

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

#### January

- 9 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 10 Work Party
- 17 Installation Dinner

#### February

- 1 Super Bowl Party
- 6 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 7 Work Party
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#### March

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- 14 St. Patrick's Dinner & Bayliner Cruise-In



**COMMODORE**  
**STEVE MARTINEZ**  
"DIRTY STEVE MARTINI"

**As you may have already noticed, we have had a change in our officers. In accordance with the Club's By-laws, this matter will be addressed in the January General Meeting.**

There are changes happening, it is time for the Club to come together and work as one. I want 2009 to be all about the members, with the Club being your favorite destination.

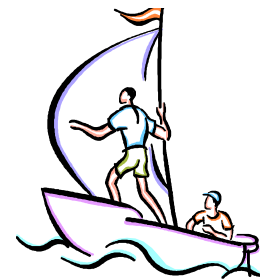
Chef Paul and Ann Marie have kindly volunteered to prepare the Installation Dinner. With those two in the galley, I am certain the food will be outstanding.

Many of our newsletter sponsors have renewed their support this year. Please use our sponsors' goods and services whenever possible. In these tight economic times, we need to take care of the people who take care of us. Thank

you sponsors!

I want to thank our newest Past Commodore, Casey Curry, for his service in 2008. He is a good man and I have a great deal of respect for him. I am proud to have been his Rear Commodore.

Let's  
Rock N Roll!



**VICE COMMODORE**  
**CHARLIE KATUSICH**

I'd like to introduce myself as the incoming Vice Commodore of Sportsmen. I am also the new Work Party Chairman for 2009. In the upcoming year, with the help of the members, it is my objective to accomplish productive Work Parties that benefit the Club. Being new to this position, I would like to see Club members come up with projects for monthly Work Parties. I will appreciate your input and participation, and work within our budget and time constraints to complete as much work as possible.

With Steve Martinez & Bob Karr, as well as the rest of the Board and membership, I hope that participation in 2009 Work Parties will be as active as it

was with Chuck Carroll. I thank you for giving me this opportunity and look forward to working with you all.





### REAR COMMODORE BOB KARR

Being Rear Commodore in 2009 was not exactly in my plan, but given the opportunity, I decided it will be a worthwhile endeavor. Actually, my most recent plan was to perhaps run for Rear Commodore for 2010. So, we've just moved it up a year!

I am looking forward to working with Steve and Charlie, the Board, and the membership to ensure our Club remains the best Club on the Delta!

If I can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to talk to me—you'll see me around the Club most weekends!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!



### PICYA Report Darlene Dawson

A large number of boats participated in the 12th Annual Wheelchair Regatta, chaired by Staff Commodore Margot Brown. The Wheelchair Regatta is a combined effort by PICYA and a number of Yacht Clubs, their vessels, and members to honor the men and women who have served our Country. Guests are treated to an hour or two of cruising the Oakland Estuary or San Francisco Bay, a relaxing day on the beautiful grounds of Encinal YC, enjoying lunch and listening to the all-veteran bands. Man and woman power is provided by the U.S. Coast Guard volunteers and members of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 55. They literally lift veterans and wheelchairs onboard the vessels.

Our Honorary member Larry Draper and his crew served guests delicious hamburgers with all the trimmings. Armi and Vincent Rafanan on the Golden Goose joined this year's event with crew mates Dave and Sharon Selvy. After crewing aboard Brandywine last year, Dave and Sharon vowed to return.

After Midnight returning for her 4th time, hosted several blind guests this year—another first.

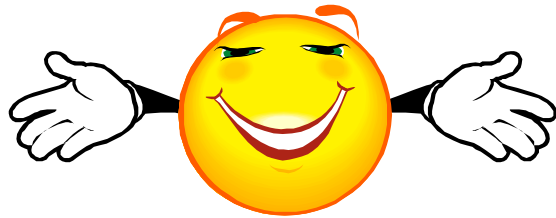
It was a beautiful and rewarding experience that none of us will ever forget.

Thank you Margot and crew for allowing us to honor and entertain our veterans.



