

# Sportsmen Yacht Club

## Newsletter

April 2011

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**COMMODORE  
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Hello Fellow Sportsmen:

It's already April . . . WOW. I can't believe just how fast time flies.

I want to thank everyone who has been working very hard at the Club. It's nice to see a lot of you at work parties. Chuck Carroll's work parties are great. It's great to see all the new Associate Members attending. You rock!

As you all know, we had to trench across the road and all the way over to the east fence then "T" across to Area 3 and install new pipes as the old ones broke and caused a major water leak. Chuck and his large crew laid new pipe as fast as I could dig the trench. Awesome job to all.

The St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage dinner was a success. We had a good turnout and can't thank Doug Horton and Scott Wood for getting all the food together so Chef Paul and Gary Abeyta could cook for everyone.

During the winter storms we had some damage to some of the berths. With the help of Don Wilson and Jim Dawson we were able to make minor repairs to hold us over till the next work party. Good 'ol Floyd Simpson bleached the back stairwell to rid the algae build up so it can be safe for all. I am sure we will have another busy work party coming up.

I would like to thank our Newsletter Editor Julie Thornburg for all her efforts to make our Newsletter the best on the Delta! It's a challenging job to put it together every month; making sure our articles are on time, setting up page layout and proofreading to make corrections so we don't look bad. From all of us here at the Sportsmen . . . Thank you, Julie!

New member Barbara Maldon has taken over mailing the newsletter. Thanks to her and please be patient as she learns the new job.

I hope everyone is doing well and let's all enjoy our Club.



**VICE COMMODORE  
RICKY SCANNELL**

Regrets - Article not available at press time.



### 2011 Opening Day Parade on the Delta

**Theme: "Giants of the Bay"**  
Decorated Boat Contest and Parade  
Sponsored by Bridge Marina Yacht Club

#### When:

Saturday April 2, 2011 (weather permitting).

#### Start Time:

13:00 hours

boats to gather on the east side of  
Antioch Bridge at 12:30.

Boats will then parade to Humphreys and back.  
Judges will be somewhere along  
the parade route.

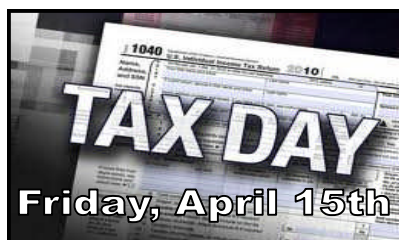
Bridge Marina Yacht Club will be open at noon and  
cocktails and hors d'oeuvres  
will be served throughout the day with dinner  
beginning at approximately 6:00.

Please call Jim Azeltine at 925-679-1815, by March  
25<sup>th</sup>, to make your dinner reservations.  
Cost of dinner is \$10.00 per person.

For information and entry forms to participate in  
parade please call Charlie Holt  
at 925-207-9333  
or stop by BMYC to pick up entrant forms.

#### Awards for:

35ft and over: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
35ft and under 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Judges Overall Favorite



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN



- 1 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 2 Work Party
- 2 Opening Day on the Delta
- 15 BINGO!
- 29-1 Village West Cruise-Out



- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 7 Work Party
- 7 Cinco De Mayo Dinner
- 20 BINGO!
- 27-30 Memorial Day Cruise-In at SYC



- 3 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 4 Work Party
- 17 BINGO!
- 25 SYC 4S Try-Outs



**REAR COMMODORE  
LOUIE ROCHA**



Dear Sportsmen,

Last month I hit the half century mark of 50! Tammy threw me a surprise party for the ages in San Francisco at Hotel Nikko. I appreciate the efforts of our members who helped Tammy plan the event and keep it a secret. I especially want to thank Sportsmen Vincent Rafanan for his assistance in planning the event. I continue to be amazed by our talented Membership and the networking that exists among our Club.

I had a wonderful time at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. It was also the one year anniversary for Tammy and me becoming members of the SYC. Doug Horton provided a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner. Following dinner, many of our members were treated to a wonderful bonfire under the stars. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Tammy and I returned to the Sportsmen YC for a second St Patrick's Day celebration. Only here can you have two St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the same week!

Although the Cruise-Out to Rio Vista was cancelled due to rain, I understand a few went up in their RVs. Hopefully they had a great time. I hope to see you at the next Cruise-Out!

It's great to be Sportsmen!

