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Nominations for the SSC

Board of Directors 2021

Please see candidate statements
beginning on page 4.

Vice Commodore-*Chris Shepherd*

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Rear Commodore-*Sam Dameron*

Secretary-*Pam Wright*

Port Captain-*John Purl*

Port Captain-*Mike Stefani*

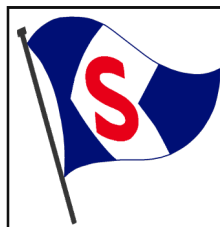
Director-*Abe Ayala*

Director-*Tim Calahan*

Director-*Linda Driver*

This Month's Cover

Lining up for a delicious Friday Night Dinner prepared by the
Magee Family



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SSC Election 2021 Candidate Pictures



Linda



Tim



Chris



Mike



Sam



Pam



Marvin



Abe

SSC Election 2021 Candidate Statements

Abe Ayala, Candidate for Director: Hello all, Abraham Ayala here. I'm a sailor and longtime member of the Stockton Sailing Club. I've been on the board before and was Commodore in 2011. Our club is now going through a difficult time transitioning from COVID to post COVID operations. I think I can help that transition as a board member. Thank you for your consideration. Abraham --

Tim Calahan, Candidate for Director: I have been a member for three years. I have enjoyed sailing with the club as often as I can since I've joined. If elected to the board I hope to ensure others can experience the same enjoyment of the club that I have. Thank you

Linda Driver, Candidate for Director: I was born and raised in Stockton. I have traveled to various parts of the world but am always happy to return to the place I call home. I guess you could call me a native plant, this is where my roots are.

I attended Victory school, Daniel Webster Junior High, Stagg High, Delta College and University of Pacific (BA, MAT). I worked for City of Stockton Public Works and taught for Lodi Unified. I still substitute teach for Lodi because I love teaching. I also had a graphic arts consulting business for nineteen years.

My first experience with sailing was as a windsurfer. A back injury ended that form of sailing for me. I moved to sailboats when my sweetheart, Phil Hendrix followed someone through the gate one day in 1993 and ended up buying a Columbia Challenger named Pamper from the guy he followed through the gate. The boat was renamed Times Roman, because both Phil and I were involved in the printing trade. Over the years I have raced in the spring series and done several South Tower Races. These days I enjoy just sailing down the river and having good conversations with friends

I have always been involved in volunteer activities. Currently I am a University of California Cooperative Extension {UCCE} Master Gardener, a UCCE Master Food Preserver and Treasurer/Grants Coordinator for AA Stagg Alumni Association. I am ready, willing and able to serve the Stockton Sailing Club as a Director.

Pam Wright, Candidate for Secretary: The activities and the friendships at the Stockton Sailing Club have been very significant in our lives for years. To serve on the Board is a privilege. I would like to continue to offer my efforts to the club as Secretary for the 2021-2022 year should the membership re-elect me. Thank you.

Mike Stephani, Candidate for Port Captain: That time of year again.... This sailing club is a phenomenal place to be part of. I checked and have I been fortunate enough to be part this of club for almost fifty years. I have seen a lot of changes. Seen lots of things happen here, some tragic, most very, very good. As port captain I hope to help prepare this club for another fifty years. That's something that will be a challenge. This an aging facility and having most of our assets floating or so near the water increases the need for maintenance and repairs. We have a five-year plan that should be used as a guideline for maintenance, repairs and updates. But in life, there are "oh shit moments". We all had them in the past and will have them in the future. Only by trying to adhere to a five-year plan can we prepare of those "moments" As your port captain I promise to at least listen to any issues you may have, and if possible, resolve any in power to do so.

Sam Dameron, Candidate for Rear Commodore: Gail and I have been club members for about 20 years. Previously, I have served 4 years on the SSC Board as Treasurer. As treasurer, I prepared annual budgets and assisted with the harbor dredging project and the recent State warehouse project. As rear commodore I bring my experience and interest in the club to make SSC a great place to be

Marvin McDougal, *Candidate for Vice Commodore:* I have been privileged to be a member of the Club and a sailboat owner since 2010. I was Port Captain for two years, Commodore in 2020 and have been a member of Harbor and Facilities and FBFI in the past, and currently the Junior's Committee, the Sailing Instruction Committee and I have been editor of Docktalk for several years. I have been an active boater in the Delta since the mid 80's. I hesitate to admit that the first 25 years was with a power boat. But that did give me a good knowledge of the Delta and some lessons in boating safety.

