

RIVERVIEW YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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GETTING TO KNOW... LARRY CATHEY

by Cindy Kazee

Our newest boat club member, Larry Cathey, may have been from a family who “put the hill into hillbilly,” but he is a California boy now. (By the way, those are his words in quotes, not mine!)

Larry’s path to our little boat club is a long and winding one, starting in the mid-north western region of Tennessee, between the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers. His grandfather was a construction worker with the TVA and they moved around a bit, including two years of junior high in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from high school, Larry joined the Marines and spent three years at Pendleton.

After his stint in the Marines, Larry worked in law enforcement. After six years in the sheriff’s department in his hometown, he realized that his future lay outside of public service and he followed in his grandfather’s footsteps in the construction industry, as a safety officer and traveled where the work took him.

Then, in 1982, the construction industry took a downturn in the East. Larry soon followed the want ads to where the action was... on the West Coast. He continued in his career as a safety officer working in the Bay area for oil refineries and fire departments. He is currently contracting to SMUD in their fire and hazardous materials division, “trying to keep stuff from blowing up.”

Like construction work, Larry has boating deep in his bones. His grandfather, who raised him, was a flat boater on the Tennessee River. At the ripe age of 13, Larry held the distinction of being the youngest licensed commercial fisherman in Tennessee.

Even at work, Larry has run boats for safety and construction jobs on and around the water. His first boat was a 1986 36’ Sea Ray. He kept the boat in Martinez and soon joined up with our good friends at the Martinez Yacht Club. Within five years of joining their ranks, he rose to Vice Commodore. Work then took him out of the country and he sold the boat and spent the next few years on the road. Now he is settled back in Sacramento and is anxious to get back into boating. His most recent foray into the local waters is a 150 hp Kawasaki Jet Ski that seats three.

Shortly after starting with SMUD, Larry found himself gazing at the many boating photos in Cookie’s office at Rancho Seco and attended two of our famous brunches before he was reeled in. The friendly, working folks at our club have made him feel right at home.

His family is still firmly rooted in Tennessee, including a 24-year old daughter. In addition to working and boating, Larry loves target shooting and is a volunteer with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Habitat for Humanity. In addition, he teaches safety and firefighting for state and local groups. Larry already loves the Delta waters like he was born here, instead of in the hills of Tennessee. He is excited about his new position on our board and as the 2008 Cruise Director. We are looking forward to having him put all his years of boating experience to work for us.

COMMODORE REPORT

by Sherri Olson



I hope that everyone had great holidays. We did but I am glad they're over.

Thank you for electing me Commodore for one more year. I will do my best with all of your help. Do get involved and help because this is your club.

We will keep you updated on things we're trying and doing. Come to a board meeting; they are open to all. A lot of your information this year will come to you by e-mail. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address.

If you have ideas for cruises, let Larry Cathey know.

Our annual Brunch will be April 20th and our garage sale on October 4th. Try to plan your calendar around our dinners, cruises and special events. Our dinners are the 3rd Saturday of the month from October through March with the exception of February (on the 4th) and December (on the 2nd). From April to September, we meet on the third Fridays. The bar opens at 4:30 PM and we dine at 6:30 PM.

We hope to have more activities for you later. This is your club, so let us know your ideas.

PORT REPORT

by Dennis Kazee

Well, it's a new year and already we have a list of items needed to bring the clubhouse up to snuff. Actually, it is a living list and is never short on items in need of attention.

I would like to take a moment to thank Steve and Maura for their hard work on the floor and walls in the aft section of the clubhouse. Thanks, Steve and Maura.

The current priority of the clubhouse is to work further on the aft section. On the port side, the grill area, even more water damage was found during the attempted insurance claim inspection. The siding all around the grill area needs to be replaced. All of the sheetrock needs to be replaced in the office area. The only really hard thing about all of this, except moving things to/from shore, is we'll need to move three electric circuits while we have the wall open. Then, after replacing the interior and exterior wallboards, we will address the real problem of drainage with additional gutters, flashing, and deck modification.

I see three phases. One phase will be a work party to remove the sidings and rerun the electric circuits. Another work party will then be required to finish the work and maybe a third one for drywall and floor covering work.

We have kicked around different dates for the first work party but still have not settled on a good date and time. I would like to plan

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something for the 27th of January and will be calling around to see what kind of response I get.

Other items needing attention include painting, deck board replacement, ladies restroom updating, and a good general cleaning. However, the water damage takes precedence. Let me know other items as you find them. Also, remind me frequently.

Thanks to everybody for your future assistance.



HO! HO! HO!

