

The first documented Sacramento row done by a member of the Dolphin Club was in 1955.

Prior to his row, Hendry sent a letter to the Sacramento city council. The Aug 24, 1955 edition of the *Sacramento Bee* reports that in his letter, Hendry stated that he had rowed to Stockton in 1925 and 1927 and the resultant publicity helped that city get a deep water channel. "Possibly if I row to Sacramento a couple of times you will reap similar results."



**Leaving Locke in the hours before dawn on March 6, 2022. Temperature near freezing.  
Photo by Nanda Palmieri**

**1955 August 30 - September 4 (6 days)**

BAGGIANI

Les Hendry

Hendry's overnight spots, usually in a sleeping bag on a wharf, included Martinez, Antioch, Ko-Ket Resort at Walnut Grove, Clarksburg.

**1956 August 31- September 2 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Les Hendry (60), Ed DeCossio Sr. (50), Joe Daniele (18)

Les Hendry and Joe Daniele switched off every two hours. Ed Sr. rowed all the way. Overnight stops at Crockett and Walnut Grove. 25 hours rowing time.

**1957 August 30 - September 1 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Les Hendry, Ed DeCossio Sr., Ed DeCossio Jr. (17)

Les Hendry and Ed Jr. switched off every two hours. Ed Sr. rowed all the way. Stowed aboard: sleeping bags, canned goods, water and changes of clothes. Planned itinerary: Crockett, Antioch, Rio Vista, Walnut Grove, Sacramento Yacht Club

**1958 August 29 - 31 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Les Hendry, Ed DeCossio Sr., Joe Weiss

Les Hendry and Joe Weiss switched off every two hours. Ed Sr. rowed all the way. *Dolphin Log* September 1958: "The three Dolphins were televised on Channel 13 on their arrival."

**1959 September 4 - 6 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Les Hendry, Ed DeCossio Sr. (rowed all the way), Ed Curtis

Stops: Rio Vista, Steamboat Landing, Wheeler's Landing in Sacramento

**1960 September 2 - 4 (3 days)**

BIAGGIANI

Ed DeCossio Sr.

Took son George DeCossio (12)

60 hours of rowing time

**1961 September 1 - 3 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Les Hendry, Joe Weiss, Ed DeCossio Sr. (rowed all the way)

Took son George DeCossio (13)

Les Hendry met crew and boarded at Crockett

FARRELL

Bob Farrell, Don Warto, Dick Inglehard

**1962 August 31 - September 2**

HUGHES

Ed DeCossio Sr. (rowed all the way), Ed DeCossio Jr., George DeCossio (14, mostly steered)

**1963**

Double

Les Hendry, Ed DeCossio Sr. (rowed all the way), Ed Curtis

**1964**

HUGHES

Ed DeCossio Sr. (rowed all the way), George DeCossio (16), David Papky (16)

**1965 September 3 - 5 (3 days)**

BAGGIANI

Ed DeCossio Sr., George DeCossio (17)

Stops: Rio Vista, Steamboat Landing, Sacramento Yacht Club

*Dolphin Log*, September 1965: "A reception committee from the Fair was on hand to present them with the keys to the city and the Fair."

**1966 September 2 - 4 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Ed DeCossio Sr., Ed DeCossio Jr., Walter Stack

Rotated stations every two hours. 35 hours total rowing time.

Stops: Crockett, Sacramento Yacht Club

**1967 August 31 - September 2 (3 days)**

Double

Les Hendry, Ed DeCossio Sr.

Stops: Crockett, Rio Vista, Miller Park in Sacramento

27.5 hours rowing time

**1968 August 25 - September 1 (8 days)**

Single

Les Hendry (departed Dolphin Club on Sunday, Aug 25)

FOSTER

Ed DeCossio Sr. (departed Dolphin Club on Wednesday, Aug 28)

**1969 August 27 - 31 (5 days)**

LANDUCCI

Ed DeCossio Sr.

**1970**

HUGHES

Ed DeCossio Sr., Ed DeCossio Jr.

Ed Sr. Had a serious accident earlier in the year and almost lost his leg. He fell 35 feet into a ship hatch and was lucky to make this trip.

**1971 September 2 - 5 (4 days)**

CRONIN

Ed DeCossio Sr.

George DeCossio

**1972**

Double

Ed DeCossio Sr., Ed DeCossio Jr., Joe DeCossio (Ed Sr.'s 10 year old grandson)

**1973 August 29 - September 2 (5 days)**

Single

Ed DeCossio Sr.

**1974 August 28 - 31 (4 days)**

HUGHES

Ed DeCossio Sr., Al Burke, Mack McCaleb

Stops: Pittsburg Marina, Rio Vista Marina (in Korbel wine family moorage), Morgan Landing near Cortland, Da Rosa Marina near Sacramento. Rotated stations every hour. Total 93 nm, 32 hours 45 min, avg speed 2.84 knots. Boat driven back to SF in a UHaul.

