

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2003



FROM OUR COMMODORE LONNIE GIBSON



Last month started off with a “bang of a dinner” at our Meeting Night. Many thanks to **John & Carol Hunter** and crew for a

delicious dinner.

Two weeks later, we went fishing on the Eddie Drew in the Striped Bass Derby. We did o.k.—at least we brought in four “keepers” in the range of 20-32 inches. Yes, **Alice** and I did catch a keeper apiece—it just wasn’t the big one.

The day started off slow until mid-morning when we heard a cigarette boat coming our way from the south end of Broad Slough. It turns out the channel marker where we were was their turning point to go up the Sacramento River. Only problem

was they weren’t the only boat comin’. Their friends of about 30 plus were on their way too. They came so close that **Tony** pretended he was casting off in their direction. They got the point.

That evening we returned to a wonderful Birthday Dinner prepared **Julio & Ileana Rocha**. If you couldn’t make it, thank you because we got some of the leftovers!

The June Meeting Night Dinner is sure to be a hit—the menu is on Page 4 of this Newsletter. Call for reservations if you haven’t made them already.

Yes, it’s that time of the year to get ready for the 4S Playoffs to see who will be our representatives in next month’s 4S games with the other clubs.

The Birthday Dinner this month

will be by **Muriel & Dolores**. I’m sure it will be a sellout, so get your reservations in early.

It’s with great sadness that I have to tell you this—the Harborside Galley is no longer open until further notice. **Trella**, thanks for the many mornings you got up early to prepare the many, or not so many, breakfasts for us. And then to stay after to clean up the Galley as we were going about our different ways. You put in long hours for us, Trella, so I would like to say from all of us, your patrons, thank you for being there for us. We will all miss you.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE COMING EVENTS!

June

6	Club Meeting & Dinner
7	Work Party
20-21	4S Try-Outs
21-22	Solano YC Cruise-In
28	Birthday Dinner

July

4-6	4th of July Cruise-Out
11	Club Meeting & Dinner
12	Work Party
17-20	4S at San Joaquin YC
26	Birthday Dinner

August

1	Club Meeting & Dinner
2	Work Party
9	Poker Run & Potluck Dinner
23	Birthday Dinner
29-1	Labor Day Cruise-Out

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE
DAVE SELVY



I can't believe the year is half way finished already.

We are ready to begin dredging in August and the containment berm has a goodly coat of green hair on it.

and amazed!! In truth and correctly stated, it **IS**: "Be there AND be square." When that phrase was first uttered to me, I was a Cub Scout becoming a Boy Scout (too many years ago to admit to) and being "SQUARE" then was not a bad thing. It was, in fact, the act of "being fair and honest to your fellow beings in all that you do." So to my fellow scouts, and you two know who you are... "Akila!"

We will be working on a valving system to control the pond level and Area 3 & 4 slips and the flowerbeds for the June Work Party. I believe that **Carl Hamilton** will be working on the west side of the ferry again and hopefully we can get the skin put back on. So, helpers will be needed again for this VERY important work to proceed. Hunny Bunny's worker lunches will be slices of BBQ'd London broil with macaroni and/or potato salad, sodas, and beer. So be there AND **be square**.

On that subject, I was challenged on this colloquialism during our last meeting by a couple of "Old (gaseous report) scouts" in our midst who, I thought, would have "got it right." They DIDN'T!! ...I am stunned, shocked,

Now on to the rest of this for the rest of you who couldn't care less about scouting phrases. Word has it **Carl & Elaine Rasmussen** again went to Sacramento the 21st, to... AGAIN get the reports on the water in the basin. Personally I have one thing to say: *"It better pass this time!!"*

I don't know about you but this is really getting in my craw. I am of the opinion that some bureaucrats do their best to stop anything good and useful to our purposes. Whether or not it is against their personal/political agendas, they do it because they CAN! Never minding the facts. What they don't realize is the water we put back in the basin is going to be cleaner than what we are taking out
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In Memory Of

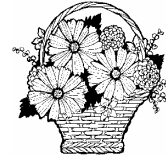
Lilyan Tyler passed away on May 16th. She and her husband, Harl "Ty" Tyler joined the Club in 1970. He preceded her in death. She is the mother of fellow member Jerry Chamberlain.

