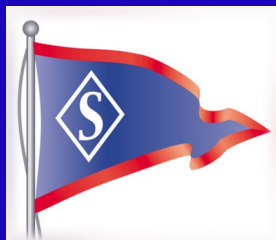


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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Doug Horton

Well, another month has gone by and even though we did not have a lot of cruise-ins this past month, a lot went on.

We had several private parties and the place looked great for each one. April started off with our Opening Day Boat Parade in Antioch, hosted by Bridge Marina YC. It was a fun day had by all. Our own Matt & Marianne came in 3rd Place.

The last weekend of April will be our Annual Chili Cook-Off at the Rio Vista Cruise- Out. Thank you, Carl & Elaine, for planning such a fun event.

Thank you Billy and Marina for all the extra work you guys do. In case no one has noticed, Dale and Billy are really fixing up the southwest corner floor.

We really need some help in the upstairs men's restroom. The floor trim needs to be replaced and the pressboard walls need to be refastened. I would to also like to address the lower men's restroom because we have issues there also.

Just letting you know that the upgrades on the bar are coming along thanks to Scott Jett, Bob Buckley, and Dale Bauer.

We are looking for someone with a truck to help pick up all the wood that has been cut up from the downed trees, then stack it by the fire pit.

We have some events coming up this month. May 5th is a Cinco de Mayo celebration. May 7th is the Kentucky Derby Day. Put on your festive hats and

enjoy great drinks while watching the race. On May 20th through the 22nd, we have Solano YC cruising-in. May 20th is also Game Night. If you can help out that weekend, it would be great. Remember associates, this is your time to shine!!!

Quack, Quack!



Our friends at Ebony Boat Club will be holding their Annual Jazz & Wine Festival on Saturday, June 4th, at 705 West Weber Avenue, Stockton.

For questions or more information, contact Richard Clark at 510-914-2550.



## Vice Commodore Matt Tate

Welcome to a brand new boating season at our Club and out on the Delta! On April 2nd, we had our Opening Day Boat Parade hosted this year by Bridge Marina YC, with the theme of "Monkeying Around on the Delta." Luckily, it was one of those beautiful early springtime days that make 'monkeying around' on the Delta such a pleasure. We had a pretty good turnout of vessels

decorated for the event, traveling from the Antioch Bridge to the downtown waterfront and then back. Afterwards, we enjoyed a nice meal and awards presentation at Bridge Marina YC, who did a great job hosting the event.

On Wednesday, April 6th, a contingent of SYC members traveled to Concord where we attended the Contra Costa

Water District's monthly board meeting. If you haven't heard, that board had just recently signed an agreement with the state, selling us Delta enthusiasts out by agreeing to not oppose the so-called California Water Fix (CWF). Several of us members attending addressed the board and voiced our opposition to this agreement, and we were

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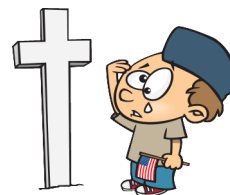
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### Memorial Day, May 30th



## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY THE DRAPER & ENGLISH FAMILIES

**\$10 PER PERSON**



Limited to the first 60 reservations.  
Make your reservations **ONLINE** or  
contact Ann English at 779-9330  
as soon as possible!

**Volunteers are needed to cook for the  
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.**  
Please contact Ann English for details (779-9330)

Cancellation of reservations for an event must be made at least three (3) days  
prior to the event to avoid being charged for the event. Please notify Ann  
English at 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations.  
(This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, the following 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.

Your ideas and suggestions for this Newsletter are welcome!  
Articles are due by the 20th of each month.  
Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org  
or contact Freda Lucido at 228.3609

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not alone...many folks from around the region gave the board members an earful, expressing their displeasure with not only their recently signed agreement with the state, but with the 'backroom' way the deal was made. While at the meeting, the CCWD board was handed a petition signed by many of us members opposing the deal.

Another issue affecting us Delta lovers is a bill (AB 2092) proposed by one of our local state representatives, Jim Frazier that will allow commercial vessels to be included in a fund, (generated primarily by recreational boaters!) that removes derelict pleasure craft from California waterways. Concern about the bill stems from the fact the fund is a relatively small one for the size of our state, \$1.74 million (for 2016), and just one or two large commercial vessels could wipe it out, leaving us recreational boaters not only paying the tab, but now with less funds to clean up our waterways. Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) is leading the opposition to this bill.

I have contacted Mr. Frazier's office to voice my own opposition to the bill, and they will be sending me information about the bill which I can then share with the Club.

As of this writing, the Rio Vista Cruise Out with our Chili Cook-Off has not yet occurred, but I am looking forward to a great time and hope to see you out there with your lip-burning creations!

Hoping to see you all either at the Club or out on the Delta!

