

## **SAS Tour and Webinar**

### ***“Old Sacramento Waterfront Archaeology Tour”***

On Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> John Foster gave a Zoom preview of the Old Sacramento Waterfront tour. He reviewed the history of the Gold Rush Era as it related to Sacramento and the Sacramento River. For example in 1851 thirty-three sailing vessels were moored between today's two bridges at Old Town. Many of these ships were converted to storage ships. They never sailed away. Many sunk in place. John was fortunate to be part of a diving team to investigate one of these ships, the Sterling.

Then on April 2, eighteen members of SAS met on the dock for the Delta King, Foot of K Street in Old Sacramento. For a couple hours John took the group back in time. He told stories about the gold rush days, the Sacramento River and the vessels that brought the gold seekers. He particularly described the underwater archaeology that was associated with two vessels: the Sterling and the LaGrange. Both are still resting on the bottom of the Sacramento River at Old Sacramento wharf but we know more about them because of the underwater excavations.



John Foster describing “Gold Rush Days” on the Sacramento River Photo by J. Johansen



The Foster notch – The *La Grange* is entombed below. Photo by J. Johansen