

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2005



## FROM OUR COMMODORE DARLENE DAWSON



November opened with **Bill Worrell's** annual Fishing Seminar; a group of over 100 fishing enthusiasts

shared ribs by Bill & crew and fishing tips by **Barry & Diana Canevero**.

Our November meeting was very well attended. *Congratulations to our newly elected Officers and Directors for 2006.* By 10:00 that night, 52 participants were signed up for our annual Weekend Fish Derby. After a delicious potluck dinner prepared by our own Sportsmen "gourmets," prizes were awarded by **Neal Essary**. *Thanks, Neal, for 19 great years of hard work making this derby such a success.*

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, December 3rd. 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 under the Antioch Bridge and the parade will start at 4:30 p.m. This year, we will host the Dinner & Awards Ceremony following the parade. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Details will be posted at the Club.

Entry forms for the parade will be available at our General Meeting on December 2nd. The entry fee is a toy of \$10 value to be donated to Granny's Anonymous.

One week later, on Saturday, December 10th, **Santa & Mrs. Claus** will be cruising into our Club aboard *After Midnight*. For those new to the Club, this is one of my very favorite events. While the anxious children eagerly await Santa's arrival, **Mrs. Hammer** leads everyone in caroling and **Mr. Hammer** helps direct Santa's boat to our Club. Santa promises to bring his elves who will help him give gifts. When

you hear the screams from the little ones and see the excitement in their eyes, you become a child again for a brief moment. Each child has their own special time to visit with Santa, sitting on his lap and getting their picture taken! We hope you won't miss this special evening!

We will be having a family-style New Year's Eve celebration again this year. **Jim** and I hope you will join us as we ring in another New Year on the Ferry!

One of my last official acts was to represent our Club at Driftwood YC's annual Check Presentation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. While there, I learned of "Ben's Story." The story of this selfless and brave young man is one that should be shared. Throughout Ben's battle with leukemia, he played computer games, which helped him get through the treatment process. He also began to think about the need to have

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## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

- |    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 2  | Club Meeting              |
| 3  | Lighted Boat Parade       |
| 10 | Kids with Santa & Potluck |
| 31 | New Year's Eve Party      |

### January 2006

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|----|---------------------|
| 6  | Club Meeting        |
| 7  | Work Party          |
| 21 | Installation Dinner |

### February

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| 3  | Club Meeting     |
| 4  | Work Party       |
| 5  | Super Bowl Party |
| 11 | Annual Crab Feed |

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## FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



I have been on my annual elk hunting trip and it was great fun! I'm sorry I missed the November Work Party, but I understand it was a great success

all of you who have been coming out to all our Work Parties. We are getting much accomplished! Special thanks to our new associates who are showing up and are ready to work!

The annual Fishing Derby was another great success, thanks to **Neal Essary** who has coordinated it for so many years. Congratulations to all who caught the winning fish!

and would like to thank all who came out to work on our ongoing projects. The lighting was fixed near the horseshoe pits, the willow tree trimmed, the bar was cleaned, the siding and wood that was alongside the Ferry was picked up. Also, the trailers were once again moved so the road work can be completed.

Once again, I want to sincerely thank

As we move into 2006, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support. This Club is only successful when we all work together as a team! I'm looking forward to a great year in 2006!

*Have a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!*

### From the Editor...

It has been my pleasure for the past several years to be your Newsletter Editor. I am pleased to announce **Shari Horton** will be assuming the role of Newsletter Editor starting with the January 2006 issue. Thanks to all who have given me lots of support and compliments over the years. Thanks most of all to everyone who takes the time to read the Newsletter! Many of you have told me you read it from cover to cover and that makes all the work worth it. I know Shari will be great to work with and will continue to make our Newsletter one of the best in the Delta!

*Freda Lucido*



### PICYA Report By Larry Draper

The November meeting was held at Encinal YC. The regular meeting was suspended to allow time for the many awards of the evening. Sportsmen YC received an award for a "One-Star Club." Sportsmen YC was also one of the clubs who presented a donation to RBOC.

