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On behalf of Mexico Tourism, we hope to welcome you soon, and share with you the magnificence that Mexico has to offer.

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If you're reading this, you are probably participating in the 22nd annual Baja Ha-Ha cruisers rally — and by doing so, you've escaped from the rat race, at least temporarily. So, congratulations!

The Rally Committee produced this "Meet the Fleet" program as a memento of a bold adventure. If you are like most participants from years past, it will serve as both a souvenir and a resource for getting acquainted with other fleet members. We suggest that you keep it handy so you can read about the boats and crews you'll see out on the ocean during your voyage to the Cape, and later, in anchorages and marinas.

The mini-bios included here were first published in **Latitude 38** magazine, the Baja Ha-Ha's founding sponsor, and are used here with permission.

The **Latitude** staff joins the Rally Committee in wishing every participant a safe and fun-filled voyage through the sunny latitudes of Mexico. And the editors encourage you to keep in touch as you wend your way farther down the Central American coast or around the world, so that future cruisers can learn from your experiences. (Email: *richard@latitude38.com* or *andy@latitude38.com* or write to: Latitude Editorial, 15 Locust Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941.)

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## CRUISIN' TO THE CAPE

Sailing from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas is almost always a pleasurable cruise, what with wind, swell and current all nudging you south into the sunny latitudes of Mexico. But the 22nd Baja Ha-Ha rally might be particularly sweet.

As a special gift sent from the heavens, a full moon will greet watch-standers during the first few nights of the 750mile trip, thus easing the anxieties of the first-timers. But the final night will be almost moonless, revealing a spellbinding sky twinkling with a gazillion stars. Add to that the fact that water along the way will be warmer than ever, thanks to El Niño, so fishing and swimming will be better much farther north than usual.

Although nearly 140 boats — of all types and sizes — registered this year, for whatever reason the 2015 fleet is roughly 15% smaller than the norm. But that's not necessarily a bad thing. Smaller fleets tend to be a bit more intimate; that is, crews get to know each other a bit more easily, and daily roll calls will be shorter. Plus, there will be less competition for slips in Cabo Marina.

One thing that remains from year to year, though, is that each Ha-Ha fleet is composed of a fascinating mix of sailors from wildly diverse backgrounds. You'll see what we mean as you're introduced in these pages to the Baja Ha-Ha Class of 2015. (*Presented here in alphabetical* order.)

#### \*A Volonté — F/P 42 Catamaran Barnabas Martonffy & Aurelie 'Frenchy' Delecourt

Barnabas, the 71-year-old CEO of a textile company, will be sailing with his wife 'Frenchy', a 30-year-old Reiki master, and Lila, their two-year-old daughter. Barnabas has been sailing since he was 12, and has owned the catamaran



for six years. "Our ultimate destination is the Bahamas," he says, "although we have no experience sailing outside of the United States.

'A Volante'

It's going to be interesting to see how our two-year-old does." (White sails only.)

#### Aerie — Cal 46 Mk III Bob Staniec, Los Angeles

Bob, a 65-year-old contractor, will be sailing with his 61-year-old brother Jim, also an active contractor, and daughter Erin Grayson, 45, a teacher.

"We're finally off to Mexico, a decade behind schedule," says Bob. "But we'll stay until spring before we Bash back. We like the Ha-Ha because among other things, it gives us a drop-dead date to take off."

"For what it's worth, *Latitude* has reported that more Cal 46s have circumnavigated than any other type of boat."

#### \*Agamere — Hylas 47 Niko & Morgan Rohrback Bainbridge Island, WA

Niko, 40-year-old hydrogeologist/ contractor, and Morgan, his business executive wife, will be joined by Don Roose, Morgan's father; Dwayne Meadows, a fisheries policy advisor; and Laura Meadows, a veterinarian. Wait, we can't forget the Rohrback kids — Simi, 10, Maggie, 7, and William, 5.

"The kids will be doing most of the sailing, cooking, and cleaning," jokes Niko, who has been sailing since he was a kid. "We're taking a year sabbatical for the aquatic life and are looking forward to meeting other 'kid boats' on the Ha-Ha. After some time in the Sea of Cortez, we'll head either right or left."

#### Ahelani — Outbound 46 Steve Stanley & Patricia Stanley Santa Barbara

Steve is a 56-year-old musician/sailing instructor while Patricia is a project manager. They have been sailing since the 1970s. "We bought *Ahelani* before selling the boats we each owned when we were single. Then we got married in 2011. After the Ha-Ha we'll sail up to La Paz, then slowly work our way down to the Puerto Vallarta area. We'll then keep the boat there for a season or two."

#### Alobari — Island Packet 37 Joel Ungar — Santa Barbara

The 76-year-old lawyer will be joined by his 44-year-old son Jonathan, a systems engineer, and friend Mark Downing, 66, a facilitator. Joel started sailing 30 years ago and has owned *Alobar* for 10 years. "She knows the way to Cabo and is chomping at the bit. I think the Ha-Ha will be an enjoyable way to introduce my son to bluewater cruising, and to start a new travel adventure. My post-Ha-Ha plans include Panama, but I'm not sure after that."

Amador — Hunter 380 Matt Brown — Sutter Creek The 59-year-old Matt is a contractor who installs artificial turf on athletic fields. His crew will be Bruce Goman, 61, who is a contractor. "I started sailing on San Francisco Bay with my dad when I was five-years old," says Bill. "My children are grown and my business is on hold, so this is my time to go. This is something that I've wanted to do for 15 years. I don't really have a plan other than to just enjoy the Sea of Cortez and the rest of Mexico." (White sails only.)

#### Anakenal — Corbin 39 Bill Schmid & Debbie McClure Everett, WA

Bill, 64, a retired yacht repairman and outfitter, and Debbie, a retired dental administrator, will be joined by Tom

Schmid, 61, who is retired f r o m building boats and houses.

"I started sailing 11 years ago and



'Anakena'

have owned *Anakena* for nine years. I'm nine years into my five-year plan, and am excited to get going and travel with my girlfriend and a group of like-minded people. After the Ha-Ha I plan to do the Pacific Puddle Jump."

#### Antoinette — Cal 34 Frank Connors — Sausalito

The 66-year-old retired builder will be sailing with his brother Chris, a boat captain who has done a number of Ha-Ha's, and friend Michael Robertori, a friend who owns a store. "I bought *Antoinettel* 15 years ago for just \$8,000, which is proof that you can have a great boat on a budget," says Frank, who has been sailing since 1958. My wife will join me in Puerto Vallarta, and we'll continue south. Depending on how things go, we might want to step up to a larger boat. But the way I see it, the Ha-Ha is a way to make a person's life richer."

#### Atsa — Tayana 48DS Hartley Gardner & Lesley Johnson Phoenix, AZ

Hartley, a 63-year-old retired engineer, and Lesley, a retired MD, have been sailing for 52 and 42 years respectively, and recently did a Ha-Ha tune-up in the SoCal Ta-Ta. "Most of our sailing friends have already done the Ha-Ha, and with Lesley now retired, it's our turn to begin our retirement cruise. The Ha-Ha has been on our 'to do' list for a loooooong

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time," they say. "We'll be staying in Mexico for at least the winter. After that, who knows, but we probably won't be returning to California."

#### \*August Dream, Too — Jeanneau 439 Mike Breider & Cindy Breider San Diego

The 62-year-old retired veterinarian and his "not-retired" homemaker wife Cindy have their 12-year-old daughter Annabelle along as crew, as well as Doug Gross, 60, who is a financial adviser, and physician Mark McMurray, also 60. *August Dream, Too* is a new boat for the couple, as they only bought her on August 7 this year. "We like the idea of the Ha-Ha because of the company of other sailors and the safety in numbers. Our boat should be relatively well equipped, quick on the water, and comfortable for us and our friends. After a winter in Mexico, we plan to sail/motor home in March."

#### Aurora Sky — Dehler 41C Al Galpin — Anacortes, WA

The 64-year-old retired HVAC manufacturer will have his brother Greg, a retired 64-year-old engineer, and Kian Kjargaard, a still-working 49-year-old highway construction worker along as crew. Having been sailing for nearly 40 years, Al has owned four boats and his current one for four years. "I'm looking to have fun sailing down the coast of Baja with everyone, and will have a 'freeloader skeleton passenger' — whatever that means — along. After a year or two in Mexico, my goal is the Caribbean."

#### Avalon — Dufour 375 Andy Spisak — Long Beach

The 68-year-old retired IT business analyst will be joined by 'Hippy' Gomez, a 72-year-old retired fighter pilot; Mike Maronta, a retired 68-year-old petroleum engineer; Gerd Roesner, a 67-year-old retired master electricican; and Arnie Wilenken, a technical engineer. "We are qualified and proficient," says Andy, "as my #1 skippered a Tayana 60 from Long Beach to Australia, two are master electricians, and one is a mechanical engineer. Better yet, we have a collective 125 years of sailing experience and have been sailing together for 10 years. I've been waiting to get back to the Sea of Cortez for several years."

\*Banyan — Mason 43 Cameron and Anne Vawter — Napa Cameron, 41, and Anne, 36 are both winemakers. They'll be sailing as a family, with 'Ladybug', 8, Isa, 6, and Kimberly Vawter, who is the assistant principal / dean of students at Valor Academy.

"The Ha-Ha will be Leg One of what we plan to be a five-year family circumnavigation. We left the Bay Area in May, excited to get south to warmer weather. We finally pulled into Morro Bay, and after spending



nine days there, decided there wasn't any rush and that we should enjoy southern California and then do the Ha-Ha. As you might expect, we're eager to met up with other 'kid boats'. We'll eventually head home via the South Africa and the Baltic."

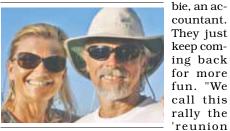
#### \*Baywolfi— Santa Cruz 50 Kirk Miller & Sachi Itagaki Sausalito

Kirk, a 54-year-old charter captain, and 'Sachi', a still active civil/environmental engineer, will be sailing with their daughters 'Miya', 17, and 'Romi', 15, both of whom are students.

We saw a photo of our boat in a recent *Latitude* from the first time we did a Ha-Ha, and that reminded us how much fun we had. This will be the third Ha-Ha for Miya. We've owned *Baywolf* for eight years and love her. After the Ha-Ha we'll Bash home."

#### Beach Access — Lagoon 380 Glenn Twitchell & Debbie Jahn Newport Beach

This will be the sixth Ha-Ha for both Glenn, 59, an electrician, and Deb-



'Beach Access'

because once a year we get to see people

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that we only see on the Ha-Ha." Additional crew on *Beach Access* will be Paul Ludgate and Morgan Buckingham.

#### Bella Jean — Sabre 40 Joe Keenan, Alameda

Joe, who's a 74-year-old former attorney, is a veteran of the 2008 rally. This year, he'll be joined by his sons, Joe Jr., 50, a stockbroker, and Theodore, 46, a systems analyst, plus retired attorney Bruce Munro. Joe Sr. has done three Transpacs and three Alaska cruises, but on the Ha-Ha he and the boys will be operating under "LPYR" — the Low Pressure Yacht Racing Rule.

#### Bella Luna — Catalina 36 Stephen & Lynne Smith, Stockton

Stephen, a 60-ytear-old retired painter, and Lynn, his retired patient-service rep wife, will be joined by Richard Smith, 58, who is still in the military. Stephen, who has been sailing for 30 years, and Lynne, who has been sailing for five years, say they'll be 'living the dream' by doing the Ha-Ha and cruising in Mexico. "We finally decided to stop dreaming and to do it. An impetus was helping friends get their boat to San Diego for the start of the 2010 Ha-Ha, and later participating in Sea of Cortez Sailing Week. We've been waiting to get back ever since, and we expect to spend a year between the Sea and the mainland."

#### Bluebird — Mirror Offshore 27 Thomas Carr, Santa Cruz

The 74-year-old Thomas is retired from marine metal fabrication, and will have Sasha Newland and Nguyen Vuong, both in their 30s, as crew. Thomas has been sailing since 1949 and has owned his 27-footer for 15 years. "I'm going to love revisiting the Baja coast with likeminded sailors. Since my boat is one of the smallest, I'll be able to trailer her home."

