



DockTalk

Stockton Sailing Club

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Opening Day Huge Success!



**Council Woman Leslie Baranco
Martin cuts the ribbon to officially
declare the SSC sailing season open!**



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 docktalk09@stocktonsc.org or sgregor@pacbell.net. 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 **60 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.

Friday Night Mixers

May 1st: Open!
 May 8th: Ruth Howell & Patty Jacquez
 May 15th: Gary Eggert
 May 22nd: Jeff Canepa
 May 29th: Open!



2009 BLUE WATER CRUISE



Bodega & Tomales Bay



The cruise is scheduled for Sept. 12 through Sept. 19. If you've never been out the "Gate" but have the urge to go, this is the perfect opportunity! For more information, talk to Peter Hine (209) 957-4905.



Junior News!

April winds blew this month by faster than a blink. We couldn't ask for better weather, although we had to cancel one Friday race due to wind too much for our El Toro's. Opening day was a huge success. Thank you for your continued support for our Juniors, tee shirts are still available and Adopt-a-Dinghy will go `till the end of the month. Congratulations to Brandi Cross for winning the Polar Bear Series, way to go Brandi. Ten thousand thank you's to all the parents who helped the Juniors Program on Opening Day and Friday Nite Races. Suzann Collins

Commodores Comments

The Stockton Sailing Club is really a great place to be... with more and more members getting involved our events are really kick'n...

The board of directors are staying on top of club business and I guess the really interesting stuff revolves around the dredging committee... we the board should be getting a report at the next meeting requesting the go-ahead and a course of action and time table... from what I gather the project takes about a year to be permitted and another month to do the dredging...

I hope you went to SSC's opening day. What fun... and it proved again what a great club we have... So many members came together to put on the greatest opening day in recent history... Our office staff worked non-stop throughout the day to keep it coordinated and running

smoothly. The day started with the swap meet and a visit from channel 31 and Alan Sanchez... what a hoot... when Oliver stole the golf ball, and the show... everyone was in stitches... The City of Stockton sent council member Leslie Baranco Martin to our ribbon cutting ceremony to officially declare the SSC sailing season open... Everything flowed nicely throughout the day finishing up with a great BBQ attended by over 150 members and guests... Congratulations to all the prize winners of the many special events throughout the day.

Remember you can always go online and see an up to date calendar and many event fliers on our web (www.stocktonsc.org). A BIG thanks to our web master Jim Hachman for developing and maintaining our great site...

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With the down turn in our economy there is more and more crime happening and SSC may not be exempt... just a gentle reminder to always lock your car and not leave valuables visible inside.... Also as a member, if you do see something suspicious do not hesitate to investigate or bring it to the attention of our staff.

Oliver's Tails!



Opening Day . . . WOW! I had a lot of fun! There were so many people to play with, and the water was fine! I even made it on TV! Channel 31 was there and the reporter actually put the golf ball on the ground . . . in front of me, I mean, right there! What's a dog to do but pick it up and run with it! Yeah, he tried to catch me . . . Tried! No such luck! Anyway, I had great time meeting new people, swimming, fetching, stealing golf balls, and sailing! Can't wait till next year!

More Opening Day Pic's!



Learn To Sail 2009



Sign-up's for the 2009 **Learn To Sail** program are being taken on a first come basis. If you have an questions or need further information call **209-951-5690**.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FIRST THURSDAY: RULES & POLICY - 5:30 PM
HARBOR & FACILITIES – 7:00 PM

SECOND MONDAY: Membership Committee – 6:30 PM

FIRST TUESDAY: Junior Committee - 7:00 PM

SECOND TUESDAY: BOARD MEETING - 6:30 PM

SECOND FRIDAY: GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 PM

SECOND THURSDAY: REGATTA COMMITTEE - 6:30 PM

SECOND SATURDAY: Social & Cruise – 10:00 AM



Stockton Sailing Club Unapproved Board Minutes

April 2009

Commodore Lueck called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Board Members Present: Tom Lueck, Peggy Feakes, Karen DeBono, Abe Ayala, John Moyer, Gary Eggert, Karri Johnson, Steve Canepa, Mike Kennedy.

Board Members Absent: Gail Dameron, Dave Van Dyke

Others in Attendance: Suzi Wasielewski, Peter Hine, Jim Murch

Standing Business:

Approval of Agenda: Ayala/Eggert M/S/P

Approval of March minutes: Moyer/Ayala M/S/P

Approval of February financials: Feakes/Moyer M/S/P

Facilities Manager's Report: Edgar Okafuji was unable to attend the meeting. John Moyer will be working on cleaning up the floors in the bathrooms and minor repairs; rust treatment for light standards on docks; some additional clean up in kitchen.

Club Manager's Report: June 20th – Department of Boating and Waterways would like to promote "Wear It" campaign at our facility; thought on sponsoring a CPR class – no date as yet but will probably be in the end of May; Yellow Pages advertising opportunity for \$29 per month; member requesting rental of slip for 24' power boat; considering changing bathroom towels and hand soaps to make more uniform; would like to change office hours – restrict access to the office to after 12 noon two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays, for starting); catching up with late accounts (the name gets posted when their account is 60 days late); can we find some games (or other entertainment) to donate for kids?; still checking on food and beverage usage and will have a more formal report next month.

