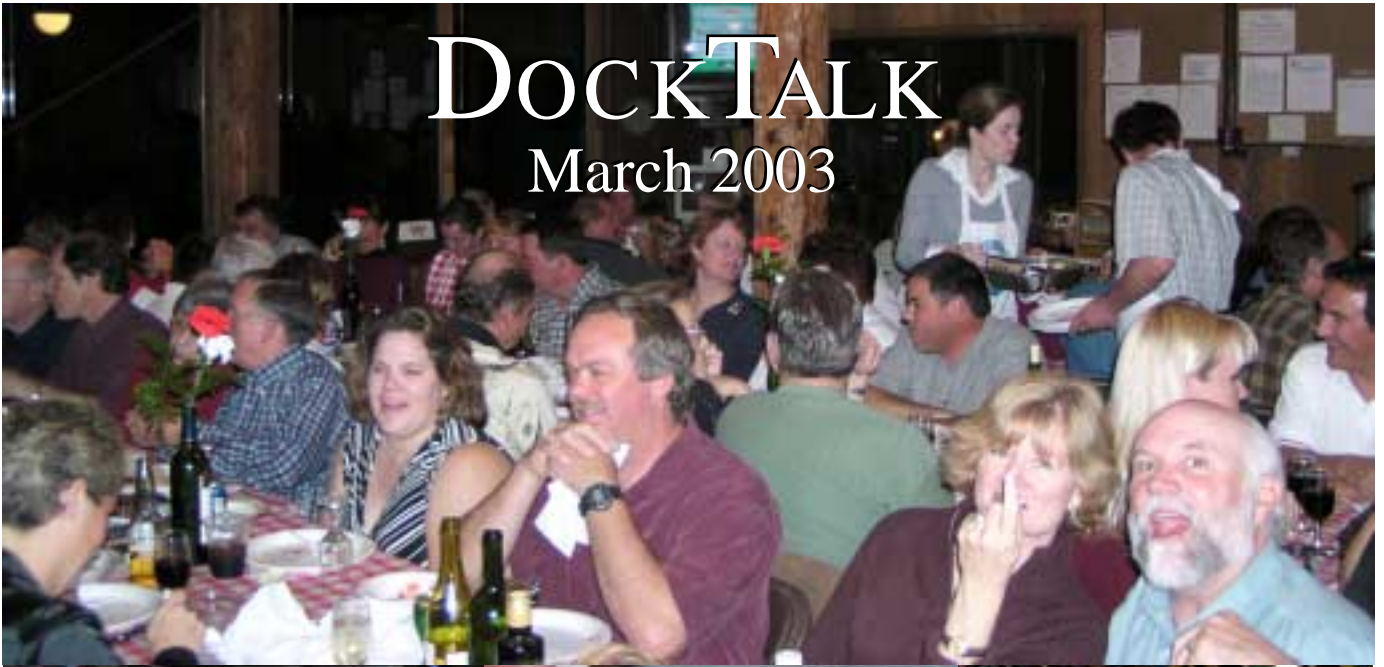


# DOCK TALK

March 2003



*Another Fabulous Crab Feed!*

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## DOCKTALK

A monthly newsletter written and published by the SSC club members.  
All stories and events must be related to sailing or the SSC.

## SUBMISSIONS

### DEADLINE THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH!

*All articles and ad can be submitted earlier than the 20th!*

If you have an event that will be taking place between the 20 and the 25th and would like to reserve space, please contact the editor asap.

**Articles, Classified and Event Ads:** Can be e-mailed to docktalk@stocktonsc.org. Please write your articles in Microsoft Word and send them as an attachment and/or paste the information into the body of the e-mail. All classifieds need to have a price and all articles and stories need to be signed. The Editor reserves the right to edit or not print anything submitted.

**Digital Photos:** Are preferred. Please save them as a medium to high resolution for the best looking images. They may be left on a zip or floppy disk in the Editor's box in the SSC club house. You may also e-mail stuffed or zip images. *Please do not send several photos in one e-mail; download time can be a nightmare. I would rather receive 10 e-mails than have the machine crash!* Also, please identify the place, event and/or person(s) in the photos.

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# Commodore's Comments



As I write this March Commodores Comment article, I am looking out my window at the beautiful blossoms lining the street. It's warm, the sun is shining and I'm wondering what happened to winter. Now don't get me wrong, I do not miss the fog one bit, but will this great weather continue on to opening day? If it does, do we have to plan for a huge crowd at the sailing club? And if doesn't will anyone show up? Or will the attendance be somewhere in between. Oh worry, worry, and worry! But wait a minute, that's not my worry; we have another one of those wonderful volunteer committees that will make everything just happen! I feel better now. You know, this is our "70th YEAR OPENING DAY ANNIVERSARY". That is pretty special! I think I'll plan on being there - How about you?

