

DockTalk

Stockton Sailing Club

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After month's of planning, preparation, injuries and other delays
Jim and Julie Focha are heading out to Latitudes unknown
aboard their Westsail, World Wind on July 15.
Are those huge smiles we see on their faces?

Photo courtesy of Hank Colberg

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.

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

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FIRST TUESDAY

Membership - 7:30pm

FIRST THURSDAY

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Social & Cruise - 6:45 pm

SECOND TUESDAY

Board Meeting - 6:00pm

SECOND FRIDAY

General Meeting - 7:00pm

SECOND THURSDAY

Regatta Committee - 6:30pm

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Upcoming Events

August 2007						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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August

- August 1 Wednesday Night Races (6:30 PM)
- August 8 Wednesday Night Races (6:30 PM)
- August 11 Hot August Nights (6:00 PM)
- August 15 Wednesday Night Races (6:30 PM)
- TBD Frank's Tract Regatta
(SSC/ACYC Racer & Cruiser Event)
- August 22 Wednesday Night Races (6:30 PM)
- August 29 Wednesday Night Races (6:30 PM)

September

- Sept. 1 – 3 Labor Day Weekend Cruise
- Sept. 15 – 16 PCISA Tuleberg Regata
- Sept. 22 Annual Regatta Meeting (9 AM)
- Sept. 22 Fall Race #1 (12 noon)

**Commodore's
Comments**

Hot August Days and Nights

August is here and that means hot August Nights. It is a great party hosted by Paula and Ed Almass. Good food, good adult beverages and good music. Sounds like a recipe for a great time.



I don't remember a summer like this in a long time. Cool temperatures (for August in the valley) and good steady winds make for great sailing then add Wednesday night beer can racing and we have another great recipe.

We have had good turnouts for Wednesday nights and I hope it continues through the rest of August. Beer canning is a great way for beginners to learn the procedures of racing and for experienced sailors to enjoy being out on the water with other racers.

I'm personally enjoying this summer, and I hope I will remember the very comfortable sailing this winter when we will be complaining about the rain, fog and cold.

I'm going sailing, see you on the water

Michael Stefani
Commodore

P.S. We all enjoyed a nice visit from Carolyn and David Cammack on the July 27th – sometime in August. Or whenever they feel like leaving (they are cruisers after all).



STOCKTON SAILING CLUB UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES

July 10, 2007

Commodore Stefani called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Mike Stefani, Peggy Feakes, Paula Almaas, Bob Camarena, William Humphreys, Tom Lueck, Peter Hine, Hank Colberg and Abe Ayala.

Board Members Absent: Chris Corbin and Pete Roberts

Others in Attendance: Susan McLain and Terry Dobell

Agenda: Motion to approve July meeting agenda as amended: Hine/Ayala (M.S.P.)

Minutes: Motion to approve the June minutes: Hine/Feakes (M.S.P.)

Motion to approve the May minutes: Hine/Camarena (M.S.P.)

Financial Statements: The May 31, 2007, Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the May 31, 2007, Financial Statements: Feakes/Lueck (M.S.P.)

Correspondence:

1. Requests for change in membership status from the following members:

Ben Neely: to change from Family to Cruising status; and

Bruce Jacobs and Sandy McKenney: to change from Cruising to Family status.

2. Requests for use of the Retreat from the following:

Karen Juncker and Bob Jones: for 50 people from Karen's professional association for September 22, 6-10:00 pm; and

Richard Carr: for 40-45 friends at a wedding rehearsal dinner on October 11, 5-10:00 pm.

Motion to approve all change of membership requests and Retreat requests:

Humphreys/Ayala (M.S.P.)

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(continuation of Board Minutes...Correspondence)

3. Phone calls from Vickie and John Gilmour and Pat Brown regarding a memorial for Jim Warfield at the Club. Susan McLain will coordinate the date with them.

4. Letter from Wes Wallstrom reminding the Board that Lenora Clark will speak at the August General Meeting about San Joaquin Delta issues.

