

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

#### April

- 3 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 4 Opening Day on the River
- 11 Work Party

#### May

- 1 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 2 Cinco de Mayo Dinner Party
- 9 Work Party
- 23-25 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

#### June

- 5 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 6 Work Party
- 27 4S Try-Outs



**COMMODORE**  
**STEVE MARTINEZ**  
"DIRTY STEVIE MARTINI"

Hello everybody! It's already April. Eight months left, but who's counting? We have had some big accomplishments lately in the Club. I would like to thank Mike Stroer, from Stroer & Graff Pile Driving, Floyd Simpson, Isaac Barrett, and Garry Ridolfi who worked with me and for a job well done shoring up the ferry and for driving the pile for Areas 2 & 3. Area 4 should be completed soon. Once again thanks to all of those that helped. We did save the Club an astronomical amount of money.

St. Patrick's Day dinner was an absolute gigantic success! The bar, the food, the cruise-in, the beer drinking contest were the best that I've seen. My hats off to Doug Horton, Scott Wood, Gary Abeyta for the great job in the galley and to Kelly & William Odum and all the others who helped behind the bar. Thanks to

Chuck Carroll for running the Beer Drinking Contest and all the participants who made this such a special event. The folks from the Bayliner Club and Diablo YC let me know they felt welcome and had a great time. I want to thank all of them for coming.

Opening Day is coming up April 4th. This should be a great, fun day and it's being held at Sportsmen this year. Please be sure to attend.

Every event we've had so far this year has gone over the top of recent past events. It's due to the support and great members of this Club. Thank you! Rock & Roll!!



**VICE COMMODORE**  
**CHARLIE KATUSICH**

Hi! Yet another month... The March Work Party was productive and good, and so was participation by all. The projects advanced and are nearing completion. I want to thank everyone for their participation and help. I also

want to thank the kitchen staff for the lunch.

The April Work Party should be a day to come and participate; the weather should be great. We always have a lot to accomplish to keep this old place up and running.

My family and I had a very enjoyable time at the St. Patrick's Day Party. Thanks to everyone who helped; decorating, preparing the food, the beer drinking contest and the bar.





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**REAR COMMODORE  
BOB KARR**

The weather in March came in like a lion, but is leaving like a kitten with many warm spring-like days.

March was also a busy month for Club activities commencing with a Work Party organized by Steve Martinez that utilized a crane and excavator to do remedial work in various areas of our marina. A significant amount of work was completed during the weekend. A special thanks to Isaac Barrett who spent hours in the mud and water under the starboard side of the ferry cutting, fabricating and welding structural steel.

The next event was the monthly meeting and dinner. The dinner was prepared by Ann Marie Alcorn with the dessert being prepared by Shirley Karr. Everything was delicious.

On Thursday, March 12th, Jim Dawson was instrumental in "convincing" Contra Costa County Public Works folks to repair a deepening sink-hole at the front gate. The hole was about two feet deep and two feet wide. Jim was going fishing when we called him but he

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**PICYA Report**  
Darlene Dawson

Traditionally, April is Opening Day month, the day boaters in the cooler climates put their boats back in the water and parade them around showing off their fresh paint and various other improvements. Those of us fortunate to boat year-round, decorate to a theme and parade for all to see. This year's theme for the 93rd Opening Day on the Bay is "Legends of the Sea." The San Francisco waterfront boasts one of the largest Opening Day Parades in the United States.

The event will start with the 47th Blessing of the Fleet (pleasure crafts), sponsored by Corinthian YC in Tiburon. The parade begins at noon and can be viewed from west of the Marina Green to Pier 39. For \$65 to \$75, you can board the committee boat, *Empress Hornblower*, at Encinal YC. The cost includes a cruise on San Francisco Bay, light breakfast, gourmet lunch, and one of the best views of the parade of boats. Kudos to PICYA, Parker Diving Service, and Boat U.S.

