

AMERICA'S CUP 34 —

 \mathbf{T} here is a new gold standard at the highest level of yacht racing. It's AC72s on San Francisco Bay. Like the America's Cup itself, there is no second place. The transformation brought about by the creation of the AC72s has been no less than that of biplanes to passenger jets, Model Ts to F1 cars, or snail mail to high-speed Internet. Since this sailing show of a lifetime happened on our home waters, we hope you didn't miss it.

Having already made an improbably spectacular comeback from an 8-to-1 deficit in the improbably exciting 34th America's Cup on San Francisco Bay, Oracle Team USA came from behind

in the 19th and final race to defeat Emirates Team New Zealand and retain the oldest trophy — 162 years — in sport.

The thrilling comeback was one for the ages, and not just in yacht racing.

As a result, the Cup received unprecedented mainstream media coverage and made converts of many who had previously been indifferent if not outright hostile to yacht racing. So many enthusiastic new fans — most of

them non-sailors — rushed down to the Cup Village to watch the final race that the Fire Marshall had to turn thousands away.

The last race was a stomach-churning nail-biter for 2¹/₄ legs, but the final result

Crosses and curves, nobody realized what great match racing boats the AC72s could be — but only with superb crews.



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didn't come as a complete shock. After falling behind by seven races, OTUSA was on a roll, having roared back to an 8-to-8 tie.

But there was more to it than that.

Kiwi head Grant Dalton said he'd "slept the best I have in a week" because he was confident that he knew what the outcome was going to be — although it wasn't going to be good.

The final victory was not a case of the Kiwis faltering, but rather of Oracle having continued to hone some combination of the various aspects of their effort. First, having been taught how to

tack and jibe by the Kiwis in the early races, Oracle had gotten up to par. Second, Oracle's replacement tactical team — a triumvirate of Ben Ainslie, Tom Slingsby and helmsman Jimmy Spithill — were making nearly flawless decisions, even when they took gambles. They were helped by no longer having the slower boat.

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But most of all, the victory was due to what Larry Ellison said was the Oracle team engineers "breaking the code." The AC72s are formula boats, which means they could be modified throughout the regatta. Oracle had made more than a dozen modifications.

Ellison refused to specify what modifications he meant by "breaking the code," and later hedged the importance of the modifications by saying, "Our VMG was faster with the bow down," indicating that improved sailing technique had also helped.

Kiwi commentators speculated about an automatic stability augmentation system that supposedly helped balance Oracle when foiling upwind. The Kiwi boat had a similar system, but it was manually operated.



clear, the result was not. "The obvious difference was Oracle's ability to foil upwind," said Kiwi helmsman Dean Barker. "Oracle's boat systems or [sailing] technique were better suited for foiling upwind for sustained periods."

Dalton said that by the end of the Cup, Oracle had made a 90-second improvement between the two boats on the weather legs. "A huge difference."

Having achieved effective upwind foiling capability in time for the last two races was like the U.S. getting the atomic





"When you're staring down the barrel of a gun, you can either get wobbly in the knees or smile." So says Oracle helmsman Jimmy Spithill who smiled when behind 1 to 8. He's 'Latitude's MVP of America's Cup 34.

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bomb to end World War II. As a result, the two last races were near spitting images of each other. The Kiwis won both the thrilling starts, maintained a slight advantage during the high-speed run down to the leeward mark. Then came the upwind 'leg of truth'.

During the first of the two races, there was a thrilling moment when the boats were side by side at the same speed heading for the boundary near the cone of Alcatraz. Suddenly Oracle got up on her foils and, as if turning on turbochargers, took off. This allowed Oracle to build a substantial lead to the weather mark — just as the Kiwis had been able to do to them in the early races - and

maintain it on the run to the second leeward mark and reach to the finish. There was only a slight variation to this in the

"I'm biased toward Auckland. but I can't think of a better place to race than San Francisco Bay." - Grant Dalton

second of the last two races, completing the unprecedented comeback and retaining the Cup for Oracle Team USA.

When Oracle crossed the finish line for the last time, it was much to the delight of many thousands of flag-waving Oracle fans - most of them newly minted - lining the San Francisco waterfront. Most of the vocal but ever-friendly Kiwi fans were already back in New Zealand, as the event was supposed to have ended three days before. Two days of excessive winds and one day of insufficient wind had forced the event to be extended.

uring the press conference after the Cup, Spithill and other Oracle team members praised their Kiwi opponents. As well they should, for the Kiwis had given them the battle of a lifetime, and

Throughout the 19-race Cup series, there were plenty of ups and downs. Oracle started the series way down low and a little slow.



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had been magnanimous in the early going when it looked as if they would pound Oracle by 9 to 1.

Ellison saluted Kiwi skipper Dean Barker in particular. "No one should



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start of the last race,

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they were, largely by Ora-

cle's new-found ability to

foil to weather.

of a nation on his shoulders like Dean Barker did." But it had been on his shoulders. The ratings for the Kiwi television broadcasts had been the highest ever. And when it was over. Dalton noted that. "The country is devastated."

have the weight

Added to the pressure was the fact that the "We're screwed." And Kiwi government, which had chipped in \$25 million. made it

clear that if the Kiwi team didn't bring the Cup home, they wouldn't get any government money for future America's Cups.

L he post-race press conference was Ellison's first public Cup-related appearance in some time, and he was charming. When asked if Russell Coutts' job with the Oracle team had really been in jeopardy — as had been widely rumored — if Oracle had lost, Ellison laughed. "Russell Coutts is the leader of this team. He's won more America's Cups than anyone, and it's his job as long as he wants it.

There were a lot of great viewing options, but oddly enough most of them were from on land unless you had a big screen HD on your boat.

We're blessed to have him."

Ellison said Coutts' contributions, included saying, "It didn't make any sense," that the Kiwis were faster upwind when they were leading 8-1. In another example, Ellison pointed out that Coutts had repeatedly advised Spithill to drive lower and faster instead of higher and slower — the latter a common multihull driving mistake. Spithill threw his head back in laughter of acknowledgment.

Spithill, whose resolute confidence at the darkest moments had saved the day more than once for Oracle, and who relentlessly spoke of OTUSA being a team effort, echoed Ellison's description of the seldom-seen Coutts as being "the team's leader."

✓ lassy sportsmen that the Kiwis are. Barker and his defeated mates praised the Oracle effort. Barker, in his normal soft voice and subdued tone, noted that it was difficult to accept defeat after victory had been so tantalizingly close for so long.

How close? In the light-air 13th race,

"You know what 8 to 1 is? It's motivation." - JImmy Spithill "I'll get behind that." - Larry Ellison

they were a ridiculous 1,200 meters ahead of Oracle with just a mile to the finish when the race was called off on account of the 40-minute time limit. Had the race lasted just another few minutes, the Cup would now be on tour through the cities, towns and villages of New Zealand.

> In this America's Cup, Lady Luck decided it was just as easy to fall in love with the billionaire's trailing team as with the guys in the lead who didn't know where their nextgeneration daggerboards were going to come from.

For example, race nine was called because of excessive wind. At the time. the Kiwis were leading Oracle at the



leeward mark, about to start the weather leg, where at that stage in the Cup they absolutely owned Oracle. And the Kiwis were leading at the start of race 12, but seconds later it was called for excessive wind. The Kiwis didn't whine about having had bad luck, but that had been the case.

L here was a trace of bitterness from Kiwi leader and frequent crewmember Dalton, who not only looked very tired from putting his 56-year-old body through races that were far more physically demanding than in any previous Cup, but he was also mentally weary from the Coutts/Ellison incarnation of the Cup.

Dalton stated that the Kiwis - whose country has a smaller population than that of the Bay Area - needed to spend \$100 million to try to be competitive. He made no secret that he thought the sum was absurd, and that it had limited the number of challengers.

When a reporter asked if Dalton thought Oracle had outspent the Kiwis, Dalton responded by asking if he really needed to answer such a silly question. When Ellison was later asked if he'd spent more than \$100 million, he sidestepped the question with a smile.

More than a few Kiwis believe that Oracle retained the Cup because of the



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Spread: Oracle's cat may have been 72 feet long, but when foiling she had a 4-foot waterline. Inset: These boats are for athletes only.

Second Golden Rule: He with the most gold, rules. Their belief is that Ellison's limitless wealth allowed Oracle to have a bigger and better-equipped team of engineers and shore crew, many of whom worked through most nights of the Cup to improve the boat.

There is almost certainly some truth to this belief. Oracle made at least 15 modifications to their cat during the Cup, while the Kiwis, despite spending \$100 million, made only about half that many. To non-sailors, small changes to such big boats may seem as if they couldn't make a significant difference, but they can. This is particularly true when often the only parts of the cats in the water are the boards and the rudders. And when boat formulas are new, there is the opportunity to make big gains. When Kiwi Glenn Ashby was asked to describe the 'learning curve' on the AC72s he responded by pointing his hand straight up.

By the end of the Cup, both boats were sailing significantly faster than at the beginning, even when in the same conditions. Dalton said by the end of the Cup their lowest speed in the middle of tacks was 14 knots, up from 10 knots.

"We always knew this was going to be a tech competition," said Dalton, "It's been too expensive, but Oracle did a great job on the technology."

As long as the America's Cup is a 'design competition', the team with the most bucks is going to have a big advantage. That's why we at *Latitude* have always been in favor of one-designs, the America's Cup Deed of Gift notwithstanding. We want the best sailors to win the America's Cup, not necessarily the best-funded team.

There were so many races it's impossible to remember them all, so we'll

take you back to remind you about the details of some of them, and how many times Oracle had been on the ropes before making their miracle comeback.

Race 1. The Kiwis won the start of this hugely anticipated race, and riding strong winds, led Oracle at the leeward mark by only four seconds. The US team overtook the Kiwis early in the windward leg, then the Kiwis grabbed the lead back, and held on to win by 36 seconds. Excitement Level: 10.

"I'd hazard a guess that today's opening race was the best racing ever seen in the 162 years of the America's Cup," wrote Dana Johannsen of the *New Zealand Herald*, which covered the event in more detail than any other publication.

Race 2. The Kiwis won the start for the second time in strong winds, but Oracle was right on their heels at the leeward mark. But again, the Kiwis demonstrated superior acceleration out of tacks, and went on to win by 52 seconds. EL: 8.

Race 3. The always-aggressive James Spithill won the start for Oracle and led at the leeward mark by 18 seconds. But in a disturbing trend, the Kiwis were again better at tacking and sailing upwind. They won by 28 seconds. EL: 9.

Oracle's mediocre crew work and poor upwind performance were a mystery. After all, they were the only team that ever had two boats available at once for two-boat testing, which should have been a huge advantage.

Race 4. Oracle led at the reaching mark by six seconds, and was pressed to the hilt the entire way by the pursuing Kiwis. Nonetheless, Oracle held on to win by just eight seconds. The most exciting America's Cup by far had just gotten more exciting than anyone had believed possible. EL: 10+++.

Race 5. With the 'mo' from the win in the previous race, Oracle's hopes were high and they led at the leeward mark by 18 seconds. But after a flubbed tack and poor tactics, the Kiwis seized the lead, then proceeded to whip Oracle on

There were lots of Kiwis – and Americans – rooting for New Zealand. Oracle's Larry Ellison said he didn't take it personally.



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the upwind leg by a humiliating 90 seconds. The 1:05 margin of victory was the largest to date. EL at the leeward mark: 10+++. EL at the top of the windward leg: 2.

Oracle was so devastated, they played their only 'postponement card'. They admitted there was nothing wrong with their boat, but that they just needed to regroup.

Race 6. Four-time Olympic gold medalist Ben Ainslie came aboard as tactician for Oracle, and for the first time winds weren't near the limit. Oracle won the start and finished the downwind leg 12 seconds in the lead. It was as thrilling as racing could be, but every Oracle fan feared another massacre by the Kiwis on the upwind leg. Those fears were well founded, as the Kiwis gained a massive 55 seconds, and walked away. EL: 10++++ until the middle of the weather leg.

Race 7. The Kiwis led start to finish to win easily by 1:06, the biggest margin yet. Oracle was now down 6 races to 1 on the water, and 6 races to -1 on the scoreboard. Fans wondered if Oracle could even have beaten the hapless Luna Rossa Italian team. EL: 6.

Race 8. The tide began to turn. Oracle, having made undisclosed modifications to their boat, and having learned to tack like the Kiwis, showed better speed upwind. With the boats neck and neck two-thirds of the way up the windward leg, the Kiwis were forced to tack quickly, but lacked the hydraulic power — which is created by grinders grinding — at the critical time. Their wing stayed cocked to

The 34th America's Cup was wetter and wilder than any predecessor. And it was much harder on the grinders than ever before.





windward, so their windward hull rose precariously high into the air, and they came within half a degree of flipping. Thankfully the boat righted herself, but Oracle romped off to win big. The near flip was the wildest single moment in the history of the America's Cup, and somewhat overshadowed what a brilliant match race it had been. EL: 10+++.

Race 9. The Kiwis, who should have been rattled by the near flip an hour before, dominated the first two legs of the race — which was then called off as the wind exceeded the allowable 22.6-knot limit for the day. Spithill told the press the same old story, that Oracle was making improvements each day and could still win. Nobody believed him.

Race 10. With the Kiwis needing just two wins, Oracle sailed a superb race. They overtook the Kiwis on the windward leg, after which the lead changed three more times on that leg alone. Oracle had a one-second lead at the beginning of the downwind leg, but in a high-speed downwind crossing situation Oracle had to duck the Kiwis. In a blink of an eye they lost 100 yards and, by 17 seconds, Team New Zealand nearly flipped out during a fast tack in the eighth race, which would have prematurely ended the competition.

the race. "If you didn't enjoy today's race, you should probably watch another sport," said Dean Barker. EL: 10+++++. It had been the best America's Cup race ever.

Race 11. Kiwis won by just 15 seconds, with the improving Oracle right on their tails. Could the America's Cup racing get any better than this? The boats and crews were now evenly matched, but it was match point for the Kiwis while Oracle needed to win an impossible eight straight races. EL: 10++++.

Race 12. Spithill won the start and the race wire-to-wire by 31 seconds. Oracle hit 32 knots foiling upwind. El: 10+++. This match racing was not to be missed.

Race 13. The Kiwis totally dominated Oracle in a mere eight knots of breeze, but the time limit expired before they could grab the Cup and fly home to New Zealand. The Kiwis still held a big lead, so there were not too many worries. EL : 2.

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Skeptics believed Ellison had made some deal with the devil to keep the Kiwis from finishing. As evidence, they pointed to the fact that Ellison announced he was taking \$78 million less in annual compensation from Oracle Software. "The devil made him do it," said the skeptics.

Race 13, resail. The races kept getting more thrilling as, facing elimination, Oracle was fouled by the Kiwis in a high-speed downwind crossing situation. Wow! The Kiwis then messed up their jibes just before the leeward mark, allowing Oracle to win by 1:24, the biggest margin of the Cup. EL: 10+++. Oracle was still down 8 to 3 on the scoreboard.

Race 14. Now in the third week, the longest America's Cup in history, the tide began to swing in Oracle's favor. In a start-to-finish thriller, Oracle prevailed, continuing to show improvement. EL: 10.

Race 15. After a super-close start, Oracle took the lead and held off several Kiwi attacks to take the race by 23 seconds. Four million Kiwis took a deep breath. EL: 10++.

Race 16. Oracle won her fifth race in a row. How long could the streak con-

tinue? EL: 10++

Race 17. Oracle was behind by two on the scoreboard because of World Series shenanigans, but on the water the score was 8 to 8. Spithill put two penalties on the Kiwis at the start, then dashed off to an easy win. EL: 10++++ New Zealand began self-medicating.

Race 18. For the first time in a long time, Barker and the Kiwis won the start and took a slight lead on the downwind leg and around the leeward mark. The crucial point in the race — and

perhaps the Cup — was when the Kiwis tacked below a trailing Oracle to try to maintain their lead on the upwind leg. It was absolute nip-andtuck, and then Or-

acle got up on foils to weather to take over the lead. From there they built a big lead, and the Kiwis looked badly shaken. It had become Oracle's Cup to lose. EL: 10++++

Race 19. The Kiwis won the start and the first two legs, but the race and the Cup competition were decided on the windward leg, as Oracle again foiled to weather to take a big lead and waltz to victory. EL: 10

Eilison has so many mansions, yachts, jets, islands and whatnot, that we've always wondered how much he cared about the America's Cup. Was he involved in it because you gotta do something with the spare tens of billions you have lying around, or was he truly passionate about yacht racing?

That question was answered emphatically by his actions the day before the final race. Slated to give the

important 'Cloud Keynote' speech at Oracle Open World, the conference in San Francisco that more than 60,000people from around the world had paid \$2.500 to \$3.000 to attend, Ellison not only kept the crowd waiting for 45 minutes, he ended up being a no-show. When it was announced that an underling rather tant-to-me' decision was commented on immediately in the business press.

four attempts, a Champagne-splashed Ellison told the press that he had already received a challenge for the next America's Cup. He declined to say who it was from, but the next day's rumors had it coming from Australia.

than Ellison would give the important presentation, many of the miffed attend-

ees walked out. The 'what's-more-impor-

Ellison acknowledged that one of the

biggest challenges of the next America's Cup will be to "get more countries to participate while keeping the event as spectacular as it was this year." At first glance, it would

seem that the easiest path to that goal would be to go with one-designs, or at least have most of the more critical and expensive parts be one-design, and eliminate the wings in favor of soft sails. We're not against wings in principle, and the technology is already there. The problem is that they require so many people - 30 to 50 in the case of the 72s - to step and unstep each day. Suddenly, the team payroll becomes astronomical. While MOD70 trimarans — or something similar — might not be quite as fast or quite as thrilling as the AC72s, they can certainly be a lot less expensive to build and maintain.

In the right wind conditions, 10 knots to about 22 knots instead of 5 knots to 33 knots as originally planned, the AC72s proved to be spectacular boats. The fact that they are unsustainably expensive

After rarely opening his mouth for the duration of the Cup, Larry Ellison let loose with a big whoop after winning. He's now 2 for 4.



"If you didn't enjoy today's race [#10], you should probably watch another sport." — Dean Barker

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to maintain and difficult to sail means it's unlikely that we're going to see anything quite as spectacular anytime soon — although a source inside the Oracle camp told us they will be shipped, along with five years of spare parts, to Ellison's island of Lanai. What he would do with them there is beyond us. But we are going to miss seeing them streaking across San Francisco Bay.

Ellison's other challenge is with the city of San Francisco. While Mayor Ed Lee has stated he wants the America's Cup to come back, a lot of San Francisco officials and residents have such hatred of the rich that they'd cut their noses off to spite their faces. Like Ellison or not — he said he doesn't take it personally if local sailors supported the Kiwis, as many did — the America's Cup brought a lot of people, good publicity and money to San Francisco. It would be a great thing if the next Cup had 10 syndicates or more. We believe it could do that. plus also attract a lot more people and superyachts — the latter being another attraction that people love or love to hate.

The current status is that Ellison will



Everybody loves a winner. By the time Oracle crossed the line to win the Cup, tens of thousands had jumped on their bandwagon.

discuss the site of the next America's Cup with senior members of the team, and with local government officials. He says he personally would like to see it stay on the Bay, if possible. He cited the beauty, the great sailing conditions and the fact that he has a home here. But honestly, having seen these spectacular sailing machines match racing and reaching speeds of up to 47.57 knots (ETNZ) where everyone can see them from shore, we wonder how the America's Cup could be held anywhere else.

But now is not the time to worry about things like that. Let's just savor the incredible sailing spectacle that we were lucky enough to experience — with a giant assist by Stan Honey and his Live-Line team — and the amazing comeback on the part of Oracle Team USA. It truly was one for the ages.

