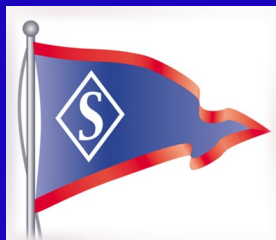


December
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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Bobby Brown

As I conclude my year as Commodore, I reflect back as to why I chose to take a shot at being this wonderful Club's leader. I recognized some of the Club's challenges, things that get neglected through the years, and/or forgotten. I saw events that could always use help. I saw a small portion of what it takes to keep this place going. It's a daunting task, no doubt. I remember being asked (a few times) if I would run for Rear Commodore. My response each time was, "If that's how I can help the Club, I'll do it."

Knowing the timing of my term would often conflict with both my work and home life, I still chose to give it a shot. Raising our two beautiful, talented kids, knowing how big a challenge as a whole I'd be facing, I accepted. My wife accepted the challenge. My wife has

been on top her game from day one. She pulled off some of the best events, stood by my side even when she disagreed, and showed she has some great leadership qualities. For that, I love you, my Angel; could not have done it without you.

Thank you to my Board for a stand-up year. I think we showed great transparency on some tough issues. It takes a strong team of Board members who are willing to go the extra mile, give experienced input, and be active listeners, maintaining a level of professionalism to reach the common goal. Although we could not accomplish everything we wanted, we did do a lot of great things. I will continue to help with ongoing projects, and help where ever I can.

So, here I am, headed down the home stretch.

Would I change anything? Yeah, there were a couple of things I might have done differently. But for the most part, I enjoyed the opportunity, stood by our decisions, and feel pretty good about the time spent on the Board including 2019.

To the Board of 2020, I wish you the best! Neal and Elena are outstanding members and they need our support. You've got a great team put together and I feel you'll have a wonderful year. The Browns are here to stay and support.

See you all at Installation Dinner on January 18th.

Go Sportsmen!!



Vice Commodore Neal Draper

I would like to start by thanking a few Sportsmen members who I feel go above and beyond 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! Almost anytime you find Bill working on the docks

you're sure to find Marty Whetham working right alongside Bill. Thank You Bill and Marty for all that you do for Sportsmen Yacht Club.

Other individuals who I feel always go above and beyond are Freda Lucido and Alice Gibson. 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 for Freda 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 for an Officer or Director position Freda, along with Alice Gibson, are the ones handing out, collecting, and counting the ballots. In December, we have our annual Kids with Santa Potluck and Ugly Sweater Contest. There is no possible way this event

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FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

THIS MONTH'S DINNER PREPARED BY
THE JASON TURPIN AND CREW—DESSERT BY JANET



\$10

Limited to the first 60 reservations.

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

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
2020 Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Ann 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

6	Club Meeting & Dinner
7	Lighted Boat Parade
13	Game Night & Dinner
14	Kids' Night with Santa & Ugly Sweater Contest
31	New Year's Eve Party

January

3	Club Meeting & Dinner
4	Work Party
13	College Football Championship (MNF)
18	Installation of Officers Dinner & Dance
24	Game Night

View the complete 2020 Calendar ONLINE!

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happens without Alice Gibson. Thank you Freda and Alice for all you do for Sportsmen Yacht Club!

On November 10th, we celebrated Veterans Day with our usual Video Presentation honoring our Veterans, along with the Meatloaf Cook-Off Competition. Audrey Kuppenbender does an outstanding job organizing and hosting this event. Thank You Audrey! Congratulations to Denice and Robert Babo who are the 2019 Meat Loaf Cook-Off Champions!

Also a huge thank you goes out to Jim Dawson for organizing our Annual Fishing Derby as well as our November Fishing Derby. During the Veterans Day Celebration event, Jimmy presented the awards to the anglers who participated in the November Fishing Derby. A huge thank you goes out to Kevin Wickman for the donations of many of the prizes that go to the members who participate in the derby, whether they catch a fish or not. Thank you also to Rick Barton for arranging for Zack Medinas from Gatecrasher Fishing Adventures who put on our Sturgeon Seminar at the kickoff of the November Derby and to Dave Newton for the excellent Tri-Tip Dinners he has prepared over the years. Thank you gentlemen for all you do for Sportsmen Yacht Club.

