

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2005

FROM OUR COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



At our September meeting, we accepted a record 12 new associate members! (Turn to Page 7 to see the list.) In addition, we had two

applications turned in at our Annual Picnic on the Saturday following the meeting. It's great to see our Club growing!

Following a passionate presentation from **Rear Commodore Chapman**, we collected a significant donation for the Hurricane Katrina victims. This is another great example of what our Club is about and it should make us all proud to be Sportsmen.

Many of you may have already noticed: We have a new ice machine! Many thanks to **Scott Wood** for doing the research and proposal to the membership. Then Scott coerced his son (who was getting ready to leave for college) to go to Hayward to pick up the ice machine and deliver it to the Club. **Vice Commodore Carroll** and **Joe Stubberfield** then went to work installing it. In less than one week after the September meeting, the ice machine was producing ice. Vice Commodore Carroll was so excited when it dropped

its first load of ice, he had to call me! I can't imagine what he'll be like when he has his first grandchild!!

Thanks to **Keith Hammer** for donating the air conditioning units. We look forward to next summer's 4S where these units will provide much needed relief from the heat.

There have been several people who have generously been donating items for the meeting raffles. *Thanks to all!*

Lonnie Gibson and his outstanding crew really outdid themselves this year at our Annual Picnic and it was one of our best! Many of our Associate Members really stepped up to the "plate" to help and some of our ever-dependable members also contributed to make the picnic a success. The BBQ'd meat, potato & macaroni salads, and oysters were delicious. The Bingo games were a lot of fun for members both young and old. It was an all-day and into the night event! Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Forty-five boats participated in the 9th Annual Wheelchair Regatta, chaired by **Staff Commodore Margot Brown**. The Wheelchair Regatta is a combined effort by PICYA and a number of 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 the all-veteran band. Man and woman power is provided by the U.S. Coast Guard volunteers and members of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 55. They literally lift veterans and wheelchairs onboard the vessels.

Our own **Larry Draper** has been volunteering in the galley for nine years. This year, Larry and his crew served 425 delicious hamburgers with all the trimmings. Martinez YC and Oyster Point YC baked 2500 cookies for the veterans.

After Midnight hosted 17 guests, all so special and appreciative. It was a beautiful day that **Jim** and I will never forget.

Good news for those of you who like to come to the Club for weekend breakfasts! **Mary Ann Turner** has agreed to extend her service to not only Saturday morning breakfasts, but also serving on Sundays. Her hours are 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you haven't tried Mary Ann's Galley, stop by and enjoy a great breakfast.

Jerry Fitzgerald has wine glasses which
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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October

7 Club Meeting
8 Work Party

November

2 Fishing Seminar
4 Club Meeting
5-6 Annual Fishing Derby
12 Work Party

December

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

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



Our Club Picnic was a lot of fun this year, as it always is, and we had a great turnout. I like the way **Commodore Dawson** put it when she said the

crowd seemed to come in three waves. We had a group in the morning and as they had to leave to do other things it seemed like a big midday group came in. Then another crowd showed up in the afternoon. If you were here all day, you got to visit with lots of members and their guests. **Harbor Master Gibson** and his crew did a spectacular job of setup and, before it was dark, everything was cleaned up and put away. A special thanks to Lonnie and all who assisted him. Of course, **Lou Zobb** and **Joe Stubberfield** have become "icons" in recent years as always being the ones who do the barbecuing for this event. *Thanks for the great job.*

Hooray! Our Club finally has a new ice

machine and does it work great! **Scott Wood** did a great deal of research and lent his expertise on recommending just the right size unit for our needs, and then delivered it for us. **Joe Stubberfield** came out the next night and hooked everything up. *Thanks, Scott & Joe.* **Dave Davidson** has been fine tuning the adjustments and I think he has it dialed in pretty good. More kudos to **Al Alcorn** and his friends for hauling off the old box.

