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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Don Wilson

I will start out with a recap of the events we have had since last month's article.

The Mystery Dinner, which was conceived by Bill Jones and Marina Faconti, was a unique and fun filled evening. It was a little strange walking around and talking to people you know when they are playing a part. You had to be there to believe it. Go to the website and you will get an idea of the antics that were carried out. Marianne Tate did an outstanding job in directing the evening and everyone had a great time.

I want to thank Bill Worrell for organizing the Fishing Seminar and Jim Dawson for putting together both the year long derby and the weekend event. Congratulations to Joan

Idsoe for her "huge" winning bass and Kenny Norris for his not so "huge" 100 dollar plus catfish (at least you beat last year's weight of 15 ounces).

Speaking of congratulations, I want to extend that to all of our returning and new Officers and Directors. I feel confident in passing the gavel to Rick Barton, our 2015 Commodore. We have made some progress this past year and I know that this will continue moving forward.

On Veterans Day, we had an official evening honoring our veterans and all who have served our country present and past. I was much moved, as were some other members attending, by the words delivered that evening. Thanks to Ed Collins, Jim

Hill and Jack Kish for sharing with us their thoughts about the importance of that day. On a lighter note, we had a meatloaf cook-off and potluck dinner that night. Congratulations to Albert and Cynthia Perez for receiving the trophy for best meatloaf. I hope this continues as a tradition and I want to thank all who attended.

Last month's article I started out by saying that it was probably the easiest article I had written because of so many things going on at the Club. This month's article is probably the most difficult I have had to compose. This is my last newsletter article. I have been writing these for three years and just

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## Vice Commodore Rick Barton

Several months ago I was told that I shouldn't talk about "my year" in the Newsletter since it wasn't guaranteed that I would be Commodore the next year. Although I have been following that advice up to this point, I think it's time to start talking about "my year." I don't think it's any secret that Don Wilson is going to be a hard act to follow. My goal is to keep building on the

momentum that the Club currently has going. If that is to happen, I need your help. I'm not retired and next year will be a very busy year for me at work because my academy is going through the certification process.

We are all a part of the Sportsmen "family" and, by supporting each other, we will continue to be the "Best Club on The Delta." I

need and I'm counting on everyone's help to make 2015 a great year for Sportsmen YC.

We met in November and set up the calendar for 2015. All our favorite events are returning and we are going to try a few new ones. One of my goals when I first joined the Board two years ago was to increase the amount of

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*Merry Christmas*

## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY SHIRLEY KARR

**\$10 PER PERSON**



Limited to the first 50 reservations.  
Make your reservations on-line or  
contact Ann English at 779-9330  
as soon as possible!

**Volunteers are needed to cook for the  
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.**  
Please contact Shari Horton for details (783-8424)

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](mailto:newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org)  
or contact Freda Lucido at 228.3609

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recently realized that this is how I was able to communicate with all Club members. I will miss that. It has been my honor to serve the Club in many capacities. At this point I am realizing that serving as "The Sportsmen Yacht Club Commodore" has been very special to me and I appreciate having been given that opportunity. I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported Becky and me this year but the Newsletter would be several more pages.

P.S. On November 7th, we lost a Veteran and Past Commodore. He served our Country and our Club. May God bless Lou Zobb.



**Monday Night Football  
Steak Dinners  
Sign Up at the Club!**

*(Barton's Article Continued from Page 1)*

boating we do. Gas prices are down and we have five boating events scheduled for the coming year with the possibility of a sixth being added. These include our first Poker Run since I became a member. One challenge I am already facing is the cost of meat. My goal is to keep the cost of events the same as last year. We will keep the price for the New Year's Eve Party the same but I will need to raise the price for the Installation Dinner slightly because the price for the dinner definitely went up. I hope you plan to attend these two events and help us get the year off to a great start.

Thank you, once again, for the opportunity of serving as your Commodore.

## Getting Ready for the 2015 Directory

Have you moved or changed your phone number within the past year? Changed your email? Acquired or sold a boat? Given your boat a name?

If you answered, "Yes," to any of these questions, please send your updated information to Freda Lucido by December 6th

[secretary@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:secretary@sportsmenyc.org) 228-3609

## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### December

- 5 Club Meeting
- 6 Gingerbread Houses for Kids
- 6 Lighted Boat Parade
- 7 Battle of the Bay Football
- 13 Kids with Santa & Potluck
- 19 Italian Night Dinner
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

### January

- 2 Club Meeting
- 3 Work Party
- 12 College Football Championship
- 17 Installation Dinner
- 23 Game Night

### February

- 1 Super Bowl Party
- 6 Club Meeting
- 7 Work Party
- 13 Delta Bayliner Cruise-In
- 14 Valentine's Dinner
- 21 Crab Feed



## Rear Commodore Doug Horton

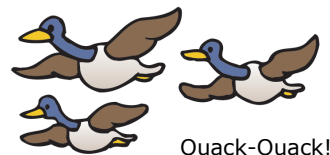
Hello Sportsmen. A lot has happened in the last month. I would like to start off by giving our condolences to Belynda Zobb and family. For those of you who may not have known Lou, he was our 2002 Commodore. He was also a veteran of the US Navy and a spitfire of a man. We will miss him every day.

