



# Sportsmen Yacht Club

## Newsletter

April 2012

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### Upcoming Events At Sportsmen



- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 7 Work Party
- 14 Opening Day
- 20 Bingo
- 27-29 Solano YC Cruise-In



- 4 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 5 Work Party
- 5 Cinco de Mayo Dinner
- 15 Golf Tournament
- 18 Bingo
- 26-28 Memorial Day Sportsmen Weekend



- 1 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 2 Work Party
- 15 Bingo
- 23 4S Try-Outs



**COMMODORE  
RICKY SCANNELL**

Thank you to everyone who made our Saint Patrick's Day Dinner such a BIG success !!! We had a great turnout.

Special thanks goes to:

- Marina Faconti for organizing the event.
- Doug Horton and Gary Abeyta for the delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.
- Alice Gibson for taking on the Raffle.
- Don and Becky Wilson for decorating the clubhouse.
- Chuck Carroll for organizing the Beer Drinking Contest.
- The Drinking Contest participants.
- ALL our members and guests who showed up at the event.

I look forward to our next event, **Opening Day on the Delta**, on April 14th. This year we are hosting this event at Sportsmen and I would like to invite everyone to come out and participate. You can watch the parade, have dinner and enjoy a wonderful day at the Club. (Please see page 6 for complete information.)

A big thank you goes to Floyd Simpson and his crew for taking on the task of working on the famous East Side of the ferry.

Lets make Sportsmen YC the place to be. Invite your friends to one of our Club events !



**VICE COMMODORE  
LOUIE ROCHA**

The Work Party on March 3rd was very productive. There was a work crew who repaired the siding on the east side of the ferry as part of our agreement with our insurance carrier. Another crew trimmed trees at the entrance gate and brought power out to the light pole in preparation for the new security camera system. A couple of members replaced the water heater in the Ferry (laundry room).

There were Art students from Antioch High School who toured the ferry in preparation for a mural project. They are interested in painting murals on the storage container located at the entrance as part of their senior project. Please submit your ideas to Alice Gibson and Joe Fray.

Finally, thank you to all of the Sportsmen who attended the Saint Patrick's Day Party. It was a highly successful event due to the big turnout of our members and guests from the Diablo YC.

Go Sportsmen!

**Save the Date  
Saturday, May 5th**



**Cinco de Mayo  
DINNER**

**Details to Follow**

**Check Website for Updates**

**Reservations  
on-line or contact  
Ann English at 925-779-9330**



**REAR COMMODORE  
DON WILSON**

The most recent event was the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Diablo YC cruise-in. For those members who were not present, you should know it was a huge success. There were a lot of people involved in this event and for their efforts they are commended. A special thanks to Marina Faconti because she stepped forward and volunteered to organize the event. Also, Doug Horton and his crew did an excellent job to feed over one hundred and fifty people in attendance.

Although the recent rains soaked things a bit, it looks like nice weather is just around the corner. It will be welcome because it will allow us to move forward with ongoing projects that need to be completed. The east side project is making progress and is in need of more volunteers to help. If you have the skills, please let Chuck Carroll know; he will be eager to put you to work.

With good weather approaching, let's not forget the best part of our Club. That would be having a good time. Please come out and use the Club for whatever pastime you enjoy. We have a lot planned for this year and the only thing that makes it work is our members and their family and friends coming out to support our activities.

I have heard comments about the cost of our recent event dinners, such as the Crab Feed and St. Patrick's Day Dinners. Please keep in mind that we are trying to raise money for the Club to cover the expense for the many projects and repairs that we have going on. Also I am sure you have noticed that the trips to the grocery store are not getting any cheaper.

Please support the club. I'll see you there.