Another item that is on my mind is the major expenditure that is under way to rebuild "D" dock. I really have a problem signing "big" checks, especially when the club is trying to watch its bank account so closely. But deep in my heart I know we have to maintain our assets value and keep the club the shining example that it is. We are doing the right thing here. The Harbor and Facilities and FBLI Committees and the Board of Directors all agree on this one. The project will go forward!

Our spring "Spruce Up the Club" Volunteer day is going to be scheduled for the 15th of March. Look for the notice in Dock Talk and try to schedule some time if you can. There is a sign up sheet in the Clubhouse.

John and I were chatting with acquaintances from Michigan a few days ago and the subject of sailing came up. I mentioned that we were about to start our "busy" season as opposed to our "slow" season. The comeback was that their river access to Lake Michigan does not even thaw until late March or early April and the Yacht Club that they belong to does not open until the first of May. Are we "SPOILED" or what! The month of March already finds most of us starting our final boat maintenance projects for the season. In March, cruising starts with three events on the calendar and racing with five events on the calendar. To top this all off, the "D" dock rebuild will start! "Busy - Busy" may change to "Hectic - Hectic" and that always requires extra "Patience - Patience"!

Thank you all for your "Help and Support" this year. It really creates a great working atmosphere for everyone (especially me)!

*Debbie Walker*  
Commodore

## Saturday: April 5<sup>th</sup>

**OPENING DAY**  
SATURDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>  
It's going to be a big one!

**The SSC will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary of good times and sailing!**

**There will be the Blessing of the Fleet, Boat Decorating, the Boat Parade, Music, Remote Control Laser Racing, Dinghy Races and possibly a raffle for a new RC Laser.**

**At 4:00pm, a FREE chicken dinner for the first 100. A donation to the SSC Juniors request.**



## March 15<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer Day



**Volunteer Day**  
Saturday, March 15.

**Schedule for the Day**

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Donuts, coffee and work assignments</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Free lunch.</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Long Distance Race #1</b>
<b>1:30-?</b>	<b>Enjoy our wonderful Sailing Club</b>

## BOARD MINUTES



Unapproved: Tuesday, February 11, 2003  
Commodore Debbie Walker called meeting to order at 19:04.

Present: Debbie Walker, Jim Hachman, Al Farnum, Chris Shepherd, Chuck Jones, Mike Stefani and Harold Farley.

Absent: Terri Hawkins, Ed Almaas and Dana Smith.

Guests: Susan McLain, Bob Hurst and Ray Hawkins.

Motion to approve agenda. Shepherd/Hachman (MSP).

### AMEND UNAPPROVED MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

- Motion to change employee health insurance coverage from Cal Choice to Kaiser and include an additional benefit of dental coverage at a total monthly benefit cost of \$942 effective immediately.
- Motion to fill septic system tanks and remove toilets in such a way as to make future city sewer hookup cost effective and restroom space usable for storage.
- Motion to establish a standard pour of 1.5 ounces of alcohol per drink in Clubhouse Rules.

Motion to approve January 14, 2003 minutes as amended.

Lopez/Stefani (MSP)

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Rosalee Schimpf sent a thank you card for being given the Bonnie Mae Wilkinson Award.
- Mary Conway sent information regarding the success of her daughters in sailing programs at their respective colleges. She credits this success to the SSC Junior program.
- Al and Lilly Kite request leave of absence. Motion to approve. Shepherd/Farley (MSP).
- Request by Elizabeth Perrott to use clubhouse for a children's Valentine Luncheon February 12, 2003 between 12:00 and 2:45 pm. Motion to deny. Farley/Shepherd (MSF).
- Request by Elizabeth Perrott to use clubhouse/retreat area for daughter's birthday party March 1, 2003 between 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Motion to approve request for **Retreat Area ONLY**. Stefani/Lopez (MSP).
- Area G of US Sailing requests we send a representative for a new organization that will work to expand and improve junior regattas and clinics in the bay area.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Memorial Bench

The House Committee recommended a bench be placed on the sailing club grounds in remembrance of Lyle Werner. Motion to approve installation of a Dura Bench for Lyle Werner memorial to be set on a concrete pad. Farnum/Hachman (MSP)

### D Dock Rebuild

- Debbie Walker would like to thank the sub-committee of Larry Hawkins, Rich Birchfield, Mark Almquist and Bob Hurst for the research and preparation done in its request for bid. This sub-committee did an incredible job.
- Harbor and Facilities Committee recommends acceptance of bid from California Custom Docks Corporation. Motion to accept bid from California Custom Docks Corporation (\$78,940 including performance bond) with work to begin March 18, 2003 and be completed in 30+ days. Lopez/Shepherd (MSP) Referred to FBI for review of contract.
- Motion to accommodate boats of D dock in the harbor or elsewhere, not to exceed \$5/ft. during construction. Hachman/Shepherd (MSP)

### Harbor Rental Agreement

Susan McLain submitted rental agreement provided by Alan Weaver of Marina Village, Alameda. Referred to FBI for review.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### PICYA Officer Training

Debbie Walker, Terri Hawkins and possibly Jim Hachman to attend February 22, 2003 meeting at Pittsburg Yacht Club.

