

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN



- 2 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 3 Opening Day
- 10 Work Party
- 16-18 Delta Marina Cruise-Out  
at Rio Vista



- 1 Cinco de Mayo Dinner
- 7 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 8 Work Party
- 14-16 Caliente Isle YC Cruise-Out  
& Toga Party



- 4 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 5 Work Party
- 12 4S Try-Outs



**COMMODORE  
BOB KARR**

Spring has sprung! I am sitting in front of a keyboard and screen wishing I was outside enjoying more of this great weather; however, the newsletter deadline is upon me. I am in the lower Sierra Nevada mountains with 70+ degree days and cool nights that still require a fire in the fireplace. Life doesn't get much better!

A lot has been going on at the Club since the February-March newsletter was published. Our Crab Feed was its usual success. Everyone was stuffed by the end of the evening and we still had extra crab to sell. I am told the quantity of Bloody Mary's provided to the crab cracking crew was also more than adequate. I would like to thank Joe Fray for providing a road-worthy vehicle for Floyd Simpson and me to pick up the crab in Alameda.

The Super Bowl Party was also a fun event. It was a clash of pro football titans followed by a New York Steak Dinner hosted by Chuck and Ann English. I'm already looking forward to this year's football season which will again include Monday Night Football dinners by Chuck and Ann.

We've had four birthday parties at the Club already this year. One was for Jacqueline Downs, the fiancé of Garry Ridolfi, Val Sarancha, and Joe Fray and Casey & Diane Curry's son, Wyatt. I have to sing *Happy Birthday* a lot here!

The St. Patrick's Day Party was a very nice event. At the Beer Drinking Contest, I thought I could drink beer like a "pro," but I lost in the first round so I guess that means I'm still at the "amateur" level! The corned beef dinner prepared by Doug Horton, Chef Paul, and Gary Abeyta was great. We fed about 130 people that evening.

Speaking of feeding a lot of people, if you haven't checked out our new Wolf Stove, you should. It is a state-of-the-art commercial grade stove that makes preparing large dinners so much easier. It is exactly what we needed. Thanks to Scott Jett for making it happen. Thanks also to Russ Lord for donating the dishwasher for use in the Caretaker's Quarters and to Casey Curry, Joe Fray, Don Wilson, and Harry Parker for their work efforts.

Before I close to check out the sunset, I want to remind you of our Rio Vista Cruise-Out and RV Event in April. If you do not plan to attend for the entire weekend, you may wish to consider driving over for the day. It's a lot of fun!

See ya!



**VICE COMMODORE  
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Here we are—it's April already! March was a very productive month and we got a lot done at the Club. We had a great turnout at the March Work Party; about 35 members showed up. The Caretaker has moved into their new home. The front levee has been repaired and we will be putting the finishing touches on it soon.

The Club is coming along very well and it should look nice for the upcoming 4S games. Floyd and his crew are coming right along with their work under the Ferry and, if the weather stays nice, it

should be completed soon.

The Dry Storage is being worked on and getting cleaned up nicely. Once the trailers are rearranged, we should have room to park more boat trailers.

We have had so much going on and so many folks jumping in to help around the Club, I want to thank each and every one of you who have been helping out.

Thanks to Shirley Karr and the ladies who always provide a fantastic lunch for our Work Parties.

Let's all keep up the good work and enjoy the nice weather at the Club!

See you there!





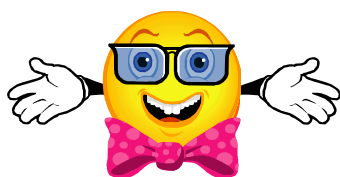
**REAR COMMODORE  
WILLIAM ODUM**

March faded away fast and spring has sprung on the Delta. We had an awesome St. Patrick's Day Party; thanks to Doug Horton and his crew for cooking a great dinner! The beer drinking contest went off without a hitch this year. Special thanks to Chuck Carroll, master of the contest, and Kelly Odum, our Bar Manager.

Thanks to everyone who helps behind the bar and helps carry the bar supplies up to the upper deck.

The fish are biting, so get out there and do some fishing. Kelly and I did some sturgeon fishing on the *Stickem Sportfishing* with Captain Jeremy Kangas out of Martinez. We had limits of sturgeon for four people. We kept two and released the other two keepers to be caught another day. Good luck and hope to see you on the water.

Happy Easter to all of you and your families.



**Welcome New Members**

Barbara Maldon

Erik and Michelle Smith

Louie and Tammy Rocha

Diane Van Pelt

### Address Change

Chris Smith

Addresses and phone numbers not available  
for the web version of this Newsletter

### April Meeting Dinner Menu



**Short Ribs**  
Twice Baked Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Salad  
Dessert



Prepared by Shirley Karr

**Meeting Dinners are \$10 per person**

**Come join us!**

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



Congratulations to Jim McCoy! Jim and his wife, Robin, live in Idaho now. While down here for a hunting trip, he was able to take time out for our March General Membership Meeting where he was awarded his Life Membership Award.

