

December
2018



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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Robert Babo

Well, it's with joy and sadness I am writing my final Commodore letter. Where has the year gone? This has been a great year and Denise and I are so grateful to all of the people who helped us. From Installation Dinner, Crab Feed, St. Patrick's, to hosting 4S and the Club Picnic and all the events in between we want to say, "Thank You."

To my Board, "You stood by me and helped guide me in this very productive and busy year. You are what every Commodore needs in his Board: trust, guidance, help, cohesiveness, comradery and the ability to get along! We did that and much more! The job is so much easier when you're having fun."

Thank you Flag Officer's

for your service & thank you to all the directors; thank you to all committee chairpersons and delegates.

I would like to congratulate the incoming Board on their recent elections as I know they will do a great job for the Club. I would also like to congratulate Bobby Brown on becoming the 2019 Commodore of the Sportsmen Yacht Club. Bobby will do a great job and with his leadership skills he will continue to work hard on the long overdue projects and keep this ship in shape!

I hope we will see many of you at the Lighted Boat Parade, as this is always a great way to start off the Christmas season. Also, Santa will be coming to town to see who's naughty

or nice. Bring the kids out for a fun-filled night! Next we will be rolling right into our New Year's Eve Party and the Browns will take the helm.

Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make 2018 a memorable and great year!



Weekend Fishing Derby Results:

Catfish: Bob Williams, 1st Place and Jim Dawson, 2nd Place

Striped Bass: Jim Dawson, 1st Place and Bob Williams, 2nd Place

Sturgeon: (Won by draw)
Chris Shelton, 1st Place and Ed Salmon, 2nd Place

Thanks to everyone who participated!



Vice Commodore Bobby Brown

Happy Holidays to all! I'd like to start with saying I hope all Sportsmen share special moments with each other, both with family and friends. With so many unfortunate tragedies surrounding us, we keep all fire victims, shooting victims, and other heartbreaking events in our thoughts and prayers. We are Americans and we are resilient and strong but it

truly is a time to cherish one another. Our lives are crazy busy, both professionally and personally, and the month of December allows family and friends to slow down a bit, be thankful for who is surrounding us, and enjoy each other's company.

As 2018 comes to a close, you realize how fast this year has flown. Looking back, I'm pleased at what

the Sportsmen have accomplished this year. Many projects were completed including the guest docks, Area 2, fire pit, sewer covers for parking, a Bocce court, and many others. Our events over the last 11 months were also something to be proud of. Events such as our Crab Feed, St. Patty's Day, and 4S were amazing, along with all of our smaller events.

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FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

DINNER PREPARED BY
ROY GARNER



\$10

Limited to the first 60
reservations.

Make your reservations
ONLINE or
contact Ann at 779-9330
as soon as possible!

Welcome Associate Members



Byron Eggers (wife Coral not pictured)

Sponsors: Dan Gorman & Bob Buckley



Drew & Laurie Mueller

Sponsors: Don Wilson & Matt Tate

Please Note: Ann always replies with a confirmation for ONLINE reservations. If you don't receive your confirmation within 48 hours, please email her at reservations@sportsmenyc.org or call her at 779-9330.

Volunteers are needed to cook for the
2019 Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Ann English for details (779-9330)

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

Sportsmen YC's Upcoming Events

December

- 1 Lighted Boat Parade
- 7 Club Meeting
- 8 Kids with Santa Night
- 14 Game Night
- 31 New Year's Eve Party



January

- 4 Club Meeting
- 5 Work Party
- 7 College Football National Championships
- 18 Game Night & Dinner
- 19 Installation of Officers Dinner & Dance

View the complete 2019 Calendar ONLINE!

(Rear Commodore's Article continued from page 1)

Our small weekly and monthly events were also important. All of these projects and events, big or small, require coordination, dedication, cooperation, and camaraderie. Our work is never done, but we Sportsmen are driven. Thank you to all who have contributed your time to make this year a memorable one.

Thank you Commodore Robert and Denise Babo for all of your time you both have given to this Club. It takes a strong couple to pull off what you two have done. You've done it well. Committing yourselves to being there, making tough decisions, and organizing some wonderful events, with a lot of good help of course! It's been a pleasure being a part of it.

Congratulations to our elected Board Members. The New Year brings new challenges and I'm pleased and excited to share thoughts and ideas with each one of you.