#### Learn to Sail Grant

Grant financing has not been reduced thus far. Tom Lueck has expressed interest in being adult associated with the program. Jared and Laura Hachman will instruct. Andy Goodman may instruct part of the summer. March 11, 2003 is scholarship deadline.

#### Club Steward Temporary Employee

Motion to go into closed session. Farley/Lopez (MSP). Ray Hawkins invited to stay. Motion to go out of closed session. Stefani/Farley (MSP)

Motion to increase salary of Facilities Manager, Susan McLain by 6.24%. Shepherd/Lopez (MSP)

Motion to authorize Susan McLain to hire a temporary club steward through July 31, 2003. Hiring to be within the policies and by-laws of SSC. Hachman/Stefani (MSP)

#### Opening Day

April 5, 2003 is Opening Day and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SSC. Harold Farley, Mike Stefani and Bonnie Lopez will work with Social and Cruise for ideas to celebrate in a larger than usual manner.

#### Ditch Run Regatta

Volunteers needed!

#### Manager's Report

Discussion of current copying costs. Icon Copier Service can provide a network copier (including supplies and service;



excluding paper) for \$285/month. This would be a substantial savings; useful for Regatta Committee and Junior Programs. Motion to rent office network copier at \$285/month from Icon Copier Service. Stefani/Lopez (MSP)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FBLI – Al Farnum**

Presented Budget Procedures and Assumptions, a proposed budget for year ending March 31, 2004 and unapproved financial statements from period ending March 31, 2002 through period ending January 31, 2003. Board members are to review unapproved financial statements for approval at March board meeting.

**Harbor and Facilities – Chris Shepherd**

- Group to replace three broken windows in clubhouse within two months.
- Roof replacement. Received one bid of \$28,700. Committee would like to see a new A/C unit before installation of roof. Also asking for ductwork into the kitchen and boardroom.
- General Maintenance. Fire extinguishers on docks need service. Susan McLain will have Gary check extinguishers as service was done last month.
- D Dock work is proceeding.
- Water line leak to Purrfect Point has been repaired. We will complete the job ourselves.
- Club boats need repair and maintenance. Crash boats are needed for High School Regatta March 8-9.
- An Ad hoc committee will be established to look into requirements of a new crash boat. A recommendation will be ready for next board meeting.

**House Committee – Debbie Walker**

- Phil Hendrix is continuing work on the bar drink

cost study.

- The committee would like future donations made in remembrance of loved ones used to purchase additional benches.

**Membership Committee – Bonnie Lopez**

Paul Hefener and Terri Jang-Hefener submitted an application for membership. Glen and JoAnne Robinson submitted an application for membership. Motion to approve. Shepherd/Hachman (MSP)

**Membership Committee – Bonnie Lopez (cont.)**

Membership Promotion. Susan McLain to enclose a flyer encouraging SSC membership in non-member tenant bills.

**Regatta Committee – Bonnie Lopez**

Dinghy racing to commence Saturdays beginning in mid-April. The series will consist of two races each Saturday for four Saturdays (total of eight races). Snipes, Lasers and one other category of boat will be invited to race.

**Social and Cruise – Harold Farley**

The Sweetheart Cruise took place and everyone had a wonderful time. Village West Yacht Club was fabulous. The committee would like us to reciprocate with a weekend for them to enjoy our club. Referred back to Social and Cruise.

**Junior Committee – Debbie Walker**

- What kind of dinghy should the committee be recommending for addition to the fleet? Possible choice is the Optimist Dinghy.
- High School Regatta is March 8 – 9. Volunteers are needed.

Motion to adjourn. Jones/Lopez (MSP)

Meeting adjourned at 22:43.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Terri Hawkins*

*March 1st–2nd*

**Stag Cruise 2003**

**Come join Us for the  
Stockton Sailing Club 2003  
Stag Cruise March 1st & 2nd.**

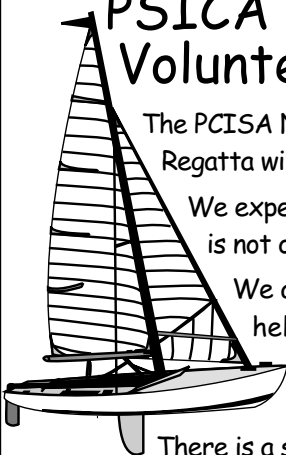
**Foster's Place on Hogg island**  
**Diner Saturday night**  
**& breakfast**  
**Sunday morning**  
**will be provided**  
**\$7.50 per person**  
**Sign up in club house**  
**or call Budge Humphreys**  
**for more info 957-4828**



**A good time shall be had by all !**

*March 8th–9th*

**PSICA NorCal #5  
Volunteers Needed!**



The PCISA NorCal #5 High School  
Regatta will be on March 8-9.

