



SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

November 2009

- 4 Fishing Seminar & Dinner
- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 6-8 Weekend Fishing Derby
- 14 Work Party

December 2009

- 4 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 5 Lighted Boat Parade
- 12 Kids with Santa & Potluck Dinner
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

January 2010

- 8 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 9 Work Party
- 16 Installation Dinner

Monday Night Football Steak Dinners!

See Page 2 for details



**COMMODORE
BOB KARR**

I assume you have noticed that Fall has arrived in a rather dramatic fashion. From enduring long stretches of 100 degree +/- dry weather, to a storm packing 40 mph winds and more than 4 inches of rain, then to some beautiful days of Indian Summer, October proved to be quite an interesting month. One day I was wearing shorts and a short sleeve shirt and the next day I was bundled up like the kid in Christmas Story. The storm on the 12th and 13th of October provided an early reminder of how badly the roof leaks on the ferry and that volunteers are needed to help seal the leaks until we have a permanent repair.

On October 16th & 17th, Discovery Bay YC had a cruise-in with 8 yachts, 4 motor homes, and numerous day visitors attending. It was a very successful event that resulted in 46 dinners being served Friday night, and 60 dinners being served Saturday night. Both were outstanding—Five Star Dinners! Shirley Karr would like to thank Ann Marie Alcorn, Alice Gibson,

Paulette Hoskins, William Odom, Jim Arnold, Sarah Corippo, and Doug Horton. Without their help none of this would have been possible.

We would also like to thank the women who helped clean the galley at the October Work Party: Donna DeSair, Lynn London, and Maxine Veloz. The galley is cleaner than it has been in months.

I would also like to thank Bill & Vernetta Pato for picking and delivering 30 pumpkins from their garden for various Sportsmen events.

This is a great place to develop friendships that can plan, party, work, and cook



Wheel Chair Regatta—Above: A veteran is brought onboard *After Midnight* to enjoy a day on the Bay by the International Association of Firefighters Local 55. Below: Several veterans enjoyed a relaxing cruise on *Brandywine*. See the PICYA Report on Page 4 for details of Sportsmen members who participated in this rewarding day.



**VICE COMMODORE
CHARLIE KATUSICH**

(Article Written by Chuck Carroll)

Special thanks to the following people who came out to help out around the place:

Len Adkerson, Al & Ann Marie Alcorn, Jim Arnold, Tom Arnold, Rick Barton, Kurt Chaisson, Mike Carroll, Ed Collins, Chip, Donna, Jake & Clayton DeSair, Chuck & Ann English, Joe Fray, Lonnie Gibson, Dennis Higgins, Jim Hill, Robbie Horton, Mike & Paulet Hoskins, Scott Jett, Bob Karr, Jerry Kent Sr., Jerry Kent Jr., Rod Kreiss, Tim Lamb, Dwayne Larosee, Lynn London, Russ Lord, Dr. Dan, Don & Freda Lucido, Bill Myers, Art Nowak, William & Kelly Odom, Harry Parker, Bill Pato, Dan Perryman, John Perryman, Garry Ridolfi, Brian & Tina Tapp, Pat Thompson, Maxine Veloz, Kevin Wickman, Barbara Wigmore,

Scott Wigmore, and Big Steve.

Lunches:

Paul Bernhardt, Rich Holmes, Shirley Karr

There has been a lot of hard work and several changes made at our Work Parties in October. None of this would have been possible without the tireless help from everyone listed above. So, as you walk around the old gal, please notice all the little and big things that have been accomplished.

Remember, we are not only members, but family and this is our home away from home.



REAR COMMODORE LONNIE GIBSON

Hello Sportsmen! It has been six years since I have written anything for the Newsletter. I am already getting writer's cramp! I will leave all the Work Party stuff to Chuck, except to give my special thanks to the Area 3 berth holders for all their support in putting it back together.

Special thanks to Kurt, Jerry Jr. and Chuck England for building the new south landing. Sweet!! Jerry and Chuck are both associates members while Kurt is on the waiting list, soon to be an associate, I hear. After several Work Party weekends in a row, Chuck and I decided it was time to take one off, a much needed one.

Well I am already over a hundred words so, now what was that saying Pat used to say?

Oh, I love this place!



Now is the time to make sure your information in the Club Directory is correct! If you have not given us your current address, phone number(s), main email address, boat make, boat size, and boat name, please do so before December 1st!