5. Letter from Stockton Civic Theater thanking the Club for participating in their Spring Auction.

Old Business:

1. Dredging: No report.

2. Accounting conversion: Peter Hine reported that the conversion is essentially done.

3. Harbor weed abatement: See Facility Manager's Report below.

4. Planning for SSC's 75th Anniversary in September 2008: Ms McLain reported that plans are in progress for this event.

5. Review of PG&E billing statements: Ms McLain reported that the data has been collected and is being put into a spreadsheet.

6. Ditch Run: See the Facility Manager's Report below.

7. Water Pressure Test: See Facility Manager's Report below.

8. D Dock Fingers: See Facility Manager's Report below.

Facilities Manager's Report: Ms McLain submitted a written report dated July 10, 2007, that the Board reviewed and discussed. There are currently 31 slip vacancies.

Ms McLain is working with the bookkeeper on the cost analysis for the Ditch Run. When completed, the report will be distributed and a meeting will be set up with the volunteers from the Ditch Run.

The D Dock fingers are scheduled to be built by California Custom Docks. Ms McLain is following up with Carl Myers of Alternative Docking Solutions about the deteriorated boards on C Dock. Edgar has made drawings for cutting anti-slip diamond plates for the gangways.

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Adventures in Paradise

Loves Lost, Loves Found and Memories Forever

The Stockton Sailing Club has survived another rite of summer. For the past week the sailors of the present have made the sailing club available to the sailors of the future. Many of the present sailors assisted in keeping the future sailors out of harms way (big steel boats, grumpy present sailors, heat and hormones). Over 80 future sailors got close and personal with sailing. They got to know the wind gods (light and not so light). They got acquainted the heat gods. They were able to learn about sailing and the experience of getting along with someone whom they had not met before this week (maybe there should be a sailing camp for present sailors?). The future sailors learned how to cope without mom and dad for a few days. Several moms and dads discovered that their future sailors might not be as fragile as mom and dad thought and that their future sailors could get along without mom and dad counseling them on what to do every minute of a warm summer day (or evening). One of the biggest test questions of the week was, could the parents manage themselves and not interfere with their future sailors and their meetings with the sailing gods? Some parents passed, some did not.

It was an unforgettable sight seeing the channel filled with the miniature sails. Several times the river was packed with different groups of future sailors as far as one could see down river. The future sailors took some club time from the present sailors. But in return they gave us an insight to the future of sailing (not all is lost). Their stories of sadness and happiness left smiles on more than one grizzled present sailor. And after all the clean up is completed, memories of laughter and of trials and tribulations will linger for a long time (at least till next year). I personally will remember the new friends I made, the giggling and the scratches behind the ear forever.

Bartholomew Negro



Editor's note: This is a reprint of one of Bart's favorite columns.

(con't of Board Minutes, Facilities Manager's from page 4)

The Club is looking into the possibility of manual harvesting of some of the harbor weeds. The Board discussed a possible member workday for this. The Club has the results of the water pressure tests by OMI/Thames. The water pressure varies considerably at different sites. The Board discussed possible solutions.

Cards for the new front gate unit are being entered into the computer system, and then the cards will be mailed to members by the end of July.

The Richmond Yacht Club Sail Camp is underway with 68 participating. The Learn to Sail Classes are 75% to 100% of capacity and will be running for four more weeks. A variety of repairs have been made to the Old Whaler motor, the inflatable and the El Toros.

A memorial for Jim Warfield at the Club is being planned. Jim had previously donated his Etchells to the Club with the condition that the proceeds be used to purchase boats for the juniors.

Committee Reports:

Dredging Committee: No report.

Membership Committee: Abe Ayala reported three new membership applications: Dan and Adrienne Dallas, Jim and Renee Painter, and Michael Kay (junior membership)
Motion to approve new applications for membership: Feakes/Colberg (M.S.P.)

FBLI Committee: No report.

Regatta: No report.

Rules and Policy: No report.

Social and Cruise: No report.

Junior Sailing: No report.

Harbor and Facilities: No report.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Almaas, Secretary

Please note: The complete and official SSC minutes are posted in the Clubhouse.

