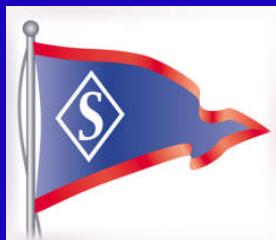


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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Louie Rocha

As I write this month's letter, I am saddened by the loss of my brother Greg Rocha. He passed away on October 8, 2013, at the age of 51. This has been a difficult time for me and my family. I want to thank the Sportsmen members for your thoughts and prayers. The support received from so many has truly made a difference.

Greg served in the United States Marine Corp in the 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Battalion and earned the rank of Corporal E4. He was very proud to have served his country. As a veteran, he will receive a funeral service with military honors on October 29th. I am in awe by the number of active and retired members of the armed services who have come to

our aid in taking care of my brother's care and funeral services.

Monday, November 11th, is the national Veteran's Day holiday. The city of Antioch will host a Veteran's Day Parade on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Antioch. This annual community event honors veterans for their service to our country. I encourage you to take a part in the community celebration. Following the community celebration, I invite you to come down to the Sportsmen to honor our veterans. At 3:00 p.m., we will take a moment for our members to share their comments on this national holiday and have a toast to them for their military service. I invite you to be a part of the celebration!

At the November membership meeting, we will select the officers and directors to serve in the 2014 new year. The names of the nominees are posted upon the chalkboard at the Sportsmen. It is important for you to attend and participate in the selection of the candidates you believe are the best representatives to serve on the Board of Directors. The new leadership team will be responsible for making important decisions on the future of our organization.

This month we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holidays during the week of November 25th with the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 28th.

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## Vice Commodore Don Wilson

I've got to tell you that, around our house, the month of October is all about the Breast Cancer Luncheon Fundraiser. First of all I'm not taking credit for anything that happens before this event. That is all through the efforts of Becky Wilson and all of the gals who assist and support this endeavor. No, my role for the months and weeks preceding this worthy cause is that of a

silent sounding board. I will simply ask a question such as, "What do you think we should have for dinner?" or "What would you like to watch on TV?" In turn, I receive a comment relating to the upcoming pink event. Did I just let that pink comment seep out from my subconscious? Now don't think I'm upset about the responses I receive in reply, although I do admit

that I have lost one month of my life every year for at least the last three years because of "someone's" preoccupation with having everything perfect.

Ok, it's time to get over this. The Breast Cancer was a resounding success and it's time to thank some folks!

Let's start by thanking all of the people who attended

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## Friday Night Special

*Tossed Green Salad, Country Pot Roast,  
Jay's Special Rice, Fresh Green Beans,  
Roll & Butter, and Dessert  
Prepared by Jay Ward  
\$10 per person*



## Menu

*Limited to the first 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations online or  
contact Ann English at 779-9330  
as soon as possible!*

**Volunteers are needed to cook for the  
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.**  
Please contact Becky Wilson for details (229-3121)

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

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This holiday is a time to give thanks for all of life's gifts. I encourage you to take the time to share your thoughts and feelings with your loved ones during this special holiday.

Best wishes to you and your family during this Thanksgiving season!

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the event and were so very generous in their time and contributions. Special thanks to some members who made this fundraiser such a wonderful afternoon. They are Ann Marie Alcorn and Dave Annis in the galley, Jack Kish and our Commodore Louie Rocha helping out at the bar, and Carol Fray, Anita Hinds, Freda Lucido, Shirley Karr, Natalie Greer, Lynda Kish, Ann English, and (of course) Alice Gibson aka "The ENFORCER of Raffles."

If I missed anyone, it's because I was working like a dog behind the bar. (Do you like the way I just slipped that in?)

Seriously, thanks to everyone who made the day such a worthwhile affair.

It might save a life!

## PHOTO REMINDER

FOR

2014 OFFICERS,

DIRECTORS,

& COMMITTEE LEADERS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH  
STARTING AT 1:00 P.M.

