

Sportsmen Yacht Club Newsletter

DECEMBER



COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY



This had to be the fastest year of my life! We have had such an incredible time with all our friends at

Sportsmen. I want to thank each and every one of you for all the help and support you have given **Dan** and I. We feel truly blessed. I know we have accomplished so much over the past year and none of it would have been possible without all the dedicated people who pitched in and committed their time and talents to our Club. All I can say is **Thank You, Thank You, THANK YOU!!!**

Our big event in November was the Annual Weekend Fishing Derby. **Commodore elect Casey Curry** and his son **Jake, Vice Commodore elect Pat Sebers** and **Dan Perryman** tied up with **Dan** and I and **Alice Gibson** out in Middle Slough. We had a couple of fun days but not many fish. **Casey** and **Jake** caught a 6 lb. striper. **Alice**

caught a 42 inch sturgeon that put up a pretty good fight, but the rest were all babies. Fortunately others had better luck and congratulations go to **Tony Chapman** for his first place sturgeon, **Larry Palen** for his first place striper, and **Elvis Lawhorn** for his first place catfish. I think I know who we are going to follow next year. A big Thank You to **Neal** and **Diane Essary** for all their hard work in putting on this great event. Thanks also to **Bill** and **Shari Worrell** and their crew for hosting the Fish Derby Seminar which was held October 31st. The food was great and the speakers, as always, interesting.

December promises to be lots of fun. We start with the Lighted Boat Parade on December 1st. We would like to see a big turnout; it really starts the Season off on a bright note and the families who line the waterfront sure enjoy it. If you are not involved in

decorating or crewing a boat, come and enjoy the parade from our fishing dock (the best seat on the parade route). Bridge Marina YC is hosting dinner and awards after the parade. We generally have a good group at Sportsmen who open their boats to one and all and we party on our dock, so come out and enjoy the festivities.

December 7th is our General Meeting and Saturday, the 8th, Santa comes to Sportsmen YC! We will have a potluck dinner and **Kathie Hammer** will get the children caroling while we wait for the chubby old elf's arrival by boat. **Freda Lucido** will take pictures of the children sitting on Santa's lap. This evening is open to all members, associates and guests of Sportsmen. Kids, grandkids, and anyone else are welcome! Bring them and watch their little faces light up with the excitement and anticipation of the

(Lively—Continued on Page 7)

Inside this issue:

- Rear Commodore's Article 2
- Upcoming Events
- Fishing Derby Results
- Congratulations to Larry Draper
- Lighted Boat Parade Details 3
- Santa's Visit to Sportsmen
- New Year's Celebration Flyer 4
- January Save the Date for Installation Dinner
- 2008 Officers 5
- December Meeting Dinner Menu
- Congratulations to Dennis Higgins
- December Birthdays 6
- Historian's Notes
- Fleet Captain's Report
- Reminder for 2008 Directories 7
- PICYA Report 8
- Ghost Article



VICE COMMODORE CASEY CURRY



We had a much smaller turnout for the November Work Party compared to the past several months, but we managed to get a few things accomplished. Thanks to

Bob Bennett, Jim Linhart, Dennis Higgins,

Blair Camp, and **Pat Sebers,** we got some much needed repairs done on the decking in Area 3 as well as on the fishing dock. Thanks guys. **Gary Abeyta** headed up a small crew in cleaning up the grounds with some weed eating and general cleanup.

We were able to use the newly installed dumb waiter

to bring several supplies needed on the upper deck. The bar and galley area were spruced up thanks to **Rick & Anita Hines** and **Bob & Shirley Carr.** We also attempted to replace the bad smoke detector batteries in the cabins, but decided since they were so hard to isolate that we are going to start at one end and replace them all.

(Curry—Continued on page 7)

Merry Christmas!



Sportsmen's Website:
www.sportsmenyc.org



REAR COMMODORE PAT SEBERS



November's weather, with its slow to no wind and the sun out just enough to begin to warm you up, was perfect for our Annual Fishing Derby.

