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Editor's Comments

Hello Members

Come on out and enjoy "where the fun begins!" Maybe a glass of wine and watch the sunset, or join in the Thursday evening jam session in the Little Sailor's Lounge. Wednesday night Beer Can Racing has officially ended for the Season but rumor has it that some racers plan to continue unofficially as long as the weather permits.

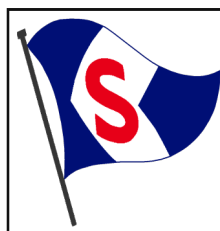
The 2021 Fall Series will start on September 11, so get those boats ready. Also on September 11 mark your calendars for the Regatta Sailors Dinner in the evening. Everyone is welcome to the Stockton Sailing Club's end of the sailing season picnic hosted by the Regatta Committee. Please join in for a scrumptious dinner on September 11th in the retreat at 6:30 pm of Javanese Pork and Chicken with peanut slather, and Seasonal Veggies. There will be having a raffle for some nautical prizes. You can sign up in the clubhouse, call the office, email regatta21@stocktonsc.org or call Chris Shepherd at 209-321-5447 with any questions.



And don't forget, Monday night yoga in the Event Center and Friday Night Dinners. Speaking of Friday Night Dinners, Volunteer Chefs are needed. ! Contact the Office and volunteer to prepare your favorite meal for the Membership! To help, the Board has increased the expense allowance.

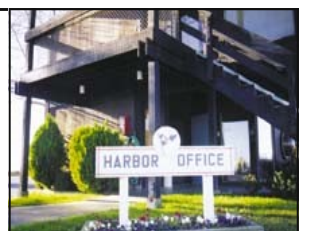
This Month's Cover

Andy and Marie Goodman sailing their Mercury, *La Trompeuse* in a Wednesday evening Beer Can.

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SSC Racing News *by Andy Goodman, Director*

High Sierra Regatta

Pat Brown and Team Wiki enjoyed some mountain lake sailing on July 17-18. At the SSC, we are familiar with the Moore 24 fleet from their domination of the Ditch Run. In this very competitive fleet, *Wiki Wiki's* best finish was a pleasing 8th out of 16 boats. These boats are just plain fun to sail and even better when you look behind you at the finish line and there are some big-time names following you.

Mercury High Sierra Regatta

On the last full weekend in July, Andy and Marie Goodman sailed their Mercury, *La Trompeuse*, at Huntington Lake. A 20 boat fleet sailed 3 races over the weekend. Huntington Lake provided great conditions again; 8-15kts of shifty, high-altitude lake breeze, 80 degree air temp and 70 degree water temp. A main halyard failure in the second race was a disappointment for *La Trompeuse*. They spent the rest of Saturday making a new halyard to get back on the water for Sunday's race. The 3rd race was their best finish, an 11th. "We were very happy with our last race, finishing strong was a great way to redeem our DNF in race 2," said Andy. "We spent a lot of our time in the middle of the pack this weekend. Given the deep talent and experience this fleet has, we felt like we really did well and are excited to try and move up a couple of places next time."

SSC Long Distance Race #2

Faith with the Canepa/Gibson duo took the top spot. Dave VanDyke had his J/35, *Formula One*, out for the race and took second. *Slightly Mighty*, John Purl's Olson 30, sailed into third. Wrapping up the 4-boat fleet was Brooks Sperry with *Peregrine*.

SSC Double-handed Long Distance Race #2

Three boats turned out for the 13-ish mile race. Given the light wind, the course was a twice around 29-E to provide the SSC with some spectator enjoyment and allow a shortened course if needed. The light and shifty wind allowed some chances at big gains and each boat took turns grabbing a long tack right down the river. The wind gradually built and steadied toward the end of the first lap. It came down to a couple of lucky/unlucky shifts that decided the race. The three boats finished within 2:00 minutes on corrected time. First place went to Andy Goodman and Tim Callahan on *Loose Cannon*. Second place went to Bill Canepa and Rick Gibson on *Faith*. Third place went to father/son Doscher team on *Warlock*.

Upcoming Regatta Information

The Fall Race Series begins September 11. Check the race calendar on the SSC website for more information or contact the Regatta committee at regatta20@stocktonsc.org

On Sept. 11, after the Fall Series Race, there will be a Regatta Awards BBQ. Come out and support the regatta program and the racers.

The Annual Regatta Meeting is Oct 9. All are encouraged to participate in the meeting to help shape next years events. If you think you might race, crew or volunteer for races next year this is where it all starts. Everything from race selection, race lengths, regatta sponsored dinners(or beer?), Wednesday night races, race committees... Your input is valuable!



INTRODUCING NEW MEMBER- GREG & JAE OSENBACH



Welcome aboard Osenbach family! We are always glad to share information about our new sailing families. They joined just recently in June of this year. Their boat is a 2007 Gemini 105Mc catamaran named Happy Cat. She is berthed on H dock. They bought her in Bermuda in December and had her trucked up to Stockton from Florida.