Lilyan enjoyed bowling, boating, and travel. She shared many happy times with her friends at the Club.

Our heartfelt sympathies to Jerry & Tandy and their family.

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

Send Newsletter information to:
 Freda Lucido
 e-mail lucidos@pacbell.net
 phone 228-3609



*Just to
 Let You
 Know...*

- *Shirley Nelson had surgery May 14th and is recovering. We wish her the very best.*



- Jun 01 Dave MacDougall
- Jun 01 Richard Noack
- Jun 07 Margaret Murphy
- Jun 15 Margaret Wanaka
- Jun 15 Robert Melancon
- Jun 21 Neal Essary
- Jun 23 Tandy Chamberlain
- Jun 24 Anne Crociata
- Jun 26 Russell Lord
- Jun 27 Chris Stubberfield
- Jun 28 Carolyn Hetzell
- Jun 28 Rosemary Russo
- Jun 29 Char Best
- Jun 29 John Hunter
- Jun 29 Sharon Selvy

The June
 Birthday Dinner Party
 is on the 28th



**FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE
DARLENE DAWSON**



Richard Schwartz founded Boat U.S. in 1966 to give boaters a voice on Capitol Hill, to give them better insurance rates, and good buys on boating equipment. Today, Boat U.S.

boasts over 500,000 members and more than 26 benefits and services that protect, educate, and save recreational boaters time and money. "Safety First" provides Loaner Life Jackets For Kids and free on-line Boater Safety Courses. Capitol Hill efforts include helping to repeal VHF radio license fees and diesel fuel taxes. With more than 320 Boat U.S. and West Marine stores to choose from, members can enjoy discounts with coupons and Member Rewards. Most recently, Boat U.S. has become the proud sponsor of Opening Day on the Bay! As a member of a PICYA Club, you are invited to join or renew your

Boat U.S. membership and receive half off the regular membership dues. For this promotional code, you may consult Page 1 of the 82nd Edition of the Yachting Yearbook or check our bulletin board at the Club. You may visit Boat U.S. online at BoatUS.com



PICYA Report

Opening Day on the Bay proved to be one of the finest yet. Congratulations to all the winners and participants.

Upcoming Events

- June 2nd Delegates' Meeting at Bridge Marina YC
- July 7th Delegates' Meeting at Stockton YC
- August 4th Delegates' Meeting at Sausalito YC

**HISTORIAN NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**



Most of you have heard me describe the collision at sea between our Sausalito Ferry and the San Rafael, off of Alcatraz, on November 30,

1901. Jack London refers to this event in the opening of his book, *The Sea Wolf*.

There was also a ferry called the City of San Rafael. She was built in Alameda in 1924 for the Richmond San Rafael line. She was the last side wheeler to be built on the bay. Right from the beginning, she was characterized by being out of operation as much as she was in operation. In 1938, she was retired and berthed in Richmond. In 1942, during a storm, she broke loose and went sailing off into the San Pablo Bay on her own. She ended up high and dry on a beach near Richmond. The ferry was declared a loss and plans were made to salvage her useful parts.

She was saved from demolition when the Army decided they needed a ferryboat. The City of San Rafael was rebuilt and relaunched in 1943. As soon as the Army got her, they decided they didn't want her. She then was put on the Martinez/Benicia line, and was retired for good when the line closed in 1956.

In 1957, she was sold for scrap to a resident of Sausalito who towed her to the Gate 5 area where he planned to make the ferryboat into a restaurant. But just when he began the reconversion he saw a more suitable boat which was also being demolished, The Charles Van Damme.

She was used for a residence for several years, then in the 1970s she was slowly crumbling inwards and in 1980 the City of San Rafael Ferry was condemned as a fire hazard and fell to the wreckers.