Those participating in the 2005 Wheelchair Regatta were recognized. Golden Halo Awards were presented to those who have participated in the

Wheelchair Regatta for nine consecutive years: Jay Brown, Larry Draper, Bob Lewis, and Johnnie Owen.

The PICYA Installation & Dinner Dance will be held at the Corinthian YC on January 28th. Invitations will be mailed in late December to yacht club flag officers, PICYA delegates, staff commodores, Silver Star awardees. These invitations are to be shared with all club members.

Always check the PICYA web site for up-to-date information:  
[www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org).

Have a Merry Christmas!

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

*Send Newsletter information to:  
Freda Lucido  
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phone 228-3609*

## December Happy Birthdays



Dec 01 Larry Green  
Dec 02 Rex Cook  
Dec 02 Tina Adkerson  
Dec 03 Tim Nerby  
Dec 05 Alice Gibson  
Dec 09 Helen Davidson  
Dec 11 Carl Swenson  
Dec 11 Pat Parker  
Dec 12 Al Wood  
Dec 12 Freda Lucido  
Dec 12 Kathy Larosee  
Dec 13 Bruce Palmer  
Dec 13 Dave Davidson  
Dec 14 Mary Sebers  
Dec 16 Larry Draper  
Dec 17 Carol Fray  
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 Chris Mavroudis  
Dec 21 Kris Larosee  
Dec 21 Mike Transchel  
Dec 22 Chuck Knox  
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

There is still time to book a  
cruise to the Caribbean on  
Princess Cruise Lines,  
sailing January 7th!  
Go to [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org)  
for more information

## FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE TONY CHAPMAN



Sportsmen YC prepares to bring another year to a close. What a great year it has been! Under the leadership of our **Commodore Darlene Dawson**

we have completed projects and expanded this club into an amazing success story. I can't speak to all yacht clubs within Northern California, but as for all the clubs I am familiar with, we have moved far ahead in organization and camaraderie. These advances came not only by her hard work but also an unrelenting passion for this Club and the people who are represented here. Darlene has a heart for Sportsmen that will test all of us to match. She may step on some toes along the way but you can be sure of where she is heading. *Thank you, Darlene, for the leadership and your love for Sportsmen that you have shared with your Board this year.*

As with any good book, as one chapter comes to an end, you anticipate the next to come. Sportsmen has now completed the task of dredging our harbor. With the vision and leadership of **Commodores Lonnie Gibson, Dave Selvy and Darlene Dawson, Project Manager Carl Rasmussen** found his way through miles of red tape and seemingly daunting obstacles to lead his team to a successful kickoff year of dredging. After which, **Project Manager Jim Dawson** took the reins ("levers" in this case) and guided the project through operational issues that would have sunk most others. With his bulldog like tenacity, we closed this chapter with much anticipation as to the possibilities of the future. After all, we succeeded at dredging our own harbor, under budget and ahead of schedule.

I believe and want to take this opportunity to recommend the next chapter for Sportsmen YC should be an aggressive plan to replace the boat berthing areas. We have been patching, propping, and refloating for long enough! We now have all that new water under our boats and we

now need safe docks around them! Many have spent hours to weeks on repair projects that have only been stop gaps. Anyone who will take the time to walk Areas 2 & 3 will see areas that have new lumber but you won't view the areas as new. Many have talked of replacement plans but always as long term view. We no longer have the luxury of putting off this project. We also no longer need to put this project off, we have a strong membership and a great opportunity to play off our successes.

We have done an amazing job of securing our financial condition and have membership numbers and participation which will sustain the financial commitment that will be required. I am not proposing that we "break the bank," but indeed we should use the bank. Berthing is a major capital improvement to our property and it should be financed as such. If we let the initial investment sway us into tinkering at this project, we will never get it started much less completed. But if we commit to a plan that allows for a mix of short term and long term cost management, we can attack this with an eye on completion within two to three years. I understand there is a lot of ground to plow before we commit to a construction plan and system, but if we can all agree to the desired end result which would be comfortable, clean, safe and secure berthing for our fleet, then we will succeed again.

