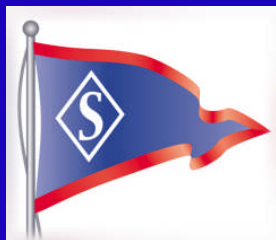


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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Louie Rocha

I write this letter upon my return from the Sportsmen Cruise-Out to Delta Marina in Rio Vista. It was a fun outing for our members to participate in. We had a tasty chili cook-off, followed by a scavenger hunt. The chili cook-off had five different recipes in crock pots that were sampled by all. Congratulations to Paulet Hoskins for being selected as the #1 recipe. The scavenger hunt was a great deal of fun for our members who searched for items from a mystery list. It was entertaining to watch them running around the camp grounds in search of the items. Some of our members extended their search out into the neighborhoods. We had a tie between the Hinds and Wilsons who

both were able to locate all of the items. The "Reese's Buttercup" toss was won by the Hinds! Congratulations to all who participated in this successful event. We did not allow it to rain on our parade!

I want to praise Tammy for organizing this successful cruise-out. This year she has served as Event Chairperson, Bar Manager, and Fleet Captain. I think she has pulled off a "trifecta" successfully serving in three very important roles!

Our next Club event will be the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26th. It is my hope that we can resurrect the costume party that was very popular in past years. The entertainment committee is planning on developing a

haunted house downstairs with Halloween decorations on both floors. I invite our members who have cabins downstairs to participate in the haunted house and for members to assist with decorations. If you are interested in assisting in the event, please contact Tammy.

The haunted house will be open on Saturday, October 26th, from 6-8 p.m. for SYC members to share with their children and guests. Reminder, that members are responsible for their guests and required to be present with their guests at the haunted house and party. A costume party with music provided by D.J. Danny Meinecke will start at 8:30 p.m. and conclude at

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Vice Commodore Don Wilson

I'm sure by now most of you have heard about the closure of our neighbor Driftwood YC. This came as somewhat of a shock to me. I'm ashamed to admit that I don't know much about the history and activities of that club but I was surprised to hear the bad news.

On much the same topic, I think we should appreciate how fortunate our Club is

in that our membership continues to grow with a steady influx of new members. Not only are we adding numbers to our Club, we are drawing very nice folks to our ranks. The new members are family oriented and eager to help in any way they can. I want to encourage the new members to be involved and stay that way; this is what makes our Club the one that

people want to join.

Our Club Picnic was on the 7th of September and, as always, one of my favorite events of the year. Thanks to all who made that day a success. Louie and Tammy put forth a lot of effort and planning to make it a special day for our members. I would like to acknowledge all who helped in the galley that

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Friday Night Special

Pork Carnitas, Rice, Beans, Salad, Dessert
Prepared by John Shaner

\$10 per person



Volunteers are needed to cook for the
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Becky Wilson for details (229.3121)

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

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.

Your ideas and suggestions for this Newsletter are welcome!

Articles are due by the 20th of each month.
Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org
or contact Freda Lucido at 228.3609

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12:30 a.m. There is no cost for admission; we just ask that you bring a dish or an hors d'oeuvre to share and you get into the spirit of the event by wearing a Halloween costume. There will be prizes for the best Halloween costumes.

This month we enter the 10th month of the year. This has been an enjoyable time for me to serve as Commodore. All of the Club events this year have been highly successful thanks to the support of so many. The income from our successful Club events, along with an increase in membership has resulted in over \$25,000 positive growth. I am excited by the positive vibe that is contagious at our Club at a time when so many other clubs are struggling to survive, while some have closed. I am optimistic about the future of our historic yacht club based on the high level of participation and increased membership.

This month a list of nominations will be posted for the Sportsmen November Ballot for Officers and Directors. I encourage you to get involved and make a difference. We have a strong Executive Board that will have a few openings next year. Leadership can be challenging at times; however, the rewards are much greater!

It's great to be a Sportsmen!



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day. Also thanks to those who worked the bar. I would like to name everyone who contributed but I would run out of room in this article. Three members need special thanks so I will put these guys on the top of the list. First is Director Doug Horton. On Friday, he cleaned the patio area and Saturday he cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers. Next is Director/HarborCaptain Lonnie Gibson. Lonnie picked up the Bentwood corn and on Saturday drove to Bodega Bay and picked up the oysters. Last our own Treasurer Marina Faconti cleaned the bar on Friday and the comment I heard was, "It's never been this clean." Based on the people I've just mentioned, do you new members see a pattern here? Get involved and enjoy the Club!

Last thought: Italian Night Dinner is normally the 3rd Friday Night of every month. Don't miss out on this.

