

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2004



FROM OUR COMMODORE DAVID SELVY



We have just two months to go to the New Year and could you believe it? The harbor is nearly finished dredging

this year, as of this writing!

The crews working on and around the project are to be congratulated for their hard work and I will state for now that the Club owes a great deal of gratitude to these fine hard working members: **Tony Siino** and **Tim Doolin**, the generator once again loaned to us by Associate and crew member **Carl Swenson**, along with **Ed Elledge** among others, took over and continued operating the dredge in **Jim Dawson's** absence while deer hunting up north.

I stopped by on Saturday last to check out the dredging and found **Chuck Carroll** and **Lonnie Gibson** working away on Area 2 shed supports and I ended up helping out (holding things and getting beer for them). These people are doing the

work of many and if you haven't lent a hand, then you are the one who have lost out. There have been a lot of laughs and many friendships have been annealed.

The October rain and wind assisted in the unplanned escape of the love-sick Area 3 shed...breaking it away from its moorings and visiting its dear friend, the Area 2 shed. They were caught embracing one another yet not damaging the innocent water craft within their berths.

Bert Schneider and some of our other denizen members availed themselves to the task and broke up the budding romance and nuzzled the forlorn, lonely, and un-loved Area 3 shed back to her proper location. ...film at 11.

The mystery cruise from Discovery Bay YC, set up by Cruise Captain **Tom DeVeau**, had to be loaned out to our good friends and neighbors, Driftwood YC. The "Drifties" really put on the dog for our south county friends. We planned on having the harbor done for them but with the problems with the dredge and the

work not quite done, we opted for the change and all were happy. We were open for them to visit for breakfast and Saturday night drinks and a visit by them to our vaunted museum, below decks.

Don't forget the 7th Annual Pre-Derby Rib Dinner & Fishing Seminar on Wednesday, November 3rd, and the Annual Fishing Derby the weekend after the November Meeting. Y'know, **Neal and Diane Essary** have been putting this event on since... forever ...and their energy and devotion to this and other fine events is really a testimony to their love for our club. *Thank you Neal and Diane!!*

Thanksgiving will be one holiday where we need to gather with our families and friends and realize the gifts we have taken so much for granted.

Be thankful, be grateful, and rejoice in what life we have to share for the very short time we are here.

Uf-Dah!

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November

3 Fishing Seminar
5 Club Meeting
6-7 Annual Fishing Derby
13 Work Party
13 Officer Pictures for 2005
25 Thanksgiving Potluck

December

3 Club Meeting
4 Lighted Boat Parade
11 Kids with Santa Party & Potluck
31 New Year's Eve Party

January

7 Club Meeting
8 Work Party
22 Installation Dinner

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Tony Siino**, who took over as Dredge Coordinator in Jim's absence, and everyone who has

been so supportive of our Dredging Project.

Thanks to the ever-watchful eye of Relief Caretaker **Bert Schneider**, Area 3 was temporarily secured by **Chuck Kotecki** and **Tim Lamb** in the middle of horrendous storm. Later, we had a full crew who made Area 3 more secure.

In addition, I would like to thank **Tony Chapman** for taking time from his busy schedule to repair our existing gate and keep the new gate installation moving at a steady pace.

The following is an excerpt of an article that appeared in the October issue of the *Bay & Delta Yachtsman* magazine regarding User's Fees for Delta Boaters. It is taken from Hal Schell's monthly article, *Dawdling on the Delta*.

"Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) is reporting from reliable sources that CalFed Bay Delta

Commission's Executive Director, Patrick Wright, is looking around for additional funding and has the notion that wakes from boats contribute to levee failures and that boaters should pay some type of a fee for use of the waterways "supported" by the levee system.

RBOC is a sophisticated organization, with paid representation in Sacramento, and with members who have their ears to the ground, are serious about their mission, and have good contacts. If they say a Delta boater user fee is a possibility, or even a likelihood, I believe them. Of course, such a fee is not a very new idea although I think it to be a bad one. There were waterways and boats in the Delta before there were any levees. Boaters did not ask to have the levees built. We already pay substantial taxes on our boats. We need to oppose any effort to charge us additional taxes, no matter what they choose to call them."

According to **RBOC Director, Dave Breninger**, "Hal has summarized it well..."

As a last note, thanks to **Karissa Larosee** and **Tess Stubberfield** for helping to make our Make-A-Wish raffle a success.

