

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

MAY 2008



**COMMODORE  
CASEY CURRY**

My goodness, May already. I need to mention the cruise-out we had to Rio Vista the last weekend in March. We had a chili cook off with about 10 different kinds to choose from. They were all fabulous; Rick & Anita Hinds won 1st place with some great chili by they called "Code 3." I need that recipe! Speaking of Rick and Anita, Diane and I were supposed to lead the way to Rio Vista, but we lost our electronics and ended up following Rick and Anita. Thanks for the help guys.

Opening Day was fun with quite a few boats this year. Thanks to Pat Sebers for being my first mate. He gave me a few suggestions on boat handling that were very helpful. We also had a great Work Party the same day with quite a good turn out. Thanks Chuck for the good work organizing it.

As many of you have noticed the Ways are up and running in good form. Many thanks to Dave Beckert, Chuck Carroll, Lonnie Gibson, Tim Lamb, Dwayne Minick, Harry Parker and a host of others. It is already in use with a pretty good list of boats waiting to do some needed maintenance including my own boat. Thanks for the great job and effort, guys. Oh, by the way— Blair, if

you need some help using the Ways, all of us will be glad to help you operate the machine!

Don Lucido and Chris Stubberfield have been working on our new security system. When it's done, it will be state-of-the-art. Thanks for your work, guys.

I attended a 4S meeting in Stockton a few weeks ago and they have a lot of great fun planned for all. I told them the trophy is going to stay right where it is! More info to come from Chuck Carroll in the near future.

We also had Diablo YC cruise in. What a bunch of great people with some gorgeous boats to include a 57 Woody. Their theme was "Toga." They had a great lunch with Greek food and invited us to share it with them. There was some interesting tasting food. I tried "Ouzo" which, if you have never had any, it has a licorice taste to it. I know one thing for sure, that if you drink too much of it, you won't remember much for the rest of the day. Of course, as for myself, I only had a small sip.

That night at dinner most of their club dressed up in "Toga" attire which consists of a sheet, sandals, and grape leaves wrapped around their heads. They looked great and so did the food. It looked like they had a lot of fun.

Don't forget about the cruise-out at the end of the month. It sounds like a good time.

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I'm waiting for one more bid to come back in regards to our roof repairs. I will once again update you at our next meeting.

Safe Boating!



**VICE COMMODORE  
PAT SEBERS**

It is already May and the weather is finally straightening up. I hope everyone made it past tax day intact.

I have the Delta Swan hauled out for her bottom paint and re-zincing. They found both propeller shafts worn to a frazzle. I guess stainless steel shafts only last 37 1/2 years. She will be back soon and ready for the Memorial Day cruise out. Mary is all healthy, so I am certain I will be present. Bring plenty of extra fenders; I will need something to

bounce off of!

Diablo YC cruised-in during April. They are a fun bunch of people. I hear they had a Toga Party and were dressed in sheets like Romans.

Sounds like a fun idea for a party at Sportsmen! I don't know about you, but when we do, I'm bringing a camera... Dave Selvy dressed in a Toga, what a thought!

I am looking forward to the Cinco de Mayo gathering. The dinner, by Mecca, should be pretty good. My older brother called and told me our family name is actually Seberzaragosa, distant relative of Mexican General Zaragosa, who kicked the French army's butt out of

Mexico. Good day to celebrate independence.

See you on the water!



**Memorial Day**  
 Observed  
 May 26th

May we never forget what some have given for our freedom



**REAR COMMODORE  
STEVE MARTINEZ**

Thanks everyone for the great support that has been given in the past month.

I would like to thank William & Kelly Odum for cleaning up the bar area last month. Great job!

Also, thank you everyone for the wonderful Newsletter articles that mentioned me last month, it made me feel like part of the family.

P.S. If anyone would like to sign up for Work Party fishing - please let me know!!!



