



Special Election Edition 2026

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The Commodore's Message:

STOCKTON SAILING CLUB

September rolled in and brought the wind with it. After a summer of cruising, racing, and long evenings on the dock, the calendar filled up fast.

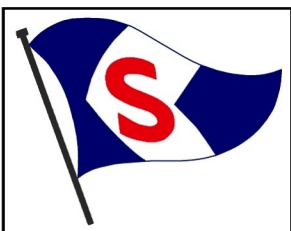
Our Progressive Dinner on September 5th was a wonderful evening and, by every measure, a big hit. Members moved from galley to galley and boat to boat, sampling courses prepared by our own cooks and catching up with friends along the way. Thank you to everyone who opened their boat, cooked a course, or simply showed up ready to eat and laugh. Events like this are what make this club feel like a family.

Fall Series Race #1 kicks off on September 12th at 12:00 PM, and we're looking forward to a strong turnout on the starting line. The fall winds have been generous lately, so it should be a great day for our racers. Thanks in advance to our Regatta committee, for putting together another well-run race day. Mark your calendars and come on out, whether you're racing or cheering from the deck.

On September 18th, the club will celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day in proper Stockton Sailing Club fashion — expect plenty of "arrrs" around the docks and a few costumed crew members keeping the tradition alive. Join in if you're around!

September 19th brings our Coastal Cleanup Day, and we're counting on our members to show up as they always do for this volunteer-driven event. Crews will work the shoreline and docks, picking up debris and helping keep our stretch of the Delta healthy for the boats, the birds, and everyone who enjoys it. Thank you in advance to every volunteer who signs up.

This Special Election edition was made possible through the cooperation and hard work of several Club members. As always, the best ideas for this club come from the members who use it. If you have thoughts on future events, races, or projects, bring them forward — we're listening. Fair winds and following seas.

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STOCKTON SAILING CLUB

Board of Directors 2027 Nominees

2027 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pam Wright • Lynn Lueck • William Humphreys • Jim Dale • Marvin McDougal • Marc Niemeyer

CONFIRMED NOMINEES

Vice Commodore	Bob New*
Rear Commodore	Abraham Ayala Rick Gibson Pete Corsun
Treasurer	Jeff Campigli Pete Miedzinski
Secretary	Erin Dale
Port Captain	Pat Brown Burt Mohr
Directors Two positions	Ed Montague Bill Beckett Ray Roncale Jim Hachman

The 2027 Board of Directors Nominating Committee has finalized its report to the current Board of Directors, containing all confirmed candidates for election to the 2027 Board of Directors.

A “confirmed candidate” is a person suggested as a potential candidate during a committee meeting, approached by at least one committee member, and who verbally confirmed his or her consent to be placed on the 2027 ballot.

The final list of nominees was agreed upon for submission to the SSC Board of Directors at its August 11, 2026, meeting.

* Only one nominee was confirmed by the Nominating Committee for Vice Commodore.

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Stockton Sailing Club Bylaws • Article VII • Election of the Board of Directors

(4) Additional nominations may be submitted by any member in good standing by presenting to the Secretary of the Corporation, on or before 7 p.m. of the second Tuesday in September, a petition naming such nominees and bearing the signatures of ten voting members in good standing and the consent of the nominee. Any such nominee shall have been a member in good standing for the previous sixty days. The Secretary shall post, or cause to be posted, a complete list of nominees, without reference to the manner of nomination, within three days of this close of nominations.

2026 Candidate Statements

John New-Candidate for Vice Commodore

I am pleased to accept the nomination for Vice Commodore. I am humbled by observing the many many hours of service that my fellow club members have tirelessly devoted to keeping our good club maintained and active with so many activities and am pleased to step up to offer my small service to keep a great thing going for our members and community.

Peter Corsun-Candidate for Rear Commodore

If elected I will perform the duties of Rear Commodore to the best of my ability. I understand these duties to be to perform the duties and exercise the powers of Commodore in the case of the absence of both the Commodore and Vice Commodore.

As a club member of more than 20 years I am committed to moving the club forward in meeting the challenges of the organization. Fair winds!

Erin Dale-Candidate for Secretary

My name is Erin Dale and I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Stockton Sailing Club. I am committed to maintaining accurate records, ensuring clear communication, and supporting strong board rules.

I believe I can manage accurate meeting minutes, official board records, and board documents. I will also strive to share timely updates and keep board members informed. I am very detail oriented and take pride in organizing and scheduling needed tasks.

I will support the board by keeping our processes transparent, organized, and aligned with the Stockton Sailing Club's mission. I look forward to helping the board run efficiently and achieve our goals.

I would be happy to speak with anyone in the membership who has questions and look forward to getting to know everyone better.

