APRIL 2006



FROM OUR COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL





Well. once again sincerely thank all of you who made it to the March Meeting and Work Party. Much

was accomplished and I know Vice and Rear Commodores **Sherry Lively & Casey Curry** will talk about it in their articles.

St Patrick's Day "weekend" was a ball! We had boaters from Martinez YC & Delta Bayliner YC joining us. You guys were a great party crowd and thanks for coming.

Doug Horton and friends took charge of the galley and put on a spectacular dinner. Assisting Doug were Jason Knox and Doug's friend, Gary Abeyta. The kids did another great job and helping serving with cleanup; there was Stubberfield, Mookie Camp, Wyatt & Jake Curry, Michael Estrada, Ethan Horton & Dustin Moody. Sherry Lively, Belynda Zobb, Kathy Larosee, Alice Gibson, Nancy Olsson, Shari Horton & Barbara Wigmore handled breakfasts, decorations, and raffle, and none could have been better. Thanks to Dr. Dan, Casey Curry, and Chris Stubberfield for a smooth flowing bar. Thanks to Lonnie **Gibson** and his helpers for managing all the boats that came in. A real big thanks to Dave Beckert who saved the day by supplying us with a last scarce electrical minute breaker that services our quest It was a real group dock. effort by Shari Horton, Mike Transchel, and Charlie Carroll to get it to the club and installed.

Of course my favorite part of the evening was the annual beer chugging contest. year, the winner of the ladies' contestants was Lee Fitzgerald and men's winner was Kevin Wickman. hemmm, both were Sportsmen I might add, with Kevin being the overall winner.

Since the party, Freda Lucido found a great deal on new 8 foot tables. **Sherry Lively** delivered them to the Club. They look nice and should provide us with years of use.

Just as we go to press, I've been informed that Bob Art has found the necessary steel Dwavne Minick for complete repairs to the ways.

As you know, we are the host Club for the annual "Opening Day on the Delta" which is April 1st this year and hope to see you all there. Our meeting is on the 7th this month, with the Work Party on the 8th. Also don't foraet that Lawnv Chapman has put together a cruise-out to Ebony Boat Club for the same weekend, the 7th—9th and they are putting on a Rhythm & Blues Party Saturday night. So get in touch with Lawny for those who are interested. Last but not least, don't forget the 15th is the Club's Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch. See you there!

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2006

- Opening Day
- Club Meeting 8
 - Work Party
- 7-9 Ebony BC - Cruise Out
- 15 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

May

- Club Meeting
- Cinco de Mayo Dinner 6
- 13 Work Party
- 27-29 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

June

- Club Meeting
- Work Party 3
- Blue Grass Festival 10
- 24 4S Try-outs



FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY





Hey Sportsmen, what a great March we had with the St. Patrick's Day festivities, a cruise-in and lots of work getting done on and around the Ferry.

Thanks for all those that helped out sooooo much. The old girl hasn't looked this good in a very long time. Thanks to Pat Thompson and his son Shawn, we have new carpet on the floor of the Ship's Store. Paul & Nancy Olsson donated the sign, so we are ready to bring in the merchandise, and ring up our first sale. Sharon Selvy did a bang up job cleaning up the laundry room. Dave, you were certainly right, "give Sharon a broom and get out of her way... Thanks, Sharon. Thanks to all who helped decorate for St. Patrick's Day. We were very festive and very green. I also want to thank Audrey Coach and Elaine Rasmussen for Work Party lunch.

We have purchased 25 new tables; they are so much lighter and easier to set up. They will certainly create less wear and tear on all our backs.

On April 1st, we are hosting Opening

Day. The theme is "Mardi Gras on the Delta." **Belynda Zobb** and **Scott Wood** are preparing dinner and I know they could use some help; it would be greatly appreciated. Sportsmen, I hope you'll all come out and join in the festivities. Boaters, there is no better way to start out the boating season than joining in the Opening Day Parade, decorated or not! Let's all pray for a nice warm spring day and no rain!!!

We have had a couple outstanding raffles, one at the Crab Feed and the other at St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to all who donated items for the raffle. We plan to have a few more raffles during the year: Opening Day, the Blue Grass Festival, and definitely the 4S. We do, however, need items for these raffles so if anyone would like to donate items we would really appreciate it.

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter.



