

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2005

FROM OUR COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



April was a busy month for **Fleet Captain Lawny Chapman!** First was Opening Day on Saturday, April 2nd, with seven Sportsmen boats

participate in this event. (By the way, if anyone found some golf clubs, please contact Erik because he is missing some.)

Easter came early this year, but Sportsmen had no problem hopping into our Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to our very special Easter Bunny and all her assistants! Many of our members donated candy for this event after Barbara Chapman sent out an SOS. Thanks to their generosity, the eggs were filled. Over 60 people attended this event. Two who planned to go turkey hunting that weekend ended up making bunny frittatas and ducky waffles (**Greg & Debbie Dawson**) along with **Robert and his friend, Jimmy**. Behind the bar was our ever efficient (and one of our newest members), **Kay Power**, serving her delicious Fizzes & Bloody Marys. Thanks also to **Lee Fitzgerald, Jim Dawson, Lonnie Gibson, & T Heaton** who also helped that day. As always, thanks to **Elaine** and **Audrey** who made the very appropriate Easter theme tickets and were handling the reservations.

members that night, **Len & Tina Adkerson, Dan & Kathy Lynch, John Perryman**, in addition to **Kay Power**. It was really great to see **Past Commodore Rex Cook** at our meeting although we missed not seeing **Marlene** with him.

We had a presentation of a beautiful water color of our beloved Sausalito Ferry, donated by **Helen Davidson**. It is "in honor of the women who helped make Family Membership come about and helped make it possible for women to become members of our Club."

John Evans, a member of Caliente YC and Bridge Marina YC, donated two ice picks from the 1939 World's Fair at Treasure Island to the Club. One will be displayed at our bar, which is also from the 1939 World's Fair, and the other one will be on display in our museum.

Congratulations, **Larry Draper**, RBOC's newest Director! For those who are not familiar with Recreational Boaters of California, it is a non-profit organization committed to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways. Each year, RBOC reviews all legislation prepared for State Assembly and Senate action. RBOC protects boaters' rights by educating, not regulating; by increasing safety on our

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participating and **Miss B Haven (Dan & Sherry Lively's boat)** bringing home a much deserved award. Several Sportsmen and Driftwood YC members attended dinner and the awards ceremony at Bridge Marina YC who hosted the event. Many thanks to **Rear Commodore Dick Cusimano** who organized this year's parade. Again this year, **Chris Lauritzen** graciously volunteered to act as our Parade Marshal. Thanks to Georgine Schunk for providing the numbers for the participating boats and for coordinating the judges who unselfishly donated their time.

On April 16th, 11 boats cruised to the Ryde Hotel for a 9-hole Golf Tournament and Murder Mystery Dinner, choreographed by **Lawny, Debby, & Rachael Chapman**. *Kudos, Lawny, Debby, and Rachael, for all your hard work!* Among the 72 attendees were **Erik & Jean Sieben** who drove all the way from southern California just to

Our April Meeting was well attended even though it was on April Fools' Day! After the great dinner that **Kevin's Gang** cooked, who would be surprised that we also voted in three more

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May

6 Club Meeting
7 Work Party
14 Cinco de Mayo Dinner
20-22 Diablo YC Cruise-In
28-30 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

June

3 Club Meeting
4 Work Party
11 Blue Grass BBQ
25 4S Try-Outs

July

1-4 4th of July Cruise-Out
8 Club Meeting
9 Work Party
15-17 4S at Sacramento YC

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



Well, this month started off with two Work Parties. It seems a few of the boys: **Bill Coach, Carl Swenson, Carl Rasmussen, Lonnie Gibson, &**

Rob Horton decided to have an Area 3 Work Party the weekend before the scheduled one. I know they got a lot of flotation installed because I could see them working from the ways where I was helping my son, **Mike**, with his out drive. This caused us to miss a boat ride for Opening Day on the Delta, but several of us were able to make the dinner at Bridge Marina YC. From what I could see it looked like a bunch of folks had a fun day.

The next weekend was the scheduled Work Party and I just don't know what to say anymore, Sportsmen just keep showing up to "get her done." Hey, both **Carls**, believe it or not we had new

