



Commodore Ray Forest

It was March madness starting with River Rat Night. On March 10th, the Club was taken over by the Rat Pack. They cooked and served dinner. The Master of Ceremonies was our own 75th Anniversary Rat, Dave Rader. Of course all of this was in celebration of our newest River Rat, Dave Rose aka Game Rat. It was really hard to roast Dave simply because he did such a fine job in 2006. Dave had the Club operating like a well-oiled machine. River Rat Night would not be the same without the wonderful rats and rat hats handcrafted by Jane Brause. Thank you Jane for taking the time and energy to make them. It should be noted that Dave is Stockton Yacht Club's newest member of Blue Gavel.

March 16th was our first General Meeting. Dinner was prepared by Walt and Schatzie Haws and Bill and Linda Wilson. The bill of fare was beautifully prepared pork chops. The meeting went rather long because of the many important topics that were addressed. Thank you to those who attended.

Our first cruise-out was Caliente Isle Yacht Club led by our Delta Fleet Captain Jim Fenelon. Unfortunately, Tomi and I were unable to attend. However, it was reported that Caliente did a great job and everyone in attendance had a great time.

Check your calendar and try to attend as many events as possible. We are all having a lot of fun at the Club and hope to see you there.

Marie Raichel submitted a letter regarding their 50-year history with Stockton Yacht Club. The letter is posted on the Bulletin Board.



Vice Commodore Norm Gaedtke

We just returned from our first cruise-out of the year. For those of you who missed it, we had a great time at Caliente Isle Yacht Club. During this cruise, we uncovered some talent that we may be able to use at a future 4-S event! Caliente had a limerick contest and our very talented members dominated. Our new member Nita Rinehart took first place and Fleet Captain Jim Fenelon took third. These cruise-outs are a lot of fun and we hope to see more of you at the next one.

I have yet to receive any member's boat picture to mount on the wall. If you would like a picture of your boat displayed in the Clubhouse please get it to me.



Rear Commodore Barbi Carson

The bar has been a pretty busy place these last couple of months but I see even busier days ahead as we gear up for the summer boating season. Don't worry though, Pat and I are ready for it. It's amazing how much you learn when you just throw yourself into something. I am living proof that you can teach an old dog new tricks. Seriously, we are behind the bar for you so if there is a particular alcohol you like to drink or if you want to learn some tricks of the trade, come and talk to me. On the same note, if you are not happy with something let me know about that too.

There are a couple of events coming up that I could use some extra help with so if you're interested please contact me. One of those is the "Work Party" on March 31st. We are going

to take the bar down and clean everything. So if you can get out and help there's plenty of fun to go around. The other event would be the weekend of Opening Day. Oxbow Yacht Club will be joining us that weekend so it will be pretty busy. I would like to have some "back-up" bartenders available for that weekend.

One of the great things about the bar is that sooner or later you gotta drink! I look forward to meeting those members I haven't met yet. Come introduce yourself.



Delta Fleet Captain Jim Fenelon

Caliente Isle Yacht Club Cruise-Out

The cruising season began with a fun weekend at Caliente Isle Yacht Club, accompanied by sunny, warm weather. As usual, the winds made docking a challenge to our boating skills. This was the first cruise-out for new members Nita and Don Reinhart, Amy and Shawn Murphy and Betty and Tony De La Llera.

Pittsburg Yacht Club joined us for a traditional Irish corned beef dinner, dancing and a limerick contest that was won by Nita Rienhart. I took 3rd place with 2 bawdy limericks about Norm and Walt. Larry Welch won \$245 from the raffle while I (again) won second prize, a \$10 Mexican dinner at a local café.

Our next cruise-out will be to Driftwood Yacht Club on April 28th. Please see the flyer for specific details.



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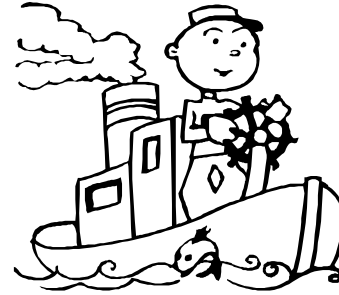
We were sooo happy with the turn out for our special Enchanted Evening! Everyone had a great time. Of course, your attendance made the difference. Thanks to each of you who came to the event and most especially to all of you who donated items for the silent auction and worked so hard behind the scenes to make everything come together!

