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Aug. 6 — Birthday Regatta & Beachcombers Ball. RYC celebrates their 90th anniversary. RYC. www.richmondyc.org.


Aug. 6, Sept. 10 — North Bay Series. VYC. www.jibeset.net.

Aug. 6-7 — Summer Keel. SFYC. www.sfyc.org.


Aug. 6-7 — Santanarama for Santana 22s in Pebble Beach. Stillwater YC. www.sycpb.org.

Aug. 6-7 — Charity Regatta to benefit the Elizabeth Hospice. Oceanside YC. www.regattanetwork.com/event/24807.


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Aug. 28, Sept. 11 — Governor’s Cup Series on Folsom Lake. FLYC. www.flyc.org.


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

date/day time/ht. time/ht. time/ht. time/ht.
LOW HIGH LOW HIGH
8/06Sat 0055/0.8 0751/3.8 1203/2.8 1848/6.2
8/07Sun 0201/0.2 0923/4.1 1315/3.2 1945/6.5
8/13Sat 0025/6.8 0702/-0.9 1401/5.5 1908/2.0
8/14Sun 0118/6.4 0744/-0.5 1438/5.6 2004/1.7
8/20Sat 0129/0.9 0851/4.1 1257/3.3 1859/5.6
8/21Sun 0229/0.6 0958/4.4 1406/3.4 1955/5.7
8/27Sat 0615/-0.1 1312/5.0 1815/2.3
8/28Sun 0017/5.9 0644/0.1 1337/5.2 1851/2.0

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

date/day slack max slack max
8/06Sat 0212 0548/1.4F 0930 1118/0.6E
1324 1712/2.1F 2018 2318/1.0E
8/07Sun 0336 0718/1.8F 1054 1236/0.6E
1442 1818/2.1F 2118
8/13Sat 0154 0500/2.5E 0848 1200/3.3F
1530 1754/1.6E 2048 2342/2.7F
8/14Sun 0248 0548/2.3E 0924 1236/3.2F
1606 1836/1.7E 2136
8/20Sat 0254 0642/1.7F 1000 1154/0.6E
1400 1718/1.5F 2042 2318/1.0E
8/21Sun 0406 0748/2.0F 1106 1306/0.6E
1512 1818/1.5F 2142
8/27Sat 0118 0412/1.9E 0754 1126/2.6F
1442 1700/1.4E 1948 2248/2.3F
8/28Sun 0154 0448/1.9E 0812 1130/2.7F
1506 1730/1.5E 2024 2324/2.2F

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THE DELTA DITCH RUN, AS SEEN THROUGH A VETERAN’S EYES

I have raced the Delta Ditch Run for about 25 years on my boats — a Coronado 25 and Catalina 27 — or as crew on other boats. In fact, unbeknownst to me, my name is on the Johnny Walker Trophy as the first SSC boat for one year. Then, I broke my hip in 2017, which ended my sailing career. Not willing to give up everything nautical I knew, I went over to the ‘Dark Side’ and bought a trawler, which I have taken from Stockton to the Bay and to Bodega/Tomales Bays or Monterey almost every year since then.

We have also acted as USCG-required escort vessel for the DDR three times, including 2022. The Coast Guard requires that the DDR have an escort vessel, in case a commercial vessel coming to/from the Port of Stockton encounters becalmed racers who can’t get out of their way. (I don’t know how the escort is supposed to be available to 100-plus boats spread over miles of water, but what the hell, it’s a good excuse to make the trip.) With so many vessels coming to the Delta from the Bay Area without local knowledge, most of what we end up doing is towing boats that have gone aground.

Anyway, we had no incidents this year until we saw a trimaran (name withheld) stuck on Middle Ground off Port Chicago. We never heard a call for assistance, but figured we would probably get one, so we headed toward him. However, when my depth alarm went off at an indicated 5-ft (1-2 feet on the chart), we turned back to the channel. Being a trimaran drawing under 2 feet, he got off OK, and not having had outside assistance, he continued racing.

Then, about light 17A just east of the Antioch Bridge, we heard a VHF call from a boat that had run aground. My blood pressure increased, and we got all my lines ready. I had done a towing job on my trawler twice before, once towing Stan Derrick’s Hunter 34, which had suffered engine failure, from the ocean off Bolinas back to Stockton. Stan and Vincent Wortham — both of whom were crew on one vessel or the other on the Bolinas tow — were crew on this trip. While anxious, I was confident we could do this job. We had a little confusion while we decided whether to pull him out from the bow or the stern. Not knowing he still had an anchor down, after getting him off, we wondered why he hadn’t continued on.

Thank you to my crew: Stan, Vincent, Jeanette and...
LETTERS

Cathy! All’s well that ends well. I am sorry I can’t be racing anymore, but still happy to be a part of the DDR, and I thank the race committee and volunteers of both Richmond Yacht Club and Stockton Sailing Club for putting on a perfect race for — what? — 31 years!

Peter Hine
The Dark Side

Peter was commenting on the June 24 ’Lectronic Latitude: Dishing on the Delta Ditch Run.

FINAL VICTORY FOR THE HONEYS AND ILLUSION IN THE BERMUDA RACE

Stan, Sally and seasoned winning crew on a venerable record-setting vessel will go down in racing history as the way to win and enjoy the process. We who have had the pleasure of sharing time with them consider ourselves very fortunate.

Chuck Cunningham
San Francisco

Chuck was commenting on the June 22 ’Lectronic with the same name as this letter. For more on this year’s Newport to Bermuda Race, check out Sightings.

A STORYBOOK ENDING

The only way this story could be better is if the Honeys won their final race in their old boat, and captured the St. David’s Lighthouse Trophy against the world’s best sailors and equipment.

Mike Z.

Mike — They did! Stan and Sally Honey, along with their crew, won the St. David’s Lighthouse Division of the Newport to Bermuda Race, against 108 other boats.

A STORYBOOK DUO

It could not have happened to a nicer couple. Stan and Sally have made a giant difference in sailing through their volunteerism, promotion of the sport, and all-around support. What a way to finish a fabled sailing career!

Chuck Hawley
Winner of the 2020 Herreshoff Trophy
Santa Cruz
Petaluma River was dredged in 2020 and recently a new contract has been awarded to dredge the San Rafael Canal this year. Bids have been received and opened to dredge the Napa River this year.

What is happening? Congress is starting to fully appropriate necessary funding for maintenance dredging using the Harbor Maintenance Taxes collected by the federal government. This allows the backlog of maintenance dredging to be eliminated. Since the tax was created in 1986, the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund has grown to over $9 billion.

Where else should dredging take place in San Francisco Bay for recreational boaters? Based on some comments Ayala Cove, Clipper Cove, Richmond Craneway channel and or Richardson Bay might be considered, provided that there is interest and Congress is made aware of the need.

Congress has created a methodology for self-nomination of projects, known as Section 7001. Annually, the Secretary of the Army is to submit to Congress a report that identifies for potential congressional authorization. The report is to be based, in part, on requests from non-federal interests.

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Congress also authorized a program of maintenance dredging of a marina or berthing area that is located adjacent to a Federal navigation project. There is a 25% cost share and a limit of $5 million per year.

Congress has a two-part process: Authorizations and Appropriations. During the Authorization phase, generally through legislation known as the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) Congress authorizes the study of a project and then the construction of a project. During the Appropriation phase, generally in legislation known as the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, Congress appropriates funds which go to the U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers (Corps) for studies, construction, and maintenance. It’s time consuming so important that project proponents start communicating early and work continuously with their Congressional representatives and the Corps until the project is fully funded.

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⇑⇓ SPILL THE BEANS ON THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE
Well done! It would be great to know what Stan's personal navigation setup is on Illusion. I know he uses some powerful tools on the big boats he navigates, but what is his personal setup? I assume Expedition and a laptop? Maybe some sextant readings? Let's hear about it.

Come on Stan, spill the beans.

Paul Galvez
International 14 sailor
SoCal

⇑⇓ A TWO-TRANSPAC ALUMNUS
Sally, Stan and Illusion: a match made in heaven. I'm honored to have shared two Transpacs with them, and ever grateful for their advice and assistance prepping SeaFire, known in the Cal 40 community as “The Peterbilt of Cal 40s.” I would have expected no less than a bullet on their final campaign, and a decisive one at that.

Congratulations to the whole team on a job well done!

John Harrison
SeaFire, Cal 40
Honolulu, HI

⇑⇓ VALIDATION OF RULES AND VALOR
The victory of Illusion confirms that the handicap rules work well. When a well-sailed Cal 40, designed nearly 60 years ago by Bill Lapworth, can still win against the newest designs, it shows that the characteristics of the competing designs are fairly evaluated.

Bert Bowers

⇑⇓ GOOD SAILING STARTS IN DINGHIES
Stan Honey is a terrific sailor, but you can make a case that Sally is better. Never forget they are 505 people! Another example how the best racers start on small boats.

Dan Knox
Luna Sea, Islander 36
San Francisco

⇑⇓ POST-ILLUSION
Wonderful that they had a great ride along with a monumental finish. I’m sure there will be more adventures for Stan and Sally post-Illusion. Love those Cal 40s.

Linda Newland
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LARRY HAYNIE AT THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON’S CORNERSTONE CUP

My understanding is that Captain Larry Haynie is able to make others (sailors, ladies, non-sailors) happy “on both sides of the Pond,” as he seems to be perfectly familiar with the sailing community in Northern California and in Europe. He seems to be able to perfectly deal with easy-going Californians as well as with British traditions—and all that with a smile. Being multilingual and multicultural certainly helps. Larry is a real wanderer between worlds.

Here in Europe, we would love to see Larry do what he plans to do: Sail singlehanded, perhaps sometimes with friends, across the Med, the Baltic Sea and the North Sea. Wishing good luck with his search for a yacht in Europe.

Suggestion: Why not in Northern Europe? One thing is certain: Singlehanded sailors from the S.F. Bay Area may, and certainly can, count on 100% of the utmost support anywhere in Europe. Many interesting and charming encounters guaranteed!

Best wishes for Larry’s upcoming adventure!

Michael

Michael was commenting on the June 27 ‘LL with the same name as this letter.

† † THIS YEAR’S WINNERS OF THE RACE TO ALASKA

I was actually sorry to see them add the outside choice this year. Seems to me to further the inequities in an already diverse number of watercraft and micro-route choices.

Team Pure and Wild sailed to victory from Victoria, BC, to Ketchikan, Alaska, in just 4 days, 4 hours and 32 minutes aboard their Riptide 44 ‘Dark Star’, with Jonathan McKee, Matt Pistay and Alyosha Strum-Palerm, in no particular order in this photo.

Having just one route — the inland passage — was a great equalizer, at least for us tracker junkies.

Art Ewart
Dream Catcher, Pearson 36
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Art — Agreed. There should be two classes, as the outside route will be monopolized by big, fast, expensive sailboats.

Thomas Woodruff
Palawan III, Colin Archer cutter
Portland, ME

GOLDEN STATE WATER WARRIOR

I’ve seen it with dozens of friends that I’ve taken sailing over the years: Some get it, and some don’t. Klay clearly feels the spiritual boost of being out there in the elements. Day or night, sun or fog, wind or becalmed, it’s awe-inspiring. Now — someone please take him out on a sailboat so he can feel the quiet, majestic thrill of harnessing the wind.

Marcy Zimmerman

Marcy was commenting on the June 17 ‘Lectronic Latitude: ‘Namaste Klay’ on the Bay: The Secret to the Warriors’ Winning Ways.

TIME TRAVEL WITH THE MASTER MARINERS’ WOODEN BOAT SHOW

My late father, Ben Blum, commissioned the building of Nautigal. He raced her successfully in Bay and coastal races until he enlisted in the US Navy in WWII.

Mark Blum
Nautigal III, Beneteau First 22
Tahoe City

Mark was commenting on the June 29 ‘Lectronic with the same name as this letter.

A TIMELY QUESTION AND PERFECT SEGUE

How do those beautiful vessels get insurance? We are struggling mightily to get our old woody insured. (We are a nonprofit.) Can someone advise us on this?

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TWO CAL 40S COULD NOT FIND INSURANCE FOR THIS YEAR’S PAC CUP

Sequoia and Freja lost their insurance due to being over 40 years old, and pulled out of the race. Azure lost theirs too, but is self-insuring. Some boats have been grandfathered in and have held onto their insurance. This could eliminate older boats from offshore racing if the trend continues.

Nathan de Vries
Pacific Cup Watch Captain
Duende, Cal 40
Alameda

RUMORS AND CONSPIRACIES ABOUND

I heard that some insurance companies screwed over any boat smaller than 40 feet wanting insurance for the Pacific Cup, or were told no at the last moment, causing several to drop out or sail uninsured. Conspiracy theories anyone?

Jeffrey Finn

MORE EXPENSIVE, MORE RESTRICTIONS, HARDER TO GET

I read with interest your article on the state of marine insurance for bluewater cruising. [The author is referring to the July issue’s Sighting: The Evolving Market of Marine Insurance.]

A little background: We’ve owned our 40-plus-footer early-2000s sloop for over a decade. She has all of the required equipment for safe passagemaking, plus additional items such as AIS, SSB, etc. We’re US Sailing-certified, have chartered a dozen times around the world, and make sailing a priority. We’ve never filed a single claim, and have renewed our insurance with a major provider for over a decade. Our broker is well known on the West Coast and Mexico.

While looking to cruise Mexico with the Baja Ha-Ha, we have been offered bluewater cruising policies with strict requirements: defined itinerary naming ports and dates (no changes), must be back in US waters (San Diego) by June 1, and a sizable premium increase. Cannot leave the boat in Mexico for the summer. The broker offered many of the same reasons you cited in your article. The broker said many underwriters were exiting the business due to the recent spate of losses, leading to provider consolidation and a reduced insured base upon which losses could be spread. He also said the wide geographic range of natural-event losses contributed to the underwriter exit — apparently, the dramatic losses in both the Pacific and the Caribbean in adjacent years undercut the overall market profitability, adding to the consolidation. (When the broker was pressed as to why sisterships already in Mexican waters were held to different standards, an insufficient answer was offered.)

The broker said I could go with a different underwriter who may allow me to keep the boat in Mexican waters, but cautioned that my decade of loyalty to my current underwriter counts for nothing with a new underwriter, and a new underwriter may decide to decline coverage. Then I’d be stuck without coverage.

The marine insurance situation has us rethinking the famed cruising lifestyle, as going with the flow seems to no longer be part of the experience. Without stronger bluewater recreation marine advocacy, our access to insurance may go extinct. This then leads to further collapse of our sport.

Hopefully, a new and reasonable marine insurance market will be formed.

Name Withheld by Request
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WE NOW DIVE INTO A SERIOUS CONTEMPLATION OF THE ‘BLOOPER’

In the bad old days, the International Offshore Rule (IOR) rewarded race boats with disgustingly pinched ends, tumblehome, tons of ballast, huge foretriangles, tiny ribbon mainsails, droopy booms and huge spinnakers.

This horrendous imbalance twixt main and kite was corrected with a blooper, an additional sail flown opposite the spinnaker using a spare spinnaker halyard. This 3/4-oz-cloth jib sort of thingie had a long neck and a really big, fat belly. This gave the foredeck yet another onerous task.

The wonder and glory of bloopers ended probably with the next IOR rule change.

John was commenting on the July 8 ‘LL: Something to Ponder Over the Weekend … What’s a Blooper?’

WHAT A BLOOPER ISN’T

A blooper is not a spinnaker, since it is hoisted at the same time, and there can be only one spinnaker. It is thus a blooper, a light-weather foresail used by racing yachts, unattached to the forestay, and often hoisted with — and on the opposite side to — a spinnaker.

George Shea

WHAT BLOOPERS WERE

Bloopers were usually relatively lightweight and full-bellied, deployed when sailing deep downwind with the spinnaker to lend stability to the boat, compensating for a downwind death roll.

Peter Mirrasoul
Citla, Cal 39 Mk III
San Diego

Bloopers were banana-shaped and balanced the sail plan a bit, reducing (but not eliminating) some of the death rolls.

Bill Andrew

Bloopers were trimmed via the halyard and sheet, and could typically add between one and two knots of boat speed, if trimmed well.

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**WHAT A BLOOPER WAS (A PAIN)!**

Bloomer definition: Infernal, nearly uncontrollable flying sail designed to keep an IOR boat on its feet downwind. Check out the September 2020 issue of *Latitude 38* [page 62] for a classic Diane Beeston photo of Kialoa III with her spinnaker, blooper and mizzen spinnaker flying along with main and mizzen. Think about how many hands it took to keep all that nylon aloft.

A blooper flew opposite the spinnaker in front of the winged-out mainsail. My Newport 30 came up from Southern California with one, and I flew it in the Vallejo races. It didn’t help things much — we usually ended up shrimping in San Pablo Bay. I imagine there are several generations of S.F. Bay sailors who never saw one, let alone flew one.

Patrick Broderick
Nancy, Wyliecat 30
Sausalito

**THE BLOOPER HEYDAY**

The blooper was a way to get more sail up at one time and still not be penalized under the then-controlling IOR rules in the 1980s. I was lucky enough to crew on the 63-ft max Triumph in the Big Boat Series in 1980-82, when "big" boats actually raced in the series.