Thank you all again for reading my articles this year and I have enjoyed your comments on my rambling each month. Best of luck to the Officers & Directors of 2006. I know that through the support of the membership you will reach your goals for Sportsmen YC and be blessed in the process.



*Merry  
Christmas  
To All*

## 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*

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.

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something positive that helped other kids battle their illnesses. When Make-A-Wish approached him to grant his wish, he decided to design a video game that would be helpful for kids like him who have cancer. It was a way to fight back and relieve some of the pain and stress involved with treatment. Ben's Game is available to download for free from the Make-A-Wish website at [www.makewish.org](http://www.makewish.org). In recognition of the powerful message of hope in Ben's Game and the inspiration it has been to hundreds of thousands of people, Ben was honored as an "Unsung Hero of Compassion" by the Dalai Lama in San Francisco on November 6th.

This year has been one of the most exciting and rewarding years of my life. Many thanks to all who supported our Club with their patience, understanding, and love. To the Officers and Directors of 2006, it will now be your duty, honor, and privilege to lead Sportsmen YC — one of the oldest and finest clubs on the Delta! You will do us proud.

**Merry Christmas to All!**

## Hugging

Hugging is healthy. It helps the body's immune system. It cures depression. It reduces stress. It induces sleep. It's invigorating. It's rejuvenating. It has no unpleasant side effects.

Hugging is all-natural, organic, naturally sweet and 100 percent wholesome. It contains no pesticides, no preservatives, and no artificial ingredients. There are no movable parts, no batteries to wear out, no periodic check-ups, no insurance requirements, and no monthly payments. It is inflation proof, nonfattening, theft-proof, nontaxable, nonpolluting and, of course, fully returnable!

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## MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER

- Susan Nofrey had surgery in late October and is doing fine.
- Byron Nofrey had shoulder surgery in early November and is recovering.
- Dee Pacheco was having problems with her knee and is now doing much better.
- Tony & Rosemary Russo announced their premature granddaughter, born October 25th, is doing much better. They are thankful for everyone's prayers.
- Dolores Swart was hospitalized in early November and is doing better.
- John Torres injured his leg while working with a rototiller. He is healing just fine and promises to be really careful next time.

**THANK YOU**



We would like to thank the folks at West Marine for their generosity providing items for our raffles at our Fishing Seminar and our November General Membership Meeting!



**PORT CAPTAIN  
COMMENTS  
JIM DAWSON**



We're on our final phase of the (K-Mart) Contra Costa Pipe Line Project. This is the negotiating phase where we ask for money and special considerations. The first special

consideration is that I've asked for the road to be graveled on both sides of the asphalt with an under lay to prevent vegetation growth. The County and Mountain Cascade have agreed to do this for Sportsmen YC, at no cost to Sportsmen! We are in the money portion of the negotiation process now.

I want to thank everyone who assisted me with the dredging and pipeline projects in 2005. I also want to thank everyone who cooked the meeting night dinners as well as all of you who supported said dinners. I appreciate everyone who baby sat the Club during Trella's days off. I especially want to thank George Greer for filling in at a moment's notice 100% of the time. *George, you saved the day!*

I wish everyone safe and happy Holiday Season.

**Don't miss  
Your  
Opportunity!**

**Get your name in  
to Jim Dawson  
for the month  
You would like  
to cook the  
Meeting Night  
Dinner in 2006!**

**Try out your  
Favorite Recipe  
& we'll all thank you  
for it!**



**YES!**

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

**Our Menu**

**Minnesota Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes  
With Gravy  
Vegetable and Salad  
Dinner Rolls**

**\$8.00 per person**

**Prepared by  
Ann Marie Alcorn**

**We are limited to 50  
reservations, so contact  
Audrey Coach or  
Elaine Rasmussen  
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## THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO



It is that time of year when I get all misty eyed. I think of times past and all of the wonderful things we have done this season of the year. I went up to the front of the

roof deck and sat down, leaned back against the wheelhouse cabin and took in the river. It was so smooth you could see the stars reflecting on it and it's cold...except I can't feel the cold; but all you fishermen are wearing yer jammies under the levis, so trust me.