In Memory Of

George Masters, a Lifetime member since 1940, passed away on February 28th in Castro Valley. George loved swimming and boating all his life; some of his happiest times were either in or on the water.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Estelle. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942—1945 and reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Our sincere sympathy to Estelle & their family.

Visit Sportsmen YC's Website



- ...to view pictures of recent Club events
- ...Calendar information for the year
- ...lots of other Club related information & links

www.sportsmenyc.org

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...can we say Duh? Go figure.

I digress... Did anyone notice the remodeling project going on, on the pond side of the ferry? The gargoyle's slaves have just about finished his room to the extent that the only thing missing is a cage elevator to the upper deck. Take the time and check it out. They are so talented. Smokey still has his gazing window.

So by the time you are reading this (if I get it out to **Freda** on time) Memorial Day will be history and we all should be getting ready for the June events. I invite you all to get to the Ferry when you can and enjoy this treasure we have.

Uf-Dah!



NCPCA Report

The first Over-the-Bottom Contest of the 2003 season was held May 3rd, starting at the Berkeley fishing pier and ending at the entrance to the San Leandro Marina. There were twelve contestants, in spite of the TV and radio weather forecasts for "storm with two or more inches of rain expected Friday and possible thunder storms Saturday." The members of the NCPCA are a hardy bunch, disregarded the forecast and lucked out again with fine weather during the running of the course. The biggest problem was an unusually strong current.

Nancy Bishop LeBoeuf (Vallejo YC) skippered Dad's Choice into 1st Place. Peter Paradis (San Joaquin YC) drove Carpe Diem to 2nd Place and Don Webb (OxBow YC) maneuvered Volare into 3rd Place.

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

The dreaded "Bent Prop" award, which used to be a heavy chunk of bent iron propeller, has been replaced by a "puke pink" colored flag. This is awarded to the skipper who manages to have the unfortunate luck to really "foul up" someone or something. But Nancy Bishop LeBoeuf surprised everyone at the San Leandro YC's Awards Banquet Saturday night by asking to be awarded this Bent Prop Insignia flag because she "liked the pink color." She will now fly it on her boat until it is awarded to the next skipper who earns it.

The following week Oakland YC's John Hallenbeck Trophy was won Saturday, May 10 by the team from San Joaquin YC, Peter Paradis and Dennis Pippin. Other winners in this navigation contest were: First Place Chuck Dickinson from Bridge Marina YC, steering his "Big Daddy" carefully by all the check-points for a very low 248 error points (the points ranged from 248 to 2,094). Second Place was won by Peter Paradis aboard "Carpe Diem" from San Joaquin YC and 3rd Place was earned by last week's 1st Place, Nancy Bishop on her "Dad's Choice" yacht from Vallejo YC (with her dad, Don Bishop aboard to cheer her on).

For steering an almost collision course across Nessas IV's bow, Christy Ann, Jo Mitchell's craft, won the redesigned "Bent Prop" flag to be flown by Jo until next week's contest. At that time Mitchell hopes to get rid of this embarrassing flag to some other skipper who fouls up during the running of this "Over-the-Bottom" contest. This "Bent Prop" award has turned out to be a very entertaining part of the banquet, always good for quite a few stories of mishaps or laughable events.

Many of the participants for the Solano YC contest arrived early for the Vallejo YC's Friday Night special BBQ and enjoyed steak, salmon, or chicken while preparing for Saturday May 17's run from the start across from Mare Island to the finish at the Martinez pier.

Prior to dinner Saturday night Tina of the yacht Miss Judy Lynn from Oxbow YC gathered the NCPCA power boaters in the dining hall for a game called "QUEST" She explained this was an OI' Boaters game to find out what was hidden in Davy Jones' Locker.

