



# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

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Information Forthcoming

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Information Forthcoming



**COMMODORE  
BOB KARR**

It all started on the first of July 2007, when Shirley and I were planning a cruise to the bay. On the way we would anchor-out with Jackie Steele near Mandeville Island to watch the craziness of the Hilton fireworks event. After Jackie arrived, she advised us that two of her friends from the "not so yacht club" would arrive the next day. The two friends arrived the following day and were introduced as Dan and Sherry Lively. Sherry was in the middle of her term as Commodore of the Sportsmen Yacht Club, of course. It was a very enjoyable event. Before we raised anchors, Sherry asked us to stop by the Club, use the guest dock at no charge (which sounded good to me), and attend the July meeting. After all, we were going to be cruising a few yards from the Club anyway. I couldn't feel the hook being set! You have to remember that Shirley and I have lived in Amador County or Montana since 1972, neither of which are known for their yacht clubs or social activities. To shorten a long story, we were voted in as Associate Members that evening and reminded there would be a work party the next morning. We attended that work party and 41 more to date. I guess you can say we were hooked by the Club, the Ferry, and mostly by its Members.

We have gained more good friends than we thought possible. We have been helped over and over on a non-ending variety of projects. I have been mentored by many current and past officers. I would have to list nearly the entire membership directory of members that have helped or supported me through this learning experience. At the top of the list is Freda Lucido. I have worked with many executive caliber individuals during my career as a Manager with the California Department of Corrections. I have never seen a more dedicated, thoughtful, professional, ethical, and hard working person such as Freda. It is obviously not because of the pay, either.

I can't thank everyone enough. In a separate category, somehow I benefited from the creative talents of Alice Gibson, Sherry Lively, and my wife Shirley. Ann Marie Alcorn's culinary skills have

benefited us all! Without their tireless work this old Ferry would have been pretty stark this year. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

The last thanks go to Bill Pato, for once again, supplying pumpkins for Fall decorations, Tim Doolin for fabricating a ceiling mount for our new 55" TV, and George Brayton for his generous donations to our TV fund.

In closing, I wish the incoming Directors and Officers the same 'smooth sailing' experience I had this year. I am not going away; I am just stepping away from the politics and routine business operations of the Club. Now I will be able to express my opinions and vote for a change.

See you at the meetings and work parties.



**VICE COMMODORE  
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Hello Sportsmen Members!

Well here we are, ready to finish out our last newsletter of the year! I must say it has been a great year at our Club. Lots of milestones set! Thank you to all who helped; we couldn't have done it with out all of you.

I want to thank everyone who voted me in as your new Commodore! I hear I won by a landslide! LOL. I also want to congratulate all newly elected Officers and Directors who have been selected to be your representatives. I think we are going to have a well orchestrated team who have strong feelings and values for our Club. We should see more new and exciting things happen in 2011.

I want to thank all of our outgoing Officers and Directors who put in a lot of time to keep the Club running smoothly. To Commodore Bob Karr and his lovely wife Shirley . . . you two rocked the house with everything you did this year. It will be hard to follow in your footsteps! You did a great job with what you were handed these last 14 months.

Freda Lucido! What can I say? The woman is amazing with all of her talent.

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She just seems to get it all done very quietly and then sneaks away out the back door. I know we can always call her when things are running rough! So be by the phone Lady! Thank you!

Our Installation Dinner is January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendar.

I am still interviewing new folks for the vacancies we have. Some of the long time staff is stepping down and others are going to change! So, I will be taking care of business and getting the jobs filled for the upcoming year.

In closing, I want to wish all of you a Happy Holiday season with good health and may all of you be blessed with a wonderful New Year in 2011!

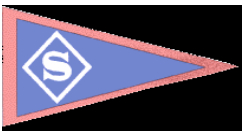


**REAR COMMODORE  
WILLIAM ODUM**

This year has gone by fast, fellow Sportsmen. The Fishing Seminar was great and the food was awesome. Congratulations to the winners of the Fishing Derby.

