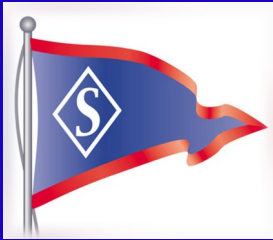


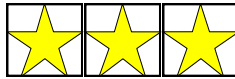
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NEWSLETTER



Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everyone! We are already well into 2016 and getting ready for our February meetings and events. I was as nervous as any man can be for my first meeting as Commodore in January. But I sense and I know that "We Are A Family" and I draw strength from that feeling.

I would like to thank our Caretaker, Billy Jones, for doing a wonderful job on the floors in preparation for the Installation Dinner. If you have not noticed, he has started working on the south-western corner entry-way floor to refurbish it, making it more presentable and safe.

We do have an opening for someone to fill the role of Safety Officer. If you would be willing to

volunteer for this position, please contact me.

And now to the fun part—our 2016 Installation Dinner. I do not know where to start thanking people. But I must start off first and foremost with my wife. Shari took charge of all decorations, the entire theme and the program. She did a wonderful job; I did not realize how much work goes into being the Commodore's wife. She could not have done this alone. I would also like to thank Terri Barton, Becky Wilson, Denice Babo, Liz Allen, Tammy Rocha, Ann English, Anita Hinds, Marianne Tate, Debbie Bauer, Cynthia Perez, and Freda Lucido. A couple of special thanks: From the bottom of my heart to Chef Paul and his crew without

whom this dinner would not have been as special; to Master Sergeant Robert (Bob) Williams who made a promise to me that, if I ever became Commodore, he would recite the version of the Pledge of Allegiance written by Red Skelton. This is an extremely touching rendition when read by someone who knows what he is doing—and Bob did it well. It was a very special evening and I was extremely proud to be sworn in with our new officers.

Thank you, Rick & Terri Barton, for a very successful year in 2015!

I would also like to thank a couple of members who stepped down this past year from the positions they have held:

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Vice Commodore Matt Tate

A new year has arrived at our Club, with a new Board and several new and returning Committee Chairs. Marianne and I really enjoyed Installation Night, including the amazing dinner provided by Chef Paul and his crew, the oath of office led by Past Commodore Diane Essary, and dancing to the DJ's music. If I recall, there seemed to be several members on the

dance floor not usually seen there! Special thanks to Master Sergeant Robert Williams for his delivery of the Pledge of Allegiance. Many thanks to our First Lady Shari and all those who helped to put together and decorate the Ferry for such a nice night. Also, thank you to those who helped clean up that night and the day after!

Now on to a New Year,

New Projects: lighting for the gates, the fishing pier, and repairs to our docks, among others. There's already a new floor in the Board Room thanks to Bill Moore and the funds provided from our poker group. The Ferry floor has been stripped and re-waxed and looks almost NEW, and the south Ferry entrances are in the process of restoration, all

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FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY AUDREY KUPPENBENDER & NORMAN FONG

\$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 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

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- Lonnie Gibson, our Harbor Captain for 15 years.
 - Chuck Carroll, our Port Captain for the past several years.
- To all Committee Chair Members who have served or have accepted a new position— THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Quack, Quack!



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thanks to the efforts of our hard working Caretaker, Billy Jones. GREAT JOB!

New Year, Many Events: the continuation of game night, one of our favorites! There is usually the monthly poker game, whose winners qualify for the year-end championship; then there are other board games, Wii Bowling at times, and, new this year, a Bunco game! Come one and all for a fun night of gaming, munchies, and just enjoying the Club! Our calendar is full of many events. If there is one that's special to you, please step forward and volunteer to chair or help with your favorite event. Your helping hand is always appreciated and new ideas add new enjoyment to our annual events.

I've learned a lot about our Club over the last year as Rear Commodore and hope to learn a great deal more as Vice Commodore. It is an honor to serve our Club. If you have any ideas, questions, or suggestions on how we can all improve our Club and its facilities, please do not hesitate to bring these to the attention of the Board.

