



Commodore Bill Wilson

We now have a new River Rat. Barbi Carson was accepted into the Royal Order of Rats as WEB RAT. The old crew of Rats let her off pretty easy at the roast. Her husband put together a video of some of Barbi's highlights during the last three years. Congratulations Barbi.

Hang on to your hats....the season will get into full swing starting in April. Check out the Reminder Sheet of all the events. We start the month with Drinks & Snacks night, followed by the Dos Rios cruise-in with a fun weekend of dinners, music, maybe some games and a breakfast. Reservations are needed by April 6th for most of the meals this weekend.

Next, we're going to San Joaquin YC for a cruise-out. We haven't been to San Joaquin in a few years, so it will be fun to go back.

After that, we're ready for a four day party while we decorate our boats, lead the Opening Day Parade downtown and host Oxbow YC who will be cruising into our Club. If you haven't signed up for the parade, give Don Rienhart a call. Remember, elaborate decorations are not required. If you're not creative, put some flags or streamers on your boat, invite some friends for a ride and join the fun of the parade from the water.

We'll be closing out April with NCPA's "fun" cruise-in. For those of you who don't remember, NCPA is the "Over the Bottom" contest group who usually has a "contest" in August, to our Club. This particular cruise, in April, is their Fun Cruise. They are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year and have chosen to come to our Club for their celebration. Let's all come out and help them celebrate this milestone.

Of course Wacky Wednesdays are on tap every Wednesday in April, so come on out and join the fun.

That about wraps up my comments for the month, but would like to say two more things.

One, if you didn't get to see Bev Hanley at River

Rat, she looked amazing! She is doing so well, walking, talking and smiling like her old self. It was great seeing her. Keep up the great recovery Bev!

Last, I'd like to thank everyone who is stepping up to help us with meals, bartending, etc. We're having a wonderful year so far, keep in mind we're here to have fun, enjoy our friends and along the way make some money to cover expenses at the Club.

If you have concerns, issues or questions about anything related to the Club, please give me a call. It's always nice to hear from you.

Have a great month, see you at the Club.

Bill Wilson, Commodore



Vice Commodore Jeanne Kopshever

Now I know how writers feel when words just don't come to them. I have heard of writers block but seriously, who would have thought that I would have it?

Looking outside on this beautiful 70 something degree-day, makes it all that more difficult. Maybe that is where I need to begin this article; I can talk about the weather. It's not raining and the sun is out and the birds are singing. We just turned our clocks forward, for what reason is beyond me. Who wants to get up in the dark anyway? Do you know how many clocks have to be changed in my house? Forget changing anything outside. I don't care about the pool timer, sprinklers or Malibu lights. In 6 months they would just have to be turned back anyway, right? I guess this all means that spring is here and summer is around the corner. Hey, that means BOATING! In fact, our first cruise-out to Village West is this coming weekend and we will officially kick off the year of 2010. May the seas be with us?

We had a great month with a fabulous Crab Feed, hosted this year by Bess Farmer. What a great job you do Bess.

The club also hosted the Delta Chamber Mixer and
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had a big crowd. I think we had more people than last year and I would assume we will get even more as this becomes a yearly event. People seem to like the club and I overheard a few comments on how beautiful it is. Do we ever get tired of hearing that?

Our newbie, "Web-Rat" Barbi, got roasted on River Rat night, although it was milder than in the past. I think she lucked out. Maybe Pat had a posse of sailors outside waiting in case we picked on her too much. Congratulations Barbi!

Wacky Wednesdays are becoming increasingly popular and looks like the word *fun* is back.

Thank you to all the people who hosted an event, made something happen or just participated with your attendance.

We can't do it alone!



Rear Commodore Doug Hanson

I hope all of you are planning to take advantage of daylight savings time. Longer days also mean warmer days so come on in and have a cold one! We are all happy that the bar is doing well but more is always better. The drinks are definitely a value, not to mention the great company. In addition, we have some nice wines available by the bottle or by the glass.

