

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2004



## FROM OUR COMMODORE DAVID SELVY



"Jimmy, your rod is clicking!"  
"Huh? Whaa.."  
He rolled out of his chair and carefully picked

up the rod and took it off click and the line slowly inexorably stripped off. Jim then set the drag and jerked hard!!

That was the opening sequence of a fight for a fish that was the wildest and longest I have ever been a part of.

Jim handed me the rod, with the reel screaming protest to the amount of line being paid out, and he ran to the helm and started the boat, then pulled up the anchor. The last time I ever felt anything like this, was the time I was Marlin fishing off Kauai!

After the anchor was up, he ran back and took the rod from me and resumed playing the fish or I

should say the fish, playing him. The sturgeon jumped and what we saw was going to be one we would have to return to the water.

One hour later and a mile up river, having being drug there by this gray submarine, we were treated to viewing our prize.

I first have to say, Jimmy's boat "After Midnight" has a 14 foot beam; the sturgeon's head was even with the swim step on the starboard side and the tail was 1-1/2 feet short of the other end on the port side. We estimated the weight at around 300 lbs. Its head was as large as a computer monitor. We got the hooks out of its gaping maw and it flipped out of the snare and disappeared into the murky waters of the San Joaquin River.

**Jim Dawson** sat down and grinned at me...**THAT** was the beginning of this year's fishing derby.

The Derby began at 10 p.m., the

first Friday night of November and was ably managed under the stewardship of the Master "Fish Derby King"...**Neal Essary**.

Of course, we were also treated to the fabulous fishing seminar and dinner the Wednesday night before hosted by **Bill Worrell**. Everybody attending ran out the door, literally salivating at the new or refined skills learned at the seminar and roaring out of the harbor Friday night for their attempt to win the derby buck\$!!

We had 1st and 2nd places for three categories of fish: Striper, Sturgeon and Catfish.

First place for Sturgeon was won by **Carol Hunter's** fish which was immediately turned loose after weighing. It weighed in at 18 lbs. 8 oz. Second place went to Jerry Calhoun by drawing, since no one else caught one (it had to be a keeper - including the one landed by Jimmy).

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## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

3 Club Meeting  
4 Lighted Boat Parade  
11 Kids with Santa Party & Potluck  
31 New Year's Eve Party

### January

7 Club Meeting  
8 Work Party  
22 Installation Dinner

### February

4 Club Meeting  
5 Work Party  
6 Super Bowl Party  
12 Annual Crab Feed

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## FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



Our November Meeting was very well attended. Three new members were voted in and we added a new associate as well. Let's keep our Club

growing!

During the November meeting, we heard from a special guest, **Elmer Meyer**, introduced by **Historian Kathie Hammer**. Mr. Meyer retold memories his father had shared when he was an officer on the Sausalito in 1916.

Thanks to **Neal & Diane Essary** for their hard work in organizing the Annual Fishing Derby in November. We had a great turnout and great weather too! Congratulations to all our fishing derby winners!

Thanks to the efforts of the **Chapman brothers and crew**, we all had the privilege of coming through our new gate on meeting night. As a reminder, if you don't have your new gate access card, please contact **Freda Lucido** to make arrangements to get your card.

We again had a large turnout for our November Work Party. Much was accomplished and **Rear Commodore Carroll** will elaborate in his article.

Working with **Padre Associates** (a firm of engineers, geologists, & environmental scientists) during our dredging, made our Dredging Project go smoothly. Many thanks to **Alan Klein** for his direction and patience.

Thanks also to **Olympic Marine, Driftwood Marina, Wayne E. Swisher Concrete, Specialized Equipment Rental, and Lauritzen Yacht Harbor** for their contributions to our Dredging Project. Without their help, our project would not have been successful.

To all our dredgers, a really big Thank You from all of us!

Don't forget the Installation Dinner on January 22nd. Dinner will be prepared by the Wednesday Night Boys and music will be provided by the Romano Marchetti Orchestra. More details are in a flyer in this Newsletter.

