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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Rick Barton

I have been told by several people that after the August event it's all downhill to the end of the year. It is hard to believe that there are only three months left in the year, especially when there are still several projects around the Club that I am hoping we can get done. I also look at the calendar and see many exciting events coming up in the next three months. From my perspective I don't see any slow down at all.

Some of the events are traditional but many have slight changes, some are being brought back for the first time in years, and there are some new events we are trying for the first time.

In September, we have the Club Picnic which is always a popular event.

We also have a cruise-out to Rio Vista which will have a new twist. On Saturday morning, we are going to have tee times reserved for anyone who wants to play golf at Trilogy. We are planning on playing nine holes since we all know how much our wives will miss us while we are gone!

In October, we are going to have the first Poker Run since I joined the Club. It will end with a potluck dinner; Billy and Pat will prepare the main course. I am looking for some help planning this since I have never been involved in one.

November is our Fishing Seminar and Fishing Derby. We are going to try something new here too. The Derby will run from Friday the 6th until Wednesday the 11th where

we will combine a potluck dinner with the announcement of Derby winners and a celebration of Veterans Day. Hopefully, by combining these events we can increase attendance at both.

This December we are hosting the Lighted Boat Parade. I participated in this for the first time last year and it was incredible. I am hoping that there are at least 20 boats from Sportsmen involved this year, so let's start planning now! I think this is a great opportunity to show the public what Sportsmen YC is all about. Last year there were literally thousands of people lining the riverbank in Antioch to watch the parade. Finally,

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Vice Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everyone! August was a really fun month; sorry I missed the raft-up, but my raft is in the shop! We had one of the best Luau events ever. The food was excellent; as usual Pat & Billy did a great job smokin! Anita, Micheline, Terri, Shari, Marianne, and the group of the other ladies did a great job on the decorations and food. We had many compliments

on the fruit table with the monkey climbing the palm tree. All our cruise-in guests had great things to say about our Club and the event. The dancers were wonderful and you hopefully will see them at another Luau.

I would also like to thank Chuck Carroll, Chuck English, George Lobao, Harry Parker and everyone else who worked on the

lighting downstairs - it is phenomenal.

We are all very proud of our Club and its grounds, so if you see trash lying around or anything that needs to be cleaned up, please do not think it is someone else's job to pick it up. We are all members here and it is everyone's responsibility.

You know our East Side

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FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY THE HOOK RATS
\$10 PER PERSON



Limited to the first 60 reservations.
Make your reservations ONLINE or
contact Ann English at 779-9330
as soon as possible!

Volunteers are needed to cook for the
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Cynthia Perez for details (286-0017)

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

(Barton's Article Continued from Page 1)

in December, we will be having our Tournament of Champions
Poker Tournament. As of this moment we still have four game
nights left so there are still four seats open for the big
tournament. Time is running out for all you poker players to
qualify. As you can see, there are a lot of great things going on
at the Club. I hope there is something here that appeals to you
and that we get everyone down to participate in our Club.

See you there!

(Horton's Article Continued from Page 1)

Galley is closed and we are starting to remodel; all volunteers
are welcome (painters, scrapers, sweepers, etc. - you know
who you are).

One of my favorite events is coming up on September 12th, the
Club Picnic. If you have never been to this, I encourage you to
come. We are looking for volunteers to set up, cook and clean
up. Food is always good and everyone has a great time. For
more information, see Page 6 of this Newsletter.

Quack,
Quack!



Amy Dawson is setting up a
Power Squadron Boating Class
to be given at Sportsmen YC.
November 14th and 21st
It is a 12-hour class (held on two Saturdays).
The class is free; the text book is \$26.

Exact times of the classes will be announced soon.
Please contact Amy if you are
interested in attending this class.

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

September

- 11 Club Meeting
- 12 Club Picnic
- 18 Richmond YC Cruise-In Dinner
and Games Night
- 25-27 Rio Vista Cruise-Out



Monday Night Football
begins September 14th

October

- 2 Club Meeting (Board
Nominations)
- 3 Work Party
- 10 Breast Cancer Luncheon
- 24 Poker Run
- 31 Halloween Party

November

- 4 Fishing Seminar/Pre-Derby Dinner
- 6 Club Meeting/2016 Elections
- 6-11 Fishing Derby
- 11 Veteran's Day Potluck & Fishing
Derby Results
- 14 Work Party
- 14 2016 Officer Photos/Calendar
Planning
- 14 Power Squadron Boating Class #1
- 21 Power Squadron Boating Class #2



Rear Commodore Matt Tate

Greeting's Sportsmen! As per usual, it has been a pretty busy month around the Club. Lots of projects under-way, some started and already completed. One that especially comes to mind that had many hands involved was the overhaul and refurbishing of the Relief Caretaker's cabin. Now those who do not have a boat or a RV to utilize for the weekend will have a comfortable place to stay. Thanks to George Lobao for pulling this all together, with several others joining in to strip it out, prep, and paint the walls, etc.

