

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2003



FROM OUR COMMODORE LONNIE GIBSON



I try each month to make my message as short and to the point as possible, knowing that **V i c e C o m m o d o r e**

Selvy will totally out-write anything I say. So, with that out of the way, let's get on with this month's events.

Meeting night will be on Dec. 5th. Yes, you already knew this, you say. But maybe what you don't know is that it's the third year in a row that I have not taken Alice out for her birthday, because of meeting nights. We normally leave for that weekend. So...

***Happy Birthday, Alice
I Love You!***

The Lighted Boat Parade is the next evening, the 6th. Driftwood YC is the Host Club this year, so we will be meeting somewhere east of the Antioch Bridge at Buoy 16. (Rear Commodore Dawson has the details in her article.)

Oh yeah...

***Happy Anniversary, Alice!
Boy, do I owe you!!***

Santa will be arriving again by boat this year on the 13th, so bring your kids and, in my case, grandkids on down for a wonderful time.

There will be a New Year's Eve Party for those who can and still stay up that late. And Yes, I will hand over the keys to "Mr. Selvy."

Alice and I wish everyone a Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year!

At this time, I wish to thank everyone who has worked so hard throughout the year to make our Club stand out from all the others.

One of the most thankless jobs at this Club belongs to **Dave & Trella** for all the hard work and many times the alarm went off. Thank you, Dave & Trella, for being there for the Club.

May you all support the upcoming Board of Officers as you did this past year.

*Thank You All
and
"Safe Boating"*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE COMING EVENTS!

December

5 Club Meeting & Dinner
6 Lighted Boat Parade
13 Kids with Santa & Potluck
31 New Year's Eve Party

January

2 Club Meeting & Dinner
3 Work Party
10 Installation Dinner & Dance
25 Super Bowl Party

February

6 Club Meeting & Dinner
7 Work Party
14 Crab Feed
28 Mystery Cruise-Out

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE DAVE SELVY



Well where do I begin? This year has been one of the most productive and creative years in my experience here at the Ferry. With **Lonnie Gibson** at the helm, and thanks to his wife **Alice** and the many hands helping her, it flew by quite successfully.

The final Work Party of the year was a wet affair, but with about 30 hard working members we were able to get much of the pruning done (thanks for your help **Bert Schneider**) and shoring worked on. **Tony Chapman** and crew got the conduit and routing to the new gate done and have set to work on the new entry. We have finished half of the dredging thanks to **Carl Rasmussen** and crew who, when the dredge had to be stopped due to time constraints, set to work continuing the repair of the sheds and fixtures. Then we have nearly finished the sheet pile shoring in Area 5 (thanks to **Jim Dawson** and his crew). Hey! I got ahead of myself... We went fishing...huh?

The Annual Weekend Fishing Derby, run by **Neal Essary**, was a thing of beauty. After the meeting and the starting time had passed, everyone hung around the Clubhouse wondering if we were really going to do this? The rain had started and with boats loaded to the

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, this 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.

gunnels and more...**Alice**...so every participant headed into the wet night with the moon winking through the cloud holes. **Carl & Elaine** on "Lazy Daze" went to Nurse Slough and were joined there by "Brandywine" (**Ken, Jackie**, with Boat Bird, Kona and Chooch). Sounds like a Hawaiian blues band, doesn't it? **Lawny and Tony Chapman** (talk about the blues brothers), on "Ivory Gull" went to the entry of Nurse Slough. They were soon joined by "After Midnight" and her Motley Crew of **Jimmy** and (your next year's Vice Commodore) **Darlene Dawson**; Sexatary, soon to be Rear Commodore, **Chuck "Chuckie" Carroll; Lonnie & Alice Gibson** and yours truly. Alice, calling it a night after landing the first Striper (a nice 12 pounder) up near a lot of red lights in a flat part of water, crawled into the funkiest bunk up on the fly bridge I have ever seen. It was a pad off their boat and a combination of blankets, rain coats mukluks, covered by the bimini canvass...that looked like "Delta Guy's" campground. I brought a CD Book, that was really ...well...not the focus of all aboard, so after I stole Chuck's bunk, and went to bed, Jim turned it off. Later Alice hollered; "who turned off my program???!?" She was listening intently to the story and it was keeping her mind off the water and cold ...*oh maaan!*

We heard during the night that a certain group of boats learned the tides ran tall (and short) in the area of Nurse Slough. So some slept on an incline for a while. I can't remember whether it was Saturday morning or Sunday (one day ran into the next when you are sleep deprived and wet/cold) but a certain Commodore of a certain yacht club let his Vice sleep through a nocturnal attack of a striper to that Vice's rod. (He later explained that I was sleeping sooo well and he didn't
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Just to
Let You
Know...



Way to Go, Bradley!