ONRUST HEROES

Jim and Jeanne Kopshever
Walt and Schatzie Haws
Ron and Joan Malmquist
Jim and Darlene Bren
Ron and Joan Malmquist
Frieda Costa
Ray and Bess Farmer
Richard and Doreen Webster
Steve and Connie Sutton
Ken and Pat Tighe
Don and Barbara Dynes
Jim and Diane Broedlow
Stanton International Furniture
Michael David Winery
Rough and Ready Island Lyons Golf Course
Valarie McCormack
Marilyn Togninali - Avon
Safari Accessories
Woodbridge Golf and Country Club
Ladd's Marina
The Yachtsman Magazine
Holland Dutch Nursery
Baker Landscape Maintenance
Phil Bronner
Kevin Young, Eric Miller and musicologist and friend, Ralph

More information next month about the Viva Las Vegas Casino Night on August 4th.

Warm wishes, Myrna.



SKIPPER SAVER

Notice from Homeland Security

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

PRESS RELEASE:

BOATERS MUST NOT OPERATE 121.5/243 MHZ EPIRBs AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2006

“WASHINGTON – The Coast Guard reminds all boaters that beginning January 1, 2007, both 121.5 and 243 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) are prohibited from use in both commercial and recreational watercraft. Boaters wishing to have an emergency rescue beacon onboard their vessel must have a digital 406 MHz model.

The January 1, 2007, date to stop using 121.5 MHz EPIRBs is in preparation for February 1, 2009, when satellite processing of distress signals from all 121.5/243 MHz beacons will terminate. Following this termination date, only the 406 MHz beacons will be detected by the International Cospas-Sarsat Satellite System which provides distress alert and location data for search and rescue operations around the world.

The regulation applies to all Class A, B, and S 121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs. It does not affect 121.5/243 MHz man overboard devices which are designed to work directly with a base alerting unit only and not with the satellite system.”

If the Skipper of your vessel was disabled, could the First Mate get help and pilot the boat to the dock? This class held in the Delta with your boat will teach the First Mate how to handle the boat.

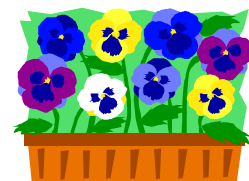
Class Dates

Jun. 16-17

Aug. 4-5

Sept. 8-9

Members of the San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron will teach anchoring, use of the radio, quick first aid techniques, and general vessel operation. The classes will be at the Delta Power Squadron Training Center Island. Individual “hands-on” instruction will teach the First Mate how to operate the boat. Call Jim Fenelon at 209-948-0966 for information and reservations.

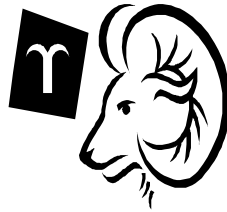


*A friend gathers your scattered pieces and
gives them back to you in the right order.*

Birthdays

Aries

- 5 Everett Welby
- 7 Dewyn Roberts
- 10 Paul Clausen
- 11 Kathy Grey
Barbara Wesley
Robert Wiens
- 12 Scott Opperman
Steven Sutton
- 14 Shawn Murphy
- 15 Paul Reiner
Tom Lemasney
- 17 Rod Ward
- 18 Kathy Dixon
- 19 Pete Yeager



Taurus

- 20 Jane Brause
Don Garcia
- 21 Lois Ciralo
David Jacobs
- 23 Colette Gonzalves
- 24 Gary Grey
- 25 Walt Haws
Bill Rich
- 27 Amy Murphy
- 28 Pat Tighe
- 30 Kathy Smith



SUNSHINE

The following members have been under the weather and could use some cheer:

Bill Wilson, Bill Harris, Gracie Brett (John Ramos's lady friend), Steve Sutton, Dewyne Roberts, and Linda McCurdy.

Anniversaries

- 2 Barbara and Ronald Cockrill
- 5 Lonnie and Bob Palmer
- 11 Irene and Paul Reiner
- 24 June and Jim Bentz
- 26 Lois and Steve Ciralo
- 28 Joanie and Al Findley

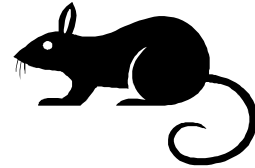


Results of the Bulletin survey
will be published in the
May issue.

