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**Editor's Comments**

Hello Members and Guests,

Sunday after a successful day of providing sailing lessons to a number of adults, Richard and Trevin found a few volunteers to help move some FJ's off A dock in preparation for Ditch Run.



SSC like all the Sailing Clubs I have visited depends on volunteers for a large part of it's activities. Volunteers put out

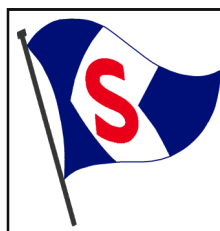
the Marks and man the Platform for races, prepare Friday Night dinners, handle the meals for special occasions, present the Ladies Luncheon, take part in repair projects, donate materials, maintain the website, serve on the board, take part in Club Committees, manage the Learn-to Sail programs, and help with the Junior's projects. I'm sure there is more to add to this list.

There's something for everyone. If you have time and want to participate but are not quite sure where, speak with a Board Member or the Harbormaster. Coming up this weekend is the annual Delta Ditch Run with lots of volunteer opportunities.

See you on a Club Project.

Our Cover

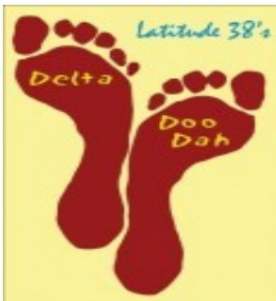
SSC Kids went camping at Woodward and came home wit a new toyl



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# The 2024 Delta Ditch Run Sponsors



## Summer Youth

# Learn To Sail



Gather your friends and embark on an unforgettable adventure with our exciting 2024 Summer Learn to Sail program! Secure your spot early, as classes tend to fill up rapidly. No prior experience is necessary - this program is designed for boys and girls ages 8-18 to navigate their own sailboat.

Our experienced head coach will guide you through the process, making learning to sail a breeze. Choose between morning or afternoon classes, available Monday through Friday. The morning session runs from 8:15 am to 12:00 pm, while the afternoon session takes place from 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm. Don't miss out on the chance to discover the joy of sailing - a sport where both boys and girls excel equally. Register now and set sail for an amazing summer experience!

## \$125

Starting Mondays June 10, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15 and July 22.

Partial scholarships available on an expressed need basis supported by a grant from the Stockton Sailing Foundation.

Register online at: [www.stocktonsc.org](http://www.stocktonsc.org) or  
call 209-952-5600

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## Former SSC Juniors Moving Ahead

Congratulations to Ashley Ragon on being one of those awarded the San Joaquin County Pinnacle Award for outstanding academics, extracurricular activities and community service 2024 and congratulations to Mikala Molina for graduating with two degrees from MIT, Master of Science and Naval Engineering.



## Rain, Rain Go Away (but if not, we will make the best of it!)

*Pam Wright*

The Stockton Sailing Club had great plans for the 2024 Opening Day. The Coast Guard agreed to attend to offer suggestions and safety checks. The Vendors were happy to attend and sell their wares. The volunteers were ready to hand out life jackets to the public for free sail rides, serve up hamburgers and hot dogs, shuttle folks from their cars to the club house and back again, serve cold drinks and water, sell club apparel and memberships. The Singing Sailors were on site to entertain. But it was not to be. The rain never stopped. No Coast Guard, no vendors, no public. Now what?

Inside the clubhouse roughly 30 members huddled. But also in the clubhouse were the Singing Sailors! Can't keep them away! It was a party after all. Dinner was cancelled, of course, but it was decided to have a great lunch, on the house! Linda Buck and Pete Corsun stood on the deck in the cold and the rain and barbecued hamburgers and sausages. In the kitchen Janey and Daryl helped me get fixings and condiments together and set up a table with service. Janey and Daryl were to cook dinner for the crowd that night but now they offered the corn on the cob to go with the lunch. It was cheerful and warm and friendly with good music. But what about the Blessing of the Boat, you ask? Jay Bell was to bless the boats for us. Jay was also present in the clubhouse. He put on his white robe and took the blessing outside on the deck overlooking the harbor. He had written the blessing and he read it out, blessing all the boats in the harbor.

"May the Boats from our harbor be blessed with fair winds and following seas.

May the skippers, their crews, and boats stay safe sailing the Delta Ditch Run and waters beyond.

May our sailors enjoy dancing with the wind."

Thank you, Jay. We will sail 2024 in joy and safety.

After the food and the fun people begin to put on the coats and hats and hurry out to the cars. It wasn't the hours-long celebration. It wasn't the hectic flow of activity. It wasn't what had been planned. But it was Opening Day 2024 regardless and it was appreciated!



