

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2008



**COMMODORE  
CASEY CURRY**

Obviously, the weather is starting to finally cool down and along with that the Holidays are quickly approaching. I, for one, am looking forward to enjoying the cooler weather as I'm sure a lot of you are as well.

I would like to thank Garry Ridolfi for all of the recent dirt work that has been done out on the levee. For some of you who have not been out to the Club recently, Garry was able to get several loads of "free" gravel which made his work to improve the Club grounds possible.

As many of you know, the area for the Caretaker's trailer was totally destroyed in the July fire. A new concrete pad was poured; there was a talented group of guys who came out to make sure this work was done professionally. The replacement hook-ups for electrical, water, and sewer were also done. Our Caretaker's trailer is now in place and secured. Thanks to all who came out to get this work done. I'm sure Chuck will have details in his article.

Discovery Bay YC cruised in on the 17th of October to the tune of about 6 or 7 vessels. Thanks to Gary Abeyta and his crew, a great dinner spread of ribs,

salad, etc., was prepared. He told me he bought enough for 50 people. I didn't think we would use it all. I was wrong. We sold out thanks to Discovery Bay and our own membership. Good job Gary and crew.

The next morning, Paulet Hoskins, Winky Scannell, and Barbara Wigmore served up a fantastic breakfast from our main galley. Thank you, ladies. The aroma of breakfast cooking could be smelled outside and the breakfast was delicious!

As all of you know, we have had some unexpected expenses this year. Thanks to all of you in years past, we had built up our coffers. We have been able to cover this year's expenses and, thankfully, we are by no means in financial trouble. That said, it would be best to hold off on any major expenses for a while.

I heard the Stripers and Sturgeon are in the system so let's get out and rip some lips. Please exercise catch and release if you're not catching for dinner.

Don't forget about our Fishing Seminar on Wednesday, November 5th. Following the seminar, our Annual Weekend Fishing Derby begins at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th, (following our General Membership Meeting) and continues until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9th. All the details of the derby are included in this Newsletter. I would like to thank Neal

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Essary for taking on the challenge of overseeing this derby once again this year. Please note: All entries must be logged on the weigh-in sheets before the November 9th 3:00 p.m. deadline. Good luck to all.

Thanks again for your support. You have all been great.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Safe Boating



**VICE COMMODORE  
PAT SEBERS**

November - the air has that crisp quality and the water is flat. My favorite time of year.

I want to thank Chuck Carroll for managing all the cement talent we have - a right fine job. It sure takes a lot of effort to overcome the effects of a fire. It seems like there is always one more thing to do as we are on the road to recovery. It is a lot smarter to prevent a fire in the first place if you can.

I am sorry I missed the Discovery Bay cruise-in; I ended up sick Friday evening, and could barely get out of bed until Monday. I think it was some kind of flu - hope it wasn't my cooking...I hear Gary Abeyta's ribs were great - I looked in the fridge and there were no remains - I missed them again.

I can't wait for our Annual Weekend Fishing Derby that starts November 7th after our Club meeting. I am flying my son Nathan "The Ringer" in from South Dakota. Nate and his 11 year old son, Donavin, will try to show up all you old guys this year.

Being one of those old guys, I want to make sure I attend the Fishing Seminar on November 5th. I can't seem to

remember how to catch the big ones - maybe Barry Canevero can remind me. Hope I don't forget on the way to the fishing spot.

I love this place.





**REAR COMMODORE  
STEVE MARTINEZ  
"DIRTY STEVE MARTINI"**

Thank you everyone who helped behind the bar for October. We have a couple of months of Holiday festivities coming up with Thanksgiving and Christmas – a great time for families to be together. That is what our Club is all about; we are one big family.

If you have any special requests for our Bar's Holiday Cheer (liquid form), please let me know. Also, please remember that we have some special events during these months and if you feel so inclined, your help is most appreciated.

