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July 4 — Independence Day.

July 4 — Fireworks, Antioch, 9:20 p.m.

July 4 — Barron Hilton’s Fourth of July Fireworks, Mandeville Tip, San Joaquin River, 9:30 p.m.

July 4 — Fireworks, San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.

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July Weekend Tides
Predictions for Station 9414290, San Francisco (Golden Gate)

date/day  time/ht.  time/ht.  time/ht.  time/ht.
LOW  HIGH  LOW  HIGH
7/03Sat 0203/1.4 0804/3.7 1311/1.9 1958/5.7
7/04Sun 0255/0.9 0927/3.8 1401/2.4 2034/5.8
7/05Mon 0340/0.5 1034/4.0 1450/2.7 2108/5.9
7/10Sat 0639/0.7 1405/4.7 1818/3.3 2185/3.2
7/11Sun 0014/6.2 0712/0.7 1440/4.7 2185/3.2
7/17Sat 0543/4.1 1122/1.3 1825/5.9 2185/3.2
7/18Sun 0103/1.1 0720/0.9 1219/1.9 1912/6.3
7/24Sat 0624/1.3 1338/5.2 1811/2.8 2185/3.2
7/25Sun 0018/6.8 0708/1.2 1420/5.2 1905/2.7
7/31Sat 0010/1.8 0609/3.8 1126/2.1 1813/5.5
8/1Sun 0116/4.0 0750/3.7 1224/2.7 1856/5.6

July Weekend Currents
NOAA Predictions for .88 NM NE of the Golden Gate Bridge

date/day  slack  max  slack  max
date/day  slack  max  slack  max
7/03Sat 0354 1418 0930 1154/0.9E
7/04Sun 0042/1.7E 1042 1248/0.8E 1454 1900/2.7F
7/05Mon 1148 2248 0118/1.9E 0548 0830/1.9F
7/06Sat 0106 2174/0.7E 0924 2312/2.5F
7/11Sun 0142 1724/0.7E 0906 1212/2.9F
7/17Sat 0112 1806/0.8E 1254 2354/2.6F
7/18Sun 0236 1642/3.1F 0712 1948 2242/1.8E
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7/27Sun 0142 1724/0.2F 0912 1200/3.7F
7/31Sat 0200 1800/1.5E 1518 2354/2.1F
8/01Sun 1242 1636/2.5F 0748 2200 2254/1.4E
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LETTERS

A KAYAKER ATTEMPTING TO PADDLE SOLO FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO HAWAII WAS RESCUED 70 MILES OFF THE COAST, AND OLD QUESTIONS WERE RAISED

Manifely Unsafe. Perhaps the kayak can be sold to de-fray the cost of rescue. On the other hand, someone would buy it with the idea of trying this foolhardy voyage himself.

I’m all for adventure, but not when using USCG as a backup plan. I hold a 100-Ton Master and I’m a lawyer, so please, no amateur attempts to debate me about US CFR sec 33 177.07 or Sec 46.

Jose Kanusee

IM A LAWYER, TOO

Jose — While I don’t hold any Master’s license, I’m also a lawyer, and I have thousands of non-solo miles in a 40-ft sailboat under me, including from Alaska to Cabo to French Polynesia and Fiji, and I’m in complete and total agreement with you. My reaction to this proposed voyage, as someone more than passingly familiar with Pacific open-ocean conditions, is that it gets filed under “Not Likely to End Well.”

Conni Livsey

YOUR WITNESS, COUNSELOR

I’m no lawyer, but last I checked, the Coast Guard is unable to charge any fee for rescue. They can only bill for documentation, inspection, and licensing. So I’m not sure why he would have to sell his kayak for a service that’s provided by taxpayers.

John Michaelson

FREEDOM VS. TAXPAYER-FUNDED RESCUES

I’m all for freedom, but calling on the Coast Guard to risk their lives to rescue you is a bit selfish. I hope the stunt has an insurance policy to reimburse the CG and the taxpayers for the cost of this rescue.

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SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE
How can we take people seriously? Good life experience for Coast Guard and the rescued. Living for another day. It’s another example of wisdom: You generally get it right after you need it.

(Brag line:) I soloed the Atlantic and South America and cruised 15 years in a wee Cal 36. I had a 20-year Navy career, but I occasionally do silly things, like stand-up surf. Speaking from 82 years of experience, and seeking more wisdom.

Norman A. Heaney

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LET’S NOT FORGET TO GIVE PRAISE FOR A JOB WELL DONE
Good job CG. I have been on the receiving end of your professional rescues, and I applaud you for all you do.

Andy Shelest

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BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED
Who was his weather router?

Keith — He only made it 70 miles out. The coastline is a literal washing machine under all but the most benign of conditions.

Mary Sauer Boblet Arnold

(Mary — Not to be the grammar police — and this is neither here nor there — but you literally used the word literal when describing the coastline figuratively, as many people tend to do these days.)

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AND FINALLY, THE QUESTION OF MARINE DEBRIS
Why is it no one ever writes about the immense danger this guy just put all of us ocean sailors in by just leaving his boat floating out there, and just as offshore racers start coming north. What a jerk for leaving it.

The Coast Guard should force these guys to scuttle their boats before leaving them for someone else to plow into surfing down a wave. Unbelievable.

Mike Mahoney
Story Maker, Tartan 101
Bay Area

Mike — Your ire might be better directed at shipping companies, who have lost a record number of containers overboard in the past few years. Steel containers can stay afloat for days, weeks and even months.

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE COAST GUARD
Here are some comments from my personal experience as a Search and Rescue (SAR) mission coordinator and former

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It is very important that we do everything in our power to be as safe as possible and have all of the required safety devices on board, of course, but if things go sideways, I would never want you to delay notifying the Coast Guard. The sooner we know you are in trouble, or you think you may be headed that way, we want you to let us know without hesitation.

The ocean is immense and dangerous, and there are limited SAR resources depending on where you are. The quicker we can get to your position, the less time you spend in the water and the quicker we can get you back to your loved ones. Rescue is a free, humanitarian service that only requires you to own and properly register a beacon.

In June 2018, Joy and Jim Carey were just 150 miles from their homeport of Bellingham, Washington — and near the completion of a 17-year circumnavigation — when they were rolled by a rogue wave, flooded, and forced to abandon their Omega 45 ‘Kelaerin’. In late July 2018, ‘Kelaerin’ was found by a Coast Guard cutter and towed to Fort Bragg. The rescue sparked all manner of armchair captains, hideous trolling and name-calling, and familiar, deeply subjective questions about whether the Careys “should have” activated their EPIRB and abandoned their boat.

Just to clarify for those who value their privacy and are concerned about the government tracking electronics, etc., your SARSAT devices (EPIRBs, PLBs and ELTs) are not visible to a satellite unless they are activated by you or by immersion in the water. When that happens, your information goes directly to the appropriate US Rescue Coordination Center (RCC). If you are in a foreign country, your position is given to that country, but not your contact info. [In our comments on the June 7 ‘Lectronic Latitude, Transpacific Kayaker Cyril Derreumaux Initiates Coast Guard Rescue, we had taken one of Carter’s previous quotes out of context, saying that “people using EPIRBs and emergency beacons are constantly tracked by the Coast Guard,” falsely implying that the federal government was always watching you, emergency or no.]

We are copied on all alerts in foreign SAR regions and can see all of your registration information (which is why it is extremely important to keep your registration and emergency contacts up to date). We then reach out to that particular country’s SAR authorities to ensure you are getting the help you need. Rescue Command Centers (RCCs) around the world are standing by 24/7, ready to respond when a beacon is activated.

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Layne Cater
Deputy SAR Satellite Program Manager, US Coast Guard
Washington, DC

Readers — With nearly every high-profile rescue, a familiar discussion follows, and the gist of the conversation always boils down to this: People question, and inevitably judge, the decisions made by other sailors. It’s only natural, and sometimes helps us consider our own decision-making. Would we, for example, ever attempt to kayak from the Bay to Hawaii? Not in a million years.

But people successfully row/paddle across oceans all the time. Cyril Derreumaux was an experienced ocean rower with several successful voyages under his belt. We certainly wonder about his (and his weather router’s) choice to depart in June, when nasty, gale-force conditions prevail off Northern California. Maybe Derreumaux had seen such weather before and thought he could punch through, or that his vessel could take the abuse. Surely, no one is questioning the decision-making that led to the rescue more than Derreumaux himself.

Demanding that sailors pay for their rescue seems to stem from a knee-jerk reaction to shame these people, whom, from the comfort of our computers, we deem “silly, stupid and incompetent.” We understand this urge, but as Layne Carter said, the ocean can humble all of us, and despite our years of experience and meticulous preparation, we may find ourselves in a situation where we’re forced to push the button on an EPIRB. In other words, we might find ourselves in a glass house someday, so we choose not to throw stones.

The Magnificent Return of the Master Mariners Regatta

It is so great to see photos and hear about the Master Mariners race! [From a June 2 ‘Lectronic Latitude].

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1930 — around a group of passionate wooden-boat builders and sailors. And I must say, there is nothing like my time spent aboard and sailing on wooden vessels — the feel, smell and taste of these boats is second to none!

Harold Sommer was good friends with my dad when Harold and his family, and a large group of people with great sailing talent, were putting Wander Bird back into sailing shape. I was fortunate to have been invited to sail on Wander Bird’s maiden relaunch down to L.A. and back. As a kid, I did not know how lucky I was, but now I’m so thankful.

To all the wooden-boat owners and builders, thanks for keeping something great going strong for the rest of us to enjoy. I so appreciate it.

Memo Gidley
Basic Instinct, Elliott 1050
Sausalito

THE SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB OFTEN GETS LEFT OUT OF THE MASTER MARINERS CREDITS

A gentle reminder: Although I no longer belong to the Sausalito YC, when I was race director there more than 20 years ago, I reconnected the Master Mariners Benevolent Association with the SYC race committee. Since then, the SYC race committee has run the Master Mariners, spending a full day on the water from start to finish. Somehow the SYC gets overlooked in articles about the MMBA race.

Pat Broderick
Nancy, Wyliecat 30
Sausalito

WORLD OCEAN DAY HAS COME AND GONE. WHAT’S NEXT FOR THE SEVEN SEAS?

The numbers show that we’ve hardly scratched the surface. Although I admire the efforts of Ocean Cleanup, half a million pounds is very small compared to the estimate of 46 million tons that are in the ocean.

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need a flotilla of incineration boats working 24/7.

Wayne Henderson

†† 25,000 BARRELS OF DDT DISCOVERED BETWEEN LONG BEACH AND CATALINA ISLAND

Profits over human and sea life? No wonder we all suffer from toxic health issues. Lord help us all!

Jeff Bush

Jeff was commenting on a May 5 ‘Lectronic Latitude with the same name as this letter. The Montrose Chemical Corporation apparently (and legally) dumped tens of thousands of barrels in a 3,000-ft-deep trench off Southern California.

†† MEANWHILE, IN SANTA MONICA...

Montrose also dumped DDT down the sewer, so there is a huge plume of it in the sediment around the Hyperion outfall, which is seven miles offshore of Santa Monica Bay.

Tom Gandesbery

†† ARE OFFSHORE WIND FARMS IN THE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA OFFSHORE RACE WEEK?

It is time for offshore wind farms. We can do this. Sailors certainly understand the power of the wind. Let’s put some wind in the sails of increased electrical power from wind, shall we?

Jan Passion
Hokahey
Seawind 1000
Richmond

Jan was commenting on the June 2 ‘Lectronic: Are Offshore Wind Farms in the Future of California Offshore Race Week?

Offshore wind farms are not a perfect energy solution, but they do offer a cleaner alternative to fossil fuels.

†† WHY ARE THEY AGAINST THIS?

Can some one educate me on why some fishing lobbies are against offshore wind farms?

Tom Hafer, the president of the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen’s Organization, was quoted in the New York Times as saying: ‘We’re totally against this. We’ve been consulting with the [wind-farm] people for a long time, and we helped pick the spot and developed a memorandum of understanding on an area that we thought would be sustainable for us. That was about 120 square miles. [A new project] is 399 square miles. We’re going to lose a whole bunch of fishing grounds.’ My understanding is fishing is often better near structures, as they provide habitat favorable to invertebrates, which encourages more complex ecosystems to develop. Am I missing something here?

William Huber

†† HOW MANY CELLPHONES, OR OTHER VALUABLES, ARE IN THE BAY?

We probably average about one phone a year lost to the deep.

The best story was when we were out on a winter’s day, with the wind out of the north. We sailed up to the Brothers, where we set the chute and started reaching and jibing into the strong flood, getting maximum kite time and speed.
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We were listening to a guest’s music selection on the Bluetooth speaker. During one of the jibes, the speaker literally went “plop,” and then there was silence. Her phone had come out of her jacket pocket and slid overboard.
We all knew, instantly, what had happened.

Tim Stapleton
Fidget, J/80
Point Richmond

⇑⇓

**IPHONE SUBMARINE EDITION**

Ditto on losing an iPhone out of my breast pocket when leaning down to snug up a dock line — it went splash and “plunk” and disappeared in seconds to the bottom of Richardson Bay. My whole life was on that phone! Thank heavens for iCloud backups. I was up and running again with a new iPhone (latest model of course; cha-ching $$) within a couple of hours. Whew!

Ann

⇑⇓

**MARINE LIFE WILL SOON BE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Probably the reason one often hears odd clicks and squeaks on their phones is that the porpoises and octopuses — highly intelligent creatures — have learned to use them.

Michael Rostron
Bellingham, WA

⇑⇓

**UNTIL DEATH DO YOU PART, OR THE RING GOES INTO THE DRINK**

I almost lost my wedding ring three times. The first time I had to get it cut off when my hand got caught between a dock and the boat. My wife had it restored as a birthday present. Next, I noticed that I was not wearing my ring when I got home after teaching sailing. I immediately went back to the boat but had no luck finding it. I went back again after a couple of days; this time as I unfolded the mainsail I heard the unmistakable “ping” as it hit the deck.

The third time my ring slipped off my soapy hand while showering. Luckily, though, it got caught in a crack in the swim platform.

Dan Haynes
ASA Instructor

⇑⇓

**SOMEBODY IN THE SPOILS**

My BlackBerry took a long dunk into the Bay, never to be found again. The harbor it fell into has been dredged so no idea where it might be now.

Mark Littlefield
Vallejo Yacht Club

⇑⇓

**NEPTUNE’S TOOL CHEST**

Sunglasses lost? Many. How about crescent wrenches, pipe wrenches, sockets and vise grips? Neptune’s locker is well stocked with tools in most marinas.

Richard Heagle
CALIFORNIA’S MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

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†‡ FATAL (MAGNETIC) ATTRACTION
My phone seems to have a fatal, almost magnetic attraction to the water. It almost never falls out of my pocket, except on the dock.

Charlie Deist
Co-author, Three Sheets to the Wind: The Art of Flying Spinnaker

†‡ THIS IS NOT AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR THIS PHONE
My Samsung Active, a "waterproof" phone, fell out of my pocket and went for a brief swim while I was working on my brightwork. I heard a "chunk" and splash. I immediately knew what had happened. Fortunately, there was a diver nearby. He told me it was a lost cause but went down to search anyway. A friend called my number and the diver noticed a glow in the silt. It was my phone! It was in 35 feet of water. I’m still using the phone.

Shelly

Shelly, that is a good endorsement of that particular phone! I haven’t lost a phone overboard, but I did lose my keys over the rail of my Cal 20. They were in the front pocket of a button-down shirt I was wearing. I leaned over, and “plomp!”

Fortunately, Iris was in her slip at the time, and I knew just where the keys had fallen. No electronic keys at that time, and all were replaceable. But the keychain itself was a heavy silver memento that I would have been heartbroken to lose. I called the diver (Bob Galvin) who cleaned Iris’s bottom and asked him to try to find it. Luckily, he retrieved it for me.

Though the keys have changed over the years, I still have the keychain. — Christine Weaver, Racing Editor

†‡ CONNECTING WITH THE OLD OWNERS OF A NEW-TO-ME SAILBOAT
I didn’t realize that Latitude had written about Ichiban [in the July 20, 2012, ‘Lectronic: $2k+ Used Engine Cruising Boat].

I am currently the owner/skipper in Fiji. It’s a lovely sailboat — a great island-hopping boat with space for seven. She’s still in her factory-looking condition, which has history. She’s currently with me in Fiji.

At first, I sailed Ichiban with just the headsail, and made six knots, which was amazing. When I bought the boat, I went through every nook and cranny and found the name-tag ‘Anna’. The emergency backpack also had your Jenkins
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I've kept the name, and never thought about changing it, as it's very unique. By the way, the engine still runs great. I love how it's still in its original state and remind kids to keep it that way. My family loves being in her every weekend. I'd love to hear more history about Ichiban. Thanks to the Jenkinses for keeping her well.

