

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2008



**COMMODORE
CASEY CURRY**

Starting off with bad news first, as most of the membership knows, the caretaker trailer burnt completely on July 4th. I am very proud of the membership who jumped in to help Ali & Sura with getting some new clothes and accessories to get them through this tough time. My wife, Diane, and Carol Fray went to the store to buy some new clothes that same night with monetary donations from several people at the Club. Also, Jean MacDonald took Sura clothes shopping, as well as shopping for food. *Thank you, Jean, Carol, & Diane.*

We also have a little hero in our midst. Erin Katusich was the first one to smell the smoke near the trailer and insisted to her mother that she smelled smoke. Ali and his wife were in the trailer at the time. Thank God no one was hurt! *Thank you, little Erin.*

I would also like to thank Garry Ridolfi for letting Ali & Sura stay in his motor home until we get the new one in place. Thanks to Chuck Carroll and crew for calling a several special Work Parties to redo all the wiring, plumbing, water, etc. to get the area ready for the new trailer. I am sure Chuck will try to recognize all of those who helped in his article.

We had a great time with the San Rafael YC during their cruise-in last month; we were the first stop for annual Delta Cruise. It appears they had a great time too because they want to come back again next year and I hear they want Pat Sebers' fabulous baby back ribs again! I would also like to recognize Paulet Hoskins for her hard work during the cruise-in. Not only were she and Mike babysitting, she cooked breakfast on Saturday, helped with lunch and dinner, and then got up Sunday morning and she and Barbara Wigmore cooked breakfast again! She was one tired cookie by Sunday afternoon. *Thank you, Paulet! We all appreciate your hard work.*

The Club Picnic is coming up this month and we could use some folks to help with the cooking, shopping, etc. Give me a call if you can help out.

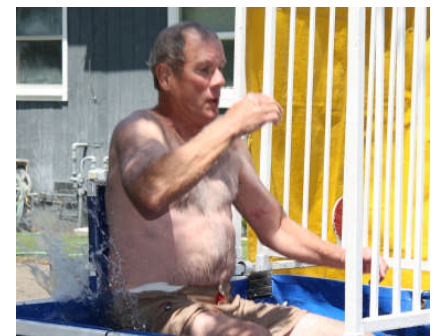
Once we get the Caretaker's trailer in place, we will hopefully be able to move forward with other projects.

Sportsmen was once again victorious in hanging on to the trophy at the 4S! I would like to thank all of our members who participated and kept us #1. The only thing that I did was get elected to be a target for the dunk tank. I definitely lost on that event. I think out of 20 balls thrown, I went in 15 times! It was a great time. I saw Lonnie go in a few times himself.

Thanks to all of you for your support so far this year.

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Commodore Casey goes in the tank... the Dunk Tank at 4S, of course!



**VICE COMMODORE
PAT SEBERS**

The 4S Games at Stockton YC, July 18-20 - We kept the Trophy!!! Chuck Carroll and his mighty band of competitors did it again. I hear we won by a good margin.

Next year, we take the battle to Sacramento. No mercy will be shown!

We had our Commodore, Casey Curry, and our Harbor Captain, Lonnie Gibson, take turns sitting in the Stockton YC dunk tank. It was amazing when Casey and Lonnie were in a dunk tank; everyone was an ace major league

pitcher...they could not catch a break! On a final note, I want to thank all the Sportsmen who kept me up Saturday night sliding down the grassy hill on cardboard right behind my boat until 4:30 a.m. Sunday morning! It appears that no one can control their spouses around here...

August 2-3 was the San Rafael YC Cruise in - Good fun as expected. I hear the baby back ribs were pretty good (sheepish smile, blush, kick toe in dirt...). If you weren't there, you missed it.

August 30, 31 & September 1 - Decker Island cruise-out. This year I am bringing the Delta Swan. This cruise out is close enough that if you can't spend the night, bring your trailer boat for a day long raft up. It is also a great place to throw some bait in the water.

September 6 is the Annual Sportsmen Club Picnic. I hear we are doing up a roasted pig - the whole thing, including the oink! I will be first in line.