All the boats in our fleet carried and used a blooper. Most were hoisted on an extra spinnaker halyard, the tack was secured at the bow (as mentioned in the good description above) and the clew trimmed back in the cockpit on the spinnaker sheet winch not in use. On the bigger boats where cost was not an issue, they were designed and color-coded to match the spinnaker.

But on S.F. Bay when the boat started to roll and roll in Cityfront, downwind chop, it was no fun trying to manage two spinnakers that were out of control at the same time — getting one sail under control seemed to aggravate the other one. No one knew for sure if they really made you go faster, but they were popular then, and a fleet with them all up did make a spectacular sight with the Golden Gate Bridge in the background.

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⇑⇓ JIBING WITH A BLOOPER
Bloopers made things real interesting when jibing, as they had to be doused and then rehoisted. I believe they were outlawed sometime in the ’80s — not sure why.

Bill Nork
Zenith, Islander 36
Alameda

⇑⇓ A COMPLICATED AFFAIR
I last flew a blooper in the 1980s on an Esprit 37. It’s a sail that mostly made sense on rocky, rolly IOR boats that tended to round down. Flying just outside the leeward edge of the spinnaker, the blooper caught air spilling off the chute.

Fun fact: One had a person trimming the blooper halyard, because if it collapsed, the blooper’s foot was in the water. It was quite effective stopping the rock and roll, but boy did it make jibes complicated.

Jim Quanci
Green Buffalo, Cal 40
Richmond

⇑⇓ A BLOOPER BY ANY OTHER NAME?
A fun fact about bloopers in the IOR days is they were measured as a genoa. They had to conform to girth and LP restrictions that were part of the rule. The rule forbade flying two spinnakers at once; it did not restrict flying a genoa and spinnaker simultaneously. Sail designers adapted to the rule by creating a significantly curved luff, thus giving the sail its unique shape.

David J. Gruver
Sketch, Olson 25
Belvedere

⇑⇓ ALL BALLOON, NO HOT AIR
I would suggest it’s what we used to call a “ballooner,” a very full, lighter-weight fores’l hoisted from the bow or bowsprit to the masthead. Yes; it dates back to gaff/Gunter rig days, when it was used for close reaching, too shy for a spinnaker.

Moraga John

⇑⇓ THE BLOOPER FAD
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both of which mostly stay in the closet these days.

Bill Huber

⇑⇑

LIGHTEN UP, PEOPLE

There are lots of haters out there.

I’m not particularly interested in watching millionaires sail with a professional crew, and I’m totally not interested in sending any YouTuber my hard-earned cash. But I do enjoy killing spare time watching sailing content. If they get a cut from a single view, then so be it. To call sail bloggers beggars and accuse them of not working? Not fair at all.

Lighten up, people.

Just about all of them bust their butts working their rigs and making money in other ways. What is the harm in pitching a product or sponsor? Shit, that’s been the core of broadcasting culture since the invention of radio. If B&G electronics offered [name redacted] $5,000 to pitch some nav equipment on YouTube, he’d frickin’ take it and make a commercial.

I have never sailed a day in my life, and watching a number of these videos from Atticus, Zatura and a few from Zingaro, I’m curious now. I would love to take a sail charter to some island, and I may just do it — so there you go. They are promoting an industry. Nothing wrong with that.

Retired Air Force Master Sergeant

The reader was commenting on the February 20, 2020, Lectronic Latitude: Zingaro’s Bad Break Is Bad Break. In late 2019, James Evenson — who runs the popular YouTube channel Sailing Zingaro — was approaching Honolulu on his Spindrift 37, with drogues deployed, when the hull deck joints started to break. The boat was a loss. “[Zingaro] are being helped already by donations from subscribers to their YouTube web series who are interested in helping with the next part of their adventure,” we wrote in the 2020 Lectronic.

There was a deluge of people calling Zingaro “beg sailors.” “Send us money and we will make videos of our fabulous lives,” wrote one commenter. “Hard to believe people subscribe to these sea tramps.”

Good news: If you don’t want to donate your money to someone’s YouTube channel, you don’t have to!

⇑⇑

STILL SPLITTING HAIRS OVER A WORD TO DESCRIBE WORK ON TUGBOATS

Nothing incorrect about using the word “precarious” when describing the work on oceangoing tugs. The crew may be pros, but they’re still human.
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My Uncle Bob was a chief engineer on oceangoing tugs out of Coos Bay, Oregon. His company worked up and down the West Coast, and during the Vietnam War hauled barges to Vietnam. He had many stories that sure sounded precarious to me!

My uncle suddenly retired while still relatively young. When I asked him why, he told me he started getting scared whenever they had to cross any of our treacherous West Coast bars. I couldn’t imagine him being scared of anything, but there you go.

Bruce Wicklund
*Take Five*, Californian Navigator 34
San Francisco

Bruce is referring to the April 15 'LL: Video Footage of *Wan Hai 176* Under Tow from Point Reyes. One commenter disagreed with our use of the word “precarious” when describing a tugboat wrangling a 564-ft container ship in 15- to 20-ft seas. “This type of work takes place more often than you might think,” the commenter said.

↑↓ PROPOSED OAKLAND A’S STADIUM ON THE ESTUARY PASSES KEY VOTE ON ROAD TO APPROVAL

The A’s should stay right where they are. The Oakland Coliseum is directly served by BART, eliminating a lot of driving. If this new stadium is built, the closest BART station (12th Street) will be a full mile away, and most people will drive instead of making that walk.

The additional oil consumption and air pollution alone are reason enough to oppose this project. Better that the A’s leave town than build a stadium that will cause a lot more people to drive.

Jeff Hoffman
Berkeley

Jeff was commenting on the July 6 ‘Lectronic Latitude with the same name as this letter.

↑↓ I DON’T TOTALY HATE IT

As long as they are mitigated to keep all the trash that stadium will produce out of the Bay and ocean, and if they put in a high-speed chairlift from the nearest BART station to alleviate congestion and parking issues, I’m not against it. I’ve seen the same ship, *John Glenn*, parked at Howard Terminal and taking up space for a couple of months. It’s not the busy part of the port, to say the least.

Dan Zempel
THE DEVIL’S IN THE DEVELOPMENT DETAILS
It’s a real estate development masquerading as a stadium plan, not that the port is critical infrastructure or anything.
Paul Dines
Schooner Freda B
Sausalito

EARTHQUAKES AND DEMOGRAPHICS
We don’t need to finance another sports corporation. We’ll be losing a lot of jobs that pay well. Let them fix up the old stadium. I remember when it was new.
Just a tip: Those of us in Berkeley know of a beautiful field just up the street from us that will probably be available for use since the Pac 12 became the Pac 10. Memorial Stadium on the Cal campus could use some revenue. Seems to be empty most of the time.
Also, take into consideration all the problems with intense development on our shorelines. Not so good for the fish and others who live in the Bay; add to that seismic problems of the projected building, as well as rising seas due to global warming. And one last note about demographics: Seems that baseball these days has very little appeal to those under the age of about 36 or so.
Mary Westlake

LETTING LOOSE THE DOCKLINES, POINTING THE BOW AT THE HORIZON, AND GETTING AWAY FROM ALL THE BULLSHIT
If you’re going cruising to get away from all the bullshit, you won’t want Starlink.
It’s really sad that more and more people go cruising, yet attempt to stay connected to the bullshit. There was a time when the cruising life was about leaving the consumer society behind, of striving for a different way to live; you espoused and encouraged that for years in the pages of Latitude 38. Now, many cruisers are simply exchanging an apartment for a boat; different location, same situation.
What happened to expanding our view of the world by living outside of what we’ve been taught? How about viewing the world with one’s eyes and heart instead of through a YouTube video, or the screen of a phone as you make one? Starlink will make the monetization of cruising even easier as we see this unique and precious lifestyle slowly absorbed into the “bullshit” of social media and consumerism.
Bruce Balan
Migration, Cross 46 trimaran
Bay Area

Bruce was commenting on the June 20 ‘LL: ’To Starlink or Not,’ That Is the Baja Ha-Ha Question.

Bruce — My feelings exactly. Sadly, I think we’re still getting Starlink, but we want to use it for good, and limit the BS.
Bill Gere
SV Shifting Geres

THIS IS HOW I WILL GO CRUISING
Bruce — It sounds like you’re saying that there is a “right” way to go cruising, and clearly a “wrong” way.
I’ll be the first to advocate for less screen time, moderating news, social media and incoming information, and generally trying to find a balance between technology, information and life, but these are deeply personal choices, and these choices are not necessarily mutually exclusive from expanding one’s world view, nor from living a more experiential life.
I watch a lot of YouTube videos, and have learned countless things about diesels, electrical systems, rigging, fiberglassing, and the list goes on. And when I’m done, I go sailing, and I feel pretty tuned into the moment. (But I use my phone for charts, tides, weather forecasting, AIS, music and photos.)

If you made enough money to go cruising indefinitely, then congratulations — truly. But please don’t judge people who might have to keep working while they’re trying to realize their dreams. If I’m ever able to go cruising, then I’ll have to work remotely (and will need the latest technology) so that I can afford it, and that’s just fine with me. I really like working and want to grow in my career late into my life. I don’t think it’s necessary to abandon everything to go cruising. Or rather, I choose not to.

I’ve met a few cruisers who come across as a tad sanctimonious about how they shed their landlubber lives, scoffed at consumerism and the rat race, and took to the sea to live a slower, simpler life, though that concept is extremely relative. Many sailors proselytizing about the virtues of a life at sea also download new movies and books, keep current on the news, buy the latest systems for their boats, and stay in touch daily with all of their old friends via Facetime.

That sounds exactly like my landlubber life!

Danny Hendricks
San Diego

CELEBRATING FREEDOM ON JUNETEENTH

Maybe the sailing you know has a “historically white heritage,” but methinks you don’t look very far back into history. Many civilizations with people “of color” navigated by sail with considerable success thousands of years ago. Sailing has always been the most inclusive simply because it was necessary for trade and travel until just a hundred years ago. The Arabs, Chinese, and the wandering Polynesian peoples had sailing quite well under their control. The whiteness of sailing is simply a narrow view of history.

I completely support getting kids onto the water in sailboats, but can we not make a silly racial argument that holds no water outside the modern West?

Barry Spanier
Rosie G, Antrim custom sloop
Emeryville

These comments are from the June 20 ’Lectronic with the same name as this letter.

If we’re really talking about getting away from all the bullshit, then no sailor has accomplished that feat quite like Australian Kris Larsen, who built the homemade, junk-rigged ‘Kehaar’, which has no engine, electricity, radio, GPS or compass. (Larsen uses candles for light.) In 2018, Larsen completed a singlehanded circumnavigation on the ‘Kehaar’. Has Kris set some kind of standard for cruising purity, righteously shunning the trappings of a landlocked life? That was a trick question. ‘Latitude’s ethos will always be this most perfectly nautical of idioms: Whatever floats your boat.

Danny Hendricks
San Diego
LETTERS

Good on Latitude for this article!  
Jeff Hoffman

Important work; good for Latitude to feature this.  
Tim Dick  
Malolo, Lagoon 42  
Mexico

Barry — You’re absolutely right in pointing out that on nearly every shore throughout the world, there is some kind of maritime culture spanning back as long as people have stood next to the ocean.

But how is ancient history of service to the problems of today? This supposes that you would agree that a lack of diversity in sailing is a problem in need of a solution.

As the June Lectronic noted, there’s a long way to go before sailing truly evolves from its historically white heritage. In the 246-year history of the United States, we think it’s pretty safe to say that sailing was a small, exclusive club. Even somewhere as diverse and progressive as the Bay Area, sailing has not been reflective of the demographics of the Bay Area itself. But progress has been made.

It’s not strictly racial — we often hear people of whiteness talk about the difficulty of breaking into the sailing scene. Several women have told us that access to sailing for them hasn’t necessarily been an easy road, though access has been increasingly facilitated by other women sailors.

Those of us who’ve been sailing our whole lives surely take for granted the ease with which we occupy this world. Some of our staff turn down more chances to sail beer cans than they accept. (Few non-sailors know that beer cans are a not-a-lot-of-experience-needed avenue into the sailing universe.)

But we get it. The status quo, which we’ve always thought was perfect and harmonious, has suddenly been called into question. These are not easy conversations to have.

At best, this new dialogue is awkward. At its worst, “inclusion” might be a road paved with good intentions that can lead to an unexpected, undesirable outcome. Do we run the risk of straying into tokenism, or turning people into perfunctory symbols? Do we risk dehumanizing the very people we’re trying so hard to include? A fair critique of liberalism is that some people, perhaps unknowingly, just want to see diversity so that they feel better about themselves — or even feel a little self-righteous.

Despite the pitfalls, we think it’s worthwhile to keep trying. There are good stories out there about unique sailors who didn’t inherit sailing through family or friends, but came to the sport and lifestyle via a different path, and driven by a burning desire.

Captain Donald Lawson hopes to become the first African American to sail singlehanded, nonstop around the world. Lawson has created the Dark Seas Project foundation, and also serves as chair of US Sailing’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.
WE AGAIN DISCUSS THE MERCATOR AND PETERS PROJECTION MAPS

There are some bad ideas that seem to be immortal; the “Peters projection” (PP) is one of them. It made a brief stir when it first aired, about 50 years ago; was widely discussed, shown to be useless, and then apparently forgotten. But now it pops up again in these pages — you can’t keep a bad idea down! Let me summarize what’s wrong with it:

The PP complains that the picture of the world presented by the Mercator projection is wrong; e.g., Greenland is shown as far too big. Yes, all maps distort the true shape of the Earth; you can’t project a sphere onto a flat sheet without some distortion. (Note that the sample of the Peters map you printed is just as bad in this respect — look at what it does to South America.) The only question to ask of any projection is, does it preserve the property that’s important to me?

For a sailor, the Mercator preserves what’s most important to him — straight rhumblines — and no other projection does this.

But the PP was never really about cartography. It argued that the distortions of the Mercator projection were somehow harmful to the poor, the oppressed and the Third World in general. Exactly how an exaggerated idea of Greenland’s size did this was never made clear, but for a sizable group of our citizens, clarity seems to be unnecessary.

Mark Halpern
Landlubber, but regular reader and fan

Mark — We’re not sure that the Peters projection was “shown to be useless,” but it was certainly never popular, and never took root in American classrooms, where the Mercator is still the standard. We’re also not sure what your issue is with the Peters depiction of South America, which is shown to be much larger on the PP compared with the Mercator, because it is much larger.

Why are the properties of the Mercator map important to you, Mark? And why are the arguments in favor of the Peters projection, which are that it’s more accurate, unimportant?

If you’ve been following the cartographic controversy in these Letters, then we’ll refer you to the original comment by Nik O’Marzou in the November 10, 2021, “Lectronic Latitude: sailors’ Word of the Day: Latitudinarian. “Numerous studies have shown that growing up with the Mercator world map breeds Yankee arrogance and further distorts North-South...
politically misunderstanding. It’s the 21st century. There is no excuse for this level of misrepresentation.” (This comment appeared in the January issue’s Letters, and was revisited in March.)

Now, we don’t necessarily agree with these sentiments, but we recognize that there are properties in this viewpoint that are important to other people. If there were a widely used map that distorted the Bay Area, making it look small and unnuanced, while Marina del Rey (no offense, MDR) occupied a large, prominent position, well, then we’d have some skin in the game, and we’d have something to say about it.

If you had kids in school, Mark, wouldn’t you want them to know what the planet actually looked like — which is to say, the actual size of things? This has been our driving point throughout this debate: simply, that accurate, objective-as-possible facts are presented to students. Why is a sailing map — which we all know is distorted because of the inherent nature of two-dimensional projections, and because it was designed to service navigation — used as the gold-standard reference?

And what of the subjective viewpoint of “Yankee arrogance” and “North-South political misunderstandings”? Can’t we consider multiple opinions, encourage critical thinking, and allow students to make up their own minds? They should not be indoctrinated with a point of view (or whatever anyone’s idea of so-called “wokeness” is), but neither should they be taught propaganda, or a version of history that glosses over the warts and robs history of its complexity and context.

As sailors, and lovers of charts, we ask, “Is there not room enough in classrooms — and in our collective consciousness — for more than one map?”

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EIGHT BELLS FOR DONALD GORING

Donald Goring, veteran Bay Area sailmaker and ocean racer, passed away on July 3. He was 93 years old. Donald was making sails with Peter Sutter in Sausalito in the 1950s, and had his own loft in San Francisco by the ’60s. After a ’70s hiatus in British Columbia, he returned to Oakland’s Johnson & Joseph Sailmakers in the early ’80s, before opening Bogart & Goring in Alameda in 1984. Donald continued sailmaking in Alameda for the next 26 years, finally retiring in 2010. Since he started making sails and mucking about with boats 70 years ago, he never thought of it as “work.” Find something you love to do and keep doing it — he followed his own advice.

The S.F. Bay sailing community responded to Donald’s January 10 boat fire with overwhelming generosity; your contributions to his GoFundMe allowed him a measure of financial security over these past six months, and he was truly grateful for your support. He finally succumbed to advanced metastatic cancer on Sunday evening.

Fair winds and following seas for the final voyage.

Submitted with a grateful heart to everyone who donated in January and February when Dad’s situation was dire.

Find further details of his remarkable life in the September 2020 edition of Latitude 38’s Sightings.

