

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2008



**COMMODORE  
CASEY CURRY**

A good time was had by all at the St. Patrick's Dinner in March. Everyone who attended seemed to have a good time. If I did my head count correctly, we had about 85 people at the event. It seems that compared to the dinners of past, we were quite a bit shy in the turnout of membership participation. I guess it's a sign of the times, the economy and all. A big thanks to Doug Horton, Gary Abeyta, and Scott Wood for doing a fabulous job in the galley. They spent all day preparing the meal. Their efforts certainly were not in vain as every part of the dinner was fabulous. Thanks Guys! I would also like to thank "Chef" Paul for cleaning the bar as well as the galley before the dinner.

Thanks to Steve Martinez and crew for keeping the libations flowing at a blistering pace. Great job! Amy Dawson did a great job setting the tables and making sure everything looked just right. The decorations looked fantastic because of the efforts of Alice Gibson, Shirley Karr, and Shari Horton. I showed up Sunday morning to begin the clean-up process, but Chef Paul had about 95% of the work done. Galley clean, tables cleaned and put away, floors swept and mopped. Big Kudos to Paul. Thank You.

Jackie Steele "ramrodded" the raffle with great success. It's hard to say no when she looks you in the eye and says, "Buy some tickets, O.K.?" As I mentioned during the raffle, a big majority of our raffle prizes were donated by Gene of *Hook, Line, & Sinker*. Thank you, Gene, for your generosity.

The I.O.B.G. held their local chapter meeting at the Club on Sunday, March 2nd. They had about 30 people in attendance all dressed up in the traditional blue blazers. I served rolls, bear claws, coffee, and juice along with a few Bloody Mary's. I know one thing for sure, I need to learn how to make better coffee but everyone seemed to enjoy our hospitality.

Even though we have a Work Party on April 5th, Opening Day on the Delta will commence as well.

Diablo YC will be cruising-in to our Club on April 19 and staying the weekend. They have planned a "Toga Party" for Saturday and of course invited our Club members to join in on the fun. "Toga, Toga, Toga!!"

Keep in mind that even though I forgot to put Cinco de Mayo on the annual calendar, Anita Hines has volunteered to head-up this event. Rumor has it we will have games following the dinner. How about a Mexican Train marathon? (No experience necessary to play.) Please let us know ASAP if you will be attending. I will ask Don and Freda to

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*...Showers bring May flowers!*



**VICE COMMODORE  
PAT SEBERS**

April is here; spring is springing. It is like someone turned on the sunshine switch – super weather to be on the water. I've been doing a lot of clean up on the Delta Swan – I did not realize dirt accumulates in "event layers." I found three red "safety cups" in one of the fish holds. Must have been from the Rio Vista cruise-out LAST YEAR...I know who they belong to and will return the favor. Simple Green and elbow grease cleans all. I am glad the memories are not wiped away.

March's meeting dinner of tamales cooked by Associates Tina Tapp and served by Bryan Tapp was outstanding. Bryan Tapp has a unique portioning method for the amount of food he serves you; he looks at what gym you go to (and how often), then serves enough food to maintain your current body weight. I will ask Gary Abeyta to order larger plates.

The Work Party saw a lot accomplished in the "South Forty." John Perryman, Dan Perryman, Lenny Adkerson, Jim Hill, Rod Kreiss, Rod Miller, Roger Mammon, and Gary Ridolfi moved many trailers around to make room for relocation of the dredge. Gary Ridolfi, using his loader, tractor, and truck cable crane made the job go smoothly and

safely. Thank you, Gary, for using all your expensive equipment for the Sportsmen's benefit. It amazes me the lengths some people will go to...to not get dirty at a Work Party... Please forgive me if I forgot some names.

St. Patrick's Day was a blast. I did not realize we had so many Irish members! Doug Horton, Gary Abeyta, and Scott Wood did a fine job. It was funny watching Chef Paul, a trained chef – he can't walk past a pot without lifting the lid on the boiling corned beef. Go figure...

