



Sportsmen Yacht Club

Newsletter

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**COMMODORE
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Well, what a good month it was. It was fun to see everyone enjoying themselves at the Club on the 4th of July weekend. The only thing missing was the fireworks. Everyone was having a great time.

As you know, July was the 4S month and everyone was gearing up for it. We had a great time over at San Joaquin YC, our hosts this year. We had five boats at their dock representing the Sportsmen's group plus Ricky Scannell in his new RV. It was a good turn out even though we didn't bring the trophy home this year. Congrats to San Joaquin for winning this year's 4S trophy. I want to thank everyone who gave their all to try to win the games. It was a very close contest. The dinner was good on Saturday night and the drinks were steadily.

As all of you can see, we took down two more trees in the front of the RV parking. They have needed to come down for a long time, and just in time it was. They were ready to split apart and could have caused some serious damage or hurt someone. Thank you everyone for your help! Great job!

As you know, we have the Country Round-Up in August; I hope we have a great turn out for the event. So get out your western wear and poop kickers because we are going to have some fun!

Yee-Haw!

Well I hope to see everyone at the Hottest Yacht Club around: SPORTSMEN!

No article this month from our Vice Commodore.



**REAR COMMODORE
LOUIE ROCHA**

As I write this month's letter, Tammy and I have just returned home from Monterey where we celebrated our 25th anniversary. During our trip, we met a number of other couples vacationing in California. We are so fortunate to live here in this beautiful state, where we have so many amazing places!

This month the Sportsmen took a trip to the Oakland A's vs. Seattle Mariners game on Wednesday, July 6th. It was a great time at the ball park and nice victory for the Oakland A's. The pre and post game parties were a great time enjoyed by all who participated.

This trip we were able to convert our lone protester from our previous trip:
"Hell no I won't go, Joe Fray."

Thus far, Tammy and I have scheduled two excursions that have been a huge success, so we look forward to planning additional trips in the future. I hope you will be able to join us, because the Sportsmen always know how to have a great time!

Summer time is a great time to be at the Sportsmen YC! It amazes me how much cooler it is down on the river compared to in town. Come on down to the Club and enjoy the wonderful view of the Delta and the cool breeze.

Best wishes on an enjoyable summer!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN



- 5 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 6 Work Party
- 27-28 Country Round-Up Party and San Rafael Cruise-In



- 9 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 10 Club Picnic
- 12 Monday Night Football Begins (to be held weekly)
- 17-18 Pittsburg YC Cruise-Out



- 7 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 8 Work Party
- 8-9 Fleet Week Down-Bay Cruise-Out
- 21-23 Discovery Bay YC Cruise-In



Don't forget to check out the Club's website from time to time. Lots of pictures from past events and interesting information on the Scuttlebutt page...in addition to information about upcoming events!

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From your Treasurer Alice Jackman

Q3 dues are payable now. Please drop them at the Club office or mail to our PO Box 518. For safety reasons, we do not have a mailbox on Wilbur, so please don't send mail to our physical address.

We'd love to see more members using the Club. Summer is going by quickly, and Fall is fast approaching.

Come out now and enjoy the great weather!

We also have several open slots for new members, so if you have a friend you think would make a good member, bring them to the Club and show them what we have to offer -- a beautiful location, friendly people, and affordability. It's hard to beat SYC.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL
who participated in the
4S games at San
Joaquin YC!**

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.

Have ideas or suggestions for the newsletter?

Please send articles to: Terri Barton
Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org
Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month

Menu

August Meeting Dinner

BBQ Chicken

Corn

Salad

Rolls

Dinner Prepared by
Joe Fray and the Hook Rats

Dinners are \$10 per person

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

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.)



"Commodore Garry at el Sol Vineyards
in Livermore working hard
on new member recruitment!"



HISTORIAN'S NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER

As you read this, Keith and I have just completed a unique experience in Crescent City, being the lighthouse keepers for the month of July at the Battery Point Lighthouse.

Battery Point Lighthouse was built in 1856 and was one of the first seven lighthouses built in California. She was built using a Cape Cod style of architecture, a single tower rises from the center of the house. Having the tower in the middle of the lighthouse home meant during bad storms the keeper could tend to the light without going outside.

The first light was lit on December 10, 1856. Today the lighthouse is a museum with many original artifacts to give you a rare glimpse of what it was like to be a lighthouse keeper many years ago.