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For many sailors, Labor Day Weekend marks the end of the summer sailing season. Beer can racing starts to wrap up, the crew — aka your kids — go back to school, and the Bay's typically strong summer winds start to mellow. This year, it also marked the start of the Red Bull Youth America's Cup, so it was no surprise to see dozens — maybe even hundreds more boats than usual out enjoying the beautiful weather that weekend. In fact, small marine businesses around the Bay report they've been busy this summer with sailors pulling their boats out of mothballs to enjoy the America's Cup spectacle.

Hopefully those who got swept up in AC Fever will keep their enthusiasm for the sport fresh by taking their out boats frequently in the coming months. After all, why else do you own it? If you're lacking crewmembers — those darn kids — check out our free online Crew List (www.latitude38.com). There's no shortage of folks looking to go out for daysails or even learn the ropes of racing during some laid-back Midwinters. Whatever you do, just keep feeding the fever. See you out there!

– latitude/ladonna

Spread: We doubt the crew of the Beneteau First 35.7 'Painkiller' was feeling anything but pleasure on this beautiful day of sailing.

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The folks at Red Bull know a winning concept when they see it. Whether it's mountain biking exhibitions, surf contests in exotic locations or Formula 1 World Championships, Red Bull is one of the best in the world at making sponsorship and marketing of extreme sports work. The latest example was the hugely



In the final race, youth athletes from tiny landlocked Switzerland showed what lake sailors can do — with a wire-to-wire victory.

successful Red Bull Youth America's Cup (September 1-4), which produced some of the most exciting racing staged on San Francisco Bay in recent memory.

Ten youth teams (aged 19-24) from eight nations competed in a four-day, eight-race series aboard wing-sailed AC 45 catamarans to determine a champion.

One thing that made the event especially thrilling was that no team

In contrast to the AC72s used in the America's Cup, these AC45s are virtually identical other than their colorful graphics. dominated. In fact, after five races, five different teams had scored bullets. Incredibly, at the beginning of the final day of competition, there was a mathematical possibility that any of nine teams could claim overall victory because the final race was to carry double points.

Ultimately, though, nobody could top the New Zealanders. Young sailors from that tiny island nation not only won the regatta, but took the top two spots in what was an incredible display of young sailing talent. If these kids are the future, then the rest of the world better watch out; New Zealand will be hell-bent on defending the Youth America's Cup (if the event is repeated).

NZL Sailing Team, supported by ETNZ, won the regatta in commanding fashion. With two-time Olympian Peter Burling at the helm and fellow Olympic silver medallist Blair Tuke calling the shots, NZL turned it up a notch on days three and four, and were simply untouchable, winning by an impressive 12 points.

Tied after day two with the San Francisco-based American Youth Sailing Force (who won the first race), Burling and crew took two perfect starts on day three and converted them into two victories, while their nearest rivals, AYSF and New Zealand's Full Metal Jacket Racing, both suffered.

Going into day four, podium positions were far from being assured due to the eighth race's double-points wild card. The outlook for each team differed wildly: For NZL Sailing, the boys merely needed to get the boat around the course cleanly to claim overall victory. Meanwhile, the



AYSF crew were desperately trying to get back in touch with the leaders and preserve their podium position, while their fellow countrymen on USA 45 Racing — who'd been consistently near the back of the pack — just wanted a good result to save face.

At the beginning of day four, Objective Australia was back on pace after boat problems, protests and redress, and the crew hoped to continue their meteoric rise up the leader board. Coming in last twice during

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the first two days, and scoring of 2-2-3 in races five through seven, Objective Australia desperately needed the valuable double points that race eight could provide, and looked likely to leapfrog to a podium position, or at least into the top five.

In race seven (the first on day four), the Swiss entry Team Tilt shot out to an early lead after a perfect start and held on for a wire-to-wire win, while Portuguese Olympian Bernardo Freitas steered ROFF/ Cascais to a hard-fought second, allowing his team to move into a podium position for the regatta.

> Burling and crew sailed smartly and conservatively to finish fourth, while the AYSF got buried early. Rounding the first mark in last place, AYSF could only manage an eighth-place finish, which knocked them off the podium.

> The breeze built before Race 8 began, necessitating a wind hold. After a half-hour postponement, the race committee made the call; There would be no Race 8. With winds exceeding the imposed 18-knot limit by a mere half-knot, but building, the final double-points race was cancelled. It was a crushing blow to several teams who'd hoped to mount an 11th-hour comeback. Many fans

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in the grandstands felt equally dejected.

The Local Impact

As hoped and anticipated, the local sailors of the American Youth Sailing Force — aka The Force — have done the Bay Area and the United States proud. The boys came charging out of the gate to claim a shocking and resounding victory in race one. Looking to have the tides, boat and race course dialed early, they got buried in race two, finishing seventh. The 1-7 scorecard on day one was par for the course, as they were tied with FMJ and just four points behind NZL Sailing. After day two's consistent 3-5 scorecard and NZL's comparative 7-3, the San Francisco team was tied for the lead.

A collective sense of local and American pride energized the local sailing contingent, sending fans in droves to the Marina Green to witness the young American squad duke it out with the Kiwis. Red, white and blue face paint and bikini-clad young women draped in American flags created a raucous, nationalistic setting, more akin to a World Cup soccer match than a sailing race. A difficult third day still saw the AYSF tied with the Kiwi FMJ team for second place.

But the final day wasn't kind to the home team. With the aforementioned eighth in race seven, AYSF was one of several teams that was potentially hamIt's hard for a typical non-sailing sports fan to wrap his head around match racing. But in fleet races it's always obvious who's winning.

pered by the cancellation of the doublepoints race eight. Losing valuable points in the seventh race, AYSF brought home a solid fifth-place finish for the regatta, just two points off the podium and three points behind second. Had the boys finished fifth or higher in the last race, they would have wound up second in the regatta. That's how close the competition was in the Red Bull Youth America's Cup.

If there's one aspect of this America's Cup that clearly "works" with the public and created very viewable content with mass-market appeal, it was the film and television package, which included young sailing filmmaker Sam Greenfield. His series of videos documents the daily life, trials and tribulations and human aspect of the Force. The result is highly

Portuguese hotshots chase their Kiwi rivals around the course. The action was always fastpaced and thrilling to watch.



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entertaining, educational and inspiring, with several Force members becoming near household names — at least among local sailing fans — by the end of the regatta.

As for the other American team, USA 45 Racing, the Red Bull Youth America's Cup gave them a thorough drubbing and left them beaten down and dejected. Thoroughly off the pace from day one, the team just could not hang with the others and recorded a top finish of 7th, among a card full of 9s and 10s. As predicted, a roster full of sailors whose experience was limited to college dinghies didn't help much when pitted against world-class talent in ultra-fast apparent-wind sailing catamarans.

Back to the Future?

It's been said a million times before, but AC45s are a solid, reliable and exciting platform that has now proven itself through several evolutions of close onedesign racing. Combine the sensibility of the AC45 with some of the best young sailing talent on the planet and you have a winner. Throw in the considerable technical expertise of America's Cup Event Authority (ACEA), America's Cup race management (ACRM), AC TV's LiveLine graphics and independent filmmakers, and you have the highly successful Red Bull Youth America's Cup.

The product delivered to spectators was top-notch and as is often the case, a TV monitor was the best way to view it. The only problem was that you had to watch it online and had to really know

RED BULL YOUTH AMERICA'S CUP



Clockwise from upper left: Portuguese in a squeeze; the AC45 ab workout; Aussies show their guns; winners NZL Sailing celebrates with a bit of bubbly; the AYSF bikini team; no one sits idle on ROFF/Cascais; Kiwis and Yanks in close quarters; The Force off the wind; Kiwis trim for speed.

how to watch the event. Considering the substantial resources that were invested in this inaugural event, it was a shame to see almost no mention on Red Bull's corporate website and no real TV feed. In the realm of professional sailing sponsorship and the all-valuable return on investment, the race may have been a flop. But to the sailors and fans that did manage to follow the races, it was a regatta to remember.

Cooper Dressler, an AYSF standout, said of the regatta, "Everyone is really happy with how the event went. The AC 45s and the racing were great! I think the formula created a great product and hopefully this thing (RBYAC) can continue. We sailed hard and had the time of our lives!"

Let's hope Cooper is right and that

the Red Bull Youth America's Cup does indeed live on. With modest operating costs and the promise of reliably competitive racing, this would seem to be a sustainable event that just might connect with non-sailing sports fans in addition to hardcore sailors. Let's hope Red Bull continues to "give you wings." — ronnie simpson

For a look at the wildly mixed results see: www.americascup.com/en/resultsstandings.

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DELTA DOO DAH DIY

The concept behind creating the Delta Doo Dah wasn't complicated: Hold an event that will get folks to sail their boats to the Delta. At the height of the recession, far too many boats were growing to the bottom, and Delta marine businesses were hit especially hard by the economy. Since the Delta is a mere daysail away, we hoped the event would kill two birds with one stone.

As readers know by now, the response to our laid-back little rally was overwhelming. For four fabulous years, we led dozens of boats upriver to escape the



Bay's frigid summer winds and bask in the warmth of the Delta.

But this year was different. With America's Cup mania building, not to mention filling most of the summer's sailing calendar, choosing dates for this year's Doo Dah proved impossible. Besides, if we didn't want to miss

The kids from 'Tonic' seem to prefer freshwater.

water action, how could we expect Doo Dah'ers to miss out?

So we followed in the wake of our sister event, the Pacific Puddle Jump, and set dates for the 'event' that would allow folks to head upriver whenever



Doin' it yourself — (top row, I to r) Danielle and Nicole take a flying leap off 'Fuzzy Logic'; Sweeeet; The Richmond YC 4th of July dinghy raft-up at Potato Slough; Walking on air; (middle) The 'Tazman' crew spent the whole summer in the Delta; A sip of 'Sweet Tea'; Rocking out on 'LaDonna Jean'; (bottom) There's more than one way to sail in the Delta; A stunning sunset at Mildred Island as seen from 'Flibbertigibbet'; 'Prime Time' and 'I'm a PC' visit Bethel Island's Sugar Barge; You never know what you'll wake up to on 'Guenevere'.







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their schedules would allow, rather than organize a guided rally as we'd done previously. This meant that we no longer had to limit the number of entries — anyone could go at any time!

More than 100 boats signed up for Delta Doo Dah DIY, and we know of many more boats that went to the Delta this summer but didn't register. What did they miss by not registering? Oh, only discounted moorage at Martinez Marina, Owl Harbor, Sacramento Delta Bay Marina,

Stockton Sailing Club and Tiki Lagun Resort & Marina; great prizes from *Latitude 38*, Southbound Solar, Survival Straps, and Water-Jel, not to mention the chance to win the new Delta cruising guide *Sacramento River Boating Guide* by Bill Corp; and don't forget a couple of really fun parties!

The Kick-Off Party was held on May 10 at Berkeley YC, where tons of prizes were handed out and Delta boating experts answered questions for newbies. It



Little Venice Island offered up some idyllic scenery for relaxing into a good book.

also offered Doo Dah'ers the chance to meet others who might be heading their direction at the same time. Even so, it was hard not to bump into other Doo Dah'ers along the way. "I met a couple of other Doo Dah boats by chance at Herman & Helen's, near Stockton," says Steven Andersen of the San Rafael-based Ericson 32 Thetis.

Several Doo Dah'ers report spending the entire summer in the Delta, and to them we say, 'Well done!' David Sawyer of the Ericson 32 *Tazman* says his family took five multi-day mini-vacations in the Delta while their boat was at Owl Harbor. "The weather was always perfect!"

Conterns sailed upriver more than once. "We headed up in July and will be going back up again in October," report Rich and Shawn Wideman of the C&C 40 Bumpy.

Even Doodette Christine made the trip twice. "Well, the first one was in the Delta Ditch Run," she notes. "Does that count?" We think so!

So if you sailed to the Delta this summer — as part of the Doo Dah or a club cruise — be sure to drop by Richmond YC on October 10 (6-9 p.m.) for our Reunion Potluck Dinner. Bring your favorite dish, some cash for the bar and your tallest tales of a summer well-sailed.

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After a decade of doublehanded cruising around the world aboard their Deerfoot 74 Interlude, Alameda-based sailors Kurt and Katie Braun have plenty of time-proven advice to share. And while we're not completely sold on all of the opinions stated here, their ideas certainly offer worthwhile food for thought. (Look for a second installment of this series next month.)

Helpful Concepts

Conventional Travel vs. Cruising: We suggest taking a hard look at your goals in life and the best ways to achieve them. Fun, adventure, camaraderie, experiencing new places and cultures, helping people, personal growth, etc. are all cited

Chartering vs. Owning: Boats are like spouses; they like time, attention and money. If you want the cruising lifestyle, but not the time spent crossing oceans or performing maintenance, consider chartering. We have found that maintaining the value of a boat requires



Not every cruiser has a boat as large and luxurious as the Brauns' Deerfoot, but their advice is applicable to boats and budgets of any size.

as reasons for going cruising. But life is short and maintaining a yacht and floating from place to place may not be the most effective use of your time.

If your idea of cruising is not sitting in a marina and you want to experience remote and exotic places, use your boat to do it while you can. 'Time and tide wait for no man' so when physical challenges begin to mount, we suggest using airplanes and hotels. Use your boat primarily to get to places not easily visited by conventional means, and do so while you are healthy. For example, don't sail to Thailand just to lay your boat up for a season while visiting Vietnam, Cambodia and China, or spend time on mainland Italy, France and Spain while sailing the Med (less expensive and easier seen by land).

But if you enjoy diving atoll passes in the Tuamotus, exploring coves and remote ruins on the Turquoise Coast of Turkey, or spending a couple of months helping kids learn English in a Kiribati village, you can only have those experiences by sailing your own boat there while you are healthy. spending roughly ten percent of the purchase price annually. Some items will be amortized over ten or more years (sails, rigging, engines, paint, etc.). But it all averages out to about five to fifteen percent depending on how handy you are. Factoring in the cost of capital, insurance and marina fees, pretty soon even a \$10,000-a-week charter is more cost effective, enjoyable and less trying on your marriage than owning your own yacht.

Power Requirements: Too often we see 'green' boats with solar panels and/or wind generators running engines for hours at anchor to keep up with power usage while clogging their exhaust systems with incomplete combustion, or pollut-

ing the anchorage with a noisy portable

generator. Although boats can be run solely on alternative energy sources, power consumption must be balanced accordingly. This is best worked out with real-world tests in a location with resources (i.e. before you are halfway to the Marquesas). While Interlude is considered by some to be a 'power-hungry boat' with her 70-gallon-per-hour watermaker, household-sized washer and separate dryer, 110-volt audio/video surroundsound system, dive compressor, A/C and heaters, three refrigerator/freezers, autopilot, radar, chartplotter, etc., she was built with a 12kW generator and battery bank designed to keep up with her needs by running efficiently two hours a day.

If your boat is not big enough to have a dedicated generator or you don't have the real estate to safely accommodate enough solar/wind/tow power, you will have to cut back on usage. The Pardeys and many other cruisers including Kurt (during previous voyages) have sailed the world in modern times without electronics (use sextant & leadline), a watermaker (use a raincatcher), refrigeration (use fresh, pickled, tinned and dried food), autopilot (use a wind vane), or an electric windlass (use a hand crank). Boats of all levels of complexity arrive at the same anchorages and if you can avoid being a slave to your systems you may find yourself having more fun.

Motoring vs. Sailing: While we prefer to sail rather than motor, a greater priority is extending our cruising budget. Know the math on sailing vs. motoring and understand the speed and conditions at which the cost of UV damage and wear and tear on your sails and running rigging is greater than that of using the engine. When we decided we wanted to see this summer's America's Cup in San Francisco Bay, we calculated it was cheaper to motor 3,000 miles from Panama than sail the 6.000 miles via Hawaii. Motoring can also be a safer option limiting your time on the open ocean or allowing you to make landfall during daylight hours. Just as most musicians have day jobs, most sailors will find a use for motoring.

Realistic Provisioning: In almost every nook of the world, beer, flour, rice, sugar, cooking oil, some fresh veggies

and eggs can be found. Carry only one month's supply of these items and use the rest of your storage space for spare parts and fancy treats like fine chocolate, dill pickles and gourmet olives.

If you see something that you may want, buy it then and there; otherwise it will most likely be gone if you come back later. Cash is king. The availability of ATMs as a reliable means of obtaining spending money while cruising is spotty. In Vanuatu, we loaned \$300 to a crew of young cruisers who were going to miss out on an experience of a lifetime - viewing

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the active volcano on Tanna — because they had no cash on hand to pay a guide. In Saumlaki, Indonesia, we loaned the three other cruising boats on our rally money to buy fresh provisions, as the only ATM in a city of 100,000 people was broken. In Uligan, a convenient Maldivian stop while crossing the Indian Ocean, U.S. dollars were the only way to purchase diesel.

Characteristics of a Bluewater Cruising Yacht

Strength: Regardless of the best weather planning, at some point you will encounter rough conditions. Knowing your boat is tough enough to take a pounding will give you confidence and prevent the embarrassing urge to run around yelling, "Oh shit, we're all going to die!" All hull materials have pros and cons, but our preference is either marine-grade aluminum or thick fiberglass with no core.

Hard Dodger/Pilothouse: Sailing is okay as a contact sport for a few hours, but for crossing oceans a well-sheltered place to stand watch is not only more

'Interlude' is both a performance sailing machine and a well equipped home on the water. And she's relatively easy to doublehand. comfortable, but safer. With three hours off, 24/7 watch-keeping, having a secure place, out of the elements, to monitor conditions will help the crew stay more alert, and preserve any electronics mounted there. Our Deerfoot 74 was designed with a pilothouse, but we know



many cruisers that have replaced their canvas dodgers with more substantial fiberglass ones.

Ability to Sail Upwind: Often we hear owners brag about how well their boat sails on a broad reach, and in the same breath admit that it does not sail well upwind. Sailing upwind is, however, sometimes the only option. We have had some of our best passages using a code zero (180% genoa) sailing upwind in light conditions. Going up the Red Sea we took advantage of wind aft of the beam for 800 miles, knowing we could beat into 30 knots for the final 300 miles to Egypt to conclude our 17-day passage. Fellow cruisers who did not take advantage of



When your destination lies upwind, it's nice to have a boat that can get you there under sail rather than by day after day of motoring.

the weather window and couldn't sail well upwind took weeks longer, covering the 1,100 mile distance in short hops under power.

Waterline Length: Unless you plan on spending a lot of time in marinas your money is best spent on waterline. A larger boat is likely faster, more comfortable and roomier for storing all those spare parts and toys. We know plenty of folks who have more money invested in a tricked-out 46-footer than they would have spent on a 60-footer with basic gear for shorthanded sailing.

However, if you are on a budget we recommend something like a Peterson 44 with a hard dodger, as it meets our requirement of a boat that can sail 150-200 miles a day in decent wind and is still strong enough to push on in rough weather.

Good Engine: Sized for wind (not water) resistance (40 knots), easy to maintain and lacking in computer chips (now illegal in the USA) are important cruising boat engine characteristics. Knowing of numerous boats that have lost systems to lightning strikes or power surges, we opted not to repower, but found a new factory long block for our old Isuzu marinized diesel truck engine. Though we have to put up with less fuel efficiency and more weight, we know this engine will be reliable and will not require a computer technician and spare electronics to keep running. And it can be repaired anywhere in the world.

Essential Equipment

Communications Without Wi-Fi or Cellular: To cross oceans, an HF radio (SSB/Ham or at least SW) for weather forecasting and cruiser nets and/or an Iridium satellite phone for weather, email

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and calling home are a must. Although we both have our amateur radio licenses and find the cruiser radio nets useful. an Iridium satellite phone is more reliable and versatile for downloading GRIB files and direct calling. For little more money than a Pactor modem plus SailMail service, onboard email through a satellite phone is much easier (use an email consolidator like www.uuplus.com). We've had friends who went all the way across the Indian Ocean with no weather data because the SailMail and Winlink servers could not be reached.

