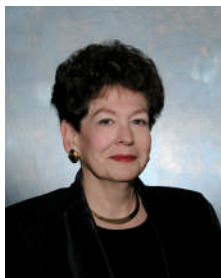


SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2005



FROM OUR COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



As summer winds down and fall approaches, our attendance for meetings will once again increase.

Since we didn't have an August

Newsletter, I would like to say thank you to Scott & Susan Wood for preparing a delicious dinner before the July meeting and also to Casey & Diane Curry for preparing a great dinner before the August meeting. In the July meeting, we welcomed 5 new associates—that may be a record for new associates in one meeting! At this time, we have only 13 openings left with several prospective applicants.

For those who missed the August meeting, we had RBOC Director Linda Bendson and PICYA Director Jerry Zanolli, our representative for PICYA, as guests. Each gave a short informative presentation about their organization. I would like to thank them for taking the time from their busy schedules to come to our Club.

All who attended our 44th Annual Poker Run had a great time. Thanks to Chuck Carroll who coordinated with Fleet Captain Lawny Chapman to set up a new route that could be accessed either by

water or by road. We extend our appreciation to Sugar Barge, San Joaquin YC, Rusty Porthole, and Driftwood YC for allowing us to use their facilities. Thanks also to Don Lucido for preparing the hands, and to Shari Horton and Freda Lucido for selling the hands. Benicia YC Commodore Vickie Devlin and several of their members joined us for the potluck and we thank them for their contributions of some great dishes! Thanks also to Doug Horton for organizing the potluck. A job well done by all!

We started dredging preparations on Sunday, July 31st, and have been going strong ever since! You can read more about our dredging project in Jim Dawson's article on Page 5.

On August 10th, we received notice the contract has been awarded for replacing the pipe under our road. This project is expected to begin early September with completion mid October.

The Antioch annexation proposal is still under consideration. Bill Worrell and I are continuing to follow up on this issue and will report updates at monthly meetings.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, our September meeting will be held on the 9th. The menu for the dinner prior to

the meeting is on Page 5. On the Saturday following, we will have our Annual Club Picnic, coordinated by Lonnie Gibson. Lonnie will appreciate any and all help.

There are a couple of upcoming events sponsored by other yacht clubs that I would like to mention:

First is the 9th Annual Wheelchair Regatta which will be held at the Encinal YC on Saturday, September 24th. Jim and I will be volunteering our boat to host a group of disabled U.S. Veterans. There are many ways you can volunteer your time. If you would like more information about this event, please contact Chairperson Margo Brown at 510-523-2098.

Second, would you like a great way to spend a day on the Delta? Then join us as we support Driftwood YC's 19th Annual Make-A-Wish Cruise, Saturday, October 1st.

At 10:00 a.m., board a private yacht to enjoy complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres while cruising the relaxing waters of the Delta. Return to Driftwood YC for a delicious luncheon buffet. During and after lunch, enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, a

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September

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

October

7	Club Meeting
8	Work Party

November

2	Fishing Seminar
4	Club Meeting
5-6	Annual Fishing Derby
12	Work Party

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



Wow! Have we been busy or what? The 4S cruise, Dredging, Poker Run, Work Parties... seems like something is always going on.

We lost the trophy this year at Sacramento YC, but we did give them a good run for it. We took four golds and a lot of silvers. Other than the 107 degree heat, we all had a great time. Thankfully, Sacramento YC was well air-conditioned, so we had a place to go cool off. At the closing ceremonies the Commodore from Sacramento reminded me that he had told us, "The Club with the score sheet pencil wins the 4S," and then he presented me the pencil for next year. I guess we can't win every year or the other clubs would get tired of it. A big thanks to everyone who gave it their all during the competition. I think the highlight for me was watching Lonnie and Carl battle all day playing horseshoes

in that brutal heat. It went down to the final playoffs and points.

We didn't have an August Work Party, but July's was well attended and much was accomplished. I believe Lonnie's crew finished all those broken fingers in Area 3 and can now move on to the walkways. Lots of members cleaned weeds all over and Bob Williams did a super job along our west side road. Joe Stubberfield has been out on a couple of his own work parties, repairing broken planks on our fishing dock.

We need to give Jim Dawson and his very hard working crews lots of accolades for completing the dredging. As of this writing, they are within a few days of finishing. Also, Tony Chapman and Chris Stubberfield installed the recorder for the cameras that monitor our gate.

I'm guessing that Debbie Chapman will never miss another Poker Run as she was a big winner. The potluck had plenty of terrific food and our cruise-in guests had a great time.