**1975 September 4 - 7 (4 days)**

FARRELL

Ed DeCossio Sr., Bill Walden

Ed Sr.'s twentieth Sacramento row.

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**1992 July 14 - 16 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Jon Bielinski, Eddie DeCossio Jr., Brian Huse

Stops: Brannan Island, Freeport, Miller Park Sacramento

22 hours rowing, 88.5 nautical miles

Trip log: "Tie up Miller Park. Reuben greets us with champagne shower"

**1993 July 4 - 6 (3 days)**

VIKING

Padraic Doyle, Ken Frank, Deborah Henning

HUGHES

Jon Bielinski, Phil Kohlenberg, Eric Hansen, Phil Reiff

FARRELL

Debbie Conti, Martin Zeleznik, John Conti, John Kortum (left on Day 2)

**1994 June 22 - 24 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Ken Frank, Matthew Sheridan, John Kortum, Rob Downs

CRONIN

Jon Bielinski, Paul Gisler, John Stacey, Kent Rogers

HUGHES

Pat Freilinger, Eric Hansen, Gabe Scurlock, John Conti

**1995 June 24 - 26 (3 days)**

CRONIN

Phil Reiff, Gabe Scurlock, Steve Worthington, Eric Hansen

HUGHES

Rob Downs, Peter Molnar, Jude Stalker, Ken Frank

FARRELL

Paul Gisler, Kristin Nakazawa, Barnaby Payne, John Kortum

VIKING

Deborah Henning, Linda Righetti, Dave Sugar, Nick Payne

SPECTRE

Padraic Doyle, Jon Bielinski

Stops: Rio Vista, Freeport, Sacramento

**1996 June 27 - 29 (3 days)**

CRONIN

Jon Bielinski, Ken Frank, Jimmy Sancimino, Bob David

FARRELL

Deb Henning, John Kortum, John Stacey, Paul Gisler

HUGHES

Gabe Scurlock, Padraic Doyle, Susanne Friedrich, Steve Counselman

Stops: Brannan Island, Freeport, Sacramento

**1997 September 13 - 15 (3 days)**

WIELAND

3 days, 3 crews

Gabe Scurlock, Ken Frank, Phil Reiff, Louise Bea, Padraic Doyle, Chester Hazelwood, Andrew Bliquaz, Debbie Bispo, Bob David, Wojciech Chelkowski, John Kortum, Bob Allen, Jon Bielinski, Emily Roth, John Mervin, Susanne Friedrich, Flicka McGurrin, Jimmy Sancimino, Ernest Cadelago, Ken Coren, Steve Worthington

'Sac and Back' attempt

**1998 June 20 - 22 (3 days)**

CRONIN

Louise Bea, John Mervin, Phil Reiff, Gabe Scurlock

Stops: Brannan Island, Freeport, Sacramento

**1998 July 4 - 6 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Padraic Doyle, Gabe Scurlock, Susanne Friedrich, Hodges?

CRONIN

Eric Hansen, Tina Scott, Ken Coren, Ken Frank

FARRELL

Jon Bielinski, Paul Gisler, Kortum

Logbook: "Super row to the American River."

**1998 July 6 - 10 (5 days)**

GOOD LUCK

Reuben Hechanova

CECCO

Deb Henning - made Benicia, returned 7/7/98

Stops: Benicia Marina, Rio Vista, Miller Park in Sacramento

**1999 August 6 - 9 (4 days)**

CRONIN

John Mervin, Phil Reiff, Louise Bea, Alexander Bea

**1999 October 23 - 25 (3 days)**

CRONIN

Phil Reiff, Louise Bea, Gabe Scurlock, John Mervin

HUGHES

Deb Henning, Jon Bielinski, Paul DuBois, Ken Coren

Logbook: "SF to Collinsville to Montezuma to Benicia to SF. First time"

**2000 September 2 - 4 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Jon Bielinski, John Latta (day 2 Collinsville: Grant Mays swapped in for Latta), John Kortum

Day 3: Marcus Auerbuch joined crew in Freeport for last leg.

Logbook: "Sacto row #8 in a row! 1992 - 2000"

**2000 September 8 - 10 (3 days)**

CRONIN

Phil Reiff, Gabe Scurlock, John Mervin, Louise Bea

**2001 September 21 - 23 (3 days)**

FARRELL

John Latta, Jude Stalker (left at Collinsville, Louise Bea came in), Tom Davis, John Kortum

HUGHES

Deb Henning, Cornelius Crenshaw, Bill Stender, Jon Bielinski

Day 1: Collinsville, Day 2: Freeport, Day 3: Sacramento

Trip time: 25 hours, 41 minutes. Average speed: 3.5 knots.

91.1 nautical miles.

