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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Don Wilson

After months and months of preparation, the 2014 4S event is behind us. The first comment about this subject has to be to thank all the members who contributed to the success of this wonderful four day function. We literally worked right up to the last hour to finish all the tasks that had to be done to welcome three other clubs to our Clubhouse. As most of you know, these tasks included preparing our Club to insure the safety of our visitors, painting, decorating, making schedules, planting flowers, organizing entertainment, preparing and serving all the great meals and the list goes on and on. The comments I heard from our visiting clubs was nothing but the

highest praise for all the services we provided as hosts of this annual event. **JOB WELL DONE, SPORTSMEN!!!**

If there are any members from the other 4S clubs reading this newsletter, thank you very much for attending the event. We very much enjoyed your company and support.

Congratulations to Sacramento YC. It was disappointing not winning "our" 4S Trophy back this year at home. The way we handled our try-outs and competition was in the true spirit of good sportsmanship. Chuck Carroll, our games chairman, wanted as many members as possible to be able to participate in the 4S games. For this reason, he limited members to only compete in one game. I

totally supported this approach as this will benefit the future of the 4S events because so many of our new members got a chance to be "hands on" over the weekend. I want to thank all who played the games and all who supported the Club in many ways over the 4S weekend.

Looking forward, August will bring some more exciting times to our Club. We have a Luau on August 9th which includes a cruise-in. We have another cruise-in on August 16-18 and a raft-up cruise-out on August 23-24. Please see more information on these events in this issue of the newsletter. Please come out and support these activities.

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## Vice Commodore Rick Barton

Well, it's over. We can take a deep breath and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. I don't think I have ever been a part of a greater team effort than the job our Club did in putting on 4S this year. So many members contributed. From the months of getting the ferry ready, the grounds ready, the decorations ready, to the event itself where we

needed members cooking, cleaning, bartending and officiating the games, both new members and veteran members joined together in the mammoth effort it took to pull this off. Boy did we pull this off! Sunday morning after the closing ceremonies, I couldn't walk three steps without being stopped by a guest from one of the visiting yacht clubs who wanted to tell me what a

great job we did. We received compliments on the food, the hospitality, how nice everything looked and how well the games went. Everyone should be very proud of their efforts in this massive undertaking. We certainly proved that this Club can do anything when we all work together. Congratulations Sportsmen!

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**FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT  
SPECIAL FOR AUGUST  
PREPARED BY ALBERT & CYNTHIA PEREZ  
\$10 PER PERSON**



Limited to the first 50 reservations.  
Make your reservations on-line or  
contact Ann English at 779-9330  
as soon as possible!

**Volunteers are needed to cook for the  
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.**  
Please contact Shari Horton for details (783-8424)

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

*(Wilson's Article Continued from Page 1)*

We will not have a scheduled Work Party in August. It is time  
to give everyone a much deserved rest. There are still so many  
things to complete and our work is far from done. Please  
remember that one can volunteer to help at any time between  
scheduled Work Parties.

I just can't say thanks enough!

## Italian Night Dinner!



Prepared by  
Chef Billy Jones

## The August 8th Menu

We begin with Salad at 7:00 p.m.

Marina's Salad Bar with  
Homemade Ranch Dressing  
Lasagna, Bread, Dessert

\$13.50 per person

Make reservations On-Line  
or contact Marina at 759-2764

*(Barton's Article Continued from Page 1)*

That was the good, so now let's talk about the bad and the  
ugly. I have been a soccer coach, a peanut baseball coach, a  
little league coach, a high school coach and a college coach. I  
am well aware it's not about winning anymore in America but  
about the spirit of competition. I'm sorry but that's not in my  
genetic code. I want the trophy back. Several people have  
talked to me in the last week about not having try-outs and  
just picking the players for each event. I'm not convinced that  
is the answer. I enjoy try-outs and think that is the fairest way  
to set up the competition. I'm thinking that we should have  
some sort of challenge system for a player who can't make try-  
outs but announces their intention to challenge the winner  
afterwards. I would also like to see a little more commitment  
from the players. If you show up for tryouts and win, I feel you  
are accepting an obligation to show up at the 4S games ready  
to compete at the top of your game. I know it doesn't always  
work out. We did practice for volleyball and still only got silver  
(hard to beat a Division One college player). I also know that  
in some events we had the best player playing and it just  
didn't work out this year. Nevertheless, we need to put the  
same effort we put into preparing for 4S into competing at 4S.  
I know that next year that trophy will be back where it  
belongs!

## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### August

- 1 Club Meeting
- 8 Italian Night Dinner
- 8-10 Delta Bay Marina Twigs  
Cruise-In
- 9 Luau
- 16 San Rafael Cruise-In
- 23-24 Decker Island Raft-Up  
Cruise-Out

### September

- 5 Club Meeting
- 6 Club Picnic
- 12-14 Treasure Island YC Cruise-In
- 19 Italian Night Dinner
- 20 Richmond YC Cruise-In
- 20 Work Party
- 26-28 Rio Vista Cruise-Out  
& Clam Chowder Cook-Off

### October

- 3 Club Meeting  
(Board Nominations)
- 4 Work Party
- 11 Breast Cancer Fundraiser  
Luncheon
- 24 Italian Night—Mystery Dinner



## Rear Commodore Doug Horton

Hello again! What a month; I can't believe 4S is over. This only happens every four years for us but it seems like we have been working on it for four years. What a great time putting it all together. I would like to compliment our Commodore for all the effort and detail he put into this event. I am also sure that his blood pressure must have come down about a week after the event!

We had a tremendous amount of help from all of our members. Anita Hinds headed up the 4S Committee and she did an awesome job keeping everything on track. The organization of all eight meals was exceptional. You must understand each meal was planned out and prepared by our members and their crew. Everyone kept the galley clean and prepared for the next crew. The one and most important thing we did not do was run out of any food. Any minor hiccups went unnoticed.

I would like to point out we had several new associates who "stepped up to the plate" (no pun intended!) with all kinds of help. Lonnie Gibson did a great job of carefully packing in our guests who cruised in.

Now I am doing my best to keep this article positive, so I will let Donnie explain to you what happened with the games and the trophy!

Quack-Quack!



### HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

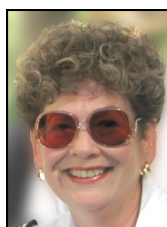
As I am writing this, I am sitting in the Battery Point Lighthouse in Crescent City, California. Keith and I are the lighthouse keepers for July; this is our third year and it has been very exciting. When we came the first year, we didn't know if we would like it. Well, we found very quickly that it was something that we enjoyed very much. The next year, another couple was scheduled to be the July Keepers. When they read the house was haunted, they didn't want to come so we were asked if we would consider coming again.

This lighthouse was built in 1856 and is still an actual aid to navigation. One of the responsibilities is to be sure the light is working at all times. If it goes out, we have to notify the Coast Guard, then change the 750 watt bulb, call the Coast Guard again and tell them it is fixed. In the early days, they used lard oil, then kerosene, and the light had weights that had to be wound every eight hours to make it rotate.

Keith runs the gift shop and I give the historical tours. We actually live in the museum. We have to get up and make the museum (house) look nice to be able to show it and tell about its history. It is a Cape Cod style lighthouse with the light inside the house, so the keeper didn't have to go outside in bad weather to tend the light. It opened on Christmas Day 1856 and has had someone continuously living in it since then.

It is open from 10 am to 4 pm every day, tides allowing. Twelve hours a day it is an island. When the tides are out, you can cross the bottom of the ocean and hike up to the lighthouse. It is nice to be surrounded by the ocean, watch whales go by, see Pelicans dive for fish, feed our pet seagulls, and watch beautiful sunsets.

We have met people from all over the world including China, Sweden, England, Norway, Germany, France, Canada, as well as from all over the United States.



### PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

#### 2014 PICYA CALENDAR

Aug 4	Delegates' Meeting Sacramento YC	Sep 27	Wheelchair Regatta Encinal YC
Sept 8	Delegates' Meeting Oakland YC	Oct 6	Delegates' Meeting Discovery Bay YC

Jane Parsons and I attended the July PICYA Meeting at Berkeley YC. There were two speakers, one being PC Yovino-Young who spoke on the history of Berkeley YC. The other speaker was Retired Colonel Allan Cruz of the US Marine Corps, who spoke on the commissioning of the Aircraft Carrier USS AMERICA.

#### RBOC-SUPPORTED BILL REVISING PENALTIES FOR MINOR VIOLATIONS PASSES ASSEMBLY POLICY COMMITTEE

SB 1162 (Berryhill) is being pursued with the thought that reclassifying penalties for minor violations will result in increased enforcement, and therefore increased compliance, while at the same time reducing the burden on the court system. Boaters need to be aware because what could have been a warning in the past could now be a costly "Fix-It Ticket." There are nine violations that are affected by this Bill. For more information, go to [RBOC.org/State\\_Issues](http://RBOC.org/State_Issues).