Morgan J. Goring
Florida

Have a story, thought, adventure or comment? Please email us at editorial@latitude38.com, and include your name, your boat’s name, and its model and hailing port, or just tell us where you’re from.
This month’s Caption Contest(!) reached new heights! There were a lot of unique captions to accompany the photo below, and it was difficult to choose from among the creative one-liners shared by our readers. But we did our best, and following are our favorite captions, starting with the winner.

“My foredeck refuses to leave the bow to go up the mast.” — Ben Bland III.

“Mikey was sure he’d nab that Darwin Award this year.” — Bill Willcox.

“If we mount this thing just above the spreaders, then the next time you capsize, you’ll still have an auxiliary engine.” — Roger Briggs.

“Jim thought stowing the new dinghy was easy enough, but now, where to hide the forklift so his wife wouldn’t see it…” — Bill Andrew.

“I’ll definitely be the Poster Boy on next month’s OSHA Calendar.” — Joseph Hansen.

“He’s never gonna find his boat up here.” — John Callahan.

“He took my suggestion to ‘power up his rig’ a bit literally.” — @outthegatesailing.

“Rare photo of a DinghyTender Crow’s Nest installation.” — Rob Sesar.

“Given the high price of gas, Sam is learning to sail.” — John Arndt.

“Jill finally had Bill just where she wanted him… the ink wasn’t even dry on the life insurance policy…” — Kelvin D. Meeks.

“I am a citizen of the most beautiful nation on earth, a nation whose laws are harsh yet simple, a nation that never cheats, which is immense and without borders, where life is lived in the present. In this limitless nation, this nation of wind, light, and peace, there is no other ruler besides the sea.” — Bernard Moitessier.
the honeys' last encore with illusion

In a storybook ending that everyone could envision though few would dare verbalize in advance, Stan and Sally Honey won the St. David's Lighthouse Trophy in the recent Newport Bermuda Race aboard their beloved Cal 40 Illusion, their swan song as the boat's owners.

We middle-of-the-pack racers know there are too many variables in sailing to make winning a regular thing. Right? Turns out that winners, like Stan and Sally Honey, know that winning consistently takes good sailors, a well-prepared boat and a good strategy. The only Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman (twice for Sally) of the Year married couple have relentlessly proved this truism over and over again.

Can we say it now? Of course they were going to win. They’ve owned Illusion for 34 years and sailed her in both race and cruise mode. (As noted in a few articles in our Changes in Latitudes section, they departed San Francisco Bay aboard Illusion in 2014 and have been commuter-cruising ever since, ending up in Maine.)

With winning experience on their own boats and numerous others, they know how to prepare a boat to win. Recruiting Olympian Carl Buchanan, and Bay Area all-stars Jonathan “Bird” Livingston and Don Jesberg — friends and friendly competitors from past years — they assembled a stellar crew. And, as Sally said after the finish, “The conditions were perfect for our boat, and we had a pretty good navigator on board,” referring to Stan.

“Stan chose a really good course, and the conditions were just what the boat loves, heavy-air reaching. A lot. We got into a Gulf Stream eddy and stayed in it for about seven hours. That gave us a good boost. We managed to stay in the wind most of the way down. We had a couple of light spots, but nothing like the later boats.” With Carl Buchanan at the helm, they hit a top speed of 22 knots. This is just shy of another top speed achieved when they did the race together again in 1996 they won overall.

The result of their combined experience, preparation and strategy was winning the coveted St. David’s Lighthouse Trophy, a silver and gold replica of the lighthouse awarded since 1954 to the winner of the largest division, this year with 108 boats in the class. Illusion posted the division’s fastest corrected time for the past 20 years, and the margin of 1 hour, 58 minutes, 4 seconds ahead of Andrew Clark’s second-place J/122 Zig Zag is the third-largest in the same time frame.

The Illusion crew made repeated trips to the stage during the rest of the prize ceremony, earning half a dozen other prizes for the largest margin of victory in class, the top-performing vintage yacht, the fastest yacht from the Pacific Coast, and more. The “top performing vintage boat,” Illusion, is 56 years old and was first raced to Bermuda in 1966 by legendary Long Island Sound sailors Bus Mosbacher (an America’s Cup skipper) and Vincent Monte-Sano. The seven Cal 40s in the Bermuda Race that year swept the results.

The Honeys found Illusion 34 years ago at Moore’s Reef in Santa Cruz and revitalized her for an illustrious racing and cruising future. It was their step up to big boats after 20 years of dinghy racing in 505s, and, in theory, it was going to be a cruising boat. As Sally relayed to Sean McNeill, after all those years of competitive sailing they just couldn’t stop. After buying the boat in 1988, they went out and did the Pacific Cup as their first offshore doublehanded race together, placing second in class. When they did the race together again in 1996 they won overall.

Stan also crushed the fleet in the 1994 Singlehanded Transpacific Race to Kauai, where he set a course record of 11 days and 10 hours. This remains an elapsed time faster than all Cal 40 efforts in the crewed Transpac Race (a longer course). They also enjoyed pulling a similar horizon job in the 2003 crewed Transpac.

This was a fast, rough year for the Bermuda Race, with conditions that suited the West Coast crew and boat. It was Sally’s third time racing to Bermuda and Stan’s seventh. Following this year’s race, ownership of Illusion will go to Stan’s nephew, John Vrolyk, who will keep the boat in the Chesapeake. The Honeys are now looking at going to the “dark side” with continued on outside column of next sightings page

calo alto teen’s

Cal Currier, a 16-year-old boy from Palo Alto, left the US from Marion, MA, on June 27 to sail solo across the Atlantic to Spain. His father, James Currier, wrote, “It seems if he completes the journey, he will be the youngest person ever to sail solo across the Atlantic from west to east. The idea of him being the youngest was never part of the goal or idea. That was brought up by other people about a week after he left and was already 800 miles offshore. He just wanted to do it. If he arrives on August 6, he will have completed the 3,500-mile journey in 37 days when he was 16 years and 249 days old.” He was born on December 1, 2005.

“He’s been going very fast for a Tartan 30: 19 days and 3 hours to get to Horta. Faial, Azores. He only stayed 24 hours to the minute, arriving at 8:20 p.m. local time on Fri-

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day the 15th, and leaving at 8:20 p.m. on Saturday. He grabbed new water, 10 more gallons of diesel, and some more food. Most importantly, he downloaded 20 more books to his Kindle. He originally brought only 10 books and ran out a week after leaving the US. Plato’s Republic has been a favorite so far.

“Our family is from Palo Alto, and Cal spends his summers in Duxbury, Massachusetts, and in Marion. He just finished his sophomore year of high school at Palo Alto High School. He plays on the volleyball team.

“Cal got the idea to do this in January 2022, but didn’t really know how to sail. So he took sailing lessons at Spinnaker Sailing School in Redwood City, fixed up an old plans to purchase a powerboat, which, happily, will not end their involvement with sailing.

They will stay active in sailing, as they are both longtime contributors to US Sailing. Stan serves on the US Sailing board of directors, and Sally is a past chair of US Sailing’s Safety-at-Sea Committee. She’s currently working with World Sailing. Stan will certainly be tapped for many more race-winning navigator opportunities. Racing trophies are just a small piece of their achievements and contributions to sailing.

We will miss the many stories we’ve shared of the Honeys and Illusion over the past 34 years, but it’s a fitting final victory lap for the boat and couple aboard their legendary Cal 40.

The storybook ending to the Illusion chapter of the Honeys’ fabled sailing life is both remarkable and unremarkable at the same time. There are always a few wild cards in any race that can throw off even the most consistent performers, but somehow the Honeys reliably rise to the top. Retiring from Illusion with a St. David’s Lighthouse Trophy in the Bermuda Race is simply one more tale in a much larger story of an adventurous and successful sailing life.

— John

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Captain Barb Ross (aka Cappy) wasn’t particularly drawn to sailing as a young woman, but she always had an adventurous spirit and a bit of a wild streak. So when her second husband shared his dream of sailing across the ocean, she said, "Let’s go!"

The young couple set sail across the Pacific, and that was the beginning of a journey to a lifelong passion and career on the water. Captain Barb’s experience evolved and grew through the years, taking her over many ocean miles, highs, lows, challenges and victories. She became a highly skilled, seasoned, savvy sailor and racer, and a fully licensed captain and instructor with an impressive résumé spanning more than 30 years.

I’ve sailed with Captain Barb, including a weekend cruise to Catalina from Los Angeles, on her beautiful Intuition, a 1978 Cal 39 MkII. Intuition is also her home. On these adventures, she shared some great stories about her life on the water.

"I was born in Los Angeles in 1953,” she recounts, “and stayed in the area until I met my first husband when I was 17. I picked him up hitchhiking on the Pacific Coast Highway, and we got married six months later. We moved to Portland, Oregon, and then to his hometown of Philadelphia. Four years later, I moved back to Los Angeles alone and started working for the largest glass company on the West Coast. I met my future husband, Tom, who was a glazier at the company. He lived on his 35-ft Ericson in Wilmington, and would take me sailing every weekend to Catalina Island. He had a dream to sail to Hawaii and back. I said, ‘Let’s go!’ A year later, I had learned provisioning, celestial navigation and, of course, sailing. This is the start of a life of sailing.

"When I divorced my second husband, he got the boat and I got the Corvette. But I was in pursuit of another boat, and because he wasn’t using the boat, I started chartering it after I acquired my Coast Guard 100-ton master license in 1993. I independently started teaching sailing for women to Catalina as custom charters. The clients were mostly teachers who just needed an affordable getaway.

"My next adventure was a six-year cruise through Mexico, Central America and through the Panama Canal. During this time, I worked on a dive boat in Costa Rica and had the fantastic experience of diving the Secos Islands in Panama and Malpelo Island in Colombia. My boating and diving knowledge increased and extended my experience to large powerboats.

"We left Costa Rica on a delivery through the Panama Canal to Fort Lauderdale. After two more trips through the Canal, we headed for the Galapagos Islands. We were allowed to stay there due to some engine issues, then set out for the Marquesas, which took us 34 days with no sight of any sea life. I learned to work on the engine and toilet, sail trim in strange wind conditions, how to cook with foods I am not familiar with, anchoring, heavy weather prep, and sailing. From the French Societies, we sailed to the Hawaiian Islands (on an Ohlson 38), where we lived at the Hawaii Yacht Club for a year.

"We sailed out of Hanalei Bay to Sitka, Alaska, in 19 days. What a shock to the system! Tropics to cool temperatures. Glacier Bay through the Alaskan inland passage to Seattle, where we settled for a time. I then moved to Portland and started teaching for an ASA school. I bought another boat and lived aboard on the Columbia River.

"I fell in love with ocean passages, especially the 4 a.m. shift right before sunrise. That was a very peaceful and self-healing experience. Although I’ve had my butt handed to me mid-ocean, it still is not scary, because your primal instincts must kick in and you are busy as hell.

"I believe that women in current times are very fortunate to have experienced women around them and women’s sailing programs to attend. I married into it to get my experience. Now I share with both women and men to get them out on the water safely. I want people to have similar wonderful experiences to what I have had. My future is focused on getting youths involved in sailing. No better confidence builder. I think the AdventureSail program that the National Women’s Sailing Association offers..."
**captain barb ross — continued**

should be embraced by all women’s sailing organizations.”

In recent years, Captain Barb has served as auxiliary captain of the 80-ft tall ship Irving Johnson in Long Beach, and is an active member of a few sailing clubs. She currently serves as the education chair for the Women’s Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay. She is very involved in ocean and marine life conservation efforts, and supports the marine environment through organizations like AltaSea and Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Today, Captain Barb also owns and operates Captain Barby’s Boat Management Service and Instruction, providing full-spectrum boat management services from deliveries to instruction.

Captain Barb has lived an extraordinary life. She’s proof of what wonderful things can happen in life if you just say, “Let’s go!”

— caroline bielskis

Author Caroline Bielskis has enjoyed sailing since she was a teen, and started sailing and racing avidly in 2017. She enjoys daysailing, cruising, and coastal racing in Southern California, and looks forward to exploring the world via sailboat. She loves to travel. Caroline has written and published a children’s book, and is a voice artist and actor. She previously worked in urban and transportation planning for local governments in California. — ed.
On June 1, 1987, Dave Sutter launched Pell Mell on San Francisco Bay. “I was interested in sailing and boats, and it had been kind of a lifelong pursuit until into my 20s,” said Dave, who’s the son of Sausalito sailmaker Peter Sutter. “After stopping, then a transition in my life, I started sailing and cruising again and thought I wanted a little racing boat.” So Pell Mell was born. She’s part cold-molded and part plywood, with a little Moore 24 mixed in, combined with a bit of the Dogpatch 26 Moonshine. That combination makes for a unique blend of a fast ocean-capable and yet comfortable boat.

“I had already been drawing another boat when I saw Moonshine and thought, ‘Now I have to do something else.’” Moonshine was also built in the ‘80s in San Francisco by Dave Leech and quickly became a standout in the local racing scene.

“I wanted it to be faster than Moonshine, and a bit lighter. I also used different boats as a reference for the cruising interior. So I made a galley that’s really easy to use, and of course room for comfortable sleeping and sitting.”

Pell Mell is now owned by Alex Simanis and Joe Grieser, partners in Ballard Sails in Seattle. When Pell Mell showed up one day, Alex fell in love. “The first time I saw the boat was probably about 15 years ago,” says Alex. “Steve Roberts owned the boat over in Poulsbo, Washington, and was working on her while I was employed at a local boatyard called CSR Marine.”

Then he hitched a ride. “I thought that thing — super-cool, you know — kind of looks like a Moore 24 on steroids. So I helped him get the boat in the water and we sailed back to Poulsbo and the thing just slipped along. It was just a neatly constructed little ultralight boat.”

But it took a while before Pell Mell and Alex would finally hook up. “I told Steve if he ever wanted to sell it to let me know. And couple of years ago, right in the middle of the pandemic, he calls, ‘Hey, now it’s time to sell Pell Mell if you know of anybody.’” That anybody was Alex and Joe. “I was kind of looking for a boat to do a doublehanded Hawaii race or something like that. So we went and looked at it and made him a deal.”

Pell Mell then got a facelift, as the team dug into fixes and upgrades. “There wasn’t really anything dramatically wrong with the boat. There was rotten plywood in places and stuff. But it was in really good shape and had been nicely taken care of.”

Then the big work started. “The cockpit arrangement was really terrible for us, because it was so far back and so small you couldn’t have the trimmer and a driver working effectively. We were going to only open the transom and make some room there. After discussion we said, ‘Screw it, why don’t we just put a whole new cockpit in the boat and make it the way we want it?’ So we moved the cockpit forward, like 40-some-odd inches up to a place that made sense for the construction of the boat, and then cut it all out and built a new cockpit.”

After a year and what turned out to be a massive project, Pell Mell was ready for her debut. “The first race we did was a local for the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club. It’s a Three Bridge Fiasco-style race
august weekend

- 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: BBQ lunch prepared by Peninsula Yacht Club.
- 1 p.m.: Delta history talk by Commodore Bill Wells of the California Delta Chambers.
- 2 p.m.: Harbormaster talk by Delta Bay’s own harbormaster, Eric Chiu.
- 3 p.m.: Things to Know Before You Go talk by veteran cruisers and authors Pat and Carole McIntosh. Their talk may be of special interest to Delta Doo Dah sailors contemplating the Baja Ha-Ha — and vice versa!
- All day: Demos on solar boats and propane outboards; free SUP lessons.

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that we do in October.” After many local races from beer cans to the Center Sound and Round the County, Pell Mell was planning on heading to Hawaii in this year’s Pacific Cup. “We were actually registered but ended up pulling the plug on it for multitude reasons. We have the 2024 race in the sights.”

With their California Offshore Race Week overall win behind them, they may be hard to beat. Doublehanding Moonshine (also now based in Seattle), Marc Andrea Klimaschewski and David Rogers won their division in this year’s Pac Cup and may have plans for 2024. “Those guys are diehard,” says Alex. “I’m sure that they will do the 2024 race as well. Oh, that’d be good! That’d be fun.”

After their spring California tour, capped off by the Delta Ditch Run, it’s local sailing, some races and cruising for Pell Mell, including taking friends out. “I’m going sailing on her tomorrow,” said Dave. “I’m really looking forward to it. It’ll be a great time. Just great.”

— ncs
nothin' much for dinner

Who hasn’t heard the old saying, “A well-fed crew is a happy crew?” I’ve found this to be accurate and a necessity. The first boat I raced on was an Express 27 out of East Greenwich, RI. The owner was a nice guy but unfortunately followed the adage of quantity instead of quality. Like clockwork, his form of provisioning was limited to a two-pound tub of chicken salad, a bag of hot dog buns, and a 12-pack of light beer, all for a crew of five! Two years later, I found myself racing on a boat around the Solent in England, and for some reason, the food choices there were not much better. I particularly remember a sandwich of relish-mixed cheese curds.

Three years later, in the Caribbean, I found good food on a boat while working on an 80-ft schooner with a full-time professional chef as a crew-member. Her name was Elizabeth Lee, and boy, could she cook. I watched her work as an artist in the tiny galley, turning out five-course meals for eight guests in a single sitting. She was like a rock musician on stage.

delta doo dah — cont.

