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**Editor's Comments**

Hello Members:

This month's cover is a reminder that the Club has several boats, Bob's Boat, some FJ's, a couple of Lasers and a Cal 27 for use by the members. Make arrangements with the Harbormaster, Jim Dale, if you want to take one out.

Elsewhere in this issue, Pam Wright tells us why sailboat racing is fun, Gail Dameron reports on the fun some members had in the BVI's and Marie Goodman writes about our Delta Coyotes.

**Stockton Sailing Foundation**

Budge Humphreys reports that once again the Stockton Sailing Foundation has been challenged: If we raise \$2000. and we will receive \$2000. in matching funds to help kids learn to sail. S.S.C. lifetime member, Phil Berolzheimer has generously offered to match all donation up to \$2000.

Please help us meet this challenge. Tax deductible donations gladly accepted. Stop by and see us at the SSC swap meet on 04/23/22 or contact us at:

[stocktonsailingfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:stocktonsailingfoundation@gmail.com)

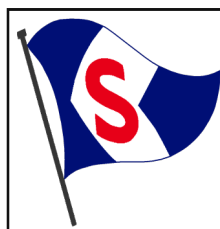
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Contact Wm. "Budge" Humphreys at 209-603-4920. Our Website will be coming soon. [Stocktonsailingfoundation.com](http://Stocktonsailingfoundation.com).

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**This Month's Cover**

.Cover photo by Jill Humphreys. Member Alex McCutchen had a spinnaker that worked on the Javelin (Bob's Boat)



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## Why Race?

*By Pam Wright*

Two minutes to the start buzzer. It's been intense as the many boats circle the starting line awaiting their fleet's start. Boats are not choreographed at the start of a race. Boats are on collision courses with each other and pass with paper-thin distances between them or duck behind another boat's stern with seemingly NO room to do so. But it all seems to work, and they're off at the sound of the buzzer.

The boats begin to spread out. Now it's a race. The work begins. Sheets are pulled to starboard; sheets are pulled to port. Sheets are pulled to starboard; sheets are pulled to port. Sheets are pulled to starboard; sheets are pulled to port and so on for hours. It's just friendly competition between club members who would rather put a hole in their boat than yield to another racer. It's kind of fun. There is a rhythm between the crew, everyone in sync. Boats are making way, always trying to keep the lead or catch the boat ahead. This is great! This is exciting! So why have boats stopped moving? Boats at rest. There is no wind. The wind is gone. Nothing to really do about it but the skippers are trying all kinds of creative and interesting things to get the boat to progress. It gives the crew something to distract them while waiting for the wind to return. And it does! Boats are moving. Those in the rear can see the lead boats' sails beginning to fill. The wind is coming. The race continues! Sheets are pulled to starboard; sheets are pulled to port. Sheets are pulled to starboard; sheets are pulled to port. Sheets are pulled to starboard; sheets are pulled to port....and so on. And the mark is reached and circled. Now the spinnaker goes up! Or maybe it's wing on wing. This ride is different. Now you fly along. The finish line is the goal. And after the race there will be lots of conversation evaluating the skills and maneuvers between skippers and crews, and opinions on rather the course was too long or too short. There will be the Thrill of Victory or the Heartbreak of Defeat or the Satisfaction of getting out on the water for a good ride. But everyone fits into one of those categories.

And it can happen next week all over again!

## 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

# Ladies High Tea Luncheon

## May 7th

12-3 PM

\$30.

*Reservations up to 50*

*Call or signup in the Clubhouse*

209-951-5600

*Chef Jeff Canepa*



*Hosted by Jeannette Notman & Pam Wright*

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# DELTA DITCH RUN 2022



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## Stockton Sailing Club Youth Learn to Sail

Boys and Girls  
Ages 8-18



Grab your friends and join us for our great 2022 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 coaches will show you how easy it is to "Learn to Sail". Girls and boys do equally well in this sport.

Classes will be Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, for \$99 open to first come first serve at a maximum of 12 students per four-day class period. The \$99. is for the four-day course (Regular \$129 cost reduced by grant from the Stockton Sailing Foundation—partial tuition grants also available)

