

Santa Rosa Sailing Club Alameda Estuary Expedition

Saturday, Sept. 8

Bring your boat to the Alameda Estuary for an adventure on the “Estuary Riviera.”

We'll leave Santa Rosa, drive down to San Rafael, cross the Richmond Bridge, continue south on I-880 into Oakland, then take Exit 39B and cross the Park St. Bridge, turning right onto Clement St. at the 2nd intersection in Alameda. Grand St. is at the end of Clement and the Launch Ramp is 1 block to the right.

Plan on 2 hours drive time, although it will probably take less time on a Saturday morning. Please observe **Alameda's 25 mile per hour speed limit** once you've crossed the Park St. Bridge.

There's plenty of parking and a wide ramp.

We'll sail in the Estuary, arriving at the Encinal Yacht Club around noon for a lunch break at their 1890 Restaurant.

After lunch we'll continue sailing until we decide to return to the Grand Ave. ramp and haul out. We'll sail “down” the Estuary to Jack London Square or even further before turning back.

The Westerly Estuary wind is usually mild to moderate and the water is flat.

Sights to see: Coast Guard Island with its long range cutters (observe the “safety zone”). Rows of marinas on the Alameda Island side. Historic ships: the “Potomac” (FDR's Presidential Yacht) and the Lightship “Relief” at Jack London Square. House boat communities. If there's enough wind and time the Oakland Inner Harbor container ship facility. And much, much more.

It's often warmer than S.F. Bay, but dress in layers so you can adapt to Sept. 8's weather.

There's a Richmond bridge toll on the return from Alameda. If you have a Fast Pass, it will count your trailer. If not, be prepared to go through the right toll booths and pay cash.

Schedule: Leave Santa Rosa around 0800. Arrive at the Grand Ave. Launch Ramp 09:30 to 10:00. Rig and launch. Sail until around noon or a little later. Tied up at the Encinal YC for lunch. Sail in the afternoon until we decide to call it a day.

PLEASE RSVP TO PAT BRODERICK. broderic@sonic.net

I need to tell the EYC galley how many souls are planning on lunch several days in advance, so it's important that I know who's coming and how many sailors there will be. I'd also like to issue weather/wind updates in the days leading up to the sail.

Thanks, Pat