SSC Adult Learn to Sail Program Seen On TV

On a recent one of our great all-time Delta summer mornings the Adult Learn to Sail program was featured by the Channel 31 Good Morning Program. The TV crew arrived at 6:30 am and did their set-up telling Tom Lueck, Jill Humphreys and Jim Murch they would televise between 7 and 8. The spot lasted about 3 to 5 minutes stressing safety. The reporter, Alan, had put on an inflatable life vest and while broadcasting had it prearranged for Tom to pull the lanyard and was surprised by it exploding around his neck. But, as all good reporters do, he kept the show going. They packed up at 8:00 and headed off to their next shoot. But, with an offer to go sailing from Tom, Alan will be back to experience some Wednesday night beer can racing.

Jim Murch



Photos courtesy of Harley Tinkle



Dave Hanson, Dave Fries, Ginger Hanson and Marje Fries.

The Frieses and Hansons left Stockton aboard Kievit on June 16. After two weeks traveling north, they arrived in Victoria on June 28. They were joined along the way by whales, dolphins, lots of sea birds and phosphorescence at night (not to mention cloudy skies and crab traps). A good time was had by all. Dave and Marje are continuing on to Prince Rupert.

Editors Note:

If you're an out-of-town member and are interested in attending an upcoming event but require more information or just someone to add your name to the sign up sheet, please feel free to contact me at docktalk@stocktonsc.org.

I will reply as soon as I get the facts needed.

You can also contact the office re. any information that is posted in the Clubhouse at (209) 951-5600. We can also fax/email any posted flyers to you upon request.

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE IN JULY

The first event held in July was the annual 4th of July chili cook-off. There were some truly delicious entries this year. The winner's from the last two years did not compete, leaving the field wide open. The entries were tasted, re-tasted and judged exceptional. First place was awarded a rigging knife, second place an ice chest and third place (after a taste-off) chose what looks like a scuba suit for bottles. Great job and fun too!



The Competition



The Winner and Son



Second Place



Third Place

The chili cook-off was followed by a fantastic meal of baked chicken (Tom Lueck's tasty recipe), potato salad and the chili. The evening was then capped off with the viewing of fireworks which were visible from many areas around the clubhouse. The downtown fireworks were held in a different area this year to our benefit - they were higher and more visible than in previous years.

July 7 was our annual Race of Champions. The qualifying boats are the Spring Series Division winners. This year's race had a true "David and Goliath" feel. The race was won by Walt in his "David" Challenger.

Congratulations to the competitors!



July 14 was the Single-handed race followed on July 15 with the Jack -n- Jill race. Good winds were plentiful for this racing weekend.



Your editor relaxing after her first Jack-n-Jill which included placing third, her first spinnaker set and plenty of jibes. Whew! Thanks to Phil Hendrix for the sailing lessons.

Photo courtesy of Hank Colberg



Ahoy... from the juniors

Congratulations go out to junior member Dalton Fernandez for winning 2nd place in the Junior North American Championships in El Toros. The Junior North American Championships were held at the Stockton Sailing Club on July 13 2007, during the RYC/SSC/SCYC camp. There were a number of outstanding participants from the SSC, which included Michael Kay (a new junior member as of July 13), Micael Bertilacchi, Lars Thorne (Wes Wallstrom's grandson), John Canepa (Steve's nephew), Dalton Fernandez (Jim Bertilacchi's stepson) and Brett Farrell (Kristi Farrell's oldest son).

Also at camp, Kami Richards helped out with teaching before the "make a sail" competition. Micael Bertilacchi took 1st with his team and Peter Collins took 2nd with his team.



Also, we have a new chair for the Junior Committee...Bruce and Suzanne Collins. A meeting will be held on Aug 3, 2007 at 5:00 pm for all juniors that want to have more sailing time and sharpen their skills and for adults who have any advice for the juniors or ideas to improve the program. We can then stay and enjoy the Friday Night Mixer.

Don't forget the West Marine Fun Regatta is September 8 - 9, 2007...in Santa Cruz, Ca.

Jillian Humphreys

SOCIAL & CRUISE NEWS

Hot August Nights is here again and, it's always one of the best parties of the year. Be sure to put it on your calendar for August 11th and plan to dance the night away to the music of The Katie Lawrence Band. Ed Almaas does a great job preparing a very tasty dinner and we will have some great drinks as well. It will be lots of fun!

