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Amazing Winter Beauty in the Delta ... taken from Potato Slough looking towards Mt. Diablo

**APRIL 2011**

## WILLOW BERM'S 10TH ANNUAL SPRING HARBOR PARTY— SAT, MAY 14TH!



Our Spring Harbor Party is coming up on Saturday, May 14th, starting at 1pm.

New ownership of Willow Berm took over on May 7, 2001. With that new ownership, a new and fun tradition began. As a show of appreciation, Willow Berm began hosting a Spring Harbor Party for tenants and guests. It has become a great way to kick-off the boating season.



This year we have a special treat in store. Our very own Eldon Bell and his band "Five Point O" will be performing. They are a unique group of extremely talented professional musicians



who produce smooth and energetic R&B, Rock & Roll as well as many classics. We're excited to have them "spice up" our party!

Talking about spicing things up, Back Forty Catering Company



will be back to serve their delicious barbeque fare.



So, mark your calendars and get your dancing shoes ready!

## CALENDER OF DELTA EVENTS

- Mar 19: Delta Farmers Market Re-Opens—** Daily 10am-6pm—2510 Hwy 12, Isleton. Expanded Sales Area including Beer and Wine. [www.deltafarmersmarket.com](http://www.deltafarmersmarket.com)
- Apr 1: Riverboat Restaurant Re-Opens!**
- Apr 2-3: Clarksburg Wine Growers Spring Fling** Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg 11am-5pm [www.clarksburgwinegrowers.org](http://www.clarksburgwinegrowers.org)
- Apr 9: Pittsburg Yacht Club Annual Opening Day parade and Blessing of the Fleet** 12pm (925)427-6250
- Apr 14-15, 17-18: Sacramento Yacht Club Cruise-in to Willow Berm**
- Apr 15-17: Stockton Asparagus Festival** Downtown Stockton 10am-7pm <http://asparagusfest.com>
- Apr 16: Stockton Yacht Club Annual Opening Day on the Delta** 1:30pm San Joaquin River and Calaveras River (209)401-7545
- Apr 16-18: Pacific Powerboat Expo and the Strictly Sail Pacific** Jack London Square in Oakland [www.ncma.com](http://www.ncma.com)
- Apr 23: Korth's Pirates Lair Gift Ship Re-Opens!** Saturdays & Sundays 10am-3pm (916)777-4722
- Apr 29- May 1: Riverview Yacht Club Cruise-in to Willow Berm**
- May 1: PICYA 94th Annual Opening Day on the Bay** [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org)
- May 1: Lodi Chamber "Street Faire"** 8am-4pm [frontdesk@lodichamber.com](mailto:frontdesk@lodichamber.com)
- May 7: Delta Loop Fest** [www.deltaloop.com](http://www.deltaloop.com)
- May 7: Willow Berm Marina Celebrates it's 10-year Anniversary under current Ownership!**
- May 14: Willow Berm Spring Party! Private Party for our Tenants and Guests 1pm-5pm RSVP (916)777-6313**
- May 15: Lodi Chamber "School Street Stroll"** 6pm-9pm (209)367-7840
- May 27-30: Memorial Weekend Holiday! Caliente Yacht Club Cruise-in To Willow Berm**
- May 22: Windmill Cove Fishing Derby** (916)768-0938 or [windmillcove.com](http://windmillcove.com)
- June 5: San Joaquin Yacht Harbor—Jazz & Wine Festival** (510)236-6016
- June 17-19: Isleton Chamber Cajun Festival** (916)777-4800