November
Happy
Birthday
Wishes



- Nov 01 Neil Sterud
- Nov 03 Justin Nicholas
- Nov 04 Pat Swank
- Nov 07 Jerry Chamberlain
- Nov 07 Loreen Carr
- Nov 08 Marie Mello
- Nov 08 Ron Russo
- Nov 08 Serlina Anderson
- Nov 11 Debra Beckert
- Nov 12 Jean Transchel
- Nov 14 Dee Pacheco
- Nov 15 William Shyne
- Nov 16 Amy Dawson
- Nov 17 Pamela Hamilton
- Nov 18 Nancy Yarbrough
- Nov 21 Gary Hager
- Nov 22 Bill Crociata
- Nov 22 Bradley Margetts
- Nov 22 Bill Wills
- Nov 22 Ken Williams
- Nov 25 Herb Pekonen
- Nov 25 Wayne Novinger
- Nov 26 Sandy Williams
- Nov 26 Tom MacLean
- Nov 30 Lee Fitzgerald
- Nov 30 Terri Arnold



Not all sizes available
Come early for best selection

50% Off
All clothing & hats
in the Display Case
Sale starts
6:30 p.m.
Meeting Night
November 5th

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.
Flyer information is requested by the 15th.

Send Newsletter information to:
Freda Lucido
e-mail lucidos@pacbell.net
phone 228-3609



PICYA Report

Upcoming Events

- Nov 1 Delegates' Meeting & Awards Dinner at Encinal YC
- Dec No Meetings

- 2005
- Jan 29 Installation Dinner & Dance at Holiday Inn (Emeryville)

FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



Well, as most of you who were at the last meeting recall, I've asked everyone in the Club to take a hard look at the Area 3 sheds and be

prepared to make some decisions on what to do with them. The south end broke loose again in October and ripped the electrical panel off. We cannot make the standard setup around the piling as the headspace that the 2x6's need to fasten to is under water. **Chuck Larosee** is making up an angle iron deal that will temporarily bolt down to the top of the walkway. **Harbor Master Gibson** has stated that it will be necessary to close off the south end after that is done, but at least it will hold it from blowing away. I spoke to **Carl Rasmussen** about it and he is of the opinion that it would take a year's worth of Work Parties to bring Area 3 up to standards; I must admit that I concur with that. As a Club we need to decide what we are going to do.

On the brighter side, the dredging is coming along well and we are currently doing Area 1. The other day, **Jerry**

Fitzgerald, Lonnie Gibson, Dave Selvy, Dave MacDougall, Chuck Larosee, and myself repaired some finger uprights in Area 5, replaced the railing, and hooked up the electrical. We also replaced the ramp in Area 2. We lost the generator again on the dredge and thanks to **Carl Swenson** for loaning us his generator again until we can repair it.

The Make-a-Wish at Driftwood this year was another huge success and **Jerry Fitzgerald** told me he was happy with the contributions Sportsmen made. There were lots of boat rides and if you missed it, you missed a good time.

As I write this letter I'm getting ready for my annual elk hunting trip to Colorado and I'm looking particularly forward to it this year, as several Sportsmen are attending the trip with us, **Joe Stubberfield, Doug Horton, and Dave Beckert.** Anyone have a request for a couple of elk steaks? Hope my optimism doesn't over shadow the results.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and November's events.



HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



On Wednesday, October 13th, **Keith** and I went to the Benicia Library to see the model of the Solano Ferry. It was nice to finally meet

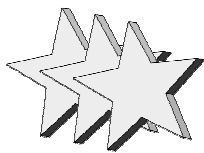
Thomas Rubarth and his brother **Bill Rubarth.** They had just arrived from Michigan, bringing their beautiful ferry model to the Bay Area by van. Their friend **Jim Turner** did most of the building of the ferry structure, **Bill** did the railroad part, and **Thomas** was the organizer.

They picked the Solano because it was a train ferry. At the time she was built, in 1879, she was the largest ferry in the world. She had a wood hull and measured 420.5' x 65' x 18.3'. She was one of only two ferries that had two walking beams; it was these walking beams that kept her rolling for 51 years on the Port Costa - Benicia run. In 1877, the railroad constructed a railroad line from Oakland to Berkeley, then to Richmond, Port Costa, and Martinez to Tracy which made a considerably shorter route than the former transcontinental route via Niles Canyon.

