VICE COMMODORE
RICKY SCANNELL**

Here's where *we* (Sportsmen Members) get to pat ourselves on the back. What a great month we had and I blame all of you.

It started with an interesting February meeting for me . . . as I had to run it. I was a little worried given the topics brought to the table. Thanks to our Sergeant at Arms (*Rick Barton*) and *you*, the membership, for your cooperation in allowing the meeting to run its course. One more important meeting (*all meetings are important*), with voting involved, so I hope to see everyone there again in March.

Second, another productive work party took place last month. Thanks to *Chuck Carroll* (*Work Party Chairman*) and to all those members who were in attendance. Let's keep up the good work in keeping our Ferry looking good.

Our Super Bowl Party was a great success. Green Bay vs. Pittsburgh - who was going to be the victor??? (Personally my team didn't make it but it still turned out to be a good game. Green Bay was victorious for those of you in a coma.) What a turn out we had. *Chuck and Ann English* did a great job with their steak dinners, as well as all the finger foods everyone brought. Thanks to *Neal Essary* and *Larry Pacheco* for keeping it interesting with a variety of friendly pools. (*You're welcome for the donations.*) =)

With no surprise, I heard the Crab Feed was a huge success. (I was unable to be there due to a prior commitment with the AAHMES SHRINERS). Thanks to *Rick and Anita Hinds* for putting on an outstanding event. To *Dan and Sherry Lively* - thanks for an amazing homemade clam chowder. So good in fact, I could not find any leftovers. Victoria and I were able to arrive later; you couldn't ask for a better night. The wind died down, clouds disappeared, bonfire was going, good drinks, and great conversation with new and old friends. This, my friends, is why I love this Club!!

Mark your calendars for the *St. Patrick's Day Dinner* on March 12th. Where, on the Delta, can you find a better place for a corned beef and cabbage dinner than at the *Sportsmen YC*? You'll be able to wash it down with green beer OR for you Sportsmen with a competitive side, sign up for our annual Beer Drinking contest. Don't forget to wear *GREEN*.

Finally, I hope to see a lot of you in *RIO VISTA*, on March 25-27, for our first cruise-out of the year. For those of you unable to cruise-out, drive down for the day and enjoy the Chili Cook-Off. Remember, mark your calendars, and make your reservations!



**REAR COMMODORE
LOUIE ROCHA**

Dear Sportsmen Members,

I attended my first Installation Dinner on Saturday January 22th. I was impressed with the outstanding dinner menu selected by our new Commodore Garry Ridolfi, provided by Back Forty Texas BBQ. The Awards Ceremony was an opportunity for our Club to honor Commodore Bob Karr and his leadership team for their positive contributions during his tenure the past 16 months. Our new Commodore Garry Ridolfi and his leadership team were sworn in to serve for 2011. Following the Awards Ceremony, members were treated to an enjoyable night of music, song, and dance provided by D.J. Lawny Chapman. It was a fun evening to share with the talented Members of our fine organization.

I attended my first SYC Crab Dinner on Saturday February 12th. The crab, clam chowder, and wine were delicious! Following dinner, members were treated to a warm fire under the stars near our beautiful lighthouse. Tammy and I had the opportunity to hook up our RV and stay over night next to the Wilsons. Tammy and I truly enjoyed the great fellowship that exists among our membership. The next morning, we enjoyed a tasty breakfast prepared by Barbara in the Sportsmen Galley. I want to thank the Sportsmen who contributed their time toward a highly successful event. I especially want to thank Anita Hinds, Dan Lively, and Chuck Carroll for preparing a wonderful meal that was enjoyed by all.

As we begin the year, I am happy I attended both the Sportsmen Installation and Crab Dinners. It was my first time attending the annual festivities. I am not sure if the first time will be the best time, but I look forward to the next time! I hope that you are able to join us for future events.

It's great to be a Sportsmen!

**HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE NEWSLETTER?**

Newsletter articles due
the 15th of each month
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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

March Meeting Dinner

*Country Roast Beef with Gravy
Baby Red Potatoes and Carrots*

Asparagus

Tossed Green Salad

Roll and Butter

Dessert

Prepared by

Jay Ward and Jay Froman (Fresno Boys)

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
as soon as possible*



3rd Friday of the Month

March 18, April 15, May 20

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



New Members!



Kenny and Kimberly Norris

Addresses and phone numbers not available
for the web version of this Newsletter



**HISTORIAN'S
NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**

This bit of history was written in the Berkeley Daily Gazette in 1900.

It was a fine afternoon when the Ferry San Rafael left the Sausalito dock. The San Rafael still provided a lovely ride, even though the boat was 23 years old. Some passengers thought only about getting over to the other side of the Bay; some, with their elbows resting on the rails, took in the view. No one on board thought it would be a memorable trip.

However, on this particular day passengers got more than their money's worth. The details were reported the next day in the Gazette.