Cancellation of reservations for an event must be made at least three (3) days prior to the event to avoid being charged for the event. Please notify Ann English @ 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations. (This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)



#### HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Newsletter articles due  
the 15th of each month  
Please send to: Julie Thornburg  
Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org  
Phone: 510.915.4253

### Friendly Reminder from the Treasurer



## Membership Dues

Your Q2 dues and fees are due April 1st. If you have still not paid your Q1 dues and fees by April 1st, they are late by 90 days. The Club does not send statements, so please do not jeopardize your membership by being late. We realize this is a tough environment for a lot of members, but in the interest of fairness to all, Club Policy will need to be enforced. Please use our P.O. Box 518 in Antioch if you mail them to the Club. **Thank You!**

## Menu



### April Meeting Dinner

*Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cream Corn  
Salad  
Roll*

*Prepared by  
Doug, Shari and Ethan Horton*

*Dinners are \$10 per person  
Come join us!*

*We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations on-line  
or contact Ann English at 925.779.9330  
as soon as possible*

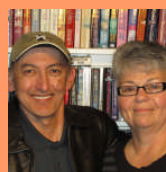
### New Members!



**Randy Hyde**



**Josh & Amanda Jaime**



**Bob & Kathy Kaiwi**

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

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





## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Did you know there was a "Caruso of the ferries"? He was a young deckhand with an operatic voice on the Southern Pacific ferries who delighted the passengers with selections from the favorite scores while helping with the mooring lines when the boat docked.

There was also a man with one arm and was deaf that carried envelopes of lavender. On each envelope there was an explanation that this was his only means of support. When the ferry got under way, he would go into top deck saloon and drop an envelope into each persons lap, then he doubled back after the passengers had time to read the message and either collect money offered or the packet itself, if the passenger didn't want to purchase it. Then he would repeat this on the other side of the saloon and then both sides of the main deck.

The record of the ferries is impressive, in the height of Bay travel, over 50 ferries on various routes, sometimes all traveling at the same time, each carefully missing each other. Most near collisions were fortunately avoided by skillful navigation, making the ferries a popular mode of travel.



## PICYA REPORT DARLENE DAWSON

### OFFICIAL START OF SAN FRANCISCO'S 2011 BOATING SEASON

**WHEN:** Sunday May 1, 2011, Crissy Field to Pier 39, starting at 12 Noon.

**WHAT:** The 94th Annual "Opening Day on the Bay" Decorated Boat Parade, hosted by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA), representing over 100 yacht clubs in Northern California celebrates the official beginning of the 2011 boating season on San Francisco Bay.

This year's theme is "Giants of the Bay" celebrating the many people and things that have made San Francisco so unique. "Emperor Norton IV" is the Grand Marshal.

The parade will feature over 120 historic workboats, fireboats, towboats, classic and contemporary craft decorated to the theme. There will be both power and sail boats competing for best decoration honors. There are six trophies up for grabs and prize bags for

the participants with great items such as dining certificates, event tickets, wine, clothing, art work, boat gear, books, travel, and sailing excursions all donated by various businesses and yacht clubs.

These boats can be viewed by the public along the San Francisco waterfront from Crissy Field, which is west of the Marina Green to Pier 39, 12 noon until 3 p.m. The occasion will be a unique opportunity to see these special boats, sailing close to shore where land-based spectators can enjoy the event. This is an event for the whole family to enjoy, learn about boating and to get excited for the America's Cup #34 to be held in San Francisco in 2013.

**WHERE:** Free public viewing is available on San Francisco's Northern Shoreline from Crissy Field to Pier 39.

Those seeking a closer view of the decorated boats can join the Officers, Directors and guests of PICYA on the "California Hornblower," one of the Hornblower's largest yachts on San Francisco Bay, with a light breakfast

and a gourmet lunch. This event is open to the public.

Contact: Deanna Desin, (415) 892-2639 or (415) 608-2639, [andeel1@earthlink.net](mailto:andeel1@earthlink.net) for reservations.

**HOW:** A press boat is available for members of the media interested in covering the parade on the water; this boat will be on the water moving throughout the parade route, providing excellent photo opportunities.

**WHO:** Organized by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA), which was formed in San Francisco in 1896 to improve communications between yacht clubs, provide uniform racing rules, and encourage yachting. Today PICYA is the only organization in Northern California that supports the promotion of recreational boating through the coordination and dissemination of information for the benefit of boaters. It publishes the Yachting Yearbook, the annual directory of member clubs and information, and created Recreational Boaters of California, a governmental

advocacy organization committed to promoting the enjoyment, protections, and responsible use of our waterways. See [www.RBOC.org](http://www.RBOC.org). PICYA has coordinated Opening Day since 1917.

