



DockTalk

Stockton Sailing Club

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May 2006

Upcoming Events

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May

- May 6 Ladies Luncheon
- May 9 Board Meeting
- May 12 General Meeting
- May 13 Blue Water Cruise Planning Meeting
- May 27-29 Memorial Day Cruise

June

- June 10 Delta Ditch Run
- June 13 Board Meeting
- June 16 General Meeting
- June 23-24 South Tower Race

(Regular meeting schedules are on page 2)

Commodore's Comments

Budge Humphreys

Well, May is here and I'm very late in getting my article to Dock Talk. I did manage to go sailing both days this weekend, which might have had something to do with it. The weather is beautiful; the river is back within its banks and its time to enjoy the sun.

Dana Jenson, our Dock Talk editor, who has done a wonderful job for the last couple of years, is going to be leaving us for a while and we need someone to replace her. Rose Eberhard has volunteered to take over until August of 2006, but after that we will need a new Dock Talk editor. If you think this might be something you would like to do for the Sailing Club, let me know.

Speaking of volunteers, we are also looking for people to help out the night of the Delta Ditch Run, June 10th, 2006. If you can lend a hand please call Susan in the office or sign up in the club house. The Delta Ditch Run is the largest event we have at the club all year, with over 600 participants we need all the help we can get.

I would like to thank all the individuals who helped me with the swap meet this year, Lee Harding, Bruce Whicksted, Abe Ayala, my daughter Jill and my wife Kelly, who did the Pancake Breakfast with the help of the juniors. The event was once again profitable for the junior program, grossing just over \$350. Thanks to everyone who came out.

The club is very close to starting the work to upgrade our electrical service. This is not an upgrade to the docks themselves, but an upgrade to the service coming into the club property. Over the next few months as this project starts to gear up you may see workers from both PG&E and Carr Electric on and around the grounds. There may also be extended periods of time when part or the entire club is without electricity. We will try to give some notice of when this will occur, but that may not always be possible.

Don't forget the Memorial Day Cruise is coming up at the end of the month; check in the club house for more information.

Friday night dinners, if you have not joined us for one of these you are missing out. What a great time to meet other club members and catch up with old friends. Hope to see you next Friday night. Dinners start at approximately 6:30 PM.

William Humphreys
Commodore SSC

DOCKTALK

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

SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month!

Articles, classifieds, and event ads can be e-mailed to docktalk@stocktonsc.org. The editor reserves the right to edit, or exclude anything submitted. All articles and stories must be signed.

Classified advertisements are listed as a free service for members of the Stockton Sailing Club. Ads will be automatically removed after approximately 90 days. All ads must contain the name of the seller, the price of the item, and if selling a yacht, the yacht name.

Photos: Digital photos are preferred. Please save them at medium to high resolution for the best looking images. You may e-mail them, or put them on a CD or disk and place it in the Editor's box in the SSC club house. Please identify the place, event and/or person(s) in the photos. If you wish to have your photos or disks returned, please make sure your name and phone number are on them.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FIRST TUESDAY

Membership - 7:30pm

FIRST THURSDAY

Rules & Policy - 5:30pm
Harbor & Facilities - 7:00pm

FIRST SATURDAY

Social & Cruise - 10:00am

SECOND TUESDAY

Board Meeting - 6:00pm

FRIDAY AFTER BOARD MEETING

General Meeting - 7:00pm

SECOND THURSDAY

Regatta Committee - 6:30pm

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Junior Committee - 7:00pm

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The De-Naming Ceremony

From April Latitude 38

I once met a man in Florida who told me he'd owned 24 different yachts and renamed every single one of them. "Did it bring you bad luck?" I asked. "Not that I'm aware of," he said. "You don't believe in those old superstitions, do you?" "Well, yes," I said. "As a matter of fact, I do. And so do a lot of other sailors who wouldn't consciously do anything to annoy the ancient gods of wind and sea. Out there, you need all the help you can get." Actually, I've come to the conclusion that it's not so much being superstitious as being careful. It's part of good seamanship. That's why I had to invent a 'de-naming' ceremony some years ago to ward off bad luck when I wanted to change the name of my new 31-ft sloop from 'Our Way' to 'Freelance'.

I needed a formal ceremony to wipe the slate clean in preparation for the renaming. I searched in vain for one. But research showed that such a ceremony would consist of five parts: an invocation, an expression of gratitude, a supplication, a rededication and a libation.

