

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2004



FROM OUR COMMODORE DAVID SELVY



The month of April has been full and happy and funny as well. ...It started with a Fabulous Enchilada

Dinner cooked and served by **Dr. Dan and Sherry Lively** on Meeting Night. We welcomed two new associate members, **Mike & Jean Transchel** and **Jerry & Sharon Goldsmith**. We accomplished many things that night and moved on to a wonderful day and evening with our cruise-in guests from **Benicia Yacht Club**. Wow! What a fun bunch! ...and they didn't go home hungry. Every meal was sold and consumed. But I get ahead of myself.

Opening Day had our **Vice Commodore Darlene Dawson** and hubby **Jim** go out on their boat "After Midnight" all decked out for a day of fishing for the

Rainbow Trout (?) they were following. The real treat was Darlene's fish kept plunging down...stripping off line and then jumping up and out of the water like a real fish. She kept calling to Jim to slow down but he had nowhere to go, being in the line-up of boats. (I wonder if we have a class in the Fishing Derby for a wooden trout??) After all the cruising and fishing, they took 1st Place in the Opening Day awards. Other boats participating from Sportsmen were, **Carl & Pam Hamilton's** colorful "Katrina," **Carl & Elaine Rasmussen and grandson Justin** on their new "Morning Mist" with a massive rainbow on her bow, much of which was sadly blown away in the wind on the trip down. Then there was **Jackie Steele & Ken Corippo** on "Brandywine" all decked out with the help of a few flags "borrowed" from a model home complex...cute!! **Chris & Nancy Yarbrough and Bob & Cindy Art** on "Four of a Kind"

participated (even though Bob & Cindy were called away at the last minute before the parade started). **Jerry & Lee Fitzgerald** on "Miss Fitz" had family and our **Past Commodore Lou Zobb** aboard for the ride! They even flew a kite from the stern during the ride.

Everyone came back to the Club for a dinner of Italian Oso Buco (cooked by yours truly, a Norwegian no less), salad, and cheesecake followed by a generally easy evening of music and games. I had a wonderful crew helping me do this party.

I walked in from the store to find **Sharon** crying her eyes out cutting onions Saturday morning. **Ron Russo** helped me with the searing and braising of the shanks in the morning. **Tess Stubberfield**, with the raffle tickets in hand, sold a huge number of tickets and helped pick the lucky numbers. More help

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May

7 Club Meeting
8 Work Party (a.m.)
& Cinco de Mayo Party (p.m.)
28-31 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

June

4 Club Meeting
5 Work Party
12-13 Blue Grass BBQ and Cruise-In
19 4S Try-Outs

July

3-5 4th of July Cruise-Out
9 Club Meeting
10 Work Party
15-18 4S at Stockton YC
31-1 Single Sailors YC Cruise-In

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



Many thanks to Commodore Selvy & Rear Commodore Carroll for covering the bitter-sweet months of March & April in their articles.

March ended with a “funtastic” cruise to Solano YC. Then April brought us perfect weather for Opening Day and a simply “Hopping” Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt.

Saturday, April 17th, the weather again cooperated and we had a productive Dredge Work Party. The news of Carl Rasmussen’s health problems threw a monkey-wrench in all these positive events. With the support and love of our Sportsmen YC family, we believe this medical warning can also be turned into a positive.

Several years ago, a Ferry Buff named Bill Knorp became friends with our caretaker at the time, Lyman Turner. On one of his visits to the Sausalito, Mr. Knorp left a copy of “Afloat At Last” with Lyman who in turn gave it to me. As our historic S.S. Sausalito prepares to turn 110 years old on May 21, 2004, it seems appropriate to share this lovely article.

AFLOAT AT LAST

(From *The Call Bulletin* Newspaper in Sausalito)

One of the prettiest and most successful launches ever seen in any of our local shipyards, was that of the large new ferryboat *Sausalito* from the ways of the Fulton Engineering and Shipbuilding Works at Harbor View last evening. It was just five minutes to 11 o’clock when the blocks were knocked away and the big craft began to slide down the greased ways.

There was no halt, no hitch, as on Saturday night when she stuck fast, but like a large thing of life she moved first slowly and then with more rapid motion, until her prow touching the gently rippling water of the bay, she slid into their watery embrace with the grace of a swan. As she floated off the shore, the guests assembled for the occasion greeted her advent into her new element with a rousing cheer in which the workmen who had cleared the ways joined.

