



# DOCKTALK

Stockton Sailing Club

"where the fun begins"

January 2023

# Happy New Year!

## Stockton Sailing Club



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## Editor's Comments

Happy New Year members and friends of SSC

2022 is past and 2023 is just beginning. It's now been 90 years since a group of young Stocktonians started the Ionian Sailing Club. Our Chairman of the Club's 90th Anniversary, Rear Commodore Pam Wright, just gave us this report: "I wanted to let everyone know of some things going on in regard to the 90th. Banners should be up around the site by Friday to alert the public we are celebrating our 90th year. This Friday night, January 6, we will LAUNCH the celebration. The club will be decorated for a birthday party at the Friday night dinner. Linda Driver has a menu planned that is definitely representative of the 1930s. Linda Buck and Faye Roberts will be decorating the room. The menu page on each table will have a few historic events in the 1930s for the members to peruse. T-shirts have been ordered. The color changed again because of lack of stock but we are underway!"

: Take another look in Your Closet! In preparation for the 90th anniversary of SSC next year 90th Celebration Committee is looking to archive the Delta Ditch Run designs on T-Shirts and designs on the South Tower T-Shirts. We are still missing the following years:

Delta Ditch Run  
2000, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2016, and 2020.

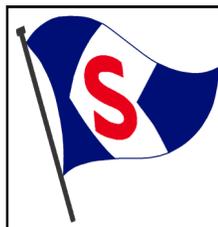
South Tower  
2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2015

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.

Sail Camp, after a long absence because of Covid19, the Board has scheduled Sail Camp 2023 for June 18—24 2023. Volunteers are needed, in particular someone to be the Go To person!

### This Month's Cover

SSC 90th Anniversary Logo featuring the original Ionic Logo and the current SSC Logo.



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# Installation and Awards Banquet

## January 14, 2023

**Installation and Awards Banquet**

**Saturday January 14, 2023**

**5:30 - 6PM No Host bar**

**6 - 7PM Dinner**

**7 - 8PM Installation & Awards**

**8 - 11 PM Live Music and Dancing**

**Elkhorn Golf & Banquet Club**

1050 Elkhorn Drive Stockton Ca 95209

Cost \$25. per person (includes Dinner & Dancing)

***Installation of the 2022 Board of Directors***



**Regatta Awards**

**Junior Sailors Awards**

**Special Member Awards**



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Mr. Brown posted a challenge in the Bar



Champagne was enjoyed by all!



Rick and Jeff worked their magic on some turkeys!



A grandpa celebrated his birthday

## Cold Turkey Cruise Out to Willow Berm by Pam Wright

Seven boats went out to Willow Berm to dispose of some Thanksgiving left overs. The weather was blue skies and no wind. The boats who made the trip: Spaceman Spiff (skipper Moses Wrosen), the Savannah (Budge Humphreys), the Dogma (Mike Little and Karen and Karen's son, Jordan), the Isa Lei (Mark Letendre), the Idle Minds (Tim Callahan and Kariss), the Legacy (Pam and Richard Wright) and Terri and Don Brazil's Cruiser with guests Pete and Faye Roberts. What sort of adventures would we have on this outing? There is usually one at least to shake things up a bit. And the winner is...Idle Minds! The boats, minus Idle Minds, were all in and tied up at the long, long, Willow Berm guest dock when the call came in that Idle Minds had an overheating engine and was stranded just outside Prisoner Point. Mark, Richard, and Moses boarded Mike Little's boat and off they went to the rescue. Just as the sun was going down the boats came into sight, Dog-ma towing Idle Minds. There were lots of eager hands on the dock to make sure both boats coasted safely in and were then tied off.

Does dinner sound good to anyone? In the warm and lovely clubhouse food was prepared or warmed up. The variety is always the fun part! We ate and ate and contemplated the LONG walk back to the boats on the guest dock. It was cold. Very cold now. But you gotta make that walk. (Suggestion, stop at the restrooms on the way.)

