

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2004



FROM OUR COMMODORE DAVID SELVY



L a b o r D a y weekend had the usual cruise out to Miner and a few went to Mandeville. I understand that there was a new member couple

who made their way to Mandeville and radioed to the cruise captain for instructions to get in, only to find that the cruise was just getting underway at the ferry, so they tied in to a convenient pier for a little fishing and waited for the rest of the boats to get there. Talk about eager members. Those Danes really know how to boat!!

Then on Boy's Night Out after the Labor Day Cruise-Out, I was greeted at the ferry by the **Rasmussen's** and the **Coach's** who were JUST getting back from their Labor Day Cruise-Out! MAAAN some folks just relax too much. Anyhoo, they all had a great time and got back safely. It seems that one of them does have half of the engines than what he was leaving with...so, maybe there is an "enginectomy" on the horizon?

The Saturday after a lively meeting night last month, we had the Annual Club

Picnic, organized and operated by **Past Commodore Lonnie Gibson**. It was complete with the bouncing room provided by our "Bouncer," **Alice Gibson**. (Sorry, honey, I had to do that.) The kids loved it and literally tore the roof off with the screams of delight. Thanks to **Joe Stubberfield, Chris Stubberfield, Chuck Carroll, Mike Carroll, and Charlie Carroll** for all the hard work at the grills. The games were organized and operated by **Chris Yarbrough** and **Keith Hammer** and were enjoyed by adults and kids alike. *Many thanks for your help, guys!*

The dredge is back and rested after its diving vacation and we just may get the entire harbor done before the end of our licensed period for this year!! Way to go crews and again it must be said that this would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication from **Jim Dawson** taking the reins and working so very hard to get the crews organized and working so well together. The last spurt of volunteers is needed for this so if you have any time to help it will be gratefully appreciated! Call Jim or sign up on the list on the door bulletin board.

We had a cruise out to Caliente Island Yacht Club for their "Luwow Luau" that was greeted with a wind storm Friday night that blew dirt from the fields

across the slough all over everything. When things died down, they had to wash the entire island down and re-set everything up for Saturday night. **Carl and Emmy Swenson**, were tossed about pretty badly and after side-tying for the night (two foot waves), they were moved into a shed slip for the next night. Their tenacity was rewarded with a great Hawaiian review and Hawaiian dinner hosted by some wonderful folks at the Island. The clouds cleared and the temps came back up just in time for the dinner and entertainment that was very nice. *Thank you, Caliente Islanders, for a wonderful time!!* And a BIG THANK YOU to our Driftwood friends and especially **Winky and Paul Scannell** for helping with the cruise up!!

The meeting on October 1st is the very important nominations meeting, to nominate our slate of 2005 officers to be elected in the November meeting. Please attend if at all possible.

Fall is in the air!!

Uf-Dah!



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October

1 Club Meeting

We will continue dredging our Harbor throughout the Month of October

November

3 Fishing Seminar
5 Club Meeting
6-7 Annual Fishing Derby
13 Work Party
25 Thanksgiving Potluck

December

3 Club Meeting
4 Lighted Boat Parade
18 Kids with Santa Party & Potluck
31 New Year's Eve Party

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



The month of September presented our Club with many challenges, but true to their nature our members' loyalty and tenacity prevailed.

I would like to especially thank **Driftwood Marina and Harbor Master Mike Dameron** for their assistance during our dredge emergency. Their generosity saved our Club endless time and money. With **Rear Commodore Chuck Carroll, Harbor Captain Lonnie Gibson, and Dredge Coordinator Jim Dawson** at the helm and a countless number of members assisting, the day was saved!