Bradley Margetts, Trella & Dave's grandson and a special Olympics participant, was one of a group of youngsters invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Governor Schwarzenegger's Inaugural. This group included children from Arnold's All-Star After School Program in L.A., Special Olympics Chapter of Sacramento, Elementary schools throughout the state, as well as his own children.



- Dec 01 Larry Green
- Dec 02 Rex Cook
- Dec 03 Tim Nerby
- Dec 05 Alice Gibson
- Dec 12 Al Wood
- Dec 12 Freda Lucido
- Dec 12 Kathy Larosee
- Dec 13 Dave Davidson
- Dec 17 Frank Kinder
- Dec 17 Ray Telles
- Dec 18 Shirley Furno
- Dec 18 Tracy Larosee
- Dec 19 Theresa Owen
- Dec 20 Yvonne Brayton
- Dec 21 Kris Larosee
- Dec 24 Lyman Turner
- Dec 25 Natalie Greer
- Dec 26 Bonne Lenz
- Dec 27 John Torres
- Dec 28 Karol Freitas
- Dec 30 Albi Ferrari
- Dec 30 Dwayne Minick

The December
Birthday Party was combined
with the November Party

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.
Flyer information is requested by the 15th.

Send Newsletter information to:
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**FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE
DARLENE DAWSON**



It was great to see such a large percentage of our membership come out and support our election of Officers and Directors for 2004. I look forward to another memorable and prosperous year under the direction of **Commodore-Elect Selvy**.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6th. This is a chance for the boating community to light up the Delta and support the efforts of "Granny's Anonymous." The boats will group east of the Antioch Bridge and will start at Buoy 16 at 4:30 p.m. The Dinner and

Awards Ceremony will be held at Driftwood YC; dinner served at 7:30 p.m. The menu will include Hawaiian chicken for \$12.00 per person.

Entry forms for the parade will be available at our General Meeting on Dec 5th. The entry fee is a toy of \$10 value to be donated to Granny's Anonymous.

One week later, **Santa & Mrs. Claus** will be cruising into our Club aboard Eddie Drew, with "Captain Ron" (aka **Jim Dawson**) at the helm. We hope to see lots of children again this year!

It has been a privilege and an honor to work with Commodore Gibson, his Board, Committee Chairpeople, and all of Sportsmen YC members. We have one of the greatest Clubs on the Delta

**HISTORIAN NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**



'Twas just days before Christmas and all through the Ferry, many creatures were stirring especially those merry.

The children were waiting to come to the boat, to see their friend Santa come up from the float.

They come to eat treats and sing with the teacher, to ring jingle bells and hear of a long ago Preacher.

The children all smile and look up at Santa, as Mrs. Claus hands them a gift in a while.

They all can't be good and many of us know, some have had trouble as they started to grow.

Their pictures are taken as they light up and smile, and Santa knows he will be bringing gifts in a while.

As Santa leaves and we say good-bye, we see the merry twinkle in his eye. He says he must leave to pick up his reindeer that he left on West Island, the same as last year.

As we look towards the water as he sails away, he turns around and we hear him say,

*"Merry Christmas to All
And to all a Good Day!"*



PICYA Report

The Annual Trophy & Awards Dinner was held Monday, Nov. 3rd, at Encinal YC. Congratulations to all nominees and winners.

- Yachtsmen of the Year: Larry Ellison, Golden Gate YC
- Poseidon Award: Paul Kamen, Berkeley YC
- Condon Award: Michael LaFaurie, Sequoia YC

Upcoming Events

Dec No Meeting
Jan 24 Installation Dinner at the Holiday Inn, Emeryville

*Congratulations
to our newly elected
Officers and Directors!
Your Board for 2004*

<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Dave Selvy</i>
<i>Vice Commodore</i>	<i>Darlene Dawson</i>
<i>Rear Commodore</i>	<i>Chuck Carroll</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Bob Art</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Freda Lucido</i>
<i>Directors</i>	<i>Tony Chapman</i>
	<i>Bill Coach</i>
	<i>Carl Rasmussen</i>

One Director position is open due to the fact that Bob Art was voted in as Secretary.

Visit Sportsmen YC's Website



- ...to view pictures of recent Club events
- ...Calendar information for the year
- ...lots of other Club related information & links

www.sportsmenyc.org

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want to wake me.) He *said* that it got up to the boat and saw whose pole it belonged to, spit out the hook (patooie!!) and swam off. We fished a number of other places and the result was another very nice striper on Jimmy's line. Somewhere in all this, Lonnie slipped down to my stolen bunk and stole it from me and slept a solid 12 hours, 6 to 6, interrupted only by Alice's 3a.m. chilled cry; "Honey, I'm ccccoold". A muffled ARRRGH! And then more snoring...I never want to hear about my snoring again. Darlene, Chuck and I laid on the seats and floor under pillows and blankets and told jokes like kids in a slumber party till we too passed out. Jimmy was just about asleep when he heard his rod ...click...click...fish on!!

