

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

October

- 2 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 3 Work Party
- 17-18 Discovery Bay YC Cruise In
- 31 Halloween Party

November

- 4 Fishing Seminar & Dinner
- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 6-8 Weekend Fishing Derby
- 14 Work Party

December

- 4 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 5 Lighted Boat Parade
- 12 Kids with Santa & Potluck Dinner
- 31 New Year's Eve Party



**COMMODORE
BOB KARR**

I begin this monthly dispatch with a look at the 50's Bash held the first of August. The San Rafael, Caliente and Floating Realty YCs were also in attendance. The turnout was greater than we had imagined. It appears this event has taken on a life of its own and is growing rapidly. Everyone had a great time. The rib cook-off was an instant hit, though the quantity of ribs cooked could have been greater. Next year we plan on having many more vintage cars and street rods, as well as more ribs. This event reminds me of a time when gasoline was about 22 cents a gallon (unless there was a gas war) and life was simple.

Moving into September, the Meeting Night Dinner was provided by Associate members Terri Barton and Donna DeSair. I love it when our associates step up to the plate and become involved. Thanks Terry and Donna!

The following day we had our Annual Picnic. A special thanks to Doug Horton, Scott Wood, and Mike Hoskins for cooking and

servicing the food, Alice Gibson for painting faces (and arms, ankles, etc.), and Freda Lucido for coordinating the games.

Speaking of Thank You's, everyone who has dedicated hours or days of their time to help with the work on Area 3 deserve one. Ken Carver, Garry Ridolfi, Lonnie Gibson, Floyd Simpson, Carl Rasmussen, and Chuck Carroll were instrumental in making it happen. Fifteen to twenty other members and associates also volunteered what time they could to help.

Moving on to October, Discovery Bay YC still plans to be here on the 17th and 18th. And...

Hot Off the Press!

There will be a Halloween Costume Party on October 31st! We will have prizes for the top three gremlins. It's a potluck dinner, so bring a dish of your choice and prepare to have fun.



**VICE COMMODORE
CHARLIE KATUSICH**

(Article Written by Chuck Carroll)

As usual, Sportsmen members are trying to bite off more than they can chew and seem to keep accomplishing it. The task of taking on the east side of the ferry is monumental, but the folks seem to have a handle on it. A special thank you to Floyd Simpson and his buddy, Kurt, for leading the project for this most difficult task. From where I stand it looks like it will be a success.

As you have noticed we have some wonderful new berths given to us for a song from Stockton YC. Many thanks to Kenny Carver and his crew for floating them down river.

We have had a number of Work Parties since the last newsletter. There are too many to list all the accomplishments, but it

would not be possible to have the work done without extensive help from the following: Gary Abeyta, Tino & Janet Abon, Len Adkerson, Al Alcorn, Jim Arnold, Tom Arnold, Rick Barton, Isaac Barrett, Mike Carroll, Kenny Carver, Tony Chapman, Casey Curry, Amy Dawson, Jim & Darlene Dawson, Chip & Donna DeSair, Chuck English, Joe Fray, Lurch Fredrickson, Lonnie & Alice Gibson, Dennis Higgins, Jim Hill, Rick Hinds, Rich Holmes, Mike & Paulet Hoskins, Steve Jackman, Scott Jett, Bob & Shirley Karr, Charlie Katusich, Sr., Charlie Katusich, Jr., Jerry Kent, Sr., Jerry Kent, Jr., Rod Kreiss, Tim Lamb, Chuck Larosee, Dan & Sherry Lively, Lynn London, Don & Freda Lucido, Dan Lynch, Michael McGuire, Dwayne Minick, Russell Morgan, Bill Myers, Dave & Heather Newton, Art Nowak, William Odum, Harry Parker, Bill Pato, Dan Perryman, John Perryman, Carl & Elaine Rasmussen, Garry Ridolfi, Ed Salmon, Ricky Scannell, Pat Sebers, John & Patti Shaner, Floyd Simpson, Jay Smith, Neal Sterud II, Chris Stubberfield, Bryan & Tina Tapp, Kevin Wickman, and Scott Wigmore.