April Happy Birthday Wishes



- 02 Pat Sebers
- 04 Paul Olsson
- 05 Sheryl MacDougall
- 07 Dave De Cato
- 07 Donna Hendricks
- 07 Ricky Scannell
- 08 Audrey Coach
- 08 Bill Coach
- 08 Doug Horton
- 09 Ann Alcorn
- 11 Tim Doolin
- 12 Arline Collins
- 15 Tori Dias
- 16 Bert Schneider
- 16 Dwayne Larosee
- 17 Louise York
- 18 Mary Wheeler
- 23 Al Fries
- 27 Casey Salva
- 27 Dolores Swart
- 28 Lillian Scampini



The March PICYA meeting was held at Bridge Marina YC in Antioch. During dinner PICYA Safety Cochairman, **John Hardin**, gave a presentation on boating safety. He asked that delegates to provide his email to their club's safety officer for communication. Safety officers can reach John at captainhardin@aol.com. John discussed electrical safety on boats as well as other safety issues. He

announced that Sacramento YC is hosting a safety seminar on Memorial Day weekend. It will be a "Train the Trainer" program.

Lenora Clark spoke about RBOC. She distributed a chart showing the RBOC Directors' assignments. Directors met in Sacramento March 21 & 22, visiting legislators to discuss pending boating issues. RBOC was successful in assisting the Lake Tahoe Region with issues last year regarding suspension of overnight mooring in Emerald Bay.

Commodore Mier reported more yachting yearbooks need to be sold

and should be available around Opening Day.

Opening Day was the main topic. Vice Commodore Collins showed examples of the Opening Day shirts. The shirts are available through our ship's store. The Vice Commodore also encouraged reservations aboard the Commodore Chardonnay, the Opening Day Committee Boat. Tickets are \$75.00 and include lunch aboard the boat.

Larry Draper announced the Blue Grass Festival on June 10 and distributed 150 flyers.

The April meeting will be at Sausalito YC.

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Flyer information is requested by the 15th. Send Newsletter information to: Shari Horton e-mail deshorton@sbcglobal.net phone 778-1680



FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE CASEY CURRY





Happy Spring everyone. I think the rain is almost over; now we can look forward to the wind.

Once again, we had a very

successful Work Party. More work was done on Area 3 headed up by Lonnie Gibson; we also finished taking down the fence near the gate and hauled away most of the trash. At the next Work Party, we will finish it up.

My next project is to start cleaning up the area by the boat ramp. Another project is to replace some light bulbs at the entrance to the Club; not as easy as it sounds, we need to rent a lift so that we can get at them. We are in the process of putting that together. I am still trying to get some more bids on the leaky roof, so bear with me.

Any more ideas? I am sure we all have some; please let me know so that we can be in ship-shape for the upcoming 4S

Thanks to everyone for all of your hard work. See you at the next Work Party.

HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



Our Ferry expert,

Bill Knorp,
recently sent me
an article that was
written by Jacob
A. Stadtfeld, a
third generation
San Franciscan.
Even though the
article was written

some time ago, I think you will find it very interesting.

Mr. Stadtfeld wrote that many of the ferries had restaurants, but the one he remembered best was the one on the Sausalito. He described it as being located below the main deck and next to the boiler room. On cold, wintry, or foggy days, he said it was very comfortable to sit up at the old oak counter, which had turned white with the constant scrubbing it received with strong lye soap. He said on the morning run you could order ham and eggs. The ham was cut 3/8 of an inch thick and was accompanied by corn meal muffins baked in the galley oven. Including hot coffee, the tab for this feast was about 40 cents and a 10 cent tip was appreciated. Adjoining the little restaurant was a small bar where the homeward bound commuter could douse down a couple of concoctions while discussing topics of the day with his friends or even the bartender who grew to know all of his regular customers by first and last names.

To make reservations on-line: Go to our web www.sportsmenyc.org, to the bottom of the Home Page and look for the event desired, then click on "Make Reservations On-Line" complete the requested information. Please note there on -line an reservation deadline.

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.

Candy, in wrappers, is needed for Our Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch! Please bring your donations of Candy to the Club Meeting on April 7th!



Now you can <u>read and/or print</u> the latest Newsletter right from our web site. Just go to the bottom of the Home Page and click on Newsletter (PDF Version). The March Newsletter is now available and it is the <u>COLOR</u> version! To get started, go to our website at: <u>www.sportsmenyc.org</u> Some members are electing to receive their Newsletter this way instead of having the black and white version mailed to them or put in their mailboxes at the Club. If you choose to get your Newsletter through the web site, please let us know so we can take you off the mailing list.

