

Sportsmen Yacht Club Newsletter

May



COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY



If you haven't been to the Club lately, you'll be quite surprised when you round the corner of the Ferry and see the beautiful new patio cover! **Joe Stubberfield** and the crew who helped him did a terrific job constructing a patio cover that we will enjoy for years to come. Thank you, guys. I know we all appreciate your hard work; I certainly do. I also want to thank **Barbara Wigmore** for getting lunch for the crew on the Sunday of the weekend the work was being done.

Chuck Carroll and I attended the 4S Games Meeting at San Joaquin YC in April. Chuck will have a full report at the General Membership Meeting, with copies of the games and rules. We have 4S try-outs scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd. Mark your calendars now so you're able to attend. We have two new games to learn and they're a lot of fun. The theme this year is "And The Winner Is..." San Joaquin has a faux formal Oscar party planned for Saturday night,

red carpet and all! This should be a lot of fun.

The Opening Day Parade was lots of fun as always and Sportsmen did well with two first place awards and a third place award. I'm happy to say no one walked the plank. Dinner and awards were held at Driftwood YC and a good time was had by all.

After nine years, Trella has retired from being our Caretaker as of the end of April. I know we will all miss her but I have it on good authority that she and Dave will be spending a lot of time in and around the ferry as members. *Trella, whatever you do, wherever you go, we wish you well.*

Our new caretaker is **Bob Arnold**. He is scheduled to start on May 3rd, so drop in and introduce yourselves. Please be patient; it will take him a while to learn everyone and make this job his own. *Welcome aboard Bob!*

We have a General Membership Meeting on May 4th and a Work Party on May 5th. We need lots of

help that day because we have to do some serious work on the caretaker's trailer. I know Chuck would like to get more done on the Ferry sides and we have ground work that needs doing. I'm sure Casey has projects on his list as well. We only have two work parties left before the Blue Grass Festival.

After the Work Party, **Dave Selvy** is preparing a Cinco De Mayo dinner so get those reservations in! He makes a great Chili Colorado.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mothers a Happy Mother's Day! Being a mother myself, I know it can sometimes be a thankless job—but it is one that we cherish and we would not trade our special memories for anything.

With our observance of Memorial Day at the end of May, I would like to thank all our members who have served in the Armed Forces for our country. Without your service, our country would not have the freedoms we enjoy today.

See you on the upper deck.

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Happy Mother's Day!



VICE COMMODORE CASEY CURRY



With not having a Work Party in April, it turned out to be pretty productive month. Maybe some of you have noticed a

new patio/BBQ area cover has been constructed. Following the leadership of **Joe**

Stubberfield, we were able to build the structure in 2 days. It would have been close to completion on day 1, but we got rained out twice on Saturday. The project was finally completed on Sunday, even with strong winds.

Thanks to the following members, we were able to "get 'er done": **Joe**

Stubberfield, Bill Pato Sr., Bill Pato Jr., Gary Abeyta, Jim Hill, Len Adkerson, Dave MacDougall, Kevin Wickman, Chuck Carroll, Dan Lively, Dennis Higgins, Steve Martinez, and his friend who is applying for associate membership, **Floyd Simpson.**

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www.sportsmenyc.org



REAR COMMODORE PAT SEBERS



It is already May. Time is certainly flying by – even more reason to get out and enjoy the Delta, windy or not!

being out on a cruise with those same people and hearing some of the stories showed me that even the quiet members have piracy in their backgrounds. Even if you have to drive to a cruise-out, come! You will have a blast.

The cruise-out to Rio Vista was a hoot. I left on Friday so I would not have an audience as I backed up in the normally windy Delta marina. Then I heard the radio call, "Delta Swan, we have a 10 foot slip for your 12 foot beam." I knew I was in for it. I started my backup to the dock and that's when I saw about a dozen Sportsmen holding all types of 'Skipper Rating' signs monitoring my progress. No pressure! All this worry for nothing. If anything would have gone wrong, there was an army of Sportsmen to help.

I have not spent as much time at the Club recently, as the work I do preventing hackers and spammers from overtaking my customer networks is causing me to have to work. I hate it when that happens...

