Sportsmen Yacht Club Newsletter

JULY & AUGUST 2005



FROM OUR COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON





We had a smaller attendance for our June meeting due graduations, to weddings, an d vacations. Two more great me mb er s were

added to our membership and we are pleased to see our membership continue to grow. If you have friends who have indicated they might be interested in joining, you might want to encourage them to do so because once we reach 175 we will have to start a waiting list.

Bonnie White's salmon dinner was a five star dinner and people are still talking about how delicious it was! Thanks so much, Bonnie!

For our June Work Party, everyone was treated to a great lunch prepared by Helen Torres who was assisted by Evelyn Palmer, Bruce Courtney, and Audrey Coach. It was great to see the Fresno Gang at our Work Party, pitching in and enjoying camaraderieand these guys aren't even members...yet!

Thanks to the hard work of Tom Kidder, our guest dock was upgraded to 30 amp service-just in time for our cruise-in guests from Solano YC for our Blue Grass BBQ. Thanks to the hard work of many Sportsmen, our Guest Dock has been stabilized.

Past Commodore Dave Selvy outdid himself and did Sportsmen proud with a superb job of overseeing our 2nd Annual Blue Grass BBQ. There were many who helped Dave and our thanks to all who made this event such a success.

Some of our Club members will choose to cruise out to Miner Slough, others will cruise to Mandeville, and still others will enjoy a quiet day at the Club for the 4th of July. Whatever you and your family do, please be safe and have a great 4th!

Don't forget: July's meeting will be Friday, July 8th. Scott & Susan Wood will be preparing dinner, so be sure to sign up with Elaine or Audrey. Our July Work Party will be on July 9th.

Jim and I are looking forward to the famous hospitality of our "Upriver Hosts" for the 52nd annual 4S which is being held at Sacramento YC on July 14th-17th. This will be our 29th year attending this event! Make sure you read Rear Commodore Tony Chapman's article to learn more about the 4S as it is today and Historian Kathie Hammer's article to learn about its history. Good Luck to everyone who will be representing Sportsmen YC at the 4S Games and HAVE FUN!

Since we will not have an August Newsletter, I want to be sure to also remind you of the Poker Run & Potluck to be held on August 6th. Neal Essary, who has coordinated this event in the past has agreed to mentor Vice Commodore Chuck Carroll. Benicia YC will be joining us for our "Run," so be sure to plan to attend this exciting day!

The Sunday following the Poker Run, we will begin our Dredging project. It is sure to be a lot of hard work and many think it's also fun to play in the mud! Please read Jim's article to get more details on what we need to do to get ready.

Associate Member (and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member) Larry Draper will be presenting Safe Boating Classes at Driftwood YC in July and August. The first two classes conflict with other events at our Club, so Larry has agreed to present a special class for SYC members if there is enough interest. The classes will cover boating skills and seamanship for power boaters and sailors. For further information, contact Larry Draper at 325-2623.

Have a great summer and we'll see you at the Club.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 1-4 4th of July Cruise-Out 8 Club Meeting
- Work Party 9
- 15-17 4S at Sacramento YC

August

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- Club Meeting
- 5 Poker Run & Potluck 6
 - Begin Dredging

September

2-5 Labor Day Cruise-Out Club Meeting 9 10 Club Picnic

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE



I celebrated Memorial Weekend again with the Zobb's and Stubberfield's at Black Rock Desert in northern Nevada. This year we were joined by Donald & "T" and Steve

Nicholas. Steve drove his motor home up and by now I'm sure most of you have heard about Steve's motor home losing its steering linkage in the center lane of I-80 on a crowded Reno freeway. There's about 20 seconds I'll never forget; thank God we got out of the whole mess without a scratch. But other than that, we had our normal desert fun of day trips, shooting, exploring, hot springs, lots of beer, and Belynda's great food. Anyone who's never done that trip ought to give it some fun consideration.

Back at the Ferry we had another great Work Party in June. We had both the Chapman brothers, both Tim's, three Dave's, both Chuck's, a Charlie, all 3 Carl's, 4 Dawson's, 2 Greer's; associates and new members, Casey, Bruce, Tom, Pat, Jerry, Vincent, Kay, and Susan; some regular workhorses, Freda,



The June meeting of PICYA was held at Bridge Marina YC in Antioch. **Commodore Mike Billington** announced that invitations to the July 11 meeting at Stockton YC would be extended to all yacht club commodores.

