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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Rick Barton

I can't believe I'm writing my 35th newsletter article. The last three years have gone by so quickly. I know I have one more article to go but I can't help doing a little reminiscing.

When I first started writing these articles, I decided to make my article more of an editorial then a recap of the past month. I thought that it was important for people to know who I was, what I stood for and what direction I hoped to take the Club. It went ok, at first, but then people started coming up to me wanting to discuss what I had written in the last article. I thought, "Yikes, people actually read these articles." So I decided I needed to be more careful about what I said. The truth is my articles did start a lot of conversations

when I was at the Club. Most good, some not so good, but having the conversation is the important thing. I also need to thank Freda and her editorial skills for helping me with the articles.

The other thing I wanted to let everyone know, especially anyone considering following this path, is that the good outweighs the bad 1,000 to 1. I have butted heads with a few people over the year; I hope they realize it was just business and I hope we continue to be friends. We have also heard Past Commodores talking about how glad they are when their year was over, but don't let them fool you. We love it. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as

Commodore of this incredible Club.

I am proud of what we have accomplished in the past year. I am especially proud of my Board and my Officers who have done such a great job for the Club this year. I am also proud of the members who volunteer for work parties and events and keep this Club running. But most of all I need to thank my wife. I would have never made it through this year without her tireless help. She did such a great job making all of our events successful and I know I owe her big time. I think there is going to be a major vacation in the Barton household next year.

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Vice Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everybody! Here we are in November. At the time this article was being written, we are planning the Halloween Party, with trick or treat for the kids and a haunted house for all. The thanks go to Marianne Tate and Micheline Simpson.

Shari said that we had a great Wine & Paint Night. The painter, Kevin Pride, was very entertaining.

Everyone went home with a memento of Mt. Diablo for their homes.

I am sorry I have not been down there lately; outside projects have been keeping me away. But you will be seeing more of me in the future.

As a reminder, please understand, you need to check your boat and trailer for missing registration tags. Someone has been

stealing them from boats in harbors nearby.

I would like to personally thank Bob Buckley for driving us to the PICYA Management Conference in October at Encinal YC in Alameda. It was a very informative meeting regarding ABC Laws, boating regulations, new laws coming out and just the camaraderie with other

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Where you might look...
...if you lose your turkey...
Happy Thanksgiving Sportsmen!

FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY THE ANN & CHUCK ENGLISH
AND CHERYL & PAT GOETSCH

\$10 PER PERSON



Limited to the first 60 reservations.
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 Cynthia Perez for details (286-0017)

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

Welcome New Associates!



Russ & Donna Abbott

(Address & Phone
not shown on web version)

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But, we are not quite done yet. We still have two months to go with lots of events and good times to celebrate. Come down to the Club and let's enjoy the Holiday Season.

(Horton's article continued from Page 1)

clubs. I would like everyone to know that, if you have any questions about ABC Laws, Bob Buckley and I took an extensive seminar about the rules and regulations. Come see either of us. Things change, rules change; you may think you know what a law is, like I did going in, but I was enlightened by ABC. Just in general, just don't do anything that might put the Club in jeopardy.

On a personal note from my son Ethan to Joe Fray – I am sure in your day you were a good shot, but there is a new dog in town! Joe, just wanted to say I hope you had a good time with the teamsters.

In parting, I want everyone to know, if I am elected Commodore, my philosophy for next year is 'whatever is best for the Club and its members' – FIRST!

Quack, Quack!



Getting Ready for the 2016 Directory

Have you moved or changed your phone number within the past year? Changed your email? Acquired or sold a boat? Given your boat a name?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, please send your updated information to Freda Lucido by December 6th

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Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

November

- 4 Fishing Seminar/Pre-Derby Dinner
- 6 Club Meeting/2016 Elections
- 6-11 Fishing Derby
- 11 Veteran's Day Potluck & Fishing Derby Results
- 14 Work Party
- 14 2016 Officer Photos/Calendar Planning
- 14 Power Squadron Boating Class #1
- 20 Games Night
- 21 Power Squadron Boating Class #2

December

- 4 Club Meeting
- 5 Lighted Boat Parade (Hosted by Sportsmen)
- 12 Kids with Santa and Potluck
- 18 Games Night
- 31 New Year's Eve Party



January

- 8 Club Meeting
- 9 Work Party
- 11 College Football Championship Game
- 16 Installation Dinner



Rear Commodore Matt Tate

Well, November is upon us, and the weather is soon to be 'a-changing.' Thankfully, by the time the rains from the forecasted El Nino start to fall upon us, our ferry's roof will have been repaired!

Thanks to all involved in making this happen and to the general membership for voting to pursue the repairs. While I am confident that the vast majority of the leaks will have been found and repaired, in a roof of our size and complexity, there will bound to be a few missed. Please check your cabins, closets, and any other areas that may not be readily visible on a daily basis and let someone on the Board know if you find any serious issues that we may need to address.

