



# DockTalk

Stockton Sailing Club

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The big news this month is that Suzi Wasielewski (pronounced "Wah-zah-less-key") has agreed to become our new Club Manager. She will take over immediately and will be looking for a good candidate for her replacement as bookkeeper. Having worked with her over the last few months, I am confident that she will do a great job.

The Board interviewed the two candidates that were proposed by the Hiring Committee. After much discussion, the Board voted to offer the job to Suzi. We did a lot of soul searching (and discussion) to make sure that we were hiring the best candidate for the job.

Now, the Hiring Committee will be meeting to discuss the procedure for recommending candidates for Facilities Manager.

It must be Spring! The weather is terrific; people are coming out to their boats again; and the racing and cruising events have begun. The first Spring Series was certainly challenging. Those of us who crew on Tom Lueck's boat tried to break it the day before, so Tom went easy on us on race day with a reefed main and no spinnaker. We didn't mean to scare you that badly, Tom.

We have a booth at the Asparagus Festival this year. I am calling all volunteers to help spread the word about the best kept secret in the Delta – our Club! Please sign up for a two hour shift on either April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.

Last, but certainly not least, our condolences to Tom Nowak on the loss of his wife, Karen. It's best to remember that she's not in pain, any more. We miss her and send you our regards, Tom.

That's all for this month. Fair winds

*Peggy Feakes*



## REGATTA NEWS

Hi there, so far so good as your newbie Regatta Chairperson. I am on a steep learning curve and appreciate all those that have volunteered to make 2008 a successful regatta season thus far. Here's an update:

### March, Long Distance Race #1

An astonishing 19 sailboats started on a day with beautiful skies and 10-knot shifty winds, raced around Mandeville Tip (either way) and back. A great time was had by all, topped off with Linda Driver's famous chicken soup when they got back.

March, Spring Race #1. Wow, 20-knot winds with gusts to 30, racing was for only the brave at heart. Most boats elected to pass for safety reasons but the ones that went were rewarded with some of the fastest times that their boats have ever gone. A salute to the platform committee for a job well done.

March, Kame Richards of Pineapple sails addressed Fleet Nite attendees, who enjoyed the entire presentation. He is such a good speaker and can address all levels of sailors at the same time, quite remarkable. Thanks, Kame.

April, check the calendar located elsewhere in DockTalk and try to participate; we have over 45 boats registered for the Spring Series. And then there is just plain day sailing, the weather is glorious.

May, CHANGE OF SCHEDULE: The Memorial Day weekend races (May 24-25) that were inadvertently scheduled HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED TO THE PRECEEDING WEEKEND. May 17-18, please pass the word.

More Regatta News on page 8



Photo courtesy of Donald Doe

## 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 (as an attached WORD document, please) to [docktalk@stocktonsc.org](mailto:docktalk@stocktonsc.org). The editor reserves the right to edit or exclude anything submitted. All articles and stories must be signed.

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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 THURSDAY

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

### SECOND MONDAY

Membership Committee - 6:30 pm

### SECOND TUESDAY

Board Meeting - 6:00 pm

### SECOND FRIDAY

General Meeting - 7:00 pm

### SECOND THURSDAY

Regatta Committee - 6:30 pm

### SECOND SATURDAY

Social & Cruise - 10:00 am

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**Upcoming Events**

April 2008						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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**APRIL**

- April 8 Board Meeting (6:00 PM)
- April 11 General Meeting (7:00 PM)
- April 12 Opening Day Extravaganza (11:00 AM – Evening)
- April 13 Spring Series #3 (1:00 PM)
- April 26 Swap Meet  
Spring Series #4 (1:00 PM)  
Post Race Party!
- April 27 Spring Series #5 (1:00 PM)

**MAY**

- May 3 Ladies Luncheon (12:00 noon)
- May 4 Spring Series #6 (1:00 PM)
- May 10 Double-handed Long Distance Race #2 – (12:00 noon)
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 13 Board Meeting (6:00 PM)
- May 16 General Meeting (7:00 PM)
- May 17 Long Distance Race #2 (12:00 noon)
- May 18 Spring Series #7 (1:00 PM)

**Social and Cruise News**

The children's Easter Party was a great success. It was well attended and the egg hunt was a blast for all.