The cruise-out to Rio Vista will be history by the time you receive this Newsletter; I'll fill in any juicy details in  
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### REAR COMMODORE STEVE MARTINEZ

I would like to thank everyone for making such a successful St. Patty's Day Party and helping out behind the bar. A thank you to Chef Paul for cleaning up before the Corned Beef & Cabbage was served.

A special thanks to Tina & Bryan Tapp for deep cleaning the bar area at the Work Party.

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to have stocked at the bar (within realistic limits), let me know and I will check into it.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who has gone behind the bar to help serve and clean up; you are what makes this Club special and unique.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

### APRIL

4 Club Meeting & Dinner  
5 Opening Day  
5 Work Party  
19-20 Diablo YC Cruise-In

### MAY

2 Club Meeting & Dinner  
3 Work Party  
3 Cinco de Mayo Dinner  
24-26 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

### JUNE

6 Club Meeting & Dinner  
7 50 Bash & Tower Park Cruise-In  
21 4S Try Outs

**Please Note Our Calendar Change!**  
Opening Day is now scheduled for Saturday, April 5th.  
See details on Page 3 in this Newsletter.

Help us keep our records up to date!  
If you have a change in address, phone number, boat ownership, etc., please notify Freda or Don at 228-3609.  
Thanks!



### Address Changes

Robert M.

Bert & Sandie S.

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

### New Members

Kelly & Nancy B.



## Member Information Corner

- Lee F. was hospitalized in March with chest pains. She was treated and is now home and feeling much better.
- Keith H. was briefly hospitalized in March. He is now doing well.
- John H. is doing fine following a few days in the hospital in February.
- Armi Fe R. had surgery the end of February. She is home now and doing fine.
- Sheila R. recently had surgery. Details are not available at the time we are going to print.
- Pat S. was hospitalized in March. She is home now and expecting to have surgery in April.
- Ray T. was hospitalized in March. He is home now and doing better.

(Last names omitted for the web version.)

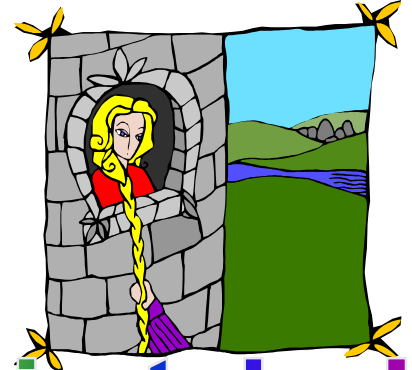


**Reminder!**  
**2nd Quarter**  
**Dues & Fees are due.**

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.  
Send articles to:  
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# 2008 Opening Day Parade



This year's theme is

## Children's Fairytales!

Hosted by Bridge Marina YC, this year's parade will also include boats from Pittsburg YC, Ebony BC, Sportsmen YC, and Driftwood YC

- Saturday, April 5th, meet under the Antioch Bridge at 12:30 p.m.—Monitor Channel 68
- The port side of boats will be judged
- See our Fleet Captain, Jackie Steele, for sign-up sheets and parade entry forms
- Dinner reservations must be received by Tuesday, April 1st. Contact Jackie at 455-8065 or email [behindthescenes@comcast.net](mailto:behindthescenes@comcast.net)
- Cocktails at BMYC immediately following the parade
- Chili Cook-Off Contest
- BBQ Chicken & Ribs dinner at 5:30 p.m. includes Chili, Soups, Salad, & Dessert—\$12 adults and \$6 for ages 15 & under
- Music, dancing, & raffle following dinner

Let's make a great showing for Sportsmen!



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## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

The legendary Delta King and Delta Queen ran from San Francisco to Sacramento from 1927 to 1940. Both of these marvelous ships can still be boarded. It is still possible to take a cruise on the Delta Queen on the Mississippi River or you can stay on the Delta King, which is a floating hotel in Sacramento.

In the early days overnight steamers were an important part of the American transportation system. They ran between

the two cities with dinnertime departures and early morning arrivals. The trip would start with a relaxing dinner while watching the scenery pass by. People preferred a berth on the night boat over a train car because of train delays and the noise levels.