Along with the rainy season comes the holiday season with our Club's annual events, Monday Night Football dinners,

Fishing Seminar and Derby, Power Squadron Boating Classes, Thanksgiving, and, of course, the annual Christmas Lighted Boat Parade along the Antioch Waterfront. I happen to know a certain person in my family is already excited and preparing for a great time at that event. So start thinking about decorating your boat and helping our Club make a strong impression out there on the water with all of our festive lights!

I'm looking forward to those cool, calm winter days out there on the river with a fishing pole in one hand and a Hot Toddy in the other.

See you at the Club and out on the water, my friends!!



Photo Reminder

2016 Officers, Directors, & Committee Leaders

Saturday—November 14th

Starting at 1:00 p.m.—until we finish



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

In May 1948, the Lady Sailors raised enough money to buy one dozen folding card tables and had a case built to store them. In July 1948, they donated new stools for the restaurant and a freezer for the caretakers.

In September 1956 they raised money to put in new vinyl for the dance floor, replacing a warped hardwood floor; they also purchased 74 folding chairs that were badly needed.

In 1961, the Lady Sailors talked about disbanding due to lack of interest and attendance at meetings. Only six ladies out of 63 were present at the August 1961 meeting. Gradually attendance picked up and the Lady Sailors continued. They bought a new TV for the social hall and some new furniture for the keeper's living quarters, (which is now the Board Room).

In 1964, the men used to purchase bar ice in fifty pound bags and store the bags in the old refrigerator on the lower deck. Needless to say most of it melted before it could be used. The Lady Sailors decided to do something about it. They purchased an ice making machine in 1965.

As you can see the Lady Sailors did a great deal in the early days to help the Club and they should not be forgotten.



PICYA NEWS

DARLENE DAWSON

2015 PICYA CALENDAR

Nov 2	Delegates' Meeting (Annual Awards) Encinal YC	Jan 2016 Date TBD	No Meeting 24th Annual Commodore's Ball & Installation of Officers
Dec	No Meeting		

This year, Jim and I were privileged to represent Sportsmen YC at the 19th annual PICYA Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta at Encinal YC. We had veterans in wheelchairs with care providers and family aboard "After Midnight."

Words cannot express how rewarding this event is, but perhaps some of the photos shown below will portray a part of the feelings we experience each year.

Thank you, Linda Blue, for chairing this tremendous undertaking. Our Honorary Member Larry Draper, who was Vice-Chair of the Regatta and manned the galley for 18 years, was not able to be with us this year. *We missed you, Larry.*

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



Happy Thanksgiving!



November Birthdays!

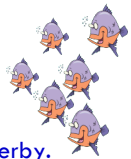
- 01 Karen Maples
- 04 Pat Swank
- 07 Jerry Chamberlain
- 07 Loreen Carr
- 11 Patty Jett
- 12 Cheryl Morgan
- 13 Rod Miller
- 14 Bob Brown
- 16 Amy Dawson
- 17 Debbie Whetham
- 17 Pamela Hamilton
- 17 Ron Allen
- 18 Nancy Yarbrough
- 20 Steve Lynch
- 22 Ken Williams
- 22 Lois Wills
- 24 William Haynes
- 25 Lynda Kish
- 25 Wayne Novinger
- 26 Sandy Williams
- 28 Shelly Maguire
- 30 Lee Fitzgerald
- 30 Terri Arnold



2015 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of October 20, 2015)

We have 56 people entered in the 2015 Derby.

- * There is \$815 total so far in this Derby.
- * Rules are posted at the Club.
- * Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- * Three categories: Stripers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- * Cost is \$5.00 per category.
- * For our Striped Bass category, Gabe Comages holds 1st place after a 20 pound 2 oz. catch. Dave Newton is now in 2nd place with a 14 pound 9 oz. fish and Harry Parker holds 3rd place after catching one that weighed 12 pounds 5 oz.
- * In the Catfish category, Kenny Norris holds 1st place with a 16 pound 8 ounce monster! Then he caught a 14 pounder for 2nd place. Nick Macey holds 3rd place with a 2 pound 12 ounce catfish and Albert Perez has 4th place with a 1 pound 2 ounce catfish.
- * In the Sturgeon category, Bill Pato Jr. holds 1st place with a 67 pounder; Bill also holds 2nd place with a 47 pound, 8 ounce sturgeon; Kenny Norris secured 3rd place with 31 pounder; and Gabe Comages is hanging onto 4th place with a 28 pounder.



Get in the Derby! Go out and catch some fish!

Jim Dawson

Games Night!

Friday, November 20th



Come for a Taco Dinner

6:30 p.m. \$10

Reservations ONLINE or call Ann at 779-9330



It's your Last Opportunity to qualify for the big **Poker Tournament** to be held in December!

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest



We are going to have a contest this year decorating Christmas trees while decorating the Ferry and grounds for Christmas! Some of the categories suggested are: Bling, Traditional, Classical, Creative, Whimsical, Original, Unique, Theme Oriented, Animation, SUC, and Nautical. There will be prizes for each category in the contest.

We are open to suggestions and welcome input from members before the categories are finalized and announced. We have not limited the number of entries a member or member group can submit.

The trees must be in place and finished for display by December 3rd and are to remain in place until December 26th. The trees must be maintained by the member while they are on display and they must be taken down and removed before New Year's Eve.