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

### MAY

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

### JUNE

6 Club Meeting & Dinner  
7 50 Bash & Tower Park  
Cruise-In  
21 4S Try Outs

### JULY

4-6 Cruise-out to Three  
River Reach  
11 Club Meeting & Dinner  
12 Work Party  
18-20 4S at Stockton YC

### By-Laws Rules Reminder

It's a good idea to periodically review the Club's By-Laws. Here are a couple some members may not know about:

- Only Club members and their spouses of legal age are allowed to be behind the Club bar to serve alcoholic beverages.
- Pets on the Club grounds must be on a leash or under close supervision of the owner at all times. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals.



### Address Changes

Isaac Barrett

### New Members

Fran Fantaconi

Jay & Cynthia Froman

Addresses and phone number not available  
for the web version of this Newsletter



## Member Information Corner

The following members  
have been hospitalized  
recently:

- Barbara Chapman
- Debbie Dawson
- Charlie Katusich
- Jim Linhart
- Jean Novinger
- Larry & Barbara Palen
- Pat Swank
- Zeb Lamphear

*Wishing you all  
speedy recoveries*

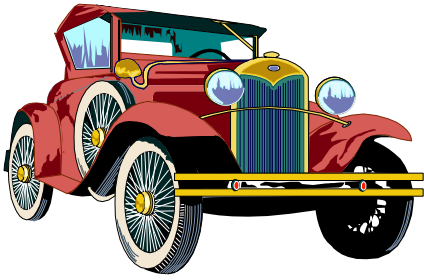
*We hope to see you  
at the Club soon!*



**Reminder!**  
**2nd Quarter**  
**Dues & Fees are due.**

*Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.  
Send articles to:  
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# Sportsmen Yacht Club's 50's Bash!

**Saturday, June 7th**

- 2:00-6:00 p.m. Classic Car Show**  
**2:00-6:00 p.m. Original 50's music for your dancing pleasure**  
**4:00 p.m. Food is served**

**We will have some entertaining group games during the breaks in music—fun for all participants**



**Invite your family and friends!**  
**This event will be held outdoors in our BBQ area**  
**All PICYA Yacht Clubs are welcome to cruise-in or drive-in!**



## **Our Menu**

**Hamburgers \* Hot Dogs**  
**Turkeyburgers**  
**Homemade French Fries \* Potato Salad**  
**Macaroni Salad \* Fruit Salad**  
**Chips & Dip \* Onion Rings**  
**Old Fashioned Ice Cream Sundaes**

**\$15 per person**  
**Under 6 years old—free**

**Also available for your pleasure**  
**Margarita Bar \* Tikki Bar**  
**Sodas \* Beer on tap**

**Reservations can be made on-line ([www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)) or call Cindy at 925-625-0590**

**Reservations for the 50's Bash are requested by June 1st**

**If you plan to cruise-in, please complete and submit the forms on-line by May 25th or call Lonnie at 925-439-5420**  
**We will monitor Channel 68**



### HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

The Chrysopolis was one of California's most loved riverboats. When she was built in 1860, only the finest materials and workmanship went into building a vessel that was referred to as the Sacramento River's luxury liner. She was

an example of Victorian elegance and set a record for steamboats that still holds today. She traveled from Sacramento to San Francisco in 5 hours and 19 minutes. That is almost 23 miles an hour. To compare with the King and Queen that were built much later, it took them 11 hours for the same trip, traveling 10 to 11 miles an hour.

In 1875 the Chrysopolis was converted into a double ended ferryboat and renamed the Oakland. The Oakland went on to provide service until 1940.



### Happy Birthday to Our May Babies!

- 01 Erin Katusich
- 01 Nina Martinez
- 02 Jerry Goldsmith
- 02 Jody Knutson
- 02 Paul Larosee
- 04 JoAnn Caskey
- 05 Bob McLean
- 05 Kelly Basista
- 05 Steve Martinez
- 06 Kelly Odum
- 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
- 17 Michael Tranate
- 18 Martin Wibbenhorst
- 19 Fran Fantaconi
- 19 Rodney Trees
- 20 James McCoy
- 22 Dave Selvy
- 22 Norma Peters
- 23 Darlene Dawson
- 23 Lorri Doolin
- 23 Peggy Lamb
- 23 Yvonne Lackey
- 24 Denise Dias
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### NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JACKIE STEELE "JACKIE OH!"

