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Editor's Comments

Hello SSC Members and Friends:

Lots of great activities coming up in the next few weeks at SSC starting with Halloween Parties for both the adults and the Juniors this Saturday, October 29th in the Clubhouse and the Event Center. Sign up, put on your costume and join the fun. Next we have Fall Race Number 3 on Saturday, November 5th and on Friday November 18th Rick McMahan, Jeff Canepa and crew will putting on the Annual Turkey Dinner around 6:30pm. Also on November 18th several SSC members are cruising to Pittsburg for dinner and a live performance at the Historic Pittsburg Playhouse.



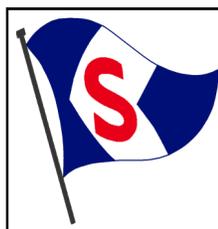
LOOK in Your Closet! In preparation for the 90th anniversary of SSC next year 90th Celebration Committee Is ooking to archive the Delta Ditch Run designs on T-Shirts and designs on the South Tower T-Shirts. Below is the list of the years we have so far and have photographed. Can you help fill in the missing years? How far back can you go with T-Shirts?

- Delta Ditch Run
- 2003 ,2010, 2011 ,2014, 2018, 2019, 2021
- South Tower
- 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2014, 2015

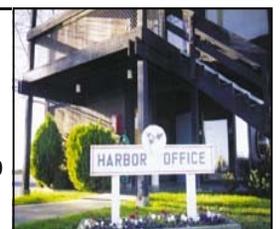
I will photograph the shirt(s) and they will be returned to you. It is a project, but it will enhance the history of the club in the years ahead. Thanks for taking time to look in all those places you might have put a T-Shirt! Also, if you have any old photographs of Club activity that you think might be interesting I can copy those for the Committee's use.

This Month's Cover

Long time SSC Member, Walt Andrews starting Fall Race No. 2 on October 1st.



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HALLOWEEN

**DEAD MEN TELL
NO TALES
COSTUME PARTY**

STOCKTON SAILING CLUB

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH 7PM

MEGA POTLUCK, PRIZES BEST COSTUMES & SCARIEST APPETIZER
DISCO PARTY SPINS BY DJ DRACULA, \$5 TRICK O DRINKS, BEERS



*ADMISSION \$10 Members and Guests! RSVP early Harbor office or ClubHouse
Age 21+, Cash Bar, Member Charge, No Pets (service dogs ok)*

Stockton Sailing Club, Event location: Clubhouse Indoor Outdoor Deck
RSVP: 209 951.5600, FB: 2022halloweenbash, www.stockton.sc.org

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Singing Sailors by Pam Wright



Yes, we know sailors sang while at sea. The songs are famous. Sailors long at sea, away from home for years at a time. The danger, the risks, the discomforts. Those long, lonely nights under the sky with only the stars, the water, the weather, and the horizon. Oh, the agonizing thoughts that resulted in words and music to express the misery and challenges faced daily.

That's not our Singing Sailors. Our Singing Sailors are right here on land at the Stockton Sailing Club. We have Bob ("Exec") New on harmonica and guitar, John "VC" (vocal chords) Notman

singer and percussionist, Mike (Chill) Kennedy on U-Bass, Rick (Megaphone) Bledsoe on the Mandolin and guitar and Tim (Twang) Fitch on guitar. Don Mortense, who passed away from Covid, was also an original band member. The group played at the memorial.

It was 2017 when this talent got together. Bob and Rick started strumming their guitars together. That got the attention of others. They insist anyone is welcome to come and hang out with them or play an instrument. And, you know, they mean it. The repertoire includes great hits from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's. They like to play, and they play what they like.

You can find them in the Little Sailor's Retreat on Tuesday afternoons. I mistakenly called their gathering a "rehearsal" one time and was immediately reproached. They are Jamming, excuse me. That's why they are the Windjammers. Wind for sails. Jammers. The Windjammers! Get it?

The Windjammers do gigs. They told me their choice of clothing is white shirts and /or Hawaiian shirts. No neon lights or live animals. I have been fortunate to attend a gig. They have enough music to play steadily for a couple of hours. The audience will end the conversation to listen and move to their music. Of course, this music belongs to our generation, and we love it and have memories. But I think almost anyone would enjoy the tunes. They're well played, and the vocals are enthusiastic and at times emotional.

The Stockton Sailing Club Windjammers. Has a nice sound to it. If the Windjammers get tips at their gigs (or here on site) the money goes to the Stockton Sailing Foundation. That's a hint to show our appreciation. When you see Exec, VC, Chill, Megaphone or Twang around the club be sure to tell them how appreciated they are.

Rick McMahon said "I'll do dinner if you play! Free meals!" (It turns out you CAN sing for your supper!)