# The 2024 SSC Ladies Luncheon

*Photos by Elisabeth Johnson and Linda Buck*



# The Tiki Lagoon Cruise

By Stuart Farrell

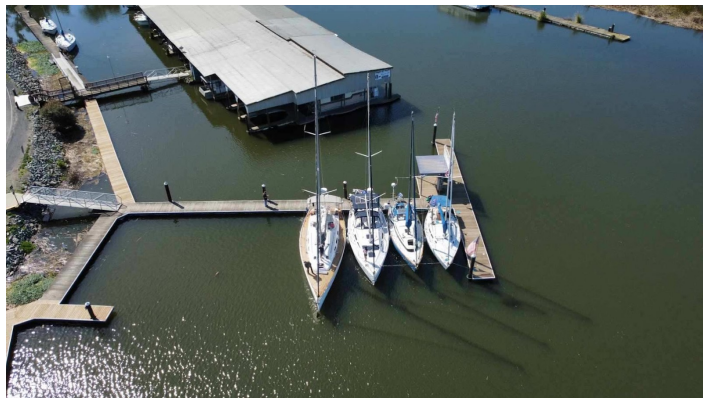


The Tiki Lagoon Cruise took place on March 16-17 at Turner Cut/ Tiki Lagoon. 4 boats cruised in: Manny and Tanya on Chrisanna, Rich and Carolyn on Kathlean, Jim and Karen on Escapade and Stuart and Kristi on Osprey. You do need to be careful about shallow areas and tides, but if you plan for that, no problem. We were able to stern-in with plenty of water underneath and lots of hands on the dock to help with this sometimes challenging maneuver.

we had the whole dock to ourselves. After touring the grounds and checking out this interesting combination of marina/campgrounds/mobile homes/restaurant we visited and relaxed until it was time for "Dock Jenga". (Think of Jenga with the addition of wakes and docks that wobble when you walk on it...that's Dock Jenga)



It was a beautiful Spring day, so we really lucked out on the weather and



Each boat was a team and the competition was on! In the end, Jim and Karen were the champions and won a handsome set of insulated cups.

Rich even sent up his drone and got some great shots of our boats!

We shared snacks and drinks on boats and the dock, then Escapade invited us all on board to eat our dinners. We ate and drank



(seems like a theme?) then played a few fun rounds of "Left, Right, Center", and just had a lot of fun till it was time to return to our own boats for the evening. A special highlight was the Tiki torches that Rich and Carolyn brought for each boat. They are solar, but really look like fire...so we lit up our boats before turning in.



The next morning some had to leave early but some stayed and had lunch at the Tiki Lagoon restaurant. It was so beautiful that we went outside and ate at the picnic tables enjoying the views of the delta and the delicious burgers and fries. We were sad to leave but now know that this is a nice place to visit.



# SSC 2024 Cruising Calendar



January	20 (12 noon)	Saturday	2024 Cruising Kick Off Party	SSC Event Center or The Retreat
February	10-11	Saturday-Sunday	Sweetheart Cruise	Village West Marina
March	16-17	Saturday-Sunday	Tiki Lagoon Cruise	Turner Cut/Tiki Lagoon
April	20-21	Saturday-Sunday	Swine Cruise	Weber Point Yacht Club Hog Island
May	25-27	Saturday-Monday	Memorial Day Cruise	Mildred Island
June	1-9th	Saturday thru following Sunday	Bay Cruise	Pittsburg, Benicia, Richmond YC, Sausalito, Oakland YC, South Beach, Benicia=2, Pittsburg, SSC
July	4	Thursday	4th of July Cruise/fireworks	Mandeville Island
August	3-4	Saturday-Sunday	Cruise/Overnight race	TBD
<b>September</b>	<b>Sept 28-Oct 13</b>	<b>Saturday thru to Sunday-2 weeks</b>	<b>Coastal Cruise</b>	<b>Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, and Monterey</b>
October	26-27	Saturday-Sunday	Thespian Cruise/Halloween Play	Pittsburg Marina
November	29-Dec 1	Friday-Sunday	Cold Turkey Cruise	Willowberrm Marina
December	8	Sunday	Land Cruise	Idol Beer Works (Lodi)