And the winner is!!!! Okay, we had more than just one winner at the umpteenth annual chili cook off, and many of our newer members took the competition seriously! Besides having eight entries of chili fixings, there was home made corn bread, sliced onions, shredded cheeses, hot jalapenos, mild green chilies and an assortment of other toppings to further customize each chili serving. Not to mention wine margaritas, cold cervesa and a myriad of other adult beverages. First Place honors went to new members Rick & Anita Hinds with their "Code 3" chili. Other names for chili concoctions were clever - we had Injun Chili, Yo Mama Chili, Bilge Clog, Turkey Supreme, White Trash, Spicy Mist, and Chicken Sit (no, that wasn't a misspelling, I assure you!). Thanks to all who came by boat and RV and the day folks who came by car to make sure we weren't having too much fun without them! Ha! Our Rio Vista Cruise-Out seems to be a club favorite.

April found us with the Opening Day Parade, and although we had many of our members knee-deep in work party tasks, and others getting their diving gear ready for the men's trip to Van Damme State Park for abalone diving, we still managed to shove four boats out into the River to participate. The weather was pleasant, though a bit blustery and the event came off without a hitch. A nice BBQ meal was provided by Bridge Marina YC and they were tremendous hosts. Though we didn't

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**SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, 6:00 P.M.**

**MEXICAN DINNER**

**CATERED BY THE MECCA**

**\$15 PER PERSON**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY MADE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE  
MAKE RESERVATIONS ON-LINE OR CALL CINDY AT 625-0590**

**LET'S HAVE FUN PLAYING MEXICAN TRAIN**

**(A DOMINO GAME EVERYONE CAN PLAY)**

**AFTER THE DINNER**

**EVERYONE INVITED! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!**



## PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS JIM DAWSON

We will have one more cabin available soon; all others are rented. As a reminder, if you are advised a cabin is available for you to rent, a one-time deposit of \$75 is due at the time of acceptance. From that point on, the fee is \$40 per quarter.

*Thank you to Relief Caretakers who filled in during April:*

Mike and Paulet Hoskins  
Amy Dawson  
Dave MacDougall

Don't forget to check the Relief Caretaker calendar posted at the Club and write your name for the weekend you want. Now that the weather is getting better, we should start to get more people wanting to help out in this area.

Many say there's no better place to bring your RV than the area set aside by the Club for that use. Since the weather is getting nicer and more members will be wanting to use the area, I would like to remind everyone of the rule in the By-Laws regarding the length of stay allowed. The rule reads:

"Length of stay in RV area shall not exceed fourteen (14) days in any thirty (30) day period, without prior approval of the Port Captain. This area is for the enjoyment of all Club members and is not to be used to store unoccupied vehicles of any type."

This will ensure that all members have a chance to use the Club's facilities.



## Our May Meeting Dinner Menu

Gringo Chicken Enchiladas  
Original Recipe Mexican Beans  
Green Salad  
w/Vinegar (& splash of Lime) Dressing  
Chips/Salsa  
Dessert

\$10 per person

Prepared by  
Jackie Steele & Shirley Karr

## Come join us!

We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations on-line or  
contact Cindy Mammon (625-0590)



## WORK PARTY CORNER CHUCK CARROLL

Well, a lot was accomplished again at the April Work Party, and a couple of small Work Parties since, with nearly forty members turning out. We completed more repairs on the ferry's west side, repairs to the water pipe, electrical, and railing in Area 5, and repairs to the ramp in Area 2.

Work has been started on our new security system, the Ways & dry storage are cleaned up, annnnnnd the Ways are working again!

The Vice Commodore assured me the entire galley has been cleaned and all the silverware polished. We also got the electrical working in Area 3 again.

