



Commodore Ray Forest

The Holiday Season is upon us and nowhere is it more evident than the Stockton Yacht Club.

On October 19th Barbara Ward hosted a TGIF, with the help of Don, and the food was great. The following evening we were treated to a wonderful spooky evening hosted by Pat and Ken Tighe. Pat, Ken and their helpers really spent a lot of time and effort on this event. It was evident by the decorations and quality of food.

The following weekend November 2nd Onrust hosted an auction preview and provided some great hors d'oeuvres. The following evening was their Annual Auction. It was well attended and great bargains were had.

On Friday, November 16th, Tomi served baked spaghetti. The following morning our leader Jim Fenelon led us to Village West Yacht Club. Reports are they served a great dinner and breakfast, and a good time was had by all.

Tomi and I are looking forward to visiting with you all soon at the Lighted Boat Parade.



Vice Commodore Norm Gaedtke

It is official. No one came to their senses in time so I will be your Commodore next year.

Congratulations to Barbi as your upcoming Vice Commodore, Bill Wilson as Rear Commodore, and to Mike Billington, Jim Fenelon and Bob Spoor for their election to the Board of Directors. I hope we all are committed to a great 2008 filled with fun and fellowship.

The 2008 calendar is filling up quickly. I owe a great deal of thanks to Linda Wilson for her help with this. The calendar should be out soon so if you see an event without a host please volunteer. If you would like to host an event on a date not listed please let me know.

I would also like to thank Schatzie for all her help with a bunch of stuff! Thank you to all who have agreed to host events. It takes us all to make a great Club.

We are still in need of a Delta Fleet Captain, so all you cruisers please give it some thought. I have already scheduled three cruise-outs so we only need three more.

Speaking of cruise-outs we recently returned from Village West Yacht Club where 16 boats and crew members from the Stockton Yacht Club enjoyed great weather, great food and hospitality from our hosts at Village West. Thank you to Jim Fenelon for a nice year of Delta cruising.

I would really like to acknowledge Ron Malmquist for his service to the Club as Chairman of the Board for the last three years. Ron has been a tireless worker and has devoted a great deal of time to our Club. The position of Chairman can be a thankless, never-ending obligation with a myriad of problems to deal with. I have never seen Ron sidestep any of these responsibilities and for that I commend and thank him.

See you all at the next event and at all the events next year!



Rear Commodore Barbi Carson

November went by so quickly due to all the activity that I have a hard time remembering it all. Oh wait... that must be my CRS kicking in. (If you don't know what CRS is, try to remember to ask me what it is next time you see me.) We had a lot of fun at the Onrust Auction. In fact, Pat got quite carried away bidding on some Cuban cigars and Port. I was starting to wonder whether we would have to refinance our new home to pay for them. It is amazing how everyone gets caught up in bidding for an item that you wonder later what you are going to do with. In fact, I have several baskets full of things I'm trying to put away. Good thing we bought a house. The event was a lot of fun, and I believe Onrust raised a lot of money.

On November 17th, Pat and I turned the engines of Big Daddy over for the long, long cruise from our slip at Village West to the Village West Yacht Club docks for the last cruise-out of the season. The rest of the club boats cruised over and joined us about an hour later. Village West Yacht Club members showed us a great time all weekend with good food and drinks. (There is never a shortage of drinks at any yacht club.) The next day, we had to take that lonnnnnng ride back to our slip in the fog. Whew!

Thanks to everyone who helped out in the bar this past month, Walt and Schatzie, Ron & Joan, Jeanne Kopshever, Mark Galbraith and anyone else I might have overlooked. I appreciate everyone pitching in when the need arises and I am not there.

Pat and I will be cooking dinner on December 1st after the Lighted Boat Parade. We'll be serving Seafood Jambalaya – you don't want to miss this one. I grew up in New Orleans so I know how to make Jambalaya. If you can't make it to this dinner, come join us for a "brunch" on New Year's Day. We'll be serving our famous Big Daddy's Overnight French Toast with Chile

Relleno. Sounds like a strange combination but it is oh so good.

This being December and all, everyone will be busier than usual with decorating homes, buying gifts, visiting family and all the other things we do for the holidays. Some of us are blessed to have our family close by and others of us have our family spread throughout the country or world. Whatever your case may be, I want you all to remember your "family" here at Stockton Yacht Club and try to come to one of the many events we have going on at the Club during December. With the Lighted Boat Parade, Onrust Christmas Ball, or the visit from Santa, there is something here for everyone. We would love to see your smiling face and be able to wish you a Happy Holiday in person! If I don't see you before the New Year, Merry Christmas to you and please stay safe and warm.



**PORT CAPTAIN
KEN TIGHE**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.



Delta Fleet Captain Jim Fenelon

The cruising season ended on a high note with 14 vessels cruising to Village West Yacht Club.

They have installed 150 ft. of guest dock with plenty of power. We left Stockton Yacht Club in small groups with 10-15 minutes between each group so that docking would be quick and smooth. Village West had a crew at the docks ready to assist. They also offered their covered patio area for our potluck luncheon. The weather was sunny and warm all day. Village West made every effort to make sure we enjoyed our visit and felt at home.

We woke Sunday morning to dense fog. Eye-openers were provided on the docks by Yours Truly. Village West served breakfast with ham and eggs and all the fixings. As the fog slowly lifted, our members drifted away from the docks towards the sun to the East. Winter was arriving.

Thank you for the opportunity to be 2007 Delta Fleet Captain. It was a rewarding experience and the member support was awesome. Join the fleet next year for fun times.



