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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Rick Barton

Having a cruise-in, game night, and a major event all in the same weekend (for our Western Days weekend in June) is a major undertaking. Fortunately, we had so many people step up to help that the weekend was very successful. It never ceases to amaze me how many people it takes to pull off these events. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made this event run smoothly.

The other lesson I learned was the amount of time it takes to run a horseshoe tournament. We didn't get started until noon and we were still finishing after 5:00 which didn't leave me much time to switch into my western gear and get the dinner festivities started.

What a dinner it was! Pat Sebers cooked some of the best ribs I have ever eaten (although I was busy playing horseshoes so I never got to sample any of the ribs cooked by the 12 entrants in the rib cook-off contest). Donna Fields prepared her famous cole slaw. Scott Jett volunteered to cook some excellent beans and Doug Horton rounded out the "western style" dinner with some delicious corn on the cob. It was a meal to remember.

I think almost half of our visitors from Pittsburg YC bought extra ribs to take home with them. They got to sample just one of the incredible meals we have at SYC on a regular basis.

The only negative part of the weekend was the fact that I was hoping for a

little better turnout. Scientists are now predicting an 85% chance for an "el Niño" year and it is going to cost a ton of money to try and get our roof watertight. I was hoping this would be a major fundraiser to help raise the money we will need to fix the roof. I don't have the final figures on the Western Day event yet, but I'm now hoping we come close to breaking even. This also has me worried about our "Luau" in August. The Luau was the most expensive event we put on last year. We cannot afford to do the Luau if attendance is not higher than it was for Western Days. I guess this can be discussed at the July meeting.



Vice Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everyone! I would first like start this off by saying Good-Bye to a good friend, Sherry Lively, our sincere condolences to Dan and their family. The one memory I will always have of Sherry is she always, always, had a smile on her face and was always happy to see you. I will miss that forever. *Sherry, it was an honor to serve as director on the Board while you were*

Commodore. I learned a lot from you and Ethan loved you very much. We will miss you, Sherry Lively.

In June, our highlighted event was our Western Days, which was a great idea by Rick & Terri Barton. We had some of the best ribs! Great music was being heard throughout the day.

I will also say, on the same

subject, that I have appreciated the many improvements made in the galley—from the warmer to the new floor—and the new cabinets that Billy built. This Club has really obtained a better system to serve a volume of people in a short, more effective amount of time. This will help at future events from our annual Installation Dinners, Crab

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FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY KIMBERLY & KENNY NORRIS

\$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 Cynthia Perez for details (286-0017)

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

Feeds and St. Patrick's Day parties and other large events.

On June 13th, we had the private event. It was a great time
and the Club made money on the rental. I understand we had
a great night at the bar also. Thank you to everyone who
helped put this event together: Ron & Liz Allen, Freda Lucido,
Nick Wigmore, Scott Wigmore, Scott Jett, Neal Draper, Bob &
Janet Buckley. Thanks also to Shari & Ethan who work right
beside me every year to make this event a success.

I would like to thank the whole crew of guys working on the
north side upper deck – it looks good now and will look
awesome when done. I don't know what Rick has in store
exactly for the balance of this year's projects after the rail is
done—maybe fresh paint on the main stairwell and better
lighting would be great on the northside deck. Always
remember, if you have a suggestion, please come see one of
us on the Board.

Last but not least, I would also like to thank Freda Lucido from
the bottom of my heart because I know she is extra patient
with me for my article. And she does a great job helping to
word our articles correctly.



Amy Dawson is setting up a
Power Squadron Boating Class

to be given at Sportsmen YC.

It is a 12-hour class (held over three Saturdays).

The class is free; the text book is \$26.

Exact dates of the classes will be announced soon.

Please contact Amy if you are
interested in attending this class.

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

July

10 Club Meeting
17-19 4S—Hosted by San Joaquin YC
24 Games Night & Dinner

August

1 Work Party
7 Club Meeting
8 Luau
8-9 Caliente Isle YC Cruise-In
14-16 Decker Island Raft-Up

September

11 Club Meeting
12 Club Picnic
18-20 Richmond YC Cruise-In
26 Rio Vista Cruise-Out



Monday Night Football
begins September 7th



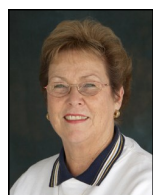
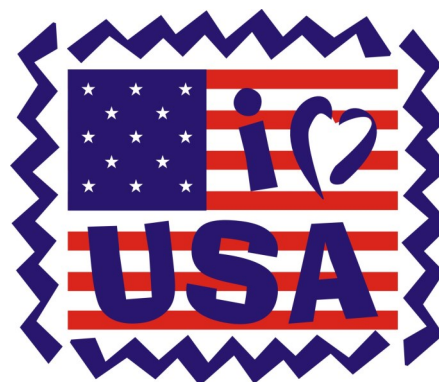
Rear Commodore Matt Tate

Well, summer is officially upon us and the warm days and nights are with us to stay for a while. I, for one, am very thankful for this because I am no fan of winter and those short chilly days. Summer also means (hopefully!) more time spent at our Club, boating, fishing or a bar-b-que on the patio. We had a really great time at the Western Days and the Rib Cook-off.