The Club has purchased a new evaporator for the back bar storage unit; **Dave MacDougall** and **Bob Saunders** are currently involved in its installation.

As you know the Dredge is for sale and **Port Captain Jim Dawson** is interested in all leads you might have for him.

We needed to install some electrical outlets on the Ferry the other day and we found the one load center we have on the lower deck is completely full. Member **Dave Beckert**, who is an electrical contractor by trade, is gathering the materials to install another badly needed 100 amp service midway on the west hallway.

Just a reminder that the Annual Make-a-
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October Happy Birthdays



- Oct 01 Sandie Schneider
- Oct 03 David Beckert
- Oct 03 Nancy Olsson
- Oct 04 Tony Chapman
- Oct 09 Jerry Fitzgerald
- Oct 09 Mike Freitas
- Oct 11 Chuck Larosee
- Oct 11 Jill Wibbenhorst
- Oct 11 Robert Art
- Oct 12 Helen Ferrari
- Oct 13 Jane Parsons
- Oct 13 Walt Hoy
- Oct 15 Sherry Lively
- Oct 19 Kathy Harvey
- 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 By Larry Draper

The September PICYA meeting, hosted by Delta Marina YC, was held at The Point Restaurant in Rio Vista. Registration forms for the Fall 2005 Management Conference were distributed. Anyone who is or will soon be flag officers, board members, committee members, or PICYA delegates should plan on attending. The conference will be held at Coyote Point YC in San Mateo on October 22nd. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00 a.m. If you want to attend and do not have a form, mail a check for \$25.00 along with your name, phone number, and Club affiliation to:

Rear Commodore Duane Collins
PICYA
124 Bahama Reef
Novato, CA 94949.

Club of the Year points will be earned for participation.

RBOC has initiated a "Call to Arms" regarding the pending state action to phase-out the use of copper-based anti-fouling paints. RBOC has opposed this action, based on the fact there is no scientifically sound study concluding that passive leaching from boat hulls contributes to the presence of copper in the San Diego Shelter Island Yacht

Basin. In addition, they oppose it because there is no effective, affordable, and available alternative to copper-based anti-fouling paints. We will keep you informed on this matter.

Thank you to **Commodore Dawson and Jim** for participating in this year's Wheelchair Regatta. They brought their boat down to Encinal YC and hosted several disabled veterans. I'm sure they were honored to do this and also certain the veterans were assured how much we appreciate their service to our Country to ensure our freedom. I am proud Sportsmen YC was represented.

This is yet one more community service project that is rewarding. Perhaps you would like to consider participating in this event next year!

*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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**FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE
TONY CHAPMAN**



Over the last year I have written about "seasons, service, spirit, simplicity, support, security, and successes" of Sportsmen Yacht Club. Last October, I

accepted a nomination to be Rear Commodore because I could see a *season* in my life where I would be able to *serve* this club with 110% of my *spirit*. I had been *successful* in clearing several other demands and requests on my time. I had the *security* in knowing that I had the full *support* of my wife Dianne. I even had the luxury of stepping on board with a team that was enjoying great *successes*. "This will be *simple*." What a great PLAN it was. "If you ever want to see the Lord work in your life, make a PLAN."

Since February, Dianne and I have been working with doctors, therapists and nurses to help Dianne's dad, Dave Murphy, recover from a stroke that paralyzed his left side (he is left handed) and restricted his ability to swallow.

After six months in a rehab hospital, he has improved to a point that he can return home. He is still paralyzed but his swallowing has improved. We are moving in with Dave in order to act as attendants, since he still needs full time personal care.

In order to *support* my wife, *serve* her father, and *secure* my family, I will step away from a leadership role at Sportsmen Yacht Club. Sportsmen will continue to thrive and will be doing great things in the coming years! With so many highly motivated, skilled, and qualified leaders and members, the sky is the limit. It is with that *secure* feeling that brings me to answer a call to be faithful to a change in *seasons* in my life. I am *simple* enough to believe that someday I will be able to return to *service* as a Sportsmen leader. Until that day, I pray that you have come to know my heart, for I have seen Sportsmen's heart and been truly blessed by it.

