

# DockTalk

Stockton Sailing Club

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West Sail 32 *Data Base* on the Delta Ditch Run

## DOCKTALK

The DockTalk is a monthly newsletter written and published by the SSC club members. All stories and events must be related to sailing or the SSC.

## SUBMISSIONS

***The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month!***

Articles, classifieds, and event ads can be e-mailed to docktalk@stocktonsc.org. The editor reserves the right to edit, or exclude anything submitted. All articles and stories must be signed.

Classified advertisements are listed as a free service for members of the Stockton Sailing Club. Ads will be automatically removed after approximately 90 days. All ads must contain the name of the seller, the price of the item, and if selling a yacht, the yacht name.

Photos: Digital photos are preferred. Please save them at medium to high resolution for the best looking images. You may e-mail them, or put them on a CD or disk and place it in the Editor's box in the SSC club house. Please identify the place, event and/or person(s) in the photos. If you wish to have your photos or disks returned, please make sure your name and phone number are on them.

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### FIRST TUESDAY

Membership - 7:30pm

### FIRST THURSDAY

Rules & Policy - 5:30pm  
Harbor & Facilities - 7:00pm

### FIRST SATURDAY

Social & Cruise - 10:00am

### SECOND TUESDAY

Board Meeting - 6:00pm

### FRIDAY AFTER BOARD MEETING

General Meeting - 7:00pm

### SECOND THURSDAY

Regatta Committee - 6:30pm

### THIRD WEDNESDAY

Junior Committee - 7:00pm

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**Upcoming Events**

July 2006						
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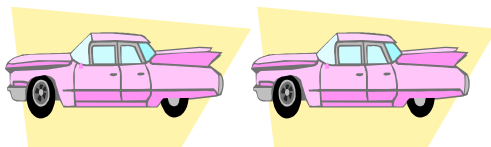
**July**

- July 4 In-Harbor Cruise  
Independence Day Celebration
- July 8 Race of the Champions
- July 9 Jack & Jill Race
- July 9 – 15 RYC/SSC/SCYC Sail Camp
- July 11 Board Meeting
- July 14 General Meeting



**August**

- August 8 Board Meeting
- August 11 General Meeting
- August 12 Hot August Nights



**Commodore's Comments**



**Budge Humphreys**

Now that the Delta Ditch run and the South Tower races are over; things can get back to normal around here. Our tranquil little oasis on the edge of the Delta is once again yours to enjoy.

The Wednesday night beer can races. Peaceful sails up and down the river, all is back to normal. Oops, I almost forgot, starting July 9 thru July 15 we are hosting the Richmond-Stockton sailing camp. The junior camp will be held in and around the retreat area and most of the boats will be stored on A dock. Their tents will be under the willow tree. There will be lot of little kids in and around the club so please be careful driving in and out. This is a great week for the junior sailors and a huge learning experience for a kid who wants to sail.

If you have a junior sailor or know of a child who might be interested in attending the camp, it may not be too late. Call Kelly (209) 957-4828 or the club office for age requirements and sign up information.

For kids, who can't make the junior camp this year, the Youth Learn to Sail program is up and operational. Classes are going on daily. Call the office for more information.

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who worked so hard on the Ditch Run and South Tower races this year, great job! With a special thanks to Susan Mc Lain, Bob Doscher, and Jim Hachman for all the long hours and extra effort they put in to make the events a success. Congratulations to every one involved.

Do to certain events last month, involving a break-in down by the junior room, the Board of Directors has decided to close the main gate a little earlier then we have in the past. The gate will now be closing at 6:00 pm. Remember to carry your gate card with you when you come out to the club, in the early evenings. Along those same lines, please remember to close all the club house doors and turn off the lights and coffee maker, if you are the last one out of the building. We need to watch out for each other and club property.

Well enough of my ramblings, I wish each of you a great July, with fair winds and a warm breeze to keep you going.