Serious Groundtackle: 300 feet of chain, an oversized anchor and a powerful windlass will keep the captain and crew sleeping well at night, and unafraid to leave the boat all day for shore excur-



Don't skimp on anchoring gear. Your life - and the safety of your boat - will almost certainly depend on it, wherever you cruise.

sions. Take the suggested anchor weight, double it, and size your windlass so that you can bring it and all your hanging chain up without overheating. We have arrived at an anchorage to find the only practical place to drop the hook is in 80-100 feet of water. A heavier anchor will allow you to be secure with only 3-to-1 scope if necessary. In anchoring over 1,000 times with our 80-kilogram Bruce, we have never dragged - even in 50-knot winds.

Spare Parts for Critical Gear: If you can't live without a piece of gear then you need to have the parts and knowledge to fix it yourself. We carry more spare parts than food because people need to eat everywhere, but many places do not have the availability, or adequate transportation, to replace a critical part. A big mistake is assuming that because vour boat is new vou do not need to worry. Systems yet to be tested under fully stressed conditions can easily fail as well.

Rain Catcher or Watermaker. Carrying enough fresh water to keep the cabin, crew and critical gear salt free will help you maintain your vessel and keep nasty skin rashes at bay. In the tropics, a good rain-catching awning that will stand up to a squall while at anchor will keep your tanks topped off for the season. We have had visiting cruisers cut their sundowners short, eager to wash their boat and/or bathe during a downpour. Alternatively, have an easy-to-maintain watermaker sized to handle your needs. (Ours makes 70 gal/hour.)

Watch Commander: Forget egg timers and electric watches. Instead visit www.

sailsafely.com to order a timer that may save your boat or even your life. With a dial that allows you to choose from 3 to 27 minutes, and numerous intervals in between, this alarm will remind the on-watch crew it's time to check conditions and course. If the crew doesn't hit the reset button during the one minute of soft alarm, a loud alarm will go off, not only getting the attention of the snoozing crew who's on watch, but also waking up the entire ship. For double-handed cruisers, this device also serves as a MOB alarm. albeit somewhat de-

layed. (Anytime we're sailing far enough offshore that we can't swim to safety, we use harnesses and jacklines).

Overrated Equipment

Bow Thrusters: Day sailors might find a bow thruster useful for frequent docking, but offshore cruisers are typically either at anchor or are in marinas for extended periods, leaving this device to grow barnacles and become just something else to maintain. Without a bow thruster on our 74-foot yacht, we always reconnoiter a new This simple yet effective

download a Google Earth circumnavigator. image or marina diagram ahead of time. We advance-plan all maneuvers, enter at the calmest time with the least current if possible, usually back in to tight places, use prop walk to turn, and a breast line amidships to stop the boat and pull us into the dock. If a marina tender is available we ask that they stand by to push



Having an easy-to-maintain, large-quantity watermaker is a wonderful addition to a cruiser's equipment. But it's not essential.

the bow if the situation is really tight.

Sea Anchors: We have spoken with numerous Kiwi cruisers who used their New Zealand Category One-required parachute anchor only to find themselves trapped in a fierce storm for days. When conditions abated and sailing could normally be resumed, they had problems retrieving it, wrapping the thing around various appendages and injuring themselves in the process. On the 2005 ICA rally to Fiji, several boats deployed sea anchors or stopped at Minerva Reef, causing much grief and damage, while Interlude and other boats pressed on, avoiding the worst of the storm, and arrived many days sooner.

Extra Crew: We shared

the Baja Ha-Ha experience

with friends aboard, but for

passage-making we prefer a

boat equipped so that you can move it without extra crew.

We joke that crew is a four let-

ter word, and we know many

'bad crew' stories involving

folks that are no longer talk-

ing to their former BFFs. Too

often, we hear of cruisers

missing a great anchoring

spot or pushing on in the face

of bad weather because they

had crew or visitors to meet.

We welcome guests, but our

motto is if someone wants to

visit us they can pick either

the time or the place, but not

both. This ensures we will not

put ourselves at risk trying to



slip by dinghy or at least device was invented by a

meet a timetable.

— kurt & katie braun

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- Oct. 19 Ha-Ha Welcome to San Diego Party, Downwind Marine, 12-4 pm. Ha-Ha entrants only.
- Oct. 26 Pacific Puddle Jump seminar, West Marine, San Diego, 5 pm.
- Oct. 27, 11 am Skipper's meeting, West Marine, San Diego. Skippers only please.

Oct. 27, 1 pm — Ha-Ha Halloween Costume Party and Barbecue, West Marine, San Diego.

Oct. 28, 10 am — S.D. Harbor Ha-Ha Parade.

- Oct. 28, 11 am Start of Leg 1
- Nov. 2, 8 am Start of Leg 2
- Nov. 6, 7 am --- Start of Leg 3
- Nov. 8 Cabo Beach Party
- Nov. 10 Awards presentations hosted by the Cabo Marina.

Nov. 20, 4-7 pm — La Paz Beach Party. Mexican folk dancing, live music, & more.

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"Who are all these sailors?" you might ask. "And why are they in the Latitude spotlight?"

The answer, of course, is that they're members of the 20th anniversary Baja Ha-Ha rally, which begins on the 28th of this month. Giving them their '15 minutes of fame' in these pages is our way of saluting their initiative to cast off their docklines and boldly enter the cruising lifestyle, while many of their dockmates undoubtedly continue to procrastinate.



The 'Sosiego' crew hates Mondays.

We'll pick up where we left off last month with this second installment of fleet profiles, and a final installment will appear in our November edition.

As with the group featured last month, the backgrounds of these entrants are as diverse as the types of boats they sail on. They earn their pay checks doing everything from brain surgery to commercial construction, and some sail aboard modest production boats while others sail gleaming classic yachts.

As in years past, though, the common denominators here are passion for sailing and thirst for adventure. If previous rallies are any indicator, both of those drives will be satisfied during the 750mile San Diego-to-Cabo San Lucas run, as a typical day of southbound sailing off the Baja California coast features broad reaching with swell and current from astern. As the miles tick away, both air and sea temps get progressively warmer, and game fish get ever more plentiful. No wonder roughly 2,500 boats have done this 'nothing serious' rally since its inception in 1994.

With that introduction to the 'Platinum Edition' Ha-Ha, we'll continue our introductions to the Baja Ha-Ha Class of 2013. (Listed in the order they signed ир.)

Dulcinea - Downeast 38 John & Janice Barker, Long Beach

Occupations: John, audiologist; Janice, N/A

Noteworthy: After doing the first Ha-Ha in 1994, John and Janice commutercruised in Mexico for 11 years, plus another three years on the East Coast.

Quote: "It's déjà vu all over again!" Add'l crew: Al Fricke, plus John & **Emily Carpenter**

Cruise plans: A few years of cruising in Mexico.

Sosiego — Westsail 32 Joe & Debbie Graham, Alameda

Occupations: Both are registered nurses

Noteworthy: In Spanish sosiego means tranquility.

at least for a year."

Cruise plans: Cruise south to Huatulco, then do a South Pacific circuit.

Pamela - Pacific Seacraft 37 **Dennis Maggard & Pamela York** San Francisco

Occupations: Dennis, software industry; Pamela, therapist (retired)



'Pamela's crew hopes to reach New Zealand.

Quote: "From the moment I saw the sea, I heard her calling to me, 'Boy, find a boat and come find me."

Cruise plans: The plan is to do the Pacific Puddle Jump in the spring, then backtrack from New Zealand in 2015.

Nomad — Rival 36 **Robert Cohn & Margo Louwerse** Pt. Richmond

Occupations: Robert, N/A; Margo, occupational therapist (both retired)

Quote: "We are using the Baja Ha Ha as a conduit to another life assuming our relationship stays intact!"

Cruise plans: Continue exploring Baja.



Appa — Wauquiez Centurion 42 **Marcus & Jennifer Reichert** Seattle, WA

Occupations: Marcus, ER RN; Jennifer, "awesome mother"

Noteworthy: The family is taking a year off to cruise Mexico together before returning to Seattle via Hawaii.

Add'l crew: sons Maxey Albrecht, 16,

The 'Appa' crew is taking a year's sabbatical.



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Benjamin Reichert, 8, and daughter Sammy, 3 *Cruise plans:* Mexico, then home.

Opening of Hadres 45 and

Capricorn Cat – Hughes 45 cat Wayne & Carol Hendryx, Brisbane Occupations: Wayne, electrician;

Carol, teacher (both retired)

Noteworthy: Combining the cruises of the Hendryxes and previous owners Blair and Joan Grinols, '*Cap Cat*|has logged

The devilish 'Capricorn Cat' crew.



Spread: The Ha-Ha fleet heads south. Insets, left to right: It's great to have a few toys; Turtle Bay volleyball; kids jump for joy.

roughly 95,000 miles.

Quote: "The Ha-Ha is my second favorite thing to do." (Wayne)

Add'l crew: Tony Bezzina, plus Steve & Tawani Swann

Cruise plans: A season of cruising, then bash to the Bay.

Wavelength — Beneteau 46 Sandy & Bill Schwartz, Portland, OR

Occupations: Sandy, flight attendant (retired); Bill, investment adviser Noteworthy: Sandy once did a cruise from the Marquesas to Hawaii.

Quote: "We're heading south." *Cruise plans:* Six to nine months in Mexico.

Sunshine — Saturna 33 PH Bob Coulson & Dee Dee Brown Thieves Bay, BC Occupations: Bob, teacher; Dee Dee, respiratory therapist (both retired) *Noteworthy:* Designed by Bill Garden, they call this a baby Fast Passage with a pilothouse.

Quote: "I've been looking forward to this for years!"



Bob and Dee Dee of 'Sunshine'.

Add'l crew: son Gavin Coulson *Cruise plans:* No plans.

Ocean Echo — Hallberg-Rassy 45 Hellmuth & Angelika Starnitzky San Francisco Occupations: Hellmuth, CEO; Ange-

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lika, customer service manager (both retired)

Noteworthy: Hellmuth started sailing at age eight.

Quote: "If not now, then when?"

Add'l crew: Hendrick Specht, Betti Kapp, Karin Lotte

Cruise plans: A season in Mexico, then off to Hawaii and Alaska.

Dolce — Island Packet 485 Eric & Gisela Gosch, San Diego

Occupations: Eric, auto dealer; Gisela, N/A

Noteworthy: The couple did the Ha-Ha 10 years ago aboard a similar IP, then cruised the South Pacific and sold her in Australia.

Quote: "We love Mexico and cruising the Sea."

Add'l crew: Chip, Gail & Christopher (son) Polvoorde

Cruise plans: Cruising the Sea of Cortez.



Meet the 'Dolce' crew.

Four Choices — Islander Freeport 36 Bob Scholl, Westpoint Harbor

Occupation: engineer (retired) Quote: "All my other choices were non starters."

Add'l crew: Jim Noble

Cruise plans: A year in the Sea, then on to the South Pacific.

Ilean — Catalina 38 Andy & Eileen McDonough Alameda

Occupations: Andy, airline pilot; Eileen, CFO (both retired) Noteworthy: Andy named the boat

phonetically after his wife. *Quote:* "Out the Gate, turn left; when

the butter melts, I'm setting the anchor." *Cruise plans:* Open-ended.

Solstice — Island Packet 485 Bruce & Mary Bock, Coronado Cays Occupations: Bruce, head and neck surgeon; Mary, nurse (both retired)

Quote: "We love Mexico and want this country to flourish. They are a nice, hard-working people with a dedication to visitors and sailors."

Cruise plans: South to Panama, on to Florida, then around the world.

Starshine — Shannon 38 Dave & Gail Kenyon Deale, MD

Occupations: Dave, aerospace engineer (retired); Gail, contracts manager. Noteworthy: Dave's sailing career began at age four.

'Starshine' will continue on to the South Pacific.

Quote: "We're a classic, full-keel ketch with even more classic crew." *Cruise plans:* Heading to the South Pacific islands and Australia.

Fury — C&C 44 Fred Hazzard, Portland, OR

Occupation: exporter *Noteworthy:* This crew has been racing and cruising together for 30 years.

Quote[†]Always sail with good friends." *Add'l crew:* Denny Damore, Michelle Bennett & John Cole

Cruise plans: Base in La Paz for the winter; bash home in May.

Top Cat – Fountaine-Pajot 37 Rod Goodman, Long Beach

Occupation: electronics engineer *Quote:* "It's time to go!" *Add'l crew:* Marlene Stewart & John

Sears

Cruise plans: Heading to Mazatlan; eventually on to Panama and the Caribbean.

Winterhawk — Beneteau Evasion 36 Rick & Patti Nordby, Edmonds, WA

Occupations: Rick, high school shop teacher; Patti, corporate trainer



'Winterhawk's crew loves 'messing about'.

Noteworthy: They are carrying the ashes of their late fisher-dog, and will be spreading some of his ashes whenever they "hook a big one."

Quote: "There is nothing — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." (*Wind in the Willows*)

Add'l crew: Jim Richardson & Brian Story

Cruise plans: The boat will be based in Mexico. The couple will winter there.

Whiskey Tango Foxtrot — Beneteau 58 Reza Malek, Sausalito

Occupation: drummer

Noteworthy: Launched in 2011, this is one of the newest, and also largest, boats in the fleet.

Quote: "My answer is yes!"

Add'l crew! Miguel Valls, Ali Tavassoli, Ardy Salem, Farzad Maimi & Amir Ayazi Cruise plans: Bash home again.

Calixto — Hans Christian 33 Ramiro Medina, Marina del Rey

Occupation: human resources *Quote:* "*Caramba*, lets do the Ha-Ha!" *Add'l crew:* Stacy Parady

Cruise plans: Truck boat home or hire crew to deliver her.

Scout — 60-ft trawler John Hartung, Olympia, WA

Occupation: real estate (retired) *Noteworthy:* This is one of two *Scouts* in the rally, the other being a Jeanneau 52.

Quote: "Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it."

Add'l crew: Catherine Bartholomew *Cruise plans:* Continue cruising in Latin America.

Sea Gypsy — Sea Maid 45 Jon Culver & Jill Ingham Elfin Cove, AK

Occupations: Jon, military; Jill, N/A

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Quote: "When we bought this boat a year ago the only thing she was capable of doing well was floating."

Cruise plans: A few weeks in the Sea of Cortez, then bash home.

Cerulean — Amel Maramu 46 Jeremy & Erika Hermanns Marina del Rey

Occupations: Jeremy, VP of marketing; Erika, marketing manager

Quote: "We are super-excited to take *Cerulean* to Mexico and enjoy the weather and laid-back environment with a bunch of like-minded cruisers."

Cruise plans: "Good question!" So many possibilities. . .



Jeremy and Ericka of 'Cerulean'.

True North — Hallberg Rassy 36 Gregg & Anne Brickner Anacortes, WA

Occupations: Gregg, software development; Anne, sales (both retired)

Quote: "We're looking forward to having fun with other folks, exercising our skills, and helping our boat do what she was born to do."

Cruise plans: On to the Caribbean, return home via Hawaii, or possibly ship her back.

Honi — Hunter 33 JD & Jill Mackay, Long Beach Occupations: JD, pilot; Jill, Realtor

(retired) *Quote:* "What, me worry?"

Cruise plans: Uncertain.

Antard — Westsail 42 Don Russell & Joyce Goodlatte San Francisco

Occupations: electrician, retired; Joyce, doctor (retired) *Noteworthy*[‡]Don once sailed from S.F. to New Zealand.

Quote: "I have dreamed of sailing off around the world since reading about the *Dove* back in the '60s." (Don)

Cruise plans: Extensive cruising for 5-10 years.

Ebenezer III — Catalina 36 Richard Schaper, Sausalito

Occupation: gift planning officer (retired)

Noteworthy: Both his father and grandfather were commercial fishermen who immigrated from The Netherlands. *Ebenezer*/was the name of his grandpa's trawler that fished out of Nantucket.

Quote: "This is what I retired to do — sail the Sea of Cortez, for starters."

Add'l crew: Poul Kjaer

Cruise plans: A stint in the Sea of Cortez, then home.

Green Flash — Beneteau 35 Bob Ritner & Joan Chen Long Beach

Occupations: Bob, architect; Joan, business manager

Quote: "Preparation and opportunity have finally met."

Add'l crew: Zack Smith

Cruise plans: Base the boat in La Paz or San Carlos, and commuter-cruise for several years.



The 'Green Flash' crew will base at La Paz.

Indigo Star — Tayana 48

Doug & Mary Tracey, Vancouver, BC Occupations: Doug, operations man-

ager; Mary, executive director Quote: "Let's not wait until 'tomor-

row'!"

Add'l crew: daughter Stephanie & son-in-law Stephen Whiting

Cruise plans: Boat will be based in



The 'Indigo' crew will linger for years. Mexico for several years.

Happy Dance — Jeanneau DS 43 Marty & Sue McDaniel, Coupeville, WA

Occupations: Marty, manufacturing engineer; Sue, airline system analyst

Noteworthy: Sue has been sailing 37 years longer than her hubby.

Quote: "Years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bow lines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." (Mark Twain).

Cruise plans: This is the beginning of a 20-year cruise.



Alaskans on 'Happy Dance' are eager for sun.

Cool Change — Beneteau 37 John Caletti, Pt. Richmond

Occupation: contractor

Quote: "When you need a break from the grind, it's time to go sailing to Baja!" *Add'l crew:* Bill Williams & Theresa Henrekin

Cruise plans: To be determined.

Rose of Sharon – 51-ft schooner Byron Chamberlain, Newport Beach

Occupation: yacht insurance (and a longtime Ha-Ha sponsor)

Noteworthy: This beautiful Starling Burgess-designed woodie was launched

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in 1930.

Quote: "Looking forward to frivolity, gaiety and competition among old and new friends."

Add'l crew: Kris Rittenhouse, Don Young, Bob Cadranell & Chris Boome

Cruise plans: Head north when the weather is right.

Sea Otter – Island Packet 37 Mike & Julie Dillard, Bend, OR Occupations: Mike, lawyer; Julie,

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Noteworthy: During the seven years they've owned *Sea Otter*, they've done two trips up the outside of Vancouver Island.

Quote: "The Baja Ha-Ha will be the start of our family's sailing adventure of a lifetime."

Add'l crew: son Ben Dillard, 12, and Julian Munoz

Cruise plans: A season in Mexico, then will probably do the Pacific Puddle Jump.

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A Good Day — Island Packet 485 Charlie McCullough San Francisco

Occupation: tech exec

Noteworthy: In addition to other sailing, Charlie and his wife Carol have been chartering boats for 30 years.

Quote: "An East Coast sailor boldly takes on the Pacific!"

Add'l crew: TBD

Cruise plans: The boat will eventually be based at Puerto Vallarta.

Kalewa — 50-ft custom cat Kevin & Marcie Millett, Nawiliwili, HI

Occupations: Kevin, boat builder; Marcie, self-employed

Noteworthy: The owners built this boat themselves and did the 2008 Ha-Ha. The name's pronounced Ka le va.

Quote: "It doesn't get any better than this."

Cruise plans: "Who knows?"

Sagacious — Columbia 50 Chris Geddes, Dartmouth, GBR Occupation: crash test engineer (re-

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Noteworthy!Previous owner sailed her twice to Australia, and she did at least one TransPac.

Quote: "This is the kick up the backside I need to get me started on my journey."

Add'l crew: Robert Daniel

Cruise plans: Wintering in La Paz; eventually on to Indonesia and Singapore.

Ahmeek — Celestial 48 Dennis Gray & Sherie Gibson Utah

Occupations: Dennis, engineer; Sherie, teacher (both retired)

Noteworthy: The entire crew is from the land-locked mountain state of Utah, and has much more experience in skiing than sailing.

Quote: "Seems like a great way to end up in the Sea of Cortez knowing some friends in the area."

Add'l crew: Michael & Melissa Skarsten

Cruise plans: Cruise Mexico for a year or two.



The 'Ameek' crew is up for a change of altitude.