Greg has been sailing since he was a young boy. Jae sailed for the first time when they

purchased a Catalina 25 in 2015. They have two children, Violet (13) and Sage (11). Violet has been learning to sail on Hobie Cats for the last two years. She hopes to join the Sea Scouts next year when she is eligible. Sage isn't a big fan (yet!).

Jae & Greg are primarily interested in the social aspects of the club but also juniors and watching the races is part of the SSC experience they want to be a part of.

When they are not constantly working on the boat the family loves to play video and card games. They are also avid readers. Both of the kids are involved in Scouting, so they also do a lot of camping and hiking.

Greg received his bachelor's in mechanical engineering from Eastern Washington University. He is a manager at Tesla. He grew up in Seattle. Jae got her PhD in psychometrics and quantitative psychology from Fordham University. She is a psychometrician at NextStep Inter-



LONG TIME MEMBER- ROBERT E. DOSCHER III

Bob has been a member of the club since 1983. He sailed a few times as a child and then seriously started sailing at age eleven. He grew up in Stockton. Bob has a German Italian heritage and his mother's family ranch is directly across from the SSC and Rough and Ready Island. It was known as PA-GA Ranch.

His parents were members as well. He remembers fishing and sailing in the harbor on El Toro's. There were only two docks and the clubhouse was a floating structure at the end of A dock. For a short while when the present clubhouse was under construction the now junior clubhouse was used as the main facility. Also the sandbox underneath the club is named after his daughter Maddy.

Bob has served as a Commodore, Director, Member of FBLIC, Regatta Chairman, Delta Ditch Run Chairman and many other roles as well. Though racing is his passion, Bob is also concerned about the development and sustainability of the club for the future.

The most recent boat that Bobby has acquired is an Etchells 22 named Warlock that he has been racing mostly with his son Blake as crew. In the past he has had a Buccaneer 18, Santana 20 and two different 5.5 meters.



He recalls competing in 17 South Tower Races winning overall three times, finishing first three times and being first to the weather mark three times. Bob has competed in at least as many Ditch Runs.

Also, outside of the SSC he has been blessed with the opportunity to be involved on many winning teams in events such as the Yachting Cup,

This Month's Contest

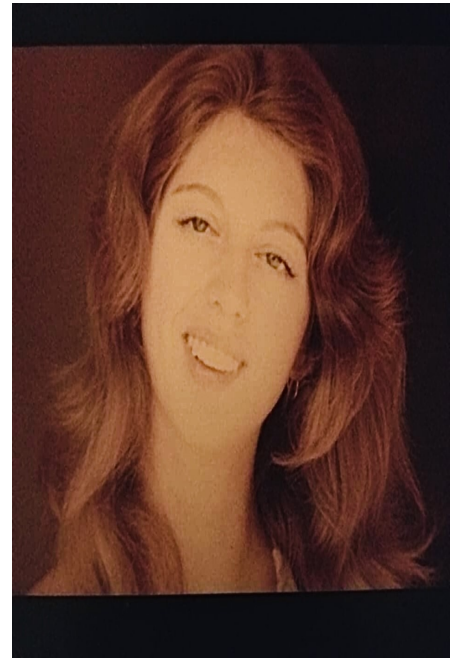
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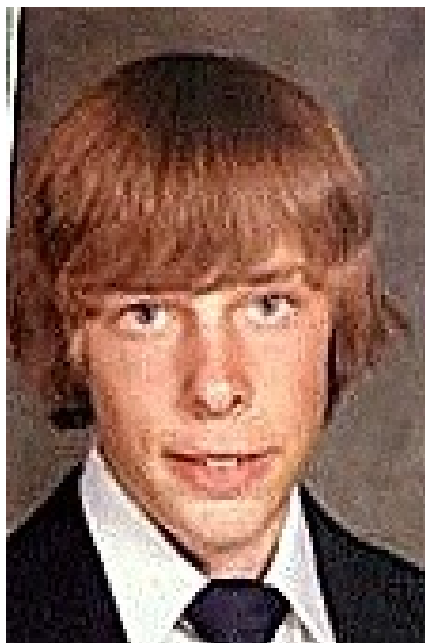
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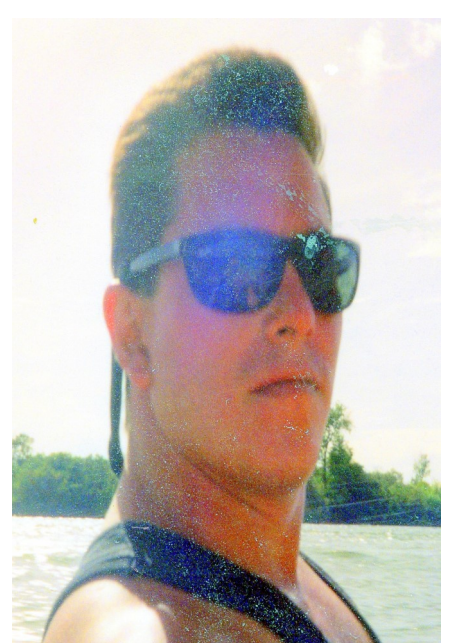
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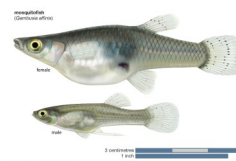


DISCOVERING THE ECOLOGY OF THE DELTA

by Marie-Odile Noel-Goodman

In this issue, we will talk about a species I didn't know at all before my research: the Western Mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*), also known commonly as simply Mosquitofish, although there is also an Eastern Mosquitofish (*G. holbrooki*).