August 14:
• 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Sunday Market.
Delta Bay Marina, just off the San Joaquin River, offers free berthing for official Delta Doo Dah entries on August 12-15. You’ll make your reservation online using a gift code; we’ll email the info to our fleet. Delta Bay can accommodate up to 20 guest boats from the Doo Dah. Visitors are also welcome to arrive by car via Isleton’s Delta Loop.

Register for Delta Doo Dah (it’s still free) at www.latitude38.com/delta-doo-dah, and we’ll be in touch via email.

— chris
SIGHTINGS

fall crew list party

*Latitude 38*’s Fall Crew List Party will return to the Spaulding Marine Center in Sausalito on Thursday, September 1, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Find a boat, find a ride, find crew for the Baja Ha-Ha, cruising, racing or sailing on the Bay. Everyone is welcome; come as you are. We’ll have free munchies, door prizes, color-coded informational name tags, and a sailing slideshow. Spaulding will sell drinks to raise funds for their programs, and the Casablanca food truck that partiers enjoyed last September will be back.

As has been the tradition for many years,

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...doing all sorts of crazy things like using a small propane torch from the engine room to burnish the tops of custard or melt a slice of cheese into the shape of a serving bowl. Our guests never missed the decadence of her presentations, and leftovers were rare.

Understanding how much food matters on a boat has transformed me into a control freak when it comes to provisioning, preparing, and serving food on my boat. I would much rather hand the helm over to anyone so I can dive into the galley and prepare a meal or snack that I know will be worth eating. I have learned some tricks along the way that have helped me cut down time and effort in preparing meals on the boat. The first thing I do is plan a menu. I think about how many people will be on the boat and what food items will spoil first. At home, in my kitchen, I prepare nearly all of the meals, vacuum-seal them, and then freeze them. Pre-freezing the meal helps keep the icebox cool, lowers the battery drain, and lengthens the lifespan of the food. If I don’t have time to prepare much, I provision at Trader Joe’s because of their fantastic selection of prepared and mostly cooked food.

Through trial and error, I have learned to prepare food that is easy for my guests to eat. I avoid oily food because oil stains Gel-coat, teak and upholstery. If I plan on serving sandwiches, I wrap them in butcher paper to hold them together and keep the condiments on the side so the sandwiches don’t get soggy. I don’t use disposable plates and cups but instead have a nice set of high-quality plastic plates and cups that can be easily cleaned and reused; this cuts down on garbage. I also supplement much of my provisioning with store-prepared food. Trader Joe’s is my preferred resource because their cold-food section has a wide range of easy-to-serve cold salads and appetizers.

Last year when racing around Catalina, we popped the already-baked but cold lasagna in our boat’s oven a few hours before sunset. The forethought provided a piping-hot, high-carb dinner for us after crossing the finish line at dusk. I understand having an oven on a small sailboat may sound lavish or intimidating. I’ve also cooked many meals over a Coleman stove. My world of cooking on a boat changed last year when I bought a Magma Marine kettle gas grill that we mount on our stern pulpit. Moving the cooking up to the deck relieves a terrible amount of heat generated by the range and oven in our galley. The grill also cuts down on the cleanup of cooking, since I don’t need to use any pots or pans. The propane fuel makes it easy to fire up and turn off without the mess of charcoal briquettes, which can be messy and dusty depending on where the wind is coming from.

The grilling became such a feature on my boat that we grill every Wednesday night on the downwind leg of the Marina del Rey Sunset race series. We certainly don’t have the fastest boat in our class. So, instead of wasting hours trying to argue my PHRF rating, we win by making the other boats jealous of the pleasant aromas coming off our grill as we race down the channel inside the breakwater.

I call the most-requested sandwich on my boat the Gloucester Honey.

**Ingredients:**
- Cotswold Cheddar
- Fresh Basil Leaves
- Honey Mustard
- Ciabatta Bread
- Fresh Sliced Tomato
- Balsamic Glaze

**Directions:** Slice the bread in half and warm the slices in a toaster oven or on the grill. Smear a thick spread of honey mustard on the bottom piece, and the balsamic glaze on the top part. Layer sliced cheese with 6-12 basil leaves, and top with thin tomato slices. Serve with a salad roll-up and a crisp sparkling rose.

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marie duvernoy — scientist, writer, sailor

Scientist, writer and sailor Marie Duvernoy just finished a passage through the Panama Canal with her partner Yalcin Ozhabs. It all started back before the pandemic. "I didn’t live near the sea until I moved to the Bay Area in September 2016," says Marie, "though I sailed a lot as a kid. I’m from France originally, so I was doing week-long summer sailing on Optimists and catamarans." A keelboat cruise with friends on the Mediterranean gave Marie the taste for cruising on bigger boats. When she moved to Berkeley for her postdoc, she knew it was time to take advantage of the access to sailing. "That’s how I found the Cal Sailing Club and met Yalcin!"

Growing up in Istanbul, Yalcin wanted to learn to sail. He fell in love with keelboats out on the beautiful, warm water around the southern coast of Turkey on the Mediterranean Sea. The University of Istanbul sailing team introduced him to cruising and skippering bigger boats. "I moved to the US for grad school, and it was a long pause in my sailing," says Yalcin. "But then I moved to the Bay Area and started sailing again at Cal Sailing Club in 2017."

Marie and Yalcin started sailing together and loved the community at

fall crew list party

the Fall Crew Party will be preceded by a Mexico Cruising Seminar to help Baja Ha-Ha sailors and other southbound cruisers prepare for their voyage. Fito Espinoza from Hotel Coral in Ensenada and Neil Shroyer from Marina de La Paz will present an hour-long seminar from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., allowing for half an hour of Q&A from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The gate charge will be $20 for both events or $10 for the seminar or party only. Both are free to officially registered 2022 Baja Ha-Ha skippers and first mates. No advance reservations are required, but you can buy your ticket(s) in advance through Eventbrite.

There’s free street parking around the neighborhood, and office building parking
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lots are available after 5 p.m., but please don’t park in the Clipper Yacht Harbor lots. Spaulding wants to be a good neighbor. You don’t have to sign up on the Crew List to go to the party, but if you do, the Crew Party is a great neutral ground to meet your new contacts. The Crew List is free for skippers and crew!

If you haven’t been to Spaulding before, it’s worth a trip across the Bay just to experience the old-school wooden boatbuilding vibe and immerse yourself in the salty atmosphere of Sausalito’s historical working waterfront, which endures and abides.

Find the Eventbrite links, maps of the area and Crew List forms, and learn more at www.latitude38.com/crew-list-home. — chris

marie duvernoy — continued

Cal Sailing Club (CSC), but Marie’s visa as a postdoc was running out soon, and when her contract was up she would return to France. So they thought, why not sail back to their beloved Mediterranean Sea? “At that time the deadline was within the next year, so we had at least two years before we had to leave,” explains Marie.

“The hardest part is just leaving! So it helped us to have a deadline we could meet,” laughs Yalcin. Finding time to work, sail, and take on a project boat was tricky—while working, time was short for boat projects. But when the contract work was finished, it would be time to depart.

During the boat search, they discovered the Ericson 38 and decided to focus on finding their own. “We found the one we ended up buying—it was in San Diego, and that was part of the adventure of going and bringing it back.” They named the boat Tire Bouchon, which means corkscrew in both Turkish and French.

The test sail was really the trip up from San Diego. “You cannot allow yourself to get a project boat that far from home; you need to know you have it in good enough shape to sail up the coast,” explains Marie. The first part of the operation was to make this boat sailable. They replaced a reef line, jib halyard and topping lift, and serviced the winches, as they were not working. Once back in Berkeley, they took long weekend trips for offshore experience. CSC friends made a great crew for sails to Half Moon Bay, Drake’s Bay and Bodega Bay.

In January 2021, Marie and Yalcin headed south. They were immediately forced to keep a tight schedule and carefully plan around hurricane season as they approached Mexico. “You need to watch for hurricane season to get out of hurricane-affected zones. That’s why people usually start in November or October going to Mexico. We were sort of late in the season,” explains Yalcin. Wanting to get out of the hurricane zone by the end of May, the team sailed down the Baja coast to spend the little time they had in the Sea of Cortez. Cruisers normally spend the whole season there, but Yalcin and Marie had only three or four weeks. At the end of May they left Mexico. It was their longest passage. Destination: Costa Rica.

They arrived in Panama City in January 2022. This was the grand master plan: Pass through the Panama Canal. Arriving in January, with travel plans through February, they had made meticulous plans for the passage. Everything was on a tight schedule: certificates and paperwork, bank transfers and payments, scheduling and hosting extra crew, prepping the hull, and then motoring through the Canal itself.

“But I came down with COVID!” explains Marie—cancel everything! “We managed to travel with the boat safely, and we were still registered. We didn’t have our crew anymore; we had to find new people and scrape the bottom. We had to redo everything.”

They recruited new line handlers, reprovisioned the boat, and cleaned the hull, which delayed their departure until March. But finally, Tire Bouchon was ready and motored through the locks, rafting up to a tug boat for the “up and down,” when the water filled in from the bottom of the chamber—just three lock chambers between them and exploring a new ocean to cross on the other side.

Yalcin explains their next few goals. “In the November/December time frame, when the hurricane season ends, we want to be more than a thousand miles upwind from where we are right now. We’re going to take our time to avoid going into the hurricane-affected zone.”

You can follow along on their blog at www.teambouchonsailing.com and their Instagram @TeamBouchonSailing to see their progress.

— heather breaux
As you may have already read in these very Sights, the 52nd running of the Newport Bermuda Race saw more than 200 boats sailing the 635-mile Atlantic Ocean course in June. The fastest monohull, by far, was 11th Hour Racing’s foiling IMOCA 60 Malama, which completed the race in just over 41 hours. Malama had its ‘normal squad’ of skipper Charlie Enright, co-skipper Justine Mettraux and media crew Amory Ross, as well as two relatively new sailors: Lake Tahoe native and big-mountain snowboarder Elena Hight, and Maui native and big-wave surfer Ian Walsh.

Walsh had sailed with Ross before, and knows many of the 11th Hour Racing team. But most importantly, there was an underlying alignment of values. “The pivotal thing for me is what 11th Hour Racing represents in their messaging to inspire proactive change surrounding the oceans. That’s something I hold very dear as a surfer,” Walsh told us. The 11th Hour Racing Team is intent on winning The Ocean Race in 2023 with Malama while raising awareness around ocean health globally and demonstrating best practices when it comes to sailing. “Sustainability is at the core of all team operations,” a spokesperson told us.

In 1939, a year after the Volkswagen Beetle hit the roads of Europe as the car for the people, the Swedish Sailing Association launched a design competition for the people’s boat — literally the Folkboat. As Europe descended into war, the idea to produce a boat that was affordable and elegant, and could accommodate a family, caught the imagination and no less than 59 entries were submitted to the competition. The top four designs were then handed to the Swedish naval architect Tord Sunden to produce a final design. On April 23, 1942, the first Folkboat was launched as the ice melted on Gothenburg Harbor.

Scandinavian immigrants introduced the Folkboat to San Francisco Bay, where it proved the perfect design for the strong...
celebrate 80 years

winds, currents and swell. Having arrived from Denmark in 1953, Bay Area sailor Knud Wibroe encouraged others to import boats. The fleet held its first season championship in 1958. Today we see wooden and fiberglass Folkboats racing side by side.

On September 3, Richmond YC will host an 80th birthday celebration for the people’s boat. Folkboaters will celebrate the history of the fleet, meet up with old friends, and make some new ones. Folks who have not yet had the opportunity to sail these boats will have a chance to give them a try. The fleet will swap gear and stories — and no doubt swap places while competing in some short fun races.

Learn more at www.sfayfolkboats.org.
— chris

ian walsh and 11th hour racing

Walsh won the prestigious big-wave surf contest at 'Jaws' in Pe’ahi, Maui, in 2017, where he caught a wave that was later awarded “Ride and Barrel of the Year.” Walsh told us that getting into sailing “is almost like learning to surf again.” Being on board Malama, Walsh brought a curiosity about the behind-the-scenes, day-in-the-life details, offering a glimpse of life aboard such a spectacular, convention-defying sailboat.

There is no cockpit on Malama — the boat is almost entirely sailed from inside a closed structure, with screens mounted throughout the interior. All lines lead inside the cabin, where winches and a grinder are situated. Walsh calls the boat a “carbon missile,” or a “spaceship.” Walsh said, “I was, like, ‘We’re going to check the sail trim on iPads?’”

Walsh called himself a “bottom-of-the-barrel amateur sailor.” He has a Hobie 16 on Maui, has taken up wing foiling, and said he was looking forward to poking around on sailboats, and maybe getting to do some dinghy sailing on a trip to Europe this summer. In 2018, Walsh sailed aboard the gunboat Falcor from Tahiti to Hawaii, via the Line Island chain, while taking water samples to test for microplastics in the Central Pacific. 11th Hour’s Amory Ross was on the trip to document the journey. There’s a YouTube video of the trip called Lines to Hawaii.

Would Walsh’s 2,500-mile trip across the Pacific help prepare him for the foiling fury of a bluewater race? Watching his videos on Instagram, even the heartiest sailors might feel a little queasy inside the tight, sloshing-wet confines of Malama’s cabin. “I was like, there’s zero chance I’m not going to throw up all over this cockpit,” Walsh said. But speed was a savior. “It’s so fast, rather than that slow, lethargic paddle from side to side; the speed was really unique and helped me on a personal level.” Malama was bashing into the waves for much of the race, Walsh said. “But that was our primary angle on our route to Bermuda. When we did have windshifts that put us at, like, 85 degrees, you could feel how it smooths out the ride, and how fast that thing goes.”

As someone new to offshore racing, Walsh said he was curious about the lives of professional sailors. “To them, it’s just a normal day: the way they go about their life, the way they eat, the way they sleep — the crazy savagery of how little they sleep. I'm naturally inquisitive, probably to a fault, about those kinds of details. But it’s something that I enjoy sharing, whether it’s surfing or snowboarding or mountaineering.”

Walsh did some reportage from his Instagram: “You might ask, ‘How the hell do you sleep?’ I ask the same thing. You kind of snuggle up in this carbon missile and hang on, and you basically fall asleep out of sheer exhaustion and get a little cat nap.” Walsh shot a video from his bunk, as Malama hummed and jolted and creaked and whooshed toward Bermuda. “You can peel down your foul weather overalls. Boots stay on though,” Walsh said. “Some of the waves we hit while in the bunk can have you levitating and landing so hard it feels like your teeth might crack. A mouth guard might not be a good idea in bed.”

“Trying to take a piss is a full contact sport and requires three points of contact, minimum. (You do the math.)”

So how does sailing translate back into surfing? “Sailing really helped me open up my peripheral vision in the ocean. Sailing is just a much bigger perspective, and a deeper connection to the ocean and the conditions that surround it. And the bottom line: It’s fucking fun harnessing wind and going that fast. Even though flying in a sailboat that’s going 35 knots in a carbon missile is a little bit different than surfing, we connected on something that’s very important, which is how much we appreciate the ocean.”

For almost 20 years, Walsh has shared his appreciation for the ocean through “Menehune Mayhem,” his annual kids’ event promoting surfing, sportsmanship, creativity and scholarship for the youth of Maui. “But the backbone of the event is environmental awareness,” Walsh told us. “And trying to show kids how important it is to take care of the oceans and the beaches where they live.”

— tim henry
A half before the next boat and managed to pull off the sweep: first to finish, fastest elapsed time, first in Division A and first overall. An incredible result for this world-class program.

Behind Pyewacket, Stuart Dahlgren’s Santa Cruz 70 Westerly sailed an incredible race to claim second place. After sustaining keel damage due to a collision during the delivery down from Canada, the team barely managed to get repaired in time and make the start. With a boat and a program that has made great strides in the four years since the last Pacific Cup, Westerly kept Pyewacket honest and finished about six hours behind on corrected time to claim second not only in Division A but also in the overall rankings.

In the BMW of San Rafael B Division, a trio of J/125s and a
super-fast Bicker-designed Riptide 41 would duke it out all the way to Hawaii. With the J/125s swapping the lead for the majority of the race, Jason Andrews and Shawn Dougherty’s Seattle-based Hamachi came out on top to claim divisional honors and also third place overall. The same program that won the Transpac overall in 2019, Hamachi continues to achieve incredible results in a Hawaii race. Navigator Jason Andrews claimed that the weather was so complicated — a hallmark of this year’s race — that he was still pulling down GRIB files as they were leaving the Bay. The decision to go north or south wasn’t even made until many miles into the race. James Nichols’ J/125 Velvet Hammer finished in second place after Rufus Sjoberg’s Rufless opted to withdraw due to a protest that Hamachi lodged against their rating. This unfortunate retirement doesn’t change the fact that they sailed an incredible race.

The Goslings Rum G Division saw Bob Hinden’s Richmond-based custom Schumacher 46 Surprise sail their way to a convincing divisional win. With daughter Rebecca handling the navigational duties and a very talented crew of local legends on board, Surprise stayed in better breeze than many of her rivals and moved steadily as she goes down the track to come home with some first-place hardware. Greg Mitchell’s Andrews 43 Kahoots, sailing with several Richmond YC Juniors on board, came home in second place in a division that saw a race-long battle among about five boats for the runner-up position. David Ryan’s Beneteau First 45 Athena nearly had to turn around due to severe seasickness but hung in there and managed to finish on the podium.

