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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everybody! I can't believe we are in November already. As I write this article, Opening Day of Duck Season is just about to begin. Ethan and I have been out of it for a while; looking forward to getting back. The stripers are running really good right now. Everybody at the Club has been catching them, including Ethan, who caught his first striper this year. I finally got my boat motor back; now Ethan and I are back on the river. Feels good.

November is jam packed, so here are the highlights. Don't forget that the Fishing Seminar is on November 2nd. Then on November 4th, we have the elections for the 2017 Officers at our General Membership Meeting and the Fishing Derby starts

right after the meeting. Veterans' Day, November 11th, is Meatloaf Cook-Off at the Club and winners of the Fishing Derby will be announced. November 12th, we are going to have a Work Party and the photos for all the new officers and committee members will be taken in the afternoon. November 18th is Game Night. Details on all these events are in this Newsletter.

As some of you know, I have not been feeling well lately and I am trying to get back on my feet. I would like to thank everyone who showed up and helped at the last Work Party. I would like to thank some people for all the great work done: Bryan Tapp, Floyd Simpson, Dale Bauer, Marina Faconti, and Billy

Jones. There were a bunch of associates who helped and will be recognized in the upcoming meetings. Thanks to all the families and members who have helped and supported the Club.

We are getting close to starting the re-fabrication of the bar.

Please keep the firewood area neat and picked up.

Rumor has it we will have a special visitor this year from the North Pole on December 10th. Should be fun!

It has been a good year. Let's go get the ducks and catch some fish.

Thank you.



Quack, Quack!



Vice Commodore Matt Tate

October was another great month at our Club! Lots of events and activities for all to enjoy!

We started out the month with the cruise-out and Clam Chowder Cook-Off in Rio Vista and ended with our annual Halloween Party and fright fest. The cruise-out was well attended and we all were able to enjoy several tasty chowders. The winning

chowder this year was made by Liz Allen; nice job Liz!! The lower deck of the ferry was converted to a spooky haunted house with all the decorations and skeletons; thanks to all who participated in making this happen for the kids.

In between these two events, we had our regular MNF and dinners. Thanks to Chuck & Ann English for all of the good eats! Also,

another fun time for Game Night with an Oktoberfest theme!

At our November General Meeting, members will vote for the 2017 Board. It looks like we have nominees for all of the open positions, along with a couple of contested positions. Be sure to attend the meeting to have your say in the future of

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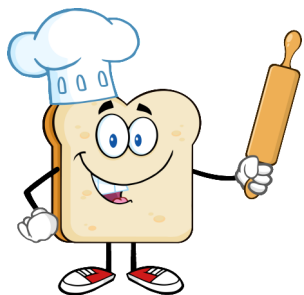
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Calling All
2017 Officers
& Committee Heads

We will be taking photos of all 2017 Officers & Committee Heads on November 12th beginning at 1 p.m. until we're done! Please contact Freda if you have questions.

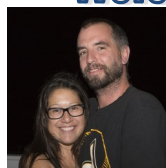
Volunteers are needed to cook for the
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Ann English for details (779-9330)

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 Associate!



Jay Lipisko

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our Club.

Happy Thanksgiving Fellow Sportsmen! Hoping to see you soon either at the Club or out on the Delta!



Game
Night!



Friday, November 18th
Game Night Dinner
Choice of
Three Delicious Soups and Salad
6:30 p.m. \$5
Following dinner, the games will be
Poker and Left-Center-Right

Getting Ready for the 2017 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 by December 6th

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Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

November

- 1 Knitting Class
- 2 Pre-Derby Dinner & Fishing Seminar
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- 16 Game Night Dinner
- 17 Italian Night Dinner
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

Don't Forget!
Monday Night
Football
Every Monday at the
Club!!