Let's fade out now to the music. It's getting late. The singing sailors are still performing for their pleasure under the night sky but not lonely. The fans are still there, settled in and not leaving anytime soon.

Cruise to Pittsburg November 18 - 20

Cruise Schedule

- **Friday Morning:** Approximate five hour cruise to Pittsburg for two nights
- **Saturday Afternoon:** Walk to and enjoy a live performance at the Historic Pittsburg Playhouse. 925-439-7529 www.pittsburgcommunitytheater.org
- **Saturday Evening:** Dinner at one of the many fine restaurants
- **Sunday:** Sail back to the Stockton Sailing Club

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Cruising on Thistle, Stockton to Panama - Part 1



I'm sure some of you have dreamed of sailing your boat out the Golden Gate and turning left. My husband and I had that dream too and in 1980 we bought a 35' Fantasia and started a trip that only lasted a few months. When we got to Cabo we found that the people who bought our house had defaulted on the loan so we had to come back and clean up that mess. Decades later, after we retired, we tried it again with much better results. It was a successful voyage for so many reasons; we had a larger boat, a more stable financial position, and most importantly, more modern equipment!

The boat we chose was an Alden 44, built in Rhode Island in 1990. We found it in Sausalito and it was in pretty good condition, but it was almost 30 years old, so we evaluated every system's condition and got busy with repairs.

We knew we would be anchored out a lot, so we removed the antiquated, power hungry air conditioning system. We overhauled the rig; replaced the rod rigging and tangs, rebuilt the furler, repainted the mast, replaced all the running rigging, and got new North sails. We got an inflatable dinghy and built chocks so we could stow it on the foredeck. We got a new anchor windlass and a Rocna anchor so we could sleep well at night. Instead of paper charts like we used on our first cruise, we got a Chartplotter which was wonderful! We also replaced the worn teak in the cockpit and made a bridge deck and

hinged doors for the main companionway. We also replaced many, many rotten hoses, upgraded safety systems, and had a bimini installed over the cockpit to protect us from the tropical sun. Many other little jobs were done to make *Thistle* into a comfortable floating home. One of our best additions was a watermaker and we made enough water to share with buddy boats.

Finally, after fifteen months of hard work, on October 12th we left the Stockton Sailing Club for our big adventure. We could barely walk through the boat because so many bottles of wine were stowed below. We didn't plan it that way, but the guests at the Bon Voyage party wanted to make sure we didn't get thirsty on our travels! Phil Hendricks arranged a wonderful party at the end of C Dock for us; he even hired a Mariachi band. There were so many people that the dock was awash at one point during the party! The day after the party we worked our way down the Delta to Pittsburgh where we spent two hours finding places to stash all that wine.

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After all the hoopla of the Ha Ha, we needed some quiet time, so we turned north into the Sea of Cortez where we found some peaceful anchorages, but also learned to ride buffaloes. You can see a video at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsrGXrWxt0>

After a two day crossing from Baja to the mainland, we stopped at Isla Isabel, a Mexican National Park and bird sanctuary. Only accessible by boat, and with an insecure anchorage, it gets few visitors. But we spent two days there watching the blue footed boobies, the frigates, the iguanas, and our anchor, which was simply lying on some rocks. Definitely NOT a standard anchoring technique!

While cruising, many stops were marked by the repairs we did there. We tried to fix everything before we left, but you simply can't get everything perfect or you'd never leave home. Hence, Puerto Vallarta was where we bought new batteries, Panama was where we had the hydraulic backstay rebuilt, Cartagena was where we replaced the inverter, St. Augustine was where we removed the teak decks, Stuart was where we rebuilt the generator, etc. etc.

Other memorable punctuation marks in our cruising were long, difficult, or potentially dangerous passages. Crossing the Gulf of Tehuantepec was one such passage. We and five other boats waited at Marina Chahué in La Crucecita, Mexico for four days, checking Windy.com every few hours for the forecast.. The Tehuantepecers' violence is legendary and well deserved, but we motored across the gulf on glassy water with only unlit fishing boats and sleeping sea turtles to worry about.

3000 miles and five months from home we joined a rally in El Salvador, one of the most dangerous countries in the world. Even getting into the estuary is dangerous! The outflow from the Jaltepeque Estuary has created a shallow sandbar a mile from the beach, and crossing it is not an easy thing. The rally organizers had a panga with an experienced advisor aboard, and we were met at slack water just outside the bar. The panga guided us to the proper spot to wait, and then counting the waves, he told us when to pour on the power. It was exhilarating to have our 12 ton sailboat surfing down the face of that wave, and we gratefully accepted our complimentary rum punches at the dock. There were all kinds of activities and get-togethers there in El Salvador and at one gathering we met Dave and Carolyn Cammack on *Aztec*, and David and Marj Fries on *Kievit*, both from the Stockton Sailing Club. Not the last time this would happen!