This small fish is dull grey, brown or olive in coloration, with scales outlined in black on the back and sides. Adult females usually measure less than 2.5 inches and adult males, under 1.5 inch. They have a short body with a rounded tail, a flattened head and a mouth pointed upward for surface feeding. The reproductive strategy of the Mosquitofish is unusual among fish: instead of releasing the eggs in the water for an external fertilization by the male, the female keeps the eggs inside her body for an internal fertilization. The male inserts his gonopodium (a modified anal fin used to transfer sperm into the female) into the female's genital opening, where the fertilization occurs. Even more unusual, the Mosquitofish is a livebearer: the eggs remain in the female's body until hatching and the female gives birth to live fish. This strategy limits the number of eggs produced in each brood, but it also allows the female's body to protect and incubate the eggs, resulting in a high hatching rate. After their release, the young must find cover quickly to escape the cannibalistic nature of the adults.



Mosquitofish are native from the central United States, including the Mississippi River drainage. The species has been widely distributed throughout the United States and the world, primarily to control mosquito populations and the diseases they can transmit to humans, like malaria. In California, they were introduced in 1922 from Texas into a lily pond at Sutter's Fort. That pond served as a hatchery used to spread the fish across California and Nevada during the 1920s and 1930s. During the following decades, Mosquitofish were widely introduced by organizations such as the U.S. Public Health Service. Now they are a part of California's freshwater fauna, with a population well established in the Delta.

While their name implies that these fish specialize in eating mosquito larvae that live at the top of the water column, they are actually omnivorous, preying on different food sources at the surface, the bottom, or off of aquatic vegetation, depending on where food is most abundant at the time. Their diet includes aquatic macroinvertebrates, eggs of both fish and amphibians, algae, and fishes – including native fish. They are big eaters: they can eat 42 to 167% of their body weight per day! Western Mosquitofish can easily survive in a variety of habitats with different acidity and salinity, and with temperatures from 33 to 107°F. They can easily tolerate polluted and disturbed environments. Due to their unique head shape, they can push their mouth to the edge of the water's surface where oxygen is just being dissolved. This allows them to live in bodies of water with extraordinarily low oxygen levels. And if they need so, they can even gulp air above the surface for a little extra oxygen!

Because of their impressive adaptability and their predatory behavior, mosquitofish may negatively affect populations of small fish, like minnows, through predation and competition, as well as populations of large fish, including the Largemouth Bass, by feeding on their eggs or young. In some habitats, introduced mosquitofish even displaced some native fish species regarded as better mosquito control agents! The presence of Mosquitofish can also affect the quality of water for other animals or for human activities by precipitating algal blooms, because they eat the zooplankton that feed on these algae. Their presence can also affect populations of newts, frogs and damselflies.

The Western Mosquitofish is still distributed for mosquito control to the public in many states and some counties in California, such as San Diego County and Orange County. Although it is an effective predator of mosquito larvae and a great alternative to chemical control in waters such as holding basins, ornamental ponds or water reservoirs, the dangers of its use are to be taken seriously.

To learn more :

U.S. Geological Survey, Nonindigenous Aquatic Species : <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/factsheet.aspx?SpeciesID=846>

University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources : <http://calfish.ucdavis.edu/species/?uid=109&ds=241>

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Blue Water Cruise

Bay & Monterey


October 2-17, 2021

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Tentative Schedule
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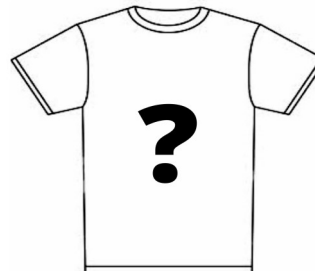
OK, we've settled on tentative dates for a week's cruise to the Bay, followed by a week to Monterey. The plan is to leave SSC on Saturday, October 2 for the Bay. Then, for those a little more adventurous, we'll leave SF Bay the following Saturday, October 9, for Monterey, and plan to return to SF and 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.



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Once you get to the webpage click on the menu item that you're interested in. Some have additional drop down menus to help you.

ABOUT includes Stockton weather at the club and more, history of the club, printable membership application and visiting cruise in information.

SSC CALENDAR has the complete calendar with all activities listed. At the bottom of the main calendar are Categories. If you click on one of the categories the calendar will switch to show only that category. Additionally some of the menu items have drop downs that will take you to their specific calendar.

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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**.

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