We had a great turnout for the Delta Chamber Mixer held at the Club earlier this month. There was some interest in Club membership due to our hospitality and the enticement of this hidden gem on the Delta.

This was my first time attending River Rat Night. I was told about the Domain of the River Rats, and found it amusing to learn how they all got their "respective" names. This event is all in good fun and comes with a lot of history. This year our newest staff commodore was presented with the name "Web Rat". Barbi was honored for creating our wonderfully informative and fun web site. When you see her around the Club, please take the opportunity to thank our Web Rat again for all her hard

work and dedication to our Club.

It's time for me to start *dialing for bartenders*, so please let me know if you would like me to add your name to the list. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet people.

I have a lot of people to thank for helping out this month, in no particular order: Joan Malmquist, Paul Rioux, Sandra and Norm Gaedtke, Darlene Bren, Terry Medeiros, and as always, thanks to the team; Schatzie, Linda, Jeanne and Bill.



SYC Apparel Store Phyllis Rose

Spring is in the air and that means new items are starting to arrive in the Apparel store. We now have women's T's in beautiful "candy" colors – lime, turquoise and coral. We also just received an assortment of hats, visors, and aprons. For the men we will have denim long-sleeve and short-sleeve shirts arriving soon. And there are logo items for both men and women expected in the next couple of weeks. Lots of other items are on order, so check in often and see what's new. If you have any ideas of something different that you would like to see carried in the store, please let me know.

Also, one of the clothing racks is missing. If you have seen it, please return it to the coat closet.

Stockton Yacht Club Website

Have you checked the Stockton Yacht Club Website lately? If you haven't, try viewing the Bulletin online. It looks great in full color.

You might also check out the picture of your boat on the Members Boats page. If you don't see it there, email your favorite picture to Barbi [barbi@barbisbigdaddy.net] and she will be happy to upload it for you. Let's see if we can get a picture of every boat in the Club posted.



Delta Fleet Captains Norm and Sandra Gaedtke

Our first cruise-out of the year will be to Village West Yacht Club on March 20th. Since this article will go to print before the cruise-out, I'll report on it next month. I know we'll have a great time. VWYC is always so accommodating and their cook Diane always serves us a delicious dinner and we all eat too much. I know our time spent there will be fantastic! You'll be sorry if you missed out on all the fun. But don't worry, because this month we're going on a two day cruise-out to San Joaquin Yacht Club leaving at 9:00 am on Friday, April 16th. It's their opening day on Saturday, so we'll have perfect viewing of the parade off the deck at SJYC. The Classic Wood Boat Association will be there too, so Stockton Yacht Club can have only 12 boats. PLEASE call me ASAP to put your reservation in since there is limited space on this cruise-out. Dinner will be at SJYC both nights. I'll have more details about the price for the meals when you call me to reserve your spot.

Our May cruise-out will be to Oxbow Marina. We'll be departing our docks at 9:00am on Friday, May 21st. Lunch appetizers will be at noon in the park. We also plan to have a potluck dinner in the park at 6:00pm. The barbecue will be lit for all those who want to grill their meat. Please bring side dishes to compliment your meat. Dinner will be served at Oxbow's club house on Saturday night. The marina serves a complimentary breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday from 7:00-9:30am that is worth the walk to the clubhouse. SYC is limited to only 10 boats so PLEASE call me ASAP to reserve your spot. Friday's docking fee is \$.75/ft. Saturday's docking fee is paid for us, compliments of Oxbow Yacht Club. I'll give you more details when you call me to reserve your spot for this cruise.

Our June cruise-out will be to Marina West Yacht Club's new home at Tower Park. We'll leave at 9:00am on Friday June 25th. Dinner will be on your own Friday night. I heard the restaurant at Tower Park is good, so you might want to check it

out. Saturday's dinner will be in MWYC's clubhouse. I'll have more details in the upcoming Bulletins.

