



- 1007 Point Pinole Mile 14 grease oarlocks for the 1st time. Overcome with fervor to press on with full steady pulls and heartfelt thanks on rapid fire position changes by JB himself.
- 1015 Shift change. San Pablo (Bay) is like one vast peaceful lake — couldn't ask for a better day or a better crew.
- 1039 Burrito madness and love incantations. Judy's hand in marriage is proposed by single-minded men.
- 1045 Sailboats motoring - Where the hell is Benicia? (Mile 26)
- 1120 Davis Point Mile 20. Passed the SS COAST RANGE at dock.
- 1204 Benicia City Wharf ruins in sight as FARRELL flies by!
- 1226 Benicia. Payne Bros. try to cool off by jumping in only to find the water uncomfortably tepid. Grease oarlocks and seats in desert like heat.
- 1300 Underway. Water unseasonably calm, flat and hot. Much discussion of cooler climes. PDX to be exact. Beers are setting in as we stroke in unison.
- 1335 Under the cool shade briefly of each of the Martinez bridges.
- 1351 CRONIN pulls ahead.
- 1400 Green buoy "7" at north end of Bulls Head Channel Mile 28.5.
- 1445 Corona opened.
- 1451 Sierra Nevada opened.
- 1453 Sierra Nevada gone.
- 1454 Still hot.
- 1532 Red buoy "24". Mile 34. Entrance to Honker Bay.
- 1544 It's really hot now. Convergence of the fleet with the SS CABO S. LUCAS underway, with hawser to tug under full power pulling hard astern! What's going on? The ship calls Vessel Traffic with, "Five rowboats with low freeboard spotted in the channel....better give other vessels a 'slow bell'".
- 1549 HUGHES is left in the wake of all.
- 1727 Entering mouth of River pulling ahead of huge brown hills. Mile 42.
- 1750 Fig newtons and beer — that's the ticket to power stroking.
- 1830 Temperature is down. Gentle and soothing breeze. Spirits are high as Marker 11 and Mile 44 slide out of view.
- 1900 Impunity couples with brute force. We raise the L.L. Bean gortex spinnaker, harnessing nature's power. Pacing SPECTRE crew speed demons
- 2000 Mile 52.5. Rio Vista greets us with Silva's Catering and nearly 100 pieces of chicken, tortellini, fritatta as good as Cecco's and a magnum of Ken's home made Cabernet. What enthusiastic service by Deborah's family!
- 2100 Steve and the Payne Bros. take

pulls on Jack Daniels rather than oars in the shadow of stuffed endangered species at Bucks.

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- 0315 Chattering locals awaken us from a row induced stupor.
- 0942 Underway to Courtland. 90° ! CRONIN (Team Zest) off and running. VIKING and CRONIN slapping oars. Crews are refreshed, fed and now in the groove. How long will this last is the question.
- 1020 Linda and Dave race the car ferry.
- 1027 HUGHES aground as a scientific test of depth at marker 37. Oar blade samplings will be sent to Corps of Engineers.
- 1125 Did a "Power 10" for JB; waited 'till he motored away and popped beer #1 of the day — pacing is of the essence.
- 1137 Riding the wild surf with Judy in powerboats' wake. Mt. Diablo following on port quarter with C-5's touch and go, banking left.
- 1140 Red Day Marker 50, Miner Slough entrance. HUGHES spends fleets time by constructing awnings for invaluable shade then foments resentment from other crews while provocatively being towed by SPECTRE.
- 1330 Mile 61 Pistol packin' Jack wields a welcome to the Dolphin Club. VIKING / Venetian Gondoliers and FARRELL under full steam now, have transformed into Team Hades and Apocalypse Now. Eric's thermometer pegs out at 115°F!!! Ken's shoe melts and separates from the sole. Paul's pen has bonded shut to the cap. SPECTRE'S motor calls it quits.
- 1522 Mile 65. Tension peaks in Sutter Slough. Homicide possible. VIKING, and FARRELL, stop for a prescribed swim and cooling off break. The

