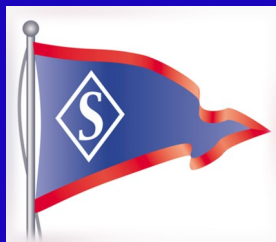


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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Rick Barton

Should we embrace tradition or change? That is a question I find myself thinking about a lot lately. Obviously, Sportsmen YC has a long and rich tradition which is very important to the Club. These traditions date back long before I became a member and one has to respect this history. However, I also believe that without changing and adapting to a changing world it is hard to survive. This is true of any type of business, including a yacht club.

Our Club has many long time members who hold fast to our traditions. We also have a growing list of new members with new ideas who often want to change things. Somewhere in the middle of all this is the

Commodore who is told on a daily basis why we can't change and then why we need to. I'm going to go out on a limb here and say that in most instances, I believe there is a compromise solution that will work for everyone. I realize this hasn't worked well lately with our Democrat and Republican leaders. But every Sportsmen I've talked to is at least willing to listen to the other side.

A good example of this is the Crab Feed. Lonnie and Alice Gibson put on another fantastic Crab Feed this year, complete with Dan Lively's famous clam chowder. The event was a sellout and everyone who attended had a great time. Two years ago, we made a small change to this event. We added a DJ

so people would stay and dance after dinner. Several people were opposed to this at first but most people now think that it has really added to the event. We were able to make a change while retaining the tradition of the Crab Feed.

As we move forward, I hope that every member will be able to at least listen to opposing viewpoints and consider all options before making decisions. I know I will always make my decisions based on what I think is best for the long term future of our Club.



## Vice Commodore Doug Horton

Well, hello everybody; it's March already! We had a nice cruise-in last month when the Delta Bayliner Club was here for three days. When we have a cruise-in, we do a good job of hosting; however, it would be nice to see more Sportsmen involved. It is a lot of fun.

As usual, Lonnie Gibson and crew did a fabulous job on the Crab Feed.

Don't forget that March 14<sup>th</sup> is our St. Patty's Dinner; this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that my family and crew have done this event. We'll be cooking around 230 pounds of corned beef! Make sure to get your reservations in right away.

By the way, we had a great Super Bowl event on February 1st; let's make it bigger next year.

Kudos to Floyd Simpson for scoring a bunch of really good lumber. I know we have a lot of ongoing projects and I do not like to look a gift horse in the mouth, so I would like to invite any of our talented carpenters to talk to me about a project I have in mind.



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## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY MICHAEL & SAMANTHA CAPUTO  
\$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!

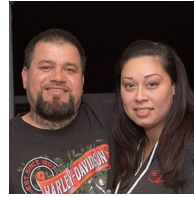
Volunteers are needed to cook for the  
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.  
Please contact Cynthia Perez for details (260-2786)

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!



Hershel & Amber Butler  
(Address & Phone information  
not included in web version.)

## Italian Night Dinner!

### The March 20th Menu

We begin at 7:00 p.m.

Marina's Salad Bar

Roast Leg of Pork served with Brown Sauce  
and Polenta, Sautéed Spinach, Dessert

\$15

Make your reservations On-Line  
or contact Marina at 759-2764

Reservations requested by March 13th



Prepared by  
Chef Billy Jones



Friday, March 13th

Join us for a Taco Bar Dinner  
with our Diablo YC guests!

\$10

Reservations ONLINE or call Ann at 779-9330

Then stay for...

## Game Night!



## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### 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
17-19	Solano YC Cruise-In
24-26	Rio Vista Cruise-Out

### May

1	Club Meeting
2	Work Party
2	Cinco de Mayo Dinner
12	Annual Golf Tournament (this date is tentative)
15	Italian Night Dinner



## Rear Commodore Matt Tate

Wow! It's starting to look a lot like spring. After those couple of nice storms blowing through our area and depositing some much needed rain, it seems to have cleared up and given us Sportsmen what we really like—FISHING WEATHER! Several of our members have been taking full advantage of this break in the weather to go out, bask in the sun, and haul in some lunkers. Marianne and I have only been able to muster a couple of days out on our Delta in February, but March is looking promising!

Speaking of the rain, as Lonnie Gibson mentioned at our February meeting, you may want to check out your boat in dry storage. If they are not draining properly, they can hold a lot of water which can cause substantial damage to your boat.