We had a tentative date for a cruise through Georgiana Slough to Locke on the weekend of August 4th but that cruise has been cancelled due to some conflicting issues. We still need to find sponsors for our cruise to Delta Yacht Club scheduled for November. If you are interested, be sure to call me - (209) 815-4908 - and I will give you the details. This cruise is always fun and Delta Yacht Club is really looking forward to having us there again this year.

We had an exceptional turnout for the Junior Learn to Sail program this summer and I'm sending out a huge thank you to all of you who participated in making this a very successful week at the Club.

The first weekend in September will be the Labor Day Cruise so mark your calendars and look for information and sign up sheet in the Club House.

On that note, I'm looking forward to seeing y'all at our next event!

Gail Gradle
Social and Cruise



UPCOMING BLUE WATER CRUISE NEWS

2007 Blue Water Cruise Plans Being Finalized

There has been a lot of enthusiastic interest in the 2007 SSC Blue water Cruise happening Sept. 15-22. The plan for 2007 is a trip to Monterey Bay, with stops in Half Moon Bay, Monterey and Santa Cruz, and for several of the cruisers, Moss Landing as well. The normal number of boats attending the Blue Water Cruise in the past has been about eight boats. But based on the interest shown at the various planning meetings we've had, we can expect more like twenty boats, and possibly more, this year!

We've had confirmations from Pillar Point Harbor, Half Moon Bay Yacht Club, Monterey Harbor and Elkhorn Yacht Club (although Elkhorn YC at this writing has not confirmed the availability of space at their guest dock). As we approach the dates of the cruise, it will be important to confirm the numbers and size of boats attending, and which boats plan to stop at Moss Landing, as the guest dock at Elkhorn Yacht Club at the north end of Moss Landing Harbor (assuming it is available to us) is very small. If too many boats plan to stop at Moss Landing, some of us may be at Elkhorn YC, and some at the commercial fishing harbor at the south end of Moss Landing harbor. More about this by e-mail and possibly in *DockTalk* later on...

Also, if the cruisers would prefer, Santa Cruz can reserve one or more end-ties for us so that we can all berth together rafted out from each other. When they reserve an entire end-tie, Santa Cruz makes a flat rate charge for the end-tie, so the more boats we raft together, the cheaper it is per boat. The flip side to that is that if some boats plan to attend, and then don't, the cost is the same. Therefore, if we go the route of reserving a full end tie, it may be necessary to assess a charge to those boats who say they plan to attend, and then don't show up. I'll poll the members on my list as planning on attending the cruise and see what the preference is.

If you're planning on attending this year's Blue Water Cruise, and haven't been getting any e-mails from me on these plans, please drop me an e-mail at: selkied@earthlink.net, or call me at 209-957-4905 so I can get you on the list and keep you informed!

See you on the Blue!

Peter Hine



Around the Harbor

Projects at the Club in process are:

The painting of the gangways with a non-slip surface; water and mildew damage repair to Men's Shower Room ceiling; looking at ways for boosting of water pressure; Aquatic Weeds removal; installation of new gate card and clubhouse card readers.

New Membership Category Described:

It has been brought to my attention that not too many members are aware of our new membership category. The "Young Adult" Membership is open to individuals and married couples and their dependents while they are between the ages of 21 and 29. Initiation fees and monthly dues are offered at 50 % of the full amount. Regular Initiation fees are \$400 to join. Young Adults may join for \$200 and their monthly dues are half of regular members at \$33.50. With their membership credit applied (if their bill is paid before the 28th of the month) the dues are \$23.45 per month. If the Young Adult has a sailboat in the harbor, they still get a 30% credit against berth fees. It is the wish of club members that more young adults become active members to keep the membership active and to create a solid base of members that will continue with the club throughout the years.

Juniors:

It is rewarding to watch our young junior sailors becoming quite proficient on the water. The Stockton Sailing Club Juniors are becoming active as a group with new participants in the ranks doing well. Stay tuned for more on this. The Junior Committee will meet on Friday, August 3 following the Friday night dinner at 6:30 pm and all interested members are welcome to join in. This group of Juniors will be a lot of fun to watch.