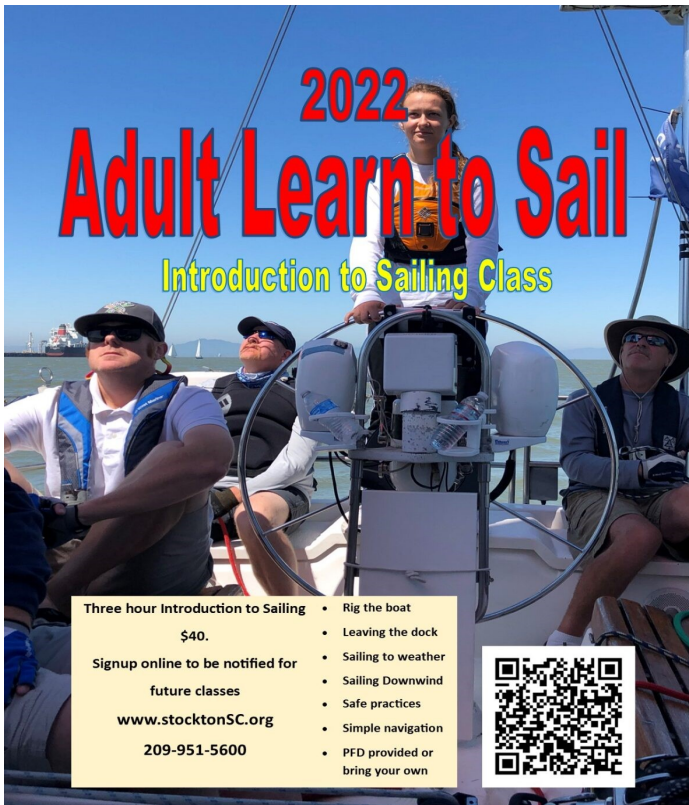
Class Dates: June 14-17, June 28-July 1, July 5-8, July 12-15, July 19-22, July 26-29, and August 2-5.  
All Classes 9 am to 4 pm

Register online at: [www.stocktonsc.org](http://www.stocktonsc.org)  
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## 2022 Adult Learn to Sail Introduction to Sailing Class



Three hour Introduction to Sailing  
\$40.

Signup online to be notified for  
future classes

[www.stocktonSC.org](http://www.stocktonSC.org)  
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- Rig the boat
- Leaving the dock
- Sailing to weather
- Sailing Downwind
- Safe practices
- Simple navigation
- PFD provided or bring your own



Dinner and Dancing at the Stockton Sailing Club

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## Friday Night Dancing

7:30 PM



Dinner and Dancing at the Stockton Sailing Club.

After Friday night dinners members and friends can  
enjoy dancing the night away at the Event Center.

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# Our Trip to the Virgin Islands

*By Gail Dameron*



Our crew of seven including Sam and Gail Dameron, Charles and Kristin Sanford, Mike and Karon Little and John Pearl embarked on a 12-day outing beginning by landing in St. Thomas where we stayed and played for three days. We then took a ferry ride to Road Town on Tortola Island where we boarded a 46-foot catamaran named Mo-

ko Jumbie and took off for a 10 day tour of the British Virgin Islands. WE

HAD A BLAST! John acted as our skipper. I am including a brief statement and photos from all of our favorite parts of the trip.



## ***From John Pearl:***

My favorite part of this trip was the sunrises and sunsets as a member of SSC, I consider myself to be somewhat of a connoisseur of sunsets since we have some great views off our deck but these were spectacular. Anegada is an island obsessed with lobster and rum, we took advantage of this obsession for two days, one large lobster dinner and many rum drinks.

## ***From Mike and Karon:***

OMG! What a wonderful time with great friends. We had a great skipper and guide since he had been to the islands before.

## ***From Charles and Kristin:***

We had so much fun with John as our Captain and the rest of us crew. We even let him get





away with telling us what to do! We visited almost all the islands that make up BVI and it was a great adventure and we would do it again in a heartbeat.

### ***And from Sam and Gail:***

The islands were beautiful, the weather was perfect, and great people to spend time with. We had small boats arrive daily wherever we were tied up with anything from ice, fresh fish and still warm banana bread and blueberry muffins. Every island was a new adventure – all with beautiful scenery and amazingly friend-

ly people ready to help us enjoy our time there.



In closing, this was a trip you normally only dream about but we did it and will have forever great memories. If it's part of your plan to visit the islands one day, don't hesitate! They are wonderful.





## DISCOVERING THE ECOLOGY OF THE DELTA

THE COYOTE (*Canis latrans*) by **Marie-Odile Noel-Goodman**



You might hear their calls disturbing the quietness of the night along the Delta: the voice of the coyote is quite distinctive and can travel up to 3 miles or more. Consisting of various howls, high-pitched yaps and occasional dog like barks, it is so distinctive that coyotes inherit their scientific name from their voice, *Canis latrans* meaning "Barking dog". It is believed that their howling may serve to indicate occupancy of a territory and keep non-family members away.

The coyote is a member of the dog family and is native to California. It is one of the four different types of wild canids found in the California Valley, along with the Rex fox, the Grey fox and the San Joaquin kit fox. Smaller and more lightly built than wolves, coyotes stand about

24 inches at the shoulder, and have a length of 32 to 37 inches, with a 16 inches tail. Most adults weigh between 22 to 25 pounds, with males being larger than females. The fur is long and coarse and is generally grizzled buff above and whitish below, reddish on the legs. They have a bushy, black-tipped tail. There is, however, considerable local variations in color: coyotes living in the hotter and drier regions of California tend to be paler than the ones living in the more mountainous or humid areas. Paler colors help to reflect the sunlight and to stay cool.