The Delta King was brought back from derelict status and the Delta Queen has survived because of her wooden superstructure. It would be hasty to think that these old steamers will last forever. It is costly to maintain these vessels and, as many ships of any sort, they cannot go on forever.

If you have a chance, try to experience one or both of these magnificent ships while we can.



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

Our March cruise-out was to Delta Marina in Rio Vista. Because our deadline for articles often times hits before our event, we will have to wait one month before commenting on the success of the outing!

Our April event will be the Opening Day - the decoration theme is Children's Fairytales, and the date is Saturday, April 5th. We have some very creative members who I know will compete for top prizes!

For those of us strapped with work schedules that sometimes choke out fun times (darn it), remember that your boat can be adorned with flags and banners and still be in the running for top prizes! Please, no balloons, because they were banned some time ago due to damage in the river / bay areas. Need help decorating? Let's all get together and help one another; I'd love to see many boats from Sportsmen in the event. The awards and dinner is being provided by Bridge YC, our hosts for this year. They will have a Chili Cook-Off contest prior to serving dinner, and because our Chili Cook-Off is one week prior, I hope you chefs will reserve some of your Delta Chili for this taste contest....no way Sportsmen wouldn't win since we are experts at Delta Chili....heh, heh, heh. So, go make it a great Rio Vista cruise-out with Chili Contest, and let's duplicate the winnings at the Opening Day Ceremonies!!!

Safe boating, and I'll see you on the river! "Jackie Oh!"



Happy Birthday  
to our  
April Babies!

- 02 Floyd Simpson
- 02 Pat Sebers
- 04 Paul Olsson
- 05 Sheryl MacDougall
- 07 Dave DeCato
- 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
- 18 Denise Stroer
- 18 Mary Wheeler
- 23 Al Fries
- 27 Casey Salva
- 27 Dolores Swart
- 28 Lillian Scampini

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have a reservation icon on the web site so you can make your reservations on-line. Details are also in this newsletter and we believe this is going to be a fun evening at the Club!

I am still in process of getting bids on our leaky roof. I will keep everyone posted.

Safe Boating

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**AFTER THE DINNER**

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**PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS  
JIM DAWSON**

Many thanks to Dave MacDougall, Casey Curry, Amy Dawson, Mike Hoskins for relief caretaking; as you all know we need relief caretakers. The time starts 8pm Friday evening and continuing through 8pm Sunday evening. Please sign up on the bulletin board near the shuffleboard table. Cabin 9 has been worked on to be the relief caretaker's cabin. A new air bed has been purchased for the cabin; relief caretakers only need to supply their own bedding for the weekend.

Thanks to Chuck Carroll & crew for cleaning up the tool room, thanks also to Dennis Higgins & crew for cleaning out the cabin next to tool room. These two cabins will be rented before the April meeting.

Thank you to the crew that cleaned up the lower back deck – looks much better. Some smoke alarm batteries have been replaced but not all. Please see me if your cabin needs a battery.

I was surprised at March's Work Party that a boat was anchored in front of the Club. I noticed many members admiring the boat, but I personally did not see any fish landed. Must not be a good fishing hole.

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next month's article. Hopefully, we had some new cruisers join us and we were all still friends after the chili cook-off.

Don't forget Opening Day on April 5th. They tell me the theme this year is Children's Fairytales, so we should have no trouble coming up with great ideas for that event. "Once upon a time..."

I (still) love this place!



**WORK PARTY  
CORNER  
CHUCK CARROLL**

Once again, I would like to thank everybody who came to the March Work Party. It's always good to see so many great folks show up!

We got more cabins cleared out for renting to members and this will help provide more income for the Club. We have the Tool/Storage Room very organized and it now has a new floor. We will keep it locked from now on, but I will not refuse any member a key to the lock. If you believe you need access, just see me and I'll give you a key.