While skirting the south side of Carquinez Straits, the line came within a mile of the track that is on the opposite side of the water. They thought if only the straits could be crossed somehow, the route to Sacramento would be lessened by many miles. What they needed was a boat that carried an entire train, including the locomotive. The answer to the problem was to build the giant ferry steamer Solano.

The Solano stopped her run and was vacated in 1930. The interesting thing is she can now be seen in her watery grave in the Delta, by the Red Caboose restaurant in Antioch. If you look hard you can still see both of her walking beams, one standing up and one laying on its side.

Mark Your Calendars



Our 2005 Installation of Officers

Is scheduled for

Saturday, January 22nd

Details will be in the December Newsletter

Visit Sportsmen YC's Website



- ...to view pictures of recent Club events
- ...Calendar information for the year
- ...lots of other Club related information & links

www.sportsmenyc.org

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Please Note

We will be updating the Club Directory soon! If your address, phone number, e-mail address, or boat information has changed, please contact Don or Freda Lucido as soon as possible. Deadline for 2005 Directory updates is 12/5/04.

Please Note

Officer & Chairperson Pictures



**For 2005
Will be Taken
Saturday
November 13th
From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
at the Club**

At the November meeting, we will be voting to fill Board positions for 2005

The following members are candidates for the positions shown below:

**Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Secretary
Treasurer**

**Darlene Dawson
Chuck Carroll
Tony Chapman
Bob Art
Freda Lucido**

(2) Director Positions are Open

George Greer and Tim Nerby

Election of Officers

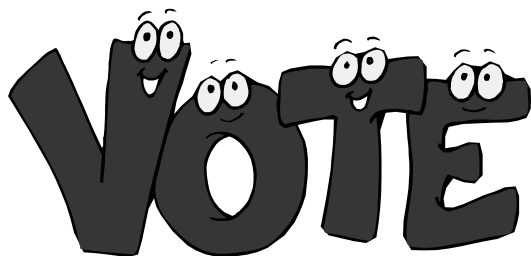
A Summary from our By-Laws...

The election of officers and directors will be held in the November General Membership Meeting. Elections are by secret ballot. If there is more than one nominee running for an office, the nominee must receive a majority vote to be elected. In the event of a tie vote, the deciding vote shall be cast by the Commodore (or Acting Commodore).

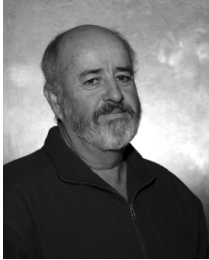
The names of those nominated will be announced by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at the General Membership Meeting in October. Additional nominations may be made orally by any Regular, Family, or Life Member during the October General Membership Meeting. These names will be posted on the bulletin board and remain posted until the November General Membership Meeting.

Additional nominations may be made prior to the first day of November by filing, in writing, with the Club Secretary. The written nomination must be signed by the member making the nomination and the proposed nominee. Such nominations will be posted on the bulletin board and remain posted until the November General Membership Meeting.

Nominations will not be accepted after October 31st.



**PORT CAPTAIN
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**



We were down to the wire with the Dredging Project. With eight days remaining (as of the writing of this article) on our 2004 permits, we had

about 200 feet left to dredge in Area 1. We have dredged every area in the harbor this year except for Area 4. The budget, approved by the membership before we started this year was \$27,000. I am happy to report we have only spent \$12,800. I believe this computes out that I need to spend \$14,200 in the last eight days (just kidding!).

This project was been accomplished through the efforts of many. Examples are: **Tony Siino** donated so many hours to this project and even ran the project while I was out of town for over a week. **Tim Lamb** was constantly fixing stuff on the dredge as well as running it. When Tony or Tim were dredging, we knew the mud was flowing!

Our most recent opportunity was when the starter for the generator failed. With every motor on the dredge being dependent on 240 volts and/or 3 phase, the generator was crucial. If it weren't for **Carl Swenson's** son loaning us his generator (again, at no charge) and Carl loaning us the heavy 105 foot power cord (from his own shop), the dredging project would have ended long ago. Not only did Carl donate so much equipment, but he donated weeks of his time to this project. *Thank you, Carl.*

Dave MacDougall always responded to the crew's needs when something on the dredge failed, which happened often. *Thanks, Dave.* **Ed Elledge** and **Dave Davidson** always kept a watchful eye on the holding pond (day and night) and kept us abreast of how much we could pump. Ed was the only person I could hear over the top of the dredging noises and normally he wasn't bragging on me.