PARTING SHOT

Why is it called "after dark" when it's really "after light?"

In Memory Of

Rod Raines passed away at his home on September 14, 2005, following a courageous battle with prostate cancer. He was a Lifetime member, having joined the Club in 1972. He served as Treasurer in the 1980s and had also served as Club Chaplain, participating in the Blessing of the Fleet during Opening Day Parades. He belonged to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Rebekahns. He was an ordained minister, volunteered for the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department, served for 50 years as a Red Cross volunteer, and worked in Juvenile Hall for 30 years. He had also served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

A quiet man, he loved to sing, was easy to talk to, generous, and always willing to help. He loved the water and enjoyed being at the Club.

Our sincere sympathy to Sheila and their family.

**HISTORIAN NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**



Paddle wheelers were an important part of the Klondike Gold Discovery in Alaska. These mighty ships braved harsh

conditions in remote areas to deliver goods and services to the miners. These vessels were carefully designed to navigate the gravel and sand bars of the Yukon River. These paddle wheelers operated in the days before radar when crewmen had to rely on experience and charts to navigate the ever changing river. Crew members over the years nailed hundreds of metal pie plates to trees along the river to act as reflectors and aid with night navigation. Prior to the introduction of the radio in 1925, the only means of communication in an emergency was to hook a portable phone to the telegraph line which followed the river.

You are Invited

Sheila Raines is inviting everyone to a time for reflection and sharing memories of Rod Raines from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, October 7th (prior to the October Meeting Dinner and General Membership Meeting)

A no-host bar will be provided.

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, this 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.

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can be yours for a \$50 donation to Make-A-Wish. This is just one of the many ways you can support this great cause. **Jim** and I are looking forward to participating in the Make-A-Wish event at Driftwood YC on October 1st.

I highly recommend those who plan to be involved with our Club management consider attending the Management Conference on October 22nd at Coyote Pt. YC. Details are in Larry Draper's article on Page 2.

Bill Worrell has confirmed we will be hosting the 8th Annual Fishing Seminar on Wednesday, November 2nd. **Barry and Diana Canevero** will share some of their expert tips on how to "hook 'em!" This is always a well attended event, so you won't want to miss it!

The weekend following the seminar, we will have our Annual Fish Derby, so everyone can put their newly learned tips into action. **Neal Essary** is once again coordinating this event and details are in this Newsletter.



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MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER

- **Maggie Murphy** has been under the weather. *Even though you're in Florida, Maggie, we haven't forgotten you and wish you a speedy recovery.*
- **Paul Olsson** had hip replacement surgery on August 31st. He is home and every day he's doing better. He's anxious to be able to get out of the house and get back into his routine. *Take care, Paul, and we hope to see you soon.*
- **Herb Pekonen** says to tell everyone, "Hello!" *We hope you continue to feel better, Herb, and are able to come to the Club sometime soon.*



Address Changes

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Don't Forget!

At the November General Membership Meeting,

we will vote for our
2006 Officers & Directors

Positions to be voted on are:

Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore,
Secretary, Treasurer, and (2) Directors

Please contact
Dave Selvy if you are
interested
in running for any of
these positions.

**PORT CAPTAIN
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**



Thanks to **Garry Ridolfi** and **Dan Lively** and crew for towing the dredge from the Club to Lauritzen Yacht Harbor. Since Olympic's

boat lift was not operating that day, Dan towed the dredge over to Bridgehead Dry Dock and Garry then towed it to the Club.

The membership has voted to sell the dredge, and we are looking for a buyer. The new owners will get the benefit of insight to operating the dredge, a dolly for towing it, a trailer, and pipe. If you know of anyone interested, please see me.

At this time there are no cabins available, so if you're interested in a cabin make sure you get on the waiting list.