### PICYA's Upcoming Events

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|---------|--|
| Jan. 31 | Installation Dinner,<br>St. Francis Yacht Club       |
| Feb. 2  | Director and Delegates Dinner<br>Meeting, Oakland YC |
| Feb. 21 | Leadership Conference,<br>Pittsburg YC               |



Welcome  
New Member

Ed & Cynthia

Directory Info

Given the recent  
changes, our 2009  
Directory will be in our  
February Newsletter.

Last names and addresses not available  
for the web version of this Newsletter

## Member Information Corner

- Deanna D. had knee surgery.
- Carl S. completed radiation and is receiving chemotherapy.



We wish you all speedy recoveries!



*Newsletter articles are due by the 18th of  
each month.*

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**NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN**  
**JACKIE STEELE**  
"JACKIE OH!"

Well, I thought my last article (December 2008) was my 'last' and I breathed a brief, short-lived, mini celebration. (Or, was that a hot flash?) I was strong-armed, er...I volunteered to remain your Fleet Captain for 2009 and look forward to some creative assistance and help from Sherry Lively this coming year.

January will find us recuperating from the holidays and getting ready for another exciting year. No cruise-outs are scheduled for January, but that certainly doesn't mean an impromptu event won't crop up!

Last January we held a marine 'stuff' garage sale and though we had a few hearty souls out in the cold & rain selling their junk / treasures, not many showed. So, I think we'd do well to hold another similar event when the weather is warmer and we all take time to grab the extra 'stuff' from our boat lockers and bilges and unload those items to our fellow Sportsmen boaters. Stay tuned for details later in the year.

February will bring us the ever-popular 3-day President's Weekend, and though there are no specific plans, we might scoot away somewhere close by and drown some bait. More in the February issue.

Just so you plan ahead, we hope to get confirmed reservations for the Rio Vista Cruise-Out scheduled for the last weekend in March. Rather than a chili cook off, I propose a "gee-my-clam-chowder-is-the-best-in-the-west" cook off. Heh, heh, heh. Details to come in the March newsletter.

So! Roll up your sleeves, and get ready for some fun boating!

See you on the river.



**HISTORIAN'S NOTES**  
**KATHIE HAMMER**

The following letter was sent August 11, 1936, and was signed by W. Balslry.

Dear Friend and Fellow Sportsmen: We are taking this method of getting better acquainted with you. If you are a lover of out-of-door life, hunting, fishing, of any sport, then this letter will be of interest to you and your family. We are hoping that you contemplate joining, in the near future, some sporting organization in the East Bay. Before doing so, be fair to yourself and to us, and consider the advantages we have to offer. You will want to receive dollar for dollar in your investment and we feel sure that we have one of the finest propositions that can be offered to any sportsmen. Are you looking for a place just one and a half hours ride from home, where you can take your family and enjoy a real outing, swimming, sandy beach for the children, boating, shade trees and picnic facilities? Are you looking for a place where you can really catch fish and enjoy a real rest away from the hum of the motor car and noise of the city? Would you like to have interest in a floating clubhouse, 285 feet long and 72 feet wide? Perhaps you will say that there is no such place, but we can assure you that we have all this to offer you, and more, at an amazingly low cost per month. If this is of interest to you, attend one of our regular meetings on the first or third Thursday of each month, in the School Administration Building, 3rd floor, Second Avenue and E Twelfth St. Oakland, California. The meeting starts at 8:00p.m. SPORTSMEN INC. invites you to come and get acquainted. You are under no obligation. Sincerely Yours, SPORTSMEN INC.



**PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS**  
**JIM DAWSON**


Well, 2009 is here. Congratulations to our new Commodore Steve Martinez and his Board. Thank you, Casey Curry, and team for a great 2008. I'm confident 2008 will be a year Casey will always remember (again, great job Casey). Before Installation, we need the hallways downstairs, back deck and front deck clear of clutter. We need the area around the museum cleared out so our members and guests are able to enjoy the uniqueness of our ferry.

It's time to change our smoke alarm batteries again which includes all the cabins. We will have batteries available meeting night. Thanks to all of the relief caretakers in 2008, REMEMBER that your still needed in 2009. Most of you are aware that we had a septic tank problem in December and special thanks to Mike Hoskins, Tino and Janet Abon, and Ed Elledge for their efforts in resolving the problem. Maybe the real heroes were Freda and Darlene with their keen sense of smell; we appreciate you all! We still have some leaking from the roof, especially the office area. This will be a major focus at the next Work Party (thanks in advance to Mike). I'm looking forward to working with Charlie to resolve the issue on the east side of the ferry!