I would like to thank the big guy who is always behind the bar during the day, helping me out.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Fishing Seminar & Dinner
- 7 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 7-9 Annual Fishing Derby
- 15 Work Party

### DECEMBER

- 5 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 6 Lighted Boat Parade
- 13 Kids w/Santa & Potluck
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

### JANUARY

- 2 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 3 Work Party
- 17 Installation Dinner/Dance



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Welcome  
New Member

Jay

Address Change

Dave & Tracy

Last names and addresses not available  
for the web version of this Newsletter



## Member Information Corner

- Audrey C. had knee surgery on October 8th. She's home and doing well.
- Jean N. had surgery on October 14th. She is home and recovering.
- Carl S. had surgery on September 28th. He's home and getting around better every day!

We wish you all speedy recoveries!

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### HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Sometime you can live in an area for years and not take advantage of sites that are very close.

Recently I read an article in our local paper about the San Francisco Cable Car Museum. I knew that it existed and had always wanted to visit it, but never took the time. Last Sunday we took our grandchildren and visited this fascinating city attraction.

When you enter the building it is not quiet like most museums, there is a constant humming of large machinery. You look down and can see four rows of wheels winding miles and miles of large cable that take care of four cable car lines in the city. The cable is moving at 9.5 miles an hour constantly and the cars just grab on to the cable to move and then let go and use their brakes to stop.

The rest of the museum has wonderful pictures of the 1906 earthquake and the damage it did to the cable car lines and explains how they were almost eliminated in 1947 and that in the 1980's they were completely rebuilt. They also have moving pictures of the San Francisco Ferries taking refugees to Oakland after the earthquake.

I learned what the bells mean, one means stop, two means all clear, three means an emergency stop, four means back up.

I hope you take the time to visit this great and very interesting Museum.



**Reminder!**  
**4th Quarter**  
**dues & fees**  
**are due!**



### NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JACKIE STEELE "JACKIE OH!"

No report. Erm, that's not quite true! I have two messages, both worthy of your time.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Fishing Derby beginning at 10 p.m. November 7th, and ending on November 9th (to check in fish) by 3 p.m. which includes three categories - striped / catfish / sturgeon. The Derby is followed by a potluck dinner. Enjoy this fun event and good luck with your catching (versus fishing)!

December Holiday Delites Boat Parade is being sponsored by Sportsmen Yacht Club this year. We encourage you to decorate your boat (we have helpers for you!!!!) and participate in this fun event. We are also seeking sponsors to help with the cost of trophies / plaques, etc. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th and begins at 4 p.m. east of the Antioch Bridge. Lots of details and ideas will be provided at the Club.

We will also be hosting the returning boats dinner of 1/2 chicken, beans, salad, dessert and we will need your reservations early, so we can start our Happy Holidays!!

Questions? Call Fleet Captain Jackie Oh! at 925-455-8065, or email at [jackiesteele777@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesteele777@gmail.com)

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### *In Memory Of*

*Gwen Dawson passed away Monday, October 13th, after a lengthy illness. She and her husband, Clark, joined Sportsmen in 1979. They had been married 50 years when Clark passed away in 1990. Gwen was born and raised in El Dorado, Oklahoma. In 1941, she and Clark moved to California where they enjoyed the home they built together with their two sons, Jim and Greg. Many of you know Greg & Debbie, Jim & Darlene, and Amy (one of Gwen's granddaughters) because they also belong to our Club.*

*A memorial service was held on October 16th at Driftwood YC.*

*Our sincere sympathy to the Dawson family.*

# Happy Birthday!

## November Babies

01 Neil Sterud  
 04 Pat Swank  
 07 Jerry Chamberlain  
 07 Loreen Carr  
 08 Marie Mello  
 11 Debra Beckert  
 12 Cheryl Morgan  
 13 Rod Miller  
 14 Jay Ward  
 15 Brian Hope  
 16 Amy Dawson  
 16 Elisa Trees  
 17 Pamela Hamilton  
 18 Nancy Yarbrough  
 19 Paula Hope  
 21 Gary Hager  
 22 Bradley Margetts  
 22 Ken Williams  
 22 Lois Wills  
 22 Marc Maines  
 22 Rosie Rench  
 25 Wayne Novinger  
 26 Sandy Williams  
 26 Tom MacLean  
 29 Laura Ward  
 30 Lee Fitzgerald  
 30 Terri Arnold



