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**Editor's Comments**

Hello Members,

Friday Night Dinners are back. Come on out at 6:30 PM; another great dinner by the membership for the membership! Volunteer chefs needed in the weeks ahead call the office to sign up.

Saturday July 24 is the Regatta Long Distance Race #2. Reach out to the Regatta Committee for time and entry.

FREE SAILING LESSONS for children and grand kids Saturday July 24! Only a few Saturday's left before this Members Only benefit ends. Call the office to secure a spot children ages 8-18.

Put these on your Calendar -  
Future SSC FUN

Thursday evenings: Small Boat racing and Music Night.

Junior Learn to Sail Classes weekly until July 28 (3 day classes Wed-Fri);

Yoga is Back on Monday Nights in the Event Center!



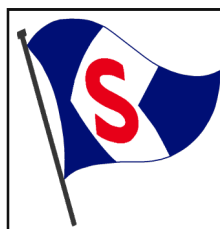
August 14 Hot Summer Nights Car Show and Burgers open to the public,

**Captain Volunteers Needed:**

Over 30 people have signed up and plenty of new members are looking for experienced Captains to help adults learn to sail. Contact Richard Wright, Tom Lueck or Jim Dale at 209-951-5600 if you want to help introduce them to sailing.

**This Month's Cover**

Bones III under sail.

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## SSC Racing News by Andy Goodman, Director

### Wednesday night beer cans

Mid-week racing has kicked off. A variety of weather has made the Wednesday night racing fun. Single-tack close-reaches, standard up-the-middle wind, breezy, light, shifty... All ending with a beautiful sunset. Since the racing started (1st Wednesday after Memorial Day) as many as 13 boats have been enjoying these conditions. The evening breeze has shown longevity, all boats going around the windward mark have sailed home. The race starts at 6:30, first boat to round channel marker #33 wins bragging rights, first boat home wins more.

### Thursday night dinghies

Dinghies have been gathering on Thursdays around 5:30. So far we've seen Lasers, a Force5, Finn, Hobie Wave, Lark, MC Scow, Capri 13 and a Holder 12 participate. Like the Wednesday night races, the conditions have varied from breezy to light with some gorgeous 8-12kt evenings mixed in. Enthusiasm for small boat sailing is going. Depending on the wind, between 3 and 5 races are usually run, going to the red channel marker at the entrance to River Point and back to the SSC.

### Singlehanded race

Saturday, July 3rd, four boats competed for the Singlehanded Race. A warm day was accompanied by a 6-9kt NW wind, very pleasant for a solo sail. Bill Canepa on the Columbia Challenger, *Faith*, gave a good chase to try and catch the winner, Andy Goodman on *Bad Dog*, a J22. Behind Bill, Walt Andrews on his Zeypher, *Zig Zag*, was able to stay in front of Gray Drohan on the Viper640.

### Race of Champions

The Race of Champions... One race with the top 3 boats from each Spring Series division. This actually turned into 2 of the top 3 boats in each division. Representing the A-fleet was Bob Doscher and Gray Drohan. Representing the B-fleet was Andy Goodman and Bill Canepa. The wind the day before was great for the singlehanded race and Sunday had great wind for the crewed racing. 9-13kts from the west with shifts to make big gains (or losses). Bob Doscher really had his Etchells, *Warlock*, moving and wasn't making mistakes. *Faith* finally had a good solid breeze and showed her wheels sliding into second place. The crew on *Bad Dog* knew to catch them they needed to take some risks which didn't pay off leaving them in 3rd. Gray found that the weeds growing (and floating) in the delta suck.

### Founding Fathers Regatta

Forecasts for oppressive heat suppressed the turn out for the Founding Fathers Regatta. On Saturday, a solid 7 to 10 kt wind out of the WNW cooled down that forecasted heat considerably, at least on the water. Sunday was a bit lighter to begin the day but matched the conditions of the day before.

Seven boats participated in the PHRF fleet. After five very close races, many finishes were decided by less than a minute. The team of Chris Shepherd, Jillian Humphreys, Jim Hachman and Grace sailed the E-Scow, *E-Ticket*, to the top of the standings. *Warlock* came in second and Dave Van Dyke's J35 in third.