As you can see, we're going to have a lot of fun and good times on the cruise-outs planned for this year, so mark the dates on your calendars, sign up early and join the fun. The dates for all the cruise-outs are on the Club Event Calendar in the Bulletin. Save these dates so you don't miss any of these extra fun filled weekends on the water.



PICYA Report Mike Billington

Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association was held at Coyote Point Yacht Club on February 1. Coyote Point Yacht Club has been a bay cruise port of call a couple of times in years past for Stockton Yacht Club. The meeting was called to order by Commodore Reg Smith. The invocation was given by our own delegate, Staff Commodore Dedrick Denison

The Leadership Conference was held February 20th at Benicia Yacht Club and was a great success. The Management conference will be held in the Fall. As time draws nearer I will provide more information. Again I encourage our Flag Officers who have not attended these conferences to do so. There is a great deal of information disseminated at these meetings.

The annual Opening Day on the Bay is being held on Sunday, April 25th. This is truly a grand event with as many as 100 boats entering in the parade. This year's theme is "Building Bridges".

It's a great event to enter your boat in. Most of the Bay area clubs would be more than happy to let you use their facilities to decorate your boat. Treasure Island Yacht Club invites all Delta clubs to come in and use Clipper Cove. For more information go to the PICYA web site at PICYA.org or contact Vice Commodore Linda Breninger at (916) 771-5685. If you would rather enjoy the parade from someone else's boat, the PICYA committee boat is open to all. This is the best place to watch the parade as the committee boat is also

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RBOC Report

Bob Cain

the judge's platform. This year the committee boat is the California Hornblower. This is a much larger boat than used in the past. The boat will be leaving pier 3 in San Francisco. Boarding time is 9:00 am. Parking is available nearby for \$10.00. The cost is \$65.00 each when includes a light breakfast and a gourmet lunch. Go to the website or contact Lizette Collins at (415) 883-7106. Sign up before April 1 to avoid a late sign up fee.

I am sad to report that Bob Lewis, Delegate from San Pablo Yacht Club recently passed away. Bob was one of the most ardent supporters of P.I.C.Y.A. He was always ready to help and a true gentleman, not to mention a lot of fun. A memorial service for Bob is being held at 3:00 PM March 28th at Point San Pablo Yacht Club. There will also be an Eight Bells ceremony at the next delegates meeting.

Johnnie Owen, the Yachting Yearbook publisher, reports the year books will be out by end of March.

What do other clubs have planned? Petaluma Yacht Club is having a "Rockin On The Dock" party Memorial Weekend, May 28th to 31st. They plan a Martini Lounge Cocktail Contest, a poker run and lots of dancing. Contact Betty Swift at (415) 847-4775 for more information. The Vallejo Yacht Club is planning the 111th Great Vallejo Race May 1st & 2nd with music by "Mumbo Gumbo". For more information go to www.yra.org.

South Beach Yacht Club at Pier 40 in San Francisco reports they will have food service on Fridays from 6PM to 9PM and on Saturdays from 12PM to 9PM so if you are in the area stop by for a great meal.

Closer to home, Caliente Isle Yacht Club is having a St. Patrick's party on March 13th and a cruise-in and barn dance on September 18th. Call the club at (925) 684-9979 for more information.

P.I.C.Y.A. has sent a letter congratulating Golden Gate Yacht Club and Larry Ellison for winning The America's Cup race. They are also urging Golden Gate Yacht Club to hold the next race in San Francisco Bay. They are requesting that each yacht club send a similar letter to Golden Gate Yacht Club congratulating them on winning the race.

The next PICYA Delegate meeting is being held Monday, April 5, 2010 at Aeolian Yacht Club.