Correspondence: Retreat reservation requests from: Linda Driver on April 19th for Phil's 75th birthday; Ed Almaas on May 2nd; Elizabeth Johnson on May 8th for a retirement party; Gary Eggert on May 28th for a Hazelton School faculty end-of-year party; Mike McCandless on May 30th for a birthday party; Jim Painter on June 27th for a birthday party – Ayala/Moyer M/S/P

Member and Guest Comments: Jim Murch/Peter Hine reported that the Stockton Sailing Foundation has been approved by the IRS as a charitable foundation, whose funds are to be used for Junior/Youth Sailing – contributions (cash preferred) will be tax deductible.

Old Business:

Keys – Dave Van Dyke has gotten quotations for changing some of the door locks to access card locks and possibly converting to wireless system

Clubhouse deck-dry rot inspection – very little rot found
Delta Doo-Dah – vessels will be coming in the afternoon of July 3rd; Tom Lueck has barbecue organized; we will be offering a shuttle service; omelets breakfast scheduled for the Saturday morning – we expect 180 to 200 for the meals.

Closed session:

New Business:

Ladies Luncheon donation request – one month's slip rent and an item or two from the boutique – Eggert/Moyer M/S/P

Inside tie rates – presently \$85/month – grandfather in rates for present inside tie tenants, increase to going rates for any new inside tie tenants -- Eggert/Johnson M/S/P
High school regatta on September 19 and 20

Committee reports:

Dredging Committee: –(Feakes) We had a meeting with KSN and the soils testing engineer; they are looking into the first steps we need to take for getting permits; we will be putting together financial information to present to the FBI committee within the next month for subsequent presentation to the Board for anticipated costs of dredging

Membership Committee: (Johnson) Two couples for new family memberships – Harry Farrell and Carol Williams; Joshua and Candace Williams – Jim and Jeannette Cahill requested reinstatement – Ayala/Johnson M/S/P
Harbor & Facilities Committee: (Moyer) Sanding going on and getting ready for painting the deck

FBI Committee: (Eggert) Going to have a meeting within the next month; will be looking at outside accountants for cost comparison with our present outside accounting firm

Regatta Committee: (Canepa) Ditch Run coming up and volunteers needed

Rules & Policy Committee: (Van Dyke) No report

Social and Cruise Committee: (DeBono) Had a good meeting and working on schedules

Junior Sailing Committee: (Kennedy) Repairs to boats underway; Adopt-A-Dinghy will be promoted again this year; sail camp applications available on line; big race weekend coming up on Opening Day weekend

Motion to Adjourn. Ayala/Moyer M/S/P

Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

Gail Dameron, Secretary

Family Knots

My wife, Mary, is helping me get the five minute buzzer from the race deck for Race 3 of the Spring Series. Boats are darting by in all directions before the start. It will be a spinnaker start. That's always a challenge. My six-year-old, Catherine, has to go potty. Fine, just go, and please be quiet right now. My ten-year-old, Connor, senses the pressure. He stands on the cabin roof and sings AC/DC's Back in Black. Unfortunately he doesn't know the words. Mary reminds him that we need quiet. Okay, 2-minutes 30-seconds to the start. Boy we need to time this thing just perfectly. Now my son announces that some kind of unnatural disaster has occurred with the toilet. Catherine starts crying and screaming at Connor to leave her alone. So far, we are ranging nicely on the start line. I give Mary the tiller. She says she isn't sure what to do. All she has to do is turn right when I tell her and head straight down the channel. She reminds me that she knows "starboard" means "right." Sorry. Somehow the spinnaker goes up, the buzzer buzzes, and we are racing.

We've got a couple of Cal 2-27s with us on a long downwind leg. I'm focused on inching over toward Don and Peggy on *Doe Knots*. Everything is quiet, too quiet. Then I remember the toilet. Mary is a great driver, so I get to go below and gaze in amazement at the toilet. She has a nice conversation with the boat next to us while I am pumping like a madman at the head. She has developed an informal alliance with our neighbors. Together we can take Don and Peggy's wind. Mary comments on how this strategy seems so mean and that her neck is hurting from craning at the telltales. Now we are just a few feet away from Don and Peggy. Their spinnaker is starting to collapse. We are taking their wind! This is racing! Someone dumps over a full can of soda down below. Someone screams. Everyone is going nuts. So what! We're rolling Don and Peggy! Sorry for yelling kids. Please understand that I am not yelling at anyone. I am just trying to stay focused.

As crazy as it all sounds, it really is fun. After several pretty good mark rounding's we are still in the top three. Catherine has already finished her obligatory dramatic banshee screeches with the first boat heel over to a death defying 15 degrees. She's now relaxing in the V-berth with a DVD and a fresh soda, and we have actually heeled to 20 degrees without a peep out of her! Eventually, Connor takes the spinnaker sheet. He looks confident standing there concentrating on the kite. Mary starts to show some competitiveness when I hear her back in the cockpit softly encouraging me to hurry while I swear at the foreguy, topping lift, and that other stupid line that's wrapped around God knows what for the fifteenth time. I take a deep breath and have a chuckle at myself. We hear Catherine singing up in the V-berth. Everyone's happy. I think we're starting to get it.

