

# San Joaquin Yacht Club

# CROSS CURRENTS

## Event Reminders

## Crab Feed

### February:

- 13th: Valentine Party, Safety checks  
SJYC Cruise-in & Driftwood Drive-in  
19-21st: Sea Ray Cruise-in  
26-28<sup>th</sup>: Caliente YC Cruise-in

### March:

- 6th: Board & Member Meeting  
13th: St. Patricks Party &  
Oxbow Cruise-In 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
20th: Historical Society Meeting  
27th: Work Party  
28th: Relay for Life Luminary Party

## From the Helm

Hello, yacht club members,

Rain,Rain, Rain,you know what they say-----watch what you wish for as you might get it and get it and get it. The club is faring well during the recent weather; only a few leaks---- the windows still need to be addressed and we have a broken window due to the juke box rolling across the club on an unusually high tide. The pot holes are getting to be bone jarring and need to be filled, will talk with the levy police and see if anything can be done.

The trash can caper continues, the original can was too small and was always overflowing on big events, **Rick Bower** talked to disposal service and was told a 3 yard in lew of two yard was only 8 dollars more a month great deal, lock it up and lots of trash room. This was not to be... the service bills for an additional 87 dollars? What the hay O that program ended in what-ever and we miss quoted? Standard so now we go back to two yard can/ to be continued.

The **Valentines Party** is this weekend and I hope that you attend and show your support for **Sal Lima** as this is his first event and you know much time and effort it takes to put on, the **Champagne Cruise for Meals on Wheels** is to be chaired by **Dennis Pippin / Rich Marshall/ Geri Marshall** so it looks like they have the expertise needed to put on this excellent event. Please support this cause in any way possible. This is a great cause and I've seen the difference a meal makes to a shut-in, of all the charities I think this is the one that makes the most difference and it is out there every day contacting the elderly, checking on them, caring for them.

**Opening Day** is fast approaching and the club would like to see every boat out there this year. The attendance has been off as of late and its time to put on a show and have a lot of fun at the same time. The Board would like to entertain the idea of having a band attend the festivities and have a trial run pig roast at the same time, just like being on the board, doing a pig is a learning experience and like a pig you can get burned being on the Board, so my hat is off to all who have served on the board or is serving on the board. Keep the boat afloat.~ **Commodore Keith Handy**



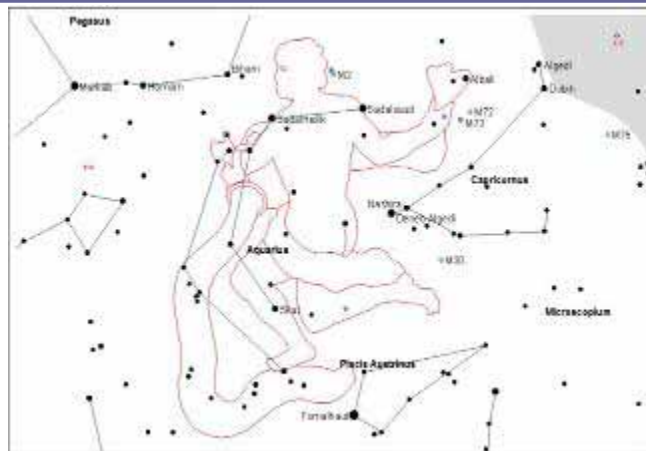
**Birthdays:**

**FEBRUARY**

Sandy Capalongan 2/19, Paula Atthowe 2/20, Gail Giggins 2/22, Maureen Sitton 2/25, Jon Rensen 2/26, Tina Goodwin 2/28

**MARCH**

Jim Fenelon 3/18, Kaylath Harper & Bob Usher 3/01, John Marshall 3/02, Rodger Terry 3/03, Gary Weber 3/04, Dee Hicks 3/06, Harvey Thieman 3/07, Jim Senior 3/15, Tim Butterick & David Stein 3/16, Karen DeSanti & Stephen Bordi 3/17, James Dean & Pat Ruppenthal 3/18



The constellation of **Aquarius:**

**Symbol:** The Water Bearer

**Positive Polarities:** Intuition, Leadership, Truthfulness

**Negative Polarities:** Gullibility, Inconsiderate, Radicalism

**Element:** Air

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**Vice Commodore Report:** ★★

Happy February Everyone!

Just a couple things- January events (meeting night, crab feed) were big events for the bar- thank you. Remember... dues and booze sustains our club. A record for January.