Thanks go out to Bill and Darlene Moore. To Darlene for stepping up and agreeing to take on the responsibility of Club Secretary, which I'm sure we all agree, is a substantial commitment to our Club. And then to Bill, for not only installing the flooring in the Cackle Corner, but also for orchestrating the safe entrance, berthing, and exit of the vessels of the Delta Bayliner Club on their cruise-in. Did anyone see the photos? The cruise-in was lots of fun with the Taco Bar and game night on Friday, and lunch and dinner on Valentine's Day. Thanks to Bill Jones and Marina Faconti and their crew for making the Italian Night Valentine's Dinner such a huge success.

March is looking to be a busy month at the Club as well. We will have our General Club Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and our Work Party on the 7<sup>th</sup>; if you are able to help out that day, please do. The more hands we have on deck, the lighter the load is for all of us! Next, the following weekend is our annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, dance and other festivities, with our cruise-in guests, the Diablo YC, followed by the ever delicious Italian Night Dinner on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Make time to come out and enjoy the fun!



## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

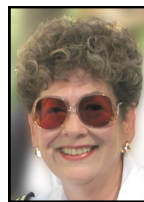
HISTORY OF SPORTSMEN YC, PART XI, FROM OUR NOVEMBER 1995 CLUB BULLETIN:

"The spirit and moral fiber of this organization had been tried and proved, so it was not too much of a surprise to neighboring onlookers when the club site began to take shape. Levees were secured to provide all-weather roads, electricity was provided for the harbor and clubhouse. Additional cabin facilities were developed within the club house itself. Harbor facilities were developed to house members' boats in covered berths, an oiled parking lot, a modern fishing pier complete with all conveniences was constructed. Refrigeration was provided for storage of bait and catches of fish. A major advancement during this era of improvements was the installation of a rock levee along the water front side of the property. Yes, with sweat, cooperation, pick and shovel, the members of Sportsmen had sculptured the rough image of what was to be truly a masterpiece of achievement.

All was not laborious routine, however. The club's members enjoyed many well planned parties; Cioppino dinners and picnics were frequent events. And fishing was the favorite pastime.

The club with its work and play still conscious of the changing times developing around them. They noticed that their early neighbors on the surrounding farms were giving was to commercial and industrial advancement. They noticed that more and more the rivers and sloughs were being spotted with an ever increasing number of pleasure craft. The vast hordes of fishermen and boatsmen were united with Sportsmen in their love of the water and sporting activities it offered. State legislation was tightening controls on club recreation activities, tax abuse and tax investigation was commonplace."

(To be continued next month...)



## PICYA NEWS

### DARLENE DAWSON

## 2015 PICYA CALENDAR

Mar 2	Delegates' Meeting Benicia YC	Apr 6	Delegates' Meeting Pittsburg YC
Mar 21	Spring Leadership Conference Aeolian YC	Apr 26	PICYA Opening Day on the Bay

Jane attended the first Delegates' Meeting of 2015 at Stockton YC. After a great meal, Commodore Liz Allison covered a lot of information in a very short time.

The theme and date for Opening Day on the Bay was announced: "Youth in Boating" on April 26th.

The Spring Leadership Conference will be on Saturday, March, 21st, at Aeolian YC in Alameda. All club officers, committee members, and individual members interested in the world of yachting may attend this conference. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and conference materials will be provided for all pre-registered participants. The cost of \$25 includes a continental breakfast and lunch. If you are interested, please contact me.

### RBOC

- Emergency Drought Barriers—RBOC is engaged and is reviewing the impact a new state drought plan may have on boating in the Delta.
- The State Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) has announced that it plans to commence herbicide treatment of the aquatic invasive weeds Water Hyacinth and Spongeplant in the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta on Wednesday, March 4th, and to continue to the end of November.

## March Birthdays!

01 Al Alcorn  
 02 Jerry Redfern  
 04 Len Adkerson  
 04 Robert Babo  
 05 Morris Lum  
 06 Louie Rocha  
 07 Ed Petersen  
 07 Joe Fray  
 07 Michelle Buchholz  
 09 Hoss Honsinger  
 10 Diane Essary  
 10 Jim Arnold  
 14 Sue Chinn  
 16 Frank Reece  
 17 Dennis Higgins  
 17 Pat Goetsch  
 21 Albert Perez  
 23 Jason Turpin  
 23 Paul Bernhardt  
 23 Rhonda Hanson  
 26 Rudy Trautner  
 27 Elsie Campo  
 27 Matt Tate  
 29 William Odum  
 30 Elaine Brown  
 30 Gary Abeyta  
 30 Janet Buckley  
 30 Kathy Kaiwi



## Emergency Drought Barriers Update...

(by Darlene Dawson)

Bill & Darlene Moore and Jim and I attended the Public Meeting on State Preparations for Emergency Drought Barriers held on February 12th. This meeting was organized by North Delta C.A.R.E.S. (Community Area Residents for Environmental Stability).