associate, **Greg Marenger**, lead a great work crew on the ferry's west side. When's the last time you saw that? We also had a cleanup crew haul off those piles of brush that have been laying by the gate since last Work Party. **Scott Wood** and **Tony Chapman** donated the use of their pickups and **John Torres** was gracious enough to take it off our hands. Thanks **Tim, Tony, Scott, Gary, Darrell, & Bert**. We had a crew get the club patio in terrific shape for the summer. Shades screens are back up, a mist system was installed that was donated by **Doug Horton**, all of the dead ice plant and weeds around the edge were pulled, and the doors on the beer cabinet were fixed. Thanks to **Doug, Rob, Tony, Casey, Dave, Harry, Joe, & John**. We also had a crew working with **Carl Rasmussen** on Area 4. Thanks **Carl, Chuck, & Jerry**. And then we had a crew working on ferry cleanup and surrounding landscaping. **Susan Wood** showed off her green thumb by planting flowers; they look nice. Thanks to **Bruce, Evelyn, Kay, Sharon, Jim, and Joy** for such a great job. **Larry, Maryann, and Steve** from Driftwood did a great breakfast. And, just as can be expected, **Mr. Worrell** and
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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 10 Karen Medlock
May 14 Emmy Swenson
May 14 Kathy McMeekin
May 15 Elvis Lawhorn
May 15 Rodney Raines
May 16 Casey Curry
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



PICYA Report By Larry Draper

The April 4th meeting of PICYA was held at Ballena Bay YC in Alameda. The major topic was Opening Day on the Bay. **Manny Mier** reported Boat US presented a check to PICYA toward sponsorship of Opening Day in the amount of \$5,000.

Stockton YC reported 52 boats and 400 people participated in the Delta Opening Day.

Margo Brown reported on the National Boating Federation Meeting in March and the resolutions they voted on. Major issues discussed were mandatory

life vests and the dangers regarding kayaks. A resolution involving mandatory life vests for everyone in an open boat under 21 feet was defeated. Life vests are currently required for children under the age of 13 in most states, including California.

Larry Draper was introduced as the new RBOC Director. Larry attended his first legislative meeting in Sacramento on April 12th & 13th. He had several successful meetings with Assembly and Senate members or their representatives.

Other items of interest were: Sacramento

YC is hosting another Memorial Day Weekend Jazz Festival, buses to Old Town, Mardi Gras Parade, great food, and a Bocce Ball Tournament. Many members who have participated showed much enthusiasm for this event.

Upcoming Events

May 2	Delegates' Meeting at Oyster Pt. YC
Jun 6	Delegates' Meeting at Bridge Marina YC
Jun 26	Jr. S/C Annual Cruise (Delta Marina)
Jul 11	Delegates' Meeting at Stockton YC
Jul 16-17	Lipton Regatta

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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.

**FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE
TONY CHAPMAN**



I have spent this last month learning how complicated some of the “Simple” tasks we do and take for granted really are. Since Dianne’s

Dad’s stroke, I have experienced how frustrating it can be to live with body parts that ignore the brains instructions. I want to thank everyone for your prayers and support for Dianne and her Dad. He is getting stronger, but is still not able to swallow.

Thank you for excusing me from the April Meeting; I was on a trip with more bodies who ignore their brains. I took six teenagers to a youth rally at Arco Arena in Sacramento. Being a teenager in this day and time, I think none of us would term as “simple.” That is why I enjoy spending time with teens, if to do nothing more than to be understanding of their frustrations with the process of becoming adults. Some day I hope to

speak from experience?

I was really looking forward to getting back to the “Simple Life” of fishing with my Sportsmen friends. BUT, the Pacific Ocean, mixed with a late season storm, said it would have been “simply” stupid to try salmon fishing in Monterey Bay that second week of April. So now we are looking forward to a future date to kick-off our salmon season.

Spending time with Sportsmen friends can be such fun even when it does not qualify as “simple.” This I learned at the Murder Mystery Dinner at the Ryde Hotel. We have so many characters amongst us that when you ask them all to become actors in a great mystery for an evening of fun and fantasy, I did not have a clue as to who I could believe or trust during the game. I would get lost in each person’s persona and the way it mixed with their own personalities. What a great evening.

Now I am just looking forward to May this year since Cinco de Mayo will be perfectly simple: 05-05-05.

**HISTORIAN NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**



On April 16th, over 60 people either cruised or came by car to the Ryde Hotel for dinner and a murder mystery.

The Ryde Hotel was built in 1927 and the attire of most made it seem like we were back in that era. During that time, it was the middle of Prohibition and the hotel served as a riverboat way station and also, some say, a bordello.

The lower level was a speakeasy, where Bootleg and Jazz were popular. It was interesting to see the downstairs. There is a window to see who is at the door and a light behind a curtain to let the clientele know they were open. If you didn't know the password, you didn't get in. Rumor has it, that many politicians, from presidents to movie stars to mobsters frequented this establishment with close friends they didn't want to be seen with. There was even a trap door in the floor that opened to reveal a tunnel running under the road to a hidden doorway at the river's edge. Years ago when we visited the hotel, we were told the back wall was open for the cars to drive into the lower level, then covered with a tarp. If they had to leave in a hurry, they could drive right through it.