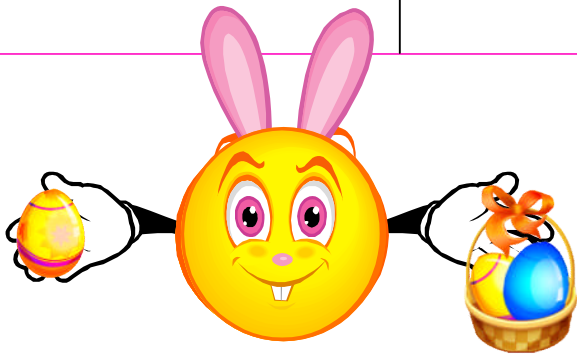
If you have questions about or would like to participate in Opening Day on the Bay, visit PICYA website at [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) or call committee chairman, Reginald Smith, 415-902-6147.

### PICYA's Upcoming Events

- Apr. 6 Delegates' Dinner Meeting, Aeolian YC
- Apr. 26 Opening Day on the Bay "Legends of the Sea"
- May. 4 Delegates' Dinner Meeting, Oyster Point YC



This spectacular official Opening Day on the Bay poster was rendered by Harley Gee of the Richmond YC.



No new members or address changes  
this month—  
So, we'll just take this opportunity  
To wish all of you.....



### Member Information Corner

- Audrey had knee surgery and is doing good! *Audrey, we hope your recovery is speedy!*
- Mary is getting a third opinion at Stanford. *Mary, You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the doctors have wisdom to know the best treatment for you.*



*Newsletter articles are due by the 18th of each month.*

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

It certainly appears that Spring is here and let's hope that clear skies and calm seas greet us on April 4th for our Opening Day on the River. This boat parade represents the kickoff of the boating season and should be a fun event for all. Please give some thought to the decorating theme this year, "Legends of the Sea" and decorate your boat and yourselves accordingly! Sportsmen YC is hosting the event and you'll want to get your dinner reservations in early for the post-parade gathering on our top deck.

Our newsletter articles are due before the end of each month and therefore I have not yet discovered who won the Clam Chowder Cook-Off or the Treasure Hunt at Rio Vista. Ah yes, unless you attend, you won't know for another month! We seem to have a good number of boats going and a nice complement of RV'ers joining us for the frivolities at the Delta Marina harbor docks. Winners and other foibles will be announced at our April meeting.

No other cruise-outs are planned until Memorial Weekend – details to follow.

See you on the River!



**Reminder!  
2nd Quarter  
dues & fees  
are past due!**



**HISTORIAN'S NOTES  
KATHIE HAMMER**

Don Lucido recently sent me a wonderful article from the Martinez News Gazette dated 1849-1962. It is titled "*THE PASSING OF ANOTHER TRANSPORTATION ERA, THE MARTINEZ-BENICIA FERRY SYSTEM.*"

It starts with a story from the early days prior to the Gold Rush. A gentleman by the name of Dr. Semple, of Benicia, often had occasion to cross the Carquinez Straits on business. Whenever he wanted to return to Benicia, he would make smoke signals on the Martinez side and his friends would send over a boat to pick him up and take him home. Shortly, there was a need for an organized system and in 1849 he established the first ferry running from a point now the site of Alhambra Cemetery in Martinez. The boat was propelled by oars at first and then a wheel was put on and run by horsepower.

In 1851, Captain O.C. Coffin put on the first flat bottom boat, the "IONE" and carried passengers from Antioch to Collinsville. He later brought the boat to Martinez, remodeled it, as it had been run by horsepower, put in an engine and gave regular service between Martinez and Benicia until July 1854. There was no ferry slip or wharf at that time. An apron was used to land passengers and vehicles. The landing was at the foot of Ferry Street. Later the "IONE" became a float for a pile driver and when her days of usefulness were over she was run aground in the tules and her hull gradually rotted.

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interrupted his trip to take care of the problem.

Saturday, the 14th, was the St. Patrick's Day Party and it was a huge success. Doug Horton, with help from Gary Abeyta and Scott Wood, worked for hours in the galley preparing a great Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. The dinner was sold out with about 175 attendees, including members of the Delta Bayliner Club and Diablo YC attending. (It was fun watching Lonnie Gibson shoehorn 14 boats from 28 feet to 47 feet in length into the harbor). Raffle prizes were selected by Sherry Lively and



**PORT CAPTAIN'S  
COMMENTS  
JIM DAWSON**

Thanks to the relief caretakers in March. We still have openings in April to fill; sign up if you can. For those of you reading this article and are thinking how much fun it would be to a relief caretaker, but don't have the time to sign up, please call me and I will write you in on the calendar. April is a great month to caretake due to the weather.

