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The Commodore's Column By Pam Wright

****Welcome to 2025!**** We're setting sail on a twelve-month adventure filled with exciting events and activities.

The Commodore's monthly comments have traditionally provided insightful updates on the club's status and were once a staple in *Docktalk* issues. Past Commodore Marvin McDougal, who also has served as editor of *Docktalk*, believes it's time to revive this feature, and I concur.

I'm pleased to inform you that the board has approved the acquisition of materials to construct two dock prototypes: one from wood and another from aluminum. We invite all members to examine these samples and share your feedback. The wood materials are already here, and we're in the process of sourcing the appropriate aluminum materials. Your input is invaluable.

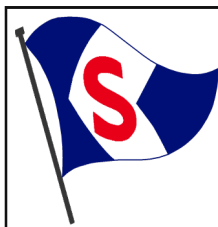
Give some thought to what you would like to do in the new year here at the club. Does a particular committee interest you? Will you be a Friday night cook for the first time? Maybe you will join the Wednesday night races or the formal regatta races on the weekends. The Juniors are looking for leadership! When you are involved, you meet others and you get so much more out of your membership. But whatever you do, make sure you take advantage of this very special place on the Delta. It belongs to you.

The Installation of Officers took place on January 11th, celebrating the enduring legacy of our club and honoring those who contribute to its upkeep. The event was a delightful evening enjoyed by everyone who attended.

To all members of the Stockton Sailing Club, I extend my warmest wishes for a Happy New Year. Let's make each day count!

Editor's Comments

Hello Members and Guests, I need to report this will be my last issue of Docktalk Publication will be taken over by our new Staff Member, Laurel Bates. Please give her your best wishes and cooperation. Thank you all for the support I have had from Members, Committee Chairmen and Board Members. It has been fun and an honor to have been editor of Docktalk.

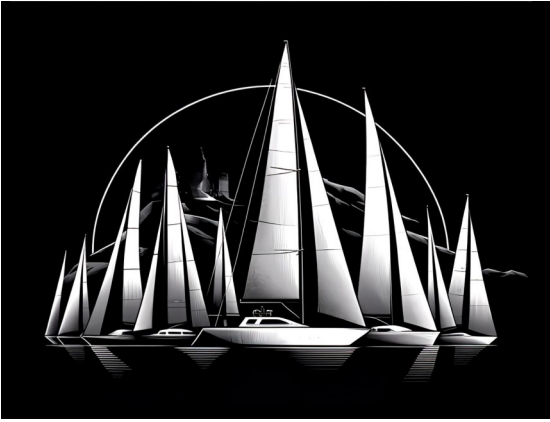


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The Regatta Report

By Andy Goodman, *Chairman Regatta*



The SSC had a great year of racing in 2024. The Spring Series saw a new format for the PHRF boats, a Serious Race division and a Serious Fun division. A re-energized Etchells fleet was able to get some one-design racing going again. Our “special” races and Wednesday Night Beer Can races kept the racing going throughout the summer. In September, the SSC hosted the Pacific Coast Championships for the Thistle fleet. Finishing out the year, the Fall Series gave boats a chance to enjoy the cooler weather and changing scenery of the Delta.

The Regatta Committee is always looking to improve the racing experience and to get more people involved. There will be some changes for the 2025 season. The extreme heat of the past several summers has been taking a toll on our participants (and partici-

pation) in the late-June to August races. The Jack and Jill Race has been moved to a Sunday in April. This race and the Double Handed Race #1 are on Sundays following a Saturday Spring Series Race so you can leave your boat set up and only need one crew for the following day. Start times for the races in the June-July heat will be shifted later in the day when the wind is usually stronger and the peak of the heat has passed. Talking of evening racing, the Wednesday Beer Cans are always popular. A second race course will be added this year that will be shorter than the standard course. This will be a fun option for dinghies, smaller boats or those boats that want to go for a sail and then bbq a burger while watching the sunset.

Here’s what the schedule looks like for the next couple months. A full schedule will be in the next Dock Talk.