I was very happy to hear Matt Tate will be taking over as Historian and Curator of the Sportsmen Museum. Matt is a Delta History Buff and has an extensive library of books on the Delta that he will be making available in the Museum. At the beginning of November, Matt and Roy Garner replaced the windows in the Museum to protect the rich history that Kathie Hammer so lovingly took care of for so many years. Thank you Matt and Roy for all you do for Sportsmen Yacht Club

Everyone knows our Club has a great bar with historical significance. The reason that bar is so successful is due to the many hours Bob Buckley puts in as our Bar Manager, with the help of Mike Minick and Rich Furlow. Bob has already completed much remodeling on the back bar and will be adding more amenities there soon to make the bar even better. Thank you, gentlemen, for all you do for Sportsmen YC!

As you know, November is the month we elect or reelect Officers and Directors for the coming year. Thank you to the membership for electing me your Commodore for next year. I am looking forward to serving as your 2020 Commodore with Mike Minick as our Vice Commodore, Heather Newton as our new Rear Commodore, Freda Lucido as our new Secretary and Don Wilson and Liz Allen as our new Directors. Thank you also to returning Treasurer, Marianne Tate, along with returning Directors Bob Buckley and Dan Gorman.

Remember, Sportsmen Yacht Club members and guests will be celebrating New Year's Eve as usual on December 31st. The DJ is booked and the menu is being put together as I write this article. Jason Turpin will be at the grill and we expect to ring in

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Monday Night Football!



Your Choice of
Burgers
Loaded Baked Potatoes
Caesar Salad

Food Reservations must be in by
Noon on the Monday of the Game



Rear Commodore Mike Minick

Well this has certainly been an awesome November with all the beautiful weather we've been having. If you haven't been out to the Club, the river has been like glass the last few weeks. The Club was busy in November with three member events, Monday Night Football, the Fishing Derby, Board elections, Game Night, a Meatloaf Contest and the Veterans Day Celebration. Jana and I were able to get one day of fishing in for the derby; unfortunately, we weren't able to hook into any fish. At least we still have a little time left for the Annual Derby to get back out there and hopefully hook into something to get on the board!

We haven't had a scheduled Work Party for awhile, but there have been a few projects going on. There is always something to do around our Club, so any help is greatly appreciated! I am looking forward to the December 7th Lighted Boat Parade! We have participated the last two years and have had a great time. It would be awesome to see more boats entered this year, so let's get those boats decorated! Also, come on down for Monday Night Football games. Give Ann a call to reserve a cheeseburger and enjoy the game!

We already have a few member events scheduled for next year so if you have a date that you would like to reserve the Club, fill the paperwork out and get it to me so we can tentatively get you scheduled on the calendar until the Board can approve.

Hope everyone has a great Holiday Season!

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2020 with a bang.

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. I cannot thank our 2019 Commodore and First Lady, Bobby and Angel Brown, 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!

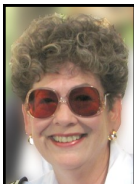
See you around the Club!

We're Getting Ready for the 2020 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 by December 8th

newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org 228-3609



PICYA NEWS

DARLENE DAWSON

2019-2020 PICYA CALENDAR

Dec	No Delegates' Meeting	Jan 18	Commodores' Ball & Installation of Officers Encinal YC
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Annual 2019 Awards

Morris Lum attended the 2019 Awards Luncheon and Meeting at Encinal Yacht Club. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners. The Yachtsman of the Year was awarded to Winston Bumpus, from the Club at Westpoint and Sequoia Yacht Club. This award is presented for distinguished and outstanding service to the boating and yachting community.

Club of the year is awarded to the club(s) accumulating the most COTY points for supporting PICYA sponsored events, developing and maintaining youth programs, community service, boating safety, philanthropy, and other boating related activities. This year, three clubs tied for this prestigious award: Ebony Boat Club, San Jose Sailing Club, and South Beach Yacht Club.

RBOC Boater of the Year

RBOC Director Winston Bumpus presented Assemblymember Kevin Mullin with the organization's highest honor—the Boater of the Year Award. This is in recognition of his efforts to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2020 Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs.

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



**In Honor of Kathie Hammer,
we are reprinting the poem
Kathie wrote about our
annual Kids with Santa Night.**

'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 soon to 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.

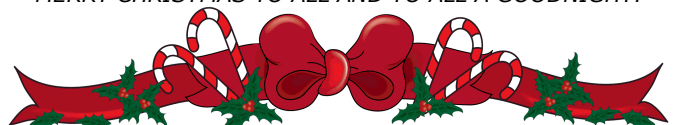
The moon on the Delta glittered like snow and the water looked like diamonds below.