#### Brainwaves — J/35c Jim Brainard & Deb Ehler San Francisco

Jim, 66, and Deb are both retired, His passion for sailing started at age 7 on Lake Michigan aboard a Lightning. Deb started much later when Jim's passion for a Laser rubbed off on her. "Our brainwaves are set to rocking down the coast with lots of other fun sailors. Our J/35C is hull #1 of her type. She did the Pacific Cup twice, but is now in criusing mode. The Ha-Ha will be our experiment in living aboard. We've thought about doing the Ha-Ha for years, but it was



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## CRUISIN' TO THE CAPE

former *Latitude* editor LaDonna Bubak who convinced us we should do it at least once. We have no plans after the Ha-Ha."

#### C'est Si Bon — Beneteau 46 Perry & Patty Chrisler Scottsdale, AZ

The still-working 65-year-old communications broker and his wife Patty, an occupational therapist "knew when



we bought our boat t h r e e years ago that we wanted to start our five year float plan with the Ha-Ha.

'C'est Si Bon'

Life is not a dress rehersal, so we may come back to San Diego in May, or we may continue south." Perry started sailing in the Boy Scouts. (White sails only.)

#### Callisti — Waterline 50 Roland & Rebecca Thiel Vancouver, BC

Roland, a 60-year-old retired electrical contractor, his wife Rebecca, and their 33-year-old ER nurse daughter are back for another Ha-Ha. "We did the 2012 Ha-Ha with our Sceptre 43, but we loved it and Mexico so much that we decided to sell our boat to buy a 50-footer and cruise in more comfort. The difference between last time and this time is that this is my 60th year adventure, and we're not coming home!"

#### Carmanah — C&C 43 John & Donna DeMeyer Bainbridge Island, WA

The 59 year-old retired recreational director and Donna, his retired school counselor wife, will have friends Mike Currie, a still-working project manager, and Robert Hubert, a retired school counselor, as crew. Wait, there are two more — Peggy Connolly a business owner, and Bob Morton. It's going to be a crowded boat.

"*Carmanah*was built by C&C in 1971 and was originally raced competitively. At the time she was considered to be a big boat. We bought her 10 years ago and took her home for an extensive rebuild in a really big tent. Upgrades include a scoop transom, new engine, hard dodger, hard bimini, and reworking just about everything else.

"We love sailing in the Pacific Northwest, but sailing down the coast and joining the Ha-Ha with good friends should be a wonderful beginning to our new life of full-time cruising. We'll spend at least one full season in Mexico."

#### Carthago — Beneteau 423 Jose Castello & Gina Harris San Francisco

The theme song to this entry could be *Because They're Young.* Jose, 27, is a still active networking sales rep, while his girlfriend Gina is a marketing manager. Suffering from a "quarter-life crisis" the duo say they are ready to have a little fun. "Our boat has sailed from France to Australia to Singapore and back to California, so we know she's tough. Now we'll find out if we're as tough. We've known for awhile that we wanted to go cruising, and the Ha-Ha forced us to commit to a plan and a date. After time in Mexico, we plan to continue with the Pacific Puddle Jump."

#### Catatude — Lagoon 42 Tom Wurfl & Helen Downs San Diego

The 65-year-old retired-for-one-week contractor and his wife Helen, a retired software implementation tech, have owned their catamaran for 15 years and

have cruised her in Mexico before. "Having owned her for so long, we know her intimately and that she's a great fit for us — simple, fun, comfortable and nearly effortless sailing.

"We did the wedding and the grandkids thing, so we're

thing, so we're <u>'Catatude'</u> going to start having some sailing fun. The Ha-Ha gives us a firm date to shove off. We don't know if we'll go beyond Mexico or not because we have no plans."

#### \*Cielo Grande — Skye 51 Nicholas & Kristin Curtis Laguna Beach

Nick, a 37-year-old builder, and his wife Kristin, who still works as a teacher, will be cruising as a family. Their children are Finn Curtis, 5, and Lillian, 3. They will also have one or two crew.

"We started sailing 25 years ago, but have only owned *Cielo Grande* for six months. But we're pumped to get cruising as a family."

#### Concordia — Columbia 41 Craig & Janet Shelton, San Diego

Craig, a 64-year-old still-working landscape developer, and his wife Janet, who is retired from advertising sales, will have Dave Carreron, a 56-year-old busi-

ness owner, and his wife Mimi, along as crew.

"We've owned our centercockpit *Concordia* for years, so we know



'Concordia'

she's a sturdy old lady. We like the idea of the Ha-Ha because we can have fun with others in the group. We plan on leaving our boat in La Paz for a long time." (White sails only.)

#### Crescendo — Norseman 447 Mark Lazar, Brisbane

The still-working 55-year-old business technologist and his daughter Megan, a bartender, will be joined by Daniel Valencia, 25, a fellow bartender, and Natalie Chou, who is into technology marketing and sailboat racing. Mark has been sailing for over 40 years, but has owned Crescendo for only six months. "My challenge is going to be convincing a crew of racers that a rally is really a cruise, as the Ha-Ha is the start of a new cruising lifestyle for me. The boat should be ready, as I've been updating her since I bought her in February. The Ha-Ha has always been my target to start my oneyear or more cruise."

#### Dancy — Kelly Peterson 44 Dwain & Nancy Lentz, Tempe, AZ

The still-working 58-year-old HVAC contractor and his still-working medical lab manager wife will be joined by Rick Smith, an airline captain, and Pam Smith.

"Dancy did the 2003 Ha-Ha as Angelita. I bought her after she returned home and have pretty much been refitting her ever since. Now it's time to go sailing. I'm going to leave the boat in La Paz and try some 'commuter cruising'. After a year or so, I'll either Bash home or move her to San Carlos and commute from not-too-distant Arizona."

#### Del Viento — Colvin Tamarack 34-ft Schooner, Mark & Susan Hall Stockton



## ВАЈА НА-НА ХХП

Mark, a 68-year-old retired Episcopal priest, and Susan, a retired RN, report that "it's time to take the pirate ship south". She's been there before, as her previous owner lived aboard her in Mexico from 1982 to 1999. "After some time in Mexico, we'll sail back north. Unless, of course, we decide to do the Pacific Puddle Jump." (White sails only.)

#### Distant Drum - Idylle 15.50 Harry Hazzard, San Diego

The 66-year-old Information systems tech will be sailing south with Mike



Mendzat, a 54-year-old graphics designer, Nancy Lechner, an educator, and Katie Wohlstat, a nurse.

Hazzard has owned the classic-looking Frers design for 10 years, and if we're not mistaken, has done every

'Distant Drum'

Ha-Ha since, putting Distant Drum second to only the mothership Profligate in Ha-Ha's sailed.

Harry is looking for good attitude and adventure, so plans on continuing down to El Salvador.

#### Drama — Beneteau 44 Bob Irby, Sausalito

Old Guys Rule! Bob, a 74-year-old who used to do marketing for Dell, will be sailing with friends Ted Jacobson, 74, an insurance agent, and Brian Jewell, 66, a still-active software engineer. Bob has owned the Beneteau, a former charter boat in the Caribbean, for 25 years. (White sails only.)

#### Ecco Bella – Island Packet 350 **Richard & Margaret Ciolino** Santa Barbara

"Es ahore o nunca!" (It's now or never.) Richard, a retired 74-year-old engineer, and his wife 'Peggy', a retired teacher, will be joined by their friend Doug Pilk-

ington, a 66-yearold textiler and property manager.



in the ICW and Caribbean, her previous owner began five years of cruising in Mexico with the 2006 Ha-Ha. We are looking for a Mexican reprise. We plan to

cruise the Sea and the Mexican mainland until April or May, then Bash or truck the boat back north." (White sails only.)

#### Elixir II — Islander 40 G. Frank Nin & Leslie Honey **Brookings**, OR

The 63-year-old retired systems operator will be sailing south with his wife Leslie, who is a pharmacist, plus Hugh Talman, a 66-year-old Environmental Engineer, Don Wight, a 66-year-old retired executive, and Don's wife Katie.

*Elixir II* is a Doug Peterson-designed Islander 40, not to be confused with the Islander Freeport 41 ketch.

G. Frank, who started sailing at age 18, plans to "stay in Mexico for awhile."

#### Ellie — Ericson 30 Tom & Barbara Dilworth, San Diego

Tom, a retired 67-year-old woodworker, and Barbara, a retired teacher, will be sailing one of the smaller boats in the fleet. but based on their experience, they

know you don't need a big boat to go cruising.

We sailed to Hawaii and British Columbia for our honeymoon in 1976," the couple report. "And we owned a 47ft cutter in the



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1980s and 1990s. We've downsized to our Ericson 30, which we have totally rebuilt inside and out. Ellie is our smallest — and favorite — boat yet. This trip could be considered our second honeymoon. We plan to sail to the East Coast, then maybe ship her back so we can do Alaska in a couple of years.

#### Fife Dream — Islander Freeport 36 Mark Diederich, San Diego

A 67-year-old retired teacher, Mark will be sailing with three friends: Jim Corti, a still-working 63-year-old pipe fitter; Darwin Southard, who is 66 and retired; and Lee Louft, a 62-year-old retired electronic engineer.

Mark started sailing in 1972, and the Islander Freeport, which he's owned for five years, is his third boat. He'll be carrying a Whitehall dinghy on davits.

#### Finte — Skarpsno 44 Jeff Holt & Mary Smith Port Townsend, WA

Jeff, 66, is a retired utility engineer, while his wife Mary is a retired utility manager. Brian Duke, a retired school principal, will be their crew.

Jeff and Mary are experienced sailors, having done a Seattle-to-New Zealand round trip in a 33-ft boat back in the mid-1980s. But with their current 44-ft boat displacing 27 tons, they wonder how much wind it will take to get her moving. In any event, they plan to take her through the Canal and up the East Coast. (White sails only.)

#### First Date — Beneteau Oceanis 38 David Hahn, San Diego

Still active in sales, the 53-year-old Dave will have at least three crew: Jeffery Gemmel, a self-employed 47-yearold; 'Javi' Ximenez, a self-employed 45-year-old; and Steve 'Cheese' Sanchez, a 60-year-old retired from sales. "I may have two more crew coming."

Although Dave has been sailing since 1975 and this is his third boat, he's only owned her for five months. "She's got twin rudders but no forward bulkhead," he says. After the Ha-Ha, he plans on going up to La Paz, then sailing south to Panama and perhaps beyond.

#### Freedom Rider IVI — Fantasia 35 Dave Calhoun, Alameda

"Having done the 2009 Ha-Ha," says Dave, who is 63 and retired, "all I can say is that 'it's a rally so nice I have to do it twice.' His crew is Marck Reschenberg, 63, retired.

Although Dave has owned four boats, he's only owned Freedom Rider for a couple of months. "I plan on spending the winter in Mexico, but the boat will stay longer to become my winter home." (White sails only.)

#### Gettin Knotty — Ericson 38-200 Andrew Davis, Marina Del Rey

The 35-year-old Andrew and his 27year-old girlfriend Emily Trusty report that they are "avid nudists and plan to do the entire Ha-Ha naked - weather permitting.

"I've been wanting to do the Ha-Ha for a couple of years now," he says, "and now that I have a capable boat, I decided to walk the walk as well as talk the talk. But he doesn't know what he'll do after the Ha-Ha — "Bash back, sail to Panama, or do the Puddle Jump." There are so many options when you own a boat.

Bad news: "When I said we were avid nudists, I was just kidding, so please, no transom-huggers."

Girl Four — Beneteau 473 Tom & Emily Martinez, Seattle, WA Tom. 66. a retired construction man-



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ager, who has been sailing since the 1960s, and his wife Emily, who has been sailing since the 1980s, will be assisted by friends Tom Funk and Liz Rowbottom.

"We're doing the Ha-Ha because of the daily nets, because we believe there is a certain amount of safety in numbers, and because the event is a great way to meet lots of other cruisers. All in all, it's a perfect way for to ease back into sailing. After the Ha-Ha we'll be Bashing back."

