



COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY



W e l l , September is upon us; how fast the summer months have flown by. Dan and I were off

to one place or another during the month of August. We were in Tahoe with Dan's family for the first two weeks and then off to Mendocino for some diving the third week of August. We are home now and should be most of September. I want to send out a great big thank you to our **Vice Commodore Casey Curry** for taking over the reins in my absence.

Sportsmen's annual Poker Run took place August 18th. **Steve**

Fernandez took 1st Place, 2nd Place went to San Joaquin YC's **Shirley Shier**, 3rd place went to **Chuck Kotecki**, and 4th place to **Russ Lord**. Congratulations one and all!

September is going to be a busy month. We have Labor Day cruise- outs the first weekend. Our general meeting is on the 7th and Sportsmen's annual Picnic will be on Saturday the 8th. As a reminder to old and new members alike, the picnic is free to all Sportsmen members and associates; there is, however, a \$5.00 fee for members' guests. Then the following weekend (September 14 -16),

Stockton YC is cruising-in. We have a steak dinner set up for Friday night, the 14th, and the Pirate themed Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday night, the 15th. I'm sure with our friends from Stockton YC there will be games and frivolity all weekend long, so come out and enjoy the fun!

During the October General Meeting, nominations for next year's officers and directors will be submitted. If anyone is interested in a board position, please contact **Past Commodore Chuck Carroll**.

I hope you all had a truly great summer with friends and family.

Now on to fall.

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VICE COMMODORE CASEY CURRY



As usual of late, we had another great turnout for the August Work Party.

Although we finished earlier than usual, a lot was accomplished. Headed up by **Al Alcorn**, along with the help of **Dick Norway** and a host of others, our ongoing landscape maintenance was tackled at full steam ahead. The lawn was mowed and the weeds were whacked. The dumb waiter is in the final stages of completion thanks to **Bob Art, Mike Carroll, Mike Transchel, Ed Collins, and Chuck Carroll**. Obviously, this will be a tremendous help in bringing supplies up topside along with saving a few back and leg muscles. Great job guys.

Lonnie Gibson and his crew worked on Area 3 to repair some electrical problems. Check out the BBQ area. **Joe Stubberfield** took one of the panels out and made it into a very nice casement window to allow for some needed ventilation during the hot summer days when we are using the area. Very ingenious as usual Joe! Thanks.

Joe Fray and **Rick Hinds**, along with the help of **Dave Selvy**, trimmed some of the trees that had some "suckers" that needed to be whacked off. Looks much better.

I would like to thank **Doug Horton** and **George Brayton** for the great Work Party lunch that included baked chicken with all the trimmings. Outstanding!

I need to also mention that

we had San Rafael YC cruise-in for the weekend. **Gary Abeyta** took the bull by the horns and cooked up some mighty mean Baby Back Ribs. To go along with that, we had beans, salad, garlic bread, etc. Great, great job Gary. **Rodney Trees** made some delicious cookies all from scratch. They didn't last long.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the following people who were willing to do anything that needed to be done. **Mike & Paulet Hoskins, Danny Kipp, Blair Camp, Bob & Shirley Carr, Jim & Maribeth Linhart, Pat Sebers, and Nate Cordova**.

We will not be having a Work Party in September because of the Club Picnic.

See you in October.

Safe Boating

Have fun in September!





REAR COMMODORE PAT SEBERS



August was a lot fun with the San Rafael YC cruise in – great group of people. There were a lot of stories and jokes being told - more stories than our old ferry boat could hold, so it spilled out laughter... loud and raucous, just how we like it.

One of the San Rafael'ers, Monica, told me she makes dog bone shaped dog collars, and sold me one for \$20. Why I need a dog bone shaped dog collar, I will never know. Several of us Sportsmen advised her to make 'boat-ties' as her next product. She said that she will stick to 'bone-ties' for now. I hope she sends it to me...Now that I think about it, I think she is actually a salesperson who separated me from my 20 dollar bill!

Another San Rafael'er caught an 8.5 lb large mouth bass on the Sunday morning before they left. Of course they threw it back (with the help of **Steve Martinez**). They said, "that

fish just don't look right." I recommend not dangling your feet in the water near the fire pit...at least not barefooted.