Lien Sale boats:

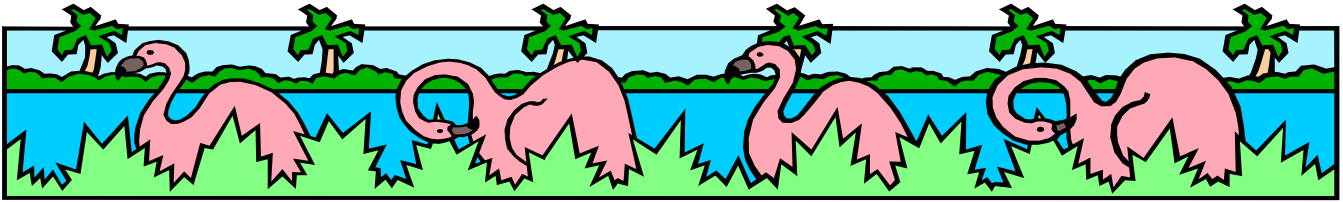
There are currently four boats that were once up for lien sale and are now owned by the Club. They are as follows:

Islander Bahama	H-14
Coronado 27	H-24
Bayliner Buccaneer	G-01

If anyone is willing to put in some elbow grease, a good buy may be found!

Do not forget that the Club has a sailboat perfect for a day sail, the O'Day Javelin, "Bob's Boat." Call the Clubhouse or the office for details.

*Your harbor master at your service,
Susan McLain*



HOT AUGUST NIGHTS IN MARGARITAVILLE

COME AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY



CHEESBURGERS IN PARADISE
AUGUST 11 AT 6:00 PM

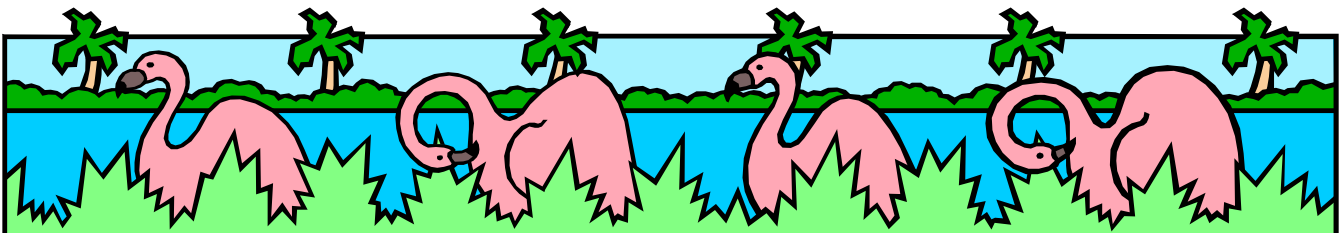
Music provided by The Katie Lawrence Band
from 7:00 - 10:00 pm

COST: \$12.00 PER PERSON
Dance Music

World's Best Cheeseburgers with all the trimmings

SIGN UP IN THE CLUBHOUSE

HOSTED BY: ED AND PAULA ALMAAS



CLASSIFIED ADS

Miscellaneous

LOST

Following Ditch Run
Eric Shampain 760-521-3482
For his Hobie 33 "Still Crazy"
Olman Mainsail, black Sail # 18414

HELP

Mark, a non-member, would like to find someone to assist him with riggings for his Lance 25. He is working out of Ladd's. Can anyone help him? Contact Susan in the office.

Boats for Sale

1975 Catalina 22. Pop-top, motor, sails, \$1,900. Call Paul at 209-610-9291

ISLANDER 30 "CANDACE ANN" Proven racer, has won the South Tower Race. Lots of sails; 155 Genoa, 110 Mylar, Spinnaker with pole, working jib, engine runs fine need work, priced accordingly, \$5000 or best offer. Call Ann 209 607-7742 or email wesellubuy@comcast.net

CATALINA 25, 1983, swing keel with trailer. Excellent condition and well maintained. Recently, gel coat work done, new harkin roller furling system, new lewmar self tailing winches, new motor mount, new sail cover, new battery and new tires on trailer. Comes with 9.9 Mercury outboard 4 Stroke Motor. Parked at SSC PL9 \$10,8000 Call Dave, 209-985-6221, or email cookeez1@sbcglobal.net

PEARSON LARK 24 Hull #55 docked at H-6. Good started boat. Needs TLC. Merc 9.9 outboard in well. Make me a decent offer. Heck, make me an offer. Contact: traderik60@yahoo.com – Rick Glass

