



SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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- 7 Club Dinner & Meeting
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- 14-16 Caliente Isle YC Cruise-Out
& Toga Party



- 4 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 5 Work Party
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- 3-5 4th of July Cruise-Out
- 9 Club Dinner & Meeting
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**COMMODORE
BOB KARR**

I sometimes start my newsletter article discussing the weather. This month is no exception. I am sitting in the Sportsmen's office trying to compose a literary masterpiece during a rain squall. Water, of course, is dripping everywhere. The keyboard and my chair were hit while I was placing a pan under a leak on the other side of the desk. I don't mean a drop of water, but maybe a half an ounce all at one time. As a result, I am typing a few words, scanning the ceiling overhead for water about to cascade downward, keeping a towel on the desk to soak up the water while it is still on the ceiling before it drops, and sitting on a towel between the wet chair and me. I can't remember ever working in an office quite like this before. However, this being said, the weather did cooperate with the Opening Day Parade and the Rio Vista Cruise-Out.

The Opening Day Parade was only attended by 10 or 11 boats this year. I think the theme, "Building Bridges," may have been too challenging for some. Not for us. We had my Commodore flag, our entry number, and two black fenders I forgot to remove! Of course, a judge named Ed (judges have to keep their identity secret) complimented me on the marine band radio about how nice the fenders looked. Apparently, that

comment did not sway the other judges enough for us to win a prize.

The Rio Vista Cruise-Out was a huge success. We had a small flotilla of boats including two from Driftwood YC packing the docks. There were also five RVs present. See Sherry Lively's article for complete details. In addition to the normal activities, I was entertained numerous times throughout the long weekend watching and listening to angry and vocal exchanges between our dog (named "Beans") and a local crow.

Now back to business. Between storms, Shirley and I have started working on the grounds. Shirley (being a Master Gardener) is designing planter areas for several locations. We also started planting grass on the west side of the picnic area. I hope to have the entire area completed within two weeks.

I wish to thank Doug Horton for donating a commercial hot dog steamer and also thank William Odum for donating a Bunn three-burner coffee pot to the Club.

Remember, the Cinco de Mayo Party is on May 1st. Bring friends, relatives and a big appetite if you like authentic Mexican food.

If you have not signed up for the Caliente Cruise-Out and Toga Party, you are running out of time. The only time I have ever been wrapped in a sheet was in bed. This should be interesting???

I have to go now and dry my clothes.



**VICE COMMODORE
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Hello SYC Members. It's May already; time is flying by.

We did get a lot done at the Club. We dealt with some landscaping issues; however, we were able to get things done. The Club is looking better and better every week. Kind of like a new face lift!

I want to thank all the members who came out for the Work Party last month. We are on track for looking the best ever for the 4S Games which will be here before we know it.

I am the temporary Port Captain, for a few months, until Bill finishes his job duties. Please be patient as I do have several companies running along with the SYC stuff.

Well, let's all have a good time at the Club. We have Cinco de Drinko coming up . . . SO BE THERE!





**REAR COMMODORE
WILLIAM ODUM**

Fellow Sportsmen - how time flies when you're having fun! The weather is changing into that wonderful time when days are longer, warmer, and no one wants to get out of the water.

We have many events coming up at the Club so please try to make a showing, get involved, and help show support.

My new job has kept me very busy with early days and long hours, still not knowing if I'll pass the test. I've brought a couple of co-workers to the Club and they were very impressed and enjoyed meeting some of you.

Kelly would like to thank everyone helping with the bar duties. She sends special kudos to Mike Hoskins for his assistance.

Now . . . a fishing report. Halibuts are in the Bay! I recently enjoyed a complimentary trip with Right Hook Sport Fishing and Captain Jay Lopes. We had 8 butts up to 15 pounds, trolling dodgers, and popsicles. I had an awesome time and the fish tacos were delicious.

See you all at the Club. Enjoy your time and stay well.



Welcome New Members

Bernie Lynch

Steve Lynch

Rich Sutton

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



May Meeting Dinner Menu

**Chicken
Asparagus
Mashed Potatoes
Salad
Dessert**



Prepared by Anita and Rick Hinds

Meeting Dinners are \$10 per person

Come join us!

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



SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, 7:00 P.M.

**MENU: PORK POZOLE, PORK CARNITAS,
RICE & BEANS, SALSA & CHIPS,
DESSERT**

**DINNER PREPARED BY KELLY ODUM & FRIENDS
DESSERT BY SHIRLEY KARR**

**\$15 PER ADULT
\$5 PER CHILD UNDER 12**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR ON-LINE RESERVATIONS ASAP
OR CALL CINDY MAMMON AT 625-0590**

EVERYONE INVITED! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!