See the complete menu options
ONLINE, then make your
reservations ONLINE
or call Ann at 779-9330



Rear Commodore Robert Babo

Well, here we are in our 11th month of the year and there are many exciting events coming up. Starting off, we will have the Pre-Derby dinner and Fishing Seminar on the 2nd. Remember, the Annual Fishing Derby starts at the end of the November General Membership Meeting.

Also at this month's meeting, we will be voting on our 2017 Executive Board members and I would like to wish everyone good luck!. On November 11th, let's not forget those who have served our country; join us in celebrating Veterans Day at the Club. We will have a Meatloaf Cook-Off and potluck.

We have one Work Party left this year and it's not too late to come down and help. It would be nice to clean up before the Holidays.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Knitting Class

Taught by one of the best teachers in
Contra Costa County!

Our very own Cindy Mammon is teaching knitting
on the **first Tuesday of each month** at the Club!

Bring your yarn and some knitting needles and
you'll be knitting in no time!



This Month:
Tuesday, November 1st
7 p.m.

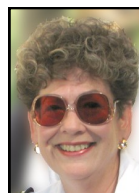


HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Imagine traveling to San Francisco by ship in the early 1900s. Dense fog was often expected during the night and this kept the lighthouse keepers on edge.

When this happened, the lighthouse keepers at Point Reyes, the Farallon Islands, Point Bonita, Pigeon Point, and many other lighthouses around the Bay would climb their towers for "light up." Soon the Fresnel lens would brighten, and each would send its own distinctive pattern of powerful light beams for miles out to sea. The banked fires for the boilers in the fog signal building would then be fired up. Soon, the repeated blasts of steam powered fog whistles and sirens would roar across the water. At some lighthouses, a huge fog bell gave the warning, and its mechanical bell striking timer would be set in motion, an oversized hammer would hit the exterior of the fog bell and its clanging would join the maritime chorus.

The lighthouses of the Bay brought many ships safely into port.



PICYA NEWS

DARLENE DAWSON

2016 PICYA CALENDAR

Nov 7

Delegates' Meeting & Awards
Encinal YC

There is no Delegates' Meeting in December.

I attended the October Delegates' Meeting at Bridge Marina YC. They served a delicious prime rib dinner.

Mark Your Calendar for 2017 Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD) on Saturday, September 16th, from 9 a.m. to Noon. CCD supports PICYA's mission of environmental stewardship and promotes safe, enjoyable, and environmentally sound boating. This program has been endorsed by PICYA since 2012. CCD is an international annual beach and shoreline cleanup event that has been active since 1985. Sportsmen YC has been in this program since 2012 when we partnered with the Delta Protection Commission. (See our October 2012 archive newsletter.)

RBOC Regional Issues

RBOC is opposing the copper implementation plan proposed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, that would significantly impact the ability of recreational boaters in the area to utilize copper-based anti-fouling paints.

This issue is important to boating. From recreational boats in the water for a season to commercial ships that are in the water year round, antifouling paint on the underwater part of the boat is fundamental to the proper maintenance and performance of almost all watercraft. The uncontrolled growth of the marine organisms on boats significantly degrades performance, increases fuel consumption, contributes to the spread of aquatic invasive species and can even lead to a vessel sinking in extreme cases.

(Excerpts were taken from the RBOC website. For complete details, go to the RBOC link on our website.)

FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY
YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER CREW!



TURKEY DINNER
WITH
ALL THE
TRIMMINGS!



Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.
\$10

For November, we will serve up to 100 reservations.
Make your reservations ONLINE or contact Ann at 779-9330 as soon as possible!

Lighted Boat Parade

Get Into the Christmas Spirit!

Saturday, December 3rd

Decorate Your Boat...
Join the Fun!

Hosted by
Bridge Marina YC

Dinner and Awards Presentation
following the Parade



Dinner Menu
and Price
To Be Announced Soon

Check our Website
later in November

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 will be available online

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Statements from Our Treasurer Candidates for 2017

Members,

Yes, I do need your vote on November 4th so that I may continue to serve as your Treasurer. Another member is running against me.

