

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

MAY 2003



### FROM OUR COMMODORE

## LONNIE GIBSON



I can only hope the rest of the year goes better than April did for me. I can't say "Thank You" enough to everyone who made the

Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch such a success! I know I really owe a big one to the ladies who prepared the brunch.

As most of you know, I went on the "Men's Trip" and once I started thinking about the abalone, I was done for. I did get back in time to swab the deck after all the little ones had pancakes with syrup!

I understand the kids all left with Teddy Bears, T-Shirts and inflatable balls thanks to **Jerry Fitzgerald**. Our very own Easter Bunny, **Arlene Abrego**, again

came to the Ferry and the kids were thrilled to see her! **Don Lucido** has some pictures on the web site, so check it out and show your kids or grandkids.

Thanks to **Lawny Chapman** for ordering the parts and fixing our gate opener.

This month, **Julio & Ileana Rocha** have agreed to do the Cinco de Mayo Birthday Dinner on May 17th. They cooked earlier this year for the Wednesday Night group and the dinner was fabulous. Please call Maggie Murphy if you plan to come so they will know how much food to prepare.

Don't forget the dates on our calendar during the next couple of months:

- 4S Try-Outs on June 20th
- 4S July 17-20th.

If you haven't been by the Club

lately, you need to take a ride just to see the changes in what used to be our Dry Storage Area. We now have a very large hole there which will be our dredging spoils pond for our Dredging Project. **Bob McLean** and **Carl Rasmussen** worked on it for two weeks non-stop. Bob very ably ran the "Cat" and Carl became fast friends with a compactor. I only hope they don't have false teeth—with all the rattling from running the equipment. But, if they do, I know this guy who can fix 'em!



Don't Forget...

- Mother's Day is May 11th
- Peace Officers' Memorial Day is May 15th
- Armed Forces Day is May 17th

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE COMING EVENTS!

### May

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

### June

6 Club Meeting & Dinner  
 7 Work Party  
 20-21 4S Try-Outs  
 21-22 Solano YC Cruise-In  
 28 Birthday Dinner

### July

4-6 4th of July Cruise-Out  
 11 Club Meeting & Dinner  
 12 Work Party  
 17-20 4S at San Joaquin YC  
 26 Birthday Dinner

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## FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE DAVE SELVY



The April Work party was well attended and, with all the work on the west side of the Ferry, it was hard to focus on the other work being accomplished at the Dredging Spoils Pond and in Area 3 sheds. **Joe Ortiz** and his crew worked tirelessly on the Area 3 slips and over the weekend **Carl** and **Bob**, along with the help of others, put in the drain lines before they began building the Spoils Pond.

Lonnie noted in his article the work that has been done in the past month building the Dredging Spoils Pond. That hard work was accomplished largely by **Bob McLean** and **Carl Rasmussen**. There were many helpers assisting them in this effort and they really deserve great Kudos for their efforts. The levee has been hydro seeded so that erosion will not occur this spring.

For Opening Day, Hunny Bunny and I went out on the Eddie Drew captained

by **Jim Dawson** and crewed by his first mate, **Rear Commodore Darlene Dawson**. The balance of the crew was made up of **Greg & Debbie Dawson**. We had with us **Commodore Lonnie Gibson** and his **First Mate Alice**, **Ray Murphy** and Contra Costa Times photographer **Nader Khouri**.

There were HUGE strawberries and champagne, cheesecake, quiche, cheeses, fruit and much more. The rain came but did nothing more than wet down the boat.

After cruising down to a closed Pittsburg Yacht Club (someone forgot to tell them that it was Opening Day), we came back for an impromptu tour of Cabin Slough after which we all ended up at Driftwood for a fabulous steak tri-tip dinner. Darlene will report with the results of the decorated boats contest.

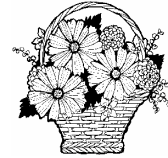
The Uncle Bob's Easter Egg Hunt went off without a hitch and the kids had such a great time. **Elaine Rasmussen** collected the money and **Alice Gibson**, **Kathy Larosee**, **Ismi MacLean**, **Belynda Zobb**, and so many others  
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### *In Memory Of...*

*Walter Felizianetti passed away on April 1, 2003. Walter and his wife of 62 years, Isabelle, joined Sportsmen in 1942. He was a Lifetime member. Walter was responsible for many innovations on the newly designed Scenic Cruiser Greyhound Bus. He was always willing to help friends and family with everything from running errands, shopping, laundry, car repair, cooking and bringing food to all in need. He was known for a favorite jam which he made and shared with everyone.*

*Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.  
Flyer information is requested by the 15th.*

*Send Newsletter information to:  
Freda Lucido  
e-mail lucidos@pacbell.net  
phone 228-3609*



*Just to  
Let You  
Know...*

- All members and guests are always invited to the monthly Birthday Dinners. Just make your reservations with Maggie Murphy so we can get a count to ensure we have enough food for everyone.