I did have time to notice a very nice brand new pergola covering our BBQ area. Quality design and construction. I know **Vice Commodore Casey Curry** and **Joe Stubberfield** were behind it. Thanks, it is beautiful. I don't know who else was swinging the hammers, but the beer is on me.

Seeing Sportsmen members at the Club and saying "Hi" with a brief conversation is one thing,

I love this place!

A Reminder from the Treasurer....

**2nd Quarter
Dues and Fees
Are Now Due!**

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

Our Menu

Bratwurst

Chili

Salad

French Rolls

\$10.00 per person

By

Joe Fray

and Crew

**We are limited to 50 reservations,
so contact Audrey Coach
or make your reservations
on-line as soon as possible**

Come join us!



We have some great cooks in this Club!



Contact Doug Horton right away to get your name in for the month you would most like to cook a Meeting Night Dinner!

From now on, the meeting night dinners will be \$10.00 per person unless stated otherwise.

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen!

May		June	
4	Club Meeting & Dinner	1	Club Meeting & Dinner
5	Work Party	2	Work Party
5	Cinco de Mayo Dinner	9	Blue Grass BBQ
26-28	Memorial Day Cruise-Out	23	4S Try-Outs
		30	July 4th Cruise-Out

Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 5th

Menu

Steak Ranchero

Refried Beans

Spanish Rice

Flour Tortillas



Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

\$12 per person

Reservations can be made on-line
or contact

Audrey Coach (686-1167) by May 1st.

Thank You!

4S Try-Outs!

Saturday

June 23rd

Everyone is Welcome!!!



**2007—The year we win
back the 4S Trophy**

Chuck Carroll is coordinating this year's games for our Club. Details of games and times will be posted at the Club. Sign-up sheets will be available in June for all the 4S games.



May Birthdays!

- 01 Erin Katusich
- 01 Nina Martinez
- 02 Clayton Chappell
- 02 Jerry Goldsmith
- 02 Jody Knutson
- 02 Paul Larosee
- 04 JoAnn Caskey
- 05 Bob McLean
- 05 Steve Martinez
- 06 Marina Chapman
- 08 Carl Hamilton
- 10 Karen Medlock
- 14 Emmy Swenson
- 14 Kathy McMeekin
- 15 Elvis Lawhorn
- 16 Casey Curry
- 16 Vera Carrion
- 17 Henriette Henderson
- 18 Martin Wibbenhorst
- 20 James McCoy
- 22 Dave Selvy
- 22 Norma Peters
- 23 Darlene Dawson
- 23 Lorri Doolin
- 23 Peggy Lamb
- 24 Denise Dias
- 24 Ed Elledge
- 25 Ginger Hampshire
- 27 Karissa Larosee
- 30 Paul Scannell
- 31 Marlene Cook

HISTORIAN NOTES

KATHIE HAMMER



"During the century of ferryboats, the San Franciscan was very much a part of his watery heritage. Blast of whistles and slap of paddlewheel, sunlight dappling the swells, the breathless excitement of crossing in heavy fog...these were all his for only a few pennies...The bay became your personal world. You knew Peg-Leg Pete, the one legged seagull. You applauded the Caruso of the Ferries, the boatman who sang operatic arias...Ferryboats were filled with the dignity of the era and the excitement of approaching the city on its own watery terms."

When Herb Caen wrote this for the San Francisco Chronicle on January 5, 1964, commuter ferryboats had been gone from the North Bay for 23 years; it would be 1970 before they returned.



FLEET CAPTAIN

JACKIE STEELE



What is that saying? April's showers bring May flowers? Alrighty, then. Our Opening Day found Sportsmen with a decent turn out, even though the event hit on Easter weekend. Good going everyone! Yes, we had the April showers and I'm sure most of us are longing for summer sunshine, fair winds and calm seas.

The April 'un-official cruise out' to Westgate happened...or not. RVers and boaters were welcome to join whomever found their way to Westgate Landing near Tower Park the last weekend of April.

As for May, we will cruise out for Memorial Weekend yet remain close to the Club. Once the exact location is determined, I will post it and any interested parties may call me to clarify details! We will anchor out, side-tied to one another which certainly gives us adequate opportunity to get 'up close and personal' with each neighbor! It's also a 'freebee' weekend, as we won't have dock fees, etc. Our theme for the cruise out is the Chili Cook-off, so bring your best recipes and see if you can beat your

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Did you know...?

