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Send to:

docktalk@stocktonsc.org**Editor's Comments**

Hello SSC Members,

March is here and the 2022 Spring Racing Season starts Saturday, March 12 with Long Distance Race Number 1. Need crew, post a request on the Club Wwbsite, www.stocktonsc.org. Don't want to race but want to help with the races, contact **Chris Shepherd** or **Jim Hackman** or sign up in the Club House.

Also coming up in March is Pie Day, March 14, 2022 and a Electronics Class by **Jim Painter** on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Things are coming back after two years of Covid-19! Members are venturing back to Friday Night Dinners and the 2022 SSC Crab Feed was very well attended, see Budge's report on Page 4. Earlier in January, in partnership with the Rowing Club, SSC hosted the Wounded Warrior Project, pictures on Page 5.

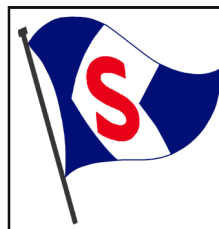


Shawn Bennet is hosting dancing in the Event Center on Friday Nights after the Friday night dinner, **Cyndi Carpenter** is hosting Monday Night Yoga in the Event Center and **Bob Nu** heads up the Wednesday Night Jam Session in the Clubhouse most Wednesdays.

If you have the urge to polish or repair a small boat contact **Marc Niemeyer**. He is refurbishing the Club's small boats and could use some volunteer help.

This Month's Cover

SSC Members out for a sunset sail on 2/21/2022. Photo by the Ice Cream Man, Daryl Daniel, using an iPhone 11 Pro Max.



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Electronics Class Event Center

Saturday March 26, 2022

10:00am till 3 pm
with a break for lunch..

This four-hour class will cover basic electronics, Lead Acid and Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO4) Batteries. And basic Solar power for boats and RV's.

Please RSVP at the office so we can get a head count, 209-951-5600.

Members and guests are welcome. Admission, Free.

Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

Adult Learn to Sail

Introduction to Sailing Class

- Rig the boat
- Leaving the dock
- Hoist the sails
- Sailing to weather
- Sailing downwind
- Safe practices
- Boat handling skills
- Sailing terms
- Simple navigation

PFD provided or bring your own
\$65.

Two days - 3 hours each day
Signup online to be notified for future classes
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2022 SSC Regatta Calendar

2022 Date	Event
Saturday, March 12, 2022	SSC Long Distance Race #1
Saturday, March 19, 2022	SSC Spring Series #1
Saturday, March 26, 2022	SSC Double Handed Long Distance Race #1
Saturday, April 2, 2022	SSC Spring Series #2
Saturday, April 9, 2022	SSC Spring Series #3
Saturday, April 30, 2022	SSC Spring Series #4
Saturday, May 14, 2022	SSC Spring Series #5
Saturday, May 21, 2022	SSC Spring Series #6
Saturday, May 28, 2022	SSC Single Handed Race
Wednesday, June 1, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #01
Saturday, June 4, 2022	SSC Spring Series #7
Wednesday, June 8, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #02
Saturday, June 11, 2022	SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run
Sunday, June 12, 2022	SSC/RYC Delta Ditch Run
Wednesday, June 15, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #03
Friday, June 17, 2022	SSC South Tower Race
Saturday, June 18, 2022	SSC South Tower Race
Sunday, June 19, 2022	SSC South Tower Race
Wednesday, June 22, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #04
Saturday, June 25, 2022	SSC Race of Champions
Wednesday, June 29, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #05
Wednesday, July 6, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #06
Saturday, July 9, 2022	SSC Founding Fathers Regatta
Sunday, July 10, 2022	SSC Founding Fathers Regatta
Wednesday, July 13, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #07
Saturday, July 16, 2022	SSC Jack and Jill Race
Wednesday, July 20, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #08
Saturday, July 23, 2022	SSC Long Distance Race #2
Wednesday, July 27, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #9
Saturday, July 30, 2022	SSC Double Handed Long Distance Race #2
Wednesday, August 3, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #10
Wednesday, August 10, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #11
Saturday, August 13, 2022	SSC Overnight Race
Sunday, August 14, 2022	SSC Overnight Race
Wednesday, August 17, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #12
Wednesday, August 24, 2022	SSC Wednesday Night Race #13
Saturday, September 10, 2022	SSC Fall Race #1
Saturday, October 1, 2022	SSC Fall Race #2
Saturday, November 5, 2022	SSC Fall Race #3
Saturday, December 3, 2022	SSC Fall Race #4

“OLD TIME” MEMBERS- MIKE & SUSAN KELLER

Mike and Susan have been members since 1987. Mike has been sailing for over 36 years. They have owned a Catalina 30, a 5.5 meter and a J22 named Bad Dog. Mike has been skippering and crewing at SSC for many years. He knows his stuff. He considers it an honor to have been racing against and with some of the best like Jim Hachman, John Notman and Chris Shepherd.