For NBF, Margot Brown commented on Senate Bill 786 which, if passed, will turn over weather service to private companies and terminate NOAH weather service. She also reported that the Coast Guard's Office of Boating and Safety has a civilian chief and is operating on a day-to-day basis. NBF is keeping an eve on these issues.

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

Lonnie, Bill, Elaine, Audrey, Don, and Dr. Dan. And to all the other members I didn't get a chance to visit with, thanks for all your help and support.

Just to let you know some of our accomplishments, we drove all the new 20foot supports that Bob Art got us to hold the guest dock in place. Lonnie had a great crew assisting him with the Area 3 fingers, Carl Rasmussen continues to improve the west end of Area 4 with both a crew on Work Parties and by himself during the week. Jim was able to get some guys started on dredge preparations. Susan Wood, Evelyn Palmer, and Kay Powers continued with their ornamental horticulture talents and north ferry beautification. A special thanks to Bruce Courtney for sanding & painting the picnic tables, and to Tom Kidder for the new electrical hookups on the guest docks. Both of these guys put in a lot of their own time to complete these projects. And another special thanks to Tim Lamb who kept running home during the Work Party to weld stuff for us. A dozen long stemmed thank you's to Helen Torres for lunch

Of course the high light of June was the Blue Grass Festival which I'm sure Commodor Dawson will give you the details. But I personally had great time, and would tell anyone who missed it, you missed a good party! Dave Selvy deserves lots of accolades (Continued on Page 5)

Dough Hipsley from RBOC thanked member clubs for their contributions. He reported on a bill to raise boating registration fees. PICYA will not be opposed if the increase goes to marine boating safety and not into the general fund. I will be attending an RBOC meeting in San Diego in July.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Next PICYA meeting* is on July 11 at Stockton YC.
- The Wheelchair Regatta will be held September 24 and Margot Brown is

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Jul 01 Chris Yarbrough Jul 01 Terry Sannebeck Jul 02 Ethan Horton Jul 02 Greg Marenger Jul 03 Cindi Doell Jul 05 Bob Haines Jul 05 Jeff Derdevanis Jul 06 Julia Adkerson Jul 08 Carl Moore Jul 11 Charlie McMeekin Jul 11 Kathie Hammer Jul 12 Lonnie Gibson Jul 13 Gwen Dawson Jul 14 Jackie Steele Jul 15 Ismini MacLean Jul 15 John Lubimir Jul 15 Monica Greer Jul 18 Erik Sieben Jul 18 Jeanette Silva Jul 19 Carol Hunter Jul 21 Sharon Worrell Jul 22 Helen Torres Jul 22 Olga Lamphear Jul 26 John Perryman Jul 29 Zeb Lamphear Jul 29 Michael Margetts Jul 31 Joyce DeCato Jul 31 Joseph Lafrades Aug 02 Brett Horton Aug 02 Jean Novinger Aug 03 Steve Fernandez Aug 04 Betty Olvera Aug 04 Doris Calhoun Aug 05 Gary Mills Aug 07 Ivan Hendricks Aug 07 Trella Aug 09 Pat Brown Aug 11 Dave Millecam Aug 11 Joel Ortiz Aug 11 Melanie Wallen Aug 11 Tony Russo Aug 14 Debbie Dawson Aug 15 Charles Carroll Aug 17 Evelyn Palmer Aug 18 Julian Lafrades Aug 18 Talisa Ortiz Aug 21 Jim Dawson Aug 21 Muriel Telles Aug 22 Shirley Nelson Aug 23 Zachary Hammer Aug 28 Chris Green Aug 30 Elise Huard Aug 30 Mary Nerby





FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE TONY CHAPMAN



Last month, I wrote about my years of NCPCA experiences. I was always proud of the team spirit that was shown from yacht club to yacht club,

whether it was for most participation or most proficiency among the racers from any particular club. Those rivalries were superficial compared to the rivalry and competition that we at Sportsmen know as 4S.

Four years ago, I competed with my Sportsmen brothers and sisters in my first 4S. It was at Sacramento Yacht Club and I am here to say IT WAS GREAT! If you have the least little bit of a competitive spirit, then you should be part of this event.