Sailors Run — Baba 40 Jeff & Debbie Hartjoy, Longbranch, WA

Occupations: Jeff, utility lineman; Debbie, homemaker (both retired)

Noteworthy: The couple has cruised this boat extensively including two Ha-Has, and Jeff soloed 5,600 miles from Lima, Peru, to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Quote: "Time is the currency of life, so let's go spend some."

Add'l crew: adult son Dan Cruise plans: Open-ended.

Gatecrasher — Tayana 48DS Roger Shortz, San Francisco

Occupation: neurosurgeon *Quote:* "I have been putting this off for several years, but I'm finally going to chuck it all and do this thing. I even got a tattoo (my first) for the event!"

Add'l crew: Tom Mansor

Cruise plans; Heading on to new home in Guayabitos.

Since our keyboard is groaning and we've run out of space, we'll take a break here. But next month we'll introduce you to the rest of the fleet, some of whom waited until the last minute to pull the trigger. And in the December edition you'll find a complete recap of the event, from pre-start to finish.

In the meantime, look for on-thescene event reports on our thrice-weekly online newsletter, *'Lectronic Latitude*, at *www.latitude38.com.*

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"Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! Calling the Coast Guard!"

At some point in the distant past history of my yacht club, someone decided there should be a VHF marine radio in the bar. On rare occasions it actually proves useful, for example when someone radios ahead for a dinner reservation or when a club member's boat is aground on the sand bar and one of the crew has opera tickets. Mostly it's just annoying background noise, but the *mayday* call got our attention. The conversation stopped immediately so we could hear what was about to unfold.

"Vessel calling *mayday*," said a young but very serious voice from the radio, "this is Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. What is the nature of your distress?"

"*Mayday!* Calling the Coast Guard! We have lost power!"

The sailor on the next bar stool looked over at me and I looked at him, and we both rolled our eyes. But we felt compelled to eavesdrop on every word of this exchange.

"Vessel calling, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. Are you in immediate danger?"

"*Mayday!* Calling Coast Guard! Yes, we are drifting and we need a tow."

"Vessel calling, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. What is your location?"

"We are off the Naval Air station, and have no power. Repeat, we have no power."

"Vessel calling, Coast Guard Sector. Are you in immediate danger?"

"*Mayday!* Coast Guard! We are a half mile off the Naval Air Station, drifting with no power."

The patient voice of the Coast Guard became a little less patient, but still needed to get a more exact position.

"Vessel calling, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. Can you give me a GPS position?" location using any other landmarks.

"The problem," observed one of the sailors at the bar, "is that the Naval Air Station probably shut down before that kid in the Coast Guard radio room was born."

"Maybe we can help," I suggested. "Let's pull the latitude and longitude off the chart on the wall."

About four of us ran over to the framed copy of chart 18649 — 'Entrance to San Francisco Bay' — that had been hanging on the wall next to the bulletin board in the hallway for as long as anyone could remember. On the way, I barely avoided a collision with Lee Helm, coming from the direction of the women's bathroom. Her hair was wet, and she was carrying a small sea bag and a dripping wetsuit. She's not a yacht club member, but she has a habit of sneaking in to use the shower after windsurfing.

"Starboard tack," I said, since she had come from my left and caused me to alter course. "And fancy meeting you here. Are you a guest of a member, or have you finally decided to join?"

"The showers here are, like, so much nicer than those grungy marina bathrooms," she explained, more to the other yacht club members who might not be as familiar with her M.O.

"Well, at least sign in and fill out a name tag," I insisted. "You can be my guest this time, but you really shouldn't sneak in without being invited first."

"Hey, future members have rights here too," she reminded me.

We can while two of my friends were trying to determine the latitude and longitude of the stricken vessel by reading the chart. "There are only tick marks for latitude every minute of arc," complained An accident such as this is an appropriate time to call a 'mayday'. Losing your engine when you're far from danger may not be.



"Mark the distance up from the nearest parallel and then compare to the place where there's a graduated scale on the margin."

"Damn, it's in minutes and seconds," said the first volunteer. "Who uses seconds these days, anyway?"

"Latitude is the same as the nautical miles scale," said the other sailor, apparently the one with the better knowledge



"*Mayday!* Coast Guard, we are about a half mile southwest of the end of the runway at the Naval Air Station. We are between two buoys — I think they are number one and number two."

But the Coast Guard apparently had no idea where that was. He kept asking for a position in latitude and longitude, and the drifting powerboat — we all assumed it was a powerboat — did not have a GPS and was not able to describe their The longitude scale along the top of chart 18649. Transfer the distance from the nearest minute meridian to the subdivided interval, then divide by 60 to convert to decimal minutes.

one of the volunteers. "They must be a mile apart, with nothing in between. How can we get a precise latitude with no subdivisions on the margin?"

"Use the edge of this membership application," said another helper, grabbing the closest piece of paper at hand. of charts and navigation. "That's calibrated in tenths."

They found longitude to be more difficult because the miles-scale didn't work, and while one volunteer was dividing seconds of arc by 60 to get decimal minutes, Lee had sneaked over to the member computer terminal, hacked a password, brought up Google Earth, changed the



setting to degrees and decimal minutes, and had the coordinates of the spot in question at about the same time that the people struggling with the framed chart and the strips of paper had the numbers.

"It's hard enough to get lat-long off a paper chart when I'm sober," said one of the sailors. "How in heck is anyone supposed to do this after two hours of drinking at the bar?"

Meanwhile the VHF drama continued: "Vessel calling, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. Do you have an anchor on board?

'We'll check, please hold."

This was our opportunity. I picked up the mic, said "Break break," and reported the coordinates of the spot a half-mile off the southwest corner of the old Naval Air Station, between buoys one and two.

The Coast Guard thanked me, but also requested that we keep the channel clear.

guess the format of that chart was set long before we had gadgets that spoke latitude and longitude," I surmised. "A hundred years ago there was hardly ever any reason to report an inshore position as a latitude and longitude."

"Still, you'd think that would be fixed by now," complained one of the more ine-

briated sailors, now back at the bar with yet another Tanqueray and tonic in front of him. "And that Coastie. Can't they find someone who knows the Bay

a little better? I remember listening in one time when a boat was on fire right in Hospital Cove, and the kid on the Coast Guard radio didn't even know where that was."

"Oh, come on," I said in defense of public servants. "They do a great job."

"But the voice on the radio," added Lee, "is the public face of the Coast Guard, and you'd totally think they'd go to a little more trouble to find someone who knows the common landmarks on the Bay. I mean, it's just basic PR."

other sailors as he contemplated his martini.

The discussion paused so we could eavesdrop on more VHF chatter, as the Coast Guard tried to ascertain the length and description of the vessel.

"We are a Tartan Ten," said the voice from the crippled boat.

We were all surprised it was a sailboat, but considering our analysis of the crew's skills up to that point, not really surprised that they couldn't sail it home. After all, it was a calm fall afternoon and the wind in the South Bay was probably less than five knots.

The Coast Guard asked again for the boat's length and description.

"Oh, come on," said Lee. "Ten meters. It's a 33-ft sailboat with a flush deck and fractional rig. That guy on the radio must be from Nebraska.'

Eventually that information was conveyed, but the next thrash involved getting the boat's name spelled correctly. Every time the Coastie asked for the vessel's name, the boat responded with "Mayday!" until it was finally understood that 'Mayday!' was actually the boat's name.

"This one is the boat owner's fault," Lee allowed. "Gotta be the stupidest boat name ever. But lesser offenses can still cause problems: Never choose a boat name that's hard to spell, that's an obscure foreign language word, or that reads as a bad pun."

Eventually the description of Mayday! was established. Eventually it was established that Mayday!'s anchor was down and holding, and eventually it was established that everyone on board *Mayday!* had put on a life jacket.

With a little more trouble they even-

tually negotiated a switch away from channel 16. but we were cheated out of hearing the discussion because they then switched to their cell phone be-

fore we could listen in on the inevitable message that, no, the Coast Guard was not going to tow them to their marina, and that they would have to hire a commercial towing service if they needed to get home quickly.

Dhow's over," said the bartender as he switched the radio back to 16.

'She's got a point," said one of the

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"Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! Calling the Coast Guard!"

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"All stations, all stations, all stations," crackled the radio through some static a few minutes later. "This is United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. Be advised of an anchored obstroclkakyg located near channel marker two at the brlzigls chiolwgohg channel. All mariners are advised to proceed with caution. This is United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, out."

"I love the way they repeat that they're the Coast Guard three times coming and three times going," complained Lee, "but the one bit of info that might actually be, you know, important, is only said once and when there's some static or distortion at that instant you're out of luck."

"It's just standard radio protocol to repeat the name of your station three times," said the radio expert. "Can't blame them for using proper procedures."

"Total waste of bandwidth," Lee argued. "I mean, anyone can parse 'Coast

Emergency Radio Procedures

• Determine if you and/or your vessel are in *immediate danger*, (sinking, on fire, about to go on the rocks, etc.). If so, proceed with the following. If not, call Vessel Assist.

• Speak slowly, clearly & calmly.

• Say "Mayday, mayday, mayday. This is (vessel name repeated three times). Over."

• State your location — preferably lat & long — twice.

• State the nature of your distress, number of people onboard and if there are any injuries, the condition of the vessel, and the type of assistance you need.

• The Coast Guard will need to know your vessel length, type and color, as well as if you have enough PFDs aboard.

Guard Sector San Francisco' even through heavy static. It's the actual message that needs to be repeated. All that repetition of the obvious just makes them sound silly."

"Well, at least we got that it was near channel marker number two," I pointed out, with more than a little sarcasm. "That really narrows it down."

"Yeah, but give the chartmakers a break. The buoy numbering system predates radio communications by a couple of centuries," noted the navigator at the other end of the bar. "Within shouting distance, the buoy numbers are unambiguous."

"Shouting distance," Lee repeated. "Ya think maybe it's, like, time to modernize?"

"Nah," said the drunk from the next bar stool. "The documentation alone would cost millions, never mind the paint. I'll have another rum and Coke, please."

"Those Coast Guard radio kids also seem to have trouble plotting bearings on a chart," added the navigator at the other end of the bar. "Once I watched a boat



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sink, some distance outside the harbor. Everyone was taken off okay by another boat, and just the mast was marking the spot. I called it in on my cellphone, and as usual they wanted latitude and longitude."

"I remember that one," said the most drunk club member. "That was me who picked up that crew in my Whaler."

"All I had was my cell phone, and I was on shore and some distance from the scene. So I lined them up with a day mark and background landmark, then walked to the end of the breakwater and lined them up with another landmark. So I gave the guy two really good bearings with a decent crossing angle."

"And he still wanted a lat-long, right?" I guessed.

"The guy couldn't draw two lines on a chart. Or on his computer screen. Anyone who passed the Coast Guard auxiliary navigation class with a B-minus could have done that. But not that guy on the radio."

"I guess he had to follow his script," I said. "But still"

 \mathbf{N} othing else of interest came over the radio for some time, except the usual calls for a radio check, answered with "Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. Be advised that radio checks are conducted on channel nine."

"Now there's a losing battle," said my inebriated friend. "We're supposed to use 9, not 16, for calling. Do you actually know anyone who does that? Or who listens on channel 9 instead of 16?'

"Not me," admitted almost every sailor at the bar.

"Don't you swabs know how to use dual watch?" asked the navigator, who was also the one person who did claim to monitor channel 9. "Virtually every radio has it, and it's really simple to set up."

"My research shows that 88.5% of all recreational boaters who own a dualwatch VHF have never used it in dual watch mode," announced Lee, citing a new made-up statistic.

"And my research," I responded,

"shows that 91.7% of all race crew who own a countdown stopwatch don't know how to set it to count down to a race start."

"Well, my research shows that 94.1% of all VHF calls originate on 16, not on 9," said the drunk sailor. And to prove it, he switched the radio to channel 9.

The radio was silent for some time, so we eventually went back to 16. And not a moment too soon. There was a boat on the rocks, already with some hull damage and taking water, with an injury on board. We heard the latitude and longitude transmitted.

"That's right outside the harbor!" shouted Lee. "Let's go!"

We stumbled out of the bar like a fire brigade in a Keystone Cops movie, ran down the road to the rocks by the harbor entrance, and got there just in time to see a Coast Guard RIB pulling up alongside and tossing a towline.

"When all is said and done," admitted the drunk, "those guys are great."

"I guess," sighed Lee. "But in a totally old-school kind of way."

— max ebb



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THE RACING

September wasn't <u>all</u> about the America's Cup, but it certainly took a bite out of the normal racing season. Still there was plenty to occupy local racers. Check out some of the action below, plus more **Box Scores**.

Express 27 Nationals

The Express 27 Nationals, hosted by Richmond YC on August 23-25, were all about bullets. PRO Fred Paxton ran out of them. And those shotgun shells would have announced to the competition that his son, Will Paxton, had won yet another race aboard *Motorcycle Irene*. All told, Will won six of the seven races and got shortchanged maybe four shotgun blasts.

"Practicing really paid off," says Will. And with crew Zach Anderson, Parker Mitchell and bowchick Sherry Smith, he says, "It was fun."

The only race lost in an otherwise unblemished bunch of aces came at the helm of Dan Pruzan's *Wile E Coyote*, which took a long-distance race flier from Red Rock to current relief on the Marin shore. It was the right thing to do.

Daddy Paxton — watching the course with paternal interest — was at times critical of his son's not covering the competition. And he's still wondering who found his secret stash of shotgun shells on the committee boat.

- ryc race committee

EXPRESS 27 NATIONALS (8/23-25; 7r,0t)

OVERALL – 1) Motorcycle Irene, Will Paxton/ Zach Anderson, 8 points; 2) Get Happy!!, Brendan Busch, 18; 3) Wile E Coyote, Dan Pruzan, 22; 4) Magic Bus, Paul Deeds, 31; 5) Peaches, John Rivlin, 36; 6) El Raton, Ray Lotto, 56; 7) Opa!, on the Circle on August 24, Richmond YC also found time to squeeze in a club members' 12-mile pursuit race around Southampton and the Brothers. The Grand Dame of Bay sailing, Jocelyn Nash, ran the race, which featured Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions. The former, which boasted 26 boats, was won by Wayne Koide and crew on the Sydney 36 *Encore*. Ralf Morgan and Debra Clark on their Alerion Express 27 *Ditzy* beat out 15 other non-spinny boats for the win. — ryc race committee

RYC INTRA-CLUB PURSUIT RACE (8/24; 4r,0t)

SPINNAKER – 1) Encore, Sydney 36, Wayne Koide, 8 points; 2) Mach Schnell Kleiner Hase, Wylie Wabbit, Erik Menzel, 21; 3) Lilith, Wyliecat 39, Tim Knowles, 21; 4) Baleineau, Olson 34, Charlie Brochard, 21. (26 boats)

NON-SPINNAKER – 1) **Ditzy**, Alerion Express 28, Ralf Morgan, 11 points; 2) **Dreamt**, Alerion Express 28, Kirk Smith, 26; 3) **Skip-purr**, Catalina 30, Steve Kittle, 28. (16 boats)

Complete results at www.richmondyc.org

SBYC/BenYC Jazz Cup

"Goose wins the Jazz Cup." It's almost as obvious a headline as that one from *The Onion*, "Rich Guy Wins Yacht Race." The Kastrop family's South Beach YCbased Catalina 30 has won the funky trumpet trophy six times now, including three times in a row. This time they had

> to do it without the help of their now-grown sons, so it was a bittersweet victory. Overall trophies also went to Dan Alvarez's JS9000 *JetStream* (monohull) and Jerome Ternynck's Extreme 40 cat *SmartRecruiters* (multihull).

Meanwhile, a different Goose — Goose Gossman — reports having had a blast during the South Beach YC and Benicia YCsponsored race on August 31 aboard Steve and Ginger Penny's Hunter 386 LE *Windfall.* "A couple of AC72s buzzed the start off

Treasure Island, which was cool," Goose says. "This was the Pennys' first race ever and the first time flying their new asymmetrical spinnaker. Since I was the only experienced racer on the crew — which included German exchange student Felix and his host Alex, as well as Benicia wa-



terman Joe Miller — I assumed the role of tactician.

"As we approached a mark on starboard, we were forced into an emergency bear-away to avoid a collision. I casually informed the other boat of their offense but we chose not to file a protest — which would almost certainly have led to their being disqualified — as that would only have distracted us (and them) from the fine sailing ahead. In fact, it's my understanding that there was a heated, several-hour protest concerning this mark, which resulted in the disqualification of two boats. In my opinion, this kind of stuff really detracts from the fun of the competition of a great race."

— latitude / chris

JAZZ CUP (8/31)

DIVISION D – 1) Alegre, Santana 22, Chris Klein; 2) Wind Pacer, Capri 22, Carole Vaillancourt; 3) Four Sirens, Santana 20, Will Deutsch/Mark Werder. (8 boats)

DIVISION E - 1) **Goose**, Catalina 30, Mike & Lorianna Kastrop; 2) **Adventure**, Catalina 30, Jack McDermott; 3) **Time Bandit**, J/22, Scott Mack. (8 boats)

DIVISION F - 1) **Ruby**, Moore 24, Steve Mc-Carthy; 2) **TMC Racing**, J/24, Michael Whitfield; 3) **Downtown Uproar**, J/24, Darren Cumming. (10



Will Paxton, Parker Mitchell, Zach Anderson and Sherry Smith earned the National Championship trophy and the Owner/Driver trophy.

Peggy Lidster, 56; 8) **Tequila Mockingbird**, Matt Krogstad, 57; 9) **Summer Palace**, Wolfgang Stehr, 65; 10) **Monster Express**, Ted Lohr, 68. (15 boats) Complete results at *www.express27.org*

RYC Intra-Club Race

While running the Express 27 Nationals — aka The Will Paxton Show — over
SHEET



boats)

SF30s — 1) **Heart of Gold**, Olson 911S, Joan Byrne; 2) **Tartanic**, Tartan Ten, Robert Lanzafame; 3) **Bay Loon**, J/29, Grant Harless. (8 boats)

DIVISION H - 1) **Arcadia**, Mod. Santana 27, Gordie Nash; 2) **Shenanigans**, Express 27, Bill Moore; 3) **Highlighter**, Islander 36, William Hackel. (12 boats)

DIVISION J - 1) Hoot, Olson 30, Andrew Macfie; 2) Sir Leansalot, Hunter 40, Tom Lueck; 3) E Ticket, Moorings 38, Noble Griswold. (11 boats)

DIVISION K – 1) Yucca, 8-Meter, Hank Easom;
2) Savoir Faire, Beneteau First 42, Paul Osborn;
3) Red Cloud, Farr 36, Don Ahrens. (9 boats)

SPORTBOATS – 1) JetStream, JS9000, Daniel Alvarez; 2) Rusalka, Melges 24, Zhenya Kirueshkin-Stepanoff; 3) Flight Risk, Thompson 650, Ben Landon. (8 boats)

DIVISION Q — 1) **Twisted**, Farr 40, Tony Pohl; 2) **Bodacious+**, 1D48, John Clauser; 3) **Tupelo Honey**, Elan 40, Gerard Sheridan. (9 boats)

MULTIHULLS – 1) SmartRecruiters, Extreme 40, Jerome Ternynck; 2) HMB Boys & Girls Club, D-Class cat, Alan O'Driscoll/Bryan Wade; 3) Rocket 88, Spruitt D-Class cat, Ian Klitza. (12 boats)

JAZZ CUP TROPHY: Goose FIRST OVERALL MONOHULL: JetStream

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Complete results at www.southbeachyc.org

U.S. Multihull Sailing Championship AC72s weren't the only cats wowing the crowds along the Cityfront last month. On September 7, 21 Hobie 16s shared the limelight in US Sailing's Multihull Championship, hosted by Sausalito YC. The teams were introduced to the shoreside spectators, who cheered them on as they raced close to shore.