So I sat down and wrote my own ceremony. It worked perfectly. 'Freelance' carried us thousands of deep-sea miles and enjoyed good luck all the way.

The ceremony should be read with flair on the foredeck before a gathering of distinguished guests. Or it can be mumbled down below by the skipper alone if he or she finds these things embarrassing.

The libation part, however, must be carried out at the bow, as was the original naming ceremony. And I would advise you to use nothing but the finest champagne and to pour it all on the boat. One thing the gods of the sea despise most is meanness, so don't try to do this part on the cheap.

How much time should you leave between the de-naming ceremony and the new-naming ceremony? There's no fixed limit. You can do the renaming right after the de-naming, if you want. But I'd prefer to see a gap of at least 24 hours to allow the demons time to clear out.

Oh, and one other thing - you have to remove all physical traces of the boat's old name before the de-naming ceremony. There may be official papers with the old name on them, of course. If you can't destroy them you should at least keep them well out of sight in a locker during the ceremony. But don't neglect to wipe the name out in obvious place - bow, stern, dinghy, oars, logbook, life-ring, charts and so on.

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Columbia Challenger Fleet News

Ballots were sent to all Columbia Challenger 24 owners. The ballots were to decide whether or not the fleet would be an "all self-tacker fleet" for the 2007 Spring Series races. If you have not returned yours to Joyce Andrews, please do so. We would like this to be resolved this season.

Spring Series races #3 was held April 2, 2006. Pre-race refreshments were provided by Mike Susca. After fortifying ourselves, it was out to the race course. There were seven boats on the line for race #3. The racers found out the race committee meant business about the restricted areas. Two of our boats were disqualified before the race started. Keep on your toes out there. We want to have all boats for the whole race.

The tide and the winds were testing the sailors. The wind speed was clocked at 5 mph. It was a down-wind start. The current was strong also, so care had to be taken not to just drift over the line before the start.

The order of finishes were:

- 1st - Walt Andrews - River Challenge
- 2nd- Nancy Farnum - Harmony
- 3rd- Wally Fort - No Effort
- 4th- Bob Jones - Diablo
- 5th- Mike Susca - Kamika DNF

Spring Series Race #4 was held April 9th. Pre-race refreshments were provided by Ron Lofstrom. Just as we were thinking about heading out to the race course, a postponement was called. A half hour later the race sequence started. There were strange winds for this race, from light to nothing and back to light. Then at the finish and after, the wind came up. Due to some complications regarding the finishes, the Challengers and B-Handicap races will have to be sailed again another day. That is too bad, because it was a difficult enough race, and then to have it thrown out was discouraging for some.

The next series race will be held April 23rd. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce

**Borad Meeting Minutes – Edited Version
APRIL 19, 2006**

(Unapproved Minutes)

Financial Statement for March 2006: Board members had extensive discussion regarding Club income and expenses. It was also discussed that the Board ought to know which events and activities are self-supporting and which are not self-supporting. Members also discussed the financial statements presented to the Board and how income and expenses for individual events are tracked. Mr. Humphreys noted that with the use of the new software accounting system, the Board can keep track of basically all income and expenses for club events in detail and not just over all.

Old Business: Young Adult Membership Category. The Board again discussed a proposal to create a new membership category called Young Adult Membership. New and existing family members with the oldest person between the ages of 21 and 29 years of age inclusive would be eligible. They would be entitled to a 50% discount on new initiation fees and monthly dues. Other fees would not be changed. Young adult members would have all rights and privileges granted by the bylaws and policies of the Stockton Sailing Club. A vote by the Board to approve the creation of the new membership category would place the proposal on this year's ballot for a vote by the membership as a change/addition to the bylaws of the Club.

New Business: Dock Talk will need a new editor. If anyone might be interested, they should contact the Board or Susan McLain.

Facility Manager's Report: There are 23 slip vacancies in the harbor. There are two names on a waiting list for end ties. Repairs to docks and fingers are being made as needed.

LTS received the \$3,470.00 check from the Department of Boating and Waterways. Instructors are hired. LTS needs volunteers to do boat maintenance.

Susan reported that she spoke to a representative of SESAC regarding the possible need to obtain a "music performance license".

Harbor and Facilities: Mr. Lueck reported that the committee received a bid for \$98,000.00 to repair the parking lot and a \$70,000.00 bid to repair portions of the parking lot. Also the committee is obtaining a separate bid to repair dry rot to the structure for the club house decking. In the long term, the committee will recommend the replacement of decking with a synthetic board, but for the short term the deck or portions of it will be painted.