Mike Billington, PICYA Delegate

As many of you know, my business is based out of Sacramento where my largest customer base is State Government or Lobbying. So, I am no stranger to the workings of our Government and am all too familiar with how our elected representatives and the bureaucrats work. But even I am getting whiplash caused by the twisting and turning caused by the State and Federal water people.

Last month I told you about the Department of the Interior has put the 2-Gate Project on hold pending review of the scientific underpinnings of the project, and that the California State Water Resources Control Board [SWRCB] is moving forward with a proposed statewide requirement that marinas and clubs with 10 or more slips and moorings obtain a state permit [termed a Coastal Marina Permit]. Well, that's all changed now.

According to Ted Warburton, Director of Marina and Aquatic Services for the City of Brisbane the proposed SRWQCB Marina Permit, for now, is dead. He went on to say that "the subcommittee members, Randy Short, Tim Leathers, Bill Krauss and myself met with the State Board staff, Deputy Director Darrin Polhemus and his staff, Molly, James and Steve at the Cal EPA building in Sacramento, and agreed to form a collaborative partnership to address the concerns that were driving the formation of the permit."

This is good news. But, don't hold your breath. The new tactic in Washington and Sacramento seems to be to roll over when the public cries "fowl" and then to run an end around play using a different name in the middle of the night.

It seems that State Assemblywoman Jean Fuller from, you guessed it, Bakersfield, and State Assemblyman Juan Arambula from Fresno, have authored AJR 33 and AJR 38 respectively that, if un-amended, would urge the US Department of the Interior to re-start the Two-Gates project.

I understand that the next big crisis in California
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is water and we need to do something to head off the issue. But, the process can be accomplished with the needs of all water users in mind. Unfortunately, we have to make sure that the politicians and the bureaucrats hear our voices loud and clear or they will run over us.

We will keep you posted on the next twist and turn in the political process.



Onrust President Myrna Bronner

Preparations are underway for our Mexican Fiesta on May 15th. This promises to be soooo much fun! We'll be combining our culinary talents with a caterer and putting out a fantastic Mexican spread!

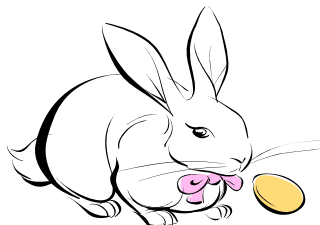
Bring your appetite. It sounds like we'll have a special "special" order drink at the bar in honor of the occasion.

In addition, we've hired a super (5 piece) group – "Victor and Company!" They play all kinds of dance music including hot Latin numbers and four of the five members sing as well. So, the evening will be packed with dance music and super cool singers.

Now, for the frosting on the cake! Dance instructor, Cathy Medeiros and her partner will provide a salsa demonstration including teaching the basic steps. Then, they'll top off their performance with two exhibition routines.

So, pleeze, put May 15th on your calendar. More news about this fun event in the May Bulletin. Questions? Call Myrna Bronner or Bev Drouin, Event Chairperson. Viva Compadres!

Please note, we still have great keepsake calendars-\$5 and Onrust Cookbooks-\$10 for sale.



Sunshine Eva Hodges

There is another angel in heaven.

As many of you already know, our friend Joanie Findlay had recently been receiving assistance from Hospice.

I am so sorry to share that she passed away Monday morning (March 22nd).

She will be missed by so many people.

Members of Al and Joanie's family have kept vigil at their house, so Al was surrounded with love and support. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Al and their families.