#### Gratitude — Hylas 46 Martin Eggenberger & Nina Lesowitz Oakland

The 44-year-old enterprise architect and his wife Nina, an author, will be sailing with two as-yet-to-be-determined crew. The unusual thing about their boat is that she had rarely been in saltwater



before they b r o u g h t her to San Francisco in 2013.

"We like the idea of a 'no pressure, no problem' rally right in

'Gratitude'

our backyard," they say, "and in doing the Ha-Ha, we'll be fulfilling a lifelong dream. After the Ha-Ha we'll Bash back north."

#### Gypsed — Ericson 38-200 Gary & Patricia Phillips Sausalito

Gary, a 64-year-old still-working general contractor, wiill be joined by his wife Pat, a business owner; Chris Viering, 63, a construction manager; and Johnny Yoder, 59, a general contractor.

Although Gary has been sailing since 1978 and owned four boats, he's only owned the Ericson for two years. "But given her age, she's in incredible condition." She's one of two Ericson 38s in this year's Ha-Ha.

"I love sailing and I love Mexico," continues Gary, "so doing the Ha-Ha is a natural. After the event, we'll head up to my nephew's house in Loreto, explore the Sea, and possibly go over to the mainland. Once we're done with that, we'll probably Bash back in June."

#### Honu — Island Packet 38 Mike & Judy Sawyer, San Francisco

Mike, 67, who is retired from IT, and his wife Judy, who is retired from work in a medical laboratory, will be sailing with Rich Jepsen, the 59-year-old *jefe* 

#### of OCSC in Berkeley.

While Mike has sailed since 1975, this is the first larger boat that he and Judy have owned, and they've only owned her for two years. "The boat has sailed more

miles than we have," says Mike.

" W i t h impending old age and the need for warm water, it's our time to head south," continues Mike.



"Our post-rally plan is for our boat to become our home in Mexico."

#### Hotel California — Catalina 375 Michael Stafford, San Francisco

Michael, a 73-year-old vet, will have a crew of three: Rich 'Chopper' Brazil, 58, who works in sales; Linda Brazil, a foster coordinator; and Juan Steve, 54, who owns a gym.

"We are repeat offenders," says, Michael. "*Hotel California* is the only boat we've ever owned, and we've owned her for seven years. We'll Bash home after the Ha-Ha, but only when the weather is good." (While sails only.)

#### Huzzah — Jeanneau 45.2 Gerry & Jody Gilbert, Gig Harbor, WA

Gerry, a 58-year-old retired HR manager, will be sailing with his wife Jody, a retired school teacher, and a crew of three: Ken Slattery, 63, an ecology manager; Rosalie Thomas, a retired psychologist; and Don Cox, a pharmacist.

"We spent four years doing a complete refit, including getting rid of the furling main in favor of a full-batten main. We tried to make last year's Ha-Ha, but life got in the way. So we're going to do this Ha-Ha and the 2016 Pacific Puddle Jump. 'Let's cast off and get going,' we say, 'because if it's going to happen, it's going to happen out there.""

#### Idle Dreams — Westsail 32 Pete Shaner, Coronado

Pete, 57, is retired military, and will be sailing with Victoria Mature, his fiancee. Pete has been sailing since 1976, but has only owned his Westsail, which is his third boat, for 10 months. "She's an oldie but a goodie, having been built the year that I entered the Navy.

"Pull that thing. Pull that other thing. Sail faster." Pete quotes from the movie *The Princess Bride*, apparently explaining how he'll help Victoria learn to sail.

After a few months in Mexico following the Ha-Ha, the couple will Bash back north.

#### Illusion — Lancer 37 Allen & Patricia Bonnifield Stockton

Allen is retired — as all 82-year-olds should be. His wife Patricia is a business owner/manager who is still working.

"We've been flying privately to Mexico for more than 20 years, during which time we have admired the many beautiful anchorages from the air," says Allen. "We're looking forward to visiting them on our boat. We've been planning this boat trip south for several years, and the Ha-Ha gave us a committed date. Once the boat gets to Mexico, we'll keep her there."

#### Impossible — Bruce Roberts 53G Scott & Jan Hamilton Juneau, AK

The 55-year-old Scott, now retired, is an Unlimited Master in the merchant marine. Jan is a homemaker, and as we all know, homemakers never get to retire. Doug, Scott's brother, a 57-yearold contractor. will be along as crew.

"Our cruise started in Seward, Alaska, in September of last year aboard our 63-year-old wooden cutter," says Scott. "By the time we reached Seattle, the crew had mutinied over living conditions and had filed grievances with all coastal maritime unions. Through forced arbitration, the beloved cutter that I had owned for 10 years was sold in order that we could

buy Impossible and start living the 'Impossible Lifestayle'.

"We entered the Ha-Ha," admits Scott, "so my wife would have other



'Impossible'

people to meet and talk to while I worked on the boat. After the Ha-Ha we plan to head toward Panama rather than returning home."

#### Intermezzo — Leopard 39 Stephen Cox & Renee Duffer Sonoma

The 54-year-old executive and his partner Renee Duffer will be doublehanding their Leopard catamaran.

"Intermezzo means a performance, often comedic, between the main acts of a

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play or opera," explains Stephen. "That's pretty much what we're doing, taking a fun break between the main acts of our lives. The Ha-Ha should be a highlight of the early stages of our two-year voyage to the Bahamas. We're looking forward to meeting other criusers heading in the same direction as us."

#### •Intrepid — Islander 36 Timothy Brill, Reno, NV

Time, a 55-year-old pilot who is still flying, will have his two children along as crew. They are Alexander, 18, a studen, and Nathan, 15, also a student.

Intrepid is the Islander 36 that Zac Sunderland sailed around the world in 2008/2009 when he was just 17. Timothy,



'Intrepid'

who learned \_\_\_\_\_\_

years ago, philosophizes: "If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space," He plans to spend the winter in Baja.

#### *Iris* — Catalina 36 Mk II Frank Hydoski, San Diego

Frank, a 71-year-old retired consultant, will be sailing south with his friend Dennis Cramer, a property manager, and two others, possibly a professioal sailor who has done the Ha-Ha before.

"I have long wanted to make a longer passage," says Frank, "and the Ha-Ha seems like the perfect entry-level event to do that. I've sailed around the clock from San Francisco to San Diego, and think this could be twice the fun.

"I named my boat Iris in honor of Iris Murdoch, the English philosopher and novelist who loves the sea and swimming. And because I wanted a name that somehow connotes the color blue.

"After the Ha-Ha we'll sail up to La Paz and enjoy the Sea of Cortez before heading back to San Diego in the spring.

#### Jacquot-Bateau — Irwin 38 Jacques Lorch, Long Beach

Jacques, 69, a retired general contractor, will be sailing south with three friends: Don McLennan, a 58-year-old retired tech consultant; Kevin Bicknell, a 62-year-old property manager; and Laura McLenna, an attorney.

"I did the Ha-Ha last year as crew and really enjoyed it," says Jacques, "so I decided to do it with my own boat this year. After all, I retired a year ago, so I don't have to be at work in the morning.

"Jacquot-Bateau is my fourth boat, but I've owned her for 11 years. I'm not sure what I'm going to do after the Ha-Ha, because like I said, I don't have to work in the morning." (White sails only.)

#### Jean Butler — Cape Dory 36 David Columbus, Portland, OR

The 45-year-old is in real estate, while Grant Davis, a 40-year-old server and David's domestic partner, will be doublehanding with him.

"I started sailing when I was five," says David, "and I named my boat after my grandmother, who enabled me to sail for three years while I was in my 20s. Family members hoped that the three years would get sailing our of my system. Oops!

"The Ha-Ha will be the start of our one-year sabbatical. Our general idea is to explore the Pacific Coast of Mexico and end up in the Sea of Cortez by next July. We'll most likely leave the boat somewhere in the Sea for further adventuring, and possibly doing the Pacific Puddle Jump in 2017."

#### Journey — Island Packet 37 Robert Sievertsen, Seattle, WA

Rob, 68, is retired from the bulding industry, while his lady Gerri Mckiernan is a retired clinical social worker.

"We see the Ha-Ha as a great way to begin an incredible adventure to the Sea of Cortez. We like the idea of the Ha-Ha because we'll be meeting others who share the same dream."

The Island Packet 37 is Rob's fourth boat, and he's owned her for four years.

#### Joy — Royal Passport 43 Jeff Stansfield, Ventura

Jeff is a 65-year-old retired firefighter who will be doublehanding with his friend Scott Nordeng, who works in a sail loft.

"The Island Packet is my fourth boat and I've owned her for eight years. When I asked if my boat could be described as a 'cutter' because of her inner forestay, my crew scolded me and told me to read his book. 'You have a sloop rig with a removeable inner forestay' he told me.

"I hadn't planned on going south until January, but when I started thinking of going earlier, signing up for the Ha-Ha became a natural. I'm really looking forward to being part of the group."

"My plans after Cabo are La Cruz and Barra on the mainland, then La Paz, L.A. Bay, the Sea of Cortez, then the Bash north in June next year."

#### Kailani — Corsair F-31 Bryan & Patti Martin, Santa Cruz

Bryan, 60, is a builder, while Patti, his wife, is an RN. Their crew will be therapist Nancy Virostko.

"We're still working," advises Bryan, "so we're only able to do the Ha-Ha this year because all of the 'work stars' lined up for once.

"The most interesting thing about our trimaran, which is our fourth boat and which we've owned for 10 years, is that she folds together. That means her 22'6: beam narrows to about 8'6" in 10 minutes, and in about four hours she can be ready to be driven home. So no, we won't be doing the Bash."

#### Kailani — Hunter 410 Douglas & Mary Degange, San Diego

Doug is a 60-year-old retired computer programmer who will be doublehanding with his wife Mary, a retired administrator.

"We're retired, not tired," jokes Doug, "so we're ready for fun under the Mexican sun. Our Hunter 410 spent 11 years in Mexico before we bought her 10 months ago, so we're

looking forward to following in her previous wake — and some more westerly destinations in the future. The Ha-Ha



'Kailani'

and Mexico will be our kickoff to the cruising life, so we are very excited. We love sailing offshore."

After the couple's time in Mexico, they plan to Bash back via remote Guadalupe Island. (White sails only.)

#### Kanaloa — Rhodes Motorsailer 64.3 Richard Alexander, Boston, MA

The 66-year-old retired Navy captain and active lawyer will be sailing with his wife Katherine, a retired banker. Their 27-year-old son Nathan, a merchant marine engineer, will be crew.

The Alexanders have owned the 50-year-old restored vessel, which is a steel-hulled, twin-engine ketch-rigged motorsailor. She has seven air conditioning units.

"We're looking forwared to a fun and safe transit to Cabo. In the spring we'll decide if we want to continue on to Panama." (White sails only.)

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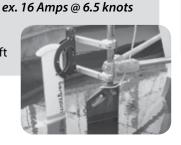
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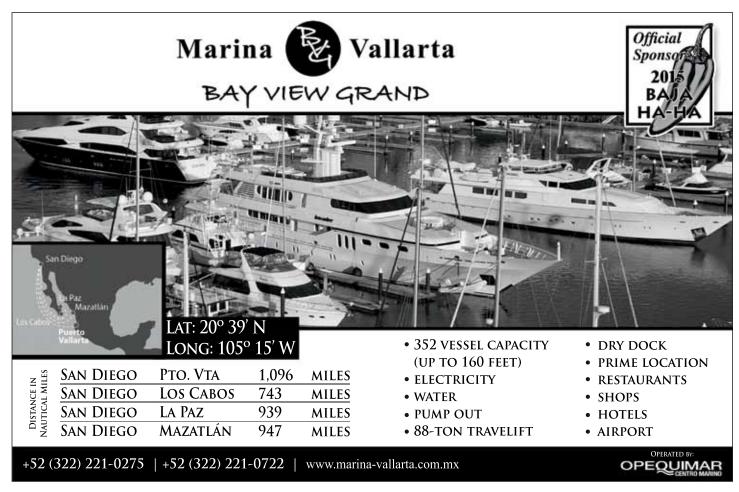


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#### \*Karma Girl — Catalina 38 **Steve & Angelina Phillips** San Francisco

Steve, a retired 50-year-old, and Angelina, his still-employed wife, will be sailing with their eight-year-old son Marco.