### Local Restaurant Hours & Events

- Korth's Pirates' Lair Cafe:** OPEN 7 DAYS! 8am-3pm (916)777-6565 [www.korthsmarina.com](http://www.korthsmarina.com)
- Happy Harbor:** OPEN 7 DAYS! Mon—Thur 10am—10pm, Fri-Sat-Sun 8am-2am. Music Fri & Sat. 9pm-1, Sun 2-6pm [www.happy-harbor.com](http://www.happy-harbor.com) (916)777-6575
- Spindriff Restaurant:** OPEN Wed-Thurs 3pm-8pm, Fri 3pm-9pm, Sat 8am-9pm, Sun 8am-8pm.
- Happy Hour Mon-Fri 3pm-6pm Bar Only \$2 Soft Tacos** [www.thespindriff.com](http://www.thespindriff.com) (916)777-4945
- Riverboat Restaurant:** Re-opening April 1. [www.moorestriverboat.com](http://www.moorestriverboat.com) (916)777-4884
- Peter's Steak House:** OPEN 7 DAYS! Lunch 11am-3pm, Dinner 5-9pm (916)777-6004
- Guisti's:** OPEN Tues-Sun Lunch 11:30 -2pm, Dinner 5-10pm (916)776-1808 [www.gjustis.com](http://www.gjustis.com)
- Point Waterfront Restaurant:** OPEN Tues-Sun Lunch & Dinner 11am-9pm. Champagne Buffet Brunch Sundays 10am-1pm. Tuesday 2 for 1 Lobster Dinner 29.95. TGIF Friday Happy Hour with Free Appetizer Buffet 4-6pm & LIVE MUSIC 6pm.



### SHED - NEW BERTHERS

- D — Mark Wheeler & Jill Sommerville
- I — Joe & Mabelle Bello



## Member Profile

"Happy Ours" has been an important part of the McClenahan family since 1969, when Jim and Barbara McClenahan purchased their Houseboat brand new. This 46' Classic Chris Craft Aqua Home was unique in it's time. Only 212 hulls were made. When it was introduced, the 46' Aqua Home was often compared to a 2-bedroom apartment.

In 1987, "Happy Ours" moved to Willow Berm Marina where it has made its home for the past 24 years. With a 15' beam and two levels, it has provided ample space for the McClenahan clan which, over the years has grown to 8 kids, 23 grandkids and 28 great-grandkids. Barbara loved that she had plenty of room for her growing family to enjoy their time on the river.



The McClenahans have always considered Willow Berm their "other Home". Barbara felt very secure and really enjoyed the beauty of the grounds. They especially have loved the great access to deep water. It's just a short distance to one of their favorite all-time places to cruise in to, Delta Yacht Club, on Tule Island. They joined this family-oriented yacht club early on and are now in their third generation of family members there.



Over the years, Gary, the youngest of eight kids, became more involved with the boat. When Barbara passed in 2002, Gary took over ownership. In 2006, Gary took the Chris out of the water and began an extensive restoration. He gutted and completely revamped everything. Now he spends as much time as he can on the boat with his Yellow Lab, Sky. Gary's three kids also love spending time on the boat.



Gary is looking forward to many more years of special memories with his family and friends. The tradition continues as Gary's grandson has been introduced to boating, and inevitably, will be at the helm of "Happy Ours".

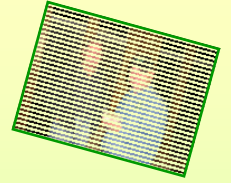


## LAST FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS

of the Season on Friday, March 25th!

In the Clubhouse 7pm.

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## Captain Pat's Boating Tips



Spring is finally here... sort of. Those of you who spent the winter either ignoring your boat or using it for a condo, may be thinking, as I am, that soon it will be time to leave the slip and go on an outing. Some, like me, will want to drop a hook at their favorite anchorage. Others may just want to go on a day cruise or overnight at another marina.

To help ensure a pleasant and safe outing, here are some suggestions of things to do before leaving the slip. Batteries are the heart of systems when underway or not plugged in. Be sure and check water levels and terminal connections. Check the oil and fan belts on engines and generator. If you run on diesel, check your see- thru fuel filters for clarity. Start engines and gen and check for water flow at exhaust. If the flow seems weak, first check the sea strainers. If they are clear, it may be time for new impellers. Check windlass (both up and down). Check navigator and anchor lights, horn, and VHF. If you have a dinghy, make sure it will start before Fido or Hallie have to go to the beach.

Lastly, inventory safety equipment (PFD's, fire extinguishers, etc) and make sure your paperwork is handy and in order (ownership docs, current registration or documentation, insurance papers, federal and state laws and regulations, etc). It's also a good idea to have the latest Yachtsman's Marina Guide on board so you have the phone numbers of places you may be thinking about visiting. Consider having a free safety inspection done by the Power Squadron or CG Auxiliary. Law enforcement often has a large presence on the water in springtime to ensure compliance.



Gracing the cover of the March 2011

Yachtsman Magazine is our very own Shawn Ball aboard the magnificent "Sea Gal" with husband Doug Ball at the helm. They have been tenants here at Willow Berm Marina with their