On Saturday there were choices to entertain us. Don and Terri, Faye and Pete, Richard and Pam played some shuttle board. Well, the guys played mostly, and Terri, Pam and Faye sat in the sun and visited. Mike Little and Karen went for a walk with Karis and Tim and Jordan. Mark disappeared (?) and Moses was on his own for a bit also. Can't say what Budge was doing either! I know there was a pool competition in the clubhouse for a while. However, everyone showed up for dinner! We walked to the Lighthouse Bar for hamburgers and pizza. Early in the day Richard and I walked down to see a menu. The manager told us the restaurant that burned down was a "restaurant with a bar". The Lighthouse, on the other hand, is a "bar with food".

But the food was good! Then, cold and time to settle into the boats. Sunday morning was lazy at the picnic tables on the dock, in the sun, sipping whatever you chose. Boats left one by one to head back to SSC. Unfortunately, Idle Minds did again have an issue and Dog-ma lent a hand. But all boats are back in our marina safe, and sound and another Cold Turkey Cruise is on the record.





morning a new advisor arrived, we untied from the buoy, and the locking process was repeated but in reverse. It's a bit easier going down because draining the locks is less turbulent than filling the locks. Entering the final lock we could see the Caribbean Sea, 28' below us and 7 miles away.

We found cruising in the Caribbean to be quite different from cruising in the Pacific. In the Pacific Ocean we had the ever present swell and huge tide variations. In the Caribbean the tide only varies about 18". The Caribbean is shallower and a lighter shade of blue, and the wind always comes from the east. These differences made some things much easier, but other things more difficult, as we were to learn when sailing towards Grenada.

We spent several weeks cruising around the Guna Yala, or San Blas Islands, just east of the Panama Canal. We dined on lobster, bartered for molasses, snorkeled the pristine waters, shopped at Nargana Town, and got hit by lightning.

We had been anchored with 10 other boats for a few days when a



storm came up around midnight. From counting the seconds between the thunder, we knew the storm was getting closer. At 2am a lightning bolt struck our masthead antenna, traveled through the boat on a system of copper straps (that I suppose were designed to dissipate lightning strikes) and exited out a thru-hull. All kinds of electronic equipment came on by itself and we could smell something burning. Opening all the lockers and floorboards revealed a blackened sump pump sensor so there was no actual fire. The next morning we inspected the boat from the top of the mast to the bottom of the keel, assessing the damage. After inspecting all our

systems, we determined that several pieces of equipment were damaged, but the worst part was that our autopilot didn't work. That meant we had to hand steer constantly for several days to get to Cartagena. You racers will say, "What's the problem?" and you cruisers will say, "Oh, crap!" because most cruisers avoid hand steering at all costs.

We did daysails as much as possible and arrived in Cartagena, Colombia about a week later. There we found a beautiful, fully stocked grocery store two blocks from the marina, a chandlery, fascinating historical sites, lovely inexpensive restaurants, and instant friends because of the "Women Who Sail" Facebook page. We spent two months there repairing the lightning damage as much as possible, eating in nice restaurants, and just being tourists. Malcolm also visited a dermatologist who was efficient and inexpensive. Finally our buddy boat, *Seahorse V* arrived and after a final provisioning, we set off together for Grenada, the Spice Island, over 500 miles due East..

Part 3 will take us to Aruba, Bonaire, Grenada and all of the Caribbean Islands, then up to Florida. If you have questions, please text or call me at 209 244-0460, or email me at [fortunesafloat@gmail.com](mailto:fortunesafloat@gmail.com).