I had a good time on an Alaskan fishing
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PICYA Report By Larry Draper

San Joaquin YC hosted the August meeting for PICYA. Commodore Billington introduced Miroslav Bronson, Staff Commodore of Pittsburg YC, and a member of the Chevron Boat Club. Mr. Bronson spoke to members about the "Homeland Security Waterway Watch" program. Pamphlets are available and details of the program are also on the PICYA website. We, as boaters, need to be proactive in assisting Homeland Security. We must be aware of and report certain unwarranted activities we might observe while we are enjoying our boating activities.

Items of interest:

- Island YC in Alameda is sponsoring the 13th annual Women's Sailing Seminar on October 8th & 9th.
- Ballena Bay is holding a Salmon Derby on September 10.
- **Don't forget The Wheelchair Regatta on September 24th at Encinal YC in Alameda.**
- Another important date is the Management Conference at Coyote Point YC in San Mateo on October 22nd. This is a very helpful meeting for Club officers and managers.
- Yearbook sales are down. To help keep this useful yachting tool we

September Happy Birthdays



Sep 04 Debbi Chapman
Sep 04 Dianne Chapman
Sep 04 George Brayton
Sep 08 Bonnie White
Sep 09 Greg Dawson
Sep 10 Lawny Chapman
Sep 11 Keith Hammer
Sep 13 Gloria Batchelor-Salas
Sep 17 Rob Horton
Sep 18 Sheron Lord
Sep 19 Ray Salva
Sep 19 Scott Wood
Sep 21 Cindy Art
Sep 21 Lori Wickman
Sep 21 Mary Kinder
Sep 21 Mike Hammer
Sep 23 Dan Lively
Sep 24 Gary Reopelle
Sep 24 Ted Nicholson
Sep 25 Kay Power
Sep 25 Steve Anderson
Sep 26 Byron Nofrey
Sep 27 Donald Heaton
Sep 27 Larry Pacheco
Sep 28 Shari Horton
Sep 29 Joe Carrion

must encourage members to purchase a copy. John Chalfant, publisher, handed out a flyer regarding the new 2006 Yachting Yearbook Coupon Campaign. This campaign is being launched now so we can line up a number of new incentive coupons, which we plan to include in the 2006 Yearbook. These coupons will certainly bring added value to the 2006 Yachting Yearbook and make it a source of real savings for every member of our boating organization.

- For RBOC, Lenora Clark reported on their efforts to assist boaters in the Emerald Bay & Tahoe region with boating problems they are having regarding overnight mooring restrictions.

If you have questions, please feel free to ask! Have a safe Labor Day weekend.

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

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FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE TONY CHAPMAN



Summer doldrums drowned right out! With Sportsmen's return from 4S at Sacramento YC and a year's worth of tales of success, camaraderie, and

adventure, we will have plenty to talk and laugh about for months to come. Thanks to Sacramento YC's fantastic crew, we also returned well fed and watered. We did find our river wind missing from the event, which made for a more than warm experience.

Now to our August Club meeting and dinner - Thanks to everyone who continues to support Darlene and her term as Commodore by coming out for the meetings. We had a guest speaker who was helpful to our understanding of our role in boating politics through Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC).

Point of order - Any items you hear read in the Minutes of the Board Meeting can be held out and discussed during New Business. The procedure is: After a motion to "accept the minutes and concur with the recommendations" is made and seconded, stand and ask that item "such and such" be held over to New Business for discussion. The minutes will then be concurred with except for the item or items held out. When New Business comes around, make a motion for approval or disapproval on that specific item. After a motion is made and seconded, the issues can be discussed and action taken. This allows the Board's minutes to act as a "consent calendar" for the General Membership Meetings. Don't let the

process pass your questions by. If you have good questions or comments on an issue, it may change the desire of the Club. If it is allowed to pass by, it is like "putting toothpaste back into the tube."

It is always helpful to the Commodore to know ahead of time that something will be held out for discussion. That allows for the item to be placed on the agenda. Be aware that Board minutes are posted for your review before the meetings and, if you have a question about any items, you should speak to Board members before the meeting who may be able to satisfy your question.

We were able to enjoy our Poker Run's new route by land, sea, or bar stool. Those who chose land or sea were treated to Bethel Island's hospitality at it's best. Those who journeyed by stool were treated to some of our famous Potluck fare. Congratulations to the winners; keep my money dry until next we meet.

Work, Work, Rest. The harbor crew is slammin' and bangin'! What an awesome job you have done to save our Harbor and make Sportsmen a "Yacht" Club for years to come. The ferry keeps getting new parts to make everyone more comfortable which leads to that much more reason for us to spend time together Drowning out the Doldrums of Summer.

Enjoy the Summer Season,
Beat the Doldrums,
Be at Sportsmen!

Parting Shot:
If you ate pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



Our ferry expert, Bill Knorp, recently mailed me the following information.

The "Fresno" was one of six ferry

boats know as the diesel-electrics. They were built in 1927. When the ferry service ended on the bay, several ferries were sent to Seattle; only the Fresno remained for a while.