Don't put it off—just email or call Freda with your current information!



November Meeting Dinner Menu

Chicken & Shrimp Casserole
(Shrimp is optional)
Pasta w/Pesto
Vegetables
Salad & French Bread
Dutch Crust Apple Pie

Prepared By: Shirley Karr

\$10 per person



Come join us!

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



Welcome New Members

Tom & Sheila
Sanders

Scott Wigmore

Address Change

Lawny Chapman

Addresses and phone numbers not available
for the web version of this Newsletter

Monday Night Football Steak Dinners! \$5.00 per person



Chuck & Ann English are hosting MNF steak dinners. Please sign up at the Club or call 779-9330 so they know how much food to buy!

Member Information Corner

- Dave B. fell from a roof and has a double compound fracture in his foot.
- Ted B. had thyroid surgery.
- Diane C. had open heart surgery.
- Debbie D. had neck surgery.
- Sherry L. had shoulder surgery.
- Kay P. is recovering from a recent fall.
- Jay S. had surgery on his lower lip.



*We wish you all speedy recoveries
and we're looking forward
to seeing you at the Club soon!*



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

In times of emergency, the walking beam ferries came to the rescue. During San Francisco's greatest disaster, the April 1906 earthquake and fire, the ferryboats carried the helpless from the city to friends and relatives in Oakland and Marin, free of charge. Southern Pacific opened its warehouse facilities to the homeless; the fire-fighting equipment, medical supplies, food and clothing all came by rail, then ferryboat.

Ferryboat transportation reached its peak in 1930 when six million vehicles and more than 40 million people traveled across the Bay. But with the completion of the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge in 1936 and the Golden Gate Bridge in 1937, commuters took to the road. Soon the ferryboats were placed on laid up status, sold for scrap or demoted to service as fish reduction plants. Two ferryboats, the Piedmont and the Oakland, were resurrected from mothballs to provide ferry service to the 1939 World's Fair on Treasurer Island. It was a short lived revival; they ended their careers for good with the close of the fair in 1940.



NCPCA REPORT BARBARA CHAPMAN TONY CHAPMAN DAVE DE CATO (SPORTSMEN YC DELEGATES)

Hi to All! Our season is over, but it was a good one. We did not have as much participation as we would have liked, but we are sure that next year (our 75th year) will be much better.

Our change of watch will be on Nov. 14th at San Joaquin. Come and join us for the event. Hope to see now and all on the water next year.



PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS JIM DAWSON

Most of you have already seen how nice the east side of the Ferry looks and how much sounder it has become due to the many months, weeks, days and hours of hard work by so many. The west side has now had some retrofit and is stabilized by many hours of hard work. Thanks to you all. The October storm was severe and many leaks reappeared again, so our next work will consist of working on the roof and stair areas. The RV area has a few new trees, so the shade will be coming. Then we can do something with the old trees which will lose some of their importance. Thanks to everyone who has helped this year to help preserve our Club House (The Sausalito) as well as everyone helping with RV and BBQ improvements. Many thanks to all who helped with the new docks in Area 3 as well as all those who assisted in the demolition at the old docks.

Have a great Thanksgiving!



Dave & Sharon Selvy are greeted by Vern Bendsen, First Vice President of the International Order of Blue Gavel at the recent Wheel Chair Regatta.



NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JACKIE STEELE "JACKIE OH!"

You won't want to miss the Fishing Seminar and yummy dinner on Wednesday, November 4th, to get some tips on "catching" (versus just "fishing") and learning about new bait combos, new lures, new reels and poles. There is lots of information and great camaraderie.

November 6th will find us getting ready for our Annual Fishing Derby. The Derby starts at 10 p.m. following the general membership meeting on Friday and runs through Sunday at 3 p.m. There is a potluck meal on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m., when the cash prizes are awarded. It is a lot of fun to load up on fresh bait and drop a hook or two in the water. My past Fishing Derby experiences have been rather iffy; it's been more like drowning the bait.

December kicks off in fine form with the Annual Holiday DeLites Lighted Boat Parade. If you want to take your boat and participate, but need some help with the decorations, just be sure to get your boat into our harbor early on Saturday, December 4th, and I'm certain you can get all the help you need.

See you on the River!



