



DOCKTALK

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Ladies Luncheon Huge Success!





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 or sgregor@pacbell.net. 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.

Friday Night Mixers

June 5th: Jim & Betty Adams
June 12th: Karen DeBono
June 19th: Don & Crystal Quinley & Dave & Kathy Gladden
June 26th: Bev Sheehy & Mike Stefani



2009 BLUE WATER CRUISE

Planning Meeting



It's way past time to begin our informational and planning process for the Blue Water Cruise. As was decided at our Pizza Feed Reunion for the 2008 Blue Water Cruise last November, the 2009 cruise begins Saturday Sept. 12, and north to Bodega and Tomales Bays. We will spend at least one night at Bodega Bay on the way out, then several at anchor in Tomales Bay. At least one more night at Bodega in preparation for the return, then a long day back (50+NM) to San Francisco Bay. The tides are good for leaving SF on the 12th in the mid morning. On the return the next Friday or Saturday the tide at the Golden Gate is flooding until mid-afternoon, and are fairly weak if ebbing in any case.

To plan this out, and provide any newbies the information they'll need on typical navigation and challenges regarding conditions, facilities and other issues, all who are interested should attend a planning meeting on Saturday, June 20 at the Club at 0930. Among other things we will decide on June 20:

- Do we want to break up the trip on the way out and stop at Drakes Bay for a night?
- How many nights in Tomales vs. in Bodega Bay?
- Do we return to San Francisco, Friday or Saturday?

If you can't attend the meeting, but do plan on going on the cruise, give me a call or send me an e-mail so I can forward you the information as to these decisions, plus any hand-outs or other information.

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ALERT! We're organizing the dry storage areas . .

If you have a boat, trailer or equipment stored at the club and you're not paying a fee to keep it here you must contact the office ASAP. If you are not sure contact the office. At the end of June we will remove and sell, destroy or get rid of all unauthorized boats, trailers or equipment.

Commodores Comments

Have you been thinking that you need to get out on the water a little more often? Well guess what... Our Wednesday night "Beer Can" racing begins in June... Every skill level is invited. No racing experience necessary. Besides giving you an excuse to be on the water every week you will develop better boat handling skills and enjoy the company of your friends. Last year over twenty eight boats participated. Many had their whole family aboard plus half the neighborhood. Because it's not a series you can race one or all of them. The first start is at 6:35 . If you're new to this kind of sailing give me a call, Tom 209-604-1300, for more details or just show up on any Wednesday night. This is the perfect way to enjoy a Wednesday evening and become more involved at the Club.

Dredging is a go. The dredging committee has been authorized to submit the application to the *State Lands Commission*. A

Hydrographic Survey and a Sampling and Analysis Plan & Testing must be attached to the application. The application must be reviewed by a *Consulting Engineer* before it is submitted. The whole permit process takes about a year to complete and about a month for the actual dredging to be done.

The Stockton Sailing Club has many cruises/events planned throughout the year. Individual members sponsor these. If you see one that you want to attend (check our calendar) or you'd like to start something different... contact our friendly and enthusiastic social and cruise committee or the office staff and they will help you with the details. Unfortunately, if members don't want to sponsor a cruise/event it may be canceled.

We're starting "movie" night on the third Thursday of the month beginning in June. "Captain Ron" will be the first movie on June 18. Watch for flyers or check with the office for more information.

Tom Lueck

Oliver's Tails!



Guess what he's got now.... Squirt guns! I can't understand it. I love the water. I love to swim. I'll fetch the dumb stick all day, especially if Peter throws it... but I just can't stand to be squirted. He knows this and is making my life miserable. The other day I swear I almost had to climb up the willow tree to hide . . . except the tree was already full of... ugh... cats. Maybe I'll go to one of those water balloon schools run by Chuck Jones.

Clubhouse

**The Clubhouse hours are from 6 - 2 AM.
The Clubhouse and upper deck are closed 2 - 6 AM.**

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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

From The Office!



From the Office....