*William "Budge" Humphreys  
Commodore 2006*



## *Flag Etiquette Guidelines*

### **Flying Masts at Half Mast**

Flying flags at half-mast indicates a state of mourning and respect. If not previously hoisted, the flag should be first raised to the top before it is lowered to half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the top of the mast before lowering. The national flag is only flown at half-mast during occasions of national mourning.

Important Note: Half-mast in flag etiquette does not mean that the flag flies halfway down the mast. A third down from the masthead is a good rule, making sure that the flags do not interfere with one another and also that no flag will touch the ground.

Death of a Club Member: When mourning is ordered for the death of a club member, other members' yachts at the club marina and the club shore station(s) should half-mast the club burgee only.

Memorial Day: The national flag should be half-masted until 1200 (noon) and then flown at the top of the mast until colors are struck at sunset.

Flag Code: Ashore and Afloat

National Flag on Yacht Club Mast is flown from the gaff, if present on the mast; at the top of the masthead; or on the tallest or starboard mast if there are more than one mast. National flag aboard a vessel is flown from the stern staff or at the peak of aftermost gaff.

The Yacht Club Burgee on Yacht Club mast is flown at the top of masthead if the National flag is flying from the gaff; or under the National flag on a masthead without a gaff. The Yacht Club Burgee aboard a vessel is flown from the bow staff; from the forward masthead; from the starboard spreader; or from the starboard antenna.

The Officer's Flag on the Yacht Club Mast is flown from the starboard halyard (or from the inside halyard if the State flag is on the outside halyard.) Aboard a vessel, the Officer's Flag is flown from the masthead; from the starboard spreader; or from the starboard antenna.

Other flags like PICYA burgees, PICYA Officer's flags or other affiliations or activity flags aboard a vessel are flown from the starboard spreader or starboard antenna.

*Taken from the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association of Northern California publication, "Yacht Club Uniforms and Flag Etiquette Guidelines, 2000."*



## **2006 SSC BLUE WATER CRUISE (The 20th Annual!!!)**

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| <b><u>Friday Sept 29.</u></b> | Dinner at Berkeley Yacht Club.   |
| <b><u>Sat. Sept. 30</u></b>   | Leave SF Bay approx. 0900 for Half Moon Bay-Pillar Point Harbor. Arrive 13-1400  |
| <b><u>Sun. Oct. 1</u></b>     | Leave Pillar Point (Half Moon Bay.) Arrive +/- 1700.   |
| <b><u>Monday Oct. 2:</u></b>  | In Monterey 2 nights. Maybe a nice easy sail on Monterey Bay on Monday? The Aquarium? Maritime Museum?                                     |
| <b><u>Wed. Oct. 4:</u></b>    | Leave approx. 0800 for Santa Cruz. Dinner at Crow's Nest watching (or maybe instead participating in) Santa Cruz Wed. Nite Beer Can races. |
| <b><u>Thur. Oct. 5</u></b>    | Leave Santa Cruz early for Half Moon Bay. Arrive 1400-1500.  |
| <b><u>Fri. Oct. 6</u></b>     | Leave Half Moon Bay approx. 0800 for San Francisco.  |

This schedule may be subject to some modification, as a few of the cruisers have expressed the thought of staying an extra night in Santa Cruz or Half Moon Bay on the way back. We expect about 8-10 boats for this week-long cruise.

**WATCH FOR MORE UPDATES AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE CRUISE TIME!**





## Adventures in Paradise, Tower Time

Another gauntlet has been tossed into the clear placid water the Stockton Sailing Club calls its' own. It is not known who hurled the challenge at whom there but there defiantly seems have been resurgence of one the oldest, longest, most challenging, grueling and prestigious sailing events in the western hemisphere.

The question is now can youth, excess energy, exuberance, innocence and skill compete with sage wisdom, cleverness, cunning, guile, sagacity and grizzled experience along with sailing skills honed by the ages? These two groups are participating in an over 50% increase of fine sailing vessels and their mortal combatants competing in The Stockton Sailing Club 2006 South Tower Race. I would have liked to see a hardy ensemble made up of those the smell good compete but my operatives are hearing rumors of at least two such teams considering such an exploit for next year.