Second- the big dumpster turned out to be a big boo-boo on my part. The discount for recycling expired last year so we will be going back to a 2 yard size to avoid the additional \$82.00 a month as opposed to the \$8.00 I thought it was. Oops.

Third- we are continuing happy hour on Friday nights so come on in early and save. We will maintain a discounted price on liquor for the membership (as opposed to local bars) as long as the profit margin stays the same as in years past. I guess what I'm trying to say is, if prices on the wholesale level continue to rise then eventually we will have to increase the price. I don't, however, see that happening anytime soon. So come on and join the party. Opening day is just around the corner! Safe boating.

~ Rick Bower, Vice-Commodore

**Secretary's Report:**

**Correspondence:** Wow, what a first month! I want to start my report by thanking everyone who came to support me on my first weekend as OD. **Ron** and I really enjoyed ourselves, at least I did. Ron took his own initiative and cleaned the club windows. He was bored on Saturday afternoon. Oh, he said it was a one day feeling, and he does not do houses.

I also want to thank the many members helping me along with my new secretarial duties. A few of you are **Dolly Cannon** and her help with the bylaws, **Ginny Pierce** and her help with membership information, **Mar Lawry** for Past Commodore information, **Rick Bower** and **Christina** for their training behind the bar, **Katie Senior** for her loads of information, and I am sure there are many more of you I can thank, so please if I missed you, I apologize.

One other item of business Laura and James Rohlflings are taking a leave of absence from the club, and Debra and Randy Christian are cancelling their membership.

Thank you again for your support,

~ Julie Petrosh, Secretary

We have a lot of events coming up and here are the dates of others. Lets have some fun!

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> IOBG Crab Feed, Berkeley YC  
 Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Leadership Conference in Oakland  
 Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> B.I. Chamber Pot of Gold Scout Hall  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> Driftwood YC Crab Feed Oakley

**Member Note by Alberta Trowbridge**

*To My Friends @ SJYC:*

*It is comforting for me to know & appreciate all of the members & friends @ SJYC, During last Saturday's meeting night, I was feeling lightheaded & faint & embarrassed to get up during the proceedings. I did not want to pass out at the table so I went to the restroom & a lady came in to see if I was OK. I don't know who it was, but I thank her & "nurse" Kathy Terry, Bob Barrios & my Edwin & others for getting me home safely. The next days I received so many calls from my dear friends & want to thank them for their concerns. I am happy to say, I feel fine & attribute the incident to a medication I am taking for a bladder infection. Thank you all, Love, Alberta Trowbridge*

**Cannon Ball Raffle debut successful at February Member Meeting**

Results: The black cannonball was not picked at the February meeting so \$97.50 is rolling over to the March meeting and it will be added to the total of the next meeting tickets that are sold.



**Sunshine Report:****Sunshine Report**

Hi All You Valentines. This author wanted to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day. I was so happy **Katie Senior** was there to get the message out to the members and **Kathy Sund** to help me out to NCPA. We did 8 bells last night for **Claire Greve**, he was a wonderful guy. A lot of you did not know Claire but I did and he was a true great and kind man. Barbara his wife, was Commodore in 1994 and was a inspiration to me. I think Barbara and Claire is why I went on to be Commodore. They both love SJYC. Claire was our one and only energized bunny at Grind Stone Joes for our non-talent show. **Uncle Don Phariss** aka "Santa Claus" called me to tell me Claire had passed he said we lost our bunny I knew who he meant with out asking. Jimmy and I with this membership Bless you Barbara, you know you are in our prayers.

I have some good news about our **Susie Phippen**. Sue has had her surgery and is home and **Dennis** said she is in pretty good spirits. Bless you Sue, you have been there and back; so much. I know the good Lord picks the strong ones, that you are. Dennis has been a wonderful husband at Sue's side. Dennis is going to have a total knee done on March 15th. *Dennis then will take over the Meals ON Wheels*. Come on Membership let's help him out. We all go so many things in our lives but this club rally's around each other, I'm so proud to be a member of such great people!