"Yesterday afternoon the Ferry San Rafael ran into a whale. After leaving Sausalito at one o'clock, the form of a whale rose above the surface of the water dead ahead and the ferryboat bumped against it with considerable force. The keel of the vessel slid over the whale, which had apparently been pressed down by the weight and a moment later it arose at the stern of the boat. Blowing up a column of water, the monster disappeared. Everybody on board the San Rafael felt the shock and the engineer and firemen rushed on deck to learn the cause."



**PICYA REPORT
DARLENE DAWSON**

2011 PICYA CALENDAR

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

PICYA

Commodore Breninger thanks everyone who attended the Commodore's Ball and everyone who helped make it a success!!! She looks forward to working with all 107 PICYA Clubs in 2011!

RBOC

Linda Bendsen of Suisun City was installed as President at the annual Board of Directors Meeting on January 20th. Linda is an avid and experienced Delta boater and advocate. We will be well represented!

Below is a condensed version of key issues facing boaters. For more complete information, visit RBOC online at www.rbo.org.

RBOC Analyzing New Legislation

The RBOC Legislative Committee and our professional legislative advocates are reviewing all the bills that are being introduced in the State Capitol and by the February 18th bill introduction deadline will have analyzed approximately 2,500 new proposals. They are also working on bill proposals that we identify prior to introduction, providing input, and suggestions early on in the process. Bills could be introduced to increase boat registration fees and to impose some form of boat operator certification.

Boater Access

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta - As the Delta Stewardship Council proceeds with scoping meetings on the development of the Delta Plan, and receives public comments, RBOC is reiterating and reinforcing our previous communicated position urging that navigable boating of the Delta waterways be sustained, that boating access to Delta waterways be retained, and the mitigation for any physical barriers, such as gates, that may be placed across any existing Delta waterways include boat locks that are constructed, maintained, and operated at no cost to recreational boaters.

Coastal Marina Permit

In 2010, the State Water Resources Control (SWRC) Board proposed a broad, burdensome, and costly permitting program for marinas and clubs along the California coastline and Delta. RBOC and the boating community is engaged with the SWRC Board, which has temporarily suspended the proposal.

Ethanol

RBOC is urging President Obama to place "science first" before allowing E-15 in the nation's gasoline supply. California boaters should visit the BoatUS website www.boatus.com/gov to keep up to date as BoatUS continues its leadership role in advocating boater interest in this area. RBOC has issued a special Boater Brief with critical information for California boaters at http://www.rbo.org/pdf_documents/ROBOCSpecialBoaterBrief-Ethanol_000.pdf.



**NEWS FROM
FLEET CAPTAIN
CYNTHIA PETERSEN**

Ahoy everyone... March is here and it's finally time for the first Cruise-Out of the year... this one to Delta Marina in Rio Vista on March 25-27. Thanks to all who have signed up, and thanks to everyone who plans to participate. "Mardi Gras" (or "Carnival") is now the theme for this event (thanks Becky) so the Saturday afternoon cook-off is expanded to include "jambalaya" or other similar New Orleans style recipes. Folks are also invited to bring their favorite New Orleans style hors d'oeuvre to share. After the festivities, everyone is invited to gather round to share ideas and start planning for our October 2011 Down-Bay Cruise.

Next, mark your calendars for Opening Day on the River, April 2nd, hosted by Bridge Marina YC. Additional details will be available at the March meeting.



Also in April, our next Cruise-Out will be held April 29/30th - May 1st to Village West Yacht Club. VWYC is located off 14 Mile Slough, 6 miles up-river from the Herman & Helen's turn-off on the San Joaquin. All Sportsmen members are invited to attend. For those who have never been to VWYC, it is a great spot, with a large guest dock, sloping lawn, and room for RVs adjoining the Club. VWYC hosts a weekly Friday night dinner, and plans a special Saturday night evening for our group as well. Information, directions, and a sign-up sheet will be posted at the Club in time for the March membership meeting.

In May, everyone is invited to cruise or RV to our own Club for Memorial Day weekend. Saturday, May 7th, is the annual "Delta Loop" Fest and Steve Martinez is organizing a group to cruise/RV up to Owl Harbor on 7 Mile Slough to enjoy this event. Contact Steve for more information.

Finally, our July 4th weekend cruise-out to Little Venice YC will be here before we know it! A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Club beginning in May.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club or on the water...

March 8, 2011



Mardi Gras, literally "Fat Tuesday," has grown in popularity in recent years as a raucous, sometimes hedonistic event.

But its roots lie in the Christian calendar, as the "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. That's why the enormous party in New Orleans, for example, ends abruptly at midnight on Tuesday, with battalions of street sweepers pushing the crowds out of the French Quarter towards home.

St. Patrick's Day - March 12th



Beer Drinking Contest

6:00 pm

Dinner

7:00 pm

Dinner Prepared by Doug Horton and Friends

RAFFLE following dinner

- Corned beef
- Cabbage
- Red Potatoes / Carrots
- Dessert

Make your reservations

on-line

or contact

Ann English at 925.779.9330

\$20.00 per person



March 9, 2011

The season of Lent is traditionally observed with 40 days of fasting that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sunrise on Easter Sunday.