Membership Committee: Mr. Humphreys reported 3 new membership applications are pending from: Jim and Alana Connick; Gary and Barbara Hill; Karrie Shephard

Regatta Committee: The keel boat regatta is set for April 28 and 29, but may be cancelled due to a lack of interest. The regatta would be primarily for 5.5's, Challengers and Santana 20's, but any keel boat could race. The deadline to register is April 18th.

Ditch Run planning and organizing is progressing.

Junior Sailing Committee: Jill Humphreys and Martin Gibson have been attending the U.S. Sailing program in Richmond to become certified instructors.

SPOC: Ms. Farnum reported that the summer intern has not yet been hired. She will contact U.O.P.'s Sports Management Department to solicit additional applications. Orientation is set for June 3. Volunteers are needed to help with boat maintenance.



**2006 BWC Planning Meeting
Saturday, May 13th, at 0930**

As you know, the BWC leaves SF on Sat. 9/30, and goes to Monterey Bay for the next week. On Saturday May 13th, at the Stockton Sailing Club at 0930, we will have the first planning meeting to the 2006 (the 20th annual) SSC Blue Water Cruise.

The 2006 BWC will proceed out the Golden Gate on Sat. 9/30/06 to Half Moon Bay (approx 20 mi). Then on Sunday, 10/1, we will sail to Monterey (approx 60 miles - the best Spin run in Norcal!) . After a night or two in Monterey the question is, do we go to Moss Landing, and do a "dinghy safari" up Elkhorn Slough and then the next day to Santa Cruz, or do we by-pass Moss Landing, and spend more nights in SC? And how many nights in each harbor? Do we really care? Do we want to come back to SF Bay at all? Do the Channel Islands or Santa Barbara look better?

Based on our "usual" schedule, we'd be back in through the Golden Gate on Friday, 10/6. But what do you want to do?

Come out to the Club on Sat. 5/13, and let's decide.
Peter Hine
209-957-1905



Adventures in Paradise - Espionage of the highest order

This is exclusive information that is meant to be disclosed only to the Stockton Sailing Club member participants of the famous Ditch Run. There is going to be a fine sailing vessel entering the race whose beautiful crew is made up exclusively of "those that smell good". This crew is taking world wide renown event seriously. They have all intentions of finishing first overall early enough to enjoy the great food, music and ambiance of their fellow sailors.

I only hope they do not run afoul of an unwritten rule. Some sailors might be of the opinion that this crews' preparation is so extreme that they may possibly be intruding on several Corinthian rules.

Because of a huge amount of clandestine surveillance on the part of several operators I can positively disclose this crew is serious. They actually have prearranged and scheduled practices. And even more foreboding to their competitors in this infamous event is the certainty that they really, really do show up and practice. This dangerous precedence occurs several times a week. Their steely nerve, resolve and cutthroat maneuvers have been observed several times in various secluded locations. My operatives have spared no effort to bring this news. They have seen executions of maneuvers that require timing to down to the nano second performed effortlessly and flawlessly.

But everyone you normal fun loving sailors do not entirely lose all hope. One of the latest practice sessions for was the solitary purpose hoisting and lowering of the devil sail. As we all know the devil sail can produce some immensely entertaining and exhilarating moments. It seems even with all the check off list, practiced procedures and often double and triple cross checks, the crew of this fine sailing vessel managed to overlook an essential piece of equipment in their most recent session. The pretext for the sudden return to the dock was to drop off a team member because of an important meeting. But now you know the rest of the story.

Bartholomew Negro



Recipes

I had several requests for this recipe after I made it on Friday night so I decided to put it in the dock talk.

Gail - Social and Cruise

Tomato Beef with Green Peppers

2/3 lb. beef flank steak or other tender beef

Marinade:

1 tsp. rice wine or dry sherry
 1/2 tsp sugar
 2 Tlbs. soy sauce
 1 tsp. minced fresh ginger root
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 1 tsp. cornstarch
 2 Tlbs. vegetable oil

Seasoning Sauce:

1/4 cup chicken broth
 1/4 cup water
 1 tsp. cornstarch
 1 Tlbs. soy sauce
 1 tsp. sesame oil
 1 Tlbs. Sugar 2 Tlbs. ketchup

