



## Dock Line

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### Commodore's Corner



By: Sherry Junker,  
Commodore

I just wanted to say that I am truly honored to be the first woman commodore for Capital City Yacht Club. There are so many strong, hard-working women in this organization and even though we are the fun club, behind the scenes there are some pretty industrious people. Beth Garcia, one of the earlier members of CCYC, was treasurer of our club back when I joined in 2000. She continues to help wherever needed. Crystal Spencer, need I even say, is Ms. Potluck, along with helping in many of the other club functions. Berty, our current treasurer, is also a person that you can count on to always pitch in. These are just a few of the women that keep our club running smoothly and yes it is with a lot of help from the fellas too. That story is for the next newsletter.

We have had some very nice potluck parties on the dock so

far this winter. In fact the last one for the **Lighted Boat Parade** on December 3<sup>rd</sup> was so well attended, I thought we might lose a few in the drink. Everyone was crowded so tightly together, which is not a bad thing. There was tons of great food, and lots of fun.

**The Kickoff Party** will be our first big get together on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Holiday Inn is slated to host it for us again. They usually have rooms for those who do not want to drive that night, but also remember club members can park their boats at the docks of Old Town Sacramento. It is a short walk to and from the hotel.

The club pays for your Kick Off dinner and entertainment. You still have to buy your own booze, but hey if we did that we would definitely be in the red. We are all pitching in to put this together, so if anyone wants to lend a hand, we are open for volunteers. Call me at 916-524-6919

We are going to do a **Boater Safety Day** this year, something new to try. On April 28<sup>th</sup> we will invite the US Coast Guard to come to the Sacramento Marina for a free courtesy boat inspection.

Boats that pass can get their 2007 sticker. Our very own secretary, Melanie Schultz, is a member of the CG Auxiliary. You will be surprised what you need in safety equipment. You all have up to date flares and plastic caps over your battery terminals, right? We will be emailing further information and have some kind of sign up for those that want to participate.

Our big cruise is of course our annual **Birthday Cruise** to Rio Vista. Your club Fleet Captain, who happens to be Carl Cook this year, heads the planning with the assistance of other club member volunteers. Along with volleyball and partying into the night the club traditionally hosts a BBQ. The club hosted the dinner in the Point restaurant last year. I have to say the club dinner at the Point restaurant was one of our most enjoyable events.

So get your boat ready, if you haven't already started, for a fun and safe boating year. Also be sure to visit the CCYC website for updated club event information. Mike and I will see you out on the river.



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### FROM THE VICE



BY Peter Robertson, Vice Commodore & P.I.C.Y.A. Delegate

### VICE IS NICE BUT A LIGHTED BOAT PARADE WON'T ROT YOUR TEETH!

Mega-Kudos' to CCYC Fleet-Captain Carl Cook and wife Norlene for putting together this year's very successful ***"HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE"***.

About 26 boats, depending on which judge's count you rely on, joined in this year's parade fleet. Boats from as far away as Freeport met for the fleet shapeup outside Miller Park at the appointed hour of six PM. Carl's firm voice gave the command to "make-way for Old Town" and beyond. After a few minutes of spacing issues, all the boats headed north in an orderly queue.

Boats, sized from 23 to 80 feet, yes the fully decorated houseboat "YIRRIBA" from Freeport joined us this year, moved merrily upriver to the

applause and cheers of well-wishers from the shore. Cars slowed above us on the Highway 50 Bridge, sorry Caltrans, to watch us go by. The shores of both Sacramento and Yolo counties were alight with cheers of Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. You could hear the ring of children's voices shouting, "Look Mommy Santa!" Yup, Old Saint Nick took the night off from the toyshop, even in his busiest season, to join the CCYC parade.

The beautifully lighted boats gently motored into the night under the Tower Bridge and took a slight easterly course correction to run right along the Old Towne River Front docks and restaurants. Diners came to the windows and raised their glasses to toast each boat as they came alongside. Christmas revelers braved the cold from the decks of the Mathew McKinley, the Spirit of Sacramento and the Delta King to wish us well. It is said some boats made the Live Shot on Channel 13. Many spectators knew the boats and called out crews and Captains by name, thank you!

As Crawdad's came into view, we saw several decorated boats tied alongside. I'm not sure if by plan or spontaneous spirit six of them castoff and joined in too, Welcome! More cheers and applause from shore side friends carried across both sides of the river.

Next, we elegantly cruised past the Virgin Sturgeon and the usual suspects came out to cheer us on. Rumor (unconfirmed) has it one boat stopped and picked up a paying passenger. Up we went to the local navigation mark made famous and now known as "Sushi on the River", even though the once famous restaurant barge is sunk and gone. Hal Schell, legendary Delta Dawdler and topographer master, used this technique locating bars and other local haunts as river and delta waypoints, would be proud watching from above as we went turning for home to the ghostly mark.

Back through town with no less enthusiasm from the holiday revelers along the way and under the Tower Bridge toward home and the CCYC Pot-Luck on "B" Dock at Miller.

