

Sportsmen Yacht Club

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events at SYC



- 7 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 8 Club Picnic
- Monday Night Football & Dinner 10 Begins-To Be Held Weekly
- 15 Work Party
- 21 Bingo
- 29 Wheelchair Regatta, Encinal YC



- Club Meeting & Dinner **Board Nominations**
- Work Party 6
- Make-A-Wish, Driftwood YC 6
- 19 Binao
- 20 Breast Cancer Fundraiser
- 27 Halloween Party



- 1 **Fishing Seminar**
- 2 Club Meeting & Dinner Board Elections
- Fishing Derby 2-4
- 10 Work Party
- 12 Veterans Day Dinner & Monday Night Football
- 16 Bingo
- 17 Thanksgiving Dinner





Here we are two thirds of the way through the year. Time flies by faster than you can believe. We still have a lot of repairs to the East side of the ferry and the south deck. Although many kudos to EVERYONE who has contributed their time to continue working on the repairs for ongoing projects. We still have much to do so if you can spare some time to help please do. With all the projects we have at hand, we are still cut thin with help so every little bit will be greatly appreciated. For everyone with a berth in Area 1, keep in mind Lonnie Gibson can still use help on that project.

I was not able to be at our 50's Bash in August, but I hear it was a great success. Thanks to Vice Commodore Rocha and Chuck Carroll for taking the helm and making it happen.

Check your calendars for the upcoming events. On September 8th, we have the Club Picnic. Our own Pat Sebers and Bill Jones will be cooking up BBQ Pork Sandwiches; Becky Wilson will be putting together Coleslaw for a side dish. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs for kids. Please see Page 6 for complete details.

For all members willing to step up and make a difference in the future of our Club, your time has arrived.

We are now accepting nominations for the 2013 Officers and Directors

If interested, please contact PC Garry Ridolfi.

I was unable to attend the 50's Bash due to the honor of watching my son, Richard, graduate with top honors from the Air Force boot camp in San Antonio. It was a great experience to watch future defenders of our country complete their training and look so tall and proud, ready to take on whatever life puts in their path.

Until next month!

GO SPORTSMEN !





This past month we had a successful 50's Bash and BBQ Rib Cook-Off thanks to the help of Doug Horton who provided lunch, Lawny and Lisa Chapman who provided the 50's music, Bill Jones and Pat Sebers who provided the BBQ Rib Dinner, and Scott Jett who prepared the side dishes. Congratulations to Pat Sebers for taking 1st Place in the BBQ Rib Cook-Off and Danny Vargas for taking 1st Place in the Car Show. Of course the event could not have been successful without a good turnout of our members!

Our next event is the Club Picnic on September 8th. This annual event is a great time to bring your family for fun and games. I invite you to come and join the family fun at The Best Yacht Club on the Delta!

Are you ready for some football? Beginning Monday, September 10th, there will be Monday Night Football dinners at the Sportsmen Yacht Club. The steak dinners are prepared by Chuck and Ann English. Tammy serves as bar tender for each Monday Night Football Come on out for a delicious game. dinner, great party, and watch some exciting football with some rowdy football fans. Make sure to call in for reservations, because the MNF dinners sell out.

Tammy is scheduling a Wine Trip to El Sol Winery in Livermore on Friday, September 28th. There will be a sign up sheet posted at the SYC Bar once the details have been finalized. Transportation and Wine Tasting will be included in the price of the trip.





It's not difficult to come up with subjects to write about in the monthly Newsletter because there are so many things going on at the Club.

I'll start by talking about our last event which was the 50's Bash & Rib Cook-Off. Due to a personal commitment, our Commodore left us in the very capable hands of Vice Commodore Louie Rocha. We had in attendance some very nice cars that participated in our very own car show. I had the privilege, along with Harry Parker, to judge these fine automobiles. Although there were many fine cars involved, we focused on the 50's theme and came to the same conclusion to determine the winners.

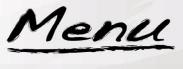
I know I'll take some abuse for saying this, but I have to call them like I see them. As I said at the event, and was loudly criticized, information has it that we originally had 13 rib entries and I have it from a good source that Pat Sebers paid off all but one not to show!! (By the way that good source is the Rear Commodore.) In addition to that information, Pat was seen tripping Bill Jones, taking Bill's ribs on the way upstairs when their ribs were to be judged, thus securing 1st place. What some people will do for a pig trophy! Just kidding— *Congratulations to Pat Sebers!*

On a serious note, I want to talk about the work that is being done at the Club. The repairs to the east side are making progress. We are still working on the south deck. We have a few folks still involved in camera issues. In addition to all of the items mentioned, we now have the huge project of changing out Area 1 boat docks. Please volunteer to help on these important tasks.

In an effort to reduce operating expenses you will see a form in this newsletter indicating how you would prefer to receive your copy of the Newsletter. If you choose to receive a printed copy, the form must be returned indicating your preference of mailing it to you or having the newsletter placed in your club mail box. If the form is not returned, we will assume that you will read the publication on the internet. This change will take effect January 2013.

Thanks for your help!





September Meeting Dinner

Chícken Parmesan Garlíc Toast Salad

Dínner Prepared by Jeannette Tíscareno

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

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.)

Are You Ready for Some Football?