To close, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

## December Happy Birthday Wishes



- Dec 01 Larry Green
- Dec 02 Rex Cook
- Dec 02 Tina Adkerson
- Dec 02 Sally Simser
- Dec 03 Tim Nerby
- Dec 05 Alice Gibson
- Dec 09 Helen Davidson
- Dec 11 Carl Swenson
- Dec 12 Al Wood
- Dec 12 Freda Lucido
- Dec 12 Kathy Larosee
- Dec 13 Bruce Palmer
- Dec 13 Dave Davidson
- Dec 17 Frank Kinder
- Dec 17 Ray Telles
- Dec 18 Shirley Furno
- Dec 18 Tracy Larosee
- Dec 19 Theresa Heaton
- Dec 20 Yvonne Brayton
- Dec 21 Kris Larosee
- Dec 21 Mike Transchel
- Dec 25 Natalie Greer
- Dec 26 Bonne Lenz
- Dec 27 John Torres
- Dec 28 Karol Freitas
- Dec 28 Susan Carroll
- Dec 30 Albi Ferrari
- Dec 30 Dwayne Minick

## Congratulations to our 2005 Officers

Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Director  
Director  
Director

Darlene Dawson  
Chuck Carroll  
Tony Chapman  
Freda Lucido  
Bob Art  
George Greer  
Tim Nerby  
Chris Stubberfield

Note: Please contact any of the Board Members if you are interested in filling the remainder of the Director's vacancy created by Tony Chapman's election to Rear Commodore.

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

*Send Newsletter information to:  
Freda Lucido  
e-mail lucidos@pacbell.net  
phone 228-3609*



## PICYA Report

### Upcoming Events

Dec No Meetings

- 2005
- Jan 29 Installation Dinner & Dance at Holiday Inn (Emeryville)
- Feb 7 Delegates' Meeting at Discovery Bay YC

★ FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE  
CHUCK CARROLL ★



Well, the dredging is finally done for 2004 and much was accomplished. With the exception of Area 4, the harbor is just about finished.

Once again, cheers to **Jim Dawson** and the excellent crews who showed up day after day to do so much. We are still going around making repairs on the fingers and uprights here and there that were damaged by the dredge cables, but nothing too serious and the work is coming along.

We had a Work Party on the 13th and all I can say is WOW! We had multiple Work Parties attacking Area 3 and getting much done. **Tom Kidder, Bob Williams, Charlie Carroll, and Michael Carroll** repaired the south wall and installed a new electrical panel. Area 3 has power again. With much help from **Dave Beckert, Doug Horton, Lonnie Gibson, Chuck Kotecki, Tim Lamb, Dan Lynch, Carl Swenson, Mike Transchel, John Perryman, and Carl Rasmussen**, we fabricated and installed a new header across the center of Area 3. No easy task getting the sagging roof back into place. We also repaired some fingers, trusses, railing, and dismantled all the rotted lockers on the south end. Just a reminder, while much was done on Area 3 at this Work Party, there is

still much to do and I hope the enthusiasm will last till we're done.

There was much work being accomplished elsewhere around the Club and I want to thank them for their efforts. **Dave Selvy, Ben Best, Bert Schneider, and Jerry Fitzgerald** got a lot of pruning and cleanup done. **Bob Art, Tony Chapman, and Russ Lord** finished up the new gate and fence. I'd like to make a *special thanks* to **Lawny Chapman and Tony Chapman** for all their efforts and follow through in building the new gate for Sportsmen. **Charlie McMeekin and Carl Swenson** moved and arranged boat trailers. **Diane & Neal Essary** took care of Quartermaster business. **Freda & Don Lucido** did new officer photos, **John Hunter** headed up a crew after lunch and finished up the Area 1 piling anchors. And of course **Darlene Dawson** took care of lunches.

The Annual Club Fishing Derby was a success thanks to **Neal Essary** as usual. The turnout was good and a lot of fish were weighed in, with yours truly being lucky enough to catch the winning striper.

Once again, I want to sincerely thank all of you who came out and got so much done at this Work Party. Special thanks to all of our new associates; they showed up ready to work and get things done.

HISTORIAN NOTES  
KATHIE HAMMER



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

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

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

Santa arrived all dressed in his finest, to see each child and ask of their kindness.

The children all smiled and looked up at Santa as he handed them gifts in a very nice style. They said they were good, but many of us know, some had trouble as they started to grow.

Their pictures were taken as they smiled with Santa in hopes he knows what their wants are.

As Santa left and we waved good-bye, we could see the merry twinkle in his eye. He said he must leave and pick up his reindeer that he left on West Island to rest for the journey.

As we looked toward the sky, we heard him exclaim, "*Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.*"

*Written by Kathie Hammer, 2004*



THANKS TO ALL WHO MAKE OUR CLUB A SUCCESS

Visit Sportsmen YC's Website



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

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The 1st place Striper was won by a 15 lb. 1 oz. fish caught by **Rear Commodore Chuck Carroll** followed up by **Amy Dawson's** 2nd place 13 lb. 8 oz. fish. Note: Chuck's fish was caught in the last hour of fishing for us on "After Midnight."

