



# TSCA

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### The Ellufsons

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**ELKHORN SLOUGH, Photo by Jim Swallow**

# ELKHORN SLOUGH

## THE LOST COAST CHAPTER ELKHORNS IT'S WAY INTO SACRAMENTO TSCA OUTING



Sam and Debbie Elufson, *Article and photos* ~ Jim Swallow, *photo* ~ *Lost Coast contingent on the Santa Cruz Pier*

Elkhorn Slough is a saltwater slough jutting its way inland from the small town of Moss Landing in Monterey County. It is teeming with abundant wildlife including 26 species of birds, seals, and ever present sea otters. It's also a breeding ground for sharks and sting-rays. The slough has a launch ramp/deck at Kirby Park roughly four miles up slough from Moss Landing. For years the legendary boat builder Bill Grunwald & his wife Ursula would have an Elkhorn Slough Row and to this day the Sacramento TSCA carries along the tradition of the row.

A small contingent of our Lost Coast Chapter members asked if we could join the event and Jay Roulstone (one of the organizers) was very hospitable to the idea. So with a minimal amount of planning and scamming, Bill & Gwen Jacobson, Jim & Sabine Swallow and my wife Debbie and myself entered the world of Elkhorn Slough.

Our journey started at nine Friday morning at the parking lot of Van Dam Beach. We proceeded to Hwy. 101, then across the Golden Gate Bridge and down the Great Highway stopping for lunch at The Beach House Chalet in San Francisco.

After Devil's Slide we went stopping for a coffee and a 'car keys locked in the car' adventure in Half Moon Bay. Then a quick stop at the historic *Peterson & Alford* General Store in San Gregorio and another in Davenport where Bill & Gwen returned to the old and now vacant *Aeolus Boat Works*. Their gorgeous boat *Essex* was built there. Then on we drove to Santa Cruz where we checked into the Edgewater Beach Motel.

Stan Halvorsen recommended the place and it was very nice, old Santa Cruz, and "Steps Away from Wharf and Bay" as it's apt motto declares. We totally enjoyed Sabine's killer whiskey sours on their harbor view deck. And yes we had dinner on the wharf at Stagnaro's. Excellent food Stan, thanks again.

Finding our way to Kirby Park the next morning was easy, except for a side trip to the town of Pajaro. Though I've never heard of it before now I know it well. A U-turn and a few leftys got us to the put-in at Elkhorn Slough where we met the boaters from the Sacramento Chapter.

The tide was low and organizer Jake said the tide would be flooding all day. Boats besides our *Seacat Essex*, and *Arctic Seal* were a square back *Old Tonn* canoe (with motor and sail), two sail boats (with motors), another dory (with motor and oars), a



*Sam and Debbie*



*Jim and Sabine*



*Bill and Gwen*

rowing double ender (with sails & motor), and a motorized cabin cruiser towing and a brand new unmanned eight foot pram.

The row was fairly strenuous against the tide and the wind down to a sandy beach near the freeway bridge at Moss Landing. Along the way were seals & otters and lots of birds. It took us about two hours, though all the motorized crafts made it a lot faster. Ah, it was nice to hit the beach. After a pleasant lunch with everyone, we headed back with the tide and wind, those with sails rigged up and we all got back in half the time.



*Jake's salmon barbecue*

Saturday night we were invited to the New Brighton Beach campground for a fabulous salmon barbecue potluck and were treated to a bounty of food and drink including great slabs of salmon grilled up by Jake and friends and a huge birthday cake or two or three as it was also Jake's birthday.

All in all, it was a fun and interesting outing and one to note on the calendar for the future. We thank the Sacramento club for their hospitality, many fine folks, and we really enjoyed their company.

## ANNUAL BOAT SHOW FOR MENDOCINO HERITAGE DAYS

Bill Jacobson, *Article and photo*

On May 14<sup>th</sup> the Lost Coast Chapter of the TSCA held its annual boat show on the grounds of the Kelley House Museum. With 20 boats being shown we had a good display ranging in size from Dan Brown's 8 ft. prams to Jim Swallow's 20 ft. Saint Lawrence skiff. Dan also showed *Puff*, a beautifully built Rushton designed sailing canoe. Richard Lowman brought several strip built kayaks and Bill Jacobson had a newly restored canvass covered kayak from the 1950-60's that has yet to go in the water.

Several weekend sailing skiffs were on display with encouragement for young people to engage in building and rowing of boats.

The weather was cooperative and a good crowd viewed the display all day with many compliments for the high quality of the vessels.