This is your Bulletin and your
thoughts/ideas are important.

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**SYC Commodores/River Rat
Names
(Tradition Established in 1940)**



1940-41	Edwin B. Fuld	<i>Dough Rat</i>	1976	Theodore Cook	<i>Absent Rat</i>
1942-44	E.J. Meister	<i>Pack Rat</i>	1977	Owen C. Moore, Jr.	<i>T.V. Rat</i>
1945-46	A.J. Orsi	<i>Water Rat</i>	1978	Ivan Teller	<i>Git Rot Rat</i>
1947	Ed J. Conner	(No Rat Name)	1979	Jim Bouska	<i>Rigid Rat</i>
1948-49	Dr. J.R Jordon	(No Rat Name)	1980	Everett Parks	<i>Everready Rat</i>
1950	Wayne Courtright	<i>Sewer Rat</i>	1981	Donald Ward	<i>Tinker Rat</i>
1951	Henry Bowman	<i>Wharf Rat</i>	1982	Len Semler	<i>Fizz Rat</i>
1952	Jack Curnow	<i>Bilge Rat</i>	1983	Richard Clark	<i>Buck Rat</i>
1953	Henry Hankins	<i>Fat Rat</i>	1984	Harry Hetrick	<i>Alky Rat</i>
1954	Marty Kimson	<i>Stinking Rat</i>	1985	Larry Crump	<i>Trash Rat</i>
1955	Dr. Phil Coddington	<i>Slough Rat</i>	1986	Ray Farmer	<i>Dice Rat</i>
1956	Dr. Lyn Blackmun	<i>Scab Rat</i>	1987	John Ramos	<i>Fruit Nut Rat</i>
1957	Louis Ghiglieri	<i>Gut Rat</i>	1988	Clyde Schnoor	<i>Black Top Rat</i>
1958	Sam Bistline	<i>Parlor Rat</i>	1989	Vern Tarwater	<i>Wrench Rat</i>
1959	Walter Knolhoff	<i>Tule Rat</i>	1990	Verlon Haile	<i>Pig Rat</i>
1960	Everett Welby	<i>Cool Rat</i>	1991	Sam LaBella	<i>Key Rat</i>
1961	Hugo Grau	<i>Merry Rat</i>	1992	Don Sawyer	<i>Squeaky Clean Rat</i>
1962	Guy Bowman	<i>Gas Rat</i>	1993	Dick Bunker	<i>Nap Rat</i>
1963	Bernie Faunce	<i>Burr Rat</i>	1994	Joan Deal	<i>Galley Rat</i>
1964	Jack Kelliher	(No Rat Name)	1995	Mike Billington	<i>Shooter Rat</i>
1965	Earl Thompson	<i>Phony Rat</i>	1996	Walt Haws	<i>Boss Rat</i>
1966	George Truemper	<i>Crap Rat</i>	1997	John Wesley	<i>Frugal Rat</i>
1967	Russ Yunker	<i>Junk Rat</i>	1998	Jim Fenelon	<i>Bugle Rat</i>
1968	Al Siegwart	<i>Barl Rat</i>	1999	Bill Wilson	<i>Shy Rat</i>
1969	Ray McGrath	<i>Port Rat</i>	2000	Mary Garcia	<i>Worry Rat</i>
1970	Tom Barnes, Jr.	<i>Bar Rat</i>	2001	Jill Alley	<i>Slow Trawler Rat</i>
1971	Ed Grogan, Jr.	<i>Crash Rat</i>	2002	Ron Malmquist	<i>Fix-It Rat</i>
1972	Jack Lewis	<i>Race Rat</i>	2003	Linda Wilson	<i>Champagne Rat</i>
1973	Maje Anderson	<i>Patrol Rat</i>	2004	Schatzie Haws	<i>Microphone Rat</i>
1974	Allen Gillespie	<i>Huey Rat</i>	2005	Dave Rader	<i>Anniversary Rat</i>
1975	Charles Cowger	<i>Whipper Rat</i>	2006	Dave Rose	<i>Game Rat</i>