

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2008



**COMMODORE  
CASEY CURRY**

I can't believe it's December already. The year has been both rewarding and challenging. I only hope that I did a good job.

The loss of our caretaker's trailer was a definite set back, but we seem to be recovering slowly but surely. I would like to thank Dave MacDougall for adding the finishing touches by chaining down the new 5th wheel. Thanks to everyone who helped get our Caretaker's trailer finished up.

Don't forget the Lighted Boat Parade on December 6th. As we are the hosting Club this year, let's have a great showing from our members. Dinner will be served at Sportsmen's following the parade thanks to Jackie Steele, Darlene Dawson, and Kay Power along with a host of others. I am sure by the time you receive this newsletter we will have a cooking crew put together.

The following weekend, December 13<sup>th</sup>, I hear Santa will be visiting the Club. That should be fun for young and old alike. Be sure and bring your favorite dish as is a potluck affair.

To wrap up the year, we will be having

our New Year's Eve Party on the 31st. At the stroke of midnight, I will be handing over the keys to our new Commodore, Pat Sebers. I hope you give him as much support in 2009 as you gave me this year.

I need to thank all the Flag Officers and Board Members in helping me with ideas and suggestions in regards to sometimes rather difficult decisions that needed to be addressed. All of your input was of great help to me during the year.



Well, I will be signing out, but I will be back next year as the Membership Chairman and will do anything asked of me at the Work Parties or the like.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
God Bless!

**Calendar Change!**  
Due to the New Year's Holiday,  
our January meeting will be  
held on January 9th

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Rear Commodore's Article 2
- Upcoming Events Calendar
- New Member Info/Address Change
- Member Information Corner
  
- Historian's Article 3
- Fleet Captain's Article
- 2009 Officers & Directors
  
- December Birthdays 4
- Meeting Dinner Menu
- Port Captain Article
  
- Fishing Derby Results 5
- Work Party Corner 6
- Dinner Information for Lighted Boat Parade
  
- Kids with Santa Night Details 7
- Lighted Boat Parade Information
  
- New Year's Eve Flyer 8
- Installation Dinner Flyer



**VICE COMMODORE  
PAT SEBERS**

December, the time of year when driving Highway 160 to Sacramento is a treat. Beautiful, sunny, yet crisp weather that makes my eyes wander as I look at the calm, quiet, glass reflection of the river, lined with a variety of trees, with leaves in a riot of color - an old bridge in the background...A real life painting. It makes me thankful to be alive and a bit remorseful I can't be anchored on the Delta Swan, snoozing without a care...Hard to pay attention before making the turn...

The Fishing derby was great fun, with reasonable weather, and lots of fish caught. Everyone listening to the VHF to find out who was catching what, while trying to decipher the verbal codes of their location...Of all the people who won cash prizes, I was most impressed with 2<sup>nd</sup> place sturgeon winner, Bob Karr (Director-Elect). I didn't even see his fish, did he have one???

December 6<sup>th</sup> is the Lighted Boat Parade. Commodore Casey Curry and crew will be on the Delta Swan leading the parade. This means there'd better be some fellow Sportsmen following... otherwise, we won't be leading! I better get to decorating - what's that they say about dresses and old boats...or is it lipstick and pigs. See you out there.

December 13<sup>th</sup> is the Kids with Santa and Potluck Dinner. I always eat well with all our talented chefs showcasing their creations. I hope lots of kids come and Santa is generous.

Some of our members seem to be finding the stairs on the northeast side of the ferry (the front, most common entrance) to be a challenge. In the last few weeks there have been several people trip, fall, slide, or 'hang dangle' down the stairs, that's falling downward while still hanging on to the rail by a thread. No one has been hurt so far, but some of the people I have interviewed showed eyeballs trying to change sockets. It must be from the fast decent. Maybe Chuck Carroll, our Work  
*(Sebers article - continued on Page 4)*



**REAR COMMODORE  
STEVE MARTINEZ  
"DIRTY STEVE MARTINI"**

Thank you to everyone who helped behind the bar in November. I would like to thank the "Big Guy" who is always behind the bar during the day, helping me out.