In later years, the hotel was a boarding house for the men and women who built the Delta Levees. The Ryde's name has changed several times and also had many owners, including the Lon Chaney Jr. family. At one time, the name was the Grand Island Inn and in the 1970s it was a Rock "n" Roll Mecca. In 1998, new owners resumed the hotel's original name and did major renovating, where 1927 Art Deco feeling is everywhere.

There are also rumors the hotel is haunted. Although we didn't see any ghosts, I think they were up to their
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THANK YOU



*Ray & Maggie Murphy
would like to thank
everyone who planned
and attended their
Going Away Party!
It was great to see so
many friends—some who
had not been to the Club
for awhile. Thanks again!*

*Thanks to Vince & Armi Rafanan for donating a
Big Screen TV to the Club!
Thanks also to Dave MacDougall for the use of his
truck to transport the TV to the Club.*

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FLEET CAPTAIN LAWNY CHAPMAN ANCHORS AWEIGH!



I just don't know where to start. We had a great cruise-out to the Ryde Hotel, with 14 boats making the trip and 62 for the dinner and murder

mystery. We got underway a little after 9 a.m. and arrived at the hotel around 1 p.m. There was a little confusion about the docking arrangements, but all arrived safely and without incident (trying to back a single engine with a starboard walk-in current into a tight spot will take a little more practice for yours truly).

Since we arrived behind schedule, the snacks on the dock were a little hit and miss, but everyone found something good to eat. (We had shrimp, cheese and crackers and the **Nerbys** brought in some great deviled eggs.)

The golf tournament got underway at about 3 p.m. and those who participated had a great time. The structure was planned for fun and, from the talk I heard, everyone had a great time. **Vince Rafanan** was the winner with an astounding 12 handicap; however, his son announced he had beaten him by having a much higher score! **Marina Chapman** caught all the other ladies by surprise and took the gold. We have to do these more often.

We all started arriving in the dining room around 6 p.m. and the pre-game mingling started. People drifted in and all were into their parts early and excitement was in the air. The name tags were handed out and people were introducing themselves to each other in character and really getting into the theme.

Suddenly at about 7:30, the lights went out just as "**Big Jim Ravioli**" (**Lonnie Gibson**) was attempting to make an announcement. A shot rang out (ok, so it was a paper bag) and when the lights came on he was found dead on the floor.



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Fortunately, our own "**Inspector Nostella**" (**Scott Wood**) took charge and made sure no one left the room while the investigation was in progress. All during the great dinner (the filet was so tender and flavorful), every one of the 57 characters were investigating or covering their tracks. There were several more murders during the evening (I am surprised anyone survived), but after hours of investigation the Inspector presented his evidence and arrested the Murderess, **Rebecca Ravioli (Roxanne Hill, guest of the Ivory Gull)**. There were many great stories throughout the night and into the morning, but time and space just make it hard to do here.

There were six Super Sleuths who solved the crime: **Paul & Nancy Olsson, Russ Lord, Angie Williams, Judy Ard**, and, of course, **Roxanne Hill**. Best actor went to **Tony Chapman for Dr. Heckle/Dr. Love**. Best costume for men went to **Dan Lively for Rhett Bumbler**. Best Costume for the ladies was awarded to **Marina Chapman for Shirley Simple**. Marina also won the prize for accumulating the most wealth by the end of the game.

We couldn't get people out of their parts and the bar stayed packed until it closed about midnight. A large (and rather loud) group then assembled in the Commodore's suite for a nightcap (morning cap?), and being respectful of

others, all retired quietly to their rooms only hours after the hotel management asked them to tone it down.

For some reason, cold showers were the topic of conversation the next morning (no hot water in the hotel). When I was asked about my hot water situation, I replied, "Yeah, mine was fine - just fired up the old genset and flipped the switch." (Well, it was funny to me.) The water was the crowning delight of problems with the hotel, but that is another story and it is not over yet.

I want everyone in the Club to know that without **my daughter Rachael** the murder mystery would not have been nearly as successful. She spent hours pouring over the details, making sure everybody had a part. **My wife Debbi** saved me on Saturday from complete exhaustion. I know she put an extreme amount of effort into making sure everything went well for everyone. **Tony Chapman** led the Golf Tournament like the champ he is, stepping in after weeks of illness in his family to insure everyone had a great time on the cruise-out. I cannot express my appreciation enough to my family for all their help.

Now for the New Business: Our next Cruise-out. We have been invited to Caliente Isle YC on May 14th for their "Blues on the Sloughs." Our own **Dave**

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**PORT CAPTAIN
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**



We are working on filling the one cabin that is vacant.

