

# Sportsmen Yacht Club

## Newsletter

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In Sympathy—  
Neil Sterud



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN



- 7 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 8 Work Party
- 21 Bingo



- 2 Fishing Seminar
- 4 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 4-6 Weekend Fishing Derby
- 18 Bingo
- 19 Thanksgiving Dinner at Club



- 2 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 3 Lighted Boat Parade
- 10 Kids w/Santa & Potluck
- 16 Bingo
- 31 New Year's Eve Party



**COMMODORE  
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Here we are, coming into October already. September has just flown by! Well, if you didn't make the last meeting, it is time to put your name in the hat to be a new Board member. I hope a lot of you are considering it. It is fun but yet challenging. I think everyone needs to try it. It's a great experience and will teach you how the Club functions and will open your eyes.

We had our annual Club Picnic which was a great event. Thank you, Anita, and all who helped her put the event together. Sorry I just didn't get to attend the whole event. My work has been crazy and I can't keep up, which is a good thing!

Remember Monday Night Football is back! Thanks to Chuck & Ann English, dinners are being served again for everyone to enjoy!

Congratulations to fellow members Steve and Crystal Peedle on their recent marriage. *We wish you both the very best and many happy years together!*

I hope to see everyone out there.



**VICE COMMODORE  
RICKY SCANNELL**

Well, SPORTSMEN, here we are again. It's late in the year and time to start preparing for next year. All this month we're open to nominations for next year's officers. All year I've heard people saying how they would like to see many changes within our Club. Guess what? Now you have a chance to help make those changes. Step up and make the commitment by becoming nominated for one of the Board positions. It can happen by letting Bob Karr know you're interested in one of the open positions. Good luck.

Just a reminder.... Football is in full swing now and for those of you who have been absent from the Club I'm inviting you to come down on Sunday to watch some football and enjoy the company. There are many teams who are well-represented. And if you're busy on Sundays, why not relax on Mondays? Come to the Club and relax, enjoy the camaraderie, as well as the good dinners. For only \$8.00 you can get a steak dinner prepared by Chuck and Ann English. Now that's a deal.!

Hope to see you there.



*Are You Ready for Some Football?*

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL Steak Dinners

**\$8.00 per person**

Steaks cooked to order, potatoes, and salad  
Served from start of game until half-time

Hosted by Chuck & Ann English

Please reserve the Sunday prior to game day by calling  
Ann at 925-779-9330 or  
Use the sign-up sheet located by the registration book at  
the front door at the Club



**REAR COMMODORE  
LOUIE ROCHA**

During the month of August, the Sportsmen YC played host to a number of special events. There was a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary party, Retirement party, a 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, and in September a wedding! The Sportsmen YC is a place where memories are created that last a lifetime.

In August, our Club event was the Country Round-Up. I was honored to serve as Sherriff, along with my trustee Deputy Don "Festus" Wilson. The Round-Up was an official "Hoe Down" that consisted of country music provided by D.J. Lawny Chapman, Country Line Dancing lessons led by dance instructor "Bunny", a tasty BBQ Rib Cook-Off and Potato Salad Competition. An outstanding BBQ dinner was provided by our resident BBQ Cook Pat Sebers and a down stairs country bar hosted by our Bar Manager Tammy Rocha.

Monday Night Football has started at SYC. Come out and join us for some exciting NFL Football and delicious steak dinners provided by Chuck and Ann English. I recommend that you make dinner reservations in advance because the steak dinners sell out each week.

At the September membership meeting, I was touched by the sincere emotion expressed by many of our members who spoke out in favor of providing support to Chef Paul and his son Daniel who is struggling with his loss of vision. Kudos to Robbie Horton, for taking the initiative to organize the "Daniel's Wish Fund." Members can contribute to this charitable fund by writing a check to the "Daniel Wish Fund" or by making a donation at the SYC Bar. The actions taken by our membership demonstrates the family atmosphere and environment that is shared by all. I am so very proud to be a part of such a caring organization.

It's great to be a member of the Sportsmen!

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.

