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Fall 2024



Star World Champions: Austin Perry and John Kostecki



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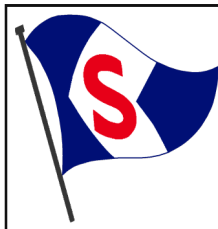
Editor's Comments

Hello Members,

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteer cooks who have prepared our Friday night dinners over the past three months: Pete Miedzinski, John Moyer, Ed and Allyson Montague, Betty and Jim Adams, Pete Corsun, and Charles Sanford. If we've inadvertently missed anyone, please let us know by emailing us at memcom@gmail.com, and we'll be sure to acknowledge them in an upcoming edition.

The suggested donation for our Friday night dinners ranges from \$6.00 to \$12.50, with children 12 and under eating for free. We are able to keep this tradition going thanks to the dedication of our volunteers. Even if cooking for a crowd isn't your comfort zone, there's always room for you to lend a hand on the cleanup crew after dinner!

Keep on Sailing



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SSC Election 2024

Nominees for the 2025 SSC Board:

Vice Commodore

Tim Callahan

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Rear Commodore

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Secretary

Jill Humphreys

Linda Buck

Treasurer

John French

Jeff Campiglli

Port Captain

Wally Fort

Jim Painter

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John Moyer

John Montgomery

John Calderon

Please remember, for your ballot to be valid, you must sign (On the return envelope, not the ballot) and also include your member number on the upper right corner of the return address envelope

Candidate Statements

Vice Commodore:

Tim Callahan : I have been a member of the Stockton Sailing Club for six years. I have enjoyed sailing with the club as often as I can since I've joined. If elected as Vice Commodore I hope to ensure others can experience the same enjoyment of the club that I have. Thank you.

Secretary:

Linda Buck : I am honored that the nominating committee has considered me as a candidate for the office of Secretary. A willingness to abide by the By-Laws and rules governing this organization are not to be taken lightly, and I will serve to the best of my ability if elected.

Jill Humphreys : Jillian is not only a dedicated member of our club but has been a vital part of our community since 2012 when she became an active member. Her years of service to our club speak volumes about her commitment and passion for sailing and our shared values. She has previously served on the Board of Directors, where her leadership and organizational skills shone brightly. Her experience there, coupled with her extensive volunteer work on various committees—including the Membership Committee, Regatta Committee, Rules and Policy Committee, Junior Committee, Instruction Program Committee, and the Social and Cruise Committee—demonstrates her multifaceted contributions to our club. Jillian embodies the spirit of teamwork and collaboration that is essential for our club's success. She has a unique ability to bring people together, fostering a sense of community among our members. Her insights and dedication have continually helped us navigate challenges and celebrate our achievements. As Secretary, Jillian will bring her unparalleled attention to detail and strong communication skills, ensuring that our meetings are organized, our records are meticulously kept, and our members are well-informed. She understands the importance of transparency and engagement in our processes, keeping everyone connected and involved. But more than her qualifications, it's Jillian's genuine love for sailing and her unwavering support for our club's mission that truly make her the ideal candidate. She is not just a member; she is a friend and advocate for all of us who share a passion for the water.

Port Captain:

Jim Painter Hello, I am running to be reelected for the Port Captain position for the year 2025. I am currently serving as Port Captain, and Chairperson of the Dock Committee. A little bit about me. I became an active SSC member in 2004. I was the Learn to Sail (LTS) Administrator/Advisor for five years. I guided the struggling LTS program into an exciting and profitable curriculum resulting in one of the highest attended and grossing programs in the history of LTS. I have been a past Committee Member on Harbor and Facilities, and the FBLI (Finance Budget Liability and Insurance Committee). I have enjoyed racing for over 15 years. You will likely find me socializing at Friday night dinners. I have cooked, or assisted, for many events including Friday night dinners, Ladies Luncheon, Runabout on the River, St. Patrick's Day and Thanksgiving to name a few. I have also organized wine tastings and marine electronic classes for club members. This year as Port Captain, I designed and installed the infrastructure for the SSC internet Wi-Fi mesh network. In collaboration with other members, we successfully upgraded the cardlock system. Along with the Dock Committee members we are working diligently to upgrade our docks. I truly care about The Stockton Sailing Club and its facilities. I enjoy working with others to bring positive outcomes to our club. Please check the box next to my name!