We'll finish the year with the Lighted Boat Parade, a Christmas Decoration Contest, Kids with Santa. MNF will continue through December 17th. (No MNF on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.) After that, The Browns will be kicking off 2019 with a New Year's Eve Party. Please RSVP for this dinner making your reservations online or by contacting Ann English. There will be a DJ helping us celebrate the New Year following dinner. Come down and start it off right! Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make 2018 a fantastic Sportsmen year!



It's time for Monday Night Football!

December 3, 10, & 17

Your Choice of
Burgers
Loaded Baked Potatoes
Caesar Salad



Rear Commodore Neal Draper

I would like to start by thanking a few Sportsmen members who I feel do not get the recognition and thanks they deserve for the constant contributions they make to this Club.

If you see any work being done on the Sportsmen docks our Harbor Captain, Bill Moore, will be in the thick of that work. The docks are looking great, and our boats are much more secure because of Bill. Thank You, Bill, for all that you do for Sportsmen Yacht Club!

Another individual who I feel always goes above and beyond is our Newsletter Editor, Freda Lucido. It is hard enough for me to get one article written and submitted on time each month. I can't imagine the time it takes to gather all the articles and information needed to put together our wonderful and informative monthly Newsletter. Anytime Sportsmen members have to vote on a new prospective member or on an Officer or Director position, Freda and her team are handing out, collecting, and counting the ballots. Thank you, Freda, for all you do for Sportsmen Yacht Club!

Also a huge thank you goes out to Audrey Kuppenbender for organizing our Veterans Day Celebration and Meat Loaf Competition. Every year this event keeps getting better as we honor those many Sportsmen Yacht Club veterans. And, a huge thank you to those who served so we may have the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. I was honored to be one of the judges for the Meat Loaf Competition and I have to say, they were all great! It was hard to pick a winner, but Marianne Tate's meatloaf was fantastic and brought home the Gold. Congratulations Marianne!

As you know, November is the month we elect or reelect Officers and Directors for the coming year. Thank you to everyone who stepped up and ran for a position. Congratulations to those who were elected to serve for the next year or two. I am looking forward to serving with Mike Minick as our new Rear Commodore, Rich Holmes as our new Secretary, and Dan Gorman as our new Director.

Many members contribute to keeping Sportsmen Yacht Club running smoothly for the enjoyment of all members. Way too many folks to thank in this newsletter, however those of you who contribute know who you are and you have my thanks and gratitude.

It has been a great year at Sportsmen Yacht Club. I cannot thank our 2018 Commodore and First Lady, Robert and Denise Babo, enough for the many hours of work they have contributed to Sportsmen Yacht Club. Words alone cannot express the appreciation they deserve. Next time you see them shake their hand or give them a hug. They deserve it!

See you at the Club.



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Once again, my favorite night will soon be here. Our children have fond memories of Santa night, then their children also have fond memories, and now the third generation can hardly wait. Wow, time goes by fast. The following is a poem I wrote last year and I want to share it with you again.

Twas a few weeks before Christmas and all through the ferry,
not a creature was stirring not even those Merry.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
just waiting for Santa to soon appear.

The children were all sitting on the floor, listening to a
Christmas story and singing once more. Mrs. Hammer gave
them all bells so their singing could be heard and they all sang
loud and clear so you could hear each word.

Mr. Hammer was on the radio in touch with the boat that
would bring Santa straight to the float. He let us all know how
Santa was doing with feeding his reindeer on West Island and
getting ready to board the boat.

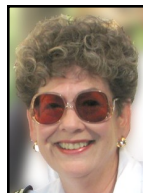
The moon on the Delta glittered like snow and the water
looked like diamonds below.

When it was time, Mrs. Hammer exclaimed, "please get your
parents and walk carefully outside." The boat was all lit from
bow to stern and Santa was waving to each and every one.

The children all sat once again and Santa called up each child
to sit on his lap and asked them their name. He gave them
each a presents, then turned with a jerk to return to his
reindeer; he knew he had lots of work.

The children all waved goodbye and in the distance up in the
sky, they could hear him exclaim as he drove out of sight

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOODNIGHT!"



PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

2019 PICYA CALENDAR

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| Jan 26 | Commodores' Ball Sheraton, San Rafael | Mar 4 | Delegates' Meeting Benicia YC |
| Feb 4 | Delegates' Meeting Sequoia YC | | |

I attended the Trophy and Awards Dinner at Encinal YC on November 5th. There were nearly 100 delegates and guests in attendance. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners. Ebony Boat Club and San Jose Sailing Club tied for Club of the Year Award. Many thanks to Morris Lum for helping us continue with 14 years of perfect attendance for the monthly Delegates' Meetings.

The 26th Annual Commodores' Ball and Installation of Officers, honoring William Gargan and the Officers and Directors for 2019 will be held on January 26th at Four Points by Sheraton in San Rafael.

Thank you, 2018 Sportsmen YC Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs for serving our Club. Morris and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your PICYA Delegates.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2019 Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Join us to
**RING IN THE NEW YEAR
AT SPORTSMEN!**

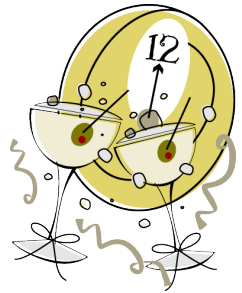
Monday, December 31st

Steak Dinner Served at 7 p.m.

(Rib Eye Steak, Baked Potato, Salad & Dessert)



*Music & Dancing into 2019
Champagne Toast at Midnight
\$20*



Please make your reservations

Online or Contact Ann at 779-9330 by December 26th

2019 Installation Dinner

Save the Date: Saturday, January 19

Join us for a wonderful, festive evening as we install our 2019
Officers and Directors

Cocktails at 5 p.m. Dinner Served at 7 p.m.

Music and Dancing After the Evening's Ceremonies

"Black & White" attire suggested but Not Mandatory!

Complete Details in our January Newsletter
and on our Website as soon as available

Sportsmen YC

2018 Fishing Derby Update

(as of November 20, 2018)

We have 41 people entered so far in the Derby.

- * There is \$570 total in this Derby so far.
- * Rules are posted at the Club.
- * Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- * Three categories: Strippers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- * Cost is \$5.00 per category; you do not need to be entered in all categories.

Catfish: Kenny Norris, 1st Place, 1lb. 15oz.
Ed Salmon, 2nd Place, 1 lb. 6 oz.
Dave Newton, 3rd Place, 1lb. 3oz.



Striped Bass: Jim Dawson, 1st Place, 25 lb. 9 oz.
Jim Dawson, 2nd Place, 21 lb. 7 oz.
Jim Dawson, 3rd Place, 20 lb. 14 oz.

Sturgeon: Chris Shelton, 1st Place, 27lb.12 oz.
Jerry Kent Sr., 2nd Place, 26 lb. 8 oz.

Awards for 2018 will be made in January.
Join the 2019 Derby in January because you have
to get in before your go out!

Jim Dawson

December Birthdays!

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 01 John Plumos | 16 Larry Draper |
| 01 Larry Green | 17 Carol Fray |
| 02 Rex Cook | 17 Donna Fields |
| 02 Ted Drapel | 18 Matthew Peebles |
| 02 Tina Adkerson | 18 Roy Garner |
| 03 Tim Nerby | 20 Bob Karr |
| 05 Alice Gibson | 20 Yvonne Brayton |
| 07 George Lobao | 21 Mike Transchel |
| 08 Andy Cortez | 25 Natalie Greer |
| 08 Steven Peedle | 27 Bill Moore |
| 11 Pat Parker | 27 Mike Skuija |
| 12 Freda Lucido | 28 Cindy Mammon |
| 13 Donna Abbott | 28 Susan Carroll |
| 14 Mary Sebers | 29 Scott Jett |
| 16 Jerry Kent | 31 Mike Stroer |



Happy Birthday!

Lighted Boat Parade

Get Into the Christmas Spirit!

Saturday, December 1st

Decorate Your Boat...
Join the Fun!

Hosted by
Bridge Marina YC

Dinner and Awards
Presentation
following the Parade



Dinner Menu
We will advise the
menu details and
reservation information
by email as soon as
available

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 will be
available online
www.sportsmenyc.org

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Please contact Ann if you would like to volunteer to cook for the January General Membership Meeting

Here Comes Santa Claus!!!

Saturday, December 8th

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