I want to thank everyone for pulling together during the July 4th caretaker's trailer fire. From the initial chaos of discovering the smoke (by young Erin Katusich - "Mommy, what's that smell..."), to fighting the fire, to removing and rebuilding the site, to the final parking of the new trailer. It is during times of crisis that I see what it really means to be a Sportsmen. Insert warmed heart here...I can't name each individual, you know who you are. You are the best! Bill Worrell's 4th of July BBQ will never be the same.

I love this place!



**REAR COMMODORE
STEVE MARTINEZ
"DIRTY STEVE MARTINI"**

I would like to thank the big guy who is always behind the bar during the day. Also thanks to Kelly Batista for helping last meeting.

The bar sales are doing great - thank you for the help.

Check out the new selections of wines and beers.



Rear Commodore Steve and Nina relax to watch the Dinghy Races after Steve & Ricky Scannell won the Gold Medal in the Snake Game!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

SEPT		OCT		Nov	
1	Labor Day Cruise-Out	3	Club Meeting & Dinner	5	Fishing Seminar & Dinner
5	Club Meeting & Dinner	4	Work Party	7	Club Meeting & Dinner
6	Club Picnic	18-19	Discovery Bay Cruise-In	7-9	Annual Fishing Derby
				15	Work Party



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New Member

Lurch Fredrickson

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Member
Information Corner

Web version:

We wish each of our members who have been ill a speedy recovery and hope to see you at the Club sometime soon!

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HISTORIAN'S NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER

LIFE ABOARD THE DELTA KING
AND QUEEN

The crew members on the Delta Queen and King sometimes liked to play tricks on the passengers; harmless of course. They found it fun to act worried that the smokestack was going to hit the railroad bridge at Benicia. If you stood aft, topside, and watched as the King approached the bridge, you'd swear the funnel was too tall to go under. Actually even at high tide, the clearance was at least eight feet, but it sure didn't appear that way. Everyone would hold their breath as the boat went under. The passengers, especially the ladies, would scream.

Even though the crew liked to have occasional fun, they worked very hard and often had to work long hours as well. On their nightly runs between San Francisco and Sacramento, piloting was divided into two six hour shifts, one pilot from 6 p.m. to midnight, the other from midnight on. But as a safety factor, two men were in the pilothouse at all times: a pilot and the captain or a pilot and the first mate.



Reminder!
3rd Quarter
dues & fees
are due!



NEWS FROM FLEET
CAPTAIN
JACKIE STEELE
"JACKIE OH!"

By the time most of you receive the September Newsletter, the Labor Day Cruise to Decker Island will be but a memory. Wish I could give you chuckles about faux pas and heroic stunts, but it's in the future and my crystal ball is a bit cloudy!

There are 'technically' no future cruise outs until the Lighted Boat Parade in December, but rest assured mates that some impromptu get-togethers are in the works. I believe a number of boaters will head to the San Francisco Bay in October for the ever-popular Down Bay Cruise. Wish I could join them, but work keeps getting in the way (er, not to mention I still have 5 dead batteries to replace, darn it!) I wish them all a safe passage and some awesome sights as they enjoy the Blue Angels during their cruise.

Please have a wonderful "Indian Summer" during September and October and be safe and sane on the water.

See you on the River.

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PICYA REPORT
DARLENE DAWSON

Kudos to Larry and Deanna for representing our Club at PICYA functions and meetings for the last several years. In July, we received their resignation due to health issues. Larry has served in so many yachting related positions it would take this entire Newsletter to list his accomplishments. In a recent phone call with Larry, I asked him what his greatest accomplishment has been. Without hesitating he said, "Our two boys." For yachting, he said it was the Silver Star Award awarded to him by PICYA in 2003. This award is based upon commitment, dedication, and valuable service to both PICYA and the recreational boating community.

Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) of Northern California was organized May 12, 1896, and incorporated in 1958. The purpose of this "non-profit mutual benefit corporation" is to "constitute an association of yacht clubs and boating organizations, to promote inter-club communications, yachting activities, and social interaction." PICYA actively works

with the U.S. Coast Guard, Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC), and the California Department of Boating and Waterways to provide programs for water safety, education, and legislation. Communication is achieved through the Yachting Yearbook, the Log (a bimonthly newsletter), spring and fall conferences, monthly delegates' meetings, and the web site (which can be accessed at www.picya.org).

Annual regattas provide inter-club competition and fun for all ages and skill levels. Whether you are watching or participating, Opening Day on the Bay is an experience to behold. Humanitarian events such as the Wheel Chair Regatta offer yacht club members an opportunity to share their boat and love of the water with disabled enthusiasts. This is a brief overview of PICYA purpose and activities.

This year's Wheelchair Regatta will be held on September 27th at Encinal YC. If you would like to volunteer and participate in this rewarding event, please contact Margot Brown at 510-523-2098 or email her at mjbjhb@aol.com.

As announced at our August meeting, President Bush recently signed the Clean Boating Act Legislation which permanently restores the 35-year

exemption for recreational boats from proposed EPA permitting requirements. This means new permits for boats are not required!

RBOC monitored this legislation closely while it was in process. "This act will restore the exemption for 18 million recreational boats across the nation to be exempt from having to comply with onerous federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) permitting requirements for vessel discharge. RBOC, BoatU.S. and NNMA have worked diligently to pursue passage of this legislation." according to PICYA's July 2008 LOG.

The next PICYA meeting will be held on September 8th at San Joaquin Yacht Club.

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Happy Birthday!

September Babies

03 Linda Muccianti
 04 Dianne Chapman
 04 George Brayton
 06 Wyatt Hammer
 08 Bonnie White
 09 Alexis Hammer
 09 Greg Dawson
 10 Lawny Chapman
 11 Keith Hammer
 13 Coco Lafrades
 13 Gloria Salas
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Our September Meeting Dinner Menu

Chicken Breast
 with Cream of Mushroom Gravy
 over Rice
 Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower
 Salad & Biscuits

\$10 per person

Prepared by
 Brian & Tina Tapp

Come join us!

We are limited to 50 reservations,
 so make your reservations on-line
 or contact Cindy Mammon (625-0590)
 as soon as possible



PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS JIM DAWSON

Many thanks to Garry Ridolfi for loaning his motor home to our Caretakers. This has certainly made their transition much more positive. Garry has also loaned and operated the heavy equipment which has been used to improve many areas at the Club. He is around doing improvements much more often than just at our standard Work Parties. Many thanks

again to Garry and all who have assisted him with the grounds and demolition activities.

We have had a lot of activity in cabin transfers, rentals and trades during the past several months. I want to remind everyone that we have no empty cabins available, which means if you have something you don't want you cannot put it in one of the cabins that looks like it's empty, because it does belong to someone.

When removing items from your cabin, please either take the items home with you or take them to the dumpster.

Hopefully, this will help eliminate the complaints. If you haven't seen the new 5th wheel that will soon be used as our Caretaker's residence, it looks great! It will be positioned in its new home shortly. Great choice, Commodore Casey!



Jim makes another great shot at the 4S competition.



**THE GHOST OF
THE SAUSALITO**
DAVE SELBY

I took a brief hiatus and went up to the Jazz festival with Francine. It is so amusing to watch folks' faces when you reach over and lift their beer higher while they are sipping, spilling the suds all down the front of their Osh-Kosh's. And while I am at it, I suppose that after all the noise about my alleged crimes, (what some folks think funny; are not to others) I should apologize for my insensitive insensitivity. Y'know a ghost just can't get used to keeping his yap shut when he discovered the ease with which to communicate electronically. Did you know that our visages' power pulses have been recorded on NASA SETI antennae? ...well they have; and I discovered that by sneaking into the office at night, I can fire up the moniker and whilst scrunching up real hard, actually make the keyboard send the letters of my energized nether waves ("thoughts" to you uninformed) into the editor's compooter and well,...well, I can...so there ya are! Now let me say this right here... The "Edi-mator" and the "Money-gal" had NOTHING at all ta do with my musings and suppositions about events that may have been offensive to some or hurtful to others. To those fine ladies, I apologize too. OK? I will try to tone it down from here on out.