The 1st and 2nd place catfish were both won by **Ivan Hendricks**, whose catfish weighed 2 lbs. 8 oz. and 1 lb. 4 oz.

Thanks to **Kevin Wickman** for donating the prizes for the free raffle.

The potluck was wonderful and so many folks helped with the cleanup which made for a wonderful evening of fun – thanks to all and especially to Neal for putting together such a fun event!

We had a very successful work party attended by a great contingent of our associate members. It is terrific to see such enthusiasm and I am so proud of our Club. We got the Area 3 shed stabilized and ready for some real repair work to commence on the head spaces and fingers. **Chuck** will fill you in on all this in his article, I am sure.

Don't forget the Lighted Boat parade December 4th and, of course, the visit of **Santa and Mrs. Claus** coming to the ferry the night of the 11th. Bring your

kiddies and cameras as I have it that he will be making very special notes on what they want for Christmas, and will be sure to see to it that promises are kept.

Meeting night December the 3rd we will be needing help stuffing the children's stockings with treats that you bring and what **Kathie Hammer** (Santa's helper) has already gathered. Any items that cannot be swallowed like coins or small toys are needed. Maybe company logo items, cups, pens, note pads, larger small toys with no removable parts and wrapped candies are appropriate. Bring them to the meeting and join in the fun helping Kathie.

**Bob and Cindy Art** are organizing the potluck for the Santa Night...so call them for your "dish assignment."

Don't forget the New Year's Eve Party at the Ferry, Friday night the 31st of December. Bring your special dish or finger food treat and come join the fun! **Hunny Bunny** and I will supply a ham and turkey for carving and sandwiches. Music will be recorded and up to those who wish to share their favorites! There could be surprises and there will be plenty of laughs. ...So, see you there!

Since this is my last "Commodore's Comments," I want to express my profound thanks to our Board and my Flag

Officers for what I consider support beyond my wildest expectations. I have been humbled by your expressions of love to me and my "Hunny-Bunny" Sharon, especially during those hours of "real debate." To you, the membership, I can only say, "Thank you and God Bless you all." We are a family and we sometimes act like one in a scrappy way – albeit coming together when the going counts.

As I step down, I encourage you to take stock of the year and remember the good. We had fabulous BBQ's, full of fun and music, and the Family Picnic was spectacular; the harbor is nearly done; and our membership has grown by an amazing total of young and not so young alike, all wanting to share in the treasure we have, but so often take for granted.

No...not the Ferry...the friends.

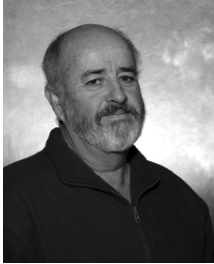
Support Darlene and her Flag and good people on the Board. She is deeply affected by you all and loves this Club with her every fiber. She asks nothing less from you and the Club deserves it! ...And as Mom used to say to me when she left: "**Play Nice!!**"

When I took the reins, I said we would have fun; I dare say, we did. This is a good thing.

I love you all,  
Uf-Dah!  
Yer' Commodore!!

# Merry Christmas to All!

**PORT CAPTAIN  
COMMENTS  
JIM DAWSON**



Everything associated with the 2004 dredging is coming to a close. Thanks to **Bob McLean** for an uneventful trip towing the dredge to

**Lauritzen's Yacht Harbor** and docking at the **Olympic** ways. On board Bob's boat was **Steve Nicholas, Jerry Fitzgerald, Charlie McMeekin, Chris Stubberfield, and Tess**. The dredge was manned by **Dave MacDougall, Ed Elledge, Paul Larosee, and myself**. **Tim Doolin** was the "push tug" with his Aluminum Gregor. *Thanks to all!*

The next leg was getting the trailer to the dredge. Many thanks to **Chuck Larosee and Swisher Concrete** for the heavy crane type truck which hauled the trailer and delivered the dredge on the trailer back to the Club. Thanks to **Lonnie Gibson, Ed Elledge, Dave MacDougall, Chuck Carroll, and Mike Carroll** for assisting with the trailer as well as removing the remaining pipe from the harbor and one full 55 gallon barrel of water. **Chuck Larosee** ran the crane which did 90% of the work. *Thanks again, Chuck!*

The flex hoses used for dredging, including the flex hose on the dredge, should be covered to prevent deterioration from the sun. Anyone having ideas on what to cover them with would be appreciated, as well as assisting with the process.