Ed probably spent more time doing things for the dredging project than anyone. He started before most arrived and worked after most had left. I believe Ed was afraid he couldn't untie the knots the rest of us made. **Dave** and **Darlene** did the water samples and reports, and Darlene provided the lunches most days over the past three months. Those lunches kept the dredge crews coming back.

John Hunter just seemed to like getting dirty. He worked many days cleaning the snorkel as well as operating the dredge. He would normally get dirty en route to the dredge, and it's my belief he did this on purpose to show he was really working!

I also want to mention a few folks who spent a lot of time or manufactured/ repaired many items for this project. They are: **Tim Doolin, Chuck Kotecki, Chuck Larosee, Paul Larosee, Lonnie Gibson, Bob McLean, Mike Transchel, Don Lucido, Chuck Carroll, Russ Lord, Tom MacLean, Ray Salva, Jim Arnold, and Freda Lucido.** More than 30 other members assisted and spent some time in this project, and they will be named at a later date. The above is just a small sample of the devotion by so many in this Club. *I personally thank them all.*

There are so many more stories we could tell! Again, I will get with the crews and next month list all those folks who have made this project succeed. *Thanks again to everyone who has assisted in dredging over the past three months!* We dredged up a battery charger, so if you lost yours, see Tony or Tim!

On the Port Captain side, I want to thank **Jerry Fitzgerald** for repairing the urinals in the men's restrooms. This was not only a filthy job, but it took a lot of running around for parts as well as many hours. I want to say that Jerry was not asked to do this dirty deed, but he saw a problem and jumped into it. This is the Sportsmen way and we should all take note that when something needs to be done, it's perfectly o.k. if we take care of it, rather than just bringing it to someone else's attention.

YES!

**Dinner will be served
before our
November Meeting!**

Our Menu

**Ball-Tip Steak
Potato Salad
Beans with Sausage
Cole Slaw
and French Bread**

\$8 per person

**Prepared by
Len Adkerson
Dan Lynch
John Perryman
Kevin Wickman**

**We are limited to 50
reservations, so contact
Audrey (686-1167) or
Elaine (682-7585)
as soon as possible**

Come join us!



**For a Great
Breakfast...
Come to
Kathy's Galley**

**Saturday and Sunday Mornings
7-11 a.m.**

Thanks to **George Greer** and **Bert Schneider**, we have had Relief Caretakers. George and Bert were always assisting the dredgers when they were care taking; when they weren't care taking, they were still at the Club helping with the dredging project.

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Welcome New Associate Members

Len & Tina Adkerson

12 Canal Lane, Walnut Creek 94597

Phone: 937-0837

Dan & Kathy Lynch

1173 Outrigger Circle, Brentwood 94513

Phone: 516-2986

John Perryman

3228 Ameno Drive, Lafayette 94549

Phone: 210-0354

Kay Power

800 Donham Court, Antioch 94509

Phone: 757-2151

Invite your friends to join Sportsmen YC!



Member Information Corner

- **Alice Gibson** has been ill
- **Bill Carr** has been under the weather
We wish you both speedy recoveries!

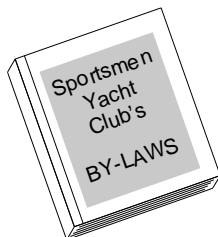
The following article was spotted by one of our very own "ace reporters" in the 10/17/04 Sunday Edition of the *Contra Costa Times*.

SPENGER'S FRESH FISH GROTTTO hosted the Crabby Chef Competition last weekend, pitting top East Bay chefs against each other to create the best crab dish, using a secret ingredient supplied at the last minute.

The winner: Diablo Valley College's team, headed by instructor **Paul John Bernhardt**, with Cachuma Crab, a mini pumpkin containing crab meat, aioli and an Alaskan beer reduction garnished with mango salsa and plated with roasted corn on the cob, corn tortillas and corn polenta.

Spenger's general manager Melissa Katz said, "I love it! The student from the college beat the professionals!"

The benefit raised \$2,000 for the Berkeley Historical Society.



