

Sportsmen Yacht Club

Newsletter

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Thank you!



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Country Round Up |



**COMMODORE
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Well, it looks like summer might be here. The weather is good, finally, and we are ready for it. It's been a great month at the Club. We have been working hard, getting a lot of the projects complete.

Floyd is still installing the new windows on the east side of the Ferry. Lonnie is getting his dry storage put back together, with lots of new added space now that the new fences are up. Thanks to the many who worked on it. The south and east piles of dirt have been removed and we have added new security lighting on the east side so the visibility, at night, is better.

I want to thank our wonderful Bar Manager, Tammy Rocha, for putting on a great wine tasting tour at El Sol Winery in Livermore. The bus trip was great - let's do it again!

I also want to thank the many men and women who work hard around our Club to keep it looking good. I hear nothing but compliments from people who visit the Ferry; they can't wait to come back to see what has changed next.

Pet owners - you are reminded that animals must be on a leash and in your custody at all times. Also, please pick up after them. Many members are complaining about this issue.

For those of you who haven't heard, our Newsletter Editor is leaving our Club. I want to thank Julie for the great job she did on our newsletters. I wish her and Jerry good luck with their future endeavors. Thank you, again, for all your hard work.

That is all for now! See you at the Club!



**VICE COMMODORE
RICKY SCANNELL**

Let me start by giving a BIG thanks to Julie Thornburg, our Newsletter Editor... I was told she will be leaving us after June. For those of you who did not have a chance to meet her, she's the one behind the monthly newsletters. She has been very patient and helpful in working with me, as well as the rest of the Board. For myself, I've had computer problems lately so I can only imagine the stress in editing the articles at the last minute. Again Julie, "THANK YOU." You will be missed.

As you know, my article never made it to print last month, so to touch on what I wanted to say last month...the work parties are looking real good. Last month we were able to build the Southgate. Thank you to EVERYONE who was able to help. The ugly mound of dirt - GONE. With the leveling of the dirt we now regain our land. It should help with security in the south end. It's really looking good again and we're not done with the clean up yet. THANKS to all who were able to help (Chuck Carroll's editorial, 3/11) in the raising of the south fence. Before we know it, we will be starting on the east side fence. HURRAY. Let's keep our eye on the prize and keep moving forward.

I was lucky to have celebrated another birthday in April with friends and family here at the Club. It was definitely a pleasant surprise. Thanks to everyone who was able to show up on my special day. To my lovely fiancée Victoria, I LOVE YOU!!!

For those of you who don't get a chance to stop by the Club much due to work or lack of time, I want to invite the membership to come down on a Friday or Saturday night. On a good night (even cool evenings) we try to get a bonfire going - so come down, enjoy soft music, good (and funny) conversations, the warm fire, and warming drinks. The BEST part of the evening for me is... the BEST Delta view and friends to enjoy it with. It's also a great place to meet other members you may not have had a chance to meet yet. So remember, as the weather turns we have a spot for you.

PS: If anyone has any firewood, pallets (already broken down), or any other wood worth burning, please let me know or bring it down to the Club. We are looking for wood to burn at the Club's fire pit on those beautiful weekend nights...



**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,
and I say it's all right**

**Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here**

**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
and I say it's all right**

~ The Beatles



**REAR COMMODORE
LOUIE ROCHA**

On May 13th, we had our first wine tasting trip to El Sol Winery in Livermore. The bus trip started with a protest sign by Joe Fray that read, "Hell No We Won't Go!" Joe was left behind. On the bus, our fearless leader, Commodore Ridolfi took the helm, giving directions to the bus driver. Members were treated to Alice Gibson's Mint Jell-O dessert during the road trip.

Once we arrived, we were greeted by Hal Liske, the owner/operator, of El Sol Winery. Members were treated to a wine barrel tour and tasting. Jacqueline Ridolfi led members of the Cackling Corner on a shopping spree. Tasty treats were provided by our members. It was a wonderful evening; one that I hope will become an annual event.

I want to thank all of the members who contributed to making this event such a huge success! Kudos to our Bar Manager Tammy, for organizing such an enjoyable field trip. A sincere thank you to Hal Liske for welcoming our Club into his lovely vineyard.

There are a number of events scheduled at the Club and I look forward to seeing you at the Sportsmen.

New Member!



Adam Raubfogel

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

HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Newsletter articles due the 15th of each month
Please send to: Julie Thornburg
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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 @ 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations. (This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)

Menu

June Meeting Dinner

Prime Rib
Baked Potatoes
Salad
Rolls
Dessert

Prepared by
Richard Holmes and
Ross Cooper

Dinners are \$10 per person

FUNDRAISER

Richard and
Ross are *donating*
the food for the dinner as a
fundraiser for the Club.

