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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Matt Tate

We had a nice September around the Club, with the Annual Club Picnic being the highlight. We had somewhere around 150+ members and guests attend. Commodores Robert Babo, Bobby Brown and I were kept quite busy at the grill; it was a lot of fun keeping up with the hordes of hungry eaters!

Thanks to everyone who helped make it all happen, from preparing all of the dishes, helping out at the bar, and thanks to our new associates Bud and Mike for keeping the keg beer line moving and then, afterwards, doing a yeoman's job with the patio clean-up. A lot of the younger kids (and some of the rather older kids as well!) enjoyed some games of strength and skill with the tug-of-

war, egg and balloon toss and snakes. My nieces and nephew attended and they really enjoyed the games and playing with all of the other kids. There are many of us who come together to make this a great event for and at our Club; I look forward to it annually.

The other main event last month was our Cruise Out to Rio Vista and the Clam Chowder Cook-Off. While as of this writing, it has not yet occurred, I am sure from past experience that all those who made the trip out, by whatever means, will have enjoyed some delicious chowder, and will have spent some time relaxing, visiting and playing some games under the patio.

This month's meeting is a rather important one at our club; it is at the

October meeting that we are seeking nominations for next year's Board of Officers and Directors. If you have any desire to help represent the Club and its members and help ensure that the Club runs smoothly and efficiently, please see PC Rick Barton and put your name on the list. It can be a very rewarding and enlightening experience helping to make sure our Club continues to be run and maintained in a manner that we can all be proud of.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club or out on the Delta!!!



## Vice Commodore Robert Babo

The Annual Club Picnic was a wonderful event and I would like to thank everyone who helped! I would like to thank my fellow Commodores as they cooked their behinds off in near 90 degree heat to get the hot dogs & hamburgers done for the members. We had about 150 souls on board that day. What a great turnout! The kids were kept occupied with tug-of-

war, egg toss and water balloon toss; these are our future horseshoe & cornhole players. Events like these take a lot of behind the scenes help and I can't say thank you enough to those who were up till 2 a.m. making salads or showing up early to cut up the lettuce and tomatoes, going shopping, etc. Thank You All!

Elections are coming up in

November and, with that being said, we will have nominations at our October meeting. If you have an interest in running for a Board position, please contact Rick Barton. If you are interested in other volunteer positions, please come and talk to me. These are great ways to get involved with the Club and the help is always appreciated!

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## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

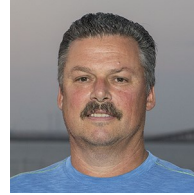
DINNER PREPARED BY RICK & SERGE

DESSERT PREPARED BY JANET



Limited to the first 60 reservations.  
Make your reservations ONLINE or  
contact Ann at 779-9330  
as soon as possible!

## Welcome New Associate



Mike & Jana Minick

(Personal information is not published in  
the web version of this Newsletter.)

## Reminder!

*We will be accepting nominations for our  
2018 Board of Directors at our October  
General Membership Meeting.*

*If you are interested in being on the 2018  
Board, please contact  
Rick Barton at 890-3223.*

### Volunteers are needed to cook for the Friday Night Meeting Dinners.

Please contact Ann English for details (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  
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

(Babo's Article continued from Page 1)

I would like to reach out to ALL the sponsors of the new  
associates. At the picnic, we had two associate members  
helping, Bud DiChristina and Mike Minick, who signed up the  
night before. This is when you should encourage your  
PROSPECTIVE, associate member to help! I know this event is  
usually put on by the Board members but it is also a highly  
visible gathering to get known by the Club members. We still  
have a few events coming up and I would like you to check in  
with the people you have sponsored and see that they  
CONTRIBUTE in the upcoming months.



## Sportsmen YC's Upcoming Events

### October

### November

6 Club Meeting  
(2018 Board Nominations)  
7 Work Party  
13-15 Discovery Bay YC Cruise-In  
13 Game Night & Dinner  
14 Dinner (TBD)  
15 Commodore's Breakfast  
21 Breast Cancer Luncheon  
28 Halloween Party

1 Pre-Derby Dinner &  
Fishing Seminar  
3 Club Meeting & 2018  
Board Elections  
3-11 Annual Fishing Derby  
11 2018 Officer Photos &  
Calendar Planning  
11 Veterans' Day Potluck &  
Fishing Derby Results

17-19 Cruise-Out TBD  
23 Happy Thanksgiving!  
24 Game Night & Dinner  
24 Christmas Tree  
Decorating Contest Begins  
25 Work Party

### Monday Night Football

Our Menu will be  
**Cheeseburgers**  
Made-To-Order  
and All The Fixin's



**Special Dinner Menu**  
on October 23rd  
prepared by  
Heather & Dave Newton



## Rear Commodore Bobby Brown

I'd like to start this month's letter with a thank you to all who showed up for our Club Picnic. The weather was perfect, the view priceless, and your faces bright. I really enjoy cooking for my friends and Club Family.