Speaking of jousts, two weeks ago The Ditch Run was held and the world renowned sailors from SSC carried the clubs' burgee proudly and successfully. Both factions (grizzled sailors and those that smell good) competed admirably and displayed ability and resourcefulness.

One team called upon one brave crew member to scale heights never before achieved by that soul during the heat of combat. The entire troop was involved in a dire emergency and the fortitude of the entire band was tested on treacherous waters and the entire crew more that met the test.

And tradition prevailed. After the completion of the joust both crews and skippers joined all the participants for physical replenishment in the form of rations and grog. Spiritual replenishment took place with conversation of the grueling journey along with fine song and dance.

**Bartholomew Negro**

## MILDRED ISLAND CRUISE

The wind and weather gods were smiling on us (Rosie prayed long and loudly for us) for our annual cruise to Mildred Island on Memorial Day, June 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. The sun was shining and the water was still very cold from the mountain runoffs so everyone stayed on their boats or used their dinks to visit back and forth.

Reggie and Nita Stone and Randy and Donna Bender were hosts for the cruise and did a wonderful job planning activities! Boats were anchored apart or in groups anywhere from two boats to five boats. Saturday, we all went seeking cards for the poker run which was won by Bob and Marilyn Brown with a winning hand of four 10's. West Marine donated the ice chest and insulated bottles they received for this winning hand.

Later that afternoon, we did the second annual umbrella race. You had to be there to really enjoy this race. It was quite a sight to see all the umbrellas trying to use the wind to cross the finish line first. The only problem was that none of us knew quite where the finish line really was. Sam and I were in our kayak and it didn't cooperate at all!

Harold and Susan Farley came in first and won a haul out from Ladd's, Glen and Joann Robinson won second place. We thought Glen was going to go into the water with his umbrella extended as far out as possible and standing on the sides of his dink. For their efforts, they received a large ice chest donated by West Marine. Duke and Denise Magill, new members from Reno, came in third and received the other haul out donated by Ladd's.

We also had a very interesting Hors d'oeuvres party where we were all tied together in the dinks and floated around wherever the wind and current carried us. Everyone brought tasty and tempting contributions and Chris and Mary Dakin won a 4-pack of "Off" by finding a star on the bottom of one of their plates. Those pesky bugs won't be bothering them for a loooooong time. Our hosts decided that no one could go home empty handed on this cruise and had a bottle of wine for everyone that attended!

This event is really one that should be on your calendar for next year because all of us attending had a great time.

*Gail Gradle  
Social and Cruise*



### Around the Harbor

To all of you “trooper volunteers” that assisted with this year’s Delta Ditch Run, thanks go out to you for hanging in there and offering your assistance while enduring long lines and long hours! Special thanks go out to those that had no breaks, no dinner and a shift that went until midnight (and beyond for the Race Platform.) To assist with the flow of boat traffic at the crane this year, A Dock tenants graciously gave up their slips. Phil Hendrix and crew moved nearly all of the Challengers to G Dock for the race and back again. You all live up to the “Corinthian Spirit” which the Stockton Sailing Club holds the shining reputation for having.

This year’s event was a success—we earned money and had many happy race participants and attendees. On June 30, our Past Commodore and DDR Committee Chair, Bob Doscher, would like to offer a dinner to those volunteers to show his gratitude and to offer an opportunity to gather ideas and suggestions for next year’s event. Please take a moment to brainstorm, jotting down your thoughts that you will be willing to share. Each year brings new challenges and logistical changes, but some things never change. New approaches to old ways of doing things are welcomed for consideration. Please meet us for dinner on Friday evening, June 30 and bring your notes!

For those of you that missed out on purchasing a DDR t-shirt, we sold out early this year but we may get a few more on pre-order status. Please contact me if you are interested in ordering a 2006 Delta Ditch Run t-shirt so that I may get your order in.