**WE WILL HAVE GAMES THROUGHOUT THE
AFTERNOON STARTING AROUND 1:00 P.M.,
SO COME JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON**

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HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Many articles about ferries have been written over the years. The following is one of my favorites. As you read it, it is almost like being there.

On January 5, 1964, Herb Caen wrote the following in the San Francisco Chronicle.

"During the century of ferryboats, the San Franciscan was very much a part of his watery heritage. Blast of whistle 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 Caen wrote this, the commuter ferryboats had been gone from the North Bay for 23 years; it would be 1970 before they returned.



**...WE THOUGHT YOU'D
LIKE TO KNOW!**



Congratulations! Dave and Joyce DeCato were awarded Life Membership by Commodore Karr at our April General Membership Meeting.



NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN SHERRY LIVELY

Ahoy there! April found the Sportsmen Fleet at Delta Marina in beautiful Rio Vista. We all enjoyed fantastic weather. We were joined by two boats from our sister club, Driftwood YC, and had several Sportsmen come up by land yacht to join the fun.

Saturday was full of fun, food, and games with a few mishaps along the way which always adds to the overall excitement and comic relief. There were thirteen pots of chili to taste, actually twelve and a half. "Uf-DaH!" arrived with a cold pot of chili, just as the contest was beginning, so Miss Alice quickly ran his pot of chili down to Dr. Dan on Miss Sea Haven. Trying to speed things up they heated Dave's chili on the stove and in the microwave. Cold ceramic pots on hot burners don't mix! The pot exploded sending chili and ceramic pot flying all over Dr. Dan, Alice, and the Miss Sea Haven. Stove one, chili pot zero! Fortunately, no one was hurt other than the chili pot. Alice was able to save enough of Dave's chili so everyone could enjoy a taste.

Audrey Coach, who never made chili in her life, came away with first place. It was easy to tell she placed first as there was nothing left in her crock pot. Second place went to the cook of the Cheryl D (Driftwood) - good job! Third place was a tie between Pat McLean and Bonnie Lenz. It was so good to see Bob and Bonnie and their new addition "Gator." They brought the Sportsmen rendezvous banner so we looked official.

On Saturday afternoon there was a Scavenger Hunt with a Twist. What an amazing, creative group. Audrey Coach, again, placed first as a mustached Mississippi Mechanic - she had over 50 M's in her costume. Second place went to Emmy Swenson who got most of her outfit from her purse - a mugger better never attack her! Commodore Bob Karr won third place as a traveling tuxedo salesman - his spiel was hysterical. Fourth place was a tie between Cheryl from the Cheryl D and Becky Wilson. Great job, one and all!

Joe and Carol Fray had a wonderful afternoon; however, their evening could have ended in disaster. It seems the keys to their new RV got locked inside the rig. Fortunately a small window was open, and after several failed attempts with a fishing pole and boat hook, Alice found an eleven year old boy and stuffed him through the window. No hitchhiking back to Oakley for Joe! Thanks to Miss Alice Gibson, Don Wilson, and Zach from Pittsburg.

If you missed this exciting fun, you have another chance to see what it's all about at the Caliente YC Toga Party and Dinner, May 14th-16th. We'll cruise out Friday afternoon. If you can't boat in, car in for festivities on Saturday evening. I have reservation forms so please see me at the meeting, or give me a call, as we need to provide a headcount as soon as possible.

Happy, safe boating . . .



"Thank You" to all who have served
and sacrificed for our Country



PICYA REPORT

PICYA's Upcoming Events

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| May 3 | Delegate's Dinner & Meeting
at Oyster Point YC |
| June 7 | Delegate's Dinner & Meeting
at Bridge Marina YC |
| July 12 | Delegate's Dinner & Meeting
at Delta Marina YC |

By Darlene Dawson

Congratulations Golden Gate YC! The 33rd America's Cup was won 2-0 by Golden Gate YC's *BMW-Oracle* in Valencia, Spain. Sponsored by Golden Gate YC member Larry Ellison, the Oracle was skippered by James Spithill of Australia. At 30 years old, he is the youngest Skipper to win the America's Cup.

The America's Cup started in 1851 and is now the third largest sporting event in terms of gross economic impact.

San Francisco is in the running for the 34th America's Cup competition. Along with much excitement, this competition could bring ecological, educational, scientific, and economic opportunities to our area.

Only four countries have ever won the America's Cup. They are New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, and the United States of America.

Once again, congratulations and thank you, Golden Gate YC, for winning this coveted contest and for providing San Francisco with a chance to host such a prestigious event.