For those who are new to Sportsmen, let's describe 4S for you as The Olympics (without Bob Costas) for yacht Not all yacht clubs, just the clubs. mighty four clubs who banner the Letter "S" as their initial: Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sportsmen, and Stockton. These "monsters of the gaming world" send teams to compete each year for medals in each event. Returning champs are pitched in battle from renewed challengers as well as the newest "ringers" that a club's membership can attract with individual expertise in each particular event. These event results are tallied for the award to the Most Proficient Yacht Club of the year with the Perpetual 4S Trophy.

Each year, the event rotates from one club to the next. Each club uses their facilities, as appropriate, to host traditional events as well as the special events their facility has to offer. It is a great opportunity for each club to showcase the versatility of the campuses.

The 4S weekend usually starts Thursday or Friday night with assembly for dinner and reunions with past combatants. In anticipation of Opening Ceremonies Saturday morning, teams begin the "trash talkin'." Saturday is packed with competitions being waged throughout the day with barely a break for lunch. This day is completed with dinner and medal presentations, which is followed by more trash talkin' in preparation for the following year. Sunday morning sees the closing ceremony and fond farewells until next we meet again.

We will need you to be in Sacramento this year since we are Defending Champs. Come with your best game in order, with your game face focused and fixed on the goal, and with your cheering spirit. We need everyone: players, cheerleaders, coaches, equipment mangers, medics, and water boys.

Details and reservation instruction forms are at the Club. Pick up your forms and get those reservations sent in!

PARTING SHOT:

On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape key.



HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



On July 14-17, Sacramento will host the 52nd 4S Cruise - In. For those of you new to this event, I would like to give you the history.

The 4S started in 1953 when four clubs (Sportsmen, Sacramento, Stockton, and San Joaquin) got together for an Overthe-Bottom Race. The host club would serve sandwiches at the end of the race. This event has really changed in 51 years. Now it is a three or four day event with games, food, entertainment, and a lot of fun.

In 1986, Sportsmen Yacht Club donated a perpetual trophy for the 4S games. Sportsmen won it in 1986, then again in 1992; in 1997 we brought it home and were able to keep it in 1998, 1999, and 2000, and again we won it in 2004. In 1994, Sportsmen Yacht Club started the tradition of presenting medals to all the game winners.

We hope to see you at this year's 4S.

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- looking for more boats and volunteers as she expects more veterans attending.
- *The October 8th meeting,* sponsored by South Lake Tahoe YC, will be held at Harvey's Top of the Wheel Room.
- On January 7, 2006, PICYA is having a fund-raising cruise on the Grand Princess to the Western Caribbean. Please mention "PICYA Group" when making your reservations. Contact Barbara Steuernagel at 800-258-8880. Check out the poster on the Club bulletin board.

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.

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER





Our 44th Annual Poker Run & Potluck

Saturday, August 6th \$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**





Bring your favorite dish And your appetite! **Everyone Welcome**

> **Ouestions?** Please see Chuck Carroll

Benicia YC will be joining us this year!

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PORT CAPTAIN COMMENTS JIM DAWSON



Contra Costa County is still scheduled to replace the 480 feet of 4-foot culvert. The project goes up for bid the week of June 26th, with

the anticipated project date to be in late August or September. I will let everyone know more as it progresses.

The Dredging start date is the 2nd week of August which is after the Poker Run. I have received some great ideas on patching and filling the starboard side pontoon of the dredge. I've talked to Olympic regarding the launching of the dredge in August. We will start our dredge preparation work at the July Work Party and complete it in August. As of today, we have not located anyone to remove some of the spoils from our holding pond. Anyone knowing contractors who might need such fill, please give me a call. If we are unable to get the spoils removed, dredging will go on as usual. We might be limited to a 4 hour work day, but the project will be completed this year.

(Vice Commodore's Article Cont'd from Page 2) for putting it together, Scott Wood deserves a special thanks for taking care of the food, briquettes, beer kegs, ice, etc. (is this guy great or what!). One more special thanks to the Stubberfield & Carroll boys who stood over those BBQs all day. And a big thanks to all Sportsmen who helped out all day with everything else.

New member Doug Horton who heads up an annual "Friends of the NRA Dinner" wanted me to convey his appreciation to so many Sportsmen (and especially Belynda) who supported his efforts this year. There was a bunch of us at the dinner and we had a super time.

Hope to see all of you at the 4S in Sacramento. It should be a lot of fun and we hope to once again come home winners.

YES!

Dinner will be served before our July and August Meetings!

