

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2005

## FROM OUR COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



We had another excellent turnout at the March Meeting and added two more associates to our membership. It was a productive and fun meeting—

the fun part was thanks to Darrell Lackey and Pat Sebers.

Many thanks to Winky Scannell for the delicious “Dutch” Stroganoff dinner she prepared for Meeting Night. It was a sellout dinner and enjoyed by all.

Thanks to **Larry & Dee**, our Hospitality Duo, for the delicious desserts served following the March Meeting and to all who brought them! I understand we have desserts to look forward to at our April Meeting too!

In an effort to save Chuck’s March Work Party when it was announced Kathy’s Galley would be closed due to illness, **Tony Chapman** and **Larry Draper** stepped up to the plate to serve a plate of breakfast to our faithful Work Party workers. Thanks to both of you for your extra efforts!

We had another large turnout for the March Work Party and **Vice Commodore Carroll** will fill in the details in his article.

**Treasurer Lucido** and I attended a valuable and informative Leadership Conference at Pittsburg YC while our March Work Party was in progress.

Martinez YC cruised-in early Friday to join us for a weekend of St. Patty’s fun. Details can be read in The Ghost’s column. It was our pleasure to host **Commodore Mike & Jean Transchel** and the members of Martinez YC.

No sooner had Martinez YC departed than it was time to get ready for the Going Away Party for **Ray & Maggie Murphy**. Maggie was the star of the program. She was crowned and we thanked her for having served as our Sunshine Lady for so many years. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

At this writing, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Easter Bunny! Hopefully the children will find all the eggs the Easter Bunny hides. It seems there are always a couple left somewhere on the grounds to be found weeks later!

Don’t forget our April Meeting and Dinner on April 1st. Once again, the Wickman “Associate” Crew will be preparing a great dinner. Details are on Page 5.

This year, the Antioch-Pittsburg

Opening Day Parade will be hosted by our neighbors at Bridge Marina YC.

You won’t want to miss the Guys & Dolls Cruise-Out to the Ryde Hotel, a haunt for Presidents and mobsters! We have posted the details on Page 4, so be sure to check it out! In addition, flyers and sign-up sheets are at the Club.

Please note the date change for our Cinco de Mayo Dinner. The new date is Saturday, May 14th. If you like Mexican food, don’t miss this dinner! The May Work Party will now be held on Saturday, May 7th.

Don’t forget Daylight Savings Time begins on April 3rd. Have a great month! Thanks to everyone for your continued support.



## Opening Day

This year’s theme:  
Movies by the Bay

Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00 p.m.  
Registration forms and  
Details are at the Club

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

1 Club Meeting  
2 Opening Day  
9 Work Party  
16-17 Cruise-Out to the Ryde Hotel

### May

6 Club Meeting  
7 Work Party  
14 Cinco de Mayo Dinner  
28-30 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

### June

3 Club Meeting  
4 Work Party  
11 Blue Grass BBQ  
25 4S Try-Outs

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## FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



The month started off with a Memorial Service at the Club for Lee Fitzgerald's brother. She had a large turnout of family and friends

and it was a very touching service. *Our condolences, Lee.*

We had another "super-attended" Work Party and got a lot done. The south deck repairs are finished for now. Our Harbor Master was able to rent out a couple more berths in Area 3, due to the great efforts made there. Some electrical repairs were done in the lower deck, a great deal of pruning was done by the gate, and a new stainless steel sink and a "working" beer keg box was installed on the Club patio. We do have a couple of Purple Hearts to issue for this last party. **Chuck Kotecki** tried to break our pavement with his noggin', and **Darrell Lackey** tried to dull one of our cutters with his

hand. Both heroes are fine. And just as a reminder: Please, always be careful at our Work Parties; there's never any reason to get in a hurry or take a shortcut.

The St. Patty's Day Dinner was a lot of fun and Martinez YC came in with a lot of great folks. We played pool, darts, poker and shuffleboard with them. The beer chugging contest was won by **Keith & Kathie Hammer's** daughter, **Laurie**, representing the women, and the men's contest was won by new Associate **Rob Horton** who literally slaughtered everyone.