Thanks to the members who have graciously cooked our Meeting Night Dinners and those who have supported those dinners. We have commitments

for the rest of the year, so make sure you plan to come for the Meeting Night Dinners.

The County Road Project should be underway by the time you receive this Newsletter and hopefully the inconvenience should be minimal. I am expecting the project should be completed in about 30 days.

Concern: Cigarette ashes have been found in the men's restroom in one of the stalls. This is a reminder to everyone: There is absolutely NO SMOKING ANYWHERE INSIDE THE FERRY — that includes both upper and lower decks, cabins, restrooms, hallways, etc.

DON'T FORGET 

**DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS
ON OCTOBER
30TH!**

**SET YOUR
CLOCK
BACK
ONE HOUR** 

(Carroll's Article Continued from Page 2)
Wish is coming up October 1st at Driftwood Yacht Club and I can think of no greater gift than something that helps children with a dim future. **Jerry Fitzgerald** is accepting donations on the Club's behalf.

One more reminder is that October 8th is another Work Party and it may be the last one before the rainy season begins. See you all bright and early. *Thank You.*



YES!
Dinner will be served before our September Meetings!

Our October Menu
**Teriyaki Albacore
Rice Pilaf, Vegetable,
French Bread, & Salad**

\$8 per person
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The Ghost of Sausalito

The month has gone by with all the excitement of a tides ebb & flow.

The picnic was a wonderful affair and from where I sat in my tree, the aromas were great. Someone said are we going to have oysters this year and without missing a beat one of you guys made the trip to the coast and came back with a couple hundred of the flat shells loaded with freshness – say, who came up with the great sauce!? That was a plus.

I looked around and saw a number of new faces. From what I hear, you characters have filled the membership limit, less one. WOW! I can't remember the last time that happened, but I think it was in the eighties...1987 to be exact, when the maximum membership was 150. That was the year Ed Collins was Commodore and the membership then voted to increase the maximum to 175. Since then we have never reached the maximum.

I was taken by the energy of the new member applicants - what's that you call them? Associates? Yeah, that's it. Well they were there in full compliment - lifted, helped set up, and learned first hand what fun it is to be a member here.

I saw a kid with another guy some said his "other" grandpa and they were playing horseshoes. Cute little guy and he could hit the pin. Look in the water at low tide, I think there is a horseshoe at the edge of the rip rap. He had a terror filled look on his face, but Uf-Dah told him not to worry about it, that he'd try to find it at low tide. Nice guy. Kid was last seen eating ice cream and fishing in the hole at Area 1.

Say did anyone notice the ice cream kid? He had his dad's cooler around his neck and was handing out the little cups. Good stuff me thinks.

The kids just about wore out the jumping room and there was more noise coming out of there than I heard you guys make on New Years Eve.

With the dredging all done and the mystery of the fuel line "clog" being solved, the foot of a certain Red Faced Red Headed Rear Commodore was discovered on that line. Works better

that way. I hear the dredge and its trailer are for sale. I also heard that a good bit of coaching and how to get through the bureaucracy mire comes with the sale... are you listening Martinez??

So what's coming up? I understand the hunters are all up in the mountains looking for Bambi's Great Great Great Grandfather and I am sure the stories will abound about how the 72 point non-typical, Boone & Crocket got away...wait until next year.

The Vice's Kids (nice young men) went out in their boat to go fishing and abruptly came back. Something about forgetting the bait...they loaded a case or two of the stuff and ice....hope they caught something.

Driftwood YC is holding it's Make a Wish Cruise the first of October (I think). I will float over there and see if I can find a boat to ride out on. I understand that for a modest fee you can get a nice hosted ride on one of the larger boats from the clubs that participate. After that, you will be treated to a luncheon BBQ, dancing and silent auction, where some really nice gifts are going to be available. I've heard these items usually go for a very good price. In a way, that is a bit too bad because the money all goes to little kids who don't have much of a chance to live life normally and this is a way to get them the trip of a dream to places they would otherwise never see. Go if you can and spend some money to help them reach their goal. See that nice guy, Fitz something, about how you can be a part of this great event.