By the way, after the dredge was back at the Club, I stopped back by **Olympic Boats** and talked to **Rick**, the Service Manager, regarding the cost of them lifting the dredge in and out of the water. I was told, "**NO CHARGE,**" that's right, **NO CHARGE!** This is truly a great neighbor and I personally recommend each of us shop Olympic before anywhere else. They have new boats, used boats, and a great service department. *"Thanks to Rick and*

*the whole Olympic Team!"*

My second phase was a stop at **Lauritzen Yacht Harbor** and to see **Chris**. I thanked him and his team for allowing us to leave the dredge and trailer overnight. I know this is not their policy, but they did it for us. If you need a pump-out for your RV, launching for your boat, etc., I recommend **Chris Lauritzen's** place. *Both of the above show what good neighbors are like!*

On the Port Captain side, we can always use relief caretakers and I thank all those folks who have been filling in as Relief Caretakers. The work isn't hard and you get to spend a couple of days at a great place.

I hope everyone has a great Holiday Season.

In last month's article, I said I would name all the folks who assisted with the Dredging Project. Here they are:

**Jim Dawson, Tony Siino, Tim Lamb, Ed Elledge, Jim Arnold, Len Adkerson, Bob Art, Dave Beckert, Ben Best, George Brayton, Ed Collins, Chuck Carroll, Michael Carroll, Charlie Carroll, Lawny Chapman, Tony Chapman, Bill Coach, Ken Corippo, Dave Davidson, Darlene Dawson, Greg Dawson, Tim Doolin, Neal Essary, Jerry Fitzgerald, Lonnie Gibson, Jerry Goldsmith, Larry Green, George Greer, Carl Hamilton, Phil Henderson, Ivan Hendricks, Doug Horton, Walt Hoy, John Hunter, Carol Hunter, Chuck Kotecki, Darrell Lackey, Chuck Larosee, Paul Larosee, Dan Lively, Russ Lord, Don Lucido, Freda Lucido, Dan Lynch, Dave MacDougall, Tom MacLean, Bob McLean, Charlie McMeekin, Dick Mello, Dwayne Minick, Ray Murphy, Tim Nerby, Steve Nicholas, Ted Nicholson, Byron Nofrey, Wayne Novinger, Joe Ortiz, Herb Pekonen, John Perryman, Vincent Rafanan, Izzy Ramirez, Carl Rasmussen, Elaine Rasmussen, Tony Russo, Arlyce Siino, Ray Salva, Bert Schneider, Dave Selvy, Chris Stubberfield, Joe Stubberfield, Pat Swank, Martin Wibbenhorst, Kevin**

**YES!**

**Dinner will be served  
before our  
December Meeting!**

**Our Menu**

**A Surprise Dinner**

**Prepared by  
Fishermen**

**Chuck Larosee  
and Jim Dawson**

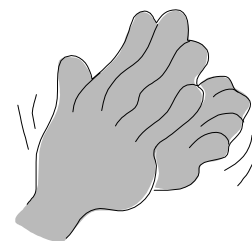
**\$7.00 per person**

**We are limited to 50  
reservations, so contact  
Audrey (686-1167) or  
Elaine (682-7585)  
as soon as possible**

**Come join us!**

**Wickman, Bob Williams, Ken Williams, Mike Transchel, Carl Swenson, Bob Wallen, Lou Zobb.**

**What an Amazing  
List of People!  
Wow!!!**



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## Welcome New Associate Member

*Evelyn Palmer & Bruce Courtnry*  
 9116 Condesa Drive  
 Sacramento, CA 95826  
 Phone: 916-363-4352

*Invite your friends to join Sportsmen YC!*



## Address Changes

*Jan Harrington*  
 1201 Monument Boulevard, #54  
 Concord 94520  
 Phone: 687-4237

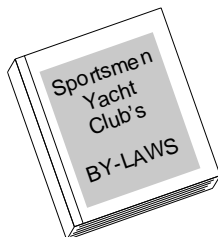
*Paul & Kathy Larosee*  
 16078 Eucalyptus Drive  
 Isleton 94561  
 Phone: 916-777-6754

*Bob & Melanie Wallen*  
 970 Blackwell Way  
 Galt 95632  
 Phone: 209-744-0449



## Member Information Corner

- **Barbara Chapman** is getting better. She has completed her chemotherapy and radiation treatments and is in the process of healing from those treatments. *We look forward to seeing you at the Club soon, Barbara!*
- **Zeb Lamphear** has been under the weather. *We hope you're feeling better soon, Zeb!*
- **Herb Pekonen** says he's moving... "slow and easy." *Our best to you, Herb, from all your friends at Sportsmen!*



### Article XI

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#### 5. The Treasurer:

- a. Shall keep a written record of the names and addresses

of each member of the Club.