May 15th is
Peace Officers'
Memorial Day

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

Send Newsletter information to:
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Sportsmen
Yacht Club's
4th Annual

Blue Grass BBQ
On the River

Saturday
June 9, 2007



Don't forget to bring
your lawn chairs and sunscreen!

Featuring
"John Murphy & The Carolina Special"



Our BBQ Menu

Chicken, Tri-Tips, and Ribs
Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob,
Chili Beans & Ice Cream

\$30 per person
\$15 for Kids 6-13; under 6 Free

Serving BBQ at 4:00 p.m.

A Taco Bar will be served

Reservation Information

Go to our web site to reserve on-line or
contact Audrey at 925-686-1167
Requested Reservation Deadline
is May 29th

Don't miss
this event!!

Sportsmen Yacht Club is located at
3301 Wilbur Avenue in Antioch

(Directions: Hwy 4 to Wilbur Ave exit, turn west and go
about 1/4 mile; you will see the Club sign on the right.)

*Welcome
New Associate Member!*

Michael & Paulet Hoskins

*Personal information
on file at the Club*

Note:

To protect the privacy of our members, address and phone information will not be listed on the on-line version of our Newsletter.

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Member Information Corner

See information on file at the Club

We wish you all speedy recoveries and hope you heal quickly!

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PORT CAPTAIN COMMENTS

JIM DAWSON



As everyone probably already knows, **Trella** retired at the end of April. Trella contracted with Sportsmen YC as Caretaker on September 1, 1998. Her intentions were to be here for one

year. We were extremely fortunate to have her here for almost 9 years. At one time, Trella even operated our harbor side galley, cooking our weekend breakfasts. Trella and **Davey** will be living close by (in or around Galt, to be near their family), so we should still have them coming around the Club often. I know all of us are going to miss Trella and Davey being around all the time. I personally will miss seeing Davey every day jumping up and down on the trash, moving stuff around, cleaning whatever does not move and you know all the other stuff he does. I expect to see Davey signing up for Relief Caretaker from time to time. I truly consider Trella and Davey as personal friends to Darlene and I. It has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with Trella over the past few years and again, I will miss seeing them daily at Sportsmen YC.

Bob Arnold has taken over as of the first of May, so please introduce yourselves to him and make him feel welcome into your family at Sportsmen!

“And let me offer lesson number one about America: All great change in America begins at the dinner table. So, tomorrow night in the kitchen I hope the talking begins. And children, if your parents haven’t been teaching you what it means to be an American, let ‘em know and nail ‘em on it. That would be a very American thing to do.”

Ronald Reagan, 1989



PICYA Report

Larry Draper

The April PICYA meeting was hosted by Presidio YC under a spectacular view of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Opening Day on the Bay was a much-discussed event. Let's hope for great weather, much fun on the water, and safe boating.

Lenora Clark reported on donations from PICYA clubs and gave thanks for our support. RBOC is supporting Lake Tahoe's call to arms regarding its opposition to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) to require boaters to affix a decal and pay significant fees in order to operate boats at Lake Tahoe.

TRPA did not consider the proposal at its meeting on February 28, so letters to support RBOC are still needed. See www.rbo.org for how to send letters of support.

RBOC shares the concerns of local boaters that Lake Tahoe and is an area that affects fewer boaters, and that the proposed fees would pay for environmental mitigation entirely unrelated to boat operation; including street sweepers, stoves and wood-chippers. The proposed decal would levy significant fees on boaters in order to raise revenues for a new bureaucracy that is not necessary to accomplish the desired environmental protections.

This issue is of interest to all boaters who enjoy Lake Tahoe, as well as boaters state-wide where this decal and fees precedent could be followed.

Johnnie Owen, Webmaster and Publisher of *The Log* and the Yearbook, asked that links to our clubs be updated from the PICYA web page. He also asked that clubs submit activities and dates to the Calendar published in *The Log*. The Yearbook will be available by Opening Day. 4000 were printed and 3000 sold.

PICYA members for the cruise to Alaska have booked 27 on June 10. Space is still available.