The following weekend, we took part in San Joaquin YC's Poker Run. We had probably 30 plus people stop by to get their poker tickets, chat a bit and go off to the next destination. I met people from a year before as well as the San Rafael'ers from the week before. All good fun with great weather.

Joe Stubberfield modified one of the windows by the cement grill so the top half of it opens – making a perfect breeze as you sit at the picnic tables. Thank you Joe !

September looks like a pretty busy month with the Labor Day cruise-out, Club Picnic on the 8th, a Murder Mystery on the 15th, and another cruise-out on the 29th. I am looking forward to all the activities.

I love this place!



Dinner will be served on Friday, September 14th (the evening before our Murder Mystery Dinner)

BBQ your own STEAK
With Baked Potato, Salad,
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Make your reservations on-line
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or Elaine 766-6675



Dinner will be served
before our
September Meeting

Our Menu
**Fettuccine Prosciutto Alfredo
over Carrots, Peas & Linguini
Caesar Salad
French Bread**

\$10.00 per person
Prepared By
Nate Cordova
&
Tino & Janet Abon

We are limited to 50 reservations.
Make your reservations on-line
or contact Audrey Coach
or Elaine Rasmussen
as soon as possible

Everyone Welcome!

Reminder about Reservations for our Events:
**Reservations are nonrefundable
if not cancelled
three (3) days prior to an event.**

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen!

September	October
1-3 Labor Day Cruise-Out to Decker Island	5 Club Meeting
7 Club Meeting & Dinner	6 Make-A-Wish at Driftwood YC
8 Club Picnic	13 Work Party
15 Murder Mystery Dinner & Stockton YC Cruise-In	27 Cruise-Out "Halloween Party"
29 Cruise-Out (destination TBD)	31 Fishing Seminar & Dinner

We have some great cooks in this Club!

Contact Doug Horton right away to get your name in for the month you would most like to cook a Meeting Night Dinner!



The GibsonHouse *Mystery* Performers present:



“A Pirate’s Revenge”

(adapted from “Murder on the High Seas”)

Ahoy Mates! Welcome Aboard
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the annual anniversary party!

Your host will be our very own
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Also in attendance will be his
personal “mate”....NINA FIVER,

JOHN DISSE (Activities Mate), and
ROSE TATTOO, Ship’s Medicine Woman.

Here’s your chance to get an autograph
from that famous pirate radio playwright,
Mr. SLIM DOWNE!

....and we cannot forget, Miss POLLY ASTOR,
Party Photographer and a contestant in the evening’s
Miss Piratess Contest!

We welcome Stockton Yacht Club
for this adventure!

\$35 per person

Make your reservations now on-line (www.sportsmenyc.org)
or call Audrey (925) 686-1167

Seating will be limited to 125 ship mates

EVERYONE will have an
equal chance to WIN
the TREASURE CHEST...
\$200 CASH and other loot!!!
(This is part of the BOOTY just
seized from the ship we PIRATED)





Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays

- 03 Linda Muccianti
- 04 Debbi Chapman
- 04 Dianne Chapman
- 04 George Brayton
- 06 Wyatt Hammer
- 08 Bonnie White
- 09 Alexis Hammer
- 09 Greg Dawson
- 10 Lawny Chapman
- 11 Keith Hammer
- 13 Coco Lafrades
- 13 Gloria Salas
- 17 Rick Walker
- 17 Rob Horton
- 18 Sheron Lord
- 19 Ray Salva
- 19 Scott Wood
- 21 Cindy Art
- 21 Lori Wickman
- 21 Mary Kinder
- 21 Mike Hammer
- 23 Bruce Connelley
- 23 Dan Lively
- 23 Mark Dickerson
- 24 Gary Reopelle
- 24 Ted Nicholson
- 25 Kay Power
- 25 Steve Anderson
- 26 Byron Nofrey
- 27 Larry Pacheco
- 28 Shari Horton
- 29 Joe Carrion



HISTORIAN NOTES

KATHIE HAMMER



Many of us love Lighthouses. There is a certain historical, mystical, or romantic feeling when you enter one.