Special thanks goes to Al Alcorn and Kelly Basista for getting the grounds as nice as I've ever seen them around here.

A special thanks to Dave Beckert, Dwayne Minick, and Tim Lamb for all their efforts on the Ways, and to Don Lucido and Chris Stubberfield for all their extra time on our security system.

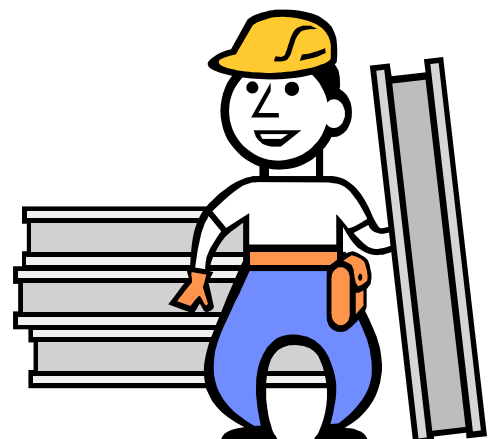
It is truly a pleasure watching all the skill and talent that shows up at our Work Parties.

I would like to thank all who participated:

Al & Ann Marie Alcorn, Jim Arnold, Isaac Barrett, Kelly Basista, Bob Bennett, Pat Bown, Charlie Carroll, Blair Camp, Ed Collins, Bruce Connelly, Casey Curry, Jim Dawson, Fran Fantaconi, Joe Fray, Bob Garrett, Lonnie Gibson, Kathy Harvey, Dennis Higgins, Charlie Katusich, Tim Lamb, Dr. Dan Lively, Don & Freda Lucido, Dave MacDougall, Roger Mammon, Steve Martinez, Dwayne Minick, Harry Parker, Bill Pato Jr., Bill Pato Sr., Bert Schneider,

Pat Sebers, Dave Selvy, Floyd Simpson, Chris Stubberfield, Brian & Tina Tapp, and Scott Wigmore.

Hopefully we'll see all of you back and even more Sportsmen will join us at the next Work Party on May 3rd!





**THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO**

So you had an "Opening Day" ...So? From the amount of boats put into the action from this Club, there seemed to be a desire to not miss the Work Party held on the same day!

Well, it seemed so for everyone EXCEPT the Rear... who this time expressed the compelling need to volunteer for the dangerous assignment of joining E Clampus Vitus ensuring the protection of national points of interest throughout the nation!! What a noble guy!! ...I wonder if he can get one of those brass plate thingy's for the front of the Ferry? He seems bent on upstaging his last escapade into the fishing boat off shore last month... No Coor's Light in the bar Sunday afternoon. Hmmm this is getting funny!!

The ways are back running. They installed a "dead man" switch and during the last meeting someone brought the house down (much to the consternation of Tool Man) by declaring the thing should be called a "Blair Switch" instead.

Oh... how this place brings out the best and the worst in Faux-Pas... It seems that Norski decided that since his wife was in school all weekend, he would volunteer (there's that word again) for relief caretaker. He was blessed with the log book from the Mechanic and the keys and vaunted portable house phone. Cool. He said he felt like a Pit Marshal again. Well to hear him tell it, he blamed it all on the Irishman's wife calling the Club and needing to talk with her Irishman...he put the phone on the belt clip and strode out the cabin door of his trusty "duty-patrol boat" and promptly lost the darn phone into the harbor. Well this may not be a big deal, I mean who of you hasn't dropped a tool, a drink or a cell phone into the pond...now who? Uhhhh except I bet it wasn't as expensive as the "house phone". Someone suggested a new name for the replacement, should be named after Norski... the "Norski phone?" Well not quite, but you get the idea...this ain't over yet.

Speaking of work parties, the west side of the old girl seems to be shaping up...she actually looks better and is nearly skinned from stern to bow or bow to stern however you look at her. Nice going Chucky - yer crew's never cease to amaze me.