Three spinnaker sets, two long windward legs, 90 million something tacks, several more family knots, and three hours later we crossed the finish line. We finished our first race as a family. And it turns out that we had a great time doing it. Pretty cool!

We had a family meeting a few nights later. Everybody agreed that we were ready to try again. Next time Connor is going to do more spinnaker trim if I do less yelling. Mary is going to start adjusting the mainsheet and steering at the same time. Catherine is planning to bring a bag of toys and coloring books, and Mary and I will not worry about them ending up all over the cabin and even possibly tangled up with the spinnaker. That's life. That's a sailing family. We are learning the trials of racing, experiencing the thrills of competition, and facing the frustrations of sailing itself. And we're doing it together.

We are *Mulberry Street*, a Catalina 27, and we encourage other families to come out and take a few of these chances. Those little risks reap great rewards. We guarantee you will create fun and often funny memories for your family. See you out there!

FROM THE OFFICE

Is it May already? With the season officially open and summer right around the corner there are a variety of "happenings" at the SSC/ If you take a look around the clubhouse you will notice event flyers and sign up sheets, Dock talk is another place to look and the office keeps members informed via the phone tree. There are the annual events like the Delta Ditch and new ones scheduled like the Delta Doo Dah. The turnout for the races and other events so far have been record breaking and we expect even greater attendance at future events. As a result the need for volunteers to assist in a variety of tasks is critical. A member may volunteer as little or as much time as they want to give. It is a great way to support your club and much needed and appreciated by the staff. On that same note we would like to say a big "Thank You" to all those that volunteered on Opening Day. It was a huge success and well attended.

Beginning in May the office will have new hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office will be closed until 1 p.m. for administrative purposes. The office will open for regular business in the afternoon. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

SSC Classifieds

Boats and Stuff for Sale!

1976 Catalina 27', Atomic 4 engine, canvas sails in good shape, \$2000 obo. Please call Leonard at 209-401-6082.

1972 Catalina 27, Dinette model, tiller, Albin 2 cylinder inboard gas engine with folding prop; club jib, both main and jib in excellent condition, 6 bags of sails incl.: 1 spin w/pole and 3 gennies-one still in the box, new sail covers for both main and jib, all lines lead aft; hauled and bottom painted by Ladd's 7/08, boat was completely professionally detailed; sink water faucet is electric operated, 110 VAC microwave, Raritan/LectraSan head, 2 new start/deep cycle batteries with marine charger, Sony CD/AM/FM system, VHS; 2 anchors with line, excellent condition both inside and out. Have all receipts for upgrades and repairs made since I've owned it--\$6,900. Can be seen on B-18, Gary 916-765-5874

Honda 4 Stroke Outboard: Regular Shaft, Very low hours: \$1,500.00. Tom Lueck 209-604-1300

1981 Balboa 16 - Fixed keel pocket cruiser. Trailer rebuilt - like new, maybe better, parked at the sailing club. Sleeps at least two, 4 hp Mariner motor, replaced carburetor last month, porta potty, boom vang, jib downhaul, main and cover, jib and storm jib, attachable running lights, anchor, and lots of miscellaneous equipment. Perfect first boat or your "other" boat for the Bay or Delta. Kept with loving care. Berthed in Emeryville Marina. \$4,000. Call Jan at (916) 359-6845

1983 I-36 "SILVER SHADOW" is FOR SALE. Boat is in excellent condition with many extras including new Doyle "Stack Pac" main and roller furling jib & cruising jennaker. Pathfinder diesel, back stay gimballed Furuno radar, A/P, wind indicator, hard dodger & full cockpit canvas. SSB, CNG, & H & C pressure water system. All lines lead aft through the dodger, 4 - 6 volt house batteries and 1-12 volt starter. Large, leather covered wheel, upgraded bronze ports and standing rigging. Well maintained boat with many extras. \$49900.00. Call Al Farnum @ 209 957-3361 for more information

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					18:30 Friday Night Dinner 1	Ladies' Luncheon 2
13:00 Spring Series #5 3				17:30 Rules and Policy Committee 19:00 Junior Committee 19:00 Harbor and Facilities Committee 7	17:00 Juniors - Spring Series Race 18:30 Friday Night Dinner 8	09:00-13:00 Adult Learn To Sail 10:00 Social and Cruise Committee 12:00 Double-handed Long Distance #2 9
09:00-13:00 Adult Learn To Sail Mother's Day 10	18:30 Membership Committee 11	18:30 Board Meeting 12		18:30 Regatta Committee 14	18:30 Friday Night Dinner 19:00 General Meeting 15	12:00 Long Distance Race #2 16
13:00 Spring Series#6 17					18:30 Friday Night Dinner 22	Memorial Day Cruise Memorial Day Weekend 23
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13:00 Spring Series #7 31						

CPR class being offered Saturday May 30th 12:00 in the clubhouse. Call the office to sign up.



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