Thank you to our Commodore Matt, Vice Commodore Robert, Denise Babo, Marianne Tate, Liz Allen, Bob Buckley, and all who helped put this special event together. I would like to also stress the importance of reservations. Putting on events like our picnic are fun, but still require planning. Yes, this event was more simple than most other events, but as anyone and everyone puts an event together, it is a requirement to know how many friends and family will attend. Nobody wants to run out of food, drinks, party favors, seats, etc. Please, in the future, reserve yours (and whomever you would like to bring to an event) to our very special Ann English or online to make sure we, as a Club, don't order too much or, more importantly, not have enough which will put a frown on anyone's face.

October is full of fun and exciting events. Yes, five Monday Night Football dinners take up most of the calendar (reservations online or with Ann), but the date that stands out the most for me is October 6th. Not only do we have our

monthly Club meeting, but it is especially important to discuss our 2018 Board Nominations. If you, or someone you know, would like to run for a seat on the Board, please talk with a current Board member or, better yet, our Past Commodore Rick Barton. Every member has a voice. If you would like to help continue the positive direction of our Club in a more personal manner, I encourage you to step up to the plate and take a swing. Good luck!

October 28th is our Halloween party. Come join us in this fun-filled, spookalicious event! A haunted ship, crept out with skeletons, ghosts and goblins will be on the lower deck. Bring the little ones and walk through but don't get scared! See you all there!

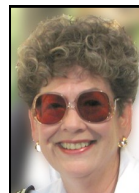


## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

This article is in part from the book, "Trains to the Russian River" by Fred A. Stindt.

Any summer day in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and into the beginning of the 1930s, you would see long lines at the Northwestern Pacific Railroads ticket windows at the Ferry building in San Francisco. The lines would start at about 7 a.m. and continue until 8:45 a.m. as vacationers, weekend travelers, or people just going on a day trip to visit the vacationland along the Russian River. My mother, who was born in 1909 and lived in San Francisco after coming from England, would board one of these trains every year with her mother, brother, and sister to stay at a cottage they rented for the summer in Rio Nido.

At precisely 7:45 a.m., the big sliding door would open and everyone would make a mad dash to board the ferry boat to Sausalito where you climbed aboard the steam trains. The gate keeper would call out, "All aboard for Point Reyes, Tomales, Occidental, Camp Meeker, Monte Rio, Duncan Mills and Cazadero, narrow gauge Train Number 8." In three minutes, the rush was over and the ferry, with a splash and foam from its massive paddle wheels, was on its way. On Sundays and holidays, there were even more people so they had a special broad gauge excursion train that departed with the ferry connection leaving San Francisco at 7:15 a.m. The "iron horse" was king and the swaying wooden open platform cars were a thrill to ride, as thoughts of fun at the beach and in the woods were going through the minds of the thousands who rode the ferries and trains to the Russian River.



## PICYA NEWS

**DARLENE DAWSON**

### 2017 PICYA CALENDAR

Oct 14	Delegates' Meeting Tahoe YC	Nov 18	Fall Management Conference Loch Lomond YC
Nov 6	2017 Awards Dinner Encinal YC		

### **RBOC Regional Issues - Key Water Agency Board Votes Against Participating in California WaterFix**

By a 7-1 vote, the Westlands Water District Board of Directors has voted against participating and providing an estimated one quarter of the projected \$17 billion cost of the RBOC-opposed California WaterFix that includes the controversial twin tunnels through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

**Don't Forget...** The date for the Fall Management Conference at Loch Lomond YC will be held on November 18th. For details and/or information, please contact me.

**Thank you, Morris,** for attending the PICYA Annual Regatta Awards Dinner at Berkeley YC in September. Congratulations to each participant and to the trophy award recipients.

On October 5th, the **Corinthian YC Speaker Series** will feature Chris Ray and his wife who spent 24 days in Antarctica photographing the land, ice-scapes, and wildlife. For reservations, email [speakers@cyc.org](mailto:speakers@cyc.org).

