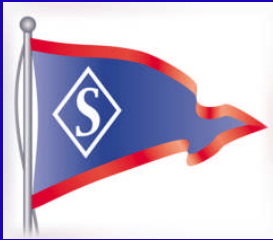


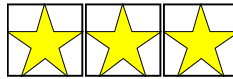
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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Louie Rocha

Beginning of the new school year has started and the fall season is before us. This is my favorite time of the year because it is a great time to reconnect with old friends and the opportunity to develop new friendships. The fall season signifies the opening of school, kick off of the football season, puck drop for the NHL season, and new television shows. For me, it's time to cheer on the A's, Raiders, Sharks, Panthers, and enjoy the new series of Sons of Anarchy.

I want to thank all of the Sportsmen who attended the Hot August Car Show and BBQ Rib Cook-Off. It was a beautiful day on the river, with oldies music, classic cars, and the

flavorful smell of pork ribs from various BBQ grills on our grounds. The DJ music was provided by Lawny and Lisa Chapman. There were prizes awarded for the Car Show and BBQ Rib Cook-Off. Members and guests were treated to a delicious dinner thanks to the hard work of Pat Sebers, Scott Jett, Gary Noe, Marina Faconti, Terri Barton and Tammy Rocha. The event dinner sold out and the SYC Bar was full. The decoration committee led by Shirley Karr did a terrific job setting the mood for the 50's Bash. The evening entertainment was provided by Tuck and Roll. The day was a huge success thanks to the participation of so many.

The Annual Sportsmen Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September

7th. This is a Club appreciation event for our members. This was the favorite event of "Kangaroo" who always looked forward to the food and fun! Please see Page 6 of this Newsletter for complete details. There is no cost for SYC members; each member will be provided a wrist band and children 17 years of age and under are free. There will be a \$5 donation for adult family members and guests. Please remember to wear your SYC name badges for this event, because with a Club membership of up to 200 families, there are many members who may not have been introduced at previous events this year.

The Rio Vista Cruise-Out is

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Vice Commodore Don Wilson

I'm going to make this short but sweet. We had a blast at the 50's Bash, Rib Cook-Off, Floating Realty YC event. I would not change a thing except for the results of the rib judging.

This is the first time I have entered and I believe there was a conspiracy. Last year we had two entries to the rib contest and, if I recall, Pat Sebers

paid off all possible contestants so that he had a chance to win. This year we had, I'm guessing, 11 or more entries and Pat Sebers made a lame excuse that he could not finish his ribs in time for the judging. It turns out that this became a family affair. Imagine that, Bill Jones came in third! His son came in first and the judges gave second place to Dennis "Something"

from Floating Reality YC as a token prize so they would come back next year. I suspect the judges have no idea what a good rib tastes like. I WILL BE BACK!

Thanks to all who contributed to such a successful event.

My last thought is for Don and Freda Lucido. Please have these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

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Annual Club Picnic Information



Friday Night Special

Award-Winning Chili & Fixin's
Cornbread and Dessert

Prepared by Nick & Anne Macey and Bob & Angel Brown

\$10 per person



(Rocha's Article Continued from Page 1)

scheduled for Saturday, September 21st. This is an opportunity for members to cruise-out to the Rio Vista Delta Marina. Whether you get there by boat, RV or vehicle, this will be a fun outing for our members. There will be a Chili Cook-Off for members to share their special recipe. (See Page 4 for complete details.) This is a great opportunity for our members to take a short journey on the river to camp out on the Delta. If you are planning on attending, please add your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board.

It's great to be a Sportsmen!



Volunteers are needed to cook for the
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Becky Wilson for details (229.3121)

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

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

Monday Night
Football!!!
Starting September 9th



Details at General
Membership Meetings

September

6	Club Meeting
7	Club Picnic
21	Rio Vista Cruise-Out & Chili Cook-Off

October

4	Club Meeting (Board Nominations)
5	Work Party
12	Breast Cancer Fundraiser
26	Halloween Party & Dance
30	Pre-Derby Dinner & Fishing Seminar

November

1	Club Meeting
1-3	Annual Fishing Derby
11	Veteran's Day Dinner
16	2014 Officer Photos



Rear Commodore Rick Barton

In my first article for our newsletter, I said I wanted to find a way to honor our original incorporation goal of introducing youth to the outdoors and fishing. At our August meeting, I shared my idea for community service with Kathie Hammer. She liked the idea and said she would support it if the Club decides to move forward with the plan. My idea is to have a weekly visit to the ferry from a 4th grade class. I chose 4th

grade because that is the year students study California history.

