

Since we have renewals for the month of June and there will be no regular membership meeting nor a board meeting, I am combining this message to cover May and June.

- **Renewals** -- As I said, renewal is the biggest thing we have going for the month of June. The dates at the VFW hall, from 4-8 pm, are June 12 (Tuesday) and June 21 (Thursday). The final date to renew will be at the Port in the upper parking lot (by the fire burn bins) on June 23 from 9 to noon.
- **Drowning** -- As most of you have heard by now, there was a drowning at the port in late May. Three fishermen (non-members) in a small aluminum boat launched on the south bank in heavy winds. The boat flipped over and two of them (wearing life vests) were rescued. The third (do not know if he had a life vest on or not), is presumed drowned. The wife of the drowned victim called Steve Rath two days after the drowning and asked if her family was able to get a boat could they use our launch to search for the body. Steve called me and I said absolutely, but make sure the boat is big enough and safe enough to carry out their search mission because we do not want another incident. Steve was going to get together with our Port Captain Charlie Kite to co-ordinate the launch. **WEAR YOUR LIFE VESTS!!!!**
- **Elections** -- Even though elections for board and officer positions do not take place until December, I will keep hammering monthly from now until December the need to step up and volunteer for the open positions. Those positions are Vice Commodore, Secretary, Purser, and two board of directors. Currently the Vice Commodore is **Thurman Watson**, who volunteered to take the vacant position and whose term is for only the end of this year. Hopefully Thurman will consider running for a full two-year term. Also filling in a position that was vacated in the middle of a term is **Guy Brown**, our secretary. That term also ends this year. Hopefully, Guy will also consider running for a full two-year term. If you have not noticed, Guy has spent an incredible amount of time updating, documenting and creating records and information that will make it easier and consistent for all who follow in any board position. **Sonja Craighton** has been the purser for three years (taking over the position for a year when it was vacated and then elected for a two-year term in 2017). She has done her duties long enough and now it is time for someone else to step up. Thank you Sonja. The two board positions are part of the regular two-year rotation.
- **Picnic and steak dinner** – As I mentioned in my last message, the attendance and purchase of raffle tickets were pretty grim at the April Steak dinner. At our annual picnic in May, attendance was once again smaller than usual, as was raffle ticket sales. As a result, both events suffered heavy financial losses. Under our non-profit qualification, we are listed as a social club and part of being a social club is offering things for its members. I have no problem offering such things as steak dinners and picnics and having the club subsidize a portion of it keeping the costs minimal for the members. But at some point, as a board, we will need to look at just how much it makes sense financially to continue with larger than usual losses. Plus, my feeling is that if we have a small amount of members attending these events, perhaps the interest is just not there and maybe we should try and do something different for our members.
- **Speaking of events** – Our first potluck at the port will be June 20 (Wednesday) from 4:30-6 p.m. The club provides the main dish and sodas and water. There is no cost but you must bring another dish to share. You may also bring a table and set up to sell any fishing equipment you want. **FISHING EQUIPMENT ONLY!!** Also, you must take home any unsold items. Do not leave anything for the club to pick up or store or throw away, please, as we will **NOT** do that.
- **Ramp update** – At our last general membership meeting in May at the VFW Hall I was giving an update on the ramp and the need to get a professional outfit to come in and tell

us what we need to do and give us an approximate cost when member Calvin Gladden stepped up and offered his services. Gladden is an engineer and worked for and now with a firm that builds ramps up and down the Sacramento River and Delta. Gladden and others came out the next week and assessed the situation and work is doable, but will be costly, and will need permits. I think we all knew it would be costly and we will have to figure out a way to pay for it, but the permit process (which will also probably be costly) will also be a headache, considering we will have to deal with multiple state and city agencies. Gladden is scheduling a meeting with his crew and myself and a couple other members I have chosen who have done work on the ramp over the years, and we will be given more information on what should be done and what permits will be needed. It is a start of probably a long process, but a process and job that needs to be done. We are not ADA compliant at the port, the ramp is less than safe (we had a claim in 2017 when someone slipped suffered injuries and our insurance got involved). **WE CANNOT IGNORE THE RAMP AND WHAT WILL BE NEEDED TO BE DONE, WHATEVER THE COSTS.**