



SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

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

August

- 1-2 50's Bash w/Clubs Cruise-In
- 7 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 8 Work Party



**COMMODORE
STEVE MARTINEZ**
"DIRTY STEVIE MARTINI"

Well, its already June. We are almost halfway through the year and I will tell ya it's been a great first half! So far, every event has been bigger and better. The reason I believe is because of great Club participation and all the people who donate their time and energy, time and time again. That's what makes this Club what it is and one of the most successful yacht clubs around!

Thanks again to Chuck Carroll for taking the Work Parties over while Charlie is trying to get well and back in the game. The Work Parties are having great turnouts; thank you everybody! I would like to give a special thanks to Harry Parker; Harry is one the people who have a special knack for making whatever you ask look easy. One day you ask him and he looks at you with puppy

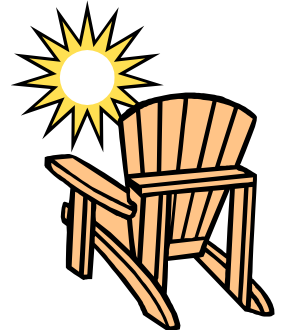
dog eyes, next thing ya know it's done.

I would like to thank William & Kelly Odom and their family for one of the best Cinco de Mayo parties ever; the dinner was Four Star. In the games department, Big Robbie Horton won both the darts and pool; the Shuffleboard was won by my son, Sam, and me.

From what I've been told, the first annual Sportsmen Golf Tournament was a great success. Its a good thing, it lets the old timers play while the rest of us work; I think the old timers are smarter than they look!

Thanks Again to everybody.

Rock & Roll!



**VICE COMMODORE
CHARLIE KATUSICH**

Hello! Chuck Carroll filling in again for Charlie Katusich on the Work Party Report. Just to let all of you know I spoke to Charlie the other day and he's been in and out of hospitals a great deal lately. He told me that they keep testing, poking and prodding at him all over; said he's starting to feel like a lab rat. Charlie has a great inner strength and spirit, but let's remember to keep him in our prayers.

We had two Work Parties in May, one on the 9th and another on the 16th. On May 9th, we had a great crew consisting of Al Alcorn, Jim and Tom Arnold, Gene Buchholz, Ed Elledge, Lurch Fredrickson, Lonnie Gibson, Dennis Higgins, Rich Holmes, John Hunter, Scott Jett, Bob & Shirley Karr, Tim Lamb, Dr. Dan Lively,

Lynn London, Don & Freda Lucido, Ted Nicholson, Steve Nicholas, William & Kelly Odom, Garry Ridolfi, Chris Stubberfield, Scott Wigmore; a great BBQ chicken lunch was prepared by Doug and Ethan Horton. We replaced all the twisted and sagging PVC that was running down the side of the ferry and brought everything up to code by replacing it with conduit. Al and his crew did a great job on the grounds. I'd like to also thank the Big Guy for keeping up with the painting. The place looks nicer every time you drive in.

As most of you know, the gate and monitor have not been working correctly lately so we had an emergency Work Party on the 16th. This was another great crew consisting of Jim and Tom Arnold, Steve Carlton, Ed Collins, Ed Elledge, Joe Fray, Lurch Fredrickson, Lonnie Gibson, Rick Hinds, Jim Hill, Dennis Higgins, Mike Hoskins, Scott Jett, Steve Jackman, Bob & Shirley Karr, Rod

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**REAR COMMODORE
BOB KARR**

The month of May started off with a bang. On May 1st, prior to the Monthly Membership and Director meetings, we were treated to a great dinner prepared by Rick and Terri Barton, friends of Kelly & William Odum. (They are also on our waiting list to become members.) The next day at the Cinco de Mayo party, we were treated to another great dinner prepared by William & Kelly Odum, and more of their friends, Kim & Juan Lorado and Taj Sharma. Decorations were provided by Alice Gibson and Shirley Karr. Shirley also prepared dessert for the meal. Keep bringing your friends, William and Kelly!

On May 5th, Mirant Corporation executives visited our Club to give a presentation on the proposed new power plant to be constructed on the west side of their property. On the 9th, the first of two Work Parties for the month was organized and led by Chuck Carroll. A huge amount of electrical and communications work was completed by so many of our members; I was impressed. More great food was prepared by Doug and Ethan Horton for both of these

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**PICYA REPORT
DARLENE DAWSON**

"Opening Day On the Bay Awards Dinner"
-Oyster Point Yacht Club,
Monday, May 4th, 2009.

