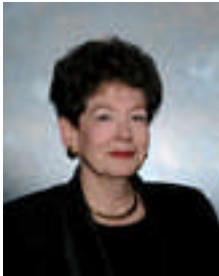


SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2005

FROM OUR COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



Our Club's membership is full and we now have a Waiting List! So far this year, 29 associates

have been accepted into our Club. It has been an exciting time for all of our members, new and old alike.

At our October meeting, **Past Commodore Selvy** introduced the Nominating Committee's recommendations for next year's officers and directors. We will vote for the 2006 Officers and Directors at the November meeting, so please come to the meeting so your vote counts! (The list of candidates is on Page 3.)

Due to an abundance of raffle prizes, everyone will have a chance to win at the November meeting. Each person attending will be given one free raffle ticket. Many thanks to all who have so generously donated raffle prizes for our

meetings.

Special thanks to **Jerry Fitzgerald** for being our representative for the Make-A-Wish fund raiser hosted by Driftwood YC. This year, we had *Ivory Gull* (Lawny & Debbi Chapman), *Firestorm* (Rick Walker), *47 Winks* (Paul & Winky Scannell), *Miss Fitz* (Jerry & Lee Fitzgerald), *Brandywine* (Ken Corippo), and *After Midnight* (Jim & I) participating from our Club. Again this year, Chairperson **Donna McClane** and crew of Driftwood YC were successful in their efforts to raise money that will help grant wishes to children with life threatening illnesses in the Greater Bay Area.

Thanks to all who attended our scheduled November Work Party, even though they had to work around the Mountain Cascade Construction Company employees who graciously worked on that Saturday to expedite completion of the County Storm Drain Project.

All enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by **Bill Worrell** and granddaughter **Kelly**.

We also had a number of unscheduled Work Parties throughout the month. We appreciate the efforts of everyone who works on Club projects.

I am happy to report the County Storm Drain Project was completed on Friday, October 21st. Thanks to the efforts of Mountain Cascade Construction Company and its employees, our grounds are looking better than they have in a long time.

My initial plan was that this would be "the Year of the Ferry," but that wasn't possible because of the need to complete existing projects. This year our time, energy, and efforts had to be directed toward the completion of the Dredging and County Storm Drain projects. But you know what? There are two months left!!

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 2 Fishing Seminar
- 4 Club Meeting
- 5-6 Annual Fishing Derby
- 12 Work Party

December

- 2 Club Meeting
- 3 Lighted Boat Parade
- 10 Kids with Santa & Potluck
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

January 2006

- 6 Club Meeting
- 7 Work Party
- 21 Installation Dinner

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



Well, I'm proud to say Sportsmen members attended and produced another great Work Party. We accomplished weed clean up in Dry Storage,

cleared hyacinths out of the harbor, got the last dredge pipe disconnected and put away, got the dredge pretty well cleaned up for resale, cleaned up some grounds, got rid of the broken dredge barrels, and had a great BBQ lunch. It's hard to name who was doing what as guys and gals just kept appearing everywhere they were needed. Almost everybody showed up early and worked right up to the 1:30 lunch, and quite a few worked afterwards. All of this coupled with the fact that the Mountain Cascade Crew was working Saturday and we could not drive the road. I would like to personally thank all the following Sportsmen: **Jim Dawson, Chuck Knox, Justin Knox, Tony Ruiz, Chris Stubberfield, Bill Coach, Pat Thompson, Chris Mavroudis, Rick**



PICYA Report
By Larry Draper

The October PICYA meeting was held on October 8th at Harvey's Wagon Wheel in South Lake Tahoe. Represented at this meeting were:

- Ray Tsuneyoshi, from the California Department of Boating & Waterways, who recognized PICYA for its dedication in California boating matters.
- Paul Artof, of the Pacific Coast Yachting Association, who spoke of membership of this organization of which PICYA is a member.
- Bill Lewis, from the Southern California Yacht Association, who reported that training venues for the 2008 Olympics will be in

Scannell, Jerry Goldsmith, Dan Perryman, John Perryman, Dan Lively, Sherry Lively, Kathy Harvey, Rich Trantham, Bill Worrell, Kelly Worrell, George Greer, Natalie Greer, George Brayton, Ray Telles, Paul Davis, Dennis Hawkins, Tony Chapman, and Dave Beckert. A special thanks to the construction workers who assisted several times with their equipment. And a big shame on me if I missed anyone else who was there.