In April, we have a few great events planned. See the details for the Opening Day (April 12) festivities on page 10. It's going to be a great day, rain or shine. Be sure to enter the Great American cook off with your recipe for either potato salad, baked beans and/or pie.

The After Race party planned for April 26 will be the best ever - the rumor is there will be a live band along with food and dancing.

The Ladies Luncheon will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon.

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**THE GREAT MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE**

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The Farnums are planning a Memorial Day Cruise to the Brannon Island KOA Marina and RV Park (formerly Delta Bay Club). Save the dates – May 24 through May 26.

The facilities at Brannon Island KOA include a swimming pool, tennis courts, hiking, bicycling, kayaking, full hookups and companionship. We'll plan on getting there Saturday morning, the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, and returning Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll have dinner out at the Spindrift Restaurant on Saturday night and a potluck on Sunday on the patio, near the store at the marina. Please see the sign up sheet in the clubhouse for more details and sign up soon – reservations need to be made.

If you're planning to take your RV – you should make your reservations as soon as possible by calling 916-777-4153. HURRY – they are filling up fast!

Questions???

Please call Al or Nancy Farnum @ 209-957-3361

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**HARBOR & FACILITIES**

We are planning a fieldwork day in April to repaint the retreat deck and to enclose the new electrical panels.

A volunteer signup will be posted in the clubhouse .

I appreciate all the support.

John Moyer.

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**LEARN TO SAIL  
EARLY SIGN UPS**

Will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at the club. Any questions, call Jill Humphreys at (209) 601- 9086 or (209) 951-5690

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## STOCKTON SAILING CLUB UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES

March 11, 2008

Commodore Feakes called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

**Board Members Present:** Peggy Feakes, Tom Lueck, Dave VanDyke, Peter Hine, John Moyer, Steve Canepa, Mike Stefani, Hank Colberg, Karri Johnson

**Board Members Absent:** Gail Dameron, Bob Camarena

**Others in Attendance:** Debbie Walker, Jim Hachman

### Standing Business:

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda. Lueck/VanDyke M/S/P

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of February 12, 2008, meeting. Moyer/Colberg M/S/P

**Financial Statements:** Motion to approve January financial statements. Lueck/Hine M/S/P

### Correspondence:

1. Rick and Meredith Glass resigning as they no longer have a boat and do not utilize the facilities.
2. Mike Daniger resigning.
3. Violet Bradstreet awarded one year's legacy membership, effective 2-1-08, due to the loss of her husband.

Motion to approve all correspondence requests.  
Lueck/VanDyke M/S/P

### Member and Guest Comments:

Bob Doscher reported on Delta Ditch Run Compete-at.com web site for registration, etc., close to going live – they collect and will mail funds every other week. Will speak at General Meeting. Will pick a planning meeting date.

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*(continuation of Board Minutes)*

### Old Business:

1. Harbor vacancy – moved private vessel from WesCal's dock to our docks; rented 10 spots in February; there's a waiting list for end ties; some discussion about club members bringing in power boats – not generally favored; Latitude 38 ad will get placed in April for summer berthing – prospective tenants have to buy three months at club rates but can sublet during that time.

2. Proof the roster update – Pam Winter working on roster; Jim Hachman, Karri Johnson and Mike Stefani will help with membership cards to keep costs down.

3. Hiring committee – Jim Hachman reported that the hiring committee received almost 60 resumes; reviewed each resume and narrowed down to most likely candidates; contacted candidates and set up interviews for four individuals with interview committee; ad has been turned off; presented assessment sheets on three individuals for Board consideration.

4. Closed Session – Motion made to go into Closed Session: Lueck/Colberg M/S/P

5. Motion made to come out of Closed Session: Lueck/Canepa M/S/P

6. Motion made for the Board to interview two candidates at the club but in an area where privacy can be maintained (either the Retreat or the board room); one interview to be during Monday evening, the second interview to be during Tuesday evening. Lueck/Canepa M/S/P

7. Accepting credit cards – is there a charge for ACH (faxed checks)? To be investigated and reported on at next month's meeting.