1 cup vegetable oil
 10 green onions chopped in 1-inch lengths
 1 green pepper, chopped in 1-in. pieces
 1 tsp. salt
 1 tomato, chopped in 1 inch pieces
 1 lb. chopped mushrooms

Use a cleaver to slice beef across grain and at an angle into thin strips. Cut strips 2 inches long. Combine marinade ingredients in a medium bowl. Add beef strips; mix well. let stand 20 minutes. Combine ingredients for seasoning sauce in a small bowl. Mix well and set aside. Heat oil in a wok over medium heat 1 minute. Stir-fry marinated beef until very lightly browned. Remove beef with aslotted spoon, draining well over the wok, set aside. Remove oil from wok except 5 tablespoons. heat oil remaining in wok over high heat 30 seconds. Add salt and green pepper, stir fry 1 minute, add onions and mushrooms. Stir-fry 1 minute. Add tomato and stir-fry 1 minute longer. Add seasoning sauce. Stir-fry until sauce thickens slightly. Add cooked beef. Mix well and serve hot. Makes 4 servings.



Around the Harbor

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their Club! We still have many slots open for Volunteer assignments for the Delta Ditch Run. We have sign ups open in two-hour allotments for selling drink and meal tickets, assigning wrist bands and for serving food. Please contact me so that we can get you an appropriate position at a time that works well for all. The late afternoon and evening time slots are when your help is most needed.

I also ask for your generosity and hospitality toward our guests attending the race by keeping our parking lot open for traffic control. We will have areas set up this year for accommodating sailboats on trailers as they de-rig after the race for their journey back home. Parking in the spaces facing out over the marina will be open to cars, but parking spaces facing the trailer storage lot and small boat yard will be blocked off. Non member visitors that arrive will be asked to park in Buckley Cove or on the street. Parking will be somewhat limited, so please arrive early for a spot. When the lot is full, overflow will be sent to Buckley Cove. This year, we have a great band lined up: Café R and B. Please stay for the entertainment; you will not be disappointed!

Reminder: If you are bringing guests that are not participating in the race, please arrive with them, as the ABC and IRS rules require all who attend our events to be "bona fide" guests of a member. Those who enter and participate directly in the race are considered invited guests, but for non member visitors to be considered guests, they must be a member of a reciprocating yacht club or be a guest of a member in attendance. If the member is not present, the non member guest must present a letter written to the Stockton Sailing Club naming them as a guest of a member in good standing. That letter should be presented to the volunteers assigning wrist bands.

Thank you kindly for your cooperation and for your spirit of volunteerism.

At your service,
Susan McLain

OPENING DAY April, 8, 2006

Opening day was a beautiful start for our sailing season at Stockton Sailing Club. The club house was festively decorated with fresh flowers, balloons and other great stuff, the sun was shining and people were out on their boats to have them blessed by Father Mark Hall from the Episcopal Church of St. Anne. Bob Winters once again volunteered his boat for Father Mark to use for the blessings and Bob and his crew volunteered to be the judges for the best decorated boat of the year.

18 boats participated in this year's boat blessing and Father Mark receives a huge thank you for giving his time to help us with Opening Day.

First place for best decorated boat went to Blind Ambition, owned by Chuck and Pat Barfield. Since this is the second consecutive year they have won the trophy, we know they have a spot in their home for it. Along with the trophy, they took home a great dock cart as first place prize.

Second place was awarded to Wild Rose, owned by Lori Warner and Wally Fort. Wild Rose, with great spirit, depicted the characters from Zorro. For their efforts, they were awarded a new rigging knife.

Third place was awarded to Aztec, owned by David and Carolyn Cammack. Decorated with lots of flags, Aztec exhibited flag spirit and looked great. For their decorating efforts, they won a new fire extinguisher.

Mike Stefani and John Dorothea prepared a great dinner for everyone to enjoy. As usual, the food was delicious.

Thanks to everyone that helped make this year's Opening Day a fun and memorable day.

Gail Gradle
Social and Cruise

CLASSIFIED ADS

Found:

Ring found at Brookside Country Club during the Installation Dinner. Call office to claim it.

Wanted:

Dead or Alive ...
Ok, ALive would be better!
El Toro for Jr. Camp
209/744-1712 Erich or Linda

Laser or small day-sailor to buy. Under 20' with trailer. Ben Hicks 209-728-5141

Misc Items:

2 Wind Boards Klepper 340 and Dagger Board, Bic-Ace Tec; 3 Masts, 2 booms with extensions
7 Sails; Seat harness and extra gear bag.
Harley Tinkle 951-6061 \$700.00

Slip Exchange:

Willing to exchange slips during the month of August.
38' Catalina in a 42' slip at Oakland Yacht Club.
Call Doug Dewar at 209-634-8752.