Our Club groundskeeper, Jose, is off work temporarily and we have hired someone as a fill-in to assist with the lawns and grounds upkeep in his absence. Many members have been great in offering assistance with watering and weeding. We hope to get these things taken care of with our new temporary groundskeeper. Until then, thanks for your help.

Do not forget to plan to attend the Hot August Nights event this year on August 12. Ed Almaas has a great dinner and party planned. See you there!  
Susan McLain



## Sixteenth Annual SSC/RYC Junior El Toro Racing Clinic Stockton Sailing Club July 9, 2006 to July 15, 2006



**\*\*Just another reminder to everyone that starting on July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup> will be the SSC/RYC/StCYC Junior Sailing Camp. The whole harbor will be invaded by El Toros.**



*Ray Lopez and his crew on the Delta Ditch Run*



Come one, come all  
 Come big, come small  
**Junior El Toros and Fj's days.**  
 Anyone who is wanting to  
 sail and have fun with  
 the rest of the SSC  
 juniors please come out.  
 Starting June 3rd there  
 will be days where anyone  
 can come out and sail the  
 El Toros that the club has or  
 the one that they own. It  
 will begin at 10 am and end at 2 pm  
 Starting June 12 there  
 will be Fj sailing. Every Monday  
 night after Learn to Sail (5 pm)  
 and will end at dusk.  
 Any questions call: Kelly Humphreys  
 (209) 957 4828

### Wednesday Nights in July & August

#### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING AKA: BEER CAN RACES**

**COME ON OUT AND  
 GO FOR A MORE  
 LAID BACK  
 LESS SERIOUS  
 AND MORE FUN  
 EVENING RACE.**



**NO FEES,  
 NO REGISTRATION,  
 JUST SHOW UP  
 AND SIGN IN!**

### JUNIOR BLOG



### The Starfish

*While walking down a beach, a man saw someone in the distance leaning down, picking something up and throwing it in the ocean.*

*As he came closer, he saw thousands of starfish the tide had thrown onto the beach. Unable to return to the ocean during low tide, the starfish were dying. He observed a young boy picking up the starfish one by one and throwing them back into the ocean.*

*After watching the seemingly futile effort, the observer said, "There must be thousands of starfish on this beach. It would be impossible for you to save all of them. There are simply too many. You can't possibly save enough to make a difference."*

*The young boy smiled as he picked up another starfish and tossed back into the ocean. "It made a difference to that one," he replied.*



*Remember that you can always make a difference in the world even if you just give a simple smile to a stranger. Make everybody feel like a somebody. Start everyday thinking of a way to brighten up another person's day.*

*I learned this from Tom Lueck and I hope you all learn the same lesson I learned.*

*~Jillian Humphreys*

## Notes from the Board Meeting June 13, 2006

Approve financials from last month (will be e-mailed on June 15th -- not ready because of Ditch Run)

### Old Business

Carr Electric -- possible cost overruns  
-- material costs  
-- may have to replace some conduits  
-- buck boost transformer(s) may be required to run some motors  
-- PG&E may be ready in 7 to 8 weeks  
-- contract at \$240,000+ and we approved \$20,000 for contingencies

### New Business

Nominating Committee must be formed this month:

Mike Stefani  
Bob Doscher

Maximum reimbursement for Friday Night dinner is now going to be \$125

Ditch Run -- Look at exclusivity needs for photographer

### Committee Reports

Harbor & Facilities

Dredging -- Mike Stefani taking over chair on a temporary basis -- will be

meeting at least once a month

Membership -- 5 adults and 3 junior

**- Peggy Feakes**

*(Full Board Minutes for June 2006 will be published on next month's Dock Talk)*

## LAND YACHT TRIPS



Here you have the Stockton Sailing Club Land Cruisers enjoying a dinner together in Angels Camp. We had five land yachts for five plus days the week before Easter. We camped in the Glory Hole Campgrounds at New Melones Lake. The weather was questionable but did not stop us from sharing some wonderful gourmet meals, excursions and comradery.