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

Monday Night Football!!!



Details at General Membership Meetings

October

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| 4 | Club Meeting
(Board Nominations) |
| 5 | Work Party |
| 12 | Breast Cancer Fundraiser |
| 26 | Halloween Party & Dance |
| 30 | Pre-Derby Dinner & Fishing Seminar |

November

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| 1 | Club Meeting |
| 1-3 | Annual Fishing Derby |
| 11 | Veteran's Day Dinner |
| 16 | 2014 Officer Photos |

December

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| 6 | Club Meeting |
| 7 | Lighted Boat Parade |
| 14 | Kids with Santa & Potluck |
| 31 | New Year's Eve Party |



Rear Commodore Rick Barton

Earlier this year, I expressed a desire to try and live up to our original incorporation papers which stated that we would: (a) assist and promote the conservation, propagation and protection of fish, game and forests in the State of California, (b) promote the sport of fishing and/or hunting in the State of California and (c) do and

perform every act and thing necessary or convenient to carry out the above named purposes. I came up with a plan to run a series of field trips for Antioch schools which would accomplish these goals. I have since been informed that both Louie and Kathie have received calls of concern from members who are worried about potential lawsuits if we proceed with the plan so I decided at the last Board Meeting to withdraw the proposal. I had hoped that once we started running the field trips we could start applying for grants to try and save the ferry but I guess we will have to go with Plan B. Does anyone have a Plan B?

My cousin and I went to San Francisco two weeks ago to watch the America's Cup. We dropped in on the Golden Gate YC before the races. They had sold tickets to the races (sold out) so they couldn't let me in, but the members I talked to all encouraged me to come back that afternoon, after the races, to meet their board members, tour their facilities, and discuss ways we can take advantage of their club. Unfortunately, we had to leave right after the races (I don't advise walking from BART to the Golden Gate YC), but I hope to return sometime after the races end and take them up on their invitation.

A leaky hatch cover and very rainy day prevented me from taking my boat to the Rio Vista cruise-out but my wife and I packed an ice chest and took a drive to Rio Vista. We had a wonderful time even though I discovered I have to be about the worst liars' dice player in the world. I did not do a head count but estimate about 30 members in attendance. Everyone had a great time. The food was awesome and I love touring other members' boats. The day reaffirmed my belief that cruise-outs are one of the highlights of belonging to a yacht club.

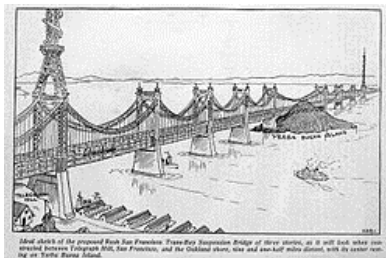


HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

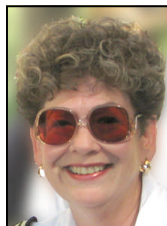
The original Bay Bridge was thought about as early as the Gold Rush days, but construction did not start until 1933. It was built by the American Bridge Company. It first opened for traffic on November 12, 1936, but it was two years before the trains utilized the bridge. The San Francisco Bay Bridge opened six months before the Golden Gate Bridge. It originally carried automobile traffic on the upper deck and trucks and trains on the lower deck.

It only took a decade for the huge ferry fleet, which was so popular, to be down to four boats. In 1939, the buses began running across the Bay Bridge into a new terminal at First and Mission Streets in San Francisco. The city streetcars were rerouted accordingly. Of course, this affected the streetcar ridership from the ferry building. More and more people drove to work instead of taking the trains and this loss of streetcar ridership changed the city's transportation system forever. By the 1950s, the ferry ridership was damaged forever. The businesses at the foot of Market Street went into a non-repairable slump. Buses replacing the streetcars went to the ferry building only because they had no other place to turn around.

How things have changed. Now we have a new Bay Bridge recently opened to cars both ways and where are the trains? Under the water, known as BART.



Sketch of the proposed
"Rush San Francisco Trans-Bay
Suspension Bridge (1913)



PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

2013 PICYA CALENDAR

Oct 5	Delegates' Meeting Tahoe YC	Nov 5	Delegates' Meeting Encinal YC PICYA Awards
Nov 2	Fall Management Conference Berkeley YC	Dec	No Meeting

Thank you, Kay Power, for attending the Regatta Awards Dinner at the beautiful Oakland YC. Congratulations to all participants and winners! Also, a special thank you to Vice Commodore Liz Allison for her very generous donation of \$2800 to the scholarship fund in memory of Andy Desin.