**2009 Opening Day On the Bay
Winners**

Best Overall -- 205 Seasilk -- Craig Blasingame/Sue Steven/Natalie Sturm -- Oyster Point YC

Powerboat Decorated to Theme
(Class 100)

1st -- 101 Sans Souci -- Jim Purvis -- Marin YC
2nd -- 115 Truant -- David Bennett/Natalie Sturm
3rd -- 128 Tight Drag -- Elvester Woods, Jr.

Sail Boat Decorated to Theme (Class 200)

1st -- 201 Aniasuma II -- Sandy Grieve -- Richardson Bay YC
2nd -- 230 Rasa -- Eric Jacobsen -- Vallejo YC
3rd -- 209 Cygnus -- Michael Simpson

Juniors (Class 300)

1st -- 306 Nangor -- C. Gordon Strom -- Treasure Island YC
2nd -- 302 Pelican -- Doug McVae -- Richmond YC
3rd -- 301 WL Stewart -- John Craig -- St. Francis YC

Flags and Streamers (Class 400/500)

1st -- Oyster Point YC
2nd -- San Joaquin YC
3rd -- St. Francis YC

Any Decorated Boat (700)

1st -- 704 Oak Knoll Construction
2nd -- 701 C# Minor -- Jon & Paul Brelin -- "Self"

Kudos to all who helped to make "Opening Day on the Bay" a huge success. Congratulations to the participants and winners.



Best Overall winner

PICYA's Upcoming Events

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|--------|--|
| Jul 13 | Delegates' Dinner Meeting,
Sacramento YC |
| Aug 3 | Delegates' Dinner Meeting,
San Joaquin YC |
| Sep 14 | Delegates' Dinner Meeting,
Sausalito YC |



**Welcome
New Members**

Richard & Ruth Holmes

Scott & Patty Jett

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

**Member
Information Corner**



- Jane Connelley was hospitalized recently and she is now feeling much better.
- Fran Fantaconi is getting her health stabilized and we hope to be seeing her at the Club more often.
- Charlie Katusich is still undergoing tests.
- Jackie Steele 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*

The Million Boat Float

By Bruce Connelley

The Fox is guarding the hen house!

Do any one of you care what happens to the California Delta Estuary? Our Governor has given marching orders to his appointees to lay out a plan to destroy the California Delta in order to extract more water out of a system that is already over tapped, to feed desert lands in the central valley for farming, and pump more water to southern California. Don't get me wrong, I have the utmost respect for our governor, but he is at the least extremely misguided on the direction to take in regards to the state water woes. I am not talking about the current drought. I am talking about the decade's long challenge this state has faced over water supply and how we go about creating more water for our ever increasing population.

In the past half dozen years or more, the ecosystem in the Delta as been in rapid descent. There have been many discussions, many studies as to how and why this has happened. There is no question there are many stressors on the Delta's environment, but the main stressor far above and beyond all has been the excessive pumping of water out of the Delta to the central valley and southern California. While pumping has increased, the ecosystem has decreased. It's as basic as that! It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what the main cause of the problem is. The governor's appointees through the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force, under the auspices of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), claim to have the solution. The BDCP appears to have a very comprehensive conservation and restoration plan of the Delta, but underlining the plan is to put in place a peripheral canal that will tap water from just below Sacramento, divert it around

the Delta to the pumps in the south. What will happen when the state starts pumping up to 15,000 gallons per minute out of the river before it gets to the Delta and Bay Area? It will no less than turn the Delta into a muddy marsh and finally destroy the Delta ecosystem as we know it today.

I started with "The Fox is guarding the hen house." Let's take a look at the main players in this game. If you look at the top level of appointees, you have the governor from southern California whose legacy project is to solve, once and for all, the water supply issues of the state, particularly for the south.

What will happen when the state starts pumping up to 15,000 gallons per minute out of the river *before* it gets to the Delta and Bay Area?

Number two would be Mike Chrisman, Secretary of Natural Resources Agency and a farmer from the Central Valley.

Then you have Linda Adams who was instrumental in the beginnings of the now failed CALFED program after which she was the Secretary of Department of Water Resources (DWR) when they started accelerating the pumps into the SWP, and then was promoted to her current position as head of CAL/EPA.

Next, there's Lester Snow. Previously he was the head of CALFED, as it went down in smoke. To reward him, the governor appointed him to the head of DWR.

It sounds like one big happy family from southern California.

Also, for your information, the main steering committee for the BDCP is made

up of the southern California water contractors.

