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Editor's Comments

Hello members:

First let me start by inviting you to help make this a better newsletter. We would like to regularly receive your suggestions, criticisms and articles that you may have put together. We all have very thick skins so don't worry, but do be sure to tell us if you don't want us to publish your letter.

Jill reminded me of a change in the Coast Guard's Fire Extinguisher requirements for boats. Here is a link to the BoatUS page with complete information on the changes: <https://www.boatus.org/fire-extinguishers/> A lot of us are going to be buying new Extinguishers!

Spring is here and racing has started. If you haven't already get signed up and get those boats out there. Don't worry about messing up, that just makes for good pictures for an old photographer!

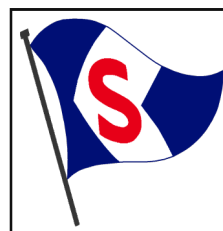
Members with kids, grandkids or neighbors' kids, get them signed up for Learn-to-Sail. Need help with the tuition, contact the Sailing Foundation.

Check out all the upcoming events and races, Swap Meet, Opening Day in April, Ladies Luncheon in May, Ditch Run in June.

As Budge says on his weekly phone tree message, "See you on the water!"

This Month's Cover

. They are off! Start of the Double Handed Long Distance Race on March 26, 2022.



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DELTA DITCH RUN 2022



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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

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.
(Tuition reduced by a grant from the Stockton Sailing Foundation—partial tuition grants available)

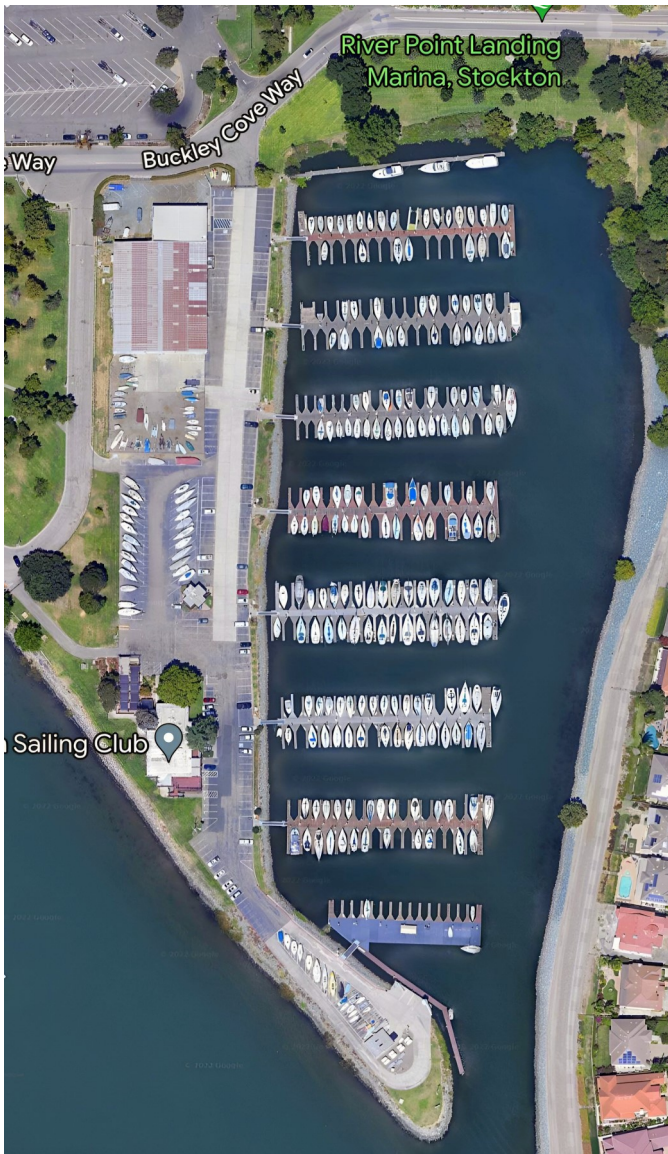
Class Dates: June 14-17, June 28-July 1, July 5-8, July 12-15, July 19-22, July 26-29, and August 2-5.

All Classes 9 am to 4 pm
Register online at: www.stocktonsc.org
209-951-5600

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The 2022 Marina Project, *by the Port Captain and the Harbor Master*



There is a good deal of Membership discussion revolving around Docks and the state of the Marina now. This is written to inform members of current events. We are also hoping for more membership participation. The topic of docks, dock repairs, replacement, and or improvement is very active right now among the Harbor and Facilities Committee, FBFI Committee and the Board of Directors. Hopefully this will answer questions, and hopefully it will enable the SSC to get more input from members.

