

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008



**COMMODORE  
CASEY CURRY**

I would like to start out with a big thank you to Chuck Carroll for organizing a few extra Work Parties in order to complete the repair of the siding on the west side of the ferry. I am sure he will give "kudos" to all who came out on short notice and got the job done. It looks great! Thanks to Big Steve for spray painting the west side to make all that hard work look even better.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the new concrete pad for the Caretaker's trailer should be completed. Since this was done the week of September 22nd, I don't think Chuck was able to get this project noted in his article. Thanks to all the guys who helped with this project and Chuck will likely detail it in his November article.

The Club Picnic was a big success. Thank you to Gary Abeyta and Doug Horton for BBQing the hamburgers and hot dogs. Pat Sebers is now officially famous for his BBQ Ribs and Russ Morgan, Roger Mammon, and Bruce Connelley came to the Club at 3 a.m. to roast a pig. It was fabulous! Thanks guys.

Freda Lucido and I went to Costco shopping for the event and we had two flat carts full of food. The members did a

good job devouring most of it.

The games were lots of fun and I think all the kids who wanted to get wet were granted that wish by Alice Gibson! It was a hot day and perfect for several water balloon fights! The kids also enjoyed Alice's talent painting their favorite cartoon character on faces, arms, and legs!

The Labor Day cruise-out to Decker ended up being a story that Vice Commodore Pat Sebers will have to tell! I'm sure he will do just that—so you don't want to miss his article.

Discovery Bay will be cruising-in on October 17-19. Gary Abeyta, our Galley Captain, is planning to cook up some ribs with all the fixins' for the Saturday night dinner. I was told they might have as many as 16 boats. If you want to join in on the fun, please make your reservations with Cindy Mammon as soon as possible so we can purchase all the goodies ahead of time. The meal price is \$12.00 per person. Discovery Bay YC is a fun club, so let's show them a good time.

I would also like to thank George Brayton for moving the 5th wheel from the "south-forty" onto the rock pad. Actually he moved it twice. Thank you, George, for your help. Garry Ridolfi brought in some rock for the pad to make all of this possible. Thanks, Garry.

Garry Ridolfi and one of his employees found a small propane leak under the 5th wheel and Mike Hoskins repaired it. Please, no more fires! Thanks, Mike, for

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taking care of this so quickly!

We will have nominations for our 2009 Board of Directors at our October General Membership meeting. If you are interested in being on the Board, please contact Pat Sebers or Sherry Lively.

Again, thanks to all of you for your support.

Safe Boating!



**VICE COMMODORE  
PAT SEBERS**

October already – the weather is changing and the water is flat. My favorite time of year.

I want to mention the Decker Island cruise-out. I brought my 21 foot ex-patrol boat and tied up with Jim & Terry Arnold (Jim is a powerboat guy now) and his son Tom, his friend and his sailboat. Beautiful afternoon and evening – Terry can make some super smoked salmon and cream cheese rolls. We turned in about 10:30 p.m. A wind

picked up and blew in at up to 45 mph from the north (instead of the usual NE where the island protects you). From about 12:30 a.m. until first light at 6 something a.m., we were tossed about like nothing I have ever experienced. Jim's anchor line fouled around the sailboat's keel, keeping us broadside to the 35-45 mph winds and resulting waves. It was so rough, I could not get to my own life jacket just a few feet away on my boat. I had to settle for the first life jacket Jim ever owned. In the middle of all this, Terry tells me a story of another Sportsmen cruise-out to our very spot, when Tom was 9 months old (20 years ago), and the weather was even worse...

At first light, I was able to jump on my boat (during a 10 second lull), and untie

my boat from Jim's. Jim left the sailboat side-tied and managed to drive his boat out of the fouled anchor line, while taking up his anchor – did I mention that Jim had run out of gas (sailboat guy), and had a bad battery that we had cut out of his system? I don't know how we put the gas in Jim's boat without getting smashed/killed/drowned!

So now, with no sleep, we are free and pointed into the wind and on our way home. What a relief! While headed toward the Three Mile Bridge, I witnessed a good sized trawler about a quarter mile ahead of me, almost to Three Mile Slough. I saw water going OVER his fly bridge, and I am talking more than spray!

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**REAR COMMODORE  
STEVE MARTINEZ  
"DIRTY STEVE MARTINI"**

Again, big thanks to Kelly Batista for again helping during meeting night behind the bar. I would also like to thank the big guy who is always behind the bar during the day.

We have new selections of wines and beers; check them out. Let me know of any ideas you may have for the bar and beverage selections.

The Annual Picnic was wonderful. The free beer from the kegs on the patio was a big hit.

The bar is doing great - thanks to everyone for helping out.

Water Balloon Toss at the Club Picnic!



**UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN**

Oct	Nov	Dec
3 Club Meeting & Dinner	5 Fishing Seminar & Dinner	5 Club Meeting & Dinner
4 Work Party	7 Club Meeting & Dinner	6 Lighted Boat Parade
18-19 Discovery Bay Cruise-In	7-9 Annual Fishing Derby	13 Kids w/Santa & Potluck
	15 Work Party	31 New Year's Eve Party



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Welcome  
New Members

Lynn London

Robert & Rosie Rench

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Member  
Information Corner

- Pat B. had surgery on September 18th. She is recovering and hopes to be home soon.
- Carl S. is scheduled for surgery the end of September.
- Elise H. celebrated her 96th

birthday on August 30th! She wanted to take a motorcycle ride, so her nephew granted her wish and they took a 2-hour ride! Elise is still active with her bowling team too! *Way to go, Elise!*

*Wishing all of you a blessed day!*

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**HISTORIAN'S NOTES**  
**KATHIE HAMMER**

We are so fortunate to live in the Bay Area; it is so rich in history. I have written about several places in the past and felt the one we visited recently has to be on top.

Several weeks ago we took our three grandchildren to Angel Island. One of the most enjoyable parts is boarding the ferry in Tiburon for the ride to Angel Island.

When you arrive, you can hike the island, ride your bike or take the tram. We took the tram and found the historical information we learned from our driver very valuable.

The Coastal Miwok were the island's first inhabitants 2000 years ago. They used the island as a fishing and hunting ground.

In 1775 Lt. Juan Manuel de Ayala sailed his ship, the "San Carlos", into the San Francisco Bay and anchored in Ayala Cove, which is on the north side of Angel Island.

In 1863, during the Civil War, the U.S. Army established Camp Reynolds on Angel Island to protect the San Francisco Bay. Later it was used as a discharge depot for soldiers returning from the Spanish American War. Then, for soldiers returning from World War I, it was an embarkation site for troops headed to the Pacific during World War II.

In 1891 a Quarantine Station was opened at Ayala Cove, where ships from foreign ports went to be fumigated.

From 1910-1940, approximately 175,000 Chinese immigrants were detained on Angel Island from two weeks to six months, until their applications to enter the U.S. were approved.

Deer and raccoons are the only large mammals living on the island; there are no poisonous snakes and many birds.

Plan a trip to visit this beautiful island that is so full of history. The fall is the best weather on The Bay.



Ice cold watermelon, anyone?



**Reminder!**  
**4th Quarter**  
**dues & fees**  
**are due!**



**NEWS FROM FLEET**  
**CAPTAIN**  
**JACKIE STEELE**  
**"JACKIE OH!"**

There are a few hearty souls who plan a year in advance to do a Down Bay Cruise in October. Some of our newer members might want to ask Sherry Lively about the agenda and harbors our group plans to cruise to and make plans to join them! The weather generally holds clear and it is a wonderful adventure.

November will find us getting ready for our Annual Fishing Derby on November 7-9. The Derby starts right after the General Membership Meeting and runs through Sunday. You won't want to miss the Fishing Seminar and yummy dinner on Wednesday, November 5th, to get some tips on "catching" (versus just "fishing") and learning about new bait combos, new lures, new reels and poles. There is lots of info and great camaraderie. There is a potluck meal on Sunday afternoon when the cash prizes are awarded. It is a lot of fun to load up on fresh bait and drop a hook or two in the water. My past fishing derby experiences have been rather iffy; it's been more like drowning the bait, but one year Paul & Kathy Larosee accompanied me and we all caught a striper!

December kicks off in fine form with the Annual Holiday DeLites Lighted Boat Parade. If you want to take your boat and participate, but need some help with the decorations, just be sure to get your boat into our harbor early on Saturday, the 6th, and I'm certain you can get all the help you need.

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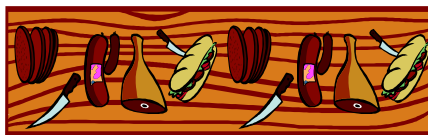
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**Many of our members support**  
**Make-A-Wish**  
**at Driftwood YC's annual**  
**fundraising event.**  
**This year's event is scheduled for**  
**Saturday, October 4th.**  
**If you want to personally donate to this worthy event,**  
**please make your check payable to Make-A-Wish and**  
**give it to Jerry Fitzgerald at the**  
**October General Membership Meeting.**  
**If you would like to attend the event, tickets are**  
**\$60.00 per person (\$50 is tax deductible).**  
**Thanks!**