What's wrong with this picture?

There have been many organizations that have been weighing in on the issue of the BDCP and the peripheral canal. Local governments have been playing the political game. Various fishery, environmental, and farming groups have been waging a battle to save the Delta, but the political force at the state capitol continues to press on.

Time is running out!

It's time for the people to come together and show our state legislators and the governor that we are concerned about our resources and will not sit by while they destroy the largest estuary on the entire west coast of both northern and southern America.

Over the past several months, there have been discussions about this subject at the Sportsmen YC and recently our Club has decided to take a stand and has authorized me to coordinate what I have coined "The Million Boat Float." The idea is to bring this issue to national attention and encourage as many boaters and water enthusiasts to participate in a floatation of boats from the Bay/Delta region up the Sacramento River to Sacramento and proceed to the capitol door steps and let our state government know we won't let them continue this charade.

Restoring the ecosystem of the Delta has to be priority number one. There are other means of creating water resources for this state other than destroying the Delta. I'm asking all of you, **"Are you willing to contribute to this process and participate?"**

4S Try-Outs!

Saturday, June 27th

Everyone is Welcome!!!

Shuffleboard...Scrabble...Horseshoes...Pool...Volleyball...Poker...Bocce Ball...Cribbage...Trivial Pursuit...Wii Pin Ball...Ping Pong



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.



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

What an exciting boating season, eh? I've missed it so far this year due to family emergencies, but I've missed it more in my heart because I love the Delta so much. Glad my co-fleet partner, Sherry Lively, has stepped in and done an amazing job in my absence. Thanks, Sherry!

By the time the June issue of our newsletter reaches you, the Memorial Weekend Cruise will be just a fond memory. In fact, just being on the boats and in the water is what it's all about, right? In an effort to conserve expensive fuel, the cruise to our own Club made a lot of sense, and gave our land yacht members a comfortable place to camp and kibbutz with the sea-going folks. All in all, a fabulous cruise!

June will be busy with a Work Party, NRA dinner, 4-S tryouts and so we have not planned a true get-away cruise. Not that it couldn't happen at the last minute!

In July, there will be the 4S games at Sacramento YC and the regular contingent of our member boaters heading to Mandeville to help Mr. Hilton celebrate Independence Day. It has been one of my favorite adventures for many, many years. With our military still fighting in the Middle East, it's a good time to remember that freedom is never free. It's very expensive in lives lost. God Bless the USA!

See you on the river.

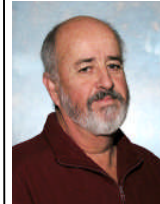
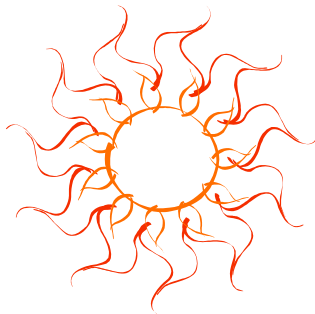


**HISTORIAN'S NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**

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

In 1860, the Wells Fargo Pony Express carried mail from St. Jo, Missouri, to Sacramento, California. From Sacramento the mail was taken to San Francisco by boat. On the second trip, there was no boat to pick up the mail. The rider, with fresh horses, rode on to Benicia, crossed over to Martinez on the "Carquinez" (Captained by O.C.Coffin), and rode on to Oakland. When the "Carquinez" was condemned, the "Benicia" was built and the engines were transferred to the new boat.

It is reported that Messrs. Shirley and Mizner operated the "Benicia" between Martinez and Benicia, landing at the foot of Ferry Street, Martinez. In 1878, they sold out to the Northern Railway Company and this company with the San Pablo and Tulare Railway Company, constructed the first railroad through the City of Martinez.



**PORT CAPTAIN'S
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**

May has been a very busy month around the Club. Russ Lord has been busy repairing our gas ovens. Russ replaced and calibrated the oven thermostat in the harbor-side galley. It now cooks at the proper temperature. The two replacement thermostats for the road-side galley ovens were wrong and Russ has been communicating with the source to remedy that situation. Thanks Russ.

The Club has had a serious mosquito problem and the vector folks have been out several times, setting traps and inspecting the mosquitoes for West Nile. The first trapping results were 40 mosquitoes while the 2nd trapping was only one. The first trapping was a nice, calm night and the second was a very windy night. The vector folks felt we were o.k. since no West Nile Virus was found. We're glad no West Nile was detected but I feel the weather conditions were the difference between 40 insects compared to the one on the second trapping. They were out again on May 21st for another trapping. I'll let you know the results.