- b. Shall collect and have custody of all funds of the Club and shall control the disbursement of the same under the direction of the Board of Directors.

- c. Shall keep proper account books showing in detail the receipt and disbursement of all funds in the Club accounts.

- d. Shall prepare or have prepared a written financial statement which shall be read to the General Membership and presented to the Board of Directors at each of their regular meetings.

- e. Disbursements shall be made only upon checks drawn and signed by the Treasurer and one of the following:

Commodore  
 Vice Commodore

#### 6. The Master at Arms:

- a. Duties shall be directed by the Board of Directors.

#### 7. The Fleet Captain:

- a. Duties shall be directed by the Board of Directors.

#### 8. The Port Captain: (Boat Manager)

- a. Shall have general supervision of the Club Headquarters and of all its property. Shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations, as may deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and the General Membership. Post these rules and regulations in a conspicuous place in the Club house and keep them up to date.

- b. Shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, engage such employees as may deem necessary in the discharge of his or her duties. Their compensation is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

#### 9. The Harbor Captain (Harbor and Dry Storage Manager)

- a. Shall have supervision of all the berths, anchorage, dry storage and the marine ways on the Club property. He or

she shall have power to prescribe such rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and the General Membership. These rules and regulations will be posted in conspicuous places in the entrance to each berth area and kept up to date by the Harbor Captain.

*(To Be Continued Next Month)*



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 our Newsletter in  
 color on-line!**

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

# Annual Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 4th

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

Boats will group under  
the  
Antioch Bridge at 4:30  
p.m.

Entry forms will be  
available at the  
December Meeting  
The entry fee is a \$10  
toy to be donated to  
Granny's Anonymous

Darlene Dawson is our  
Club Representative

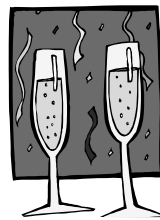


Bridge Marina YC will host a dinner following the parade

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# Join us for New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st, we're going to  
New Year! Music and Games celebrate the coming  
be enjoyed throughout and lots of fun will  
the evening's festivities. Bring a dish to



Share and come have a great time ringing in the  
New Year! Starts at 8:00 p.m. and \$5 per person covers the  
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

# Flash...Flash!!!

## DateChange For Santa Night

Santa will be cruising into Sportsmen Yacht Club on the 2nd Saturday of December—December 11th

# Santa Cruises-In to Sportsmen YC

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

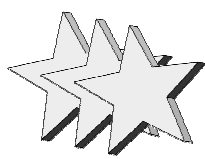
- Bring enough food to cover all your guests
- Bring a gift for Santa to give to each child in your party

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)





# Installation Dinner

## Saturday, January 22nd

- 5:30 p.m. No Host Bar  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
Followed by Award Presentations  
Introduction of 2005 Officers  
9:00 p.m. Music & Dancing by the Romano Marchetti Orchestra

### The Evening's Menu

New York Steak  
Oven Roasted Red Potatoes  
with Rosemary  
Sautéed Zucchini Medley  
Insalata Di Ferro  
(Baby Spinach with caramelized nuts, dried cranberry,  
feta cheese, with maple balsamic vinegar dressing)  
Dinner Rolls  
Dessert

\$25.00 per person

*Prepaid reservations are requested*

*Please contact either Audrey Coach at 686-1167 or  
Elaine Rasmussen at 682-7585 for reservations*

*Reservations must be received by January 17th.*

## Reminder!

When sending mail to the Club, please send it to our Post Office Box. Please do not mail it to our street address!

P.O. Box 518  
Antioch, CA 94509

Thank you!

The 2005 Club Directories will be sent with the January Newsletters.

Please make sure your information is correct! Please submit changes to Don or Freda Lucido by December 5th.

## Our Birthday List...

We are missing a few birth dates for our members (we only need the month and day).

If your name appears below and you would like to give us this information, we would appreciate it.

You may call or send your information to Don or Freda Lucido.

Mary Amaral  
Dorothy Carroll  
JoAnn Caskey  
Diane Colbrandt  
Edith Crisp  
Isabelle Felizianetti  
Walt Hoy  
Bob Kuhnle  
Joan Lehman

Jerry Mahoney  
Karen Medlock  
Penny Mills  
Carl Moore  
Gilbert Olvera  
Sara Parmley  
Gary Reopelle  
Ray Salva