

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2006



FROM OUR COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



In my January article, I mentioned the important thing for me was not that I have a great year, but that

the Club have a great year. I believe we have accomplished that goal! It's because so many members were willing to help whenever and wherever we needed it. I honestly don't know where to start in thanking those who made this year such a success. *Thank you for your support, your willingness to be involved, and your continued dedication. We do have the greatest Club on the Delta!*

The big event for November was the Mystery Cruise-In with Discovery Bay YC. Boy, did our members step up to the plate for that event! The folks from DBYC had nothing but kudos for the whole weekend.

Belynda Zobb coordinated

the meals served. **Vice Commodore Sherry Lively** has covered the list of those who helped in her article, so I won't repeat it here. **Alice Gibson** once again creatively transformed our ferry into a 1920's Speakeasy and it was fantastic. People were overheard saying they really felt they were back in the 20's! **Dr. Dan and VC Sherry** did a phenomenal job of coordinating bartenders for the weekend. *Thanks to one and all who supported this event.*

December promises to be a lot of fun starting with the Lighted Boat Parade on December 2nd. Many say this event really gets them in the Christmas spirit and it's always nice to see the parade of boats decorated and lit up at night.

Then on December 9th, Santa will visit our Club. The evening begins with a bite to eat and caroling with **Kathie Hammer** while the kids anxiously await Santa's arrival by boat. The evening is filled with

anticipation and excitement for both young and old alike. **Freda Lucido** will be on hand to take pictures of the kids sitting on Santa's lap.

On December 31st, we will get together to have some fun toasting in the New Year. That's when I will make a big sigh and hand over the Commodore duties to **Commodore-Elect Sherry Lively**.

January will bring the Installation Dinner and that is the night we really take the time to thank those who served the Club in 2006 and, of course, swear in the officers and directors for 2007. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Looking forward to next year, I would like to wish everyone on the 2007 Board a great year.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our membership.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas!



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2006

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| 1 | Club Meeting & Dinner |
| 2 | Lighted Boat Parade |
| 9 | Kids with Santa & Potluck Dinner |
| 25 | Merry Christmas! |
| 31 | New Year's Eve Party |

January 2007

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| 5 | Club Meeting & Dinner |
| 6 | Work Party |
| 20 | Installation Dinner |

February 2007

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| 2 | Club Meeting & Dinner |
| 3 | Work Party |
| 4 | Super Bowl Party |
| 10 | Crab Feed |

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY



The Holiday season is upon us, so I know everyone is busy, busy, busy. We had a few people who came out to our impromptu Work Party in

November. It was the same weekend as the Fishing Derby, so we had a very small turn out - but a great turnout for fishing! Thank you **Joan** and **Ted Idsoe** for your help on the upper deck. Thanks **Tim Lamb** and the guys who worked on the dredge. Thanks also to **Jerry Fitzgerald** and crew who cleaned the patio area and BBQs, **Lonnie Gibson** for dock repair and getting us ready for the Discovery Bay cruise-in. The rest of the weekend we enjoyed watching big fish come in and there were some "doosies." **Lee Fitzgerald** and I tried fishing off the pier, but no luck.

A huge thank you goes to **Alice Gibson** for all her work and creativity for turning our old Gal into a 1920s Speakeasy for the Discovery Bay Mystery Cruise-In. I also want to thank **Casey Salva** for her help with the decorations. We all had a great time coming up with store fronts and names. The thanks for putting on this giant cruise-in are enormous. The meals were all prepared by **Belynda Zobb** and **Pat Brown** with help from

Kathy Larosee, Barbara Wigmore, Paula Hope, Donna Cordova, Bob Garrett, Rod Miller, and Ken & Sarah Corippo. Master Chef **Lou Zobb** and **Chris Yarbrough** teamed up to work the BBQ grill.

Lee Fitzgerald kept the young servers moving, and they all did a spectacular job. Thank you to **Lonnie Gibson** and his dock crew for doing an outstanding job of getting all those big boats in and settled. Thank you to **Dan Lively** for keeping our bar running so smoothly and thank you to **Charlie Katusich, Tino & Janet Abon, Nate Cordova** and **Brian Hope** for their help behind the bar and in the kitchen. You guys were amazing.

Jackie Steele and **Cindy Art** with help from **Natalie Greer** kept the Ship's Store humming along. Thanks also go to **Audrey Coach, Elaine Rasmussen** and **Lee Fitzgerald** for manning the ticket sales. There are so many others who helped in so many different ways. Thank you to all; it was a huge undertaking and a great success.

We have no Work Party in December because of the Lighted Boat Parade, but we'll be back at it in January.

Happy Holidays to one and all!