Part 2 will take us through the Panama Canal and into the Caribbean. If you have questions, please text or call me at 209 244-0460, or email me, Laura Fortune at fortunesafloat@gmail.com.

Blue Water Cruise 2022 - Kristi Farrell reporting

Although the cruise started on Oct 1st, on the night before some of us started socializing early by meeting up in Sausalito. We walked into town (except for Tom who rode his cool Onewheel) and had a delicious dinner at Salitos. Club members Jim and Karen from Escapade were in the bay too and joined in the fun.



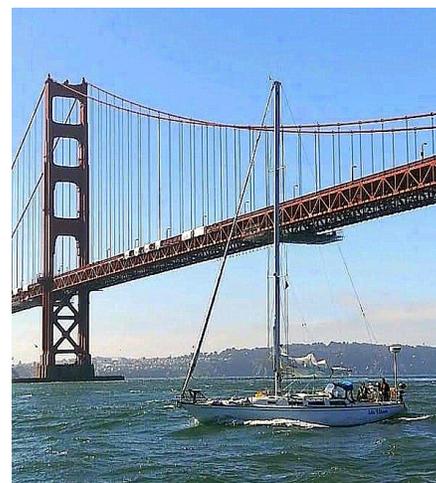
The next morning was chilly and overcast when we met at the Gate at 7:30 AM to start the Blue Water Cruise. There were 5 boats: Peter and Stan in Jus Us II, Tim and Karis in Idle Minds, Karen and Dave in Black Note, Tom in Sir Leansalot, and Stuart and Kristi in Osprey. Although the sun came out, the winds were from the South so there was a lot of motoring. Fortunately a few of us got to sail as we got closer to Pillar Point Marina in Halfmoon Bay. Most of us were docked on the commercial side of the marina and it was fun to see the fishermen come in and sell their catch right

out of their boats. The people were friendly and there was lots to do such as the big Mavericks festival, eating at the restaurants, visiting the Halfmoon Bay YC, microbreweries, shopping, and hiking on the coast. We all ate dinner together the first night and most of us stayed another night too. We even had Dave's homemade dessert on Tom's boat after dinner.

Just Us II returned North on Sunday morning. The next day Osprey and Sir Leansalot returned North against a light northerly breeze. Yes, that's right, it clocked around. Although we had to motor most



of the way back, we had the cool experience of passing through hundreds and hundreds of orange Sea Nettle jellyfish just below the surface of the water. Luckily we were finally able to sail before we reached the gate. We stayed in Schoonmakers in Sausalito that night and got to make Pizzas with Tom and his family at his daughter's house. Tom sailed home the next day and Osprey bopped around the bay for another week.



Idle Minds and Black Note continued South to Santa Cruz, and later Idle Minds made it all the way down to Monterey. They even got to sail with a pod of dolphins! They reported beautiful conditions for their trip.

Since everyone had sailed offshore before, it was nice that we all got to make the cruise what fit best for us, but it still felt like a club cruise. It

was an awesome group of people that we felt lucky to get to know better and to share this experience with. We hope to go again next year and if you are thinking of going, you should!

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

2022 Committees

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

Regatta
Chairman: *Andy Goodman*

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

Juniors
Chairman: *Lorie Kruse*
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*



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2 Sets of Sails (1 Custom)

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Tom 209-604-1300



For Sale

\$2500. Dinghy, oars, electric motor, sail kit, trailer
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For Sale

\$60. Steps for sale
Tom 209-604-1300



Stockton Sailing Foundation

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.

Currently the Foundation has several items of sailing equipment and accessories. Contact Budge Humphries to learn what is available.

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

**Wm. "Budge" Humphreys at 209-603-4920. Our Website will be coming soon.
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- Originally launched in Lake Tahoe in 2002
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Very pretty, blue and green modernistic oil painting by the late Danny Garcia in the early 1960s. Frame is 34"W, 44"T, exposed canvas is 29"W, 39"H. Danny Garcia was born in Monterey, Ca. in 1929. He was known as an Impressionist and painted many scenes of the Monterey Peninsula throughout his years of art. His hobby was sailing, and he was the past Commodore of the Stillwater Yacht Club of Pebble Beach. In his youth on Cannery Row, Danny worked for 3 years as a lab assistant for Ed Ricketts, the true-life character of "Doc" in John Steinbeck's famous novel, "Cannery Row". Some private collectors who have bought his paintings were Princess Margaret, Greer Garson and Frank Sinatra. This painting was owned by the late Glen Mortensen, Architect, who designed Burns Tower at U.O.P. here in Stockton. (Printed material on Danny Garcia will be included.)

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