It's great to see so many of you signing up to help at the Ditch Run. That's one of the main reasons why this is such a great club. It's all about the people and everyone has something to contribute. Whether it's cooking or cleaning or decorating or planning fun activities, it all counts! So keep up the good work. If you notice a new face in the office, say hello to Chris. She'll be working a few hours a week to help with bookkeeping, at least through the summer.

In case you haven't heard, we've made a change to the office hours. We are now open Monday through Saturday from 9-4:30, except on Tuesday and Thursday we open at 1:00. If you are trying to reach us by phone, please leave a message. We check the machine several times a day and will return your call as quickly as we can.

We are currently accepting Learn to Sail applications for our summer classes that start June 8th and run through August 14th. The application is available on our website or in the office. Debra is the administrator of the program and can answer any questions you might have. Remember to sign up early as we expect to fill all the classes. One last thing...Remember that we are here to support the membership. If you have any questions or concerns about Rules or Policies, or anything at all, please give us a call.

See you at the club!

Did you know that we are a collection center for used Motor Oil and Batteries? Ask Edgar for more information about recycling these items.

In Memory of Floyd L Magnus Sept. 23, 1924 – May 12, 2009

The family of Floyd Magnus invites Sailing Club members to a celebration of life for Floyd Magnus, a long time club member to be held on Sunday June 14 at 4 pm on the Lower Deck. It will be a time for remembering all of the quick witted one liners and life-time stories that Floyd loved to share with those around him.

Stockton Sailing Club Unapproved Board Minutes

May 2009

Commodore Lueck called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Board Members Present: Tom Lueck, Peggy Feakes, Karen DeBono, Abe Ayala, John Moyer, Gary Eggert, Steve Canepa, Mike Kennedy, Gail Dameron, Dave Van Dyke.

Board Members Absent: Karri Johnson

Others in Attendance: Suzi Wasielewski, Edgar Okafuji, Jim Hachman, Bobby Doscher, Burt Mohr

Standing Business:

Approval of Agenda: Moyer/Kennedy M/S/P

Approval of April minutes: Feakes/Moyer M/S/P

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

Discussion prior to approval included questions regarding accounts payable differences from the year before, interest income down due to interest rate reductions, the differences in the guest bar income versus member bar income, reasons for large junior income increases, non-member income increase is due to more non-members in the harbor, and finally a check written to cash was for the new truck for the Club.

Facilities Manager's Report: Edgar Okafuji reported that the new truck purchased for the Club is a Ranger 2003 and is in overall generally good condition and needed only minor general maintenance. He has done general maintenance on the Whaler starting problem along with maintenance on the rest of the boats. The treating for *Algeria densa* is ongoing and much of the plant is already gone from the harbor but there is a problem on one side of F Dock due to water flow issues and it will take longer to clear. Our grounds keeper Jose had open heart surgery and will be out a couple of months so we have a temporary employee until he returns.

Club Manager's Report: We have hired Chris Melton as the new part-time bookkeeper. She comes to us with great references and we are excited to have her. Opening day was a huge success and well done and we still need more volunteers for the Ditch Run. Finally, the change in the office hours is working out very well.

Correspondence:

Lee Harding has requested that we terminate his membership effective May 1, 2009, since he has sold his boat and no longer spends as much time here.

Randy Clause is resigning his membership effective May 1, 2009.
Motion to approve correspondence: Eggert/Moyer M/S/P

Member and Guest Comments: Karen DeBono had a member complain about the condition of our first aid kits and agreed to see if she can get them restocked properly.

Bobby Doscher and Jim Hachman reported on the Ditch Run preparations. The website www.compete-at.com is open for entries from guests and members. He stated that the Board is responsible for the management of the event and that Social and Cruise, Harbor and Facilities will play a large part in preparation and support for this event. The bar in the retreat and in the Clubhouse will only accept tickets or club charges for drinks from members and the food will operate the same way. Sponsors for the event are Mt. Gay, Harken, Svendsen's and new this year will include Velocitek. Entertainment for this year's event will be a Bay Area band. There was discussion regarding renting a cherrypicker to help with mast removal for members and visiting guests. The Board requested that they make folders for the event for those that will follow in their steps.

