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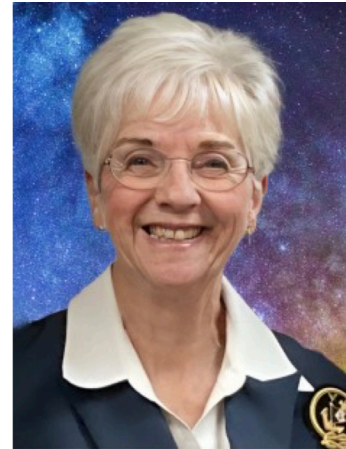
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The end of the year brings changes in the weather and the time on the clock. It's also a natural moment to reflect on the year that's coming to an end. This year has certainly been eventful for me as Commodore, and perhaps for you as well. Whether the events were good or challenging, they each helped shape our year.



I am grateful that I can come out to the Stockton Sailing Club and spend time with friends. Your smiles, your bad jokes, and your company are always good medicine! And we're not done yet. We have election results to celebrate, the Champagne Pour to enjoy, and the Lighted Boat Parade to admire. We will also have our annual Thanksgiving dinner prepared by Jeff Canepa and his team, with assistance from Debra Docher. This club is all about entertaining our members— and sailing, of course!

We have completed the purchase of a brand-new elevator for the club. This is a major improvement for our members and staff. Many recognized that some of our members who would love to enjoy the clubhouse did not have easy access. A reliable, working elevator will benefit everyone.

As Commodore, I've learned that members genuinely want to participate and to have input. When members are engaged, they are usually satisfied with the outcome. >>>

>>> Together, we made several changes this year by listening and collaborating. Catered dinners were paused after discussion with the membership. The once-a-month potluck came directly from member suggestions. Pump-outs with office reimbursement originated from a committee recommendation and were adopted. Members asked to bring back name tags, so we researched suppliers, found one, and placed an order.

And while the Golden Mussels have delayed work on the docks, members have made it clear that this remains a top priority. The Board and office continue to save money and plan for the project so we can proceed as soon as it is safe.

We also enjoyed a very successful Halloween celebration in the clubhouse. The efforts of many made it possible, and a special thank you goes to Debra Docher for organizing and creating such a wonderfully spooky environment!

The work is never done. Members from every decade have understood that volunteering is the heart of this club. Volunteering builds friendships, inspires new Board candidates, sparks fresh ideas, and results in a better club overall. If you have been able to volunteer, thank you.

We will soon be seeking volunteers to help decorate the clubhouse for the Christmas

Farewell and Fair Winds

By: Pam Wright

Farewell and fair well! That's my message end of the year message. This year has been a wonderful experience, and serving behind the scenes in the management of the Stockton Sailing Club has truly been a privilege. Thank you to the membership for electing me to this position.

I encourage all members—both long-time and new—to consider running for the Board. There is so much to do and so much to learn in helping guide this 93-year-old organization. Our legacy will only endure through the commitment and involvement of our members. Here are my key takeaways:

- Members genuinely enjoy the club, and our social experience is essential to our success.
- Members hold many different but valid perspectives about the club's purpose.
- Leadership must lead.
- Our history and traditions matter, and they deserve respect.
- Member volunteers are critical; our staff cannot do everything on their own.
- Sailing and regattas remain the backbone of SSC.
- Our location is extraordinary, and we are its caretakers.

On **December 13th**, we have our Champagne Pour: A dressy evening where the Board, in uniform, serves champagne and hors d'oeuvres to the membership. We will also recognize **Jim Dale** for his eight years of service as Harbormaster as he retires. Rumor has it he may be joining SSC as a member!

Jim's successor, unanimously selected by the Board, is **Manny Lial**, who has served as the club's accountant for the past six years. His experience ensures a smooth and seamless transition. Manny has supported every major club event, worked closely with members on financial matters, assisted staff, and fulfilled requests from Flag Officers and Board members. He has also been the point of contact whenever Jim was out of the office. Manny is the ideal person to help train a new club accountant when the time comes.