Special thanks to:

- Michael Carroll's eagle eye
- Ed Elledge's proactive actions
- Swisher Concrete's donation of a crane delivered by a quick thinking Chuck Larosee
- Dan Lively who spent countless hours in the "deep" cold water
- Dave MacDougall for countless hours of maintenance and repair
- Bob McLean for making a special trip from Berryessa to work on the Dredge generator that led to...
- Tim Lamb's removal of the ejector pump until dark
- Ray Salva who made two trips to Stockton—one to deliver the injector pump for repairs, the second to deliver it back to the Club.
- Padre Associates for procuring an extension until October 31st.
- And every member for their support and understanding during the hectic weekend.

Many thanks to **Associate Members Doug & Shari Horton**, assisted by **Associate Member Dave Beckert** for a delicious and profitable September Meeting Night Dinner.

Meeting night brought us three more prospective members, two became Associate Members and the other is scheduled to be interviewed following the October General Meeting.

In response to **Grounds Keeper Darrell Lackey's** plea for help at the September Meeting, **Tim Nerby** came out early Saturday morning with his personal mower to cut the tall grass. Later, **Bob & Cindy Art** showed up with "Cindy's" mower for finishing touches.

A little later in the morning, **Associate Carl Swenson** showed up with the prettiest, quietest, 20KW, 3-phase generator I've ever seen! This and an over 100 foot power cord enabled the dredging to continue while the injector pump was being repaired. Again, special thanks to Carl's son, **Ken Swenson**, and **Specialized Equipment** who donated the generator.

A great day was had by all at our Annual Picnic. Thanks to all who made it such a success.

Unfortunately, Jim and I missed the cruise to Caliente YC. Rumor has it, in spite of a horrendous wind and sand storm Friday Night, everyone enjoyed a weekend of great Hawaiian food and entertainment.

For those who are interested, the Fall PICYA Management Conference will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at San Rafael YC. Any member is welcome to attend. Details will be posted on the Club Bulletin Board.

October Happy Birthday Wishes



- Oct 01 Sandie Schneider
- Oct 03 David Beckert
- Oct 03 Nancy Olsson
- Oct 04 Tony Chapman
- Oct 05 Kay Millecam
- Oct 05 Kerry Sprengle
- Oct 06 Celina Lafrades
- Oct 09 Jerry Fitzgerald
- Oct 09 Mike Freitas
- Oct 11 Chuck Larosee
- Oct 11 Jill Wibbenhorst
- Oct 11 Bob Art
- Oct 12 Helen Ferrari
- Oct 15 Sherry Lively
- Oct 15 Kyleigh MacDougall
- Oct 19 Wanda Suniga
- Oct 21 Carol Hager
- Oct 23 Armi Rafanan
- Oct 23 Bill Fraser
- Oct 24 Bill Worrell
- Oct 24 Susan Nofrey
- Oct 24 Tom Kidder
- Oct 25 Steve Nicholas
- Oct 28 Ed Collins
- Oct 30 Diane Benson



PICYA Report

Upcoming Events

- Oct 4 Delegates' Meeting at Presidio YC
- Oct 23 Management Conference
- Oct 28 U.S. Coast Guard Reception at Oakland YC to welcome the new Vice Admiral of the Pacific Area
- Nov 1 Delegates' Meeting & Awards Dinner at Encinal YC

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

Send Newsletter information to:
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phone 228-3609

★ FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE
CHUCK CARROLL ★

HISTORIAN NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER



Well, from the dredge going under and the roof in Area 3 partially collapsing in September, we had a busy month. It started off with my

Driftwood for helping us out and a special thanks to **Ed Elledge** and **Dave Davidson** for all their help. **Dave MacDougall** and crew spent the next couple of days going through the engines and filters. The last thing we needed was the injector pump for the generator which was installed on September 22nd.



The greatest loss of lives at sea did not happen on the Titanic or the Lusitania. It happened in North America on the St.

son, Michael, calling me at 5:45 AM on a Saturday morning and asking me if the dredge was supposed to be under water? I told him it was too early for joking around, he said he wasn't and that he was going fishing! Nice way to start a Saturday... Got on the phone and started calling the "A Team." They showed up in force and thank heaven for **Chuck Larosee** and his big boom truck. **Dr. Dan** and **Chris Stubberfield** were the divers securing all the riggings, and along with all the others guys who are always helping out on the dredging, we managed to get the thing floating. A special thanks to **Mike Dameron** at

Carl Swenson kept us going in the meantime with a 20KVA portable generator he loaned us. A big thanks to Carl for keeping us dredging.