ONRUST

December is here and Christmas is around the corner. If you haven't made your reservation for the Christmas Ball – please call Pat Tighe as soon as possible. Great meal – prime rib or salmon – goodies galore, and Part Time playing for your dancing pleasure. The Club looks lovely. Don't miss a romantic evening with a hundred or so of your best friends!

The November Auction went very well; we made about \$4,700.00. So, again thanks to each and every one of you who donated and/or bought treasures at this year's auction.

We are pleased to announce the Onrust Officers for 2008: Linda Wilson, President, Frieda Costa, Vice President, Bev Drouin, Secretary and

Schatzie Haws, Treasurer. It's sure to be a great year.

Meanwhile a heartfelt thanks from the 2007 group including Pat Tighe, Vice President, Schatzie Haws, Acting Secretary, Doreen Webster Treasurer and yours truly. Onrust needs your support and membership. Please consider joining now for 2008 - \$20.00 is all it takes to be part of fun group hosting some of the Club's best ever parties!

Love, Myrna



**SUNSHINE
Jo Foley**

Barbara Dynes is now home following foot surgery and brief stay in rehabilitation.

Ray Farmer recently underwent hip surgery and is home recuperating.

Dean Baker had knee surgery and is doing well.

Al Findlay recently underwent shoulder surgery and is currently undergoing physical therapy.

Our sympathies to Beverly Alix (our Harbor Master) for the recent loss of her father.

**Congratulations to Staff
Commodore Mike Billington
for receiving Yachtsman of
the Year from PICYA. This
is truly an honor.**



Howard Elliott Usadel

November 5, 1917 - October 25, 2007

Howard was born November 5, 1917 in Pendleton, Oregon and passed away October 25, 2007 at home in Patterson.

Howard graduated from Hollywood High School and served in the Coast Guard ferrying troops to the Pacific Theater during World War II. He worked as a mold maker for the Usadel Trophy Company in Southern California. He later worked 27 years for Lockheed Corporation Space and Missile Systems as an engineer guiding many space related projects to completion. He was proud of his three years of work on a large antenna that was carried on a rocket into space and then unfurled from a small package to a giant solar antenna. He retired to Patterson after meeting Virginia Carr Delphia and marrying her in 1980.

Howard's special love was his yacht docked at the Stockton Yacht Club where he was a member. He and Virginia enjoyed world travels, cruises and living life to the fullest. Howard is survived by his wife Virginia Usadel, two daughters, Cindy Roman and husband Mike of Santa Cruz and Toni Scurti of Los Gatos. Granddaughters Sarena Nichols and husband Les, Oceana Roman of Los Gatos. Grandsons Adam and Chad Roman of Santa Cruz, Ryan Brobst of Mountain View, Tyler Scurti and Troy Scurti, and great grandsons Hunter and Caleb Nichols, all of Los Gatos. He is survived by stepsons Claude Delphia of Patterson and Ben Delphia of Michigan.

Services were held at Hillview Funeral Chapel in Patterson on October 27th.

Donations in Howard's name may be made to Optimal Hospice Foundation, 122 W. Granger Avenue, Modesto, CA 95350 or to a favorite charity.

MEMBER IN THE NEWS!!!

WHO IS THAT HANDSOME DUDE IN THE BOAT FISHING?

His picture appeared in the November Bulletin.

READ ON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On Tuesday, September 18, 2007 an article appeared in the "*Manteca Bulletin*" featuring a 1970 student of East Union High School.

Apparently construction of the high school was delayed due to "the huge expanse of water that covered what is today the south parking lot whenever it rained. This area soon became known as "Lancer Lake" as students had to cross over stacked pallets to get to their classrooms."

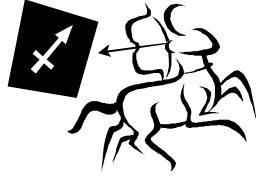
Apparently this senior had nothing better to do than to cut class, kick back and go fishing. Looks like this was obviously his introduction to the boating world.

The picture shows none other than Dave Rose doing what he does best.

Birthdays

Sagittarius

- 1 Laverne Moore
- 3 Bob Wood
- 4 Ray Forest
Kathie Steere
- 5 Darlene Bren
- 6 Fred Miller
- 10 Joan Malmquist
- 11 Pat Carson
- 14 Rajesh Gaedtke
- 15 JoAnn Baker
Jim Bentz
- 19 Beth Miller
- 21 Steve Vonderheide
- 26 Mimi Cox



Anniversaries

- 1 Marilyn and Marc Jantzen
- 2 Sue and Charlie German
Ida and Harley Handel
- 4 Carley and Lance Zimmerman
- 7 Renee and Tim Cristler
- 24 Betty and Tony De La Llera
- 28 Renee and Pete Yager
Beverly and Bill Drouin



ROSTER UPDATE

Dave Rose new cell phone
(209) 993-9745

FOR SALE



10' Achilles, hard bottom dinghy with
trailer
15 horse power Mercury engine.
Full canvas cover

LIKE NEW
\$2,950

Call Walt Haws (209) 547-1494 or
(209) 327-3766

BUNCO

Here are the winners from November Bunco.

Most Wins	Mary Garcia
2 nd Most Wins	Eva Hodges
Most Buncos (tied)	Frieda Costa Jenny Drouin (guest) Andrea Drouin (guest)
Least Wins	Linda Wilson

If you care to join us, come to the Club on
December 12th.