Thanks to Chuck Carroll for taking on another huge project in repairing our telephone lines to the gate. We had lost the communication side for opening the gate from the Club, as well as some of the other important items such as a camera and monitor. It started out as a line with many splices, but thanks to Chuck and crew it's one complete line. A special thanks to the person responsible for all the painting around here. The place is looking great. For anyone who only comes to the Club occasionally, I would

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In Memory Of

We regret to inform you that Bert Landes passed away on Sunday, March 29th. Bert and his wife, Ellie, have been married more than 65 years. Bert was our Commodore in 1972. He was our "gardener" for many years, always making sure we had beautiful flowers around the Ferry. He was involved with

the Junior Yachters in the 70's and 80's and was always willing to share his knowledge about boating and seamanship with everyone. They loved coming to the Club, enjoying activities and spending time on their boat. For several of our long-time members, Bert and Ellie were "family" and their positive attitude about the Club is a cherished memory. We would be remiss to mention their beloved dog of many years, Skipper. Wherever Bert was working outside around the Club, Skipper was always there. Our sincere sympathy to Ellie, their family, and friends.



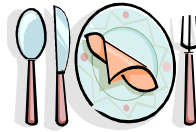
Happy Birthday!

June Babies



03 Al Fonseca
 03 Gilbert Olvera
 07 Margaret Murphy
 08 Helen Hill
 12 Rod Kreiss
 13 Kathy Lynch
 15 Diane Curry
 15 Robert Melancon
 16 Ruth Holmes
 21 Neal Essary
 23 Tandy Chamberlain
 24 Anita Hinds

26 Russell Lord
 27 Chris Stubberfield
 27 Jessica Larosee
 28 Carolyn Hetzell
 28 Rosemary Russo
 29 Isaac Barrett
 29 John Hunter
 29 Nancy Basista
 29 Sharon Sely
 30 Deanna Draper
 30 Joan Idsoe



June's Meeting Dinner Menu



Stuffed Pork Roast
 Mashed Potatoes
 Vegetables
 Salad & Dinner Rolls

Meal Prepared By:
 Steve Jackman & Friends

Dessert Prepared By:
 Shirley Karr

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

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Kreiss, Tim Lamb, Steve Martinez, Harry Parker, Garry Ridolfi, Pete Russo, Floyd Simpson, Mike Stuart, Chris Stubberfield, Scott Wigmore and, once again, lunch was prepared by Doug and Ethan Horton; this time we had Pork Loins! It was a hot day (someone said it hit a 100 degrees) and we ran thousands of feet of pipe and cable. This has been something we've needed to get done for a long time. As of now there are no splices from the monitor all the way to the gate phone and cameras. The monitor at the bar is now in color!

I'd like to extend a special thanks to all of you who make these Work Parties; the place just wouldn't be the same without your efforts.

Chuck Carroll



Reminder!

2nd Quarter
 Dues & Fees are due.

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events. On the 13th, George Brayton prepared another great dinner for what he billed as his last, last, last dinner. Sure, George!

Reading this, you would think all we do here is eat and drink. Not so. On May 12th, the first annual Sportsmen Golf Tournament was organized by Joe Fray. I am told 28 members (in groups of 4) competed. Best Score competition was won by George Brayton, Martin Wibbenhorst, Jim Dawson and Dennis Higgins. The Longest Drive competition was won by Martin Wibbenhorst. The Closest to Hole competition was won by Joe Fray and Martin Wibbenhorst.

In closing, I would like to thank George Brayton and his Sunday night sporting group for purchasing new microwaves for our bar and galley. I would also like to thank Harry Parker for building and installing an addition to our member mailboxes. I hope to see everyone at the Memorial Day Cruise-In.



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suggest that you move around a lot or at least blink your eyes; if not, you too might get painted!

Many thanks to Ed Elledge, Mike & Paulet Hoskins, and George Greer for relief caretaking in May. The bad news is there are only two weeks left open for you to sign up for in June. Do yourself a favor and rush to the Club (upon finishing reading this article) so you get a spot in June. If you don't make it in time, the July calendar is right under June and you will probably make it in time for that month. I hate to tell you this, but August is under the July calendar.

The golf tournament Joe set up was fun and in some cases very entertaining. Rumor has it that next year George Brayton, Dennis Higgins, Martin Wibbenhorst and I are supposed to sign up and defend our title. At this point it's just a rumor and has not been expressed by Joe Fray. Thanks for a fun day Joe!!!!!!!



