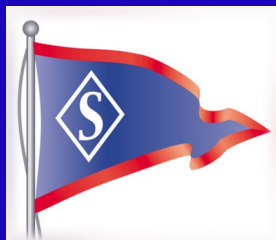


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2015



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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Rick Barton

Well, here it is, my last newsletter article. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize all of the people who have helped me behind the scenes and the people I called upon time after time when I needed their advice on important decisions. I have to start with my two predecessors. Don Wilson and I had many long talks about the workings of the Club and I always valued his advice. Likewise, Louie Rocha's door was always open to me when there were matters I needed to discuss. Freda Lucido probably knows more about the workings of the Club than anyone and was always there for me when I needed help. Diane Essary was my unofficial Parliamentarian and

usually got a call a day or two before meeting nights so I could verify that everything we were doing was legal. Jim and Darlene Dawson helped me out so much during the year; their knowledge was indispensable. Floyd Simpson and Gary Fields were my go-to guys for all mechanical type issues and got me through many a sticky situation. Chuck Carroll, Lonnie Gibson, and Dan Lively all are members I looked up to when I joined the Club. You all taught me what it means to be a Sportsmen. Finally, Scott Jett did such a wonderful job as Bar Manager, in what has to be one of our most successful years ever! There are so many more people who made this year a successful one, but I

wanted to make sure and mention the people listed above because a lot of the work they did was behind the scenes. I would have never gotten through the year without their help. Thank you all.

To my officers, my Board, the galley crew, everyone who attended Work Parties, and everyone who helped at the events, I know that every member of the Club knows how hard you worked to make this a successful year. I hope you are as proud of everything we accomplished as I am.

As for my wonderful wife, I will steal a line from Rocky Balboa... "Yo, Terri, we did it!!"

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## Vice Commodore Doug Horton

Hello, Sportsmen! Thank you for trusting me enough to elect me as Commodore for 2016. Yes, this puts a very heavy responsibility on my shoulders and it is an honor to serve this Club. We are one of the best clubs on the Delta and I intend to keep it that way.

The theme for 2016 is "Sportsmen, We Are A Family." I would like to

explain why:

When Shari, Ethan, and I first joined, Ethan was six years old; Chuck Carroll had worked on us for years to join. We reluctantly agreed and a year later I was a director on the Board. For 10 out of the last 12 years being on the Board, it has been sometimes challenging, but also rewarding and I have enjoyed working for the

Club on its behalf. You, the members of this Club have become Family to us and I wouldn't have it any other way!

I know our Past Commodores have shared this goal and in going forward into 2016, our goal will be that every decision or action that comes from the Board will continue to be for the best

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## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY THE PEREZ & BABO FAMILIES

**\$10 PER PERSON**



Limited to the first 60 reservations.  
Make your reservations **ONLINE** or  
contact Ann English at 779-9330  
as soon as possible!

### Volunteers are needed to cook for the Friday Night Meeting Dinners.

Please contact Cynthia Perez for details (286-0017)

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.)

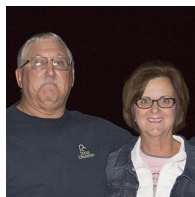
In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, the following notice will be posted in this Newsletter monthly:

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

## Welcome New Associates!



**John & Sylvia Birdsell**

(Address and Phone removed from website version of this Newsletter)

*(Barton's article continued from Page 1)*

It has been a great year. I can't tell you what an honor it has been to serve as your Commodore. But how could it have been anything but a great year? After all,

"We Are..... SPORTSMEN!!!"

*(Horton's article continued from Page 1)*

interest of the Club and you, the members.

I would like to say that Rick & Terri Barton, Floyd & Micheline Simpson & Matt & Marianne Tate did an great of a job of making Halloween very special for the kids. We hope to definitely make this grow for next year and make it spooky for everyone.

Our Installation Dinner, on January 16th, should be a very special night. We hope you are planning to come. As many of you know, this is an evening with a dinner that compares to eating at one of the finest restaurants in San Francisco or New York City. Our very own Chef Paul Bernhardt is planning another dinner "extraordinaire."

We have done our yearly planner and there are some great cruise-ins, cruise-outs and parties coming. But always keep in mind, "SPORTSMEN, WE ARE A FAMILY."

Under some very, very sad news, I must say I am not going to cook the St. Patty's Day meal this year, BUT I will be supervising one of the best trustees who volunteered (Bobbie Brown and his crew) and I will make sure he does it right!!! Most likely, it will be even better than years past!