~ Respectfully Submitted, Pam Allen, Sunshine Commodore



## Meals on Wheels (Champagne Cruise) Meeting 2/21/2010 @ 11:00am @ GR Marshalls

There will be a meeting for any volunteers wishing to participate and help with the MOW Champagne Cruise function this year. The meeting is going to be held at Rich and Geri Marshall's Restaurant, Sunday the 21st, starting at 11:00am. Any and all help is appreciated and needed. Thank You in advance, Dennis Pippin

### Treasurer's Report by Acting Treasurer, Sal Lima

The books still balance i.e. the debits equal the credits, one of the cardinal rules of accounting. Otherwise an "ESP account" would come into play (meaning Error Some Place). The SJYC is still fiscally strong because of our member dues structure and member's support of dinners and buying lots of drinks at the club's bar. Truly, that's what keeps the club funded. Please, continue that practice. To keep you informed, we will review Income and Expense statements to be available regularly at monthly member meetings. This information shows our sources of income, categories of expense and net income or loss. It allows readers really see how expensive it is to operate the SJYC. Major costs include repair and maintenance of our facilities and property insurance covering The Sutter-- our floating boat and clubhouse, the galley, the bar, meeting area, the docks and parking areas. It also covers the club's on water activities -- cruise-outs, cruise-ins, boat parades, etc. Everything Marine is extra expensive as you know. The insurance also provides liability coverage to protect the club equity and its Officers and Directors. As they say in Superbowl Saints territory ... Who Dem Guys?

At the March 2010 member meeting we will review, in some detail, the Income and Expense Statement and categories with comparison to prior year(s). Please feel free to ask questions so you, as a dues paying member, are able to understand our operating results and can evaluate the Officers and Directors performance. We will also, from time to time, review the club's Balance Sheet which reflects assets, liabilities and club member's equity. You have a right to this information and it is my job to provide it for you. We encourage members to let us know what other financial information you want to see. Please do so, if possible, in advance of the meeting to provide time to get the information for you. Otherwise we will present various reports which in our judgment are current, relevant and can be produced with our accounting system which uses the sophisticated QuickBooks software. Please pay any outstanding dues invoice balance you might have before the end of February, the end of the grace period for payment.

Thanks. ~Salvatore A. Lima, Asst. Treasurer/Treasurer





## The Story Siren

By Sal Lima

**Question: How did a big-city bred CPA-Attorney-RE Broker get to the Delta and SJYC?**

**Answer: By Sal Lima, SJYC Treasurer -- By Rowboat and U.S. Navy Reserve Ships**

The SJYC's editor of the *Cross Currents* publication asked me the above question. Let me clarify so you can see the road and waters travelled.

It started with my grandparents and mother coming over about 1910 from Palermo, Sicily to the USA. You know the same Sicily which is the home of "cement shoe factories" and Mafioso, supposedly. Eventually my grandparents settled in Lodi, CA and my mother in San Francisco where I lived and grew up. Because of the very hot summers in Lodi my grandfather, who suffered badly from asthma, bought a beach-front house in Capitola, CA, 5 miles from Santa Cruz, for cooler weather. The house was close to the pier where fishing boats departed daily and many others dangled fishing line & hooks over the railing hoping to catch fish. A narrow public walkway separated our house from the beach so we had a full view of the bay, the waves crashing daily, and anchored. Yards away was the river including a boathouse where visitors could rent boats and swim. The river is the same river that, even today, hosts Capitola's famous Annual Begonia Festival with all its beautiful color and history.

One day my dear grandfather, Salvatore Lima, whom I was named after, bought me a wooden rowboat complete with oars. We could tie up and leave the boat at river's edge just yards from the house and available anytime needed. I rowed that boat down the river and back and forth ... Or, just sat in it stationery on the water looking at the bridge from which people would jump off and dive into the river, or just quietly enjoy the solitude of being on the water. The hours and hours spent on that rowboat were the beginning of my love for boats and the water. I was just a kid then, between the ages of 8 to maybe 12. I remember each summer as if it were yesterday, I miss my rowboat today.

Flash forward. I'm just out of high school in San Francisco and I join the U. S. Naval Reserve. It sounded like a good program to me. Service involved an eight year commitment, one night a week land meetings and two weeks a year cruising the oceans on a Navy ship. I had visions that ship would be a top of the line aircraft carrier. But it ended up being on a DE, a Destroyer Escort, and an AKA, a cargo ship. I also had visions of being a hero if the call to full time duty came i.e. shooting down attacking planes and avoiding torpedoes. Yikes! I ended up with a Yeoman's job, i.e. safe administrative work doing paperwork. How could I become a hero doing that? I loved every moment on the ship when at sea, rough or not. One cruise was bad. We were outside the Golden Gate Bridge in a bad storm, the DE rolled to a 47 degree angle, so I'm told. That was a bit scary. I loved it.