The dinghy fleet consisted of two Lasers. Andy Goodman on his yellow boat versus John Notman Jr. on his orange boat. The boats were evenly matched in these conditions. Most races were decided by only a couple of boat lengths or less. After five races, Andy had the lead by 1 point. Since the wind was nice, the racing fun and the PHRF fleet still a long way up their course, the two Lasers asked for a sixth race and the RC obliged. The last race could have forced a 7th tie-breaker race but it wasn't needed.

### Olson 40

Mike Little and the crew of his Olson 40, *Dogma*, have been racing the OYRA series. They've been enjoying the salty water and cooler weather while racing out to the Lightship Buoy, Duxbury Reef, The Farallons, Monterey and Half Moon Bay.

One of their crew reports, "these races are so different from the racing in the Delta. Weather conditions can change very quickly, going from calm and easy in the bay and then 20 minutes later on the outside of the Golden Gate Bridge it can be 25kts with huge swells and sloppy chop waves. Or the opposite, champagne weather in the ocean and nasty in the bay." They have been learning a lot about the weather patterns and tidal currents of the bay and ocean while competing against some of the bay area's top boats.

*Dogma*'s last race was called the "Jr Waterhouse", which started in the bay, raced out to the Lightship Buoy and then back into the bay for a finish at Richmond Yacht Club. GO DOGMA!

### Wiki Wiki

Pat Brown with his Moore 24, *Wiki Wiki*, was the top overall SSC boat in the Ditch Run. He has been campaigning *Wiki* in the Bay Area Moore 24 Fleet. So far, 41 boats have participated in at least one of three the 2021 Moore 24 Roadmaster Series events. *Wiki Wiki* is sitting in 25th place and is poised to move up the standings. Their next regatta will be the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake. GO WIKI WIKI!

## BONES VIII- THE VOYAGE OF 27 YEARS

This story is about the 27 years of adventures around the world and many other amazing ports of call between 1992-2019 on the sailboat owned and skippered by our longtime club member Bill Chapman. Bones VIII is a Swan 47.

A little background on Bill- He grew up in the San Francisco area. He knew at age 12 that he wanted to sail around the world. His first boat was a Mercury. Bill joined the Sailing Club in 1957 and served as commodore in 1961 which involved the successful planning and building of our club as we know it today. For 23 years he was part of the Marines on active and reserve duty. After a thriving career in the banking industry Bill retired and pursued his dream of sailing to a multitude of destinations throughout the world. He and the crew would sail six months a year then bring Bones VIII into a safe harbor during the bad cruising months. Also Bill was an avid racer. He did the Trans Pac, Vancouver to Hawaii, San Francisco to San Diego, Los Angeles to Honolulu, San Francisco to Kauai, the Big Boat series and many more. Most of his crew were from our club.

"If you can sail off the coast of California then you can sail anywhere," Bill stated. So that's exactly what he did. When he was asked what scared you during your voyages? He replied, "Nothing." "The biggest worry was avoiding hurricanes." Of course they were always prepared and did extensive planning.

The only encounter with a shark was in the Minerva Reef. A reef out in the middle of the ocean between New Zealand and Tonga that is two and a half miles wide. A shark decided to attack the outboard motor.

Here is a partial list of the many ports of call:

Scario- the most beautiful harbor in Italy

Sicily

Sardinia

French & Italian Rivas

All of Polynesia

Bermuda

Bahamas

Indian Ocean

Cape Verde

Portugal

Spain

New Zealand

Tonga

Madeira

Azores

North Africa

Panama Canal- 4 times

Suez Canal

Red sea

Yemen

Sudan

Egypt

Morocco

Indonesia- Best place in all aspects

Moorea- the most beautiful island and where he wed his bride Angela.

In the Muslim countries they used Marlboro cigarettes for trade. That was preferred over money. They brought along 22 cartons and went through all of them.

This article does not begin to tell the many stories and adventures that were encountered on the sailing trips. They also made lots of lifetime friends. As I interviewed them and looked at only a portion of the many picture albums they have I wanted to hear more and more. Each story they told was intriguing and packed with fascinating details. I would suggest if you get the chance sit down and talk with them. The only reason Bill and Angela are not out there still exploring new ports is due to major health issues that have stopped Bill from continuing on around the world.