Kelly and I spent the crab opener at Half Moon Bay. We had a great time and the crab pots were stuffed. If you guys want crab, now is the time. I fished for sturgeon on November 12<sup>th</sup> and caught one at 51-3/4". My other buddy, Shane, caught one at 64" that same day.

Congratulations to the new Club Officers and Directors. Wishing you all a happy Thanksgiving; be grateful for what you have and for those around you.



**SYC**  
**2011 Election Results**

**CONGRATULATIONS New Officers and Directors**

**Commodore:** Garry Ridolfi  
**Vice Commodore:** Ricky Scannell  
**Rear Commodore:** Louie Rocha  
**Treasurer:** Alice Jackman  
**Secretary:** Jim Arnold  
**Directors:** Lonnie Gibson (2nd of 2 year term)  
 Rob Langer  
 Dan Lively (2nd of 2 year term)  
 Don Wilson

**HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS  
FOR THE NEWSLETTER?  
DON'T BE SHY . . . LET US KNOW!**

Newsletter articles due  
the 20th of each month  
Please send to: Julie Thornburg

Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org  
Phone: 510.915.4253

**December Meeting  
Dinner Menu**

**Chicken Dinner  
with  
Holiday Desserts**

**Prepared by Shirley Karr**

**Dinners are \$10 per person  
Come join us!**

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

**Annual Lighted Boat Parade**

**Saturday, December 4th**

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

**Entry forms will be available  
at the December Meeting  
Entry fee: \$10 toy which will be donated**

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





**HISTORIAN'S NOTES**  
**KATHIE HAMMER**

I gave a report to the membership about having the pleasure of giving a group of men from the "Steamship Historical Society" a tour of our Museum and Ferry. They loved our Museum and Ferry. Only one of them had visited the Sausalito before and that was 35 years ago. It is so rewarding to give tours to groups that have so much knowledge of the old ships of the bay. I learn as much as they do.

One of the things they pointed out were the "hog chains" on top of the Ferry. When I got home and did some research on "hog chains," the following is what I found out: "Hog Chain is a system of chains and rods to prevent wooden hulls from sagging, or hogging under heavy loads. The hull of the western steamships tends to warp up in the middle and sag at the extremities. This hog chain system is a preventative. Hog chains extended from the forward hull, up over the hurricane deck and back down to the stern. They could be tightened or loosened as needed by means of turnbuckles."

Christmas with Santa is coming on December 11. I am looking forward to singing with the children before Santa arrives. Be sure to mark the children's presents with their name and age and have your guests write your name on the children's presents as this will help Freda to identify and get photos to the proper person.

This is a very special night for all the children because they know that the real Santa comes to the Ferry! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your Historian, Kathie Hammer.



**PICYA REPORT**  
**DARLENE DAWSON**

**PICYA's Upcoming Events**

Dec 2010	No Meeting Merry Christmas
Jan 29 2011	Commodore's Ball Double Tree Hotel Berkeley Marina
Feb 7 2011	Delegates Dinner & Meeting Coyote Point YC

Once again, PICYA Staff Commodore Margot Brown successfully chaired one of the most rewarding events of the year, "The Wheelchair Regatta." "The Regatta" is a joint effort of PICYA Yacht Clubs, their members, and vessels to honor our men and women in the military. Established by Margot in 1997, the Regatta has grown from 64 veterans and 12 boats to over 300 veterans and 30 boats.

Jim and I have been fortunate to participate in this "Regatta" since 2005. Over the years, "Brandywine" (Ken and Sarah Corippo) and "Golden Goose" (Armi and Vincent Rafanan) have also volunteered their time and vessels. Dave and Sharon Selvy have faithfully crewed on vessels for

several years.

Sportsmen YC Honorary Member Larry Draper has been in the "Galley" for 14 years; and again this year was Vice Chairman of "The Regatta."