Participants had to wear gloves, a snorkel mask and a Viking helmet, complete with horns. They then began to untie a large box, wrapped with cord and paper, and if they could get to a blue box, they got what was in the blue box. Meanwhile another participant was trying to roll a 6 with dice and as soon as he did, he would replace the Viking trying to find the blue box. Participants got to roll the dice by drawing a lucky number from a miniature Davy Jones' Locker. The game continues until the last hidden blue box is unwrapped. Sounds complicated but everyone, spectator or participant had a rowdy and hilarious time, before settling down to the great meal and the awards that followed.

First Place was again won by Nancy Bishop LeBoeuf on Dad's Choice representing Vallejo YC. Dennis Pippin guided Snowbird to 2nd Place, representing San Joaquin YC. Peter Paradis with wife Debra at the helm took 3rd Place on Carpe Diem from San Joaquin YC.

These navigational contests will resume June 7 with Bridge Marina YC hosting the "cruise with a purpose" group of fun lovers. Why don't you contact your delegate right now and join with these power boat revelers. Just enter your boat or ask to ride with a participant. See what "OVER-THE-BOTTOM" is all about.

Bud Gordon, NCPCA Publicity



Revenue Committee Report

Jim Dawson, Chairman

The sturgeon that **John & Carol** prepared for the May Meeting Night Dinner was great and a huge success. *Thanks, John & Carol for doing that dinner.*

The June Dinner will be another fantastic dinner prepared by **Tom & Ismini** and will consist of a Greek lasagna, oven baked chicken, green beans, salad, and walnut cake. You surely don't want to miss this for only \$8.00!

**Dinner will be served
before the
June General Meeting
Friday, June 6th**

Our Menu

**Greek Lasagna, Oven Baked Chicken,
Green Beans, Salad, and Walnut Cake**

Prepared by Tom & Ismini MacLean

\$8.00 per person

Dinner served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Limited to the first 50 dinners sold

Please make reservations by contacting
Audrey Coach, Elaine Rasmussen, or Jim Dawson



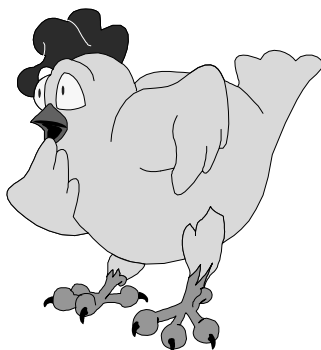
Flag Day

Saturday, June 14th

Honoring the flag of the
United States of America

May she continue to fly for
our country to represent
Freedom for All

God Bless the
USA!



**June Birthday Dinner
Saturday, June 28th**

Prepared by Dolores Swart & Muriel Telles

Menu

Country Fried Chicken, Baked Beans
Corn on the Cob, Melon, Jell-O Salad,
Rolls & Dessert

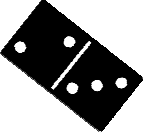
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

\$7.00 per person

For Reservations
Contact Maggie Murphy
At 778-1501

A handmade Nautical Lap Quilt plus other nautical items
will be raffled following the dinner. Raffle tickets may be
purchased in advance of the dinner.

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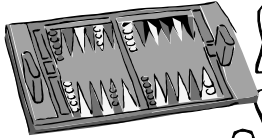
**45
Try-Outs!**

Friday & Saturday, June 20-21

Everyone is Welcome


Chuck Carroll is
Coordinating this
year's games

The schedule
will be
posted at the
Club



**"Panning
For
Gold"**

the
Theme
of
this
Year's
45



San Joaquin YC
July 17-20

Coming in August...

Our 42nd Annual Poker Run & Potluck

Saturday, August 9th

\$1.00 buys a hand



Jess's Side Pool is \$5.00 per person
High Hand takes all in Jess's Side Pool

- 1300 Departure to Check Points**
(Check Points open 1300-1600)
Hands may also be purchased at the Club
- 1700 Check-In Time**
No Hands may be turned in or
purchased after 1700
- 1800 Potluck**
- 1845 Award Prizes**
Please attend to receive prizes

Bring your favorite dish
And your appetite!
Everyone Welcome

Questions? Please see or call
Neal or Diane Essary at 228-7337