# BUILDING THE "COVE"

## SHELTER COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ray Arnold

Shelter Cove Middle School students were offered the challenge of building a kit boat, The Week-End-er Skiff. These At-Risk kids can be a challenge to work with but they succeeded in their project. The completed skiff they named, *The Cove*.

Now I wouldn't say it was better than anyone else could do but this one won't sink and that's for sure.

Off-yellow inside and bright blue exterior with matching blue bow and stern seats, this one is sure to turn some heads when it splashes onto Lake Cleone next week. This splash down is the collimation of a three kit-building project with much community support including Sheriff Alman, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lost Coast TSCA and the Community Out Reach Program, and West Marine.

These kids will never forget this experience and opportunity to build a boat at a young age. They won't think much about now but when they get older they will have bragging rights that will last a life time

Thanks to all of you that helped in any small or large way with this



*Attaching the transom*



*Painting the inside yellow*



*Painting the blue hull*



*Project completed*

successful project. After all some one had to teach me how and what to do and get the kids program launched. Now it's time to Splash Down! See photos below.



*Attaching the bow stem*



Left,  
*Splash down at  
Lake Cleone*

Right,  
*Maiden voyage of  
The Cove*



# EARTH DAY CELEBRATION IN FORT BRAGG

Dusty Dillion, Photos by Derek Magdalik



*Dusty laying out for the bottom*

It was a fresh spring morning next to the learning garden behind the Fort Bragg High School. We were instructed to set-up between the petting zoo and the ball field.

In the weeks before the event, Jim McDannold and I dry fit a Weekend Skiff kit to be disassembled and reconstructed by Earth Day participants. Jim was part of a film crew documenting the event; so Will Beaumont showed up to work with the kids, giving pointers and encouragement. Linda set up an information table and we all went to work.

Throughout the day we attracted about 25 participants, endless observers, and totally amazed parents. At the end of the event, we left the field with an totally assembled skiff.

This isn't the first public assembly of a skiff; but this one isn't glued



*Will Beaumont and an interested skiff-builder*

so that we can do this again when the need arises. Maybe the Salmon BBQ, see you there, join us; signed by the field assembly crew!



*The final touch*

## Crossed Over The Bar

It is with sadness in my heart that I report two Lost Coast members and dear friends Ron McDowell of Orcas Island, San Juans, WA and Merrill Brown of Hayward, CA; brothers, mentors, supporters, and friends. Most of you didn't know these members whose support and advice allowed me to be here at the World's End they will be *forever in my heart.* DUSTY

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

Schedule includes dates for the Lost Coast and Inland Groups. [Inland Group provided by Steve O'Mara 707/463-8583.](#) ( In blue)

**Aug. 27** – Big River M/A & Potluck at the Swallows home

**Sep.16-18** – Blue Lake Rendezvous, \*see info below

**Sept. TBA** – Lake Mendocino Row and Camp-out

**Oct. 8** – Albion River October Fest & Pot Luck

**Oct 29** – Mendocino Lake Pumpkin Tow, south ramp

**Nov. 19** – Lost Coast TSCA General Meeting

**Dec. 3** - Lighted Truck Parade, FB

**Dec. 4** – Lighted Boat Parade, Noyo R.

**Dec. 10** – Lake Cleone M/A (weather permitting)

**Dec. TBA** – December Snow Ball Row

\*Blue Lake. If you are interested in participating and wish to stay over please contact Pine Acres Resort which is at the eastern end of the lake. They have RV, camping and motel accommodations. The phone number is 707/275-2711, the web site is [www.bluelakespinesacres.com](http://www.bluelakespinesacres.com).

# ALBION RIVER ROW

## SCHOONER LANDING

Carol Barnes

It had been a long rainy winter. The rivers were running fast, my boat abandoned in the garage. Then Dusty put the word out – a Mess About on the Albion; it was going to be (and was!) a sunny day. As one of those folks who try to juggle living in two worlds, I obeyed the 5:15 alarm at my Sacramento home, gulped breakfast, packed the food and was on the way to Albion by 6:30 a.m. I pulled into Schooner's Landing at 10:05, delighted to be making some new friends who share my feelings for being on – as opposed to “in” – the water.



It was clear that this was not an “on the water at 10” kind of group. Dusty and Stan were putting up the tarp; Linda was laying out the food; there was a relaxed, Saturday morning vibe in the air. I reminded myself to thank Gwen and Bill for telling me about the LCTSCA .

