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Editor's Comments

As usual, we are running late with this month's edition. In October, because of the coming 2021 Election for 2022 Board members we plan to make every effort to have the October edition out by the 8th so you will have the candidate statements available. If you have an item to list in our classified section, please get it to us by the 5th.

We are presenting below the Candidates for the 2021 vacant positions, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Port Captain, and two Directors. Ballots will be mailed in early October and should be returned before the November General Meeting, November 10, 2020.

October is the month our Committees, Harbor and Facilities, Finance Budget Legal and Insurance, Rules and Policies, Membership, Social and Cruise, Regatta, Junior and Sailing Instruction organize for the coming year. Organizational meetings will be announced by the current Chair Persons. Emails will be distributed to all members with the necessary information for joining a particular committee. If you wish to take part in a particular committee please ask the Committee Chairperson to add your name and contact information to the Committee membership or call, email or text the Club Office. We have reprinted some information regarding the committees from the Club handbook on page 3. Committees need your help and membership!

Nominations for the SSC Board of Directors 2021

Vice Commodore-Chris Shepherd, Marvin McDougal

Rear Commodore-Sam Dameron

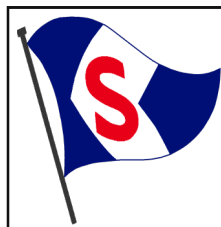
Secretary-Pam Wright

Port Captain-John Purl, Mike Stefani

Director-Abe Ayala, Tim Calahan, Linda Driver

This Month's Cover

Recent Friday Night Dinner Crew. Come on out and enjoy the good food!



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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.

LONG TIME MEMBER- MARC NIEMEYER

Marc & Grace Niemeyer have been members since September of 2019. They own two boats. A Beneteau First 235 named Abemelia (dock E8). The name came from the combination of three names of their four grandchildren. A for Annabelle, be for Benjamin and melia for Amelia. Unfortunately, the fourth grandchild was not born before they got the boat and named her.

Their second boat is a 1958 Pirat named Scirrocco (dock E6). The boat has an interesting story. It was built in Lemwerder, Germany. In 1980 the boat competed in a national championship class-race in Switzerland. Marc grew up



in Germany about 15 minutes south of Bremen, Germany where he started Opti sailing at a club much like ours on the river there in 1979. He wanted to own the Pirat for a long time and then in 1986 the owner decided to sell it and the boat was Marc's a year later. In 2004 the family moved from Germany to Antelope, California. Pirat was stored in a barn somewhere in East Germany until 2007 when He ordered a container on a ship and had it brought to Oakland. After some restoring the boat is beautiful and you can see it on our river being sailed by Marc. The name Scirocco was given by the original owner of the boat.

Marc is co-chair of the Junior program and always works on restoring boats. Marc and Grace have three adult children and two of the four grandchildren are becoming sailors.

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Regatta Awards 2021

The recipient of the "Joan Harp" Yachtswoman of the Year Award is Marie Goodman and the recipients of the "Cass Ownings" Crewman of the Year Award are Mike Keller and Chris Shepherd.

Trophies for the Spring Races went to:

2021 Long Distance Race #1, 1st Place, Faith #183m
2021 Long Distance Race #1, 2nd Place, Peregrine #94807
2021 Long Distance Race #1, 3rd Place, Miss Savannah #108

2021 Single Handed Race, 1st Place, Bad Dog #106

2021 Double-Handed Race #1, 1st Place, Faith #183
2021 Double-Handed Race #1, 2nd Place, Some Assembly Required #183
2021 Double-Handed Race #1, 3rd Place, Bad Asp #223

2021 Double-Handed Race #2, 1st Place, Loose Cannon #34

2021 Long Distance Race #2, 1st Place, Faith #183

2021 Champion of Champions, Warlock #439

2021 Spring Series A Handicap, 1st Place, Slightly Mighty #87150
2021 Spring Series A Handicap, 2nd Place, Warlock #439
2021 Spring Series A Handicap, 3rd Place, Bad Asp #223

2021 Spring Series B Handicap, 1st Place, Bad Dog #106
2021 Spring Series B Handicap, 2nd Place, Some Assembly Required #183
2021 Spring Series B Handicap, 3rd Place, Faith #183



DISCOVERING THE ECOLOGY OF THE DELTA

THE WATER HYACINTH (*Eichhornia crassipes*) by **Marie-Odile Noël-Goodman**

You all know this aquatic plant because sailing through it slows your boat down, so you try to avoid it. Maybe you even remember, in Fall 2014, when this plant proliferated so much in the Delta waterways that it choked boat navigation and strangled the port of Stockton.

The water hyacinth floats on top of water and is recognizable by its thick, waxy green leaves and its pretty lavender flowers. Native to the Amazon basin, it was introduced to the U.S. at the 1884 World's Fair in New Orleans as an ornamental plant for water gardens. Its beauty seduced a lot of people and the plant was transported all around the country, quickly spreading throughout the natural waterways and becoming a major weed in southern states from Florida to California. It was first found in California in the early 1900s and is now well established in the Delta waters.