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**REAR COMMODORE
LONNIE GIBSON**

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Area 3 Berth Project. From taking down the old berths, to bringing the new berths down river and getting them installed. This was a huge project that took many, many people. It took on a life of its own, and with all the help it got a new home.



**Welcome
New Members**

Jerry Kent Jr.

Danette & Val Sarancha

Michael & Shelly Maguire

Neil & Denise Sterud

Addresses and phone numbers not available for the web version of this Newsletter

**Cruise-In Menu on
October 17th & 18th with
Discovery Bay YC**



Friday 17th Dinner:

Stuffed Pork Loin Roast
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables
Salad & Dessert
\$20 per person

Saturday 18th Dinner:

New York Steak
Baked Potatoes
Vegetables
Salad & Dessert
\$20 per person

Please make your reservations on-line or with Cindy Mammon at 625-0590 by October 10th

**October Meeting
Dinner Menu**



BBQ Tri-Tip
Rice
Salad
Dessert

By:

Jay, Jay & John
(the Fresno Boys)

\$10 per person

Come join us!

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

**Member
Information Corner**

Mary N. went through the uncomfortable process of stem cell harvesting recently. Thankfully, the process was successful on the first day so she did not have to repeat it.

Now, Mary, we wish you a speedy recovery and we'd love to see you and Tim at the Club sometime soon!



Address Changes

Ismael (Maile) Ramirez

Maxine Veloz



**HISTORIAN'S NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**

In 1915, Martinez had a Mail Stage. The driver of the horse drawn buggy sold stamps, issued money orders, and generally ran it like a traveling post office for those living in the countryside of Martinez.

Prior to air conditioning, awnings shaded the windows of Main Street's beautiful buildings. The street was paved in 1918 and automobiles replaced the horse drawn vehicles.

Also, before the Martinez-Benicia Bridge was built, ferries carried automobiles across the Carquinez Strait. People would drive their cars onto the boats from a wooden wharf at the north end of Ferry Street. The name of the Ferry was the Issaquah; it operated from 1930 to 1940 and is now in Washington State.



Newsletter articles are due by the 18th of each month.

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by Freda Lucido*



**PORT CAPTAIN'S
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**

All the cabins are rented and the waiting list continues to grow. Some new trees have been planted on the point, which will eventually give shade for the RV area. Area 3 has had a substantial face lift after the new docks were delivered from Stockton. Many thanks to Lonnie Gibson and to Stockton YC for making this possible. It helped Stockton as well as Sportsmen. Negotiations started at the 4S and have continued since then. We paid a hefty "buck" which I believe you will see on display at their Club with the contract. The process started with a crew separating the docks and reinforcing the fingers two weeks ago (headed up by Floyd Simpson). Kenny Carver brought the work boat "Gretchen E." from Crockett. Thursday evening, seven lost souls boarded Gretchen E. at 7pm and headed upstream towards Stockton. Approximately 1am we arrived at our destination. Then the fun really began as lines were cut and braided, straps wrapped around every piece of foam, light bulbs appropriated lighting. It was starting to look like a typical Sportsmen work party. About 3:30 am we had had our fun and retired either sitting in a chair or finding any flat surface. I, in the pilot house, and yes, even in the clubhouse restroom on a piano bench. After a long awaited 3 hour nap, we again worked on docks to prepare for a trip down river. Most of you know how narrow the Calaveras River is, so you can imagine this 65 foot vessel pushing a 71' x 33' berth assembly through this channel. Our second trip was even more exciting because a homeowner actually retied his boat so it would stick further into the channel. We then tied one dock to each side of the vessel and headed west. In spite of a few inconsiderate boaters, we

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

Um... "WHAT Fleet Captain?" you ask. Well, between me being out of commission for months and my side-kick and co-fleet Sherry Lively tearing her rotator cuff at the 4S games, you have no leadership on the high seas....darn it! Good news is that we are both planning to be healthy and hale in 2010 and will plan some great adventures for the boaters in our Club.