### New Business:

1. Peggy Feakes reported on change to HSA coverage in place for employees (change to an HSA plan) that will result in a savings to the club of 19% per month.
2. A booth at the Asparagus Festival, for the purpose of promoting the club, the Learn to Sail and Junior programs, has been requested and should only cost \$550. We will hear in the next day or two regarding acceptance.
3. Cats on the premises – there is no official policy – if a member has an issue with the cats, they will need to bring it to the Board

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- 4. Crane fees and dry boat storage – there has been a misuse of the crane by some members who are not paying an appropriate fee – recommendation to change the fee structure to \$70 per month per boat with no differentiation regarding crane usage – to be discussed under FBLLI Committee report and budget approval.
- 5. Kathy Camarena requested donation of one month's slip fee and one or two items (or gift certificates) as door prizes for the Ladies Day Luncheon – Motion made to donate the requested gifts. Moyer/Colberg M/S/P
- 6. Employee performance reviews – Peggy Feakes will perform the reviews for the office staff; Tom Lueck will perform Edgar's review; Edgar will review those harbor employees under his jurisdiction.

**Closed Session**

Motion made to go into Closed Session: Lueck/Colberg M/S/P

Motion made to come out of Closed Session: Lueck/VanDyke M/S/P

**Committee Reports:**

**Dredging Committee:** (Stefani) – Kjeldsen Sinnock bid received but dredging committee has not met yet; KS suggested we wait to re-survey harbor until June or July.

**Membership Committee:** (Johnson) – she's sent out communication regarding committee meetings; 6 new applications received:

- 1. Robert Crawford and Frances Koliner
- 2. Nils Tellier
- 3. Thomas Johnson
- 4. Steven Lauchland
- 5. Patrick Felten
- 6. Burton Mohr

Motion made to accept membership for applicants: Johnson/Colberg M/S/P

**Harbor and Facilities Committee:** (Moyer) – poplar trees at north end to be dealt with by the city – will have them look at the fence as well; big crane looked at by CranePro; small crane out of alignment – has a \$1500 bid – John Moyer to get other bids not to exceed \$1500; City has taken over operation of the water system and pressure is improved.

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**FBLLI Committee:** (Hine) – Budget for fiscal year beginning 4/1/08 was presented with the only changes being the change in dry storage fees for vessels 16' and over, slight increases in food and liquor prices and an increase in the Junior program costs to cover vessel repairs. Motion made to approve the budget: Hine/Stefani M/S/P with Colberg opposed.

**Regatta Committee:** (Canepa) – Phil Hendrix happy with participation; would like a flat screen television; no further report.

**Rules & Policy Committee:** (VanDyke) – will have a meeting within next month.

**Social & Cruise Committee:** (Colberg) – Hank will be the acting committee chairperson for the time being; volunteers have pretty well filled up slots needed; Tiki Lagun Cruise seems well under control.

**Junior Committee:** (Lueck) – no report

**Motion to Close:** Hine/Johnson M/S/P

**Meeting Closed** (to be resumed after candidate interviews).

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Feakes, Commodore (as Acting Secretary)



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Nancy Farnum taking it Eee Zee SSC style. Photo: Jim Murch

### **STERN LOOKS**

*MG Kennedy*

This month we take a Stern Look at the career of one of SSC's most formidable competitors. Nancy Farnum began her long beat to weather in a climate well before Title IX made it at least more acceptable for women to compete in traditionally male dominated sports. Her adventures began with a bout of rheumatic fever at age nine. The illness took her out of school for a year and, when she was deemed fit enough to return, her doctor urged against any form of vigorous exercise. This didn't set well with Nancy. Her older brother, at seventeen, was more interested in powerboats and running with his friends than having a tag-along tom boy in tow. Finally, in one of those seemingly coincidental occurrences that can shape our lives, family friends suggested her parents get her an El Toro. They argued it would get her out in the fresh air and provide her with an outlet for her adventurous spirit and desire to be active. Living in Richmond, it didn't take long to locate a suitable boat and Nancy became the captain of hull #248. By age twelve, she was a regular off of Alameda Island.

Over the years she has, like many of the great sailors, come back to the El Toro fleet for competition. In fact, over the last half century, she has owned at least sixteen or seventeen of the boats. She says the high performance boats are fun but not as demanding as El Toros and, thus, this small craft is the place to hone skills and tactics. "They are just so slow, it is critical to concentrate and use every trick to gain a bit of speed."