Many of our club members have been part of the crew at various times. Including John Green who has bought the boat just this year and brought her back to the club recently. He hopes to follow in Bill's footsteps and continue taking Bones VIII on numerous adventures.





## LONGTIME/NEW MEMBER JOHN GREEN

*Written by John Green*

So, where does *Bones VIII* go from here? Great question! I have frequently said to people that I'd like to be just like Bill (Capitán, as the *Bones* crew calls Bill) when I grow up.

Short term, I plan on doing coastal cruising and Bay sailing for the next several years until I can retire. As I start to fill the shoes of Capitán I am grateful for all of the amazing experiences that I have had over the past 30+ years on *Bones* with Capitán, Diana and Angela. Once I get to my 'golden years', I would love to sail off towards the South Pacific for a number of months at a time and then spend the balance of my time back here with my family. That is the dream that Capitán lived for decades, and I would love to have the ability to do even a fraction of that. I would also like to visit some of the places where my grandfather, Rudolph Toller, served as a physician on the USS Samaritan.

When I moved to Stockton as a budding 12-year-old, I was welcomed into the Stockton Sailing Club as a junior member in 1972.. It was through this venue that I was able to develop my sailing skills, racing skills and ocean

navigation skills to the point where I feel comfortable with the right boat, of course, to continue on – especially in the *Bones* tradition.

One of the amazing things about exploring the world by boat, is that the moment you tie up you have a connection to those around you. We all share a passion for sailing and it makes starting new friendships that much easier. With the common bond of sailing, there are so many ways to build new and lasting friendships. As an old friend of mine once said: "Johnny, there are times when it is good to get the stink of the land off of you and go sailing." He also said: "It is not always tropical sunsets and umbrella drinks, but sailing is always rewarding."

*Bones* is obviously a well-founded and immensely well-crafted boat build in Finland by Nautor, fully capable of sailing around the world (as evidenced by *Bones*' two laps) I am convinced that anywhere I would like to go, *Bones* is fully capable to take me.

That said, I can only wait and plan for what the next phase of *Bones* will be. As a friend recently remarked, maybe this will be *Bones VIII<sub>2</sub>* with the subscript "2" representing both the second incarnation of *Bones* as well as representing the fact that she has completed two circumnavigations.

I can only hope that I can continue to bear the standard of *Bones*.







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## Some Recent Activities at the Club



Friday Night dinners are back



Some young members went sailing



Some guests enjoyed the new lounge.



A boat came home



## DISCOVERING THE ECOLOGY OF THE DELTA

### BATS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (Order Chiroptera) by Marie-Odile Noel-Goodman

Bats are often an unloved order of mammals. Not only are they furtive and dark animals with weird facial features, they are also associated with strong myths; when we think of bats, we think of rabies, even though any wild mammal can be infected and shouldn't be handled. We also think of vampire tales, but only 3 species of bats (of more than 1,400 species) actually feed on animal blood, and they all live in Latin America. Recently, they have even been targeted as a potential source of transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus to humans...

The truth is that, left alone, bats are harmless and highly beneficial. In addition of being vital to the balance of the eco-systems, they provide great ecological services to humans. Some bats are pollinators: as they drink the sweet nectar inside the flowers, they pick up the pollen and move it along to other flowers, insuring an efficient reproduction of some plants. We can thank the bats for a lot of our favorite foods, including bananas, mangos, cocoa, and agave, which is used to make tequila – cheers! Some other bats are seed dispersers. They eat the fruits and poop the seeds as they fly, planting new trees and playing a huge role in the regeneration of forests.

**However, all the bats in Northern California are insectivorous, eating flying insects that can spread diseases or can damage crops.** Most, on average, can eat up to half their body weight in insects in a single night, while pregnant or nursing mothers will consume up to 100 percent of their body weight each night! Scientists estimate that insect-eating bats may save U.S. farmers roughly \$23 billion each year by reducing crop damage and limiting the need for pesticides. Less pesticides means a healthier environment for other living species, including birds, fish and humans.

According to Northern California Bats, **our region is host to 9 different species of bats.** Because California has fewer flying insects in winter, our bats either hibernate here in sheltered roosts (caves, attics, barns, hollow trees...) or migrate south during winter. When they hibernate, their heart rate slows down dramatically and they rely on their fat storage to survive. If they are disturbed during their hibernation, their fat storage can be depleted before the end of the winter and they are susceptible to die before the return of the insects they prey on.