For now, however, all we can report on is to be sure you participate in the Annual Fishing Derby in November and get your boats lit up and festively decorated for the Antioch Lighted Boat Parade on December 5th.

Thanks to all of you who have raised an eyebrow and wondered what the heck happened to your fleet leadership and now you know - we are crippled and sick (temporarily). Our hearts are still with the Sportsmen boaters and we hope to bring you great fun in 2010 with locations that work for our boaters and our RVers.

Be sure to check the postings on the Board Room door in case we pull a "fast one" on you! Stay safe on the river and may you have calm seas and following winds.

See you soon on the River!



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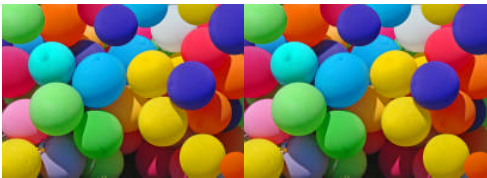
**RANDY CUTSHAW
Owner**

**Cont Lic # 709768
(925) 776-ROOF**

Happy Birthday!

October

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| 01 Larry Palen | 19 Kathy Harvey |
| 01 Sandie Schneider | 21 Carol Hager |
| 02 Dick Norway | 21 Denise Sterud |
| 02 Sarah Corippo | 22 Sheila Raines |
| 03 Nancy Olsson | 22 Steve Jackman |
| 04 Tony Chapman | 23 Armi Rafanan |
| 06 Celina Lafrades | 23 Bill Fraser |
| 09 Jerry Fitzgerald | 23 Roger Mammon |
| 11 Chuck Larosee | 24 Bill Worrell |
| 11 Jill Wibbenhorst | 24 Susan Nofrey |
| 11 Robert Art | 24 Ted Idsoe |
| 12 Helen Ferrari | 24 Tom Kidder |
| 13 Bob Bennett | 25 Steve Nicholas |
| 13 Bob Garrett | 28 Charlie Katusich |
| 13 Jane Parsons | 28 Ed Collins |
| 13 Walt Hoy | 28 Jerry Kent, Jr. |
| 15 Garry Ridolfi | 29 Maribeth Linhart |
| 15 Sherry Lively | 30 Diane Benson |



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arrived at the Club with all foam still attached. We had all prepared for this delivery and I know the work was over even though Kenny kept saying it was just going too smooth. As we arrived at the Club, with of course many spectators and helpers, it happened. As we hooked up the small whaler for the tow into the harbor and cut the dock loose from the *Gretchen E.*, I found myself with a wall of water (prop wash) coming from the stern of the *Gretchen E.* and I asked myself, "Why is Kenny making us and the dock miss the opening to the Club?" After about an hour or so we had regrouped and delivered the first dock to the Club. Only then did I find out the throttle cable had broken on the *Gretchen E.*, which left the throttle wide open. So to make a short story long, the ending might have been worse if anyone else was at the helm—GREAT JOB KENNY AND CREW! The crew consisted of Kenny Carver (skipper), Lonnie Gibson, Charlie Katusich Sr. and Jr., Dennis Higgins, Darlene and I. A special thanks to Charlie Katusich Jr. for running the boat much of the time on the way back while the temperature in the wheel house was well over 100 degrees. It was truly an experience for us all.



NCPCA REPORT BARBARA CHAPMAN TONY CHAPMAN DAVE DE CATO (SPORTSMEN YC DELEGATES)

Hello fellow boaters. Just a few lines to let you know how we and our fellow members are doing in the contests. After our summer break, we started with the Ebony BC contest, then the Stockton YC contest, and the Benicia YC contest held on September 12th. The contestants have had excellent water for these contests and we are hoping for more of the same.

Our club is going down bay and will be at the San Rafael YC for our final

contest of the season. If anyone is interested in going on a vessel for a ride or wishing to participate, contact me, Jack Praytor, at 209.525.5481.

The fall delegates' meeting will be held at Benicia YC on October 10th, at 1400 hours. All members and delegates are welcome to discuss the coming season as it will be NCPCA's 75th year celebration. Hors d'oeuvre's will be provided by Benicia YC members.