As you can tell by the condition our south deck was in over the past two months, we got rid of a lot of excess junk. Now that we're well organized, let's all keep it

that way for each other.

After the Work Party, we all gathered on the patio like we always do to have a "cold one." The only problem, there was no beer or CO2! I don't want to mention any names, but the Club officer in charge of making sure the Work Party workers can have a beer after a long day of working hard was fishing nearby on his boat. Although he was getting skunked, he didn't seem to mind because he had plenty of beer on board!

Moving on, Dave Beckert has been working on the Ways and has all the electrical rerouted and should be installing the new switch gear by the end of March.

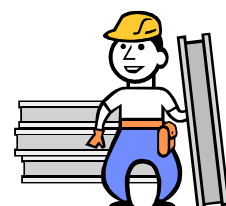
Keith Hammer has been working on the furnace in the Caretaker's trailer. Thanks, Keith, for getting it working again.

Spring is here and it's time to get a lot more outside work done. We specifically need to address both sides of the Ferry (east and west). For you members who

have pickups full of "tools of the trade," please show up to help with shoring up the Ferry.

Here are the people we especially want to thank for helping out in March:

Len Adkerson, Ed Collins, Casey Curry, Jim & Darlene Dawson, Joe & Carol Fray, Bob Garrett, Lonnie & Alice Gibson, Dennis Higgins, Jim Hill, Rick Hinds, Shari Horton, Rod Kreiss, Bob & Shirley Karr, Jerry Kent, Tim Lamb, Don & Freda Lucido, Dave MacDougall, Roger Mammon, Rod Miller, Dwayne Minick, Russ & Cheryl Morgan, Steve Nicholas, William & Kelly Odum, Harry Parker, Dan Perryman, John Perryman, Garry Ridolfi, Pat Sebers, Brian & Tina Tapp, Michael & Michelle Tranate, and Scott Wigmore.



**Our April Meeting Dinner Menu**

**Country Roast Beef  
w/potatoes & carrots  
Tossed Green Salad  
Vegetable Medley  
Rolls & Butter**

**\$10 per person**

**Prepared by  
Jay Ward & the Fresno Guys**

**Come join us!**

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



## THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO

Sometimes it pays to be a ghost. I got wind around here of a quiet departure of a certain Virgin Surgeon and his now retired Commodore, along with the Warden and his comely wifey babe...where, you say? Why ...Hi-Wy-Yah! Where else?? Now for the opener... not being seen, I managed to squeeze into the overnight bag of the Warden's lady and soon was winging it over the sea to the sunny (?) shores of Da Big Island. ...Sweet. People sure talk funny there.

We arrived and I never expected the blast of humidity that hit me ...yes ghosts can feel moisture...it just passes through us...well I guess you all have that problem too, with certain liquids...beer comes to mind. Anyway I digress. Did you know that there is a volcano there? Well there is and for the entire time we were there we saw, felt and breathed the mixture of soot, gas and rain the entire time.

The Virgin surgeon's Commodore was hit with some terrorist's idea of fun... the flu. So she stayed in the hotel nearly the whole time I was there...napping and watching hula contests and ukulele stringing instructions on their version of PBS. That is one unhappy lady.

I had never been there except for a stint in the Great White Fleet following Teddy around the globe. That was a wonder. When we pulled into port, the hosts would know that we were able to be anywhere any-time and do anything we needed to do. Too bad you guys can't find someone to do that again today... again I digress.

Well, after the Warden had his fill and in spite of the VOG (volcano fog) he and the crazy woman ...what we call her now... managed to get tans and packed up and headed back to the Ferry. I was just getting interested in the grass skirt industry too. Met this gal named Awe'aana who could really shake that thing. Seems she was related to the big Kahuna - King Kamahameha. She also knows this gal Pele' who is making all the stink around here and land ...about 10 sq miles of it and growing.

I slipped into the bag and took a nap...next thing ya know I was at the work party with the Warden hacking and sneezing all over the place. He loaded the truck up with bottles and headed out the gate not to be seen again.