This marks my last missive to you this year. And what a year it's been. Your Commodore, **Darlene**, has sure had a year!! Her accomplishments have been stellar, memberships are full and the incoming Commodore has everything in place to give you another great year also.

Say! Anyone notice? There's a new fire pit down at the end of the levee just right for sitting around the campfire and singing or toasting weenies and marshmallows. "Last one in gets a s'mores!!" (Ask yer Dad.) It'll be finished soon, after the wiring gets fixed and we can build a bench or two.

I understand **Santa Claus** will be here for a visit in a week or two. Bring all the kids and give the jolly guy a reason to continue coming. He sure seems to enjoy that. My shopping list is short...it's just for all of you to be careful wherever you travel, come home to the Ferry, safe and happy.

Have a very Peaceful and Merry Christmas and I'll see you here for the new Commodore's Installation night!!

I think I'll play the piano a bit and then, move the cat over and go to bed.

-Ghost



Look for your  
**2006 Club Directory**  
in the January Newsletter!

## Congratulations to our 2006 Officers & Directors

Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Director  
Director  
Director  
Director

Chuck Carroll  
Sherry Lively  
Casey Curry  
Freda Lucido  
Bob Art  
George Greer  
Doug Horton  
Tim Nerby  
Chris Stubberfield

## Announcing the Results of our Weekend Fish Derby

### Striped Bass

1st Place	Jim Dawson	30 lbs. 8 oz.
2nd Place	Paul Holeman	11 lbs. 8 oz.

### Sturgeon

1st Place	Richard Wakefield	52 lbs. 8 oz.
2nd Place	Dan Lynch	Won by Drawing

### Catfish

1st Place	Jim Dawson	1 lb. 5 oz.
2nd Place	Dennis Higgins	14.5 oz.



The fishing crew from  
Lawny Chapman's boat  
proudly pose with Richard  
Wakefield's winning  
sturgeon

Congratulations to our winners and

Thanks to all our participants!

Be sure to see our Annual Derby Results  
for 2005 in our February Newsletter

# Annual Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 3rd

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

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

No-Host Cocktails at 4:00 p.m.

Sportsmen will be serving  
dinner from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

## Dinner Menu

NY Steak  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Sauteed Zucchini, Salad  
Rolls, & Dessert  
\$12.50 per person

Reservations are requested,  
but not required

Please contact Elaine at 766-6675

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 Sportsmen's Representative

## Santa is Cruising-In

Saturday, December 10th

5:00 p.m. Potluck Begins

6:15 p.m. Santa Arrives!

5:30 p.m. Caroling with  
the children

### 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 write the Sportsmen member name on each gift

(This helps Santa's helpers get the kids' pictures to the correct Club member.)

# Join us for New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31st, we're going to celebrate the  
Coming New Year! Music and lots of fun will  
be enjoyed throughout the evening's  
festivities.



Bring a dish to share and  
come have a great time ringing in the New Year!  
The festivities start at 8:00 p.m. and \$5 per person covers  
Champagne and Party Favors. Reservations are not necessary.



## Installation Dinner

*Saturday, January 21st*

5:30 p.m. *No Host Bar*  
6:30 p.m. *Dinner*  
*Followed by Award Presentations*  
*Introduction of 2006 Officers*  
9:00 p.m. *Music & Dancing by the*  
*Romano Marchetti Orchestra*

*All members will  
receive an invitation  
in the mail.*

*Please RSVP with your  
prepayment check by  
January 14, 2006*

*\$30 per person*

## *The Evening's Menu*

*New York Steak*  
*Oven Roasted Red Potatoes*  
*Fresh Garden Vegetable*  
*Caesar's Salad*  
*Dinner Rolls*  
*Dessert*