Commodore **Sherry** and **Dan Lively** in the Miss Sea Haven were kind of difficult to follow to the secret fishing grounds in the darkness after our November meeting. Vice Commodore **Casey Curry** and his son, **Jake**, followed me in the Delta Swan, along with my navigator, **Dan Perryman**.

Traveling the Delta waters at night is quite an adventure if you don't have much experience – slow and steady with all the lights turned down does the trick. Trying to follow Miss Sea Haven's little tiny running light was quite a challenge against the city lights of Pittsburg.

Alice Gibson, on the Miss Sea Haven, cast out her line once we arrived at the secret spot – BAM!, hooked a sturgeon – just undersized. Casey's son, **Jake**, caught a keeper striper and everyone else caught schoolies. A very enjoyable weekend excursion. Note to self... Stripers don't like rib-eye steak.

I want to thank everyone for voting for the new officers, I believe I speak for all of us that we will do our best to serve you.

We have the Lighted Boat Parade coming up December 1st, and our Kids with Santa Potluck December 8th. I hope to see everyone there.

2007 went by so fast as to be a blur. If I could just get time to slow down a bit, we could all savor the best parts of Delta life.

I love this place.



Weekend Fishing Derby Results

The 2007 Weekend Fishing Derby started at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2nd and ended at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 4th. We had 52 members and guests participating this year; 65 members and guests attended the awards potluck dinner on Sunday following the close of the derby. Five lucky adults won nice prizes at the free raffle.

STRIPED BASS	1st	Larry Palen	23 lbs. 14 oz.
	2nd	Dennis Higgins	11 lbs. 9 oz.
	3rd	Dave Newton	10 lbs. 12 oz.
	4th	Lawny Chapman	9 lbs. 8 oz.
STURGEON	1ST	Tony Chapman	26 lbs. 4oz.
	2nd	Mike Carroll	(won by drawing)
CATFISH	1st	Elvis Lawhorn	2 lbs. 6 oz.
	2nd	Elvis Lawhorn	2 lbs. 5 oz.
	3rd	Chris Yarbrough	2 lbs. 2 oz.

NOTE: Awards were made to 1st and 2nd places only.
1st place receives 70 % of prize fund
2nd place receives 30 % of prize fund

**Congratulations to our winners and thanks
to all our participants !!!
Neal Essary**



To Larry Draper!

Recently elected
Vice President of the
Southwest Region
for the
International Order of
Blue Gavel

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen!

December	January	February
1 Lighted Boat Parade	4 Club Meeting & Dinner	1 Club Meeting & Dinner
7 Club Meeting & Dinner	5 Work Party	2 Work Party
8 Kids with Santa and Potluck	19 Installation Dinner	3 Super Bowl Party
31 New Year's Eve Party	26 Marine Garage Sale (weather dependent)	9 Crab Feed

Annual Lighted Boat Parade

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

Saturday, December 1st



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

Jackie Steele is our
Club Representative

Santa is Cruising-In

Saturday, December 8th

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!*

*Monday
December 31st
Starting at
8:00 p.m.*



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

*Bring an Hors d'oeuvres to share
Champagne to toast in the New Year will be provided
There is no charge*

*Make your reservations on-line or with Elaine or Audrey
by December 27th so we know how many are planning to attend*



Save the Date

*Installation Dinner & Dance
Saturday, January 19th*

This is an evening when we go all out for our members!

*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.

INTRODUCING OUR 2008 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

COMMODORE	CASEY CURRY
VICE COMMODORE	PAT SEBERS
REAR COMMODORE	STEVE MARTINEZ
TREASURER	FREDA LUCIDO
SECRETARY	ANGIE WILLIAMS
DIRECTORS	JIM ARNOLD
	GEORGE GREER
	DOUG HORTON
	CHRIS STUBBERFIELD

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
WITH YOU IN 2008!



*congratulations to
Dennis Higgins!*

*Dennis won 1st place
in the*

*Bethel Island Striped Bass Derby
held during Thanksgiving week with a
45" striped bass weighing 32# 2 oz.!*

We have some great cooks in this Club!