The "San Leandro" of 1923 was the sister to the "Hayward," both owned by the Key System. Bill Knorp's mother rode these boats to get to Mills College in the 1920s. They were the regular Key Route boats. The Key System never included autos on their ferries, they were strictly passenger ferries. Southern Pacific bought the "San Leandro" to replace the "Sacramento" on the Oakland Mole run in 1954.



Our 8th Annual
Pre-Derby Rib
Dinner
Will be held on
Nov. 2nd

then get ready for...

Our Annual
Weekend Fish Derby
Starts on Nov. 5th

Details will be in the
October Newsletter

Elections are coming up soon for 2006!
Are you willing to fill a vacancy on the 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.

Visit Sportsmen YC's Website: www.sportsmenyc.org

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diamond jewelry raffle and Hawaiian vacation raffle.

The cost for this event is \$40 per person, \$30 of which is tax deductible. All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

If you don't already know, Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with life threatening illnesses. Driftwood YC has raised over \$850,000 in the last 18 years. All money has been used to grant wishes to children in Contra Costa County and the Greater Bay Area.

For more information, contact Driftwood YC Chairperson Donna McClane, at 200-5075.

However you choose to spend your Labor Day weekend, have fun and be safe!



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MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER

- **Kathie Hammer** had surgery in July. She has recovered and is feeling much better now.
- **Shirley Nelson** was hospitalized recently. She is doing better now and hopes to make it to the Club sometime soon.
- **Tim Nerby** had knee replacement surgery recently. His recovery is going well and we hope to see him back on the Board in September.
- **Wayne Novinger** was hospitalized in July. He is doing good now and was even able to help on the Dredge project in August.
- **Dee Pacheco** is feeling much better following a recent illness.
- **Larry Pacheco** was hospitalized in July and is doing better now. Both Larry & Dee hope to be back for the September meeting.

We're glad to hear you're all doing better!

In Memory Of

Estelle Anna Masters passed away on June 4, 2005. She had her husband, George, had been members since 1940. We always knew her as "Lita." She was fiercely devoted to her family but equally an independent spirit. Intelligent, if not downright brilliant, she came of age during the Depression and never had the advantages that an advanced education would have bestowed on her. She was unrelenting in her drive to see that her son had the education she had never been allowed. She worked for the Alameda County Public Library system for many years and was active in the campaigns against Infantile Paralysis of the early 1950s and in the Literacy Program of the Castro Valley Branch of the Alameda County Library after her retirement.

Our sympathy to her family.

PORT CAPTAIN COMMENTS JIM DAWSON



Getting the dredge launched and delivered was a challenge. We had many members who helped and getting this project completed couldn't

have been done without everyone. Special thanks go to:

- Greg Marenger for driving all the way from Pioneer with his new Peterbilt tractor and spending the day delivering the dredge and returning the trailer back to the Club.
- Kenny Carver for bringing his 74 foot work boat all the way from Crocket on short notice to tow the dredge to our Club.

What great associates!

Thanks also to Olympic Boat Centers and to Lauritzen Yacht Harbors for their participation in the launching of the dredge.

Dredging should be completed by the

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trip with fellow member Scott Wood, his son Ryan, and some other friends from Cody WY. We enjoyed catching salmon, halibut, and cod. It was my first trip to Alaska and I'm sure I'll be going there again.

See you all at the Club picnic on the 10th.



If you haven't picked up your Gate Access Card yet, please contact Freda Lucido

Deposit for card: \$30

Deposit for clicker: \$50

(Refund for old clickers: \$30)

time you receive this Newsletter. We had over 40 members participating in the dredging effort this year and I'll figure some way to recognize all of you when I get an extra minute. In the meantime, thanks to Tony Siino and Tim Lamb for all their hours as operators. Thanks to Paul Larosee and Ed Elledge for their countless hours of time spent doing whatever needed to be done. Thanks to Casey Curry for providing the chase boat during towing and Paul Scannell who kept the line on the "snorkel" while towing.

In conjunction with the dredging and while the shed was moved, Carl & Elaine Rasmussen, Dwayne Minick, and Dan Lively were busy making repairs on Area 4. Again it's worth repeating: We need more of our members to take responsibility for their boats berthed in our harbor.

It was great to see Past Commodore Bob Saunders at our Club. He checked the refrigeration unit behind the bar and confirmed what needed to be done for repair.

Thanks to everyone who has donated their time to prepare Meeting Night Dinners. We have commitments for the remainder of 2005, so make sure you support these dinners. It's a great time to meet and eat!

YES!

Dinner will be served before our September Meetings!