**Have ideas or suggestions for the newsletter?**  
 Please send articles to: Terri Barton  
 Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org  
 Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month  
 Newsletter final editing by: Freda Lucido

# Menu

## October Meeting Dinner

*Country Fried Chicken*  
*Mashed Potatoes & Gravy*  
*Fresh Green Beans*  
*Tossed Green Salad*  
*Dinner Rolls*  
*Dessert*

*Dinner Prepared by*  
*Jay, Jay, and John -The Fresno Boys*  
*Dinners are \$10 per person*

*We are limited to 50 reservations,*  
*so make your reservations on-line*  
*or contact Ann English at 925.779.9330*

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 @ 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations. (This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)

## Welcome New Members



**Bob & Nancy Gaines**

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Not  
Available

**Earl & Jean Rounsaville**

### Sportsmen's Fishing Corner.....

Rumor has it—the hot spot for salmon is by Viera's Resort.



If you have fishing or hunting tips or information and you don't mind sharing with other fellow sportsmen, please send articles to: Terri Barton  
 Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org or the5bartons@comcast.net



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

Being we are still reliving our wonderful adventure of being Lighthouse Keepers for the month of July, I thought you might be interested in some historical lighthouse facts.

The first known lighthouse was in Alexandria, Egypt. It was completed in 280 B.C. It stood more than 350 feet tall until an earthquake destroyed it in the 1300's.

The world's oldest working lighthouse, La Coruna, stands at the northwest tip of Spain. The Romans built it early in the second century A.D. It is also called the Tower of Hercules.

The earliest "lighthouses" around the world were bonfires on beaches on cliffs. Later they just used lanterns on poles.

The first lighthouse on the West Coast was the Alcatraz Island Light in San Francisco Bay, completed in 1854. The original tower has been replaced by a 1909 vintage structure.

Being California has a geologically active plate which causes faults and volcanoes, it has also caused a rugged coastline with giant rocks, sandbars and jagged rocks just under the water's surface, waiting to catch a careless or lost navigator. Our lighthouses guard against these accidents, keeping our oceans safe.

The first U.S. lighthouse to use electricity is also the world's most famous lighthouse, the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. From its opening in 1886 until its deactivation as a lighthouse in 1902, its torch carried an electric light that was visible for 24 miles.

Did you know that every lighthouse light has a different time sequence? Battery Point's light when on every 26½ seconds and stayed on for 3½ seconds. By this pattern the ships know where they are.



**PICYA Report**  
**DARLENE DAWSON**

**2011 PICYA CALENDAR**

Oct 1	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Lake Tahoe YC
Oct 8	Make a Wish Cruise Driftwood YC
Oct 15	Fall Management Conference Pittsburg Yacht Club

**Report of Past Events**

**Regatta Awards Presidio Yacht Club 9/12/11**

Commodore Linda Breninger called the room to order at 7:00 pm. An Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by S/C Manual Mier.

Presidio Commodore Jim Earhart welcomed all the Presidion YC. The club has existed for 52 years and was expressly et up for those who were veteran members of the armed forces. He thanked the kitchen crew, especially the chef Mary Jane Hutchinson.

Commodore Linda Breninger introduced the Regatta committee Chair Daphne Owen for the Presentation of the Lipton, CHISPA and Youth Regatta Awards. She was thanked for all of her hard work. Congratulations to all participants and winners.

**PCYA Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta 9/24/11**

Fifteen years ago chairperson Staff Commodore Margot Brown had a vision—that vision was to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces with a cruise on the San Francisco Bay followed by a picnic and entertainment on the beautiful grounds of the Encinal YC. That first year there were 12 boats and 64 vets.

Our honoree member Larry Draper was Vice-Chair of the Regatta again this year. Larry has manned the galley for fifteen years and always fed us well.

The PICYA Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta is a tremendous undertaking that could not happen without the support and dedication of the planners, the donors and the doers.

Bless All !

**Coming Events**

**Make-A-Wish**

On Saturday, October 8, 2011 the Driftwood YC will celebrate an extraordinary milestone—the 25th Annual Cruise Day to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation! All the funds raised at this event will be used to fulfill the wishes of Bay Area kids. Your support will have a direct impact on the children we serve. Please join us in helping Driftwood YC celebrate this special year in support of



**NEWS FROM**  
**FLEET CAPTAIN**  
**CYNTHIA PETERSEN**

Ahoy there...