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 present, 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!"





Sportsmen YC

2019 Fishing Derby Update

(as of November 22, 2019)

We have 42 people entered so far in the Derby.

- * There is \$605 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.
- * Awards for 2019 will be made in January 2020.

Sturgeon: Ed Salmon, 1st Place, 57# 12 oz.
Jennifer (Bryan) Tate, 2nd Place, 46# 12 oz.
Gabe Comages, 3rd Place, 44# 3 oz.

Striped Bass: Jim Dawson now holds the first three places with
26# 15 oz., 22# 4 oz., and 21# 14 oz.

Catfish: Bryan Tate, 1st Place, 2# 10 oz.
Bryan Tate, 2nd Place, 2# 8 oz.
Bryan Tate, 3rd Place, 2# 2 oz.

It's not too late—Join the 2019 Derby!

"Get signed up and paid before going fishing. Don't be like so many each year who catch before entering and miss out."

Jim Dawson

December Birthdays

01 John Plumas
01 Larry Green
02 Rex Cook
02 Ted Drapel
02 Tina Adkerson
03 Lydia Vicknair
03 Tim Nerby
05 Alice Gibson
07 George Lobao
08 Steven Peedle
11 Pat Parker
12 Freda Lucido
13 Donna Abbott
14 Mary Sebers
16 Jerry Kent
16 Larry Draper
17 Carol Fray
17 Donna Fields
18 Matthew Peebles
18 Roy Garner
20 Bob Karr
20 Yvonne Brayton
21 Mike Transchel



25 Natalie Greer
27 Bill Moore
27 Mike Skuija
28 Cindy Mammon
28 Susan Carroll
29 Scott Jett
31 Mike Stroer

November Fishing Derby

Congratulations to our Winners!

We had 17 anglers in our November Fishing Derby which began on November 1st and ended on November 9th.

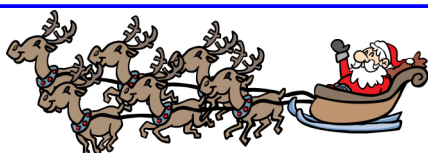
This year's winners were:

Catfish: 1st Place Jim Dawson 1# 14 oz.
2nd Place Dennis Higgins 12 oz.

Sturgeon: 1st Place Ken Williams 26# 8 oz.
2nd Place Dale Bauer By Drawing

Striped Bass: 1st Place Jim Dawson 9# 14 oz.
2nd Place Jim Dawson By Drawing

Special thanks again this year to Kevin Wickman for all the donated prizes that made everyone entered in the Derby and those who came to the Fishing Awards at the Veteran's Day Dinner a winner. Thanks to all the folks who entered and fished the Derby. The 2019 fishing season is now here, especially for Striped Bass and Sturgeon, so good luck to all and, hopefully, we'll see you on the water!



Game Night!



Friday, December 13th

6:30 p.m. Hobo Stew, Salad, French Bread, and Pumpkin Spice Cake

7:00 p.m. Poker Finals & Other Games

\$7 See Janet Buckley with questions

Join us to find out who will be our 2019 Poker Champion!

Please make reservations by the Thursday before the event. Reservations can be made ONLINE or call Ann.
Thank You!

Lighted Boat Parade

Get Into the Christmas Spirit!

Saturday, December 7th

Decorate Your Boat...
Join the Fun!

Hosted by
Sportsmen Yacht Club

Dinner and Awards
Presentation
following the Parade



Dinner Menu

Pasta with Meat Sauce
Salad, Bread
Dessert
\$10

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

Here Comes Santa Claus!!!

Saturday
December 14th

5:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner
6:00 p.m. Stories and Carol
Singing with
Ms. Alice
6:30 p.m. Santa Arrives by
Boat



Also, we're having an
Ugly Sweater Contest!

- * 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

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Mark Your 2020 Calendars!

**2020 Installation
of Officers Dinner & Dance**

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Cocktails at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

*Dancing to the music of
"Diamond Dave" Hosley will follow the
Evening's Awards Presentations*

Filet Mignon Dinner

\$55.00

Make your reservations Online

or call Ann at 779-9330

*Reservations must be received no later than
Friday, January 10th*

Let's Celebrate!

New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 31st



7 p.m. Steak Dinner by Jason Turpin

Music & Dancing into 2020

By DJ Ryan J.

Champagne Toast at Midnight

\$20

*Please make your reservations Online
or contact Ann at 779-9330 by December 26th*