The going away party organized by **Larry and Dee Pacheco** for **Margaret Murphy** was very nice. We saw some members we haven't seen in a long time. Hope you love Florida, Maggie, and make a lot of nice, new friends. We will miss you!

And speaking of missing people.... The March 12th weekend was **Kathy Larosee's** last time for breakfast in the galley. We sure hope someone can step forward and carry on a great service for the Club. *Thanks for all your great meals, Kathy!*



### PICYA Report By Larry Draper

The March PICYA meeting was held on the 7th at Aeolian YC in Alameda. Opening days were announced as follows: Bridge Marina, Pittsburg, Sportsmen, and Driftwood on April 2nd; San Joaquin on April 9th; South Bay on April 16th; and Opening Day on the Bay is April 24th.

The yearbook staff is hoping to get more orders for yearbooks to keep costs down. They are asking clubs to order at least 10 additional copies.

**Rear Commodore Duane Collins** said the Leadership Conference was a great success. Pittsburg YC was a great host.

He reminded everyone the Management Conference will be held at Coyote Point YC in October. Preparing taxes, membership, running a club, and how to cook for 100 are some of the topics to be covered.

**Secretary/Treasurer Jane Brennan** reported that 73 clubs are current with dues.

**Bob Avarbock** said we can all check the PICYA website for Club of the Year points.

A visitor from Latitude 38 spoke about the "Summer Sailstice" which will be held June 18/19. This is an event

## April Happy Birthday Wishes



- Apr 04 Paul Olsson
- Apr 05 Sheryl MacDougall
- Apr 07 Dave DeCato
- Apr 07 Donna Hendricks
- Apr 08 Audrey Coach
- Apr 08 Bill Coach
- Apr 08 Doug Horton
- Apr 11 Tim Doolin
- Apr 12 Arline Collins
- Apr 15 Ileana Rocha
- Apr 15 Tori Dias
- Apr 16 Bert Schneider
- Apr 16 Dwayne Larosee
- Apr 17 Louise York
- Apr 18 Mary Wheeler
- Apr 23 Al Fries
- Apr 27 Casey Salva
- Apr 27 Dolores Swart
- Apr 28 Lillian Scampini

celebrating sailing on the Solstice. It is a global holiday for sailors. Check their website for information at [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com). There are no rules, no fees, no regulations, – Just Sail.

**RBOC Chair, Doug Hipsley**, introduced all directors present. One directorship is open due to the untimely death of **Bill McGrath** (Bel Marin Keys YC) who died in a plane crash in the Sierras. Persons interested in applying for the opening should contact **Joan Marsh Clune** (Pittsburg YC).

### Upcoming Events

- Apr 4 Delegates' Meeting at Ballena Bay YC
- Apr 24 Opening Day on the Bay (Theme: "Movies by the Bay")
- May 2 Delegates' Meeting at Oyster Pt. YC

*Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.  
Flyer information is requested by the 15th.*

*Send Newsletter information to:  
Freda Lucido  
e-mail [lucidos@pacbell.net](mailto:lucidos@pacbell.net)  
phone 228-3609*

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, this 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.

**FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE  
TONY CHAPMAN**



“Where is Sportsmen Yacht Club?” If you have a hat, shirt, burgee, or a bumper sticker or anything else that identifies you as a member of

Sportsmen YC, you WILL BE ASKED this question. I know how easy it is to say, “3301 Wilbur Avenue in Antioch.” But I also know how wrong that answer is! **Where is Sportsmen Yacht Club?** SYC is where two or more of you meet. And boy, is that a big place.

If you meet via boat, you can enjoy 1000 miles of water way called the “Delta” on any one of many “Cruise-Outs” that take you to different yacht clubs and many different waterways throughout the year. These are roaring parties, as well as quiet get-a-ways. If the price of boat fuel does not scare you, then you may find yourself in the lower reaches of the San Francisco Bay flying your burgee in fresh winds and enjoying the SYC fleet at many ports of call. This annual trip is always a great time for those who can make time together in the fall of the year.