We had another "last minute" Work Party on the 15th which involved running new gas and electrical lines before we paved the road. A big thanks to **Lonnie Gibson, Paul Larosee, Dave Beckert, Doug Horton, Greg Dawson, Gary Ridolfi, and Gary Mills.**

As I'm sure all of you know by now **Rear Commodore Tony Chapman** will not be able to run for Vice Commodore next year due to a family member's illness. I have had the pleasure of serving on the board with Tony during his tenure as Director and Rear Commodore. I was very much looking forward to having him as my Vice and can tell you he will be deeply missed. Our prayers go out for you, **Tony & Dianne**, for the Lord to help smooth the difficult road ahead of you.

Southern California.

- President Doug Hipsley, of RBOC, who spoke of three major bills which were passed into law this year and their impact on boating.

The representative from Boat U.S. was unable to attend due to involvement with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

On Friday evening, South Lake Tahoe YC hosted a cocktail hour get-together at their club. Several PICYA delegates attended and we got to see their facility and enjoy the view from the clubhouse. The meeting and dinner on Saturday were outstanding.

I reported that Sportsmen is selling

November Happy Birthdays



- Nov 01 Neil Sterud
- 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 Ken Williams
- Nov 22 Lois Wills
- Nov 22 Marc Maines
- Nov 25 Herb Pekonen
- Nov 25 Wayne Novinger
- Nov 26 Sandy Williams
- Nov 26 Tom MacLean
- Nov 30 Lee Fitzgerald
- Nov 30 Terri Arnold

their dredge and did get some interest.

Stockton YC reported on the proposed pedestrian bridge which would prevent boats from going under. A letter writing campaign in Stockton has received the attention of their local media.

Rear Commodore Manuel Mier reported on the budget and spoke about the Management Conference that was scheduled for October 22nd at Coyote Point YC.

Paul Anderson discussed the Yachting Yearbook and encouraged all clubs to get their data submitted as soon as possible for the 2006 yearbook.

The next PICYA meeting will be held at Encinal YC on November 7th. Year-end awards will be presented at that meeting.

*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*

FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE TONY CHAPMAN



The Fall and Winter fishing season is soon upon us so let's look at a few safety tips, since I am "defiantly" not going to try to

give this group any fishing tips! Fishing from boats can be made safer through the following steps:

- Thorough planning before going out is essential. Ensure that all safety equipment, including the radio, is in good working order.
- Tell your family and friends of your fishing plans, including locations, time of departure, and approximate return. Stick to your plans and notify them of your safe return.
- Boat sea worthiness and capabilities are important. Update your boating knowledge and practice your skills. They could save your life.
- Check fuel levels - work out what you might need, then take twice as much. Running out of fuel is one of the most common reasons for requiring emergency services. Ensure your fuel is fresh.
- Always carry tools and spare parts like spark plugs, spare fuel line, shear pins, and propeller.
- Make sure life jackets can be easily accessed. If you need them in a hurry, they won't be much use to you if kept in a locked compartment or below deck.
- If possible, fish with someone else so that if you are injured your partner will be able to call for help.
- Ensure your boat is positively buoyant and will float even if overturned. It is generally better to stay with the boat if it does overturn.
- Do not attempt to take large and underplayed

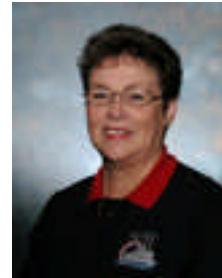
fish into small boats. Hot fish can cause significant damage.