On a lighter note, Ethan and I just returned from Colorado on a semi-successful Elk hunt. I give my personal appreciation to Chuck Carroll, for sharing his cabin with Ethan and I. Because of this trip, Ethan has earned a very important new nickname...from now on you can refer to him as "POOF" (thanks to Joe Stubberfield). I am not going to tell you the story of how he got his nickname, so if you are interested you will need to ask him yourself. (FYI – I did not set him on fire).

Now to business. In the galley, I am still looking for someone to do the curtains. It gets so hot, you cannot bear it in the summertime. I have some ladies interested in doing this, but nothing has been settled as of yet. I would not mind getting help with suggestions on colors, patterns, etc. – let's get something done (please).

I apologize for being gone so much lately, but now that I am back, I will be more involved again and I am looking for input from members as I go through the chairs. Thank you to everyone for their support and I promise to do the best I can. Thanks to my right hand man, Matt Tate, for stepping up to be the Rear Commodore and also for all the hard work on the galley cabinets.

If I have missed anybody – I am sorry that I have been out of the groove. I'm back.



## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

On Saturday, December 13th, Santa will once again come to our Ferry to meet all the good boys and girls at our Club! This is one of my favorite nights at our Club.

Following is a poem I wrote in 2004 for this special event:

*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.*

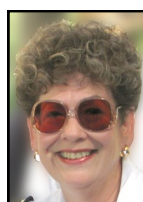
*Santa arrives all dressed in his finest, to see each child and  
ask of their kindness.*

*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 all their wants are.*

*As Santa leaves and we say goodbye, 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 towards the sky, we can hear him exclaim, "Merry  
Christmas to all and to all a good night!"*



## PICYA NEWS

**DARLENE DAWSON**

## 2014 PICYA CALENDAR

Dec	No PICYA Meeting	Feb 3	Delegates' Meeting Benicia YC
Jan 24	23rd Annual Commodores' Ball		

Jane and I attended the Annual Awards Dinner at Encinal YC. We were honored to sit with Staff Commodore Margot Brown, Staff Commodore Bill Needham and his wife, Penny. Also at our table were Jim and Cheryl Davi, who accepted the NCPCA Johnson & Joseph Company trophy on behalf of Bridge Marina YC, and Robert C. Keefe, Past Commodore of St. Francis YC and recipient of the Lloyd Ryland Historical Trophy.

We received recognition for perfect attendance and a certificate of appreciation for becoming a 3-star Club in 2014. 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 2015. Your continued support to PICYA and RBOC is much appreciated.

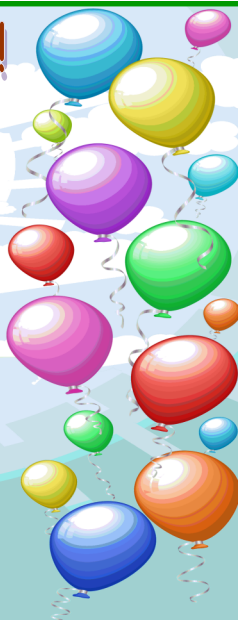
Thank you Sportsmen YC 2014 Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, and members for keeping our Club "the best!" Congratulations and best wishes to our 2015 Board.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## December Birthdays!

01 Larry Green	17 Donna Fields
02 Rex Cook	17 Ray Telles
02 Tina Adkerson	18 Matthew Peebles
03 Tim Nerby	18 Roy Garner
05 Alice Gibson	20 Bob Karr
07 George Lobao	20 Yvonne Brayton
08 Andy Cortez	21 Mike Transchel
08 Steven Peedle	23 Samantha Caputo
09 Helen Davidson	25 Natalie Greer
11 Neil Sterud II	26 Chuck English
11 Pat Parker	27 Bill Moore
12 Freda Lucido	27 John Torres
12 Kathy Larosee	27 Mike Skuija
13 Dave Davidson	28 Cindy Mammom
14 Mary Sebers	28 Susan Carroll
14 Michael Hoskins	29 Danny Kipp
16 Jerry Kent	29 Scott Jett
16 Larry Draper	30 Dwayne Minick
17 Carol Fray	31 Mike Stroer



## Game Night!

Friday, January 23rd

Pizza & Dessert Bar at 7 pm Games at 8 pm

Details will be announced at the  
January General Membership Meeting

## The Battle of the Bay



Sunday, December 7th  
Game Starts at 1:25 p.m.

Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers  
Available for \$5.25 and \$5.75



Finger Foods for Sharing are Welcome!

Come Cheer for Your Favorite Team!  
Reservations Requested but Not Required  
Go to the Club Website or Call Ann at 779-9330

Hosted by  
Bridge  
Marina  
YC



Dinner and  
Awards  
Following  
the  
Parade

## Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 6th

Parade Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Details are on our Website!

## Making Gingerbread Houses with the Kids!

All the Fun  
Without the Mess!

Saturday, December 6th  
1:00 p.m.

\$5 per child



All Supplies Provided

RSVP by December 1st

Make Reservations Online or Call Ann at 779-9330

## 2014 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of November 23, 2014)

We now have 70 people entered in the 2014 Derby.

- \* There is \$955 total so far in this Derby.
- \* Rules are posted at the Club.
- \* Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- \* Three categories: Stripers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- \* Cost is \$5.00 per category.
- \* To date, Dave Newton has a 72 pound sturgeon on the board for 1st place, Bill Pato caught a 34 pounder to secure 2nd place, and Dan Lively is now 3rd place with a 32 pound sturgeon. Ken Williams holds 4th place with a 21 pound 12 oz. sturgeon.
- \* Jim Dawson has taken over 1st place with a 24 pound striper and Jim also has 2nd place with a 19 pound 1 oz. striper. Dale Bauer is in 3rd place with a 16 pound striper. The 4th place striper was caught by Jim weighing 15 pounds 4 oz.
- \* For the Catfish category, Chris Yarbrough holds 1st place with a 13 pound 1 oz. catfish, Chris also has 2nd place with an 8 pound 4 oz. catfish, Ed Salmon has 3rd place with a 7 pound catfish, and Ed also has 4th place with a 5 pound 4oz. catfish.
- \* Only five weeks left to catch a winning fish for this Derby. Fish have now been caught for all four places in each category, so there will be no drawings.

Go out and catch one bigger!

Jim Dawson





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# In Memory Of...



Lou Zobb passed away on November 7th at the age of 82 following complications from a recent surgery. Lou & Belynda joined our Club in 1996 and he served as Commodore in 2002. Lou loved Club events—especially events that included dancing! He could “cut a rug” better than most and he loved dancing with Belynda. When she became tired, he would find another partner because he just wanted to keep on dancing! His smile was always engaging and he had a passion for making our Club the best on the Delta.

Lou joined the U.S. Navy in 1949 and proudly served our country for 25 years. He was assigned to aircraft carriers Midway, Lexington, Ranger, John F. Kennedy, and Oriskany. He was also stationed on shore duty in California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 in Alameda in 1974. He then went to work for the Alameda Unified School District and retired

from his second career after 19 years.

Lou was a member of the U.S. Golf Association since 1984 and the Alameda Golf Club since 1991. He had also been a member of the NRA since 2001.

Lou had a zest for life, enjoyed camping, took in five rescue dogs over the years, and loved hosting fun gatherings for family and friends—one of which was his annual Super Bowl Party. This later came to our Club and it is still held to this day. He was always available for family and friends whenever needed.

Our sincere sympathy to Belynda and their family.

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## Installation Dinner

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Our Theme: “Harbor Lights”

Cocktails at 5 p.m.

Dinner Served at 6 p.m.

Installation of 2015 Officers Follows Dinner

Dance to the Music of the Romano Marchetti Orchestra

Featuring Chef Paul's Filet Mignon Dinner

\$45

Reservations Required

Available Online or Call Ann at 779-9330

## Welcome New Associates!



Richard & Anita Furlow



Arleigh Nave &  
Audrey Kuppenbender



Shane & Martha Stoltenberg

(Personal addresses and phone numbers are not shown on the web version of this Newsletter.)

## New Year's Eve Party

**BBQ New York Steak Dinner  
Music & Dancing  
by Watergate DJ Services**



**Dinner Served at 7:30 pm—\$20**

**(\$5 For those coming later for  
Dancing & Champagne Toast)**

**Online Reservations or Call Ann 779-9330**



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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### Santa is Coming to Sportsmen YC!



Saturday, December 13th

5:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner

6:00 p.m. Carol Singing with  
Mrs. Hammer

6:30 p.m. Santa Arrives by  
Boat

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



### *Rao's of New York Comes to Sportsmen*

#### *Our Menu*

*Marina's Salad Bar, Baked Penne Pasta  
with Italian Sausage, Bread, Dessert*

*Mike Spellman's  
Special Tribute to  
Frank Sinatra*

*Friday, December 19th  
Dinner begins at 7 p.m.  
Entertainment from 8-10 p.m.  
\$15*



*Reservations Requested by December 15th*

*Go Online ([sportsmenyc.org](http://sportsmenyc.org))  
or Call Marina at 759-2764 or Email  
([treasurer@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:treasurer@sportsmenyc.org))*