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



Some members enjoyed a cozy fire while watching the Lighted Boat Parade!



**Reminder!**  
**1st Quarter dues & fees are due!**

*You are invited to  
Sportsmen Yacht Club's  
2009 Installation of Officers  
Dinner & Dance*

*Saturday, January 17, 2009*

*The Evening's Schedule*

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Cocktail Hour</i>   | <i>5:30 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Dinner Served</i>   | <i>6:30 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Awards for 2008</i> | <i>8:00 p.m.</i> |

*Dancing to music by  
Chuck Morris  
immediately following the  
Awards Presentations*

*The Evening's Menu*

*Seafood Shooter  
Butternut Squash Bisque  
Filet Mignon with Merlot Essence  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Dessert Facon du Chef Patisseu*

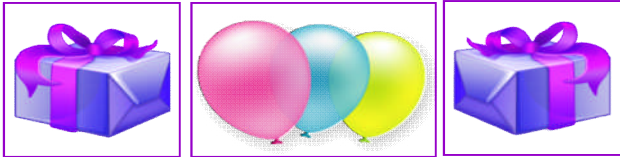
*Prepared By Chef Paul Bernhardt and Ann Marie Alcorn*

*\$30.00 per person*

*Please RSVP by January 11, 2009  
Online at [www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)  
or contact Cindy Mammon at 625.0590*

# Happy Birthday!

## January Babies



- 01 Harry Parker
- 01 Rich Trantham
- 03 Richard Mello
- 04 Jan Harrington
- 05 Alma Wood
- 07 Elaine Davis
- 09 Bob Williams
- 09 Jerry Calhoun
- 10 Carl Rasmussen
- 10 Ray Murphy
- 13 Ismael Ramirez
- 14 Joli Dunbar
- 14 Thom Dias
- 14 Tyler Dias
- 16 Darrell Lackey
- 16 Don Lucido
- 17 Borise Larson
- 17 Chuck Carroll
- 18 Dorothy Carroll
- 18 George Greer
- 18 Kevin WickmaAn
- 20 Bob Lenz
- 20 Elaine Rasmussen

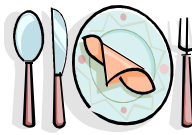
- 21 Mardi Haines
- 22 Vincent Rafanan
- 23 Dan Lynch
- 23 Lou Zobb
- 25 Russell Morgan
- 26 Belynda Zobb
- 26 Ted Brown
- 27 Tony Siino
- 28 Bill Pato
- 28 Cynthia Froman
- 28 Janet Abon
- 28 Ruth Trombetta
- 28 Tina Tapp
- 29 Maxine Veloz
- 30 Arlyce Siino
- 31 Max Wheeler



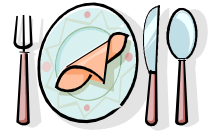
## From our Harbor Captain

If you have a boat berthed at our harbor, please send a copy of insurance confirmation for your vessel to the Club—my attention.

Thanks,  
Lonnie Gibson



## January's Meeting Dinner Menu



**BEEF STROGANOFF**  
Green Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert

The cost is \$10.00

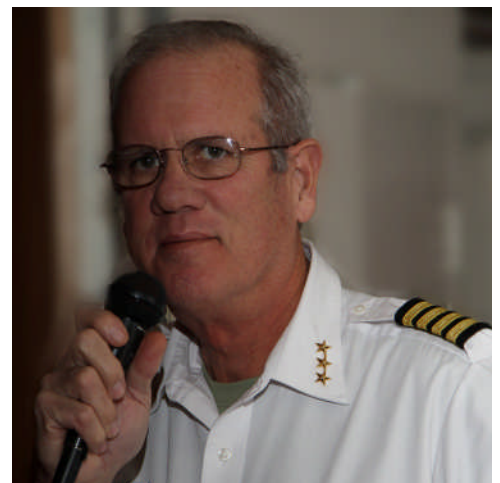
Prepared BY  
Robbie & Brett Horton  
Eddie Salmon,  
Jason Smith



### Come join us!

We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations on-line  
or contact Cindy Mammon (625-0590)  
as soon as possible

We salute you,  
Commodore  
Casey Curry!  
Thanks for all your  
hard work in 2008!