Thanks, Don & Freda (lucidos@pacbell.net)

THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO



The mornings at the ferry can be a very quiet time; especially when there are a few folks trying to be a Work Party. The morning after meeting night found you

guys digging and pulling and cutting at the old fence down by the entry. Many stalwart fellows showed up and under the guiding eye of the Commodore, you took out the fence, dug up the posts and piled them so they could be cleaned up and hauled away.

A certain Norwegian sailor showed up and the Commodore asked him if he knew who trimmed up the bush by the old gate? Uf-Dah said he didn't know but if the Commodore wanted it gone... it was gone. Just to make sure, he once more asked the Commodore if he really wanted this bush by the gate removed...after it was explained to him ...again... he reached into the back of the truck and pulled out the chain saw and finished the "pruning" that was carefully started by our very own Davey the week before. Shortly into the whacking and stacking, the chainsaw threw the chain and Uf-Dah put it into Tool Man's truck and hurt head down, walked away ...since he did the same thing to "Coasty's" saw last month. "Lonnie of the Harbor" has found a new nick-name for Uf-Dah... "Chainsaw." Y'know, it does have a More like glue...I bet "Chainsaw" won't forget this week. Ha!

I woke up the other day and had my pillow!! ...hmmm where is Cat? ...she usually has it balled up into a bed just perfect for her. I went out and there was a fine drizzle and I overheard someone talking to someone else about how cat had left the Ferry and gone to "Kitty heaven."

I just quietly walked out to the point and sat down next to the closed up trailer out there and contemplated the fire pit and thought about the dumb cat. She was always in the way and then she always made folks sneeze. She always knew who was allergic to her, always hopped up into their laps and wave her tail under their nose. But the best part of my memories of

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that damned cat was when this very "I hate cats" dog came on the scene and decided that he was going to let cat know who was boss... barking and growling with his most fierce "I eat cats" look...the cat simply backed him into a corner near the barbeques and would not let him out. Flicking her claws like switch blades, she could be heard snarling ...OK "Purina Breath" ... ya want a piece of me???"

The dog finally quit barking at her when the sun went down and he realized she had already left and was up on the upper deck, eating out of Bronco man's hand.

She was a funny cat and I think I will miss her...

Shamus Begorah! That's my green beer and Corned Beef...mmm Good. I drank too much from the glasses of beer left lying around after the beer drinking contest. I am too much of a gentleman to remark about the ladies' beer drinking contest.

Ta bed tonight ...alone tonight...G'night - Ghost

Bring your kids, grandkids, and the neighbor's kids to our Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch!
It's a fun time for everyone!

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PORT CAPTAIN COMMENTS JIM DAWSON



As we say in the Club Meetings, "No Report" at this time. No changes to any of the projects going on.

We have the Club Dinner Meetings

covered for May, June & July. Please check your calendar and let me know if you would be able to cook for August through December.

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Get your name in to Jim Dawson for the month You would like to cook the Meeting Night Dinner in 2006!

Try out your
Favorite Recipe
& we'll all thank you
for it!

YES!

Dinner will be served before our April Meeting!

<u>Our Menu</u> Chefs Surprise

\$9.00 per person

Prepared by one or some of our many Surprise Chefs!

We are limited to 50 reservations, so contact Audrey Coach, Elaine Rasmussen, or make your reservations on-line as soon as possible

Come join us!

Some pictures from our St. Patrick's Day Party!



Our cooks
prepared a
fabulous
Corned Beef &
Cabbage
Dinner!

Thanks to Doug Horton's Crew!







Our Beer Drinking Contest
was won by Lee Fitzgerald
for the Ladies' Contest and
Kevin Wickman for the
Men's Contest.
The Overall Contest was
also won by Kevin, but just
barely!

There were plenty of people to cheer them on!







MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER



• Chris Yarbrough is home from the hospital following the surgery in March on his neck. He will be in a cast for a while, but hopefully will be able to get in a few card games while he's recuperating!

Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 6th



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!

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OPENING DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

\$12.50 per person

The Evening's Dinner Menu Chicken Marsala, Roasted Red Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Rolls & Butter, Fruit Cobbler

Parade Begins at the Antioch Bridge Approximately 1:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails 5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner at Sportsmen YC 6:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony 7:30 p.m. Everyone is Welcome!

To Make Your Reservations

Contact Audrey Coach at 686-1167 or Elaine Rasmussen at 766-6675 On-line Reservations Available Sportsmen YC is hosting this year's event

Invited Guests Are:
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Diablo YC
Driftwood YC
Ebony YC
Pittsburg YC