We have three events for this month that we could use a helping hand with: the Lighted Boat Parade Dinner on the 6th (we are the hosting Club), Santa's visit on the 13th, and last, but not least, is our New Year's Eve Party on the 31st.

If you have any special requests for our Bar's Holiday Cheer (liquid form), please let me know. Your help this past year has been most appreciated and I would like to thank everyone for all the hard



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

### DECEMBER

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

### JANUARY

- 9 \* Club Meeting & Dinner
- 10 \* Work Party
- 17 Installation Dinner/  
Dance

\* **Calendar Change**

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Super Bowl Party
- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 7 Work Park
- 7 Crab Feed



LIKE TO WATCH *SPORTS*?  
LIKE GOOD *FOOD*?  
THE PERFECT PLACE FOR  
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IS ALLSTAR!



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



**Welcome  
New Member**

**Address Change**

Ed & Jamie Salmon  
1165 Ranch Point Way  
Antioch 94531

Phone: 250-0928

Marc Maines  
2429 Spyglass Drive  
Brentwood 94513

Last names and addresses not available  
for the web version of this Newsletter

## Member Information Corner

- Deanna Draper had knee surgery in November. She is recovering at home.



*Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.*

Send articles to:  
Shari Horton  
Email [newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org)  
Phone 778-1680

*Newsletter design, layout, and final editing  
by Freda Lucido*





**HISTORIAN'S NOTES  
KATHIE HAMMER**

At our November meeting, we had a visitor. His name was Kenneth Krohncke and his father was the captain of the Sausalito in 1914. Mr. Krohncke is 90 years old and was just thrilled to be part of our meeting. He got tired so he wasn't able to stay for the whole meeting, but he sure had some stories to tell. He told me his father was kidnapped and taken to sea at 14 years old. This was the beginning of his sailing adventures. He made copies of his father's pilot license and pictures of his father and family to share with us. It was wonderful to meet someone who had such memories of our Sausalito's past.

With Christmas coming fast, I would like to repeat a poem I wrote in 2004.

Tw'as 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 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 the same as last year.

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



**Reminder!  
1st Quarter  
dues & fees  
are due!**



**DRIFTWOOD  
MARINA**

**MICHAEL DAMERON  
HARBOR MASTER**

**6338 BRIDGEHEAD ROAD  
OAKLEY, CA 94561**

**OFFICE (925) 757-9449  
CELL (925) 759-1530  
FAX (925) 757-9491**

**ARATA PRINTING**

**(925) 757-7252  
PHONE & FAX**

**MEETING  
SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB'S  
PRINTING NEEDS!**

**1323 W. 4TH STREET  
ANTIOCH 94509**



**NEWS FROM FLEET  
CAPTAIN  
JACKIE STEELE  
"JACKIE OH!"**

Ah, the final issue for 2008.

As we head into the busy Christmas season, please join me in our Annual Holiday DeLites Lighted Boat Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. We will join up with Driftwood and Bridge Marina Yacht Clubs on the east side of the Antioch Bridge at 4:30 p.m. There will be a sheriff's lead boat to follow and a safety boat bringing up the rear. As the sponsoring Club, our group will be the first Club in the parade line with Commodore Casey Curry in the lead, and the other Clubs lining up behind their commodores. Sportsmen will also host the dinner and awards presentation after the parade.

So! I encourage all our boaters to string some bright lights and festive decorations on the rails of your boat, have friends and family join you aboard and enjoy the short cruise to the Antioch Marina and back! All participants will receive a commemorative plaque. Then join us for cocktails, dinner, awards and friendship on the main deck of our Club. See page 6 for dinner information; we plan to begin at about 7 p.m., with awards to begin at about 8 p.m.

YOU MUST COMPLETE A PARADE APPLICATION and return it to me (mailbox #149) by December 1st. The "price of admission" is a new, unwrapped, toy to be donated to Granny's Anonymous. Also, if you and your family/guests plan to join us for dinner, we will need your reservations not later than December 1st as well.

See you on the river, Jackie Oh!