ARTICLE XI

A. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

1. The Commodore (Flag Officer):
 - a. Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of

the Club and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and General Membership at which he or she is present.

- b. Shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee.

- c. Shall have general supervision and management of the business of the Club.
- d. Shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect.

- e. Shall affix the signature of the Corporation to all documents that may require the same.
- f. Shall cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie.

- g. Shall in general, have all the powers and duties which are generally vested in a President of a California Corporation.

- h. Shall be present at all formal Club sponsored functions that include other PICYA Clubs or organizations. If unavailable, he or she shall delegate this responsibility to the Club's Vice or Rear Commodore.

2. The Vice Commodore (Flag Officer):
 - a. Shall assist the Commodore in the performance of duties.

- b. Shall perform the duties of the Commodore in his or her absence, neglect, refusal or inability to act as the Commodore.

- c. Shall perform such other duties as the Commodore may from time to time delegate.

3. The Rear Commodore (Flag Officer):

- a. Shall assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in their duties.

- b. Shall perform the duties of the Commodore in the absence of the Commodore and Vice Commodore.

- c. Shall perform such other duties as the Commodore may from time to time delegate.

4. The Secretary:

- a. Shall have custody of the Corporate

Seal and all corporate records and document.

- b. Shall keep a written record of all Board of Directors meetings and meetings of the General Membership.

- c. Shall answer all correspondence pertaining to business.

- d. Shall notify each member of all delinquent dues and charges and shall sign and deliver all membership cards.

- e. Shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to a Secretary and such duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors.

(To be continued next month)



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www.sportsmenyc.org**

Sportsmen Yacht Club's 7th Annual Pre-Derby Rib Dinner And Fishing Seminar

Wednesday, November 3rd
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

BBQ
Pork
Ribs
and all
the
fixin's

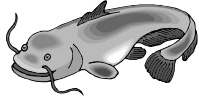


Raffle for Striped Bass Rod & Reel

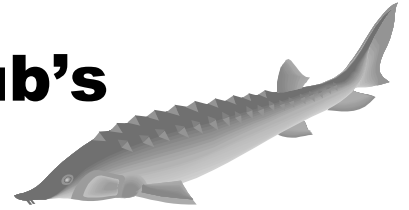


\$5.00
per person

Reservations are not necessary



Sportsmen Yacht Club's 2004



WeekendFish Derby

Derby begins Friday, November 5th, at 10:00 p.m.
Derby ends Sunday, November 7th, at 3:00 p.m. - SHARP!

Neal & Diane will be available to collect fees
anytime between now and midnight on Nov. 5th

**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER MIDNIGHT ON NOV. 5th**

Everyone Welcome!

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per category

There will be a Free Raffle for all Adults present at the time of the awards

**Please bring your favorite dish to share!
Potluck begins at 4:00 p.m.
on Sunday, November 7th**

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. 7th 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.

Contact Neal or Diane Essary
for more information 228-7337

Annual Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 4th

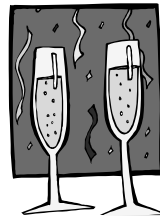
Get Into the Christmas Spirit
Decorate Your Boat and Join the Fun!



Boats will group
under the
Antioch Bridge at
4:30 p.m.
Entry forms will be
available at the
December Meeting
The entry fee is a
\$10 toy to be
donated to
Granny's Anonymous

Join us for New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st, we're going to
New Year! Music and Games
be enjoyed throughout
the evening's festivities. Bring a dish to



celebrate the coming
and lots of fun will

Share and come have a great time ringing in the



New Year! Starts at 8:00 p.m. and \$5 per person covers the
Champagne and party favors. We'll need your reservations by
December 26th. Contact Audrey Coach at 686-1167 or

Elaine Rasmussen at 682-7585 for reservations

Flash...Flash!!!

DateChange For Santa Night

Santa will be cruising into Sportsmen Yacht Club on the 2nd Saturday of December—December 11th

Santa Cruises-In to Sportsmen YC

Our Potluck begins at 5:00 p.m.

Caroling with the Children Begins at 5:30 p.m.

Santa Arrives at 6:15 p.m.



Please remember

- Bring enough food to cover all your guests
- Bring a gift for Santa to give to each child in your party

Also...

- Write the name & age of the child, and the Sportsmen member name on each gift

(This helps Santa's helpers get the kids' pictures to the correct Club member)