Contact Doug Horton right away to get
your name in for the month you would most
like to cook a Meeting Night Dinner!

From now on, the meeting night dinners will be
\$10.00 per person unless stated otherwise.



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

Our Menu

**Chicken Tetrazinna
Salad
French Bread
Homemade Desserts
(yes, that's plural for desserts!)**

\$10.00 per person

**Prepared By
Shirley Karr**

Come join us!

**We are limited to 50 reservations,
so contact Audrey Coach or
Elaine Rasmussen
or make your reservations on-line
as soon as possible**





December

- 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
- 14 Michael Hoskins
- 16 Larry Draper
- 17 Carol Fray
- 17 Ray Telles
- 18 Shirley Furno
- 20 Bob Karr
- 20 Yvonne Brayton
- 21 Kris Larosee
- 21 Mike Transchel
- 22 Chuck Knox
- 25 Natalie Greer
- 27 John Torres
- 28 Cindy Mammon
- 28 Karol Freitas
- 28 Susan Carroll
- 29 Danny Kipp
- 30 Albi Ferrari
- 30 Dwayne Minick
- 31 Mike Stroer



HISTORIAN NOTES

KATHIE HAMMER



Recently, I was looking through some old minutes and found one from December 13, 1934. I think you will find it interesting.

Sportsmen Inc. Meeting Minutes, December 1934

Our annual meeting of the year will be held at Jenny Lind Hall, 22nd & 23rd on Telegraph--third floor December 20, 7pm, sharp.

Crab and Chipino Dinner will be served at 50 cents per head.

Prominent speakers, movie pictures, State Senators, Assemblymen, City officials, all will be on hand. Hear the proposed laws discussed.

A good time will be had we assure you. Let's make this the largest turnout of the year.

14 members have been nominated for the Board of Directors. Nominations are open until the first meeting of January, when the elections of nine directors will be in order.

If you are sure that you are coming or
(Hammer—Continued on page 7)

FLEET CAPTAIN

JACKIE STEELE



As you read this, our Annual Lighted Boat parade will be behind us, and I can only hope that many of you participated! It's a bit of work to decorate and 'power up' all the lights,

but so much fun to share the experience with friends and family as a kick off to the Christmas Season.

Looking forward to 2008, I have agreed to be Fleet Captain again. Though many of our plans for 2007 fizzled, I think the key to getting more of you out boating is to have fewer events. So, I'm looking to do a minimum of one major cruise out each quarter and have fantastic ideas for locations and side-line events that may include our RV group from the Club as well. Look for a preliminary calendar soon, and let's plan to rendezvous on the River.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and an exciting beginning to 2008!

See you on the river, Jackie Oh!



Hook, Line & Sinker is now a Licensed Firearms Dealer

Offering Guns, Gun Supplies, Ammo, Camo & Rain Wear
(See their ad on the inside back cover of this Newsletter)



LIKE TO WATCH SPORTS?

LIKE GOOD FOOD?

**THE PERFECT PLACE FOR
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IS ALLSTAR!**

**ALLSTAR SPORTS
BAR & GRILL**

2521 SAN JOSE DRIVE ANTIOCH 925-778-9282

NTN TRIVIA & PLAY-ALONG SPORTS COMPETITION

COMPETE WITH OTHERS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

DIRECT SATELLITE SPORTS PROGRAMMING

COVERING ALL NFL, NBA, MLB & SOCCER GAMES



Curry—(Continued from page 1)

This will be done in the near future. **Commodore Lively** supplied us with a great lunch. *Thanks Sherry.*

That's about all I have for this month. I hope to see a better turnout at our upcoming Work Parties.

Thanks again to all.

Safe Boating.

(Hammer—Continued from page 6)

bringing a guest, please state on the enclosed card and return to the secretary at once. Do it now before you forget.

For those of you who cannot come may I wish you a most Merry Christmas and a prosperous Happy New Year.