**2002 August 31 - September 2 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Phil Reiff, Gabe Scurlock, Deb Henning, Louise Bea

CRONIN

Jon Bielinski, Corinna Witt, Kathleen McKinley, John Latta

Logbook: "10th Annual Sacto Row '92 - '02"

**2003 July 16 - 23**

HUGHES

Ed DeCossio Jr., Phil Kohlenberg

Five days to row to Sacramento and two days to row back to Rio Vista where boat was taken out and trailered back. Westerly winds too strong to row all the way back.

**2003 October 11 - 14 (4 days)**

GOOD LUCK

Reuben Hechanova

'Sac and Back' attempt. Made it to Simmons Point, before Collinsville, and then back to SF.

Logbook: "Wind - major factor; current next; most important 'light' (ran out at Sac river entry)"

**2005 August 5 - 7 (3 days)**

HUGHES

John Kortum, Jon Bielinski, Corinna Witt

**2006 August 5 - 7 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Jon Bielinski, John Kortum, Grant Mays

AUSTIN

Renee DeCossio

Logbook: "Made Collinsville by 3:30pm. Splendid Sacramento Row! great conditions. Yeah Renee!"

**2007 November 2 - 5 (4 days)**

BRUNO

Jon Bielinski

Solo row in DC single

Logbook: "Made Sacramento, Miller Park 5 Nov. 1:40pm."

**2008 September 27 - 29 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Reuben Hechanova, John Latta, Jon Bielinski

**2009 October 24 - 26 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Darren Palm, Neal Mueller, Jon Bielinski

Logbook: "Amazing Sacramento Row. Great weather, fast times, superb food @ Collinsville (thanks to Cynthia & Lou) and Sacramento (Eric Hansen's oasis)."

**2010 September 24 - 26 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Jon Bielinski, Ken Coren, Reuben Hechanova  
Logbook: "Collinsville 24-Fri, Freeport 25-Sat, Sacramento 26-Sun"

**2011 Oct 28 - 30 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Jon Bielinski, Keith Howell

**2012 October 26 - 28 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Mike London, Charlie Cross, Jon Bielinski

Logbook: "Fantastic row! Bene remiga et vive! 1 ½" break port fwd rubrail. New FARRELL oars worked so well it felt like flying on spruce!"

**2013 October 4 - 6 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Meagan Wachs, Jay Dean, Jon Bielinski

CRONIN

Spencer Silas, Charlie Cross, Mike London

**2015 May 1 - 3 (3 days)**

HUGHES

JD Durst, Lance Starin, Jon Bielinski

CRONIN

Mary Magocsy, Dav Zimak, Jay Dean

Jon Bielinski's 21st row - a new record

**2015 October 9 -11 (3 days)**

CRONIN

Neal Mueller, Richard Gray, Lowen Cattolico

HUGHES

Davis Ja, Paul DuBois, Natazha Bernie

KOHLLENBERG

Jay Dean

100 miles

**2016 September 16 - 18 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Jay Dean, Marianne Dean, Nataaza Bernie

HUGHES

Davis Ja, Andy Stone, Jon Bielinski

**2017 August 25 - 27 (3 days)**

HUGHES

Don Osborne, Jon Bielinski, Earl Thibodeau



Logbook: "Collinsville, Freeport, Sacramento. Lots of river flow this year. Not much tidal current past Collinsville in flood direction."

**2017 October 6 - 8 (3 days)**

FARRELL

Julia Hechanova, Jay Dean, John Kortum

HUGHES

Eric Lam, Andy Stone, Davis Ja

**2018 June 7 - 12 (6 days)**

HALCYON

Jon Bielinski, Eric Hansen

Route: Day 1 DC to China Camp, Day 2 CC to Collinsville, Day 3 Collinsville to Owl Harbor, Day 4 Owl Harbor to Locke, Day 5 Locke to Freeport, Day 6 Sacramento. Rowed and sailed in a the fixed thwart double

**2022 March 2 - 6 (5 days)**

CRONIN, HUGHES

Eric Hansen, Jon Bielinski, Julia Hechanova, Jim MacDonald, John Thorpe, Nanda Palmieri

Day 1: China Camp, Day 2: Collinsville, Day 3: Owl Harbor, Day 4: Locke, Day 5: Sacramento

**2023 September 27 - October 1 (5 days)**

CRONIN, HUGHES

Jon Bielinski, Julia Hechanova, Callen Taylor, Kal Kini-Davis, John Thorpe, Nanda Palmieri, Pete Strietmann

Callen rowed from SF to Collinsville, Kal switched in from Collinsville to Sacramento. Day 1: Pt. San Pablo, Day 2: Collinsville, Day 3: Snug Harbor, Day 4: Freeport, Day 5: Sacramento

**2024 November 7 - 11**

HUGHES

Jon Bielinski, John Thorpe, Nanda Palmieri

Day 1: Benicia, Day 2: Collinsville, Day 3: Snug Harbor, Day 4: Freeport, Day 5: Sacramento