**Congratulations to our 2009 Officers & Directors**

Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Director  
Director  
Director  
Director

Pat Sebers  
Steve Martinez  
Charlie Katusich  
Freda Lucido  
Angie Williams  
George Greer  
Doug Horton  
Bob Karr  
Chris Stubberfield

# Happy Birthday!

## December Babies

- 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 Jerry Kent
- 17 Carol Fray
- 17 Ray Telles
- 18 Shirley Furno
- 20 Bob Karr
- 20 Yvonne Brayton
- 21 Kris Larosee
- 21 Mike Transchel
- 25 Natalie Greer
- 26 Bonne Lenz
- 27 John Torres
- 28 Cindy Mammon
- 28 Karol Freitas
- 28 Susan Carroll
- 29 Danny Kipp
- 30 Albi Ferrari
- 30 Dwayne Minick
- 31 Mike Stroer



## December's Meeting Dinner Menu



### A Traditional Scandinavian Christmas Buffet

#### Meats:

Beef, Ham, Swedish Meatballs & Herring  
in Sour Cream & Onions with Capers

#### Breads:

Rye flats, Rye Seed Bread & Traditional Farm Bread and Rolls

Cheeses & spreads of different mixtures

Cookies & a Special Holiday Dessert

By: Joan & Ted Idsoe; Bob & Shirley Karr;  
Dave Selvy and Anne Marie Alcorn

The cost is \$12.00 per person

**Come join us!**

We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations on-line  
or contact Cindy Mammon (625-0590)  
as soon as possible



### PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS JIM DAWSON

We wired in a new light fixture on the front deck to illuminate the American Flag; thank you, Alice Gibson, for doing the shopping. Thanks to Bob Karr for his efforts to reseal the roof for winter. We will know the effects of his efforts after the next rain.

Thanks to Lurch Fredrickson for running the last Work Party and helping with some Clubhouse projects. Thank you Gary Mills for finding the water leak by Area 4 and helping to repair it.

As you all know, Bill Worrell had his Annual Fishing Seminar the Wednesday before our Fishing Derby. Bill had cooked for many more folks than had showed up, which is okay because he froze the leftovers and the Wednesday night guys had paid for this dinner.

This year, someone removed a whole tray of tri tips, a whole ham and three large roasts from the freezer. The tri tips were served at the potluck (maybe that was someone's donation), the ham was left in the refrigerator (thawed out) and the three large roasts had to be thrown out. These roasts were about 5 lbs. each. The point to this is, the food in the freezer belongs to someone or some event, so please do not remove without their permission.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*(Sebers article—Continued from page 1)*

Party Chairman, can rig up some kind of airbag at the bottom of the stairs... Please be careful!

This year is almost gone. Time is like a roll of toilet paper – the closer to the end you get, the faster it goes...

I love this place!





# FISHING



Jim Dawson and Dennis Higgins



Ken Corippo



Zachary Hammer had a great time fishing with his Grandpa! He is 13 years old and caught 13 fish during the derby! He also helped Neal during the awards presentation.

## Weekend Fishing Derby Results

The 2008 Weekend Fishing Derby started at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th and ended at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9th. Sixty-one members and guests participated this year! The attendance at the Potluck Awards Dinner on Sunday, following the close of the derby, was great. We had about 80 members and guests. Eight lucky people won nice prizes donated by Ken Wickman and Tim Lamb. I have been working on our Club's Fishing Derbys the past 21 years, and I have to say this was the very best! The potluck dinner was outstanding; so much food and so good! Thanks to all who set up, cleaned up, and brought a dish to share. Our derbys are family oriented events, so let's get more adults and kids involved. The purpose is for everyone to have a great time! Let's all do it again next year and see if we can make it even better!

<b>STRIPED BASS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Dawson	22 lbs. 00 oz.
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Dawson	16 lbs. 14 oz.
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ken Williams	05 lbs. 09 oz.
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Horton	03 lbs. 01 oz.
<b>STURGEON</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ken Corippo	38 lbs. 00 oz.
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Karr	(won by drawing)
<b>CATFISH</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Dawson	01 lbs. 01 oz.
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dennis Higgins	01 lbs. 00 oz.

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

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

Neal Essary - his 21st year organizing this event.



# DERBY



**WORK PARTY  
CORNER  
CHUCK CARROLL**

As you know, I was unable to be here for the Work Party in November, I was busy with a large project (see enclosed photo). Thankfully, Associate Member Lurch Fredrickson volunteered to substitute for me. Many thanks.