In the book, *Beachcombing and Camping along the Northwest Coast*, published in the 1970's, it recommends that on a rainy day you should consider visiting Coast Guard Lighthouses. In those days, nearly all of the sea coast lighthouses were occupied and were open for visitors. Soon after the 1970's, most of the lighthouses were locked and automatic beacons were installed.

In recent years, many organizations and historical societies have organized to support lighthouse preservation. Now many offer tours and have gift shops with books and artifacts about lighthouses.

Lighthouses are called "historic" because most of them have been around for more than one hundred years. If you live in a lighthouse, even today, you are called a "Wickie." This came about because, in the early days, it was your job to light the wick in the grand beacon that saved so many lives, as ships found their way into dangerous harbors.

FLEET CAPTAIN

JACKIE STEELE



As I check my Club calendar, business calendar and personal calendar, I gotta wonder how I ever expect to "get 'r done!?" And I certainly know that so many of you have the same crazy schedules.

So! Looking toward late August and early September (8/31 - 9/3), we see the last three day weekend of the summer is the Labor Day celebration and I believe there are two trips planned out - some folks going to Decker Island, others to Miner Slough. I will be out of town and unable to come play with either group - but have a great time !!

The following weekend finds us with our Club meeting (9/7) and annual picnic (9/8). The following weekend (9/14-16) we have Stockton YC cruising in (geez those people are good natured and so much fun!) for a steak BBQ on Friday night, and the Pirate theme Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday night. Guess we need to rest the following weekend to play catch up (9/22-23).

So, then we have the last weekend of the month (9/29-30) that we can do an

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It's almost time for our
Annual Picnic....

Saturday, September 8th

The fun begins at 11a.m.

Top 5 Reasons to Come

1. Plenty of good food
2. Fun games for all ages
3. Meet old and new friends
4. A great view of the river
5. It's free for all Sportsmen!!!



Don't forget to bring your appetite and
a lawn chair

If you can, come early to help get everything ready
—or plan to stay late to help clean up!



PICYA Report

Larry Draper

Commodore Duane Collins called to order the July PICYA meeting on July 11 at the Stockton YC. From the report of clubs, Pittsburgh YC reminded delegates of the Seafood Festival September 7th-9th. Anyone in the Delta during this time should check it out.

Vice Commodore Fred Goodwin commented that the BoatUS banners given out for Opening Day are to be returned to PICYA. He also reported that incoming **Rear Admiral Craig Bone** of the U.S. Coast Guard will be honored at a reception at Berkeley YC. Invitations will be coming soon. A charge of \$20.00 per person is payable at the door.

Rear Commodore Bill Needham announced the April 27, 2008, Opening Day theme will be "From Mother Goose to the Brothers' Grimm." Bill also announced the Management Conference will be held on October 13, 2007, and held at the Stockton Sailing Club. One

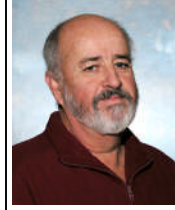
of the speakers will be **Jerry Desmond Jr.** Mr. Desmond is Director of Government Relations and a lobbyist for RBOC in Sacramento.

***RBOC: Lenora Clark** gave thanks for our donations. The last Call to Arms went out in late July via Marci. The Log also includes the Call to Arms letter. Lenora commented on the ballast water issue, and she gave thanks to **Russ Robinson** for his work on this issue. There are two issues: 1) EPA has been given until 9/08 to come up with a new permitting process for 18 million boaters in the USA. A copy of RBOC's response can be found at www.RBOC.org. The letter sent to the EPA gives RBOC's position. 2) We are all asked to contact our Congress person to co-sponsor HR 2550, the boaters' bill of rights. Russ Robinson added comments regarding how to present our views to the important members of Congress. RBOC watches legislation and it contributes to activity on bills. It also attends Delta Vision meetings and other task force meetings, which contemplate boating issues in our local area. Boating

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PORT CAPTAIN COMMENTS

JIM DAWSON



We are once again putting out a reminder to all new and not-so-new members. The Club has been found with the lights on, doors open, and the alarm off.

Please note the following for alarm procedures:

If you leave before 9 p.m.:

Clean up after yourselves; clean up the bar area and tables, put away pool sticks, do not leave open food out.

If you leave after 9 p.m.:

Our caretaker's last check is at 9 p.m.