We expect 20 to 30 teams. The event  
is not open to individuals.

We are looking for volunteers to  
help with running the races,  
scoring, food services,  
and logistics.

There is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse.  
Or call Jim Hachman.

### HISTORY FOR LUNCH

On Wed. Feb. 13, eleven students of the San Joaquin Co. Historical Museum's Living History Camp visited to have lunch on the deck and learn a little of the history of our club. We seldom think of our club as a historic organization, but for these students, sailing and the SSC is historic since most of them were born in the 1990s. As I was giving them a condensed version of our history they had the good fortune to witness a laden freighter and tug approach our port, as ships have done for 150 years. One student had learned to sail at our club and several others had experiences on the C.A. Thayer and Alma. The students also had a chance to walk our dryyard and study and compare the various underbodies of sailing vessels and then tour "the work in progress" Restless, CT 41. These 6th, 7th, and 8th graders had a serious learning experience for lunch thanks to the pioneering spirit of our founders and the members and good stewards since. So thanks fellow club members, we do make a difference even when we are just having fun.

*Mike Bennett*



*Mike and his History Camp Students*



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DELTA?

Hal Schell has been reporting on the comings and goings in the CA. Delta for a few decades now. In more recent times he has moved off the waterways and asphalt sloughs to do some of his reporting via the "Information Super Highway"—aka, the Internet.

Hal's monthly e-mail newsletter, *California Delta Scuttlebutt*, offers a mixture of history, nostalgia and hard news, along with info on the openings and closings of the Delta watering holes – and even scuttlebutt on who is catching fish where and on what bait.

You can subscribe to the newsletter by sending a blank e-mail to: [calif-delta-on@mail-list.com](mailto:calif-delta-on@mail-list.com) Please, do not send money. The only way you can get this newsletter is to get it free.

### Sweetheart Cruise 2003

The Sweetheart Cruise which was the very first cruise of the year went quite smoothly. For the past years it was always gloomy, wet and nasty. For this year's cruise to the Village West Marina, the weather was warm and cooperative. Hor'd'erves was terrific and everyone has full tummies before going to dinner. There were 13 boats in total. Everybody had a good relaxing and lazy day, told stories, jokes while munching and visiting each others boat all afternoon.

The Brazils, Birchfields and Stones won the best decorated boat. The Stewarts, Stones and Stiles won the hor'd'erves which the judges find it so hard to come up with a winner since everything on the table was so good and all the presentation was fantastic.

Saturday ended up with a delicious dinner at the Village West YC. It was really quite a night, with raffle prizes in between dinner and everybody just danced the night and had fun.

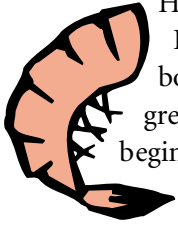
*Rose Eberhart, co-Sweetheart Cruise host*

*Saturday, March 15th*

**LONG DISTANCE  
RACE #1  
12:00 START**



# From the Farley's Galley



Hi cruisers...

If you don't have a pressure cooker on your boat, get one. They make small ones that work great especially since our stove tops are small to begin with. For this recipe all you need is a two burner stove.

## SHRIMP AND SNOW PEAS

- 1 Tbs vegetable oil                    1/2 tsp salt
- 4 ounces snow peas                    1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/4 cup sliced red pepper            1 1/2 cups water
- 2 cloves garlic                        1 cup chopped tomato
- 1 lbs medium shrimp, shelled, deveined
- 3-4 Tbs half-and-half

Cooked tortellini *or* other pasta

Heat oil in pressure cooker over medium heat. Sauté snow peas, red pepper, and garlic until tender. Stir in shrimp, tomato, salt, pepper, and water. Close cover securely. Place pressure regulator on vent pipe. COOK 2 MINUTES at 15 pounds pressure. Quick cool cooker. Drain off excess liquid. Stir in half-and-half. Serve over tortellini. Serves 4



*In a stew, Harold Farley*

# Casual Cruise

Hi cruisers...March casual cruise? We're going to Grindstone Joes. See you there, Honu

*Harold & Susan Farley*

*Sundays, March-June*

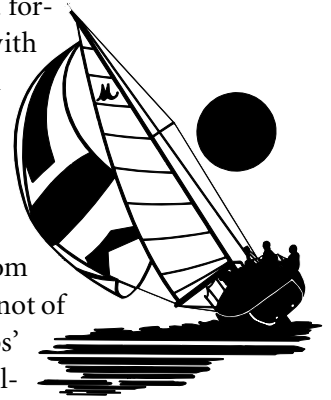
**WANTED**

We need boats for Class C Spring Series, we only have three. Please, please all Cals, 2-27s or 27s, Catalinas and whatever sign up now. We will help you do everything (get a PHRF, buy the beer, help find crew, whatever your problem is that is preventing you from racing we will help you overcome it. Rich Birchfield, birch227@attbi.com

# ADVENTURES IN PARADISE

## The Crew that Grew

The Stockton Sailing Club is indeed fortunate to be made up of people with many and varied talents (other than sailing abilities).