Sunday morning broke with a beautiful slate sky and dramatic clouds with the sun warming up the foredeck. About the time a rainbow showed off its color, the smell of maple cured sausage and eggs wafting through "After Midnight's" decks, made all of us forget that we did all this for a couple-a-fish. Darlene's consummate hostess skills fed us well. All's well that ends well. Then **Bill Worrell's** "melubrious" and dulcet tones, came over the marine radio. He was hosting **Craig Hanson** from *Bay & Delta Yachtsman's* "Fishing" column on the venerable "Alamo", telling everyone what they were eating and catching. Something about Roast Pig and Lutfisk?

Update for our Annual Fishing Derby (as of 11/20/03)		
Striped Bass	Jim Dawson	17 lbs. 0 oz.
	Bob Art	12 lbs. 8 oz.
	Ben Best	12 lbs. 8 oz.
	John Hunter	12 lbs. 7 oz.
Sturgeon	John Hunter	73 lbs. 0 oz.
	Carl Rasmussen	62 lbs. 12 oz.
	Steve Nicholas II	51 lbs. 12 oz.
	(No Entry for 4th)	
Catfish	Elvis Lawhorn	5 lbs. 1 oz.
	John Hunter	3 lbs. 2 oz.
	Jim Dawson	2 lbs. 15 oz.
	Ivan Hendricks	2 lbs. 13 oz.

Uf-Dah!

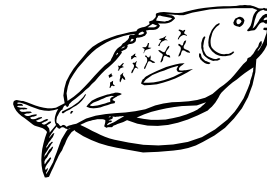
When we got in view of the Club, there was this boat with a matched pair (half of "Four of a Kind") hiding in the tules near the power plant ... "Nobody'll see us in here." They *said* they lost a real BIG cat...sure. Musta' lost the net; or I suppose that is because of the muffled explosion we heard and all the fish floating by. Hey **Chris**...what is it you said to **Bob**? ..."Are you gonna fish or turn me in?"

Back at the Club, and after all the weighing in, it was discovered that no one caught a sturgeon. So they drew a name...ta-dah! I took 40 bucks home to

Hunny Bunny. I am sure, in the report from Neal, there will be a complete listing of the real fisher persons (respect to **Alice Gibson** and **Carol Hunter** – who catches all of John's fish for him) I believe though, this time **John Hunter** caught a nice fish or two and beat Jimmy –he lives for this - and in retrospect, the entire event was a total laughter. That is why we do this...huh? ...Humor. I get it.

Please mark your calendar for Lonnie's "Swan Song" Special New Years Eve Party with a big surprise guest... and then the Commodore's Gala and Installation Dinner to be held January 10, 2004.

Jim & Darlene will be serving Dinner before the December Meeting



Striped Bass with all the fixin's
Give Jim or Darlene a call at 757-8132 if you would like to join them



Revenue Committee Report

Jim Dawson, Chairman

I want to thank the Revenue Committee members **Dick Noack, Pat Brown, and Vic Campo** for their dedication and participation at all the Revenue Committee Meetings.

Here are some of the money saving ideas the committee presented to our membership:

- Meeting Night Dinners (of which we had 9 out of 12 months). *Thank you to all the folks who cooked, cleaned, and participated.*
- Raffles at our monthly meetings. *Again, many thanks to all of you who participated and donated raffle gifts.*
- Placing the Newsletters in member mail boxes.
- Using email for distribution of the Newsletter.
- After the Revenue Committee figured the percent of profit on all bar beverages, the committee recommended raising the price on

certain beverages.

Thanks again to the Revenue Committee.

I know you are all aware the seawall is being replaced at the south end of the Club by Areas 2 and 5. This wall is no cost to the Club. In fact, we will bank a few bucks. The reasons:

- The County paid for the Sheet Piling.
- The members are doing the work. *Thanks to Tony Chapman, Dave Davidson, John Hunter, Ed Ellidge, Lonnie Gibson, Dwayne Minick, and Dave MacDougall.*
- The equipment was no cost to the Club. *Thanks to John Hunter, Jr., for graciously donating the air compressor to run the jack hammer. Thanks to Joe Ortiz for delivering the air compressor on his own time, Tony Chapman for donating the jack hammer, and Dwayne Minick for having his welder onsite and using it at a moment's notice.* We will be sending a thank you letter to all non-members who have donated equipment. Had the above tools not been donated, the cost would have been much, much more.