- February 12, 2024 – Fleet Night
- March 8, 2025 – Long Distance Races #1
- March 12, 2025 – Fleet Night
- March 22, 2025 – Spring Series Race #1
- March 23, 2025 – Double-Handed Race #1
- April 5, 2025 – Spring Series Race #2 (2 Races)

If you are interested in the regatta program this season come out to our Fleet Nights on Wednesday, Feb 12th and Wednesday, March 12th. February 12th we will be discussing the rules of racing and the changes for 2025. This fleet night also is a good place to make it known that you are looking for crew or looking for a boat to sail on.

March 12th we will have the 2025 SSC Standing Sailing Instructions and 2025 Course Sheets available. We will hold the Skipper’s Meeting for the Spring Series at this Fleet Night.





SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

DOOR OPEN AT 5:30PM/SERVICE BEGINS AT 6:30 PM



TICKETS: SIGN UP IN THE CLUB HOUSE
OR CALL THE OFFICE BY
FEBRUARY 7TH \$66 AFTER \$76

SILENT DESSERT AUCTION BY SSC JUNIOR SAILORS

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2025 SOCIAL & CRUISE CALENDAR

JANUARY

9 Social & Cruise meeting
11 Installation of Officers and Awards
19 Cruising Kick Off Party

FEBRUARY

6 Social & Cruise meeting
1 Art Afternoon
8-9 Sweetheart Cruise
9 Superbowl Potluck
15 Crab Feed

MARCH

6 Social & Cruise meeting
7-9 Thespian Cruise to Pittsburg
14 Pi Day

APRIL

6 Social & Cruise meeting
12 Opening Day
26-27 Swine Cruise

MAY

1 Social & Cruise meeting
3 Swap meet
10 Ladies Luncheon
24-26 Memorial Day Cruise

JUNE

5 Social & Cruise meeting
7 Delta Ditch Run
16-21 Benicia Cruise
28 Runabouts on the River

JULY

3 Social & Cruise meeting
4 Fireworks at Mandeville Island

AUGUST

2-9 Bay Cruise
7 Social & Cruise Meeting
9 Hot Summer Nights Car Show

SEPTEMBER

4 Social & Cruise meeting
19 Talk Like a Pirate Day dinner
28-10/13 Coastal Cruise

OCTOBER

16 Social & Cruise Annual Meeting
25 Halloween Party
25 YMCA Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER

6 Social & Cruise meeting
28-30 Cold Turkey Cruise

DECEMBER

4 Social & Cruise meeting
6 Lighted Boat parade
7 Land Cruise
13 BOD Champagne Pour

First Annual
Art on the Water

SSC Event Center

Saturday, February 1st 10^{to} 4

Original
Handcrafted Art

Art

to show,
to sell,

calling on all interested

artist: (doesn't have to be a member)

For more info.....

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**Don't miss the sunsets and Live Music
in the Clubhouse Tuesday evenings**



We received some Awards fro the PICYA





2025 THESPIAN CRUISE



PITTSBURG THEATRE COMPANY

Cruise Out or Drive In

to Pittsburg Marina, March 7-9—Marina now takes reservations

Saturday Matinee Performance, 2:00 pm, Dinner After (TBD)

Tickets Available at pittsburgcommunitytheatre.org

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Trunk or Treat at the SSC

by Pam Wright



And they came! It was perfect weather for a late October day on the Stockton Sailing Club site. The Trunk and Treat event is put on by the Y.M.C.A. and uses our site to host it. This was our third year and plans are already underway for next year. That's how successful it has been. The event is one of the "open to the Public" requirements on our lease. And it is a bag of fun! The site is transformed into one large parking lot with cars and trucks parked nose in and the trunks out, wide open, filled with the goodies for the goblins.

The Sailing Club has two booths. One offers sign-up and information for our Learn-to-Sail program and the other sells hotdogs, chips and a drink for five dollars. Obviously, this requires our Stockton Sailing Club volunteers to cook and serve up the food. Shout out to Annie and Rick Bledsoe, Valerie and Mark Sailor, Tricia Macko and Brian and Carla Price here. Thank You muchly! Couldn't have done it without you.