Our September Menu

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& Dessert**

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2005 Dredging

Associate Member Greg Marenger brought down his Peterbilt truck from Pioneer to tow the dredge to the launch site

Our dredge is carefully launched



Associate Member Ken Carver brought a 74 foot work boat from Crocket to tow the dredge back to the Club

This dredge is a real work horse!
....As are the many who worked tirelessly
to get the project completed!

It was a 3-year project...And WE did it!
Thanks, Sportsmen!



The Ghost of Sausalito

This is about putting ten pounds of ...ghost into a 5 lb bag...that doesn't work either. Anyway, with the editor missing in action for the month of August, I am forced to remember all the interesting things being done around here. She put a post-it note reminding me about this article near my special place. So here goes.

A month ago, some of you came back from Half Moon bay with a bag full of silversides (that's what we called salmon). Anyway, the cleaning station got a good workout and then the fish below it were happy. That's what we want, happy fish, huh?!!

Then on the very next day, a bunch of strange folks came visiting, poking around, taking pictures, and for the most part paying a lot of attention to the road. Then yer Commodore herself and the nice man in the little white Bronco (him again) came out and did some poking of their own. I guess they are going to fix a pipe. 'Bout time...I fell into a hole a cupola months ago the last time when they were pokin' around. Steel plates may keep you guys out – Ghosts on the other hand, curious bunch that we are – we'll just pass through barriers yechhh! I swam with the fish for a day to get the stinking smell off. I know, no swimming!!

Some of you just refused to hang with the 4S'ers and you all went up the coast near the Oregon Trail to do whatever it is you do. After getting ready, one of you guys and wifeypoo were making ready to leave and after you got all the stuff on board and started the engines and cast off lines, eased out. Just as you started to turn, it started raining...huh? No clouds? ...Awwww Maaaan! It seemed that you forgot to unhook the hose...Did I say that his "boat" was one of those Conestoga boats with wheels? Well, he went to the store and got the necessary parts and after about 4 hours, he repaired the hose fitting with his wife "yelp..uh...helping" him all the way.

Well, well, (groan) you nearly won it again. I had to stay here or so I thought,

but Uf-Dah decided to take his boat to Sacramento YC. When he wasn't looking, I climbed aboard and went up on the roof and held on to the anchor light. He left with another guy I've seen around here who owns a purple boat named something like Miss Fitz. Heez a cute guy with a very funny wife. Anyway, we all cruised up to Georgiana Slough from here, and who was there? (Like all the zzz's?) Brandywine!! Well, shiver me timbers! All decked out and ready to go to Sacramento YC. We all cruised up together. I have never been there. Hey, guess who was there? Francine!! She caught a ride after jumping from the Tyler Island Bridge onto Brandywine as she passed through. As we approached the piers, Francine on Brandywine, Miss. Fitz went one way and Uf-Dah! went another.

Those Sacramento folks are nuts!! Certifiable...and I might add a lot of fun. The guy on the dock was a character ...kept looking at me, but I KNOW he couldn't see me...could he?? Anyway Francine & I sort of found a place to snuggle near the trees and watch you crazies do yer thing. And did it you did. The gal who was with those crazy Half Moon fishermen lied her face off at Liars Dice and she and the Vice Commodore were so patently involved in fibbing, they won all the marbles and that was just the beginning.

The Vice Commode said he was going to tell all the dope on the dopes...I mean contestants. So I don't want to steal his thunder...but I will say the funniest thing happened at the flag raising. Commodore Jackson from SJYC announced that the guy manning the flag pole had their flag upside down...so he changed it and ran it up...upside down!!! Works every time, huh Denis!! Another thing was during the passing out of the medals...it seems that the guys at the medal making shop speak and spel inglish 'bout as wel as the govanor. You YACHET owners will never be the same. Guess ya had'ta be there.

The "Bronco guy" went over to the folks next door at Olympic Boat Center to

launch the dredge... 'cept one thing was missing...the Truck. He found out that the guy who was gonna do had quit his job and went on vacation...smart guy! So Bronco Guy called a new associate and he shows up with a BIG truck and it was done in a hurry...tide was going out ...the kid on the hoist was scared to drop the dredge in the mud so he just closed his eyes and let goooo- splash! Well that went well...

Barge in tow, I noticed a really neat dog named "Cole" running around. Did I mention dogs can see me? They can. Well, I told Cole about this really neat miracle of machinery called a dredge and all the fine things it does. He sat there and wagged his tail and listened to me for about an hour, that is until that yellow thing came around the bend and then Cole went nuts. I said: "Cole...THAT is a dredge!!...He ran over jumped across the water ...landed on the blamed thing and skidded to a stop. Then he did what dogs do ...to fresh paint, fire plugs and trees. I give up.

...Nap time

-Ghost



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*The
Countdown
Continues...*

*Dan Perryman
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*As of August 31st
only 13 memberships
are open
and we already
have applicants for
the September
Meeting!*

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