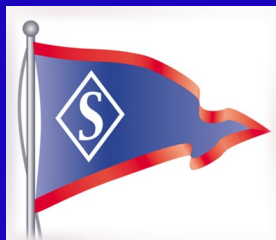


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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Bobby Brown

November brings cold nights and brisk mornings full with sounds of shotgun blasts in the distance. Duck season is in full swing. I, myself, am an avid hunter. This time of the year is my favorite. Not only do I love the Holiday season, but getting up early, sipping on a hot cup of joe while watching the sun rise on a spread of decoys gets my blood warm. The whispering of friends in the blind, predicting who will get the first bird, the rustling of shotgun shells and dogs whimpering from excitement are the ideal way to watch a beautiful morning come to life. November also officially kicks off the Holiday get-togethers with the coming of Thanksgiving.

We'll start the month with our Meeting Night and a special Turkey and Ham Dinner. It's also election night at Sportsmen for our

2020 Board. It's one of the most important meetings of the year. Be sure you are present if you want your voice to be heard and support our elite volunteers running for a Board position.

The November Fishing Derby starts immediately following the General Membership Meeting and will end on November 10th. We'll end the derby with a Veteran's Day Meatloaf Cook-Off. The rest of the month will be filled with Monday Night Football games kicking off each week.

Now for a time of reflection on Kathie Hammer, who was an integral part of our Club for so many years. Kathie will forever be the founder of our beloved Museum. The Museum we have today was Kathie's dream and the result of her hard work to make it happen. Matt Tate will be

assuming the role of Historian in 2020. That was Kathie's wish and we thank Matt for accepting the position.

Another event that Kathie had a huge role in was telling the children stories and singing Christmas carols at our annual Kids with Santa Night. Many children will forever remember her wonderful skill to keep all the children entertained while waiting for Santa to arrive. Alice Gibson has agreed to carry on Kathie's tradition and I'm sure Kathie would be very pleased.

I wish all members a safe Holiday Season. Be responsible and enjoy each other's company. See you all soon!



## Vice Commodore Neal Draper

It's hard to believe it's already November and Thanksgiving is almost here!

On October 5th, Mike Minick, Bob Buckley, and Heather Newton joined me in attending the Fall PICYA Management Conference at South Beach Yacht Club in San Francisco. Between the BART ride, the fire at SBYC, and the walk to their club, it was an interesting day!

October also brought the

Discovery Bay Yacht Club back for their annual Cruise-In to Sportsmen Yacht Club. Once again, we had a great weekend with their group.

At the November General Membership Meeting, you will be voting on your Officers and Directors for 2020. This is an important meeting and I hope everybody makes it to the Club for this one.

Our annual November Fishing Derby kicks off

after the General Meeting on Friday, November 1st and goes until Sunday, November 10th. And, November 10th will once again find us celebrating Veteran's Day with the usual fishing awards, raffle, Meatloaf Cook-Off and side-dish potluck dinner. Come on down and honor our Veterans.

Don't forget November also means that Monday Night Football continues all month

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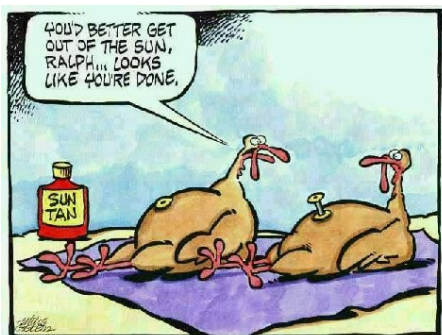
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Please Note: Ann always replies with a confirmation for ONLINE reservations. If you don't receive your confirmation within 48 hours, please email her at [reservations@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:reservations@sportsmenyc.org) or call her at 779-9330.

Volunteers are needed to cook for the  
2019 Friday Night Meeting Dinners.  
Please contact Ann 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](mailto:newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org)  
or contact Freda Lucido at 228.3609

## Sportsmen YC's Upcoming Events

November	December
1 Club Meeting & Dinner	6 Club Meeting & Dinner
1-10 November Fishing Derby	7 Lighted Boat Parade
10 Veteran's Day Celebration & Meatloaf Contest	13 Game Night & Dinner
15 Game Night & Dinner	14 Kids' Night with Santa & Ugly Sweater Contest
16 2020 Officer Photoshoot	31 New Year's Eve Party
16 2020 Calendar Planning	
30 Christmas Decorating Contest begins	

View the complete 2019 Calendar ONLINE!