The coyote often appears in the tales and traditions of Native Americans, usually as a very cunning creature. And as a matter of fact, modern coyotes have displayed their cleverness by adapting to the changing American landscape. They once lived primarily in open prairies and deserts, but now roam the continent's forests and mountains and have even colonized some cities. They now inhabit most areas of California with the exception of the centers of major metropolitan areas. The California Department of Fish and Game estimates a population range of 250,000 to 750,000 individuals.

One of the coyote's secrets to its adaptability resides in its omnivorous diet, which includes rabbits, mice, rats, gophers, ground squirrels, birds and their eggs, fish, snakes, frogs, deer and carrion. Wherever or whenever prey is unavailable or hard to obtain, it can eat large quantities of wild berries and other fruits, grass or insects. Another secret to the coyote's adaptability resides in its various hunting behaviors. They are visual predators in open areas, but rely mostly on their smell and hearing to locate prey in thick vegetation or forest. Coyotes usually hunt alone but, in fall and early winter, they often hunt in pairs or packs for more effective hunting. Larger packs typically hunt larger animals, although they will capture and eat whatever prey they encounter.

In California, coyotes breed mainly during January, February, and March. Young are born March through May, with litter sizes averaging 5 or 6 pups. Births occur in an underground burrow, usually a hole dug by badgers, skunks, foxes, or other animals with entrances enlarged to about one foot in diameter. Young are born blind and helpless but, after 2 to 3 weeks, they start emerging from the den to play. Weaning occurs at 5 to 7 weeks. Coyotes form strong family groups. Both parents feed and care for the pups until they are fully grown and independent, usually at 6 to 9 months of age. Young typically disperse in the fall, but some offspring can stay longer and family groups may remain together to



form packs during winter.

Coyote populations are greater than ever before in North America, a strong testament to this canine's ability to adapt and thrive in human-modified landscapes. Coyotes contribute many beneficial aspects to our ecosystem and are helpful to farmers, ranchers, gardeners and homeowners. They control the populations of destructive rodents, as they represent 80% of a coyote's diet. They also eat tons of insects and have saved many farms from insect invasions. However, their cohabitation with humans can cause conflicts, since they can kill sheep, calves, poultry and even domestic cats or small dogs, can cause damage to drip irrigation systems by biting holes in the pipes, or can cause considerable damage to watermelon, citrus fruit and avocado fields. But remember that everything a coyote does is related to a potential meal or a potential shelter. By understanding that, guidelines to make your property less attractive to coyotes easily come to mind. Here are some examples:

Don't feed coyotes; Feed your pets indoors; Secure your garbage; Don't leave small children or pets outside unattended; Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry and other livestock; Pick up fallen fruits and cover compost piles; Trim any shrubbery that provides cover for coyotes or prey; Spay and neuter your dogs, as coyotes can be attracted to mate with them; Close off crawl spaces under porches and sheds, where coyotes could den and raise their young.

If you do not mind sharing your space with coyotes, enjoy observing them with binoculars when they visit. They are intelligent creatures with many interesting habits. In the end, they don't differ much from us: they just want to find a safe place to eat and raise their young.

To learn more :

National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com>

Encyclopaedia Britannica: <https://www.britannica.com>

United States Department of Agriculture: <https://www.fs.usda.gov>

Native Animal Rescue: <https://www.nativeanimalrescue.org>

California Department of Fish and Wildlife: <https://wildlife.ca.gov>

## **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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## 2022 Committees

**Instruction-Learn to Sail**  
Chairman: *Richard Wright*  
Board Liaison: *Tom Lueck*

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

**Social and Cruise**  
Chairman: *Linda Buck*  
Board Liaison: *Pam Wright*

**Juniors**  
Chairman: *Marc Niemeyer*  
Board Liaison: *Jim Painter*

**Membership**  
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*



## Important Links for the 2022 Delta Ditch Run

To Register your boat in the race:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=24093](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=24093)

To buy shirts, reserve dinners, bus rides etc.

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_storefront.php?regatta\\_id=24093&clear\\_session=1](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_storefront.php?regatta_id=24093&clear_session=1)



### Stockton Sailing Club

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## Discover the Club Webpage

**[www.stocktonsc.org](http://www.stocktonsc.org)**

**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 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.

**SSC Office 209-951-5600**

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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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### Want to fly a kite this spring ?

#### Spinnaker's for sale

1. 39X39X23
  2. 38X38X21
  3. 37.5X37.5X21
  4. 38X38X21
- \$250 Each.

Measurements Approximate

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## For Sale

Manual Windless \$250. Obo

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

3 Bladed feathering prop. Needs servicing.  
Best offer.

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