To start perhaps look at the club history on the SSC web site: <https://stocktonsc.org/history/> In this document you will learn the first docks here were A and B around 1966. By 1974 docks C and D had been added. It has been reported the last "main" dock replaced at the SSC was in 2003.

The questions asked and being discussed today are:

How long does the City Lease last and will an investment in new docks be good for?

What changes in dock configuration or construction are required?

What is the permitting process for new docks?

What material should the club use in replacing a dock?

How can the club afford to replace it's docks, and how long will it take?

What is the story about "San Leandro" and it's docks?

Is there an opportunity to get grant funds and if so what rules do they come with?

Will volunteers be needed to build docks?

City of Stockton Lease:

The lease is set to expire in 2038. This means the SSC has control of the marina and grounds for 16 years assuredly. The Board of Directors recently authorized contacting the city for a 5 year extension to 2043. This has been offered by the City before and should be relatively easy to obtain. The City Charter does not allow the City to lease the property to the SSC beyond 2043 without going out to bid.

Configuration, Permits and Materials:

A dock replacement project will require permits. Permits require designs. Since both permits and ***The 2022 Marina Project Cont's.***

designs are thus required it would be prudent to look at the overall configuration. This could be done to learn if any changes are needed to better serve members, to reduce costs of construction and what materials are the best. Best implies cost effective, quality of use and life span. There are many material options. Wood, synthetic, aluminum, and cement seem to be available all with advantages and disadvantages.

Budget 2022/23 and the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan:

The Harbor and Facilities Committee recommended that \$450,000 be budgeted in 2022/23 for the capital improvement of docks in the coming fiscal year. They requested the same sum be budgeted at the end of the 5 year plan (2027). Theoretically this was sufficient for a full dock replacement one this year and one in 2027. No plans have been made, only a budget has been established and it can be changed. FBI noted that this schedule would reduce the sum of money in reserve in 2027 to a figure below desired savings.

Grants and San Leandro:

Two related items Members of the SSC are following on this topic you may hear about are "San Leandro" and "grants." Both are topics of discussion right now. The Department of Boating and Waterways does have grants available to organizations like the SSC for docks. Other organizations may have grants available for things like ADA compliance or changing out old floatation (exposed styrofoam) for new encased tubs. All of these are on the table for discussion NO applications have been made. Members of committees and the Board want to know what strings are attached to a grant before applying for one. This has to be evaluated. The San Leandro "city" marina is being discarded. They have closed their marina, did not dredge and there are dock materials there which may benefit the SSC. The only actions taken by the SSC are "calls" to the City of San Leandro. In these calls we've expressed interest in their dock materials but have made no commitments and they have offered no commitments to the SSC. At the last Board Meeting (March 2022) a small committee of Jim Painter, Linda Driver and John Purl were appointed to explore obtaining their dock materials. The Harbor and Facilities Committee recommended a professional survey of the dock material. The Board of Directors agreed it would be needed if the committee's discussion with the City indicated the material was available to the Club.

Members, Volunteering and Staff:

In the past docks were improved by volunteers / members and staff of the Stockton Sailing Club. When dock materials are evaluated it may be possible to continue with this history, but there is no certainty that is possible. Permitting conditions may require the use of contractors. In the case of electrical, pilings and even ramps this seems almost certain. There are some dock materials reviewed that are "assemble on site" which may require work parties and or staffing. No determination to that level has been made. Your input could be helpful.

Board meetings and Harbor / Facility Committee meetings are available via zoom if you can't make it to the Club. Please just ask for access through the office (209-951-5600) and check the Club Calendar (www.stocktonsc.org) for schedules. We plan to provide an update on this project in each of the up coming issues of Docktalk.

More on the 2022 Crab Feed

Take the Crab Feed Quiz! By Pam Wright

If you can answer “yes” to these four questions you were ready for the Crab Feed on February 19th. Do you like:

1. intestinal distress?
2. the savagery of those near you?
3. an enclosed place with no exit?
4. Unlimited gluttony?

The thing about the Stockton Sailing Club Crab Feed is the anticipation. When the Crab Feed is over you anticipate the next one. This is not for the weak. You are expected to eat your weight in offerings at the table. No one is playing games here. It's terrifyingly wonderful. Jim Painter might still be the champ of ingesting the most crab but I put my husband in the running and there has to be others out there that are too shy (or embarrassed) to speak up.