Check to make sure you are last one there, turn off electronics, clean up after yourselves, put away any dishes, make sure all doors are closed upstairs and turn on the alarm.

Remember, this Ferry is all of ours and we need to take care of her.

Dave Newton
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This information is not available for the website version of the Newsletter. Please see your hard copy version of this Newsletter.

We wish you all speedy recoveries and hope you heal quickly!

Note: To protect our members, Member Information Corner will be not in the Newsletter on-line.



**Welcome
New
Members!**

Bob Bennett

Jeff Brown

(See your hard copy version of this Newsletter for addresses and phone numbers)

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Flyer information is requested by the 15th.

Send Newsletter information to:
Shari Horton
e-mail deshorton@sbcglobal.net
phone 778-1680



NCPA REPORT
BARBARA CHAPMAN
TONY CHAPMAN
DAVE DE CATO

The 2007 NCPA Season continues to be a very good year. The contestants & their crew are having a good time out on the water. It's anybody's guess who will pull out ahead to win the overall season award. June was a very interesting month for the three Delta contests. The OxBow YC contest was the third contest of the season and was completed June 2nd. Two more exciting contests remained in June.

Our fourth contest was the Bridge Marina YC contest held on June 9th. This contest was different in that the skippers were not allowed to use any electronics; no computers, radar, or GPS; only clocks & depth finders were used. What an amazing feat when the First Place winner, Achilles, **Dave Watt**, San Joaquin YC, only had Five Seconds of error points. Second place went to Snowbird, **Dennis Pippin**, San Joaquin YC and third place was a tie awarded to both Judie Ann, **Ken Whitham**, San Joaquin YC and Dad's Choice, **Don Bishop**, Vallejo YC. A great meal was served and everyone enjoyed the evening.

The fifth contest of the season was hosted by the San Joaquin YC on June 16th. We had over nine boats who

competed in the contest. The surprise finish was truly remarkable. The First Place winner with only four seconds of error points was the 2006 NCPA Commodore, **Dennis Pippin**, Snowbird, San Joaquin YC. The second place award went to JudyLynn, **Ricky Stebbins**, OxBow YC, and third place went to Jimmy Jay, **Jack Praytor**, San Joaquin YC. The host San Joaquin YC put on a great dinner and had brunch served the next day for Father's Day.

The next half of the season began with the Driftwood YC contest on August 18th, and then at Stockton YC on August 25th. Our three remaining Down Bay contests begin in September at Coyote YC, 9/15, San Rafael YC, 9/22, and Vallejo YC, 9/29. The current leader after five contests is Dad's Choice, **Don Bishop**, from Vallejo YC. We're looking forward to an exciting last half of the 2007 season. Good luck to all of the skippers and their crew for a great second half.

All yacht club members are invited to participate both in the contests and/or dinners. Please contact your delegate to NCPA or the Commodore, Peter Paradis for more information. His e-mail address is <mailto:pete@iparadis.com>. Please also see our website for more details <http://ncpca.net/>.

Susan Pippin, NCPA Publicity
 San Joaquin YC

P.S. I'm sorry I missed all of the fun of those two exciting contests in June. However, I was on another one of my wonderful overseas adventures and enjoyed a fantastic 19 day cruise. This recent June '07 trip was to Europe where it was truly exciting with wonderful weather and outstanding people and scenery. I arrived in Rome, Italy, for three days and then I visited the most beautiful ports where I enjoyed the French, Italian and Spanish Riviervas. I saw some outstanding yachts in Cannes, Nice, Cadiz, Palma Di Majorca, St. Tropez, Malaga, Lisbon, Monaco & Monte Carlo. St. Tropez is noted for their 'large' yachts and the competition between them of who can clean their boats the best. The Yacht 'Mach I' looked the best. The King of Spain's Yacht was in the Spanish harbor awaiting the America's Cup finals. I saw the Christina O' and many other gorgeous yachts. There is nothing like seeing these 100-200+ foot yachts docked around the Mediterranean with their helicopters and dinghies as big as 36ft or more. However, It was very good to be home and be on the Delta and the beautiful San Francisco Bay.