Spending time at the Club means that you will likely see a project or two that may have your name on it, or that you can help a fellow Club member to complete; every little bit helps!

Finally, summer also means 4S! The Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stockton and Sportsmen Yacht Clubs get together annually for three days of fun and competitive sporting and

gaming activities. This year's gathering will be at the San Joaquin YC on nearby Bethel Island. There will be lots of fun to be had for all. It is close enough to drive out daily, or boat or RV out. If you are a newer member, and have not had the opportunity to attend one of these events, I highly recommend making some time to go out, have a good time, and support our Club members as we try to regain the trophy!!

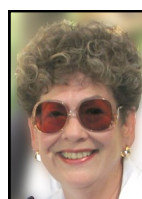
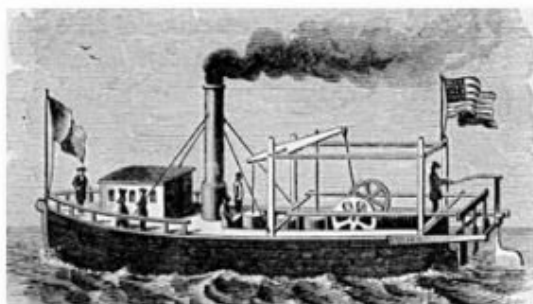


HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Steamboating in California began in the summer of 1847 when a Russian sailing vessel arrived in San Francisco Bay from Alaska and unloaded a small paddlewheeler that was disassembled. When they reassembled it and delivered it to its owner William A. Leidesdorff, who had bought it from the Russian-American Fur Company, the little steamer was only 37 feet long and nine feet wide. After using the vessel on the Bay, he decided to take it on a voyage up the Sacramento River which was more than a hundred miles. This little paddlewheeler was called the Sitka. She made the voyage, but it took her six days and seven hours.

Less than two months later in January 1848, James Marshall discovered gold on the American River in the foothills of Sacramento. This discovery changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. It wasn't long before people left the Bay in vessels powered by wind, not steam. But by the end of 1850, twenty-eight steamers cruised the Sacramento and Feather Rivers.

Steamboating continued to grow in the years following the discovery of gold. Many large and small transportation companies formed.



PICYA NEWS

DARLENE DAWSON

2015 PICYA CALENDAR

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| July 6 | Delegates' Meeting Bridge Marina YC | Sep 14 | Delegates' Meeting Oakland YC |
| Aug 3 | Delegates' Meeting Sacramento YC | Sep 26 | Wheel Chair Regatta Encinal YC |

Due to the fact that Jane Parsons had emergency surgery and was unable to attend the June PICYA meeting, and I had a previous engagement also for that night, Jr. Staff Commodore Lenora Clark graciously represented our Club so that we would maintain our perfect attendance to-date. I am happy to report that Jane is recovering nicely and we look forward to seeing her at the Club soon.

Below is an E-Bulletin from the National Boating Federation:
Tell the EPA No More Ethanol!
(Public comment ends July 27th)

The EPA recently announced its plans to increase the country's ethanol to historic levels. That's right, despite the science and facts about the harm of ethanol, the government is doubling down on its hand-out to corn farmers and ethanol producers.

To make matters worse, in a gift to the ethanol industry, the White House is handing them a \$100 million check to install blender pumps across the U.S. These are the pumps equipped to dispense E15 and higher blends at your local gas stations.

The government is doing everything it can to force E15 into our fuel. We must stop them!

The ONLINE link is: <http://www.rboc.org/issues>

Then click on the link under National Issues
regarding the Corn Ethanol Mandate

July Birthdays!

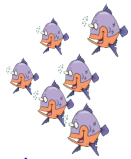
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 03 Cindi Doell
 03 Elena Draper
 03 Gabe Comages
 05 Bob Haines
 05 Paul Davis
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 11 Bob Buckley
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 15 John Lubimir
 15 Monica Greer
 16 Barbara Maldon
 18 Jeanette Silva
 19 Carol Hunter
 20 Rick Hinds
 21 Sharon Worrell
 22 Helen Torres
 24 Anne Macey
 24 Cynthia Gorman
 26 John Perryman
 27 Jack Kish
 29 Megan Bravo
 29 Melody Nicholson
 31 Angel Brown
 31 Ed Salmon
 31 Joyce DeCato



2015 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of July 20, 2015)

We have 55 people entered in the 2015 Derby.