Erin C Dale

Jim Hachman-Candidate for Director

I first tried sailing when I rented a boat on Lodi Lake when I was fifteen. I purchased my first boat, a 12' wooden sloop, before I was old enough to drive and tow it to water. Since then, the size and types of sailboats have evolved with my life and family. I started racing at the club with Rex Malott on his Olson 25, in 1988, and joined in 1989 when we bought our J/24, Quickie and have been racing ever since.

My passion, and focus, has been racing. However, my wife and I also enjoyed and supported the other aspects of the club. We became very involved with social events when the kids were small and with the juniors as our son and daughter grew from beginners to competitors, to instructors and coaches. Along the way I run high school regattas, coached the Lincoln High Sailing Team, traveled with them to local regattas as well as PCISA events in Southern California, and served as Sailing Camp Director in 2001 and 2002.

I first served on the Board of Directors in 1993 as Port Captain, as Commodore in 2004, and Director in 2017-18. I have a great deal of respect for our founders and members who, over the years, built the club and facilities that we continue to enjoy today. I believe that the Board and membership must all strive to operate the club as prescribed by our bylaws. They were written to ensure that the club stays true to our purpose of enabling the pursuit of boating, sailing and sailing related activities and continues to operate efficiently in the best interest of the general membership who fund the club.

I consider myself fortunate to have been a member during times when all facets of the club were very active, when member participation in the regatta, social, cruise, junior programs, and committees were all very strong, and the harbor was full. Unfortunately, this is not the case today. Participation is down across all activities and the harbor, our primary source of income, is one-third vacant.

believe that we must explore new strategies to fill the harbor, recruit new members and increase participation. It is necessary to sustain and improve our club. I encourage everyone to get engaged, attend the general meetings, ask questions, get to know the candidates, and vote based on the direction that you would like the club to go in.

Ed Montague-Candidate for Director

I am flattered to have been nominated for the office of Director, First Year, of the SSC Board of Directors. My wife and I have been members of SSC since 2013 and have enjoyed participating in the many diverse social and cruising opportunities. Now that we have grandchildren becoming involved in the Youth Program, we are feeling a need to get more involved ourselves. I have been mostly involved with the Social and Cruising Committee but have also attended Harbor and Facilities Committee meetings a few times. This has made me aware of issues that will require difficult decisions. As with any aging organization and aging facility there are many challenges that need to be addressed and I believe the Board of Directors is addressing many of these challenges. I have had the opportunity to serve on other governing boards and feel, with that experience, I can bring value to the SSC Board helping to find ways to bring clarity and unity to the decision-making process. Once again thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully,

Ed Montague Roncale

Ray Roncale -Candidate for Director

I have very much enjoyed being a part of the SSC. Members have been very generous with teaching me the 'ins and outs' of sailing, Accepting this nomination allows me the opportunity to further support the Club.

Nominees for 2027 Board

Board Position	Candidate name
Vice Commodore	Bob New
Rear Commodore	Abe Ayala
Rear Commodore	Rick Gibson
Rear Commodore	Pete Corsun
Treasurer	Jeff Campigli
Treasurer	Pete Miedzinski
Secretary	Erin Dale
Port Captain	Pat Brown
Port Captain	Burt Mohr
Director 3	Ed Montague
Director 3	Bill Beckett
Director 4	Ray Roncale
Director 4	Jim Hachman



PROPOSED STOCKTON SAILING CLUB BYLAW CHANGES

1) Oversight of public relations, advertising and press releases:

As of January 2018, responsibility for Club public relations, advertising campaigns and press releases was delegated to the Rear Commodore. At the request of the Board of Directors to consider reassignment of this responsibility, the Rules and Policies Committee has made the recommendation to remove the responsibility for oversight of Club public relations, advertising, etc. from the office of the Rear Commodore nor include assignments of this type for any Board member for the following reasons:

- Potential candidates for Board of Directors officer positions may not be willing or able to perform specific duties such as oversight of a specific committee and may impact the candidate pool.
- Every established committee is assigned a Board liaison who will hopefully be aligned with the skills and abilities to work with their committee.

Proposed Bylaw change for Article IV (Officers) number 4, page 11:

From:

(4) The Rear Commodore shall, in case of the absence or disability of both the Commodore and the Vice Commodore, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Commodore, shall oversee public relations, advertising and press releases for the Club and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or Commodore shall prescribe.

To:

(4) The Rear Commodore shall, in case of the absence or disability of both the Commodore and the Vice Commodore, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Commodore and shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors or Commodore shall prescribe.

2) Create a Board Advisory “Communications and Marketing Committee” to oversee the Club’s advertising, marketing and promotional activities to become effective January 1, 2027. This action will allow the Corporation, through its Board of Directors, to take advantage of the experience and expertise which its members collectively possess and to expedite budgetary and other decisions in specific areas of corporate operations. The Board of Directors will retain the powers, duties and responsibilities as elsewhere provided.