In my past years I have established a petty cash fund so that you are reimbursed for your out of pocket expenses with quick cash instead of checks. I created and continue to use classification fields in Quick Books for easy access to event details. I formed the Finance committee so that more members could be informed of the details of our finances. I have enrolled us in the Boat US Coop Group with several discounts available to you as a member.

I am an active member who continues to give several hours of my volunteer time to our club. I am available for any concerns you may have. I have the experience and dedication to continue to do a good job as your Treasurer, so please come and cast your vote for me.

Thank you & I'll see you at the Club!

Marina Faconti
Treasurer



Hello Fellow Sportsmen!

My name is Richard Holmes and I am running for the position of Treasurer in the 2017 Club elections at the November General Meeting. My wife, Ruth, and I joined the Club in 2009. I am now semi-retired and have the necessary time to dedicate to the position.

For those of you who do not know me, please allow me to present a brief description of my background and qualifications for the position as follows:

I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and hold a current California Real Estate Broker License. I am familiar with the Quick Books program that our Club uses for Accounting purposes.

Over the past 20 plus years I have owned and operated several small businesses. Those businesses include a mortgage loan banker/brokerage, a residential real estate sales brokerage, a retail car dealership, and a wholesale car dealership. I have also worked in the software sales industry - with one position being that of "Channel Sales Manager" for a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software company.

In the recent past I served on the Board of Directors for the Bay Point Rod and Gun Club for three years - two of which were in the position of Secretary. I am still active in Bay Point as well as Brentwood and Diablo gun clubs. I also served on the Board of Directors for the Martinez Gun Club as a Director for one year. After I finished my 2010 term on the Board I did not run for re-election and did not renew my membership and left the club in good standing.

Based on my experience, background, and desire to serve, I feel that I will be a great Club Treasurer and Board member. I ask that you please cast your vote for me as your new Club Treasurer. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Richard Holmes

Here Comes Santa Claus!!!

Saturday, December 10th

5:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner
6:00 p.m. Carol Singing
with Mrs. Hammer
6:30 p.m. Santa Arrives
by Boat



- * Invite your family and friends
- * Please bring enough food to represent you and your guests
- * Bring a gift for Santa to give to each child in your party
- * Write the child's name, age, and the Sportsmen member's last name on the outside of each child's gift

Come out to enjoy a fun-filled evening!
Photos will be taken of the children with Santa

November Birthdays!

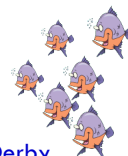
01 Karen Maples
 04 Pat Swank
 07 Jerry Chamberlain
 07 Loreen Carr
 11 Patty Jett
 13 Rod Miller
 14 Bob Brown
 16 Amy Dawson
 17 Debbie Whetham
 17 Pamela Hamilton
 17 Ron Allen
 18 Nancy Yarbrough
 20 Steve Lynch
 22 Ken Williams
 22 Lois Wills
 24 William Haynes
 25 Lynda Kish
 25 Wayne Novinger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



2016 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of October 20, 2016)

We have 36 people entered in the 2016 Derby.

- * There is \$490 total in this Derby so far.
- * Rules are posted at the Club.
- * Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- * Three categories: Strippers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- * Cost is \$5.00 per category.
- * For the Catfish category, Chris Yarbrough holds 1st place with a 9# 11 oz. whopper and Chris holds 2nd place with a 5# 10 oz. catch; Albert Perez has 3rd place with a 2# 2oz. fish.
- * In the Striped Bass category, Jim Dawson secured 1st place with a 38# 12 oz. fish, Jim caught another one weighing 17# 3 oz. for 2nd place, and Jim weighed yet another one in at 16# 14 oz. for 3rd place.
- * For our Sturgeon category, William Odum is in 1st place with a 31 pounder, Rick Barton weighed in a 27 pounder to take 2nd place, and Bill Pato Jr. holds 3rd place with a 26# 12 oz. sturgeon!