Flash forward again a few more years. I got married, had a daughter and started college part-time while working full time... the typical story. It took me 8 part-time years to get a 4-year bachelor's degree with major in accounting. I passed the CPA exam and worked for an accounting firm, then as Controller for a company. But I really wanted to become a tax lawyer (I said lawyer, not liar although the public sometimes confuses the two). So, to law school I go, graduating from the University of San Francisco, School of Law with a JD degree (Juris Doctor). Not quite satisfied, I then went to New York University, School of Law which had the country's best tax program for lawyers, receiving an advanced law degree (LL.M., in Taxation). Now I could join the good guys (clients) representing innocent taxpayers against attacks by the bad guys, the ruthless Internal Revenue Service. And with tax planning I could help hard working people keep most of what they earned. I worked in the Big Apple for 5 years then came home to San Francisco where I started a solo law practice involving tax, business and real estate matters. Concurrently, I was an Adjunct Professor and taught graduate tax classes for 15 years in Golden Gate University's, Graduate School of Taxation. That was a challenge because the "students" in the program were mainly experienced professionals in those very fields. I'm not sure who learned more – me or the students. Fond memories those years.

Back to getting to the Delta and SJYC in a row boat .... A friend of mine, a delta regular, invited me to go water skiing in the "Delta". Like most other people living here, I did not know anything about "The Delta". Where is and what is that? I met him at his home in Discovery Bay. We went out on his boat, mostly I drove and he water skied. I tried skiing briefly but realized, while under water and gulping it most of the time that my tennis game was much better, much easier and safer. I realized this place called "The Delta" was a great place to spend time and enjoy. And unbelievably close to the San Francisco Bay Area.

So I bought a "weekend condominium" at Willow Park Marina, on Dutch Slough, immediately across from Bethel Island. I owned it for many years and became familiar with various areas of Delta. I had previously purchased a 21' Thomson Cruiser, an I/O with a cuddy cabin, very small, but lots of fun. Initially the boat was berthed in Sausalito for my frequent trips to Angel Island and around San Francisco Bay. Then I moved it up here where it was proudly berthed at my weekend condominium, but almost lost among the larger craft. I spent lots of wonderful hours on that little boat touring and fishing on many of the Delta waterways. Then I finally understood the definition: "a boat is a hole in the water in which one pours money".

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# San Joaquin Yacht Club



February 2010

Sal Lima - Officer of the Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
15	16	17	18	CRUISE IN - SEA RAY CLUB		
President's Day				19	20	21
				7:00P Friday Night Dinner	Sea Ray Club cooking dinner	B.I.C.C Pot of Gold & Dinner
				IOBG Crab Feed Berkeley YC	PICYA Leadership Conf- Benicia YC	
				OD - Graham Giggins	OD - Graham Giggins	OD - Graham Giggins
22	23	24	25	CRUISE IN - CALIENTE		
				26	27	28
				7:00P Friday Night Dinner	NCPCA-2pm Delegates Meeting Bridge Marina	Full Moon
				OD - Graham Giggins	OD - Graham Giggins	OD - Graham Giggins

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Join us for  
**HAPPY HOUR**  
 Friday's 6-7pm  
**Drinks \$2**

Winter Schedule!  
 The bar will be staffed  
 by the OD from  
 4pm - 7pm on Sundays








## CLUB HOURS OF OPERATION

Friday 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
 Saturday Noon - 11:00 PM  
 Sunday 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

March 2010

Marilyn Fisher - Officer of the Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5 7:00P Friday Night Dinner OD—Pam Allen	6 9AM - Board Mtg 6:30 PM - Dinner 8:00 PM General Mtg B.I.C.C Crab Feed OD—Pam Allen	7 Dee Hicks 70th B-Day Party 2-5pm OD—Pam Allen
8	9	10	11	CRUISE IN - OXBOW YC—30TH ANNIVERSARY		
				12 7:00P Friday Night Dinner OD—Ty Silva	13 St. Patricks Day Party—RSVP  OD—Ty Silva	14 DST Begins OD—Ty Silva
15  New Moon	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 7:00P Friday Night Dinner OD—Ken Quick	20  First Day of Spring Historical Society General Membership Meeting: N-6pm B.I.W.C. Hospice Lunch OD—Ken Quick	21 Marilyn Fisher 70th B-Day Party 1-5pm
22	23	24	25	26 7:00P Friday Night Dinner OD—Sue Olsen	27  SJYC Work Party NCPCA Novice Contest @ Bridge Marina	28 RELAY FOR LIFE Luminary Party 1pm OD—Sue Olsen
29	30  Full Moon	31				