December Happy Birthday Wishes



01 Larry Green
02 Rex Cook
02 Tina Adkerson
03 Tim Nerby
05 Alice Gibson
09 Helen Davidson
11 Carl Swenson
11 Pat Parker
12 Al Wood
12 Freda Lucido
12 Kathy Larosee
13 Bruce Palmer
13 Dave Davidson
14 Mary Sebers
16 Larry Draper
17 Carol Fray
17 Frank Kinder
17 Ray Telles
18 Shirley Furno
18 Tracy Larosee
19 Theresa Heaton
20 Yvonne Brayton
21 Chris Mavroudis
21 Kris Larosee
21 Mike Transchel
22 Chuck Knox
24 Phil Gray
25 Natalie Greer
26 Bonne Lenz
27 John Torres
28 Karol Freitas
28 Susan Carroll
30 Albi Ferrari
30 Dwayne Minick



PICYA Report

We traveled to Lake Tahoe in Tahoe City for the October meeting. Lake Tahoe YC hosted the meeting. It was well attended and members found some free time for other Nevada type "activities."

Several members visited Sierra Boat Company on Saturday morning in Carnelian Bay. It was fascinating to see the process for restoring antique and classic wooden boats.

At the dinner meeting, Commodore **Manny Mier** announced the nominations for next year's board

would be announced at the November meeting.

There were no "crazies" out when a full moon shone down on Encinal YC for the November PICYA meeting. Sportsmen YC was awarded a certificate of appreciation for becoming a one star club in 2006 based on Club of the Year points (COTY).

RBOC Director of Government Relations, **Jerry Desmond Jr.**, presented **Larry Draper** with an appreciation plaque for his term as Director from 2004 to 2006.

Larry was speechless (if that is possible) when he was awarded the Jo Bates Memorial Trophy as Delegate of the Year. It is especially meaningful to Larry, as he knew Jo through many

years as PICYA delegates. They also worked together at the Wheelchair Regatta from the beginning until her death. This trophy is by nomination by the Commodore of the recipient's club. Larry was nominated by Commodore **Renee Olson** of Oyster Point YC. Larry's response afterward was, "Renee must have written a hell of a letter." The trophy will be kept at Oyster Point for one year.

Past Commodore, **Margo Brown**, expressed her thanks and appreciation to all of the yacht club members who work with her on the Wheelchair Regatta.

This remarkable evening has about 190 yacht club members in attendance.

FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE CASEY CURRY



Once again, not much to report on the Work Party scene. With all the events we

have had lately, there is not enough time in the month to organize a work day. Well, after the first of the year we will have plenty to do. I have a few ideas and I am sure a lot of you do as well. Let me know what ideas are on your mind so that we can organize it.

I have to add what a great time everybody had at the Mystery dinner. Discovery Bay showed up in full fashion. Was the harbor full of beautiful boats or what? Great job **Lonnie**.

See you at the first Work Party of '07.

Have a safe
and happy
Christmas!



HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



Written by
Kathie Hammer
2004:

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

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

The children all smile and look up at Santa as he hands them a gift in a very nice style. They say they were good, but many of us know, some had trouble as they started to grow.

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

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

As we look toward the sky we hear him exclaim, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight."

*In Memory Of
Evonne Sterud passed away on November 8th following a long illness. She and Neil have been members of Sportsmen since 1982. Evonne loved being with her family and was very involved with activities at St. John's Lutheran Church. She enjoyed crafts and was instrumental in creating the stained glass windows at her church.*

Our sympathy to Neil and their family.

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THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO



If ever I say, "Things are quiet around here" again, someone please get "Cat" to find me and thrash me about the head and body. Speaking of Cat...He has found a couple of other cats to play with, ran them off and now it is just him and the raccoon. They could end up as room mates if the noise gets any worse. Ryde and Francine were never like this.

You had a fine turnout for the

Fishing Derby, but you guys were the only ones who showed up...the fish are somewhere else; no fish? Global "fish" warning? DFG will surely "fix this" too. They have their way the only game fish allowed will be bull heads, if they ever show up. I was out on the pier last week and noticed no bait fish swimming about. Wow... This is the worse opener in years.

I heard that a certain Ship's Stores fashion lady broke the club rules and swam in the harbor (what is it with you people?), much to the delight of the "Sportsmen" helping her with tying her boat in. Wet tee shirts are really fashionable, they finally got around to helping the poor gal.

Some Neanderthal thought it would be real fun to murder some poor SOB and stuff the remains in the Sea Ray in the harbor. Notice the list? She swears that it is fuel and water all being stored on that side of the boat.

Now as for the noise. There was a little competition in a certain "White" Cabin and the Ladies head ...sounds like what were heard back in the good old days of cabin 9. ...hmmmm. Wonder if there will be any shootings. I thought that was the end of it, but yer "harbor master" did his magic again and stuffed some 26 of the largest ships ever into this harbor and THEN the noise began. The visitors from the Byron corn fields decided on invading your ferry and I gave up on sleep for two days. Speaking of sleep...it seems that the Harbor Master, his-self, finished the task and promptly celebrated to the point that he forgot to come back for the dinner Sat. ...oh jeepers, don't get me wrong here...he showed up on Sunday wondering when the party was going to start...Ha! Oh well he LOOKED like he was at the party the night before. I wonder what happened to painter. He seemed to have lost his way back also... something about grass stains on his shirt front and the local dogs awakening him at his mail box. You two guys couldn't wait for the party to start?