## Trip Specifics

### Blue Water Cruise

### Bay Cruise

June 1	SSC-Pittsburg	28-Sat	SF Bay-Half Moon Bay
2-Sun	Pittsburg-Benicia	29-Sun	Half Moon Bay-Santa Cruz
3-Mon	Benicia-Richmond YC	30-Mon	<i>Santa Cruz-non sailing day in port</i>
4-Tue	Richmond YC-Sausalito	1-Tue	Santa Cruz-Monterey
5-Wed	Sausalito-Oakland YC	2-Wed	<i>Monterey-non sailing day in port</i>
6-Thu	Oakland YC-South Beach	3-Thur	<i>Monterey-non sailing day in port</i>
7-Fri	South Beach-Benicia	4-Fri	<i>Monterey-non sailing day in port</i>
8-Sat	Benicia (Delta Ditch)	5-Sat	<i>Monterey-non sailing day in port</i>
9-Sun	Pittsburg-SSC	6-Sun	Monterey-Santa Cruz
		7-Mon	<i>Santa Cruz-non sailing day in port</i>
		8-Tue	Santa Cruz-Half Moon Bay
		9-Wed	<i>Half Moon Bay-non sailing day in port</i>
		10-Thu	Half Moon Bay-SF Bay
		11-Fri	
		12-Sat	Return to SSC
		13-Sun	

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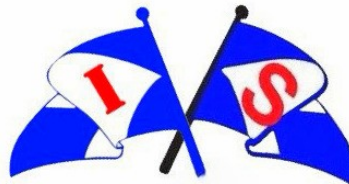




# It's Earth Day!

*By Pam Wright, Vice Commodore*

April 20<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day. The sun was out and the temperature was very comfortable. Victory Park was crowded with a diverse population of families, bikers, couples, and organizations. The new tent with our name in bold letters and a large SSC burgee was very visible. There was a steady stream of people stopping by and asking about our programs. We heard more than once about disappointment in not being able to have a boat ride the Saturday before Earth Day on our Opening Day. We are known! Information was handed out about our Learn- to- Sail, and pretty much equal interest in adults and youth lessons. It is hoped that we will make up for the loss of public contact when we cancelled Opening Day. But Earth Day always draws a crowd at this park. It offers so many local opportunities. The music provided by local high schools is just outstanding. The bands that play into the late afternoon are first class. Richard and I were lucky to have Linda Buck with us all day. Gary Eggart stopped by and spelled us for over an hour while each of us found bathrooms, food, and shade relief. Thanks Gary! Carissa and Ashley and family stopped by the booth and so did Pete and Fay Roberts. Shawn and Bear, his dog, briefly stopped by to say hello. It's a fun day promoting the Stockton Sailing Club. People are so friendly and interested even if they don't necessarily want to sail. The day is an opportunity to sell our sport and make people aware of our unique location.



# Operating Instructions for the New SSC Chairlift



## Summoning the Lift up or down

The three button panel at the top and bottom of the chair lift will summon the chair up from the bottom or down from the top so long as the chair is on; there are no key requirements beyond the key in the chair itself. These buttons will not work if the power button has been turned off or the key turned to the off position on the chair. These buttons will not work if the chair's swiveled out of position or the swivel handles have not been fully returned to their top position.

## Power – 100% always on with Battery Back Up

There is no need to ever turn the chair lift power button off. The button is located on the left handle as you sit on the lift. This button is covered with a plastic cover in hopes that no one turns it off – ever. Being on will provide a green light on the same handle. This can be very hard to determine in sunlight. The key under the same handle (left side) has been “rigged” into place with a zip tie. It

can but should not be turned. Turning it – turns off the chair lift. Battery Back Up is sufficient to allow the chair hours of use in the case of a power outage.

## THREE SECOND RULE

This applies to all buttons on the chair lift. It applies to the buttons on the top and bottom of the stairs used to summon the lift. This rule applies to the toggle on the right handle used by the person in the chair to move up or down. This rule simply means the toggle or the button must be engaged, held down, and kept down for a least 3 seconds before the chair will begin to move. These buttons or the toggle need to continue to be held for the chair lift to move up or down. Once these buttons or toggle are released another 3 seconds will have to go by – before the chairs progress can resume.

## Chair Swivel

There are two levers on the chair one on each side that enable the chair to swivel and the occupant to stand at the top of the deck or on the ground below. The chair must be swiveled back into place for any of the summon or the movement toggle is engaged, and we have just learned the handles on each side must be up completely for these to work. These handles tend to stop before they reach their reset point, and so the occupant needs to insure they are fully up to the highest point so that the summon buttons or the toggle work on the chair.

Staff members of the SSC have been trained to use the chair lift and help guests with it, and we are asking that members volunteer to learn these steps as well so that they can help others.



June 8, 2024

## **SSC Marine Swap Meet 2024**

This years Swap Meet was well attended. Budge reports that this was one of the best years for the Stockton Sailing Foundation.





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