*SYC Members,  
I have posted a list showing who still owes 1st Quarter dues and fees. This list will be updated at least once before our April meeting. I also posted a list showing all members with your quarterly amount summary. Please review these and let me know if you have questions or concerns.  
Marina Faconti*

**Have ideas or suggestions for the newsletter?**

Please send articles to: Terri Barton 925-757-1475  
Email: [newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org)  
Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of the month  
Newsletter final editing by: Freda Lucido

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.

# Menu

## April Meeting Dinner

BBQ Chicken

Secret Homemade Rice

Fresh Green Beans

Tossed Green Salad

Rolls

Dessert

Dinner Prepared by

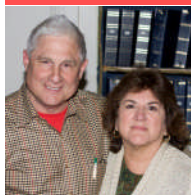
Jay Ward

Dinners are \$10 per person

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

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.)

## Meet Our Newest Sportsmen!



Gary & Romie Noe

\$10.00 for 4 Cards  
\$2.00 for Each Extra Card  
10 Games Played



April 20 / May 18 / June 15

6 pm Bingo Cards on Sale  
7 pm Let the Games Begin



### HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Literally millions of people commuted on the Bay in the 1930's. Many of them became good friends and celebrated many occasions on the ferries.

Food was very important to the ferry riders. In 1938, you could order Pot Roast of Beef for 45 cents, Homemade Corned Hash was 40 cents, a cup of Beans was 25 cents, and a piece of Homemade Pie 10 cents.

The ferryboat passengers were able to get quick smooth connections to where they were going.

The ferry system worked so well because the schedule of ferryboats was matched by the schedule of streetcar and cable car connections to most of the city. In 1930, 43 ferryboats transported a total of 47 million passengers and more than 6 million automobiles across the Bay.

It was often said that ferryboat passengers had more fun on their twice daily trips than any other commuter.



### PICYA Report DARLENE DAWSON

#### 2012 PICYA CALENDAR

- Apr 2 Delegates' Meeting  
Marina West YC
- Apr 29 Opening Day on the Bay  
Theme: "American Spirit"
- May 7 Delegates' Meeting  
Oyster Point YC (Opening  
Day Awards)

#### "Opening Day on the Bay" Sunday, April 29th Crissy Field, Pier 39 Starting at Noon

The 95th Annual "Opening Day on the Bay" Decorated Boat Parade, hosted by the PICYA, representing over 100 yacht clubs in Northern California celebrates the official beginning of the 2012 boating season on San Francisco Bay. This year's theme is "American Spirit" honoring the many people and events that have made San Francisco so unique.

Retired Captain Jan Tiura, the first female tugboat skipper on the Bay is this year's 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.

These boats can be viewed by the public along the San Francisco waterfront from Crissy Field 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. This is an event for the whole family to enjoy, learn about boating and the America's Cup which will be held in San Francisco in 2013.

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. Contact Deanna Desin, (415) 892-2639 or (415) 608-2639, andees1@earthlink.net for reservations.

For complete and up-to-date information, please go to the PICYA website—[www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org).



### NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN DARLENE DAWSON

Opening Day on the Delta is coming soon—Saturday, April 14th. See our flyer with complete information on page 6.

Let's welcome our guests and have a fun Opening Day celebration!

#### DELTA FOCUS

Following are excerpts from Bill Wells' "Delta Rat Scrapbook" article in the March 2012 issue of the *Bay & Delta Yachtsman* magazine. To read the complete article online, go to: [www.yachtsmanmagazine.com](http://www.yachtsmanmagazine.com).

"... In addition to the above Department of Water Resources attack on the Delta, I told you last month about the Department of Fish and Game wanting to wipe out the striped bass because of a lawsuit filed by the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta.

Now, once again we find the Natural Resource Agency wanting to eliminate the Department of Boating & Waterways (DBW) and put their activities under the direction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) organization is on top of this and the last I heard they had a stack of letters about 18 inches high protesting this scheme that they are delivering to the governor."

(Note: Over 95 of the letters referenced above came from Sportsmen YC! Thank you to everyone who supported this vital issue.)