In Memory Of

Borise Larson passed away on September 29, 2009. Borise and Sylvia joined our Club in 1987. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping. He loved his family, his dog (Holly), and his beautiful roses. He was also a member of the NRA, Masons, Shriners, and a member of the Elks Club for 68 years. An electrical contractor, Borise worked at his shop, Crockett Electric, every day until his retirement in 2005 at the age of 85. Born in Jamestown, North Dakota, he was the youngest journeyman electrician in North Dakota.



He served in the Navy as an electrician on the Destroyer Escort USS Spangler in the South Pacific during WWII. He was proud to be an American!

Borise and Sylvia are parents to Diane Essary, Past Commodore 2000. Sylvia passed away in 2004. Our sincere sympathy to Diane, Neal, and their family.



Happy Birthday!

November

01 Neil Sterud
04 Pat Swank
07 Jerry Chamberlain
07 Loreen Carr
08 Marie Mello
11 Patty Jett
12 Cheryl Morgan
13 Rod Miller
14 Jay Ward
15 Brian Hope
16 Amy Dawson
16 Tom Sanders
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
28 Shelly Maguire
29 Art Nowak
29 Laura Ward
30 Lee Fitzgerald



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PICYA REPORT DARLENE DAWSON

Many thanks to Ken & Sarah Corippo on Brandywine, Dave & Sharon Selvy who crewed on Brandywine, and my captain Jim Dawson on After Midnight, for representing our Club at "The Wheelchair Regatta." Thirteen years ago Chairperson Staff Commodore Margot Brown had a vision—that vision was to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces with a cruise on the San Francisco Bay followed by a picnic and entertainment on the beautiful grounds of the Encinal YC. That first year there were 12 boats and 64 veterans. This year there were 30 boats and 200 veterans.

Our honorary member Larry Draper,

Past Commodore Oyster Point YC, was Vice-Chair of the Regatta this year. Larry has manned the galley for 13 years and always fed us well.

The Wheelchair Regatta is a tremendous undertaking that could not happen without the support and dedication of the planners, the donors, and the doers.

Bless you all!

PICYA's Upcoming Events

Nov 2 (Monday)	Delegates' Dinner & Meeting at Encinal YC
Feb 2	Delegates' Dinner & Meeting TBA

Don't Forget!



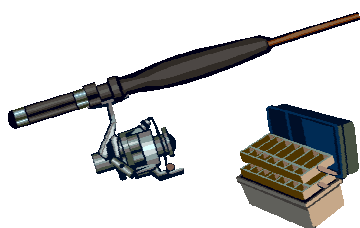
**At the November
General Membership
Meeting, we will be
voting for our 2010
Officers and Directors**

Positions we will be voting on are:

Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Treasurer
Secretary
(2) Directors

**12TH ANNUAL
PRE-DERBY
DINNER & FISHING
SEMINAR**

Wednesday,
November 4th
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.

*Ballroom Dancing
Instruction*

Rhumba

Fox Trot



*Starting
January 7, 2010,
every Thursday night
from 7:30 pm to
8:30 pm for 4 weeks*

*Cost is \$60.00 per
couple for the 4-week
instruction classes*

*See flyer at the
Club or call
Jim Arnold on
his cell phone
522-1836*



Welcome 2010 in with
Casino Night



Mark your calendar to spend a great
New Year's Eve with
Fellow Sportsmen on
Thursday, December 31st.



Games.....

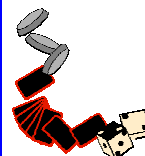
Champagne

Appetizers

Prizes



\$5.00 per person
Make Reservations On-line
or call Cindy at 625-0590
by December 28th



Sportsmen's 2009 Weekend Fishing Derby

Derby begins Friday, November 6th, at 10:00 p.m.

Derby ends Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 p.m.



Entry fee is \$5.00 per category

Neal & Diane Essary will collect fees anytime between now and midnight on November 6th
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. 8th 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 \$5.00 per category, per family (husband, wife, children and grandchildren to age 18). Entry fee for guests will be \$5.00 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 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 during the Potluck and Awards Ceremony.

There will be a Potluck Dinner on Sunday, November 8th, 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 5th

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



Santa is Cruising-In

Saturday, December 12th

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 Potluck Dinner
5:45 Singing Carols
with Mrs. Hammer
6:15 Santa arrives!