"We've only owned this boat, our fourth, about a month. Ours was a lastminute decision to join the Ha-Ha based on the great time we had doing the last one. We're ready and able to tell old sailing stories and make up new ones. After the rally we'll sail her south."

#### Kiki — Hunter 466 Roger & Karen Lamb, Alameda

The 63-year-old Roger, retired from sales, and his wife Karen, a bookkeeper. will have their friend Ed Neiman, a 66-year-old retired from real estate, as crew.

They've owned their Hunter 466, their fourth boat, for about 18 months. "She's really comfortable," they say.

"We entered the Ha-Ha because we love cruising and we love Mexico, and the Ha-Ha sounds like a fun way to get down there. After the Ha-Ha we plan on cruising the Sea of Cortez."

#### Kini Popo — Jeanneau 409 Daniel McCoy, Alameda

Daniel, 44, retired from managing the 70 buses that Genentec runs for its employees, will be doublehanding with Matt Dobberteen, a friend who is a 48-year-old planner. But Daniel is actually hoping to come across additional crew.

The boat's name means 'on the nose' or 'right on', and was the nickname given to Daniel by the staff of the Halekulane Hotel in Honolulu because he used to like to ride the bow of the outrigger canoes when they surfed in off Waikiki. when he was six years old.

His mother Debbie is married to Jim Gregory, and Daniel has joined the couple aboard their Schumacher 50 Morpheus, which they've been cruising in the Med. After the Ha-Ha and the Sea of Cortez, Daniel intends to keep cruising.

#### Kokomo – Morgan 384 Randall & Sally Wheeler, San Diego

Randy, 65, a retired high-school teacher, and his wife Sally, whose occupation is described as "the boat", will be joined by Rich Brown, a retired high school teacher, 68, and Tony Van Houweling, a retired Navy officer.

"The Ha-Ha will be our longest passage so far, and we're doing the Ha-Ha because Sally says she'll feel more comfortable being part of a fleet. We plan to stay in Mexico through May, and will leave the boat in Mexico while I return to San Diego.

"We love our Morgan because she's got a solid cored hull, a modified fin keel, and a skeg-hung rudder. Although I've been sailing since 1979, she's the only boat we've owned." (White sails only.)

#### Le Chat Beaute — Privilege 42 Paddy Barry, Vancouver, WA

The 61-year-old retired journeyman ironworker and Pamela 'Queenie' Peck, his 'concubine', who is retired from the financial sector, will be doublehanding the catamaran.

"We've owned our cat six years, and she's not just our boat but our home, too. And she's a really great home and boat.

"When you're liveaboards, wherever you go, there is your home," says Paddy. "Queenie thinks she might want to see the South Pacific, so after the Ha-Ha we'll probably be heading south and west.

#### LightSpeed — Atlantic 42 David & Kathy Kane, Mexico

David, 44, is a stil-active professional captain and sailing instructor, while his wife Kathy is in biotech business development.

The couple have owned their fast cat sin for five years and have sailed over

20,000 ocean miles since doing their last Ha-Ha in 2011, having done a circu-

'Lightspeed'

itous Pacific 'loop de loop'. "Our plan and schedule are written in the sand at low tide each day."

#### Lokomaikai – Catalina 320 Ron & Gail Hodel, Dana Point

Ron, a 59-year-old retired pastor, and his wife Gail, a teacher, will have their daughter Marge, an ICU nurse, as crew.

"I've been planning this trip, or someting like it, for about 50 years, ever since a friend and I thought we could tie two Sunfish together and sail to Hawaii. Stupid 10-year-olds, we were. Fortunately we came up with that plan on a lake in Colorado.

"We like our Catalina 320 because she

has everything our Catalina 30 didn't

have. While we'll eventually come home, we're planning to be gone for a couple of years. We might even ship the boat from Manzanillo to the East Coast, which would be



'Lokomaikai'

our base for doing the ICW and the Bahamas."

#### Magic — Beneteau 36 CC **Curt Ingram & Mary Howard Channel Islands**

Ron, a 70 year-old retired teacher, and his wife Mary, a retired lawyer, have owned *Magic*, their fourth boat, for 2.5 years. "Our home is so easy to maintain that she's magic!" Curt started sailing in 1972.

#### \*MangoMango — Hughes 48 Yawl Aaron Swerkes, Berkeley

"I'm doing this trip with my 14-yearold son Memphis while he still likes me and sailing," explains Aaron, 35, who is self-employed. "We were preparing a Cheoy Lee Offshore 27 for this trip when some stars aligned and the opportunity to purchase a much more cruise-ready – and comfortable — Hughes 48 arose."

He's logged thousands of miles racing and working on San Francisco Bay, but this will be his first offshore cruise. "For my son," Aaron ponders, "this might be a positively formative and life-changing experience...or it will ruin him and he'll hate me forever." We think the former is much more likely. Also on the crew list are friends Dogan Hannah and Joe Ording.

#### Maria Elena — Nordhavn 40 Bill & Andrea Kirsh, San Diego

Bill, a still-practicing physician, and his wife Andrea, a physical therapist, will be doublehanding south on their powerboat.

"We've spent the last three years shaking our boat and ourselves down in order to feel comfortable traveling around the world to work in various medical missions. We've owned the boat for five years, and the time has come to start our new wave of life." No sails at all.

#### Matador – Beneteau Sense 50 Stephen Meyer, San Diego

Stephen, 65, a business owner, and his son Andrew, 31, who is in software

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sales, will be joined by 34-year-old stepson Geoff Clough, a producer, and Stephen's 66-year-old friend, Jack Anderson, a pilot,

"I waited 20 years to do my first Ha-Ha in 2013, and it was the trip of a lifetime, so I only waited two years to sign up for my second one. I'm as excited as ever.

"The Sense 50 has the largest cockpit I've seen of any boat her size, and it's where we live. After the Ha-Ha we're headed to La Paz and the Sea of Cortez."

#### Maya – Custom 70 Douglas Tausik, Westerly, RI

Douglas, a 60-year-old investor, will be sailing with two friends: Michael Alvazis, 50, a physicist, and Alec Alvazis, Michael's son and a 22-year-old PhD candidate.

This is my fourth boat and I've owned her for two years. The Ha-Ha sounds like fun, but who is going to Bash back with me? In the big scheme of things, the Ha-Ha is preparation for our sailing to the Med.'

#### Millie J - Brewer Custom 34.8 James Atkins & Amy Arroyo Vancouver. WA

Jim, a 50-year-old real estate developer, and Amy, his architect wife, will be doublehanding.

"*Millie J* is the only boat we've ever owned, and we've owned her for four years. She's a custom design by Ted Brewer, built of aluminum, and built for two people to take anywhere in the world.

"Our goal in the Ha-Ha is to be safe, make friends, and learn more about cruising."

#### Mind Designs — Hunter Legend 40 Richard LeBlanc, Alameda

Richard has been sailing since 1962, and during that time has had three previous boats. He bought Mind Designs only a year ago. "After 39 years of federal service, the Ha-Ha and extended cruising has been my lifetime retirement goal." Michael Ramos and John Harold will be along as crew.

#### Minnie Maru — Hunter 34 William Hinkle, Ventura Harbor

The 79-year-old retired attorney will be sailing with his 49-year-old son Paul, a deputy sheriff.

Having owned Minnie Maru for 34 years, the longest of any Ha-Ha entrant hasn't always been easy. "Several times in the past I concluded that we couldn't afford to keep the boat," says William. "Fortunately, my wife wouldn't let me sell her.

"My son and I are committed to a 'three-hour cruise', and if that works out, we'll keep going until it's no longer fun. I'm not positive, but I'd kinda like to bob on over to Tahiti.

"I'll give all you young people some advice: If you don't have goals in life, you'll end up sitting on the couch thinking you could have been a contender."

#### Moon Nah Mah Na – Beneteau 473 Dan Wieman, San Diego

Dan, a 47-year-old airline mechanic and his partner Michelle Balogh, a health educator, sampled the cruising lifestyle in 2009 when they Ha-Ha'd aboard a friend's boat. If we've done the



math right, they bought this boat, their second, shortly afterward. "We had so much fun doing the rally on our friends' boat that we wanted to take our own and check out

'Moon Nah Mah Na'

the Sea of Cortez." Other than that, their post-rally plans are wide open.

#### Moondance — Beneteau 40 Carl Smithburg, Seattle, WA

The retired 70-year-old bus driver and his friend Casey Fleming, a 59-year-old author, will be doublehanding.

"This is my second boat and I've owned her for five years," says Carl. "The best thing about her is that she's paid for. I've been sailing since 1970, and I see the Ha-Ha as a fun and safe way to travel south to where the butter melts."

#### Moonshadow — Deerfoot 2-62 John & Deb Rogers, San Diego

John, 63, a retired software executive, and Debbie, a retired life insurance executive, will be doublehanding.

"Moondance, which George Backhus

of Sausalito sailed around the world for 16 years, is our fourth boat and we've owned her for three years," says John. " W e

got married to ful-

'Moonshadow

fill our dream of sailing around the world. Three kids, two careers, and 38 years later, we sold everything, bought Moonshadow, and started our cruise from Florida. We did last year's Ha-Ha, and by the second stop at Bahia Santa Maria decided we had to do another one. After a winter in Mexico, we'll Puddle Jump next spring."

Fun fact: Doña de Mallorca, Chief of Security for the Ha-Ha, sailed aboard Moonshadow on the first leg of the boat's circumnavigation.

#### Mykonos — Swan 44 **Myron & Marina Eisenzimmer** San Francisco

Myron, 63, a retired finance man-

ager, and his wife Marina, a retired sales manager, will be joined by Richard Wideman, 66, a retired sales manager, and Shawn Wideman, a legal secretary.



'Mykonos'

As with many other Ha-Ha folks, Mykonos is the Eisenzimmers' fourth boat. They've owned her for 16 years, during which time they've done about five Ha-Ha's.

We love the comfort of our boat and the fun of the Ha-Ha, so let's go! We'll Bash home in May."

#### MyLa — Moody 44 John & Julie King, Long Beach

The 62-year-old retired training manager and Julie, his retired school teacher wife, will be doublehanding.

John and Julie bought MyLa, their fourth boat, just a few months ago, "We bought her with the specific intention of exploring bluewater sailing and the destiny to which it takes us. We've both quit our jobs and are casting our destiny to the wind. The Ha-Ha is but the first stop to who-knows-where. When buying our boat, we made sure there would be enough room for family and friends to join us."

After the Ha-Ha, the couple will sail to the South Pacific and start a journey around the Pacific Rim.

#### Nakamal - Island Packet 380 John Ryan & Elinore Craig Tucson, AZ

As of press time, John, a 54-year-old



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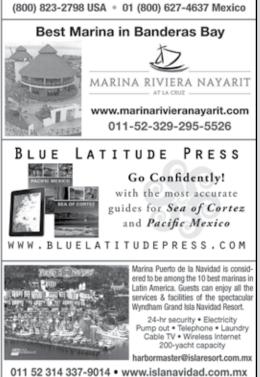
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## MEET THE FLEET

Among the important dates to note (on next page) is Latitude's annual Mexico-Only Crew List and Ha-Ha Party, September 2. There, hundreds of potential mixed and mingled crew with Ha-Ha boat owners who were looking for extra watchstanders.

Many potential crew used our constantly updated Crew List at www.latitude38.com. As many Ha-Ha vets will confirm, the best way to prepare for doing the event in your own boat is to crew for someone else first.

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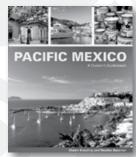
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technical speciaist, and his partner Elinore, a product manager, hadn't decided on their two crew, but they assume that one of them will be a licensed captain. "We've owned our boat for just one



year, and have entered to Ha-Ha to both have some fun and get our feet wet in the cruising life. If we're not mistaken, our boat has done the Ha-

Ha before — when owned by a guy who

climbed Everest twice in one season. "We plan on spending a couple of years in Mexico, then continuing on to the Caribbean."