# Happy Birthday!

## October Babies

- 01 Larry Palen
- 01 Sandie Schneider
- 02 Dick Norway
- 02 Sarah Corippo
- 03 David Beckert
- 03 Nancy Olsson
- 04 Tony Chapman
- 06 Celina Lafrades
- 09 Jerry Fitzgerald
- 09 Mike Freitas
- 11 Chuck Larosee
- 11 Jill Wibbenhorst
- 11 Bob Art
- 12 Helen Ferrari
- 13 Bob Bennett
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- 23 Armi Rafanan
- 23 Bill Fraser
- 23 Roger Mammon
- 24 Bill Worrell
- 24 Susan Nofrey
- 24 Ted Idsoe
- 24 Tom Kidder
- 25 Steve Nicholas
- 28 Charlie Katusich
- 28 Ed Collins
- 29 Maribeth Linhart
- 30 Diane Benson



## October's Meeting Dinner Menu

### Black Forest Ham

Tossed Green Salad, Fresh Green Beans  
Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls / Butter, Dessert

\$10 per person

Prepared by Jay, Jay & John  
(the Fresno Boys)

**Come join us!**

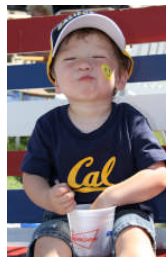
We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations on-line  
or contact Cindy Mammon (625-0590)  
as soon as possible

You can see all the Picnic pictures at the Club!



GREAT food  
and lots of smiles!

Thanks to everyone  
who worked at  
the picnic!



Honorary Member Ginger Hampshire  
and her daughter, Billie Johnson,  
came from Woodland  
just for our picnic!  
She said she reads our Newsletter  
from cover to cover and that's how  
she stays current on Club events!



### PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS JIM DAWSON

Thanks to everyone for signing up for Relief Caretaker. Special thanks to Mike Hoskins for his work on the Caretaker's 5th wheel trailer.

The American flag is now properly lit, so it will be flying 24-7.

All cabins are rented again, but it appears that in some cases, the existing mattresses are not needed. Consequently, they are either being put in the halls or in another member's cabin. If you get a cabin or have an existing cabin and find mattresses that are not needed, please take them to the dump or cut them up and dispose of them in the dumpster.

I would ask that whoever is storing their water toys in the halls on the lower deck and in other members' cabins to please take them home, put them on your boat, or put them in your cabin if you have one. Some of them appear to be expensive and I would hate to see them get lost or worse.

At our October Work Party, we will need some folks on the roof looking for cracks that might start leaking with the rainy season so near.



## PICYA REPORT DARLENE DAWSON

Sportsmen YC welcomes Jane Parsons as our newest PICYA Delegate. A more gracious or well-known lady in the local and yachting community would be hard, if not impossible, to find. An Antioch resident for many years, Jane retired as Antioch's city treasurer after 21 years of service. She is a Past Commodore of Driftwood YC and a past President of the Soroptimist International of Antioch. Currently, Jane is serving as Antioch Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and as a committee member of Holiday De-Lites for Antioch.

The PICYA Fall Management Conference will be held at Benicia YC on October 4th. This conference is a valuable source of information for anyone interested in managing a yacht club.

### PICYA's Upcoming Events

- Oct. 4 Fall Management Conference
- Oct. 6 Delegate's Dinner Meeting at South Beach YC
- Oct. 20 Board of Director's Meeting at Oakland YC

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By the time I got to where the trawler was, the wind-driven waves were 4-5 feet high, about 12-15 feet apart. As my boat is trying to climb up a wave, it is breaking over my bow rail, filling me up with 20-30 gallons of water every 3rd or 4th wave. I am truly thinking I should try to put my wallet back in my pocket so the Coast Guard can identify me later. Once under the Three Mile Bridge, I was safe – and waited about 15 minutes for all the water to get pumped out. After Three Mile Slough, it is just 'pretty rough,' like you don't want to be on a boat, but tolerable.

Once safely home, I thought of all the things we should have done and didn't do: Like check the water in the batteries, put gas in the tank, check the weather before leaving, check the

weather throughout the day, check the anchor line during the tide/current change, have your favorite life jacket with you, install oversize bilge pumps and bring the largest boat you have...I have a new found respect for the Delta, I learned a lot more on this trip than the University I went to – UHK – University of Hard Knox.

We should have gone to Miner Slough with Carl Rasmussen. Carl said where they were it was "a little breezy."

October 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> is the Discovery Bay cruise-in. We can use some good story tellers to help entertain our favorite yacht club guests – these guys are fun. If you want to see our harbor filled up with more boats that it can handle, come watch (and help) Lonnie Gibson stack 'em up.

I love this place!

## 11TH ANNUAL PRE-DERBY DINNER & FISHING SEMINAR

Wednesday, November 5th  
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Bill Worrell and crew will once again put on a great dinner for all to enjoy and then a local fishing guide will present tips for catching the "big ones" just in time for our Annual Weekend Fishing Derby!  
Everyone is invited; reservations are not necessary.