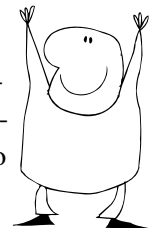
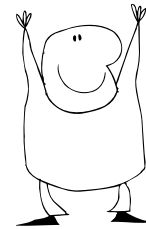


There is an exclusive and small group (small only in numbers) at the Stockton Sailing Club whom has gained a large amount of notoriety from displaying a particular talent. This knot of people has added much to the club's own prominence. By volunteering its' service and talent this assemblage of people has come to the aid of many noteworthy club functions. This group is also known for being short (only in speech and patience) and brusque with inquires concerning favoritism.

Many a time the premature retirement of this group has been announced. But on every occasion when a special call to arms goes out concerning a worthwhile function that would benefit the club, this extremely prominent group of bodies answers with resounding enthusiasm (sometimes at first, not always positive).

This group is also exclusive. So exclusive that a new member can only qualify if that individual personally approaches the groups' executive membership and is approved by a 100% vote of that groups' executive membership (the makeup of the executive membership a closely guarded and held secret known only to and by the executive membership). There are many requirements to become a member of this group. Talent for performing is only one. Endurance, creativity, resourcefulness, stature and ingenuity are also part of this group's recipe book. This troop has a unique name that is well known. A new member was recently enrolled (like another well known organization, membership is for life) and shortly after reexamining the physical makeup of its' membership, the group decided to alter its' name to more fully symbolize its' title.

*Bartholomew Negro*



**SOCIAL & CRUISE**



The Sweetheart Cruise enjoyed the rare good fortune of a bright and sunny weekend while snacking on hors-d'oeuvres to "die for". Our hats off to the Eberhards and Humphreys for organizing this event!

The Crab Feed was a tremendous success. With a little coaxing of the crab gods everyone went home with happy tummies. Way to go Full Ton Crew & Juniors!



Mike Stefani and his culinary crew outdid themselves for our Valentines Dinner. The roast pork feast gets a four star rating. We are happy to learn that our board members will each be taking a month encouraging members to sign up for Friday night dinners.

*March Friday Night Dinner Calendar includes*

**March 7th:** Camarenas, Chicken

**March 14th:** Andrew/Farnums, Corned Beef & Cabbage

**March 21st:** Faye & Pete Roberts/ Larry Burton & Shawna Cantrell, TBA

**March 28th:** Still looking...any takers?



*Cruises and Socials coming up...*

- Stag Cruise, March 1st, Hog Island, Argh matey, no wenches allowed!

- Grindstone Joe's, March 22-23rd, Volunteers needed. Can you lend a hand? The Casual Cruises are going!

- Opening Day, April 5th. Wow! Did you know SSC is celebrating its 70th anniversary? We'll have boat decorating, music, Remote Control Laser Racing, Dinghy Races and possibly a raffle for a new RC Laser. Mark your calendars!

- Children's' Events, we'd love to have a member(s) with small children or grandchildren help organize one or two special events for our younger members. (E.g. Easter egg hunt, etc.) Contact Anna, Kathleen or Rose if you're interested.



- Ladies' Luncheon, Sat, May 3rd
- Swap Meet, May 10th
- Hot August Nights, August 16th,
- Blue Water Cruise to Monterey, Sept 13-20th, Peter Hines
- Tinsley Island Cruise, October 11th

The next Social/Cruise Committee meeting will be Saturday, March 8th, 9am. Join us!

*Sincerely, Kathleen Hester*

**HARBOR & FACILITIES**

*D Dock Rebuild Project*

The Board of Directors has accepted a bid from California Custom Docks Corporation to rebuild the headwalk of D dock. Although plans are only tentative at this time, the approximate starting date for the in harbor construction will be April 7th. The contractor believes that the work should take 3 - 4 weeks. There will be some inconvenience to members and tenants who are currently berthed on D dock, but it is our hope that D dockers will put the club's interest above their own personal interest and help us through this period of construction. In return for this inconvenience, they will ultimately return to a better home. We will attempt to accommodate the various boats from "D" dock at other locations in the harbor. Since we are currently near capacity in the harbor we may find it necessary to find berthing for a few boats at another marina. Any members who are planning on leaving the harbor during the month of April please contact Susan at the office so that we may utilize your slip during this time of construction.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Phil Hendrix is continuing work on the bar drink cost study and operations "efficiency" studies of the club house. The club has hired Phil for a short period of time to act as the Club Steward. During this time, guidelines and a plan will be written for the official hiring of a Club Steward.

