



SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

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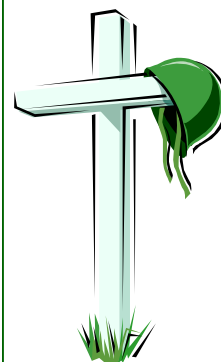
COMMODORE
STEVE MARTINEZ
"DIRTY STEVIE MARTINI"

Well its already May; time sure flies by when your having fun. April was a good month, Opening Day went well. I would like to thank all the Clubs that cruised down river with us; Driftwood, New Bridge, Pittsburg and Ebony. It was a new experience for me, seems I just could not get the cruising speed down. The BBQ chicken Mike Stroer cooked was very tasty and Gary Abeyta did a great job with the beans and the rest of the dinner.

The Work Parties went well; I want to thank Chuck Carroll for stepping up to help Charlie. Chuck and the boys got the west side of the ferry on the run. It's going to look great when its done. Floyd Simpson, Isaac Barrett, and I got a pile in Area 3 locked. Lonnie got some holes patched on the Area 2 roof. Sportsmen is a special place and I want to thank everyone for their help in making it just that.

The Cinco de Mayo party is coming up. Kelly Odum and her sister are making a special Mexican Dinner that you don't want to miss. Joe Fray is making his Blue Ribbon Margaritas, plus Alice is making a piñata full of goodies with something for all inside. Also, there will be a Shuffle-board, Pool, Darts, and Dominoes Tournament beginning at 1:00 p.m., prior to the 5:00 p.m. dinner. (Please note these time changes.)

Then we have our Memorial Day Cruise-Out, so lets make May a month to remember.



Memorial
Day
Observed
May 25th

May we never
forget what so
many have
given for our
freedom

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

May

- 1 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 2 Cinco de Mayo Dinner & Games Tournament
- 9 Work Party
- 23-25 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

June

- 5 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 6 Work Party
- 27 4S Try-Outs

July

- 3-5 4th of July Cruise-Out
- 10 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 11 Work Party
- 17-19 4S at Sacramento YC



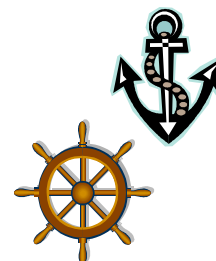
VICE COMMODORE
CHARLIE KATUSICH

Hi! Chuck Carroll here doing the Work Party report for Charlie Katusich this month. As most of you know he has not been feeling well and so keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I guess since I was not a stranger to this, Charlie ask me to organize the Work Party last month. We got a lot done as far as getting the grounds cleaned up. There was much needed work done in Area 3 and we finished the wood trim on the west side of the Ferry. There were folks cleaning up the upper ferry and the bar area. Considering we had a cancellation on the work date from the previous weekend due to Opening Day on the River, the turn out was impressive. I would like to thank all

these folks for all their help; Lynn London, William & Kelly Odum, Steve Martinez, Joe Frey, Bob & Shirley Karr, Pat Brown, Lonnie Gibson, Dennis Higgins, Jerry Fitzgerald, Lurch Frederickson, Ed Elledge, Floyd Simpson & JJ (his grandson), Isaac Barrett, Tim Lamb, Tom Arnold, Rod Miller, Harry Parker, Big Steve, and Doug & Ethan Horton for lunch.

I look forward to seeing you all on the next Work Party on May 9th.





REAR COMMODORE BOB KARR

The month of March ended with a Sportsmen YC cruise-out to Rio Vista. Boats that attended the event were the Delta Swan, Morning Mist, Brandywine, Miss Sea Haven, Puffin, Olympia Draft, Who'da Thought and MISS FITZ. Several RV's were also present and numerous members arrived by car. The two main events were a Clam Chowder competition and a Scavenger Hunt.