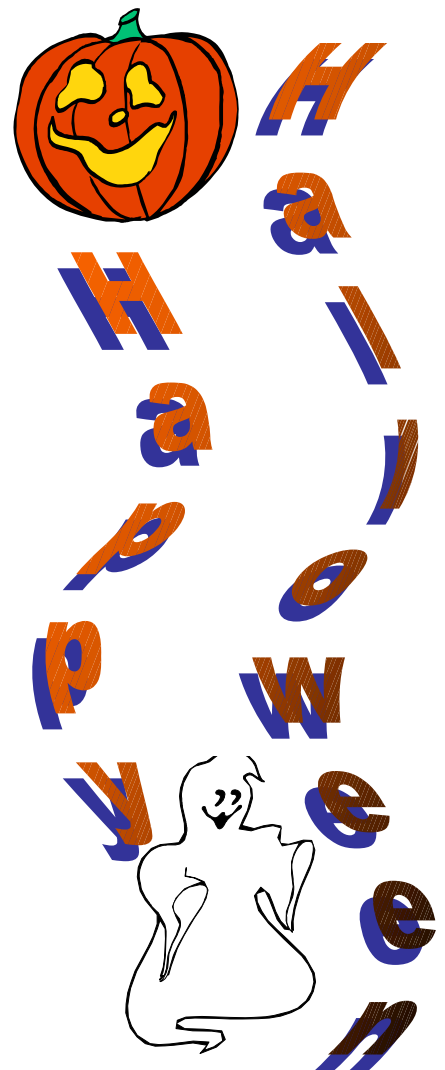
The Commodore has let it be known that she and "Bronco Guy" are taking "After Midnight" and are joining "Miss Fitz" in the event.

By the time you are reading this, there should be a lot of digging and trenching going on around here. It seems the folks, who now understand the hole in the road is not a bomb crater but is a drain leak, are going to repair the pipe. Lonnie Gibson and Dave MacDougall got busy and moved everybody's boats and trailers around to allow you to have a road in to the front of the ferry. Thank

them the next time you see them. From what I saw, it was hard work and no one was there to help them.

Did anyone notice the ice machine looks a little different? It's nice to have a new one! I heard someone say the refrigeration behind the bar is going to get fixed. GOOD! My stash of horseradish won't keep spoiling. Yes, that was mine, you ingrates. I grow it back where the impound basin is. Bet you wondered what that funny taste was...don't worry; you get used to it ...I like it. Besides, it comes in handy when you have to get up at night and stumble around in the dark. The glow of your tongue, when you stick it out, will lead you to the head. HA!

Yawn ...must be time for bed.
-Ghost



Welcome New Associate Members!

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Pork
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Sportsmen Yacht Club's 8th Annual Pre-Derby Rib Dinner And Fishing Seminar

Wednesday, November 2nd
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.



Barry & Diana Canevero of Fish Hookers Sports Fishing will present the seminar. They will share the latest methods and techniques of Delta fishing. They bring a lifetime of experience fishing in the Bay and Delta Estuary. They are premiere guides of the Delta! They will have some equipment for sale, so bring your check books!

Raffle for Striped Bass Rod & Reel

\$7.50 per person

Reservations are not necessary



Sportsmen Yacht Club's 2005 Weekend Fish Derby



Derby begins Friday, November 4th, at 10:00 p.m.
Derby ends Sunday, November 6th, at 3:00 p.m. - SHARP!

Everyone Welcome!

**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER MIDNIGHT ON NOV. 4th**

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per category

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. 6th 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.

Please bring your favorite dish to share!
Potluck begins at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6th

Neal & Diane will be available to collect
fees anytime between
now and midnight on Nov. 4th

Contact Neal or Diane Essary for
more information 228-7337