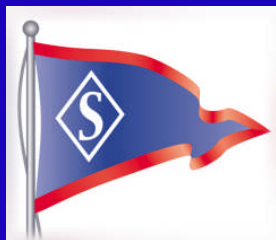


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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Louie Rocha

The time has finally come to write my final newsletter article of the year as Commodore of Sportsmen YC. This has been a remarkable year thanks to so many of you who participated in some memorable Club events. The 2013 year started with a "New Year's Eve" party that celebrated the changing of the guard at midnight, followed by the traditional "Installation" dinner and dance that honored the Commodores from the past and the official swearing in of new Officers and Directors. In February, Lonnie Gibson organized the annual "Crab Feed" dinner that was a huge success. In March, we held the annual "St. Patrick's Day" party that started with a beer drinking contest, followed

by an outstanding corn beef and cabbage dinner prepared by Doug Horton. In May, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a "Margarita Man Fiesta" with homemade Mexican dinner, live music and dancing. In July, we traveled to the Sacramento YC for the annual "4S" games. Sportsmen was well represented at the social activities and games. In August, we held the annual "BBQ Rib Cook-Off and Classic Car Show." In September, we held the annual "Family Picnic" at the Club and later in the month we cruised-out to the Delta Marina in Rio Vista to enjoy the annual "Chili Cook-Off" and "Scavenger Hunt." In October, members created a Haunted House downstairs and held a

Halloween Party upstairs for Sportsmen of all ages.

As we enter the final month of the year, we are preparing for the "Lighted Boat Parade" on December 7th and the "Kids with Santa Claus and Potluck Dinner" on December 14th. I invite you to join the "Christmas Holiday" events. Please review the newsletter for the scheduled activities for each holiday event.

This year has been a very rewarding experience for me as Commodore. From January to December, I have enjoyed the support of officers, directors, committee members, and many volunteers. The successful teamwork of so many has resulted in improved participation of

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Vice Commodore Don Wilson

As we all know by now, the 2014 Board Elections are behind us and it is time to welcome some new and one returning member to the Board of Officers and Directors.

Congratulations to Scott Jett and Floyd Simpson to their new positions as Club Directors. I want to also welcome back to the Board a Past Commodore, former Treasurer, and

probably other positions too numerous to mention, Freda Lucido, our new Club Secretary. Also congratulations to our new Vice Commodore, Rick Barton. We will have a vacancy on the Board to fill as one of our Directors, Doug Horton, has been elected to the honored position of Rear Commodore.

Congratulations to Doug.

The Board will act upon that issue at the January 2014 Board meeting. I am looking forward to working with these new folks as well as returning Officers and Directors.

One result of this change is that I'm looking forward to reading the Rear Commodore Newsletter article that has to be composed by Doug Horton.

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Kids with Santa & Potluck



Friday Night Special

*Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables,
Roll & Dessert*

*Prepared by Steve & Alice Jackman
\$10 per person*



Volunteers are needed to cook for the
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Becky Wilson for details (229-3121)

Cancellation of reservations for an event must be made at least three (3) days prior to the event to avoid being charged for the event. Please notify Ann English at 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations.
(This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, the following 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.

Your ideas and suggestions for this Newsletter are welcome!

Articles are due by the 20th of each month.
Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org
or contact Freda Lucido at 228.3609

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Club members, the addition of new members and associates, positive income generated from Club events and successful construction projects.

I believe the new leadership will continue to move Sportsmen YC forward to another prosperous year. I encourage you to get involved in Club activities to make a difference. Sportsmen YC is an organization that continues to stand the test of time by maintaining the historic Sausalito Ferry, continuing to grow new membership, and increased income while other yacht clubs are struggling to survive.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Shari Horton has assured me that she will not be writing the article for Doug. We will know the truth to that question after we read the January 2014 newsletter!

I want to, at this time, thank our two outgoing Directors, Lonnie Gibson and Kenny Norris, for their service to the Club. Many thanks for all your help these past years; your input and opinions were invaluable.

This is the time to talk about the gratitude we owe our outgoing Commodore. I want to thank Louie Rocha for the guidance he has provided this past year. I believe we have addressed some tough issues and his leadership leaves the Club a better place. I have seen first-hand it is a tougher job than one would think.