May Birthdays

01 Erin Katusich
 01 Nina Martinez
 02 Becky Wilson
 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
 07 Julie Thornburg
 08 Carl Hamilton
 08 Rob Langer
 10 Karen Medlock
 14 Bill Myers
 14 Kathy McMeekin
 14 Emmy Swenson
 15 Elvis Lawhorn
 16 Casey Curry
 16 Vera Carrion
 17 Henriette Henderson
 17 Michael Tranate
 18 Jamie Salmon

18 Martin Wibbenhorst
 19 Fran Fantaconi
 20 James McCoy
 20 Michael Maguire
 22 Dave Selvy
 22 Norma Peters
 23 Darlene Dawson
 23 Lorri Doolin
 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



It was just one of those days...



A U-turn turned into a mishap and there were plenty of members around to tell the tale. "AG" couldn't pass up getting a picture and "SK" says, "Well, %&*# Happens!!" Thankfully, no damage was done to the truck and the broken plastic pipe was scheduled to be removed anyway!



Memorial Day

Observed May 31st

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

4S 4S 4S 4S "A LIGHT FOR THE DELTA" 4S 4S 4S 4S

by Anita Hinds

The committees are working together to get ready for 4S July 23rd - 25th. We were able to get a lot of work done at our monthly meeting on April 10th. Here are a few highlights:

- Shirley, Alice, and Sherry are working to get all needed decorations including ones for the grounds, Ferry, and tables.
- We agreed on the T-Shirt style for both men and women and should have a picture by the next meeting.
- Chuck reviewed the different games we may be playing. He met with the Commodores from the other yacht clubs on Sunday, April 18, to finalize the games. He agreed to explain each game at the next General Meeting. We are hoping to get a lot of participation from all Members.
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus have been finalized.
- Freda should have the packets sent to other clubs by early May.

Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer - we will be in contact soon. **We still need help so please sign up.** The sheet is posted on the 4S Bulletin Board. Minutes from the last meeting will also be posted.

*** * Next meeting is May 8th at 3 pm @ Sportsmen YC * ***



Fun at the Rio Vista Cruise-Out!

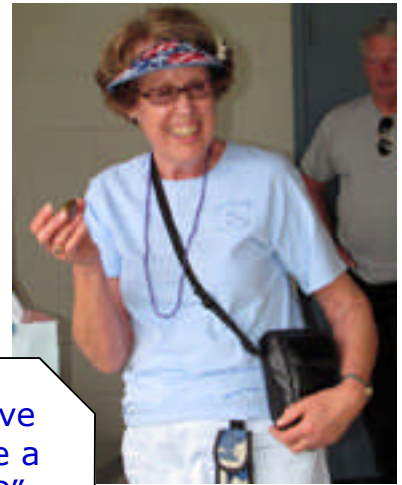


Fleet Captain Sherry Lively had a great day planned starting with a Chili Cook-Off and then a Scavenger Hunt "with a Twist."



Each chili entry was tasty and everyone had plenty to eat! Then, the Scavenger Hunters worked off the chili by hunting for items they could match to the alphabetical letter they had drawn from a hat—then they created a story to tie the items all together! No doubt about it, our group

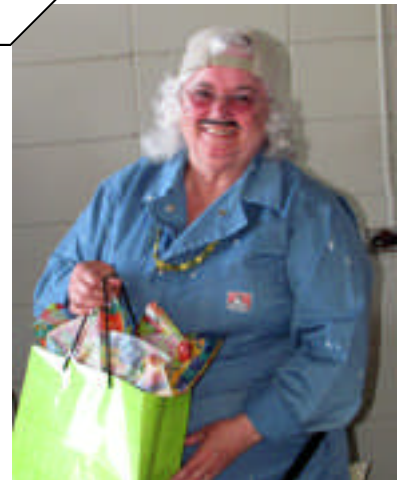
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Give
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Give
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4S Try-Outs!



**Saturday
June 12th**

Everyone is Welcome!!!



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

Caliente Isle Yacht Club May Madness Toga Party



Friday - May 14, 2010

5:00 am Bar Opens
7:00 pm Friday Night Dinner

Saturday - May 15, 2010

4:00 pm Bar Opens (CIYC Hosted Appetizers)
7:00 pm Toga Party Dinner
8:00 pm After Dinner Music, Raffle and FUN!!

Sunday - May 16, 2010

9:00 - 10:00 am Hot Breakfast

IMPORTANT: Please RSVP so food/supplies can be purchased. Complete reservation form, cut out, and mail with payment by May 7th. Thanks!

Make checks payable to: CIYC

Mail to: Joel Curtis-Brown

21 Barber Lane, Martinez, CA 94553

Questions/Reservations? hcurtisbrown@netscape.net

or call 925-372-7610

Toga Party Reservation Form

Member Name: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Friday Night Dinner

Adult/Child Dinner: # _____ X \$ 7 = \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner

Adult Dinner: # _____ X \$17 = \$ _____

Child (10 or under) Dinner: # _____ X \$12 = \$ _____

Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast # _____ X \$7 = \$ _____