One of her early sailing companions and competitors was the late Jimmy Warfield. They both logged time as 'go fers' for Ed Thrall at his boat brokerage on Webster St. in Alameda, just above the tube. They performed the usual grunt work of detailing boats and, in exchange for odd jobs, were tolerated. It was here that Ed and his partner, Pete Cole, conceived the idea for a Zephyr. Nancy said they came in from a cold and rainy day of competing with the Bullships on the Bay and suggested the idea of a small boat that could be single-handed in any conditions that might be encountered.

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Ed designed and built Zephyrs, along with El Toros, from about '49 to '71 and the 4'x20' double-enders were originally wood. Eventually, seven were made in fiberglass. More about that later on.

During this time, she was also sailing on Lake Merritt with and against Jimmy Warfield. She also fondly remembers several annual races at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont in what was then called the Bull & Belle relay race. A team, composed of a male and female, would take turns racing an El Toro. One would go out and complete the course then return to the dock, jump out, and the other team member would jump in and do the same. Both had to complete two circuits but alternating skippers. Naturally, getting in and out of the small boat quickly was as important as skill around the marks and races could be won or lost at the dock!

Jimmy and Nancy also teamed up for the 1956 Olympic Trials in the Snipe class. What may surprise some, but not those who know Nancy, is that she was the helmsman, uh helms person, and Jimmy did the trimming. They got a bronze and were alternates to the finals. "Jimmy", she says, "went on to sail at the international level and I went on to raise kids." In the meantime and between time, she won season championships in the El Toro fleet and became the only woman ever to win the North American National Championship...and all this in what was primarily a sailorMAN's world.

By the age of 14, though, Nancy was looking for new worlds to conquer. She acquired one of Ed's Zephyrs and began campaigning the boat and winning season championships in that fleet, too. A few years later she came to U.O.P. and, during that time, made it to the Adam's Cup, which meant competing in regattas in Boston and Texas, as well as San Francisco. At about age twenty, another one of those chance occurrences that shape lives occurred in the form of Al Farnum, also a U.O.P student. Nancy said she'd always had boyfriends and boats, but never in that order. As it became apparent where her interests were, the boys would drift off and, sometimes, she would look up and wave and other times not notice.

With Al, it was different and, though she didn't tell her parents why, she told them to sell the Zephyr. It was her way of demonstrating that her priorities were now realigned. In 1959, they were married and, as new graduates, they bought a Snipe and joined SSC. This was when all boats were wood and the SSC was on a barge at what is now Ladd's. They raced in the Bay and club events for two years but the fate of the Snipe is still open to speculation almost fifty years later. Al says it was decided to sell the boat because Nancy was pregnant.

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Nancy recalls the decision to sell did occur while she was pregnant but came at a particularly nasty rounding. Al was spread-eagled on the foredeck trying to solve some problem and Nancy committed to the jibe. Miraculously, he was still there after the turn but it was at that precise moment that the idea of selling the boat was suggested, loudly, by Al. They both agree that fatigue from competing in the Bay, coupled with the long drive home, was also a factor. They also both agree that, when it comes to racing, they do better when they are in separate boats.

They then bought a Bay Lady, a 20' double-planked mahogany cruiser, in Sausalito. Nancy says, for a nearly parallel account of that experience, read former SF Chronicle columnist Art Hoppe's book on his experience with the same type of boat. They had nearly identical misadventures, even to getting stuck on the same sandbar. Nancy and Al enjoyed cruising together a lot more than racing together and they made it a point to come up into the Delta for summer vacations for, by now, Al's work had taken them around the state and they were living in the Bay Area. There was about a seven year hiatus from racing until Al's 'supposed' retirement in 2000, unless you count their matching El Toros and sporadic campaigns.

About this time, they moved back to Stockton and Nancy and Al rejoined the SSC. The records were eventually located of their long ago membership and they became active participants in Phil Hendrix's experiment to take over A dock. Nancy raced a salty, dark green Challenger for several years but admits she dominated second place. She won a few races each series but never took the class, acknowledging her boat was never the fastest and the rig never seemed to be tuned for the conditions. She did enjoy introducing many women to sailing and often turned out with an all-female crew.