- Keep fluids up when fishing. Alcohol is not recommended because it can induce dehydration, impair judgment and may lead to prosecution for driving a boat under the influence if consumed in significant quantities. Carry spare water and food in case your boat breaks down.
- In an emergency use your radio, set off your EPIRB* and use your flares when appropriate. Setting off an EPIRB will initiate a wide-scale search that could save your life. If you accidentally set off an EPIRB, advise the authorities immediately.
*EPIRB = Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon
- No fish is worth your life. Many accidents occur when people push their limits to land fish.
- Before fishing, watch the prevailing conditions for at least 10 minutes. Take note of current, wind and nature of shorelines. If the weather looks threatening, head for home.
- Look for an area that you can swim for should you end up in the water. If there is a current working, don't try to swim directly back against the rip or you will waste energy and may not be able to regain the land. Swim diagonally across the rip until you are clear of it.
- Have spare tackle and gear at hand so snags can be cut off and lines repaired. Do not try to retrieve tackle, especially in heavy current areas.
- If someone is washed into the water, never jump in to save them. A bucket with a rope, your fishing rod, or a line can be used as rescue devices, but don't recklessly risk your own life.

Fishing is an extremely popular and enjoyable activity, but it should also be a safe activity. If you follow the advice, you can enjoy your fishing and pass on your skills to your children and grandchildren.

Parting Shot: Computers are not intelligent. They only think they are.

HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



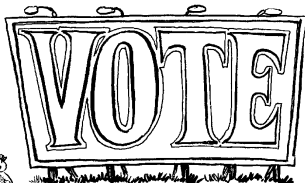
One of the things that makes Ferryboat history so interesting is each ferry has its own history and story. One of the oldest wooden hulled ferryboats

on the West Coast was the "City of Seattle." Built in Portland in 1888, the 121' side-wheeler provided the first scheduled ferry service on Puget Sound. She had a capacity of 400 passengers and 10 teams and wagons. This cargo was replaced by autos when she was towed down the coast to become the first steamer for the Martinez - Benicia line in 1913. Even then she was referred to as "The Old Ferry." She remained in that service until the war, when she was requisitioned by the government for the Mare Island service. After the war she was mothballed.

Welcome New Associate Members

*Bill & Vernetta Pato
22401 Marsh Creek Road
Brentwood 94513
Phone: 634-2521*

*Garry Ridolfi
2201 Wheeler Way
Antioch 94509
Phone: 777-0650*



At the November Meeting, we will be voting to fill Board positions for 2006

The following members are candidates for the positions shown below:

Commodore Chuck Carroll
Vice Commodore Sherry Lively
Rear Commodore Casey Curry
Treasurer Freda Lucido

Secretary Bob Art
Directors Doug Horton
(2 Openings) Pat Sebers
Chris Stubberfield

See By-Laws for our nomination process. Nominations will not be accepted after October 31, 2005.

Visit Sportsmen YC's Website: www.sportsmenyc.org

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, this 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.

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(Dawson's Article Continued from Page 1)

Don't forget the events we have coming up. November 2nd is the annual Pre-Derby Rib Dinner & Fishing Seminar featuring Barry & Diana Canevero of Fish Hookers sports Fishing. This will be followed by our annual Weekend Fish Derby & Potluck, November 4th-6th.

Jim and I would like to wish everyone a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving holiday!



Address Changes

Charlie & Susan Carroll
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Walnut Creek 94598

Michael Carroll
2734 Oak Road #113
Walnut Creek 94597

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MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER

- Audrey Coach had surgery recently and is recuperating.
- Ken Carver, Jr. is recovering from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.
- Ray Telles had knee replacement surgery on October 20th. He's home from the hospital and is doing well.
- Joy Wright was reported on Sick Call during our October meeting. We hope you're feeling better, Joy!

We wish you all the very best
and hope to see you at the Club soon!



Rule #21 Reminder

Pets are prohibited from being inside the upper deck of the ferry and must be controlled by their owner at all times. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals.