#### \*Nomi — Tayana 37 Casey & Linda McMullen, Oakland

Casey, 40, an electrical engineer, and his wife Linda, a home-schooling mom, will be sailing with their son Morgan, 9, and daughter Maeve, 6.

"As newlyweds, we were preparing to do the 2004 Ha-Ha when Casey developed a multiple massive pulmonary



#### 'Nomi'

embolism at just age 29. So instead of starting the Ha-Ha in October, he was at UC San Diego having heart and lung surgery. But now, with two kids, a cat, and a bigger boat, we're ready to go again! With two kids, we'll naturally be looking for other 'kid boats'.

"The Ha-Ha will kick off an extended family cruise, where our plan is to explore the world 'one wave at a time'. So we won't be coming home anytime soon."

#### Northern Lights — J/42 Roderic & Mary Deyo, Seattle, WA

Rod, a 63-year-old retired mathematician and principal program manager, and his wife Mary, a software developer, will be doublehanding.

"We've been sailing a long time," they say. "Rod since he was two in San Diego, and Mary since she was eight in Newport Beach. We've owned our J/42, the only sizeable one we've ever owned, for five years. We did last year's Ha-Ha and enjoyed it so much that we decided we wanted to do it again. But after this year's event, we'll be Puddle Jumping rather than returning to California."

#### \*Orion — German Frers 41 Kiko Pellicano & Mary Kerr Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

'Kiko', a 41-year-old administrator, and Mary Kerr, his 31-year-old wife, a teacher will have their infant son Johnny aboard, as well as machinist David Yardly, 61, and his wife Kathryn, who is a library supervisor.

"This is my fourth boat, and our family has owned it for 35 years, which is since I started sailing," says Kiko. "The boat was built in Brazil to a design by Argentinian German Frers, and we're bringing her back home — from Alaska — via the Panama Canal. We're excited to be part of the Ha-Ha because we want to meet a lot of cruising folks."

#### Pablo — Westsail 32 Steve & Sherri Brenner, Santa Cruz

The 68-year-old engineering consultant and his wife Sherri, an entrepreneur, will be joined by Ralph Ghioni, a 60-year-old emergency room nurse.

"We are very excited to join other funloving friends for this first leg of what we hope will be our grand adventure. Our

friends are excited to see us go, too, as it means they will no longer have to listen to us go on and on about our trip.

"We think the Ha-Ha is a great way to



'Pablo'

get us away from the dock and started on our cruising life. We plan to go south, south, and then west."

Pacific Starl — Island Packet 35 Horst Wolff & Julia Shovein San Francisco Horst, 62 and retired, will be joined by Julia, his wife, a retired RN.

This is the couple's fourth boat, although they've owned her for 15 years. What's different about them is not only that they did the 2007 Ha-Ha, but they followed it by sailing around the world. In fact, we remember a *Changes* from them in which they reported one season in which they spent time in Rome, and

after going up the canals and rivers of France, in Paris, and after going across the English Channel, in London.



'Pacific Star'

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"We had a great time in the 2007 Ha-Ha, so the 2015 Ha-Ha provided us with the perfect starting date for another cruising adventure," the couple write. As for the Ha-Ha, how much better can it get than chasing *Profligate* all the way to Squid Roe? *Ay caramba!*"

#### Paladino — Mao Ta/Navigator 41 H. Orlando Harris, Asheville, NC

Orlando, 68, a retired engineer, will be sailing with a 31-year-old female who curiously was listed a 'TBT' as of press time. We're sure there's a good explanation.

"I entered last year's Ha-Ha and attended all the pre-rally events, but then didn't start," says Orlando. "The second time is going to be a charm. Yes! I'm looking forward to fun, new friends, and the event being a bit like cruising training wheels for me. I've been sailing since 1955, and my boat is my home."

#### Patricia Belle — 66-ft Schooner Patrick & Jeannie Hughes Seattle / Mazatlan

Patrick, a 500-ton master, and his wife Jeannie, a retired RN, will be doing their umpteenth Ha-Ha with their distinctive traditional schooner.

"Patricia Belle was designed to carry cargo and for sail training," reports her designer/shipwright Pat, "and we welcome veteran sailors as well as novices aboard. We love the Ha-Ha and think it's the most fun way to start our annual winter cruise to Acapulco. After cruising Mexico with crew, family and friends, we will return to San Diego for the summer." As of press time, the two crew they

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have so far are Jay Tripp, a 28-year-old student sailor, and Dawn Brooks, an ASA instructor and charter/delivery captain. (White sails only.)

#### Penelope — Hans Christian 38 Peter & Susan Gierga Scappoose, OR

Peter, aka 'Great White', 50, and 'Sassy' Susan, his spouse and a yoga instructor, have an interesting outook on life. " The only people that are not weird are the ones you don't know yet," they say. "We're doing the Ha-Ha to meet other cruisers. After our stay in Mexico, we'll sail back to San Diego in the spring."

Interesting claim: "Our HC38 'turns on a dime'." (White sails only.)

#### Pipe Dream — Davidson 50 John Davis, Long Beach

'Captain Johnny', a 57-year-old retired business owner, will be joined by friend Lou Schweitzer, a 57-yearold bank examiner, Mikey Cookson, a 19-year-old who currently does food prep, and Steve Isaacs, a 55-year-old retired firefighter.

"You know what sucks about having a long boat?" Captain Johnny asks rhetorically. "Nothing!" He should know, as he recently got back from racing Pipe Dream in the Transpac. She's a nautical hot rod.

"Following the Ha-Ha, we're on our way to the boat's new home, Marblehead, MA."

#### Prinsibini — Mariner 31 Henry Wood, Firth, ID

Henry, 75, a retired process engineer, will be joined by Dave Breen, 65, a 'boatman'.

"I've been reading about the Ha-Ha for years," says Henry, "and this year is my year to go. I've been wanting to do it for so long. Although my boat was designed and built for world travel. I'll be sailing her back to California after the Ha-Ha.

"I've only been sailing since 2010, but this is my third boat, and I've owned her for four years."

#### Que Será — Horizon Nemo 39 Heidy Gross, San Diego

Fun-loving Heidy, 34, is not only a flight attendant, but one of the few female skippers in this year's Ha-Ha. She'll be joined by her boyfriend, Sean Hall, 23, a mechanic, and Karin Beach, a retail associate at West Marine.

"After crewing in the 2009 Ha-Ha, I made it my primary goal to skipper my own boat in the Ha-Ha," says Heidy. "So while it's about time, I am doing it.

"Only 40 Horizon Nemos were built, and mine is the only one on the West Coast and the only one in the world with tanbark sails. So she's

distinctive. "I'm not coming home after



the Ha-Ha. and

will be basing the boat out of La Paz."

#### Quest – Pearson 323 John & Barb Wilkerson Bainbridge Island, WA

John, a teacher, and his wife Barb, a programmer, will be doublehanding.

"I've owned our boat for 24 years, and with the Ha-Ha, I'm finally setting out to do what I dreamed about since buying her. When my life partner said she would "probably" be interested, I decided that now was the time. We have no firm plans, but we might do the Pacific Puddle Jump, Hawaii, and back to the Pacific Northwest.

"The Ha-Ha seems like a great way to get to know others in the cruising community." (White sails only.)

#### Raven's Dance - Nauticat 43 Donald Lassila, Whittier, AK

Howard, 75, a retired ASA sailing instructor, and his friend, Donn Lassila, a 52-year-old banking compliance officer, will be doublehanding.

"Raven's Dance has a spirit and aura about her that is difficult to describe,"



'Raven's Dance'

of those sailboats that takes care of her crew during rough times. She's super reliable, too.

"I've owned the boat for five years and am looking forward to meeting other cruisers heading out around the world or even just along the West Coast."

"The timing of the Ha-Ha is perfect for me, and after the event I plan on staying in La Paz for awhile before working my

way south and possibly joining the 2016 Pacific Puddle Jump."

#### Sandee — Mariner 36 Will & Sandee Trumbull, Dover, DE

The 72-year-old retired mason will be sailing with his daughter Rachel Galberth, a property manager, and another crew who had yet to be determined as of press time.

"Although I've only owned Sandee, my fourth boat, for six months, I've turned her from a near derelict to a beautifulboat. Why am I doing the Ha-Ha now? I'm 72, so how much longer could I wait? I have no definite plans after the Ha-Ha." (White sails only.)

#### Scarlet Fever – Jeanneau 509 Paul Hofer, Wilmington, DE

Paul, a retired dentist, will be sailing his year-old 50-footer, his fourth boat, south with his friend Geza Sinkovics, a 60-year-old charter captain.

"I only started sailing in 2011, but I'm so happy to be doing the Ha-Ha again, because I'll be making more friends, just like last year. My boat is fun and fast, and has a beautiful red spinnaker that loves to fly.

"After the Ha-Ha, I'd head up to La Paz and the Sea, then Bash home after a year."

#### Scout – Jeanneau SO 52.2 Greg Himes, Whitefish, MT

The 71-year-old retired public school educator will be sailing south with his friend Jeff Bullock, a 52-year-old retired firefighter, and others not determined as of press time.

"I started sailing at age 16. Scout is my fourth boat, and I've owned her for six years. This will be my fifth Ha-Ha and my ninth season cruising Mexico. I cannot wait to reconnect with all my great cruising friends and to get back

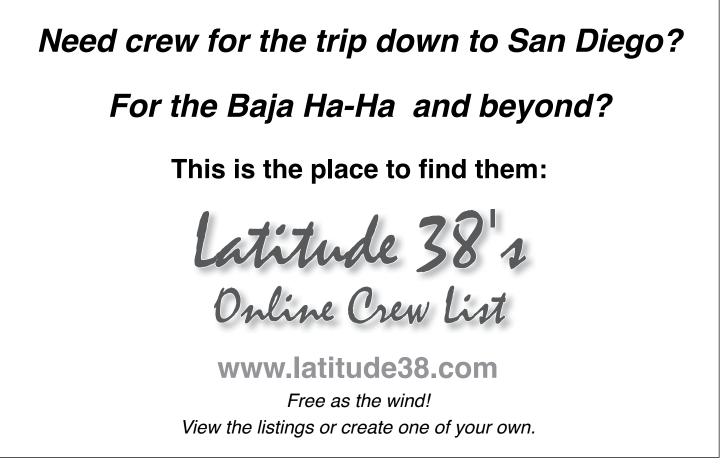


to cruising Mexico, a wonderful country with fabulous people. After all this time, it's still magic to me.

"Scout is relatively fast and comfortable, and way more boat than I thought I would ever be sailing. I feel fortunate

to have her. I work as a charter captain for ASA sailing in Marina del Rey during the summer. The Ha-Ha makes what otherwise would just be a trip for me into a really fun event. I'll Bash back in late June."





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#### Sea Level - Schionning 1480 James & Kent Milski, Lake City, CO

Our friend Jim. 68. describes himself as a retired 'Conceptual Arresting'. We're not sure what that means, but we'll go with it. Kent, his wife, is just plain retired.

Sea Level is the Milskis' fourth boat, a cat he bult from a kit made in Australia. After doing the Ha-Ha and cruising Mexico with her, Jim and Kent did a three-year doublehanded circumnavigation.

"We love the Ha-Ha," says Jim, "the midnight spinnaker runs, the fishing, the surfing, and the parties on the beach. Our home is where our boat is.'

#### Second Wind — Gemini 105 Dennis Randall, San Diego

Dennis, 65, who is retired from sales, will be doublehanding with Joe Lepine, a 45-year-old electrical engineer.

"My fourth boat is my nice small cat that I've owned for three years. I've been sailing since 1965. I'm entering the Ha-Ha for adventure, and will Bash back north in December. (White sails only).

#### Serendipity – Jeanneau 42DS Jonathan & Rebecca Mote Corona del Mar

Jonathan is a 60-year-old exexcutive, while Rebecca, his wife, is a dietitian.

"We only started sailing in 2013, and Serendipity is the only boat we've ever owned. What's cool about our boat? We use solar power to make water.