## Game Night!



Friday, November 15th

6:30 p.m. Soups, Salad, Bread, & Dessert  
7:00 p.m. Poker & Other Games  
\$7 See Janet Buckley with questions

Please make reservations by the Thursday before the event. Reservations can be made ONLINE or call Ann.  
Thank You!

*(Vice Commodore's Article continued from Page 1)*

with your choice of burgers, loaded baked potatoes, and Caesar salad thanks to Ann English and her crew. Get your reservations for dinner in by noon on the day of the game.

We also have another Game Night scheduled for November 15th. Contact Janet Buckley if you want to help or have any questions.

The Sportsmen Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest begins on November 30th. Contact Ann English if you would like to participate.

As you can see, there is always a lot going on at Sportsmen Yacht Club. As a member, you get out of the Club what you put in to the Club. So, come on to Sportsmen and participate in or help out with one of our many events. I guarantee you will have fun doing it.

Before I close, I do want to take an opportunity to express what a privilege it was to attend Kathie Hammer's Celebration of Life service recently. Kathie would have been pleased to know so many people cared enough to take time to come; my estimate was 400-500 people attended. I understand Kathie loved bagpipe music and it was memorable for a bagpipe player to lead a procession across the street from the church, after the service, to a community center where many people gathered to share their memories of the impact Kathie had made in their lives. She was loved by many and that includes our Club members.

See you around the Club.

## Monday Night Football!



Your Choice of  
Burgers  
Loaded Baked Potatoes  
Caesar Salad

Food Reservations must be in by  
Noon on the Monday of the Game



## Rear Commodore Mike Minick

The month of October has been a busy month, with the Discovery Bay Cruise-In and all the other events that took place. It was a lot of fun.

November is upon us already. We have the November Fishing Derby from November 1st until the 10th, ending with the Veterans Day celebration. I hope the weather holds so we can have a great derby. See Jim Dawson to get signed up!

If you haven't been to any of the Monday Night Football dinners, you are missing out on the best burgers around. Thanks to Bob and Janet Buckley, Bill and Darlene Moore, Gary and Donna Fields, Ann English and everyone else who helps make Monday Night Football a success!

In October the weather was great and the outside BBQs were getting used frequently. We also have three member events scheduled for November. If you would like to reserve the Clubhouse, please fill out the form and put it in my box so we can tentatively get you scheduled on the calendar.

Congratulations to Tabitha LaChance on winning the October wheel spin!

## We're Getting Ready for the 2020 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 8th

[newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org) 228-3609



**PICYA NEWS**

**DARLENE DAWSON**

View all the Wheelchair Regatta photos on our Website.  
[www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)

### 2019-2020 PICYA CALENDAR

Nov 3	Delegates' Meeting Encinal YC	Jan 18	Commodores' Ball & Installation of Officers Encinal YC
Dec	No Delegates' Meeting		

The recent PICYA Wheelchair Regatta was a huge success and our Club was well-represented. Tony & Dianne Chapman, Charlie Carroll, Vincent Rafanan, Freda Lucido, and Jim and I all participated in giving the veterans a day to remember. Our Club, as well as the Redman (Matt Tate), also made contributions to help with the expenses for that event. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this event a great success. We are featuring some photos from that day!



It was an exciting day for "John", a 79-year old Korean Veteran and his caregiver on The Golden Goose (Vince Rafanan's boat).



Tony & Charlie had the honor of taking Mr. Layton on their boat. Mr. Layton is perhaps the oldest veteran who attended this event, being 101 years old. He served in the Navy during WWII.



There are many ways to serve at this event. We encourage you to plan to participate next year and make a difference in the life of our Veterans. It's a great way to thank those who have given so much.

**Please Note:**

**Historian Notes will resume in January 2020.**



# FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL—NOVEMBER 1ST

PREPARED BY  
YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER CREW!



## TURKEY & HAM DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS!



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

For November, we will serve up to 100 reservations.  
Reservations may be made ONLINE or contact Ann.