A special "thank you" to Armi and Vincent Rafanan for crewing aboard "After Midnight" this year. Our 12 guests and care providers were welcomed aboard "After Midnight" with Armi's charm and contagious laugh. Vincent aptly handled the lines and kept Jim on course. One of our guests was not only a veteran, but also a recreational therapist who works with disabled veterans. Talk about giving!

The weather and water were gorgeous - allowing us to cruise the estuary, from Encinal Yacht Club, to San Francisco Bay. Cruising under the Bay Bridge and alongside Treasure Island was the highlight for our guests. Upon returning, we enjoyed a delicious BBQ and entertainment by the Light Squadron All Veterans of Foreign Wars Band on the beautiful grounds of the Encinal Yacht Club.

Thanks PICYA, Margot, Larry, volunteers, and donors for giving us this memorable event.

**Santa is Coming to Town**  
**"Cruising-In"**

**Saturday,**  
**December 11th**

**Please Remember**

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

**Also...**

Write the name and age of the child and include the Sportsmen Member name on each gift

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



- 5:00 Potluck Dinner
- 5:45 Singing Carols with Mrs. Hammer
- 6:15 Santa Arrives!



## DECEMBER

01 LARRY GREEN  
 02 REX COOK  
 02 TINA ADKERSON  
 03 TIM NERBY  
 05 ALICE GIBSON  
 08 STEVEN PEEDLE  
 09 HELEN DAVIDSON  
 11 NEIL STERUD\_II  
 11 PAT PARKER  
 12 FREDA LUCIDO  
 12 KATHY LAROSEE  
 13 DAVE DAVIDSON  
 14 MARY SEBERS  
 14 MICHAEL HOSKINS  
 16 JERRY KENT  
 16 LARRY DRAPER  
 17 CAROL FRAY  
 17 RAY TELLES  
 18 SHIRLEY FURNO  
 20 BOB KARR  
 20 YVONNE BRAYTON

21 MIKE TRANSCHEL  
 25 NATALIE GREER  
 26 BONNE LENZ  
 26 CHUCK ENGLISH  
 27 JOHN TORRES  
 28 CINDY MAMMON  
 28 NICOLE LANGER  
 28 SUSAN CARROLL  
 29 DANNY KIPP  
 29 SCOTT JETT  
 30 DWAYNE MINICK  
 31 MIKE STROER

### BIRTHSTONE:

BLUE TOPAZ OR  
 TURQUOISE (MODERN)  
 ZIRCON, TURQUOISE, OR  
 LAPIS LAZULI  
 (TRADITIONAL)

### FLOWER:

NARCISSUS

### December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month



Skates, tricycles, toy trucks and cars, wagons and balls are among children's favorite playthings. But in one year, according to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates, there were 150,000 toy-related injuries serious enough to require hospital emergency room treatment.

Falls are the most frequent kind of accident, but many serious injuries result from children swallowing small parts or placing tiny toys in noses or ears, from exploding gas-powered toys, from flammable products, and from sharp edges.

Each year, some 5,000 new toys enter the market-place. The holiday season finds over 150,000 different kinds of toys for sale in approximately one million stores. Despite the efforts of manufacturers, retailers, safety inspectors, and others, it is impossible to examine every toy. But it is possible for parents and other relatives to check every new toy they buy and every old toy around the house for possible hazards.

The following suggestions can help you keep playtime a safe, fun time.

- Be a label reader. Look for safety information such as "Not recommended for children under 3 years of age," or "non-toxic" on toys likely to end up in little mouths, or "washable/hygienic materials" on stuffed toys and dolls.
- Check with parents before you buy a child a toy that requires close supervision - electrically operated toys, shooting toys and games, chemistry sets, and the like. Remember, too, that younger children may have access to toys intended for older children once the toy has been brought into the home.
- Look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) seal on electrical toys. It indicates the electrical parts have been tested for safety.

~ National Network for Child Care - NNCC



Friday

December 17th

(Note: Bingo is scheduled the 3rd Friday of each month)

6 pm - Bingo Cards on Sale  
 7 pm - Let the Games Begin!