## November's Meeting Dinner Menu



Pork Roast  
 With Trimmings  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Biscuits  
 & a Famous Dessert

Prepared Especially for You By  
 Shirley Karr & Anita Hinds

Come join us!

We are limited to 50 reservations,  
 so make your reservations on-line  
 or contact Cindy Mammon (625-0590)  
 as soon as possible



## Don't Forget!

At the November General Membership Meeting,  
 we will vote for our 2009 Officers & Directors

The names of members nominated for our 2009 Officers and Directors were announced at the General Membership Meeting in October. Additional nominations may have been made during October, in accordance with the Club's By-Laws.

These are the positions we will be voting on:

Commodore  
 Vice Commodore  
 Rear Commodore  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary  
 (2) Directors





**WORK PARTY  
CORNER  
CHUCK CARROLL**

Once again, what a great turnout for pouring the concrete slab for our Caretaker's trailer! There were a lot of guys who helped with the prep the week before, more who came out the weekend we poured the concrete, and others who put on the finishing touches and helped get the trailer in place.

There is no way I'm going to be able to list every name of those who came out to help. Those heading up this project were Garry Ridolfi, Jim Hill, Dwayne Larosee, Chuck Larosee, Bill Pato and Bill Pato, Jr.

*Thanks to everyone who pitched in to get this project completed!*

I know I say this about every month, but we have a great crew of people who consistently make themselves available to get work done at our Club. We can always use more people, so if you want to join in, please come on out to our Work Parties. I believe those who come find great satisfaction knowing they are giving back to the Club and we have a lot of fun while doing it!

If you haven't been to the Club in awhile, take a ride out to see the improvements made.

On Saturday, October 25th, several of our members drove their trucks over to Bonanza Industrial in Oakley. They were

in the final days of going out of business and were willing to give us whatever we wanted and could haul away. For those of you who know Alice Gibson, she was speechless because of the many treasures that awaited her! She was not the only one either; there were plenty of folks who really had fun that afternoon after we got back to the Club! It was one of the best afternoons we've had in a long time!

We do have a Work Party scheduled for Saturday, November 15th. This will be our last Work Party of 2008 and we'll be buttoning up as much as we can before the winter rains come.

Hope to see you then.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



**11TH ANNUAL PRE-DERBY  
DINNER & FISHING SEMINAR**

Wednesday, November 5th  
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Bill Worrell and crew will once again put on a great dinner for all to enjoy and then a local fishing guide will present tips for catching the "big ones" just in time for our Annual Weekend Fishing Derby!  
Everyone is invited; reservations are not necessary.



**Sportsmen's 2008 Weekend Fishing Derby**  
Derby begins Friday, November 7th, at 10:00 p.m.  
Derby ends Sunday, November 9th, at 3:00 p.m.



Entry fee is \$3.00 per category

**Neal & Diane Essary will collect fees anytime between now and midnight on November 7th  
Members and their guests are welcome to participate!**

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. 9th 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.

**There will be a Potluck Dinner on Sunday, November 9th, at 4:00 p.m.  
Please bring your favorite dish to share! It's open to everyone—so even if you don't fish,  
bring a dish and come see who won!**

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

# Annual Lighted Boat Parade

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

Saturday, December 6th



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

Jackie Steele is our  
Club Representative

## Santa is Cruising-In

Saturday, December 13th

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.)

5:00 Festivities Begin!



Santa comes in by boat



Caroling with the children



Santa greets the kids!