I could not write this article without saying this: We lost a special friend, not a member, but a guest that many of you knew. Thanks for your kind comments and prayers.

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

December

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| 6 | Club Meeting |
| 7 | Lighted Boat Parade |
| 14 | Kids with Santa & Potluck |
| 31 | New Year's Eve Party |

January

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| 1 | New Year's Day Potluck |
| 3 | Club Meeting |
| 4 | Work Party |
| 6 | College Football National Championship Game - Steak Dinners |
| 18 | Installation of Officers Dinner |
| 24 | Italian Night Dinner |

February

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| 2 | Super Bowl Party |
| 7 | Club Meeting |
| 8 | Work Party |
| 14 | Valentine's Day - Italian Night Dinner |
| 22 | Crab Feed |



Rear Commodore Rick Barton

It's time to turn it up a notch. I greatly enjoyed my year as Rear Commodore but part of that was that I didn't have to do much. This coming year will be a different story. I realize that I need to get more involved in the preparation for the various events which will help me prepare for 2015 when it will be my year. I also need to increase my understanding of the finances of the Club. There is still so much to learn in the next year. Another goal is to become more familiar with the By-Laws of the Club which we repeatedly turn to at every board meeting for guidance in making decisions. Finally, 2014 will be a 4S year for us, so the spring and early summer months will require a lot of work as we spruce up the ferry and the grounds. So I know I have a lot to learn, but I have only set one goal for 2014, that is to be as good a Vice Commodore for Don Wilson as he was for Louie.

I think 2013 was a very good year for the Club. We took a lot of steps in the right direction. Louie did a great job at what we all know is a very hard job. I think that part of his success came from having a great wingman in Don and I will try my hardest to be the same for him. This should be another great year for our Club. Our membership right now is a really good mix of experienced members who know how the Club operates and new members who bring fresh enthusiasm to the Club. I have every confidence that 2014 will be a banner year for the Club and I can't wait to get started.



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

I always look forward to Santa night at the Club. I enjoy reading a Christmas story and then singing with the children, watching their faces when they look up at Santa. We have to thank Freda for taking wonderful photos to capture these moments.

Years ago Santa night was different. It was called the "Lady Sailors Christmas Cocktail Party" and it was mostly an adult occasion.

The following is an excerpt from the Ladies Sailors newsletter dated November 1969:

"The Ladies Sailors Christmas Party will be on December 13, 1969, beginning at 7pm. The fleet captain has asked us to decorate our boats and cabins for the party; there will be prizes awarded. It would be nice if all could take part in this event, the harbor would be a sparkling site to behold. The cabin doors would be colorful with holiday festoons too. Ladies, please bring a dish of your favorite goodies for the table. There will be a gift exchange as usual, men bring a man's gift, and ladies bring a ladies gift. Please don't forget your guests; they will need a gift also. The gifts should be inexpensive, around \$2.00. We would like to make this a great fun night. With decorating our boats and cabins, our Clubhouse the 'Sausalito' will definitely look like Christmas."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

2014 PICYA CALENDAR

Jan 25	Commodores' Ball & Installation of Officers Hilton Garden Inn Emeryville	Feb 3	Delegates' Meeting Coyote Point YC
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Jim and I attended the Awards Dinner at Encinal YC in November. Congratulations to all PICYA nominees and winners.

Our Club was awarded a certificate of Perfect Attendance and we were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for becoming a Four-Star Club in 2013! The message on the certificate reads:

Your dedication and consistent effort on behalf of PICYA to enhance the quality of recreational boating in Northern California, through legislative activity and increased social amenities, has been noteworthy and most effective.

It has been my privilege, as a PICYA Delegate, to represent our Club. I look forward, along with Jane Parsons and Kay Power, to representing our Club once again in 2014. Your continued support to PICYA and RBOC is much appreciated.

Thank you Sportsmen YC 2013 Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, and members for keeping our Club "the best!" Congratulations and best wishes to our 2014 Board.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**

Welcome New Member!



Sammy Razo

Invite your friends and family to
be a part of Sportsmen YC!