*Seconds are offered
at the very low price of \$10!!!!*

A big thanks to Richard and Ross -
Let's make the June dinner a **SELL OUT** !

We are limited to 50 reservations,
so make your reservations *on-line* or
contact Ann English at 925.779.9330
as soon as possible

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.



HISTORIAN'S NOTES

KATHIE HAMMER

At our May meeting, I showed a picture that Ken and Sandy Williams donated to our museum.

I want to thank them for taking the time to buy the picture at a flea market in Aptos, then framing it so it is ready to hang.

The picture is of the San Francisco Bay Bridge being built in 1936. In the background if you look carefully, you can see several ferries in their berths at the ferry building. It is a wonderful photo of the Bay Bridge being built and underneath the bridge, the Ferryboat "FRESNO" is making its way across the Bay.

When I looked up the FRESNO, I found it was built in 1927 at the Bethlehem Steel Company Union Yard in San Francisco. It was operated by Southern Pacific and Southern Pacific-Golden Gate Ferries, Ltd. It had four diesel engines and two electric motors. She was sent to Puget Sound, remodeled and renamed WILLAPA, after 1937. She was on the Seattle Bremerton run.



PICYA Report Darlene Dawson

Best Overall

Boat US - Ward Cleveland
Memorial Trophy
101
Marin YC
James Purvis
Sans Souci
Trawler



For more winners,
photos,
and a video of
Opening Day on the Bay . . .
go to www.picya.org.

May 2, 2011

Thank you for helping us coordinate a very successful Opening Day. PICYA has been coordinating the opening of the boating season on San Francisco Bay with a decorated parade of boats since 1917! The parade has been preceded by the "Blessing of the Fleet," hosted by Corinthian YC for the past 48 years.

The theme for this year's parade was "Giants of the Bay," celebrating many different aspects of what makes our bay the "best" in the world to sail and to visit. There are many "giants" that make this area wonderful. Here are just a few: The Golden Gate and the Bay Bridge; Levi Strauss, George Lucas, and musicians like the Grateful Dean, Huey Lewis, and Tony Bennett; schools like Stanford, Cal, and UCSF; the Transamerica and Bank of America buildings, and China Town; Redwood trees, marine life, and the shipping industry; the delta that carved our bay, Team Oracle, and the Golden Gate YC for bringing the America's Cup to San Francisco; airplanes like the Clipper in 1935 to tomorrow's landing of the Airbus 380 at SFO, a double-decker that can carry up to 853 passengers; and, of course, the San Francisco Giants. I enjoyed the variety of decorations in the parade this year.

Some of our other events during the year: Scholarships, youth, and adult regattas; the Wheelchair Regatta in September at Encinal YC - wheelchair bound disabled veterans living in Northern California Veteran Homes are taken out for a great day on the bay to enjoy boat rides and a BBQ lunch. There are many organizations that work very hard to make this great day happen each year. The Coast Guard and Auxiliary coordinates with multiple enforcement agencies for our safety. The Opening Day Committee coordinates the myriad of logistics and sponsorship for your and the public's enjoyment. We had PICYA club support and business support from Santa Cruz to Lake Tahoe and many in between.

I am looking forward to having the America Cup #34 here in San Francisco in 2013. I have also worked in the tourism industry for the last fifteen or so years and am excited to have the world's eyes on us and our great city. I am proud to call the San Francisco area my home.

Thanks you for your support of PICYA and RBOC. We are working hard for your club and its members to keep enjoying this wonderful pastime.

Smooth sailing,

Mia Bernst, PICYA Vice Commodore
Chairman, Opening Day Committee

2011 PICYA CALENDAR

June 6	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Stockton YC
July 11	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Budge Marina YC
Aug 1	Delegates Dinner and Meeting San Rafael YC



NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN CYNTHIA PETERSEN

Ahoy there... Well, so far, we've been batting "zero" in terms of completed cruise-outs this year but hopefully the summer weather will turn the tide and everyone will be looking to joining us at Little Venice Yacht Club for the 4th of July weekend....

LVYC is located on a small island at the corner of Little Connection Slough and the San Joaquin River channel, just a stone's throw east of the Hilton Fireworks and 10 minutes by water south of Herman & Helen's Marina. The Island is doggie friendly, includes a sheltered harbor, large guest dock, and landscaped acreage to walk around and enjoy. The dock includes shore-power, running (delta) water, a covered patio (table, chairs, and gas grill), and floating swim platform. Landside improvements include picnic tables, charcoal BBQs, and a bonfire pit. There is a nice portable restroom and filtered (delta) water shower adjoining the dock, however, those who prefer complete shore-side facilities can find them a short dinghy ride away at H & H.