Alvin
Ichiban, 1972 Columbia 34 MkII
Fiji

We now think it’s safe to make cruising plans for 2021. What’s on your itinerary?

I am planning to sail from Bodega Bay to Rio Vista. Some years ago I sailed from Fort Bragg to Bodega Bay; bad weather kept me in Bodega Bay for several days. I got tired of waiting for the weather to improve, so I called home to bring the trailer so I could take my P19 home.

The plan is to anchor in Drake’s Bay the first night, San Francisco Bay the second night, Benicia the third, and home to Rio Vista the fourth day.

Bud Kerner
Cat’s Meow, West Wight Potter 19
Rio Vista

Feeling far away while sailing oh so close to home

Thanks for sharing our little sailcation getaway! [From the June 7 ’Lectronic Latitude: Where Will You Cruise in 2021?]. It was a great reminder that you don’t have to go far to feel miles away from home!

We plan to head up the Delta by the end of the month, to celebrate my birthday on July 4. We also have plans to return to the Channel Islands after having such a spectacular time last fall.

One destination we have yet to visit — but is definitely on our bucket list — is Tomales Bay. Has anyone else sailed there on a heavier displacement boat?

Sonya David
Gemini, 1986 Passport 42
Berkeley

Reminiscing about Baja Ha-Ha’s past

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was such a perfect way to get our feet wet and launch us into the beauty of the cruising community and lifestyle. After spending the last two years cruising Mexico and Central America we’re heading back up to Cali. Hope to join y’all again in a couple of years.

Matt & Britt
@wanderlust-sailing

MEMORABLE TIMES IN THE BAJA HA-HA

We took first place (ahem) in the Agave division with a single sail in 2018 on the penultimate-smallest boat called C.A.T., a 30-ft Nonsuch with a British low-talking captain. Those were the best of times. Those were the worst of times. Those were the most best memorable times. If you’ve not done it and want to, do it!

Eileen Daniel
2018 Baja Ha-Ha Alumna

THE MAGIC OF MEXICO, AS SEEN FROM A PLASTIC CHAIR ON A BEACH

Thinking about arriving in Mazatlan in March of a year long past. After checking in and securing my vessel, I made my way to the open-air palapa restaurant on the isla for breakfast. The coffee was hot, the food delicious. The few sailors in the restaurant made me feel most welcome. The chair was plastic, the view… fantastic. Many were the days and nights I returned to those magical chairs over the years. I need some of that magic again, and soon.

Kelvin D. Meeks

THE REDISCOVERY REDUX OF A BAY AREA WATERFRONT GEM

I had a sailboat [at a place that shall not be named] many years ago. If I remember correctly, running aground in the channel got you automatic entry into the fantastic little yacht club. When friends would come to visit, they couldn’t believe that such a place existed. We always kept it nameless by referring to it as Marina del Shade. It’s a wonderful place on this beautiful Earth.

The film Blood Alley, released in 1955 and starring John Wayne and Lauren Bacall, was filmed there. The wreck from that film is the obstruction to the channel entrance. From up on the hill at low tide you can still see the outline of the skeleton of the ship. If there are any old-timers left, they remember the filming there.

Al Moran
Former Bay Area Sailor
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railroad train park with cabooses atop Gazos Creek Road years ago while doing the Skyline-to-the-Sea trail from Big Basin. Both are gone now due to the SCU complex fire. We still return to an abandoned Smith River fire lookout we accidentally discovered on a motorcycle trip in the ’70s, until three years ago when some parolees from Pelican Bay showed up at 3 a.m. at our campsites!

Michael Kehir
Merilon, Yorktown 35
Moss Beach (not Moss Landing)
Now in Puerto Escondido, Baja California

SOONER OR LATER
I have been [to the place that shall not be named] many times. By water it is somewhat sketchy, as I was towing a boat out of there for repair work. Alas, sooner or later it will be discovered and overrun — like my hometown has been.

Milly Biller
Big Pink, International 110
Inverness

GOING DEEP INTO THE GENERATIONS AT RYC
I’d like to pass on a piece of ‘Paxtonia’, of which there are many. [Rod is referring to the June Sightings: Will Paxton — Third Generation Sailor]

We were crewing out of Paradise Cay on Mr. Charlie Khun’s Santana 35 Spirit of Bombay and having a good time of things.

We crewed up at RYC, roping the boat for the Big Daddy pursuit race, when Mr. [Bob] Klein himself [for whom the Big Daddy is named], walked up to the boat with this kid and said, “Fellas, this is John; he sails Lasers, he’s never been on a crewed boat before, and we’d like him to go out with you guys. He won’t get in the way.” [It turns out that sailor was John Kostecki.] Milliseconds of crew eyes and it was. “Sure, come along.” He didn’t get in the way, and Capt. Will Paxton skippered another Bombay win.

P.S.: Ask Will about being a man overboard in the Molokai Channel.

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When I was working on Lady Washington, I scored one of the primo bunks in the fo’c’sle: port forward upper. It was a little wider than most, so it was pretty sweet. However, I soon found out that in transit, especially plowing through swell, being so far forward in the hull had some downsides. I started calling that the "antigravity bunk" after waking up a few times fully levitating in the middle of the rack, sleeping bag and all.

KC Crowell
Former Crew, Lady Washington
Oakland

In the V-berth, I’d always say, "Weeeeee.”

Carol Johnson

One of the favorite boats I ever sailed was a bright-red-hulled Ron Holland 52. So I am a bit surprised his "daysailer" is a Coronado 25. He clearly subscribes to the K.I.S.S principle. Good on him.

Joseph DiMatteo

We will forever love the juxtaposition of Ron Holland’s vision for decadent megayachts with the choice of his personal cruiser, a Coronado 25. It would be like the designer of a Ferrari riding a Vespa, and looking cool doing it.

In the June issue of Latitude 38, we published a letter, or rather, a single word, from legendary megayacht designer Ron Holland. “Done,” Holland commented, when we asked the question, “What’s on your maintenance list?” on our Instagram account.

Apparently, Holland does subscribe to the Keep It Simple Stupid, or K.I.S.S., theory. As we described in the June 4 ’Lectronic Latitude, Holland sent us a photo of his Coronado 25 Kia Aura, at a marina near his home in Vancouver, BC.

NOT SURPRISED BY HIS SPARTAN STREAK

I had the absolute pleasure of meeting Ron at Oleg Haren-car’s Life on the Water documentary film about John Wilson of WoodenBoat Magazine.

Ron gave a presentation before the film and afterward; I got a chance to talk to him and sit with him in the audience.

Yes, that’s a person, holding a broom and ‘flying’ on board what is presumably a ship. A video made the rounds on maritime social media accounts, showing various crew jumping, and “levitating,” presumably as the ship hit the waves just so.
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In the BYC beer cans, we are stuck in 2nd place in four outings, 20 secs, 1 min, 2 min, 3:20 behind the J-105’s, (in the last case helmsman forgot to have our new racing bottom dived). To beat them, we have to sail very, very well. We are such an affable group, we don’t yell, but we look at our performance with as much focus and exactitude as we can muster!

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John Amen
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He is an extremely funny and sweet man! I am not at all surprised by his K.I.S.S. principle in the boat he chooses for himself.

Milly Biller
Her second letter this Letters

† † ENGINE VS. MOTOR
Electric engine? [Referring to a May 26 Lectronic.] Are a motor and an engine the same thing? Electric is magnetically induced — gas and diesel are internally combustible fossil fuel.

Richard Kinder

Richard — We’ve always heard that it’s an electric motor and diesel (or gas) engine. (In a similar vein, an outboard would typically be a motor instead of an engine.) However, upon Googling, most people seem to say they are now ‘interchangeable.’

† † WE NOW TAKE A BREAK FROM SAILING TO WATCH BIRDS EAT
Do not, I repeat, do not click on the http://sfbayospreys.org camera link. You will get nothing done for hours.

I’m joking, of course.

Tony M. Spooner

Tony — Getting something done is overrated.

Luc de Faymoreau

Tony and Luc — The editor of these Letters has, on more than one occasion, left the osprey cam on in the background and listened to the wind, birds chirping and the clanging of a shipyard while both working and distractedly surfing through the internet. There have also been countless minutes and hours spent staring at the screen as an adult osprey tears at the pink inards of a fish, and slowly, patiently feeds its three chicks, mouthful by mouthful.

In fact, part of this very batch of Letters was edited during a windy, fun-looking and sailable day at Point Isabel, when the editor made the decision to work all day and not — gasp — go for a sail, instead listening to the wind hum via desktop speakers. So, in our experience, the osprey cam offers varying levels of productivity.

† † NOT JUST A BAY AREA/OSPREY THING
I like to watch the bald eagles on the Catalina Cam. Their feathers are opening, and they are looking like they are almost ready to fly!

Here’s the link: www.explore.org/livecams/bald-eagles/catalina-harbor-cam

Sailorette

† † THERE ARE QUITE A FEW BUSINESSES NAMED LATITUDE 38. WE’VE DECIDED TO FIND IT AMUSING.
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Letters

Napa, I would not want my company name associated with this poorly organized and overpriced event.

Love your magazine and have enjoyed several crew parties. Stay the course.

Scott Wilmore

Readers — Scott was commenting on the January 31, 2014, 'Lectronic: Latitude 38 to Host Big Rock Festival in Napa, and brought to mind an old chestnut here at the office.

Legal questions aside, our biggest objection to Latitude 38 Entertainment is that we get dozens of their phone calls, emails, letters, etc. It remains a bit annoying. Here’s what Latitude 38 founder Richard Spindler wrote about the situation in 2014:

“Over the years there have been what we believed to be several attempts to trade in on the good name we at Latitude have developed over the past 36 years of doing business as Latitude 38 Publishing, much better known as simply ‘Latitude 38.’ [We are now Latitude 38 Media, LLC.] It’s true that long after we founded the magazine, a real estate company and then a housing search service in San Francisco started businesses using the name Latitude 38, as did a vacation rental business in Telluride, and a long-established restaurant in Oxford, Maryland. We’ve never had a problem with any of them because they were clearly in very different fields and/or locations. But we didn’t like it when, a few years ago, something called Latitude 38 Productions began advertising yacht charters on San Francisco Bay. Fortunately, that enterprise didn’t last long enough to be a concern.

“It seems a little trickier with Latitude 38 Entertainment, as we at Latitude 38 have long put on an assortment of parties, rallies and events, which all could easily fall under the general category of entertainment. It seems to us that the entertainment company in Napa chose a poor name. But maybe we’re too close to the matter to evaluate it objectively.

“So we’re asking you, our readers, if the use of the name Latitude 38 by the music festival organizers causes you confusion over the question of whether we the publishing company or somebody else is putting it on. We hate lawyers and the courts, but do you think we should take legal action?”

“We’re still curious what you think on that last point, though we’ll admit right here and now that we’re not seeking any legal entanglements for any reason. Instead, we’ve decided to find this all amusing — when it’s not annoying.

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KEEPING TRACK OF BOATS IN ALAMEDA

I live in Ballena Bay with my waterfront home (yes, it’s a tough life, but somebody has to do it), looking directly at Crown Point, Crown Beach and the breakwater that separates Ballena Bay from Crown Beach.

There was a white sailboat anchored off Crown Beach for many, many months, which has now disappeared. I believe it was served by the “red kayak”; it looked to be about a 30-ft boat. Then there was the infamous yellow sailboat, about 27 feet. I first spotted it when it was drifting loose in Ballena Bay and almost struck several boats and/or fingers in the bay. I then followed it on its eastward journey, grounding out in Crown Beach, farther east along Alameda’s South Shore, and finally the passage between Alameda Island and Alameda’s Bay Farm “Island.”

Then the yellow boat reappeared between the Ballena Bay land finger and the breakwater of Alameda’s Encinal Boat Ramp. It disappeared about a week ago [in late May]; no idea where it went or what happened to it (maybe it’s Davy Jones’s guest?)

I, too, would love to know what happened — as would dozens of my neighbors and members of the yacht club.

Lu Able
Alameda

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IF ALAMEDA HAD (MOSTLY) CALM WATERS LIKE RICHARDSON BAY, THE EAST BAY WOULD BE A WHOLE DIFFERENT STORY

[One of the boats] has since been refl oated and towed somewhere. It looks to be about 30 feet, kind of a beater. He has been anchored off the beach for several months, was hard aground on the beach for a while before he got towed back out, and subsequently sank in place. I’m amazed that he lasted that long given the wicked chop that develops in that area. Richardson Bay it is not, which is very good.

Art Stiers
Arione, Mason 44
Anacortes, WA
LETTERS

Lu and Art were commenting on the May 26 ‘Lectronic Latitude: Do You Recognize This Mast, and Thus the Sunken Boat It’s Attached To? (Art did not write us a letter, but was quoted in the article.) The boat behavior being described — where vessels come and go, and are often anchored at unsafe perches around the Bay — is generally characteristic of unhoused people.

As we’ve said many times before, this is not just a maritime problem, but rather a homelessness problem.

↑↑ EIGHT BELLS FOR SOLO SAILOR STAN PAWLAK

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of Stan Pawlak, a sailor who was offshore preparing for the Singlehanded Transpacific Race to Hawaii. Stan was found onboard but unresponsive by the Coast Guard on May 19, and evacuated by helicopter to a Bay Area hospital where he later died. His Beneteau 41.1 Believe was reported recovered and is now in Ventura.

The Singlehanded Sailing Society extends our condolences to Stan’s family and loved ones. For their requested privacy, we did not release an immediate announcement. Stan was fastidious and methodical in his preparations by ensuring his Beneteau 41.1, equipment and procedures could face the challenges of an offshore passage. His sailing vessel Believe was modified to accommodate the additional challenges of a disabled sailor.

Additionally, Stan made sure Believe was fully compliant with the offshore equipment requirements set by international and San Francisco bodies for racing and ocean passagemaking. The ideas that Stan developed — like easier liferaft deployment and a better deck layout to minimize time on the foredeck — could serve as a template for both able and disabled sailors.

Many in the solo sailing community will identify with his pursuit of dreams to not just sail but to race from San Francisco to Hanalei, Kauai. For Stan, this was in keeping with his drive, accomplishments and pursuit of dreams outside of sailing, too. In honor of his memory, the Singlehanded Sailing Society is planning a moment of silence at the skippers’ meeting and placing flowers at sea.

Rest peacefully, Stan!

Joe Balderrama
Commodore, Singlehanded Sailing Society

Joe — Thanks for the remembrance. Our hearts go out to Stan’s family.

We also thank the Coast Guard for taking such good care of sailors off the West Coast and around the world. We hope we never have to call you, but we are endlessly grateful to you for putting yourselves on the line for your job.

↑↑ IT’S NOT THE DESTINATION, BUT THE JOURNEY

The journey is all that it is! Amazing ocean, captivating skies and nights so bright you can read a paperback. The middle of the ocean is a fascinating place.

All of that, while chasing sunsets.

David Barten
Ikari, Gecco 39
San Diego
LOOSE LIPS

This poor seal was the butt of everyone’s jokes for most of June. Hopefully by now he, or she, has found a way off the dock and is swimming around happily, oblivious to our heckling. Though the question remains: Is this seal really fat, or just well rounded? Perhaps it’s just taking a well-deserved break from its usually hectic schedule. Or, maybe this seal is working out, as @quintalthecorgi wrote: “... takes planking to a whole new level.” Of course it could simply be suffering from bellyache, or a hangover. “I swear, that’s the last Margarita ever.” — Tony Spooner. But seriously, seal, by the end of July this will all be over and you will be able to go back to your peaceful anonymity.

Check below for this month’s number-one comment and the next top ten. Thanks for playing!

“I’m really the Monopoly Man trapped in a seal’s body...” — Dwayne Newton.

“I don’t think that surfer gave me a ‘regular’ brownie...” — Jeff Deuel.

“The buckets? I ate the buckets.” — @redblue.u2.

“Actually it’s triplets...” — Jeff Drust.

“In my next life, I want to be an ocean greyhound!” — Bill Nork.

“Still using string for your fenders? Mine are built-in!” — Cathy N Marcus.

“Make my day! Just try to take this dock back!” — David Henry.

“Hey, this Slip ‘N Slide isn’t working!” — Ted Crocker.

“I was promised appetizers. Where’s the maitre d’?” — Vince Casalaina.

“My Peloton is backordered!” — Ken Brinkley.

“Building a boat isn’t about weaving canvas, forging nails, or reading the sky. It’s about giving a shared taste for the sea, by the light of which you will see nothing contradictory but rather a community of love.” — Antoine de Saint Exupéry

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watch out for the wylde one!

Not long after she signed with Starboard as a pro athlete in Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Fiona Wylde was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. She was 18. "Here was my chance to be a professional athlete, and I was so excited. I did one race and was in second the entire race, but it was super-long and in the last mile I just tanked. It was a big shift for me."