Proposed Bylaw for Article X (Board Advisory Committees) (E)

Communications & Marketing Committee

(E) COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE shall evaluate and fulfill the Corporation’s needs in the areas of communications, public relations, promotions, and marketing. Taking into account the programs, events and promotions planned by the various club advisory and program committees, they shall develop and execute a comprehensive strategic plan to elevate visibility, increase participation, stimulate

STOCKTON SAILING CLUB Ballot Instructions

Please read and follow each instruction to make sure your vote counts.

1

Sign your name on the return-address envelope. A signature is required; a printed name alone is not sufficient (you may include both).

2

Include your member number on the return-address line. If you need help finding your number, call the SSC office at (209) 951-5600.

3

Complete your ballot. You may vote for two candidates for Board of Directors. For every other office, vote for one candidate.

4

Place the unsigned ballot in the envelope marked "Ballot" and seal it. Then place that envelope inside the return-address envelope that you signed and marked with your member number.

5

Return your ballot by placing it in the Clubhouse ballot box or by mailing it to SSC. To be counted, it must be received in the ballot box by 7:00 p.m. on November 15, 2025.

IMPORTANT

A signature and member number are required on the exterior return-address envelope. Please do not include club payments or checks in either ballot envelope.

REGATTA COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

DATE	Saturday, October 10, 2026
TIME	10:00 a.m. (1000 hours)
LOCATION	SSC Clubhouse

It is time for our annual regatta program planning meeting.

AGENDA

- Review the past racing season
- Discuss improvements or enhancements
- Preview the 2027 racing schedule
- Elect the 2027 Regatta Committee Chairperson

Past racers, aspiring racers, members interested in racing, and anyone who would like to help on the race platform or support the SSC regatta program are encouraged to attend.

This is a great way to get involved in Club racing, become a better sailor, and have plenty of fun along the way!

The Stockton Sailing Club is all about sailing and related activities. Whether you enjoy cruising, racing, or learning, volunteer participation in our committees is what makes it all work. Please come out and support the SSC regatta program!

For more information:
regatta@stocktonsc.org

SOCIAL & CRUISE COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

DATE	Thursday, October 1, 2026
TIME	6:00 p.m.
LOCATION	SSC Clubhouse

The Social & Cruise Committee will hold its annual organizational meeting.

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

This Committee is a Club Program Committee. Its purpose is to organize and manage, with fiscal responsibility, non-business activities that the Board of Directors considers to be in harmony with the purpose of the Club.

The Social & Cruise Committee is responsible for:

- Planning and carrying out all social functions
- Coordinating regatta-related social activities
- Organizing Club cruises
- Preparing an annual calendar of events and budget

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS
ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE!**

Come share your ideas, lend a hand, and help plan another enjoyable year of Club social events and cruises.

The Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

By Marie-Odile Noel Goodman



Barn Swallows at the Stockton Sailing Club

If you are spending time in the Sailors' Lounge these days, you have likely noticed the little birds visiting us in the evening. They are constantly twittering and chattering, zooming around and performing for our delighted eyes, almost as if they know they have an audience. They are Barn Swallows, one of our most familiar birds in rural areas and semi-open country. They will soon leave us for South America, where they will spend the winter months.

Barn Swallows are easily recognized by their long, forked tails, pointed wings, slightly flattened heads, and beautiful coloration: steely-blue backs, wings, and tails; rufous-to-tawny underparts; and blue crowns and faces that contrast with cinnamon-colored foreheads and throats. Males and females are the same size, measuring 5.9–7.5 inches long, weighing 0.6–0.7 ounces, and having wingspans of 11.4–12.6 inches. Males are more boldly colored than females.

The Barn Swallow seems to have adopted humans as neighbors, typically placing its nest on man-made structures that protect nestlings from terrestrial predators and inclement weather: barns or garages, under bridges or wharves, or—in our case—under the eaves of the clubhouse or beneath the platforms of the channel markers. When navigating near a channel marker, look carefully and you may easily spot several nests together.

These cup- or gourd-shaped nests are made of mud pellets, hair, grass, and feathers. Both parents build the nest, incubate the eggs, and feed their nestlings. They have one or two broods a year, and offspring from previous broods may also attend the nest and sometimes help feed the nestlings. The eggs—usually four or five, white and spotted with brown—incubate for 13–17 days, and the young fledge after 18–24 days. However, chicks return to the nest for several weeks after fledging before leaving it for good.