WE WILL BE THERE UNTIL  
4:00 P.M. OR UNTIL WE  
ARE FINISHED

## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### November

- 1 Club Meeting
- 1-3 Annual Fishing Derby
- 11 Veteran's Day Dinner
- 16 2014 Officer, Director, & Committee Leaders' Photos

### December

- 6 Club Meeting
- 7 Lighted Boat Parade
- 14 Kids with Santa & Potluck
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

### January

- 3 Club Meeting
- 4 Work Party
- 18 Installation of Officers Dinner



## Rear Commodore Rick Barton

Fall is the season that sportsmen wait all year for. The winds die down, there is a chill in the morning air and the options are seemingly endless. For the fishermen, stripers are biting, salmon are running, largemouth bass are fattening up for winter and trout plants have begun at our local lakes.

The hunters are gearing up for multiple seasons. Deer season is well underway both in California and for out-of-state hunters. Many duck hunters call Sportsmen YC home base as they head out to fill their limits from various destinations in the Delta. Duck season did seem to get off to a bit of a slow start according to Doug Horton, who everyone recognizes as the premier duck hunter in the Club. Pheasant season is just around the corner, as well, for those of us who have trouble shooting the faster flying ducks. The hardest part, at least for me, is trying to decide what to do.

Many of our members have one thing they are really good at so they tend to specialize in that one thing whether it is fishing or hunting. Other members seem to be good at everything, but I won't mention any names. (They all have pretty big heads already.) Then there are people like me who want to do it all but aren't very good at any of it. I have been in a fishing slump since summer. I couldn't even catch a trout at Contra Loma three days after they planted 2,200 pounds of fish. Then I spent a week in Idaho without ever firing a shot. (I just hope my wife doesn't find out how much that trip cost.)

Actually, when I joined Sportsmen, I was hoping that I would learn some fishing and hunting tips from some of our resident experts. Little did I know how secretive "successful" sportsmen could be. I guess the bottom line is that I just enjoy getting out in nature. I know I will shoot some ducks and pheasant before the season ends. I know I will catch some stripers too, but it doesn't really matter. Just being out there is really good enough. The week I spent with my sons and my friend Ryan in Idaho was incredible. Being out in the field or on the water is always the ultimate joy and the best way to relieve stress. Even if it's just sitting at the Yacht Club watching a sunset, I love the fall!



## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

As I was cleaning out some papers recently, I came across this "RELATED STORY." A few years ago, I visited the San Francisco Maritime Library and copied this article from their historical files. Most of you know how these things go. You find something and you are very excited, you file it for a rainy day and it is almost forgotten. I guess this will be my rainy day. The following account is from the *Harry Dring* papers:

"On November 30, 1901, the fog settled, heavy and black upon the San Francisco Bay. It was ten minutes after six in the evening and Captain John Taylor McKenzie looked down on the foredeck from the round pilothouse on the North Pacific Coast Railroad's steamer *San Rafael*. He consulted his watch, but no word came from shore until 12 minutes past departure time that the last passengers and express were aboard and the boat would depart. The white haired old captain rang down on the telegraph to Chief Engineer James Jones to back out of the slip, and the paddles churned as the graceful little steamer vanished into the fog.

On board the *San Rafael* at the time was Miss Fannie Shoober of Sausalito, a young lady then of 24. Fifty years later, to the day, she generously recalled her memories of that momentous occasion:

'We proceeded across the Bay wondering how Captain McKensie made his way, but he had done it thousands of times before and no one doubted that this would be another passage without incident. When the boat reached Alcatraz Island, we heard a tremendous crash forward and stopped immediately. I was sitting in the

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## PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

### 2013 PICYA CALENDAR

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| Nov 2 | Fall Management Conference<br>Berkeley YC | Nov 4 | Delegates' Meeting<br>Encinal YC<br>PICYA Awards |
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The October PICYA Delegates' Meeting was hosted by Tahoe YC on Saturday, October 5th. Thank you, Jane, for traveling this distance and representing Sportsmen YC.

While attending his first Delegates' Meeting, Steve O'Brien (Mariposa Hunters Point YC), got quite an introduction when he was the first responder to a medical incident. Steve jumped right in to assist and stabilize the situation until the paramedics arrived. Everyone at the meeting appreciated his willingness and ability to take care of this situation.