The Blessing of the Fleet is 10:30 to 12 noon in Raccoon Straight. The info is at [www.cyc.org](http://www.cyc.org). Additional information is available at [www.PICYA.org](http://www.PICYA.org).

## 2011 PICYA CALENDAR

Apr 4	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Aeolian YC
May 1	Opening Day on the Bay
May 9	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Oyster Point YC (OD Awards)



## NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN CYNTHIA PETERSEN

Ahoy everyone... So sorry the Rio Vista Weekend was a "wash-out." A few die-hard RVers still ventured forth, but boating conditions were certainly at their worst. At this point, we can only look forward to our next cruise-out and take a look to see if there is an opportunity to reschedule Rio Vista.

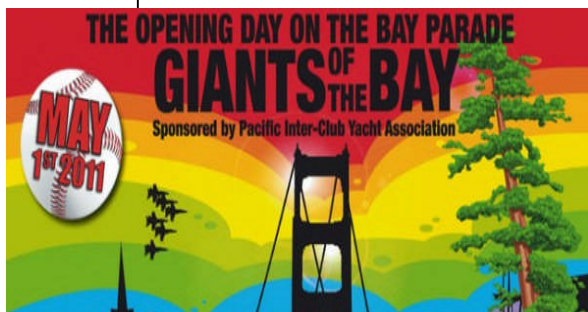
Opening Day on the River is still scheduled for Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Information about the parade has been e-mailed to members, and the theme this year is "Giants on the River". Hopefully there will be a good turn-out of the Sportsmen Fleet.

The next cruise-out of the year is scheduled for April 29/30<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> to Village West YC. A sign-up sheet and additional information has been posted at the Club. VWYC is located off 14 Mile Slough, 6 miles up-river from the Herman & Helen's turn-off on the San Joaquin River. For those who have never been to VWYC, it is a great spot, with a large guest dock, sloping lawn, and room for RVs adjoining the Club. Friday night dinner, and special Saturday night evening is planned for our group.

Members are also looking forward to cruising or RVing into our own Club for Memorial Weekend. Be thinking of ideas or specific activities you would like to see happen for that holiday weekend!

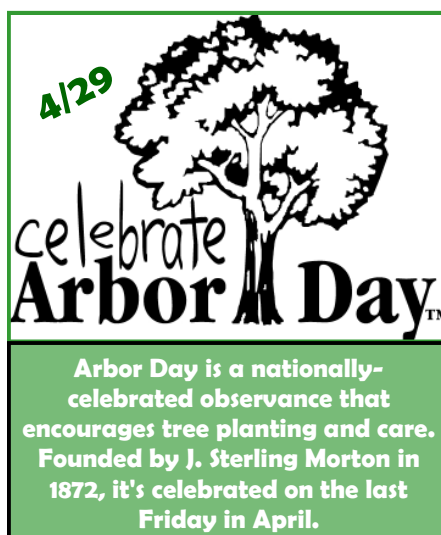
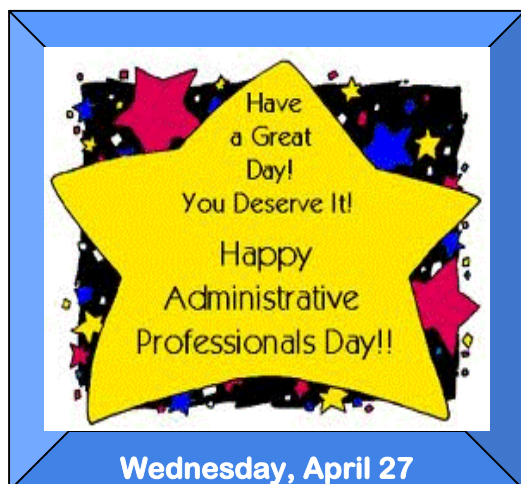
Finally, 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be here before we know it and we're looking forward to cruising-in to Little Venice YC. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Club beginning in May.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club or on the water...





In legend, the Easter Bunny brings baskets filled with colored eggs, candy and sometimes toys to the homes of children on the night before Easter. The Easter Bunny will either put the baskets in a designated place or hide them somewhere in the house or garden for the children to find when they wake up in the morning.