Congratulations! 2014 Board

Commodore - Don Wilson
Vice Commodore - Rick Barton
Rear Commodore - Doug Horton
Treasurer - Marina Faconti
Secretary - Freda Lucido

Director - Joe Fray
Director - Scott Jett
Director - Floyd Simpson
(There is one Director position open that will
be filled in 2014)

December Birthdays!

- 01 Larry Green
- 02 Rex Cook
- 02 Tina Adkerson
- 03 Tim Nerby
- 05 Alice Gibson
- 07 George Lobao
- 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 Mike Hoskins
- 16 Jerry Kent
- 16 Larry Draper
- 17 Carol Fray
- 17 Donna Fields
- 17 Ray Telles
- 18 Matthew Peebles
- 18 Roy Garner
- 20 Bob Karr
- 20 Yvonne Brayton
- 21 Mike Transchel
- 25 Natalie Greer
- 26 Chuck English
- 27 Bill Moore
- 27 John Torres
- 28 Cindy Mammon
- 28 Susan Carroll
- 29 Danny Kipp
- 29 Scott Jett
- 30 Dwayne Minick
- 31 Mike Stroer

Weekend Fishing Derby Results



Striped Bass

1st Place	Steve Martinez	9 lbs. 9 oz.
2nd Place	Dave Newton	8 lbs. 4 oz.

Sturgeon

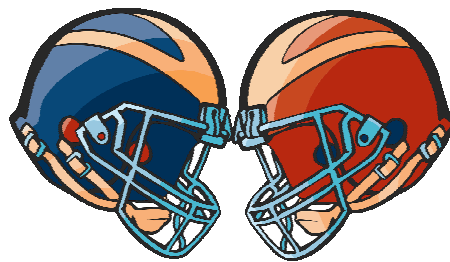
1st Place	Lorraine Moreira	*
2nd Place	Dave Johnson	*

Catfish

1st Place	Kevin Wickman	*
2nd Place	James Petrosue	*

* No fish entered in category; prizes awarded by drawing.
Twenty-six people entered the Derby.

Congratulations to all the participants!
Neal & Diane



College Football National Championship Game

Monday, January 6th

Steak Dinners - \$10 per person

Make your reservations online,
call Ann English at 779-9330,
or sign-up at the Club



Hosted by Ebony Boat Club



LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 7th

Parade begins at 5:00 p.m.

Boats gather under the Antioch Bridge at 4:45 p.m.

Dinner & Awards Presentation
at Ebony Boat Club following the parade.

Dinner Menu

Carol's Chicken & Gravy, Ann's Rice Pilaf
Mixed Winter Vegetables, Salad, Bread, Cake
\$12.50 per person

Contact Carol Whitehead at 915-9549 or
Jim Mack at 828-6870 to make reservations
Reservations requested by December 1st

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Tuesday, December 31st



Your Evening Includes
Steak Dinner

Steaks cooked-to-order by
Chuck & Ann English
(6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Music by L&L Cheers Karaoke & DJ

(Lawny and Lisa Chapman)
From 9:00 pm. - 1:00 a.m.

**Champagne Toast at
Midnight**

\$20 per person

Make your reservations online
or contact Ann English at 779-9330

Reservations requested by
December 26th



New Year's Day Potluck on January 1st at 2:00 p.m.

Installation Dinner & Dance

Saturday, January 18th

The Evening's Filet Mignon Dinner
will be prepared especially for us
by Chef Paul Bernhardt

\$40.00 per person

Menu and event details will be in
the January Newsletter

Reservations may be made online
or you may call Ann at 779-9330

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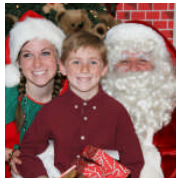
SANTA IS COMING TO SYC

Saturday, December 14th

5:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner

5:45 p.m. Carol Singing with Mrs. Hammer

6:15 p.m. Santa Arrives by Boat



- * Invite your family and friends!
- * Please bring enough food to represent all your guests.
- * Bring a gift for Santa to give to each child in your party.
- * Write the child's name and age on the gift and the Sportsmen member name on each gift.