"We don't have a real plan, so we're sticking to it, but the Ha-Ha sounds like a great adventure."

#### Shameless - Cal 34 Mk II Ronald Cunningham & Bridget Walker, Stockton

The 49-year-old landscaper will be sailing with Bridget Walker, his 31-yearold wife, who is a respite care provider.

"Even though I dream big, two years ago I bought my boat for less money than anybody should be allowed to buy a boat. This is allowing us to take our own boat to Mexico, which has long been a dream of mine. After six months in Mexico, we'll either leave her in Mexico or Bash back."

#### Sheldon/2 — Manta 40 Cat **David Driscoll & Kinyon Gordon** San Diego

The 60-year-old former employee of ABC television will be sailing with Kinyon, his wife, who works in the food service industry.

A sailor for 15 years, Driscoll just

bought the Manta catamaran, which is his third boat. "I love the boat, particcularly all her space and being able to sail without the wine spilling. As for the Ha-Ha, it should be fun sailing with a group. After the Ha-Ha, we're going to 'continue sailing the dream'." (White sails only.)

#### Sheri Lynn — Ericson 29 Greg & Rob Daw, Dana Point

Greg, a 54-year-old craftsman, will be doublehanding with his younger brother Rob, a 47-year-old who is in sales.

"I started sailing 40 years ago, and bought my Ericson two years ago, the most recent of three boats I've owned. I like the adventure aspect of the Ha-Ha, as this will be our longest sailing adventure to date.'

#### Six String – Jason Cutter 34 Jim Wiegand, Loveland, CO

Jim, aka 'Jalisco', is a 68-year-old semi-retired consultant, who's anxious



'Six String'

to get back to Mexican waters. Interestingly, the boat has traveled extensively throughout the Pacific Basin when captained by Jim's younger son Michael. He has since 'swallowed the anchor', however, so Jim will take the boat south this year with the help of his older son, Corey Wiegand. After the rally, they'll continue south.

#### Snug Harbor - Catalina 470 Charley Eddy, Alameda

Charles, a 65-year-old retired CEO, will be sailing with his son Justin, a



'Snug Harbor'

45-year-old advertising executive; George Bean, a 65-year-old friend who is a program manager; and friend Gary Girard, a 65-year-old contractor. "I've been sailing since I was eight, have owned four boats over the years, and have owned my Catalina 470 for 14 years.

'I love the Ha-Ha starts, as you have hundreds of cruisers starting out on the adventure of their lifetimes. You can't help getting caught up in their hopes and dreams. For us, it will be three retired guys and my 45-year-old kid using the Ha-Ha as a great way to meet a lot of new cruisers and start a cruise in Mexico. After a winter in La Paz and the Sea of Cortez, we'll Bash back in May."

#### Sojourn — Catalina 385 John Van Vessem, Vallejo

John, 65, is retired from electrical engineering sales. He'll be sailing with friends Noble Brown, 69, a retired refinery supervisor, and Mike Weaver, a 66-year-old retired doctor.

"I love sailing," says John, " and I love the super-large cockpit of my very roomy and comfortable Catalina 385. She's the latest design by Gerry Douglas, and she's a good one. I started sailing in 1971, and have owned Sojourn, my third boat, for just one year." (White sails only.)

#### Sophia – Cal 39 Mk II **Robert Blaisdell & Simone Brumis** San Francisco

The 67-year-old retired toxicologist will be sailing with Simone, his wife, a retired elementary school teacher.

"After raising two children, both of whom were going to be named Sophia before they turned out to be boys, we finally got an 18,000-pound 'baby girl' we were able to give that name to.

"After four years of work on her, we're finally getting off the dock. We see the Ha-Ha as a great way to start cruising. After Mexico we may continue on a bit before returning home." (White sails only.)

#### Southern Star - Hylas 54 J. Walter Smith & Kathrvn Crossland Bellevue, WA

J. Walter, 68, a retired physician, will be sailing south with his wife Kathryn, who is also a retired physician. "As we both had been passionate about our ca-

reers, we wanted to apply the same energy and passion to our post-career life," says Walter. "The goal of preparing Southern Star for the journey south to San Diego and beyond to Mexico



'Southern Star'

has been an education and fun new challenge thus far. We look forward to meeting a new community of sailors with

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similar goals, and to exploring the Sea of Cortez."

#### Spill The Wine — Jeanneau 42DS Mark Barry, Zap, ND

Mark, a 55-year-old optometrist, will be sailing with his friend Roby Willis, a 38-year-old 'acessibility tester', and Rebecca Schaaf, a property manager,

One of the many Ha-Ha entrants who is on his fourth boat, Mark has owned his Jeanneau 42 for seven years.

"First there was the Ho-Ho, then the Ha-Ha, and next spring there will be the Puddle Jump," he says. "Beyond that there be dragons.

"My boat is white and has cruising gear like so many others of the boats. What's unique about her is that she carries a big green egg on her transom. Arrrrr! Smoked dragon is the best."

#### Star Passage — Valiant 40 Rick & Janis Gio, San Francisco

Rick has been doing racing against and doing Ha-Ha's to Mexico with the Wanderer since the early 1980s, and sailed his previous boat, a Freya 39,



back and forth between California and the South Pacific as if it was a yo-yo. The 61-yearold retired masonry contractor and his wife Janis, a furniture store man-

'Star Passage'

ager, will be doublehanding if they don't come up with more crew. Not that the experienced duo, who also did a lot of ocean racing with a Santa Cruz 27, need crew.

"We searched high and low for a Valiant 40, from Mexico to the East Coast, from Ireland to Australia, and then we found *Star Passage* right here in Northern California," says Rick. "For Janis and me, it's time to go cruising and exploring again. We'll do the Puddle Jump in the spring, but aren't sure what we'll do after that."

#### Stryder – Cascade 36 Jeff & DeAnne Warner, Newport, OR

Jeff, a 55-year-old retired computer programmer, and DeAnne, his wife, a claims supervisor, started sailing in 1978, but *Stryder*| is their first bigger boat. "She's bulletproof," they say.

"We're doing the Ha-Ha because we love to meet other cruisers. After the Ha-Ha, we're not sure what we'll be doing." (White sails only.)

#### Swedish Promise — Winga 862 Victor (John) Veysey, San Francisco

'John', a 47-year-old bicycle mechanic, will be sailing south with his friend Lee 'Buffalo' Burnette, a 28-yearold brewmaster. A sailor since the age of five, John says he has 'no expectations' — except to go to the Sea of Cortez "to play music for the whales". A noble goal, to be sure.

John sees the Ha-Ha "as a great adventure with friends." After the Ha-Ha he plans to return home by the long way — meaning Central America, Polynesia, and Japan.

#### Swell — Lagoon TPI 42 Shawn & Kristin Betourne Boulder, CO

Shawn, 48, a software engineer, and Kristin, his wife, a consultant, will be doublehanding to the Cape. This will be their first time sailing to Mexico, but *Swell* did the 2012 Ha-Ha with her previous owners, so she knows the way.

"Holy crap, are we really really going to do this?" Shawn wonders. Having started to sail just six years ago, this will be the couple's first cruise to Mexico. One of the things they, like a lot of others, like about the event is the firm departure date. Following the rally, they plan on staying in Mexico for awhile. (White sails only.)

#### Tahitian Dream — Amel Maramu 46 William & Janet Fletcher Richmond

The 67-year-old retired director of facilities and Jan, his wife, the supervisor of a ticket office, will be sailing south with Norman Thersby, a 68-year-old race car mechanic and Candace, his wife, an administrative assistant.

Having learned to sail in 1972, the couple have owned the French built *Ta*-

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'Tahitian Dream'

is our year, as the retrofit is almost complete, meaning it's time for us to make the first step in our journey to Tahiti."

Talion — Gulfstar 50 Patsy Verhoeven, Portland/La Paz The celebrated La Reina del Mar, retired from real estate, will be doing her ninth Ha-Ha. She is known for sailing every mile of every Ha-Ha, despite periods of calm, which some years meant she missed the big arrival party at Squid Roe. "I have my priorities straight," she says.

Last year she had an all-girl — which does not mean lesbian — crew. This year she'll be sailing with her boyfriend Tim Horne, a 57-year-old maintenance supervisor from Aspen; Tim Morris, 57, self-employed; and Mike Quigley, 57, also self-employed.

"I hope we have more wind than we did on the Ha-Ha last year," says Patsy. She's done so many Ha-Ha's that perhaps she forgot it blew in the high 20s and low 30s during the second leg last year, perhaps the windiest leg of any Ha-Ha ever.

"I'll head home to La Paz after the Ha-Ha, but will do a Puddle Jump in March. Nonetheless, I'll be back in San Diego for the 2016 Ha-Ha."

In case of an SSB communications failure on the mothership *Profligate*, La Reina and *Talion* will take over.

#### Tamara Lee Ann — Celestial 48 Doug & Tamara Thorne, Emery Cove

The 57-year-old financial planner and Tamara, his wife, a retail manager, will be doing yet another Ha-Ha aboard their Celestial 48, which was built in China.

"We love sailing to Mexico," says Doug, who also loves sailing to Hawaii. He and Tamara don't like Bashing back to Northern California quite as much, so they'll have a delivery skipper do that. One of the previous delivery skippers got their boat all the way back to the entrance to the Estuary before T-boning a navigation pole. Oops. (White sails only.)

#### Tandem — Pearson 365 Steve & Joni Stein, Emeryville

Steve, 59, is a software architect, while Joni, his wife, is a retired middle-school science teacher.

"We both learned to sail in 1980, but ours is a familiar story, one of wanting to go cruising for a long time, but being unable to do it. As with so many others, there have been family commitments, work and finances that have delayed our start. We finally decided that 'someday' might never arrive, so this is our year.

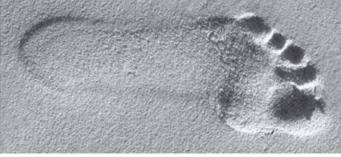
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of Cortez until Christmas, then have the family join us for the holidays. After that I'll pick up a short work project in the



States for a few months, t h e n r i n s e and repeat every few months in order to con-

tinue our voyage. Our big plan is to start extended commuter cruising."

#### Tenacity — Roughwater 33 Marshall Peabody, Seattle, WA

Marshall, 59, did training and support for Rose Point Navigation, and will be joined by Lena Ven Gelder, the operations manager of a hermitage/retreat center, and Minor Lile, 59, the retreat's executive director.

"I started sailing on a Sailfish — not a Sunfish — in the 7th grade. I've owned my current boat for 32 years, through life's various ups and downs. So now it's time to take off.

"I did last year's Ha-Ha as crew and saw what fun it was, so I've come back to do it on my own boat. Being part of the Ha-Ha makes it easier to make the leap."

It's going to take us a few years to get back home, as we'll be coming back the long way, meaning via the South Pacific."

#### Toccata — Jeanneau 43 DS Steven Dees & Marilyn Gibbs Anacortes, WA

The emergency room RN and Marilyn, his fiancee, a physician, started sailing in 1972. They see the Ha-Ha as 'the beginning of a lifetime dream'.

"Prior to finding our current boat, I had a more classic view of what I considred a cruising boat to be," says Steven, "although I'd sailed from San Franciso to Hilo on a Cal 29, which wouldn't be anyone's idea of a cruising boat. Anyway, we're very happy with our boat and the fact we're doing the Ha-Ha this fall and the Puddle Jump in the spring, as they are great ways to start our three-year cruise around the Pacific."

#### Tranquility — Catalina 36 Mk II Dave & Becky J. Elmore Port Orchard, WA

Dave, 62, retired from school maintenance, and 'Bex', a retired school bus driver, will have 'Gerardo' Souza, a 60-year-old shipwright, and Doug 'the sea dog' Mountainjoy, a 57-year-old aircraft mechanic, as crew.

"This is our fourth boat and we've owned her for six years," says Dave. "We're finally both retired and have been looking forward to cutting the docklines for 10 years. We hope we don't screw it up. At least our 'to do' list has been getting shorter.