Last year, she put a 'boat wanted' ad in Latitude for a Zephyr, stating she started in one and would like to finish in one. Proving that what goes around comes around, she soon got a call and one of Ed Thall's seven existing fiberglass Zephyrs soon followed her home behind Al's jeep. This very distinctive boat had also been very well loved. She campaigned the boat last year and then it went into the garage for even more loving restoration. Along the way, they decided that it would be good to have another Zephyr in the family, matching the two El Toros, so they tracked down another one. Nancy said that "Al got a woody!" and, of course, that is always something to boast about. Will there be two Zephyrs on the line? Probably not. If rubbing is racing, then this year's PHRF breakout almost precludes the sort of racing Nancy likes to do. At a PHRF of 258, it isn't likely she'll find a crowd at the mark. She feels that, if the results of her efforts are less than satisfactory, she may find some other way to give back to the club. What might that be?

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*(Stern Looks continued )*

She says the most important thing is: "Sailing is a lifestyle. Sailing people basically raised me, gave me guidance on and off the course. They helped me to develop skills that were useful in boats and in life. So it's very important to me that we keep a strong junior program at the SSC. Sailing is a good way for youth to learn the Corinthian attitude and how to face life." And so, with that advice, we give an affectionate but Stern Look to a great SSC sailor.



Nancy and Eee Zee at the start of 2007 Long Distance Race  
Another great shot from JimMurch

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STOCKTON SAILING CLUB  
UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES  
CONTINUATION OF MARCH MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2008

Commodore Feakes called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM to conduct the continuation of the March meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Board Members Present:** Peggy Feakes, Bob Camarena, Peter Hine, John Moyer, Tom Lueck, Hank Colberg, Dave Van Dyke, Gail Dameron, Karri Johnson, Steve Canepa and Mike Stefani.

**Closed Session:** Motion to go into closed session.  
Lueck/Camarena (MSP) Motion to return to open session.  
Lueck/Moyer (MSP)

**New Business:** Discussion regarding changes in dues and fees that were approved in the March Board meeting and the fact that they should be presented at the April Board meeting, voted on, and also printed in the April Dock Talk. The Bylaws state that this is the proper way to approve these changes. Following approval, the changes will go into effect May 1, 2008. Motion to approve changes and print in April Dock Talk. Stefani/Hine (MSP)

Motion to adjourn meeting. (MSP) Colberg/Van Dyke

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Dameron, Secretary

**REGATTA NEWS**

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PHRF: 2008 is the census year; all boats need to reregister this year so all of the new sails, alterations, refitting and whatever can be taken into account specifically for this venue. All handicap methods are flawed in some way, so the committee is just trying to level the playing field. I wonder how many strokes Tiger Woods would have to give me if we played golf; whatever the number, he would still win. As Kame Richards said, "Address the other 150 things on my boat before I even think of my PHRF number: excellent sails, smooth bottom, tuned standing rigging, effortless running rigging, etc. Just for new-to-PHRF-lingo sailors like me, here are some key words:

PHRF: (Acronym) for Performance Handicap Racing Fleet

BASE NUMBER: Number that Stockton Sailing Club Committee gives to a boat that's equipped for Full Race  
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**FULL RACE:** A boat that can change its headsail from gigantic to small (150%, 125%, 120%, 110%, 90%, Storm; another way of saying all, that is #5, #4, #3, #2, #1, (the #1 is the smallest))

**DELTA Number** (math/engineering jargon word that means change)

- Add 9 to a base PHRF number when running a 110% or less headsail
- Add 15 to a base number when NOT using a spinnaker

**SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS:** Some answers are being learned; I'll get back to you.

1. My boats (Etchells and 5.5) never had a sail bigger than a 110% or less, is that included in my base number? Also, does a boat that has been intentionally modified so that it now races in Stockton with only a 110 or less jib still get the 9 second change to its base number?

2. Is the Bay Area PHRF number the same as the Stockton Sailing Number?

No, Yes and Possibly. Every venue (San Diego, King Harbor, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Lake Huntington, Tampa Bay, Martha's Vineyard, etc. etc. etc.) bases their numbers on specific data, THEIR conditions and attitudes.

3. What is a J dimension?

The measured distance from the bottom of the forestay to the bottom of the mast (along the deck). That would be 100%. A 125% would be longer than that distance; a 90% would be shorter.

4. There was too much wind for my fleet on the last Spring Series Race so my fleet decided not to race; may we reschedule our race only?