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Now we must remember these crews have been hard at work all day long decorating their boats and seeing to their guests' every need. When they got back to the dock, the real party started!

It seemed that before the boats had sterned in and made fast, tables appeared from thin air and within minutes the food spilled from the galleys. You name it, it was there.

Appetizers of every origin, main dishes that represented the UN and, did I mention, the desert table. Neither calorie nor chocolate piece was left behind. Hot buttered rum and other seasonal toddies warmed the crews and gladdened their hearts. The Club's beer cooler was well stocked on the deck of Fire Escape. All this wrapped Holiday spirit and cheer wrapped around the Club supplied Virginia Ham-- Thanks to Bert and Bob.

About 60 of us welcomed our New Commodore, Sherry Junker and CCYC Junior Staff Commodore--what's his name? You know the guy with the good tan just back from the Caribbean Cat - Cruise. For Sherry, the parade was her first official function. Sherry welcomed us all to the CCYC

Pot-Luck with kind words and good cheer for the Holiday Season. Welcome home Mike and Sherry!

About this time, the "Secret Judges" began arriving back to Miller from their executive vantage points along the parade route. Yes, there was definitely a lot of last minute efforts of bribery and threats of piracy to secure one of the six fifty dollar prizes. Judges were promised everything from a month's boat washing to the highly desired "shady parking space" at Pot-Luck. Not quite sure how that was going to happen??

**CCYC would like to thank all this year's parade participants for their efforts in making this a "breathtaking sight!"**

**Official News:** Rob Connelly has accepted the position of Club Safety Officer this year. I can't think of anyone more qualified or suited. Thank You Rob.

**LATE NEWS FLASH:** CCYC members Greg and Kathy Jones take "First Place Power Boat" at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Jack London Square Lighted Boat Parade!



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**RBOC (Recreational Boater of California)** has been busy as well looking after our best interests at the Capital Dome here in Sacramento and the Delta. The latest is California Legislature recently failed to pass SB 1127, which would have taken \$20 million in recreational boat fuel tax revenues for the Dept of Boating and Waterways to give to commercial salmon fisherman. Because of federally imposed fishing limits the Salmon harvest this year was about 90 percent below average. We sure could tell on the river and salmon fishermen were looking for government support.

"The recreational boating community is sensitive to the plight of commercial salmon fishermen and supports expedited government efforts to assist", commented Jerry Lounsbury, president of the RBOC, but these efforts should not be at the expense of critical projects and jobs in the recreational boating sector.

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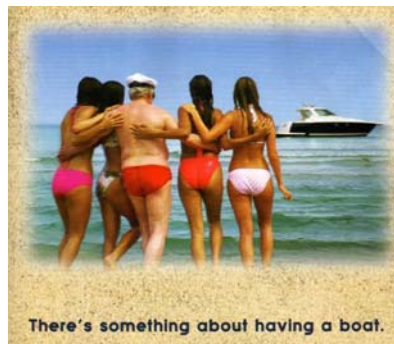
### 2007 Calendar of Events

February 10<sup>th</sup> - Annual Kickoff Party at Holiday Inn  
March 17<sup>th</sup> - Irish Chili Cook-off  
April 7 - Spring Brunch Rio City Cafe  
April 28 - Boater Safety Day  
May 6 - Opening Day Parade and Festivities  
May 27 - Memorial Day Brunch at Potluck Beach  
June 15 - 17 - CCYC Birthday Cruise to Rio Vista  
July 3 - Lighted Boat Parade sponsored by SYC  
July 4 - Mandeville Fireworks Cruise  
July 28 - American River Dinghy Run  
August 16 - 19 - Potluck on the Beach *Note: this is NOT a CCYC Sponsored event.*  
September 2 - Labor Day Champagne Brunch at Potluck Beach  
September 15 - Jack London Boat Show (daytrip via Amtrak)  
November 3 - Hot Toddy Party & Election Announcements  
November 24 - Thanksgiving Leftover Potluck  
December 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Light Parade

### PICYA Yearbooks will soon be available!

Did you know that as a Capital City Yacht Club member you should get a free PICYA yearbook. For those new members, the year book lists every yacht club, their officers and members. It is a great tool for those traveling the delta. Most clubs will give us reciprocal rights for up to three nights, and the yearbook is a nice way to call ahead to find out if there is room. Mike and I have stayed at the Benicia Yacht Club for a night or two. What a fun group!

We're on the web:  
**CCYC.NET**



### Buying or Selling

We still have a broker for yacht sales amongst us. As most of you know, Matt and Tanya moved to WA. One of our very own CCYC members is still doing yacht sales. If you would like to buy or sell a boat please contact Joe Matney at 916-215-4110

### MORE CRUISES???

We understand that some of our members would like more cruises. We thought we might do a survey, but anytime a member has a comment or question, you can email all the officers by just typing in 2007 officers@ccyc.net

We have had more cruises in the past, like the one in October to the bay, it was not very well attended, and that was before the gas hikes.

We could possibly do a short cruise to Alamar in October. Any suggestions???