Those silly noises coming from the cabins below decks?...It was sooo exciting for the Vice that she got the vapors... and it was said later that she overheard the noises in the area of the "White" cabin and the Ladies head that she simply had to take her hubby the Virgin Surgeon (no more) home for a little R&R. Nice to hear that she enjoys her time with him so well.

Dinner was superb from my vantage point...the Old Salt's babe got a new Carvette for him and he served up NY Steaks & Béarnaise with Asparagress and "Seattle Cheese Cake"... she really can run a kitchen. No complaints from the Corn Farming revilers. They were too busy to complain anyway solving the murderous affair. Heck I knew who done it, ten minutes into the thing... When everyone woke up three hours later they got it right! ...Duh!

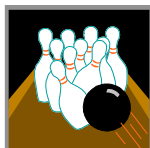
Speaking of Duh... a certain P.C. Norwegian Sailor wowed em over at Caliente. It seems he and his first mate went over with a small contingent of Sportsmen for a little black tie soirée... his impromptu break dance ended with a "Help I've fallen down and can't get up"! Shoulda been here; At least he might have had some help...then again he could've been swimming in the harbor too.

Anyone find my coffee creamer? I was going to change it... curdled cream in my coffee, last time I used it. Now it's gone. ...Humpf! ...Next time ASK!

The rent-a-hookers did a nice rendition of "All that Jazz" as they were rounded up and hustled off before the cops got here. Darn! I was just getting into it.

Boy, the Corn Farmers can party down, they were protected from the Warden's Crazy wife until the wee hours by 2 of Sportsmen's PCs acting as body guards at the bar. She tended bar and ran the dice. That woman is Certifiable.

Well I hear that a certain Jolly old elf is making a return engagement ...Kids are gonna go nuts again ...Come 'er Cat... we're gonna get some sleep before the noise starts up again.



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In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, this notice
will be posted in this Newsletter monthly:

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PORT CAPTAIN COMMENTS JIM DAWSON



Special thanks to everyone who participated in relief caretaking. Your help was greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank everyone

who cooked those wonderful meeting dinners. We were able to share meals as well as stories together. We also were able to sample some favorite dishes and some new ones.

Thanks to all the members and guests who showed up and supported the dinners and meetings.



I wish all a Safe and Happy Holiday season.

Merry Christmas!

The Newsletter is available in **COLOR** on-line. Go to our website at sportsmenyc.org and click on the "Monthly Newsletter" button to get your PDF version now!

The Club would like to thank Past Commodore Herb Pekonen's family for the donation they made recently in memory of Herb.

Once upon a time...

Some members didn't get updated information in for the new Club Directory. They missed some really fun events and wondered why their friends weren't calling...

If you haven't given us your updated information, please either call or email as soon as possible! The deadline for the 2007 directory is December 10th.

*Thanks...
Don & Freda
228-3609
lucidos@pacbell.net*

YES!

Dinner will be served before our December Meeting!

Our Menu

**Famous Fish
with Tartar Sauce
Trimmings
&
Dessert**

**Prepared by
John & Carol
Hunter**

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MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER

- Sherry Lively is feeling better and continuing to get tests to find out exactly what caused her apparent chest pains during the Murder Mystery Dinner in November. The doctors have ruled out a heart attack and for that we are thankful! Take care of yourself, Sherry!
- Joe Stubberfield is scheduled for shoulder surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery, Joe!

We wish you all a
Healthy Christmas!



Welcome New Associate Members!



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Annual Lighted Boat Parade

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



Saturday, December 2nd

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

Santa is Cruising-In

Saturday, December 9th

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.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Ring
in the
New Year
at
Sportsmen!*

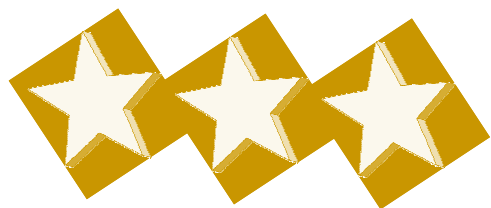


*Sunday
December 31st
8:00 p.m.*

*Come enjoy an evening with
family and friends
Dancing in the New Year
to music you want to hear!*

*Enjoy Hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening
Champagne to toast in the New Year
\$10 per person*

*Make your reservations on-line
or with Elaine or Audrey by December 27th*



Save the Date
Installation Dinner & Dance
Saturday, January 20th

This is an evening when we go all out for our members!
It's an evening we honor those who have served our Club and
we show our support for those who are going to serve in the coming year.
Details will be in the January Newsletter.