## Sportsmen's 2008 Weekend Fishing Derby

Derby begins Friday, November 7th, at 10:00 p.m.  
Derby ends Sunday, November 9th, at 3:00 p.m.



Entry fee is \$3.00 per category

Neal & Diane Essary will collect fees anytime between now and midnight on November 7th  
Members and their guests are welcome to participate!

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. 4th 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.

There will be a Potluck Dinner on Sunday, November 9th, at 4:00 p.m.  
Please bring your favorite dish to share! It's open to everyone—so even if you don't fish, bring a dish and come see who won!

Contact Neal & Diane at 228-7337 if you have questions



**WORK PARTY  
CORNER  
CHUCK CARROLL**

We did not have an official Work Party for September as we were too busy enjoying the Annual Club Picnic. I would like to thank Al Alcorn and Kelly Basista for their never-ending efforts at keeping the Club grounds so nice and also thank Garry Ridolfi and Michael Hoskins for fixing the leak on our new trailer.

We did have one screamin' weekend where we literally finished the siding repairs on the west side of the ferry! Many of you will remember this is a project started by Carl Hamilton, Chris Yarbrough, and Carl Rasmussen FIVE YEARS AGO! It has been a very difficult task to find members to work on this project as it has been dirty, complicated, and no one likes crawling under the ferry trying to shore it back up. Over the years, I've managed to get a few folks to tackle it like Joe Stubberfield, Floyd Simpson, Greg Marenger, Dave Beckert, Charlie, Mike Carroll and Charlie Katusich, but the reality is the progress has been very slow.

I was having an adult beverage with Chef Paul after the August Meeting when he challenged me to put an impromptu

Work Party together that next weekend and he would make gourmet lunches both days. Well, "it was on!" About 30 phone calls later, I had enough talent committed to go with it. Next thing you know Lonnie Gibson is at the lumber yard purchasing \$2,300.00 worth of materials and guys are showing up everywhere at 8:00 Saturday morning. We worked till 5:30 and then again Sunday till 2:30, stopping only to eat a couple of meals that Chef Paul and his sons had spent all morning preparing. Kinda neat having a *Ruth's Chris* style dinner for a work party lunch!

The boys worked really hard, cool water kept coming thanks to Darlene Dawson, Lee Fitzgerald, and Barbra Wigmore. A couple of extra trips to the hardware store for this and that and before you know it we're picking up tools and extension cords with the west side FINALLY COMPLETED!

Many kudos and accolades to the following Sportsmen who put in a really tough weekend:

Gary Abeyta, Isaac Barrett, Gene Buchholz, Ed Elledge, Lurch Fredrickson, Joe Frey, Mike Hoskins, Steve Jackman, Dr. Dan Lively, Dave MacDougall, Sammy Martinez, Steve Martinez, Steve Nicholas, Larry Palen, Bill Pato Sr., Floyd Simpson, Brian Tapp, Big Steve Toms, Scott Wigmore, and Nick Wigmore.



**NCPCA REPORT  
BARBARA CHAPMAN  
TONY CHAPMAN  
DAVE DE CATO**

The Northern California Power Cruiser Association is again having a great year out on the water. There have been seven contests to date, with over 14 Skippers and their Crews representing more than six yacht clubs.

In June this year, there were three contests in the Delta: OxBow YC, Bridge Marina YC, and San Joaquin YC. In all three contests, the weather was outstanding and the courses were a challenge. When you have other mariners out enjoying their vessels, it's always fun to be a part of the NCPCA organization, while learning about unique navigational challenges at the same time.

In August, the NCPCA sponsoring yacht clubs in the Delta were Ebony BC and Stockton YC. It was the first time a contest was sponsored by the Ebony BC. They did a fantastic job hosting this event and it was very much appreciated. Everyone truly enjoyed themselves, especially with all of the skippers who participated. Other San Joaquin YC members joined NCPCA and cruised into Ebony BC at the same time for more fun and enjoyment.

This past month the Down Bay contest began on the 13th at Benicia YC, with the San Rafael and Vallejo YCs completing the 2008 season on the following Saturdays. The San Joaquin YC also had their Down Bay Cruisers join up with the contestants. NCPCA's final contest of the season will end at Vallejo YC. Thanks to all of the participants so far this year; especially to the Skippers, Checkers and all the Officers who worked so far.

Susan Pippin, NCPCA Publicity

**Pictures from the Work Party—Repairing the west side of our Ferry!**



**Thanks to everyone  
who helps out  
at our Work Parties!**

**You make our Club  
a great place to be!**