## Oakley Relay for Life Team



### Bunco Night Fundraiser!

Tuesday, May 10th  
7-10 p.m.  
at Sportsmen YC  
**\$20**

**Join us for a fun night out!**  
**This is expected to fill up quickly.**  
**To RSVP, call Cynthia Perez at 286-0017**  
**Please make your reservations by Tuesday, May 2nd.**

**Thank You for  
Your Support  
&  
We Hope to See You There!**



## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### May

- 1 Rio Vista Cruise-Out continues
- 5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- 6 Club Meeting
- 7 Work Party
- 7 Kentucky Derby Party
- 10 Relay for Life Fundraiser
- 20 Game Night & Dinner
- 20-22 Solano YC Cruise-In

### June

- 3 Club Meeting
- 4 Work Party
- 10-12 Cruise-Out to Ebony Boat Club
- 17 Game Night & Dinner
- 25 4S Try-Outs

### July

- 4 BBQ & Side-Dish Potluck
- 8 Club Meeting
- 9 Work Party
- 15-17 4S Hosted by Stockton YC



## Rear Commodore Robert Babo

The Antioch Opening Day Parade was a lot of fun; the weather was absolutely perfect and we had a great turnout. Thank you, Bridge Marina YC, for hosting this event.

By the time you read the newsletter we will have had our annual Golf Tournament and Dan Gorman will be telling everybody about his second hole in 1 of his lifetime, LOL!

After the Rio Vista Cruise-Out, we will have a new Chili Cook-Off winner. I wonder who the reigning Champions are?

Let's not forget about the Kentucky Derby Day. This is always a fun-filled afternoon of Mint Juleps and wonderful hats with great costumes.

I would also like the members to know that I have contacted the state about the tire situation. It took some time and effort but I finally got someone to listen to me about the

problem. Cal Recycle submitted our request for clean up to a local conservation corps and we were approved! I have talked to a director from San Francisco and she has given my contact information to the local Civic Corp Agency in Contra Costa County. Hopefully, the tires will be gone before our next Newsletter.

PG&E was installing a new gas line to the ferry. They had left the trench without compaction and after that last rain storm it created quite a mess. I contacted the supervisor about the condition and she had sent a crew out to fix the rut. Not only did they fix the rut in front of Area 5, they put base rock all the way back to the lawn mower shed, Thank You PG&E.

Lastly, Denise & I, along with the Newtons, went to Stockton YC recently to look at RV parking for 4S. Commodore Paul Clausen was kind enough to meet us and show us around. There is a field right next to their club that he said they will ask permission for us to use it for the weekend. I'm trying to get our group all together in one area. There are NO provisions; you will have to be fully self-contained. If you have an interest in taking your RV to the 4S in July, please let me know.



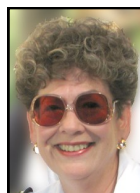
## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

I know many of you have bucket lists. I was able to check one off my list in March. Keith and I spent two nights on the Delta King in Sacramento. I have written about the Delta King and Delta Queen several times and her grand past, so being able to stay on her was very exciting.

The historic Delta King is a real riverboat. She is 285 feet long and has an identical twin sister named the Delta Queen. Both of these riverboats were christened on May 20, 1927, and began their daily trips from San Francisco to Sacramento in June of that year. Promptly at 6:00 pm each day, ladies and gentlemen boarded the grand sternwheelers and started a 10 1/2 hour trip where they enjoyed drinking, dancing, gambling, and fine dining. A stateroom was \$3.50, but for a dollar you could use your own blanket and spend the night on deck.

The King and Queen cruised up the Sacramento River until 1940. By this time the roads were improving, bridges and automobiles were more efficient and faster than the grand riverboats. Because of the Depression and World War II, it was the end of the stern wheel era. Both the King and Queen were drafted into the U.S. Navy. They served the San Francisco Bay as floating barracks, troop transports and hospital ships.

(Part 2 of this article will be continued in next month's Newsletter.)



## PICYA NEWS

**DARLENE DAWSON**

### 2016 PICYA CALENDAR

May 2	Delegates' Meeting Oyster Point YC	July 11	Delegates' Meeting Delta Marina YC (The Point)
June 6	Delegates' Meeting Stockton YC		

Thanks to your support, our Club was able to present a check to RBOC at the last Delegates' meeting.

Our Club generated more than 50 letters of opposition to AB 2092, a bill that would use our recreational boating funds to clean the Bay and Delta of commercial vessels; this bill would deplete our recreational funds. Thanks to the help of Bridge Marina YC and Driftwood Marina, 30 more letters of opposition were also delivered. Unfortunately, the bill passed and is now going to the Appropriations Committee. We will continue to take action to show our opposition to this bill.

As a reminder, the PICYA Scholarship applications are due June 30th. If you have a graduating senior or college student who might benefit from this program, please go to the PICYA website or contact me for more information.

PICYA is now publishing a monthly e-newsletter called "Navigator" to provide timely information regarding their events and activities. Thanks to Winston Bumpus, Rear Commodore, for taking on this job. We will be forwarding this to our members by email.

The 2016 Yachting Yearbooks should be available in early May.

Farewell to our friends, Coast Guard Captain Greg & Leigh-Anne Stump. Good luck in your new adventure in Washington D.C. You have been great friends to PICYA and the boating community.