On New Year's Eve, we would love everyone to come out for an evening of celebration! Our attempt is to keep the costs for this event down—so be sure to review the information in this Newsletter. A good time will be had by all.

"Sportsmen, We Are A Family!"

Quack, Quack!



## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### December

- 4 Club Meeting
- 5 Lighted Boat Parade (Hosted by Sportsmen)
- 12 Kids with Santa and Potluck
- 18 Game Night & Dinner
- 31 New Year's Eve Party



### January

- 8 Club Meeting
- 9 Breakfast by Billy
- 9 Work Party
- 11 College Football Championship Game
- 16 Installation Dinner
- 22 Game Night & Dinner

### February

- 5 Club Meeting
- 6 Work Party
- 7 Super Bowl Party
- 12 Game Night & Dinner
- 12-14 Bayliner Club Cruise-In
- 13 Breakfast by Billy
- 13 Valentine's Dinner
- 14 Continental Breakfast
- 20 Crab Feed



## Rear Commodore Matt Tate

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Ferry, not a creature was stirring except maybe ol' Harry.

The Fireball shots were all lined up on the bar, in hopes that Commodore Rick would not be too far.

With Doug in his NRA ball cap, and I on my bar stool, the group settled in for a long Sportsmen bull session!

When out on the deck there arose such a clatter, I darn near fell off my bar stool to see what's the matter!

No, it wasn't the rain pouring down through our roof, nor Santa's sleigh—dry floors were the proof.

It was Rocky Raccoon giving us a wink, as he made off with our peanuts that were once near the sink!

And we heard him exclaim as he scurried out of sight,

"Merry Christmas to all, and to all Sportsmen, Good Night!"

## Christmas Tree Decorating Contest



It's looking a lot like Christmas!!!

Come out to the Club to see all the different Christmas Trees on the Ferry and grounds! The winner of the contest will be announced at the Game Night on Friday, December 18th!

## Getting Ready for the 2016 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

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



## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, December 12<sup>th</sup>, for a favorite event! It is when Santa arrives by boat to meet all the good boys and girls at our Club.

A little history: Years ago, Santa came for the adults not the children. Then, as many of our members became grandparents, it gradually became a night for Santa to come to be with the children.

I started singing with the children in 1993. We had brought our grandchildren to see Santa and the children started to run all over the ferry. I was afraid they would get hurt, so I called them all together to sing Christmas carols and the rest is history.

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.

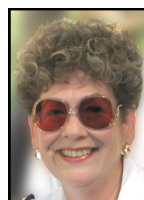
Santa arrives all dressed in his finest, to see each child and ask of their kindness.

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 will know 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**

## 2015-16 PICYA CALENDAR

Dec	No Meeting	Feb 1	Delegates' Meeting Coyote Point YC
Jan 23	Commodore's Ball & Installation of Officers	Mar 7	Delegates' Meeting Benicia YC

Jane attended the annual Awards Dinner at Encinal YC. Jane sat with Bridge Marina YC's Vice Commodore Jim Davi and his wife, Cheryl (a delegate for Bridge Marina YC). Jim and Cheryl accepted the NCPCA Johnson & Joseph Company trophy on behalf of their club. Jim and Cheryl were also the proud recipients of the Poseidon Award presented that night. Congratulations to the Davi family! Congratulations to all the 2015 PICYA nominees and recipients of awards. For a complete listing of awards and recipients, go to the PICYA website.

We received recognition for 11 years of perfect attendance and a certificate of appreciation for being a supporting club in 2015.

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 2016. Your continued support to PICYA and RBOC is much appreciated.

Thank you Sportsmen YC 2015 Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs, and members for, once again, keeping our Club "the best!" Congratulations and best wishes to our 2016 Board.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**

## December Birthdays!

- 01 Larry Green
- 02 Rex Cook
- 02 Tina Adkerson
- 03 Tim Nerby
- 05 Alice Gibson
- 07 George Lobao
- 08 Andy Cortez
- 08 Steven Peedle
- 11 Pat Parker
- 12 Freda Lucido
- 12 Kathy Larosee
- 13 Dave Davidson
- 13 Donna Abbott
- 14 Mary Sebers
- 14 Michael 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
- 23 Samantha Caputo
- 25 Natalie Greer
- 26 Chuck English
- 27 Bill Moore
- 27 Helen Torres
- 27 Mike Skuija
- 28 Cindy Mammon
- 28 Susan Carroll
- 29 Scott Jett
- 30 Dwayne Minick
- 31 Mike Stroer

## 2015 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of November 20, 2015)

We have 56 people entered in the 2015 Derby.