So on to other subjects of interest that you may find amusing.

Last month you had an eye opener on steroids. The new kids from overseas that you hired for caretakers, came in with their possessions and made a home of the caretaker's house and around the end of the day, someone yelled FIRE!! The house went up in smoke and the cause was electrical. Remember these kids brought their few meager belongings and memories from a home very faraway. They were all lost in the flames of a fire...right then and there. The fire department came and put it out and after the shock of it all you all realized that but for a fortunate shift in the wind coming from the south instead of the west...This old ferry was spared...as for our friends the new caretakers...they lost everything and true to the Sportsmen challenge, your heavy equipment guy, Garry, moved his castle on wheels into the camp and offered it up for shelter for the kids. Hard to find the words of how I feel about that. Something inside what is left of my visage makes me want to come back to life and live here. By the end of the week in mid July, the demolition of the fire ravaged structure is gone and the pipes are repaired and the kids will soon have a place to set up caretaking. What pride I have for being here with the likes of you.

When the fire broke out, the Warden and Deer Slayer crawled between the fence and the house to try to pull the plug on the power... fellas', you are so brave...but don't put your lives on the line.

What's up with the wind...it blew so hard that the roof of two sheds needed serious repairs. The Vice and his henchman Tat man, were all over that thing, ripping and tearing and nailing and fastening the replacement sheets down. (Notice how I found the replacement word "fastening"? I'm such a sensitive ghostey)

So I hop a ride on the virgin surgeon's boat to check out these plans for this 4S thing you guys do. A lot of folks got together for a day of

preparing for the games and events that score like the Olympics only THESE games are serious...no Kidding! There is liars dice and cribbage, and pool. Why, there is even a blindfolded dingy race...I thought it meant some forlorn lonely and unloved babe gets blindfolded and she runs for a sack of peanuts... Well that isn't even close...on the way down I discovered a new name for dingy.

The first Dingy was a certain priest who forgot that his boat runs on fuel...when towed to the fuel docks nearby he saw the pump price and told 'em ta fill er up!! (for \$5 bucks...or so) I'm sure he cuts a better deal elsewhere. The other Dingy was a dinghy run by a giggle puss trying seriously to get her "oarsman" to stay on course ...he didn't of-course and boated like he was in bumper pool to the finish line. I gotta tell you that somebody is gonna blame me for the artwork around there and to tell yas the truth...it was really funny...a nice poem and well...I just had ta sign it...backwards... Now let

me tell ya, the Liars in our club did well. Uf-Dah was slicing and dicing and he sliced Deer Slayer without thinking...after "the look" he thought better of it and took a slice and a dice to oblivion only to watch his team win the gold!! Now the flag except a certain Commodor-ess (oh my aching siattica) took a dunking from some well tuned arms at the dunk tank. I even believe she took a turn to sink the Warden...who didn't need any help it seems the crazy woman put him in twice. So much for marital bliss.

Well everyone had a great time and there **are** some **real** sportsmen in the Sportsmen ...so many so, that you took the trophy home.

Well, I was given a reprieve but I have been called home...It seems that I have done my best and this job is finished...be well and play nice. Me and Cat are heading to our rest. I have come to love you all and had a lot of fun trying to make you laugh...sometimes you did. BOO!

Annual Club Picnic

September 6th

All Members Invited!

Starts at Noon

Let's celebrate Sportsmen Yacht Club!

See new and old friends

Lots of great food

Enjoy games for all ages

Relax with a great view of the river

Best of All

It's Free for All Sportsmen Members!!!



Don't forget to bring a lawn chair
If you can, come early to help get everything
set-up or stay late to help with clean-up



**WORK PARTY
CORNER
CHUCK CARROLL**

Before I go into my normal newsletter, I just want to say that I get to be Work Party Chairman every month, but I only get to 4S Gaming Chairman once a year in July when we enjoy our 4S games. This year Stockton YC hosted the event, and **Sportsmen WON THE TROPHY AGAIN!! YEAAAAAAH!!!!**



Commodore Casey & Games Chairman Chuck exuberantly accept the 4S Trophy!