On **January 1, 2026**, **Tim Callahan** will assume the role of Commodore. I am confident he will lead the Stockton Sailing Club with dedication and skill.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

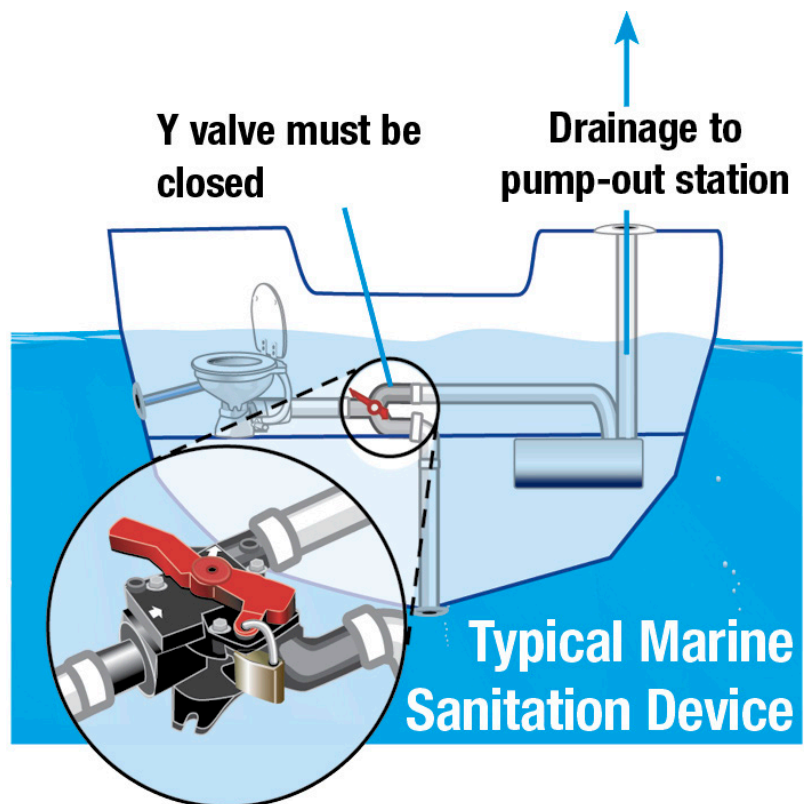
The Head on Your Boat

By: Pat Brown

US Coast Guard regulations require that any Y-valve installed for overboard discharge of sewage must be secured to prevent discharge in U.S. coastal waters, which extends three nautical miles from shore. This includes all inland waters, bays, and rivers. The valve must be secured using a physical barrier like a padlock, a non-reusable wire tie, or by removing the handle, and can only be opened for overboard discharge when more than three nautical miles offshore.

“Pump it, don’t dump it!” is the slogan for a California public awareness campaign promoting the proper disposal of sewage from boats at designated pump out stations, rather than illegally discharging raw or treated sewage into the state’s waterways.

It is illegal under federal and state law to discharge raw sewage within three miles of the coast or into any inland body of water or designated No Discharge Zone (NDZ). Fines up to \$2,000 can be imposed for illegal discharges.



Stockton Sailing Club **Volunteers Wanted**



The 2025 Blue Water Cruise

By: Kristi Farrell

This year we had 4 boats participate in the Blue Water Cruise, so we were a small but mighty group. The participants were the Masons on Serenity, Don Quinly on Brown Sugar, the Montagues on Hokule'a, and the Farrells on Osprey. We should also note that Tim and Karis dropped in at Half Moon Bay on our last night there.

Our departure was delayed a day due to big swells caused by gale force winds the day before, plus strong southerlies. So Sunday, September 28th we motor sailed down to Half Moon Bay. We saw some whales just outside the gate, but little did we know that these would be the last ones we'd spot for a long time. I guess we've been super lucky the last few years seeing whales almost every day. This year we added a wildlife photo contest to the cruise. Each person submitted 1 photograph taken that day. At the end of the day I'd send out the day's shots so everyone could enjoy the beauty that we found. By the end of the cruise we had taken quite a lot of wonderful photos and we each got to vote for our 5 favorite photos. I'll try to include the pictures so you can enjoy them too.

Half Moon Bay is now a destination that we all look forward to. It's a small town that is very walkable from the marina. We like to dine at the Half Moon Bay Brewery and to walk to Maverick's Beach. There are other great restaurants around and shops to drop by, plus lots of sea lions to amuse you. Things started out drizzly, but the weather improved for a while. We had an appetizer contest during one of the happy hours and Carolin Mason won with her delicious bacon wrapped sausages. We did need to delay our next departure due to Southerly winds and rain, but hey, what's another few days in Half Moon Bay?



We decided to skip our stop in Santa Cruz in order to make up for some time that we would have missed in Monterey and got to sail from the Santa Cruz split to Monterey. Monterey was its usual lovely stop. We shared a lot of meals and happy hours together. Highlights included day sailing the bay, the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club's dinner, London Bridge Pub, Peter B's, and Don Quinly's morning Marys (Bloody Marys). Various family members and friends visited and went sailing, we had free Aquarium passes, and we had a resident otter mom and pup in the marina. We finished our stay in Monterey with the results of the photo contest and an evening to celebrate our friends the Masons who are heading down to the Baja ha ha with open options for after that. We will all really miss them and are excited for their upcoming adventures.