# May Birthdays!

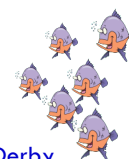
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## 2016 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of April 22, 2016)

We have 33 people entered in the 2016 Derby.

- \* There is \$450 total in this Derby so far.
- \* Rules are posted at the Club.
- \* Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- \* Three categories: Strippers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- \* Cost is \$5.00 per category.
- \* For the Catfish category, Albert Perez has 1st place with a 2.125 pounder and 2nd place with 1.25 pounder.
- \* In the Striped Bass category, Jerry Kent, Sr. secured 1st place with an 11.25 pound fish, Albert Perez caught one weighing 9.5 pounds for 2nd place, and Bobby Brown weighted one in at 7 pounds to hold onto 3rd place.
- \* For our Sturgeon category, William Odum is in 1st place with a 31 pounder, Rick Barton weighed in a 27 pounder to take 2nd place, and Bill Pato Jr. now holds 3rd place with a 26.75 pound sturgeon!



**Get in the Derby!**  
**Go out and catch some fish!**

*Jim Dawson*



## Game Night

Friday, May 20th

**Soup & Salad**

6:30 p.m. \$5

Reservations ONLINE  
 or call Ann at 779-9330



Our Friends From  
**Solano YC**

Will Be Cruising-In May 20th-22nd



### Friday Night

Soup & Salad Dinner and  
 Game Night!

6:30 p.m. \$5

### Saturday Breakfast

Available 9:00—10:00 a.m.

Quiche, Muffins, Toast, Fruit  
 \$7.50

### Saturday Evening

Cocktails 5-7 p.m.  
 Dinner Served at 7 p.m.

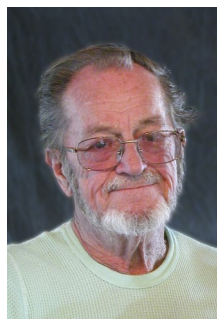
BBQ Tri-Tips, Beans, Cole Slaw  
 Cookies & Ice Cream  
 \$15.00

Make Your Reservations ONLINE or Call Ann at 779-9330

Please Note: There will be no Sunday Breakfast



## In Memory Of



Dave Davidson passed away on April 20, 2016, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease and Prostate Cancer. Everyone who knew Dave loved him. As a young, handsome sailor from Illinois, Wilmer Wayne Davidson stole the heart of a beautiful California girl named Helen Louise Cruysen. In 1953, they were married and, in time, had a family of four children. Over the years, the family had many interests and in 1980 they came to Sportsmen YC with many of their friends from Anchor Marina. Our Club became their home away from home, our members their second family. Dave and Helen were a significant force in making Family Membership a reality at Sportsmen. In later years, Dave and Helen separated and life changed.

In September 2006, Sportsmen YC actually became Dave's primary residence when he married Trella, our Caretaker for many wonderful years. "Davey" as he was affectionately called, wore many hats at Sportsmen, including being a Director on the Board, PICYA representative, Treasurer's Assistant, Bar Assistant, and Jack-of-all-Trades. Most importantly, he was everyone's friend who was always willing to help.

Alice Gibson recalls that Dave would jump in the dumpster with her to help stomp down the garbage—making room for more. Don Lucido remembers conversations with Dave about astronomy; Dave had the demeanor of a regular kind of guy, and yet he was very intelligent and loved things scientific.

In 2008, Dave & Trella moved up to Galt to be near family. Five years ago, Dave was diagnosed with cancer. For the past several years, Trella has lovingly cared for Dave through the frustration and illness that Alzheimer's and cancer causes. Finally, just a few days before he passed, she allowed Hospice to be called in to help her care for him.

Our sincere sympathy to Trella and the Davidson family.

A gathering in memory of Davey will be held at Sportsmen YC on Saturday, May 14th, from 2:00—5:00 p.m. Members of Sportsmen YC are invited to attend.



Thursday  
May 5th  
4:00 p.m.

Celebrate  
Cinco de Mayo  
at Sportsmen YC!

Bring a finger food to share

Our Bar will be serving special  
drinks, including Cadillac Margaritas

There is no charge for this event

## Sink Hole Repair Notice:

The County has tentatively scheduled to begin repairs on the sink hole inside our entrance gate on Monday, May 9th. They will remove sections of our fence so our members can get to and from the Club while the work is being done. Entrance to the Club will be with a combination lock. The combination will be provided to our members by email as soon as it becomes available. If you do not receive our emails, please call the Club ahead of time. The work is expected to take two weeks—should be done by Memorial Day.

As more information becomes available, we will notify members by email.

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Thank You,  
Barbara Maldon  
...for distributing this  
month's Newsletter!



Don Your Derby Hats!  
**Kentucky Derby Day**

Saturday, May 7th

Starting at Noon—Come Anytime in the Afternoon

The Main Race is Scheduled for 3:30 p.m.



Bring a dish to share or a finger food.  
There will be a Hat Contest!  
Enjoy a Mint Julep while watching the races.  
Games during the afternoon "Sportsmen-Style"