The committee has also been working on memorial donation plan for purchases of benches and/or a tiled wall. Many great ideas have been discussed in regards to this. Hopefully this month will present our final recommendations to the Board.

*Thursday March 20th, 7:00pm*

**Fleet Night #3!**

**All Skippers, Racers, Crew, "want to be a racer" and/or race volunteers Should Attend!**

**Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 19:00hr**  
**There's going to be Food, Fun & Sailing Talk!**

Topics:  
 TBA

Bring your ideas for ways to make the racing new, different and/or more fun!  
 Bring your non-SSC-member crew too!! All are Welcome!!





**PCISA NORCAL #5 REGATTA**

Come out and watch Northern California's best high school sailors in action. The PCISA NorCal #5 High School Regatta will be held on March 8-9 at the Stockton Sailing Club.

Racing will take place roughly 11AM-4PM each day. We should have twenty to thirty teams from Northern California. This event is being organized by Jim Hachman and Gary Frush and will involve many volunteers from the SSC and Lincoln High School.

The races are sailed in Club Flying Juniors and is open to teams representing PCISA member schools. The Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association (PCISA) sponsors high school sailing in California and Hawaii. PCISA is a member of the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA). The local team represents Lincoln High School and is comprised of Stockton Sailing Club junior members that are enrolled there.

We can always use more volunteers to help with running the races, scoring, food services, and logistics. Contact Jim Hachman at 474-6659, or email [jmhach@stocktonsc.org](mailto:jmhach@stocktonsc.org) to volunteer.

More information about high school sailing and PCISA can be found at: <http://www.pcisa.org>.

*Jim Hachman*

**From the Harbor Office**

*The club is missing two items:*

A battery from the Hard-bottom inflatable (we have since replaced it with the battery from the Whaler).

12'-14' Fiberglass construction ladder missing from inside the shop.

*Susan*

*March, 22nd-23rd*

**Grindstone Joes Cruise**  
*Details and sign up-sheet will be in the Club House*  
 \$30 per boat per night, billed to our account  
 Please note the new weekend date!



**Did You Know**

This writer was appointed the SSC Safety Advisor Officer. This position was developed by the PICYA as a means of advising club members of "Security Updates" caused by the recently heightened terrorist levels which have increased the need for safety and security measures in the US ports and waterways.


As this program is being developed, if you have ideas, comments, or questions concerning security update or vessel safety, please contact me. These Security Updates are posted in the Club House and will be in Dock Talk. Plans are to include these security updates on the Stockton Sailing Club website.

A sailor who does not know his knots is like a ship without a rudder.

*Happy Safe Sailing, Al*

*Saturday, May 10th*

**Start cleaning out the Garage and the Boat. The Annual SSC Swap Meet is Coming.**




*Saturday May 3rd*

*"Book" the day and time:*

**Great Looks, Great Books**

2003 Ladies Day  
 Lunch & Fashion Show  
 Saturday  
 May 3  
 12 noon



For more information:  
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# THE RACE SHEET

DOCKTALK'S CLUB AND MEMBER'S RACING NEWS

MARCH 2003

## DINGHY RACING

Something new this year for all of our rising young and not so young sailors. It is dinghy racing and it will be a 6 race calendar for small boats. The goal is to get wet, go fast and have fun. Trophies will be awarded for best 5 of 6 races (one throw-out) for each division.

Six sign-ups per class are necessary to establish a fleet. So far Snipes, Lasers, 505s, International 14's, Lightnings, and an Intergalactic Scow are ready to race. All dinghies, centerboard boats and misc. mono hulls are invited to race.

### *Dinghy Racing Schedule* *All Races Start at 1pm*

- Race#1 Opening Day Saturday April 5
- Race #2 Easter Saturday April 19
- Race #3 May Day Saturday May 3
- Race #4 Memorial Day Saturday May 24
- Race #5 Next Saturday June 7
- Race #6 Final Last Saturday July 5

6 Race total – 1 throw out allowed. Entry Fee \$5 per race/\$30 for all 6-payable in advance, no refunds for races not raced. Early sign-ups are encouraged to establish class divisions, minimums of six (6) boats to establish a fleet. A \$10 late fee will apply to any sign-up after March 15, 2003. All participants must wear a personal floatation device (PDF) while racing.