I strongly support maintenance and improvement of our docks and other facilities. We should promote our harbor and get it filled.

I hope to find ways to encourage more of our new members to get involved with our Regatta Activities and strongly support our youth and adult learn to sail programs.

I would like to see more activities directed at getting new members active in the Club.

Thank you for your consideration and vote..

Chris Shepherd, *Candidate for Vice Commodore:* Hello everyone, my name is Chris Shepherd, and I am running for Vice Commodore of the Stockton Sailing Club. My family has been involved with the Stockton Sailing Club back when it was known as the Ionic Sailing Club. At that time, located on the original barge at Dad's Point (Pixie Woods). When After the Barge was moved to Buckley Cove, my father and grandfathers' construction company built what is now our Clubhouse, this is what led to me spear heading and participating in some of the Stockton Sailing Club's biggest projects.

After being a junior member under my parents' membership, I joined as a full family membership when I was 20 and took to task helping with & executing the planning & creation of Perfect Point from a gravel parking lot with only dinghy storage, a wood bulkhead & small crane to what you see today including the large crane, large boat storage & roadway. Due to our fiscal responsibilities to the club and its future members, we were unable to install a new sewer line that would have supported the bathrooms & showers that were in place in the junior room. During this process in the planning for this project I experienced dealing with all aspect of capital improvements at the Club. The City & State permitting, construction management along with considering & addressing all the general membership input to the project. I sat on the Dredging Committee, created in 1993, a subcommittee of Harbor & Facilities and was the only member of the original subcommittee to see the project through in 2013. With the assistance of Past Commodore Burt Mohr, we were able to complete the project with full transparency to the membership. I personally called every member with a detailed plan about when and where we would be moving their vessel. When dredging was completed, I informed the member when their vessel was returned to its original slip.

I have sat on several different committees throughout the 33 years of membership. I have been on the Board as Director and Port Captain for a total of 8 years. I have worked with a different Harbor Masters, and Committee Chairs to complete some of the smaller projects around the property as well.

My transparency has assisted me in accomplishing these projects over the years and plan on bringing back full transparency to the General Membership of Board of Directors along with membership input. My goal as Vice Commodore is to work with the committees to ensure fiscal responsibility, safety, and rehabilitation of our marina & facilities. Our main income is our harbor. My goal is to fill our harbor with tenants and providing a safe functioning, esthetically pleasing, & fiscally responsible solutions.

I have three mottos I've lived by, 1) Always be truthful and don't tell people what they want to hear to make them feel better, 2) Do the job right the first time by considering all the options, 3) Finish the job completely.

It's time to have some new views and input on the Stockton Sailing Clubs Board of Directors and I feel that I can be a part of those visions. What we do today affects future members, 10 to 20 years down the line. Irresponsible waste now could jeopardize future wellbeing of the club.

If you should have any questions regarding my views or rumors you have herd, please contact me at any time.

Please mark your ballot for Chris Shepherd as Vice Commodore for the 2022 Stockton Sailing Clubs Board of Directors.

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Regatta News by Andy Goodman

The Fall Series is underway. Five boats took advantage of fantastic conditions for the first race back in September. *Wiki Wiki* took the win but not by much. *Formula 1* was the first to finish but corrected out for a close second.

The second race of the series was cancelled for lack of wind. Race #3 is scheduled for November 6th. Come on out!

The Annual Regatta Meeting was held on Oct 9th. Some good ideas were exchanged at the well-attended meeting. If you would like to join the Regatta Committee and/or volunteer for race committee please sign up in the clubhouse this month or call the office. The regatta committee can use your help!



HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR BOAT

Water and moisture are the two elements that pose the most threat of damage during the winter months. So your main goal is to keep things as dry as possible. Having a small heater in the boat is always helpful.