Wylde had just signed her dream, but she wasn’t sure how it was possible to be a professional athlete with a body that wasn’t working for her. Nonetheless, she started on insulin and three days later flew to Europe to race for the first time in the European Championship tour in England. She won the race.

After many years as a SUP athlete in both paddle racing and paddle surfing, Wylde, 24, is switching her attention to the iQFoil (Innovation Quality), a new Olympic class for 2024, with an eye to the Paris Games. She’s got a ton of experience behind her, and a healthy appetite for competition. At 5’2”, she’s one of the tiniest people I’ve ever seen on a windsurfing board, let alone on a windsurfing foil board.

Her Olympic dream is inspired and supported by her family. Her great-uncle, Cecil Irton Wylde, represented England in the 1928 Winter Olympics in ice hockey, and her uncle, Peter Wylde, a professional equestrian showjumper, won gold in Athens in 2004. Wylde was there to experience his success. "I guess that’s where the Olympic effort started!” she laughed.

Born in Port Townsend, Washington, her first introduction to the water was on her parents’ sailboat, Bryony, a 36-ft gaff cutter on which Ellen and McCrae Wylde ran sail charters. (Fiona’s mum has always had a business making dodgers for sailboats.) While Fiona was not much more than a toddler, the Wyldes began to spend time in Los Barriles, Mexico, on the east cape of the Baja Peninsula.

Fiona’s routine became Port Townsend in the summers and Baja in the winters. She’d play on the beach while her parents sailed and windsurfed, and occasionally McCrae would sail her around on the nose of his board until she was old enough to be on her own gear.

"Windsurfing was our family sport — it’s what we did together and how it all started for me," Wylde shared, with her characteristic enthusiasm.

The family moved to Hood River, Oregon, and by the time she was 10, she was already an accomplished windsurfer competing alongside her dad.

Through to middle school, Wylde would attend school until mid-November when her parents would take her out, telling school, “She’ll be back first week of March, what does she need to know?” She spent 12 years attending Mexican school, making lifelong friends with local kids and becoming fluent in Spanish.

Wylde became a water hound, competing in windsurfing slalom, wavesailing, SUP surfing and SUP racing. It was a unique lifestyle for a teen, one that she successfully pulled off from age 16 to 20, spending a lot of time in Hawaii and learning as much as she could about waves and surfing. She attended an online high school program, which allowed her to travel and compete. Competing was the direction it was all going for Wylde.

She won the Youth World Title in 2014 for wavesailing and took second in the World Cup in Hawaii in 2014 and 2015, events literally peppered with top pros. She also competed in SUP racing, making podium at international events, and winning the SUP The Mag Breakthrough Performer Award presented at the annual SUP Awards.

The hard work paid off. When she was 17, she signed with Starboard for the 2015 season and since then has been on the Starboard International Dream Team for SUP. She competed for another year on the windsurfing tour after joining Starboard, but it was complicated to compete in all four disciplines at the pro level within a calendar year. She focused on SUP surfing and SUP racing.

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See pages 56-57 of this Sightings.

Next up, Richmond YC has invited Delta Doo Dah sailors to their Fourth of July Dinghy Parade at 3 p.m. in Potato Slough’s Bedrooms. Contact cruise chair Anne Thomas for info and to register: (775) 790-4436.

Then it’s Owl Harbor’s ‘Color Rhapsody’ event on July 31, with a Dinghy Poker Run, arts and crafts, a BBQ dinner and an outdoor movie. By the end of June, Owl Harbor’s slips were pretty much all booked up for that day, so if you haven’t made a reservation yet and want to go, call the marina immediately at (916) 777-6055. The event is free for people with boats in the marina, but normal guest-berth rates apply.

To get in on the fun, first sign up (for free!) at www.deltadoodah.com.

— chris

the wylde one — continued

A Type 1 diabetes diagnosis not long after signing with Starboard, although daunting, was a seeming blip in her career. That same year she won her first SUP world title in SUP racing, a six-event world tour. She also competed in SUP surfing and took second in that world tour series, and in 2019 won the European tour for SUP racing.

“My biggest accomplishment has been overcoming the diagnosis of Type 1 and going on to win major competitions back to back,” Wylde commented. “I wasn’t going to give up because I had a faulty pancreas.”

With the introduction of the iQFoil, Wylde’s drawing on her windsurfing roots to get up to high speed in the new class. Last fall she trained in Florida with US Sailing. Transitioning from a regular windsurfer to a foiling windsurfer was challenging. She had also never competed in course racing, so learning tactics was key.

“You’re going a lot faster when you’re foiling, so it’s been a steep learning curve with the different timing in maneuvers, and balance,” Wylde explained. “It takes time to learn the response of the foil. I’m reading and riding the water differently than when sailing with a fixed fin. And of course, the crashes are gnarlier, too.”

— michelle slade
reunited at last

Boaters often say, “If you don’t like your neighbors or the view, you can always pull up anchor and move.” As part-time cruisers for the past seven years, we face moving day quite often. Marina life is convenient and a great place to get spoiled with hot showers and restaurants, but after a few days, we start to get the itch to find a quiet place to drop an anchor.

However, sometimes having the right neighbor makes all the difference. In January 2020, we were assigned a slip in Marina Riviera Nayarit in La Cruz in one of the narrowest channels. Our boat, Luna Sea, a 1974 Cheoy Lee Midshipman full-keel ketch, only takes turning as a suggestion, so we’re always challenged getting into and out of tight slips. We considered requesting a different location, but as fate would have it, none was available. And so we found ourselves on dock 9, slip 13 — and couldn’t have been luckier.

Richard D., a fixture in the marina, has been living at dock 9, slip 12 on Sourdough, a 36-ft Hallberg-Rassy, for more than a decade. He has perfected the art of being content, and spends most days watching the comings and goings on the dock, smoking an occasional cigarette, and enjoying a good cup of coffee. He is the first to check in each morning for the radio net and is the go-to for information and referrals. The perfect neighbor — especially in a pandemic.

The intent was to keep the boat in the marina for a month and return in March to do more cruising on our way south to Barra de Navidad. Suddenly, the COVID grip seized the world, and any plans for travel were far from happening. Our boat would have to sit for a while until life settled down. We waited and waited — weeks stretched into months, and before we knew it, more than a year had gone by since our last sighting of Luna Sea.

In April 2020, when it was obvious we wouldn’t be traveling any time soon, we checked in with friends in La Cruz who suggested we hire a company to oversee our boat while we were gone. They would coordinate cleaning, bottom-scraping, and any other maintenance issues that might arise. Essentially, they became our boat nanny, and with fairly regular touch-bases, they became my husband’s lifeline to his boat.

Even more comforting was knowing that our wonderful marina neighbors were keeping a close watch on our girl. Richard reported to Michael about every repair and cleaning. Knowing he was there 24/7 was such a relief when we were 1,500 miles away.

Fifteen months after our last visit, we finally found ourselves fully vaccinated and in a cab heading from the Puerto Vallarta airport toward La Cruz de Huanacaxtle. As we neared the turn to the marina, we both got very quiet and anxious about what we would find in dock 9, slip 13. We passed many “Se Vende” (for sale) signs along the main street of the little town, and saw that some of our favorite restaurants had closed. The marina was alive and bustling — and most everyone donned masks, per the marina requirements.

And then, like spotting a long-lost family member at the airport arrival gate, we caught sight of the familiar sage-green sail covers and made a mad dash toward the gate door. To add to the anxiety level, our dock key didn’t seem to work; fortunately, a passing guard let us in.

Richard was hanging out in his boat and greeted us warmly: “You made it!” Don and Lisa, two slips down, promptly walked over to wish us a happy return. Aaron and his son were just doing the final rinse on our dinghy. Luna Sea sparkled — and so did we. We excitedly jumped aboard and cautiously opened the hatch, expecting a waft of stale air to meet us. Instead, the boat smelled fairly fresh (thanks to the dehumidifiers and the fact that Richard regularly aired out the boat when it wasn’t raining). The interior looked clean, and before long, we had all the windows open, the bed made, and the refrigerator humming and ready to be filled. We were back.

Richard filled us in on what life had been like in La Cruz over the past year. About 10 locals had died from COVID, so people were generally very careful about interacting. He stayed close to home and rarely ventured outside the marina. Don shared a tale and photos of a bee swarm that
us olympic sailors

event. “We’re inviting families, friend groups, sailing teams, sailing clubs, knitting circles — you name it — to participate in a ‘Let’s Go to Tokyo’ TikTok reel,” says US Sailing. The deadline for submissions is noon PDT on July 8. For instructions, see https://vimeo.com/566811815/1ffd031d98. Email olympiccommunications@ussailing.org your video.

The Tokyo Games will begin on July 23.
— chris

reunited — continued

camped out on our anchor at one point. Luna Sea had been in good hands, thanks to the care and concern of our wonderful boat neighbors.

Over the next few days, the fix-it list grew, as it generally does — the freezer stopped working, the heads needed replacement because of the floral blue cleaner that had been used to keep things fresh (but instead deteriorated all the fittings), a couple of doors had to be tweaked because of some overly ambitious rigging that had been done during our absence, etc. Fortunately, Michael loves projects and can pretty much fix anything. So, while he dug into task after task, I went through every cupboard and cubby and got things in order.

turning the tide on diversity

Collegiate racers nationwide have decided to investigate the diversity and inclusion of their sport. The results are in — from a total of 1,086 athlete responses and 63 coach responses received, some troubling facts have come to light.

The Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) formed The Inclusivity, Diversity, and Equity Task Force (TIDE) to explore the stereotypes and assumptions around sailing demographics, and to track future cultural and demographic changes within the sport competitively.

Find the full survey on the ICSA website at https://collegesailing.org/about/tide-committee.

Each collegiate conference has its own TIDE group that organizes teams to launch initiatives. Apart from regional groups, there are also larger TIDE committees, like Women in Sailing.

Mackenzie Berwick, West Coast TIDE coordinator and Pacific Coast Collegiate Sailing Conference (PCCSC) president, sails on the UC Berkeley racing team. She learned to sail when she was 14 at a community sailing club. “It was a pivotal moment for me, changing my opportunities and outlook.”

As a woman in sailing, Berwick can speak to the stereotype of male-dominated, sexist sailing culture. “I noticed, as a woman, there’s a lot of discrimination in sailing that isn’t talked about. There are a lot of barriers that are not discussed.”

It’s subtle sometimes, and other times, it’s blatant discrimination. “I’ve had a coach ask me to make a sandwich before. Once, when I started doing pushups on my knees, my coach said, ‘You should stay on your knees, that’s where women belong.’ I was just in shock — how could this coach be endorsed by my university?”

According to TIDE results, women are no longer an underrepresented gender, despite enduring discrimination. Of the survey participants, 56% identified as women, 42.2% identified as men, and less than 1% identified as non-binary. Though women still face discrimination, the numbers reveal other truly underrepresented groups.

Coupled with the finding that 51% of athletes report hearing derogatory language at any sailing regatta — clearly, anecdotal evidence of discrimination is backed by the report statistics.

UC Berkeley is part of the West Coast TIDE, under PCCSC. Berwick brought TIDE to the Cal Sailing team after joining in 2020. “TIDE opens my eyes to discrimination that I wasn’t aware is happening,” Berwick notes. “I am a white woman sailing, I can’t step outside of my identity, and it does define my role. But I think these efforts are powerful because TIDE brings us together to standardize how we address discrimination and define what our team culture and team values are.”

Sailing as a white-dominated sport is no myth, as the TIDE survey shows: 86.3% of respondents identify as White or Caucasian. Athletes identifying as Asian, Native American, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander add up to only 7.3%, while 95.3% of athletes report that they do not identify as Hispanic or Latino/a. “The TIDES are changing; you have to get on board or you’re going under,” Berwick warns.
sailgp adds sydney event

The Australia Sail Grand Prix will be the ninth event in the global championship’s second-season calendar. SailGP will return to Sydney Harbour on December 17-18, 2021, following the European stage of Season 2, which features racing in Italy, Great Britain, Denmark, France and Spain.

The Australia Sail Grand Prix forms part of the league’s expanded second-season roster of nine events in harbors around the world. Each of SailGP’s eight teams races in identical 50-ft foiling catamarans, producing tight racing for the sailors and thrills for the spectators. The teams are made up of the sport’s top athletes. Australian Olympic gold medalist and Season 1 champion

turning the tide — continued

No single person can effect the changes alone. “I took an organizing class; like, how do I even approach this?” recalls Berwick. “Talks about organizing and social movements made me realize that my role is not as an advocate. What I can do is amplify those who have the courage to speak up. We want to support them — find out what they need, what they want, and amplify their voices.”

Berwick explains part of the obstacle to change is the system itself. “Everyone who is a minority remains a minority. It’s hard to draw on them to help without tokenizing them. It’s a lot of emotional labor to ask someone in an underrepresented group to explain their situation and make changes themselves.”

All of the regional TIDEs address bylaws issues in a way that represents their values. Until some committees were formed, many sailors realized they had not actually read the bylaws, finding the legal language needing revision for inclusivity and specificity. For example, bylaws might rule out offensive language such as curse words. But as Berwick explains, “Harm-
turning the tide — continued

ful words can and do fall outside this often-vague definition, and we work to clarify that language. This helps to better penalize breaches of conduct, and to establish a legal precedent to better hold people accountable so they know this behavior is not tolerated.” This gives victims a better stance to defend themselves.

The survey also investigates issues of access to sailing. More than 50% of white athletes report learning to sail in community clubs before they were 9 years old, indicating a serious competitive edge over the barely 30% of POC athletes who report learning at the same age. With closer study of the survey results, race is a predictor of access to sailing instruction and contributes to the lack of diversity in competitive sailing. Community clubs play a major role in increasing equitable access to sailing.

Berwick and her team are determined. “We’re mostly students initiating the changes we want to see because we’re in the midst of the problem. And we can at least start these solutions coming up! I hope we have the momentum to keep this going.”

— heather breaux

summer sailsticce 2021

In an era when it feels impossible to unite anything, sailors from Mallorca, Hawaii, Vermont, Florida, Southern California, Maine, Chesapeake Bay, Whiskeytown Lake, Minnesota and beyond united with sailors everywhere else for the annual Summer Sailstice celebration of sailing. Some raced, some cruised, and all raised their sails or dropped their anchors as they gathered to start a returning-to-normal summer of sailing locally while celebrating globally.

Kurt Jerman and the West Coast Multihulls team in San Diego thought it was time for a break from all their sailing work and decided a Friday evening team sail on one of their charter cats was the best way to do it. In the Pacific Northwest, Marine Service Center took the opportunity of a reopening world to reconnect disconnected Jeanneau owners with their 2021 Half Vast PNW Jeanneau Rendezvous. In Ventura, a three-boat buddy sail to Santa Cruz Island included Summer Sailstice ambassadors Marissa and Chris Neeley aboard their restored Cheoy Lee 41 Avocet with friends aboard Azimuth and Espirit.

Sailing is considered a small, niche activity. That perception hides a million niches within it. One could think it would be easy to unite the ‘small world’ of sailors until you think about sailors racing on foiling Moths, practicing marlinspike seamanship on a tall ship, adventuring through the Northwest Passage, or taking a spin on a lake aboard a Hobie cat. Each sailor has a unique path to participation.

In 2021, to connect the eclectic rainbow of sailors, chief Summer Sailstice booster Nicki Bennett created an ambassador program inviting sailing enthusiasts to take on an official role connecting their particular segment. About 30 ambassadors stepped up in year one, including Joe Cline, editor of 48° North in Seattle, Molly Winans, editor of Spinsheet on the Chesapeake, Alex Agnew of Sailing Ships Maine, and Milly Biller of the Inverness Yacht Club and 110 fleet here in the Bay Area. They helped get the word out and get more people sailing.

For the non-racing crowd there are many ‘anything goes’ options for sailing the Bay. Island YC and the Washed Up Yacht Club headed out for raft-ups in Clipper Cove. The WUYC found a protected corner by the beach

sailgp sydney event

Tom Slingsby will go head-to-head in Sydney against seven national teams from Denmark, France, Great Britain, Japan, New Zealand, Spain and the USA.

Slingsby said: “Having eight F50s lined up and racing on Sydney Harbour is going to be a pretty spectacular sight for fans. With the caliber of sailors we have on these boats this year, we can expect action-packed racing. We lost to Ben Ainslie’s British team at last year’s Sydney event, so we are focused on getting revenge and winning the event for Australia in front of a home crowd.”

More than 25,000 people representing 22 nations turned out in person to watch Slingsby and the Australia SailGP Team compete at home in Sydney Harbour in
February 2020 — the only event that took place before the 2020 season was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The stand-alone event reached 39 million people worldwide.