The earlier starters had to deal with very challenging and light conditions during the initial stages of the race, which created an epic navigator’s duel. In Weems and Plath W Division, Eric Hopper and Douglas Schenk’s J/105 Free Bowl of Soup sailed to a divisional win ahead of Nick Schmidt’s Olson 30 Concussion, which won Best Dressed at the awards ceremony with the crew’s festive aloha shirts and shorts. Jason Lauer’s Express 34 Double Espresso rounded out the podium.

The North Sails S Division saw one of the best battles on the entire race course. Andy Schwenk’s Richmond-based Express 37 Spindrift V slayed some dragons to come home first in division. In a massive north-south split that opened up between Spindrift V and their rivals on sistership Limitless, the north eventually paid off, helping Spindrift V eke out the advantage. To win, however, they had to hold off a hard-charging J/35 from the Pacific Northwest. Chad Stenwick’s J/35 The Boss showed awesome boat speed all along the course and...
matched Spindrift V’s routing to Hawaii to claim second place in division. Shawn Ivie’s Express 37 Limitless finished in third place, due mainly to being on the wrong side of the aforementioned north-south gamble.

The Mahina Doublehanded 2 Division also provided some incredibly exciting racing to follow. Christina and Justin Wolfe’s Orcas Island, WA-based J/111 Raku led the fleet early. With impressive boat speed and a southerly route that saw them farther south than virtually any of the frontrunners, Raku consolidated back up to the rhumbline and looked to have the race pretty much locked up. Finishing in early morning with a commanding lead in division, they were assumed to be the winners. But with competitors finding stronger winds and bigger waves to surf on approach to Hawaii courtesy of Hurricane Darby, Andy Hamilton and Steve Kleha on the Donovan 30 Wolfpack got fully lit for the final 300 miles and made gains in wholesale fashion. Going from four and a half hours back to almost an hour and a half in front, Wolfpack gained somewhere north of six hours in a day and a half to claim an impressive come-from-behind win in Mahina DH2. Raku finished in second place, and Erwan Menard and Fred Bouju’s impressive Pogo 30 Eskorir came home in third.

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## 2022 PACIFIC CUP RESULTS

60 starters, 3 retired and 57 finishers

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Later in the race, Marc-Andre Klimaschewski and David Rogers’ hard-chined plywood Dogpatch 26 *Moonshine* chose a more northerly route and managed to consolidate in front of *Foamy* in the later stages of the race. Like other boats, *Moonshine* was pulling down GRIBs in the starting sequence and did not make their routing decisions until after 40 miles into the race. Sailing through the light spots, *Moonshine*’s epic gamble paid off, and was what originally a 500-mile north-south split turned into a healthy advantage for *Moonshine*. Bill and Melinda Erkelens would end up in second place while Adam Mazurkiewicz and Ron Snetsinger on the Express 27 *Yeti* rounded out the podium.

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The biggest factor in determining an overall winner is the weather. “The 2022 race was plagued by very light winds for the first few days of the race, effectively eliminating the Monday and Tuesday starters from any serious contention for the Pac Cup overall trophy. Nonetheless, they put in some very good performances for the circumstances they faced.”

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Less than a week after registration opened this year, the number of paid entries was closing on 100. Visit www.baja-haha.com to see the current entries.

Boats from 27 to 100’ can enter the Ha-Ha, though historically the average has been 42 feet. The average number of crew is four, although couples are not unusual. At least one member of the crew has to have offshore experience.

The goal of every Ha-Ha is for everyone to have a great time sailing and meeting other cruisers while making a safe passage down the coast of Baja. If you have a boat and a hunger for adventure, think about signing up for this year’s 28th running. Visit www.baja-haha.com.
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Here are a few highlights.

**Open Ocean and Overnight Crossings**

**Rochambeau** — Our best advice is to be conservative at night. Stay clipped in, sleep when you have the chance, and always use a preventer when running downwind.

**Fundango** — We had two additional crew on board for the Ha-Ha, enabling three-hour watches each, overlapping the first and last hour. With five hours off watch, everyone was able to get ample rest and de-stress from sail changes and nighttime shipping encounters. Many little squid found their way onto our deck and cockpit. We learned to tread lightly, otherwise you might end up with squid between your toes and ink everywhere!

**Salacia** — We switched to lithium batteries. We upgraded the inverter/charger, house alternator and external regulator, and installed 870W of solar panels. We also rebedded the keel, resealed the lower rudder bearing, and installed new standing rigging, along with the normal host of smaller maintenance items. Keep the engine clean so you are aware of issues before they become a serious problem.

**Triaena** — Our favorite addition is our watermaker. Our tanks are small, so being able to replenish the water allows us to have enough for our needs and to rinse the heavy salt deposits from the decks and hardware. We were new to solar (coming from the PNW with very little sun!) and battery-monitoring device allowed daily tracking of our power usage and battery health.

**Weather Forecasting and Monitoring**

It is unanimous: PredictWind and Iridium GO! were the “must-have” tools.

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**THE BOATS AND FOLKS**

**Triaena** — Tom Mitchell and Patty Johansen-Mitchell have sailed their Newport 41 around the PNW for the past 25 years, and yearned to shed their foul weather gear and swim in warm waters. In 2019, they began refitting the 1979 boat to make the long passage down the coast. COVID delayed their Anacortes departure until September 2021, when they finally cast off their lines and headed south.

**Salacia** — Donna and Peter Molettore decided to change up their lives — from living and working in San Francisco to living and traveling on their Santa Cruz 53C. “Fond memories of a BVI bareboat charter in 1994 and, years later, a goal to charter again in Sardinia to celebrate our 20th anniversary, prompted us to take sailing lessons and join the South Beach Yacht Club,” says Peter. “In 2018, we bought Salacia; in 2020, we sold our condo — and the rest is history.”

**Rochambeau** — John and Marcy Baker weren’t ready to close the chapter of 27 years living and sailing in Alaska. So they bought a second boat, Rochambeau, a Beneteau 49, in San Francisco just months before joining the 2021 Baja Ha-Ha. After only seven weeks of learning, fixing, and upgrading, they crossed under the Golden Gate, and the transit to San Diego became their shakedown trip.

**Fundango** — Scott Sibbald and Joanne Pilkington set the goal of a cruising lifestyle five years ago. Less than a year before the Ha-Ha, the Bay Area couple finally found their ideal boat in Fundango, a Bavaria Vision 46. Fully committed to the cruising dream, they liquidated nearly everything they owned and moved aboard.

It was a big learning curve for us to understand how systems worked and how to monitor our daily consumption. We also like flopper stoppers, and stern anchors help to steady the boat at anchor when there are swells.

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Triaena — After the Ha-Ha, we headed to mainland Mexico after learning that the northerlies in the SOC blew for days, making northbound travel nearly impossible, not to mention colder. We returned to Baja in late February — which, in hindsight, was a month too early as the water and air had not yet begun to warm up. Next year, we will hold off returning to Baja until mid-March.

Biggest Challenges

Triaena — Early on, we didn’t have enough battery power, which required reducing our consumption wherever possible. We resolved it by adding more solar, for a total of 750 watts, and moving our cooling unit higher in the refrigerator box.

Salacia — Just after arriving in Cabo, Donna received a call for a follow-up medical procedure. She opted for an ultrasound in La Paz, followed by more testing in San Diego. This meant leaving the boat for an unknown period and finding moorage. We opted for a mooring ball in Puerto Escondido, which became our home base. All medical concerns are now resolved, and we are back cruising full time. We learned that it is good to be prepared to adjust to unexpected circumstances.

Rochambeau — We experienced a failed starter and a leaking shaft seal. These two experiences taught us to have manuals for everything and be able to access them when needed. Often, we didn’t have a cell signal or access to the internet, so it’s essential to download them before you leave (or obtain hard copies). Buddy-boating is a lifesaver for help in making repairs, finding local services, and connecting to arriving guests who are willing to bring in parts.

Fundango — We won’t go anywhere without having some Barnacle Buster on board. It helped us out of jams a couple of times when our raw water cooling system clogged up. The zinc for our Saildrive unit is uncommon and hard to find, so we wished we had brought more zines, a carburetor for the dinghy outboard, a wind vane for the anemometer (it disappeared from the top of the mast at an anchorage with lots of bird activity), and a watermaker maintenance kit with more filters.

Marinas and Reservations

Rochambeau — During the peak season, Mexican marinas can be more expensive than Southern California’s. We found that the break-even point between the daily and weekly rates was usually three days. We often secured a week, giving us time to provision and do laundry.

Triaena — We didn’t realize that reservations needed to be made weeks in advance to leave our boat over the Christmas holiday. Passage to mainland Mexico allowed us to find moorage in La Cruz, and it was less expensive than the Baja marinas. We anchored out 95% of our eight months of cruising and only required moorage the two times we left the boat for inland travel.

Fundango — To remain flexible and avoid being on a schedule, we tend to not make plans far in advance. When we wanted to get a slip for a day or two, we would email the marina a few days before. The marinas were usually able to find a
WHAT WE WISH

spot for us on an end-tie or outer dock. Once we got into a marina, we established a relationship with the management to increase the likelihood of securing a spot the next time we came through.

Salacia — Marinas are often full. Planning helps to secure a slip, but being there in person, ready to pull in and pay, may count for more than a reservation.

Managing Life Aboard

Triena — It really helps when you like (and love) your spouse. For the first five months of cruising, we didn’t experience buddy-boating, and primarily depended on each other for company. Forty-one feet is a tight space, and small annoyances can become big. Our kayaks and sailing dinghy provided space and time to separate when we needed some alone time. We worked together on weather forecasting, trip planning, maintenance, and skipping the boat. This teamwork helped us to stay friends.

Rochambeau — Our days were filled with sailing; walking on the beach; hiking the hills, mountains and canyons; snorkeling; paddling our SUPs; reading; boat chores; cooking; hanging out with friends; and enjoying perfect sunsets almost every evening. With constant warm, sunny weather, you can get off the boat anytime you feel the need for space.

Fundango — Projects on a boat take longer and cost more than similar projects on land. We learned to expect that, adjust plans accordingly, and always leave some fun time in each day.

Salacia — Our biggest adjustment was dealing with the refrigerator and the amount of time and work it took to get food from a store and bring it back to the boat. The fridge was deep, so we tried organizing it with several bins. But we often needed something down at the bottom, and to get it required pulling out all the bins! Eventually, I adjusted to the routine and learned to be patient, relax, and take my time.

Provisioning

Rochambeau — We like to keep a seven- to 10-day supply of food on board, along with five shelf-stable meals. Be sure to have a few meals that will feed six to eight people, as we often had friends stay longer than Happy Hour. Those were some of the most memorable evenings of the season!

Salacia — Be ruthless with what you bring, and don’t get something “just because you think you might need it” — especially if you’re just going to Mexico. You can get all the food you need there.

Triena — We found the farmer’s markets a great source of fresh food. Shopping where the locals shop ensured the best prices. A Costco run in Cabo and Puerto Vallarta allowed us to top off our wine supply and source some hard-to-find cheeses. Freezer space allows you to stock up on specialty items when you find them.

Fundango — We learned to grow sprouts and make fresh bread, and perfected our pizza dough. Impromptu potlucks with buddy boats were always a lot of fun, plus if we were missing an ingredient, usually one of our buddy boats would have it.

Staying Connected

Fundango — While out of cell-service range (which is most of the time in the SOC), we relied on our Iridium GO! for texting, emails, weather forecasts, and occasional phone calls. When in cell range, we used our cellphones with an AT&T unlimited data plan for the USA, Mexico and Canada.

Triena — While cruising the mainland, we had a very reliable cell signal. Once crossing to Baja, we were often out of touch for two to three weeks. We were sure to let our family know of these limitations and our probable itinerary, so they didn’t expect to hear from us. Iridium GO! was our backup communications tool if we did not have a cell signal.

Salacia — Iridium GO! is good for weather, but slow for other communications. We’ve been trying to get our SSB and Ham radio working correctly to make contacts with the US, and we’ve been surprised at the regulatory hurdles for international Hams. Cellphone networks are fairly ubiquitous though, and work great — except where there aren’t any. Being offline for four to six weeks isn’t such a bad thing, though!

Boat Toys and Other Entertainment

Rochambeau — Hands down: fellow cruisers! We spent the majority of the season with really great friends whom we met because of the Baja Ha-Ha.

Salacia — Snorkeling is probably the best form of entertainment in the water! We did take 4/3mm wetsuits (4mm of thickness in the torso; 3mm in the arms and legs).

Insects and Pests

Triena — We were careful what we brought on board, and left all paper and cardboard packaging at the dock. Before bringing on vegetables and fruit, we dipped everything in fresh water with a small amount of bleach. Shake out items left outside to dry before bringing below — or you just might find that you have a new, unwelcomed crewmember. That is a story for the future!

Fundango — Having screens on all hatches and in the companionway kept any annoying insects out. In areas where there were thirsty honeybees, we avoided having any fresh water in the cockpit during daylight hours so as not to attract them. Insect repellent was effective against bobos and mosquitoes.

Rochambeau — Carry mild and not-so-mild insect repellent, burn coils, and bring cockroach and rat traps.

Dinghies — The Cruisers’ Car

Fundango — We chose a lightweight inflatable Takacat dinghy that’s easy to beach and packs away for long passages, thus avoiding the need for davits. We planned to get an electric motor, but could not get it delivered before we left. So we settled for a small, lightweight...
outboard. We plan to replace it with an electric motor at some point in the future.

*Rochambeau* — We have a 10-ft High-field double-floored aluminum RIB, with a 15-hp engine. It is durable and fast, but too heavy for the two of us to carry onto the beach. The SOC does not have high surf, and we successfully used a “buddy anchor” system to hold it off the beach. Knowing what we know now, we might switch to a Takacat with an 8-hp outboard.

*Triaena* — We rebuilt a 10-ft Chameleon nesting dinghy and didn’t have time to test it before leaving Anacortes. It rows, sails, and holds our 4-hp outboard. We experimented with options to store it on the bow and davits, and how best to assemble and launch it. The mainland Mexico anchorages often had surf, making dinghy landings difficult. We learned (the hard and very wet way) to be cautious and patient waiting for a break in the waves before landing and launching.

**Cruisers’ Nets**

All boats checked in on local VHF nets from time to time. Peter on *Salacia* has a Ham license and also participated in the Amigo Net.

*Rochambeau* — We often listened to the net in Puerto Escondido. In Guaymas, we asked for a ride on the morning net and met Patrick, who turned out to be a great guide of the area.

*Fundango* — We listened in on cruisers’ nets occasionally and found them useful for finding out where to get propane tanks filled and where to buy parts or get service.

*Triaena* — We enjoyed the check-ins to hear who was in port and, in La Cruz, the local weather and wind forecast.

**Making Friends and Buddy-Boating**

*Rochambeau* — “John talks to everyone and hands out our boat card, so meeting new people and being able to stay in contact has never been an issue,” says Mary. (All three other boats met *Rochambeau* through their friendly greetings!) Buddy-boat is wonderful! When there is a problem, it’s always handy to have multiple brains and sets of tools to draw upon. It’s also safer for hiking, snorkeling, and adventuring as a group.

*Triaena* — It’s easy to paddle over and say hello, pass a boat card, or extend an invitation to meet ashore. COVID changed socializing, with many cruisers not entertaining on board. Buddy-boat reduced the risk by limiting the size of a group with whom you were in close contact.

*Fundango* — Before leaving, we made friends at our marina with folks on other boats that were also going south on the Ha-Ha. We met a lot of people during the Ha-Ha and ran into them again in anchorages. We had great fun buddy-boat, socializing, sharing ideas, and discussing plans. We did not know about boat cards before departing, but can see their value and will have some made soon.

**Exploring and Local Communities**

All four boats concur: Make an effort to learn some Spanish! It will enhance your interactions with the locals and facilitate
more meaningful connections with our host country.

Fundango — We enjoyed supporting the small villages by eating at their restaurants, shopping at their markets, and taking local tours. Taxi drivers are a great source of local information.

Triaena — Staying in one anchorage for a while gives you a chance to connect with local activities and volunteer opportunities. The cruiser nets are a good source to learn what’s happening and how to participate. We also enjoyed exploring ashore and mastering the local bus system.

Rochambeau — We always walked through the new towns, visiting museums and missions, restaurants and tiendas. While many places had English-speaking locals, many did not. Our goal for next season is to have a better grasp of Spanish.

Cruising Guides
All four boats carried Sea of Cortez: A Cruiser’s Guidebook, by Shawn Breeding and Heather Bansmer, and found it invaluable.

Triaena — Buy your cruising, marine life, bird, and plant guidebooks before leaving the US. They are difficult to find in Mexico.

Fundango — We use the latest Garmin charts on our chartplotter: Navionics on iPad.

Rochambeau — We found Shawn and Heather’s guidebook, along with the subscription for the accompanying Blue Latitude charts from iNavX, to be indispensable tools. We used our iPad and our phones to run both iNavX and Navionics subscription plans as our primary “chart-plotter”.

Summer Plans and the Next Season
Salacia — The hot summers in the SOC made us decide to haul out in Guaymas until we return at the end of September. Salacia is our full-time home, so our summer will be spent traveling and visiting friends and family, including trips to Seattle and Alaska to spend time with Tom and Patty (Triaena) and John and Marcy (Rochambeau).