CELEBRATE THE

**4th of July**

**In The Harbor**

Stockton Sailing Club's  
Annual Chili Cook-Off

Bring Your Chili Ready for Judging  
At 5:00 PM

Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Watermelons  
Apple Pie and Ice Cream for Dessert!  
At 6:00PM  
Cost: \$5.00

Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, and a new Paper Bag game guaranteed to keep you laughing!!!  
Fireworks can be seen all over the Valley!!



**Hot August Nights**



in

**Margaritaville**

**Live Band**



**Cheeseburgers**

**Cost: \$12.00 per person**

**Sign up at the Clubhouse**

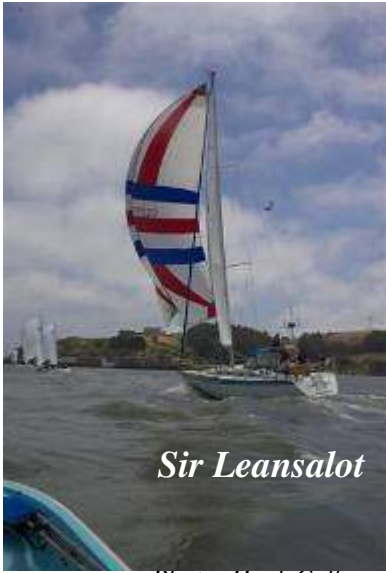
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**Call: 951-5600**

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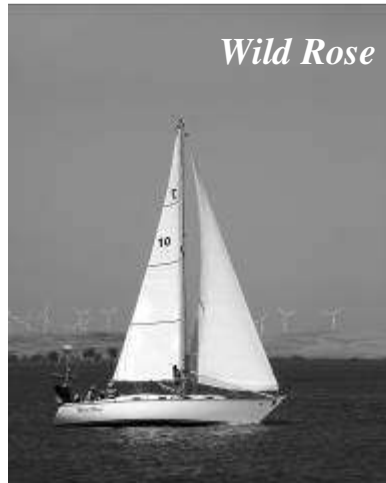
**Ed Almas**

# DELTA DITCH RUN 2006



*Sir Leansalot*

*Photo: Hank Colberg*



*Wild Rose*

*Photo: Ken Smith*



*Maria*

*Photo: David Eberhard*



*Snowbird*

*Photo: Hank Colberg*



*Volare*

*Photo: Ken Smith*



*Photo: Geri Conser*



*Photo: David Eberhard*

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Wanted:

Dead or Alive ...  
 Ok, ALive would be better!  
**El Toro** for Jr. Camp  
 209/744-1712 Erich or Linda

**Laser or small day-sailor to buy.** Under 20' with trailer. Ben Hicks 209-728-5141

### Misc Items:

2 Wind Boards Klepper 340 and Dagger Board, Bic-Ace Tec; 3 Masts, 2 booms with extensions  
 7 Sails; Seat harness and extra gear bag.  
 Harley Tinkle 951-6061 \$700.00

### Slip Exchange:

Willing to exchange slips during the month of August. 38' Catalina in a 42' slip at Oakland Yacht Club.  
 Call Doug Dewar at 209-634-8752.

### Boats for Sale

#### Catalina 27-

Dienet, 15hp Merc  
 Club rig & U.K. jib 2yr, Mast- new step & new wiring  
 4yr. 5/1/2006 New bottom paint, hull & deck restoration, engine service & new water pump  
 Rebeca D, Stkn Sail Club # B17  
 Dennis Nunes (209)463-5044 05/06

#### 28 ft Sloop "ALOSA"

1973 fin keel, skag rudder, tiller steering, inboard 15 hp Yanmar diesel, head with holding tank, sleeps 4-5, pressure cold water, ice box, alcohol stove, fold down table. Fiberglass hull, double-reefed main, roller furling jib and a detachable "baby stay" for 70% storm jib. Bow mounted anchor with chain locker. Radio, knot and depth meter. Boat comes with extra ground tackle and inflatable 10 ft avon with outboard. Great Bay or Delta boat. \$9,200. Can be seen at H-28. Call Tom evenings (916) 967-8522 05/06