Hoping to see you all either at the Club or out on the Delta!



Looking forward to 2016 at the Installation Dinner, our Commodores are ready to serve!

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

February

5 Club Meeting
6 Work Party
7 Super Bowl Party
12 Game Night & Dinner
12-14 Delta Bayliner Club Cruise-In
13 Valentine's Dinner
13 & 14 Continental Breakfasts each morning
20 Crab Feed

March

4 Club Meeting
5 Breakfast by Billy
5 Work Party
11-13 Delta Marina YC Cruise-In
18-20 Diablo YC Cruise-In
18 Game Night & Dinner
19 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
20 Continental Breakfast

April

1 Club Meeting
2 Breakfast by Billy
2 Work Party
TBD Opening Day
22 Game Night
29-1 Rio Vista Cruise-Out
30 Cook-Off at Rio Vista



Rear Commodore Robert Babo

Well, the New Year has come and it is flying by. The first event of the year, the New Year's Eve Party. I would like to thank Doug & Shari for a wonderful evening. With entertainment from the band Five Doors Down, we drank and conversed. A good time had by all, with a champagne toast to ring in 2016. Cheers!

Next was the Installation Dinner. Wow, what a gala event! "We are a Family" was a great idea with all the old photo albums and the family pictures. Chef Paul and his crew did a wonderful job. It was also great to see all the Past Commodores and their spouses who, over the years, have contributed so much to our Club and helped to make it what it is today. The amount of Sportsmen history at that table is amazing. I hope to be seated there one day.

The swearing-in of the new Officers, Directors, and Committee Heads is always a big part of the evening and is a very proud moment for those elected. Then, it was on to dancing, conversation and a great time had by all! I would like to thank all who were involved with the event, including the setup, decorating and clean-up.

We also had our first Work Party of the year. I hope to see you at future Work Parties to support our Club. Remember, Associates, this is a great time to show your support! This is also a great time for our long-time members to show up and pass on some of what you did "back in the day." There are no blueprints to this old gal and we could sure use the knowledge you have stored in your heads. If anyone would like to make a suggestion on a project, by all means please bring it up.

**We will welcome
Delta Marina YC
March 11th-13th
Details in the March Newsletter**



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

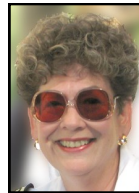
We recently went to the Beach Chalet in San Francisco for breakfast. It is located right on the Great Highway, so as you eat breakfast you have a wonderful view of the ocean. The restaurant is upstairs and there is a small museum downstairs and, for the first time, a small gift store.

I purchased the book "San Francisco's Playland At The Beach The Golden Years," written by James R. Smith. I was so excited to find it! Anyone who grew up in the Bay Area in the 40's and 50's visited this wonderful exciting place.

You were greeted by laughing Sal. We would stand and watch her, and laugh with her as she put us in the mood for a wonderful adventure.

The Fun House was always a favorite, with its mirror maze and unexpected spurts of air. The giant wooden slides were marvelous to go down sitting on burlap bags. The fast turning top was my favorite; no matter how hard you tried, when it started to spin, you were thrown off. There was a beautiful Carousel which you rode and could collect brass rings and throw them in a clown's mouth. The bumper cars were great fun and I remember the floor being very slippery. Of course, there were some scary rides and the famous Big Dipper roller coaster.

It was built in 1921 and was enjoyed by thousands of people until it started to go downhill in the sixties and closed its doors in 1972. Now there are just wonderful memories of times gone by.



PICYA NEWS

DARLENE DAWSON

2016 PICYA CALENDAR

Feb 1	Delegates' Meeting Coyote Point YC	Apr 4	Delegates' Meeting Pittsburg YC
Mar 7	Delegates' Meeting Benicia YC	Apr 24	Opening Day on the Bay

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Staff Commodore Bill Needham. Jane and I had the privilege of sitting with Bill and his wife, Penny, at many of the Delegates' Meetings and events. A Celebration of Life was held in his honor at St. Francis YC.