Treasurer:

John French : My name is John French and I'm running for the position of Treasurer. I've been a member of the club for about 10 years. My qualifications include a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a masters degree in public administration. During my professional career I was responsible for the financial management and treasury function for several cities and county departments. As a municipal treasurer I followed the following investment hierarchy: first, reservation of principal; second, liquidity to meet operational needs; third, return on investment. I believe my professional experience would be an asset to the club and help it maintain its financial health. Thank you.

Directors:

John Calderon : I would like to have your vote for a Member of the Board of Directors for 2025. If elected I will do my best to contribute some of my expertise to the Club. Thank you, John.

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Riding the Blue Water Waves by Pam Wright

Recipe: 2 skilled and strong leaders, some obedient followers, a pinch of thrill, a pinch of excitement and a cup of fun.

The leaders were Kristi and Stuart Farrell. The followers were Ed and Allyson Montague, Don Quigley, Tom Callahan and Kariss Cunigan, Pam and Richard Wright, Kristen and Charles Sanford and Carolyn and Richard Mason.

Kristi was a mother hen with her chicks as we left under the Golden Gate Bridge. Using the radio she had each boat respond “present” and got them all in a line. We were off to Monterey!

A few hours out it was suddenly chaos. A whale was sighted! The “chicks” frantically dispersed in all directions to chase down whales and get some pictures. The radio was blasting “Over here!” “Port!” “Straight ahead!” It was exciting to get close and watch that huge head burst out of the water and into the air, then a deep dive and that beautiful tail wagging in the air.

First stop was Halfmoon Bay. The marina had given slips on H Dock for all of us. It was the first of several parties. We were to stay one night but the fuel dock was closed when we got in and two boats needed fuel to continue. The fuel dock would not open until 8:00 the following morning. We had planned to leave around 6:00am for the longest leg of the trip to Santa Cruz. So, being good sports everyone agreed to stay another night in Halfmoon Bay and to use the time to have a terrific appetizer contest on our dock. Amazing creations were displayed at the cocktail hour, and we blocked the dock for a number of hours.



Next morning at 7:00am the fleet planned to leave Halfmoon Bay for Santa Cruz, an 8- or 9-hour motor-sail. However, Don’s engine would not start. Luckily, we had talent on this trip. Karris, Richard Mason, Ed Montague and plenty of advisers got it started and we left at 7:45am.

Kristi and Stuart dedicated themselves to making sure every boat was safe and doing well. Regular radio calls were made throughout the time on water checking in on each boat. It gave a real sense of confidence to all of us. You learn things out there alone on the ocean. You

learn you can be at ease out there while still being diligent. You learn to enjoy the openness and beauty of the vastness. You appreciate the comradery of the other boats and you realize you CAN go three days without a shower and the world will not end.

Santa Cruz marina was a different matter. It put most of the boats on the fuel dock and two boats way across the fairway on another dock. Those two boats were Wrights and Sanfords. Since we were “stranded” from commercial businesses, we planned a really nice dinner for ourselves on board. Coincidentally, Greg Doe was in Santa Cruz and had been waiting for us. He joined our dinner. We were just fine! The others did not fully report on what their arrangement was over on that fuel dock.....

Next stop the following day was our destination Monterey. The winds were perfect, and all sails were





up. We sailed to Monterey under perfect conditions. What a sight to see seven sails up all around. It was one of the highlights of the whole trip! Monterey marina scattered our boats all over the harbor. We met up for dinner on most days but did our own thing too. We were in Monterey for four days. Some of us had guests lined up to meet us there. The Ferrell's guests were treated to sailboat rides. The Wrights entertained on land. Mike and Karen Little came to visit. Kariss made sure we had a firepit night on the beach, shopping of course and e-bike rentals, and museums AND a cocktail contest on the dock which was won by Don. Boats got

cleaned up, laundry was done, repairs were made, groceries were purchased for the trip back and lots and lots of great food.