Among the guests who had been invited to attend the affair was an eastern gentleman who had witnessed half a hundred launchings, and he declared that he had never been present at one where everything went off so smoothly.

The arrangements were under the direct supervision of James Spiers, president of the work. Among the guests were: J.B. Stetson, A.L. Stetson, superintendent Harris of the California Street Railroad and about fifteen other gentlemen, including five from the east who are visiting this coast and are inspecting the company’s new giant.

In speaking of the failure to get the boat off on Saturday night, a member of the firm explained that it was not through any fault in the construction of the ways, but that stearine had been used on the ways and that had proved not to be

May
Happy
Birthday
Wishes



- May 02 Clayton Chappell
- May 02 Jerry Goldsmith
- 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 23 Yvonne Lackey
- May 24 Denise Dias
- May 24 Ed Elledge
- May 25 Ginger Hampshire
- May 27 Karissa Larosee
- May 30 Paul Scannell
- May 31 Marlene Cook

sufficiently slippery to allow the boat to slide down. Last night the ways were greased with tallow and oil.

The Sausalito will lay off the works until she has been fitted up and furnished inside. This will be a matter of about two weeks’ labor. She will then make her trial trip.

As a ferry-boat, the Sausalito is a model and will prove a handsome addition to the bay fleet.

Of our 1200 tons, her dimensions are: Length overall 255 feet; length of keel 235 feet; beam 38 feet; depth of side 16
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PICYA Report

Upcoming Events

- 5/3 Delegates’ Meeting at Oyster Point YC
- 6/7 Delegates’ Meeting at Bridge Marina YC
- 7/12 Delegates’ Meeting at Sacramento YC

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

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FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE
CHUCK CARROLL



Well, Opening Day kickoff was a success, with boats participating from Driftwood YC, Bridge Marina YC, Pittsburg YC, and (of course)

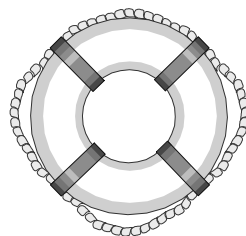
Sportsmen YC. It was a little windy, but the boaters were great! I understand the river has plenty of Rainbow Trout in it now.....

The Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch the following weekend was another great day, with a good time had by the adults as well as the kids. **Commodore Selvy's daughter-in-law** made for a terrific Easter Bunny.

Carl Rasmussen held a special Dredge/Backhoe Work Party on the 17th and we had a good turnout of willing Sportsmen. **Carl Hamilton, Chris Yarbrough, Bob Art & Carl Rasmussen** addressed the broken pulleys and lack thereof and welded up new ones both front & back. Plus they performed needed cleanup and maintenance on the inside. As usual, **Bob McLean** made child's play out of operating the end loader/backhoe and we got ditches filled, roads graded, material moved, and trash hauled to the dumpster. **Dave MacDougall, Lonnie Gibson, & Jim Dawson** got our new fence posts cut and prepped. We were lucky **Bill Coach** was helping us because when that big boy of his stopped by to visit with him, he gave us a quick hand moving the poles. **Paul Larosee, Ed Elledge, Jerry Fitzgerald, Bill & Lonnie** did a terrific

job cleaning out the area between the dredge & Area 3. I think it was Ed who said we should put a picnic table there it looks so nice! **Elaine Rasmussen** (bless her heart) worked as hard as any of the men tearing apart the old cages at the top of the ways. And, as always, we had help from **Don & Freda Lucido, Audrey Coach, & Darlene Dawson.**

By the time most of you get this Newsletter, you will have heard that **Carl Rasmussen** has given his letter of resignation to both Chairman of the Dredging Committee and the Board due to health and personal reasons. I for one applaud him for putting himself first for a change as he so rarely does that. Few people have ever done as much for Sportsmen as **Carl & Elaine.** **Carl** has always paid attention to detail, followed through on everything he started, and encouraged others to participate at every level. His managerial skills are excellent while at the same time being best friend to everyone in the Club. I personally believe we will have to restructure the way we dredge as the hole **Carl** is leaving is too big for anyone else to fill. As most of you who know me have always heard me say, "*Carl, you're an 'Icon'.*"



HISTORIAN NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER



The oldest ferryboat that had a narrow gauge system was the Clinton, built in 1853. On October 22, 1877, she collided with the steamer Petaluma and was sunk.