\$10.00 / 4 Cards  
 \$2.00 / for Each Extra Card  
 10 Games per Evening

Cash Prizes Determined by  
 Participation

Hot Dogs and Chips / \$2.50  
 Nachos / \$1.00

### New Members!



Jeff & Karen Maples



Steven Peedle

Addresses and phone numbers not available  
 for the web version of this Newsletter



**Drain Doctors and  
 Plumbers**  
 Michael Maguire

Owner Lic# 944651

909 Almond Street  
 Antioch, CA 94509

"If it's Plumbing, We do it!"

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**Jewelry Showing**  
 Friday, December 3rd

4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.  
 (Prior to our General  
 Membership Meeting)

A portion of the  
 proceeds will benefit  
 Make-A-Wish!

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SHARE THE LOVE OF JEWELRY®



From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another. The warmth and joy of the holiday season, brings us closer to each other.  
Emily Matthews



### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL Steak Dinners

Continues through Regular Season

Hosted by:  
Chuck & Ann English

\$7.00/per person  
Steaks cooked to order, potatoes, and salad  
Served from start of game until half-time

**Please reserve** the Sunday prior to game day  
By calling Chuck and Ann @ 925.779.9330

or  
Use the sign-up sheet located  
by the registration book  
at the front door of the Club



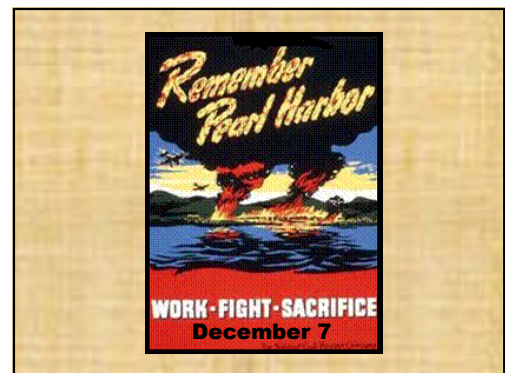
**Congratulations to Tandy Chamberlain who was awarded a Life Membership at the November General Membership Meeting**



Plan to spend a great New Year's Eve  
with fellow Sportsmen Members  
on Friday, December 31st

### CASINO NIGHT

Party details available at the Club





**Sportsmen's 2010  
Weekend Fishing Derby  
RESULTS**



The 2010 Weekend Fishing Derby started at 10:00 pm on Friday, November 5th and ended Sunday, November 7th at 3:00 pm. Fifty members and guests participated this year!

Eleven lucky people won prizes (donated by Kevin Wickman) at the free raffle held during the Awards Ceremony on Sunday. The potluck supper was outstanding; thanks to all who set-up, cleaned up, and brought a dish to share.

This was another great Sportsmen family weekend. It was great to see folks of all ages enjoying themselves!

<u>STRIPED BASS</u>	1st	Dave Johnson	9 lbs. 9 oz.
	2nd	Jim Dawson	6 lbs. 11 oz.
<u>STURGEON</u>	1st	Scott Jackman	48 lbs. 0 oz.
	2nd	Devin Ervin (won by drawing)	
<u>CATFISH</u>	1st	Dennis Higgins	2 lbs. 1 oz.
	2nd	Dave Johnson	1 lb. 1 oz.

**NOTE:** Awards were made to 1st and 2nd places only  
1st place received 60% of prize fund  
2nd place received 40% of prize fund

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

*May the Spirit of Christmas*



**Live in Your Heart!**

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*Congratulations to Jim Dawson for catching the winning fish in the 10th Annual Mike "Pogo" Pereira Striped Bass Derby, organized by our own Steve Martinez. The target fish for the derby was 38-1/4" and betcha can't guess the size of Jim's fish! Yep, it was 38-1/4"!!! Can't get much closer than that!!! 1st Place paid \$1,000—who says fishing doesn't pay?*



"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow,  
stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons.  
It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags.  
And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore.  
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.  
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.

~ Dr. Seuss



*Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across  
the snow:  
The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the  
true.*

~ Alfred Lord Tennyson