ETCHELLS. Club owned boat. Ready to race. Four sets of sails. \$10,000 or best offer. Contact Budge (209) 603-4920

CAL 2-25 2004 Honda 9.9 ex-long shaft electric start motor. Purchased in '04 – used in '05 but not in '06-'07. Harkin furler with a 130 head sail. Tiller pilot, spinnaker with pole and much more. Double axel trailer included. Located in Lake Tahoe – asking \$11,500. Call Duke or Denise MacGill 775-554-1476 or 775-786-3452. Email denisesirduke@sbcglobal.net

J24 w/trlr. '79 fair condition, bottom solid. 4 hp, new running rig, two complete sets of sails, good condition. Two genoas, good. Two spins, good. Dry stored SSC. \$4,500. Michael Steele 916-715-6533.

BOATS FOR SALE (continued)

CAL-27 POP-TOP FOR SALE I have bought a newer boat without selling my older boat, so I am motivated. Please check out my Cal 27 pop-top in B-18. Excellent main and club jib just back from Sail Care. 16-month old bottom, that has been diver cleaned regularly. Excellent GPS and sounder. Cockpit and interior needs painting. Spinnaker and pole, \$4,500 with older Evinrude 9.9 hp or \$5,800 with near new (less than 5 hours) 15 hp Johnson 4-cycle. Please call Larry Oliverius at 925-876-8822 or email larry@westernstatedesign.com

Columbia Challenger 24 "Harmony" - PRICE REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY. Race ready for the 2007 season with Soling Rig and 1 self tacker jib, Race ready for the special races with 2 conventional jibs, 2 spinnakers, 2 mains, hard racing bottom, running lights, Coast Guard sticker for 2006, ready for light cruising with a clean interior, full cushions below. Nissan 8hp outboard. \$3600. Call Al or Nancy 209 957-3361, 209-957-3361 or 209-471-3361, nancysilvershadow@comcast.net

1978 CAL 39 - Rebuilt engine & trans.; new tapered double spreader mast; new refrigeration, radar, windlass, below deck auto pilot, headliner, port lights and water maker; hard dodger and bimini with new canvas and solar panels. Much more, \$79,000. Paul Owings (209)369-1714

FUJI 32 KETCH, Excellent Condition, 25 hp Volvo Diesel, Teak Deck and Bow Pulpit, Pressure Water, Heater, Large Head with Shower, Holding Tank, Stove and Oven, Teak Interior, Upgraded Wire Stanchions and Life Lines, 2 Sets of Sails. Dock #B-32 "Quiet Moon" Howard (209) 358-0807 howardallison@sbcglobal.net

1980 J 24 Relocation Forces Sale...." HARDALEE"... with trailer. Excellent condition, completely restored. Race/ cruise, perfect Delta boat. Sleeps 4, sink, porta pottie, plenty of storage. All new rigging, knot meter, depth sounder, marine radio, AM/FM, CD Stereo w/ wp speakers. Seven sails excellent condition with sail bags - 2 jibs, 2 genoas, 2 mains and spinnaker and extra boom. New 4 hp Nissan long shaft less than 4 hrs. All accessories included. Sharp looking boat! \$7,000 or best reasonable offer. Can be seen at Stockton Sailing Club PL-11. Call Fred Doblender at (559) 291-2879 or email – hardalee123@gmail.com.

HELP – REPORTED STOLEN

Sailnetics SR El Toro #10771
Blue top, white hull, blue bottom paint, mylar sail, no board or rudder
Stolen April 29, 2007 from 1751 Walnut St, Smith's Canal
Brad Bird (209)462-0110 or (909)938-6510



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

August 3 -

August 10 - Phil Hendrix

August 17 - General Meeting

August 24 - Abe Ayala

August 31 -

If you'd like to cook – sign up in the clubhouse, you only have to prepare an entrée and will be reimbursed for your expenses (there is a \$125.00 limit-Call Susan in the office for details)



While traveling through Santa Margherita in Liguria, Italy, Brendan Courtney of Antioch spotted this catamaran with "Finalmente Stockton CA" on the stern. He snapped this photo then Googled the name and discovered that the boat is owned by Ni Orsi, whose journey across the Atlantic from Brazil had been documented online in our *cruise news*

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