The Chowder competition was brutal, having to eat so much great chowder and be able to attach a numerical score to each was very difficult. In the end, Paulet Hoskins walked away with first prize, Rick Hinds with second place, Freda Lucido and Elaine Rasmussen were tied for third place and Dan Lively took fourth place honors. An honorable mention also goes to Carol Hunter and Ken Corippo who also prepared excellent dishes.

The Scavenger Hunt turned out to be much more fun than I could imagine. A list of items was given to each participant. As you probably already
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PICYA Report Darlene Dawson

We are "WATERWAY WATCH." As responsible and concerned boaters, we can help deter the "bad guys" from our Bay and Delta waters. We are the first to know when someone does not belong in our Club or marina, we are the first to recognize unusual boating activities on our waters. The United States Coast Guard is the military organization responsible for protecting our country's maritime community. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the lead volunteer service in the Department of Homeland Security. One of the auxiliary's responsibilities is to teach the recreational boating community how they can help to protect our waterways and America by participating in "WATERWAY WATCH."

According to Rear Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard District 11, recreational boaters play a significant roll in protecting our ports from criminal activity and reporting environmental threats. America's waterway watch is a national awareness program that encourages boaters to report suspicious activity. If you notice anything out of the ordinary or suspicious, please call the Coast Guard National Response Center at 800-424-8802.

Note: PICYA, RBOC, Cal Boating, the U.S Coast Guard, and the U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary work together to improve boating safety and promote environmental stewardship.

PICYA's Upcoming Events

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| May 4 | Delegates' Dinner Meeting,
Oyster Point YC |
| Jun. 1 | Delegates' Dinner Meeting,
Bridge Marina YC |
| Jul. 13 | Delegates' Dinner Meeting,
Sacramento YC |



Reminder!
2nd Quarter
dues & fees



*Congratulations to
Past Commodore (1996) Ted and Pat Brown
who were awarded their Life Membership at
the April General Membership Meeting!*



Welcome
New Member Address Change

Tom A.

Henri H.

Last names and addresses not available
for the web version of this Newsletter

Member Information Corner

- Bonnie W. had knee replacement surgery recently.
- Charlie K. was hospitalized in March.
- Fran F. was hospitalized in March.
- George B. was hospitalized recently.



We wish you all speedy recoveries!

*Newsletter articles are due by the 18th of
each month.*

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by Freda Lucido*



**NEWS FROM FLEET
CAPTAIN
JACKIE STEELE
"JACKIE OH!"**

What a glorious weekend we had for our Rio Vista Cruise-Out. The weather could not have been better! We had eight boats and several RVs spend the weekend. Many Club members drove up and spent Saturday with us enjoying not only the beautiful weather but some delicious clam chowder. Paulet Hoskins took top honors and I think is an excellent candidate for making the Clam Chowder for next year's Crab Feed. She gets my vote! Shirley Karr provided lots and lots of sourdough bread for the event and several people brought wonderful hors d'oeuvres.

After we were all stuffed to the gills, the Treasure Hunt began, focusing on "Things you should and shouldn't have on your boat." I couldn't believe how well you all did! You guys sure keep a lot of stuff on your boats and RVs. Congrats go to Bob McLean & Pat Swank, Joe & Carol Fray and Rick & Anita Hinds, Lee Fitzgerald & Coco, and Freda Lucido & Shirley Karr; you guys are great Hunters or Pack Rats, I'm not sure which.

The afternoon was spent playing some favorite games in the shade of the patio. The guys had a rousing game of liars dice while many of the girls and a guy or two played dominoes. Lots of fun and laughter could be heard all afternoon and well into the evening hours...

Remember our next cruise-out is planned for Memorial Day week-end details at the May meeting.

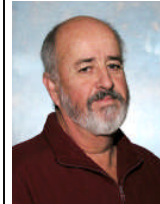
Happy Safe Boating!



**HISTORIAN'S NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**

More from the article written in the Martinez News Gazette, titled "THE PASSING OF ANOTHER TRANSPORTATION ERA, THE MARTINEZ-BENICIA FERRY SYSTEM."