Your Secretary, Dr. T.F. Werner

We love children!

We appreciate it when you teach your child to be neat while using the Club facilities...

So, if your child is playing in the library, please make sure you teach them to clean it up before leaving!



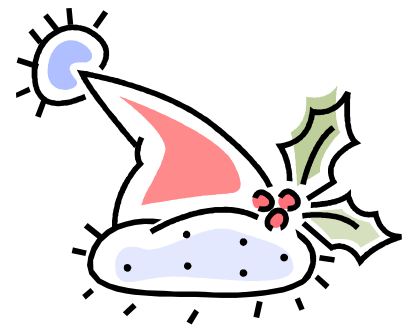
(Lively—Continued from page 1)

evening...

On December 31st, we will get together to ring in the New Year with music, champagne, funny hats and a lot of camaraderie. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and let's have some fun. I will pass on the reins of Commodore and a set of Gold Stars to **Commodore elect Casey Curry** at midnight and gladly accept those beautiful silver ones...

January 4th is the first meeting of the New Year. Our Installation Dinner and swearing-in of 2008 officers and directors will be held on Saturday, January 19th. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Lastly, I would like to thank my 2007 officers and directors for all of their help and guidance over the past year. You all are truly a dedicated group of individuals; I admire each and every one of you. And to the 2008 officers and directors, I wish you a terrific year full of fun and success. Thank you for your willingness to serve our membership. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and the best of New Years...



Dave Newton

Handyman



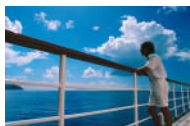
Contra Costa County

Telephone: 925-207-1798

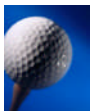
Electrical
Cabinetry
Plumbing
Remodeling
Ceiling Fans
Flooring

Free

Estimates



Cruise Packages



Golf Packages



Caribbean Vacations

www.nerbzonetravel.com

For All Your Travel Needs!

You can directly book flights, cars, hotels, cruises, golf packages, and complete vacations
Sign up for our "DEALS & STEALS" Newsletter!

Tim & Mary Nerby
Nerb Zone Travel

Call us at
925-890-0494

or email us at
nerbzonetravel@yahoo.com

Please send your address, phone number, and email changes now for our 2008 Directory! (Deadline is December 7th)

Send to Freda at
treasurer@sportsmenyc.org
or call 228-3609

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

Shari Horton
e-mail newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org
phone 778-1680



PICYA Report

Larry Draper

PICYA delegates convened at Benicia YC October 1, 2007. Commodore **Duane Collins** introduced our host, Commodore **Dick Dowling** and Catering Manager, **Karen Garret**, who provided an excellent buffet dinner.

Eight past PICYA Commodores were in attendance.

Among the reports from clubs: Bel Marin Keys YC, Richardson Bay YC, and Stockton YC presented donations to RBOC.

Rear Commodore, **Bill Needham**, reported on the Wheelchair Regatta for **Margot Brown**. He acknowledged Oyster Point YC for the many members who helped on shore and on the water, and for the over 1500 home baked cookies. Martinez YC was also applauded for the hundreds of hand knitted hats, scarves and lap robes. The Wheelchair

Regatta remains one of the most touching and rewarding events of the year. I add my personal thanks to Oyster Point YC members.

Staff Commodore **Manuel Mier** announced the proposed slate of PICYA officers and directors for 2008: Commodore **Fred Goodwin**, San Joaquin YC; Vice Commodore **Bill Needham**, St. Francis YC; Rear Commodore, **Reginald Smith**, Treasure Island YC. Directors will be **Linda Breninger**, **Dick Engfer, Jr.**, **Low Long**, **Peter Robertson**, **Lenora Clark**, **Sue Roderick** and **Jerry Zanolli**. The slate was voted at the November meeting.

RBOC Vice Chair, **David Breninger** discussed the Federal matter of vessel water discharge. Many thanks to yacht club members who made contact with Congress to express the opinion of recreational boaters. Please contact your congress and senate representatives to urge them to reinstate the exemption to recreational boaters. See RBOC website: www.rbo.org.