"We love sailing, water sports, excitment, and fun, and are tired of the rain



'Tranquility'

in Washington — so we can't wait for the start of the Ha-Ha! We're looking forward to making lots of new friends, enjoying lots of warm weather, and drinking lots of cold *cervezas*."

"After the Ha-Ha we'll leave the boat on the hard and fly home. After that, who knows?"

#### Tranquilo — Catalina 445 Lloyd & Colleen Clauss, Ensenada

Lloyd, who is 76 and retired, and friends Bob Synders, also 76, and Ron Wood, 74, say "it's time to do the Ha-Ha one more time. It's just so much fun, and we love talking to all the participants."

Lloyd has been sailing since he was 12. *Tranquillo* is his fourth boat and he's owned her for two years. After the Ha-Ha, he'll cruise the west coast of Mexico.

#### \*Tropical Starl — Bruce Roberts 48 Dennis Anderson & Tammy Grunstad Bend, OR

Dennis, a 48-year-old truck driver, and Tammy, his wife, who does medical transcriptions, are delighted that they'll be doing the Ha-Ha with Jereth, their 16-year-old son.

"We only started sailing two years ago, so we're eager to get started and find out what we're made of," says Dennis. "This will be our family's first taste of the cruising world. But the Ha-Ha sounded like fun and a great way to get introduced to the cruising community."

"After the Ha-Ha we'll sail to La Paz and up into the Sea. Eventually we'll sail down the Pacific Coast to Panama."

#### Trouble — Mason 43 Tom Olsen & Debra Hurst, San Diego

Tom, aka "Ragnar', is a retired 56-year-old contractor, who will be doing the Ha-Ha with 'Bloody Scotty' Baker, a 50-year-old self-employed friend.

"Mother, mother ocean, I have wanted to sail upon your water since since I was three feet tall," says Ragnar, quoting an old Jimmy Buffett song. "I started sailing 10 years ago and have owned my boat for two years. It's my understanding that she was the original Al Mason boat that was used to build the rest of the Mason 43s in 1977. In any event, I love to sail and I love the sailing community. Unfortunately, we have to sail home after the Ha-Ha."

#### Uma Karuna — Islander 38C Edward Bastian & Velma Schnoll Santa Barbara

The 71-year-old, still active as a teacher, film producer, and owner of an internet company, will be sailing with Velma Schnoll, his partner, who is a tour manager and educator.

"I started sailing in 1955, but have

owned the Islander, my only sizeable boat, for just eight years," says Edward. "Velma and I are looking forward to sharing the cruising adventure and the fleet's knowledge as we prepare to sail across the Pacific. Our boat is beautiful,



'UmaKaruna'

swift, safe, well-equipped, and strong. To share this experience with my partner, and help her learn to become confident, is a great opportunity."

"After the Ha-Ha we'll continue on to La Paz and the Sea of Cortez, then Puerto Vallarta, then across the Pacific to French Polynesia."

#### Valentina — Hylas 56 Marcos Rodriguez & Sara Pino San Diego

The 53-year-old chemist and Sarah, his 43-year-old designer wife, will be doublehanding the Ha-Ha. Sailors since 1977, they've owned *Valentind* for just six months. "We like sailing with just the two of us," they say, "and we enjoyed our

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first Ha-Ha in 2012. We'll return to San Diego in March.

#### Vanishing Girl — Beneteau First 40 Paul Marston & Jared Brockaway Ventura

Paul, a 45-year-old in marketing, and Jared, a 44-year-old in tech, are partners in Pierpont Performance Sailing, a sail instruction and charter business. Both of them have done most of the Ha-Ha's and Ta-Ta's in recent years, often with paying guests.

"We've owned this, our fourth boat,



for eight months," they say, "and really like her. We also love the patch of water between San Diego and Cabo San Lucas, and the folks who

'Vanishing Girl'

sail along there each November." This will be the first time in four Ha-

Ha's that the duo has sailed a monohull rather than a multihull. "We'll Bash home immediately, Moth-

er Nature willing," says Paul. "Actually, Jared will, as I have to fly home. Anybody want to join him?"

#### Vita Nova — Aries 32 Dan & Katie Retz, San Francisco

The 42-year-old engineer will be sailing with Katie, his wife, a 30-year-old fianance director. Their crew will be Jan Passion, a 51-year-old "Peace Worker".

Dan started sailing 20 years ago while Katie has only been sailing for three years, but they share a common philosophy: "The most dangerous risk of all? Spending your life not doing what you want on the bet you can buy yourself the freedom to do it later. Alan Watts said it, and we believe it."

"The two of us want to cruise now so we can figure it out before we start a family. We'll put the boat on the hard in the Sea after the Ha-Ha. Unless, of course, we win the lottery."

#### Vitesse — Beneteau 473 Tom Price, San Francisco

Tom, a 42-year-old sales executive, will be sailing with friend Jimmy Forni, a 46-year-old dentist, and Dan Benveniste, a 46-year-old entrepreneur. They expect that two other crew will join them. "I started sailing at age 10," says Thomas, "and have owned this boat for 10 years. I'm doing the Ha-Ha because it is truly the only adventure that allows me to disconnet from reality. I thought mountain climbing would do it, too until my cell phone rang 14,505 feet up Mt. Whitney.

"I enter the Ha-Ha because it's a ridiculously fun event. I'll keep the boat at Marina de La Paz through the spring, then have her delivered to San Diego, at which point I'll bring her the rest of the way north to the Bay — just like I did in 2008."

#### Volaré — Herreshoff Caribbean 50 Jason & Vicki Hite, Long Beach

Jason, a 40-year-old IT consultant, and Vicki, his wife, an executive with a nonprofit, report they expect to have at least two more crew. This is their fourth boat, and they've owned *Volare* for 2.5 years.

"Our boat always got special treatment any time she needed work because she was previusly owned by Dennis Conner, which everyone incorrectly assumed to be the Dennis Conner of America's Cup fame. Before Conner owned her, she was owned by Tom Rowan, son of the late comedian Dan Rowan of *Rowan* & *Martin's Laugh-In* fame. We're hoping



'Volare'

we can add an interesting chapter or two of our own to the boat's history.

"We elected to do the Ha-Ha because it gave us a definite date to start south. Our boat is our home, and we are becoming full-time cruisers. We have no idea where we are going."

#### Western Flyer — DeFever 41 Trawler Ralph & Patricia Perez, San Pedro

Ralph, a 60-year-old retired federal law-enforcement officer, and his wife Patti, who is retired from a career in financial services, will explore the Sea of Cortez after the rally. "We will learn lessons," they say, "for we are now enrolled in a full-time informal school called the cruising life. Each day we will have the opportunity to learn lessons, meet new friends and explore new places as we embark on our



'Western Flyer'

five-year cruising journey."

#### Whistle Wind — Farr 55 Sam & Anthony Galdes San Francisco

Sam, a retired 63-year-old payments professional, will be sailing with his brother Anthony, a 57-year-old in computer sales.

"My brother and I have been talking about doing the Ha-Ha during the span of owning three sailboats," says Sam. "This is our year. We've been working like crazy to get the boat ready, and once the Ha-Ha starts, we're looking forward to fun, fishing, the stars, the ocean and the wind. We're not sure in which order of importance, but it doesn't matter. After the Ha-Ha we'll return to San Francisco. After all, some of us still have to work."

*Whistle Wind* is the fourth boat Sam has owned.

#### \*Wild Rumpus Fortuna Island Spirit 40 Trevor McCaw & Sally Aaron Vancouver, B.C.

Talk about full boats, Trevor, a 41-year-old entrepreneur, and his wife Sally, a 43-year-old marketing professional, will be accompanied by their daughter Cassidy, 10, son Liam, 7. and son Julian, 4. What a lucky family to be able to cruise together!

"I learned to sail in high school," says Trevor, "but not with three kids aboard. This should be a wild adventure, so we're not sure what we're going to do after the Ha-Ha."

#### Windstarl — Liberty 49 Stephen & Bente Millard Santa Barbara

Stephen, a 62-year-old yacht broker who learned to sail in 1968, and Bente, his wife, a practicing attorney, will be doublehanding. They've owned *Windstar*, their fourth boat, for one year.

"The Ha-Ha is always a great party with an opportunity to make countless new sailing friends," says Stephen. "And it will be great to cruise Mexico once again. After several months in Mexico, we'll either Bash back or take the Clipper Route home."



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### **Mexican Ports of Entry**

Below is a list of the Mexico's principal ports of entry.

Be aware that you can now get a Temporary Import Permit for your boat as well as visas for yourself and your crew online, prior to departure.



## CRUISIN' TO THE CAPE

#### XI — Santa Cruz 50 David Addleman & Shayne De Loreto Monterey

David, a 60-year-old retired "geek", and Shayne, his 29-year-old homemaker/spouse from the Philippines, will be doublehanding. In the November *Latitude* you can read all about David's 8,000-mile singlehanded journey from the Philippines to make the Ha-Ha start.

Addleman claims he's doing the Ha-Ha because "all the cool goodies from previous Ha-Ha's have been lost or worn out since I did it with my then-Cal 36, and because I haven't seen the Poobah, a really fun guy, since then. The Ha-Ha is also the best possible way to get to Cabo from San Diego."

David started sailing at age 10. Five decades later, he, along with Shayne, plan to sail back to the Philippines, with random stops along the way, after the Ha-Ha. Fortunately, it's easier to get from Mexico to the Philippines than vice versa.

Yankee — Pearson 365 Rod and Flori Soder, Moss Landing The 67-year-old retired operating engineer, and his son, a 39-year-old driver for FedEx, will be doublehanding.

"I've been wanting to do the Ha-Ha for a long time, but have been taking care of my parents and grandkids, with the result that the years have been flying by too quickly. It's time for me to poop or get off the pot! My boat is comfortable at sea, and her ketch rig allows for many sail configurations.

"After the Ha-Ha, the boat, which I've owned for 12 years, and I will hang out in La Paz and in the Sea, and will perhaps later continue south and west."

#### Yukon Spirit – DeFever 43 Trawler Frank Holt & Paul Lara, Seattle, WA

The 73-year-old retired software developer will be trawlering south with his daughters Shannon, 26, an environmental scientist, and Lindsay, 25, a marriage and family therapist.

Also part of the crew will be son-in-law Paul Lara, 55, a firefighter, and cousin Carolyn, who is retired from the grocery business. Wait, there's more — James Farrant, the 30-year-old manager of a navionics shop.

"Our trawler, my fourth boat, is a comfortable family cruiser that I've owned all of three months," reports Frank. "But we're looking forward to sharing a fun Ha-Ha experience with over 450 others mariners. We'll head back home in May or June."

Whew, that's a lot of cruisers! Hopefully you'll meet and befriend many of them during the run to Cabo or in your post-rally travels. You may find that having shared the experience of heading south together often creates bonds with other sailors that last for years. In fact, many BHH veterans end up buddyboating together.

For many sailors, doing the Ha-Ha is the biggest adventure of their sailing careers, but for others it is merely the first step of a multi-year cruise. In either case, we thank you for participaing and wish you the best of luck as you cruise. — latitude / richard & andy

Pacific Puddle Jump 2015



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### Principal Cruiser Nets Used by Mexico Cruisers

(Please Note: Some times and frequencies may have changed. Also, there may be additional nets for which we have no info here.)

The entire country of Mexico observes daylight saving time, which means you will be in the same time zone (Pacific) as San Diego until you reach Bahia Tortuga. From there until you reach a line between La Cruz and Puerto Vallarta, you will be the same as the Mountain Time Zone, and from there south to Z-town you will be in the Central Time Zone.

Below are listed the current times of the nets, given in UTC (ZULU) time. It's up to you to figure out what time zone you're in to get local time. Note also, that use of cruiser nets has changed substantially due to wide proliferation of HF email.