Sportsmen YC can be found by its seasons. For some, the year will most commonly be started in reaches along the Colorado River and Lake Havasu by our RV Fleet. Our RV fleet always has new stories when asked, “Where is SYC?” As the year begins to warm with spring, you see Sportsmen head for the coast! With the annual Boys Trip to Van Dam State Park, lost stories are told of Sportsmen adventures and new stories are found to last out the year on the

upper deck. (I would tell ya about the Gal’s trip, but only the girls know that one!) The coast also holds Sportsmen who move with the seasons. As Salmon season opens in Monterey Bay, then Moss Landing holds fort for the SYC Trailer Boat Fleet as safe harbor.

Now summer can be some of the most tranquil of days. Whether we be far up the coast at Fort Bragg and beyond, where the RV fleet re-meets the sea to enjoy a most bountiful of feast, or whether you find that perfect, never before anchored upon, slough in the Delta to share with fellow Sportsmen. The summer can be SYC at its finest since, in the heart of those expanses, 3301 Wilbur awaits you.

Fall is the season that brings clarity to our name. With fall, comes SYC holding camp *from the plains of Colorado to the Hills of Trinity and the Marshes of San Joaquin Valley or mighty waves of the Great Sea.* May it be beast, fish or fowl **“something is gonna get killt and eatin!”**

It is the stories of the seasons that bring us back to the Sausalito for true unity! For it is by seasons each year, where one can describe where to find the Sportsmen YC. Never limit your view by not searching beyond the horizons. I hope each and every one of you find Sportsmen YC friendships that lead you to a joyful place, near and far, to 3301 Wilbur Avenue in Antioch.

**PARTING SHOT**

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

**HISTORIAN NOTES  
KATHIE HAMMER**



It was so nice to see so many people at our March meeting and especially new associates. I wouldn't be surprised if the

number of recent new associates might be making history of its own. I know that since 1980, when we began coming to Sportsmen YC, there has never been this many people wanting to join.

At our Crab Feed in February, I had over thirty-five people come through our museum. These visitors were mostly new people and their guests. I love the enthusiasm they have for the museum and the Ferry.

With so many new people, I think it is time to repeat some of our beginning history. So for the next couple of months, it is going to be "Back to the Beginning."

We have so much to be proud of and, if we know some of the history of the Sausalito and know how and when the Club was formed, it will give our members, new and old, even more appreciation of our beloved Sausalito Ferry.

*Please Note*

*The Falling Leaves  
Dinner-Dance  
Scheduled for  
October 15th  
has been  
cancelled.*

**Visit Sportsmen YC's Website**



- ...to view pictures of recent Club events
- ...Calendar information for the year
- ...lots of other Club related information & links

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

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## *Guys & Dolls Cruise-Out to the Ryde Hotel*

We arrive on Saturday, April 16th, and Fleet Captain Lawny Chapman has plenty of fun activities planned! Dock space is going fast. For those who want to spend the night at the hotel, room reservations can be made directly with the hotel at 1-888-717-7933. Please make sure to let the folks at the hotel know you are with Sportsmen.

The evening's dinner is a choice of Filet Mignon (\$32) or Chicken (\$19). Dinner reservations will be committed and are non-refundable. You may contact either Elaine (766-6675) or Audrey (686-1167) with your dinner reservations. All details are at the Club.



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## *2005 Cruise Schedule*

- May 22 *International Memorial Bay Cruise*
- July 28 *Tall Ships Bay Cruise*
- July 29 *San Francisco to Sacramento River Cruise*
- July 31 *Sacramento River to San Francisco Cruise*
- Aug 27 *Reserve Fleet (Mothball Fleet) Bay Cruise*  
*(MSC-MSTS-ATS-Reunion and Yacht Clubs)*
- Oct 8 & 9 *Fleet Week Bay Cruises*

## *SS Jeremiah O'Brien*



*The Historic Ship that Sails*

*All cruises are day trips; price includes meals, beverages, entertainment, activities, and live 40s music. Explore the ship while underway and steaming—INCLUDING a visit to the engine room! Chat with crew members, some of whom are World War II Veterans. Educational and FUN...an unforgettable experience!*

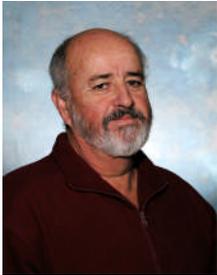
***Bay Cruises are \$125 per person***  
***River Cruises are \$175 per person***