Please let me know if you will be attending as we need nine delegates to be able to elect our officers and approve next season's schedule.

Thanks,
Jack Praytor
NCPCA Commodore

(Chuck Carroll's Article continued from page 1)

Also many thanks to the people who made lunches and kept everyone in energy: Al & Ann Marie Alcorn, Paulet Hoskins, Rich Holmes, Shirley Karr, Sherry Lively, and Pat Sebers.

And the big guy that kept the water coming was Big Steve.

To cap this off, it has been a busy three months of hard work, that many people have put time into. We have accomplished a lot of work, but we still have some to go. See you in the trenches...



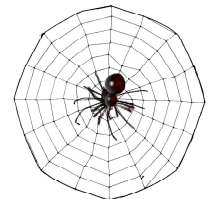
Pot-Luck
Dinner



Saturday
October 31st
Dinner
6:00 pm



Costume contest
Kids & Adults
Prizes to winners



Kids Trick or
Treating



Music & Dancing





**PICYA REPORT
DARLENE DAWSON**

**Fall Management Conference
Saturday, October 24th
Aeolian Yacht Club**

**PICYA's Upcoming
Events**

- Oct 3 (Saturday) Delegates' Dinner & Meeting at Tahoe YC
- Oct 24 (Saturday) Management Conference, Aeolian YC
- Nov 2 (Monday) Delegates' Dinner & Meeting at Encinal YC

Registration begins at 0800 hours. Conference materials will be provided for all pre-registered participants. A continental breakfast will be served in the morning and lunch will be served at 1200 hours. The cost is \$25.00 per person for reservations before October 5th and \$30.00 per person for reservations after October 5th. All club officers (elected, appointed, and perspective) and club members interested in the world of yachting should attend the Management Conference. COTY points for 2010 begin with the Management Conference.

The Management Conference Agenda and reservation form are available online at PICYA's website: www.picya.org. Click on "Management Conference."

We will also have the agenda and reservation forms available at the our Club.

Registration Deadline: October 16th

Don't Forget!

At the November General Membership Meeting, we will vote for our 2010 Officers & Directors



Please contact Casey Curry if you are interested in running for any of these positions:
Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, and (2) Directors

The names of those nominated will be announced at the General Membership Meeting in October. Additional nominations may be made orally by any Regular, Family, or Life member during that meeting. The names of all nominees will be posted on the 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 31st.

Thank You

Dave & Heather Newton

Would like to thank everyone who helped and attended their Wedding Reception held on August 22nd.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR



**LIGHTED BOAT
PARADE**

DECEMBER 5TH

**KIDS WITH SANTA
NIGHT**

& POTLUCK DINNER

DECEMBER 12TH



DETAILS IN OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER!

**12TH ANNUAL PRE-DERBY
DINNER & FISHING SEMINAR**

Wednesday, November 4th
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 2009 Weekend Fishing Derby

Derby begins Friday, November 6th, at 10:00 p.m.
Derby ends Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 p.m.



Entry fee is \$5.00 per category

Neal & Diane Essary will collect fees anytime between now and midnight on November 6th

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. 8th 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.

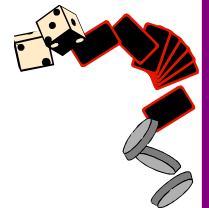
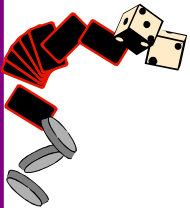
Entry fees are \$5.00 per category, per family (husband, wife, children and grandchildren to age 18). Entry fee for guests will be \$5.00 per person, per category.

The largest and second-largest fish (by weight) in each category will be awarded 1st and 2nd place, respectively, with prize money being split 60%-40%. 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 8th, 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!



Welcome the New Year in with
Casino Night



Games.....

Champagne



Mark your calendar to spend a great
New Year's Eve with fellow
Sportsmen on Thursday,
December 31st.

More information to follow.

Food

Prizes