**PORT CAPTAIN
COMMENTS
JIM DAWSON**



Mountain Cascade Construction Company did a fantastic job on the County Storm Drain Project. The pipe is in, the asphalt is down, and the equipment is gone. All of this

didn't happen without some delays. Water lines, gas lines, sewer lines, and electrical wires were all ripped apart during the excavating stages, but then repaired. I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this project. During the day, many of us had to walk from the gate to the Clubhouse or berthing areas—at times in mud or water. The employees of Mountain Cascade indicated this was one of the best jobs they had ever had, primarily due to the friendly members they had met.

Mountain Cascade left our property looking 100 times better than when they drove up! I encourage each of us to do our part in keeping the grounds looking like they do now.

The very worst thing that happened was a young man named Shane Gray, who was 17 years old, and working as a laborer for Cascade was killed in a head-on collision on his way to work at Sportsmen. I had the pleasure of speaking to Shane on many occasions and found him to be a hard-working, polite young man. When Darlene and I went to his services, we were among 500 others in attendance. Obviously, Shane had touched the lives of many.

The new road is 14 feet wide at the narrowest point, and approximately 16 feet wide at the end. There has been an additional manhole added on the north end. I want to thank Lonnie Gibson, Dave MacDougall, and Dave Davidson for moving all the boats before the project started.

As Port Captain, I would like to see the west side of the Clubhouse siding completed soon. Our grounds look so good, but when visitors drive in and see siding off the wall, it make for a bad first impression.

Anyone who can sign up for Caretaking

would be appreciated. It's easy, fun, and you get paid for it!

Last, but not least, don't forget our annual Fish Derby the first weekend in November!

Hope you all have a Happy Turkey Day!



Get your creative juices flowing... We will be celebrating

Sportsmen's 75th Birthday in 2006 and we are accepting entries for designs for our 75th Anniversary burgee. This design will be featured on our Newsletter cover, special anniversary burgees, and shirts for 2006!

Contest ends 11/30/05

YES!

Dinner will be served before our November Meeting!

Our November Menu

**Ball Tip Steaks
Potato Salad
Beans with Sausage
Green Salad
French Bread
All for \$9 per person**

**Prepared by
Kevin Wickman
and Crew**

**We are limited to 50
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Anyone want to buy a "fixer-upper?" During one of the Boys Night Out Wednesdays, we all were treated to a show near our fishing pier. The Sheriff's Deputies

were towing a "bow" ...of a boat, that is. It was connected to a fairly large hull with the stern stuck in the mud. The deputies kept trying to make it come up to the top of the water, but that boat was not about to cooperate!

The Water Cops ended up calling Vessel Assist, who roared up in their shiny red boat to confirm to someone on the other end of their cell phone that the Sheriff's deputies indeed had a situation on their hands.

While all this was going on, the folks who had come for Bill Worrell's finger-lickin' good ribs were standing around watching the show! ...Until, that is, the aroma of those ribs overcame them and they decided it was time to chow down!

About two hours later, the shiny red boat came back, this time with a diver on board. After putting water wings on the bow and the newly found stern, they were last seen steaming toward a friendly harbor with the water-logged boat in tow.

I'll tell you... There are no boring nights around here!



Why We Call A Ship A "She"

By Rear Admiral Francis D. Foley,
U.S. Navy (Retired)
Naval History, December 1998

A salty retired U.S. Navy flag officer shuns the current trend toward political correctness.

Ships are referred to as "she" because men love them, but this encompasses far more than just that. Man-o'-war or merchantman, there can be a great deal of bustle about her as well as a gang of men on deck, particularly if she is slim-waisted, well-stacked, and has an inviting superstructure. It is not so much her initial cost as it is her upkeep that makes you wonder where you founder. She is greatly admired when freshly painted and all decked out to emphasize her cardinal points. If an aircraft carrier, she will look in a mirror when about to be arrested, and will wave you off if she feels you are sinking too low or a little too high, day or night. She will not hangar around with duds, but will light you off and launch you into the wild blue yonder when you muster a full head of steam.

Even a submarine reveals her topsides returning to port, heads straight for the buoys, knows her pier, and gets her breast-lines out promptly if she is single-screwed. On departure, no ship leaves port asleep, she always leaves awake. She may not mind her helm or answer to the old man when the going gets rough, and can be expected to kick up her heels on a family squall.