The November PICYA delegates meeting was held at Encinal YC. The Scholarship committee has selected the three recipients of \$2,500.00 scholarships and Western Boating and PICYA presented these scholarships at the November meeting.

The slate of new officers was voted on and approved. Sportsmen Yacht Club received a certificate as a one star club.

The change of watch for the new officers will be held on January 26, 2008, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Emeryville. No-host cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m. with Installation, music and dancing to follow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$80.00. Checks made out to PICYA are to be mailed to **Linda Breninger**, 1325 Avenida Alvarado, Roseville, CA 95747.

Incoming Commodore **Fred Goodwin** has chosen "Lighting the Way in 2008" as his theme.



THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO

There were chain saws grinding, sawing on trees and leaves being swept, lawns getting mowed, sheds being straightened ...hey then there was a great lunch...what a way to run a work party...I had to keep moving to stay outta the way.

A few weeks back there was this guy who came in and thoroughly interrupted my sniffing (and dreaming) of ribs...mmm good... Anyway this guy started talking about fish and all conversation stopped ...seems he is a guru of fishing around here and according to what I observed the entire mass of you were dumbstruck as he demonstrated with the flick of a finger and a few well placed twists, how to snell hooks and where to find fish... ? OHH ...I get it!! The fish derby! Jeepers...I nearly forgot about that event. What fun.

Well, after meeting night most everyone jumped into a boat or some kind of floating contraption and took off for the secret hole where the lunkers lay.

I heard someone say that the Warden's wife caught a sturgeon. I don't know if it was a keeper or a shaker but from the sizes of fish turned in this year...perhaps it should have been.

I noticed a bit of a dust up in the corner near "Ivory Coot - alright ...Gull". It seems that one of you stalwart heroes of the capturing of the largest Pisces of the year annually, left your bait bucket on the dock...some fine specimens of a certain bait fish, saved especially (he has a secret supplier of them) for this event. Well it also seems a local relative of the Beaver of Martinez...our own Otter, found them and marveled in the beautiful condition and lines of the tasty tidbits and that was about all that was left except for a nice pile of poop left behind as a thank you.

Needless to say the certain chief catcher didn't get the "big one" this year...but he is considering hunting to be his next favorite sport.

There were catfish and a few decent stripers and at the end of the evening on Sunday, the bucks were passed out and a good potluck feed for them and the rest of you.

Well now I understand that this will be the month for the jolly old elf to come visiting, with his Missus in tow and the always comely elfin helpers... Mizz Hammer will lead them in song and they will chow down on their favorite potluck goodies all awaiting Santa's arrival. Cat and I really get a kick out of this event...The kiddies climb up on Santa's lap and tell him all about how good they have been and then their big chance to give him the full detail down to the last bow or bolt of what it is they want under the tree.

Mizz Freda will have her trusty camera out and it is always nice to have the little ones in

their party clothes for the soon to be treasured photos of them with Santa.... Great stuff!

I remember the Capwell's Santa on Broadway in Oakland. He was always on the second floor up the neat old wooden moving stairway... but ...the best part was the windows out front...Electric trains, big trucks and cranes and dolls galore ...snow falling and Santa's elves sawing wood and sliding down the never ending hill...ornaments...perfect ... BUT

Especially the Red Rider, Daisy, lever action, repeating, B-B gun with the compass in the stock and leather saddle thong on the ring. I remember actually getting one and I never shot my eye out...Ricky Weaver got a neat welt on his left arm though...but that was sooo long ago. Then we went to war and well ...things were a bit tight then...but Christmas was always a big deal around here.

I think I am going to end this year with a blessing to you all and I know that the new Commodore will have his shoes filled trying to keep up with the record of your Commodore Sherry ...what a dynamo!! Great year Madame!! ...And I am sure that your membership will always be thankful for your stewardship.

Come on cat, lets hit the sack...I think things are going to be noisy around here the end of the month.