The County has dug pilot holes and they are testing how well the water is coming in, as

well as checking for contaminants in the water. So far, everything is fine. The road job is expected to go back up for bid in May, so the work can be done in the July timeframe.

Please start thinking about the Dredge Project which will be resuming soon. We will need to prepare so the dredge will be ready to go in August.

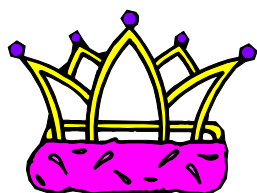
Thanks to **Martin Wibbenhorst** for all his legal expertise in dealing with the contracts. His work has saved our Club a lot of money.

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waterways; and by opposing unreasonable taxes and fees. We are so fortunate to have one of these dedicated individuals as a member of our Club. *Thanks, Larry!*

Our Work Party was the smallest of the year and yet a lot was accomplished. **Bill** cooked for 75, so he had plenty of delicious pork chops, asparagus, and potatoes left over for Boy's Night Out. **Dan** contributed fresh abalone for

(Vice Commodore's Article Cont'd from Page 2)
his crew put on another great lunch. Bill told me he served 32 lunches and, while that's not as many as we've been having, it's a good turnout for an "off" weekend.

I also want to say I had a ball at the Ryde Hotel. **Lawny, Debbie, and Rachael Chapman** did a terrific job putting on the "Murder Mystery" and I was truly impressed with how many Sportsmen got into costume for it. *Great Cruise-Out, Lawny!*



Queen for the Day

**Happy Mother's Day
To All Our Mothers
Sunday, May 8th**

appetizers. *Thanks, guys!* Thanks also to **Jim & Joy Wright** who, as guests, attended our April Work Party.

Don't forget the May Meeting and Dinner, followed by a Work Party on Saturday. Then May 14th, we have our Cinco de Mayo Dinner being prepared by **Helen Torres and her ladies**. Rumor has it that Helen is going on a cruise just to get a fabulous recipe for the dinner! On May 20th, Diablo YC will be cruising-in for the weekend.

Thank you all for another great month. If you're well, stay that way! If you're ill, please make a speedy recovery!

YES!

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

Our Menu

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Tri-tips with Rice,
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Welcome New Associate Member

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Invite your friends to join Sportsmen YC!

(Fleet Captain's Article continued from page 4)

Selvy is a great purveyor of Blues Music and he has set this up for all of us to enjoy. Now I know there are some conflicting functions, our own Cinco De Mayo Party has been moved to the same evening. That being said, I am the "Fleet Captain" and it is my duty to keep you as informed as I can about cruising events. I know most of our members will be supporting our in-house events, but if you want to "Cruise" that weekend, please let Dave or me know by the May Meeting Night. Even a few boats (or cars, why not do all three) would be a great show of support for our Past Commodore.

The Sacramento Jazz Festival is being held on Memorial Day Weekend and Sacramento YC is once again welcoming anyone to cruise there. More information is posted on our Bulletin Board.

The Annual Memorial Day Cruise-Out to Miner Slough is also scheduled. Please see **Carl Hamilton** or **Carl Rasmussen** for information. (I will be at my Dad's 80th Birthday that week.)

"C-ya at the Boat."



MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER

- **JEAN NOVINGER HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR TESTS. GET WELL SOON, JEAN!**
- **RAY SALVA HAD BACK SURGERY LATE IN MARCH. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, RAY, AND WE'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE FERRY SOON!**
- **PAUL SCANNELL HAD SURGERY RECENTLY. WE WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY, PAUL!**
- **DAVE SELVY HAD WRIST SURGERY IN MARCH AND AGAIN IN APRIL. HE IS FINDING HE CAN DO MANY THINGS WITH HIS LEFT HAND (INCLUDING BEING A SLEUTH!) AND WILL BE THANKFUL WHEN HIS RIGHT WRIST HEALS COMPLETELY. WE'RE GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE DOING WELL, DAVE!**

Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 14th
 (Please Note Date Change)

Menu

Tamales
 Guisada (Diced Steak)
 Refried Beans
 Spanish Rice
 Flour Tortillas



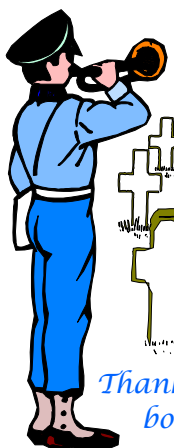
Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

\$10 per person

Please get your reservations and payments for the dinner in to Audrey Coach (686-1167) or Elaine Rasmussen (766-6675) by May 1st.

Thank You!

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May 30th



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Saturday

June 11th

From

1:00-6:00 p.m.

Reservations Information

Contact Elaine at 766-6675

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Reservation Deadline is June 5th