"The Fish & Game Commission held a meeting at the Natural Resource Agency building in Sacramento to decide the fate of the striped bass. A few water exporters and their lackeys spoke in favor of changing fishing regulations that would effectively wipe out the striped bass and some 35 people spoke in favor of keeping the existing regulations.

Hundreds of fishermen and other interested citizens attending the meeting.

In the end the commission voted unanimously to keep the existing regulations in place. Commission Chair Jim Kellogg went so far as to declare the striped bass 'a native species.'"

(Once again, thanks to Restore the Delta, The Striped Bass Association, and Sportsmen members who attended this meeting.)

Sportsmen YC thanks Bill Wells for keeping our clubs so well informed on Delta issues!

*Sportsmen offers  
Barbara's  
Galley  
Open for  
Breakfast  
Saturdays and  
Sundays  
at 7:30 am*





## April Birthdays

01 Jeff Maples	15 Tori Dias
02 Floyd Simpson	16 Bert Schneider
02 Pat Sebers	16 Dwayne Larosee
07 Dave DeCato	18 Denise Stroer
07 Donna Hendricks	18 Mary Wheeler
07 Ricky Scannell	19 Heather Newton
08 Audrey Coach	20 Tom Arnold
08 Bill Coach	22 Laurie Cooper
08 Doug Horton	26 Bernie Lynch
09 Ann Marie Alcorn	27 Casey Salva
11 Erik Smith	27 Dolores Swart
11 Tim Doolin	28 Lillian Scampini
12 Arline Collins	30 Gary Noe
12 Nancy Gaines	
13 Patti Shaner	

## In Memory Of

*Honorary Member Bob Lenz passed away on March 10th after fighting a long battle with vascular dementia. Bob joined our Club in 1984 and was very active for many years. He enjoyed boating and knew the Delta "like the back of his hand." He also enjoyed fishing and usually placed in our annual Club Fishing Derbies. Private family memorial arrangements have been made.*

*Our sincere sympathy to Bonne and his family and friends.*



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Sportsmen Yacht Club  
Members ONLY**

**Tuesday, May 15th**

**Tee Time 10:00 a.m.**

**Bethel Island Golf Club**

The price is \$40.00 which includes  
Golf, Cart and Pizza at the Club  
following the tournament



Sign-up sheet located on the  
bulletin board on Board Room door. For  
information, rules or questions, see Joe Fray

## THANK YOU!



What a hard working team! As the "go-to" person for our St. Patty's Day dinner, I want to thank all the members who spent many, many hours to make this event a great success!

Our kitchen was led by cooks Doug & Shari Horton and Gary Abeyta; with help from Dan Espinoza, Ethan Horton, and Nick Wigmore.

Our busiest ladies in charge of setup, decorations, and raffle prizes were Alice Gibson, Becky Wilson, Anita Hinds and Freda Lucido.

Chuck Carroll donated prizes and handled the renowned Beer Drinking Contest.

Associates who bartended were Sandy Shaw, Tino & Janet Abon, and Gary & Romie Noe.

As always, Tammy did her best work with the bar and Ann handled our reservations and dinner tally.

Of course, there were more of you who helped, as always, and know that we do appreciate each of you.

You ALL are what makes Sportsmen the best place to be! Let's continue to support our Club!

*Thanks, Marina Faconti*

### Sportsmen Work Party March 3, 2012

Well, we're a third of the way through the year and Work Party attendance has been great, especially the March 3<sup>rd</sup> one. Also, members have been super about little impromptu Work Parties during the month. Floyd Simpson had a killer crew on the east side and much was accomplished with the help of Bill Pato Jr., Ken Norris, Steven Peedle, Kurt Chaisson, Chuck English, and a few other key people during the day. Our Commodore Rick Scannell has also been working very hard on that project behind the scenes.