Our July Menu

Pork Loin Medallions with Mushroom Sauce, Roasted Red Potatoes, Salad, Garlic Bread \$8.00 per person

Prepared by Scott & Susan Wood

We are limited to 50 reservations, so contact Audrey (686-1167) or Elaine (766-6675)

Historical Hotel

<u>Our August Menu</u>

BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Salad, & French Bread

\$7.50 per person

Prepared by Casey & Diane Curry

We are limited to 50 reservations, so contact Audrey (686-1167) or Elaine (766-6675) as soon as possible

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NCPCA Report

Over the Bottom Contest News:

Fifth Place had been announced: Jim Fenelon on his houseboat, Truant, hailing from Stockton YC; and Fourth Place had gone to Dave Watt on Achilles from San Joaquin YC. When the Commodore was about to announce the Third Place winner, Nancy Bishop LeBoeuf sang out, "I got it" and raised her arm skyward. How could she know in advance? Well, she had been Third in the last two contests so we guess she just expected it to happen again. Guess what? She had won Third Place again.

This occurred at the Awards Banquet following the NCPCA Over-the-Bottom navigational contest hosted by OxBow YC.

Art Dwyer, skipper of Tikitu, from San Joaquin YC, was given Second Place; and then came the deliberately delayed announcement of First Place ... while everyone waited in anticipation ... It was Norm Shier on his Nessas IV from San Joaquin YC. Boy, was he ever surprised, as this was his first contest of this season, and was probably a little rusty on his plotting skills.

The start line for the NCPCA Over-the-Bottom navigation contest June 11th was near Herman and Helen's, finishing at the host club's Bridge Marina YC's deck overlooking the water beneath the Antioch Bridge. On a relatively calm day skipper Les Coe on Coe's Nest representing San Joaquin YC ran an excellent course with only 10 seconds of error, winning a First Place. Second Place went to Achilles, skippered by Dave Watt and representing San Joaquin Third Place went to Volare YC. skippered by Don Webb from OxBow YC and Fourth Place was earned by Bill Krumlinde aboard his Granada from San Joaquin YC. Fifth Place was tied between Dad's Choice, Nancy Bishop LeBoeuf of Vallejo YC and Jimmy Jay, Jack Praytor of San Joaquin YC.

Instead of awarding the Bent Prop to a boater, this time it was given to a



MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER

- **Debra Beckert** had back surgery on June 20th. We wish you a speedy recovery, Debra!
- Marlene Cook—Here is a Hello from your friends at the Club!
- **Darrell Lackey** has been undergoing tests and he is doing good. All those doctors' appointments are no fun, but Darrell and Yvonne are hanging in there.
- Herb Pekonen says things are getting better and he hopes to come to the Club soon.
- Paul Scannell is doing better and has returned to work.
- Winky Scannell broke her foot. She is doing better and has also returned to work. *To both of you, please take care!*

"checker" who, while seated in her chair at water's edge, was seriously pecked by a "Checker Pecker" (banty rooster); if you can believe these strange tales.

Puffy white clouds hung innocently over the start line near the Pittsburg YC. This was the fifth contest of the 2005 season by NCPCA and was sponsored by the San Joaquin YC. The power cruisers were circling around with their bright yellow numbers identifying them as Over-the-Bottom contestants. It was Saturday, June 18th.

Fourteen boats entered, thirteen started, and all thirteen finished. They represented Bridge Marina YC, Driftwood YC, OxBow YC, San Joaquin YC, Stockton YC, and Vallejo YC.

The winner of this navigational skills contest was Peter Paradis aboard Carpe Diem, from San Joaquin YC. Second Place was won by Ken Whitham on Judie Ann, representing Driftwood YC, and Norm Shier navigated his Nessas IV, representing San Joaquin YC, to capture Third Place.

The Bent Prop Award, given to the skipper who has trouble or a goof during the contest, was awarded to Ken Whitham for having spoiled the romantic interlude of a young couple romping in the tall grass on the levee. The finish line was elusive, the couple was located where the finish line used to be, and he called out on his loud hailer "There you are!"

NCPCA now has a summer vacation until August 20th when the contests resume with Driftwood YC as host. For more information about this way of improving your navigational skills log on to the website <u>www.ncpca.net</u>. Or you may contact:

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Our best wishes for speedy recoveries to **Herb & Liz Hickman** (Blackfin) They tried to take a swim in their car late at night and thankfully are here to

tell about it.