Enrique Figueroa and crew Carla Malatrasi of San Juan, Puerto Rico, continued their dominance with four more wins en route to claiming the title. Two (mostly) Californian teams battled it out for second: France's Andy Dinsdale and Sacramento's Heather Mathews clinched it by two points over Long Beach's Jeffrey Newsome and Michelle Eatough. The Bay Area's Adam Borcherding (Santa Cruz) and Jacob Sailer (Alameda) finished eight points back.

<u>US SAILING U.S. MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP</u> (9/4-7; 12r, 1t)

OVERALL – 1) Enrique Figueroa/Carla Malatrasi, 11 points; 2) Andy Dinsdale/Heather Mathews, 54; 3) Jeffrey Newsome/Michelle Eatough, 56; 4) Adam Borcherding/Jacob Sailer, 62; 5) Mike Montague/Kathy Ward, 66; 6) Patrick Porter/John Williams, 71; 7) Rich McVeigh/Carol Hilk, 83; 8) Sarah Newberry/Emmett Moore, 85; 9) Ben Brown/Andrew Wilkinson, 112; 10) Blair Wallace/Sasha Wallace, 117. (23 boats)

Complete results at http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMHChampionship.htm

Nespresso 18-ft Skiff International Regatta

Last month's Nespresso 18-ft Skiff International Regatta for the Mark Foy Trophy, hosted by St. Francis YC, turned into a clash between two Kiwi teams, Alex Vallings' *C-Tech* and David McDiarmid's *Yamaha*. None of the other 20 skiffs came close. A cliffhanger, the regatta went down to the tenth and last race on September 13. "We had to win," Vallings said. "Halfway down the run we were third, but *Yamaha* was behind us the whole race."

The highlight of the week for secondplace McDiarmid was his class win in the Ronstan Bridge to Bridge, a counter for the regatta, on Thursday. But Marinbased kiteboarding phenom and 2012 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Johnny Heineken really wowed in the September 12 event, foiling his board 5.3 miles from the Golden Gate to the Bay Bridge. He finished in an amazing 12 minutes, taking 2 minutes off the course record.

Johnny's kiteboarding sister Erika was the first female, coming in eighth. Looming over the competition and finishing in fifth place was Tom Siebel's MOD 70 Orion. The Bay Area's Mike Percey was the winning windsurfer.

— latitude / chris

<u>StFYC/NESPRESSO 18-FT SKIFF INTERNA-</u> <u>TIONAL REGATTA (9/8-15; 10r,2t)</u>

OVERALL — 1) C-Tech, Alex Vallings/Josh McCormack/Chris Kitchen, NZL, 11 points; 2) Yamaha, David McDiarmid/Andrew Archibald/Mark Overington, NZL, 11; 3) Fisher & Paykel, Grant Rollerson/Glenn Raphael/Pistol Nicholson, AUS, 26; 4) Yandoo, Nick Press/James Beck/Andrew Hay,

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Oktoberfest, Vanguard 15 Fleet Champs, Vic-Maui, SF Bay Folkboat Regatta, 49er Worlds, and much more!



Knarrly – Since sailors switched boats every day, there's no sense in IDing these gorgeous Knarrs. Instead, enjoy the beautiful photos by Leslie Richter.

AUS, 31; 5) **CST Composites**, Howard Hamlin/Matt Noble/Paul Allen, USA, 32. (22 boats) Complete results at www.18skiff.com

International Knarr Championship

On the sixth and final day of racing in the 45th International Knarr Championship (IKC), hosted by San Francisco YC, Denmark's Soren Pehrsson sailed away with the win. San Francisco's Jon Perkins was close on his heels, with IKC defending champion Lars Gottfredsen (DEN) rounding out the podium. The founding father of the San Francisco Bay Knarr fleet, Knud Wibroe of Sausalito, took sixth.

Conditions were windy throughout the week, which made for tight racing on the Olympic Circle and the Cityfront. Twentyeight teams from Norway, Denmark, Germany and the Bay Area participated, with local skippers providing their lovingly cared-for boats so international skippers would not have to go to the expense of shipping theirs. Skippers switched boats every day, making the regatta as fair as possible.

Next year's IKC will be held in Bergen, Norway. The event will return to the Bay in three years. INTERNATIONAL KNARR CHAMPIONSHIPS (8/30-9/7: 10r.2t)

OVERALL – 1) Soren Pehrsson (DEN), 18 points; 2) Jon Perkins (USA), 31; 3) Lars Gottfredsen (DEN), 34; 4) Tom Carlsen (DEN), 36.5; 5) Kim Bruhn-Petersen (DEN), 49; 6) Knud Wibroe (USA), 50; 7) Phillip Perkins (USA), 51; 8) Don Nazzal (USA), 65; 9) Brent Crawford (USA), 72; 10) Graham Green (USA), 78. (27 boats)

Complete results at www.sfbayknarr.com

Shields Trophy Regatta

Vallejo's California Maritime Academy (CMA) tied for first in the Shields Trophy Regatta at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis last month. Ten teams turned out for the 9/21-22 competition between service and maritime schools and sailed in the Academy's fleet of Navy 44s.

Chesapeake Bay offered up challenging conditions on the first day, with a building southerly wind and unusually large waves and chop. Navy jumped out to a quick lead, winning the first race and a close second in race #2. CMA started slowly with a 2,4 but came on strong to win the final two races of the day.

After the first two races the wind was gusting into the mid-20s. With equipment preservation in mind, the race committee

opted to restrict sail selection to #3 jibs and no spinnakers for the final two.This put a huge premium on starts and upwind boat handling. At the end of the day, CMA was in first, with Navy one point behind.

With the cold front having passed, conditions for day two were typical, with NNW winds starting in the high teens. The breeze dropped, and Navy elected to change to a bigger headsail downwind, which proved decisive as they passed Coast Guard and CMA to take the win.

For the second race, CMA nailed the pin and worked the favored left side while Navy found themselves buried after the start. CMA went wire to wire for the win as Navy scratched back to a fifth, just nipping Maine Maritime at the finish.

For the final race, CMA was sitting on a three-point lead but were no doubt nervous given the fluky conditions. SUNY Maritime won the pin end of the line with Navy safely to windward, while CMA couldn't fetch the pin due to the building ebb. SUNY went up and down in the lead, with Navy in second, and CMA back in sixth, forced left outside a number of







boats. Navy stayed in phase to slip past SUNY and rounded the last weather mark well ahead. CMA did not give up, passing two boats, but, in the end, it wasn't enough. Navy held the tiebreak which ended up being the deciding factor.

Congratulations to Cal Maritime's Keelhaulers: Dillon Lancaster, Scott Doyle, Harry Antrobus, Andrew Lamb, Chris Vilicich, Ryan Lynch, Corey Lynch and Eileen Welch.

— charlie arms

SHIELDS TROPHY REGATTA (9/21-22)

OVERALL — 1) U.S. Naval Academy, 16 points; 2) Cal Maritime Academy, 16; 3) U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 29; 4) SUNY Maritime College, 30; 5) Massachusetts Maritime Academy, 31; 6) U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 37; 7) Maine Maritime Academy, 49; 8) Royal Military College, 52; 9) St. Mary's College of Maryland, 62; 10) U.S. Military Academy, 64. (10 boats)

Complete results at www.collegesailing.org

Catalina 38 Nationals

Five boats turned out for the Catalina 38 Nationals, hosted by Berkeley YC on August 31. Nuking late-summer winds offered up challenging conditions on the Bay but Mike Mannix's *Harp* nailed the first race, crossing the line 30 minutes ahead of anyone else. The remaining boats all finished four minutes apart. The second race took the fleet to Alcatraz and through Raccoon Strait into the lee of Angel Island. *Harp* found the wind and once again took the win.

Until this year, the regatta was normally held in Long Beach. Next year it will travel to Puget Sound.

CATALINA 38 NATIONALS (8/31)

OVERALL – 1) Harp, Mike Mannix; 2) Thira, Ray Torok; 3) Pretty Lady, Dave McCarty; 4) Enfin, Bob Kirby; 5) Little Breeze, Kerry Grimes. (5 boats) More info at www.catalina 38.org

Weta West Coast Championship

The Weta West Coast Champs, held September 21-22 as part of Richmond YC's Multihull Invitational, was good fun, with great race management by the women's Byte fleet on a tricky tidal and shifty race course. The course offered great — although sometimes distracting — views of the America's Cup racing.

Saturday dawned light and shifty and Sunday started the same, but the breeze built through the day. Everyone was sitting out on the ama upwind, but downwind the heavier crews found life more difficult in the lighter breezes.

Chris Kitchen dominated the racing, making most of his gains downwind and in the starts. Kitchen's take on the regatta was all positive. "The buzz was just so fun, everyone was smiling and enjoying themselves, no matter how they ended up in the fleet," he said.

Sunday was windier than Saturday, and Jonathan Weston started to get his form going, taking a race off Kitchen and a second in the last race. But it wasn't enough to stop Kitchen's taking out the regatta.

Robert Spencer, a keen Weta sailor who lives in Dubai and works for Emirates, brought over some awesome prizes: a scale model of an Emirates 777 airplane and a pair of ETNZ binoculars!

For full results of RYC's Multihull Invitational, see www.richmondyc.org. — weta marine

BAMA Inter-Club Series

Eighteen boats turned out for the Bay Area Multihull Association's Inter-Club Race #6, the final in the series, on September 7. With straight bullets, Steve Wonner's Wyliecat 30 *Uno* killed it in the

THE RACING SHEET

Spinnaker <140 division, while Robert Fairbank and David Crone's Yankee 30 *Double Play* took the \geq 140 class, David Sanner's *Queimada* led the Catalina 34 fleet, Deborah Stern's Cal 39 II *Spindrift* took the Non-Spinny <170 class, Michael Maurier's Alerion Express 28 *Scrimshaw* took the Non-Spinny \geq 170 fleet and

Mark Eastham's F-31 *Ma's Rover* took home the Multihull trophy.

— latitude / ladonna

BAMA INTER-CLUB SERIES FINAL (9/7; 6r, 1t)

SPINNAKER <140 — 1) Uno, Wyliecat 30, Steve Wonner, 5 points; 2) Crinan II, Wyliecat 30, Bill West, 9; 3) Vita E Bella, Catalina 42, Jack Verducci, 17. (7 boats)

SPINNAKER \geq 140 – 1) **Double Play**, Yankee 30, Robert Fairbank/David Crone, 6 points; 2) **Galatea**, Aphrodite 101, Christopher Viaggi, 14; 3) **Lelo Too**, Tartan 30, Emile Carles, 15. (5 boats)

CATALINA 34 – 1) Queimada, David Sanner, 7 points; 2) Mottley, Chris Owen, 8; 3) Crew's Nest, Ray Irvine, 15. (8 boats)

NON-SPINNAKER <170 - 1) Spindrift, Cal 39

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ISLAND YC ISLAND NIGHTS FINAL (5r, 1t)

SPINNAKER <151 — 1) **Ruby**, Moore 24, Steve McCarthy, 4 points; 2) **Twisted**, Farr 40, Tony Pohl, 9; 3) **Spirit of Freedom**, J/124, Bill Mohr, 15. (7 boats)

168 RATERS — 1) **Phantom**, J/24, John Gulliford, 5 points; 2) **Bewitched**, Merit 25, Laraine Salmon, 6; 3) **Faster Faster!**, Merit 25, David Ross, 11. (4 boats)

SPINNAKER >151 - 1) **Wuvulu**, Islander Bahama 30, John New, 7 points 2) **Proverbs 21-21**, Ideal 18, Steve Ritz, 8; 3) **Boogie Woogie**, Ranger 33, John Ratto, 10. (7 boats)

NON-SPINNAKER – 1) Magic, Mercury, John Hansen, 4 points; 2) Loco 2, Mercury, Paul Mueller, 7; 3) Dream Catcher, J/24, Al Spector, 11. (4 boats) Complete results at *www.iyc.org*

OAKLAND YC SWEET 16 SERIES FINAL (8r,2t)

NON-SPIN ≤200 – 1) **Some Day**, Islander 36, Roy Samuelson, 8 points; 2) **Jackal**, Ranger 33, Roger Wise, 8; 3) **Willin**, Catalina 30, Mark Tishler, 12. (5 boats)

NON-SPIN >201 — 1) Loco 2, Mercury, Paul Mueller, 8 points 2) Fun, Santana 22, Chris Nicholas, 12; 3) Fast Company, Santana 22, Barbara Miller, 14. (6 boats)

PHRF 148-174 — 1) Faster Faster!, Merit 25, David Ross, 11 points; 2) Bewitched, Merit 25, Laraine Salmon, 11; 3) Bandido, Merit 25, George Gurrola, 12. (7 boats)

PHRF \leq 99 – 1) **Dark & Stormy**, 1D35, Jonathan Hunt, 7 points; 2) **Golden Moon**, Express 37, Kame & Sally Richards, 9; 3) **Spirit of Freedom**, J/124, Bill Mohr, 18. (5 boats)



'Wingit' and 'Ma's Rover' at the start of BAMA's final Inter-Club Race.

II, Deborah Stern, 8 points; 2) **Haute To Go**, Sabre 386, Michael Russell, 10; 3) **Zingara**, Islander 36, Steve & Jocelyn Swanson, 12. (3 boats)

NON-SPINNAKER $\geq 170 - 1$) Scrimshaw, Alerion Express 28, Michael Maurier, 7 points; 2) La Maja, Islander 30, Kenneth Naylor, 9; 3) Joanna, Irwin 30, Martin Jemo, 17. (5 boats)

MULTIHULL — 1) **Ma's Rover**, F-31, Mark Eastham, 9 points; 2) **Three Sigma**, F-27, Christopher Harvey, 10; 3) **Peregrine Falcon**, F-27 Bill Gardner, 11. (8 boats)

Complete results at www.sfbama.org

Race Notes

On September 27, San Diego's Bill

THE BOX SCORES

FAT 30s (PHRF 175-185) - 1) Nice Turn, Cal 2-29, Richard M. Johnson, 7 points; 2) Lelo Too, Tartan 30, John Ford, 25; 3) Joanna, Irwin 30, Martin Jemo, 16. (4 boats)

PHRF >100 - 1) **Cassiopeia**, Islander 36, Kit Wiegman, 8 points; 2) **Wings**, 5.5 Meter, Mike Jackson, 9; 3) **Whirlwind**, Wyliecat 30, Dan Benjamin, 12. (7 boats)

MULTIHULL — 1) **Triple Play**, F-31, Richard Keller, 6 points; 2) **White Knuckles**, Corsair 750 Dash, Gary Helms, 9; 3) **Sunbow3**, Corsair Sprint 750, Ken Johnson, 9. (4 boats)

Complete results at www.oaklandyachtclub.com

ENCINAL YC SUMMER TWILIGHT SERIES FINAL (5r, 1t)

DIVISION A — 1) **Good & Plenty**, Soverel 33, Justis Fennell, 6 points; 2) **Twisted**, Farr 40, Tony Pohl, 9; 3) **Red Cloud**, Farr 36, Don Ahrens, 10. (7 boats)

DIVISION C - 1) **Double Trouble**, Moore 24, Kevin Durant, 7 points; 2) **TAZ!!**, Express 27, George Lythcott, 11; 3) **Claire de Lune**, Moore 24, Ted Floyd, 13.5. (12 boats)

DIVISION D - 1) **Bewitched**, Merit 25, Laraine Salmon, 4 points; 2) **My Tahoe Too!**, Capri 25, Steve Douglass, 8; 3) **Osituki**, Cal 28, Rodney Pimentel, 15. (9 boats)

DIVISION E – 1) **Popeye & I**, Cal 9.2, Ruth Summers, 7 points; 2) **Spray**, Coronado 25, Raymond Kytle, 8. (2 boats)

Complete results at www.encinal.org

BAY VIEW BOAT CLUB MONDAY NIGHT MAD-NESS SERIES CUMULATIVE (5r, 1t) OVERALL – 1) Cappo Gato, Nonsuch 30, Sal **Hardesty** was inducted into the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Athletic Hall of Fame in Kings Point, NY. Before earning the 2011 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year award, before winning eight world championships including two as helmsman in the Etchells, two as tactician in the Melges 24, one as tactician in the Farr 40, and three Match Racing

World Championships, Hardesty led the Academy's coed dinghy sailing team to a Singlehanded National Championship in 1995 and Coed Doublehanded National Championship in 1996, won the fourperson sloop National Championship in 1998, and was named 1998 College Sailor of the Year.

The Singlehanded Sailing Society moved their season-ending **Vallejo 1-2** from October 12-13 to the following weekend, the 19th-20th. Registration closes on October 16. See *www.sfbaysss.org*.

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— latitude / chris

Balistreri, 7 points; 2) **Breakout**, Santana 35, Lloyd Richey, 9; 3) **Kai Manu**, Cal 29, John Jaundzems, 15. (8 boats)

Complete results at www.bayviewboatclub.org

MONTEREY PENINSULA YC SUNSET SERIES CUMULATIVE

PHRF A (20r, 1t) - 1) **Bustin' Loose**, Sydney 38, Jeffrey Pulford, 28 points; 2) **Encore**, J/105, Dave Potter, 63; 3) **Dude**, Olson 911S, Todd Muck, 106. (8 boats)

PHRF B (27r, 1t) - 1) **Morpheus**, Moore 24, Rick Srigley, 104 points; 2) **Kon Tiki**, Cal 29, Austin Book, 121; 3) **U20**, Ultimate 20, Thom Smith, 192. (11 boats)

SHIELDS (25r, 1t) - 1) Rolly, Pakhtun Shah, 41 points; 2) Stillwater, Garth Hobson, 93; 3) October, Steve Jackson, 101. (13 boats)

Complete results at www.mpyc.org

SAUSALITO YC SUMMER SUNSET SERIES CUMULATIVE (4r, 1t)

PHRF <100 - 1) **Streaker**, J/105, Ron Anderson, 3 points; 2) **Nimbus**, J/105, Neil Gibbs, 6; 3) **Escapade**, Sabre 402, Nick Sands, 8. (5 boats)

PHRF >99 – 1) Nancy, Wyliecat 30, Pat Broderick, 4 points; 2) Grey Ghost, Hanse 342, Doug Grant, 4; 3) Ouessant, Farallon Clipper, Jennifer Hinkel, 12. (4 boats)

PHRF <154 — 1) Mimicat, Hinkley 38, Robert Long, 7 points; 2) French Kiss, Beneteau 350, Dave Borton, 7; 3) Jarlen, J/35, Robert Bloom, 8.5. (6 boats)

PHRF >153 - 1) **Tackful**, Santana 22, Frank Lawler, 3 points; 2) **Maxine**, Yankee 30-1, Stephen Spoja, 6.5; 3) **La Mer**, Newport 30, Randy Grenier, 10. (6 boats)

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We depart from our usual format this month to bring you a special report on the biggest and fastest charter cats in French Polynesia.

The Big Cat Charter Concept: The More the Merrier

Ever since catamarans became widely available in the bareboat charter industry — roughly 20 years ago — their popularity has never stopped soaring, prompting designers to continually refine their products for both comfort and performance.

When we learned about the latest charter cat innovation — luxurious bareboats in the 50- to-60-ft range that can carry 12 passengers — we instantly thought, "Family reunion!" And when we discovered that Dream Yacht Charters had recently added several bareboatable Catana 55s to their Tahiti fleet, we knew those exotic isles were the obvious location to test this big-cat concept.

We floated the idea via email to our sons Zac and Aaron, their uncle Bear, and their godparents Bill and Nancy (with whom we've sailed since college days), and within minutes our inbox alert started pinging in rapid succession: "I'm in!" "Absolutely!" "Yes, yes, yes!" "Name the dates and I'm there." The boys' girlfriends, Holly and April, signed on almost as quickly.