- \* There is \$815 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.
- \* For our Striped Bass category, Jim Dawson went fishing and he holds the first four places with a 32 pounder for 1st Place, 23 pound 11 ounce for 2nd Place, 22 pound 8 ounce for 3rd Place, and 21 pound 13 ounce for 4th place.
- \* In the Catfish category, Kenny Norris holds 1st place with a 16 pound 8 ounce monster! Then he caught a 14 pounder for 2nd place. Nick Macey holds 3rd place with a 2 pound 12 ounce catfish and Albert Perez has 4th place with a 1 pound 2 ounce catfish.
- \* In the Sturgeon category, Bill Pato Jr. holds 1st place with a 67 pounder; Bill also holds 2nd place with a 47 pound, 8 ounce sturgeon; Kenny Norris secured 3rd place with 31 pounder; and Gabe Comages is hanging onto 4th place with a 28 pounder.

*Get in the Derby! Go out and catch some fish!*

*Jim Dawson*



## Game Night!

Friday, December 18th



**This is the night  
for the Big Poker  
Tournament!**

**Ham Dinner**  
6:30 p.m. \$10

Reservations ONLINE  
or call Ann at 779-9330

Qualified to Play in the Big Game  
Winners for each month:

Feb—Dan Gorman  
Mar—Shawn Newton  
Apr—Jon Barton  
May—Rick Barton  
Jun—Larry Pacheco  
Jul—Kenny Norris  
Aug—Dave Newton  
Sep—Yong Garner  
Oct—Jim Dawson  
Nov—Bob Kaiwi

## Installation Dinner

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

*Our Theme: "Sportsmen, We are A Family"*

*Cocktails at 5 p.m.*

*Dinner Served at 6 p.m.*

*Installation of 2016 Officers Follows Dinner*

*Music and Dancing into the Night!*

**Featuring Chef Paul's Filet Mignon Dinner**

**\$50**

*Reservations Required—Available Online or call Ann at 779-9330*





**Monday Night Football**

**Cheeseburger Dinners—\$8—6:30 pm**  
Reservations ONLINE or call Ann 779-9330

*Meal Price Reduced!*

(Online Reservations will be turned off at noon the Monday of the game.)



 **Congratulations!**

To Our 2016 Officers & Directors

Commodore	Doug Horton
Vice Commodore	Matt Tate
Rear Commodore	Robert Babo
Treasurer	Marina Faconti
Secretary	Darlene Moore
Directors:	Dale Bauer
	Garry Ridolfi
	Floyd Simpson
	(one position open)

**New Year's Eve Party**

Club will provide Lasagna & French Bread  
Bring an hors d'oeuvre or side-dish to share  
Dinner served at 8 p.m.  
\$10 for the Band, Toasting Champagne,  
and Party Favors



**...And the Winners Are...**

Rick Hinds won the Meat Loaf Cook-Off Contest  
at the Veteran's Day Dinner!

The Weekend Fishing Derby Results were:  
Striped Bass—Jim Dawson 1st & 2nd Place  
Sturgeon—Don Wilson 1st, Dan Lively 2nd (both by draw)  
Catfish—Don Wilson 1st, Ted Idsoe 2nd (both by draw)

Prizes were awarded to everyone who participated in the  
fishing derby and came to the dinner

# Lighted Boat Parade

**Get Into the Christmas Spirit!** **Saturday, December 5th** **Decorate Your Boat... Join the Fun!**

**Hosted by Sportsmen YC**

Dinner and Awards Presentation following the Parade



**Dinner Menu**

Baked Chicken  
Baked Potatoes  
Caesar Salad  
Rolls  
Dessert  
**\$15.00**

**Boats will group under the Antioch Bridge at 4:45 p.m.**

**Parade Begins at 5:00 p.m.**

Questions about the Parade?  
Contact Darlene Dawson at 510-207-8498

**Parade Entry Forms available online**  
[www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)

**Make your dinner reservations Online**  
or call Ann at 779-9330

Dinner reservations are requested by December 2nd

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**THANKS TO**  
**Alice Gibson,**  
**Debbie Dawson,** and  
**Ann English** for creating  
a *FANTASTIC* Backdrop  
for our **SANTA NIGHT!!!**

# Here Comes Santa Claus!!!

*Saturday, December 12th*

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 child's gift

*Come out to enjoy a fun-filled evening!*

*Photos will be taken of the children with Santa*