The water hyacinth is one of the world's fastest-growing plants; under hot temperatures, a patch of this plant can double its size in fewer than two weeks! The plant can reproduce asexually, cloning itself if it is fragmented, for example, by the hull of a boat. It can also reproduce sexually; in this case, it drops seeds that can wait for years into the soil before germinating. Needless to say, getting rid of this plant is impossible. Therefore, the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways operates control programs instead of eradication programs, and spends each year a few millions of dollars to control the spread of the species. The control methods go from manual harvesting to spreading herbicides or importing non-native insects to feed on the plant. Since a few years, the state agencies are even partnering with NASA for bimonthly mapping of the Delta to attack the hyacinth wherever it pops up.

But why putting so much energy to control an aquatic plant? First, the water hyacinth is a threat for human activities; it forms dense mats of vegetation that can foul water pumps, block irrigation channels and obstruct navigable waterways, affecting farming, recreational boating and commercial shipping. It is considered a security risk for fog or nighttime navigation, as radars interpret dense areas of the weed as solid landmasses. The plant is also a threat for human health, as the mats are an ideal breeding site for mosquitoes and other vectors of malaria and other diseases, and decaying plants make water unfit for drinking by humans, livestock, pets and wildlife. Last but not least, the water hyacinth is a threat to the ecological balance of the Delta. It reduces habitat used by waterfowl for resting. It displaces native aquatic plants used for food or shelter by other wildlife species. It increases water losses from the waterways because of the plant's high transpiration rate, calculated to be almost eight times the evaporation rate of open water surfaces. It limits the amount of sunlight that reaches below the surface, interrupting photosynthesis and killing plants and microorganisms important to wildlife. It changes water quality beneath the mats by lowering pH and dissolved oxygen level, which eliminates proper habitat for native fishes, including sensitive species like the endangered Delta smelt and the winter-run Chinook salmon. **Cont'd**

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Natural processes are the most effective at seasonally destroying the plant. Cold temperatures mixed with heavy winter rains usually push water hyacinth into the saltwater portions of the Delta, where it dies. But the droughts that we experience more and more lower the water levels and slow down the water flows, preventing the flush of the plant towards the salt water. More stagnant water also leads to less dilution of farming fertilizers and sewage water in the Delta. These nutrients support the fast growth of the water hyacinth. Warmer summers help the plant proliferate at high rates, and warmer winters prevent the plant to die-off as much as it used to do. Climate change is beneficial for the water hyacinth.

So what can we do to improve the situation, or to prevent it to be worse? The best method of controlling water hyacinth is to prevent it from being introduced into the system. Therefore, we can help by choosing native plants for our water gardens, and never discarding invasive plants in a natural waterway or habitat. Boats, trailers, bait buckets and fishing equipment should also be cleaned when transported to a new waterway, as seeds and plants can be carried in dirt and small spaces. The Division of Boating and Waterways also asks to report the water hyacinth if we see it early in the season. This awareness could make a dent in its vast coverage before it grows out of control. Finally, day after day, we can do our best to address the climate change challenges.

To learn more :

California Invasive Plant Council:

<https://www.cal-ipc.org/resources/library/publications/ipcw/report45/>

California Department of Parks and Recreation: <https://www.parks.ca.gov/NewsRelease/791>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Service:

https://www.fws.gov/cno/newsroom/Highlights/2020/Water_Hyacinth/

RETURNING MEMBER- MIKE ROBINSON

Club members Mike and his girlfriend, Kristin have reappeared at the Stockton Sailing Club recently. They have a KP46 which was purchased in British Columbia and since have fully refurbished her. In 18 months or so they will be sailing her to Central America, Peru and Chile.



Mike started sailing when he was about 10 years old. He raced Hobie 16s and J boats and sailed to Hawaii twice as crew. Also he and his son Jake have sailed throughout British Columbia and he circumnavigated the Vancouver Islands. They also made a delivery from Grenada to St. Croix.

Presently they live in Valley Springs where Mike owns and operates Blackhawk Paramotor. They design, fly and sell powered paragliders worldwide. Mike enjoys surfing, skiing, paragliding, rock climbing, and sailing off-shore, etc.

Kristin is a Dental Hygienist. She is also looking forward to the many adventures that await. They have six children between the two of them. Some of them are sailors and Amanda and Hunter will be joining them on their sailing adventures to the places mentioned above.



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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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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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FOR SALE

Freedom 21

\$1000. OBO. Slip G-3
Main Sail/jib/Spinnaker
New Batteries – Great Delta
Boat.

Outboard motor runs great –
This boat is ready to sail

Contact:

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Newport 30

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\$3,000. Or Best Offer
Main, Self-Tacking Jib
Symmetrical Spinnaker W/ Pole
Newer Diesel Motor
Lot of extras

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