There are no Delegates' Meetings in December and January.

### 2013 Wheelchair Regatta at Encinal YC

A special thank you to Margot Brown, Chairman Emeritus, Co-Chairs Linda Blue and Larry Draper, the Wheelchair Regatta Committee, and all the volunteers for making this annual event another success.

This year, Jim & I were privileged to have PC Freda Lucido, our Club photographer, aboard our vessel. We had five veterans in wheelchairs and two ambulatory veterans aboard. Every branch of the military was represented on our boat.

It is not possible to put into words how rewarding this event is, but perhaps some of the pictures featured in this Newsletter will portray a part of the feeling we walk away with every year. It is our hope you will plan to attend this event next year to experience it for yourself.

# Congratulations New Life Members!



At our October General Membership Meeting, Commodore Rocha congratulated 2013 Life Members. From left to right, they are: Ed & Arline Collins, Thom & Denise Dias, Tim Lamb, Loni & Tim Doolin, and Chuck Carroll. Combined, they represent 150 years of membership in our Club.

## *In Memory Of*

*Mardi Haines passed away on Saturday, September 28th. Bob & Mardi joined our Club in 1984. They loved supporting Club events until Mardi came down with Multiple Sclerosis and even then she didn't let that hold her back from activities she loved. Mardi was an avid fan of both her boys' athletic activities while they were growing up. She was also a dedicated sports fan of her granddaughter, who plays softball.*

*Mardi loved to go boating and camping with family and friends and enjoyed sewing and entertaining at her home.*

*Our condolences to Bob and their family.*

*Steve Nicholas passed away on Friday, October 4th, after suffering from liver failure. Steve joined our Club in 1983 and would have been honored at our October General Membership Meeting for his Life Membership in our Club.*

*More recently, Steve enjoyed coming to the Club on Saturday afternoons to have a beer with the guys. In the 1990's, Steve had a Blue Water 40-foot boat named Chata II and he always enjoyed our cruise-outs - and so did everyone else! Some of you will recall "Linda" (the realistic looking mannequin) who was always on the back of his boat all decked out, wig and all! She caused many heads of other boaters to turn as Steve cruised by on the Delta.*

*Steve also enjoyed hunting and fishing with other Club members. He had a big heart and was always willing to help whenever he could.*

*Our sympathy to Steve Jr. and his family.*



# REMinDER

## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2013

THE ELECTION OF 2014 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

We will be voting on the following offices

COMMODORE  
VICE COMMODORE  
REAR COMMODORE  
TREASURER  
SECRETARY  
Two (2) DIRECTORS

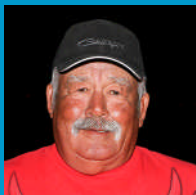
*THE NAMES OF THOSE NOMINATED WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN OCTOBER. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE VERBALLY BY ANY REGULAR, FAMILY, OR LIFE MEMBER DURING THAT MEETING. THE NAMES OF ALL NOMINEES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLUB BULLETIN BOARD AND WILL REMAIN POSTED UNTIL THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.*

*FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER MEETING, NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE BY ANY REGULAR, FAMILY, OR LIFE MEMBER PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER.*

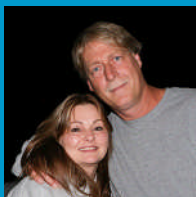
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*NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 31, 2013*

## Welcome New Members!



Pito Gutierrez



Shane & Tabitha LaChance

Invite your friends  
and family to be a  
part of  
Sportsmen YC!



## SANTA IS COMING TO SYC

Saturday, December 14th

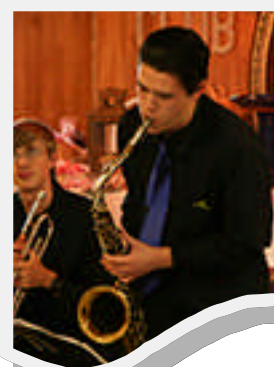
5:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner

5:45 p.m. Carol Singing with Mrs. Hammer

6:15 p.m. Santa Arrives by Boat

- \* Please bring enough food to represent all your guests.
- \* Bring a gift for Santa to give to each child in your party. Write the child's name and age on the gift and the Sportsmen member name on each gift.