May 02 Clayton Chappell  
May 02 Jody Knutson  
May 02 Paul Larosee  
May 04 Diane Bernhardt  
May 05 Bob McLean  
May 06 Marina Chapman  
May 08 Carl Hamilton  
May 14 Kathy McMeekin  
May 15 Elvis Lawhorn  
May 15 Rodney Raines  
May 16 Vera Carrion  
May 17 Henriette Henderson  
May 18 Martin Wibbenhorst  
May 20 James McCoy  
May 22 Dave Selvy  
May 22 Norma Peters  
May 23 Darlene Dawson  
May 23 Lorri Doolin  
May 23 Peggy Lamb  
May 24 Denise Dias  
May 24 Ed Elledge  
May 25 Ginger Hampshire  
May 30 Paul Scannell  
May 31 Marlene Cook

**The May  
Birthday Dinner Party  
is on the 17th**



**FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE  
DARLENE DAWSON**



“We have won the battle!” according to **Russ Robinson**, President of RBOC. Many thanks to all participated in the RBOC letter writing campaign to stop the California Department of

Boating & Waterways from being merged with the Department of Parks and Recreation. The hearing scheduled on April 2<sup>nd</sup> was delayed indefinitely! Your letters sent a strong message showing the displeasure of California boaters to any effort to disrupt the activities of the Department of Boating & Waterways. Your letters made a significant impression on our legislators and they made the difference!

According to Russ Robinson, “This is a great example of everyone working together in a very short time to accomplish an extremely difficult task.”

**Commodore Gibson, PC Ray Murphy, Bill Worrell**, and I attended a presentation before the Antioch City Council on the findings of an initial study commissioned by the City of Antioch for the land located northeast of the Antioch city limits but within the city’s sphere of influence. This includes Sportsmen Yacht Club’s property. The City Council voted to direct staff and the consultant to explore further alternatives to the options identified in this report. This issue will be discussed at the May General Membership meeting, so please make every effort to attend our meeting.



**PICYA Report**

**Upcoming Events**

- May 5<sup>th</sup> Delegates’ Meeting at Coyote Point YC
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegates’ Meeting at Bridge Marina YC
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Delegates’ Meeting at Stockton YC

**HISTORIAN NOTES  
KATHIE HAMMER**



Ferry Boats played a significant role in the history of the San Francisco Bay for 150 years. It started with the California Gold Rush, which brought people from all over the world to the Bay Area.

Today, we also have ferryboats that carry passengers as an alternate form of transportation to cross the Bay.

From 1927 to 1940, the Delta King and its twin the Delta Queen linked San Francisco with our capital at Sacramento. The ferries operated at night, leaving either city at 6:30 p.m. and arriving at their destination the following morning at 5:30 a.m.

After retirement as a ferry, the Delta King was drafted into military service in WWII, serving as a floating dormitory in Alaska. Today it is moored in Sacramento as a luxurious floating hotel in Sacramento's Old Town.



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Friends and  
Family to Visit  
our Club  
They might like  
it so much  
they’ll want to  
join too!  
Keep our Club  
growing**

**Visit Sportsmen YC’s Website**



- ...to view pictures of recent Club events
- ...Calendar information for the year
- ...lots of other Club related information & links

[www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)

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prepared a beautiful brunch that was declared "terrific" by the kids and moms and dads alike. **Arlene Abrego** was a fantastic Easter Bunny—*Please come back, Arlene!*

The kids all took off after the "hidden" eggs and to some fortunate few, the black and white ones had additional surprises. **Capt'n Jerry** provided adorable Teddy Bears to the toddlers and for the other kids, 49er T Shirts. *Thanks, Jerry and Lee.*

Wotta Month we had in April!!

See you for meeting night and the Work Party on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will continue working with the ferry and slips.

Uf-Dah!



To all  
Our  
Mothers...

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

May 11th

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



## Revenue Committee Report

Jim Dawson, Chairman

The March Meeting Night Dinner was a complete sell-out. We actually sold the total 104 lobsters which we had purchased. First, I want to thank **Chef Paul** for a wonderful meal. How Paul can cook that great a meal for so many and on time, I will never understand (*Great great job, Paul, and Thanks.*)

When we announced the meal back in January, lobster was only about \$6 each, but by the April meeting, they were close to \$12 each. Even though Paul worked so very hard to help us increase revenue, the meal was barely profitable. The raffle made money and the meal was a success. We all owe Chef Paul a big thank you!!