I was the one who was anxious to catch the incoming tide. Those

with sails can afford to kick back and wait. So, with an assist from Stan, I was soon heading upstream, sharing the river with a powered Zodiac, leap-frogging our way as they stopped to capture osprey and other creatures with their really nice camera – the kind I don't carry in my boat.

Five minutes past the blackberry patch, two trees blocked the river. It was turn-around time. On the way back, I found that at least two of the four craft present that day were compatible. A rower and a kayaker can move, in concert, at a comfortable pace and actually have a face-to-face conversation!

As we neared Schooner's Landing, I noticed something brown and furry in motion in motion on the dock. Gliding to a stop at the dock's edge, I was three feet from a young river otter, who was busy grooming himself for the day. He made eye contact for a while; then, without puzzling too much over what kind of otter has white curly hair, he returned to the task at hand.

Tatanica Russell (Tonk) moved in to capture a few shots with Mr. Otter a willing subject. After a brief modeling session, however, nature called. Mr. Otter strode briskly to the opening between two adjoining docks, positioned himself over the water below and let fly with his morning ablutions!

As we reached the landing, the sunny day had given way to a little wind and a little moisture in the air. Greeting us was a pot of Mimi's hot chili, Linda's roasted hot dogs, Tonk's sushi, a warm fire, and a cold beer. It doesn't get any better than that.

**LOST COAST TSCA** Traditional Small Craft Association, established in 1970, is a nonprofit educational organization which works to preserve and continue the living traditions, skills lore and legends surrounding working and pleasure craft whose origins predate the marine gasoline engine. It encourages the design, construction and use of these boats, and it embraces contemporary variants and adaptations of traditional designs. TSCA is an enjoyable yet practical link among users, designers, builders, restorers, historians, government, and maritime institutions. **Join the Lost Coast Chapter of the TSCA** - Be a part of this exciting organization. Increase your enjoyment of traditional boats and meet other community members who share your interest. Annual dues are \$25. Copyright 2008 by the TSCA.

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### LOOKING for a Newsletter Editor

to take over production of the quarterly issues. Next edition will be 9/1/2011.

I am currently working on an iMac in Ipages, but you could create it as suited.

I will turn over all artwork and information to help you get started.

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### BOATS FOR SALE

•16 ft. Gloucester light dory, set for 1 or 2 rowers, trailer, 2 sets of oars. Asking 800/OBO. Michael 707/367-1346

•12 1/2 ft. fiberglass wherry with Barkley Sound spoon oars and trailer. Asking \$2,500, call Dusty, 707/964-2612

•18 ft. MacKenzie Clipper Stern Canoe, flat bottom freight canoe that holds 1500 lbs. 2hp Honda 4-stroke outboard, 2 formed paddles and backrest. \$2,000. Dusty, 707/964-2612

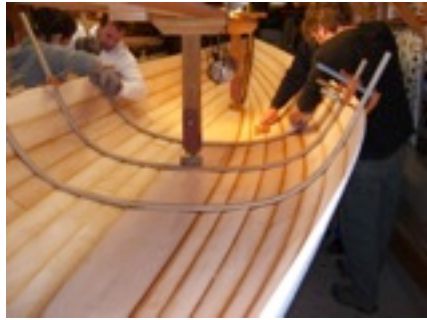
•Health forces sale of the *Lady Vixen*, lovingly restored mahogany Anacortes flat iron skiff. Trailer, oars and 2 PFDs. Asking \$850. Roy, 707/961-1762

# Boat Builders Corner

## Just launched 22' Doghole Dory

Eljer Hjoth-Westh and his students launch the completed boat at the Big River in Mendocino. This boat was sponsored by Hollis Anderson. Pictured to the right, Eljer gives the go-ahead to his students to christen and launch.

Celebratory row up the river follows. Great Job.



Using only the highest grade plywood, lumber and hardware.  
LOA: 22'; 60" beam; 200 lb; oiled inside and out; outfitted for rowing; one rower w/wo coxswain; or two rowers w/wo coxswain, and fixed seats.



## Join **LOST COAST** TSCA

I wish to:

- Join  Renew  
 Change of Address

I/We desire the following annual membership:

- Individual \$25.  Family \$25.

Family memberships qualify all members to participate in Lost Coast TSCA events.

Don't own a boat? No problem. Join and row with a member that does. Join the fun.

Boat ownership not a requirement. If you own a boat, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am also a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ (if any)

Chapter of the TSCA

I hold the Lost Coast TSCA harmless \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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