# Breast Cancer Luncheon



## Wheelchair Regatta Honoring our Vets...at Encinal YC



after cabin on the upper deck and one of the passengers came back and told us ladies there was nothing to worry about, that there had been a collision with the steamer *Sausalito* but that everything would be alright in a few minutes. Then a deck hand came along and told us that the captain wanted us to put on life preservers just as a precaution although he assured us that no one would have to get into the water.

We sat there in the cabin with our life jackets on for about 15 minutes and I must say that there was no panic among the passengers. A plank was arranged between the decks of the two ferries and most of the passengers were able to walk across to the *Sausalito*. Being sort of a daredevil young girl, I jumped into the water and was picked up in a minute or two by the *Sausalito's* crew. Of course, we had to return with the *Sausalito* to San Francisco and you can bet my family had many anxious moments before they learned that I was safe.'

As the *San Rafael* began to settle in the water, the crew remembered 'Old Dick,' the horse they kept on board to haul express carts on and off the steamer at the terminals. They gave him every opportunity to cross the plank to the *Sausalito*, but he could not be induced or

coaxed to abandon his ship, nor would he try to swim from the wreckage. Like the legendary sailor, 'Old Dick' went to a watery grave on a ship that had been his home as long as he could remember.

The gallant little queen sank with her golden eagles, her gaily decorated paddle boxes, her glamour, her grace....all gone but not to be forgotten. Newspapers of the time claimed anywhere from two to three human deaths from the accident. No record, of course, was ever made of the names of passengers who boarded ferry boats and one cannot be certain as to how many persons were lost to this collision.

Captain John Tribble of the *Sausalito* was held responsible for the accident and was discharged by the North Pacific Coast following the investigation."

This November, it has been 112 years since this event occurred. When Phil Frank, from the Sausalito Historical Society, visited us and brought me copies of newspapers of this collision at sea, he said that he had heard that "Old Dick" the cart horse did not drown; he swam to Baker Beach.



## November Birthdays!

01 Karen Maples  
02 Desli Taylor  
04 Pat Swank  
07 Jerry Chamberlain  
07 Loreen Carr  
09 Sharon Pappas  
11 Patty Jett  
12 Cheryl Morgan  
13 Rod Miller  
14 Bob Brown  
14 Jay Ward  
16 Amy Dawson  
16 Tom Sanders  
17 Debbie Whetham  
17 Pamela Hamilton  
18 Nancy Yarbrough  
20 Steve Lynch  
22 Ken Williams  
22 Lois Wills  
22 Rosie Rench  
24 William Haynes  
25 Lynda Kish  
25 Wayne Novinger  
26 Sandy Williams  
28 Shelly Maguire  
29 Laura Ward  
30 Lee Fitzgerald  
30 Terri Arnold

## Annual Fishing Derby

Get your fishing poles dusted off and save up for some bait! Our Annual Weekend Fishing Derby begins at 10 p.m. Friday, November 1st, and ends Sunday, November 3rd, at 3 p.m.



Entry fee is \$5 per category, per family (husband, wife, children and grandchildren to age 8); members and their guests are invited to participate! Entry fees for guests will be \$5 per person, 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 November 3rd, 3 p.m. deadline. There are three categories: Stripers, Sturgeon, and Catfish. All fish must be weighed in at the Sportsmen YC scale and witnessed by another member.

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 after the derby.

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

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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Hosted by Ebony Boat Club  
**LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

Saturday, December 7th

Parade begins at 5:00 p.m.

Boats gather under the Antioch Bridge at 4:45 p.m.



Dinner & Awards Presentation at Ebony Boat Club  
following the parade.

Dinner Menu

Carol's Chicken & Gravy, Ann's Rice Pilaf  
Mixed Winter Vegetables, Salad, Bread, Cake  
\$12.50 per person

Contact Carol Whitehead at 915-9549 or  
Jim Mack at 828-6870 to make reservations  
Reservations requested by December 1st