Sportsmen Yacht Club's

50's Bash & BBQ Ribs Cook-Off!

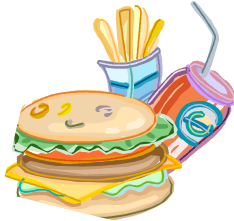
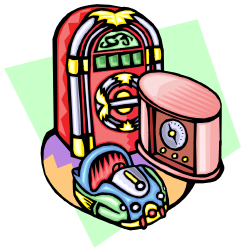


OUR MENU

BBQ Ribs Cook-Off
Potato Salad * Macaroni Salad
Fruit Salad
French Bread
Dessert

Chips & Dip in the Afternoon

Under 6 years—FREE
6-12 \$7
12 & up \$15 per person
\$20 per person after the
July 26th Deadline



Prize Awarded to the Winner
of the
BBQ Ribs Cook-Off



Saturday, August 1st



2:00-6:00 p.m. Classic Car Show
2:00-6:00 p.m. Original 50's music for your dancing pleasure
5:00 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!**

Reservations can be made on-line (www.sportsmenyc.org) or call Cindy at 925-625-0590

Early Bird Reservations Deadline: July 26th

**If you plan to cruise-in, please complete and submit the forms on-line by July 20th
or call Lonnie at 925-439-5420. We will monitor Channel 68.**



Sportsmen Yacht Club
P.O. Box 518, 3301 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509
www.sportsmenyc.org



Sacramento Yacht Club

48 Cruise "A Blast from the Past"

July 17, 18, 19, 2009

REGISTRATION FROM—RESERVATION DEADLINE JULY 10th

NAME _____ YACHT CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

BOAT RESERVATIONS NEEDED? YES _____ NO _____

If YES, Vessel Name _____ Vessel Length _____
(Ship to shore Channel 68 will be monitored.)

Day & Time of Arrival _____

Limited RV space available-RV RESERVATION NEEDED? YES _____ NO _____

If YES, Date & Time of Arrival _____

	<u>No. People</u>		<u>Cost Each</u>		<u>Total</u>
Thursday Dinner, Up River Tacos	_____	X	\$ 9.00	= \$	_____
Fri Breakfast, Continental	_____	X	\$ 5.00	= \$	_____
Friday Lunch, Ham & Hots	_____	X	\$ 5.00	= \$	_____
Friday Dinner, Chicken and Ribs	_____	X	\$16.00	= \$	_____
Saturday Breakfast, Eggs Benedict	_____	X	\$10.00	= \$	_____
Saturday Lunch, Pulled Pork Sand's	_____	X	\$ 8.00	= \$	_____
Saturday Dinner, Baron of Beef / Turkey	_____	X	\$19.00	= \$	_____
Sunday Breakfast, Omelets and Waffles	_____	X	\$ 8.00	= \$	_____

ALACARTE MEAL TOTALS: = \$ _____

*****EARLY BIRD MEAL PACKAGE PRICE*****

Return registration form with your check by July 5th and use the EARLY BIRD PRICE

Meal package: Includes Friday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and Sunday Breakfast.

EARLY BIRDPACKAGE(S) _____ X \$61.00 = \$ _____

2009 48 Commemorative J-Shirt Order

<i>Size</i>	<i>Ladies*</i>	<i>Mens</i>	<i>Cost Each</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Medium</i>	_____	_____	\$16.00	=\$ _____
<i>Large</i>	_____	_____	\$16.00	=\$ _____
<i>2X Large</i>	_____	_____	\$16.00	=\$ _____
<i>2X Large</i>	_____	_____	\$17.00	=\$ _____
<i>3X Large</i>	_____	_____	\$18.00	=\$ _____
<i>* Ladies' J-Shirt is Scoop Neck</i>				
1) <i>Shirt Order Total:</i>			=\$ _____	
2) <i>Meal Plan Total: ala carte or early bird</i>			=\$ _____	
<i>Selection total: line 1 plus line 2</i>			=\$ _____	

Please return registration form with your check made payable to Sacramento Yacht Club, no later than July 5th to receive the Farly Bird discount rate.

All reservations must be received by July 10th.

***Please mail to: Sacramento Yacht Club
P.O. Box 1245
West Sacramento, CA 95691
209.371-5058***

Sacramento Yacht Club Use Only

Date Reservation Received _____

Check Number _____

Shirt Order Processed _____

Information to Port Captain _____