Lawrence River on May 28, 1914. On this date the Empress of Ireland, a luxury liner, collided with a Norwegian coal freighter and sank in only 14 minutes. You can only imagine the horror Captain Henry George Kendall must have felt as he looked into the fog and saw a ship bearing down on the Empress not much over 100 feet away.

I don't think **Jim Dawson** has missed much time when it comes to working, maintaining, and operating the dredge. He will definitely need a vacation when this is over. We are both getting to the point where we don't want to hear the other one call; seems like every time it's catastrophic news. Got to spend one Sunday going to Holland Tract with **Lonnie Gibson, Tim Lamb, Russ**

My Mother, Kathleen Mary, came to America from England in 1913 on the Empress of Ireland and that is how I discovered this disaster at sea.

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Over a thousand people drowned, most of them were asleep, making it the worst maritime disaster for passengers in maritime history. Less than five hundred lives were saved. Although this was the worst disaster at sea, this tragic event has almost been forgotten.

Two books have been written about this disaster, "The Forgotten Empress" and Fourteen Minutes by James Croall.

(Carroll's Article Continued)

Lord, and Jimmy lifting 40 foot lengths of pipe onto the trailer. My back is still thanking me for that day.

Almost every member has helped out with the dredging project but there is a group that seems to show up day in and day out and Jimmy & I would like to give them a special thanks. They are: **Jim Arnold, George Brayton, Ed Elledge, Lonnie Gibson, George Greer, Chuck Kotecki, Tim Lamb, Dave MacDougall, Ray Salva, Bert**

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NCPCA Report

On August 28th, the Stockton YC hosted the Over-the-Bottom contest which again started at Three Mile Slough and finished near Stockton. It was not unusual to find this contest "hotly contested" in 100 degree plus weather.

Jack Praytor, on Jimmy Jay, captured First Place. Dennis Pippin, on Snowbird, took Second Place. There was a tie for Third between Sandy Sund on Mandalay and Dave Watt aboard his Achilles. All of these boats represent San Joaquin YC.

A "Bent Prop" award is presented to the

skipper who has problems during the contest and the stories that lead up to this award can be hilarious at times, at least to all but the recipients. Nancy Bishop accidentally removed the batteries to her timing device and had to get a time check several times. Les Coe used last year's chart, which took him over a sand bar. The First Place winner, Jack Praytor, won the dreaded award by leaving the helm of his craft to fend off the dock while coming in to tie up.

Anyone interested in learning more about this way to use your boat, "A Cruise With a Purpose", should contact one of your NCPCA representatives: Barbara Chapman, Tony Chapman, or Dave De Cato.

Visit Sportsmen YC's Website



- ...to view pictures of recent Club events
- ...Calendar information for the year
- ...lots of other Club related information & links

www.sportsmenyc.org

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In Memory Of...

Doris Kuhnle passed away on Tuesday, September 21st. She was 77 years of age. She and Bob joined the Club in 1977 and Bob fondly recalls how much she enjoyed being a part of Lady Sailors and helping with cooking for parties at the Club.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Our sincere sympathy to Bob and their family.

Lyman Turner passed away September 10, 2003. Lyman was a former Caretaker for our Club for over 10 years and also married a member of our Club, Madlyn Grayham Turner. Madlyn preceded him in death.

Lyman was known for his quick wit and dry humor. Many of our long-time members have many fond stories they still love to share both about times with Lyman and stories he told.

Our sincere sympathy to Lyman's family.

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Schneider, Tony Siino, Joe Stubblefield, Carl Swenson, and Mike Transchel.