After Sydney, SailGP will head to New Zealand in January 2022, followed by San Francisco, which will host the Grand Final on March 26-27. Here in the City by the Bay, the champion of Season 2 will be determined in a single $1 million winner-takes-all final.

There’s a lot of sailing to be done before then; next up is the regatta in Plymouth, UK, on July 17-18. See www.sailgp.com to learn more.

Spain currently leads the series. — chris

summer sailstice — continued

to hold their 20-boat raft-up together despite the rambunctious winds reflected overhead by Yerba Buena Island.

Several boats, including ours, went out with friends to participate in the San Francisco Photo Treasure Hunt, which asked participants to tour the Bay capturing a prescribed list of photos with the chance to win Summer Sailstice gear and a 2022 YRA PHRF certificate. From the photos we’ve received so far, the hands-down winner was Charlie Deist and his crew aboard Spinnaker Sailing’s Santa Cruz 27 Samantha. He nailed about every shot except for a photo of a whale, all of whom seemed to have ditched the Bay to avoid the Summer Sailstice frenzy. As Charlie noted, “It wasn’t easy to get all the shots, but it added a fun twist to the typical Bay tour.”

We made it a three-day sailing weekend. This included the Corinthian YC Friday night race, Saturday’s Summer Sailstice Photo Treasure Hunt with friends Michael and Lisa Rossi and John and Therese Vreeland, and a family Father’s Day sail including a swing by the finish of the Lipton Cup in front of the St. Francis YC.

There are many ways to sail and, for Summer Sailstice, all of them are good. The 2021 participants ranged from a sailing kayak in Humboldt to Max Fletcher, who completed a 30-day nonstop transatlantic cruise from Spain to his homeport in Orrs Island, Maine, with his wife Lynnie and nephew Rudy on Summer Sailstice.

Despite their differences, sailors are pretty united on a few things. Like, sailing is awesome. Sailing should be shared with friends. Teaching kids to sail is important. Respect Mother Nature, the Earth’s resources, and the oceans. And, as the years sail by, it’s valuable for all sailors to start their summer of sailing by raising their sails together on the solstice to celebrate how we sail, where we sail, and why we sail, and to invite the rest of the world to join in.

The 22nd annual Summer Sailstice will fall on June 18, 2022, as the closest Saturday to the summer solstice, which falls on Tuesday, June 21. You can’t plan ahead at the last minute, so you might as well put it on your calendar now.

— john

Left page: The Washed Up Yacht Club rafted up in Clipper Cove. This page, top: What do West Coast Multihulls instructors and brokers do when they get a break? They go sailing. Bottom: Nicki, Jen, Tim and Alex aboard ‘Sospiro’ on San Francisco Bay.
We’ve said it before, and we’ll say it again: The Bay Area’s public boating infrastructure leaves a lot to be desired. Visit most other West Coast towns, the East Coast or Europe, and you’re likely to find quality docks and facilities for transient boats. But here in San Francisco, one of the most expensive-to-live-in cities in the world, public docks can be a sorry sight. Even Sausalito, that most salty of Bay-side cities, currently has no public dock space.

In broad terms, the lack of dock space translates into reduced public access. Perhaps the easiest (but certainly not the only) way for non-sailors to get on a sailboat en masse is through a charter company. In the Bay Area, there are dozens of vessels ranging in size from 36-footers to 100-plus-ft vessels. There are, however, fewer charter boats in operation, especially in Sausalito, where the relationship between charter businesses and marinas has been strained.

It’s not easy to run a maritime business in the Bay Area, and both charter businesses and marinas operate in an increasingly complicated ecosystem; sometimes, but not always, these entities have competing interests. Here are a few:

Most Bay Area marinas are at full live aboard capacity, meaning that (no more than) 10% of a marina’s vessels have full-time residents. Charter boats operating in these marinas are effectively running a business in a neighborhood, which is not an uncommon dichotomy on shore. One charter operator told us that some boats have more of a party atmosphere, serving shots, and sometimes over-serving customers.

Loud patrons stumbling off a boat down quiet, residential docks created conflict in the past, and might have led to some marinas ejecting charter boats. Just as a residential bar has some obligation to ensure their clients don’t disturb the neighbors, charter businesses have a responsibility to usher their clients quietly, and safely, from boat to shore. One operator told us that even though they have a full liquor license, they only serve wine and beer. (Just as with restaurants, alcohol sales are a vital part of a charter business’s profits, and let’s be honest, one of the reasons people like to go for a spin on a charter boat — ourselves included.)

The fear of legal action by someone who trips and falls on a cleat remains an ongoing concern for marina operators. Charter boats are required to carry big insurance policies. One operator told us they have $5 million worth of insurance,
but that one city-run facility asked them to up their policy to $35 million. "Blue and Gold and Red and White can afford that, but small passenger vessels can’t," the operator told us.

There are scenarios when charter boats’ interests align, rather than potentially conflict, with the community. Several operators in Sausalito told us that there’s big demand among small parties wanting to hire a vessel in San Francisco, sail to Sausalito for dinner, and cross the Bay back to the city. These ‘high-end’ clients are likely to spend thousands of dollars per trip on shore. It is clearly beneficial for the community to have well-run charter businesses bringing precious cargo to its shores, but Sausalito does not currently have a large enough municipal dock where charter boats can drop off clients, nor do Sausalito marinas have transient slips for charterers, and these clients have been turned away. "Just 100 feet of transient dock in Sausalito," one charter operator told us, and told us again. "That’s all we need. That’s all it would take and the problem would be solved. Parking could be solved; liability could be solved. Sausalito is the best boating location, perhaps in the world."

The new Sausalito Community Boating Center told us that they will have a public dock where charter boats can load and unload passengers. Charter businesses will be charged a yet-to-be-determined fee that will help finance the SCBC’s nonprofit activities; non-commercial boats will be allowed to use the dock on a 15-minute "touch and go" basis. Construction at the SCBC is supposed to wrap up in July, with summer programs starting next year. (Sausalito does own several small public docks near Turney Street, but they’ve been condemned as unsafe to accommodate boats.)

Charter businesses expect to pay fees to use public docks, but sometimes that relationship can be a bit lopsided. The Port of San Francisco, which operates Pier 40, a municipal dock along the Embarcadero, levies a 7% wharfage fee based on that particular charter excursion, on top of a slip fee for docking. "Those are mafia numbers," one charter operator said of the hefty sum. To add insult to injury, Pier 40 has been in an appalling state of disrepair for years. The docks on the north side were in such bad shape that they were eliminated a few years ago; the docks on the south side are still in use. In 2018, Proposition A injected $400 million into the Embarcadero’s seawall repairs, but it’s not clear if any of those funds will be used to repair Pier 40. Surely San Francisco can afford municipal docks worthy of its maritime heritage.

We certainly don’t want to lump all harbors and marinas in the same category. There is no question that marinas face challenges never imagined when they were first permitted and built, such as homelessness and the housing crisis. "The job has changed dramatically," one longtime Bay Area harbormaster said, explaining that they spend a disproportionate amount of time chasing and evicting sneak-aboards instead of tending to the marina.

Another modern marina dilemma is clients Airbnb-ing their boats and trying to operate small, under-the-radar businesses. A Southern California harbormaster told us that they must increasingly deal with tenants bringing in guests that the marina’s restroom, laundry, garbage and parking facilities weren’t designed to accommodate. (Several harbormasters at marinas with large facilities have told us that they’d be in favor of the Bay Conservancy and Development Commission [BCDC] raising the 10% liveaboard cap, which would both potentially generate more revenue, and alleviate some of the sneak-aboard pressure.)

And then there are California’s strict environmental laws, which often impede a marina’s ability to perform swift, cost-effective maintenance and upgrades. One harbormaster told us that if they want to pile-drive new pilings for docks — which is usually done to replace old, decayed pilings — they must first hire a consultant to look for historical artifacts. "It doesn’t make any sense; if there were any artifacts there, they’d already be destroyed," the harbormaster said.

There is no question that charter businesses, which were decimated by the pandemic, must also deal with California’s well-intentioned but onerous environmental regulations. One charter operator told us that there’s a push from the state government to require charter boats to have the new ‘tier-three’ emission standard engines. (It’s not clear how this would affect sail-charter boats.) Many small businesses would not be able to absorb the cost of that kind of repower.

We hope that federal and state lawmakers and city councils will thread the needle, and help charter boats and marinas continue to get people on the water. In broad terms, these operations can translate into high-quality public access for all.

— Tim Henry
The 2021 Master Mariners Regatta on Saturday, May 29, may have been the most-photographed event on San Francisco Bay in the past year and a half. Heck, there were probably more photographers out there than boats racing!

Like so much else in 2020, this regatta took a break for COVID last year. The return to the race course felt like a combination reunion/classic boat parade — with plenty of fierce competition to spice it up, and even some chances to practice emergency procedures.

The race starts on the San Francisco Cityfront between Golden Gate Yacht Club’s X buoy and St. Francis YC’s A buoy, with Sausalito YC doing the race committee work on the water. Like gentlemen, many of these boats don’t sail to weather, so it’s a reaching start. There are five different courses, but the basic route goes out to Little Harding and back to Crissy Field and the Blackaller Buoy, where the real parade starts. The boats sail down the San Francisco shore to Blossom Rock before reaching off to Southampton Shoal, then south to a finish east of Treasure Island. Those able and so inclined then proceed south past the Port of Oakland, into the Estuary, and down to a raft-up and party at Encinal YC. Others return to their own slips.

The Cityfront offered 20+ knots of wind with occasional big puffs. Over by Harding Rock, the breeze moderated to 10 knots. The fog pulled back in the morning, but rolled in as far as EYC in normally sunny Alameda during late afternoon, when it got downright chilly. Boats trickled in slowly after 4 p.m. while a jazz band played on the upper deck.

Among the unplanned emergency drills, the Farallone Clipper *Mistress II*’s deck leaked, their bilge pumps failed, and the crew had to resort to a bucket brigade. They had water up to their knees. One of the crew keeps a boat at Pier 39, and he called the harbormaster there. *Mistress II* dropped out of the race and put in at Pier 39. It took 20 minutes to pump all the water out. But at least they made it to EYC.

Another boat bailed with buckets was *Gloriana*. Her deadlights, set in rows along the hull, leaked, so when she heeled over in the big breeze, water poured in. She also leaks between the bulkhead and cockpit floor. After Blackaller and sailing along the Cityfront, crewmembers were down below bailing, with water in the cabin up to mid-shins on a 6-ft tall man.

_Gloriana_ is a 42-ft Herreshoff schooner. World War II interrupted her build. She was finished after the war ended. It had been 40 years since her owner, Philip Roggeveen, had sailed in this race. "We were in a dead heat for the tail-feather award," he told us. (And yet they placed second out of four starters in the Marconi 2 Division.) Philip was a passenger on his own boat; Jim Mason served as her skipper. The schooner sails out of Berkeley Marina. The previous Friday night’s practice was the first time on the boat for much of the crew. Young gun and bailer-in-chief Baylis Weaver, 30, had last raced in Master Mariners at age 11 on the San Diego-based schooner _Dauntless_ in 2002.

Ian Powell, a full-time Coastie, sailed on the 1939 30-ft John Hanna-designed Tahiti ketch _Briar Rose_. _Briar Rose_ is another name for Sleeping Beauty (a princess in hiding). "We set out to win and were glad to finish," he told us. "When the wind picked up, we were happy. She’s a heavy boat." Ian wants
to buy the boat.

Tim Murison sailed his beautiful Island Clipper Bolero with a Richmond YC crew of Kim and Anna Desenberg, Michele Logan, and Cal 40 sailors Robb Walker and Rowena Carlson of Nozomi and Fred Cook of Sequoia. Tim and Kim have sailed together since they were both kids in the RYC junior program. Tim reported lumpy water and breeze in the mid-20s. “The wind was kicking.”

Bolero’s competition was Beau and Stacey Vrolyk’s schooner Mayan, which Tim said is very fast, with 15 to 20 people aboard. “We were well outside our wind range. We had really good people aboard but were still overpowered. It’s a light-air boat, the smallest boat in our fleet. But everyone got off the boat smiling.”

Thirty-eight boats (some of which should properly be called ships) sailed; 33 finished. Though not exactly a pursuit race, divisions start in reverse handicap order, the slowest boats first. A smaller-than-usual one-design class of two Bears started at high noon; the two were also first to finish at 2:46 p.m. — just 6 seconds apart!

Usually starting with the Bears and a fixture in this race and at the EYC raft-up, the National Park Service’s 1891 scow schooner Alma didn’t make it this year — her rigging wasn’t done in time.

Sailing in her maiden race, the newest and biggest vessel was Call of the Sea’s 21st century tall ship, the brigantine Matthew Turner, launched in 2017 in Sausalito.

Adrian McCullough skippered her with Alan Olson at the helm. Matthew Turner was last to start, at 12:45, with only Freda B for competition in the Big Schooners division. As the ’sweeper’ boat, Matthew Turner’s goal was a
from-behind finish, but Freda B bested her by more than two minutes.

*Latitude 38*’s publisher, John Arndt, was fortunate to be among the crew — er, photographers — aboard Matthew Turner. As John reported in June 2’s *Lectronic Latitude*, “The flood made the reach to Little Harding a tight one. Matthew Turner worked hard to stay above Harding Rock. The engine allowance gives a square-rigged brigantine a fighting chance, given the challenges of getting downwind topsails upwind from Little Harding to Yellow Bluff against a full-bore flood.”

Last to finish, at 4:51 p.m., was Mike and Sue Proudfoot’s globe-trotting Ingrid ketch Farida.

Encinal YC has done a bang-up job of welcoming guests back to their club as the state opens up post-lockdown. The club’s guest docks, big lawn, swimming pool, deck and tiki bar are well set up to keep the activities outdoors. However, the post-race raft-up showed signs of the lingering pandemic, with the guest docks less packed with classic craft than usual. The biggest vessel to make the scene was the Klaus family’s lovely schooner Brigadoon.

Next up for the Master Mariners Benevolent Association would have been the Wooden Boat Show, which had been scheduled for June 20. That gathering on the docks at Corinthian YC in Tiburon has been postponed until a fall date to be determined (we’ll keep you posted). Sailing events continue, however. See www.sfmastermariners.org for more info about the organization and full results from the regatta.

— *latitude/chris*

**MMBA MASTER MARINERS REGATTA, 5/29**


**GAFF 1 — 1) Brigadoon, Billiken Perpetual Trophy, 1924 65-ft LOA Herreshoff schooner, Terry Klaus; 2) Makora, 1943 47-ft cutter, Jesse**
PICTURE THIS!

Whims. (2 boats)
1) **Sequestor**, 1940 36-ft ketch, Hans List; 2) **Freda**, Kermit Parker Perpetual Trophy, 1885 50-ft sloop, Spaulding Marine Center; 3) **Sea Quest**, 1961 36-ft Angelman Sea Witch ketch, Steven Carlson. (4 boats)


**MARCONI 2** — 1) **Eventide**, Aloha Perpetual Trophy, L-36, Greg Milano; 2) **Gloriana**, 1949 42-ft LOA Herreshoff schooner, James Mason; 3) **Farida**, 1960 38-ft Ingrid ketch, Mike & Sue Proudfoot. (4 boats)

**MARCONI 3** — 1) **Youngster**, IOD, Home- ward Bound Perpetual Trophy, Ron Young; 2) **Viking**, 1931 30-ft whaleboat, Sea Scouts/Mike O'Callaghan; 3) **Random**, 1955 19-ft Hurricane, Kers Clausen. (6 boats)


**OCEAN 1** — 1) **Yucca**, Baruna Perpetual Trophy, 1937 8-Meter, Michael & Louise Zolezzi; 2) **Bounty**, 1950 52-ft S&S yawl, Dan & Sue Spradling. (2 boats)

**OCEAN 2** — 1) **Neja**, 1959 Dasher 32, Jim Borger; 2) VIP, Farallone Clipper Perpetual Trophy, 1949 Farallone Clipper, Fred Taylor; 3) **Credit**, 1952 Farallone Clipper, Bill Belmont. (5 boats)

BEAR — 1) **Renegade**, Gerry O’Grady Per- petual Trophy, Russell & Christine Katz; 2) **Magic**, Tim Maloney. (2 boats)

BIRD — 1) **Cuckoo**, J. Everett Hansen Per- petual Trophy, Bill Claussen; 2) **Widgeon**, Ethan Pawson. (2 boats)

Full results at www.sfmastermariners.org

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**Liz Diaz and crew grinned and waved from the South Beach Harbor-based 23-footer 'Kaze'**

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It’s an odd-numbered year, and that means it’s time once again for one of the world’s oldest ocean races — the Transpacific Yacht Race. For those of us on the West Coast, it’s right in our backyard, and the attraction of this downwind classic for both aspiring and established offshore sailors is ever-enduring.