Attendance was good and we accomplished many repairs on the roof, the fishing dock, and the exterior ferry lights. Overall, thanks to everyone who attended the Work Party and a sincere heartfelt thanks to all members and associate Sportsmen who have helped this year in the many Work Parties we have had.

We accomplished many things this year... dock, berth, and ferry repairs, levee repair, new pad for the caretaker trailer, new ways motor, all the electrical repairs, and air conditioning repairs. It has been a pleasure to be your Work Party Chairman and I look forward to serving in the same capacity under leadership of Commodore Pat Sebers.

Our Club depends on the efforts of all Sportsmen family members to keep the old girl alive and well. I thank you for all your help and seek more helping hands for the coming year.

*(Kathy Bassett is a wildlife artist who lives in Greystone, Colorado. Go to [kathybassett.com](http://kathybassett.com) to view her artwork.)*



I'll tell you what! When these fellas are not on the yacht having a super blast of a time, they are at their hunting cabin in Colorado having a super blast of a time. Just look at their new girlfriend here! Look at the smiles on their faces! (Well, someone forgot to tickle Robbie, but he was probably thinking about all the mud on his nice truck. It rained yesterday and his beautiful truck is, uh, well he plans to head

straight for a car wash as soon as he leaves the cabin).

Aren't they a great group of fellas? I just love em all dearly. Every year when they come out here to our neck of the woods, where we don't have such things as Yachts, or water, they always invite my mother who is soon to be 88, and me for an evening meal. This year, we brought along our little friend, Flat Josie and they immediately took a liking to her. Flat Josie is actually vacationing here in Colorado. Soon it will be time to send her packing back home to her school in Iowa where she will have a great lot of adventures and exciting tales to tell of her stay and the things she saw and visited. Now you know, Chuck did want to know if she could stay all night, but of course we said no.

We love to hear their stories and tales about California, the Sportsmen's YC, their hunting adventures and the meals they prepare are just superb. Tonight Robbie fixed ribs on the grill which went nicely with the yummy potatoes, mixed veggies, salad and garlic bread. Sigh. Oh yea...and the red wine that Dr. Dan brought was some of the best I've had.

Chuck was bemoaning the fact that he hadn't had any luck getting his elk yet, and I told him that it was probably because he didn't have his pirate's hat on that I see him wearing in the newsletter. I also spotted a penny lying on the table by his plate...but it was upside down. So I turned it heads up and hope that they all get their elk before they head back to California.

Kathy Bassett



## Happy Holidays from Sportsmen Yacht Club!

Welcome to the 2008 Annual Antioch Holiday DeLites Lighted Boat Parade. We are pleased to invite our own members as well as those from Driftwood and Bridge Marina Yacht Clubs to join us following the parade for cocktails, dinner, and awards ceremony. Festivities will begin immediately after the parade, at about 7:00 p.m.

As hosts this year, Sportsmen is pleased to provide the dinner at a cost of only \$10.00 per person!!

Our menu includes:

**Piping Hot Lasagna, Crusty French Bread,  
Fresh Tossed Salad & Dessert**

In order to serve you best, we ask that dinner reservations be made no later than December 1st.  
Call Jackie Steele at 455-8065 to reserve your meal,  
and do not hesitate to leave a voice mail message if you miss her directly.

Happy Holidays, and we will see you on the upper deck of the Ferry on December 6, 2008!!  
Wish best wishes for a healthy and happy 2009!



# Annual Lighted Boat Parade

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

Saturday, December 6th



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 13th

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.)

5:00 Festivities Begin!



Santa comes in by boat



Caroling with the children



Santa greets the kids!



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Ring  
in the  
New Year  
at  
Sportsmen!*

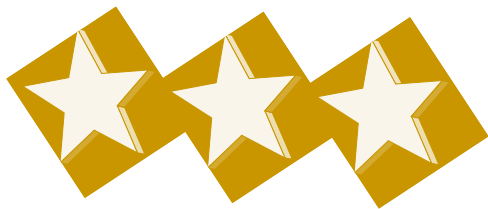


*Wednesday  
December 31st  
8:00 p.m.*

*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 17th*

*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.*