Triaena — We returned home to Seattle in late April after hauling out in San Carlos. We rented a storage unit to hold all deck and dinghy gear, aerosols, the outboard and empty jerry cans. After emptying the boat of all food, covering all exposed plastic, and setting up a shade cover, the boat is on the hard until we drive back in October. Once back in the water, our plan is to explore farther north before slowly cruising south as far as Manzanillo.

Rochambeau — We’ll store the boat in the yard in San Carlos. We were surprised that it took longer to “summerize” the boat than it takes to winterize our Alaska boat! Another cruiser shared their to-do list, and we refined it with our own experiences. It took us seven full days to get the boat ready for our six-month absence until we return next season. Next year we’ll allow eight days!

Fundango — We plan to stay on the boat as much as possible for the summer in the northern SOC — with the option of putting the boat in a slip and going home for a couple of months if it gets too hot.

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It might have started with a conversation. I was sailing a Holder 20 back then, my first boat that wasn’t technically a dinghy. "Cool boat," my friend Carlton said, looking at Fear Knot sitting in the Morro Bay Yacht Club yard. "Nice lines. Looks fast."

"Yeah. I like it," I remember saying. "But what Mark and I really want is a Santa Cruz 27. It’s like the father of ultralights. Started the whole thing and some can be found for about the same price as this Holder 20. But, unfortunately, the club hoist can’t handle them."

It’s true. Ever since Mark Hilden and I realized that the Santa Cruz 27 packed the most bang for the buck, we wanted one. And now we have one, and there are three other SC27s that have joined us.

As the founding member, along with Cousin Mark, of the newly formed Morro Bay Santa Cruz 27 fleet, some people have asked how Mark and I actually introduced a new boat to our town and started a one-design sailing community.

Of course, the simple answer is that you need a cool boat. No one would argue that the SC27 isn’t cool. The classic Bill Lee design, with its low profile and sporty lines, is nothing if it isn’t cool. But truth be told, the founding of our new fleet has really been part of a larger journey, a journey that started with another boat.

Morro Bay Yacht Club has the biggest fleet of O’Day Sailers in the world. For those unfamiliar with the Day Sailer, it is a 17-foot, two-person fiberglass sloop-rigged dinghy with a spinnaker, first built in 1958. It’s perfect for sailing in Morro Bay, which is often referred to as the miniature golf of sailing venues. Races are held inside the small bay, which has dozens of moored boats to dodge, sandbars to navigate, eel grass to remove, rippling currents to play, commercial fishing boats to not anger, and tourists in kayaks to miss. The Day Sailer sails well in all wind conditions, the centerboard and rudder kick up easily to navigate the shallow sandbars and clear eel grass. Over 12,000 have been made, so used boats are pretty inexpensive, which is key for our obstacle-filled, strong-current sailing venue.

I became a much better sailor competing with my wife, Gwenn, for years in the Day Sailer fleet. Nothing teaches sailing better than racing in a dinghy. We imported, and I love sailing with my wife, but I also wanted to compete for trophies. I am 6’6” and 240 pounds. Gwenn and I do not have the time to become good enough sailors in the Day Sailer to overcome my skill and weight disadvantage.

I felt there was a real opportunity in the MBYC PHRF Ocean Fleet to win some races. Height and weight can be beneficial in bigger boats. In college, I had played on a Holder 20 and I always thought it was a fun boat and could be perfect for racing against the Ocean Fleet in Morro Bay. It met my four requirements: 1) Inexpensive; 2) Fun to race; 3) Trailerable; 4) Under 1,400 pounds (the limit of the MBYC hoist).

In 2013, I purchased a Holder 20 named Fear Knot and started racing her in PHRF races at MBYC with Cousin Mark. It’s a good little boat with a great PHRF rating, and Mark Hilden is a seasoned sailor who honed his skills racing in Santa Barbara for 30 years. Mark makes any boat he steps on faster with his knowledge and trimming skills. We consistently competed for trophies and often finished ahead of boats that owed us time.

For every race, we would invite a different person from the Day Sailer fleet to be our third crewmember in the hopes they might have enough fun to go out and buy a Holder 20. Our goal was to grow a one-design ocean fleet in Morro Bay. Winning races is fun, but I missed the fun of one-design I had experienced in the Day Sailer fleet.

Most crew we took out had fun, but they often got a little worried in our pre-race talk about the importance of putting in the hatch boards if the wind starts to blow. Holder 20s are notorious for swamping in big wind. There are all sorts of stories on the web about Holder 20 mishaps. For some strange reason, after our pre-race talk, we could not convince any of our friends to buy a Holder 20.

My experience in the Day Sailer and Cousin Mark’s expertise kept us out of most trouble in ocean racing. But we realized we were pushing our and the boat’s luck when we lost our rudder just after rounding a mark off of Cayucos. It was consistently blowing 20 knots and gusting up to 30. We rounded Constantine Buoy and started flying downwind on a plane with just the small jib and a reef in the main when we hit some kelp and ripped the rudder off. It was then that we realized this is a really small boat with very little freeboard to be out in 30-knot gusts, five miles from Morro Bay with no rudder. We took down our sails and used our Torqeedo outboard as a rudder. It did not have enough battery to motor us home, but we could use it in small bursts to keep us going straight downwind.

I realized I needed to adjust my criteria for an ocean racing boat in Morro Bay. Being able to use the hoist is nice, but being ocean-worthy is much more important.

We can get big swell and wind on the central coast of California. So Mark and I narrowed our list to small, affordable, trailerable boats that can race to Hawaii and race in Nationals: Express 27s, Moore 24s, and Santa Cruz 27s.

Around this time, Greg Miller was racing a lot in Morro Bay and Santa Barbara in his Day Sailer. In fact, we actually T-boned his Day Sailer at the Goblin Regatta in Santa Barbara when we were racing Fear Knot. In late 2017, Greg invited Mark and me to do a race in Santa Barbara on his national champion SC27 Jersey Girl. Needless to say, we had a blast that weekend. So much so that Greg let us leave immediately after the race, without cleaning up, so we could go look at a SC27 for sale in King Harbor.

John Krossa and Mark Hilden heading home on ‘Janina’.
Mark and I were not really ready to buy a new boat, but the owner was motivated to sell, and we purchased Janina for $5,000.

Over the next few years, we won many of the races we entered in the Morro Bay Ocean Fleet. We even won the Zongo Cup — the race from Morro Bay to Port San Luis — two out of three years. The year we lost, we lost to Kevin Williams, who was sailing my old Holder 20 Fear Knot! Kevin still takes every opportunity he can to remind us of how he beat us in our old boat.

Over the years, we took out every O’Day Day Sailer owner who showed any interest in racing on Janina. We intentionally gave them opportunities to drive and get a feel for the boat. I would then send them emails of SC27s for sale in California. We really wanted to grow a fleet.

Mark and I took Janina to Lake Tahoe to race in SC27 Nationals in 2019 — our first time racing against other Santa Cruz 27s. We had a blast and were semi-competitive, finishing in the middle of the pack. And most importantly, we fell in love with the camaraderie of the fleet.

During the COVID years, we still took people out when we felt it was safe, and continued to send out emails of boats for sale. We just didn’t have any takers until we decided to do the Delta Ditch Regatta in 2021. Not only did we get a story in Latitude 38 about how we almost died by tanker, but John Hovdal, one of our Day Sailer friends who had sailed on Janina multiple times, asked us to look at the SC27 Gotcha that was for sale in Richmond. She was gorgeous and we immediately told John to buy it. He did and Cousin Mark towed the boat home to Morro Bay for John while I towed Janina.

That got the momentum going. Carlton Smith and Dave Hensinger are two Day Sailer owners who we had taken out multiple times on Janina. When they heard John had bought a boat, they decided they were interested in buying a SC27 as partners. I put out a message on the SC27 Google Group to see if anybody knew of any boats that were for sale and instantly received a text from three-time national champion Evan Diola, who was thinking about selling Mistress Quickly. To be honest, part of me didn’t want to tell Carlton and Dave because I wondered if Janina would ever win a race again in Morro Bay.

Carlton and Dave worked out a deal...
with Evan over the phone and bought *Mistress Quickly*, sight unseen. It’s hard to go wrong buying the boat that has won the National Championship three out of the past four years.

Rumors spread that Morro Bay had the newest fleet of SC27s in the state. Greg Miller, the former owner of SC27 *Jersey Girl*, had been saying for years that Morro Bay Yacht Club should host Nationals. Then, Ryan Schuyler, the SC27 National Class president, contacted our newly formed fleet and asked if we would be interested in putting on Nationals. MBYC had never hosted any Nationals outside the bay. In January 2022, the MBYC board approved the possibility of hosting Nationals, and a few months later Ryan, on behalf of the SC27 Association, informed us that it was official. Morro Bay Yacht Club would host the 2022 Nationals on Labor Day weekend.

The amazing part is we were not done growing the MBYC fleet. Greg Miller, not wanting to be left out of all the fun this summer, purchased the SC27 *Lady Santa Barbara* a few months ago with fellow Day Sailer owner Patrick Gorey.

Currently, the MBYC SC27 fleet consists of:
- *Gotcha*, a two-time national championship boat
- *Mistress Quickly*, a three-time national championship boat
- *Lady Santa Barbara*, with two-time national champion driver Greg Miller
- *Janina*

- We had hoped for a one-design fleet — and we got it! But more importantly, boat owners John, Carlton, Dave, Greg and Patrick are our friends who have sailed against us in Day Sailers and have sailed with us on *Janina* — and now they will sail against us in their own Santa Cruz 27s. Sometimes in life you get what you wished for and a whole lot more! And Cousin Mark and I are just fine if we have wished ourselves out of some Morro Bay Yacht Club trophies. It’s going to be fun to compete!

— john krossa

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improbable as it may sound, The Red Rocket may return someday to a race course near you. At least if Bruce Schwab has anything to say about it.

Those who know the Mull 42 Improbable’s story may have their doubts. Racing again after 50-plus years? Come on. But they will also allow that, when it comes to Improbable, anything is possible.

Conceived in 1969 by Warwick ‘Commodore’ Tompkins, with input from his A-Team crew of mostly Bay Area hotshots (among them Dave Wahle, Skip Allan, Kim Desenberg, Danny Daniels and a 22-year-old Kiwi kid named Ron Holland), the idea was to build a manageable-size boat maximized for downwind racing, with no regard for the then-in-use CCA rule or that newfangled IOR thing. Hurdles popped up immediately.

They took the idea to East Bay naval architect Gary Mull (for whom Holland was apprenticing), who at first said it couldn’t be done. But eventually he drew a boat with such sexy lines it can still make a racer’s heart skip a beat.

They had trouble selling the idea to an investor. After going through several prospects, at one point, Commodore noted, ‘It’s improbable we’ll get a boat.’

‘Improbable is a great name for a boat!’ said Dave Wahle. ‘Let’s call it Improbable!’

Real estate developer Dave Allen eventually came on board to back the project, with two stipulations: He wanted to lengthen the design from 38 to 42 feet. And he wanted the boat ready to race in the 1971 SORC (Southern Ocean Racing Conference), which started in Florida in late January.

Improbable was cold molded out of three layers of kauri wood at the boatyard in New Zealand where Holland had learned the boatbuilding trade. Launched later than planned (in December 1970), and heavier than planned (almost 2,000 pounds over the 17,000-lb design displacement), there was no time for a shakedown. All the crew could manage was a short jaunt around Auckland’s inner harbor one evening using two-by-fours as a tiller. Then the boat had to be loaded onto a freighter immediately if it was going to make it to SORC.

When the freighter was delayed for a week, once again, things were looking improbable. When the ship finally docked in Baltimore, the boat was transferred to a waiting semi trailer for the final sprint to Tampa. When it arrived, says Skip Allan, Improbable “was tipped over 30 degrees and dragging the remnants of a phone booth and power lines from the twisted bow pulpit” — the result of a shortcut that the well-meaning trucker had taken to avoid permits and other delays.

Improbable missed the first day’s racing while the crew worked round the clock to sort the boat out and put it together. The boat touched US waters for the first time just two hours before the start of racing on the second day. The start was literally Improbable’s ‘shakedown.’ The crew had never even put the spinnaker up.

Despite being only a so-so upwind performer (only about 15% of that year’s racing was off the wind), Improbable ended up third in class and 12th overall in a field of 60 boats.

Proof of concept came at the next event two weeks later, the 800-mile, all-downwind ’71 Jamaica Race. Improbable’s long surfs, often pegging the speedo at its 20-knot limit, catapulted the boat past much larger craft. Commodore and his team finished fifth, just a few hours behind much bigger boats, including the maxis Ondine and Windward Passage. Eyebrows raised. Heads turned. And from then on, the red-hulled boat’s ‘official’ nickname was The Red Rocket.

The tales, triumphs and accolades continued for several years in America, Europe and down under — the boat’s convoluted participation in the ’71 Admiral’s Cup deserves a full-length article of its own. Eventually, though, IOR caught up with Improbable. Despite several attempts to make the boat rate better — including installation of the infamous B-bumps — the writing was on the wall. And by 1976, just five short years into her ‘Star is Born’ career, Improbable’s serious racing days were over.

The boat was sold to new owner Leonard Schwab — Bruce’s father — who did a little singlehanding in the Bay, then took the boat north to Puget Sound, where she served as a fishing and pleasure sailing platform for the next 40 years.

Now 62, Bruce Schwab is getting to be a bit of an old warhorse himself. He grew up cruising with two brothers and his father (partially on Improbable). He began a career in the marine industry as a rigger at Svendsens in Alameda in 1980. By the time
he left almost 20 years later, Svendsens was one of, if not the, biggest recreational marine rigging shops on the West Coast. These days, Bruce is founder, president and chief programmer at OceanPlanet Energy Systems, Inc., based in Maine. The company sells and installs high-end marine electronics.

During and in between those vocations, Schwab has been a force to be reckoned with on the race course, and in particular singlehanded racing. Long an outside-the-box thinker, his own boats have varied from the quirky Rumbleseat, a highly modified 1930 30-Square-Meter aboard which he won the Singlehanded Transpac in 1996; to Ocean Planet, a Tom Wylie-designed Open 60 he raced twice around the world.

He credits Improbable for the inspiration to really get into singlehanding, due to his dad’s interest in solo-sailing the boat — and his own interest in beating the old man in singlehanded races.

When Len passed away in 2018, the next improbable chapter of Improbable’s crazy story began.

“This whole thing was taken on against everyone’s better judgment,” said Bruce, “including mine.” Though there was talk of selling the boat — after all, he certainly didn’t have the time to devote to it, especially living on the opposite coast — resistance was futile.

For the past several years, Improbable has been on the hard at Jim Betts’s yard in Anacortes, and Bruce — when time allows — has been all-in, scraping, sanding, scheming and dreaming of bringing The Red Rocket back to racing: leaner, meaner and faster than ever.

A master of multitasking, with the endurance of a bicycle racer (which is also on his resume, by the way), Bruce has worked out a system that allows him to work on the boat for a month or more at a time, then fly back east to his ‘real job’ for a couple of months. Then back to Washington. Here’s how he described it recently: “I still work remotely while I’m out west, pretty much full time. I typically get up around 4-5 a.m., work on OPE stuff, then try to get in a workout before heading to
the boat. I’ll be watching emails, Slack, Ring Central, etc., to cover any urgent questions, perhaps a hundred times a day while sanding/etc. Then catch up [on whatever I’ve put off during the day] after dinner. Fortunately, I have wonderful hosts in Anacortes, Bill and Kathleen Elmer, former racers who have a house only a few miles from *Improbable*.

His next work session is planned for August 5 through October 4.

Along with the ‘usual’ restoration tasks, bigger jobs include the installation of a new forehatch; fairing the hull; work to modify a recently acquired Farr 40 mast to replace the original (and thereby save 200 pounds aloft); and major surgery to fix the rudder — once and for all.

*Improbable* went through several iterations of rudders during her racing days, most noticeably switching from the transom-hung original to an under-transom version. But Bruce feels like none of them was exactly what the boat needed. So he had Neil Racicot and Paul Bogataj collaborate on a new foil, and Larry Tuttle at Water Rat in Santa Cruz built it. (Paul and Larry also did the foils for *Ocean Planet*.)

Bruce is currently fabricating a supporting structure into the hull to maximize the new blade’s efficiency.

Much of the early work Bruce did on the boat included the sometimes emotional minifield of divesting *Improbable* of all the stuff his dad had installed aboard (including three freezers for fresh salmon), along with about half of the original 14 winches and the complicated underdeck system of gearboxes and shafts that allowed the leeward winch to be driven by a winch handle on the windward side. If the bucks come in (Note: Bruce is looking for financial partners in the project) and the fates keep smiling, Bruce hopes the new *Improbable* will come in about 1,000 pounds lighter than her designed weight.

As improbable as it might sound, more than a half-century after turning the racing world on its ear, a new generation of sailors might well get to see The Red Rocket once again strut her stuff in competition. Exactly where and when that will be, Bruce can’t say exactly. But one thing is certain: With Schwab on the job, the prospects of it happening are anything but improbable.

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The post-race schmooze, where everyone gathers in the same place to talk about the same things, is one of the main reasons that club-oriented “beer can” races are still going strong while some other race formats are having hard times. But that crew was depriving us of that weekly pleasure.