Although we often take neophyte sailors on bareboat trips, knowing this boat would be brand new, and we'd be navigating through reef-strewn (although well-charted) lagoons, it was a comfort knowing I would have a half-dozen experienced sailors on board. A few hours into the trip, though, I realized that my wife Julie and I could have easily run the whole boat ourselves, as all lines are led aft to the cockpit, where a central electric

Oh yeah! Havin' some fun now. While sailing offshore, sightlines were great from either of the twin steering stations.

winch does the heavy lifting (particularly when hoisting the massive, fully battened mainsail).

Equipped with twin steering stations, this sleek 55-footer has excellent sight lines for driving offshore, and although you can't see the opposite bow from the aft helm stations, this performanceoriented boat has much less windage than other large charter cats that feature central steering stations elevated to the level of their hard-top biminis.

For performance upwind, our 55, *Curie,* is rigged with adjustable daggerboards that are easily controlled from the helm, and a self-tending Solent sail that sheets much flatter than the larger genoa (both are rigged on roller furlers). The addition of low-profile solar panels mounted out of sight on the hard-top bimini minimized the time we needed to run the engines or the genset to keep our ample supply of Hinano beer chilled. And a large-capacity, simple-to-use watermaker meant we didn't have to be water Nazis every time one of the ladies wanted to wash her hair.

Having six comfortable double cabins,







At Bora Bora, the Heiva festival was a memorable cultural treat.

each with its own head and shower, meant that everyone slept well and had plenty of privacy. Yes, each cabin also has individually controlled air conditioning vents, but with Tahiti's near-perfect temperatures — high 70s to mid-80s — we never needed it.

Julie and I have been lucky enough to sail Tahiti's Leeward Islands a halfdozen times before, but for our boys and their girlfriends this was a completely unique experience — like a dream cruise through some sort of tropical fantasyland. They all seemed to be smiling from ear to ear from the moment they got their first look at the brilliant turquoise color of the lagoons.

Unlike the charter trips we took when our boys were younger, this time Dad wasn't picking up the tab for their air





When it came time for personal recreation, Aaron definitely had the most fun. He won't soon forget kiting in the Tahitian lagoons.

fare and expenses. So it was definitely a splurge, but well worth every French Polynesian franc that it cost them.

There's no denying that these islands are known to be expensive. (Air fares are similar to flights to Australia or New Zealand.) But we've found that bareboat pricing and provisioning costs are more or less on par with other tropical destinations. And if you eat what the locals eat - fresh fish, fruits and veggies - and where they eat, rather than in swank resorts, these islands are much more affordable than you might imagine. For travelers, the silver lining to Tahiti's pricey reputation is that it sees relatively little tourism - less than 4% of what Hawaii gets annually. So anchorages are never even close to being crowded.

One of the unique characteristics of the Leewards is that each of its four tall volcanic islands is surrounded by a lagoon that's kept tranquil by an encircling reef. With warm trade winds continually washing across the water, the lagoons are ideal for flat-water sailing, as well as watersports like kiteboarding, windsurfing and paddleboarding. And, of course, deep sleeping at anchor.

The last thing you want to do in a place as idyllic as Tahiti's Leewards is rush from place to place, so for a week's charter we usually recommend visiting the central islands, Tahaa and Raiatea, and *either* Huahine or Bora Bora, but not both.

The first-timers in our group were determined to see it all, however, so we agreed to leave our schedule loose and

play it by ear. Who knows, we thought, maybe the speed of this 55-footer will allow us to see more in a week than we'd done on past cruises here.

After sorting out our provisions, we did a thorough checkout with Dream Yachts' base manager, jovial Jérôme Touzé, who's sailed here for decades. We then set sail for a

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favorite snorkeling spot at an uninhabited *motu* (islet) perched just inside Passe Toahotu, a break in the fringing reef on the east side of Tahaa. When the crew returned to the boat from snorkeling just before twilight, they were giddy as gradeschoolers after a big night of trick-ortreating. Only here the excitement was over the abundance of colorful tropical fish, rather than Halloween candy. After a splendid dinner of fresh-caught tuna, we spent a tranquil night anchored over a vast sandy plain that reflected the moonlight above.

The least developed of the principal Leeward Islands is Huahine, which is our favorite. Getting underway early, we put the boards down, trimmed for upwind sailing and blasted across the 22-mile open-water channel in record time. Despite her finely finished interior and large tank capacity, *Curie* hit 9 knots consistently upwind.

There's not much to 'downtown' Fare, Huahine's largest village, except a few surf shops, a grocery store, two banks, a pharmacy and a shack that sells chilled coconut water in the shell. But the adults are friendly, the playful kids are curious, and virtually every home is surrounded by lush gardens that yield bananas, papayas, mangos and breadfruit — the sort of place you could live a blissful life completely devoid of the workaday world that most vacationers try to escape from.

After a bit of shopping and a swim, we motorsailed south through the western lagoon to broad Avena Bay. Strong winds were beginning to pipe up, inspiring Aaron to dig out his kiteboarding gear and give us a show.

The next day a squally morning forced us into 'island mode'. That is, chilling

It's a great comfort having plenty of reliable sailors aboard — unless they all want to play captain at the same time.



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out and enjoying the lack of any pressing engagements other than a promise to go snorkeling out on the nearby reef, which gazillions of juvenile fish call home. Later, the kids went ashore to check out a small waterside resort, test their newly-learned Tahitian — *ia orana* (hello), *maeva* (welcome), *maururu* (thank you) — and procure some exotic cocktails.

The next day was the most memorable sailing day we've ever had in these islands. Up at first light, we motorsailed through the golden hues of early morning back to Fare, rolled out the genoa and charged back to Tahaa in record time, hitting 12 knots or higher along the way. I'd been telling the kids how the wind usually bends along the rounded shape of the island, so that when you sail around it counterclockwise you rarely have to adjust your sail trim. That proved true yet again, and what fun — beamreaching at hullspeed over flat water.

It was the Fourth of July, and our plan was to anchor for the night near Motu Tautau, so we could explore the mustsee Coral River there that lies adjacent to a luxurious resort. But we'd made such good time that it was barely noon, so the crew's consensus was to push on to Bora Bora, thus experiencing a *trois îlets* day! The strong *maramu* winds had roughed up the seas offshore, which sent 8-foot rollers into the fringing reefs. But as always Tahaa's western exit, Passe Papai, was still calm, if a bit rolly. The big cat plowed through the swells almost effortlessly, and we were soon reeling in the miles to the Leewards' most iconic



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silhouette, the sharply sculpted Mount Otemanu in the center of Bora Bora.

A couple of hours later we were skirting the long, foreboding reefs that protect the Bora Bora lagoon, before reaching its only entrance, Passe Teavanui, which lies midway up this famous atoll's western shoreline.

First known to Americans as the

site of a WWII airstrip, Bora Bora today receives the vast majority of French Polynesia's tourists, many of whom are honeymooners who book over-water bungalows at world-class resorts. Some are truly spectacular, but they can cost \$1,500 a night or higher. We like to point out that you get the same view from a bareboat, but you can change the scen-

Top row, left to right: Fresh baguettes were plentiful; the surf break outside Fare; surveying Mt. Otemanu from the Bora Bora lagoon; Julie hails a passing cruiser. Center: Zac and Holly take a plunge; sleepy downtown Fare; birthday boy makes a friend; canoeing, the national pastime. Bottom: Our sweet yacht and a classic church; Bear chills on the foredeck; 'Curie' between the motus.

ery whenever you like.

After overnighting on a mooring ball in front of Bloody Mary's restaurant, we dinghied to a favorite reef nearby for a morning snorkel, then motorsailed around to the shallow eastern side of the lagoon. Deep-keeled monohulls dare not travel in these shallows, but for cats even 55-ft cats — it's *pas de problème*. Near the southernmost end we shared a vast 10-foot-deep anchorage with only two other boats. The turquoise color of the scene was hypnotic as Aaron did kiteboarding cartwheels while the rest of



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us snorkeled, shadowing several elusive sting rays.

The kids were anxious to find a primo snorkeling spot, so we moved the boat to a shallow ledge between two small *motus* (Piti uu Uta and Piti uu Tai), beyond which was a huge reef system. That instinct paid off bigtime, as the reef was teeming with life and we identified almost every species on our fishfinder chart.

The next day was Aaron's birthday. To celebrate we'd planned to moor near Vaitape, the island's only town, where the annual Heiva cultural festivities were going on. The breeze was up for our 8-mile trip around to the west side, so while we sailed, Aaron zigged and zagged around us on his kiteboard, doing occasional flips and other flashy aerobatics. Zac decided it was time for his first lesson, which he survived — just barely — after accidentally body-dragging across a nasty patch of shallow reef.

We found a mooring at the new Mai Kai Marina and YC, within shouting distance of several cruising couples we'd met in Mexico. (Small world.) On the short walk to town the air was charged



Showering with a friend is always fun — especially on the swim step of a luxury catamaran moored in the Bora Bora lagoon.

with excitement as the sound of hardwood drums grew ever louder.

The dance competition was fantastic, with the long-haired ladies doing those rapid-fire hip gyrations that only Polynesian anatomy allows, while their men stomped and strutted in the fashion of their forefathers. The locals could not have been more welcoming to us and the small cadre of cruisers who attended. The birthday boy even got to try on the elaborate headress of one of the dancers.

The trip back to Tahaa was a long beat in brisk winds, but *Curie* handled it well, getting us back to the Passe in time to retrace our route up to the Coral River, where we played in the 2- to 3-foot water for hours. The highlight was when a moray eel chased Bear through the coral heads in retaliation for getting too close with his GoPro.

We spent our final night at Tahaa's Baie Apu, only a few miles across the lagoon from the Dream Yachts charter base at Raiatea.

From beginning to end, it had been a wonderful cruise aboard an outstanding charter yacht. We've done many family bareboat charters during the past two decades, but this one was certainly a standout. And it will certainly be a tough act to follow.

— andy



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W ith reports this month from **C'est La Vie** being seized and allowed to go on a reef at Chuuk Lagoon; from **Kiapa** on the many delights of Bora Bora; from **Esprit** on cruising Spain from Menorca to Cartagena; from **Harmony** on the state of affairs at Tenacatita Bay, Mexico; from **R Sea Kat** on taking the long way from the East Coast to Southern California; from **Knee Deep** on a two-year family cruise; from **Larrakin** on fun in French Polynesia; and **Cruise Notes**.

C'est La Vie — Amel Mango 52 Bob Bohn and Crew Hilda Boat Seized, Destroyed at Chuuk (Anacortes, Washington)

Two days after clearing into Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon in the Federated States



of Micronesia, my boat was boarded by the Chuuk State Police. They hit me in the face, dragged me down the deck, and threw me into their boat. They took my boat papers and passport, arrested me and my crew Hilda from the Solomon Islands, and put us in jail

Bob Bohn a without any charges.

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After 24 hours, I demanded to see a judge. Two hours later the judge ordered us released and asked the police why they weren't helping us. I flew Hilda out of the country immediately.

Three days after being arrested, I returned to the scene to find that despite the fact that my boat was supposedly being looked after, the anchor chain had slipped and she was hard on a reef. Furthermore, everything — solar panels, dinghy, outboard, generator, kayak and fuel cans — had been taken from on deck. Five police, who were removing all the valuables from below, prevented me from getting any closer to my boat than 100 feet.

In the course of a month, I was never allowed to board my boat again, despite

'C'est La Vie', a lovely Amel Mango 52 that had done the Puddle Jump and Ha-Ha, hung up on a reef at Chuuk after being seized.

court orders saying I could. The last time I tried to get on my boat, she was being guarded by a policeman — in my kayak! Worst of all, by that time she was on the reef. The last time I saw her, she was banging on the reef so hard that the radar was knocked off the mizzen.

After nearly a month, the public defender representing me advised me to heed the death threats I'd been getting and to leave the island immediately. By that time I'd burned through my cruising kitty on expenses and fighting to get my boat back. The police arrested me one last time before I left the island, just to show that they could.

From a short time after we were first arrested, I contacted and kept in contact with the U.S. Coast Guard in Guam, the U.S. embassy in Pohnpei, and a law firm. Everyone expressed an interest in my situation, but there was nothing anybody could really do.

The Director of Tourism for Chuuk tried to persuade me not to tell my story, but I feel it's important that cruisers know about the dangers of going to Chuuk. I was told by others on Chuuk, and later by officials on Guam, that it's not uncommon for boats to be seized in Chuuk, and that the level of crime is very high.

Five attorneys have told me I could easily win my case in court. Unfortunately, it would be very expensive and the Federated States of Micronesia doesn't have the money to pay any award/settlement.

My main message to cruisers is to avoid Chuuk Lagoon! If you insist on sailing there, go as part of a group of boats, not alone as we did. We were seen as rich yachties and thus an easy target

for plunder.

This incident was in contrast to the wonderful time I had been having in the South Pacific after the Puddle Jump. I did Tahiti, the Cooks, Suvarrow and the Samoas, and hauled the boat in Fiji for the hurricane season. People were wonderful. I then did Vanuatu and the Solomons. Hilda and I then headed for 1,700-mile-distant Guam. After 1,200 miles, we made the unfortunate decision to stop



for provisions at Chuuk, which used to be the South Pacific base for the Japanese Empire during World War II.

I only had liability insurance, so I lost everything. But I have a good pension from doing bomb disposal in the Navy, so I expect to be cruising again in another couple of years.

- bob 09/08/2013

Kiapa — M&M 52 Cat Lionel and Irene Bass Bora Bora (Perth, Australia)

When most cruisers think about cruising destinations, they want to tick off the following boxes: warm air and warm water in which to play; spectacular scenery; plenty of sea life to observe while snorkeling; the opportunity to engage in rigorous physical activities, allowing one to 'earn' their sunset cocktail; and with this, the time to relax with good friends

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Bora Bora has more than just a great silhouette. The island and the lagoon look great from near the summit of 2,385-ft Mt. Otemanu, too.

and good books.

During the three weeks Lionel and I were lucky enough to spend at Bora Bora, we were able to tick off all of the above boxes - and more.

Considered by many to be the most beautiful island in the world, Bora Bora is a mere 11-square-mile remnant of an extinct volcano, with two prominent peaks, and is surrounded by an extensive shallow lagoon and barrier reefs. Mt. Otemanu, the highest peak, is 2,385 feet, making it not quite as tall as Marin's Mt. Tam. Located 143 miles northwest of Tahiti - and 4,200 miles from San Francisco — Bora Bora has a permanent population of just under 9,000.

Capt. James Cook was the first European to come ashore in 1770. Not many followed in his path until 7,000 American soldiers set up an uncontested base during World War II. Following the introduction of jet aircraft, Bora Bora became an exclusive destination for upscale tourists, many of whom were attracted by the signature hotel rooms on stilts over the lagoon. Harvesting tourist dollars has replaced harvesting copra as the island's economic engine.

While most visitors arrive by plane, the most stunning views are afforded those who arrive by boat. As we approached the turquoise waters of the lagoon from which the dramatic peaks soar up, Lionel and I thought it looked like a dream destination. We would not be disappointed.

On the day we arrived, Izzy of Cariba and I got into the dinghy and took off in search of a small beach where the crews of seven boats – Osprey, Cariba, Nyon, Compass Rose, Monkey Fist, Red Sky Night and Kiapa — could have a potluck that night. For-

tunately, Izzy speaks French. So when we saw a man sitting at a picnic table in a garden that went all the way down to the beach, we pulled up and asked if he knew of a public beach where we could have our potluck. "No," said the man



who identified him-Patrick of Bora Bora. self as Patrick, "because all the nearby beaches are 'owned' by either the hotels or by the homes that front them."

So Izzy boldly asked if we might hold our potluck on Patrick's lawn, and if we could, would he join us. Fortune favors the bold, for Patrick said that he would be delighted to host us. Furthermore, he said he would like to contribute to the potluck and entertainment.

It turned out to be a great potluck, as the crews of all the boats knew each other from before and were eager to catch up. As for our host Patrick, he prepared freshly caught fish in a delicious coconut marinade, demonstrated how to shuck and grate a coconut and how to cook, peel and eat breadfruit, and even enthusiastically sang a rain dance for us. We all had such a fantastic evening.

The next day we returned for our morning yoga stretches, and Patrick joined in. When the session was over, he offered to take us on a hike that no tourists had ever been on. Naturally we all wanted to go.

A few days later, five of the boats in our group upped anchor and moved to Irene, at the far right in blue, had many abovewater cruising friends at Bora Bora, and quite a few below-water ones, too.



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the eastern side of the lagoon in order to be closer to where we'd been told we could snorkel with big manta rays. Apparently the rays visit this 'cleaning



station' each morning, It's sort of like a car wash for rays; as they pull in, smaller fish, usually cleaner wrasse, feed on the debris on the skin and in the gills of the rays. It was magical to watch, and we were lucky enough to enjoy three 20-minute sessions. Nature is marvelous. Most people know Bora Bora from its famous silhou-

Capt. Cook didn't discover ette, among **Bora Bora from the deck of** the most rec**a sailing 'vessel' like this.** ognizable in the world. One cloudless day Izzy and Gabriel from *Cariba*, Patrick from *Living*, and I decided to swap our flip-flops for hiking boots and tackle one of Bora Bora's two peaks to get a different view.

In retrospect, I have to wonder what I'd been thinking. The three of them are Canadians, and they all have oodles of rock-climbing experience. This was important, because during a number of sections of the hike we had to use ropes to get up and down sheer rock faces. Those folks were like rock rabbits while I was slower than a sloth. But my reward — a fabulous view from the summit — was easily worth the effort. We'd chosen a clear day specifically so the colors of the

Lionel and Patrick revel in the great kiteboarding conditions — strong wind, flat and warm water — of the lagoon at Bora Bora. surrounding waters would be dreamlike.

Our next anchorage was at the south eastern extremity of the lagoon, chosen specifically for its quick access to the nicest kiteboarding beach we'd seen in French Polynesia. I say 'nicest', because it was actually wide enough to make the launching of our kites not too tricky, and there were no coral bommies — aka 'potato heads' — to avoid in front as we headed out. And the trade winds blew 20 – 25 knots as predicted. Heaven!

After the three weeks Lionel and I spent at Bora Bora, we realized how blessed we were to be able to experience its pleasures for an extended period of time, and not just for a jet-lagged week. — *irene* 08/29/2013

Esprit — Peterson 46 Chay, Katie and Jaime McWilliam Menorca to Cartagena, Spain (Henderson, Nevada)

One of the more unusual highlights of this, our 10th season of cruising, has been adjusting to the topless and even nude sailors — both men and women — here in the Med. Some are attractive, some not so attractive. They not only sunbathe *au naturel*, they sail, dinghy and anchor that way, too. There was even a topless woman SUP-ing through an anchorage without a care in the world. Europeans have a more liberal view of nudity.

The Europeans, however, are very family-oriented. Most of the people we've seen on holiday are vacationing as a family — including teenagers and young adults traveling with their parents. That's something we don't see much in the States anymore.

The European Union countries require Certificates of Competence for boaters. A number of Europeans told us that most of the test is related to knowing what different lights and light combinations mean. It's been quite apparent to us that one can obtain a certificate without dem-

onstrating any competence in anchoring. Most, but not all, European mariners use 3 to 1 scope — at the most — when anchoring. We've even seen some boats 'anchor' 1 to 1. When the wind comes up,



they seem puzzled that their boats are dragging.

We have previously mentioned that very few American boats seem to be coming to the Med. The only ones we have seen so far have crossed the Atlantic and/or are from the East Coast. This is apparently due to lingering fears about the Somali pirate situation in the Indian Ocean. This year we met an Aussie who shipped his boat to Gibraltar in order to get to the Med without having to worry about pirates. We also met a Kiwi who avoided the pirates by sailing eastward across the Pacific, through the Panama Canal, and across the Atlantic! Cruising dynamics have certainly changed.