There is updated information on the website for the scholarship program. Three \$2,500.00 scholarships will be awarded in November to applicants.

Oyster Point will host the May 7th PICYA meeting for the annual Opening Day Awards Dinner.

THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO



So, meeting night you guys thought the Ferry was doin' real fine until someone thought it would be fun to see if the membership could get riled ...naaah...well almost naah. That is until one of the associates jumped up and proceeded to inform everyone that the

ocean water "salinity was going to be allowed all the way to Thornton, ...So says the "Governators" black and blue ribbon committee.... After all, the Delta is just a stagnant puddle of water anyway..." That was enough to wire up the evening for a good lively dialogue. Me thinks the folks down in LA should start investigating one of those new fangled desalination plants that the Arabs have been using for over 20 years. Francine nearly passed out on that one...Oh yeah she is down from Ryde...couldn't get a ride back home after the St Paddy's night. But I digress...

The Opening Day was scheduled for some rain that never showed up and the Commodore and her virgin surgeon put together a first rate pirates ship complete with wenches, a couple of reprobates and a cannon. Well, story goes they were practicing in the back yard firing up the cannon...the fuel collected a bit heavy and when he touched it off it sort of fizzled and they went back in to figure out what went wrong....BANG BANG!! On the front door. It was the neighbor lady from next door...your house is on fire...yea right said the Commodore...the boys are just playing around ...it's OK...NOOO She said ...the flames are up to the roof and you just gotta look!!" Commodore went around to the side of

the house and the virgin surgeon and his crew were in the garage oblivious to the bonfire of melting plastic outside the garage side door. They got it out and decided that diesel starter fluid was a safer concoction...it was but that was before they tried it out for real on the boat during the Opening Day Parade.

When they ran up the pirate flag and touched off the cannon, the Warden got his sash into the fire-it caught and while jumping up and down, his genuine plastic pirate boots caught fire but not to worry... you stalwart Sportsmen in good Sportsmen style put it all out with a few well placed beers. I see that your efforts were rewarded with the 1st place award in your class. I must say it was entertaining from up here on the wheel house cupola. Lots of fun actually. I noticed there was a little excitement down in the shed Saturday night....it seems that the Norwegian sailor and his brood garnered a 2nd place in the 34 foot or less category using used car flags as he said...but wait ...the Caddy man went roaring down the river in his little go fast similar flags a flying and took 1st for his efforts. A great laugh for all at a tasty lasagna dinner over at "Drifties" hideout.

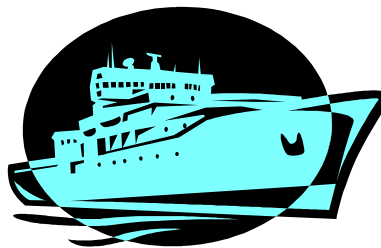
Even the cat got caught up in the fun until the damned cannon went off. She is inside the hull of the old ferry and refused to come out for three days...well we all have to eat sooner or later.

So I think I am going to be around for next work party - word has it there will be sandwiches for lunch and the "Cinco de Mayo" Dinner that night... Norsky's Mexican dinner.

Don't wanna miss that one!! A Norwegian cook... Cooks Mexican?

Come here cat...we're gonna get some sleep. Settle down now...they put that cannon away.

The California Striped Bass Association (CSBA), along with the Preservation and Conservation League and the Consolidated Sportfishing Protection Alliance, have come together to file suit against the Department



of Water Resources, Bureau of Reclamation, and other state agencies for violation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, the California Endangered Species Act, violation of public trust and destruction of fisheries.

CSBA's share of legal fees has been estimated to be \$5,000 per year for the next three years. Fund raising efforts have been started with a cruise to Alaska, with all proceeds going toward impending legal fees. The fares for the cruise are reasonable.

This cruise is open to everyone and Sportsmen Yacht Club members who are interested are encouraged to check out all the information on our website (www.sportsmenyc.org).

The CSBA feels this is a battle worth fighting.



NCPCA REPORT

BARBARA CHAPMAN

TONY CHAPMAN

The NCPCA organization is ready to proceed with a new and exciting Over-the-Bottom Racing Season. The New NCPCA officers and delegates have completed their planning and the skippers are out there cleaning and polishing their beloved boats. Everyone is anxious to get out on the water.