Old Business:

Keys – It will cost approximately \$3,000 to add two new stations to our present system. To move to a wireless system on our present system would cost approximately \$4,800 and to switch to an ALX system will cost \$6,000. Motion to spend \$6,000 for wireless conversion. Moyer/DeBono M/S/P

Burt Mohr made a dredging presentation to the Board. The committee is requesting funds for survey, sampling and analysis. See attached report for details. Motion to approve funds for sampling, analysis and testing and hydrographic survey. Feakes/Ayala M/S/P Dave Van Dyke opposed motion.

Closed session: No closed session.

New Business:

Gary Eggert reported that financially the Club did very well for the year. He also noted that there are checks to Suzi Wasielewski several times a month to reimburse her for funds spent personally for supplies for the Club. He suggested we get her a credit card with a \$1,000 limit and amended to \$2,000, to be used for purchases for the Club so she no longer will have to spend her personal funds. Motion to approve new credit card: Eggert/Feakes M/S/P

The old Toyota truck will be sold to Edgar Okafuji for \$200. Motion to approve sale: Moyer/Eggert M/S/P

Parties at the clubhouse have become an issue and Dave Van Dyke, Peggy Feakes and John Moyer have agreed to handle this.

Committee reports:

Dredging Committee: – (Feakes) See attached report from Burt Mohr.

Membership Committee: (Johnson) New members presented to the Board are Josh Orkin and Susan Ashley, Patrick Drury, Steven Zagaris, and Conrad Blaszczyk and Sharon Jarvis. If they have attended an orientation meeting and paid their required fees, they are approved. Ayala/Eggert M/S/P

Harbor & Facilities Committee: (Moyer) Deck has been painted, the door in the kitchen has had an added piece of stainless to make maintenance easier, investigating rust restorer to use on the dock lights and striping of the parting lot will begin soon.

FBI Committee: (Eggert) No report

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

Rules & Policy Committee: (Van Dyke) No report

Social and Cruise Committee: (DeBono) Volunteers needed for the Ditch Run.

Junior Sailing Committee: (Kennedy) There are two new members and the juniors would like to sell water and sodas at the Ditch Run. There will be a junior regatta on the Hot August Night weekend.

Motion to Adjourn. Dameron/Eggert M/S/P

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Dameron, Secretary

Family Knots

My 10-year-old, Connor, tells me he has had enough of the drills. He doesn't want to have sail around those same three marks with some guy yelling at him from a whaler anymore. I point out to him, once again, that all these people are top sailors and that they are volunteering their time for him. He knows! I know this meeting is a critical moment and I tell myself to stay calm. I can see that he needs my help so I back down and explain his options. In the end, he had to be allowed to decide and he did. He was done with racing. He wants to take his El Toro out at Stockton SC and sail around the harbor and just have fun. He wants to crew on *Mulberry Street*, our Catalina 27, in the Spring Series if it's not too windy. Well, okay. I didn't much care for the drills, either, when I was a teenager. They used to admonish me at St. Francis YC to *always sail the boat to its potential!* Like you owe it to the boat or something. Of course, I understand that level of dedication, but Connor just wants to have fun. Your kids tell you what they want in the simplest terms. God bless them for that. The hard part, of course, is to listen. I'm working on that.

This reminded me that one of the best things about sailing is that it can be enjoyed on so many different levels. There's a huge variety of ways to participate in the sport. Daydream about the possibilities. Try different things. I've been daydreaming about getting an old Laser to sail on out at Potato Slough. I could race with the regulars out there, go for long sails on my own, or just lay in it with a beer. So many choices! Keep daydreaming and trying stuff and you'll find different ways to enjoy sailing. Just like Connor. Just have fun. No guilt, no sorrows. Just have fun daydreaming. When the time is right, you'll know it. Then when you do make it out, I hope to see you smiling when we cross tacks. You'll probably kick my butt, if that's what you like about sailing.

Abe Ayala said to me awhile back, "Who would have thought you could have such great sailing here in Stockton?" Man, that guy is a sage! Look at all the opportunities to have fun. Don't take it too seriously. Just relax. Not that I intend to let up on those guys in the Spring Series! See you out there!