The next project that comes to mind is the installation of the new motion sensing lighting in the walkways of the lower deck; thanks to Chuck Carroll, Lonnie Gibson, Chuck English, Dale Bauer and George Lobao.

While all this work was going on, the Club also had some fun!

Thanks to Anita Hinds for spearheading a GREAT Luau! We enjoyed wonderful food, Hawaiian dancers, dancing, and festivities all around.

Other items on the fun list from August: the raft-up at Decker Island with Carl Rasmussen leading the way; game night with, Dave Newton winning poker; and a cruise-in with a couple of boats from Solano Yacht Club.

Thanks to all who make these events such a pleasure to attend.



Monday Night Football

Begins September 14th

The Minnesota Vikings

at The San Francisco 49ers

Cheeseburger Dinners—\$10—6:30 pm

Reservations ONLINE or call Ann 779-9330

(Online Reservations will be turned off at noon
the Monday of the game.)



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

In last month's historical article, I didn't give you the daily time schedule for a trip from San Francisco to Sacramento. If it was the Delta King or Delta Queen, the legendary paddle-wheel steamboats left San Francisco at 6:30 p.m. and arrived in Sacramento at 5:30 a.m. They made this run from 1927 to 1940.

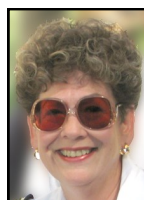
From the book, "King & Queen of the River", a former freight-clerk Gordon Ridley recalled, "While passengers were enjoying their overnight trips, the crew worked hard. But they also found pleasure in traveling on the river. Sometimes, it was merely a quiet moment in the darkness of the outer decks."

He recalled the trip up river was especially pleasant in the early hours of the morning. Once past the Rio Vista Bridge, the river narrowed and you could smell the fields and the blossoms along the way. On moonlit nights, the scene was one of enchantment. On dark nights, in the small towns along the way, only an isolated light or two made you know that there was another world out there. The pilot would whistle for the next bridge and slowly and majestically it would swing open. When they passed, there might be a car or two waiting on the ramp watching. As the sky lightened, you could see more and more, the fields, the narrow paved roads, the barns and homes.

"Sometimes as we pass, we hear birds singing in the trees, sometimes huge flocks move from one field to another. Finally, it is light and we round the last bend."



The Delta King, 1931



PICYA NEWS

DARLENE DAWSON

2015 PICYA CALENDAR

Sep 14	Delegates' Meeting Oakland YC	Sep 26	Wheel Chair Regatta Encinal YC
Sep 19	California Coastal Cleanup Day	Oct 5	Delegates' Meeting Discovery Bay YC

PICYA is hosting its Nineteenth Annual Wheelchair Regatta. 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 and San Francisco Bay along the San Francisco City front.

On their return, our guests will be treated to a picnic luncheon and entertainment on the grounds of Encinal Yacht Club. Most of our honored guests are U.S. Veterans residing in Northern California Veterans' Homes and Hospitals. In order to make this event successful, powerboat skippers/owners are needed to donate their time and boats to host one or more guests aboard their vessel.

Volunteers from each of our PICYA member clubs will make this a most memorable day for our guests, and for those donating their assistance as well. Many volunteers are also needed ashore to assist in welcoming, boarding, preparing and serving lunch, and entertainment. This event is not possible without donations of items needed for the event as well as tax deductible cash donations to pay for the many items we are unable to get donated for the event.

We are looking forward to another rewarding event!

California Coastal Cleanup Day

See details and information on Page 5 of this Newsletter.



*To Everyone Who Made
Our LUAU such a success!*

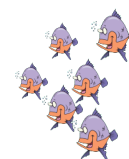
*Anita Hinds, Shari Horton, Becky
Wilson, Cheri Sole (guest), Melissa
(guest), Darlene Moore, Bill Moore, Micheline Simpson,
Tabitha LaChance, Rhonda Hanson, Cleona Butler,
George Lobao, Dale Bauer, Debbie Bauer, Ron Allen, Liz
Allen, Bob Buckley, Janet Buckley, Matt Tate,
Marianne Tate, Scott Jett, Billy Jones, Pat Sebers,
Donna Fields, Marina Faconti, Doug Horton*

September Birthdays!