Even though every month is good for fishing, the fall months are the best for catching a winner. If you're not in this Annual Fishing Derby yet, you should think about signing up because 100% of the money goes back to the fishermen and we now pay four places in each of the three categories. To sign up is only \$5 per category or \$15 for all three. You must be signed up 24 hours before going fishing. Again, this Derby goes until New Year's Eve.

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

Jim Dawson

In Memory Of...



Gilbert (Gil) Olvera, age 92, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2016, at home in Lakeport with his wife, Betty, at his side. Gil served as our Commodore in 1965 and he was our oldest living Commodore. Gil and Betty were very active in our Club. Betty served as President of the Lady Sailors the same year her husband was Commodore.

He was involved in dredging the harbor many years ago, led many Work Parties, and bartended. He and his family took 1st Place in the first family navigated Over-the-Bottom Race they entered with their "Hunter" yacht. They also decorated their boat for many Club events. One year (perhaps 1965), his children dressed up in formals from the 50's and sat on the top deck for a boat parade. They had a banner on the side of their boat that said, "Spring has Sprung."

Gil loved the water and spending time with his family on the Delta.

Gil retired from US Steel to a home he built in Carrywood, North Idaho. In later years, Gil and his wife returned to California where he devoted his time to his wife and children.

Our sincere sympathy to Betty and their family.

In Memory Of...



Mary Margaret Wilson Nerby passed away on September 24, 2016, following a long, hard-fought battle against Multiple Myeloma Cancer. In 2008, she was given two to three years to live and yet she managed to live life to its absolute fullest right up to the very end. Her resolve to fight this battle was bolstered by the love she had for Tim—and Tim for her. Tim and Mary joined our Club in 2003 and they loved coming to their boat, “Nerbvana.”

Mary was an avid S.F. Giants fan. Tim is an L.A. Dodgers fan. So, they had much fun teasing each other about their favorite teams. Mary loved to travel and their travel trailer allowed her to do that when she could no longer enjoy boating.

Mary always had a smile for everyone! Her sweet and gentle spirit drew people to her. She did not know how to carry or hold a grudge. Even when going through the toughest chemotherapy treatments, she was still trying to find a way to help others. She was truly a one-of-a-kind special lady.

Our heartfelt condolences to Tim and their family.

pre-Derby Dinner & Fishing Seminar

Wednesday, November 2nd

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

Dinner
\$10

A guest speaker will
share his tips for catching
the winning fish in this
year's Derby

Door Prize: Rod & Reel

Plus a Raffle that every
fisherman will appreciate!



Reservations
not required.
Plenty of food
for everyone!

Check the SYC Website for updated details

Reminder



November General Membership Meeting
Friday, November 4th

The Election of 2017 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, 2016

Voting on these offices:

Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Treasurer
Secretary
Two (2) Directors



Friday
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.

Everyone Welcome to Participate!!!

Reservations Not Necessary

Sportsmen YC Honors Our Veterans



Fishing Derby Results

For our November 4-11 Fishing Derby...
Winners will be announced at this event
and we have lots of door prizes!

If you're not in our Year-Long Derby, you will
want to see Jim Dawson before you go out fishing!

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**Thank You
Marianne Tate
for all you do
at our Club!**

2nd Annual Christmas Decorating Contest



We are going to have a contest this year decorating for Christmas while decorating the Ferry and grounds! This year, we are not limiting it to trees, so a decoration above the bar like we had last year will be eligible for winning a prize. Some of the categories suggested are: Bling, Traditional, Classical, Creative, Whimsical, Original, Unique, Theme Oriented, Animation, SYC, 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 and/or decorations must be in place and finished for display by December 1st and are to remain in place until January 1st. They must be maintained by the member while they are on display and they must be taken down and removed after our New Year's Eve Party.

The entries 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. The Committee Chair will have to approve of the tree or decoration location in advance. There is no size restriction other than they must be safe.

See Ann English with any questions and/or suggestions.