<u>Time / UTC</u>	<u>Freq / kHz</u>	<u>Net Name</u>
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1530 Z daily	7192 LSB	Chubasco Net: (Ham) Monitors for emergency traffic at 1530.
1600 Z daily	7233.5 LSB	Baja California Maritime Service Net (Ham): Forecasts San Diego to Puerto Vallarta, including Sea of Cortez. Weekdays only. Provides backup for AA6TP.
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## **Official Entry List – By Divisions**

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Quest	Pearson 32	John & Barb Wilkerson	Bainbridge Is., WA
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Ecco Bella	Island Packet 35	Richard & Margaret Ciolino	Santa Barbara
Freedom Rider IV	Fantasia 35	Dave Calhoun	Alameda
Sandee	Mariner 36	Will Trumbull	Dover, DE
Yankee	Pearson 36	Rod and Flori Soder	Moss Landing
Amador	Hunter 38	Matt Brown	Sutter Creek
Hotel California	Catalina 37	Michael Stafford	San Francisco
Sojourn	Catalina 38	John Van Vessem	Vallejo
Jacquot-Bateau	Irwin 38	Jacques Lorch	Long Beach
Kokomo	Morgan 38	Randall & Sally Wheeler	San Diego
Penelope	Hans Christian 38	Peter & Susan Gierga	Scappoose, OR
Uma Karuna	Islander 38	Edward Bastian & Velma Schnoll	Santa Barbara

#### BURRITO Division - white sails only #2

Sophia	Cal 39 MKII	Robert Blaisdell & Simone Brumis	sSan Francisco
Mind Designs	Hunter Legend 40	Richard LeBlanc	Alameda
Moondance	Beneteau 40	Carl Smithburg	Seattle, WA
Concordia	Columbia 41	Craig & Janet Shelton	San Diego
Kailani	Hunter 41	Douglas & Mary Degange	San Diego
Banyan	Mason 43	Cameron and Anne Vawter	Napa
Drama	Beneteau 44	Bob Irby	Sausalito
Finte	Skarpsno 44	Jeff Holt & Mary Smith	Port Townsend, WA
Kiki	Hunter 46	Roger & Karen Lamb	Alameda
C'est Si Bon	Beneteau 46	Perry & Patty Chrisler	Scottsdale, AZ
Full Glass	Beneteau 47	Alex & Kristen Mercurio	Channel Islands
Tamara Lee Ann.	Celestial 48	Doug & Tamara Thorne	Emery Cove
Tropical Star	Roberts 48	Dennis Anderson & T. Grunstad .	Bend, OR
Valentina	Hylas 56	Marcos Rodriguez & Sara Pino	San Diego
Kanaloa	Rhodes 64	Richard Alexander	Boston, MA
Patricia Belle	66-ft Schooner	Patrick & Jeannie Hughes	Seattle / Mazatlan

#### **CEVICHE** Division

Bluebird	Mirror 27	Thomas Carr	Santa Cruz
Journey	Island Packet 27	Robert Sievertsen	Seattle, WA
Swedish Promise	Winga 29	John Veysey	San Francisco
Ellie	Ericson 30	Tom & Barbara Dilworth	San Diego
Idle Dreams	Westsail 32	Pete Shaner	Coronado
Pablo	Westsail 32	Steve & Sherri Brenner	Santa Cruz
Vita Nova	Aries 32	Dan & Katie Retz	San Francisco
Tenacity	Roughwater 33	Marshall Peabody	Seattle, WA

#### **DESPERADO** Division

Lokomaikai	Catalina 32	Ron & Gail Hodel	Dana Point
Antionette	Cal 34	Frank Connors	Sausalito
Shameless	Cal 34	Ron Cunningham & B. Walker	Stockton
Minnie Maru	Hunter 34	William Hinkle	Ventura Harbor
Millie J	Brewer 34	James Atkins & Amy Arroyo	Vancouver, WA
Six String	Jason 34	Jim Wiegand	Loveland, CO
Fife Dream	Islander 36	Mark Diederich	San Diego
Intrepid	Islander 36	Timothy Brill	Reno, NV
Tandem	Pearson 36	Steve & Joni Stein	Emeryville
Jean Butler	Cape Dory 36	David Columbus	Portland, OR
Stryder	Cascade 36	Jeff & DeAnne Warner	Newport, OR

#### **ENCHILADA** Division

Brainwaves	J/35	Jim Brainard & Deb Ehler	San Francisco
Magic	Beneteau 36	Curt Ingram & Mary Howard	Channel Islands
Bella Luna	Catalina 36	Stephen & Lynne Smith	Stockton
lris	Catalina 36	Frank Hydoski	San Diego
Tranquility	Catalina 36	Dave & Becky J Elmore	Port Orchard, WA
Illusion	Lancer 37	Allen & Patricia Bonnifield	Stockton
Karma Girl	Catalina 38	Steve & Angelina Phillips	San Francisco
Gettin Knotty	Ericson 38	Andrew Davis	Marina Del Rey
Gypsea	Ericson 38	Gary & Patricia Phillips	Sausalito
First Date	Beneteau Oceanis 38	David Hahn	San Diego

#### **FRIJOLE** Division

Pacific Star	Island Packet 35	Horst Wolff & Julia Shovein	San Francisco
Nomi	Tayana 37	Casey & Linda McMullen	Oakland
Alobar	Island Packet 37	Joel Ungar	Santa Barbara
Nakamal	Island Packet 38	John Ryan & Elinore Craig	Tucson, AZ
Honu	Island Packet 38	Mike & Judy Sawyer	San Francisco
Anakena	Corbin 39	Bill Schmid & Debbie McClure	Everett, WA
Que Será	Horizon Nemo 39	Heidy Gross	San Diego
Wild Rumpus	Fortuna 40	Trevor McCaw & Sally Aaron	Vancouver, B.C.
Paladino	Mao Ta 41	H. Orlando Harris	Asheville, NC
Trouble	Masson 43	Tom Olsen & Debra Hurst	San Diego
Aerie	Cal 46	Bob Staniec	Los Angeles

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## **Official Entry List – By Divisions**

Please note: This list was provisional several days before the Rally. The Rally Committee reserves the right to make Division changes prior to, and even after, the October 26 start.

#### **GUACAMOLE** Division

Bella Jean	Sabre 40	Joe Keenan	Alameda
Elixir II	Islander 40	G Frank Nin & Leslie Honey	Brookings, OR
Kini Popo	Jeanneau 40	Daniel McCo y	Alameda
Star Passage	Valiant 40	Rick & Janis Gio	San Francisco
Vanishing Girl	Beneteau 40	Paul Marston & Jared Brockaway	Ventura
Aurora Sky	Dehler 41	Al Galpin	Anacortes, WA
Orion	German Fres 41	Roberto Pellicano & Mary Kerr	Rio de J., Brazil
Serendipity	Jeanneau 42	Jonathan & Rebecca Mote	Corona del Mar
Spill The Wine	Jeanneau 42	Mark Barry	Zap, ND
Carthago	Beneteau 42	Jose Castello & Gina Harris	San Francisco
Carmanah	C&C 43	J.& Donna DeMeyer	Bainbridge, WA

#### **HUEVOS RANCHEROS Division**

Joy	Royal Passport 43	Jeff Stansfield	Ventura
Raven's Dance	Nauticat 43	Donald Lassila	Whittier, AK
Toccata	Jeanneau 43	Steven Dees & Marilyn Gibbs	Anacortes, WA
August Dream To	<b>o</b> Jeanneau 44	Mike Breider & Cindy Breider	San Diego
Crescendo	Noeseman 44	Mark Lazar	Brisbane
MyLa	Moody 44	John & Julie King	Long Beach
Dancy	Kelly Peterson 44	Dwain & Nancy Lentz	Tempe, AZ
Mykonos	Swan 44	Myron & Marina Eisenzimmer	San Francisco
Tranquilo	Catalina 44	Lloyd & Colleen Clauss	Ensenada
Huzzah	Jeanneau 45	Gerry & Jody Gilbert	Gig Harbor, WA

#### **IGUANA** Division

Ahelani	Outbound 46	Steve Stanley & Patricia Stanley	Santa Barbara
Gratitude	Hylas 46	M. Eggenberger & Nina Lesowitz	Oakland
Tahitian Dream	Amel Maramu 46	William & Janet Fletcher	Richmond
Girl Four	Beneteau 47	Tom & Emily Martinez	Seattle, WA
Moon Nah Mah Na	aBeneteau 47	Dan Wieman	San Diego
Vitesse	Beneteau 47	Tom Price	San Francisco
Snug Harbor	Catalina 47	Charley Eddy	Alameda
Agamere	Hylas 47	Niko & Morgan Rohrback	Bainbridge, WA
Atsa	Tayana 48	H. Gardner & Lesley Johnson	Phoenix, AZ

#### JALAPEÑO Division

Baywolf	Santa Cruz 50	Kirk Miller & Sachi Itagaki	Sausalito
Х	Santa Cruz 50	D. Addleman & S. De Loreto	Monterey
Callisti	Waterline 50	Roland & Rebecca Thiel	Vancouver, BC
Matador	Beneteau Sense 50	Stephen Meyer	San Diego

Pipe Dream	Davidson 50	John Davis	Long Beach
Scarlet Fever	Jeanneau 50	Paul Hofer	Wilmington, DE
Scout	Jeanneau 52	Greg Himes	Whitefish, MT
Whistle Wind	Farr 55	Sam & Anthony Galdes	San Francisco
Moonshadow	Deerfoot 62	John & Deb Rogers	San Diego

#### **KILO** Division

MangoMango	Hughes 48	Aaron Swerkes	Berkeley
Windstar	Liberty 49	Stephen & Bente Millard	Santa Barbara
Talion	Gulfstar 50	Patsy Verhoeven	Portland/La Paz
Volaré	Herreshoff 50	Jason & Vicki Hite	Long Beach
Cielo Grande	Skye 51	Nicholas & Kristin Curtis	Laguna Beach
Distant Drum	Idylle 51	Harry Hazzard	San Diego
Impossible	Bruce Roberts 53	Scott & Jan Hamilton	Juneau, AK
Southern Star	Hylas 54	J. Walter Smith & K. Crossland	Bellevue, WA
Мауа	Custom 70	Douglas Tausik	Westerly, RI

#### LANGOSTINA Division (multihulls)

Kailani	Corsair F-31	Bryan Patti Martin	Santa Cruz
Second Wind	Gemini 35	Dennis Randall	San Diego
Beach Access	Lagoon 38	Glenn Twitchell & Debbie Jahn	Newport Beach
Intermezzo	Leopard 39	Stephen Cox & Renee Duffer	Sonoma
Sheldon/2	Manta 40	David Driscoll & Kinyon Gordon	San Diego
A Volonté	Fountaine-Pajot 42	B. Martonffy & A.Delecourt	San Francisco
Catatude	Lagoon 42	Tom Wurfl & Helen Downs	San Diego
Le Chat Beaute	Privilege 42	Paddy Barry	Vancouver, WA
LightSpeed	Atlantic 42	David & Kathy Kane	Mexico
Swell	Lagoon 42	Shawn & Kristin Betourne	Boulder, CO
Sea Level	Schionning 49	James & Kent Milski	Lake City, CO
Profligate	Custom 63	Rally Committee	Tiburon

#### **NO COMPRENDE Division (powerboats)**

Maria Elena	Nordhavn 40	Bill & Andrea Kirsh	San Diego
Western Flyer	DeFever 41	Ralph & Patricia Perez	San Pedro
Yukon Spirit	DeFever 43 S	Frank Holt & Paul Lara	Seattle, WA

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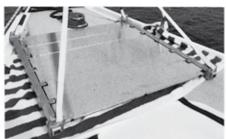
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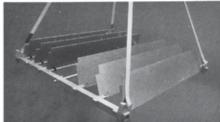
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**3.** Hangs off the side of the boat, from a midship cleat (or pole), about 6' under the surface.

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4. On the down-roll, the blades open and the FlopStopper sinks freely.



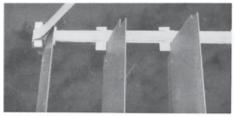
5. On the up-roll, the blades close, creating 8.4 ft<sup>2</sup> of resistance. 1) dampens the roll significantly AND 2) disrupts the wave/rolling pattern, which 3) ends the "harmonic frequency" of the boat roll 4) result: slow uproll = next wave "canceled"



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