*The ship leaves Pier 45 Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco. Parking is not included. Call 415-544-0100 or visit [www.ssjeremiahobrien.org](http://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org) for information and online ticket purchases.*

*"The national Liberty Ship Memorial is a California non-profit tax deductible organization and a National Historic Landmark."*

*(Thanks to Barbara Chapman for providing this information.)*

**PORT CAPTAIN  
COMMENTS  
JIM DAWSON**



Contra Costa County has made a temporary repair on the sink hole by the septic tank. This repair was actually much better than the

repair made in front of Area 5 because they replaced about 20 feet of the defective 4-foot pipe. On March 24th, we will meet with the County engineer to discuss the next phase of getting all the defective 4-foot pipe replaced.

Our Meeting Night Dinners have been very successful and many thanks to all who have helped. I still need volunteers for the last six months.

The Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner was fantastic and I received many

compliments on how clean the galley was left. Thanks to **Doug & Shari Horton, Scott & Susan Wood, and Rob & Brett Horton.**

On the other end of the spectrum, was how the galley and dining area was left after the last potluck. In the future, whoever is promoting potlucks should be accountable for ensuring a crew is willing to do the clean-up. Thanks to **Robin McCoy, Bruce Courtney & Evelyn Palmer, Dave & Trella, and Dave MacDougall,** the galley and dining area were cleaned up.

By now most of you know, Kathy's Galley is closed. We will surely miss Kathy's weekend breakfasts as well as her great laughter. We are looking of another good cook to reopen the galley. If you know of anyone, please let me know.

I received a complaint that someone stepped in dog "stuff." A reminder to all of us who have dogs: Please watch them and pick up after them! The other alternative is to do what **Chris Stubberfield** does—he walks the point each day before leaving and picks up all the dog "stuff" regardless of whose dog it belongs to. Thanks, Chris!

Thanks to everyone who is helping to keep the Clubhouse and grounds looking great!

**YES!**  
Dinner will be served  
before our  
April Meeting!

**Our Menu**

**Ball Tip Steaks  
Potato Salad  
Beans with Sausage  
Cole Slaw  
And French Bread**

**\$8 per person**

**Prepared by  
Len Adkerson  
Dan Lynch  
John Perryman  
Kevin Wickman**

**We are limited to 50  
reservations, so contact  
Audrey (686-1167) or  
Elaine (766-6675)  
as soon as possible**

**Come join us!**



*Boat Pictures  
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April 9th  
1:00 -3:00 p.m.  
(Weather Permitting)*

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## Welcome New Associate Members

### **Rob & Brett Horton**

2760 Entrada Circle  
Antioch 94509  
Phone: 383-1804

### **Scott & Susan Wood**

2313 Silverado Drive  
Antioch 94509  
Phone: 757-8462

Invite your friends to join Sportsmen YC!



## Member Information Corner

- **Margaret Wanaka** had surgery in February. She is home and feeling better. *We wish you a speedy recovery, Margaret!*
- **Paul Larosee** had knee surgery in March. *Hurry & get better, Paul, and we'll see you at the Club soon!*
- **Herb Pekonen** was hospitalized in February. He is home and he is getting around better. *We're glad to hear you're doing better, Herb!*

## In Memory Of

*Bill Wills passed away Saturday, March 12th.*

*He and Lois have been members since 1976.*

*Bill was an avid fisherman, golfer, and general outdoorsman.*

*Our sympathy to Lois and their family.*

# Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 14th  
(Please Note Date Change)



Dinner will be  
served at 6:30 p.m.

\$10 per person

## Menu

Tamales  
Guisada (Diced Steak)  
Refried Beans  
Spanish Rice  
Flour Tortillas

Please get your reservations  
and payments  
for the dinner in to  
Audrey Coach (686-1167) or  
Elaine Rasmussen (766-6675)  
by May 1st.

Thank You!



## Address Changes

Dave Millecam  
32 Bryce Avenue  
Pittsburg 94565

Ron & Louise York  
3776 Peach Circle  
Loomis, CA 95650  
Phone: 916-652-1114



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# The Ghost of Sausalito

I have given up on you. Sleep is not to be had.