Since we last wrote, we anchored at the entrance to Mahon, which is on the east coast of Menorca and is the island's biggest city. The bay is beautiful, with many potential places to anchor. Unfortunately, officials have made it illegal to anchor almost everywhere, so you must move into a marina. After a night, we moved on to Cala Trebalúger on the south side of the island, where





Spread; The ancient but beautifully restored train that takes passengers from downtown Palma up into the mountains, through tunnels, and down to the town of Soller. From there, you take another ancient train to Porto Soller. Lower left; The great natural port of Mahon. Top left; Topless is normal.

we enjoyed three days of crystal-clear water, a white sand beach, swimming and snorkeling.

Our next passage, down the east coast of Mallorca, the biggest of Spain's Balearic Islands, turned out to be a longer one than we'd planned. The wind and swell were out of the east, making most anchorages untenable, so we had to continue on around Punta Salinas on the southeast corner of the island. We anchored there behind Isla Moltana.

Our watermaker had stopped due to a failed membrane, so we ordered one to be shipped to us at Cartagena, Spain, our next stop. Since we needed to fill our water tanks and wash down an extremely salty/dirty *Esprit*, our next stop was Palma de Mallorca's Marina Club de Mar, a well-run, privately-owned marina with a helpful and amiable staff. Chay was able to apply more coats of varnish there. He also found a few parts we needed at the various chandleries, but we were generally disappointed in the chandleries. Although their shelves were full, their stock didn't include the stuff we were looking for.

We toured the city of Palma one day, including the very large cathedral that was built on the site of a 14th-century mosque. Many of the buildings are of Arab origins. The next day we took a beautifully restored and maintained electric train — built in 1812 — on a windy trip up into the mountain and through

tunnels, then back down again to the town of Soller. From that little town of cute shops, we hopped onto another little train down to Porto de Soller, where we had lunch before taking the train back to Palma. It was 100 degrees and muggy, but a fun trip.

After Palma we motor sailed to Cala Blanca, where we waited for another gale and some stormy

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weather to pass before moving to the southern Balearic party island of Ibiza. We experienced heavy northwest swells from the gale blowing in the 150-miledistant Gulf of Lyon, so once again the anchorages along the west coast of Ibi-

za were untenable. We ended up going around to Cala de Port Roig, where we anchored among all types and sizes of boats. Some were free-anchored, some were on single moorings, and some were on bow and stern moorings. Very disorganized.



Cartagena is classic.

We then set sail for 130-mile-distant Cartagena, Spain. It's hard to believe, but we didn't catch our first fish in the Med until that leg. But it was a beautiful 40-lb albacore tuna. He swam deep, but Chay reeled him in. We must have been in a school of tuna because his friends stuck with us for quite awhile — something that we had never seen happen before. That tuna was the best-tasting fish we've had in our 10 years of cruising!

After a mostly rolly trip to Cartagena, we are now side-tied in a marina. The staff is friendly and the facilities are acceptable. We've taken a few strolls through town, which is pleasant and mellow. There are many forts, Roman ruins and castles to explore before we leave. We will now use our Eurail passes to travel inland.

- chay 08/20/2013

Harmony — Islander Freeport 40 Robert and Virginia Gleser Mayor and First Lady of Tenacatita (Alameda)

We recently had brunch with several cruising buddies, and enjoyed reconnecting with Kurt and Katie Braun of the

The popular cruiser anchorage is behind Punta Las Iguanas. Playa Tenacatita is open again but has no palapas. Manzanilla has all the crocs.



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Alameda-based Deerfoot 74 *Interlude*, who just completed their 12-year circumnavigation. We first met them at Tenacatita Bay, Mexico, in 2002 and followed



their stories as they made their way around the globe. They are planning to return to Mexico for more cruising fun, and asked if the rumors of Tenacatita Bay being closed were true.

Robert and Virginia,'Mayor' and 'First Lady' of Tenacatita.

and 'First Lady' of lenacatita. So here's the scoop from Robert, the high season 'Mayor' of Tenacatita Bay:

There are two anchorages at Tenacatita Bay, the outside beach anchorage and the more protected inside bay anchorage. The inside bay, which is sheltered from the Pacific swells, is the place where most of the cruisers like to anchor. It's in front of a beautiful, long white sand beach, where there is one *palapa* that sells typical inexpensive Mexican seafood. There is also the Blue Bay Hotel, which features an hour-long serenade for us each evening. Baitfish and their predators circle the boats, and dolphins often cruise through. Egrets, pelicans, boobies, and gulls are some of the wide variety of snowbirds that visit during the winter season. There is no problem with the inside bay anchorage.

There had been a legal squabble over on the outside beach between a very rich man and a lot of poor people, and after a judicial ruling two years ago, the rich man was declared the winner. Many houses, *palapas* and restaurants were quickly bulldozed, and the public was not allowed to return to the beach. Things have loosened up a bit over the

The famous 'jungle ride' from Playa Bocas de Iguanas to Playa Tenacatita. Alas, it's overgrown in places, particularly at the entrance.



last two years, so people can now drive in to the beach and cruisers can land on the beach for a walk. But there aren't any restaurants, shops or amenities.

There is still a 'jungle run' through the mangroves from the inside bay to the lagoon bordering the outside beach, where for many years cruisers had taken their dinghies for provisioning and lunch at a favorite beachfront palapa. Most of the jungle run is still there, but overhanging mangroves have been allowed to grow back and cover the tunnel-like entrance to the lagoon. Furthermore, visitors are no longer welcome to dock nearby to gain access to the outer bay beach. However, cruisers can still anchor out, snorkel the 'aquarium', and come ashore to walk the beach. Many of the good restaurants that were formerly at the outer bay relocated to La Manzanilla, a small town $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles across the bay. That's where cruisers now go to enjoy fine dining and provisioning — and see all the crocs.

This past season's news was that things are still being hashed out in court, and the fight may not be over.

This will be our 14th year of cruising the Pacific Coast of North and South America. Instead of our usual early October trip to Mexico, we will forego that great meandering cruise down the inside of Baja in the perfect weather month of October/early November in order to attend the wedding of our exchangestudent daughter. She is getting married in Seville, Spain. The opportunity to see her again and meet her family, not to mention spending time in Europe, was irresistible. For our return trip, we are making a trans-Atlantic crossing on a super cheap Norwegian cruise ship that is repositioning from the Med to the Caribbean.

Sometime in November we will make the pilgrimage down to Mexico to prepare *Harmony* for launching from her summer home on the hard in San Carlos, Sonora. Instead of crossing to Baja, we'll be making a more direct passage to the warm

> southlands: Topolobampo, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, then Tenacatita — where the kids and grandchildren are planning to come for the winter holidays.

> As usual, we are looking forward to spending another season on the Gold Coast, and want to welcome all the Mexican cruisers — and particularly the newcomers — to



spend part of the winter months playing bocce ball on the beach and enjoying the warm clear waters of Tenacatita. The mayor's Friday night dinghy raft-ups that have been an institution for over three decades are always a highlight. We tie our dinghies together in a large circle around the mayor's anchor, and share hors d'oeuvres, stories and lots of laughter.

This report would not be complete without my pushing Virginia's book *Harmony on the High Seas, When Your Mate Becomes Your Matey.* Her insightful book explores the leap of faith that you take when you cast off the docklines, and shares both a tangible and mystical view of the sailing experience.

— robert 08/15/2013

R Sea Kat — Manta 40 Captains Deana and Mike Ruel Bluewater Cruising on a Cat (Dover, Delaware / Lake Sherwood) We don't normally publish photos as

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summary, our experience has confirmed our expectation that this well-built catamaran will take us anywhere between the equator and the Arctic in safety and comfort."

> — latitude/rs 09/12/2013

Knee Deep — Catalina 38

The Doolittle Family The Two-Year Cruise (Sacramento)

Two years ago, the Doolittle family — Ben, Molly, and sons Mickey, then 7, and JP then 9, paid \$25,000 for Knee Deep, a San Diego-based 1983 Catalina 38 on which to go cruising. Although older, the boat was in very good condition and came with almost all the cruising gear — chartplotter at the helm, log, radar, windlass, two anchors, roller furling, spinnaker setup, refrigeration and freezer, sails in decent condition and a nearly new 50-hp diesel. The family could have bought the boat's 11-

Spread; A lovely photo of 'R Sea Kat' wingon-wing with a camber spar headsail. Insets; Captains Deana and Mike.

large as the one above, but it's so evocative of cruising that we couldn't resist. Just beautiful.

The boat in the photo is Mike and Deana Ruel's Manta 42. They've cruised her from the East Coast to Southern California the 'long way', meaning by way of the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Galapagos and Alaska. They are currently looking to have a leak in a saildrive and some other repairs taken care of in preparation for the start of the Pacific Puddle Jump next March, and they're also collecting data for a book about enjoying California's Channel Islands.

Michael is one of the cinematographers for the "coming soon" movie about Laura Dekker of *Guppy*, the youngest person to circumnavigate. *R Sea Kat* and Deana and Michael are also featured in the film.

Given the couple's considerable off-

shore experience with a relatively small cat, we asked them for their evaluation of a Manta as an ocean-cruising boat.

"Having lived aboard our Manta for over three years now as we cruised the Atlantic, Bahamas, Caribbean, Panama, Galapagos and Pacific waters to Alaska, we've have found her to be an exceptional bluewater cruising platform. She meets nearly all of the offshore liveaboard requirements and is well-appointed. There is excellent headroom and the fridge and

freezer have generous space. The cockpit is roomy and well protected from heavy seas, and the decks are wide and clear for easy movement fore and aft in rough conditions. We have experienced 35-40knot winds and 20-foot seas for several days in succession with no concern for our safety or that of our cat. The Manta's upwind performance is acceptable for a catamaran, and the beam or downwind performance is excellent. In ft inflatable and outboard for another \$1,000, but opted for a smaller inflatable and outboard for \$600 from a secondhand shop. The boat did not come with a liferaft or AIS.

"The gear was all new enough so that its service life lasted until we got to Annapolis this summer, two years later, where we sold the boat," says Ben. "By The Doolittles aboard their Catalina 38 'Knee Deep'. They got a lot of boat — and a lot of cruising gear — for \$25,000.



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that time some of the gear — such as the inflatable — was getting pretty tired."

The family started their cruise with the 2011 Ha-Ha, and had what Ben describes as an "awesome" time. "But I



don't think we're going to fully appreciate it until more time goes by."

Speaking of time, Ben figures it was just the right time for the family to go. "The boys were old enough to appreciate the trip, but not old enough to be able to do anything about it — if you know

what I mean "

As is the case with many cruises, it was the man's dream. Ben had been cruising before, and was absolutely certain about wanting to do it again with children. Molly was game for a long time, but "got burned out" after 18 months. The solution was for Molly and the kids to fly to the States, and Ben and a crew sailed the boat to Annapolis.

"I have to say that the Catalina 38 was a fine sailing boat," says Ben. "We buddyboated with a lot of Tayanas, Hans Christians and Valiants going down the coast of Central America, and many times they felt they had to motor while we were able to sail. Compared to the other boats, the Catalina was fairly light displacement, so I loved throwing up the chute in light air. But the guy who sailed from Panama to Annapolis with me was used to cruising in heavier displacement boats, and he was shocked at how much

It may not seem like it at the time, but thanks to photos such as this, the pleasures of the family cruise will last a lifetime.

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Knee Deep bounced around. So maybe a Catalina 38 isn't the most comfortable offshore cruising boat. As for myself, if we could afford it, our family would be on a cat in a minute."

After Ben and his crew got to Annapolis, there was no problem selling the boat quickly. "She went in less than one month for \$5,000 less than we had paid for her. As we'd lived on the boat for two years, during which time we cruised from California to Panama to Annapolis, we thought that was a pretty good deal." — latitude 09/02/2013

Larrakin — Catalina 42 Peter and Gabriela Verdon Adventures In French Polynesia (Australia)

July began with the wind still blowing plenty hard in the Tuamotus. When we weren't going to get blown away, we enjoyed daily excursions all over the motu, and the guys surfed as much as possible. It was nice to have friends around, and we managed a couple of dance sessions on each other's boats — although *Larrakin's* mosh pit rules.

Our friend Chris lent us his truck, so we had a hoot driving all over without ever getting out of second gear. The road is a big loop that encompasses the airport runway. At the center of the island there is a two-story concrete bunker. It's supposed to shelter the island's population of 400 if it were to be threatened by a tropical cyclone. Chris also offered us a job helping run *Ninamu* for the month of August while he would be off in Papeete serving as surf contest director at Teahupoo. We decided against it as we're already running a little late in our South Pacific wanderings.

We were soon watching the GRIB files with interest as a huge front was nearing. We had plenty of wind and rain for a couple of days. Although it

was uncomfortable, we were safe, but others in the Tuamotus were not. On of the boats at Fakarava ended up on the reef, and at last word was still there. Many other boats smashed into bommies, which are the coral heads in the anchorages. Our friends on *Sea Nymph* tried to cross to Papeete, but turned back to the atolls. It was dangerous, but they felt it was their best option.

We took *Larrikin* into the small unmanned marina after the blow and tied up for a couple of days. What a treat, as it was the



first time we'd been tied to a dock since Mexico. Even without facilities it was a joy to be able to walk onto and off the boat. The marina's lights enticed huge manta rays to appear most nights. Glorious beasts they are!

Even though it was still squalling, we decided enough was enough, and made a very fast and uncomfortable 100-mile passage to Papeete. We only had a little sail up, but we averaged 7.5 knots. We got more salt on the boat as a result of that 100-mile trip than we did on our 3,000-mile crossing from Mexico.

All in all, our Tuamotus experience was nothing like the old days, as it blew for all but a couple of days. In previous trips we had glassy seas for weeks on end. As in other parts of the world, weather patterns seem to be changing.

We happily took a mooring at the Tahiti YC. We were reminded that hot showers and a laundry are among life's little joys. Leina, the owner of the cafe, became an instant mate. Her son is the F18 catamaran world champion, and the previous weekend had won the Mixed

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Clockwise from above; Beautiful Moorea; the old market in Papeete; Verdo on surf patrol; the anchorage at Marina Taina; Gabby and the strongment.

Worlds in Nacra 17s. A local sailing hero, he's now sailing on Dona Bertarelli's MOD70 Spindrift.

We were the only cruisers at the Tahiti YC, as all the moorings are private. The French locals were as odd as the French can be. For example, the couple to one side of us were nude all day and night, and the old boy on our other side was in his same brown undies for the duration.

The yacht club is about four miles out of town proper, and you can hitch around. Buses appear sporadically at best, and only stop when the driver feels like it. They don't run at all on Sunday, the biggest market day, which is why the old hitch was so important.

The massive Carrefour store up the road has the best pâté collections I've seen since France, and the only shock was the prices. After Mexico's low prices on everything, French Polynesian prices were a shock to the system. They even made Australia look cheap! The dutyfree program for cruisers has sadly been stopped, so the 75% duty on booze sure put a damper on things.

Every evening we had a total island experience, as we sat in wonder at the sight of hordes of paddlers, from oneman outriggers to eight-man doubles, going by. It was a never-ending procession that would culminate a couple of weekends later when hundreds of them competed against each other. All ages and sizes, all fiercely competitive.

We drove to the world famous Teahupoo surf spot for another swell, but again the wind was from the wrong direction, so we still haven't seen it go off. We continued to explore the island for another couple of days, and despite expecting a massive buildup, weren't prepared for the astronomical amount of it. There are now only a couple of pockets that look and feel like traditional Tahiti. The rest is modern, and four-wheel SUVs, the international symbol of having 'made it', were ubiquitous.

We had our own 'wogs on tour' moment when we decided to take our two headsails ashore by dinghy for repair. Halfway there, the small leak in the bottom opened up, and in came the water! At the same moment we noticed that our outboard tank was all but empty. Then Verdo's back went out. Gingerly we limped back to *Larrakin*, and laughed about it later when the sails were back on the boat and Verdo had an antiinflammatory down his throat.

After patching our dinghy repeatedly for two years, we'd had enough. So there and then we decided to buy a new dink and couldn't be happier. With the 'Boat in transit' tax back, it didn't turn out to be as expensive as we'd feared. She is getting pimped daily and should serve us for years to come.

We got through another week's work, and with new batteries, some electrics sorted out, and my fractured toe feeling better, we reprovisioned and left for the short sail to Moorea.

We're anchored off Moorea now, and again the buildup is astounding. The French, including lots of retirees, have moved down here in droves. As high as the prices are for everything, the lifestyle is superb, so we can't blame them.

We came to Moorea to catch up with Mimi, an old friend of ours, and her man Stefan. She's a local with a huge family that owns a big chunk of Pao Pao, Cook's Bay. We've anchored in front of her place on many occasions, and always left loaded with home-grown fruit and flowers.

There have been lots of big yachts at Moorea. Verdo says you know the world is awry when the private yachts are bigger than the navy's. Although they are absolute monsters, we're not jealous.

We have three more weeks of sailing amongst these stunning islands and will

A couple of beauties. There will be no question about what's for dinner tonight aboard 'Larrakin'. Good thing the freezer is working, too.



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be off for Suwarrow atoll where the diving and surf are supposed to be exceptional. -gabby 08/15/2014

Blue Marble — F/P 46 Cat Erlend Hovland On the Reef at Niue (Norway)

Thirty-two-year-old Norwegian marine biologist Erlend Hovland now fully appreciates the warnings about never trusting a strange mooring. Last month the Pacific Puddle Jumper's catamaran went up on a reef at Niue after the D-ring securing the mooring line to the mooring unscrewed itself — just after the young and fun-loving Norweigian crew of eight had gone to breakfast ashore. Members of the Niue YC had suggested they use the "commercial mooring". Niue does not have a harbor or safe anchorage.

Niue officials quickly launched a large commercial vessel which — incredibly managed to drag the cat over and off the jagged reef. Despite considerable damage to the hull, *Blue Marble* was taken to the surgy waters next to the cement wharf, where a big crane, rushed to the scene, was able to lift her out of the water. There is great video available on the Sept. 13 *'Lectronic Latitude.*

While not a total loss — *Blue Marble* looks perfect from the waterline up — it's unclear what can be done with the boat. The nearest yard is Tonga, but a lot of work will have to be done on the hulls before she is seaworthy. Fortunately, the cat was insured.

"Right now we do not know what will happen next," wrote Hovland on his website. "We are being taken care of by very friendly locals. All eight of us are living in the same house for the time being. Some might try to hitchhike westward as crew on passing yachts."

Hovland and crewmember Andreas Melvær had crossed the Pacific once before. It was 1987, and they were 5 and 3

Is there a more heartbreaking sight than a sailboat on a coral reef? The insured 'Blue Marble' was pulled off, but her future is uncertain.

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respectively. "We were calling this a trip in the wake of history," Hovland wrote, "and have been documenting it with a media project."

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Cruise Notes:

"We're just finishing our shakedown cruise from Thailand to California," report Santa Barbara's Mike and Annette Reed. "We bought **Rum Doxy**, our 46-ft cat, as a wreck in Phuket and spent five years redesigning and rebuilding her there. We launched three years ago, and have been drifting between Phuket and Langkawi, Malaysia, getting the boat ocean-ready. Last year we began the trip to California, getting the boat as far as Borneo before having to return home to work.

"We began the current leg of the trip in February," the couple continue, "making our way from Borneo to the Philippines, Taiwan and Japan. We left Japan in mid-June, and landed in Kodiak five weeks later. We have been making our way south ever since, with visits to Prince William Sound, Icy Bay, Yakutat and the Inside Passage. We are currently in Petersburg, and hope to be back in Santa Barbara in October to return to work. We plan to work for a couple of years while finishing the boat, which would allow us to stop being mobile boat-builders/ delivery crew, and go cruising."

It sounds like the two have been cruising since before they started cruising. We're hoping to swing by Santa Barbara before the start of the Ha-Ha to get a few more details on what sounds to have been an excellent adventure. If 'doxy' is a new word to anyone — it was to us — it means floozy, prostitute or mistress.

If you're about to take off cruising and are concerned that you may not get enough cardio, you may consider taking along a **SUP**. These provide great exercise for hard-to-reach core muscles, and make exercise a pleasure instead of

a chore.