Boats for Sale**Catalina 27-**

Dienet, 15hp Merc
Club rig & U.K. jib 2yr, Mast- new step & new wiring
4yr. 5/1/2006 New bottom paint, hull & deck
restoration, engine service & new water pump
Rebeca D, Stkn Sail Club # B17
Dennis Nunes (209)463-5044 5/06

28 ft Sloop "ALOSA"

1973 fin keel, skag rudder, tiller steering, inboard 15 hp
Yanmar diesel, head with holding tank, sleeps 4-5,
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table. Fiberglass hull, double-reefed main, roller furling
jib and a detachable "baby stay" for 70% storm jib.
Bow mounted anchor with chain locker. Radio, knot
and depth meter. Boat comes with extra ground tackle
and inflatable 10 ft avon with outboard. Great Bay or
Delta boat. \$9,200. Can be seen at H-28. Call Tom
evenings (916) 967-8522 5/06

REACTION 1983 CATALINA 25

This nice Catalina 25 needs a new owner. The current
owner works long hours and has no time for the
attention she deserves. She has a 9.9 Johnson

Sailmaster engine. VHF, 2 burner stove & marine head.
Sleeps 6, Sails include 85,110,150 jibs, main and new
main sail cover. \$4500.00 OBO
GLENN 209.549.8322 reaction2sail@aol.com 4/06

Brandy, CAL-25 sailboat is for sale! She's a great
Delta boat. Ask around the club house – she is well
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panel. Just needs a little TLC.\$2,000.00 or BO
(209) 482-4377 ~Kathy 4/06

CAL39. Classic performance cruiser. Well maintained
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1986 Catalina 36. Beautiful boat, loaded with
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New refrigeration, updated lighting.
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www.adatacom.com/catalina 01/06

Snipe by Chubasco, #17769. This is an older but well
maintained and upgraded boat with good sails, extra
sails, new rigging, good trailer with new tires, axle,
bearings, etc. This boat is fast and competitive in
regattas. Will orient new owner to the boat. A genuine
value at \$1000. Tom Perry, 209-474-1796, or Gerhard
(panuli@frontiernet.net).

1970 CAT 27- In great condition. Good sails, running
rigging ad newer Honda Engine. Located at F21
Price Drop = 3,850 Want a larger boat.
Contact Richard or Cynthia (209) 345-2034

KIRBY 30 "BUSTER"

1980, Yanmar diesel, auto pilot, knot meter, depth
sounder, self tailing winches, soling style self-tending
jib, #3, #1, and a 155 jib. Two spinnakers, one old and
one new. New interior cushions, new AM/FM CD
player. Berthed at SSC slip C-7, \$10,500.
Contact Ernie or Rosalee Schimpf @ 209-931-5457
Busterboat@comcast.net 10/05

Seafarer 31' "Neptune's Monkey" at H-25. \$8,000 obo.
760-828-8111. 10/05

(De-naming -cont from page 4)

Likewise, do not lace the new name anywhere on the boat before the de-naming ceremony is carried out. Hoo-boy, that would be tempting fate.

The ceremony:

"In the name of all who have sailed aboard this vessel in the past, and all who may sail aboard her in the future, we invoke the ancient gods of wind and sea to favor us with their blessing today.

"Mighty Neptune, king of all that moves on the waves, and might Aeolus, guardian of the winds and all that blows before them: we offer you our thanks for the protection you have afforded this vessel in the past. We voice our gratitude that she has always found shelter from tempest and storm and enjoyed safe passage to port.

"Now, therefore, we submit this supplication, that the name whereby this vessel has hitherto been known, '_____', be struck and removed from your records.

Further, we ask that when she is again presented for blessing with another name, she shall be recognized and shall be accorded once again the self-same privileges she previously enjoyed.

"In return for this, we rededicate this vessel to thy domain in full knowledge that she shall be subject to the immutable laws of the gods of wind and sea.

"In consequence whereof, and in good faith, we seal this pact with a libation offered according to the hallowed ritual of the sea.

Now pop the cork, shake the bottle and spray the whole of the content over the bow. Then go quietly below and enjoy the other bottle yourselves.

- John Vigor

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