The Petaluma had left Saucelito [sic] on Saturday evening for San Francisco. The Clinton was proceeding in the opposite direction. Just after dark the two steamers met off Arch Rock. Some of the crewmen reported the Clinton did not have her lights on. The Clinton whistled once to pass to starboard, the Petaluma gave two short blasts for passing on the port side. No one knew for sure who whistled first, but it seems the Clinton cut across the Petaluma's bow and was struck a crushing blow midship which caused her to sink immediately.

On the Clinton there was the captain, deckhand, fireman and engineer. The first three were rescued from the water by boats from the Petaluma. Engineer John Manning lost his life in an attempted rescue. Fearing the fireman had been trapped, he rushed into the hold just before the Clinton disappeared into the water, never to be seen again.

IF YOU HAVE A
COAST GUARD
APPROVED
LIFE PRESERVER
YOU ARE
NO LONGER USING,
WE MAY HAVE JUST
THE USE FOR IT!
PLEASE SEE SAFETY
CHAIRMAN BILL
COACH FOR DETAILS.

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

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(Selvy's Article—Continued from Page 1)

came from **Dave MacDougall**, **Vince Rafanan**, **Dwayne Larosee**, and **Dave Davidson** with bar duties, and **Jackie Steele**, **Ken Corippo**, and "**Hunny Bunny**" **Sharon** with cooking. I should also mention that once again I was helped by **Nancy Olsson** with serving (all decked out in her new red and white ensemble that now has marinara on the white pants). *Bless you sweetie!* **Chuck Carroll** and the Boys Night Out bunch and **Dan & Sherry Lively** again helped with the table set up and Sherry even put on the tablecloths for us. Last but not least, **Tom & Imini MacLean** and **Ken Corippo** dove into the kitchen clean up! Thank you so very much!

Dave MacDougall and I set up a light Continental Breakfast and we could have ended up eating it ourselves. It seems that **Kathy's Galley** aromas were drawing the Benicia Yachters in for one of her sumptuous meals.

Elaine Rasmussen and **Audrey Coach** have been taking reservations for all of these events and I am grateful for those of you who do that important courtesy, giving us a good count a week before cooking. This prevents waste and is so welcome to the preparers. I know that I may have missed someone and I hope you forgive me if I did.

Uncle Bob's Easter Egg Hunt was a thing of beauty!! We were assisted in the kitchen by **Jackie Steele** and my **Hunny Bunny Sharon** getting all the eggs hidden and doing the table decorations. **Jackie** whipped up and cooked the pancakes, and my son, **Ken Selvy**, made all of the egg batches for dad to fry up. We had sausages and juices that were all gobbled up with no leftovers and all were full and ready for the hunt!

There wasn't one sourpuss kiddie in

the bunch and when the Easter Bunny showed up. (Thanks to my daughter-in-law, **Tina Selvy**, a really cute Easter Bunny.) All the kids ran to her like she was Santa. They followed her around like the "Pied Piper" of Hamlin. **Lee Fitzgerald** decorated the muffins, while **Past Commodore Jerry Fitzgerald** wonderfully organized the Easter egg Hunt. He had the groups broken down by age and areas with the toddlers having the run of the upper deck. Special thanks goes to **Chris & Nancy Yarbrough** working with the kids, **Carl & Elaine Rasmussen**, and **Audrey Coach** taking reservations and the money, **Dave Davidson** popping up everywhere when I needed "someone to do something" and **Chuck Carroll** and our friend **Emery Megel** helping out in the kitchen. **Barbara Chapman** had a hat that ...well you'll just have to ask her.

We have received a *letter of resignation* from the post of Dredging Chairman and from the Board of Directors from **Carl Rasmussen**. He has served this Club with honor and dedication that is enviable from every angle. The man's talent has led this Club in a task that most construction companies would call daunting at best. And the result...We have a harbor that is 8 feet deep and the plans are in place to begin deepening the slips. This hole in leadership needs filling and I am asking our membership to examine their talents and time and to consider taking on the chairmanship for the Dredging Project. Carl has graciously made up lists of tasks and names to head

them. We need an administrator to handle the organizing and implementation of these tasks using the resources available on that list and, of course, your own talents. We will encourage anyone who feels they have the time to take this on, to contact the Board, myself in particular or any flag officer, and feel free to contact Carl for information germane to this work.