*We wish each of you a speedy  
recovery!*



- Henri H. has been fighting bugs all winter. She's beginning to feel better and is glad spring is here!
- Jean N. was hospitalized recently. We hope you're feeling better soon, Jean.

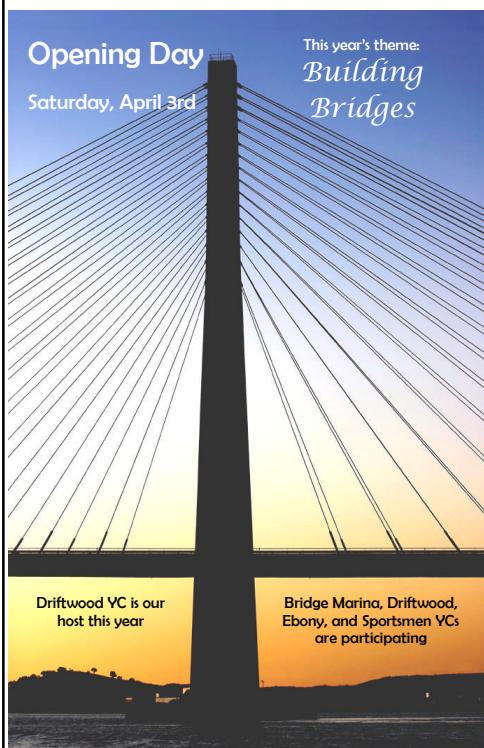
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### HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

In the 1930's, you would see long lines of people at the Northwestern Pacific Railroad's ticket window in the San Francisco Ferry Building. It would start at 7:00 am as vacationers bought tickets to travel to vacationland along the Russian River. These people were heading for Monte Rio and Guerneville Park. The big sliding door would open at exactly 7:45 to board the ferry boat to Sausalito where you climbed aboard the steam trains. The gate keeper would call out, "*All Aboard for Point Reyes, Tomales, Occidental, Camp Meeker, Monte Rio, Duncan Mills, and Cazadero Narrow Gauge Train Number 8.*" It would only take about 3 minutes to load the ferry. Then with a huge splash the giant side wheels would start to turn and she was on her way.

As a child I heard many stories from my mother how her family would take this trip to Monte Rio and they would rent a cottage for the summer. Those were the days.



### NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN SHERRY LIVELY

Don't forget our Opening Day festivities will be held on Saturday, April 3rd. Dinner and awards will be hosted this year by Driftwood YC. Unfortunately, I will be out of town that weekend. This annual event goes back many years and, in years past, has been a lot of fun. I encourage everyone to decorate their boat and join the parade or watch it from our fishing pier. Details are in this newsletter and are posted at the Club.

Our Rio Vista cruise-out is just around the corner, the weekend of April 17th, and you won't want to miss it! This year, we will have a Chili Cook-Off, so come with your favorite recipe and then be prepared to chow down! This year's scavenger hunt will have a bit of a twist! (Does that mean we will have to find a lemon?) Sign-ups for boats cruising to the Rio Vista docks are posted at the Club. If you are coming by RV, you must call and make your own reservation; the phone number is 707-374-2315. We will have the park and kitchen facilities at the marina on Saturday. If you can't come by boat or RV, join us by driving up for the Saturday afternoon fun in the sun!



Then, on May 14-16th, we will be cruising to Caliente Isle YC. They are hosting dinner and a TOGO party with music and dancing. Again, you do not have to come by boat; you may drive to Caliente. Sign-up sheets are posted at the Club for this event too.

Happy and safe boating!

#### Opening Day Details

Meet under the Antioch Bridge at 12:30 p.m.  
Monitor Channel 68

Starboard side of boats will be judged

Dinner at Driftwood YC at 5:30 p.m.  
Awards presentation will follow the dinner

Choice of BBQ Tri-Tip, Chicken, or Vegetarian  
with Beans, Salad, Bread, and Dessert  
\$12 for adults/\$6 for children under 12

Dinner reservations are not required



### PICYA REPORT

#### PICYA's Upcoming Events

- Apr 5 Delegate's Dinner & Meeting at Aeolian YC
- Apr 25 Opening Day on the Bay Theme: "Building Bridges"
- May 3 Delegate's Dinner & Meeting at Oyster Point YC

#### A True Phoenix Story

Condensed from PICYA's *The Log*

Many from the Bay Area boating community remember the Metropolitan YC of Oakland (MYCO), located in Oakland's Jack London Square. Unfortunately, because of the Loma Prieta earthquake and the City of Oakland's redevelopment plans, MYCO lost its clubhouse about ten years ago and its membership dissolved. Since then, MYCO existed primarily on paper because of the valiant effort of Past Commodore Jack Raney who paid the PICYA dues out of his own pocket for years to keep the name and burgee alive in the hope that one day MYCO would be revived. The once proud and mighty club lay dormant as merely a name, a burgee, and a long and colorful history without a location or membership.