5. How much is added to a DNS (Did Not Start) as opposed to a DNF (Did Not Finish)?

- DNF=Total of all boats signed up in your fleet plus 1
- DNS=Total of all boats signed up in your fleet plus 2

I would appreciate feedback from everyone. Thanks. See you on the water. Phil Hendrix

*Photo courtesy of Donald Doe*



**FROM THE TREASURER**

As we all know, and whether or not our elected representatives are willing to admit it, we are suffering economic downturns. Yet, meanwhile, inflation marches on! This holds true in almost any area of life these days, including the running of Stockton Sailing Club. Prior to last year, we tended to have increases in the rates we were being charged by the Club on an infrequent basis, every 3-4 years, in relatively large amounts. In 2007, the Board of Directors voted to institute a policy of smaller, regular annual increases in charges the Club makes for berth rent and dues, as well as charges for food and beverages, in an amount intended to more or less keep up with the inflation that we were seeing in our costs of doing business. So, in 2007, the Club increased the rates being charged the members and tenants for most things the Club provides. Then, with the economic downturn, last year we began to see increasing vacancies in our harbor. The Board appointed a marketing committee to study ways to increase our occupancy, and the trend is slowly turning around, but, as you drive down the parking lot towards the Clubhouse and look out to the harbor, you still see a lot of empty slips. So the Board decided to forego the annual increase in dues and berth rent for our fiscal year that begins April 1, 2008. It doesn't make much sense to increase your prices when you're trying to get more business! The dues and berth rents for the upcoming fiscal year will remain the same as the past year.

However, in reviewing our financial performance over the past couple of years, it became apparent that the overall costs of operating our bar and galley had increased at a much greater rate than our income for those items, and we were seeing the percentage of our food and beverage costs ballooning compared to income, to the point that we were losing money on some items. So, at its March meeting, the Board approved a budget that reflected increases in the rates being charged as follows, now intended to take effect May 1:

ITEM	CURRENT RATE	05/01/2008 RATE
Mixed Drink	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.50
Beer	1.75	1.85
Sodas/Juice	0.75	0.80
Water	1.25	1.30
Grill Burgers	2.75	3.00
Hot Dogs	1.75	2.00
Sandwiches	1.75	2.00
Chips	0.50	0.65
Popcorn	0.50	0.65
Gen'l Meeting Dinner	5.00	6.00

*(From The Treasurer con't)*

You can see, even with these increases, the amounts being charged are, in general, still much, much less than comparable charges anywhere else.

The current policy of no specific charge but, rather, a "donation" for the Friday Night Mixer will continue. It appears that, over the course of time, the "donation" has become more-or-less standard at \$5.00 per person. We are asking that members consider the quality of the food at a Friday Night Mixer, and think about increasing that "donation" to an amount that more reasonably reflects what you are getting. In most other venues, the potato and salad bar alone would set you back more than \$5.00! And, with the quality of the eats, a \$6.00 or \$10.00 (or even higher) "donation" is frequently not out of line!

Lastly, the Board voted to restructure the charges being made for dry storage. Currently, boats over 16 ft. long are charged on a two-tier scale, at a rate of \$87.50 per month for those with unlimited crane usage and \$52.50 for those with infrequent use of the crane. The problem is that there is no definition of what "infrequent usage" means. To avoid disagreements, and to simplify the situation, the Board voted to make a single charge of \$70.00 per month for storage, and not differentiate between "frequent" and "infrequent" crane use. While the charge for some boats will increase \$17.50, and some will decrease by the same amount, on a Club-wide basis, the overall net change will be insignificant but it will simplify the bookkeeping. And the rate for storage charged by SSC is still from 30% to 50% less than other storage facilities, which have NO CRANE AT ALL.

The changes will have a second reading at the April Board meeting and, if approved there, will take effect May 1. If you have comments regarding these changes, please make them to any Board member.

Peter Hine  
Treasurer



*Oops, I think we made a wrong turn somehow.....*

*Strong, gusty winds made for some interesting sailing on race day*

*Photo courtesy of Donald Doe*

STOCKTON SAILING CLUB

## ALL AMERICAN OPENING DAY

Saturday, April 12, 2008

This Year the theme is "All American"

### Decorate your Boat and enter it in the Parade of Boats

Prizes will be awarded for best decorated boat, best boat under sail and most colorful crew, Old fashioned Pie, Potato Salad and Baked Beans judging contest. Make your best recipe at home and enter it to win a prize for best in each category.