On Saturday, April 10th between the hours of 12:00 and 4:00 a Celebration of Life will be held for Joanie at:

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way

San Mateo, CA 94403

Website: <http://www.sanmateogardencenter.org/>

Phone: 650-574-1506

Fax: 650-574-1586

E-mail: sanmateogrncntr@att.net

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to:

Pathways Hospice Foundation

In Memory of Joanie Findlay

585 North Mary Avenue

Sunnyvale, CA 94085



April Birthdays

- 5 Everett Welby
- 10 Paul Clausen
- 11 Kathy Grey
Barbara Wesley
- 12 Scott Opperman
- 15 Paul Reiner
Tom Lamasney
- 19 Pete Yager
- 21 Lois Ciralo
- 23 Colette Palmer
- 24 Gary Grey
- 25 Walter Haws
- 28 Pat Tighe
- 30 Kathy Smith



Anniversaries in April

- 5 Lonnie and Bob Palmer
- 11 Irene and Paul Reiner
- 14 Colette and Shawn Palmer
- 20 Mandy and Jack Gerlack
- 24 June and Jim Bentz
- 26 Lois and Steve Ciralo



Treasurer Carolyn Rioux



Berthers Beware

Now that I have your attention; I thought you might like to know some facts that may help you understand the electrical charge on your quarterly berthing invoice. Your quarterly electric charge is in arrears. That means the amount you are being billed is for electricity used the previous quarter; through the 10th of the last month in that quarter. For example: On your 2nd quarter berthing invoice you are being billed for April, May, June berthing, however the electrical charge on that invoice is for electricity used the prior quarter (December 11th through March 10th). And to further complicate things, PG&E changes their rates every month. So please remember to keep these factors in mind when inquiring about the accuracy of the electrical charge on your invoice

Resignations

- Hal Morris
- Robert and Ethylene Shannon
- Eric and Liz Koster
- Erik and Karen Peterson
- Coleen Joy
- Doug Douglas



New Addresses

Bev Hanley
535 Bolling Circle
Novato, CA 94949
Phone: (415) 479-5900



Wayne and Kathy Smith
3117 Wagner Heights
Stockton, CA 95209

Berthing Due

Check the date and don't be late!!

Don't forget berthing is due by April 25th

10% late fee will be charged
if payment is received late.

**Things may not be
as they seem**



Dead ahead, through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light on a collision course with his ship.

- He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east."
- "Change yours ten degrees west," comes the reply.
- The captain responds: "I'm a United States Navy captain! Change your course, sir!"
- "I'm a seaman second class," the next message reads. "Change your course, sir."
- The captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"
- "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."



Congratulations!!

United States Power Squadron

Life Member

Jim Fenelon was awarded Life Membership in the United States Power Squadron at the Spring Conference March 6. Accompanying this award is free dues for life. This award acknowledges 25 years of meritorious service to the interests of the Squadron. Jim joined San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron in 1981 which has been meeting at the Stockton YC since 1977.

Organized in 1914 USPS is dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects both to its members and to the general public. It also conducts Vessel Safety Checks and surveys for chart corrections. Jim was Commander of SJDPS in 1987, 1988 and in 2006.



IOBG

Barbi Carson

"Our newest Staff Commodore"

was installed into IOBG (Blue Gavel) on February 21st at Village West Yacht Club.



Congratulations Barbi !!!!

Reminder

When patronizing our advertisers, don't forget to mention that you saw their ad in the Stockton Yacht Club Bulletin

Opening Day on the Bay

Is on Sunday, April 25th. This event is a lot of fun. If you can make it, it's definitely worth the trip to the City. The parade is always amazing.

April Trivia

Submitted by Myrna Bronner

1930's Slang....

Aces: Something really good
Roscoe, convincer: ... Gun
Cabbage, Lettuce: Money
Cats or alligators: Fans of Swing
Chicago overcoat: Coffin
Chicago typewriter: .. "Tommy" Gun
Cinder dick: Railroad detective
Dog soup: Glass of water

Drumsticks, gams:..... Legs
Grifter: Con man
Moll: Ganster's girlfriend
Platter: Record
Sawbuck: \$10.00 bill
Scat singer: Vocalist who improvises
Slugburger: Adding bread to hamburger
Sourdough: Counterfeit money
Twit:..... Fool
Yo! Yes
"What's your story, Morning Glory?"