Touchdowns, Steak Dinners and Good Times at SYC



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL starts September 10th

Cincinnati Bengals vs. Baltimore Colts @ 4pm San Diego Chargers vs. Oakland Raiders @ 7pm

> Steak Dinners cooked to order Dinner starts @ 6pm \$10 per person

Hosted by: Chuck & Ann English

- Reservations not required but recommended
- Sign up sheet located @ the desk by the front door
- Call Ann English at 925-779-9330

Come on down to SYC even if you don't stay for dinner

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HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

We are back from our month at Battery Lighthouse and we had a marvelous time. It was as good if not better than the first time.

Every day as I gave my historical talk it reminded me of the talk I give when I show our museum. It is so interesting the ties it has. One of the things I talked about each day was the story that still remains the worst shipping disaster on the Pacific Coast. What is interesting is the Brother Jonathan (picture shown below) was a side wheeler; I did not know side-wheelers traveled in the ocean. The ship left San Francisco on July 28, 1865, with a payload of gold (some for treaty payments for Indian tribes in the Northwest), 244 passengers, 2 camels, 1 horse and 1 dog. The captain of the ship, Samuel J. DeWolfe, expressed that he felt the load was too heavy, but was told they would be fine. The first two days were fine, then they hit heavy seas off of St George Reef northwest of Crescent City. The Captain tried to turn around but hit submerged rocks and sank within 45 minutes. Only one lifeboat made it to shore with 19 people.

The remains of the ship were not found until 1993 and it wasn't until 1996 that some crates of gold coins were recovered. The big safe with most of the treasure has never been found. The Crescent City Museum has one of the gold coins on display.

Because of this terrible tragedy at sea, Point St. George Lighthouse was built in 1891, 3 miles northwest of Battery Point Lighthouse. I will tell you more about this lighthouse next month.



- Sep 10 Delegates' Meeting Marin YC (Regatta Awards) Sep 29 Margo Brown Wheelchair Regatta, Encinal YC
- Oct 1 Delegates' Meeting Half Moon Bay YC
- Oct 20 Fall Leadership Conference

Margo Brown Wheelchair Regatta

Sixteen years ago, Chairperson Staff Commodore Margo Brown had a vision-that vision has become a combined effort by PICYA, a number of member yacht clubs, their vessels and members to honor the men and women who have served our country. Guests are treated to an hour or two of cruising the Oakland Estuary or San Francisco Bay, a relaxing day on the beautiful grounds of Encinal YC, enjoying lunch and listening to an allveteran band. Man and woman power is provided by the U.S. Coast Guard volunteers and members of the International Association of Firefighters. They literally lift veterans onboard the vessels.

Our Honorary Member Larry Draper, Past Commodore Oyster Point YC, is Vice Chair of the Regatta again this year. Larry has manned the galley for sixteen years and always fed us very well.

The Wheelchair Regatta is a tremendous undertaking that could not happen without the support and dedication of the planners, donors, and "doers."

Please join Jim and I as we represent Sportsmen YC. Your efforts will be well rewarded.



NCPCA News BARBARA CHAPMAN

Please mark your calendars for the following **Over-The-Bottom Races:** September 15—Benicia YC Contest

September 22—San Rafael YC Contest October 6–Vallejo YC, Delegates' Meeting (11:30 a.m.)

If you are interested in riding along with one of the skippers, please call Diane Lasher, NCPCA Commodore, at 925-625-3223 or email her at signs@disimpressions.com.

Have Fun on the Water!!

California Coastal Cleanup Day

The Delta Protection Commission and Sportsmen YC have collaborated to host a California Coastal Cleanup Day at our Club on Saturday, September 15th from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Anyone interested may contact Darlene Dawson at 510-207-8498.

Boaters & Boating Facilities Are Known For Being Good Stewards of the Environment

Is Your Yacht Club Or Marina Ready To Make A Difference?

Join the Boating Community at the 2012 California Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday September 15, 2012 9am to Noon



in 2011 over 71.700 volunteers removed 1.3 million pounds of trash & recyclables from our beaches, lakes and waterways.

You Are Invited To Help Organize Part of the State's Largest Volunteer & Family-Oriented Event

SYC for





Friday Night Bingo Sept 21 / Oct 19 / Nov 16 6 pm Bingo Cards Go On Sale

7 pm Games Begin

\$10.00 for 4 Cards \$2.00 for Each Extra Card 10 Games Played

Dinner Menu Chili Cheese Dog \$3,50 Hot Dog \$3.00 Bowl of Chili \$1.00 Nachos \$1.00 Complimentary Cookies and Coffee

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50s Bash and Rib Cook Off...Congratulations!!!



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In Sympathy

Shirley Furno passed away on August 21, 2012, after a long battle with cancer. Shirley and her husband, Bud, joined Sportsmen YC in 1980. Bud passed away in 2002. Shirley loved to play cards, especially Pinochle, even hosting a game day at her home in July! She will always be remembered for her sweet smile and kind spirit.

Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.



Honorary Member Dorothy Carroll presented Vice Commodore Rocha with a donation for the Club's Restoration Fund.





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Cost: Members FREE Guests \$5.00 **Annual Club Picnic**

All Members Invited Let's Celebrate Sportsmen Yacht Club!

Saturday, September 8th — Starts at Noon

Menu

Pulled Pork Sandwiches Cole Slaw Potato Salad, Ice Cream

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be available for kids



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Reservations Not required but welcome Contact Ann English at 925-779-9330 or online

See new and old friends Eat lots of great food Relax with a great view of the river