In Memory Of

One of our Life members, **Frank Kinder**, passed away on August 18th. He became a member of Sportsmen Yacht Club in 1976 and became a Life member in 2006. Here is information obtained from the Contra Costa Times:

Frank Joseph Kinder, resident of Antioch. "Give me a kiss, love," Frank said to Mary, his wife of sixty years. Thirty minutes later, he left this earth. Frank was born on December 17, 1923. Frank proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in World War II in both the Pacific and European theatres. He retired from the Fibreboard Antioch Plant as Shift Foreman. Frank especially enjoyed camping, fishing, and playing cards with his buddies. At his request, there was no funeral service.

Our membership extends our sympathy to Mary and their family.

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impromptu cruise to a local spot just to enjoy the Indian summer weather we always have in September and October. Please let me know who might have that weekend open and would like to go to a nice anchorage.

Then, darn it – we are already at October with the first weekend being the departure of the Down Bay group and also our Make-A-Wish event at Driftwood YC. More to follow about October in next month's newsletter.

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*recreation could change drastically if RBOC did not stay on top of current issues! **

Remember the Wheelchair Regatta is coming up on September 29. On-shore volunteers are needed from 8AM to 10AM. Margot thanks all who purchase this year's WCR shirt. The cost of the shirts is a tax-deductible donation. Tax-deductible cash donations are appreciated. Please send checks to: Margot Brown: 3217 Fiji Lane, Alameda, CA 94502

Entries for the Wilder Award for best newsletter are due by September 15.

Please check websites for PICYA www.picya.org and RBOC for updates to recreational boating and yacht clubs.

* Quoted from PICYA minutes of the July meeting.



THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO

The respite from writing this epistle is short lived ...jamming two months into one was a bit daunting and now I have this month...with not much in the way of funny stuff happening around here.

Did you know that cats don't care much for raccoons? Neither did I. They don't...it seems that Cat found one under the ferry and chased her ...uh...it... down the guest dock, across the swim step of "CQ," up the ramp, and over to the caretaker's house...then Dog decided that Cat was really getting on his nerves and he couldn't make up his mind whether or not to chase Cat or the Coon. The coon, making up his mind for him, turned on them both and Dog and Cat made for the lawn area by the BBQ. Cat up a tree and Dog ran down the doggie ramp and dove into the river. Mr. Raccoon sauntered back to the ferry and back underneath. Dog came back to the caretaker's porch and Cat? Well, Cat came down after dark and slipped into our space between decks. This place really gets lively ...no pun intended.

You guys had a cruise-in from San Rafael YC. after the rather well attended Work Party. They were a fun bunch of folks who stopped by on their way up river. They had their way with us at the Saturday evening BBQ of baby backs "a la Garee!!" Those things he cooks could get addicting. The aroma was fantastic and he cooked enough for the next two years.

The new motor home/trailer storage facility out front seems like the place to be at night...speaking of BBQ's. It is nice to see so many of you "wagon wheelers" find a place to park and sometimes relax. ...I suppose, if they could invent a means to roll them onto self powered barges, you could join in on Ms. Jackie's cruises. Now that would be something. Kinda like growing oranges with vodka in them... Its like combining the better of two worlds.

Looks like someone cooked up an excuse to gamble around here (like you guys need an excuse). There was a drive the boat around...pick up a card or two and have a cocktail and go get another card or two and have a cocktail...(oh, I said that already) party... anyway, when it was over...and to my knowledge no one fell off the boats trying to get said cards, a grand time was had. Then you all stagg...uh, climbed up the stairs and had a potluck. WOW!

So many of you cook so well... Why is it always the same folks doing the cooking on meeting night? There were some great dishes put out that evening and it would be nice if more of you stepped up and shared your culinary skills with the club. And speaking of dinners for club meeting night...with the limit of 50 – it might be better if you kicked it up by at least that many. The Tri-tips were Soooo good ... how would a ghost know? Well, they had none left after the scraps were picked over.

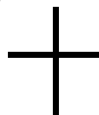
Some dates to look forward to...

Our Annual Fishing Derby



November
3-4

Details in next month's Newsletter



the

Lighted Boat Parade
Saturday, December 1st



We just received confirmation!
Santa will be cruising-in
on Saturday
December 8th

Your kids and grandkids won't want to miss him when he comes to Sportsmen Yacht Club by boat!