Each visiting class would be split into three groups of about 10 students each who would rotate between three stations spending about 20-25 minutes at each station. The first station would be inside the ferry where Kathie would give a history lesson about our ferry, the Bay and the Delta. Another group would be on the pier where volunteers would allow the students to do some hands-on testing of the water. The students would learn about the health of the Delta and threats to the Delta while doing some fun experiments. A third group would be taken to the guest dock (with life jackets and chaperones) where they would learn about food chains and ecosystems while fishing for bluegill. Volunteers would bait and cast the poles for the students. From past experience, I could just about guarantee that everyone would catch and release a fish in about 10 minutes. For many, it would be the first fish they ever caught. The students would arrive around 10:00 AM, rotate between the three stations, be done at 11:30, have lunch and be gone by noon. We would probably need at least five volunteers in addition to Kathie, three on the dock and two on the pier. We would also have the teacher and chaperones to assist. The volunteers would have to be people who are free one morning a week and those assisting the fishing portion should be able to bait, hook, and cast a pole. I could teach the pier volunteers how to do some simple water tests. I mentioned this idea at the last board meeting but it has not been officially proposed or voted on.

It is still just an idea but I thought I would throw the idea out to the membership to see if there is sufficient interest to move forward. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. If I have enough volunteers, I will take the proposal to the Board and see what our next step is.



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Recently, I received an email from a lady who was told her father was a singing waiter on one of the ferryboats between 1923-1927. I told her that I was sorry, but as far as I knew there were no singing waiters on the ferryboats. I thought about this for awhile and sent her another email stating that I had heard of a singer or singers called the "Caruso of Ferryboats."

After some research, I found this to be correct. In the book, *San Francisco Bay Ferryboats*, by George H. Harlan, it is written: "To the fortunate commuter or occasional traveler, who might be returning from the theater late at night, an aria from the 'Caruso of Ferries' might be his reward. Since Key System, Southern Pacific and Northwestern Pacific commuters all claimed at one time or another to have heard a stocky man standing fire watch on the lower deck with an extinguisher in a canvas bag over his shoulder, it may be assumed that more than one ferry deck hand earned this legendary title when the ferries still crossed the Bay. This author can attest to having heard a marvelous operatic voice booming out over the noise of the engine and the thump of the paddles on the steamer Tamalpais. Dick Hunter was probably the last of a long line of 'Carusos of the Ferries,' but his contribution was among the finest of them all."

I only wish I could have heard one of these arias while traveling across the Bay!



PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

2013 PICYA CALENDAR

Sep 9	Delegates' Meeting Oakland YC (Regatta Awards)	Nov 2	Fall Management Conference Berkeley YC
Oct 5	Delegates' Meeting Tahoe YC	Nov 5	Delegates' Meeting Encinal YC PICYA Awards

Annual PICYA Wheelchair Regatta September 28th—Encinal YC

This event will once again provide veterans, many confined to wheelchairs, with the rare opportunity to experience a power boat cruise on the Oakland Estuary or San Francisco Waterfront. Please join Jim and me as we participate in PICYA's 17th Annual Wheelchair Regatta. If you cannot bring your boat, volunteers are also needed shore-side to assist in welcoming, boarding, preparing and serving lunch to our guests. The Volunteer Form is on the PICYA website or you may contact me for further information.

PICYA Regional Affairs Committee (Continued from our August Newsletter)

Mission Statement:

- ◆ Promote goodwill, cooperation, and more efficient club management through better communication and exchange of information among the member clubs.
- ◆ To increase effectiveness of member clubs in addressing regional, political/practical boating related issues in a collective effort to preserve the safe and fun recreational use of our waterways.
- ◆ To stimulate increased participation among member clubs and mutual PICYA boating activities.