The officers and members have already participated in helping out with the Novice Contest at Bridge Marina YC on March 24th. Thanks to Bridge Marina YC

for their support and their great lunch as well. We had at least three or four participants who attended the seminar and were interested in the 'sport' of Over-the-Bottom racing. Thanks to our Vice Commodore, Nancy LeBeouf (Vallejo YC), for providing the usage of her boat for this event.

Our first contest of the year will be on May 5th at San Leandro YC (starting line actually begins in the Bay), with the 2nd contest the following weekend on May 12th at Oakland YC.

If you or any of your fellow friends and Yacht Club members are interested in learning more about NCPCA, please contact any of your delegates. Please contact Peter Paradis (San Joaquin YC),

NCPCA Commodore 2007, if you have questions or want to sign up for a contest or event. Peter can be reached at pparadis@scisolutions.com. Here's to a safe and wonderful boating experience this year and come join up with the NCPCA; a great group of folks who love to 'Cruise-Out-with-a-Purpose'...here's to a great year! Last year's Commodore, Dennis Pippin, is really looking forward to this season and getting his vessel, 'SnowBird,' back out there on the water. After two years of being an officer, he's ready to get out there racing again. See you on the water! Be Safe and Have Fun!

Susan Pippin, Publicity
NCPCA (San Joaquin YC)

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Thanks to the effort put forth, I am sure the new addition will be enjoyed by many for the years to come.

Safe Boating

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compadres with your 'secret' recipe. Seems to me that **Steve and Serlina Anderson** on Delta Sol won one year with a "Delta Sludge" concoction that we all enjoyed (er, what we can remember of it!) Ah, yes...those were the days when we all brought our dinks and had 'bumper' boat races and varied shenanigans as we scrambled around for sunny afternoon entertainment. But! Be warned that your recipe will be judged by all in attendance, and prizes will be given. Hmmmm, now just where did I put that special secret recipe that will burn the inside of the mouth???

I look forward to seeing you all at the Memorial Day Cruise Out Weekend!



In Memory of All Who Have Served
Memorial Day—May 30, 2007

Since many of you probably don't receive the *PICYA LOG*, we thought you might enjoy this article that appears in the March/April 2007 edition:

BOATU.S. ANNUAL LIST OF TOP TEN BOAT NAMES

BoatU.S., the nation's largest recreational boat owners association, announced today its "2006 Top Ten List of Most Popular Boat Names." Housing slumps, high gas prices, stock market surges, and spinach scares made national headlines during the year, but that didn't faze recreational boaters in selecting feel-good names for their vessels. Their number one choice was *Aquaholic*, illustrating boater's chronic love for the waterways. The name has appeared on the Top Ten List for five consecutive years—and it's also the second time it's taken the number one slot.

Number five on this year's list, *Happy Hours*, has appeared on the list seven times since 1991, when the BoatU.S. Graphics & Lettering department, which makes custom boat graphics and has a database of 7,400 monikers, first started tracking boat names. All of the remaining top five, *Second Wind* (#2), *Reel Time* (#3), and *Hakuna Matata* (#4, which means "no worries, troubles, problems or cares" in Swahili) have appeared on the annual list at least once, as well as #10, *Pura Vida* (which means "pure life").

Notable newcomers that made the list for the first time include *Knot Working* (#6), *Life is Good* (#7), *Plan B* (#8), and *Second Chance* (#9). "It's interesting to see how boaters creatively express their passion for the boating lifestyle through the name of their boat," said BoatU.S. President Nancy Michelman, "And these newcomers are

perfect examples," she added.

The "2006 Top Ten List of Most Popular Boat Names" is as follows:

1. Aquaholic
2. Second Wind
3. Reel Time
4. Hakuna Matata
5. Happy Hours
6. Knot Working
7. Life is Good
8. Plan B
9. Second Chance
10. Pura Vida

The BoatU.S. Graphics service allows boaters to easily custom design and preview boat names online—without having to pay up front—allowing for greater creativity and choices in font styles, colors, and special effects. For more information, visit the online service at BoatUS.com/boatgraphic.

BoatU.S.—Boat Owners Association of the United States—is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boaters providing its 670,000 members with a wide array of consumer services.