*"Lopez Blocks"*  
*Quick Tack Jib-Sheet Blocks*  
*This block is built by Harken #2627.*  
*Working load 300lbs. Breaking load 750.*

## ARTICLE "RAZOR'S EDGE"

Racing "sharpens" your sailing skills. Some easy, almost common sense ideas are presented here as an invitation to get into club racing:

**Tip 1 •** Clean your bottom. Get down on your knees - stick your hand in the water and feel the hull. Rough? Maybe slimy...A brush with a long handle will do a good job. Plan to sand and smooth bottom, keel and rudder during your Easter week haul out. Hard paint with biocide and teflon will put your boat up front every time, *ask the winners.*

**Tip 2 •** Get an idea for "start line" with a good inexpensive stopwatch. This will help put you in "front" at the Start Line.

**Tip 3 •** Prior to the Start, bring your boat up into the middle of the Start Line. Luff slowly looking to port and starboard ends of the Start Line. Check visually (a compass is even better). What this does tell you is which end of the Line is more favored by the wind.

**Tip 4 •** Evenly matched one designs like the 5.5's will show you the way within minutes of their start - One boat will tack to port after the start. Most others will continue on the starboard tack. When next all boats meet, clear favor of the wind will be seen as one of the boats crosses IN FRONT of the other.

This sounds so simple. But by observing just a few minutes from the YC deck you can become an expert on who will pass who, after the start, within minutes. You can see how and possibly where you will be.


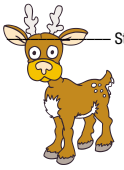
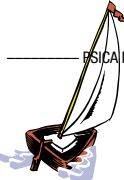







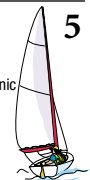





**Tip 5 •** UP Wind study the water. Look for ripples or small white cap heads. Usually the first real power is behind the visual disturbance on the water - not the leading edge. You will have a few seconds to Get Set or ready for the power of the gust, be it big or little in wind strength.

**Tip 6 •** Slow tacking upsets and breaks the rhythm and concentration of the driver. A quick after-the-tack helper item I suggest for 24-27ft boats are called "Lopez" Quick Tack Jib-Sheet Blocks - Steve Lopez, *no relation*, thought this up for J-24's. (*Versions built both by Harken and Lewmar. Detail of the Harken Block left*). On the jib fairlead track or on the deck toe-rail thru holes - these stand-up blocks are pulled tight as the jib goes across and is cleated; as the crew scrambles across the boat to new hiking positions, the jib is "working" until the jib sheet tail can be finally snubbed around its normal winch. With a few turns of the winch it releases down on deck with tension now on the hiked-out windward side of the boat.

More racing tips next month with emphasis on jibs vs spinnakers, rounding of marks, and how to go faster Down wind.

Until then– See you in the winners circle  
Ray "Infrared" Lopez



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 Fred's 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party 4:00P	24	25	26	27	28 Friday Night Mixer 6:30P	1 <b>March</b> Stag Cruise 
2 Stag Cruise 	3	4 Membership Comm. 7:30P	5 Ash Wednesday	6 House Comm. Harbor & Facilities 5:30P 6:30P	7 Friday Night Mixer 6:30P	8 PSICA NorCal #5
9 PSICA NorCal #5 	10	11 Board Meeting 7:00P	12	13 Rules Committee Policy Committee	14 Friday Night Mixer <b>General Meeting</b> 6:30P 7:00P	15 Volunteer Day 8:00A Long Distance Race #1 
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Full Moon 	19	20 Fleet Night #3 	21 Friday Night Mixer Spring Equinox	22 Casual Cruise (going to Joes) Grindstone Joes Cruise 
23 Spring Race #1 1:00P Grindstone Joes Cruise 	24	25	26	27	28 Friday Night Mixer 6:30P	29 Delta Star Regatta Ladies Sailing Seminar 
30 Delta Star Regatta	31	<b>April</b> 1 Membership Comm. 7:30P	2	3 House Comm. Harbor & Facilities 5:30P 6:30P	4 Friday Night Mixer 6:30P	5 Opening Day Ladies Sailing Clinic 
6 Daylight Savings "Spring Ahead" Spring Race #2 1:00P Passover	7	8 Board Meeting 7:00P	9	10 Rules Committee Policy Committee	11 Friday Night Mixer <b>General Meeting</b> 6:30P 7:00P	12 Dble Handed Lg Dist #1 Noon 
13 Spring Race #3 Palm Sunday 	14	15	16 Full Moon 	17 Fleet Night #4 7:00P	18 Friday Night Mixer Good Friday 6:30P	19 Children's Easter Party 
20 Easter Sunday 	21	22	23	24	25 Friday Night Mixer Arbor Day 6:30P	26 Casual Cruise
27 Spring Race #4 1:00P Casual Cruise	28	29	30	<b>May</b> 1	2 Friday Night Mixer 6:30P	3 Ladies Luncheon