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April 2010

Keith Handy - Officer of the Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 April Fool's Day	2 Good Friday	3 <b>HONOR BAR</b>	4 <b>Easter</b>
				5	6	7
				8	9 7:00P Friday Night Dinner OD—Keith Handy	10 9AM - Board Mtg 6:30 PM - Dinner 8:00 PM General Mtg OD—Keith Handy
11						12 OD—Keith Handy
13	14	15  New Moon	16 7:00P Friday Night Dinner OD-Rick Bower	17 Opening Day on the Delta— "Building Bridges" Ducky Race OD-Rick Bower	18 B.I.C.C Chili Cook-off OD-Rick Bower	
19	20	21	22	23 7:00P Friday Night Dinner OD—Pam Allen	24 OD—Pam Allen	25  MOW Champagne Cruise Opening Day On the Bay OD—Pam Allen
26	27	28	29  Full Moon	30 7:00P Friday Night Dinner NCPCA—Stockton Cruise Out OD—Kyle Harper		

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**Fleet Captain Report:**

**PICYA:** April 25 2010 is Opening Day on San Francisco Bay, the theme this year is “ Building Bridges”.If you are interested in attending you can either go on the committee boat or enter their boat in the parade. Reservations can be made by going to: [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) where you can download either application. Please contact me if you want to make overnight reservations at a marina where you can decorate your boat before the parade. I need a definite count by March 1, 2010 so that I can finalize plans. Embroidered Techno Lite “ Opening Day on the Bay” Jackets are available for \$40.00 each at : [Shirley@embroideryfactory.com](mailto:Shirley@embroideryfactory.com) (707)746-7625

RBOC has a call to arms for our support in fighting the “Clean Marina Program”. They need our help to stop the passage of this legislature. Please sign the letters on the tables. I will send them to Sacramento.

Thank you

~ George McElvain, Fleet Captain



**Opening Day on the Delta**  
**Saturday, April 17, 2010**  
**At San Joaquin Yacht Club**  
**Come decorate your boat**  
**and join in for a parade**  
**around the Island.**  
**This year's Theme is “Building Bridges”**

**Come by boat or by car ... just come!**

### Cruise out to San Joaquin Yacht Club 2010 Cruise-out Schedule



- February 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>-Cruise out to SJYC's Valentine's Day Party & Vessel Safety check
- March 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> –Cruise out to Discovery Bay Yacht Club
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Opening Day Parade SJYC “Building Bridges”
- May 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>-Raft out (Memorial Day weekend) – Horseshoe Bend
- May 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Cruise out to Solano Yacht Club
- June 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Father's Day Cruise out to Stockton Yacht Club
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> raft out (4<sup>th</sup> of July) – TBD/Mandeville-?
- August 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Cruise out to Pittsburg Yacht Club
- September 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Raft out - TBD
- September 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Down Bay
- October 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Cruise out to Walnut Grove (TBD)
- December 11<sup>th</sup>- Lighted Boat Parade (Theme/? – member suggestions welcome)

**NCPCA Report:**

Here we are starting a new 2010 boating year. We have eight contests scheduled for this year. One novice contest will be held at [Bridge Marina Yacht Club](#) WE are looking forward to our new season. With our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up on June 26<sup>th</sup> at SJYC, there is a lot to do for our Commodore and Staff.

We have our delegates meeting coming up on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Bridge Marina Yacht Club at 1400 hours. All are welcome to join us.

Next month is our Novice Contest at Bridge Marina Yacht Club, on March 27<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 1000 hours and all interested parties are welcome. Come and join us and learn about NCPCA.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water. ~ Jack Praytor, NCPCA Delegate



**Port Captain Report:**

Hi, Got a couple of cruise-in's coming up:

The **Sea-Ray club on Feb. 20th** They will start to arrive around the Friday noon Feb.19th. They might have about 15 boats docking. They plan on departing around noon on the Sunday. They usually have a great time for themselves someone told me since they do not have a club house they do not get ashore that often. Sailors on leave!

We then have our great neighbors from the "Hood" Taylor Slough **Caliente YC**. They will be visiting the Sutter **Feb 27th** after an exhaustive voyage up the Dutch Slough. Hope they make it. It will be good to see them again after such a long time - and they are only one mile away.