A ship costs a lot to dress, sometimes blows a bit of smoke, and requires periodic overhauls to extend her useful life. Some have a cute fantail, others are heavy in the stern, but all have double-bottoms which demand attention. When meeting head-on, sound a recognition signal; whistle! If

she does not answer up, come about and start laying alongside, but watch to see if her ship is slowing . . . perhaps her slip is showing? Then proceed with caution until danger of collision is over and you can fathom how much latitude she will allow.

If she does not remain on an even keel, let things ride, feel your way, and do not cross the line until you determine whether the "do" point is right for a prolonged blast. Get the feel of the helm, stay on the right tact, keep her so, and she will pay off handsomely. If she is in the roaring forties, however, you may be in the dangerous semi-circle, so do not expect much "luff," especially under bare poles. She may think you are not under command or control and shove off. If she edges aweigh, keep her steady as she goes, but do not sink into the doldrums. Just remember that "to furnish a ship requireth much trouble, but to furnish a woman the cost is double!"

To the women who now help us "man" our ships, my apologies for the foregoing. Only the opening phrase presents my true feelings. After all, a ship's bell(e) will always remain her most prized possession, and every good ship has a heart, just like yours. A trick at the wheel, like you, would have been welcome aboard when I was on "she" duty for 40 years. May God bless you all, sweetheart!

Admiral Foley is a long-time contributor to *Naval History* and the U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings. He lives in Annapolis, Maryland.

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Barbara Chapman from Admiral Foley



NCPCA Report

The final contest of the season was sponsored by Vallejo YC on September 24th and ran from the Berkeley Pier to near the Vallejo ferry landing. This would determine the season's over-all winner and was a very exciting finish to a wonderful 2005 season.

When the winners were announced, Ken Whitham on his *Judie Ann* from

Driftwood YC came in First Place. Second Place went to Don Webb on *Volare* from OxBow YC, and Third Place to Les Coe on *Coe's Nest* from San Joaquin YC.

The Season's First Place Overall is Don Webb from OxBow YC.

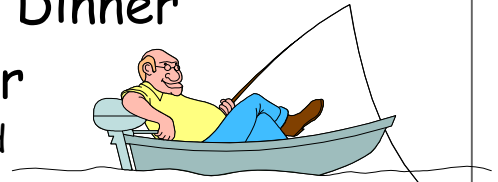
For more information on these navigational contests please contact

**Sportsmen's
NCPCA Representatives
Barbara Chapman, Tony Chapman,
or Dave De Cato.**

BBQ
Pork
Ribs
and all
the
fixin's

Sportsmen Yacht Club's 8th Annual Pre-Derby Rib Dinner And Fishing Seminar

Wednesday, November 2nd
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.



Barry & Diana Canevero of Fish Hookers Sports Fishing will present the seminar. They will share the latest methods and techniques of Delta fishing. They bring a lifetime of experience fishing in the Bay and Delta Estuary. They are premiere guides of the Delta! They will have some equipment for sale, so bring your check books!

Raffle for Striped Bass Rod & Reel

\$7.50 per person

Reservations are not necessary



Sportsmen Yacht Club's 2005 Weekend Fish Derby



Derby begins Friday, November 4th, at 10:00 p.m.
Derby ends Sunday, November 6th, at 3:00 p.m. - SHARP!

Everyone Welcome!

**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER MIDNIGHT ON NOV. 4th**

Entry Fee: \$3.00 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 Nov. 6th 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.

Please bring your favorite dish to share!
Potluck begins at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6th

Neal & Diane will be available to collect
fees anytime between
now and midnight on Nov. 4th

Contact Neal or Diane Essary for
more information 228-7337

Annual Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 3rd

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

Darlene Dawson is our
Club Representative



Sportsmen YC will host a dinner following the parade

Santa is Cruising-In

Saturday, December 10th

5:00 p.m. Potluck Begins

6:15 p.m. Santa Arrives!

5:30 p.m. Caroling with
the children

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 write the Sportsmen member name on each gift

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