So I decided to walk down to the dock to see what the holdup was, and Lee Helm, who absolutely had to explain to their tactician why some of their moves were all wrong, decided to come with me. The surprise was that, even though they had finished ahead of us boat-for-boat, and they had a much shorter route to their berth on the main fairway, they were not anywhere near finished putting their boat away.

"The luff tapes should line up exactly," instructed their skipper as the foredeck crew and trimmer carefully flaked the jib.

"Don’t you want to be able to see the entire luff before hoisting?" asked the flaker at the luff end. "To make sure there are no twists?"

"Oh no, that would change the angle into the pre-feeder as the sail goes up," the owner responded. "It increases the wear on the tape."

"Aye-aye," the forward flaker responded with a note of sarcasm, and they undid the first three folds to start over.

Meanwhile, another crew was collecting and coiling the sheets and guys,
and piling them into a large bucket while her shipmate fetched the dock hose.

"We always rinse the running rigging in fresh water," he explained. "Keeps them soft and clean. It's especially important if there's been salt spray on deck ... and let's get that dock line, too."

This is a skipper who insists that dock lines should never touch salt water. And if they do, they get rinsed right along with the sheets and guys. The only problem was that with dock lines added to the load, the bucket was clearly too small.

"Bigger bucket?" the crew asked. "Or are we doing two loads?"

"Better idea," suggested Lee, pointing to a dock cart. "It's not, like, totally waterproof, but it's got the volume."

She had barely finished her sentence when the nearby cart was rolled over and filled with running rigging and dock lines, and the hose brought to bear.

"I bet this is how those dock cart axles get bent," I whispered to Lee as I estimated the weight of water that was filling up the cart.

The big boat, now missing two dock lines, was being temporarily re-secured by a novice sailor who was looping a spare dock line around a primary sheet winch, while carefully keeping the line from getting wet.

"No!" scolded the owner. "Never use a winch for a dock cleat! It puts repetitive load on the same spot on the drum bearings every time the boat surges in its berth."

Now, this seemed a little excessive for a tie-up that would only last 10 minutes or less, but I nodded agreement on general principles when the novice sailor looked over in my direction for support.

Years ago I had been admonished by a well-known, world-class sailor for making exactly the same mistake, and while I still didn't really think it made any difference to the longevity of the winch bearings, it seemed to be good practice, perhaps more for etiquette than for better care of the equipment. They moved the temporary line to a slightly less convenient deck cleat.

By this time the jib was flaked the way the skipper preferred, and the foredeck crew's next task was to run all the jib and spinnaker halyards up to the top of the mast on a thin tagline.

"Keeping the halyards out of the sun?" I asked.

"They stay softer and last longer," the owner confirmed. "And we often leave unused halyards up there during a race. It saves weight aloft and reduces wind resistance."

Of course, that meant that the opposite end of the halyard made a very long tail on deck, but that was coiled — in a torque-balanced figure-eight, of course — and passed down to the cabin to keep it out of the elements. For the mainsheet tail, there was a big pocket built into the mainsail cover so it, too, had a place to hide from the sun.

But this skipper was not done with his novice crew. They had tied the fenders to the lifeline wires, something I don't even allow on my boat.

"Fender lines are better on the stanchion bases," he instructed. "That way they're much less likely to slide aft or ride up when the boat shears along the dock."

Walk the docks of any marina and you'll find many interpretations of 'shipshape.'
"But I tied it to the wire on both sides of the stanchion so it’s fixed in place fore and aft,” the crew tried to explain.

"Even worse, I’m afraid. That tends to bend the wire around the edges of the hole in the top of the stanchion. Could result in a broken strand, and you don’t want that in a lifeline wire, especially at the stanchion tip where it might be hard to see."

"Have you thought about switching to Dyneema for lifelines?" I suggested.

"Tried ’em, went back to wire," the owner informed me. "Hard to see at night. Bare wire is shiny, reflects points of light. Dyneema or Spectra seems to disappear in the dark."

When the running rigging and dock lines finished their rinse cycle, they were pulled out of the dock cart, coiled again, and hung to drip-dry.

"You’re not going to put them away wet, are you?” I asked, trolling for an over-the-top response. "Damp fresh water means mildew and mold."

"Unfortunately the sun’s down already, otherwise I’d hang them to dry. My big dehumidifier will have to do all the drying out tonight."

While the foredeck crew lifted the heavy dehumidifier out of the dock box, the owner demonstrated to one of the novice crew, who was working on tying a fender to a stanchion base, how to do a more classy "toe rail hitch" on the perforated aluminum toe rail extrusion.

"With two holes, you can basically form a cleat hitch. That way you’re not locked into always putting fenders where the stanchions are. And it looks really classy."

"Speaking of looking classy," I said, "do you also make up the excess dock lines in Flemish coils?"

"The Flemish coil actually has a function," he answered. "It resembles a doormat or welcome mat, so it’s an invitation for guests to come aboard. It means we’re all put away and ready to receive visitors."

"I’ll keep that in mind next time I walk past," I said. "But I’m afraid the kitchen will run out of burgers if we don’t get back up to the club for the post-race BBQ."

A few minutes later we were all walking back up the gangway, guided by the smell of meat on the grill. But I overheard Lee talking in a low voice to one of the novice crew: "You might try racing with Max next week," she whispered.

"We get back to the bar much sooner. I think his motto is, like, 'Ride it hard and put it away wet …’" — Max Ebb
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Here we check out the YRA Westpoint Regatta, the BAMA Doublehanded Farallones, the OYRA RC’s Choice #1, the El Toro North Americans, the singlehanded LongPac, and the Snipe Nationals. We then correct an error in July’s Master Mariners feature. Big and beefy Box Scores and a collection of Race Notes fill up this robust edition.

YRA Westpoint Regatta

The dependable San Francisco Bay summer breeze piped up in time for the 11:25 first warning of the Westpoint Regatta on July 16. Sequoia Yacht Club ran the start between Treasure Island and the Berkeley Pier ruins, and the finish east of Redwood City.

Most boats started on starboard and sailed toward TI, getting some current relief from the flood that would build to massive proportions. The morning’s minus tide followed by a king tide would result in plenty of water rushing into the South Bay, helping the fleet on its way to Redwood City. A few chose a port-tack start, threading the needle between the right-of-way competitors. Five multihulls started last, with Bottle Rocket and Wingit approaching from the TI side and hooking the pin. Bottle Rocket actually touched the inflatable mark and had to circle back to clear herself.

The Newport 30 Sundust, registered in the first-to-start non-spinnaker division, actually hung back and started after everyone else, finished last, and was scored DNF (did not finish).

After tacking away from TI, most boats crossed the Slot and hightailed it to Angel Island, in anticipation of current relief there. A few, including the two Wylecat 30s, went for the cone of Alcatraz instead. Then the racers rounded Harding Rock, their windward mark, and cracked off for the face of Alcatraz. The full force of the flood tried to push the boats into the Rock. Most of the spinnaker boats didn’t set until they were safely past the Rock, their windward mark, and cracked off for the face of Alcatraz. The full force of the flood tried to push the boats into the Rock. Most of the spinnaker boats didn’t set until they were safely past the island.

After a brisk first two sections of the race, the wind died at the Bay Bridge. Spinnakers drooped and were dropped. Most boats tried to sail the shortest distance, close to the Cityfront, but the breeze held longer closer to the recently bulldozed Yerba Buena Island. South of the Bay Bridge, the breeze dropped all the way across from San Francisco to Oakland. But that powerful flood carried the racers to the wind, which would soon build into the sporty range.

Between Coyote Point on the San Mateo coast and the San Mateo Bridge, the race got jibey-jibey. Ferox and Wingman 5 had a good jibing duel. After 28.7 miles of racing, there were some close, almost photo finishes.

A stray cat shadowed the race. We observed humorously that its fancy chase boat probably cost about 100 times what the little Hobie 18 beach cat cost.

The Westpoint Regatta finished north-east of the Redwood Creek channel that enters the Port of Redwood City. Make a hard left at the first opportunity and you get to the party at Westpoint Harbor.

But somebody forgot to tell a bunch of crews that this was a race to a party. Unclear on the concept, they turned and burned, sailing back through the rough stuff, in the lumpy brown water and blustering northerly to return to their homeports up north without stopping.

— latitude / chris

YRA Westpoint Regatta, 7/16

PHRF 1 — 1) Arsenal, J125, Andrew Piel; 2) Saoirse, Tripp 41, Russell Huebschle. (2 boats)
PHRF 2 — 1) Lucky Duck, J90, Dave MacEwen; 2) Nuckelavee, Melges 32, Mark Kennedy; 3) Alchera, J/120, Jeff Phillips. (5 boats)
PHRF 4 — 1) Imagination, Bavaria 40, Erik Jessen; 2) L2O, J/29, Alexander Huang; 3) Revetry, Catalina 42, Rick & Petra Gilmore. (7 boats)
PHRF 5 — 1) Goose, Catalina 30, Mike Kastrop; 2) Neja, Dasher 32, Jim Borger; 3) High-lighter, Islander 36, William Hackel. (6 boats)

MULTIHULLS — 1) Bottle Rocket, Seacart 30 GP+, David Schumann; 2) Whoopee, Dash 76, Glenn Howell/Heather Annesley; 3) Greyhound, F-22, Evan McDonald. (5 boats)

Full results at www.jibeset.net

BAMA Doublehanded Farallones

Originally scheduled for April 9 but postponed to June 18 due to hazardous sea conditions, the 43rd BAMA Doublehanded Farallones Race proved that perseverance does pay off, even on the morning of a rescheduled race. Using a committee boat start line off Baker Beach instead of the traditional Golden Gate Yacht Club race deck, the race committee took a full hour to start all six divisions. Spotty wind for the 8 a.m. start time brought several postponements and some boats starting far behind the others in their divisions. The strong countercurrent in the starting area created a general drift toward the South Tower during the lulls. Several boats called in to drop out for various reasons before their start time.

The multihull division started on time, with three of the four trimarans finding wind to get them out into the middle to the elevator toward the ocean. The fourth tri was caught too far from the line without enough wind to get to the line until minutes later. Aboard first-place multihull Papillon, skipper Drew Scott and crew Gordie Nash crossed the start...
line about 15 seconds ahead of Entourage, half of their eventual winning time.

The combined monohull divisions 1 and 2 also started on time, except for several boats caught too far from the line that labored to get across. There was some catching up once all boats started, however. Memo Gidley's Basic Instinct, Monohull 2 winner, had a "painful start because even though we were at the line, the wind completely shut down, and going against the current meant it took 20 minutes to get across that line." Basic Instinct was the second Mono 2 boat to start, 20 minutes late. In Monohull Division 1, Sean Mulvihill’s Jamani reported a similar start, “taking 25 minutes to beat 250 yards to the line — definitely the worst start ever!”

The boats that got away early found the ebb, swiftly heading toward open water once they escaped the counter-current. For most it was a port-tack ride to Point Bonita.

Then the wind shut down, resulting in several false attempts to start before the ULDB division got away at 8:45, followed by the Moore 24s at 8:50. The wind then disappeared until 9:20, when the slower Monohull Division 3 finally had enough wind to start. The ebb had pretty much disappeared by this time, and the lone tanker exiting during the starting sequence slowly passed under the bridge and proceeded down the middle, blocking several boats from reaching the desired Marin side of the course, including Gary Troxel’s Tiki Blue. Division 3’s winner, Troxel reported that “The tanker encouraged us to tack back to the south side.” All the other Division 3 boats followed.

Once beyond land’s end, boats found short, choppy 5- to 7-ft wind waves. According to Adam Mazurkiewicz, sailing Yeti, south of Point Bonita they “did a headsail change down to the #3 and made our way out through the bouncy chop, with few significant slams coming off the waves.”

The second-place finisher in Division 3, Jib Marten’s Freedom, found the seas difficult. “In my 10 times around the Farallones, I have never taken so much solid water over the deck.”

Mike Mitchell’s Tartan 4100 Roxanne broke a whisker pole chock and decided to turn back. “This wasn’t our day, and beers in the Bay was the call.” Pat Broderick's Wyliecat 30 Nancy made the same decision due to crew unease.

Multihull leader Andrew Scott aboard Papillon discovered that he had not fully closed the port ama hatch, accumulating about 50 gallons of water, so he and Gordie Nash tacked and pumped out before resuming a course for the Stinky Rocks.

Between the Lightship and the island, Troxel reported, “The wind lightened up a bit and the sea state improved.” Others reported similar conditions. Once near the island, some found themselves too far south for their intended port rounding. Sean Mulvihill thought a starboard rounding was “faster than our usual route leaving the island to port.” Memo Gidley also rounded clockwise, finding “not much of a swell and relatively smooth conditions. The way back in was when things began to get exciting.” There was general agreement with Memo’s observation.

Several boats experienced “wind-aided modifications” after rounding and heading back in. Drew Scott reported that, “We heated up, but were on the edge of control, stuffing the bows repeatedly, then the wind gods smiled on us.
and the spinnaker sheet released and we had to drop the spinnaker.” Gidley’s Basic Instinct also experienced spinnaker woes, “rounding up once and then for some reason shortly after both spinnaker sheets released from the spinnaker clews.” After hoisting the jib, Gidley and crew Ethan Baum had fun dousing the clewless chute in 24 knots of wind, which was not an easy job for two.

Troxel’s Tiki Blue broke the topping lift after a round-up, so they “snagged the pole against the forestay and tightened the downhaul, converting our symmetrical to an asymmetrical spinnaker.” The two Mulvilhills enjoyed surfing at 15-16 knots but, “The good times did not last, and after three rounds-ups trying to point up to the South Tower we gave up and doused.”

Wind speeds increased near land’s end, resulting in several spinnaker wraps. Near Point Bonita, Troxel found wind exceeding 30 knots. He and crew Rune Storesund decided it was time to douse the spinnaker when “a fortunate light wrap around the forestay gave us a quick opportunity to pull it down through the forward hatch’ and go to white sails for the finish. Jib Martens’ Freedom rounded up several times, resulting in a large wrap at top and bottom with the sail filled in the middle — so we had no control over the spinnaker. We were still several miles out from Bonita!”

The Martenses managed to keep “control enough to finish the race, though it was not easy, so it was a hairy ride.”

Aboard CruzSea Baby, Brian and Amanda Turner discussed doing a letterbox takedown. “Then the leeward douse got away from us and we both spent time on the pointy end trying to figure out how to unwrap things.” With the lee shore and Mile Rock, along with inbound traffic, they decided to secure the sail and finish.

On Plus Sixteen, Paul Disario and crew Lian McNamara’s spinnaker wrapped 6 miles from the Gate. They experienced 30+ gusts then, as they “crossed the finish line and the spinnaker miraculously unwrapped.”

“The Doublehanded Farallones Race this year was the fastest race we’ve had in more than 25 years,” reports the commodore of BAMA, Truls Myklebust. “We had three multihulls that finished with a corrected time of under 7 hours. That is so rare that we refer to it as the ‘7-hour barrier.’ It had not been done by any boat in any class since 1999, when the trimaran Erin did it, and in this race we had three multihulls under. Just incredible! We believe these are the fastest corrected times since the record-breaking 1992 race, which had winds from the south and a beam reach both ways (all records for both corrected and elapsed time for monohulls and multihulls are from the 1992 race). We have full electronic records back to 1998, and these are certainly the fastest corrected times since then. The first two multihulls, Papillon and Entourage, both F-27 trimarans with the same rating, fought a boat-to-boat battle the whole way, and finished within just 29 seconds of each other, with Entourage flying a full spinnaker and gaining at the finish — but they ran out of time to catch Papillon before the line. Papillon scored a grand slam in this one: first-to-finish line honors, best elapsed and corrected times overall, and a 25-plus-year record for corrected time!"
— almost an hour late. Despite that, we had all boats back by 7:35 p.m., in daylight, and we didn’t need to do after-dark roll calls for any boats. I can’t remember that happening before!

“The San Francisco Ham Radio Club was helping us with the race again this year to provide radio coverage all the way out to the island, and they actually had two stations, one in San Francisco and one in Pacifica/Montara. Their support really helps us ensure the safety of the racers.

“Basic Instinct was the first monohull to finish, and Mooretician was the best monohull on corrected time. The Moore 24 has been the most-winning boat design through time in the Doublehanded Farallones Race, and that streak continues. Peter Schoen and Roe Patterson finished in style, planing across the finish line with full spinnaker in the windiest conditions of the day — Anita Rock was reporting winds in the high 20s, sometimes gusting to 30 knots, between 4 and 5 p.m.

“In the windy conditions, we had a number of boats that finished with rather elaborate spinnaker wraps.”

Peter Schoen reports on Mooretician’s race: “We started on a port tack close to the committee boat with our #1 up and had just enough way on to clear the committee boat. Snafu elected to start at the other end of the line, which was set pin high. Even though the pin was favored from a distance perspective, our strategy was to get to the remaining ebb in the middle as soon as possible and favor the north. Our strategy worked, because we quickly built a lead on Snafu.

“By the time we got to Point Bonita, wind speed increased quickly to the point that we needed to change down to the #3 jib. Once the sail change was complete, we tacked onto starboard and headed toward SE Farallon.

“The wind speed and direction were fairly consistent all the way to the Rock Pile. Winds were in the mid-teens with gusts to 20. However, the sea state was bumpy and made it challenging to keep consistent boat speed. With the ebb push, we made it to the SF Entrance Buoy in two hours.