## Pre-Derby Dinner & Fishing Seminar

Wednesday, November 1st

Dinner served 6:30 p.m.  
Fishing Seminar at 7:30 p.m.



Dinner  
\$10

Reservations  
not required.  
Plenty of food  
for everyone!

A guest speaker will share his tips for catching  
the winning fish in this year's Derby

Door Prize: Rod & Reel  
Plus a Raffle that every fisherman will appreciate!

Check the SYC Website for updated details



Meatloaf Cook-Off & Side-Dish Potluck  
Saturday, November 11th

Bring your favorite Meatloaf to participate in the  
cook-off. Whether or not you're participating in the  
cook-off, please bring a side dish to share.

Everyone Welcome to Participate!!!

Reservations Not Necessary

## Sportsmen YC Honors Our Veterans



## Fishing Derby Results

For our November 3-11 Fishing Derby...  
Winners will be announced at this event  
and we have lots of door prizes!

If you're not in our Year-Long Derby, you will want  
to see Jim Dawson before you go out fishing!

## You are invited to attend our Breast Cancer Luncheon

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 11:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. \$25

## Proceeds go to Save A Sister's Life

### Our Menu & Other Details:

Chicken Caesar Salad, Alfredo Pasta, French Bread & Dessert Bar

Our Bar will be serving a Special Drink of the Day!

Select vendors will be offering their items For Sale

We are accepting donations for raffle prizes.  
Contact Becky Wilson if you would like to decorate a table.

Make your reservations ONLINE or call Ann English  
Reservations requested by October 15th

Event Coordinators are Becky Wilson (383-1310) and Ann English (779-9330)



## October Birthdays!

01 Sandie Schneider  
 02 Dick Norway  
 03 Gary Fields  
 03 Mary Trautner  
 04 Paul Berg  
 04 Pudge Hanson  
 04 Tony Chapman  
 06 Celina Lafrades  
 09 Jerry Fitzgerald  
 09 Michael Caputo  
 11 Arleigh Nave  
 11 Jill Wibbenhorst  
 12 Helen Ferrari  
 15 Garry Ridolfi  
 19 Kathy Harvey  
 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 Lillie Anne Smith  
 25 Marianne Tate  
 28 Ed Collins  
 28 Jerry Jr. Kent



## 2017 Sportsmen YC Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of September 20, 2017)



We have 24 people entered so far in the 2017 Derby.

- \* There is \$325 total in this Derby so far.
- \* Rules are posted at the Club.
- \* Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- \* Three categories: Strippers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- \* Cost is \$5.00 per category; you do not need to be entered in all categories.

**Catfish:** Ed Salmon has caught three catfish—a 3 pounder, one weighing 1.78 pounds, and one weighing 1.75 pounds.

**Striped Bass:** So far, there are no striped bass caught.

**Sturgeon:** Ed Salmon took over 1st place with a 23.5 pounder; Bobby Brown holds 2nd place with a 19pound catch.



# An International Weekend!

Discovery Bay YC is Cruising-In October 13th-15th

Friday, October 13th  
Game Night 6:30 p.m.

### Oktoberfest Dinner

Brats and Beer

Cheddar Soup

Green Salad

\$10



Games immediately after dinner

Make reservations ONLINE or  
Call Ann at 779-9330

Saturday, October 14th  
Italian Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Chicken Cacciatore

Served over Pasta

Green Salad & Bread

Dessert

\$15



Make reservations ONLINE or  
Call Ann at 779-9330

Sunday, October 15th  
Commodore's Breakfast

Cajun Breakfast Bowls

Served from 9-10:30 a.m.

\$6



Reservations for Breakfast  
not necessary

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### FIRST CLASS MAIL



A woman rushed into a hardware store and said, "Can I have a mouse trap, please? And will you be quick; I've got a bus to catch!"

"Sorry, Ma'am," said the store clerk, "but we don't sell 'em that big!"



## All Ghouls on Deck!

(Sportsmen YC's Halloween Party)

**Saturday, October 28th, 6 p.m.**



**Haunted Ship Tour on the Lower Deck**

**Special Treats will follow on the Upper Deck for Everyone**

**All ages are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to wear Costumes!**

**Please bring a canned food item to donate to a local food drive  
and bring a Finger Food Treat to share on the Upper Deck.**

**Planning meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings following Boys' Night Out  
dinners starting on October 4th. Please come to make this a "spooktacular" event!**

**If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please contact  
Micheline at 565-3328 or Marianne at 848-6875**

**(Reservations Not Necessary)**