Those who provide this experience are up to the task. We recognize the Humphery family. Budge is an annual and apt provider but this year he also had Kelly and Jill on board. (here we pause to mention that the other usual suspect, Tom Leuck, was not present but will return!) There were others as well and all are appreciated!

And did I mention dessert? That is also required because it benefits our Juniors. These Juniors labored all evening to keep the food coming and the carnage off the tables. They were reliable, polite, patient (some of us are still swallowing while asking for more crab), and cute! Thank you, Lori Kruse, for your supervision and making that dessert table irresistible!

There was plenty of crab to go around. No one left hungry unless they had not passed the quiz. It was fun. It was a worthy event, assisting our Juniors with their sailing efforts. It was disgusting. It was delicious. It was necessary. You had to be there. See you next year. Come hungry.

And then on February 12: Cupid visits the Stockton Sailing Club by Pam Wright

Cast of Characters: Jennette Notman, Bob Doscher, Elsa McMahon, Rick Bledsoe, Annie Bledsoe, Jim Painter, Rick McMahon, Linda Driver, Jeff Canepa and Cathy Yocheim

SSC is so lucky to have members who can cook and are willing to share the talent with our members! The Valentine's Day Friday Night Dinner was exceptional. Let's take a quick trip back to the clubhouse that evening right now.

Climb the steps to the front door of the clubhouse. Enter through the door and be greeted immediately by a very handsome gentleman dressed in pants down to his shoes, a tuxedo (tee shirt), and a top hat. He will hand you a perfect long stemmed red rose with a slight bow from the waist. You thank him profusely. (Thanks, John Notman.) You turn to enter the dining room and you are transfixed. There are white tablecloths and lovely centerpieces of pink and red carnations in vases trimmed out in ribbon and hearts on the many tables. (Thanks Elsa McMahon). No long serving table tonight. This would be a pass-through meal prepared by chefs Jeff Canepa, Rick McMahon, Bob Doscher, and Rick Bledsoe, and Jim Painter. (Thanks all!). Please also notice the servers, Linda Driver and Cathy Yocheim working with smiles and speed.

Let's talk about the meal. Prime rib was served. Side dishes were a scalloped potato dish, fresh asparagus, and a very tasty salad with a roll. And I don't care how full you might have been, you could not miss out on Jennette Notman's dessert. This is always a much-anticipated treat.

The atmosphere promotes love everywhere. Feel the love? You would if you were sitting there indulging in the gourmet offerings.

But if you were not actually struck by Cupid's arrows, you certainly had to be struck by the efforts put forth by the cast of characters who produced this very lovely evening. Thank you to all of you.

Dinner and Dancing at the Stockton Sailing Club

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Friday Night Dancing

7:30 PM



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

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SWAP MEET

Saturday April 23rd (8 AM)

Bring your extra gear to sell or trade. Boat gear preferred but you can bring just about anything you want. Open to everyone.

Need not pre-register... Just show up early... No fee to sell

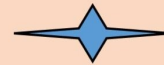
Also it's **Opening Day**

8-9 Breakfast

Free Vessel Safety Checks

4 PM Blessing of the Fleet Parade (get your boat blessed)

5 PM BBQ Rib Dinner



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Opening Day on the Delta

Saturday April 23rd

8-10 AM Outdoor Swap Meet

8-9 AM Breakfast

Free Vessel Safety Checks

4 PM Blessing of the Fleet

5 PM BBQ Ribs

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2022 Adult Learn to Sail

Introduction to Sailing Class

Three hour Introduction to Sailing
\$40.

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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

DISCOVERING THE ECOLOGY OF THE DELTA

THE WESTERN POND TURTLE (*Clemmys marmorata*) by *Marie-Odile Noel-Goodman*

You probably won't see it in the main channel, but an attentive eye can often spot it in the narrower waters of the Calaveras; the Western Pond turtle is the West Coast's only native freshwater turtle.



It is a medium-sized turtle, reaching between 7 and 9 inches in length. It is dark brown, olive brown or blackish, has a yellowish stomach, black spots and lines on its head, and has a low unkeeled carapace. Female turtles tend to have higher, dome-shaped shells, smaller heads, slender tails and darker chin and throat markings than males. If you spot a turtle in the wild that doesn't look like the Western Pond turtle, it is likely to be the Red-eared Slider or the Painted turtle. These turtles are common pets and their presence within California is most likely due to release by their owners.