# Sportsmen YC Honors Our Veterans



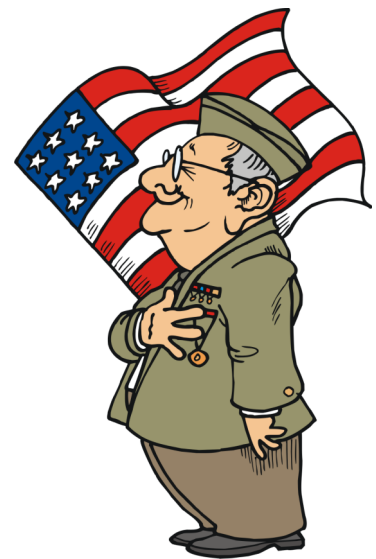
Sunday, November 10th, 5:00 p.m.

## 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



## Fishing Derby Results

For our November 1st-10th Fishing Derby...  
Winners will be announced at this event  
and we will have a small raffle.



## Sportsmen YC 2019 Fishing Derby Update (as of October 22, 2019)

We have 42 people entered so far in the Derby.

- \* There is \$605 total in this Derby so far.
- \* 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; you do not need to be entered in all categories.
- \* Awards for 2019 will be made in January 2020.

**Sturgeon:** Ed Salmon, 1st Place, 57# 12 oz.  
Jennifer (Bryan) Tate, 2nd Place, 46# 12 oz.  
Gabe Comages, 3rd Place, 44# 3 oz.

**Striped Bass:** Jim Dawson now holds the first three places with  
26# 15 oz., 22# 4 oz., and 21# 14 oz.

**Catfish:** Bryan Tate, 1st Place, 2#  
Bryan Tate, 2nd Place, 1# 6 oz.  
Matt Tate, 3rd Place, 1# 4 oz.

**It's not too late—Join the 2019 Derby!**

"Get signed up and paid before going fishing. Don't be like so many each year who catch before entering and miss out."

**Jim Dawson**

## November Birthdays

01 Karen Maples  
04 Pat Swank  
07 Jerry Chamberlain  
07 Loreen Carr  
13 Rod Miller  
14 Bobby 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  
22 Tom Gaines  
24 William Haynes  
25 Lynda Kish  
26 Sandy Williams  
27 Ted Llewellyn  
28 Michele Hall  
30 Lee Fitzgerald  
30 Terri Arnold



## 5th Annual Christmas Decorating Contest



It's once again time to decorate the Ferry and Grounds for Christmas! We are not limiting it to trees, so a decoration above the bar or elsewhere on the Ferry 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 December 27th. They must be maintained by the member while they are on display and they must be taken down and removed before our New Year's Eve Party.

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

See Committee Chair Ann English with any questions and/or suggestions.

## 2019 Life Member Awards



*In 2019, there were two Life Member awards presented by Commodore Brown.  
Congratulations to Jerry & Lee Fitzgerald (January) and Don & Freda Lucido (October)*



## Reminder

November General Membership Meeting  
Friday, November 1st

### The Election of 2020 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, 2019.

Voting on these offices:

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

## November Fishing Derby

Begins Friday, November 1st (10 p.m.)  
Through Sunday, November 10th (3 p.m.)

All members are invited to participate.

This is separate from our year-long Fishing Derby.

All fish must be weighed in by 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 10th at the Club's scales.

Cost is \$5 per category (striped bass, sturgeon, and catfish).

All money goes back to the fishermen (60% for 1st place and 40% for 2nd place).

Other prizes also awarded.

The last three years, everyone who entered the Derby has won a prize.

Join us for the Meatloaf Cook-Off on November 10th



Attention All  
2020 Officers, Directors,  
and Committee Heads

We will be taking photos of all 2020  
Officers, Directors, and Committee Heads  
on November 16th beginning at 1 p.m.  
until we're done!

Please contact Freda if you have questions.





We're having an  
Ugly Sweater Contest on  
Saturday, December 14th,  
Details will be announced  
at the November General  
Membership Meeting



# *Here Comes Santa Claus!!!*

**Saturday  
December 14th**

5:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Stories and Carol  
Singing with  
Ms. Alice  
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**

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# Lighted Boat Parade

Get Into the Christmas Spirit!

**Saturday, December 7th**

Decorate Your Boat...  
Join the Fun!

**Hosted by  
Sportsmen Yacht Club**

Dinner and Awards  
Presentation  
following the Parade



**Dinner Menu**  
**Pasta with Meat Sauce**  
**Salad**  
**Bread**  
**Dessert**  
**\$10**

**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  
[www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)**