Our Gate Project is in the works. **Lawny Chapman** had the gate and fence delivered at the Club and it looks great. The price was so far below what we had expected—so *thanks Lawny!* **Tony Chapman** got the light poles and many extensions to use on the project. Again the cost was far less than we had anticipated. Tony has the first poles cemented in. **John Hunter** had the trench dug for all the wiring to be underground, and **John Hunter Jr.** donated the ditch witch for digging the trench. Again, we had to rent nothing. Hopefully, the gate will be operational by year-end. Again, this project should be at no cost to the Club due to Mirant's agreement to pay for the gate.

The last issue I have is the four foot pipeline running from K-Mart to the river. The timeframe for repair appears to be around April (after the rains). I will give you more information as I receive it.

Again, I want to thank everyone who helped and contributed to the many projects that I have been involved with during 2003. Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2004. I wish everyone a save Holiday Season.

Weekend Fishing Derby Results

The 2003 Weekend Fishing Derby started at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th and ended at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9th. We had 51 members and guests participate this year. The Awards Potluck Dinner was held at 4:00 on Sunday following the derby and was attended by 53 members and guests. A raffle was held after the potluck. Many nice prizes were donated by **Kevin Wickman, Charlie McMeekin, Muriel Telles, and Diane Essary.**

Thanks to all who participated!

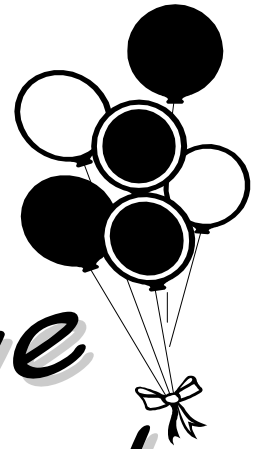
Striped Bass	1st Place	John Hunter	12 lbs. 7 oz.
	2nd Place	Jim Dawson	12 lbs. 1 oz.
	3rd Place	Carl Rasmussen	11 lbs. 2 oz.
	4th Place	Russ Lord	10 lbs. 12 oz.

No Sturgeon were weighed in
Prize money was awarded by drawing

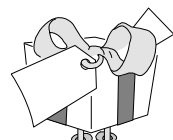
Sturgeon	1st Place	Ken Williams
	2nd Place	Dave Selvy



Catfish	1st Place	Ivan Hendricks	2 lbs. 13 oz.
	2nd Place	Ivan Hendricks	2 lbs. 1 oz.
	3rd Place	Neil Sterud	1 lb. 14 oz.
	4th Place	Elaine Rasmussen	1 lb. 13 oz.

Join us for a New Year's Eve Down-Home Party



at Sportsmen Yacht Club

Wednesday, December 31st. Join us for a "real fun"
party! **Music** and **Games**... and a **Surprise**  **Event!**

Champagne  will be served at **Midnight**. Dress is
casual. Bring a **dish** to share  and come have a

great time ringing  in the **New Year!**

Starts at 8:00 p.m. and \$5.00 per person covers champagne and party favors. We'll need your reservations by December 26th. Contact Audrey Coach at 686-1167 or Elaine Rasmussen at 682-7585 for reservations.

2004 Commodore's Night Gala & Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 10th

5-6 p.m.

Cocktails

6 p.m.

Invocation & Dinner

First Course

Tossed Mixed Green Salad with Del Cabo Sweet 100 Tomatoes
Maui Red Onions, Shaved Carrots, and Julienne Red Cabbage
With a House Made Fresh Herb, Basil Balsamic Dressing

Main Course

Garlic and Herb Crusted Roast Prime Rib of Beef with a Natural Au Jus
Baked Idaho Russet Potato with Sour Cream, Scallions, and Butter
And a Garden Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Double Chocolate Fudge Brownie with Candied Pecans
and Carmel Sauce Ala Mode

7 p.m.

Greeting & Introduction of Past Commodores

Commodore Gibson's Comments

Swearing In of New Officers

Introduction of 2004 Flag & Board Officers

8 p.m.

Music by Romano Marchetti & His Orchestra

for your Dancing Pleasure

\$30 per person

Please send your checks
in advance of the event

Contacts for Reservations

Audrey Coach, 686-1167

Elaine Rasmussen, 682-7585

Reservation Deadline is January 3rd

Santa Cruises-In To Sportsmen YC

Saturday, December 13th

Our Potluck Begins at 5:00 p.m.
Caroling with the Children Begins at 5:30 p.m.
Santa Arrives at 6:15 p.m.



Please remember the following:

- Bring enough food to cover all your guests
- Bring a gift for our special Santa to give to each child in your party

Also...

- Write the name, age of the child, and the Sportsmen member name on each gift

This helps Santa's helpers get the kids' pictures to the correct Club member!

Annual Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 6th

*Get Into the Christmas Spirit
Decorate Your Boat and Join the Fun!*



*Please see
Rear Commodore Dawson's
Article on Page 3 for details
of this event.*