The Board has received some inquiries from members asking to join the Board and we will interview those people (we invite any others to interview), at a **Special Board Meeting to be held at 6 pm on May 7th**. The interviews will be relatively brief in length and the board will review the results from those interviews and select a proposed member to finish out Carl's term. The membership will be asked to approve that selection during the subsequent membership meeting.

When you are at the club, and see Carl, take his hand and shake it and hold it a moment ...look into his eyes and tell him how grateful you are for his time and extraordinary dedication to a VERY difficult task well done. He has been a truly fine "Sportsmen" in this work.

May and June are going to be very busy, so look in your Newsletters for our flyers regarding our Cinco de Mayo Dinner and the Blue Grass and BBQ Cruise-In on the 12th of June.

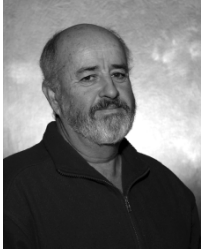
Are we Having Fun Yet??



Member Information Corner

Neil Sterud recently had surgery. *We wish you a speedy recovery, Neil, and hope to see you at the Club soon!*

**PORT CAPTAIN
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**



We had another sellout crowd for our April Meeting Dinner prepared by **Dan & Sherry Lively** with the very able help of **Paul & Kathy Larosee**.

Many members were commenting it was one of the best Enchiladas Dinners they had ever had. *Thanks to all made it a success.*

Our May Meeting Dinner will be hosted by **Bob & Cindy Art**. We are looking forward to another great dinner and appreciate their willingness to take on this task.

Commodore Selvy has already graciously mentioned we won 1st Place in the Opening Day Parade. What I would like to mention is thanks to **Dan & Sherry Lively** and **Amy Dawson** for helping us decorate our boat. Of course, you can just ask **John & Carol Hunter** what a day is like on the Dawson boat when you come out just for a ride in the parade! Thanks to **Dave MacDougall** for rescuing John & Carol so they could get back to the Club.

Thanks to **Darlene** for thinking of one of our cabins when **Winky Scannell** mentioned they needed a cabin to store some items in. Even though it's uninhabitable for most of our members, it turned out to be a perfect fit for **Paul & Winky's** needs.

And then, speaking of **Paul & Winky**, I would like to thank her for a delicious beef & noodles dinner at one of our

Wednesday Night Boys Night Out.

Many thanks to **Martin Wibbenhorst** for spending Thursday afternoon on April 22nd working with the county representatives regarding repair of the K-Mart storm drain pipe.

August 11th is the projected start date of the drain pipe repair, with 440 feet of pipe being replaced. We have been assured our roadway will be accessible to members and emergency vehicles at all times.

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feet 3 inches; depth of rudder port 15 feet. The Sausalito is built of Puget Sound fir and galvanized iron fastenings. She will make twenty-one miles an hour or something better than the San Rafael. The saloon is 100 feet by 60 feet wide and extended clear across the boat and is so fitted with windows that passengers will have a full view without going on deck. The Sausalito is lighted with electricity throughout. James Spiers, president of the company, superintended the launching of the steamer last night. This is the first vessel built at the new yards.

On May 21, 1994, **Commodore Keith & Kathie Hammer** hosted a centennial celebration for the *SS Sausalito*.

This year, the weekend of May 21st will again be a very special time in the history of our Sausalito as we celebrate the wedding of Theresa (T) Owen and Donald Heaton on May 22nd. If that weren't enough, May 22nd is also **Commodore Dave Selvy's** birthday. Congratulations and best wishes to Donald and T. Happy birthday to the Sausalito and Dave Selvy.

The article, "*Afloat at Last*" is on display in our museum, and was originally retyped by Robin Torres.

YES!

**Dinner will be served
before our
May Meeting!**

**Our Menu
Spaghetti
& Meatballs
Caesar Salad
Garlic Bread**

\$8.00 per person

**Prepared by
Bob & Cindy Art**

**We are limited to 50
reservations, so contact
Audrey (686-1167) or
Elaine (682-7585) as soon
as possible**

Come join us!