#### REACTION 1983 CATALINA 25

This nice Catalina 25 needs a new owner. The current owner works long hours and has no time for the attention she deserves. She has a 9.9 Johnson

**Seafarer 31'** "Neptune's Monkey" at H-25. \$8,000 obo. 760-828-8111.

**Sailmaster engine.** VHF, 2 burner stove & marine head. Sleeps 6, Sails include 85,110,150 jibs, main and new main sail cover. \$4500.00 OBO  
 GLENN 209.549.8322 reaction2sail@aol.com  
 4/06

**Brandy, CAL-25** sailboat is for sale! She's a great Delta boat. Ask around the club house – she is well known. She has a two year old bottom and a new DC panel. Just needs a little TLC.\$2,000.00 or BO  
 (209) 482-4377 ~Kathy 04/06

**CAL39.** Classic performance cruiser. Well maintained boat in very good condition. V-berth, main salon, galley, bath all original with much teak. Has sailed to Hawaii, Alaska, and is ready to go again. Great Bay and Delta Boat .Asking \$69,000. See her at D33. Call for a tour, we love to show **Coracle.**  
 Marj/Dave Fries 209 465-9761 02/06

**1986 Catalina 36.** Beautiful boat, loaded with electronics. Full bimini and enclosure. Dinghy davits. New refrigeration, updated lighting.  
 \$59,000. Call 209-603-9991.  
[www.adatacom.com/catalina](http://www.adatacom.com/catalina) 01/06

**Snipe by Chubasco, #17769.** This is an older but well maintained and upgraded boat with good sails, extra sails, new rigging, good trailer with new tires, axle, bearings, etc. This boat is fast and competitive in regattas. Will orient new owner to the boat. A genuine value at \$1000. Tom Perry, 209-474-1796, or Gerhard  
[panuli@frontiernet.net](mailto:panuli@frontiernet.net).

**1970 CAT 27-** In great condition. Good sails, running rigging ad newer Honda Engine. Located at F21  
**Price Drop = 3,850** Want a larger boat.  
 Contact Richard or Cynthia (209) 345-2034

#### KIRBY 30 "BUSTER" – **PRICE REDUCED**

1980, Yanmar diesel, auto pilot, knot meter, depth sounder, self tailing winches, soling style self-tending jib, #3, #1, and a 155 jib. Two spinnakers, one old and one new. New interior cushions, new AM/FM CD player. Berthed at SSC slip C-7, \$9,500.00 OBO  
 Contact Ernie or Rosalee Schimpf @ 209-931-5457  
[Busterboat@comcast.net](mailto:Busterboat@comcast.net) 10/05

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Photo: Geri Conser

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**Cal 2-24.** Berthed at Portabella Marina in Alameda. Two-year old bottom. Full complement of sails Spinnaker, head—fast boat great shape. Turn-key and ready to go. Brand new mercury 4 horse outboard. Fin-keel with bulb. Price \$2,000 with motor, \$1,200. without. Call Jim Hild 209-495-1939. 06/06

**Ditch Witch, Merit 25.** 1982 Merit and Calkins Trailer. Ditch With is a race boat. She has all of the high tech equipment for racing from tape drive sails to .5 spinnaker to tapered sheets. Pictures and complete of equipment are posted in the club house. This boat is ready to go racing and win. There are very few boats with this level of equipment for \$7,000.00. Call Linda Purdy at (541)798-5001. 06/06



Photo: Geri Conser

**Friday Night Mixers  
Look Who's Cooking???**

- July 7**                    **Jill Humphreys & Ashley Eberhard**
- July 14**                **General Meeting  
Chris Corbin**
- July 21**                **Darcy Crenshaw**
- July 28**                **Pat Barfield  
Nita Stone**



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