**The specimen observed recently at the sailing club and shown in the picture is likely a Brazilian Free-Tailed Bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*),** also known as the Mexican Free-Tailed Bat, which we can recognize by the tail extending beyond the patagium, this membrane between hind feet that the bat uses as a net to catch flying insects. This bat is migratory and it is found from central North America to northern South America. Despite its relatively small size (body length around 3.5", with a 12-14" wingspan), it is the fastest bat in the world, flying in short bursts at speeds up to 100 mph!

Bats are fascinating animals. They are the only mammal capable of true flight – the flying squirrel actually glides. The name of their order, Chiroptera, comes from the Greek words cheir, that means hand, and pteron, that means wing. As a matter of fact, the wings of the bats are actually made of a thin membrane attached to four extremely long fingers. The thumb is the only finger that is not attached to the flying membrane; it is short and has a sharp claw that helps bats climb up high enough to be ready to let go and fly (bats can not start flying from the ground). Bats rest hanging upside down, clinging with their toes. A unique musculoskeletal arrangement causes their feet to automatically contract when they are hanging, so they can cling without effort. Unlike what we could think, bats are not blind. However, insectivorous bats like the Californian ones rely mostly on echolocation to find their preys. As they fly, they emit dozens of high-frequency calls per second; those waves bounce off objects and back to the bat's ears, which can localize the prey with impressive precision. Echolocation sounds are mainly inaudible to humans, but bats also give shrill squeaks most humans can hear.

All bats are protected in California, as their populations are declining. The primary cause of their decline is human activity, including the ongoing destruction of natural habitats and the extensive use of pesticides that contaminate the insects they eat. If you want to get involved in bat conservation (and protect your yard against night-flying insects!), putting up a bat house can give your local bats a safe and comfortable place to live. Being conscious about your pesticides use and choosing to buy organic produce help a lot as well. You can also report injured bats or colonies at risk of being eradicated to local agencies such as Northern California Bats.

To learn more :

Northern California Bats: <https://norcalbats.org/>

Bat Conservation International: <https://www.batcon.org/>

Bat World Sanctuary: <https://batworld.org/local-rescue/>






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# Blue Water Cruise Bay & Monterey

## October 2-17, 2021

**Blue Water Cruise**  
Tentative Schedule  
**October 2-17, 2021**

OK, we've settled on tentative dates for a week's cruise to the Bay, followed by a week to Monterey. The plan is to leave SSC on Saturday, October 2 for the Bay. Then, for those a little more adventurous, we'll leave SF Bay the following Saturday, October 9, for Monterey, and plan to return to SF and then SSC the following weekend, depending on the needs of those who want to attend. The tides during this time are fairly benign, with most currents under 1 knot (2 at the absolute most). The overnight stops totally depend on what harbors are open then due to Covid-19. We can be fairly confident commercial harbors will be available, but we'll have to see for yacht clubs. We can probably look forward to seeing Pittsburg or Benicia, South Beach, Angel Island, Half Moon Bay, Monterey and Santa Cruz. Other stops in SF Bay (maybe Alameda Sausalito and others) will depend on desires of the attendees and open harbors. If you would like to come along, gives us your ideas and desires.



**More Info: Peter (209) 608-8082 or (209) 951-5600**

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5:30 pm

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**Andy Goodman 209-493-3677**

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# Youth Learn to Sail

Boys and Girls  
Ages 8-18

Grab your friends and join us for our great 2021 summer Learn to Sail program. Please register early as classes usually fill quickly. No experience required. Boys and Girls ages 8-18 will be sailing their own sailboat. Our head coach will show you how easy it is to "Learn to Sail". Boys and Girls do equally well in this sport.

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ON THE WATER has everything you want to know about racing, cruising, regatta forms and race photos.

JUNIOR SAILING includes all Junior information. Including Junior membership applications.

MEMBERS is password protected. The password has been emailed to all SSC members on the club email list. If you didn't get it, phone the office and they will give it to you. MEMBERS is where you will find the latest issue of DOCKTALK, EVENTS CALENDAR, SSC BOARD MINUTES, BYLAWS and EVENT PLANNING.

CONTACTS has contact information for board members, harbormaster, other clubs & marinas.

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