With a little bit of work you can make sure your boat will be protected from the cold weather. Four areas of importance are your engine, fuel system, plumbing and any other systems that can hold water. By searching on your computer to sites such as westmarine.com and discoverboating.com they can provide checklists and in depth articles on specific how-to articles.

Do not forget to consult your boat owners manual for manufacturer's recommendations.

If this is a new process for you do not hesitate to ask a friend or a professional to help you.

DISCOVERING THE ECOLOGY OF THE DELTA

THE SANDHILL CRANE (*Antigone canadensis*) by Marie-Odile Noel-Goodman

October is a good month to lift our eyes towards the sky and hope to see flocks of birds during their migration. One bird that indubitably draws attention when flying over with hundreds or thousands of its pairs is the elegant Sandhill Crane. The size of a Great Blue Heron but considerably bulkier, the Sandhill Crane is a grey bird with a rusty wash on the upperparts, red skin on the crown and a long and slender neck. The head is small and the straight bill is longer than the head. The short tail is covered by long, drooping feathers.

Sandhill Cranes in migration are often heard before they are seen, since they are flying very high in the sky. To gain altitude and stay in the air with only little flapping, Sandhill Cranes rely on thermals, those rising columns of warm air. With their wingspan of 6 to 7 feet, they are spectacular soaring birds and they have even been seen flying over Mt. Everest (28,000 feet)! They might be inconspicuous for the eye; however, their presence in the sky can be detected by an attentive ear. Their loud, rolling, trumpeting calls can be heard up to 2.5 miles away! This unique sound they make is a product of their special anatomy: these cranes have long tracheas (or windpipes) that coil into their sternum and help the sound develop a rich and low pitch.



Sandhill Cranes also show fascinating adaptations on their bill and feet. These birds feed on land or in shallow marshes where plants grow out of the water, gleaning from the surface and probing with their bill. Their bill is very sharp and sturdy, which is useful when probing frozen soil. The Sandhill Cranes diet is heavy in seeds and cultivated grains, but may also include berries, tubers, small vertebrates, and invertebrates. Conveniently, the edges of their bill are serrated to grasp slippery food like frogs and worms. The crane's feet have three long toes with claws on the end. These claws are very sharp and can be used for scratching in dirt to find food and for protection.

Sandhill Cranes mate for life, choosing their partners based on dancing displays. Their mating dance is spectacular: both birds leap into the air with wings extended and feet thrown forward. Then they bow to each other and repeat the performance, uttering loud croaking calls. Although each female usually lays two eggs, only one nestling typically survives to fledge. The chicks are born well-developed, covered with down, and active, with open eyes. They can leave the nest within 8 hours of hatching, and are even capable of swimming. However, mated pairs and their juvenile offspring stay together all through the winter, until the 9- to 10-month-old juveniles finally separate from their parents the following spring. Eggs, nestlings, and injured adults may be hunted by foxes, raccoons, coyotes, wolves, bobcats, crows, ravens, eagles, and owls. But cranes don't stay still if they are threatened! They attack aerial predators by leaping into the air and kicking their feet forward, and they threaten terrestrial predators by spreading their wings and hissing, eventually kicking. They can live up to 20 to 40 years.

There are 6 different subspecies of Sandhill cranes throughout North America, 3 of which are migrating. The cranes that we see flying over our head are migrating birds; they winter in suitable agricultural fields and wetlands of the Central Valley and breed in northeastern California, as well as parts of Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Those cranes use the Pacific Flyway for their migrations. The Pacific Flyway is one of four major North American migration routes for birds, especially waterfowl, and extends from Alaska and Canada, through California, to Mexico and South America. Along the way, the migrating birds need stopover sites such as wetlands with suitable habitat and food supplies. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the largest estuary on the West Coast and the largest remaining wetland area in the state, plays an important role by supporting hundreds of species of migrating birds and regularly harboring as much as 15 percent of the waterfowl on the Pacific Flyway.

Unfortunately, in California, 90 percent of historic wetlands have been lost. Many of the remaining sites are impacted by development, pollution, climate change and other factors that threaten to affect the viability of the entire flyway. We are lucky to be able to witness these magnificent birds during their migration and to have the opportunity to protect what remains of the such important wetlands. Protecting birds that we love starts with protecting their essential habitats.

It's Time to sign up!