In early 2009, Lizette Collins recalled hearing there was a group in Alameda that had looked into starting a yacht club but was unsuccessful in getting it off the ground. She approached the PICYA Membership Committee Chair with an idea to make this a win-win situation for the Alameda group, the PICYA and for MYCO. Lizette, along with MYCO's Past Commodore Gary McGrath and his wife, Estella, contacted John Beery of Mariner Square and Associates in Alameda. With John's permission and support, they began work on restoring the Metropolitan and its new location in Mariner Square. Lizette saw to it that MYCO's suspended non-profit status was restored by the Secretary of State and she then filed ten years of delinquent State and Federal tax returns while begging the IRS to forgive over \$400 in fines, which they did. Calling on her friends in the yachting world, Lizette then embarked on a membership drive that hasn't been seen in Bay Area boating circles in quite awhile. She recruited a fine Bridge and Board of Directors which was elected during the Metro's first general membership meeting in ten years last October. As of this writing and because of her continuous effort, the Metropolitan YC has over 60 members and boasts a fleet of more than 25 boats. On January 9, 2010, Lizette was sworn in and installed as Metropolitan YC's 43rd Commodore at the club's location, upstairs at the Pasta Pelican's banquet hall in Alameda, before a crowd of more than seventy friends and members.

Congratulations to Lizette for successfully and tirelessly pursuing her vision to revive the Metropolitan YC. Well done!





02 Floyd Simpson	12 Arline Collins
02 Pat Sebers	13 Patti Shaner
04 Paul Olsson	15 Tori Dias
07 Dave DeCato	16 Bert Schneider
07 Donna Hendricks	16 Dwayne Larosee
07 Ricky Scannell	18 Denise Stroer
08 Audrey Coach	18 Mary Wheeler
08 Bill Coach	20 Tom Arnold
08 Doug Horton	23 Al Fries
09 Ann Alcorn	27 Casey Salva
11 Erik Smith	27 Dolores Swart
11 Tim Doolin	28 Lillian Scampini



Julie Thornburg has volunteered to assume the Newsletter Editor position! Julie's brings years of experience with the Publisher program we use to create this Newsletter and also has been creating newsletters for other organizations. Thank You, Julie!

## Members' Only 2nd Annual Golf Tournament "Scramble Format"

Tuesday, May 11th  
First Tee Off - 10:00 a.m.  
Bethel Island Golf Course

\$40.00 per person

Sign-up as a  
single or twosome

Breakfast - \$6.00

Pizza at the Club  
following golf



Please see Joe Fray or Jim Arnold  
with any questions

## Countdown to the 4S—by Anita Hinds

We are hosting this year's 4S and we are all very excited! We had our first meeting on March 6th and it was well attended. This year's theme is "Lighthouses" and the name is "Lights on the River."

The following members have agreed to chair committees:

- Tickets & Reservations—Cindy Mammon and Freda Lucido
- Food—Shirley Karr
- Games & Awards—Chuck Carroll
- Decorations—Alice Gibson, Sherry Lively, Shirley Karr
- T-Shirts & Ship's Stores—Anita Hinds, Shirley Karr
- Bar—Kelly and William Odum
- Budget & Communications—Freda Lucido, Angie Williams
- Safety—Bill Coach
- Entertainment—Sherry Lively
- Custom Puzzles—Alice Gibson

### Calendar It Now!

- June 12th  
4S Try-Outs
- July 23-25  
4S at Sportsmen  
YC



Remember to volunteer for Shirley's special project, "Adopt-A-Parcel."

She wants to make sure the grounds are in tip-top shape.

We will keep you informed about the progress on 4S via monthly meetings, the Newsletter, email, and the Club's bulletin board.

The next meeting will be April 10th at 3:00 p.m. at the Club. Everyone is invited!



Tons of Fun at Our  
St. Patrick's Day Party!  
The beer was cold  
The food was warm  
The music was entertaining  
The dancing was definitely  
"Sportsmen Style!"



Winners of the  
Beer Drinking  
Competitions  
are pictured on  
Page 6!





**SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, 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 ADULT  
\$5 PER CHILD UNDER 12**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR ON-LINE RESERVATIONS  
OR CALL CINDY MAMMON AT 625-0590 BY APRIL 26TH**

**EVERYONE INVITED! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!  
JOIN THE GAMES TOURNAMENT  
AT 1:00 P.M. BEFORE THE DINNER!**



**Sportsmen Yacht Club welcomes the Diablo Yacht Club (Cruise-in weekend)**

**St. Patrick's Dinner Beer Drinking Contest...**

# ...And the Winners Are...



Julie Thornburg (right) was a slam-dunk winner over Kim Madrazo, a prospective member and guest of Don & Becky Wilson.



Reed Wilson (right), guest of Dave & Heather Newton, edged out our own Rich Trantham.