This year sees quite a few boats that are new to the race, or even recently launched, with some extremely high-quality crews, helped in part, no doubt, by the reduced numbers of entries compared to two years ago. To be fair, the most recent edition was the 50th running in the history of this race, which began in 1906. That garnered a lot of extra interest and resulted in 88 starters in 2019.

Although it originally appeared as if there would be more than 50 entries this year, some dropouts leave the fleet at a total of 44 boats. But what this year’s race lacks in numbers, it more than makes up for in quality. Interestingly, in a first — in what seems like forever at least — there are no multihulls entered this year, something we’d guess is more of an aberration than a trend.

As always, we like to pull out our magic dartboard before the race and pick some winners for each division, overall honors, and elapsed-time honors. In the grand scheme of things, due to the extreme variability of conditions for the first 250 miles or so relative to the bulk of the 2,225-mile racetrack from Point Fermin to Diamond Head, three different start days can play a big role in determining the results, so we’ll also pick winners for each of the three start days: July 13, July 16 and July 17.

Although it’s sometimes referred to as the “Latitude Jinx,” picking division favorites is not intended to interfere with anyone’s result. So, without further ado, we’ll get right into it.

**Division 8**

Starting on July 13, Division 8 features a solid fleet of seven displacement boats. Leading the group on LOA is Cecil and Alyson Rossi’s Farr 57 Ho’okolohe representing St. Francis and Waikiki Yacht Clubs. Other Bay Area boats include Brent Crawford and Jason Hollloway’s Beneteau 49 Knotty Boo, flying the burgees of both San Francisco and St. Francis YCs, and Andy Schwenk’s Spindrift V representing Richmond YC.

As for picking a winner for this one, we’re going with Ho’okolohe, which boasts a rock star crew made up of Hawaiians and mainlanders.

**Division 7**

Starting on July 16, Division 7 features five boats, including a pair of recently launched J/121s, a water-ballasted speedster developed particularly for offshore sailing. Scott Grealish’s BlueFlash and Scott Campbell’s Riva are all here as well. Division 8 is rounded out by Mark Ashmore’s Cal 40 Nalu V, representing South Shore YC, fresh off the overall win in the SoCal 300!

As far as picking a winner for this one, we’re going with Botin 65 ‘Artemis’ is among nine San Francisco Bay Area-based entries. Another Express 37, Dan Merino’s Juno, from Southwestern YC; Mike Sudo’s Macondo, a Beneteau First 47.7, representing Del Rey YC; and Justin Waite’s Stevens 47 Miknak from Kenai Fjords YC are all here as well. Division 8 is rounded out by Mark Ashmore’s Cal 40 Nalu V, representing South Shore YC, fresh off the overall win in the SoCal 300!

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The two J/121s, in addition to Gib Black’s Kanehoe-based Tripp 47 Lurline and Tim Jones’ Olson 40 Live Wire, representing the Diego Garcia YC, will have their hands full with Greg Dorn’s Dehler 46 Faxonius, representing SFYC. Faxonius features a really strong Bay Area crew including navigator Will Paxton,
BET ON THE BLUE BOAT

Ashley Perrin and Matthew Sessions. We’re going with Favorius to take the division.

**Division 6**

Also starting on the 16th is Division 6, this year’s Santa Cruz 50/52 division. With a long and storied history in the race, this group of five boats is well positioned for good results, especially when you consider the strength of their crews. One of those boats is Steve Sellinger’s SC52 Triumph, hailing from Newport Harbor YC. Triumph’s roster includes heavy hitters Jeff Thorpe, Chris Snow and David Liebenberg.

Michael Moradzadeh’s Tiburon-based SC50 Oaxaca will be in the mix thanks in no small part to navigator Liz Baylis, Melinda Erkelens and Julia Paxton. Tom Camp’s Long Beach YC-based SC50 Trouble doesn’t have a crew list posted as of this writing. Wayne Zittel’s SC50 J World’s Hula Girl and Len Bose’s SC50 Horizon round out the group. As far as picking a winner is concerned, this division is tough, and will basically come down to whether conditions favor the 50s or the 52. Since we have to pick a winner, we’ll flip a coin and... go with Horizon.

**Division 5**

This division, which also starts on July 16, is where we start to see the planning boats show up, with a strong slate of contenders in the 40- to 49-ft range. Jim Partridge’s Cabrillo Beach YC-based canting-keel Rapid Transit, which was designed by the Bay’s Jim Antrim and built by Cree Partridge (Jim Partridge’s brother) at Berkeley Marine Center, is the biggest boat in the division.

David Gates’s DK 46 Cazan, hailing from San Diego, is the most moderate of the group in displacement/length. Two Rogers 46s are sailing this year: Bob Pethick’s Bretwalda3, representing Waikiki YC, and Dave MacEwen’s Lucky Duck, sailing for StFYC and Monterey Peninsula YC. This Lucky Duck replaces MacEwen’s highly successful SC52 of the same name. Also at the 46-ft size is William McKinley’s seriously quick-looking Ker 46+ Denali3, hailing from Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Rounding out the division are two J/125s. Standish Fleming’s San Diego-based Nereid is representing the Cortez Racing Association. The other is Rufus Sjoberg and Jason Crowson’s Rufless, out of Richmond YC. This year likely represents the most difficult challenge a J/125 has ever had in this race, and given the strength of Lucky Duck’s crew, which includes a bevy of seasoned NorCal vets with seriously impressive résumés, including Robin Jeffers, Mikey Radziejowski and navigator Patrick Whitmarsh, we’re picking them to take the division and the July 16 start day.

**Division 4**

The slowest-rated (though by no means slow) of July 17’s starters make up Division 4. These are the sleds, which at one time were about as fast as you got in this race. This is a tough one to call. There’s a ton of talent throughout this group. In alphabetical order, we have Craig Reynolds’ N/M 68 Bolt representing Balboa YC. David Clark’s Santa Cruz 70 Grand Illusion — a two-time overall winner of the race under previous owners Ed and James McDowell — representing the Newport Harbor YC has a really solid group.

Chip Merlin’s Bill Lee 68 and SC70 prototype, the record-breaking Merlin, probably the most storied Transpac boat from the past 45 years, now hails from Tampa, Florida. Her needle-like hull could prove perfect for a lighter-air race.

Next up is Jack Jennings’ Pied Piper, flying the Transpac YC burgee and hailing from the Great Lakes. The original SC70 Pied Piper, owned by Jennings’ late father Dick, was the first of these boats to make their way east back in the
'80s. This iteration of Pied Piper is the former Hoolu, and sports an impressive crew roster including Kevin Miller, Matt Wachowicz and Matt Noble.

Finally in the division is Justin Smart and John Sangmeister’s as yet unnamed Andrews 68, representing the Royal Ocean Racing Club, New York YC, Long Beach YC and Alamitos Bay YC.

We’re going to go with Pied Piper for this group.

Division 3

Six boats will be contesting what we’ll call the TP/Pac52 division, though not all are technically one or the other. There are some quality boats here. Jim and Kate Murray’s Callisto, with the Bay Area’s Bill Colombo and Rodney Daniel aboard, are representing the Chicago YC and won California Offshore Race Week overall this year.

John Raymont’s Ker 51 Fast Exit II, representing Balboa YC, finished as a division runner-up in the SoCal 300. Chris Sheehan’s Warrior Won from Larchmont, New York, took that division and has a ridiculously good crew, almost all of whom are Category 3 sailors with Volvo Ocean Races and America’s Cups to their credit.

Eduardo Porter Ludwig will be representing Mexico and the Club Valle de Bravo with his early-generation TP52 Patches. Marek Omilian’s TP52 Sonic is one of a contingent of boats from the Pacific Northwest. Tom Furlong’s R/P 52 Vitesse is representing SFYC with a great contingent of Bay Area sailors.

This one is a tough call, but we’re going with Warrior Won.

Division 2

Next up in July 17’s starters are a mix of boats from 55 to 68 feet in Division 2. The smallest of those is Alan Lubner’s R/P 55 Zvi representing SFYC, will sail with an impressive crew of Northern California sailors including Seadon Wijsen, Hogan Beatie, Jay Crum and Peter King.

The biggest boat in this class is Doug Baker’s well-traveled Kernan 68 Peligroso, with a stacked crew that includes noted sailor designer Steve Calder, Volvo and record-setting sailor Juggy Clougher, Keith Kilpatrick and designer Tim Kernan. This is a really, really, really tough one to call, and we’re going with Peligroso.

Division 1

Finally, we look at Division 1, the biggest and baddest boats of all. There’s an interesting mix here. On the older end of the spectrum is the Newport Beach-based Andrews 77 Compadres, skippered by someone who lists themselves only as “El Hefe,” which we presume is an anglicized spelling of the Spanish word for “boss.”

The rest of the boats include some of the biggest names in the sport. Tom Holthus’ San Diego-based Botin 56 BadPak boasts an impressive crew including navigator Artie Means, multiple world champion Bill Hardestey and Bruce

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Nelson, to name a few.

George Hershman and Mark Comings’ R/P 63 GoodEnergy, née Loki, representing Cabrillo Beach and Alamitos Bay YCs, should have the wheels to do well in this race. Bryon Earhart’s J/V 72 Lucky continues the theme of big-time names, including Craig Monk, Rodney Hagebols and Spanish uber-navigator Juan Vila.

Roy Pat Disney’s massively turboed Volvo 70 Pyewacket 70 will be crewed by a typically excellent crew that’s won just about everything over the years. See the May issue of Latitude 38 for a complete write-up on that boat.

We’re calling this one for Lucky, expecting that conditions should favor a conventionally ballasted boat.

Overall

Our pick for overall honors comes from the July 17 starters. The TP52/Pac52 seems to be a pretty sweet spot, and we’re going with Warrior Won.

As for elapsed-time honors, this one has to go to Pyewacket 70, which should get to Diamond Head in very, very short order.

Will they 'Triumph' over 'Trouble'?

The best way to follow the action via media and trackers is through www.transpacyc.com. Keep an eye out for periodic reports on ‘Lectronic Latitude at www.latitude38.com. If you’re not fortunate enough to be sailing this year, have some fun with these and make your own predictions, maybe start a betting pool among your friends or fellow club members, and enjoy!

— rob grant

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"A sailor's plans are written in sand."

I’d heard this, but never really understood it. I understand it better now, but I’ve also come to realize that it is not just an aphorism. It is an immutable, different and exacting law.

Let me try to explain. I’ve lived my life under an illusion of control. I make plans. I work to implement those plans. Sure, things don’t always go my way, but I’ve always been able to stay in control. Those who know me know that I don’t drink. I rarely go into the reasons why, but at the core of it, it was my abhorrence of “losing control” and seeing it in others that made me swear off alcohol. And I like the sense of self-control. It’s why I like big, long-term projects. They may take a long time, but if you stick to it you can complete the project.

This sailing trip that I recently did (with the plan of cruising the Channel Islands) was another one of those long-term plans. I’ve been thinking of the goal of sailing to and cruising around the Channel Islands for about a year now. I’ve read books on it, talked to other sailors about it, and done preparatory sails. I looked for the right time and made sure (I thought) I had enough of it.

Most of the trip was fantastic. I watched dolphins playing about the boat multiple times. I experienced the awesome majesty of the Big Sur coast. I surfed down 10-ft swells by the light of a full moon and steered to keep the backstay centered between the Gemini twins of Castor and Pollux. But there were many things that required a change in plans or even an outright abandonment of them.

I sailed in tandem with my friend Ron. His Freya 39, Alpha Wülf, is larger and faster than Lyra, my Bristol Channel Cutter 28. On the very first day, we knew we would have strong winds, but it turned out we were faced with a Force 8 bordering on Force 9 gale. We had sustained winds of somewhere around 35 knots for a time, with gusts over 40! So, instead of sailing through the night as we had originally planned, we diverted to Santa Cruz for a couple of days. Plans written in sand.

The next leg was to be from Santa Cruz to San Simeon. It went according to plan until it didn’t. While Ron was able to make it in one shot, the wind died for me in the middle of the night off the Big Sur coast. Rather than hand steer while motoring through the night, I opted to go below and go to sleep. When I woke, I found that the current had pushed me back 2 miles, and I had to motor and then sail through much of the next day to catch up with Ron, who had arrived at San Simeon more than 12 hours earlier. Plans written in sand. Upon my delayed arrival, I paddled my dinghy over to the beach to meet up with Ron, only to be swamped by a smallish shore break. It took me four tries to get back to my boat, each try requiring emptying the dinghy full of seawater. I lost a boot, my sunglasses and my socks. (The boot and socks I had taken off during the first dunking.) I finally made it back out to the boat — feeling very damp and a bit foolish.

"No man is a failure who has friends."

Our next planned sail to the Cojo Anchorage just around Pt. Conception went according to schedule — that is, until the wind disappeared and then started blowing from exactly the direction we were trying to go. It ended up taking me four tries to tack around the point. A silver lining of this adventure was my seeing a whale breach twice against a stunning backdrop of the coastal mountains, cliffs and crashing waves. I then came within a boat length of running over what I think was the same whale, lounging in the waters just off the point.

The Cojo Anchorage has been used since the time of Sir Francis Drake (he actually anchored there), and it is known to be safe in nearly all conditions. However, before I got to the anchorage, Ron radioed back that our current wind-on-the-nose conditions were making this anchorage untenable. And so, after 24 hours of sailing to get there, we almost had decided we would need to sail farther to find a more safe spot to anchor. Fortunately, the winds slackened and then shifted, allowing us to anchor safely as originally planned.

After I awakened from my three-hour collapse of a nap, the emotional crisis that had been brewing hit me. Even in the midst of all these great experiences, I realized that the sailing I had been doing was likely the easy part. It was downwind in the prevailing conditions and with the prevailing swell. I always knew that going back would be harder, but what was hitting me was that every mile I sailed farther south was digging my hole deeper, only to have to climb out of it later. Not only that, but it would only be feasible to climb out if the weather cooperated. If I tried to sail back with uncooperative weather, it would be possible but difficult, and likely very long.

Back in the 1800s, it took Richard Henry Dana three weeks to sail from Southern California to the Bay. I should have known this better, given all the research that I had been doing, but even though we say we prepare for the worst, we don’t always, do we? So not only was sailing back going to be hard, I had no real idea when it would even be possible.

This was when I came face to face with the futility of planning. "Man plans and God laughs." What had I done? The beautiful Cojo Anchorage now looked like purgatory to me. (It helped that there...
was literally no one in sight other than the weird pickup trucks on train wheels that were patrolling the Southern Pacific Railroad right above the beach, and the odd train going by.) I was despairing.

That's when I gave up (sort of) on plans. Actually, that's not even the right thing to say. I opened myself up to a much wider variety of plans. I realized that while I had been thinking of the trip as an amusement park ride I was forbidden from ever getting off, this was wrong. I could get off, but it meant abandoning my plan of bringing the boat back north. I realized there were actually plenty of options. I could leave it down here. I could pay someone to sail it back. I could ship it back. I could even sell the damn thing and buy a different boat back home. I had certainly learned more about my particular boat and its strengths and limitations to have the next purchase be well informed.

Armed with my new attitude, I suddenly felt much lighter on the 50-mile sail down the Santa Barbara Channel. This was despite the fact that early in the sail I noticed that something didn’t sound right. I looked behind me to see that the rudder of my Aries wind vane was bouncing along on top of the water instead of being down in it. With winds gusting at 20 knots, I wasn’t prepared to deal with it in the sea state, so I resolved to hand-steer the whole way. It was tiring, but not overly so. The biggest issue was that any time I needed to attend to shifting the preventer stay forward or heed the call of nature, the boat would round up with much sound and fury and splashing of seas. But it was a beautiful day and an impressive sail, and I was no longer digging the deeper hole. Put in another way, I had freed myself of the responsibility of climbing out of the hole. I had dispelled the concept of the hole by making other plans. My original plans had been written in sand, and I was making myself crazy trying to hold onto them.

I still have to make plans, though. Without them, I would never accomplish anything. No sooner had I decided to leave the boat down there than I woke up, checked the weather, and found that the next three days or so would provide a very opportune window for sailing back up the coast.

Part of the challenge was that last year I’d needed to replace my diesel motor. It was at the end of its life and leaking up a storm, creating an ecological disaster in my bilge. I decided to go with an electric motor. For 90% of the sailing I do, this is great. It’s quiet. I can regenerate power while sailing. It’s simple and mostly maintenance-free. But an electric motor cannot sustain high output for long periods without recharging. If I’m using it, I can’t recharge the motor by sailing. Because of my motor’s configuration, solar isn’t really an option. Shorepower isn’t an option offshore.