We are in the process of placing our order for the 2016 PICYA Yachting Yearbooks. These yearbooks contain a valuable resource for other yacht clubs, contacts, and yachting information. Please contact Marina if you would like to purchase one.

Last month, I expounded on the founding of PICYA. This month I would like to provide a brief history of Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC).

RBOC was created by PICYA in 1964 as a governmental advocacy. It is committed to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways. The organization's advocacy efforts include testimony in public hearings, meetings with elected officials, preparation of amendments to alleviate potential problems with specific bills, as well as the sponsorship of proactive legislation to benefit the recreational boater.

Sportsmen YC has been a loyal supporter of this organization in years past and it's important that we continue to back them.

(For further information, you can go to the RBOC link on our website.)



February Birthdays!

- 01 Denice Babo
- 04 Bill Pato Jr.
- 07 Adam Raubfogel
- 07 Rosie Fernandez
- 08 Alice Jackman
- 08 Chris Shelton
- 10 Jenny Comages
- 11 Michael Carroll
- 12 Amy Hammer
- 12 Bob Kaiwi
- 13 Gordon Chinn
- 14 Dorothy Welch
- 14 Sharon Higgins
- 15 Tim Lamb
- 16 Victor Campo
- 18 Carol Lawhorn
- 19 Dale Bauer
- 19 Richard Holmes
- 20 Barbara Engle
- 23 Winky Scannell
- 24 Ann English
- 25 Debbie Bauer
- 25 Gene Buchholz
- 26 Val Sarancho
- 28 Lurch Fredrickson

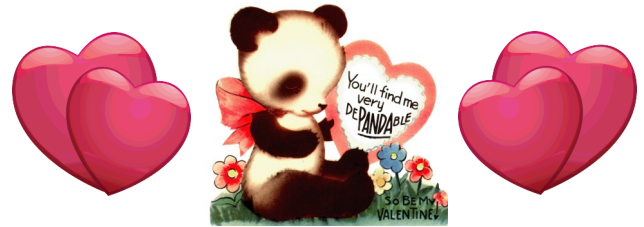


2016 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of January 20, 2016)

We have 22 people entered in the 2016 Derby.

- * There is \$310 total in this Derby so far.
- * 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.
- * So far, there are no entries of fish caught.
- * *Get in the Derby! Go out and catch some fish!*

Jim Dawson



Game Night

Friday, February 12th

Soup & Salad

6:30 p.m. \$5

Reservations ONLINE
or call Ann at 779-9330



St. Patrick's Dinner

Saturday, March 19th

6:00 p.m. Our Annual Beer Drinking Contest

7:00 p.m. Our Famous Corned Beef Dinner

Music & Dancing following Dinner

\$25



Our Friends
from



Diablo YC
are cruising-in
for the
weekend!



Make your reservations
ONLINE
or call
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Reservations by March 13th

Cruise-In Valentine's Dinner

Delta Bayliner Club is Cruising-In!

Saturday, February 13th

6:30 p.m. Lobster Ravioli Dinner \$20
with Champagne

Saturday and Sunday mornings 8-10 a.m.
February 13th and 14th
Continental Breakfast \$5

Make your reservations
ONLINE
or call
Ann at 779-9330

Reservations by February 7th



Our table of Past Commodores (looking north) begins with Paul Scannell who was our 1984 Commodore.



Our table of Past Commodores (looking south) begins with the most recent (2014) Commodore Don Wilson.

Superbowl 50

Come out to the Club for the
Super Bowl Game!



Sunday, February 7th

Pre-Game begins at 1:00 p.m.

Finger Foods Welcome

Cheeseburgers Available for \$8



Reservations Requested by February 1st

Make Reservations Online or
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Crab!

\$50



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reservations ONLINE
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Reservations must be
made by
February 14th.
This event may sell
out earlier.
Check the Website for
updated information!