The return trip was just the reverse. The trip back to Santa Cruz was pretty rolly-polly. Sometimes that is just the way it is. It took longer and was more work. The radio check-ins continued and were more frequent. We were grateful to put in at Santa Cruz. We were all placed on the D and E Dock, on the far side of the commercial area. We pulled together and had a heck of a potluck dinner on board the Mason's boat. Turned in early. We left early the next morning glad to be headed to Halfmoon Bay. It was a lot of work over waves and colder weather. We got our space back on H dock. Now we watched the weather station. It wasn't great but just more work. The Montiques chose to leave the next day and make the Gate. They stayed in touch all the way and kept us apprised of the conditions. The following day the Wrights decided they needed to head home. It was a bit of a slog but doable of course. The feeling you get when you see the Golden Gate is hard to describe. I am sure all sailors have experienced that feeling. We decided to go to Benicia and home the next day. We kept track of the other boats. They left the following day and alerted all of us when they were through the Gate. From there, they were on their own. Some headed straight up, some when to Benicia, some to Pittsburg. All arrived back at the Stockton Sailing Club. This experience is so valuable to learn your boat and yourself. But doing it with friends is the best. Really give it some serious thought about going along next year. A gigantic THANK YOU to Kristi and Stuart Ferrell for their patience, their skills, their efforts to make everyone comfortable and their company. Let's go sailing!



Stockton Sailor wins the 2024 Star World Championship

By Brooks Sperry



The Star World Championship was held at the San Diego Yacht Club from September 8th to the 12th with one race held each day. There were 64 Star boats from around the world competing for the title of World Champion. There were 6 races with one throw out.

Going into the 6th and final race on Friday, any one of six teams could win the title. My son Austin Sperry, who learned to sail at our club, and teammate John Kostecki was the winner of the Star World Championship with race scores of 3, (11), 3, 6, 3, 3 for a total of 18 points, winning by just one point ahead of the second place competitor. It just shows that you can win without achieving 1st or 2nd in any of the races.

The San Diego Yacht Club did an absolutely fantastic job of running the regatta plus the wonderful social events that took place throughout the week.

The Star is the oldest one design class in the world having been designed in 1911. It evolved from a gaff rig to the present day Marconi rig. The Star is 22.5' in length, weighs a bit over 1400# and carries 280 square feet of sail, main and jib, but no spinnaker.

If you care to see some great pictures or read about the regatta, go to: starclass.org. You can see my Star boat parked next to the club's office. My son Austin sailed that very boat in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. For all my 65 years of sailing, this World Championship was truly the highlight of my life, seeing my son Austin win this prestigious sailing event.



Winner, best costume, Talk Like a Pirate Night. Andy and Noe>

ATTENTION CALIFORNIA BOATERS




Single-use marine flares contain hazardous chemicals that pose risks to human health and the environment. Special collection events for unwanted flares are being held across California.

Open ONLY to residents and boaters with boats registered in the covered counties. Proof of residence or slip fee is required. No commercial flares accepted.

Southern California

Port of San Diego

October 26, 2024, from 8 AM to 12PM at 2210 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106

Port of Los Angeles

October 26, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Cabrillo Way Marina, 2293 Miner St, San Pedro, CA 90731

City of Morro Bay

October 27, 2024, from 8 AM to 12 PM at 1196 Front St, Morro Bay, CA 93442

Northern California

West Contra Costa County

Oct 16 - Nov 2, 2024, Wed - Sat 9 AM - 4 PM, at 101 Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801

Del Norte County and Humboldt County

November 2, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM at 1700 State Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

Marin County

November 3, 2024, from 8 AM to 12 PM at Clipper Yacht Harbor, 310 Harbor Dr, Sausalito, CA 94965

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SSC ANNUAL SMOKED TURKEY DINNER

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6:30 pm November 22, 2024



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Fall 2024 Regatta Events

September 2024

September 7, 2024 – Fall Race #1

October 2024

October 5, 2024 – Fall Race #2

**October 12, 2024 – Annual
Regatta Meeting – 10:00 a.m.**

November 2024

November 2, 2024 – Fall Race #3

December 2024

December 7, 2024 – Fall Race #4

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