In 1853, a steam ferry was built in New York, brought via the Horn to Martinez, launched in the spring of 1854, and began a regular service in July. It was owned by Captain O.C. Coffin, Charles G. Coffin and Henry Coffin and was called the "Carquinez." There was a large volume of business in carrying stock across the Straits. A large corral was built where the depot grounds of the Southern Pacific now are. It was composed of cordwood which was used on the ferry to generate steam. The sticks were four feet long and the corral was built six feet high. There was always enough wood on hand to keep a good corral. The charge was \$1.00 per head for cattle. The ferry also carried mail and passengers as there were many school children going to and from Benicia.



**PORT CAPTAIN'S
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**

I would like to thank everyone for caretaking the months of March and April. We still need someone to fill the months of May and June; please hurry or you will miss the great opportunity to see everyone on your home turf for the weekend.

Also, please note the wooden chairs that belong to the round tables are interior chairs. When taken outside on the deck, the sun dries and splits the wood, as does the rain. Please use only the plastic chairs for outside. If there are not enough plastic chairs, please advise us so that we can look for more. If you see someone taking the chairs outside, please let them know that the wooden ones are only for inside use.

**From Our Harbor
Captain**

If you have a boat berthed at our harbor, please send a copy of insurance confirmation for your vessel to the Club—my attention.

Thanks,
Lonnie Gibson



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know, the object was to locate as many of the items on the list as you could and have them back to the starting point within a prescribed time. As I recall, it was about thirty minutes. Considering most of the items on the list were unobtainable in a marina, (such as a golf ball) I did not think this event was going very far; however, within a few minutes I observed people running everywhere; stopping strangers walking in the area, knocking on RV doors, heading into a nearby residential area knocking on doors

and accosting people working in their yards and finally into the Point Restaurant and Bar. It was in the bar that Rick Hinds was asking patrons if they had a golf ball. Steve Martinez was there also, but I don't think he was looking for a golf ball. Time was running out when a bar patron found a golf ball in his car and gave it to Rick. Rick was running back from the bar to the starting point and thought he was running out of time so he did a Hail Mary golf ball pass to Joe Fray in the nick of time. Game over. I don't know how Bob McLean & Pat Swank obtained their list of items but they tied team Rick & Anita Hinds and Joe & Carol Fray for first place, Freda Lucido

and Shirley Karr took second place and Lee Fitzgerald took third place honors. It really was a fun event and I am glad so many members participated. Special thanks to Sherry Lively for helping to organize the great event.

Remember the Cinco de Mayo Party on May 2nd, and the Memorial Day Cruise-Out on May 23-25.





NCPA REPORT BARBARA CHAPMAN TONY CHAPMAN DAVE DE CATO

NCPA NEWS - APRIL/MAY 2009. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER CRUISER ASSOCIATION. The NCPA (Northern Calif. Power Cruiser Association) would like to invite all Yacht Clubs/Boaters who are interested in learning about navigational boating and 'Over-the-Bottom' Contesting (Racing). Learn about the latest navigational charts, rules, and

regulations and learn about the enjoyment and fun of navigating the SF Bay and Delta waters. We have eight (8) Contests this year for our 2009 Season, which starts a month later this year, so be aware of the changes in our schedule. The following contests are sponsored by various NCPA member yacht clubs, so please join us in supporting these yacht clubs. Contact our Commodore, Jack Praytor (SJYC) for more information at 209-526-5481 &/or Visit our website at www.ncpa.net.

NCPA Officer News: We are proud to introduce our 2009 Commodore, Jack Praytor,



SJYC. Please contact Jack for more information and learn more about our organization and our contests for 2009.

THE NCPA2009 schedule is listed below:

June 6 - OxBow YC - Delta June 13 - Bridge Marina YC - Delta June 20 - San Joaquin YC - Delta August 22 - Ebony Boat Club - Delta August 29 - Stockton YC - Delta Sept. 12 - Benicia YC - SF Bay/Delta Sept. 19 - San Leandro YC - SF Bay Sept. 26 - San Rafael YC - SF Bay

Happy Boating in 2009!