After returning home from New York on Tuesday, September 10th, Jim and I received a call from fellow Sportsmen Vince Rafanan, requesting we bring his boat (*Golden Goose*) to San Francisco. We arrived in San Francisco on Thursday, just in time to take Vincent and his guests on an evening cruise to view the new span and light show on the Bay Bridge. Saturday, the 14th, while watching the America's Cup Race, we all held our breath while New Zealand's *Emirates* almost tipped over! On our return Sunday from watching the America's Cup Race, guests on board had a special treat when *Oracle* came flying by our stern not more than 20 feet away! Cheers rang out from *Oracle* and the *Golden Goose*! Many of the guests aboard had never been on a boat before. What a first! A beautiful boat, San Francisco Bay, and an up-close encounter with the defender of the America's Cup, *Oracle*!

Many thanks to our friend, Deanna Desin, and Mariposa Hunter's Point YC for their five-star hospitality while we were in San Francisco.



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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2013

THE ELECTION OF 2014 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

We will be voting on the following offices

COMMODORE
VICE COMMODORE
REAR COMMODORE
TREASURER
SECRETARY
Two (2) DIRECTORS

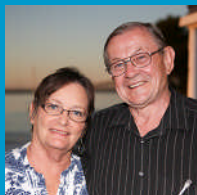
THE NAMES OF THOSE NOMINATED WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN OCTOBER. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE VERBALLY BY ANY REGULAR, FAMILY, OR LIFE MEMBER DURING THAT MEETING. THE NAMES OF ALL NOMINEES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLUB BULLETIN BOARD AND WILL REMAIN POSTED UNTIL THE NOVEMBER 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 31, 2013

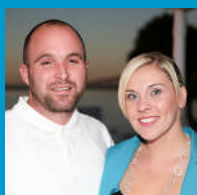
Welcome New Members!



Bill & Darlene Moore



Matthew Peebles



Stephan & Julie Shelton

Invite your friends and family to be a part of Sportsmen YC!

Rio Vista Cruise-Out and Chili Cook-Off Results!



Congratulations to Paulet Hoskins... and Mike too (who says he just eats the chili!) ... for winning the Chili Cook-Off Contest!

The Scavenger Hunt was won by Rick & Anita Hinds who bought some items from the little store in order to complete their list!

Just shows how our members can "think outside the box" to get the job done!



Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Event Begins at 11:30
Lunch Served at 12:30



Saturday, October 12th

Lunch Menu

Pasta, Chicken Caesar Salad,
French Bread & Dessert

\$20 per person

Make your reservations online
or contact Ann English at 779-9330

Over 10 Vendors
Lots of Jewelry
Come to shop and
have fun!!!

Reservations
Requested By
October 9th

October Birthdays!

01 Sandie Schneider
02 Dick Norway
02 Sarah Corippo
03 Gary Fields
04 Pudge Hanson
04 Tony Chapman
06 Celina Lafrades
09 Jerry Fitzgerald
09 Lynda Bloxson
11 Jill Wibbenhorst
11 Robert Art
12 Donna DeSair
12 Helen Ferrari
13 Bob Garrett
13 Jane Parsons
14 Martin Rudolph
15 Garry Ridolfi
15 Sherry Lively
19 Kathy Harvey
21 Denise Sterud
22 Sheila Raines
22 Steve Jackman
23 Armi Rafanan
23 Bill Fraser
23 Lisa Chapman
23 Michaela Chaisson
23 Roger Mammon
24 Bill Worrell
24 Susan Nofrey
24 Ted Idsoe
25 Marianne Tate
25 Steve Nicholas
27 Sheila Sanders
28 Ed Collins
28 Jerry Kent, Jr.



Annual Fishing Derby

Get your fishing poles
dusted off and save up for
some bait! Our Annual
Weekend Fishing Derby
begins at 10 p.m. Friday,
November 1st, and ends
Sunday, November 3rd, at 3 p.m.



Entry fee is \$5 per category, per family (husband, wife, children and grandchildren to age 8); members and their guests are invited to participate! Entry fees for guests will be \$5 per person, 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 November 3rd, 3 p.m. deadline. There are three categories: Stripers, Sturgeon, and Catfish. All fish must be weighed in at the Sportsmen YC scale and witnessed by another member.

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 after the derby.

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

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



Halloween Party!!!

Saturday, October 26th



Haunted House from 6-8 p.m. (Lower Deck)

Costume Party with Music by DJ Danny Meinecke
begins at 8:30 p.m. (Upper Deck)

No cost for admission - Please bring a dish or an hors d'oeuvre to share

Prizes for the best costumes!!