**More
Boat
Pictures
Will Be
Taken...**

**Saturday
May 15th
From 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Please contact Freda if you need
other arrangements**

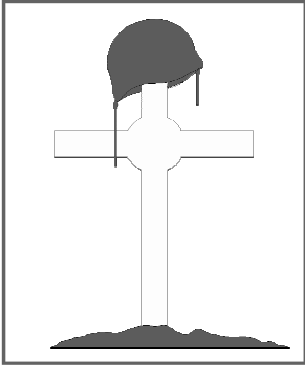
Mother's Day

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**MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 30TH
WE HONOR ALL
WHO HAVE SERVED
AND ARE SERVING
TO KEEP
OUR COUNTRY FREE**



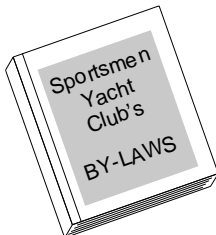
Welcome to Two New Associate Members!

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ARTICLE V

(Continued from last month)

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. The Board of Directors may meet

in Executive Session, closed to all members except those invited by the Board. Only matters concerning allegation, personnel, disciplinary action or matters concerning members conduct may be discussed during Executive Session. All actions of such meeting shall be read at the next General Membership Meeting. A majority of eligible voting membership present shall affirm or overrule the Board's actions.

D. VOTING STATUS:

1. The voting status of the Corporation shall be vested exclusively in the Regular, Family, and Life member, whom shall each be entitled to one (1) vote.
2. Family membership is only entitled to one (1) undivided vote.

3. No proxy, absentee, or substitute voting is allowed.

E. CONDUCT OF MEETING:

1. The proceedings of the Club meeting shall be governed by the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order", Unabridged, insofar as such provisions are applicable and are not in conflict with these By-Laws, or the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation.

F. QUORUM:

1. General and Special Membership Meetings:
a. A quorum shall consist of twenty percent (20%) of the eligible voting membership of the Corporation.

2. Board of Directors and Special Board of Directors Meetings:
a quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Order of business at the meetings of the General Membership and Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- a. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance, roll call of Officers.
- b. Reading and adoption of minutes of previous meetings.
- c. Communications and bills.
- d. Application of prospective members and introduction of guests.
- e. Treasurers financial report.
- f. Report of standing and special committees.
- g. Unfinished business.
- h. New business.
- i. For the good of the order.
- j. Adjournment.

(To be continued next month)



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Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 8th

Dinner
to be
Served
at
6:30 p.m.

Menu

Steak Ranchero
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Flour Tortillas

Please get your reservations
and payments
for the dinner in to
Audrey Coach (686-1167) or
Elaine Rasmussen (682-7585)
by April 30th.
Thank You!

\$10 per person



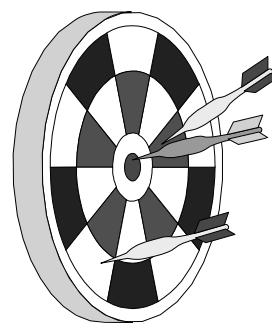
**Get Ready for
Another Great
Cruise-Out!**



**Memorial Day Weekend
May 28th-31st
Details at the May Meeting**

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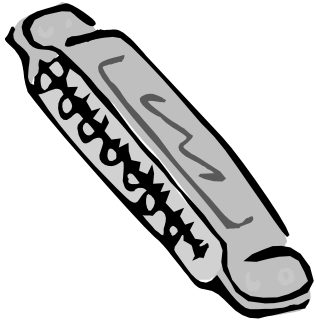
**EVERYONE
IS
WELCOME!**



JUNE 19TH

**SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE CLUB WILL
GIVE GAME TIMES & OTHER DETAILS**

Blue Grass BBQ On the River



Saturday
June 12th
From
1:00-8:00 p.m.

Featuring "Carolina Special"
A professional Blue Grass Band
Stopping by Sportsmen Yacht Club
On their way to the International
Blue Grass Festival in Grass Valley

Caliente YC & other PICYA Clubs
Are Welcome!



Our Dinner Menu
Chicken, Tri-Tips,
& Ribs
Salad, Rolls, & Dessert

\$20 per person
Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m.

Reservations Information
Contact Elaine at 682-7585
or Audrey at 686-1167
Reservation Deadline is June 6th



Upcoming Events

4th of July

Cruise-Out

July 3-5

Fleet Captain

Lawny Chapman

will have

details...



4S at Stockton YC
Rodeo on the Delta!
July 16-18
Details Coming Soon!



Single
Sailors YC
Cruise-In
July 31-Aug 1
Everyone is
Welcome!