The trees will be judged by a panel and the winners will be announced at the party on New Year's Eve.

Only artificial trees can be placed inside the Ferry or on the Ferry. Cut or living trees can be put up outside of the Ferry, but the Committee Chair will have to approve of the tree location in advance. There is no size restriction other than they must be safe.



Wednesday
November 11th
5:00 p.m.



Meatloaf Cook-Off & Side-Dish Potluck

Bring your favorite Meatloaf to participate in the cook-off. Whether or not you're participating in the cook-off, please bring a side dish to share.

We had 10 entrants last year! Join this year!!

Reservations Not Necessary

Sportsmen YC Honors Our Veterans



Fishing Derby Results

For our November 6-11 Fishing Derby...
Winners will be announced at this event
and we will have a small raffle.

Monday Night Football

Cheeseburger Dinners—\$8—6:30 pm
Reservations ONLINE or call Ann 779-9330

Meal Price Reduced!!

(Online Reservations will be turned off at noon the Monday of the game.)




Power Squadron Boating Class
to be given at Sportsmen YC.
November 14th and 21st
It is a 12-hour class (held on two Saturdays).
The class is free; the text book is \$26.


Classes begin at 8 a.m.
Please contact Amy if you are interested in attending this class.

Pre-Derby Dinner & Fishing Seminar Wednesday, November 4th

Dinner served 6:30 p.m.
Fishing Seminar at 7:30 p.m.

BBQ Ribs	A guest speaker will share his tips for catching the winning fish in this year's Derby	 Reservations not required Plenty of food for everyone!
Baked Beans		
Mac-n-Cheese		
Salad		
Bread	Door Prize: Rod & Reel Plus a Raffle that every fisherman will appreciate!	

\$10



Reminder
November General Membership Meeting
Friday, November 6th

The Election of 2016 Officers & 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.

The nomination must be in writing and signed by the member making the nomination and signed by the proposed nominee. It must then be filed with the Club Secretary. Any nominations received in this manner will also be posted on the Bulletin Board and remain posted until the November Membership Meeting.

Nominations will not be accepted after October 31, 2015

Voting on these offices:
Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Treasurer
Secretary
Two (2) Directors

Submitted Statements from Officer Candidates:

Fellow Sportsmen:
It is indeed a privilege to have been asked to run for the position of Rear Commodore for Sportsmen YC. Since Denise and I joined this Club, we have enjoyed making new friends and getting to know many of you. My experience as Vice President of Operations has taught me to interact with people and manage finances and has, in many ways, prepared me for the process of going through the chairs at Sportsmen YC. With your help and input, I will ensure our Club remains the best Club on the Delta! All members matter at Sportsmen and I would be most honored to have your vote for Rear Commodore. I look forward to working with you. Thank you for your time.
Robert Babo

Hello Fellow Sportsmen:
I want to thank those members who asked me to run as the Rear Commodore. I'm very honored and am willing to accept the challenge. If I win, I will be working very hard to meet the needs of the Club and to help with any questions you have and try to get you a timely answer. I've been a member for over 10 years now and love the Club. It will be very challenging but I feel I can be of great service to the members. I have lots of new ideas to raise money for the Club, so let's see how it goes. Vote for me, a proven leader.
Respectfully submitted, Garry Ridolfi

Members,
When you cast your vote for me in November, it will mean 2016 will be my fifth year as your Treasurer. I will continue to keep my efforts focused on what is best for Sportsmen YC and all members. The Finance Committee is still active and we plan to have another meeting before year end. The day/time of this meeting will be posted so that you, as well as our committee members, will be involved with our Club finances. The more aware we are, the better job we can do of managing our Club. Any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email, phone or here at our Club.
Thank you for your continued support.
Marina Faconti, Treasurer
Just a reminder: If you are a member of Boat US, don't forget to use source code GA85160Y when renewing. You will get up to a \$15.00 discount because I have completed the process of SYC being a corporate account. It is at no cost to SYC but saves you money!

Notice to Membership

The Board is presenting a recommendation to raise the Club dues by \$5.00 per month effective January 1, 2016.

According to the By-Laws, this recommendation must be published in the Club Bulletin and posted on the Bulletin Board at least fifteen (15) days prior to a General Meeting. Such recommendations may be approved or rejected by a majority vote of the Membership present and eligible to vote.

This recommendation will be voted on at the November 2015 General Membership Meeting.

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THANKS to Carl & Elaine Rasmussen for arranging our cruise-outs this year!

Lighted Boat Parade

Get Into the Christmas Spirit!

Saturday, December 5th

Decorate Your Boat...
Join the Fun!

Hosted by
Sportsmen YC

Dinner and Awards Presentation
following the Parade



Dinner Menu

Baked Chicken
Baked Potatoes
Caesar Salad
Rolls
Dessert
\$15.00

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

Parade Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Questions about the Parade?
Contact Darlene Dawson at 510-207-8498

Parade Entry Forms available online

www.sportsmenyc.org

Make your dinner reservations Online
or call Ann at 779-9330

Dinner reservations are requested by December 2nd