In 2021 his two children (Christian,24 and Sarah,21) started racing with him on John Pearl's Etchell and his Olson 30. They won their division and He considers it his best season yet because His kids were part of it.

Apart from sailing Mike enjoys playing golf, the drums, wine tasting and he is a member of the Z owners car club.

Mike grew up in Lodi. He went to Tokay High School and attended Delta College.

Laser Owners

We Know You're Out There!

The Club would like to borrow, or take donations of, a few of your Lasers that may be in storage or at your homes for SSC Juniors to prepare for US Sailing Instructor Certification classes.

Junior members (four of them), who will be teaching in our Youth Learn to Sail program, need to hone their skills in Lasers, as these are the boats that they will be required to use in the practical, on-the-water, part of the certification. US Sailing will provide boats for certification, but the Juniors need boats to practice in.

We will also accept donations of Lasers, as the Juniors would like to expand to an additional class of boat in addition to the current FJ fleet.

Contact the Harbormaster (209-951-5600) if you have such a boat. Pickup can be provided.

Wounded Warrior Project



2022 Annual Crabfeed

Thank you to all that attended the Annual Crab Feed, I believe this was one of the top Crab Feeds we have held in the past 20 years.



Personally I would like to thank the people that volunteered that evening. Please give a big thank you to: Jeff Canepa (kitchen), Gray Drohan (kitchen), John Green (set-up), Ruth Howell (flowers), Jill Humphreys (organization), Kelly Humphreys (kitchen), Lorie Kruse (cake walk), Bill Miller (set-up), Burt Mohr (set-up), Marc Neimyer (cake walk), Faye Roberts (kitchen), Pete Roberts (set-up and kitchen), and Chris Shepherd (kitchen), for all of their assistance.

The juniors provided exceptional service and raised over \$1,000.00, for the SSC junior program. Thank you Ashley, Douglas, Emma, Grace, Kevin, Nick and Sarah for all of your hard work serving the members, we greatly appreciate it.

Thank you Debra and Juan for your assistance with the bar and fishy trash removal, as we know it is the cats favorite night.

Respectfully William B Humphreys, Past Commodore



NEWER MEMBERS- MARK WAINWRIGHT & CHRISTIANA HOUCK



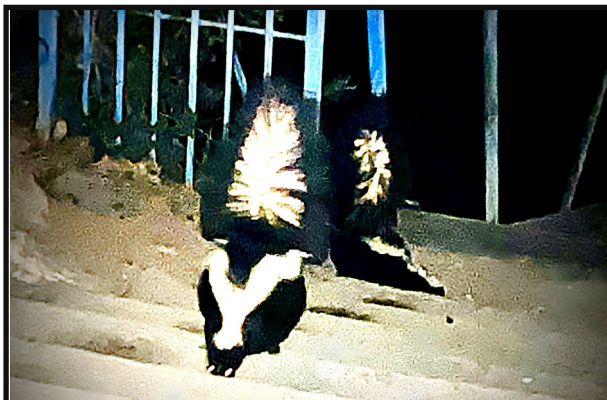
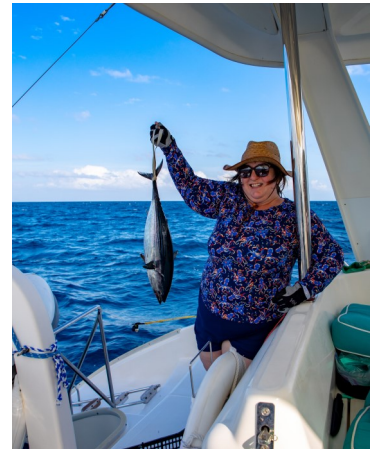
Mark and Christiana joined the club in the spring of 2021. They are live-a-boards on their Endeavor 42 named Mach 5 on D dock. They also have a dinghy named Trixie. Later in 2022, they plan to travel south down the California coast before heading to Mexico and then to wherever the winds may take them.

he learned to sail with his father as a child. Christiana grew up in Las Vegas and central Florida. She is new to sailing but spent half her life near the water.

They enjoy the cruising and social aspects at the club and I have seen Christiana at some of our committee meetings. Although they are happily child-free they are also interested in the junior program.

If you happen to be on D dock stop by and say hello. You will find them at slip D29.

Mark grew up in San Diego where



If you see these fellows on the way to your boat, suggest you give them space!

Photo by John Green.

DISCOVERING THE ECOLOGY OF THE DELTA

THE DELTA SMELT (*Hypomesus transpacificus*) by Marie-Odile Noel-Goodman

Good news in the world of endangered species! Last month, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) experimentally released captive produced Delta smelt into the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. This experimental project will help inform future supplementation of the species in the wild.

This fish used to be so plentiful in the Delta that it was caught and sold commercially. It is now a rare sight in monitoring surveys that provide data on fish abundance. In 2017, only 2 fish were netted, and none since.

Their number is so low that scientists fear they are no longer able to reproduce in the wild.



But what is the Delta smelt, what threatens it and why is it important to protect it?