The name pond turtle is something of a misnomer, as this reptile is found in a variety of freshwater sources and also spends a lot of time on land. The

reptile occurs in both permanent and intermittent waters, including marshes, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and irrigation ditches. It favors habitats with large numbers of emergent logs or boulders or with dense aquatic vegetation, where individuals aggregate to bask. Terrestrial habitat (woodland, forests or grasslands) is also extremely important for the species. Since many intermittent waters can dry up during summer and fall months along the west coast, especially during times of drought, the Western Pond turtle can spend up to 200 days a year out of the water.

The species also relies on suitable terrestrial habitat to search for food or a mate, to build a nest and lay its eggs, or to overwinter. These turtles are typically active from February through November, with the length of the active season depending on the temperature of the habitat. Overwintering and aestivation — in which the turtles slow down their metabolism during hot and cold periods to preserve energy — are both important activities. Some pond turtles pass the Winter by moving to land and burying themselves in loose soil or in ground squirrel burrows. Some other individuals choose to enter their state of dormancy underwater. They often cluster in a shallow spot, where they survive by using cloacal respiration. They pump water through the cloaca (this posterior orifice that serves as the common opening for the digestive, reproductive, and urinary tracts) through pouches that function similar to gills - extracting oxygen from the water and releasing carbon monoxide. During hot dry summer droughts, some pond turtles will estivate by burying themselves in the soft bottom mud of a pond or a creek, again relying on cloacal respiration.

Western Pond turtles generally mate in late April or early May. Females will travel to a sunny upland terrestrial location to lay their clutch of eggs, typically between 1 and 13 in number. The hatchlings, which are only about the size of a quarter after emerging, usually remain in the nest until the next spring, when they'll migrate to aquatic habitat. Individuals grow slowly in the wild, and do not mate until they are approximately 10 years old. This turtle may survive more than 50 years in the wild.

The pond turtle is a dietary generalist and an opportunistic animal: it will consume almost anything it is able to catch and overpower. It eats aquatic plants, worms, amphibian eggs and larvae, crayfish, carrion and sometimes frogs and fish. Despite its hard shell, several predators do threaten this species. Raccoons, otters, ospreys, and coyotes are the biggest natural threat to this turtle. Hatchlings can also be the prey of weasels, bullfrogs, non-native crayfish, and large fish.



Discovering the Delta Cont's:

But the biggest threat to the Western Pond turtle is humankind. Historically, the turtle's range reached into British Columbia, Canada, extending as far south as Baja California. Today, its range has contracted considerably; the animal is now found natively only in southern Washington, Oregon and California. Dam construction along the West Coast upsets their natural life cycle, disturbing river flows and draining natural wetlands. The introduction of invasive species such as the Red-eared Slider, the American bullfrog and the Largemouth bass creates competition for resources and predation on the turtles. Invasive plants such as the reed canary grass prevent females from navigating to nesting sites. Also, these turtles are particularly sensitive to harm from chemical contaminants that runoff in the water, since their broad diet and long lifespan are conducive to accumulating large amounts of contaminants over time. Finally, as with many other turtles, gender ratios of the hatchlings are determined by the incubation temperatures of the nests. To achieve an equal ratio of male and female turtles, the pivotal temperature is approximately 84.9 degrees Fahrenheit, which means global warming is also a threat to the survival of this species.

One easy thing we all can do to help the Western Pond turtles is to try not to disturb them. Reptiles are ectotherm animals, meaning that they are not able to produce their own internal warmth. Instead, they use the energy of the sun to raise their internal temperature in order to be able to perform their activities like digesting, breathing, repairing their tissues or reproducing. If they are disturbed while basking above the water, they will quickly slide into the water, where their internal temperature will drop. Too many of those events can impair their survival. The rule of thumb: animals are best observed from a respectful distance.

To learn more :

Center for Biological Diversity: https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/species/reptiles/western_pond_turtles/

California Herps, a Guide to the Amphibians and Reptiles of California: <http://www.californiaherps.com/turtles/pages/a.marmorata.html#description>

Stanford University: <https://conservation.stanford.edu/science-management/threatened-species/western-pond-turtle>

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*

Finance, Budget, Legal and Insurance
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

To buy shirts, reserve dinners, bus rides etc.

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_storefront.php?regatta_id=24093&clear_session=1



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Discover the Club Webpage

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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 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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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.

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William "Budge" Humphreys

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Manuel Windless \$250. Obo

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

3 Bladed feathering prop. Needs servicing. Best offer.

Stockton Sailing Foundation

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WANTED

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.

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

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

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