## NEW MEMBER ON BOARD: Cordis “Bill” Jones and Marina Faconti



Please help the SSC welcome Bill and Marina. They were invited out to the Stockton Sailing Club by a friend and Marina fell in love at first sight with our view of the Delta. Bill is a lifelong sailor and had his Catalina at Monterey Peninsula YC, for many years. Bill is the 2022 Commodore of Stockton Yacht Club and Marina is the Commodore elect for 2023. Marina is a member of the Sportsmen YC and grew to know more about our Club from Ditch Run. Both are looking forward to enjoying the sunsets, and pitching in as volunteers to help make us stay great. Currently they have Amazing Grace, a Bayliner over at Stockton YC and Bill is actively looking for a sailboat. Other Clubs they belong to, but is not limited to Stockton Yacht Club, Sportsmen Yacht Club, and Elks Lodge.

## Pittsburg Cruise Out November 18-20 Pam Wright

The Addams Family! Du du du dum Snap! Snap! Du du du dum Snap! Snap! (If that does not put the opening song into your head for the rest of the day, ask the older generation to sing it for you.) The Osprey (Stuart Ferrell), the Sir Leansalot (Tom and Lynn Lueck ), and the Legacy (Pam and Richard Wright) cruised to Pittsburg to see the stage performance of “The Addams Family” at the community theater. Stuart anchored out the night before and waited for us to arrive at the Pittsburg Marina on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, the Wrights were waiting for the Luecks to ready themselves to leave the SSC. But what?! The Legacy’s engine will not start. #\*@@! Tom dismantles a battery from his boat, we hook the battery up to our boat and voila! We are off! When we arrived at Pittsburg just before dark we all headed out for dinner at the Mexican restaurant. It was a cold night. On the cold Saturday morning Stuart walked his four miles and Tom and Cooper took their constitutional. Richard, Pam and Lynn did nothing. Breakfast was at the Waterfront Grill and Café and was delicious. In the afternoon we were joined by the Yochheims, Kathy and Eric, who drove over to see the play. Tom and Lynn’s daughter, Becky, also joined us with her son. The performance was enjoyable! The cast did a great job. We had our picture taken with two ghosts (friendly). Yochheims left for home afterward and the rest of us gathered on Sir Leansalot for hors d’oeuvres. Where to go for dinner? Thai, of course. Good too! An inquisitive ten-year-old girl joined us at our table to pet and speak to Cooper. Cooper cooperated gladly. She spoke to us too and we cooperated but Cooper was her real interest. Brrrr, going below for the rest of the night! Sunday morning breakfast, with the same routine, was again at the Waterfront Grill and Café because it is so convenient , attractive, and has very good food!

We readied to leave, fueled up and pumped out. Time to head east toward the SSC. Gorgeous day to be on the water, even without any wind. And that feeling you have when you turn into the club marina and into your slip is always so satisfying. But, let’s go somewhere soon!

PS: New batteries have been installed in the Legacy and Tom is relieved.

# 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.

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**Wm. "Budge" Humphreys at 209-603-4920. Our Website will be coming soon.**

**[Stocktonsailingfoundations.org](http://Stocktonsailingfoundations.org)**

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## For Sale

1976 Ranger 23" Sailboat

Dock E-11 \$3,000.00

2 Sets of Sails (1 Custom)

Sleeps 4

Honda 10 HP Outboard (Needs tune up and fresh fuel)

Contact Kristy at  
Livs2laff68@gmail.com or 209-272-6131

Please make apt. to board.

## For Sale

\$560. Walker Bay Sailing Dinghy with oars  
Tom 209-604-1300



## For Sale

\$2500. Dinghy, oars, electric motor, sail kit, trailer  
Tom 209-604-1300



### 2001 Beneteau 311

- Originally launched in Lake Tahoe in 2002
  - Moved to Bethel Island in 2014. Second owner
  - Yanmar diesel 20 HP with 162 hours
  - Furling jib
  - Newly installed self-tacking jib (Selden)
  - Battened Slab main with lazy-jack system and stack pack
  - New main sail bag with heavy duty zipper
  - Galley with gimbled stove, frig, sink, and cabinet storage
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