Speaking of "Opening Day" (I was, you know) did anyone notice that the Fleet Captain's boat was actually being operated... by the Fleet Captain?? She's getting better too! She didn't hit the fishing pier as she swung by, listing to the starboard (boat full of women again) ...but I believe I saw the old priest Fr. Bob, standing in the aft end lower deck holding what looked like a ...holy beer? I guess he was there just to keep em all in line again. Amen.

Ms. Freda was out on the pier taking pictures as usual but this time she also was teaching Norski how to use his camera... Someone was overheard saying, "Geeze, I hope that is *his* camera he's holding near the water."

The "Other Norski" around this place, has added another year to her timeless countenance and celebrated by having a soiree a week later, this not being a casual affair at least in the food department - WOW, that lady can put munchies together!! Happy Birthday! To her and I cannot believe her age. She looks like Tire Iron's daughter instead of his wife. You just can't trust dem darn Norski's to tell you how old they *really* are...they say they are older than they really are all the time (must be the lutefisk). Heck, I bet she still gets carded at bars, ya betcha.

I got up on the upper deck around the middle of the month and there were a few strange boats in the harbor and what a crazy bunch of characters. They were cavorting around in bed sheets and acting like a bunch of college kids...something like Toga Toga Toga!! Bacchanal-ious bunch of ...hey wait a minute, I am sure I noticed a certain flag officer join the fray... oh well; "... when in Rome?

Things never cease to amaze me around here.



**PICYA Report  
Larry Draper**

PICYA delegates met at Aeolian YC on April 7. Vice Commodore; Bill Needham (St. Francis YC) gave updates on Opening Day. He announced that the Grand Marshall this year is Lenora Clark, member of Ebony Boat Club, RBOC Director, and recently re-appointed to the Department of Boating and Waterways Commission. Rear Commodore, Reg Smith (Treasure Island YC) talked about the success of the Spring Leadership Conference. Richmond YC hosted the event on March 22. One of the workshops, *Past Commodore Roundtable for Club Officers and Directors* chaired by Renee Olson, Oyster Point YC Staff Commodore, along with Gary Gordon, Ox Bow Staff Commodore, and Donna Duncan, PICYA Executive Secretary and Seabreeze YC Vice President for 10 years. This workshop was well attended and well received.

Several Clubs made RBOC donations that evening. Dave Breninger, RBOC Director, thanked everyone who lobbied by letter and telephone in support of RBOC Alerts.

*(Steele's Article continued from Page 4)*

garner any awards, it is truly the spirit of the event that carries us from one year to the next. Thanks to all who participated, and let's get a bigger crew together for next year!

May's cruise-out is usually a 'non-planned' event. Some of our Club members cruise up to Miner Slough, and others are seeking closer ground (er...water...) to swing on a hook. Sherry Lively is checking into some

The yachting yearbook is printed and available. Next year the yearbook cut-off date for submission of club information will be firm. If not met, information from the previous year will be used.

Check the PICYA website ([www.picya.com](http://www.picya.com)) for information on the annual cruise, and the scholarships available to high school students.

News from other clubs:  
Berkeley YC: Jazz on the first Sunday of every month, 3 to 5 p.m.

Ebony Boat Club: Jazz and Wine tasting on June 6-8

Mariposa/Hunter's Point YC: Champagne Brunch, free parking, and tickets in the 300 section to the Giants - Dodgers Baseball game on August 10

Treasure Island YC Summer Solstice Event, June 20-22. Prizes will be awarded for the largest raft-up and best-decorated boats.

Remember, if you are interested in activities at other yacht clubs check the PICYA website for links to all member clubs.

The May meeting will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at Oyster Point YC for the awarding of Opening Day trophies.

anchorage nearby that may be close to levees and RV facilities on the land slough side so more of our RV folks can join us. However, speaking of "us", "I" will not be participating, as I will be on a BIG boat cruising the Alaskan Inside Passage over the Memorial Day Weekend. So, don't look for the Jackie Oh! out there with you. (I promise to come back with fabulous tales of sightseeing wonders!)

Safe boating, and see you on the river!



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