Thanks to Rex and Marlene for many

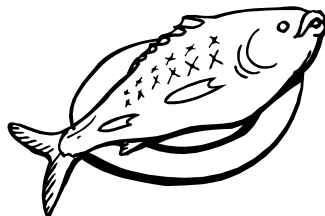
prizes donated for the April meeting night raffle which made around \$150. *Thanks again Rex and Marlene!* I would also like to thank the Wednesday Night Boys for putting up tables, **Darlene** for setting them, and **Ben Best** and **Tom MacLean** for the clean-up.

The May dinner will be sturgeon prepared by **John and Carol** and will be limited to 50 reservations. Those of us who like fish should get our reservations in soon. You can't hardly buy fish and chips for \$7.

I would also like to thank **Albi and Helen** for their donation to our raffle prizes.

**Tom & Ismini** are doing the June Meeting Night Dinner, so get your reservations in because we know that will be a good dinner!

Dinner will be served  
before the  
May General Meeting  
Friday, May 2nd



## Our Menu

Sturgeon, Baked Potato, Salad,  
Vegetable, and French Bread

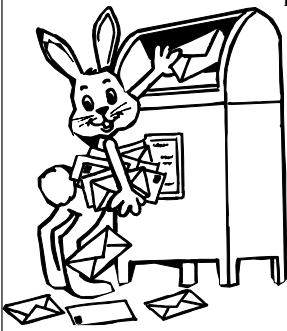
\$7.00 per person

Dinner served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Limited to the first 50 dinners sold

Please make reservations by Contacting  
**Audrey Coach, Elaine Rasmussen, or Jim Dawson**

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To All The  
Men & Women  
Who are  
Serving Our  
Country

*Armed Forces Day  
May 17th*

## Dredging Project Update

A huge "Thank You" to **Carl Rasmussen** and **Bob McLean** for all their hard work building the Dredging Spoils Pond during April. They say they couldn't have gotten it all done without those who helped by keeping the dirt watered down, running errands to get fuel and oil, and preparing meals for those who were working.

Carl says we will have several projects that need to be done between now and then to ensure we are ready for the dredging itself.

We are really going to need the cooperation of everyone between August 1st through September 14th during the actual dredging of the harbor.



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## NCPA Report

### LOOKING BACK LOOKING AHEAD

The NCPA Fun Cruise to Oxbow Yacht Club and the Novice Training Contest at Bridge Marina Yacht Club are both behind us now. The members who ventured forth to Oxbow March 8<sup>th</sup> really had a surprisingly spring-like weather weekend to enable them to participate in the games such as a Hoola Hoop Contest, a Scavenger Hunt, Pick-Up-Sticks, Jacks, Pinochle, and other amusing contests, plus a wonderful lunch on the dock of the marina.

The weatherman predicted a stormy weekend March 15th, but in spite of that, there was a good turnout of NCPA members with

two boats, Alley Cat (Ben Alley of Stockton Yacht Club) and Dad's Choice (Nancy and Don Bishop of Vallejo Yacht Club) volunteering to take the contestants around the course. There were five new interested parties attending the morning seminar, after which four boarded the boats to experience the "Over The Bottom" type of navigational contest we "old-timers" enjoy. Commodore Betty is being accused of having pull in high places, as the weatherman had predicted a large storm that day. The night before, Friday night, was a dark and stormy night, but Saturday morning dawned calm and clear

Now, looking ahead to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the San Leandro Yacht Club will host the first contest of 2003. Tina and Ricky Stebbins have volunteered to cook up some fun activities built around a "theme" for this contest and our afternoon or evening "fun

time."

In the meantime, you can contact your delegate if you wish to accompany us to the San Leandro or any other contest. As you can see, members of the Northern California Power Cruisers Association do lots of things together all year long.

The contest calendar for 2003:

May 3 San Leandro Yacht Club  
May 10 Oakland Yacht Club  
May 17 Solano Yacht Club  
June 7 Bridge Marina Yacht Club  
June 14 San Joaquin Yacht Club  
Aug 16 Driftwood Yacht Club  
Aug 23 Stockton Yacht Club  
Sept 13 Coyote Point Yacht Club  
Sept 20 San Rafael Yacht Club  
Sept 27 Vallejo Yacht Club

Your Sportsmen Delegates,

**Barbara Chapman**  
**Tony Chapman**  
**Dave De Cato**



**4S  
Try-Outs!**

Friday & Saturday, June 20-21

**Everyone is Welcome**

Chuck Carroll is  
Coordinating this  
year's games


Come and Join the Fun

The schedule  
will be  
posted at the  
Club



**"Panning  
For  
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**San Joaquin YC**  
**July 17-20**