Typically the answer is “go slower and rely on the wind.” I have a sailboat, after all, which is designed to use limitless free wind power to go anywhere. But I wasn’t willing to part with an indefinite amount of time. So the answer was the electric generator I carried with me. With the generator, I can do about 3 kts in flat water with no wind for as long as the gasoline lasts. I had brought 11 gallons in jerry cans with me, but that would let me run the generator for only about 33 hours to reach a little over 100 nautical miles. I had 300 miles to go. I could
I assume that I would be sailing much of
the time, but I bought two more 5-gallon
cans and filled up all the gas.

So even my escape plan was written
in sand. So was my plan to cruise the
Channel Islands (this time). I let them
be washed away, and now I found myself
back to my original plan of sailing home.
I left the next morning for what I planned
to be three days of nonstop sailing to
hopefully make it as far as Monterey
Bay before the winds turned unfavorable
again. Which I happily did — some plans
actually do work on a boat!

What did I learn?
It’s a Wonderful Life gets it right: “No
man is a failure who has friends.” Even
if they aren’t there with you, your family
and friends carry you through all sorts of
difficulty and give you the strength you
need to face rough patches. My friends,
Jim and Richard, offered to drive down to
get me. My wife, Greet, listened and gave
me emotional support.
I learned yet again how much I love my wife and that life loses its sparkle when I’m away from her. I enjoyed the trip, and I’m glad I went, but I missed her much more than I was prepared for. This ended up hitting me even more because so much of long(ish)-distance solo sailing is time spent just by yourself (duh). I knew this and had experienced it before, but this was much more of it than I’d ever taken on at once. It hit me differently. I like the trips better when Greet travels overland to meet me. Hopefully we’ll look for more of those.

I’ve learned that the secret to achieving happiness while sailing is to give yourself way more than enough time to sail your route. I bit off more than I could chew with this trip. If I had had a bigger boat, I could have moved faster. A more powerful engine would have gotten me farther in light winds, sure. But ultimately, it comes down to time, and more specifically, matching what you’re trying to do with the time you have — and understanding that plans may shift with the tide and sand.

— michael la guardia

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It was a damp and foggy night. We were racing down the coast, and the wind in the thick marine layer was light but reasonably steady. My watch was over and the schedule had me shifting to "standby" mode.

This boat uses a "volleyball style" watch rotation scheme. When conditions are not demanding, "standby" is the same as "off watch," so I unclipped my tether and went below to get some much-needed sleep. As usual, I hadn't slept a wink during my first two off-watches, but by the third off-watch I was ready for bedtime. And really looking forward to it, too. There’s no better sleep than bundled into the quarter berth of a well-run race boat in smooth water and a steady breeze.

We had a racing crew of eight: seven watchstanders, plus Lee Helm at the chart table. She had managed to talk her way into not standing watches so she could be full-time navigator. "It's like, a 24-hour job," she insisted. "There are three weather models we need to follow, and each one updates every six hours, but the times they become available are staggered, so there’s a new map to download, like, every two hours. And the High-Res Rapid Refresh 18-hour prog updates hourly, plus the real-time buoy reports, and I also monitor the tracker and AIS data from the fleet. I only have time for, like, short catnaps. But I still schedule myself for a watch on deck very late at night, when the crew attention span is lowest and they might need an extra push."

Lee had her own berth, and that left five berths for seven watchstanders. No problem. I expect to hot-bunk on a race boat, so two pairs of crew, on opposite sides of the rotation, would share their off-watch bunks. But when I came off watch, my bunkmate was still snoring away.

Five bunks for seven crew does not sound like a problem. The problem is that when the standby person is off, there are four crew off watch and three...
crew on, so if you do the math, it’s clear that no two crew can alternate use of the same bunk. Sure, there are empty bunks available, but it’s a different one each time you come off watch.

Lee could see my dilemma. “Looks like you’re in the high-side pipe berth for the next hour,” she said. “The skipper’s got your quarter berth.”

“And my toothbrush is stashed in my small sea bag at the back end of it,” I complained. “And he’s got my pillow, too.”

“You brought a pillow?” Lee taunted. “That’s for lubbers. I just fill my sleeping bag stuff sack with some fleece gear and my dry sock reserves and use that for a pillow.”

“I guess it’s the pilot berth for now,” I sighed as I surveyed the space in the dim red light. “I’ll just use the bedding left in the bunk.”

“Your quarter berth will be free at the next rotation. I’ll wake you up.”

I shifted someone’s stray sea bag to the leeward settee and crawled into the windward pilot berth. Then I triced it up to an angle that would probably keep me from falling across the cabin if the boat heeled over too far. It was rigged properly for easy adjustment, and a downward pull on the 5:1 tricing tackle raised the berth frame to the desired angle. Anticipating a move before my off-watch was over, I had not bothered to take off anything more than my sea boots and damp foulies, and with several layers of fleece still in place head to toe, it did not seem as if using the foreign sleeping bag for cover would seriously violate the sanctity of another crew’s personal bedding.

“Alooooo-HA!” was the next thing I heard. It was Lee’s voice, and there was daylight in the cabin. “You’re on watch in like, 15 minutes,” she said. “Wind is up and we’ve been headed down almost to rhumb line.”

I let down the pipe berth and crawled out, but I still could not get to my gear in the quarter berth. The skipper was back on watch, but another crew had found the berth when it was vacant.

“Couldn’t get you up when the quarter berth was available,” Lee apologized. “Was in the middle of a download. Weather is shaping up nicely, we’ll have more wind today.”

“Great,” I yawned. “But I don’t think this race is long enough to get used to this schedule.”

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**8-PERSON NON-DOGging WATCH ROTATION**

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Notes:
- S1 = Standby 1: geared up and ready to be on deck in seconds
- S2 = Standby 2: in bunk, can be un本书, next one up after S1

During the day:
- Very short off-watch during hours when performance is most improved
- Long off-watch during the day for sleep recovery

Natures:
- Flexibility to have more crew on watch when needed without scheduled duty periods
- Very short off-watch during hours when performance is most improved
- Long off-watch during the day for sleep recovery

Navigator is full-time weather strategist, assists with night watch
"It's like, still better than different hours every night," Lee said. "That's why I made up the watch schedule as 'non-dogging.' There's no dog watch to shift the hours, so the crew can adapt to being off and on at the same times every night. I think it's much easier to wake up at odd hours if it's the same odd hours every night."

"Opinions vary," I yawned. "Now where's my sea bag?"

My gear had found its way to the low-side settee where it joined a pile of other bags, PFDs, damp foulies, cellphone cases and harness tethers.

After locating the required clothing and accessories for the deck, and a quick trip to the head, but still missing my shaving kit and toothbrush, I was ready to go back on watch.

"Max, before you come up," shouted the skipper from the cockpit. "Wake up our foredeck crew. We need to jibe soon."

"Which bunk is he in?" I asked.

"Don't know," was the reply. "I think he might be in the other quarter berth." Lee suggested, "but don't quote me."

Every lumpy berth looked the same, but calling out the name eventually woke up the person who was wanted on deck, along with some others who would have much rather stayed asleep.

"That's one of the problems with not having a dedicated berth for each crew, when the boat is in volleyball watch rotation," observed Lee. "You end up in a different berth on each off-watch, and you can never find someone quickly when you need them. And like, there's a whole list of other reasons why even a serious race boat runs better when each crew has their own berth."

Lee didn't wait to be asked before listing her reasons.

"There's also the clutter issue. If everyone has their own bunk, they keep a small sea bag and personal gear in their own bunk and it doesn't clutter up the cabin. Things stay much better organized and secure. And like, when we're at sea, the cabin is secure for a 90-degree heel angle."

"Plus it's nice not to have to share bedding," I added.

"For sure. But that's the lesser issue. If you don't get undressed for your off-watch, then sharing bedding is not that big a deal." "Still," I said as I started up the ladder to the cockpit. "I'd rather be in my own smelly sleeping bag than in some other person's smelly sleeping bag."

The sunrise into a clearing sky over a smooth Pacific Ocean was worth the early wake-up.

"Good morning, Max," the skipper greeted me from the helm. "Lee says you were tough to roust. But I think you'll like our non-dogging watch system after a couple of days. You'll be waking up for your early watch almost automatically."

"We'll see," I remarked, my skepticism probably showing, and confirmed that the foredeck crew was on his way up.

"Traditional watch systems," he continued, "were four-on, four-off, 'round the clock. So to change the schedule each day they would split one late-night watch into two two-hour watches, making the number of watches in the day an odd number. I think it was also partly in recognition of the shorter attention span late at night, but in my opinion it wreaks havoc with the circadian rhythm."

"But why 'dog-watch'?"

"Max, that question has been asked and answered for at least the last 200 years, in fact and in fiction. A two-hour watch is called the 'dog watch' because it is curtailed." — max ebb

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California Offshore Race Week
This year was the fifth running of California Offshore Race Week, a race series spanning the coast from San Francisco to San Diego. The event started in 2016 when organizers from four yacht clubs cooperated to link three existing offshore races: the Spinnaker Cup from San Francisco to Monterey, the Coastal Cup to Santa Barbara, and the SoCal 300 to San Diego.

I had the pleasure of racing the full series in 2019, and couldn’t wait to do it again this year on the Landmark 43 Destin. Typically, the three races offer 500+ miles of spirited downwind sailing. The 2021 races, however, would hold several surprises.

The series starts with the Spinnaker Cup from San Francisco to Monterey. The race attracts many San Francisco Bay racers stretching their legs. It has run every year since 1997 and is co-sponsored by Encinal Yacht Club. Spin Cup started off normally enough: We worked out the Gate through a strong flood, rounded Mile Rock, and reached south to the breeze. Then kites went up and the ride began.

South of Half Moon Bay, the wind built into the 20s and boatspeeds climbed. On my boat, one kite got a bad wrap and was taken down, then a smaller kite immediately blew. We had just settled on white sails when a close competitor behind went through the same tribulations, saving our second-place finish.

Often the wind dies in Monterey Bay after dark, and you ghost in searching for the pier against the lights of the town. This year, however, the wind held all across the bay, surprising several boats that stayed outside to avoid a calm.

As always, the hospitality at Monterey Peninsula YC warmed away the cold Pacific air with hot bowls of chili and stiff drinks. This year, COVID protocols reduced the usual bar-crowd camaraderie, but it was still a great vibe as we hung out watching and welcoming later crews trickling in.

A day of provisioning and exploration in Fisherman’s Wharf prepared teams for the next day’s race to Santa Barbara. The 204-mile Coastal Cup is often the least crowded race, attracting a tight-knit fleet of full-series racers. For this year’s series it was also where the weather went south — literally!

Instead of enjoying the northerly wind that predominates along California’s coast, we beat for the first 24 hours into a 15-knot southerly. However, dominant swell waves from the north made for easier sailing and unique upwind surfing conditions. "We’re making yachting history: beating south to Point Conception!" exclaimed our navigator, Paul Kamen, who’s plied those waters for years.

Late on day two, the wind backed near Point Conception. We hoisted our repaired A4 and flew to the point. It was an exciting surf session, and an all-hands, all-tethered sleigh ride. Around the point however, the Santa Barbara Channel was becalmed for the entire night. Many boats retired, with their YB trackers showing 6 knots on rhumb line to the harbor.

Santa Barbara YC is a gem on a soft, sandy beach atop the harbor. There, warm sunshine and a cold round of drinks put us in a great frame of mind for our best result of the series — a first place! The beach party lasted well into the night, and more than one skipper was escorted home by a diligent crew.

The SoCal 300 to San Diego started with San Diego YC competitors who wanted better opportunities to train for the Transpac. The race rounds a virtual gate outside the Channel Islands, putting boats into the synoptic winds and bluewater conditions. "This is near the limit of Coast Guard rescue, so boats have to be better prepared and self-reliant," said Jeff Johnson of SDYC. "That’s why we have more safety requirements for this leg. During the race, I’m up all night watching boats’ tracks and on the phone with the Coast Guard in case of an incident."

Thankfully, our biggest problem was possibly getting sick of freeze-dried meals during a long, light-air race. The race started in a sunny 12-knot breeze pushing us on rhumb line to the Santa Cruz Channel. Due to an oddity
in the starting sequence we were first to the islands, and we got a full parade of the big A-fleet boats led by the Botin 65 Artemis. Sharon Green’s Ultimate Sailing helicopter circled overhead getting some glamour shots with the islands in the background. But by the afternoon the wind had dropped to a standstill. For the remainder of the race, boats had to eke out every mile in light conditions. Fortunately, much of my crew has been racing together for years, and others have been friends for even longer. The tight-knit group made for good company in tough conditions. At one point, when the speedo read 0.0, the crew went swimming and came out refreshed — and smelling better! In the morning of the third day, a light breeze filled in just enough to get us across the line in third place. While we had hoped for a bullet, we were happy just to make it. A few celebratory bottles were opened as we searched for clean clothes presentable enough to wear into the elegant SDYC.

At the awards ceremony, a new perpetual trophy was introduced for the overall CORW winner, the Pac52 Callisto. It was donated by Denise Kramer, who crewed on 2019’s winning boat, Velvet Hammer. My boat took a first in division for the series, which is a tribute to perseverance as much as skill.

Hours later, as we were tidying the boat and booking airport rides, the final finisher came in. The Cal 40 Nalu V had been on-course for more than three days! For their efforts, as the slowest rated boat, they took first place overall in the SoCal 300 race, beating all the bigger, faster boats. Which just goes to show that a race isn’t over till it’s over. — h. hawkeye king

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30th Delta Ditch Run

It was a tale of two races for the Delta Ditch Run on June 12. After a year’s postponement, the 30th running of the ever-popular 65-mile jaunt from Richmond to Stockton Sailing Club up San Pablo and Suisun bays and the San Joaquin River was just as adventurous as in the old days. The mixed fleet of multihulls, fast sportboats, heavy cruisers and one designs included heavy Cals, J/105s, a healthy Santa Cruz 27 class with 8 boats, 13 Express 27s, and, the biggest one-design fleet of all with 26 boats, the Moore 24s. Nellybelle, a Pi 24, was a newbie to the race. Only a handful were built. Nellybelle came out to her first race in 46 years, looking stunning after her rescue and rebuild by her original owner/builder Alan Wirtanen. (See ’Lectronic Latitudes on June 9 and 16 at www.latitude38.com.)

For the first race of the day, at the startline (handled by Richmond YC just south of the Brother Islands), the racers experienced a light southeasterly with a correspondingly light flood current. Excellent committee work resulted in no pauses or postponements, with boats starting in a rolling five-minute sequence on a rare starboard tack. Everyone behaved themselves, with no recalls or yelling, as they slowly but steadily headed off into San Pablo Bay.

The wind stayed light all the way to about halfway up Suisun Bay, with the racers still in clumps, when the second race started. At about 3 p.m., the wind turned on just in time for the tricky parts of the course. In the always-difficult run down New York Slough to Mark 19 (the only turning mark on the course), boats broached, did crazy jibes, or went to white sails in order to press on in 25+ knots of wind with gusts into the 30s.

The hard part of this race is not only the number of jibes needed in a narrowing river, but also surviving the side blasts and puffs that roar down the water and spill off the levees in an ever-shifting ride as the wind builds.

“ar 218pneed to jibe now!” is a common cry from the sailors as they approach one side of the levee only to do it again in 30 seconds on the other. This year, the fast boats started first. That made for a civilized race with a lot less competitor traffic than in years past (though there was plenty of shipping traffic to cope with). With the late big wind, the fast boats were too far ahead to benefit, and the ‘slow’ boats carried the new breeze upriver.

At Stockton SC, the boats finished gracefully in moderate winds as the evening wore on. Like a small person who is deceptively strong, the mighty Moore 24s were in the right place at the right time. Five corrected out on top, with Bart Hackworth and Simon Winer on Gruntled placing first overall. Sixth place overall and first in her division went to Nellybelle, sailing her first race in many decades. Even the late boats finished the second race on a beautiful night with the wind slowly shutting down.

Nobody could remember much about the first race.

— ncs
SC27 — 1) Furthur, James Clappier; 2) Kasatka, Mark Voropayev/Rachel Cherry; 3) Rio, Soren Brinkmann. (8 boats)

EXPRESS 27 — 1) Get Happy!!, Brendan Busch; 2) Magic Bus, Hans Opsahl/Harrison Richardson; 3) Motorcycle Irene, Will Paxton. (13 boats)

MOORE 24 — 1) Gruntled, Bart Hackworth/Simon Winer; 2) Flying Circus, Melinda Erkelens; 3) Snafu, Karl Robrock. (25 boats)


MULTIHULL 1 — 1) Bottle Rocket, SeaCart 30, David Schumann, 2 points; 2) Hammer, SeaCart 30, Jonathan Hunt, 6; 3) ShadowX, Extreme 40, Peter Stoneberg. (3 boats)

MULTIHULL 2 — 1) Greyhound, F-22, Evan McDonald; 2) Raven, F-27, Truls & Anna Liv Myklebust; 3) Mama Tried, 8.5-Meter trimaran, Paul Galvez. (4 boats)

OVERALL MULTIHULL — 1) Greyhound; 2) Bottle Rocket; 3) Raven.