Junior News!

- The donations to Adopt-a-Dinghy are greatly appreciated, the names will go on the newly refurbished Flying Junior that Ray Lopez painted.
- Sail Camp is July 12-18. Application deadline for Sail Camp is June 7, 2009 - \$75. late fee after June 7th
- Sorry for any inconvenience on A Dock, due to the work on the El Toros. Bruce Collins was fitting new mast and rigging the boats over the last couple of weeks and they were left out. He is finished, and A Dock will be clear.
- Junior parent committee meeting is June 2nd.
- SSC Junior (Kids) meeting TBA.
- Friday Night Soda Can Races June 12 & 26

Our new Junior tee shirt are available

If you have any questions, comments, or want to volunteer in the Junior program, please call me

Suzanne Collins

"Racing isn't about if you beat yourself or in some cases if you did your best," Budge Humphreys. Many people think that racing isn't everything, but to a person who only knows that, it's difficult to have anything else. You know that you are stuck to racing when "good job" is never enough for you. I personally fight to prove that I am worth everything I seem to be while I get credit sometimes, but by people who don't know how hard my job is on the boat, I don't get the credit I deserve. Some people say I'll never make it as a sailor, but I'm out to prove them wrong. My peers don't understand why I sail as much as I do, but my family does and that is all that matters. I have people looking up to me and I don't know why. At times my brain says quit while my heart tells me to push on and prove people wrong. When I was younger somebody gave me the chance to race and I rejected the offer, only to get more interested a little while later. I sail because the one person who continues to cheer me on is no longer hear to watch me in person.

Hope to see you racing,
Spinnaker Flyer

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.

Avon Red Crest—2 hp Evinrude, Make offer. Jene Rong 209-479-1769/Jenerong@gmail.com

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

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 gimbale 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

Stockton Sailing Foundation Is Founded

The IRS has given its final approval to the Stockton Youth Sailing Foundation to become a fully qualified charitable foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to promote sailing to the youth of Stockton and the surrounding area. This was a dream of the late Joan Harp and in her loving memory her husband Cecil has donated a sum of over \$25,000 as the first donation to the foundation. A few things to mention here, one because of the laws regarding qualifying as a charity, the foundation is not part of the Stockton Sailing Club and has to be run as a separate legal entity. It has a separate board of directors. All its funds are completely separate from the Club. It will promote sailing to all the youth of Stockton and the area, not just to the youth of the club. This is a charitable foundation and as such all donations are tax deductible; the foundation will accept donations in the form of cash, check or marketable securities and generally will not accept in kind donations. The officers of the foundation are Jim Murch, Peter Hine and Rick Gibson and a liaison from the SSC Board of Directors is to be announced. The foundation looks forward beginning this summer in helping the young people of the area.

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 18:35 Wednesday Night Racing	4 15:30 Rules and Policy Committee 19:00 Junior Committee 19:00 Harbor and Facilities Committee	5 18:30 Friday Night Dinner	6 Delta Ditch Run
7 Delta Ditch Run Awards	8 18:30 Membership Committee Learn to Sail Classes Begin	9 18:30 Board Meeting	10 18:35 Wednesday Night Racing	11 18:30 Regatta Committee	12 17:00 Juniors - Soda Can Race 18:30 Friday Night Dinner 19:00 General Meeting	13 09:00-13:00 Adult Learn To Sail 10:00 Social and Cruise Committee
14 09:00-13:00 Adult Learn To Sail 12:00 Juniors - 3rd Race Clinic and Sunday Race Flag Day	15	16	17 18:35 Wednesday Night Racing	18	19 18:30 Friday Night Dinner	20 13:00 Race of Champions
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 18:35 Wednesday Night Racing	25 18:30 Dredging Committee South Tower Mixer	26 10:00 South Tower Race 17:00 Juniors - Soda Can Race 18:30 Friday Night Dinner	27 South Tower Race Continues
28 South Tower Race Finish & Awards	29	30				



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