A big thanks to all who went to participate and support our Club. The medal winners are listed below. Okay, got that out of my system....

Well, we had official Work Parties on July 12th and August 2nd and probably another dozen unofficial Work Parties since the last Newsletter. The attendance and participation at these events never ceases to amaze me. From new projects like our security system and caretaker's residence, to general ferry, grounds, and berth repairs, we got folks gettin 'er done! Gone are the days when a few people would show up looking for something to do. We're having Work Parties with 30, 40, and 50 Sportsmen showing up with trucks, tools, and materials. It's gotten to the point where the Bar Manager can hardly keep up with the post Work Party beer.

These are really good times and I want to emphasize to all Sportsmen: if you haven't been making Work Parties, you don't know what your missing out on! Please attend the next one, as we would love to have you. We have been repairing everything on the ferry from windows, plumbing, electrical, tile, both galleys, phone lines, dumb waiter, walls both inside and out. The grounds and our completely redone Sportsmen burgee look terrific. There was much roof repair done on the sheds in Areas 1 & 4, as well as some major dock repairs in Areas 3 & 5. And, of course, all the effort that has gone into repairing the caretaker's area.

I would like to thank the following Sportsmen for the skills, expertise and hours of hard work they've dedicated to the club:

Gary Abeyta, Al & Ann Marie Alcorn, Jim Arnold, Bob Art, Isaac Barrett, Kelly Basista, Dave Beckert, Bob Bennett, Paul Bernhardt, Dave Bower, Pat Bown, George Brayton, Gene Buchholz, Blair

Camp, Charlie Carroll, Michael Carroll, Ed Collins, Bruce Connelley, Casey & Diane Curry, Amy Dawson, Jim & Darlene Dawson, Ed Elledge, Fran Fantaconi, Jerry & Lee Fitzgerald, Joe & Carol Fray, Lurch Fredrickson, Jay Froman, Bob Garrett, Lonnie & Alice Gibson, George Greer, Kathy Harvey, Dennis Higgins, Jim Hill, Rick & Anita Hinds, Doug & Shari Horton, Rob & Brett Horton, Michael & Paulet Hoskins, John Hunter, Steve Jackman, Heather Jones, Bob & Shirley Karr, Charlie Katusich, Jerry Kent, Danny Kipp, Chuck Kotecki, Rod & Karen Kreiss, Tim Lamb, Chuck Larosee, Dan & Sherry Lively, Lynn London, Don & Freda Lucido, Jean MacDonald, Dave MacDougall, Roger & Cindy Mammon, Steve Martinez, Rod Miller, Dwayne Minick, Russ & Cheryl Morgan, Dave Newton, Steve Nicholas, William & Kelly Odum, Larry Palen, Harry Parker, Bill Pato, Bill Pato Jr., Dan Perryman, John Perryman, Ed & Cynthia Petersen, Kay Power, Carl & Elaine Rasmussen, Garry Ridolfi, Paul Scannell, Ricky Scannell, Bert Schneider, Pat Sebers, Dave Selvy, Floyd Simpson, Jackie Steele, Mike Stroer, Chris Stubberfield, Bryan & Tina Tapp, Big Steve Toms, Michael & Michelle Tranate, Rodney Trees, Angie Williams, Scott & Susan Wood.



Sportsmen celebrate with the trophy!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 4S WINNERS!

**BACKGAMMON
DOMINOES
LIAR'S DICE
TEXAS HOLD'EM
SNAKE GAME
DARTS
PINOCHLE
POOL
BLIND DINGHY RACE
CRIBBAGE
HORSE SHOES**

**GOLD MEDAL
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ROB HORTON & SCOTT WOOD
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ISAAC BARRETT & AMY DAWSON
KEITH & KATHIE HAMMER
JIM ARNOLD & LONNIE GIBSON**

PUZZLEMANIA

1ST PLACE

SPORTSMEN TEAM

WE BROUGHT THE TROPHY BACK HOME!