Well Hi-howdy!! "You-All" sure had a great BBQ the week before Father's day! – but I get ahead of myself.

I first want to address the workers from the Work Party. I can't believe what your efforts have done to get things done. The nice guy in the little white Bronco thinks he will be all ready for the dredging what with all the work getting done on the dredge. He did say there are still a few things needed before it gets in the water. I thought you were done last year but he said to a skinny guy last week, "Naw, we need to work at the Area 4 sheds a little more and THEN we will be done."

Some of you folks: the Warden and the Surgeon along with a Painter and Finisher took the spouses and drove wagons up to a mystery spot on the coast and swam around in the water. Guess what? They filled a bag load of Abalone and are now limping and whining about sore muscles. Humph! They should have been with me in the old days at the Berkeley pier scraping for those mussels. Then their muscles would be aching from scraping those mussels dodging the missiles from the cattle cars on the rail road tracks above....I know; it's just hard to stop, once I get going.

One Wednesday night early in the month, a cupola big fish got into a... "I'll scratch yer belly and you lay the eggs" thing right at the entry to Area 1. In all my life (and even during this gig), I can't remember ever seeing that ...ever. You guys were sure taken by that. Everyone was checking it out over the upper deck railing... for me, it was like watching a movie at the aquarium in the city. Kinda neat!

That night, one of yer new Associates; Ann Marie? I think, (a real cutie pie) and her girlfriend "Peetie" (another cutie pie) got going in the kitchen and served, what she told Uf-Dah, (that's what I call him now), *Norwegian Meat Balls*. (I've heard of Swedish Meat Balls but Norwegian??) They were scarfed up by a good crowd and I was lucky to sneak in when no one was looking to snag one for myself. Hey! These gals can COOK!! There were a few folks from Driftwood over for dinner as well. Seems like these two ladies do kitchen things over there too. Hope they come back again! I got a good night's sleep dreaming about Norwegian long boats and cute little Norwegian cooks.

So, SPEAKING of COOKING! I never laughed so much at you characters. Y'da thought y'all were from the Blue Ridge Mountains the way you tapped yer feet and sang... and ate...man, can you put away the food. But the best part was the longer you sat around doing blue grass and me listening; the deeper south your accents got. –funny.

The BBQ was sensational and those characters at the grills were right out of the middle of the highway down in Shreveport. No kidding... that's where the GOOD BBQ is, in Looseyanna. They sure turned out a great buncha ribs and chicken and tri-tips and corn and potato salad and and andooof! I nearly fell out of the trees (my summer perch) from the smoke. Lucky it passed right through me in the wind. -Leaky Old Ghost!

What a Band! Same cast with the addition of a feller from "Dolly World." He also sang some Ricky Skaggs songs and from what I heard them say ...they were going to Grass Valley the following week through "Father's Day" to be in their festival.

A cute kid caught (and released it, I might add – good boy!) a really big Black Bass in the harbor. He got so excited ...all he could do was yell, "Daddy, Daddy, Daddy!"

...everyone cheered him on and giggled and danced and ate ice cream at the end. Uf-Dah (the guy missing the "Lip-Whiskers" ...I finally figured it out) was calling out the ticket numbers and his family took a large share of the prizes ...nepotistic old goat! (Look it up.) That was sure a great event -I hope Uf-Dah pulls this one out of his hat again. He said he wants to try for 300...I may have to move to the horseshoe pit tree to stay outta the way.

Moving right along...seems that a few of you found a way to get serious about bar games. – You had a meeting of members doing a thing called the 4S tryouts going again, like you have for several years now, and from what I could hear...a few good liars are amongst the crew...duh, that's all that goes on down in the bar most nights anyway.

I don't know about the rest of you, but this visage is going up to the bridge over the river to watch the sparklers around the area for the 4th of July celebrations. There are a cupola boat trips planned, so when you get where yer going: anchor it, lose the keys, and don't boat, light fireworks and drink, at the same time. Be careful – you don't want to end up like me— with the wind passing through ya.

OK ...no more preaching...its nap time. -Ghost

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4S at Sacramento YC

July 14-17

Registration Forms are available at the Club.

This year's theme: The Fabulous 50's



You Don't Want to Miss...

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Starting at 11:00 a.m.

Annual Sportsmen Picnic

Plenty of food & Lots of Fun For the Whole Family!