March 19 - 20, 2011

Purim is a joyful spring holiday that features a festive meal, gift-giving, costumes, noisemakers in the synagogue, and required drunkenness. Purim is thus sometimes nicknamed "the Jewish Mardi Gras" or "the Jewish Halloween."

March 20, 2011

At the start of spring—the spring equinox—day and night are approximately 12 hours long and the Sun is at the midpoint of the sky. Our north pole tilts towards the Sun.





March

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

- 16 Frank Reece
- 17 Dennis Higgins
- 23 Paul Bernhardt
- 27 Elsie Campo
- 29 William Odum
- 30 Elaine Brown
- 30 Gary Abeyta

Birthstone: Aquamarine
Flower: Jonquil



An "OOPS" moment from the Editor!

Here, in it's entirety, the corrected version of Chuck's February article. Sorry about that . . .

A Word from Chuck Carroll

We had our first work parties for the year on January 8th and 17th. On the 8th was the official Club Work Party and on the 17th 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, 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.

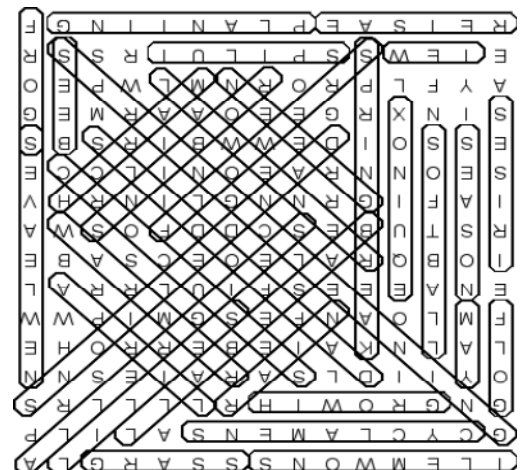
Please remember we have another Work Party scheduled for February 5th and there is much to accomplish. A special thanks to all of you who contribute at the Work Parties; the place just wouldn't be the same without your efforts.

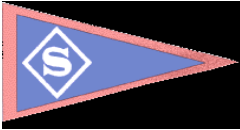
Spring

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| CYCLAMENS | RAIN |
| DAFFODILS | RENEWAL |
| DANDELIONS | ROBINS |
| EASTER | SEASON |
| EQUINOX | SNOWMELT |
| FLOWERS | SOFTBALL |
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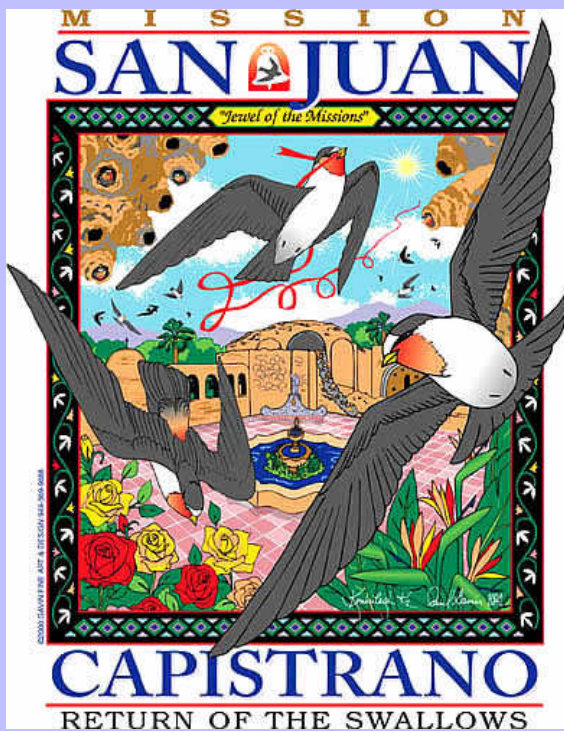




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FIRST CLASS MAIL



The miracle of the "Swallows" of Capistrano takes place each year at the Mission San Juan Capistrano, on March 19th, St. Joseph's Day.

As the little birds wing their way back to the most famous Mission in California, the village of San Juan Capistrano takes on a fiesta air and the visitors from all parts of the world, and all walks of life, gather in great numbers to witness the "miracle" of the return of the swallows.

Each year the "Scout Swallows" precede the main flock by a few days and it seems to be their chief duty to clear the way for the main flock to arrive at the "Old Mission" of Capistrano.

With the arrival of early dawn on St. Joseph's Day, the little birds begin to arrive and begin rebuilding their mud nests, which are clinging to the ruins of the old stone church of San Juan Capistrano. The arches of the two story, high vaulted Chapel were left bare and exposed, as the roof collapsed during the earthquake of 1812.

This Chapel, said to be the largest and most ornate in any of the missions, now has a more humble destiny--that of housing the birds that St. Francis loved so well.

After the summer spent within the sheltered walls of the Old Mission in San Juan Capistrano, the swallows take flight again, and on the Day of San Juan, October 23, they leave after circling the Mission bidding farewell to the "JEWEL OF ALL MISSIONS" San Juan Capistrano, California.