Speaking of not to be seen. Has anyone seen the Rear? That was the call all morning on work party day... it seems the Pile Driver took leave of the joint and anchored off shore just out of reach and went fishing...uuuh didn't anyone remind him there were some items on the back deck?

Oh well I actually admired the guy for having the chutzpah to do it. It was especially interesting to see the "Great One" ...Chuck standing in the BBQ area with an empty red cup yelling out the window ..."HEY REAR!!! We're outta BEER...!!!" It seems the Pile Driver forgot that small detail.

...On work party day??!! Chuck kept hollering "...you got any associates out there with you???" ..."Ooh and don't you worry about all the junk on the bunk in back, we got that taken care of too...!!!" #(\*&^%&\*&\*9\*!! He sure is cute, with the chubby little pink cheeks and all. Maaan is Pile Driver never gonna live this down?...



## PICYA Report Larry Draper

The PICYA delegate meeting was held at Coyote Point YC on March 3rd. Opening Day was the focus, as well as the Leadership Conference. Vice Commodore Bill Needham (St. Francis YC) encouraged boaters to participate in Opening Day celebrations on the SF Bay, the South Bay and the Delta. Space on the Committee Boat is still available. Sweatshirts and T-shirts are available from the Embroidery Factory. Registration forms for the event are on the PICYA website.

Rear Commodore Reg Smith (Treasure Island YC) distributed the agenda for the Leadership Conference at Richmond YC on March 22nd. It was open to all members and most important for those wishing to advance through the chairs of their Club. The cost was \$25.00 and included morning coffee and lunch.

We were reminded about the three \$2500.00 scholarships being awarded by PICYA and Western Boating Safety Group. The deadline for application is

June 30th. It is open to any graduating student or continuing college student. They must have a parent or grandparent who are members of a PICYA club.

The PICYA yearbook will be available April 7 at the Delegates Meeting at Aeolian YC.

PICYA is planning a fall cruise from October 25 to Nov 1 from LA to the Mexican Riviera. This is a fundraiser for PICYA and is open to everyone.

Lenora Clark RBOC Director is heading up the Regional Affairs Committee and is looking for people who are interested in RBOC to work with the Board. There are six regions; N. Delta, S. Delta, N. Bay, S. Bay, E. Bay and Tahoe region. Lenore was questioned on the copper bottom paint issue. She reported that Copper Based Paint studies in California are still ongoing. Copper is leaching, but an expanded study of copper and other metals by the commission will be continuing. This will be a 12-15 year study. Copper has not been deregulated. For RBOC updated information and Call-To-Arms, please check their website.

Links to both the PICYA and RBOC web sites are available on the Sportsmen web site: [www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)

I love this place. (Sorry Vice)

I hear we had a little wind whilst I was gone. Norsky was seen, using a fishing net to retrieve the kids' life jackets which blew into the pond. He musta been around the Warden too, cause he started hacking and sneezing and was last seen sliding out the gate for home. I tell ya...this bug is a plant from some terrorist...it has everyone wiping their nose or coughing up fish bait.

One of the blessings of being dead is you can't get this stuff. But you really get to pull shenanigans... Speaking of which. Those of you who stayed home on St. Patty's night really missed a night. The Commode put on a great dinner and, surprise of surprises, a DJ who, believe it or not, had everyone up and dancing!!

All night. What a great time. I even got up and jumped around a bit. Too bad you can't see me. I really could cut a rug back when.

Boy was there a turnout for BNO on Wednesday! Charles the Great, provided NY Steaks and baked potatoes with veggies. No one saw that coming. But y'know what they say about the Delta Telegraph...word spread and the attendance swelled from 5 to 35 in a heart beat. The best part was watching his daughter jump up on a box and do ALL of the dishes in the scullery. Now *that* is family.

The cat was glad to see me. It cuddled under my arm just as I crawled into our space and purred... nice to be back.

After having winning tickets at the St. Patrick's Dinner Raffle, it looks like Roger & Doug have just one question: "Where's the Genie?"