North Delta C.A.R.E.S.' Anna Swenson and Barbara Daly conducted the meeting at Clarksburg Community Church where they introduced California's Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) Bay Delta Chief Paul Marshall. Mr. Marshall made his presentation to a frustrated but polite group of Delta residents and organizations. While many voiced their legitimate concerns, clarity just didn't come from DWR. A main concern: Why are they doing a negative declaration instead of a full-blown Environmental Impact Report? Is the negative declaration a short cut?

Imagine this! In the midst of such a serious atmosphere, belly laughs ripped through the church when DWR announced they would use universal boat trailers to get watercraft around the barriers.

The state granted the public 10 extra days to formally comment on the proposal.

Update: The public comment period has now been extended to March 18th. More information will be announced at the March General Membership Meeting.

Thanks to everyone for all your calls and letters—Your communications were heard and did make a difference!

Thanks to Bill Moore and Mark Engle, we now have new flooring in the "Cackle Corner."

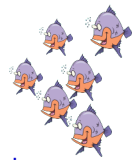
Thanks to everyone who cares for our Sausalito Ferry!

Photo submitted by Marina Faconti



## 2015 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of February 22, 2015)

We have 53 people entered in the 2015 Derby.



- \* There is \$770 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 Striped Bass posted.
- \* In the Catfish category, Nick Macey holds 1st place with a 2 pound 12 ounce whopper.
- \* In the Sturgeon category, Bill Pato Jr. holds 1st place with a 67 pounder; Bill also holds 2nd place with a 47 pound, 8 ounce sturgeon; Kenny Norris secured 3rd place with 31 pounder; and Gabe Comages is hanging onto 4th place with a 28 pounder.

*Get in the Derby! Go out and catch some fish!*

*Jim Dawson*



## Got a Special Recipe?

Terri Barton is collecting recipes for a Sportsmen YC Cookbook.

Submit your written recipe now!

Mail it to the Club...Give it to her personally...  
 or Email to [tbarton@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:tbarton@sportsmenyc.org)



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# Opening Day on the Delta!

Saturday, April 11th

Let's get ready for a fun Opening Day on the Delta!  
Hosted by Sportsmen YC—Bridge Marina YC participating

Marianne Tate is the chair for this year's event.

A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 7th, at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping to plan and volunteer for this event is invited to attend this meeting.

Parade participants will receive various trophies and participation plaques.  
Dinner will be served at 4 p.m. at Sportsmen YC for \$15. Reservations will be requested.

This year our theme is "Youth in Boating."

Anyone interested in entering their boat will need an entry form.

Complete Details will in the March Newsletter and on the Website.

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## The Sausalito Blanket

This beautiful blanket/afghan is a 2 layer, 100% cotton, pre-shrunk, colorfast and machine washable. It measures 48 x 68 inches and is fringed on all four sides. Made in the USA.

**Available in 3 colors:**

Cranberry Red, Hunter Green, Williamsburg Blue (Country Blue)

**Cost:** \$45.00 each

**Delivery:** 3 - 4 weeks after order is placed.

**Orders:** Prepay orders only. Checks Payable to Sportsmen YC.

**How to Order:** Order Forms are available at the Ship's Store

**Online:** [www.sportsmenyc.org/syc01.htm](http://www.sportsmenyc.org/syc01.htm)

**Mail Order Form to:** Sportsmen Yacht Club, P.O. Box 518, Antioch, CA 94509 Attention: Terri—or drop off at the Club (mailbox #156)



### Sausalito Blanket ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_ Color Cranberry Red Hunter Green Williamsburg Blue (Country Blue)

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

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Debbie Bauer for accepting  
the Audit Chair position

Saturday, March 14th

6:00 p.m. Beer Drinking Contest

7:00 p.m. Corned Beef Dinner

Music by DJ Watergate

\$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