Monday Night Football  
Begins  
September 8th!

**Get Your Boat Ready!!!  
Cruise-Out to Decker Island  
August 23rd-24th**



**Plan to come by boat  
or you can RV at Brannan Island and  
then go by dinghy to the raft-up.**

**Details will be announced at the  
August General Membership Meeting  
or call Fleet Captain  
Carl Rasmussen (766-6675).**

**August Birthdays!**

01 Marina Faconti  
02 Brett Horton  
02 Jean Novinger  
02 Marty Whetham  
02 Michelle Smith  
02 Vernetta Pato  
03 Rosie Fernandez  
04 Betty Olvera  
07 Ivan Hendricks  
09 Pat Brown  
11 Dave Millecam  
11 Jill Smith  
11 Tony Russo  
12 Shelly Bowes  
14 Debbie Dawson  
14 Ken Carver  
14 Robert Jones  
15 Charlie Carroll  
17 Cynthia Perez  
18 Dave Newton  
21 Jim Dawson  
21 Muriel Telles  
21 Paulet Hoskins  
22 Karen Kreiss  
23 Zach Hammer  
24 Michelle Tranate  
27 Chris Bravo  
27 Jay Smith  
27 Jim Hill  
28 Chris Green  
28 John Shaner  
29 Shane LaChance  
30 Diane Benson  
30 Dodie Lobao  
30 Elise Huard  
30 Mary Nerby



**Save the Date!**

**Breast Cancer  
Fundraiser**

**Plans are underway for our  
Fundraiser Luncheon on  
October 11th**

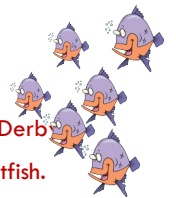
**\$20 per person**

**Details in our  
September  
Newsletter**



**2014 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update  
(as of July 25th)**

- \* 65 people entered in the 2014 Derby.
- \* There is \$900 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.
- \* To date, Dave Newton has a 72 pound sturgeon on the board, Bill Pato caught a 34 pounder to secure 2nd place, and Dan Lively is now 3rd place with a 32 pound sturgeon.
- \* To date, Dale Bauer is in first place with a 16 pound striper, Gabe Comages is in second with a 13 pounder, and Dale also has an 8 pound striper in third place.
- \* For the Catfish category, Bob Brown holds 1st place with a 1 lb. 6 oz.; Bob Brown and John Hunter are tied for 2nd place with 1 lb. 4 oz.; 4th place is held by John Hunter with a 1 lb. catfish.



*Go out and catch one bigger!*

*Jim Dawson*





Thank You Commodore  
Wilson and everyone who  
helped make our 4S such a  
great success!

## San Rafael Cruise-In

We welcome San Rafael YC  
on August 16th!

Details on the dinner will be  
announced at the August  
General Membership Meeting



**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

# Sportsmen YC's Annual Picnic

**Saturday, September 6th**

**This year we're having a Ribs Cook-Off!**

**Eating begins at 3:00 p.m.**

**Contact Commodore Wilson if you're interested in participating in the Cook-Off**

## In Memory Of



*Terry Sannebeck passed away unexpectedly on June 26, 2014. He joined our Club in 1967, became Commodore of our Club in 1970 at the age of 25, and became a Life Member in 2006. During those years, he was very active in boating and enjoyed many rendezvous cruise-outs. The name of his boat was "Big Deal" because he would go to work on Mondays after spending weekends at the Club and talk about all the fun from their "Big Deal" weekend. He was technically minded, always being one of the first to build some kind of new electronic gadget. Terry would have turned 70 on July 1st.*

*A Celebration of Life was held at the Club on July 5th for family and friends.*

*Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mary, and his family.*

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# Luau at Sportsmen!

August 9th

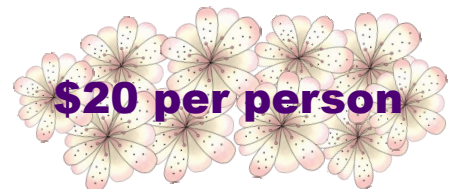
**ALOHA**



**Entertainment and  
Music by "IMUA"**

**5:00 Cocktail Music  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Hawaiian Dancers'  
Full Show  
8:15 Dancing**

**Authentic Hawaiian  
Dinner  
Including a  
Pig Roasted in the  
Ground**



**\$20 per person**

**Make Your Reservations Online or call Ann English at 925-779-9330  
Reservations requested by August 3rd**