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

(A) HARBOR AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE shall evaluate all areas of maintenance, upgrading, remodeling, additions or new construction of any nature which may be required or proposed by governmental agency or by a general member for the operation or improvement of the harbor facility and appurtenances thereto. The written evaluation of this committee shall include, but not be limited to, the obligation of the corporation to governmental agencies, the impact of the proposed project on the facilities as a whole, the scope of the project, preliminary cost estimates and such other information as the Committee shall deem necessary to provide the Board of Directors with sufficient information on the feasibility and/or desirability of the project. It shall be the responsibility of the Harbor and Facilities Committee to propose to the Board of Directors a written Five Year Capital Improvement and Maintenance Plan which will prioritize and schedule proposed capital improvements, preventive and on-going maintenance to include all areas of the physical plant. This plan shall be reviewed annually and revised as deemed reasonable by the Committee. The Harbor and Facilities Committee shall submit the written plan directly to the Port Captain. The Port Captain shall provide copies of the proposed Five Year Capital Improvement and Maintenance Plan to the Finance, Budget, Legal and Insurance Committee for their recommendations. After the recommendations of the Finance, Budget, Legal and Insurance Committee are considered, the Port Captain shall submit the Proposed Five Year Budget Plan to the Board of Directors for consideration. Discrepancies between the proposed Five Year Plans submitted by the Harbor and Facilities Committee and the Finance, Budget, Legal and Insurance Committee shall be resolved by the Board of Directors.

(B) FINANCE, BUDGET, LEGAL AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE shall study Corporation's needs and requirements in the areas of finance, budget, legal and insurance matters. It shall be the responsibility of the Finance, Budget, Legal and Insurance Committee to propose a written Five Year Budget Plan, which shall take into account the Five Year Capital Improvement and Maintenance Plan developed by the Harbor and Facilities Committee. The Finance, Budget, Legal and Insurance Committee shall submit an annual written report directly to the Treasurer, who shall submit it to the Board of Directors for consideration. Discrepancies between the five year proposals submitted by the Harbor and Facilities Committee and the Finance, Budget, Legal and Insurance Committee shall be resolved by the Board of Directors.

(C) CLUB RULES & POLICIES COMMITTEE shall formulate such rules, policies and regulations for governing the day-to-day use and enjoyment of the facilities as may seem appropriate to insure the safety and well-being of all tenants, guests and members of the corporation in their use of the facilities. The Club Rules & Policies Committee shall submit written recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Rules and Policies Committee shall perform an annual review of the Bylaws, Board of Director's minutes, adopted Club rules and policies. In order to provide a central repository for the policies and rules adopted by the Board of Directors, this committee shall incorporate newly-adopted policies, previously adopted policies and adopted rules in a rules and policy book for continued utilization by the membership and the Board of Directors. This committee may also develop drafts of policies as it sees a need. These drafts shall be reviewed with the General Membership for input and shall then be presented in writing to the Board of Directors for consideration or adoption in accordance with Bylaws.

(D) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE shall review all proposed applications for membership, acquaint themselves with the prospective members and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the applicants. The committee is further tasked with recruiting new members and promoting the advantages of club membership. The committee shall report to the Board member appointed by the Board of Directors.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES:

(A) SOCIAL AND CRUISE COMMITTEE shall be responsible for the planning and execution of all social functions, including regatta related social activities, and Club cruises. It shall prepare a proposed calendar of events along with its budget.

(B) REGATTA COMMITTEE shall be responsible for administering the entire Regatta program. It shall prepare a proposed calendar of events along with its budget.

(C) JUNIOR COMMITTEE shall be responsible for administering the entire Junior Program. It shall prepare a proposed calendar of events along with its budget.

(D) SAILING INSTRUCTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE shall be responsible for administering sailing instruction programs. It shall prepare a proposed calendar of events along with its budget.

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ABOUT SSC CALENDAR EVENTS ON THE WATER JUNIOR SAILING MEMBERS CONTACTS

The Club Webpage contains a wealth of information at your fingertips

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.

EVENTS has drop downs including one for "EVENT REGISTRATION LINKS, INFORMATION AND POSTERS". You can sign up for special events and also print posters.

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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