## Classified Ads

### For Sale

#### 1997 HUNTER 450 PASSAGE \*Price Reduction\* 2/02

Auto Pilot, Radar, Chart Plotter, GPS, 9.5kw Generator, 77hp Volvo Diesel, 200gal Water, 100gal Fuel, 2 Heat/AC units, Very large aft cabin, Spinnaker and Gear.—\$208,000 • Joe Cox (h)477-8133 (w)320-3930

#### 1979 LANCER 36' 3/03

Extensive refit 1995. Full Batten main, soling jib, cruising chute. New head liner, ports, hatches, instruments and more! Must sell. —\$36,500 • Rob McCormick 462-3202

#### 1978 NEWPORT 30' PHASE II, "CABARET" 11/02

...Needs a new home have no time to use her now. She is a very comfortable craft. With a deluxe interior. 3 burner stove with an oven. Good running reliable Atomic 4. A brand new dodger. 3 Jibs one is a drifter. She has a fully self contained head. Berthed at SSC. slip C-1 — \$12,379 • Jene 942.4544 or jrong@pacbell.net

#### 1977 CATALINA 27 TALL RIG "ANTICIPATION" 2/03

Good condition, very clean, 9.9 hp o/b, good sails, self tending jib, new bottom paint, new upholstery, tiller pilot, VHF, depth, compass. Berthed at SSC slip D-28 — \$9,800. • Brad 968-8990 or mback4@aol.com

#### 1982 MACGREGOR 25', WITH TRAILER 8/02

New sails, rigged for racing. Must sell. — \$5,000. • Linette 966-4127 or ask Susan to tell you where it is.

#### 1981 CATALINA 25' 3/03

Purchase of larger boat forces sale. Tall Rig, Fixed Keel, Main, 150, 110, self-tending jibs. New cushions below.—\$ 8,000 (open to offers) • Robert Fraioli 543-0649 (message) or robertpf@sonnet.com

#### 1979 CATALINA 25' 2/03

Fresh water boat and trailer for 25' or 27' both reconditioned including brightwork. *New* full batten main, *New* furling with *New* 135, *New* reaching Spinnaker, 7.5 horse rebuilt Honda Outboard with 2 hrs., *New* spliced running rigging throughout Solar charger. Boat not raced but could be.—\$9750. Terms OK • Phil Graves (831) 801-6115.

#### 1983 MERIT 25, "DITCH WITCH" 5/02

Race Ready, New UK Main, 155, VG 140, blade, storm, VG .75 & .6 spins; all new rig, vectran halyards; new 2 speed primaries; pro rigged; dry sailed; trailer. • Lance Purdy (415) 290-8080

#### 1967 CORONADO 25' 7/02

Good condition. 1999 Nissan 8hp outboard. Long shaft. Sleeps 5. Berthed at SSC. slip F-34 — \$3,500 or obo. • Bob and Deborah Crane 464-2782

#### CORONADO 25' 2/03

Good Condition, Sleeps 5, self-tacking Jib, Nissan 8Hp, low hrs., spare Evenrude 9.9 elect. start. Duel Batteries, Shore Power. New Marine Radio, Lifesling. Fishfinder Depth Gauge. Recent Standing/Running Rigging, interior cushions. Microwave, Refrigerator, Elect. Sink water pump. *Plus much more.* Berthed at SSC slip 12-E—\$3,500. • Vic White 833-9005

#### 1968 CORONADO 25' 8/02

Great condition. Spinnakers and extra sails. Berthed at SSC slip H-27—\$2500. • Scott McBride days 479-8232 eves 476-8232.

#### 1972 COLOMBIA 23' WITH TRAILER 2/02

New main, jibs:150, 110, storm, two kites, one cruising, 9 HP Nissan OB, Much more.—\$4,000. • Dan Greenwood 239-1173

#### 1994 DAYSAILER 17' 8/02

Classic design. Includes trailer, jib, main, Boomkicker. Very lightly used. Excellent condition. — \$3500. • Dan Lagomarsino 728-2828

#### CONTENDER 16' 3/03

Fiberglass hull- alum spars, kick-up CB and rudder. Built in Australia. Looks and sails like a laser on steroids. A big main (no jib). Trapeze is included - *very fast*. Comes with trailer, without deduct \$300.—\$1050 • Ray Lopez 772-9695

#### '96 BEAUFORT 4-MAN LIFE RAFT IN CANISTER 8/02

Just re-packed. Never used. Cradle and canvas cover. — \$1800 (\$3200new). • Earl Whitner 531-1225 or earlbw@thevision.net

### Wanted

#### WANTED: 45'-60' CRUISING BOAT 1/03

Age & condition not a problem, no boats beyond help need apply. Heavy displacement, full keel, not a problem, although no wood construction. Steel will be considered. Cutter rig or staysail ketch a plus, *no sloops*. Will consider trade of smaller boat (37 C Hunter) in excellent condition for partial payment if desired, but not necessary. Will pay up to \$200,000 cash. • Art Barnes 612-2325