04 Audrey Kuppenbender
04 Dianne Chapman
04 George Brayton
06 Wyatt Hammer
07 Anita Furlow
08 Bonnie White
09 Alexis Hammer
09 Greg Dawson
09 Stephan Shelton
10 Lawny Chapman
10 Yong Garner
11 Keith Hammer
13 Coco Lafrades
13 Gloria Salas
14 Julie Shelton
17 Charlie Carroll
17 Cheryl Goetsch
17 Rob Horton
18 Darlene Moore
18 Rich Furlow
18 Sheron Lord
18 Tammy Rocha
19 Michelle Skuija
21 Cindy Art
21 Lori Wickman
21 Mike Hammer
22 Roger Lund
23 Dan Lively
23 Mark Dickerson
24 Gary Reopelle
24 Ted Nicholson
25 Cindy Kirk
25 Cynthia Petersen
25 Kay Power
26 Byron Nofrey
27 Larry Pacheco
28 Romie Noe
28 Shari Horton
29 Joe Carrion

2015 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of August 21, 2015)

We have 56 people entered in the 2015 Derby.



- * There is \$815 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.
- * For our Striped Bass category, Dale Bauer brought in an 11 pounder and holds 1st place..
- * Hold onto your fishing poles!! In the Catfish category, Kenny Norris secured 1st place with a 16 pound 8 ounce monster! Then he caught a 14 pounder for 2nd place. Nick Macey holds 3rd place with a 2 pound 12 ounce catfish and Albert Perez has 4th place with a 1 pound 2 ounce catfish.
- * In the Sturgeon category, Bill Pato Jr. holds 1st place with a 67 pounder; Bill also holds 2nd place with a 47 pound, 8 ounce sturgeon; Kenny Norris secured 3rd place with 31 pounder; and Gabe Comages is hanging onto 4th place with a 28 pounder.

Get in the Derby! Go out and catch some fish!

Jim Dawson

Breast Cancer Fundraiser Luncheon

**Saturday, October 10th
11:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**Chicken Caesar Salad, Pasta,
French Bread and Dessert Bar
\$20**

**Make Your Reservations ONLINE
or call Ann at 779-9330**

**Want to decorate your table?
Contact Becky at 383-1310**



**RIO VISTA CRUISE-OUT
&
CLAM CHOWDER COOK-OFF**

September 25th-27th
Cruise-up in your boat,
bring your RV,
or just come for the day!





In Memory Of John Torres

Fellow member John Torres passed away on August 15th. He and Helen had been members since 1979 and became Life members in 2009. John was born December 27, 1925, and married Helen in 1948. John served in the Navy during WWII on the USS Shackle. John and Helen built a home in 1948 on their 30-acre property which they still call home today and lovingly refer to it as, "The Ranch." John was a co-owner of Pittsburg Heating & Air Conditioning and enjoyed serving the community's needs for 20 years. He flew his own plane, loved boating on the Delta with friends from Sportsmen YC, and enjoyed restoring antique cars. One of their favorite annual cruise-outs with our Club was the "Grandparents Cruise-Out" to B&W Resort. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; he was treasured by his family and friends. His constant companion in recent years was his dog, Lemon.

Our sincere sympathy to Helen and their family and friends.

(A wonderful tribute of John's life in pictures is on the website for Brentwood Funeral Home:
<http://www.dignitymemorial.com/brentwood-funeral-home/en-us/index.page>)

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

Join the Boating Community at
California Coastal Cleanup Day
Saturday **September 19, 2015** 9am to Noon



This year over **66,000** volunteers removed over
ONE MILLION pounds of trash and recyclables

You Are Invited To Participate
In California's Largest Volunteer & Family-Oriented Event

Contact the Statewide Coastal Cleanup Day Boating Program Coordinators to learn more, or visit our website:

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Richmond YC Cruise-In and Games Night!

Friday, September 18th

Crown Roast of Pork Dinner
with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad Bar, Dessert
(Prepared by Chef Billy)



\$20

Make Reservations **ONLINE**
or call Ann at 779-9330

Then... Games Night following the dinner



**We welcome our friends from
Richmond YC cruising-in for the night!**

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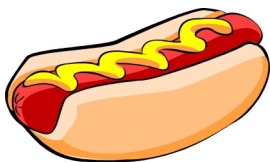


THANKS to our Historian,
Kathie Hammer
For contributing interesting
articles each month and
keeping our Museum in
"Ship-Shape" condition!

Sportsmen YC's Annual Picnic

Saturday, September 12th
Begins at 1:00 p.m.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, Desserts
Games for all following the picnic



Please Make Your Reservations
ONLINE
or call Ann at 779-9330

This event is free to all Club
members, their spouses, and
children under 18 years old.

Guests 12 years and over: \$5
Kids under 5 years are free