Famous People From Stockton

- **Ace Andres** - Singer/Songwriter and Lead Guitarist
- **Warren Atherton** - father of the G.I. Bill (Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944).
- **Dave Brubeck** - (University of the Pacific alumnus) Jazz Musician
- **James H. Budd** - Governor of California (1895-1899)
- **Lord Buckley** - hipster comic, poet.
- **Chris Carr** - Grand National Champion motorcycle racer.
- **Jamie Lee Curtis** - (attended University of the Pacific) Actress (*Trading Places, A Fish Called Wanda, Freaky Friday, Halloween*), daughter of Janet Leigh and Tony Curtis
- **Nate Diaz** - Mixed Martial Arts Lightweight Fighter for the UFC and the winner of TUF 5
- **Nick Diaz** - Mixed Martial Arts Welterweight Fighter for EliteXC
- **Dennis Dun** - Actor *The Last Emperor, Big Trouble in Little China*
- **Leslie Duncan** - Former NFL football player.
- **David Duenas**- Author, Musician, Poet, Scholar, Film maker
- **Gil Evans** - jazz pianist, composer, arranger and bandleader.
- **Tom Flores** - Super Bowl Winning Coach, UOP Alumnus
- **Leonard Gardner** - Author of the novel *Fat City*, which was later made into a film directed by John Huston.

- **Daniel Goleman** - Psychologist
- **Philip Kan Gotanda** - Playwright, filmmaker
- **Eddie Guardado** - Major League Baseball Player
- **Jose Hernandez** - NASA Mission Specialist/Astronaut
- **J.T. Hickinbotham** - Founder of a nationally known Steel Company
- **Benjamin Holt** - Inventor and founder of Caterpillar Tractor
- **Chris Isaak** - Singer/Songwriter
- **Maxine Hong Kingston** - Author
- **Janet Leigh** - (attended University of the Pacific) Actress (*Psycho, Touch of Evil*)
- **Michael Olowokandi** - (UOP graduate) NBA Player
- **Pavement** - 1990s indie rock band
- **Grant-Lee Phillips** - Singer/Songwriter; member of alternative rock band Grant Lee Buffalo
- **Bob Segarini** - Musician
- **Alex Spanos** - Billionaire Real Estate Developer; Owner of the San Diego Chargers
- **Ed Sprague** - Major League Baseball Player
- **Amos Alonzo Stagg** - Football Coach
- **Jazz Raycole** - Actress on who played Claire Kyle on "My Wife and Kids" for 1 year
- **Izzy Gallegos** - Singer in boyband US5
- **Pete Morelli** - NFL Official
- **Steven Gravelle** - City Crazy
- **Daniel Inosanto** - Martial Arts icon and actor

San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron's

Skipper Saver Class



2010

Class Dates

May 22 - 23

June 5 - 6 - Full, Oxbow Y.C.

July 31 - Aug. 1

Aug. 14 - 15



This weekend class held in the Delta with your boat will teach the First Mate how to handle the boat in an emergency.

Class designed for Power Boats.

Cost for Skipper and First Mate: \$85.

- Free docking for two nights (Friday & Saturday).
Docking: Stern-in at the SJDPS Island.
- Plan to come on Friday afternoon and get to know the instructors.
- Class starts at 8 A.M. on Saturday. Class covers anchoring, radio procedures, first aid, life jackets, knots & rules of the road on inland waters and at sea.
- Lunch Break
- Hands-on training with an instructor on your boat.
- 5 P.M. cocktails (BYOB) with other classmates and the instructors.
- 6:30 P.M. A great dinner supplied by the instructors.
- Certificates of Completion presented along with Skipper Saver coffee mugs.
- Sunday completion of class, if required.

Class is limited to the student and Skipper with no additional Participants

There is no power on the island

The \$85. class fee is non-refundable. Please make sure your boat is in good working order and your schedule is clear.

Contact People: David or Peggy Sieber
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