They are often seen skimming low over the water, flying with fluid wingbeats in bursts of straight flight and executing quick, tight turns and dives. These aerial acrobatics allow them to feed on the wing, snagging insects from just above the ground or water to heights of 100 feet or more. They are highly effective pest controllers; a single Barn Swallow typically eats up to 850 insects a day—and even more when catching extra prey to feed growing chicks. They eat flying insects such as mosquitoes, moths, gnats, flies, beetles, wasps, and winged ants. When aquatic insects hatch, Barn Swallows may join other swallow species in mixed foraging flocks.



Unfortunately, not everyone appreciates the craftsmanship of the Barn Swallow's mud nest. Each year, many Barn Swallow families are heartlessly extinguished when their nests are removed during the breeding season, from March through September, by people who do not want to clean up their droppings. Such action is not only illegal (see the note below), but also deeply regrettable: these natural pest controllers are far more beneficial alive than dead.

PROTECTED BY LAW

All swallows are protected by state and federal law under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. It is illegal to touch or destroy an active nest containing eggs or chicks without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For ways to prevent swallows from nesting in an unwanted place, visit [fws.gov/story/nuisance-swallows](https://www.fws.gov/story/nuisance-swallows).

SOURCES

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A Hot Summer Night to Remember

Tony Miles and his 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix take the People's Choice Mermaid Award

By Linda Buck



People's Choice Mermaid Award winner Tony Miles with his 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix.

The Stockton Sailing Club's Hot Summer Nights Car Show lived up to its name. On August 8, thirty-four entries filled the grounds with polished chrome, classic lines and plenty of horsepower. Among them was a V-drive powerboat, adding a fitting nautical touch to an evening at the club.

Tony Miles earned the crowd's top honor, taking home the People's Choice Mermaid Award for his striking 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix. Guests also worked up an appetite: SSC volunteers served more than one hundred burgers, along with plenty of root beer floats.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Events like this happen only because people step forward to help. Special thanks go to Ron DeRamus, exhibitor coordinator, and to the following SSC volunteers:

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| • Mike Little | • Linda Driver | • Pete Roberts |
| • Jim Hachman | • Jim Dale | • Kevin Hampton |
| • Pam Wright | • Marc Niemeyer | • Kelley Humphreys |
| • Richard Wright | • Wally Fort | • Jeff Campigli |
| • Lynn Lueck | • Budge Humphreys | • Andy Goodman |
| • Daryl Daniel | • Dominic & Kai Lial | • Charles Sanford |

And, of course, thank you to Harbormaster Manny Lial and his staff—Eli, Jen, Gary and Juan. My sincerest apologies if I have forgotten to include someone. Every contribution helped make the evening a success—and yes, it truly was a hot summer night!

DELTA CRUISE TO DELTA BAY MARINA

AUGUST 29-30 • STOCKTON SAILING CLUB



Six boats, a warm welcome, a little sailing—and another lesson about Delta tides.

A small group of six boats set out on another Delta cruise over the weekend of August 29–30. Our destination was Delta Bay Marina, located next to Spindrift. Because we reserved in advance and told them we were from the Stockton Sailing Club, our stay was free—and they even put up a welcome sign for us. Isn't that great?

The fleet included Idle Minds (Tim Callahan), Ms Savannah (Budge Humphreys), Li'l Honu (Nancy and Dave Wheeler), Rocket Dog (Marc Letendre), Ohm Sweet Ohm (Debra and John Montgomery), and Abemelia (Grace and Marc Niemeyer).

There wasn't much wind, and when it did arrive it was often directly ahead. At Prisoners Point, however, each boat was able to raise sail, and we enjoyed tacking our way toward Delta Bay Marina.

A LOW-TIDE ARRIVAL

Budge arrived first. Although we had discussed the depth and the marina approach, we discovered that we had reached it exactly at low tide—again. Budge radioed that he had touched bottom. It brought back memories of our July visit to Turner Cut Resort, when nearly everyone, including Marc with a 3.25-foot draft, found the bottom at low tide.

After Budge worked free, we arrived one by one until Stockton Sailing Club sailboats filled the marina. Local tenants stopped to admire the unusual sight of so many sailboats together.

Delta marinas can have strong currents. We are spoiled at our own harbor, where there is practically no current. In shared slips, maneuvering room is narrow and the tide can push a boat off course.

A WARM WELCOME AND A GOOD SAIL HOME

The people in charge gave us a warm welcome, and the marina gift shop had a surprisingly good selection. We will definitely return. Dinner was at the Spindrift bar and restaurant, only a five-minute walk away. On Sunday we left early to clear the marina before low tide. The morning wind gave us a good sail until it disappeared near Mandeville.



STOCKTON SAILING CLUB

FALL RACE SERIES

2026

September 12 Race No. 1

October 3 Race No. 2

November 7 Race No. 3

December 5 Race No. 4

SKIPPER'S MEETING IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT 11:00 AM



“where the fun begins”

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DOCKTALK

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