The children always love singing carols with Mrs. Hammer!  
They really had fun jingling bells while singing  
an old favorite, Jingle Bells.



Some little ones had to check out Santa's beard,  
others wanted no part of him,  
and decided Mrs. Claus' lap was the place to sit!



*Congratulations to the Lighted Boat Parade Winners and  
Thanks to All Participants!*



**Awards Results**

- Best of Show  
Kevin Park (Dos Rios YC)
- 1st Place Over 35 Ft  
Terry Leavitt (Caliente YC)
- 2nd Place Over 35 Ft  
Nick Rassushin (Driftwood YC)
- 1st Place Under 35 Ft  
Dennis & Sharon Higgins (SYC)
- 2nd Place Under 35 Ft  
Carl & Elaine Rasmussen (SYC)
- Judges' First Award  
Contra Costa County Sheriff's Fire Boat



**Parade Sponsors**

- Behind the Scenes (Jackie Steele)
- Curtis Holzer—Farmer's Insurance
- Lloyd's Holiday Harbor
- New Bridge Marina Harbor
- Worrell's Automotive

**Our Judges**

- Jim Conley
- Ken Gray—City of Pittsburg
- Curtis Holzer—Farmer's Insurance
- Arne Simonsen
- Thomas West—Dragon's Lair

**Gift Donations**

- Allstar Sports Bar & Grill
- American Trophies
- Celia's Mexican Restaurant
- Humphrey's
- Hannah Nicole Winery
- Red Caboose
- Starbucks (18th & A Street)

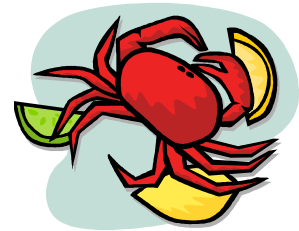
**Committee**

- Georgine Schunk—Chair
- Darlene Dawson
- Jane Parsons
- Kay Power

**Parade Marshall**

Curtis Lauritzen

**Crab Feed**



**Saturday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m.**

**French Bread**

**Pasta**

**Salad**

Price dependent upon market prices & will be announced in the February Newsletter



**Crab**

**Wine**

**Clam Chowder**

Prepaid reservations for members & guests must be received by February 4th

Make your reservations online or contact  
Cindy Mammon at  
625-0590



# Sportsmen Yacht Club

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### February

- 1 Super Bowl Party
- 6 Club Meeting
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- 7 Work Party
- 14 St. Patrick's Dinner  
& Bayliner Cruise-In
- 28-29 Rio Vista Cruise-Out

### April

- 3 Club Meeting
- 4 Work Party
- TBD Opening Day

### May

- 1 Club Meeting
- 2 Work Party
- 2 Cinco de Mayo Party
- 23-25 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

### June

- 5 Club Meeting
- 6 Work Party
- 20 Friends of the NRA Dinner
- 27 4S Try-Outs

### July

- 3-5 4th of July Cruise-Out
- 10 Club Meeting
- 11 Work Party
- TBD 4S at Sacramento YC

### August

- 1 50's Bash with  
San Rafael YC and  
Caliente Isle YC Cruise-In
- 7 Club Meeting
- 8 Work Party

### September

- 4-7 Labor Day Cruise-Out
- 11 Club Meeting
- 12 Club Picnic
- 19 Work Party

### October

- 2 Club Meeting
- 3 Work Party
- TBD Down Bay Cruise
- 9-10 Discovery Bay YC Cruise-In
- 17 Diablo YC Cruise-In

### November

- 4 Fishing Seminar & Dinner
- 6 Club Meeting
- 6-8 Weekend Fishing Derby
- 14 Work Party

### December

- 4 Club Meeting
- 5 Lighted Boat Parade
- 12 Kids with Santa & Potluck
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

This calendar schedule is subject to change.  
Please check the website ([www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org))  
or your monthly newsletter for the most current calendar schedule.