Thanks to Mike Hoskins and John Shaner for the new water heater. Thanks to the crew that made the new camera pole and pier with much help from Bill Pato, Jim Hill, Rod Kreiss, Tim Lamb, Jeff Maples, Dwayne Minick, and Steve Martinez (and the two future Sportsmen helping him were grandsons Stevie and Nick). The grounds are being well-maintained thanks to Dr. Dan, Joe Fray, Bob Karr, Al Alcorn and special help from Dennis Higgins and his two amigos Kevin and Dave (and grounds are just a small part of what those guys do).

Lonnie Gibson has installed ground sleeves and numbered posts in Dry Storage so he can start assigning specific spots for trailers. This, in addition to keeping the harbor running smooth and a million other things around here.

The bar stools are much nicer now that they've all been recovered. Kudos to Gene Buchholz for doing that and to Alice Gibson and Shirley

Karr for the materials. Thanks to Harry Parker for being our sign maker and expert finish carpenter. Has everyone noticed that all our parking lot lights are working? A big thanks to new members Bob & Nancy Gains for taking care of that and all the other stuff they do.

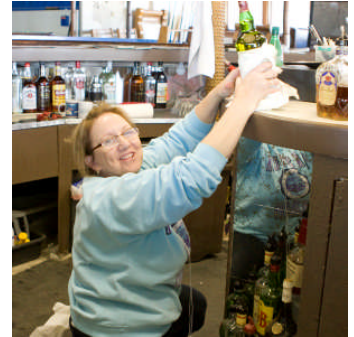
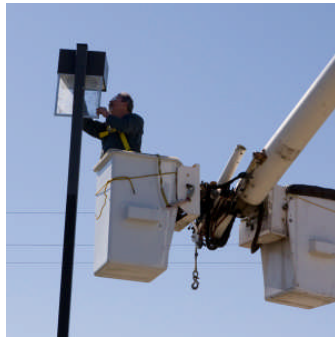
And a great big thanks to these members who show up time and again to get so much done around here:

Al & Ann Marie Alcorn, Jim Arnold, Chef Paul & sons Matthew & Daniel, George Brayton, Ed Collins, Ken Corippo, Jim Dawson, Ed Elledge, Chuck & Ann English, Dan Espinosa, Marina Faconti, Jerry & Lee Fitzgerald, Alice Gibson, Dan Gorman, Natalie Greer, Rick & Anita Hinds, Richard Holmes, Doug, Shari & Ethan Horton, Mike & Paulet Hoskins, Steve & Alice Jackman, Robert Jones, Scott Jett, Jerry Kent Jr., Russ Lord, Don & Freda Lucido, Barbara Maldon, Roger & Cindy Mammon, Jeff & Karen Maples, Dave Moore, Dave & Heather Newton, Ken & Kim Norris, Dick Norway, Ted Olson, Kay Power, Carl & Elaine Rasmussen, Louie & Tammy Rocha, Pat Sebers, Dave Selvy, Micheline Simpson, Scott Wigmore, Bob Williams, and Don & Becky Wilson.

And one more thank you to Vincent & Armi Rafanan for that great lunch!

Hope to see all of you and more on the next Work Party, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chuck Carroll, Port Captain

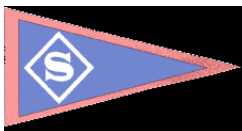


**You**



**Thank**

**Sportsmen!**



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**Club Location:**  
**3301 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch**

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**Sportsmen Yacht Club**  
Hosts

**Opening Day on the Delta**  
**Saturday, April 14th**



**This year's theme**  
**"American Spirit"**

**Meet under the Antioch Bridge at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Parade begins at 1:00 p.m.**

**Steak Dinner**  
**Adults \$12.50**  
**Kids ages 6-12 \$6.00**  
**Under age 6 free**

**Dinner served at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Awards Ceremony following Dinner**

**Make your reservations**  
**online or contact**  
**Ann English at 779-9330**  
**Reservations requested**  
**by April 9th**