CRUISE — 1) Goodway II, Freedom 35, Thomas Johnson; 2) Jackie Oh!, Islander 28, Dean Hupp/Bob Farrell; 3) Hotate Maru, Tartan 37, Gina & Mike Binnard. (7 boats)

Full results at www.stocktonsc.org

OYRA Duxship Race

Anytime you get to set sail under the Golden Gate Bridge and have a chance to be back in time for supper, it’s a good day. The weather prediction for the YRA’s Duxbury Lightship race on May 22 was just that. As so often is true, the predicted weather was nothing like what we experienced on the course. As Jacques Cousteau was fond of saying, "We must go and see.”

The wind at the start was right between the big genoa and the small jib. If you had a #2 on board I bet you would have set it. Some folks chose to go big, figuring if they could just clear Point Bonita it would be a reach as the course turned north along the Marin shore. The tide was ebbing and it got a little lumpy on the Potato Patch. As the fleet turned north, the wind veered. Those folks with code zeroes put the smackdown on the folks who didn’t have that weapon in their quiver. That sail is just devastating. When it’s trimmed properly and the conditions are just right, you’ll have your competitors texting their sailmakers to find out what discounts are currently being offered. If you’re old-school, put the genoa on the outside lead or barberhaul it to the rail and pray for a header.

By the Duxbury mark at Bolinas, you could practically throw a blanket over the fleet — and that’s just what we got, a blanket of fog. What happened next is not exactly clear. Boats were swapping tacks, the wind was super-light, and the sea was fairly lumpy. If you’re wondering if some folks got barfy, the answer is yes.

Once a vessel cleared the Lightship just 10 miles out past the bridge, they set their biggest, lightest spinnaker and set sail for the Golden gateway. Now the westerly made an appearance. Either bald head or peel changes to heavier canvas and a hand on the vang for the run from the bridge to the finish. Some vessels showed their undersides to the plethora of kiteboarders off Crissy Field. We got a lil’ excited and prepared for the drop at the finish line in front of St. Francis YC until an alert halyard handler reminded us the finish was actually at Golden Gate YC.

By now the Bay was full of ferries, cruisers, charter vessels and even more kiteboards. Not all those folks got out under the bridge that day or got a selfie with a kite on the way home. I bet they’re jealous. It proved that some days if you’re gonna do it right, do it...
THE RACING

SiFYC's Spring Invitational had spring-like — sporty — conditions on May 22-23. See Box Scores for top finishers.

Slowly, as the wind filled in late and the smaller boats romped home to correct out on larger boats in many cases.

— andy schwenk

OYRA DUXSHIP 5/22

PHRO 1A — 1) Destin, Landmark 43, Romeo Uriarte; 2) Favonius, Dehler 46, Gregory Dom; 3) Swift Ness, J/111, Reuben Rocci. (9 boats)

PHRO 1B — 1) Ferox, Pogo 36, Anja Bog/Peter Weigt; 2) Pegasus, Newland 36, Stephen Lewis; 3) Mirthmaker, Archambault 35, Kirk Denebmeal. (5 boats)

PHRO 2 — 1) Basic Instinct, Elliott 1050, Memo Gidley; 2) Spindrift V, Express 37, Andy Schwenk; 3) Elan, Express 37, Jack Peurach. (10 boats)


SHS SHORTHANDED — 1) Yeti, Antrim 27, Buzz Blackett/Antrim; 2) Yeti, Express 27, Adam Mazurkiewicz/Ron Snet-singer; 3) Sweet Pea, Islander 30-2, Jan Hirsch/Lawrence Paul Busby. (11 boats)

MULTIHULL — 1) Greyhound, F-22, Evan McDonald/George Kissadock; 2) Raven, F-27, Truls Mylekivest, 3) Round Midnight, Explorer 44 tri, Rick Waltonsmith. (4 boats)

Full results at www.jibeset.net

OYRA FAUX FARALLONES RACE

Adam Mazurkiewicz and Ron Snetsinger had the best corrected times in the OYRA Farallones race on June 5, sailing Yeti. Yeti was the only Express 27 in the race, and tied for smallest boat with Buzz Blackett’s Antrim 27C ‘Io. Adam and Ron raced in the SHS (short-handed) division. Adam filed this report:

After a year in hibernation, Yeti was ready to get back to ocean racing. This season my Pacific Cup 2020 (the race that only happened on a few shirts) sailing partner, Ron, is teaming up with me to doublehand the OYRA series, which is also intended to be a shakedown for Pac Cup 2022.

Getting ready for the Farallones on Thursday, it was looking like a pretty wet trip to the islands: breezy with 10-15 ft wind waves at the island — painful on the Express 27. Friday morning the forecast looked even slppier. Looking for options, the race committee published an amendment to the SIs to add three shorter ocean courses with Blossom Rock as a downwind mark, resulting in an unusual upwind finish for the OYRA series. A little relief set in — we may not have to navigate the short-period wind waves and the wind shadowed troughs.

While we hung around the start in front of SiFYC, the RC announced Course 2 — the Lightship. Based on the forecast, we set up for the S1 kite and the #3 jib.

We watched the first fleet all start on port — being on starboard only got you to shore; the breeze was very southerly. I don’t recall a start being so favored for port tack. We committed to a port start and hung near shore and a little low — surprisingly, we were the only ones. The starboard (and much bigger) boats were late to the start on the pin end, but the wind filled in and we were off.

Making our way to the Gate, we watched the fleets ahead. I asked Ron, “Should we crack off? We are headed to the Lightship.”" Better to have wind with us.” We sailed out past Point Bonita. I grabbed the GPS to look at our course and heading to the Lightship. We were sailing 10 degrees above it. We started cracking off, then working trim and making way to the Lightship sailing rhumb line. The boats to the north seemed quite a bit slower and headed. We got there: slow and headed — 20, then 30, then 50+ degrees away from the Lightship 5+ miles out. After contemplating for much too long, we went to the #1. Most of the fleet had already taken a hitch to drift south, so we went from one of the southernmost boats to a northernmost boat. As we were painfully slatting nowhere, Ron said, “I thought we did this two weeks ago?”, referring to the bobfest going to Duxbury. Good thing we were not going to the Farallones — we would not get there.

I started to lose steerage with the sloppy waves and lack of headway. We put the sails on the other side of the boat to see what would happen. We were headed south, not to the mark, but moving. The wind started to fill in from the west. Pretty soon, we were cracking off to make it to the Lightship, with winds building into the teens.

As we jibed and rounded the Lightship, we realized we were still very close to a lot of the big boats. The wind was way up and had already moved quite a bit to the north. Carrying the S1 was going to be a challenge. A quick scramble to get set for the A5 and we hoisted. In 15-knot wind, the boat was rock-steady, surfing on waves, light on the

John and Mike Ravizza (pictured) won the Mercury NorCals on June 5; Dave West and Chris Krueger won the series overall. See top results in Box Scores on the next page.
Cruising A start at Eagle Rock in the Cat Harbor Return race on Sunday, June 13.

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Return races on June 12-13 after 2020’s pandemic-related cancellation.

Winds inside the marina peaked at about 10-12 knots at 10 a.m. Saturday; by the 11 a.m. start most winds had diminished to little more than 5 knots and quit on the ocean side of Catalina Island. The light air stuck around and caused myriad challenges for Sunday’s starts at Eagle Rock, located just to weather of the island’s West End.

The Saturday race featured a long wait on the hook for the race committee folks, an exciting photo finish, and bald eagle sightings. The shore ‘taxi’ RIB zoomed past the anchored committee boat carrying hospitality personnel, who said, “We’re going to feed the eagles.” They dropped off some fish and a pair of the birds scooped them up. It was an awesome sight and raises hope that the eagles are making a comeback.

Around 5 p.m., Phillip Friedman’s 86-ft Sapphire Knight languished outside the harbor entrance and was taken by a smaller and much lighter J/125. Daniel Murphy’s Javelin. The latter got line honors and took overall in PHRF AA.

Three ‘B’ boats finished within 27 seconds around 6 p.m. in a downhill drag race loaded with jibes, some perilously near the shore. Jack Mayer’s J/109 Zephyr won the drag race, but Jamey Myer’s 11-Metre Wolfhound won on corrected time.

Fortunately the winds picked up slightly afterward, and all PHRF boats finished by 8:05. As in prior Cat events, the Cruising boats finished off the West End and took their own times. There were no dropouts.

Saturday night’s crescent moon found the post-race party at the club’s Cat Harbor facility in full post-2020’s pandemic-related cancellation. There was little opportunity to schedule yacht racing, but LAYC did introduce the new offshore Breakout Series. This year the calendar has burst to life, and there is hardly a weekend that doesn’t have a significant regatta for sailors to attend.

The three yachts were to continue out to the virtual weather mark for a distance of 100 miles. They were to round the mark to port at 32°36’N, 119°48’W, then return to a virtual finish mark between 33°17.5’N 118°19.8’W and 33°17.3’N 118°19.8’W, approximately three-quarters of a mile south of the east end of Catalina Island.

This is a long leg upwind on starboard, followed by a shorter offwind leg on port to the finish. The total distance is 185.2 miles, which complies as a Transpac qualifier. It also takes the yachts out to the synoptic wind, thus completing the critical initial segment of the race to Hawaii.

All three competitors passed the west end, but thereafter their plans diverged somewhat. John Sangmeister had recently acquired TBD as his sled for the Pacific races. He had planned a lot of testing, including this event. On Saturday night, TBD changed course to test sail configurations on different points of sail. Craig Reynolds’ Bolt also made a course change before she reached the weather mark, and so she too would score a DNF. Damon Guizot’s Zephyrus continued on, and at 9:48 on Sunday morning she crossed the virtual finish to claim the prize for this inaugural ocean race.

LAYC has every intention of repeating this race in the years ahead, but next time we will announce the date in time to facilitate building a larger fleet.

— co-chairs david collins, ken corry, doug jorgensen

**Race Notes**

Doug Smith of Oakland and Payson Infelise of Long Beach traveled to Split, Croatia, for the Star Europeans on May 24-29. “We traveled under an exception

By the time they reached the Catalina eddy, most competitors were moving smartly. One intrepid crewmember in Cruising Class stated that they nearly became overpowered sailing hull line with the asymmetrical chute up.

At Marina del Rey they encountered a ‘zoo’: every boat, dinghy, kayak, paddleboard and all other modes of marine transportation were out in sunny 12- to 15-knot conditions. People were out celebrating the end of the pandemic. For results, see www.dryc.org.

— andy kopetzky

Los Angeles YC First One Hundred

2020 will forever be remembered as the year the world suffered the COVID-19 pandemic. There was little opportunity to schedule yacht racing, but LAYC did introduce the new offshore Breakout Series. This year the calendar has burst to life, and there is hardly a weekend that doesn’t have a significant regatta for sailors to attend.

LAYC scheduled the Breakout Series for the second year, but attracting the best in California became much more demanding. For the third and final Breakout Series race this year we tried to create a new program that provides an opportunity to run the initial miles of the Los Angeles to Hawaii course under racing conditions.

Peligroso, Compadres, Bolt, TBD (formerly Mr. Bill) and Zephyrus entered the First One Hundred. Others considered joining us, but the very short notice inevitably presented myriad challenges for everyone. The Kernan 68 Peligroso and the Andrews 77 Compadres had to cancel at the last second.

At noon on June 19, the Nelson Marek Bolt, the Andrews 68 TBD and R/P 77 Zephyrus started adjacent to the Point Fermin Buoy. The morning was overcast but with a westerly breeze that set a starboard leg to the west end. Californians Doug Smith and Payson Infelise competed in the Star Europeans in Split, Croatia. They finished 12th out of 34 boats.
Using pedal power in light air, Shad Lemke, Mark Bostrom, Scott Wood and Jefferson Franklin finished the WA360 on Day 4.

The folks at the Northwest Maritime Center ran a Washington 360 Puget Sound adventure, starting (on June 8) and finishing in Port Townsend, in place of the Race to Alaska this year (the border with Canada remained closed in June). Organizers expressed surprise that a cowboy from Montana won the race. We’re not surprised. Shad Lemke and his Olson 30 Dark Horse completed the Singlehanded Transpacific Yacht Race in 2018. Lemke and crew competed in WA360 as ‘Team High Seas Drifters’.

Tiburon resident Caleb Jordan-McDaniels solo-sailed (and rowed) his 15-ft custom-built open ketch Dunlin. He placed 26th out of 38 finishers and 53 starters. Not bad! For much more, see https://nwmartime.org/wa360.

Reigning champ Ben Brown of Los Altos and Casey Astiz were the first California-based team at the Hobie 16 North Americans in Ocean Springs, MD, on June 5-11. They podi-iumed in third place, following Texans John and Dylan Tomko, and Mark and Grace Modderman of New Jersey. You may recall that we profiled Ben in the August 2020 edition of Latitude 38.

— latitude / chris
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ith reports this month from Selavi on the deal that almost fell through (but didn't); Thisidu on COVID-rearranged cruising plans; and Little Wing's participation in the Tahiti Pearl Regatta. Also, currently boatless cruisers Greg and Debbie report on renewed cruising in the Med, followed by a locker full of Cruise Notes.

Selavi — Fountaine Pajot 46 cat
Kristian and Sabrina Beadle
Closing the Deal
Marin and Brazil
We had 7-month-old babies strapped onto our bodies when the catamaran's seller lost his marbles, and nastily told us to get off his boat.

Kristian, Sabrina, Kaiana and Naiyah. The girls turn 18 months old in July.

I felt a sudden, slow-motion desperation. I was a new father of twins, and like an overconfident poker player, I had “put all my chips in” — and was about to lose it all.

In mid-pandemic (August 2020), my wife Sabrina had shipped all our belongings by cargo to the atoll of Rangiroa, in French Polynesia, where we planned to move aboard a 46-ft Fountaine Pajot cat whose owner had signed a contract the previous year.

The trip to the boat had to be delayed when our twin girls, Kaiana and Naiyah, were born prematurely (29 weeks) in January 2020. So those first months of life were a marathon battle, including three months living in the hospital's neonatal ICU in the San Francisco area.

In July, the pediatrician gave us the green light. A month later, we flew with 26 bags from San Francisco to Papeete, along with our friend Alexandra to help us as nanny during this chaotic transition.

By the time we arrived in Rangiroa, we were completely fried, yet we agreed to meet the seller at the boat the next day.

The meeting went ... very poorly. “You’ve pushed it too far!” he yelled as he fired up the dinghy, in essence kicking us off the boat. “You don’t trust me! That’s it!” He was incredibly angry. He expected me to evaluate the boat in the span of a few hours. And I had the temerity to ask for what was spelled out in our contract.

Pandemic stress ignited his outrage. Later I learned that his wife and son were pressuring him not to sell the boat. Their other plans fell apart due to COVID, and suddenly, the boat’s importance magnified: It was their home and business, and one reliable foundation in life.

The family had lived aboard this boat for 11 years, running classy charters as their income, enjoying a good life. They had decided to move off to give their son a good education. But why should they now plunge into the uncertainty of terrestrial existence at the worst of times?

Our $20,000 down payment in the seller’s account was only secured by a measly contract — no broker, no escrow account (I know, I know ... I’ve learned my lesson). Handshake integrity was the binding force.

The deal was imploding. The seller was willing to walk away, and he seemed to becornering me into a position where he could return my down payment, with no penalty. We would be left hanging, exhausted and confused, in a remote atoll, with nowhere to go.

An emotional bomb was brewing inside me; but also a saving grace. In the past four years of cooperative cruising, I had developed the ability to keep my cool when people were freaking out.

Allow me to explain our cooperative voyage, so you have a better understanding of how this boat purchase eventually unfolded, under the most delicate and trying circumstances.

In 2015, Sabrina and I started a four-year voyage from Santa Barbara to Tahiti, via Panama and the Galapagos Islands, with the intention of promoting marine protected areas — hence we called it the "Green Coconut Run."

That previous year we pitched the idea to our community: If we got 30 friends to each contribute $1,000, we’d have $30,000 needed to launch the voyage. That’s how much we spent at the boatyard prepping our previous boat, the 42-ft 1968 trimaran Aldebaran, for the trip. In exchange, each co-op member plus guest got about two weeks of sailing during one
of our scheduled legs. For example: August 1-15, pick up in Nicaragua and drop off in Costa Rica. This is how we started our sailing cooperative.

The catch? We had to break the cardinal rule of cruising. Our members needed to plan work vacations and flights, so the dreaded 'S' word reared its head: We needed a schedule! We could host up to four visitors at a time on board, and people needed reliable plans to leave their day-to-day lives.