#### Schedule of Events

- 11 AM Boat Parade, Blessing of the Fleet done by  
Father Mark Hall from the Episcopal Church of  
Saint Anne
- 12 PM Lunch — Sloppy Joes
- 1-5 PM Games. Horseshoe Tournament, Blindfold dinghy  
races, more games and surprises all afternoon.
- 5 PM Pie, Potato Salad and Baked Beans Judging
- 6PM Rib Dinner

Sign up sheet in the Clubhouse for Parade and Dinner

More Information: Call Tom (209) 604-1300 or Office (209) 951-5600

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Boats for Sale

**1975 Catalina 22.** Pop-top, motor, sails, \$1,900. Call Paul at 209-610-9291

**PEARSON LARK 24** Hull #55 docked at H-6. Good starter boat. Needs TLC. Merc 9.9 outboard in well. Make me a decent offer. Heck, make me an offer.  
Contact: [traderik60@yahoo.com](mailto:traderik60@yahoo.com) – Rick Glass

**CAL 2-25** "Chairs", 6' head room. She will have a like new main sail soon and a 135 head sail on the Harken furler. A solar panel recharges the 2 house batteries and a tiller pilot (Hermie) will take care of the driving on a long tack. Asking \$6000.00. I have a double axle trailer for this boat at \$1500.00 and a new Honda 9.9 ex-long shaft with electric start motor at \$2800.00. "Chairs" does need bottom paint, that I will do next month at an additional \$1250.00. She is on the hard at space 15 next to the Club office. Call Duke or Denise Mac Gill at cell 775-544-1476 or home 775-786-3452 or e-mail [denisesirduke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:denisesirduke@sbcglobal.net)

**1989 BAYLINER** 1750 CAPRI BOWRIDER, 17 foot. 2.3 Liter 120 HP I/O Cobra One Drive. Walk Through Windshield. Escort Boat Trailer Model #B1761. \$4950.  
Contact Bob Hurst, 209-403-0299 or Nancy Goad 209-474-6623.

**1978 CAL 39** - Rebuilt engine & trans.; new tapered double spreader mast; new refrigeration, radar, windlass, below deck auto pilot, headliner, port lights and water maker; hard dodger and bimini with new canvas and solar panels. Much more, \$79,000. See at D-31 Paul and Rouge Owings (209) 327-0274

**1980 J 24** Relocation Forces Sale..." HARDALEE"... with trailer. Excellent condition, completely restored. Race/cruise, perfect Delta boat. Sleeps 4, sink, porta pottie, plenty of storage. All new rigging, knot meter, depth sounder, marine radio, AM/FM, CD Stereo w/wp speakers. Seven sails, excellent condition with sail bags - 2 jibs, 2 genoas, 2 mains and spinnaker and extra boom. New 4 hp Nissan long shaft less than 4 hrs. All accessories included. Sharp looking boat!  
\$7,000 or best reasonable offer. Can be seen at Stockton Sailing Club PL-11. Call Fred Doblender at (559) 291-2879 or email – [hardalee123@gmail.com](mailto:hardalee123@gmail.com).

**5.5, METER** Caribbean Lights, Boat of the Year – 2004. Need to sell, a deal at only \$3,500  
Terry Dobell 610-7643

### BOATS FOR SALE (continued)

**8' SABOT**, Fair condition \$300,  
Call Vern 209-952-4162.

### SOMEBODY GOT A NEW PUPPY!!!!





*Friday Night Mixers  
Look Who's Cooking???*

- April 4            Ruth Howell & Patty Jacquez
- April 11          Steve Canepa (General Meeting)
- April 18          Jim Painter
- April 25          Mary Dakin

**Isn't it your turn to cook??? - sign up in the clubhouse, you only have to prepare an entrée and will be reimbursed for your expenses (there is a \$125.00 limit-Call Suzi in the office for details)**

**Asparagus Festival**

This year, in an attempt to fill the harbor, we have arranged to have a booth at the Stockton Asparagus Festival. The festival runs from April 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 7 PM.

This will be a great opportunity to show the rest of the local residents more about our "Best Kept Secret in the Delta". It will also be an opportunity to advertise our Learn To Sail program.

I have asked our Juniors to help man the booth - more new members means more new Juniors - which means more fun!

**BUT, we still need more volunteers to help man the booth. See the sign up sheet in the clubhouse for your two hour stint.**

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