The old Ferry rocked like she was at sea last month with the goings on for the Irish amongst us. There was this gentleman walking around playing a hand organ and I believe could play any song asked of him!

You had a beer chugging contest run by your Vice Commodore - who I noticed stayed out if it... Wasn't it him a few years back that put 'em down? A coupla locals (one a school marm) signed on and when one prevailed she took on the gal from Martinez who then cleaned her clock. That lady was then put away by a kid with a baseball cap who simply swallowed without looking. Amazing!

Anyway, this evening went off without a hitch and the Corned Beef was heard to be the best ever!! Sure smelled good!

Liars dice and the bar Olympics were concurrently run by the Vice Commodore (doesn't that guy ever sit down?) with prizes for the participants who won.

Sportsmen member and **Martinez Commodore Mike Transchel** offered his gratuitous comments and he was truly taken by the love in the room - he will have a good year... Especially if he is half as effective as he was here last year.

All in all, as I tried to get a few winks in while the party wound down, it could be said that this was a complete success. I

heard a few "oh wows" and "ooo's" and "ahhs" at the new Silverton parked in the pond. It seems the resident "Bones" has bought his-self a new hole in the water. Now, if he can get the lights to turn on without turning off the radar or GPS...he will be happy.

Something semi-funny happened at the gate a few days ago. Whilst cleaning my window, I looked down the entry road and noticed a car come through the gate. Close on it's heels was a little white Bronco, with another white car close behind him. That one had some lights that kept flashing red and blue on the roof. Well, the little white Bronco made it through the gate but the larger white car (the one with all the lights) wasn't going to make it. The keeper of the gate had some serious thoughts in mind but I guess the car with all the lights was someone they knew so they opened the gate for him.

It seems the car with all the lights was waiting for a car that looked a lot like the little white Bronco who was owned by a guy they were looking for at a nearby marina. Sooo...they gave chase and that is what prompted them to visit our fair establishment.

Once it was determined the nice little man in the little White Bronco was neither fitting the description of their "desperado" but he also had some identification indicating that he was "OK and with the band...uh Ferry folks," they backed off and decided the cuffs were not necessary. But...they did give

him notice that his registration was a tad old. I know this guy ...I mean I have seen him around here and doing his wheeling and dealing...he has skin made of that new fangled slick stuff - I think they call it Teflon.

While wandering around here, I noticed a few folks like to swing on the swing out front. I gave it a try and just as I was getting in a few minutes of a cat nap some wisecre started up a tractor and I nearly jumped out of my skin. I ran over to the edge and looked down the road and what do I see...? A steam shovel with a kind of plow thing on the front tearing up the road near the septic tank. We now have the road repaired there and a little of the extra was put in a place where folks get their feet wet. That was nice of 'em. That little guy with the white Bronco got that done, ...he's everywhere.

Someone told me there were missing green vases in the Storage area for the main galley. I never had any idea you guys counted stuff. I borrowed one for some pussy willow branches I found out behind Area 4, but being that the Commodore was tearing her hair out looking for it, I decided it was better to return it where I found it. Man was she in a snit over it just "appearing" where she found it missing. Bet she thinks a ghost lurks about...humph!

-Ghost

## THANK YOU



### Thank You to Peter Rabbit's Helpers

Thanks to **Mom-Laverne Thompson, Jerry & Lee Fitzgerald, and Carol & John Hunter** for the fantastic job of filling eggs, plus donating candy.

Thanks also to **Dianne & Tony Chapman, Jackie Steele & Ken Corippo, Dave & Sharon Selvy, Erik & Jean Sieben** and **Sharon Goldsmith** for donating candy to fill the eggs.

The help of all was sincerely appreciated.  
**Barb Chapman**

# Sportsmen Yacht Club's 2nd Annual Blue Grass BBQ On the River



Featuring "John Murphy & The Carolina Special"

## Our Dinner Menu

Chicken, Tri-Tips, or Ribs  
Salad, Rolls, & Dessert

\$20 per person

Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

June 11th

From

1:00-6:00 p.m.

Reservations Information

Contact Elaine at 766-6675

or Audrey at 686-1167

Reservation Deadline is June 5th