Fall is here and the boating season, unfortunately, is winding down...

There are no more official cruise-outs on the calendar, although a couple Sportsmen members mentioned they might try heading up to Little Venice YC one last time in October before the season ends. If that comes together, or I hear of anything else being planned, I will let you know. It will probably be in the form of an e-mail blast at the last minute if anything actually comes together....

And, it's not too early to mark your calendars for December 3rd. Sportsmen YC will be hosting the Annual Lighted Boat Parade on the River, with boats from Sportsmen, Driftwood YC, New Bridge YC, and Ebony BC all participating. Additional information will be posted on the Club bulletin board when it becomes available, which should be in time for the November newsletter.

All the best and see you on the water.



our local children with life threatening illnesses.

**Fall Management Conference**

The Fall Management Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Pittsburg YC.

A continental breakfast will be served at 8:00 am and the conference will begin at 9:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

This is a great opportunity for yacht club management, both new and existing to receive updated information beneficial to yacht club operation.

Conference speakers will include: ABC, non-profit club, taxes/sales tax, insurance, RBOC, USCG, BoatUs, ship's store and more.

The cost is \$28.00 and must be prepaid. For more information, Please Contact Lew Long—Conference Chair at (530) 277-7032.

# Lots of Fun at our Annual Picnic!



## October Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Sandie Schneider | 21 Denise Sterud     |
| 02 Dick Norway      | 22 Sheila Raines     |
| 02 Sarah Corippo    | 22 Steve Jackman     |
| 03 Nancy Olsson     | 23 Armi Rafanan      |
| 04 Tony Chapman     | 23 Bill Fraser       |
| 06 Celina Lafrades  | 23 Lisa Chapman      |
| 09 Jerry Fitzgerald | 23 Michaela Chaisson |
| 11 Jill Wibbenhorst | 23 Roger Mammon      |
| 11 Robert Art       | 24 Bill Worrell      |
| 12 Helen Ferrari    | 24 Susan Nofrey      |
| 13 Bob Garrett      | 24 Ted Idsoe         |
| 13 Jane Parsons     | 25 Steve Nicholas    |
| 13 Walt Hoy         | 27 Sheila Sanders    |
| 15 Garry Ridolfi    | 28 Ed Collins        |
| 15 Sherry Lively    | 28 Jerry Kent Jr.    |
| 19 Kathy Harvey     | 29 Maribeth Linhart  |
| 21 Carol Hager      |                      |



### Breast Cancer Luncheon / Fundraiser

October 15, 2011  
Tickets \$20.00

For more information contact  
Becky Wilson at 925-383-1310

### BINGO will resume play on Friday, October 21st



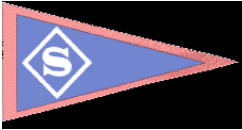
6 pm -Bingo Cards on Sale  
7 pm- Let the Games Begin

\$10 / 4 Cards  
\$2.00/ Each Extra Card  
10 Games per Evening

## Congratulations!



Charlie McMeekin was awarded his Life Membership Award at the September General Membership Meeting by Commodore Ridolfi. Congratulations, Charlie, on 30 years' membership in our Club!



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## Neil Martin Sterud

November 1, 1920—September 14, 2011



Fellow member, Neil Sterud, passed away at 5:59 p.m. at his home on Wednesday, September 14, 2011. He suffered from congestive heart failure and had been hospitalized recently. His family was with him when he passed away.

Neil and his wife, Evonne, joined our Club in 1982. Evonne preceded him in death on November 8, 2006. Neil was very active at our Club in years past and was very talented in his woodworking skills. Their boat was named Heavenly Daze and he loved to take the boat out, fishing and enjoying the Delta. Neil was always one of the first to make reservations for our annual Crab Feed and would always bring along lots of family and friends for that event.

Donations may be given in Neil's memory to St. John's Lutheran Church in Antioch, a church he helped build and where he donated much of his time and talents.

We will certainly miss his great smile and sweet spirit.

*Our sincere sympathy to his family.*