Susan Pippin, NCPA Publicity 2009

AWARD-WINNING CHOWDER...GREAT FRIENDS...LOTS OF FUN AT OUR RIO VISTA CRUISE-OUT!



Left to Right:

- Paulet Hoskins won 1st place for her fabulous Clam Chowder!
- Russ Lord and puppy enjoyed the day!
- Rick Hinds shows off the coveted golf ball. How much did you pay them for it, Rick?

Opening Day on the River

2009 Parade Results



Under 35 feet: *Tight Drag* owned by Elvester Wood from Ebony Boat Club

Over 35 feet: *Smilin' Thru* owned by Joe Furnare from Driftwood YC

Best of Show: *Cheryl D* owned by Jim & Cheryl Davi from Driftwood YC

Thanks to the judges and the members of Sportsmen YC who helped with the parade and the dinner!



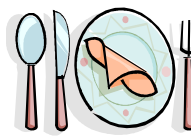
Happy Birthday!

May Babies

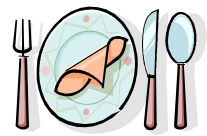
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02 Jerry Goldsmith
02 Jody Knutson
02 Paul Larosee
04 JoAnn Caskey
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05 Kelly Basista
05 Steve Martinez
06 Kelly Odum
06 Marina Chapman
08 Carl Hamilton
10 Karen Medlock
14 Emmy Swenson
14 Kathy McMeekin
15 Elvis Lawhorn
16 Casey Curry
16 Vera Carrion
17 Henri Henderson
17 Michael Tranate



18 Jamie Salmon
18 Martin Wibbenhorst
19 Fran Fantaconi
20 James McCoy
22 Dave Selvy
22 Norma Peters
23 Darlene Dawson
23 Lorri Doolin
23 Marsha Stuart
23 Peggy Lamb
23 Yvonne Lackey
24 Denise Dias
24 Ed Elledge
25 Ginger Hampshire
27 Blair Camp
27 Karissa Larosee
29 Bryan Tapp
30 Paul Scannell
31 Marlene Cook



May's Meeting Dinner Menu



Greek Dinner
Souflakia
(Pork and Chicken Shish-Kabob)
Rice
Salad



Meal Prepared By:
Rick and Terry Barton
(On our Waiting List and friends of William & Kelly Odum)

Come join us!

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

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sign up sheet on bulletin board on Board Room door.

For information or rules Call:

Joe Fray 625-5929 or
Harry Parker 679-0427



Tuesday, May 12th
First Tee 10:00 am

Bethel Island
Golf Club

The tournament will be a 4-man
scramble format. Sign up with a
partner or singles will be put together.
I will be drawing the foursomes.

The price will be \$30.00
which includes: golf, cart,
and pizza at the Club
following the tournament.

Breakfast will be
available prior to
the tournament at
the golf course
for \$5.00



NOTE TIME CHANGES FOR THIS EVENT!



SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 5:00 P.M.
MENU: PORK POZOLE, PORK CARNITAS,
RICE & BEANS, SALSA & CHIPS,
DESSERT

DINNER PREPARED BY KELLY ODUM & FRIENDS
DESSERT BY SHIRLEY KARR
\$15 PER PERSON

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 27TH
MAKE RESERVATIONS ON-LINE OR CALL CINDY AT 625-0590

EVERYONE INVITED! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!

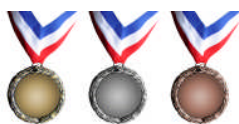
JOIN THE GAMES TOURNAMENT
STARTING AT 1:00 PM!

DARTS • POOL • SHUFFLEBOARD • DOMINOES



JOE FRAY WILL BE
MAKING HIS FAMOUS
MARGARITAS!!!

4S Try-Outs!



Saturday
June 27th

Everyone is Welcome!!!



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.