Sportsmen totally enjoyed our cruise-out to LVYC over Labor Day weekend last year, sharing pot-luck meals and hanging out. We're hoping for an even better time at LVYC over the Fourth of July weekend. Because there is no formal clubhouse or bar to produce revenue, LVYC depends on cruise-ins to support the Island and its facilities. As a result, there is a guest docking fee, \$35 per night with electricity, \$30 per night w/out electricity, and \$20/night for tent camping without a boat fee.

A sign-up sheet has been posted at the Club that includes aerial photographs and a vicinity map of where LVYC is located. If you do not have a boat and would like to tent camp, sign-up and we'll figure out a way to get you to the island.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club or on the water...



The History of Flag Day

Though the origin of Flag Day dates back to the late 19th century, its inspiration takes us further back to 1777. On June 14th of that year, in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress passed a resolution specifying that the flag carry 13 stripes and 13 stars. The colors would represent hardiness and valor (red), purity and innocence (white), and vigilance, perseverance and justice (blue).

The concept of a specific day to annually recognize the American Flag came 108 years later. In 1885, a Fredonia, Wisconsin schoolteacher, B.J. Cigrand, arranged for the students in his school district to observe the resolution on June 14th as 'Flag Birthday'. In 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned similar festivities for his school's students. In 1893, Philadelphia became the first city to celebrate Flag Day, and in the following year, New York was the first state to observe June 14th. After decades of expanding community observances, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day on May 30, 1916.



June 19th

Neckties are an old standby and lead the list of Father's Day gifts.

Other items high on the list include those items you may find in dad's toolbox such as hammers, wrenches and screwdrivers.

Fishing rods and golf clubs also make for a Happy Father's Day !

JUNE 21st



A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

56th Annual

4S

TRYOUTS!



June 25th

10:00 am

Lunch provided
by
Chuck Carroll

4S Weekend

July 16 - 17

San Joaquin YC

Details to Follow !!



BREAKING FOR THE SUMMER

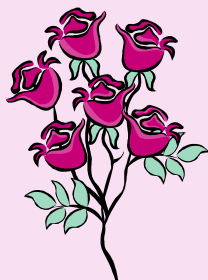
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Friday, October 21st



June

Birthstone: Pearl

Flower: Rose



The Meaning of Rose Colors

Red: Love,
courage, beauty,
and respect.

White: Purity,
innocence, silence,
and secrecy.

Pink: Appreciation
and admiration.

Yellow: Joy,
gladness, and
friendship.

- 02 Scott Wigmore
- 03 Al Fonseca
- 03 Gilbert Olvera
- 06 Danette Sarancha
- 07 Margaret Murphy
- 08 Helen Hill
- 11 Dan Espinosa
- 12 Rod Kreiss
- 13 Kathy Lynch
- 15 Diane Curry
- 16 Ruth Holmes
- 17 Terri Barton
- 21 Neal Essary
- 23 Tandy Chamberlain
- 24 Anita Hinds
- 26 Russell Lord
- 27 Jessica Larosee
- 28 Carolyn Hetzell
- 28 Rosemary Russo
- 29 Isaac Barrett
- 29 John Hunter
- 29 Nancy Basista
- 29 Sharon Selvy
- 30 Deanna Draper
- 30 Joan Idsoe

DELTA

FRIENDS OF NRA

June 18, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Sportsmen Yacht Club, 3301 Wilbur Ave, Antioch, CA 94509

AUCTIONS **FELLOWSHIP**
raffles
FUNDRAISING
firearms GAMES

Friends of NRA is an exciting grassroots fundraising program which fosters community involvement and gives 100% of net proceeds to qualified local, state, and national programs. At a Friends of NRA banquet you'll experience food, fun, fellowship, and firearms – all in the name of fundraising for the future of the shooting sports. And you can be confident that you are helping safeguard programs across the nation that prepare today's generations to be tomorrow's guardians of the Second Amendment.



SYC Country Round Up

August 27th

San Rafael Cruise-In

Music

Rib Cook-Off

Car Show (tentative)

(formerly
the 50s Bash)

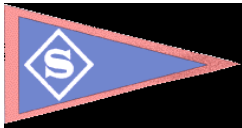
We need
volunteers

Please call or e-mail

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



Shirley Karr presented a plaque to Alice Gibson at the May General Membership Meeting as a token of our appreciation for her work last year designing and constructing the Lighthouse that sits at our point near the entrance to the harbor.

Alice and her beloved dog, Winnie, are pictured on the plaque, in memory of Winnie who passed away last year.

Sherry Lively was also thanked for being Alice's right hand during the project.