The delta smelt is a silvery blue, slender-bodied tiny fish that measures about 2.0 to 2.8 in long. It is endemic to the upper Sacramento-San Joaquin Estuary of California, where it is distributed from the Suisun Bay downstream to the Delta upstream in Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Solano Counties. The Delta smelt lives only one year and dies after its first spawning. The spawning occurs upstream in spring in river channels and freshwater sloughs. The Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers then transport the Delta smelt larvae downstream in the brackish waters of Suisun Bay. Young Delta smelt feed and grow there before starting their upstream spawning migration in late fall or early winter.

Because of its one-year lifecycle and relatively low fecundity, the Delta smelt is very susceptible to changes in the environmental conditions of its habitat. The causes for the Delta smelt decline are multiple and synergistic, producing a combined effect that puts a lot of pressure on the species. The Sacramento and the San Joaquin Rivers once flowed unaltered towards the Bay, supplemented by an important snowmelt in the Sierra Nevada, keeping saltwater from intruding into the fresher Delta. These rivers are now constrained with levees and dams that slow down their flow, resulting in waters that are warmer and less oxygenated. The rivers are also partially pumped towards the South of the state. Not only can the Delta smelt get sucked into the pumping system, the diverted flow of the water allows salt water to intrude the Delta – which is not only a threat for the living organisms of the Delta, but also a threat to agriculture that relies on the Delta for freshwater. Added to that is the climate crisis that triggers longer and more severe droughts, reducing even more the flow and the quality of water. Agriculture and farming pollute the rivers with herbicide

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pesticides and nutrients, causing algal blooms that deplete even more the oxygen levels in the water. Finally, many introduced species compete with the Delta smelt for food or feed on the young or eggs.

So, why should we protect the Delta smelt from extinction? First, the fish is a key link in the food chain of the Delta. Because it feeds directly on the planktonic base of the food chain and is eaten by larger fish and water birds, it is the aquatic link-species between plankton and the larger vertebrates in the Delta. When the smelt go away, the species which feed on the smelt go away, too. Second, the Delta smelt, because it lives only one year, is a powerful ecological indicator; that means that the health of its populations reflects the health of the ecosystem it lives in. Therefore, its actual decline reflects degrading conditions in the Delta. This degradation affects other species as well, including waterfowl, plants, fish like the trout, the sturgeon or the salmon, and mammals like the southern resident killer whale that eats salmon. The Delta, being the primary freshwater inlet to the San Francisco Bay, is a linchpin of the Pacific Coast marine ecosystem. Damage to the Delta is felt throughout California.

Reintroducing the Delta smelt into the wild, as has been done last month, is surely an initiative to be happy about. But in order to sustain a liveable population of the fish in the Delta, the quality of its habitat has to be restored and maintained. Remember, the “smeltdown” in the Delta may be the sign that the whole system is collapsing. Protecting the smelt is protecting an ecosystem that is at the heart of California.

To learn more :

California Department of Fish and Wildlife : <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Fishes/Delta-Smelt>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service : https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=delta-smelt-released-into-wild-for-first-time&_ID=37069&mc_cid=7ba6363665&mc_eid=b358bdfa4b

National Geographic : <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/150403-smelt-california-bay-delta-extinction-endangered-species-drought-fish>

Marie-Odile Noël-Goodman

2022 Committees

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Board Liaison: *Tom Lueck*

Regatta
Chairman: *Chris Shepherd*
Board Liaison: *Andy Goodman*

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Board Liaison: *Pam Wright*

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Board Liaison: *Jim Painter*

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Chairman: *Jil Humphreys*
Board Liaison: *Marvin McDougal*

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Chairman: *Evan Lewis*

Harbor and Facilities
Chairman: *John Purl*
Board Liaison: *Tim Callahan*

Rules and Policies
Chairman: *Budge Humphreys*
Board Liaison: *Linda Buck*



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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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Delta Ditch Run



31st Anniversary - June 11, 2022

Don't miss being part of one of the premier West Coast sailing events! The Delta Ditch Run is a 65 NM run that starts in San Francisco Bay, following the deep water channel up through the bays and delta, finishing at the Stockton Sailing Club. Past Ditch Runs have attracted more than 150 boats with racers from across the country.



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DON'T FORGET THE STOCKTON SAILING FOUNDATION.

Mission Statement

To help give to the youth of Stockton and San Joaquin County the ability to learn, enjoy and understand the art of sailing. To further develop in the young person a discipline to control what they do in their daily lives in and out of sailing.

YOUR TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A DONATION CONTACT:

William "Budge" Humphreys

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For Sale

Manuel Windless \$250. Obo

3 Spinnakers (Approximately 39'X21') \$250 Each.

3 Bladed feathering prop. Needs servicing. Best offer.

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FOR SALE

I have a 8 foot Walker Bay row boat I am not using and it needs a new home.

I am asking \$175 or best offer. The best way to contact me on the boat is skip@volcano.net

or 209-296-5322

Skip & Janet Schippers
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