The families line up single file at our gate and slowly make their way to the Harbormaster's office and back out again. Many local businesses participate in the giving. And so many costumes! The business representatives, the parents, the trick-or-treaters, their pets and even a Stockton Sailing volunteer (pretty cute, Valerie!). The atmosphere is high spirits and fun. The winners of the best visitors ever have to be the children though. The creativity is impressive and the endurance of these little people to be too warm, too uncomfortable, and too tired is to be noted. They have such a good time and they are patient and polite.

We have a good time at our booths speaking to our guests and complimenting the costumes. We hand out free bottled water to those enclosed in some of the costumes head to toe. That is awfully warm in there! Plans for next year are being tossed around. There could be table and chairs on the grass for guests to use to eat the hotdogs. There could be hot chocolate added to our menu.

So, how many guests are we talking about? This October we served just over two thousand people. Two thousand. The Y.M.C.A. is very pleased with this event. Next year will see a longer amount of time for the giving away and more businesses participating. We will need volunteers and this is a great event to choose to be involved.



SSC 2025 Cruising Calendar

Month	Date	Day	Cruise Capt.'s	CruiseName	Location
January	19	Sunday 12 noon	Stuart/Kristi	2025 Cruising Kick Off Party	SSC Event Center or The Retreat
February	8-9	Saturday-Sunday	Stuart/Kristi	Sweetheart Cruise	Village West Marina
March	7-9	Friday-Sunday	Richard/Pam Wright	Thespian Cruise	Pittsburg
April	26-27	Saturday-Sunday	Ed/Allyson Montague	TBD	In the delta
May	24-26	Saturday-Monday	Rich/Carolyn Mason	Memorial Day Cruise	Mildred Island
June	16-21	Monday-Saturday	?	Benecia Cruise	Pittsburg, Benecia,
July	4	Friday	Rich/Carolyn Mason	4th of July Cruise/fireworks	Mandeville Island
August	2-10	Sunday-Sunday	Jim Painter and Karen Miller	Bay Cruise	Pittsburg, Benecia, Richmond YC, Oakland YC, South Beach, Benecia=2, Pittsburg, SSC
September and October	Sept 28 To Oct 13	2 weeks	Stuart/Kristi	Coastal Cruise	Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, and Monterey
November	28-30	Friday-Sunday	Tim Calahan and Karis Cunnigan	Cold Turkey Cruise	Willowbern Marina?
December	7	Sunday	Linda Buck	Land Cruise	Idol Beer Works (Lodi)

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Good News and.....Interesting News! Pam Wright

Picture this. It's a Friday night at the club and you have arrived for dinner. You get your favorite drink at the bar and find a seat among your friends and fellow members. This is a lovely way to begin your weekend in a friendly and comfortable environment. Does someone need help in the kitchen? Should I go see if I can assist the volunteer who has stepped up to cook this evening? The answer once a month is "No". Your efforts are not needed tonight. There is the once-a-month hired chef in the kitchen.

Every member of the Stockton Sailing Club is a guest tonight. We have connected with a couple, Vita and Christian Briscoe, who would like to cook once a month for the club on a Friday. They are not an easy find. The club has been trying to find someone for over a year now to replace our last chef, Meagan. This couple's specialties are Barbecue and Mexican food. Their first dinner was December 6th and the menu was Tri tip and chicken.

Let's note that they do not do this for free like our club members do. Therefore there is going to be an increase in the amount charged on that one Friday night a month. It is hoped the club members will realize this and be appreciative that a fellow member did not have to be in the kitchen that night. The cost of the meal will still be way below what you would pay in public for a bar drink and a prepared meal. We charge \$15 a meal for our holiday gatherings, Thanksgiving and Christmas. And those meals are amazing!

Admit it... prepared by volunteers. This first presentation from Vita and Christian Briscoe was \$16 a plate. And it was Tri tip and chicken. It is hoped the club will celebrate this arrangement. Those who have repeatedly prepared meals for the club, out of love and support for the club, will maybe be a bit relieved. And if you enjoy sharing your culinary talents preparing meals for the club you will still have opportunities!

Join us one these "member relieve nights"! For a few dollars more you get the same ambience and fellowship AND your good friend is sitting with you and not working in the kitchen. Thank you.



Staff hard at it building sample Dock section.



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