On Monday, October 6th, Hokule'a and Brown Sugar began their return trip. They skipped Santa Cruz and stayed at Half Moon Bay, then made it all the way to the Richmond Yacht Club where they saw O'Hana and Idle Minds. After that they had a wild ride back to the SSC.

Another Blue Water Cruise is done. We had lots of fun and tons of good memories were made. There were some sailors that had planned to come, but different aspects of life got in their way and we missed them. If you are ever interested in getting some experience or adding to your experience going outside the gate, consider taking part in this cruise. Everyone is very helpful and the focus of the cruise is to travel safely and have fun!

See you on the water,
Kristi and Stuart on Osprey



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SSC Goes to Literacy Night at Sierra Middle School

By: Pam Wright

The Stockton Sailing Club received an invitation to participate in a public event hosted by Lincoln High School student Jordyn Henderson, a member of Stockton Scholars for Service. The evening welcomed district parents and children to the Sierra Middle School gymnasium for a night focused on reading. Children received cards to collect stickers, which they could earn by answering questions at each table. The questions were based on familiar stories, vowel sounds, spelling, and more.



SSC hosted a table just inside the front entrance. It was staffed by Richard Wright, Jill Humphreys, Linda Buck, and Pam Wright. Our toy sailboats were a big hit and drew in most of the children right away. This gave us the opportunity to talk with parents about our summer Learn to Sail program. The event was fun, successful, and well attended.

It's great to have the Sailing Club visible in the community. When we receive invitations like this, we make an effort to participate. Perhaps you'd like to join us next time. When opportunities arise, our leaders should reach out to members and invite them to share information about the club and what we enjoy here. I've made a note of it.



PICYA Awards Ceremony - November 9, Berkeley Yacht Club

By: Pam Wright

There are 102 sailing clubs in the PICYA membership. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our PICYA Representative, Jill Humphreys, the Stockton Sailing Club brought home four trophies and two recognition awards—an incredible sweep!

Jill received the Hanley Above and Beyond Perpetual Trophy, awarded to a leader who has gone “above and beyond” by repeatedly chairing committees or continually helping to raise or donate funds for causes important to PICYA or its member clubs.

Richard Wright was honored with the Condon Award, which recognizes distinguished and selfless promotion of sailing—particularly for young people, though not limited to youth programs.

The Individual Meritorious Service Award was presented to Pat and Mailyn Brown for their water rescue during this year’s Delta Ditch Run.

And the highlight of the evening: the Club of the Year Award went to the Stockton Sailing Club for accumulating the most points in support of PICYA-sponsored events. These include youth program development, community service, boating safety, philanthropy, and other boating-related activities.

Additionally, the club received two recognition certificates—one for perfect attendance and one for achieving the highest point total of the year, earning a 5-star rating.



Golden Mussels Continue to Threaten California Delta



A rapidly growing infestation of invasive golden mussels is causing major concern throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Believed to have arrived through international bilge water, the mussels reproduce rapidly, attach to hard underwater surfaces, and are now spreading across California waterways.

Engineers warn the mussels are beginning to clog water diversion pipes and other infrastructure. Christopher Neudeck, a Stockton-based civil engineer, says the threat has escalated sharply in recent months. “They grow in masses on steel and concrete,” he said. “When they get inside pipelines, water flow can drop to the point of shutdown.”

Local nonprofits are already feeling the financial strain. The Stockton Sea Scouts recently hauled out their main training vessel and discovered it covered in golden mussels, pushing their maintenance bill from \$18,000 to \$28,000. Director John Manov says the organization has gone 25-50% over budget this year due to the infestation. The mussels have begun clogging sonar systems, water intakes, and other critical equipment used by youth sailors.

To combat the spread, shipyards are recommending costly anti-fouling paints, while agencies test ultrasonic and UV systems. But no long-term solution exists. “Unless you own a boat, you have no clue how bad it is,” Neudeck said.

Meanwhile, state and federal representatives have secured funding for research, prevention, and planning, and San Joaquin County has launched a task force. Still, experts warn efforts are far behind the fast-moving infestation.

As golden mussels spread farther into California’s water systems, boaters, youth programs, and water agencies face rising costs and increasing risks—highlighting the need for coordinated action before the problem becomes unmanageable.

Above was a summary from the Fox26News article: Ground zero: Golden Mussels threaten Delta boaters with skyrocketing maintenance costs - written by Christina Rodriguez; December 4th, 2025.



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