REMINDER

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2013
THE ELECTION OF 2014 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

We will be voting on the following offices

COMMODORE
VICE COMMODORE
REAR COMMODORE
TREASURER
SECRETARY
TWO (2) DIRECTORS

THE NAMES OF THOSE NOMINATED WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN OCTOBER. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE VERBALLY BY ANY REGULAR, FAMILY, OR LIFE MEMBER DURING THAT MEETING. THE NAMES OF ALL NOMINEES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLUB BULLETIN BOARD AND WILL REMAIN POSTED UNTIL THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER MEETING, NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE BY ANY REGULAR, FAMILY, OR LIFE MEMBER PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER. THE NOMINATION MUST BE IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY THE MEMBER MAKING THE NOMINATION AND SIGNED BY THE PROPOSED NOMINEE. IT MUST THEN BE FILED WITH THE CLUB SECRETARY. ANY NOMINATIONS RECEIVED IN THIS MANNER WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AND REMAIN POSTED UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 31, 2013

ATTENTION:

In compliance with our By-Laws, Article XIII, Section A.1, please be advised the Board of Directors has recommended an increase for Area 1 Berth Fees. The current quarterly fees for Area 1 are \$162.00. The proposed quarterly fees for Area 1 are \$210.00. If approved by the membership at the September 2013 General Membership Meeting, this increase will become effective for 4th Quarter, October 1, 2013.

*You never know what fun will be "had" at the
**Rio Vista Cruise-Out
and Chili Cook-Off!**
September 21st*

*Scavenger Hunt begins at 11:00 a.m.
Chili Cook-Off at 2:00 p.m.*



Invite Family & Friends!

Sign-Up at the Club





Happy Birthday September Babies!

Sep 04 Dianne Chapman
 Sep 04 George Brayton
 Sep 06 Wyatt Hammer
 Sep 08 Bonnie White
 Sep 09 Alexis Hammer
 Sep 09 Greg Dawson
 Sep 10 Lawny Chapman
 Sep 10 Yong Garner
 Sep 11 Keith Hammer
 Sep 13 Coco Lafrades
 Sep 13 Gloria Salas
 Sep 17 Charlie Carroll
 Sep 17 Rob Horton
 Sep 18 Sheron Lord
 Sep 18 Tammy Rocha
 Sep 21 Bob Gaines
 Sep 21 Cindy Art

Sep 21 Lori Wickman
 Sep 21 Mary Kinder
 Sep 21 Mike Hammer
 Sep 22 Roger Lund
 Sep 23 Bruce Connelley
 Sep 23 Dan Lively
 Sep 23 Mark Dickerson
 Sep 24 Gary Reopelle
 Sep 24 Ted Nicholson
 Sep 25 Cynthia Petersen
 Sep 25 Kay Power
 Sep 26 Byron Nofrey
 Sep 27 Larry Pacheco
 Sep 28 Romie Noe
 Sep 28 Shari Horton
 Sep 29 Joe Carrion

Welcome New Members!



Chris & Ana Marie Shelton



Matt & Marianne Tate

Invite your friends and family to be a part of Sportsmen YC!

A Special
Birthday Wish to
1976 Commodore

Joe Carrion
who will be
celebrating

his 90th Birthday on
September 29th!



Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Plans are underway for this
Fundraiser Event on October 12th

Do You...

- ◆ Have a Donation?
- ◆ Want to Decorate a Table?
- ◆ Vendor Suggestions?

Contact Becky Wilson
229-3121



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Annual Club Picnic

Saturday, September 7th



Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Hot Links, BBQ Oysters,
Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Corn on the Cob, Chips, & Nachos

Later in the Afternoon: Egg Toss, Water Balloon Toss, and a "Surprise" Game

Members are Free - Adult Guests are \$5.00 each - Children 17 and under are Free

Starts at 1:00 P.M.
Everyone Welcome!



Reservations are Requested

Please make your Reservations online
or call Ann English at 779-9330