In **March** we have the **Oxbow YC** visiting the Sutter for the **St Patricks event**. In addition Oxbow is going to celebrate their own 30th anniversary - so it will be a special time. It is usually a busy evening with dancing 'till late.

I'm trying to imagine the size of the cake.

That's all I got for - more next month - Take care

~ **Graham Giggins PC SJYC**

**East Contra Costa Historical Society & Museum**



**General Membership Meeting**

**San Joaquin Yacht Club**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:**

2-3 p.m. - Cocktail hour

3:00 p.m. - Corned beef & Cabbage Dinner—\$12

3:45 p.m. - short Business Meeting

**CONTACT JODY MERRIAM 925-240-0288**



**WORK PARTY'S**

— **SAVE THIS DATE** —

**Sat. Mar. 27**

**Come out and help get the club in shape for our many upcoming events!**



"Quit daydreaming and get back to work."

**EIGHT BELLS**



The San Joaquin Yacht Club extends its condolences to Past Commodore **Barbara Greve** and friends of our past member who recently passed on:

*Claire Greve*

We also send our condolences to **Dave Anderson** on the passing of his father *Andy Anderson*

*Continued from Pg 5* Subsequently, while living in San Francisco, I became addicted to ballroom dancing, spending four or more times a week doing it. Many lessons, classes, practice and partners later I entered the highly competitive and nerve-racking world of ballroom dance competitions. Frankly, I never felt like a Fred Astaire even on his worst days. Nevertheless, I was told by many that I was an excellent dancer. (Or at least that's what my memory wants to recall). Most men don't take time to learn to dance, i.e. it's not macho enough. I was sought after by lady dancers seeking a good dance partner... just reward in it.

## How to Estimate Your Distance From Shore

When the weather is clear you can easily distinguish shapes on shore. Tall houses, trees and lighthouses can be seen as far as 8 miles out. The distance you can see is relative to how far up off the water you are. For example, if you are on a small boat only 6 ft off the water, the horizon is only 2.5 miles away.

Use these general observations for determining distance from your boat:


- A light-colored sandy beach can be seen at approximately 4 miles offshore from the deck of a small boat.
- Building windows can be distinguished by day or night at about 2 miles off.
- A large buoy is visible at 2 miles.
- A small buoy is visible at 1.5 miles but color and shape will not be clear.
- The shape of a small buoy can be distinguished at about 1 mile.
- The color of a large buoy can be distinguished at about 1 mile.
- A person is seen as a moving black dot at a distance of 1 mile.
- Movement of a person's legs or arms can be distinguished at about 1200 ft.

The biggest reward was that I met my wife, Mikyong, ballroom dancing. I saw her gracefully floating across the dance floor one evening in 1999 at our mutual dance studio in Emeryville (Allegro Ballroom, still going strong). I wasn't about to let this lady get away, and I didn't. We danced together the rest of the evening. Many other guys wanted to dance with her but were not allowed to because I wouldn't let her go. I thought those guys were ready to lynch me that night right there on the dance floor. We got married in 2002 and are still very active ballroom dancers. Originally from Seoul, South Korea, Mikyong had never been to the Delta and was not familiar to boating or fishing. After being introduced to many areas of the Delta she loves it here as well as boating and has the "magic touch" for fishing as well.

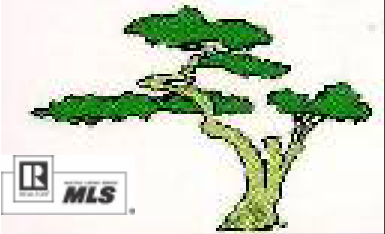
We now own a 25' Bayliner cruiser, named "Gotta Dance". Mrs. Lima has dreams of having a "real boat" i.e. 32', or larger, with a fly bridge, twin engines and air conditioning. Besides spending time boating, we regularly drive different islands, towns and other places within the Delta. Each has its own charm. We go on many big ship commercial cruises e.g. Royal Caribbean, as well. Love that pampered treatment.

Several years ago, we bought a home at Oxbow Marina and kept our Bayliner there. In January 2009, we moved boat and all to Bethel Island, on Stone Road, just houses away from the SJYC and joined the SJYC in June. Now I enjoy contributing to the club as its Treasurer and being on the Board of Directors.


That is how that little Rowboat in Capitola led me, then us, to The Delta and the SJYC.



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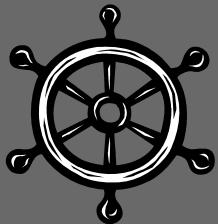


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