December 8th found many members and guests arriving in holiday garb bearing food and gifts. They entered a clubhouse that had been decorated festively by the board members earlier in the week

Those who arrived early had cranked up the heaters and with the many bodies and good drinks poured by Jerry Olson, we were plenty warm. Jerry even had eggnog specials for those wanting a holiday drink.

After enjoying the drinks and appetizers, we lined up for a buffet dinner of wonderful food prepared by our members, who were even asked for the recipes.

After stuffing ourselves, Dale Hafelfinger took over as our Master of Ceremonies and he did an outstanding job. Though he and Jean are Associate Members now, we are pleased that they attend most of our functions.

Past Commodores were introduced as well as guests. Then the business of the evening got underway as the old board members were presented and the new ones introduced and installed. Sherri Olson is Commodore, Dennis Kazee is Vice-Commodore and Port Captain, Joe Collins is Rear Commodore, Joanne Beauchamp is Secretary and Editor, Cindy Kazee is Treasurer, Jerry Olson is the Bar Master, Larry Cathey is Cruise Director, Joey Horak is in charge of Activities and Frank Beauchamp is the Liaison looking for a club to join with us.

Then we got into the real fun of the evening with the gift exchange. We drew numbers for our turn at selecting a gift. Though, you can take someone else's gift, not too much of that was done this year. All and all, we had a great time as can be seen by the pictures.

We would like to thank Laura Shetler and her friend for taking over the clean-up duties in the kitchen. It gave our members a chance to just enjoy the evening with other members and guests. Thanks, girls!

Many of our members brought guests to the Christmas Party which made it very successful money-wise, plus more fun for the gift exchange.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

by Joey Horak



As usual, the December dinner was great. I hope that everyone enjoyed it and the gift exchange as much as Ken and I did.

In January, we will award the Poker Run prize and start a new Poker Run for this year. We'll also have a 50/50 Split the Pot and Lottery tickets. I hope to have information on a Fund Raiser too. We will have several guests for the January dinner from the Marina West YC. Be prepared to be entertaining Ha! Ha! Hope to see you at the January and February dinners.



A New Year! A New Schedule?

Hello to all. It's cold, damp and not really the type of weather that makes us think of getting out on the River and enjoying a day of cruising and visiting but it is time to start planning for another year of Fun and Fellowship.

As your Cruise Captain for 2008, I would like to invite EVERYONE to please take a few minutes to let me know your preferences, suggestions, wishes and even your past horror stories with regard to the Cruise Schedule this year.

I will do my best to schedule RVYC into the locations that offer the type of activities YOU are interested in and that would bring out the Club Member in each and every one of us.

Our first Club Cruise is scheduled for the 4th weekend in April. My information is that this is customarily a short "shake-down" cruise and a good chance to check out all the systems onboard. Again, contact me with a destination suggestions.

The other immediate topic on the table at this time is the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. As always, Sacramento Yacht Club has extended the invitation to RVYC and all PICYA affiliated clubs. SYC has events scheduled all week-end plus a shuttle to Old Town for the jazz venues. To take advantage of this offer, RVYC must make reservations for the required number of vessels as soon as possible. Please check your calendar and let me know your wishes and intentions. This is a great opportunity that we shouldn't let slip by! SYC is planning to host cruise-in clubs starting Thursday, May 22 through Monday, May 26.

One of my ideas (good or bad) is to try to increase participation in the Cruise-outs by sponsoring a form of "Ride Share." Persons with space available and a willingness to share the experience can contact me with the particulars of when and how many. Those who wish to try cruising but have no "floating bedroom" may also contact me and I will try to be the middle man. I can't make decisions on the part of either party but will be glad to help as the contact person whenever I can. Just an idea.....

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Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 10 Board Meeting
- 19 Monthly Dinner
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 26 PICYA Installation Dinner, Hilton Garden Inn, Emeryville

FEBRUARY

- 4 PICYA Delegates Meeting, Pittsburg YC
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Presidents' Day
- 23 Monthly Dinner



JANUARY dinner
Saturday, January 19, 2008
 Hosts: The Board
 Bar: 4:30PM / Dinner: 6:30PM
 Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert
 50/50 Split the Pot

FEBRUARY dinner
Saturday, February 16, 2008
 Hosts:???
 Menu:???
 Bar: 4:30 PM / Dinner: 6:30 PM
 50/50 Split the Pot

FROM THE EDITOR

I did not think I would make it as your editor this long, but here we are starting the third year. Would not and could not have done it without the help of my daughter. Thanks, Lisa. We are going to just be doing six issues this year to make it a little easier on both of us. If any of you ever want to write an article or have information that you think the club members would be interested in, please let me know. If you receive this newsletter by e-mail, you can run a copy of it with your printer. If you do not want to waste your colored inks, use the black ink option only. Remember, the newsletters also appear on our club website: www.riverviewyc.com

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