## April

01 Jeff Maples  
02 Floyd Simpson  
02 Pat Sebers  
04 Paul Olsson  
07 Dave DeCato  
07 Donna Hendricks  
07 Ricky Scannell  
08 Audrey Coach  
08 Bill Coach  
08 Doug Horton  
09 Ann Alcorn  
11 Erik Smith  
11 Tim Doolin  
12 Arline Collins  
13 Patti Shaner  
15 Tori Dias  
16 Bert Schneider

16 Dwayne Larosee  
18 Denise Stroer  
18 Mary Wheeler  
19 Heather Newton  
20 Tom Arnold  
24 Mary Marquis  
26 Bernie Lynch  
27 Casey Salva  
27 Dolores Swart  
28 Lillian Scampini



Birthstone: Diamond  
Flower: Sweet Pea

organize any special messes, add storage solutions, and other organizing tasks you may think of.

You can have a list of tasks that may cover the whole house. You probably would want to clean the windows all at once for the whole house. You may want to shampoo your carpets on the same day. If cleaning the carpets or windows are too big to complete in one day. Divide the projects up into sections over several days. If you can get the whole family to help out you can usually get the job done much faster than if you do the cleaning all by yourself.

Each room should have the walls wiped down. Be careful with flat paint and you may just want to dust it off with a dry rag. If you have a semi-gloss or gloss paint you can use a damp cloth to clean smudges. Get out dirt a broom and wrap part of an old T-shirt around the rag to collect the bristles and use it to collect the cobwebs that have collected in the corners. Dust around the air vents. Switch out the furnace filters which you should try to do on a regular basis. It is also a good time to go around changing out smoke alarm batteries.



If you have wood furniture it might be a good time to polish them with a wax or other polish sprays. This can protect the finish on them from getting worn out and old looking. The extra coating can protect against spills and scratches.

Dust everything that you can. Hopefully you have been dusting as you go throughout the year. You might not dust the ceiling fan very often. So this is a good time to dust those spots you don't usually get to dust. You should also clean out behind the refrigerator and vacuum the dust that may have built up around the motor. Also you should clean out the lint that may have collected in your dryer and in the dryer vents.

If you have vinyl flooring you might want to mop and wax the floor to give it a shine. If you have a tile flooring you might want to scrub the grout extra good and reseal the grout to keep the floors clean looking. There are special grout sealers at home improvement stores. The same grout cleaning can be done for tiles in the shower and the counter-tops.

Sofas should be cleaned. If there are stains that you can spot scrub this could save a big huge cleaning do that. If not you might have to take the cushions and clean them, then clean the remainder with a upholstery cleaning solution. This can take time so you almost want to plan it for a day by itself.

Clutter can be one of the biggest problems many people face in their living spaces. Get yourself down to less stuff so that you can enjoy the space you live in. If you have too much stuff it can become difficult to keep a tidy house. If you don't use the stuff, you can sell it in a garage sale, or you can donate to Goodwill. The less stuff, the easy it can be to clean your home on a regular basis. If you must have stuff, consider purchasing storage solutions to hide your stuff. That way you can have your stuff but it won't take over your home. Plus you will be able to find it and put it back, because it will have a place for it.

As you can see there is just so much to do, that it is probably unreasonable to get all these things completed in one day. In order to keep your sanity, you and your family should schedule these projects over the next several weeks so that you can get your home all spruced up again after a long winter.



3rd Friday of the Month

April 15, May 20, June 17

6 pm - Bingo Cards on Sale

7 pm - Let the Games Begin!

\$10.00 / 4 Cards

\$2.00 / for Each Extra Card

10 Games per Evening

Cash Prizes Determined by  
Participation

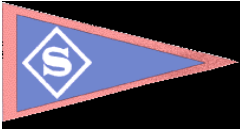
Hot Dogs and Chips / \$2.50 and Nachos / \$1.00



Now that it is Spring it is time to get your cleaning done. This is a great time of year to declutter, organize and freshen you home. Here is a checklist of items that you can do for Spring cleaning. You don't have to do it all in one day, and you don't have to do all of them. It really is just a way to help keep your home in tip-top living condition.

Have a checklist for each room in the house. Tape it to the wall of each room. As the items get completed you then check them off as complete.

Once they are completed you can remove the paper from the room. Each room may have different tasks. You might want to go through the clothes in the closet to donate, get rid of old broken toys,



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St. Patrick's Dinner Memories!  
Great dinner & lots of fun!!!