Our first bit of advice is to consider getting an inflatable SUP. No, these aren't as good for surfing waves as are the solid ones, but they have come a long way. The ones that you can inflate to over 20 psi are pretty decent. Starboard makes inflatable versions of most of their many models. Some lower-cost and -quality inflatable SUPs are more suited for 'cruising', and some even come with seats, gear



racks and other stuff. When we did the Martinique-to-St. Barth trip with the Olson 30 **La Gamelle**, we used an 11-ft inflatable Uli SUP for our dinghy and our liferaft. In tropical waters, it worked fine as a dinghy. Fortunately, we never needed to try to use it as a liferaft.

There are two huge benefits that **inflatable SUPs** have over solid SUPs. First, you can roll them up into a compact package for when you are underway or if you need to take them on a plane for some reason. Even more importantly, because they are made of inflatable dinghy-like fabrics, you can drag inflatable SUPs onto your boat without scratching or dinging the boat or the SUP.

Our second bit of SUP advice is to make sure that you get one big enough for the biggest rider on your boat. We started out with a couple of boards that weren't big enough, and that ruined SUP-ing for us for years. We recently got the right size board, and it made all the difference in the world. After just a couple of days, we were pretty good at it, not falling, even in chop. While a big

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Spread; There can be great surf in Mexico, such as at Punta Mita. If you're more senior, SUP cruising is a good cardio alternative. Top left; Doña de Mallorca shows how it's done. Being on a board too big for her isn't a problem. Bottom left; The Wanderer fails in an ill-advised attempt to hang ten.

person can't use a board that's too small, a small person — or two or three, plus a dog — can still have a lot of fun with a SUP that's too big to be ideal for them.

Remember how warming of the Arctic has made the once nearly impossible Northwest Passage feasible? Naturally it has attracted a lot more adventurous sailors in the last couple of years, including at least two dozen this season. But as Douglas Pohl reported in a recent Sail World article, these adventurers got a rude awakening when both ends of the Northwest Passage became blocked by ice early in the season. At least 22 vachts are said to be trapped until next summer - or even longer. It's unclear if the Canadian government will go to the considerable expense of sending an icebreaker to free them. In addition to 'yachts', there are some Jet Skis and row boats. Yes, someone wanted to be the first to say they Jet Skied the Northwest Passage. Some skippers have already

abandoned their vessels. What's the problem? Pohl reports that there is 60% more ice this year than last.

Kirk McGeorge reports that he and his Hylas 49 **Gallivanter** are well on their way from Darwin, Australia to their 'new old home' of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgins. He's made it to Komodo Island in Indonesia, home of the Komodo dragons. While the big lizards are nasty looking, they don't usually kill from their bites,

but rather from the highly toxic bacteria in their saliva. After they bite their prey, they follow them until they get sick and die. Kirk is trying to make fast passages, because he'll be meeting up with his wife Kath and son Stuart at Cape Town and later the U.S. Virgins.

We wouldn't be surprised if Kirk and crew bumped into Gene and Sheri Seybold of the Stockton- and Honolulu-based Esprit 37 **Reflections**, as they were checking out the Komodo dragons on Komodo Island at about the same time.

"Latitude recently asked about low or 'no money' months of cruising," write Chuck and Linda Houlihan from aboard the Allied 39 Jacaranda in Ecuador. "We departed San Diego in 2005 and have had a number of 'zero dollars spent' months. The longest we've gone without spending any money is six weeks at the Socorro Islands 250 miles southwest of Cabo. It was easy because there wasn't anywhere to spend money. The first time we spent 3¹/₂ weeks out there, the second time six weeks. Back in the late '80s while I, Chuck, was cruising in the South Pacific, I had a couple of zerodollar months as well. They were few and far between, but they were nice when they happened.

"During the four summers we spent in the Sea of Cortez, there were numerous times when we only spent \$50 or \$60 a month," the couple continue. "One year we only used 10 gallons of diesel in making the 600-mile round trip from La Paz to Bahia de Los Angeles over a 3½-month period. Something like \$50 a month is all you need once you get north of Santa Rosalia, because there are no marinas or major towns with stores to suck pesos from your pockets. One major key is knowing how to fish and collect edible seafood. I, Chuck, did the fishing, while Linda did the collecting. We enjoyed fresh seafood every day. Not breaking boat stuff — which is easier said than done - helps keep you within your budget."

"I cruised for four years in Mexico on 4,000 *pesos* per month," reports Chuck Losness of the Gulfstar 41 **Hale Moana**. "It wasn't hard to do, so I don't know what the big deal is. You just can't stay in marinas. I'm back in San Diego now and expenses have gone up, but not by that

Two fresh and filling roosterfish tacos, with hot and mango sauces, on the water at La Cabana at Punta de Mita. About \$6. Yum de dum!



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much. What you spend is all a question of lifestyle."

At the current exchange rate, 4,000 *pesos* is about \$305 U.S. Come to think of it, that's what Bill Anderson of the home-built Hughes 42 cat **Feet** recently told us he spends a month cruising in Mexico, where cruising can be very inexpensive.

"We recently arrived in the Society Islands," report Justin Jenkins and Anna Wiley of the San Diego-based Columbia 34 **Ichiban**. "We've been at Huahine catching epic barreling surf. Incredible! Sorry we didn't write sooner, but it's hard to find Internet access. We just caught a 60-lb mahi mahi and will send a photo as soon as we can."

As *Latitude* reported last month, Jenkins and Wiley, both in their early 30s, paid \$2,000 for their boat — not counting upgrades — and took off for the Marquesas with just \$400 left in the kitty. While pointing out that it really is possible to cruise happily on very little money, we don't want to mislead anyone about what most people spend when they cruise. We'd say that for folks who have



When it comes to cruising boats, the general rule is the bigger the boat, the bigger the budget. And exponentially so.

already paid for and equipped their boat, the monthly nut is somewhere between \$1,500 and \$4,000 to live a pretty sweet cruising life. It's certainly possible to do it for less, but we also know of folks who are going through \$10,000 a month.

"We're anchored at Pago Pago, American Samoa," reports Michael Moyer of the Newport Beach-based Alajuela 48 Cherokee Rose. "Everyone claims this is the place to reprovision and send your broken parts back to the States. Buses run constantly during the day, \$1 each way, and if you tell the drivers where you need to go, they'll usually drop you off in front of whatever building you want. The post office looks just like the ones in the States — because it's exactly the same postal service. I've sent items back to California and mail-ordered parts from the States. Although I haven't gotten anything back yet, I'm told it will be no problem. The anchorage here is as bad as advertised, as almost everybody has had to reset their anchor at least once. Ours held for four days and in up to 27 knots of wind, but even though it only blew 17 knots on day five, we dragged through the fleet. What can I say? We're off to try to fill an older propane tank. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that they don't make me replace it."

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plus-a-couple-of-hours Bash from Puerto Vallarta to Ensenada," reports David Addleman of the Monterey-based Santa Cruz 50 X. "It's nice when the Bashes are easy. I once did a January delivery from Acapulco to San Francisco, and we didn't take a single drop of water on the deck. But it did take a month, as we stopped at almost every cantina. There's no news to report from *X* here in the Philippines as it's the wet season, although for a wet season there have been a remarkable number of sunny days. Nonetheless, cruising is out of the question as typhoons regularly roar through the area. My days are spent on minor boat maintenance, currently the interior varnish. Evenings are passed at the Rock 'n Roll Bar and related antics. There's a regatta here in November, after which we'll resume wandering around the Philippines."

"After three months in the beautiful San Blas Islands of Panama, we're still in Panama planning to transit the Ditch at the end of September and then work our way north to Mexico," report John and Deb Rogers of the San Diegobased Deerfoot 2-62 **Moonshadow**. "While in the Caribbean, we twice ignored the advice the Wanderer gave us when we met up at St. Barth, and both times we learned our lesson. First, we checked in on the Dutch side of Sint Maarten instead of going around to the French side of St. Martin. Mistake. Second, we should have stayed in St. Barth longer. These were huge screwups on our part. Inexcusable,

really, as they don't pass out titles like Grand Poobah willy-nilly, do they?"

We may not know much, but we do know about checking into and out of St. Martin/Sint Maarten, and we do know why St. Barth, if you understand the little place, ranks so high among the islands of the Caribbean.

"I recently returned from nearly three months in French Polynesia aboard **Marionette**, a Nils Lucander-designed



If you know where to go in St. Barth, you run into the nicest people — such as Dewey and Darlene Hines of the St. Francis YC and the classic Rhodes 55 yawl 'Ocean Queen', built by Abeking & Rasmussen and vet of the first ever St. Francis Big Boat Series. The couple were nice enough to pose with the Wanderer's 'tender' to 'ti Profligate', a Yamaha TW200.

50-ft cutter that was built by Cheoy Lee," reports Don Furber of the Eureka/Puerto Escondido-based Ericson 36C *Calliope*. "*Marionette* was purchased several years ago in the San Francisco area by Bruce and Catherine Dunlop of New Zealand.













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After several months of work — including replacing bad wood in the stern and cold molding two diagonal layers of Alaska vellow cedar over the original strip planking — they sailed her to Baja. I met the Dunlops in Puerto Escondido, where I keep my boat. After a couple of seasons getting acquainted in the Sea of Cortez, I put in my bid to crew for Bruce when he was heading back to New Zealand. Fortunately, that worked out. We left San Jose del Cabo at the end of April and made landfall in the Marquesas 18 days later. We had several 180- to 190-mile days under sail, and resorted to power for only about 55 hours. Life aboard the 50-year-old woody was comfortable no matter what the weather. We were, of course, sailing off the wind."

"On the way to the Marquesas," Furber continues, "we saw what seems to me to have been a very unusual occurrence. I've always enjoyed watching the sun change shape as it sinks into the sea, but on May 8 it was different. It quickly became apparent that we were seeing a partial solar eclipse. I want to know: 1) Did this happen around the

JUST YOU AND THE SEA.



Here's something you can't see often, a partial eclipse as the sun is about to set into the ocean. Plus just a tip of the sun on the left as a bonus.

globe for everyone in the same band of latitude? 2) Does it happen every month somewhere? 3) Can you plot where you need to be to see another? 4) Has anyone else seen one at sea?

"Lastly, thanks to *Latitude 38* for putting in the time and energy to facilitate entry into French Polynesia for cruisers. We weren't able to participate in the Puddle Jump fun at Moorea because of a conflict with crew departure schedules, but our greeting in Papeete and Coralie, the agent, were both excellent."

Thanks for the kind words. Andy 'Mr. Puddle Jump' Turpin, managing editor of *Latitude*, is the person at *Latitude* who has been entirely responsible for the greatly improved clearing procedures for cruisers going to French Polynesia. And yes, it's taken a lot of time and effort.

As for your eclipse questions: 1) Others would have seen the eclipse, but not necessarily those at the same latitude. 2) There are two to five eclipses a year, although five is rare. 3) Where eclipses can be seen is known well in advance, allowing umbraphiles — those who travel to see solar eclipses — to know where to go. 4) We once saw a near-total eclipse from the docks of the Ala Wai Yacht Harbor in Honolulu. Those on boats at Lahaina would have seen a rare total eclipse. We also saw a surprise eclipse while flying home from Honolulu once.

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Re-entry to the 'real world' hasn't been without hiccups for Pamela Bendall of the Vancouver, B.C.-based Kristen 46 Precious Metal, who took off cruising with the Ha-Ha in 2008 and adventured as far south as Peru. For example, a day or so after she and her boat returned home to Vancouver, she parked her dinghy, locked it, and went to dinner. When she came back two hours later, it was gone. "After five years of cruising in waters and to countries that are supposedly rife with crime, my dinghy gets stolen in Canada," she groaned. An orange bag was found near the scene of the crime, and it contained a crumpled beer can, a battery-powered grinder, and a sharp rotary blade to cut the dinghy's lock and chain. In the better news column, the folks at Hub Insurance not only approved Bendall's claim - despite the fact she'd only taken out the policy the day before - they also waived the 30-day waiting period to pay the claim.

"It's amazing how different our Canadian society has become in the five short years I was gone," Bendall continues. "I was pretty hip and savvy when I departed, but while on my doggie walk yesterday I witnessed a scene that I wouldn't have seen five years ago: a lesbian couple getting married in a lovely public setting along the shoreline, with family and friends gathered around in delight. I appreciated the scene, too —

until both women pulled out their smart phones to read their vows to each other! Yup, they scrolled down their gadgets as they read each passionate line." Not that there's anything wrong with it.

Plan A for Jack van Ommen and his Gig Harbor, Washington-based Nadja 29 **Fleetwood** was to leave Amsterdam for England, Portugal and the Canary Islands, where he would make a December jump-off for the Caribbean and Cartagena, Colombia. From there, he would begin his explorations of South America. But a combination of not being



Sixty-five years old and unable to pay his rent in 2002, the amazing Jack van Ommen has now sailed over 40,000 miles and cruised to more than 40 countries — all on modest monthly Social Security checks. He's seen here with one of his daughters and his intrepid built-from-akit Nadja 29 'Fleetwood'. What an inspiration!

able to get everything ready on his boat after putting on new decks and doing an extensive refit, plus the onset of bad weather, put an end to that plan. "I was having trouble getting SailMail set up on my new laptop, I wasn't able to get the AIS working, and then the marina *Fleetwood* was in was hit by winds up to 53 knots. That humbled me back to





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better sense, as I also needed to take a closer look at the condition of the spreaders, which hadn't looked so good when I re-stepped the mast 10 days ago. I am disappointed because Plan A would have been a good sail, but I was trying to leave too late in the year, as the pleasant weather of summer has been replaced by the stormy conditions of fall in this part of the world. There are a number of new depressions coming down from the north. My Plan B is to take the mast down again, repair the spreaders, and then get to the Med via the canals — which is the same way I came up to Amsterdam last August/September. It's definitely a slower and more costly way to make my way to the Canaries, and I am not particularly looking forward to the 200+ locks Fleetwood must go through, but I will be passing through Burgundy during the grape harvest and will get to taste the new Beaujolais. I should be able to get back on the schedule for leaving the Canary Islands in November/December for my Atlantic crossing. This delay reminds me of the time I got stranded in Port Townsend in October 2004 with too



Plan B will see van Ommen taken 'Fleetwood' down to the Med via the canals of France. There will be 200 locks to negotiate, but no big seas.

many loose ends, and the time I missed the window to cross the Atlantic in 2008 after I spent too much time doing work on the boat in Florida."

Van Ommen, now well into his 70s, is one of the most accomplished 'big bang for the buck' cruisers we know. You can follow his many adventures at *http://www.cometosea.us*.

"**Capt. Ron' Drew**, a daily presence on the morning Cruisers' Net on Banderas Bay, and a frequent visitor to the various marinas to pick up clothing and other donations for The Single Mom's Association, passed away in August," reports Steve van Slyke. "Capt Ron's history in Puerto Vallarta and Banderas Bay goes all the way back to the days when coastal freighters would anchor off downtown and small boats would offload bananas. It was a long time ago."

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30-FT BREWER NIMBLE, 2007. Mazatlan, MX. \$54,900. Custom built, F/G, epoxy, yawl rig, keel/centerboard, 3YM30 Yanmar. Ha-Ha vet located in Mazatlan in Bristol condition, this turn-key gem is ready for immediate cruising in Mexico and Baja. Contact (619) 223-2595 or tomybarrola@sbcglobal.net.

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32-FT CATALINA 320, 1994. Portland, Oregon. \$\$62,500. Hull #88; New Volvo engine 2010, fuel tank 2013; Large aft cockpit; Walk-thru transom; New North asymmetrical spinnaker; Martek dinghy davits, 2008 9' RIB Aqua Pro, 5hp Mercury. Open listing, 5% courtesy to brokers. More at www.patsysweb.com/ Antares/antares.html. (503) 246-9233 or jonwduc@gmail.com.

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32-FT WESTSAIL, 1971. Marina Bay Yacht Harbor. \$10,000/offer. Ketch rigged. 50hp Perkins. Selling as is. (707) 887-2644.



33-FT JEANNEAU SUNFAST 3200. 2009. San Diego. \$145,000. Veteran of Pacific Cup Doublehanded, Transpac and Cabo. Turn-key ready for 2014 Pacific Cup doublehand or SHTP. Excellent condition with many extras. Full details and photos on website: www.mechdesign. . com/3200. Contact (435) 640-0587 or sail@mechdesign.com.

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32-FT CATALINA 320, 2000. Berkeley. \$64,000. Dodger, new mainsail, roller furling jib, good condition; well maintained within the OCSC fleet. (209) 872-0331 or moody_robert@hotmail.com.



35-FT HUNTER LEGEND, 1990. Marina Bay, Richmond. \$40,000. Pacific Cup veteran, full batten main, roller furling jib, Yanmar diesel, wind, depth, speed instruments, ST winches, VHF/stereo, CNG stove, spinnaker gear, dodger, open transom, sleeps 6, many spares, and extra sails. Contact (510) 235-4005 or quixote9094@aol.com.

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33-FT NEWPORT 326, 1995. Channel Islands Harbor. \$32,000. Aft cabin port, galley starboard. two-burner stove, twosided sink and c-c-c-cold fridge. Hot water, pressure water. 35 gal fresh, 10 gal holding, 35 gal diesel. 30hp Yanmar approx 500hrs. 33# Bruce in bow locker on 250' chain and three strand rode no windlass. Danforth stored aft. Inflatable with 3hp OB. 110 and 150 genoa on roller furling with two-speed Lewmar sheet winches. Main with two reef points with lines led inside full dodger. Cockpit seats in the rails at the aft corners, wheel steering and Raymarine radar at helm. Teak and holly belowdecks, topsides plastic/ SS. CG Documented vessel. (805) 440-7947 or amicitia326@gmail.com.





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44-FT HUNTER 44DS, 2008. Kona Kai Marina, San Diego. \$199,000. Gorgeous! Loaded! 555 watts solar, 60-gallon/hour watermaker, 60 lb. Ultra anchor, 300' 5/16 chain, custom stainless rails/davits, custom 8" HMC mattress. Immaculate! Pics/info: http://roadslesstraveled.us/hunter-44dsgroovy-for-sale or emilyfagan1@gmail.com.



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46-FT FARR, 1985. Seattle. \$199,000. Original owner, fast cruiser, frac rig, midship cockpit, Perkins 4-108, fully equipped for coastal and offshore including radar, AIS, SSB, inverter, watermaker. For photos and specs, see website: http://beachpartyfarr46.com. Contact jsprouse01@gmail.com or (360) 471-4540.



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40-FT KAURI WARWICK. (Oneoff), 1983. Whangarei, New Zealand. \$200,000. Kiwi-built triple-skin coldmolded kauri cutter. Details, go to house website: www.americankiwihome.com. Email neptune@ecentral.com. 150A Beach Road, Onerahi-Whangarei, 0110 New Zealand.



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47-FT 473 BENETEAU, 2006. Marina Village, Alameda, CA. \$240,000. Cruise ready. White hull. Deep keel. Teak decks, 3 cabin. 75hp Yanmar, 7.9 Westerbeke generator, Spectra Newport watermaker, air conditioning, custom upholstery, Cherry wood interior, bow thruster. Much more. (530) 545-9540 or jmbtahoe@yahoo.com.



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38-FT FOUNTAINE PAJOT ATHENA 1995. San Francisco, CA. \$164,000/obo Our beloved ocean cruising vet Family Circus is for sale. New LPU in the salon. new canvas, new trampoline, dual Yanmars, one just rebuilt. Four cabins, two heads. Radar, GPS, plotter, etc. Ocean gear - drogue, liferaft, autopilot, spares, etc. Fantastic sailing platform for Bay and Ocean fun. Ready to go! Our family keeps growing- the boat needs to as well! More at http://htzortzis.wix.com/family-circus. Contact ctzortzis2014@gmail.com or (925) 878-9659.

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