The walls of the house are 24 inches thick, so during a bad storm the sound of the waves or wind are not usually heard. Keith and I lived in the house for the whole month of July. I will give historical tours and Keith is going to run the gift shop and, of course, we have to make sure the light is on at all times.

This lighthouse is visited by thousands of people annually. You can only get to the lighthouse at low tide; otherwise it is surrounded by water, so you have to check the tides prior to coming. You are able to climb the spiral staircase to the tower room and see the Drumm lens and perhaps even hear stories of reported ghosts of the house.

I have kept a daily journal and tried to keep track of all the people we met from all parts of the world. I will report this in my September Historian's Notes article.



PICYA Report
DARLENE DAWSON

PACIFIC INTER-CLUB YACHT ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

2011 PICYA CALENDAR

Aug 1	Delegates Dinner and Meeting San Rafael YC
Sep 12	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Presidio YC
Sept 24	Wheelchair Regatta Encinal YC

15th Annual Wheelchair Regatta

Commodore Linda Brenger recognized the long time efforts of Staff Margot Brown by presenting Margot with a banner announcing the official title of this event will now be "The Pacific InterClub Yacht Association Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta."

The Regatta is a joint effort of the PICYA Yacht Clubs, their members and vessels to honor our men and women in the military. Established by Margot in 1997, "The Regatta" has grown from 64 veterans and 12 boats to over 300 veterans and 30 boats. Jim and I have been fortunate to participate in this "Regatta" since 2005. Over the years Brandywine (Ken & Sarah Corippo) and Golden Goose (Vincent & Armi Rafanan) have also volunteered their time and vessels. Dave & Sharon Selvy have faithfully crewed on vessels for several years. Sportsmen YC Honorary Member Larry Draper has been in the galley since Day 1. Thanks Larry and crew for all those delicious burgers.

If you would like to volunteer for this most rewarding event, please contact Darlene Dawson at 510-207-8498 or Margot at 510-523-2098. Many shore side volunteers are also needed.

Department of Boating & Waterways

Lenora Clark announced that the DDW in concert with the Coastal Commission & Oil Spill preparedness work group will have a HazWoper Training class at the Bay Model in Sausalito on September 22, 2011.

Northern California Power Cruisers Association

Commodore Diane Lasher presented a check to the PICYA Foundation for the upgrading of photo supplies for the Wheelchair Regatta.



NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN
CYNTHIA PETERSEN

Ahoy there... Just a note to let you know the 4th of July weekend at Little Venice Yacht Club was a great time and a great joint cruise-out with San Rafael YC. A total of 14 boats made it to the Island. Rick and Terri Barton (one of the smaller boats in the group) broke the record with a total of 7 folks on board.

The weather for the weekend was warm/hot, but we enjoyed the shade of 5 different canopies set up...either on the dock or on the berm surrounding the island. Thanks to everyone who brought one. With the shade, the breeze was significant enough each day to help keep us cool.

We had such a good time that a number of folks are planning to go back, either on their own or with others, sometime this summer or later this fall. For those who'd like to learn more, just check in with one of us who made it. That would be: Jim and Terri Arnold, Rick and Terri Barton and family, Pat Sebers, Al and Ann Marie Alcorn, Emy Swenson, myself and my husband Ed. Any one of us can give you the scoop and let you know all about the Island.

After Little Venice, the next event on the calendar was the Annual 4S Games at San Joaquin YC. Sportsmen had a great showing of members who came by boat, RV, and those who drove up. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all.

Our next scheduled cruise-out is to Pittsburg YC the weekend of September 17/18th. A number of members have been looking forward to this cruise, so please sign-up to cruise there, either by boat or land-yacht. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Club before the August membership meeting.

As for now, please enjoy the summer (now that it is finally here) and we'll see you on the water!

Make a Wish Cruise

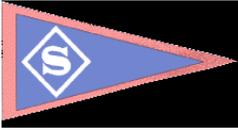
Jim Davis of Driftwood YC announced that the 25th Make-a-Wish Cruise will be Saturday, October 8th. Ticket prices have been reduced to \$35 - all proceeds will be used to fulfill the wishes of Bay Area kids. To volunteer or for more information contact:
Chairperson - Diane Ivanicki
Home 925-753-1772
Cell 925-330-1626

Fun at 4S!!!



Great Job Sportsmen!





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Little Venice Yacht Club Cruise-Out July 4th



*Eat, Drink, Relax, Fish
What more can you ask for?*