- * There is \$800 total so far in this Derby.
- * Rules are posted at the Club.
- * Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- * Three categories: Stripers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- * Cost is \$5.00 per category.
- * For our Striped Bass category, Dale Bauer brought in an 11 pounder and holds 1st place..
- * Hold onto your fishing poles!! In the Catfish category, Kenny Norris secured 1st place with a 16 pound 8 ounce monster! Then he caught a 14 pounder for 2nd place. Nick Macey holds 3rd place with a 2 pound 12 ounce catfish and Albert Perez has 4th place with a 1 pound 2 ounce catfish.
- * In the Sturgeon category, Bill Pato Jr. holds 1st place with a 67 pounder; Bill also holds 2nd place with a 47 pound, 8 ounce sturgeon; Kenny Norris secured 3rd place with 31 pounder; and Gabe Comages is hanging onto 4th place with a 28 pounder.



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

Jim Dawson

Games Night!

Friday, July 24th

Join us for Chinese Chicken Salad & Desert

\$10

Reservations ONLINE or call Ann at 779-9330

Then stay for...



Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

We are going to have a contest this year decorating Christmas trees while decorating the Ferry and grounds for Christmas! Some of the categories suggested are: Bling, Traditional, Classical, Creative, Whimsical, Original, Unique, Theme Oriented, Animation, NYC, and Nautical. There will be prizes for each category in the contest.

We are open to suggestions and welcome input from members before the categories are finalized and announced. We have not limited the number of entries a member or member group can submit.

The trees must be in place and finished for display by December 3rd and are to remain in place until December 26th. The trees must be maintained by the member while they are on display and they must be taken down and removed before New Year's Eve.



The trees will be judged by a panel and the winners will be announced at the party on New Year's Eve.

Only artificial trees can be placed inside the Ferry or on the Ferry. Cut or living trees can be put up outside of the Ferry, but the Committee Chair will have to approve of the tree location in advance. There is no size restriction other than they must be safe.

More details coming in future newsletters.



Get Ready!

August 14th-16th

*Plans are being made for our
 Decker Island Raft-Up*

Save this date on your calendar now!

In Memory Of



Sherry Lively passed away on May 25, 2015, under Hospice care after a sudden and unexpected illness. She joined our Club in 1998 (as Sherry Thompson), married Dr. Dan Lively in September 2002, and was our Commodore in 2007. Sherry loved to serve others; she was always willing to help whenever and wherever needed. There are many memories of her contributions to our Club—one being the lighthouse that graces our harbor entrance. It was designed and erected in 2010 by Sherry, Alice Gibson, and Shirley Karr.

She loved designing and making very unique quilts that reflected the special interest of the person for whom the quilt was being made. She made a quilt in 2010 that was the star of the raffle for our 2010 4S event.

Everyone wanted to win that quilt which she had designed that had a lighthouse on it.

Her talents in creativity were shared with her best friend, Alice Gibson. Together, the two could create just about anything they could imagine!

She loved being with her family and friends, She leaves all who loved her with many cherished memories.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Dan and their family.

GOOD JOB



A BIG THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help at SYC during the Pittsburg YC Cruise-In, Game Night, and Western Days Event on June 19th - 21st

Liz Allen
Denice Babo
Matthew Barton
Dale Bauer
Debbie Bauer
Bob Buckley
Janet Buckley
Cleo Butler
Elena Draper
Neil Draper
Ann English
Marina Faconti
Donna Fields
Yong Garner
Lonnie Gibson

Pudge Hanson
Doug Horton
Shari Horton
Ethan Horton
Scott Jett
Billy Jones
Audrey Kuppenbender
Cynthia Perez
Garry Ridolfi
Jacqueline Ridolfi
Tammy Rocha
Pat Sebers
Michelin Simpson
Marianne Tate
Matt Tate
Becky Wilson

ALOHA



Luau
August 8th

Roasted Pig Dinner
Hawaiian Cuisine
Special Entertainment

\$20

Dinner
Served
at
7:00
p.m.



Caliente Isle YC Cruise-In
that weekend

Make Reservations ONLINE
or contact Ann at 779-9330

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Thank you, Darlene Dawson,
for all you did to resolve the
issue from last October!

4S at San Joaquin YC!

July 17th-19th

Fun!



Friends!



Make Your Reservations Now!

Registration Forms are at the Club (near the sign-in desk)
and are available **ONLINE**.

It's always lots of fun whether
you're involved in the games or supporting our Club