Don't forget the big Make a Wish Party that Driftwood has every year. It's a good time for a great cause. The date is October 2nd.



Again this year, we will be encouraging support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation at our October General Meeting. Driftwood YC will be hosting a Cruise Day on Saturday, October 2nd. Everyone is welcome to participate and all donations are appreciated.

Address Changes

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Updates
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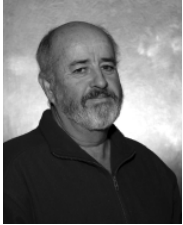
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Antioch, CA 94531

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**PORT CAPTAIN
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**



The dredging has had a few obstacles and setbacks, but the good news is **Darlene** worked with Padre Associates and

obtained an extension to October 31st. The bad news is we still need folks to come out and help. We are trying to dredge daily and the hardest days to fill are the weekends. If anyone can volunteer a day or two, it would be appreciated.

Even though the work is at times difficult, the crews are having some fun. And then there are times when they are making fun! Examples are:

- Tony Siino has fallen in twice, but explained how it cooled it off and that both “dives” would have hit a “9” if he had performed them in the Olympics!
- Bill Coach felt he was merely exploring the bottom to make sure the operators were doing their jobs in getting all the mud out!
- My excuse is not so flattering. I fell part way in, while perched on one of the 40-foot pipes. The real reason I let myself get wet was so Tony Siino could explain how he saved my life.

One the serious side, we have dredged out carpets, garden hoses, tin, horseshoes, human shoes, radiator type hoses, hose nozzles, lots of grass, thousands of yards of fishing line, many other “things” and the most common—MUDD!

A few opportunities which have delayed the dredging are 32-inch pump housing shattered and was replaced, both bow cables have broken, the electric pump motor had to be replaced, bilge pump expired, water in fuel tank, ejector pump on generator to be rebuilt, tac on 671 motor quit, many plugs from the articles listed above, and finally when the dredge set down on top of the pilings!

I want to thank every one of the

members who have donated their valuable time to this dredging project. We have the operators, engineers, linemen, snorkel clearers, cooks, fabricators, idealists, watchmen, pond patrol, all who have run errands, and our specialists who have donated cranes, generators, huge power cords, and boom materials.

The progress is that Area 2, 2A, 3, and 5 are completed, as well as coming down the middle between Areas 2 and 3.

As announced at the last meeting, the next area will be Area 1. We will let the berthers in Areas 1 and 4 know before we move the sheds.



DREDGING NOTICE

Dredging will continue through October.

Please see Harbor Captain Lonnie Gibson if you have questions regarding access to your boat.

YES!

Dinner will be served before our October Meeting!

Our Menu

**Country Ribs
Mission Baked Beans
Vegetables, Salad,
Bread & Dessert**

\$8.00 per person

Prepared by
**Belynda & Lou Zobb,
Joe Stubberfield and
Chris Stubberfield**

We are limited to 50 reservations, so contact
**Audrey (686-1167) or
Elaine (682-7585)**
as soon as possible

Come join us!



Don't Forget!

At the November General Membership Meeting, we will vote for our 2005 Officers & Directors

**Positions to be voted on are:
Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore,
Secretary, Treasurer, and (2) Directors**

Please contact Lonnie Gibson if you are interested in running for these positions.

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Welcome New Associate Members

Phil & Susan Henderson
7 Gold Meadow Court
Brentwood 94513
Phone: 240-0122

Richard Weinzetl
2721 Cortez Court
Antioch 94509
Phone: 706-2939

Invite your friends to join Sportsmen YC!

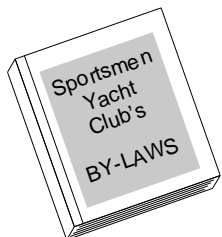
THANK YOU!