Every sailor under the moon advised against this. Yet I thought, if commercial ships can pull off a schedule, why can’t we as cruisers? We just needed to build in sufficient buffer time, flexibility — and loads of spare parts.

To build this kind of social equity wasn’t necessarily easy. Here is something about our cooperative that we didn’t expect: Keeping the boat running on schedule is hard enough, but managing so many personalities is just as tough. Sometimes couples didn’t get along. Sometimes the weather was bad. Sometimes people got seasick. Most co-op members visited us for two weeks, but several "core crew" joined for more than two months. Living in close quarters brings up a lot of triggers.

The single most important approach we used to resolve conflict — which I had to employ fully during my negotiation in Rangiroa with the disgruntled boat seller — is called nonviolent communication (NVC). If you read, understand, and practice this approach, your life will forever be changed. You’ll be more harmonious, and have an easier time accomplishing your goals, both individually and in relationships. For cruisers making a passage, it can be a godsend.

During our cooperative voyage, we learned that for each minute spent listening well, you gain two minutes down the line. When I returned alone to meet the catamaran seller again, in a long-shot attempt to salvage the deal, I took this lesson to heart.

I listened intently and stayed centered as he spewed insults. "The tools on board? You wouldn’t know how to use them anyway!" Thus he unceremoniously broke our contractual agreement to leave all tools on board. This wasn’t just inconvenient; it was dangerous because it meant I couldn’t fix things on the boat in our present remote location, with my family on board, with newborn babies no less … Steam blew out of my ears. I took the slaps on the face and kept my cool. I had NVC’s tools in my mind, which are worth more than wrenches made of solid gold. Despite the terrible knot in my stomach, I stuck to the approach: Observe and speak without judgment, understand someone’s needs before requesting anything, and — stay calm.

Pride and self-righteousness were burned at the pyre of necessity. I just focused on being present with the seller’s pain, so I didn’t lose my temper. I stayed anchored in the faith that whatever happened was OK.

After a few hours of tormented discussion, the seller and I left the boat with the deal back in place. Being "squeezed" feels terrible, but I kept my eye on the prize. (To add insult to injury, a few months later, the seller posted the spare parts that he’d taken from the boat for sale online.)
There was still one final fear to overcome. I had to press the “Start” button on the bank transfer. Sending a quarter-million dollars to someone you don’t trust anymore, with no foreseeable recourse, does not fill you with confidence.

I mulled over my fears ... I couldn’t tell what I was most afraid of: the guy running off with our money, or our being stuck without a home in mid-pandemic. As we sat under the fans in an uncomfortable pension in Rangiroa, I looked at the babies playing on the ground and my amazing wife Sabrina, and thought of everyone back home.

I thought of all the dreams of cruising that our cooperative had fulfilled, and would continue to realize now on a whole new level.

My intuition told me it would be OK. I decided to let go of fear. We’ve come too far. I chose trust. I clicked the ‘Start’ button. One week later, we moved aboard our new catamaran.

— Kristian 5/31/21

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Thisldu — Rafiki 35

Audrey and Garrett Ruhland

A Change in Plans — Again
Sausalito

When Garrett and I left Sausalito to go cruising in October 2019, it was our goal to traverse the Panama Canal the following May and, after enjoying the Caribbean, eventually end up in Charleston, South Carolina.

We made it as far as Nicaragua.

After completing the 2019 Baja Ha-Ha and enjoying Mexico over that winter, the two of us turned south out of Chiapas on March 11, 2020. While we were at sea, the world changed around us. The World Health Organization dubbed COVID-19 a global pandemic and, in response, Central American countries started closing their borders. To say that we were relieved to be allowed into Nicaragua’s Marina Puesta del Sol on March 13 is an understatement.

— Garrett in charge of dinner.
**IN LATITUDES**

**Audrey**

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Audrey and Garrett met in college in Michigan and came out to the Bay Area for work. In 2014, despite the fact that neither had ever sailed before, they decided to go cruising. They took classes locally and sailed with lots of different people on lots of different boats. They acquired 'Thisldu' ('this will do') in 2016.

**Little Wing — Cross 42 trimaran**

Andy and Julie Turpin

Return to the Pearl Petaluma

How would you define 'exotic'? For me, the lush green Tahitian Islands serve as a quintessential embodiment of that word. With their jagged, volcano-formed peaks descending into coral-fringed turquoise lagoons, Tahiti and her sister isles are not only off-the-graph gorgeous, but usually offer ideal sailing conditions — especially during the prime summer season (May to October).

Fifteen years ago I was introduced firsthand to this spectacular sailors' haven with an invitation to race in the annual Tahiti Pearl Regatta, and report on it for Latitude. Talk about a plum assignment! Back then, the regatta committee and event sponsors were intent on growing the

Our plans have changed, as they so often do when it comes to cruising. Instead of traversing the Panama Canal, we have decided to leave Thisldu in Costa Rica until spring 2022, and become commuter cruisers — traveling to the boat on holidays and vacations. Of course, the pandemic threw a hiccup into this plan, too. I was hesitant to travel, but Garrett was determined to get back to the boat as much as possible. Between November and this past May, he would spend two to three weeks a month in Costa Rica, working remotely from the marina and going out to anchor on the weekends. I traveled there with him twice. We will return again after the hurricane season, then hope to ship the boat to the US East Coast on a cargo ship in the spring. Once she is in Charleston, our sea life and land life will at last be combined.

Cruising was the best — and hardest — thing that I have ever done. Garrett and I fared better than many others; we got a full season of cruising under our belts, which we are extremely thankful for. It ended differently than anticipated, but we adapted to the changes thrown our way as best as we could. I'll forever be proud of all that we accomplished.

— Audrey

Lifestyle, but was still consumed with worry about leaving Thisldu behind.

In November 2020, Garrett was able to return to Nicaragua to relocate the boat to Costa Rica. Doing this in the middle of the pandemic was no easy feat, but it was a successful one. Garrett took two days to sail 171 nautical miles from Nicaragua’s Marina Puesta del Sol to Costa Rica’s Marina Papagayo; he arrived on Thanksgiving Day. We had a lot to be grateful for.

“Thisldu’ got stuck in Nicaragua.

‘Thisldu’ underway. Above left: Garrett arriving in Costa Rica in May after a literal dark and stormy night. Center top: It was great to finally get going after all the years of lessons and preparation. Center bottom: Departure day, 2019. Top right: Fortunately, the produce truck kept coming weekly when ‘Thisldu’ got stuck in Nicaragua.”

‘Little Wing’ — somewhere under the rainbow.
Titouan Lamazou, winner of the first Vendée Globe race in 1989 (solo, nonstop via the Great Capes). Despite having mentored under the legendary Éric Tabarly, the first in a long line of French offshore superstars, and having eight circumnavigations under his belt, Titouan was as friendly and accessible as could be. Looking out at the starting line one day, I asked the silver-haired ocean racer which boat in the diverse fleet of monohulls and multihulls he would choose to helm, if asked. Without hesitation he pointed to a group of sleek, locally-built pirogues — double-outrigger canoes, whose design elements date back centuries. "One of those!"

But these days, Titouan spends a lot more time in his art studio on Tahiti than out on the water. Nevertheless, it was a thrill to hang out a while with him and his beautiful Tahitian wife, Tehei.

Julie and I will undoubtedly look back on the regatta as a highlight of a very unusual year of cruising — our third — due to the impact of COVID. As widely reported, the maritime borders of French Polynesia have been officially closed to most yachts for more than a year, but as you read this their status may have finally been switched to "open" — or soon will be.

Although it’s getting awfully late to cross this year, we expect the Tahiti-bound fleet of 2022 to be a big one (and yes, there will be a Pacific Puddle Jump rally).

One lingering bummer for North American sailors, though, is that Mother France is no longer issuing Long Stay (one year) Visas to sailors or any other travelers. (By contrast, French citizens and other EU passport holders can stay as long as they like.) Americans, Canadians and others will be granted only 90 days upon arrival, although their boats can stay for up to 24 months. So if you intend to head west next season — late February to early June — and want more time in French Polynesia,
Boatless in Santorini
Greg Dorland and Debbie Macrorie
The Med Report
Lake Tahoe
Greg Dorland and Debbie Macrorie are back in the Med. Regular Changes readers will remember them as the cruisers who spent five years enjoying the ‘wine-dark sea’ on their Catana 52 Escapade before sailing back to the Caribbean in 2019.

From there, they started heading for Rhode Island via Bermuda in early 2020, but when a nasty northerly reared its head, rather than fight it, they just cracked off and doublehanded back to the Med, beating their crewed time in 2015 by two days.

This time, though, they’re not aboard Escapade. After returning home to Lake Tahoe so Greg could get some long-delayed back surgery, they sold the boat. They are currently staying on Santorini, enjoying that island’s spectacular views while Greg’s back heals up and they ponder what to do next.

In the meantime, Greg took time to catch us up with what’s going on as far as cruising with the easing of pandemic restrictions in the Med.

“The American invasion is in full swing. Cruisers are headed back to Greece and Croatia, the first of the EU countries to open up, to re-commission their boats after having been locked out in some cases for nearly two years.

“We had a very nice dinner with Steve May and Manjula Dean of Pt. Richmond when we were home in the Bay Area. Steve has been tying himself in knots trying to get to France to take delivery of their new Catana 53, Hanuman. With little chance of that happening any time soon, they formulated a plan to have the boat delivered to Croatia by a factory crew. When they heard France was opening on June 9, they quickly formed Plan C: Fly into Croatia, rent a van, and wait at the French border until they can go meet their new boat.

“Meanwhile, Craig and Cory Rowell and their boat partners Rick and Ruth Moe, all of Santa Cruz, are en route to Greece to re-commission their Hallberg-Rassy 53, La Perouse, which they haven’t seen in nearly two years. Cory and Craig noted that when they landed at Heathrow they had to clear the border authorities well armed with proof of both vaccinations, and negative PCR test results uploaded to the Verify app and the passenger locator forms. Heathrow requires the negative PCR even if you have had your vaccinations. Rick and Ruth were set to follow the next week, although they were scheduled to transit through Frankfurt, where we had so much trouble gaining permission to transit on our flight. To show you how quickly things change, they had absolutely no problem transiting through Frankfurt.

“Once back in Greece, Debbie and I shared a couple of delightful dinners with cruising friends Louise Wollman and Gary Strutin of Manhattan, who are back for their 20th season of cruising Greece on their Oyster 61, Lulu.

“We all use Lavrion as a base since it is only 30 minutes from the Athens Airport and home to Olympic Marina, a very good place to store your boat on the hard for the off season. In their case, it had also been nearly two years since they had seen Lulu.

plan to fly home when your visa expires for a visit of at least 90 days, before returning to the islands to restart your visa clock.

Farther west and south, the Cook Islands and Tonga are still closed to all, but Fiji has a special procedure that lets foreign yachts in — and once in you can stay a year. New Zealand marine industry advocates are currently lobbying to open up by March 2022. But don’t hold your breath.

— Andy 6/8/21

Readers — Former Latitude Managing Editor Andy Turpin is currently our Editor At Large, or as we like to think of it, the “lucky son-of-a-gun at large.” He is also the main organizer of the annual (with the exception of 2020 and ’21) Pacific Puddle Jump. For more information on that, check out www.pacificpuddlejump.com.

All photos Little Wing

Pirogues are made in Tahiti, and high-end ones like this feature carbon fiber masts. The helmsman steers with an oar, which is also handy when the wind dies and he and the other crew have to paddle back in. The guy on the foiling board in this photo is part of the crew, being towed behind the boat in light air. We couldn’t find anything about this arrangement in the Racing Rules.
Fortunately, she cleaned up well and is back in the water. Gary and Lulu reported no particular problems transiting through Milan from JFK and ultimately arriving in Athens.

— Greg 6/8/21

Cruise Notes

- “Convergence” remains in Mexico, where we hope to spend time cruising in the fall and winter,” writes Sally Christine Rodgers of her and Randy Repass’s Wylie 65 ketch. “We are, however, enjoying sea otters, sea lions, cormorants, pelicans, and perfect sailing days on Monterey Bay aboard Promotion, our Santa Cruz 40.” Randy also joined Beau Vrolyk and the crew of the Mayan for the Master Mariners Regatta, and everyone had fun watching gray whales feasting the tide line off Alcatraz aboard the Matthew Turner recently. The Repass-Rogers family are closing in on a 17-year circumnavigation, having left Santa Cruz in 2004.

- Speaking of impending circumnavigations, Kim MacLean and Tom Christensen are also returning to their Wauquiez PS40 Exit Strategy. They left the boat in Grenada last year when they flew home to Victoria, BC, to ride out the pandemic. “We’re tentatively thinking of returning in November to pick up where we left off,” says Kim. “Tom would like to get the boat to Panama before the holidays so it’s in a convenient location for sailing up the West Coast in the spring.”

- “Stan and I flew to Maine two weeks ago to find Illusion in great shape, safe and sound in a canvas shed at the Tom and Kim are heading back to ‘Exit Strategy’ in the fall.”

Lyman-Morse Camden yard,” writes Sally Honey. You may recall that she and Stan, in between racing and other commitments, have been cruising their vintage Cal 40 since leaving the Bay in 2014. They were planning to do last year’s Bermuda Race on the boat and were almost through stripping her of heavy cruising gear and getting her back into race mode when the pandemic happened. The Bermuda and many other planned races were canceled, the boat went on the hard, and Sally, a former sailmaker, soon found herself back at the sewing machine, cranking out protective gear for first responders. Now all the heavy stuff is going back on as they switch back to cruising mode. “We recommissioned and prepped Illusion for relaunch a week ago: cleaned, prepped and stepped the mast and moved all the gear from our storage locker aboard.

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Yesterday, (June 5) we moved back aboard and are now stowing gear and stores in preparation for heading out on Monday. All in all a pretty typical annual operation for New England!”

The Honeys plan to cruise around Penobscot Bay a couple of weeks before Stan flies to France for three weeks to work with the Gitana 17 team of Franck Cammas and Charles Caudrelier in preparation for their Fastnet and Transat Jacques Vabre attempts. In late July, they plan to slowly head south to train for the boat’s cornerstone role in Avalanche Adventures, a series of races, outreach, training, exploring — and yes, cruising — all over the world. Much emphasis will be given to the three “E’s”: Education, Ecology and Environment.

COVID-19 restrictions scrapped the original plan to Puddle Jump to French Polynesia, so in early May, John and crew departed La Paz for Hawaii, arriving in Hilo on the 22nd. “It’s absolutely wonderful here!” he says. “We’ll be exploring the islands for a few months, go home to Colorado to ski this winter, and then back to sail to the Marshall Islands, Guam, and on to Southeast Asia.”

The eventual goal is to complete a circumnavigation, which Barry did aboard his former Avalanche, a Hammerhead 54 trimaran. Log onto avalancheadventures.org to find out more.

“Not too exciting for us the past year, as Malaysian immigration asked us to leave the country last June while all Malaysia port offices and surrounding borders were closed,” says Shaun Schmidt. You may remember Shaun and wife Sherrie’s Vancouver-based Catana 417 cat Element as the boat that towed a disabled Canadian 36-footer the last 680 miles of the 2018 Pacific Puddle Jump — some of it under sail alone. Element is safely tucked away in Port Dickson, Malaysia, awaiting their return.

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IN LATITUDES
Shaun hopes to get back to the boat in November, with Sherrie and son Jordan (now 12) following sometime around Christmas. Proud papa Shaun notes that eldest daughter Paige has other plans. The high school senior is doing so well that “She has been accepted to all seven Canadian universities she applied to for pre-veterinary studies, and will be attending the University of British Columbia this fall,” says Dad.

• “I thought the Baja Ha-Ha sounded like fun, and when Bill and I decided to start our cruising life with visiting the Sea of Cortez, it seemed like the perfect way to start,” says Katie Smith of the San Diego-based SeaWind 1160 Flite Deck.

Their original plan was to take off in 2022, after Katie retired, but COVID changed all that. When she was offered early retirement, the couple decided they would both retire and go cruising now — that is, if the Baja Ha-Ha was still on. Unfortunately, COVID also led to the cancellation of that event in 2020. Or so it seemed.

“Muchas gracias to Patsy Verhoeven for picking up the ball and running with the Nada Ha-Ha!” says Katie. “Thanks to her and her crew, our loose flotilla of boats was able to meet, sail, communicate, learn from each other and have a blast!”

Now, five months later, Katie and Bill are fully integrated into the Mexico cruising community, embracing the exploration of new places and people ashore; lots of socializing with Nada veterans and other cruisers; and even earning their diving certifications to check out what’s below the surface. Look for a feature from these enthusiastic ‘newbies’ in the July issue.

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