Contra Costa County has been called to repair the sinkhole developing at our front gate; USA has already been out to mark the area to start the repairs. We found a two foot wide and 3 foot deep hole which developed due to a faulty four foot pipe. The repairs should be completed within the next couple of weeks. Automobile access may be restricted during the repairs. Thanks to Gary Ridolfi for lending us and setting the trench plate.



Alice Gibson; ticket sales were conducted by Alice. A single-item raffle for a very nice rod and reel combination purchased from Hook, Line & Sinker was won by Kelly Odom. Good fishing, Kelly and William.

This article is longer than normal for me, but I hope it will remind everyone that it takes a lot of help from a lot of members to keep this place operating properly and safely. Volunteers are needed prior to, during, and after every function. Please help when you can.



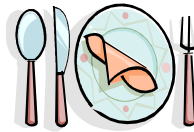
# Happy Birthday!

## 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



## April's Meeting Dinner Menu



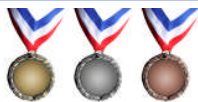
Lasagna  
Salad  
French bread  
Dessert



Meal By:  
Paulette Hoskins

**Come join us!**

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



## Save the Date!



**The 2009 4S  
at Sacramento YC  
is scheduled for  
July 17th-19th**



## From our Harbor Captain

If you have a boat berthed at our harbor, please send a copy of insurance confirmation for your vessel to the Club—my attention.

Thanks,  
Lonnie Gibson







*Our St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance was one fun night!  
Thanks to everyone who came out and those who worked so hard to make it a success!*



### *In Memory Of*

*Chuck Kotecki passed away on March 9, 2009. He had been a member since 1985 and loved to be at the Club! He was always ready to help at our Work Parties and was part of the team who worked on the Dredging Project a few years ago. He frequently came out to the Wednesday night Boys Night Out dinners. He loved to get in his boat, Lucky Chuckie, and go fishing! He was a volunteer for the Coast Guard Auxiliary and was happy to perform safety checks on many members' boats over the years. He is remembered by many for his big smile. Services were held on March 14th.*

*Zeb Lamphear passed away on March 14, 2009. He and his wife, Olga, were married for 54 years; she passed away in 2008. Zeb had a long history with our Club, starting as our Caretaker in the 1960s. Then he became the manager for San Joaquin Yacht Harbor and remained there for 20+ years. In 2004, he became a member of our Club. Zeb always had a great story to tell about incidents that happened while he was our Caretaker! He knew more about some of our members than they really wanted him to know. He was a man who could take on anyone and yet he had a big heart to help others too. No service will be held in accordance with Zeb's wishes.*

*Both of these men will be missed in our hearts. Our sincere sympathy to their families and loved ones.*



# Opening Day on the Delta 2009

This year's theme: Legends of the Sea

Saturday, April 4th

Hosted by Sportsmen YC

Bridge Marina, Driftwood, Ebony, and Pittsburg Yacht Clubs have been invited

- Meet under the Antioch Bridge at 12:30 p.m.
- Monitor Channel 68
- The starboard side of boats will be judged; place parade numbers on starboard side
- Everyone is invited to cruise-in to Sportsmen
- Our Bar will be open immediately following the parade
- BBQ Chicken Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.  
Includes Baked Beans, Salad, & French Bread
- Dinner reservations are requested by Tuesday, March 31st.  
Go on-line to [www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org) or call Cindy Mammon at 625-0590
- Dinner prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under
- Awards will be presented following the dinner



**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 7:00 P.M.**  
**MENU: PORK POZOLE, PORK CARNITAS,**  
**RICE & BEANS, SALSA & CHIPS,**  
**DESSERT**

**DINNER PREPARED BY KELLY ODUM & FRIENDS**  
**DESSERT BY SHIRLEY KARR**

**\$15 PER PERSON**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 27TH**  
**MAKE RESERVATIONS ON-LINE OR CALL CINDY AT 625-0590**

**EVERYONE INVITED! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!**

**JOIN THE GAMES TOURNAMENT**  
**FOLLOWING DINNER!**



**JOE FRAY WILL BE**  
**MAKING HIS FAMOUS**  
**MARGARITAS!!!**