**MAX WHEELER MADE A BEAUTIFUL
PHOTO CABINET FOR OUR
ASSOCIATE MEMBER PICTURES!
THANKS, MAX, FOR ONCE AGAIN
USING YOUR TALENTS TO GRACE
OUR FERRY!**



Member Information Corner

- Kay Millecam wishes to thank everyone who has sent her cards and is remembering her in their prayers. It has meant so much to her to know her friends are thinking of her and she just wanted you to know!



ARTICLE X

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

1. Election shall be

held annually at the General Membership meeting in November and shall be for the following terms:

- a. Each Flag Officer position, one (1) year.
- b. Secretary and Treasurer, one (1) year.
- c. Directors, two (2) elected each calendar year for two (2) year terms.
- d. There shall be no restrictions as to how many terms a member may hold or run for office.

2. All elections shall be by secret ballot. If there is more than one nominee to be elected for an office, the nominee must receive a majority vote to be elected. In the event of a tie vote, the deciding vote shall be cast by the Commodore or Acting Commodore.

3. Not later than six (6) months after taking office, the Commodore or Acting Commodore will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Regular, Family, or Life Members, with the immediate Past Commodore as their chairperson. It shall be their duty to nominate the Officers and Directors as specified in Article VII A-1, A-2 and Article X A-4.

4. The names of those so nominated shall be announced by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at the General Membership meeting in October. Additional nominations may be made orally by any Regular, Family, or Life Member during that General Membership meeting in October. These names shall be posted on the bulletin board and remain posted until the next General Membership meeting.

5. Additional nominations may be made by any Regular, Family, or Life Member prior to the first day of November, by filing with the Club Secretary such nomination, which will be in writing and signed by the Regular, Family, or Life Member making the nomination and proposed nominee. Such nominations

will be posted on the bulletin board and remain posted until the next membership meeting. No nominations will be accepted after the last day of October.

Note: The Commodore must have served as a member of the Board of Directors for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the time of his/her election.

(To be continued Next Month)



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Sportsmen Yacht Club's 7th Annual Pre-Derby Rib Dinner And Fishing Seminar

Wednesday, November 3rd
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

BBQ
Pork
Ribs
and all
the
fixin's

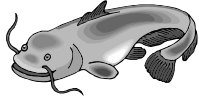


Raffle for Striped Bass Rod & Reel

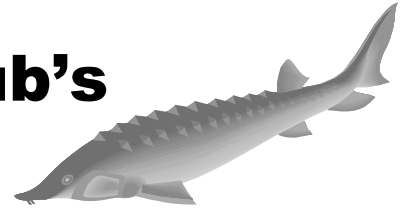


\$5.00
per person

Reservations are not necessary



Sportsmen Yacht Club's 2004



WeekendFish Derby

Derby begins Friday, November 5th, at 10:00 p.m.
Derby ends Sunday, November 7th, at 3:00 p.m. - SHARP!

Neal & Diane will be available to collect fees
anytime between now and midnight on Nov. 5th

**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER MIDNIGHT ON NOV. 5th**

Everyone Welcome!

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per category

There will be a Free Raffle for all Adults present at the time of the awards

**Please bring your favorite dish to share!
Potluck begins at 4:00 p.m.
on Sunday, November 7th**

Weigh-in sheets will be posted on the door outside the Club's Board Room.
All entries **MUST BE** logged on weigh-in sheets before the Nov. 7th 3:00 p.m. deadline.
There will be three categories: Stripers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
All fish must be weighed in at the Sportsmen YC scale and witnessed by another member.
Entry fees are \$3.00 per category, per family (husband, wife, children and grandchildren to age 18). Entry fee for guests will be \$3.00 per person, per category.

The largest and second-largest fish (by weight) in each category will be awarded 1st and 2nd place, respectively, with prize money being split 70%-30%. If only one fish or no fish are entered in a category, the remaining prize money will be awarded to entrants in that category and will be determined by a drawing held during the Potluck and Awards Ceremony.

Contact Neal or Diane Essary
for more information 228-7337