“Unfortunately, the wind never clocked enough to fetch the north side of the islands. After almost four hours on starboard tack, we came in just to the south. This year’s rules allowed us to round in either direction, and since we needed to tack to get up and around SE Farallon, we decided to leave it to starboard. It didn’t make sense to us to sail up to the north end of the island and then back down to the south, thereby leaving the island to port.

“We were amazed that we were around the island by 1:45 p.m. This is also where we encountered Snafu coming at us: They were just beginning to leave the Rock Pile to port. After our brief encounter, we set the kite and aimed for the north side of the SF entrance channel. It was a comfortable beam reach back to the Gate, every once in a while surfing on a swell. At about 4 p.m., the wind switch kicked on. Winds built into the low 20s with higher gusts. We were just north of the SF Entrance Buoy at this point. This marked the beginning of the E-ticket ride we came for. We started surfing more and more, easily hitting 12, 13 and 14 knots. Just the conditions that the Moore excels in!

“Gusts continued to get stronger as we approached Point Bonita. We could now feel the boat lurch as the puffs hit us. We were laser-focused on staying under the kite and not wiping out. We ripped coming into the Gate, hitting a few 17s with a top speed of 17.8! We also punched through one swell that sent a two-inch sheet of green water across the deck.

“As we closed in on the bridge, we could see that the water was flatter inside the Bay, so we delayed our jibe...
and waited for a ‘light’ spot. The jibe was completed without much excitement, and we were off again on a flat-water plane to the finish, a slow 13 knots in flat water. We finished at 4:45 p.m., which is the earliest ever for me in this race on a Moore.

“For those familiar with my sailing attire (or lack thereof), yes, I completed the entire trip in shorts. That’s how warm it was. Of course, they were soaking wet when we finished. This year’s sail in from the approach buoy is on my top-10 list of all-time best sailing experiences. For those of you who missed it, this was one for the books!”

— pat broderick & latitude / chris

**OYRA Race Committee’s Choice**

The lightly attended OYRA Race Committee #1 race on June 25 was sailed in light winds. PRO Don Wieneke chose a course out to the Lightship and back.

All 13 boats that started were able to finish. Wind at the start hovered around 11 knots but dropped into the single digits beyond Point Bonita.

Greg Nelson’s Azzura 310 Outsider topped the six-boat PHRO 1 division. John Ahern’s J/109 Reverie placed first in the two-boat PHRO 2 division. Andy Newell’s Santana 35 Ahí took first in the two-boat PHRO 3 division. Pat Broderick’s Wylliecat 30 Nancy won the one-boat SHS (shorthanded) division, and David Schumann’s Seacat 30 Bottle Rocket placed first in the three-boat multihull division.

— pat broderick

**El Toro North Americans**

With Tom Tillotson leading the club activities and committee, Lake Washington Sailing Club hosted the 2022 El Toro North Americans on June 23-26. This year’s Nationals was the first time a new class of traditional El Toros was included. These boats, both wood-hull and Caballero fiberglass-hull boats, all had wood masts and eager sailors from Lake Washington racing, learning, and doing very well against the new fiberglass Moore hulls with carbon-fiber masts.

LWSC is located in West Sacramento on the shore of Lake Washington, where the Sacramento Deep Water Channel enters the Port of Sacramento.

One Junior, Peter Wells, and 10 Seniors raced. (Seniors are ages 16+, not 65+!)

— latitude / chris

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**Scenes from the Snipe Nationals in San Diego on July 11-15**

Ernesto Rodriguez and Kathleen Tocke placed in the top three in six out of the eight races of the regatta. The Miami sailors ranked as the #1 Snipe sailing team in the world, and won the North Americans in 2021. Rodriguez defected from Cuba in 1996. Up next are the Worlds, on August 19-25 in Cascais, Portugal.
SSS Great Pacific Longitude Race
On Wednesday, July 6, at 9 a.m., four boats started the Singlehanded Sailing Society’s LongPac, the hardest shorthanded West Coast race (just our opinion). The SSS created the LongPac as a race that would count as a qualifying sail to compete in the Singlehanded Transpacific Yacht Race to Hanalei Bay, Kauai.

After the start at the Golden Gate Yacht Club on the Cityfront, the boats go around a virtual mark at longitude 126°40’ W, with the latitude up to the skippers. It’s 200 miles out and 200 miles back. Most years see a mix of singlehanded and doublehanded boats, but this year was a singlehanded-only affair as no duos entered the race.

This year was light on competitors but had the usual heavy air and big seas. Five boats were heading to the start line, but a fishing boat speeded past Alcatraz hit Falk Meissner’s Olson 25 Stark on Bluegrass. Stephen Saul’s Ericson 34-2 Kalia had to drop out a few miles west of the Farallones with gear problems.

The final three — Charles Casey, the Cal 40 Riff Rider; Mike Smith on Eos, a Cal 2-34, and Daniel Willey on Galaxsea, a Nauticat 44 — fought it out in a variety of conditions with wind hitting the high 20s on the course and lulling out in frustrating 5s near the finish.

Riff Rider finished at 8:27:24 on Saturday evening. Galaxsea at 8:19:14 Sunday morning, and Eos at 9:25:09 a.m. on Monday. (They corrected out in the same order.)

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Master Mariners Erratum
We’ve received a correction to the race results shown in our Master Mariners Regatta feature in the July issue. “The error was ours, as an early version of the results which Latitude 38 picked up had duplicated the awarding of the Kermit Parker Perpetual Trophy, and the wrong boat was printed as winner,” explains the MMBA’s commodore, Bill Connelly.

“The final race results on the MMBA website correctly show Makani Kai winning the trophy,” added Ken Inouye, Makani Kai’s skipper.

“Per our MMBA perpetual trophy definition, the Kermit Parker Memorial

RACE TO ALASKA, 6/13-7/2

FULL RESULTS at Full results at www.2ak.com

ROUND TREASURE ISLAND RACE, 6/21
VANGUARD 15 — 1) Dan Altreuter/Claire

BOX SCORES
Pratt; 2) Ty Ingram/Tiffany Xi; 3) Lindsay Baab/Elena VandenBerg; 4) Cole Hatton/Yuri Namikawa. (20 boats)

FULL RESULTS at http://vanguard15.org

ULLMAN SAILS LONG BEACH RACE WEEK, 6/24-26 (7r, 0l)
PHRF-A — 1) Adjudicator, Carreek 40, Paul Dorsey, 10 points; 2) Flaquita, R/P 44, Paul Casanova, 14; 3) Pendragon IV, TP52, Steve Torres, 21 (4 boats)
PHRF-B — 1) Destroyer, 1D35, Jim Bailey, 10 points; 2) Jim, J/120, John Snook, 13; 3) Laguna, Beneteau First 40.7, Mark Stratton, 21. (3 boats)
PHRF-C — 1) Rival, J/35, David Boattner, 7 points; 2) Topa, Beneteau First 38, Steven Mane, 19; 3) Sun Puffin, J/105, George Scheel, 20. (4 boats)
PHRF RL-A — 1) Argo 4, J/125, Kenny Kidding/John Vincent, 4 points; 2) Saga, TP52, John Brynjolfsson, 5; 3) Nereid, J/125, Standfast Fleming, 11. (6 boats)
PHRF RL-B — 1) Relentless, 1D35M, Marty Vogel, 4 points; 2) Tiburon, SC37, Doug Steele, 8; 3) Spin Doctor, Andrews 40, Paul Farrell, 11. (6 boats)
PHRF RL-C — 1) Shadowfax, DS 43, Steven George, 3 points; 2) Dos Amigos Dos, C&C 110, Bob Hubbard, 8; 3) Intense, Olson 30, Allan Rosenberg, 9. (5 boats)
FARR 40 — 1) Blade II, Mick Shliens, 10 points; 2) Insanity, Rick Goebel, 13; 3) DarkStar, Steve Brown, 25. (6 boats)
Catalina 37 — 1) D-Isves Plus, Keith Ives, 17 points; 2) Tempess, Raymond Godwin, 19; 3) Team DRYC, Chris Weis, 20. (8 boats)
Beneteau First 36.7 — 1) PI, Larry Smith, 13 points; 2) Rode Rage, Peter Cochran, 19; 3) Bella Vita, Martin Burke, 20. (4 boats)
J/111 — 1) Skeleton Key, Peter Wagner, 7 points; 2) Picaso, Jack Jorgensen, 15; 3) Obsidian, John Staff, 20. (5 boats)
J/109 — 1) Blue Crush, Bob Little, 12 points; 2) Fuzzy Logic, Jeffrey Shew, 14; 3) Raptor, Heinz Butner, 19. (4 boats)
J/70 — 1) Midlife Crisis, Bruce Golison, 16 points; 2) Nimbus, Eduardo Saenz, 24; 3) Huckleberry, Jim Murrell, 28. (16 boats)
Viper 640 — 1) Loco X, Ed Feo, 13 points; 2) Boomslang, Geoff Fargo, 15; 3) Boiling Point, Daniel Milefchik, 25. (7 boats)
Boat of the Week, One Design: D-Ives Plus; PHRF: Argo 4.
Golison & Kent Family Trophy: Destroyer.
Furthest Traveled: Swish, J/70, Steven Proud, Australia.

FULL RESULTS at www.lbrw.org

SCYC SOS SPRING REGATTA, 6/25-26 (10r, 1t) 1) No Name, Mike Holt/Ro Wofelf, 18 points; 2) Ns1, Eric Anderson, 20; 3) The Black
THE RACING

Trophy is to be awarded to the Gaff 2 yacht for the best elapsed time. (Gaff 2: Gaff-rigged boats less than 40 ft and more than or equal to 30 ft LOD). Latitude 38 showed Sea Lover winning it. No fault to Latitude reporting what they were given.

“Makani Kai had an elapsed time of 2:16:36, which was the best elapsed time for all the Gaff 2 boats. Sea Lover is listed at 30 ft LOD on the start time instructions and was the only boat in Gaff 3, which made her ineligible for the Kermit Parker Trophy. She had an elapsed time of 3:51:57.”

— latitude / chris

Race Notes

The US Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup is an invitational event open to sailors ages 16-20. This year, eight teams competed at Long Beach YC on June 17-19 in Solings, a former Olympic-class keelboat. Morgan Pinckney, Will Glasson, Ashley Highland and Peter Sangmeister, sailing for Newport Harbor YC, placed first overall.

Scott Easom launched two new buoys on the San Francisco Cityfront in early July. “We painted ARo on the old Anita Rock offset buoy so you should use that designation on race instructions,” advises Bruce Stone of StFYC. “It is the old Blackaller Buoy, nicely refurbished by Scott with fresh paint and ground tackle. While it will move a bit with the currents, Easom placed it in 42 feet of water at mean tide, 42 yards from Anita Rock on a bearing of 350 degrees.

“The A Buoy is now in place off the St. Francis race deck.” Another note from Bruce: “Racing in Bodrum, Turkey, 12-year-old Travis Greenberg — a junior member at St. Francis YC — and the US Opti Team won the Optimist World Team Racing

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| MBY — 1) Owen Fretwell/Efe Derman, MBY, 164 points; 2) Caleb Everett/Julia Getter, BCYC/BCYCNB4T 166; 3) Carly Kieding/Kate Joslin, SDYC, 172; 4) Blake Behrens/Hope Campbell, SBYSF/SB4T/SDYC, 175; 5) Bo Angus/Ava Arepally, Fishing Bay YC, 178. (43 boats)
| UNDER 16 — 1) Anton Schmid/Wyatt Kelly, SDYC/NB4T, 163 points; 2) Owen Fretwell/Efe Derman; 3) Caleb Everett/Julia Getter. (10 boats) |
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| CYRA HALF-MOON BAY RACE | Full results at www.jibset.net |
| PHRO 1 — 1) Swift Ness, J/111, Nesrin Bazo; 2) Psycho Tiller II, JPK 1080, James Goldberg; 3) Leading Lady, 1D35, Andrew Lindstrom. (3 boats) |
| PHRO 2 — 1) Story Maker, Tartan 101, Mike & Sean Mahoney; 2) Inconceivable, J/88, Steven Gordon. (3 boats) |
| PHRO 3 — 1) Green Buffalo, IC36, Jim Quanci; 2) Ah!, Santana 35, Andy Newell; 3) Aegea, Sabre 38-2, Lewis Gridley. (4 boats) |

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| SFYC HART NUNES, 7/9 (6r 0t) | Full results at www.sfyc.org |
| SJRC 35 (5r 0t) | MERCURY — 1) Fortran, John Ravizza/Chris Boone, 11 points; 2) Fast Break, Randy Smith/Kurt Hemmingsen, 12. 3) Space Invader, David West/Cris Kreuger, 14. (6 boats) |
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FYC HIGH SIERRA REGATTA WEEKEND 1, July 27-25

SAN JUAN 21 — 1) The Great Dane, Jorgen Clausen, 11 points; 2) No Name, S. Sherry/B. Kant/J. Best, 12; 3) Illuminator, Bob Cornstock, 15. (11 boats)

INTERNATIONAL 14 — 1) Pros & Cons, John Clark, 7 points; 2) Kota, P. Galvez, 8; 3) Low and Angry, James Clarksen, 17. (4 boats)

DAYSAILER A — 1) Measure’s Up, Haydon Stapleton/Roy McIlsh, 6 points; 2) Hot Flash, Craig Lee, 10; No Name, Greg Miller, 19. (14 boats)

MELGES 14 — 1) Daniel Thielman, 12 points; 2) Andrew Picel, 19; 3) Auric Horneman, 20. (6 boats)

LIDO 14 A — 1) Orin B, Mark Ryan, 12 points; 2) Go Brandon, Bob Little, 12; 3) Lady Bad, Jack Jorgensen, 17; 4) Lil Red, Tyler Webb, 26. (19 boats)

LIDO 14 B — 1) Orion, Ryder Nesbitt, 7 points; 2) Pinkty, Melissa Kirby, 10; 3) No Name, Mark Dawson, 15. (4 boats)

MOTH — 1) Brooks Reed, 10 points; 2) Chad Freitas, 11; 3) Katie Love, 19. (10 boats)

LASER — 1) Juju Soto, 13 points; 2) Chris Simersten, 16; 3) Emilio Castelli, 17. (7 boats)

LASER RADIAL — 1) Cooper Smith, 6 points; 2) Linnea Jackson, 12; 3) Courtney Clampa, 14. (4 boats)

BANSHEE — 1) Wild Mouse, John Andrew, 6 points; 2) SV, Steve Anderey, 9; 3) Spittfire, Kerry Johnson, 20. (5 boats)

RS AERO — 1) Nice Try, Ilya Volkov, 6 points; 2) Lucky Punk, Craig Perez, 9; 3) No Name, Chris Davison, 15. (6 boats)

Full results at www.regattanetwork.com

FYC HIGH SIERRA REGATTA WEEKEND 2, July 16-17 (Br. 39)

MOORE 24 — 1) Moorogasm, Stephen Bourdow, 8 points; 2) Lowly Worm 2.0, Scott Nelson, 19; 3) Watts Moore, Chris Watts, 24. (15 boats)

ULTIMATE 20 — 1) Peabody, Donna Womble, 6 points; 2) Ultimate Antics, Bob Comstock, 10; 3) Big Wave, Ken Nelson, 14. (5 boats)

VICTORY 21 — 1) 383, Joe Rollinson, 11 points; 2) Red Eye Special, Scott Holmes, 13; 3) Mr. Goodwrench, Donald Bonander, 13. (11 boats)

CORONADO 15 — 1) No Name, David Rumbaug, 5 points; 2) Boondoggle II, Chris Nesbit/Travis Wilson, 12; 3) Shamwari, Lucy Gillies, 16. (7 boats)

THISTLE — 1) Mike Gillum, 5 points; 2) Mike Arrow, 11; 3) Steven Hale, 14. (3 boats)

PHRF — 1) 24K, Greg Byrne, 11 points; 2) Mojito, Ole Eichhorn, 13; 3) Covfefe, Michael LaZarro, 16. (7 boats)

Full results at www.regattanetwork.com

US OPEN SAILING SERIES, LONG BEACH, July 15-17


FINN — 1) Erik Leducis, 5 points; 2) R. Phillip Ramming, 17; 3) Chris Raab, 19. (14 boats)

ILCA 7 — 1) Leo Boucher, 18 points; 2) Marshall McCann, 26; 3) Chapman Petersen, 29; 4) Ford McCann, 30; 5) Guthrie Braun, 30. (19 boats)

ILCA 6 — 1) Tate Christopher, 21 points; 2) Cooper Smith, 36; 3) Liam Andresen, 39; 4) Connor Bennett, 49; 5) Oakley Cunningham, 59. (21 boats)

ILCA 4 — 1) Paloma Arigo, 13 points; 2) Landon Stahl, 13; 3) Chloe Pearl, 25. (5 boats)

IQ FOIL — 1) Noah Lyons, 8 points; 2) Pedro Pascual, 18; 3) Alexander Temko, 23; 4) Maverick Putnam, 30; 5) Samuel Perez Hults, 33. (18 boats)

FOILING KITES — 1) Markus Edegran, 10 points; 2) Evan Hefterman, 18; 3) Noah Runciman, 24; 4) Kai Calder, 31; 5) Will Cyr, 40. (25 boards)

Full results at www.ussailing.org

SDYC SNIPES — July 7-11 (Br. 11)

1) No Name, Ernesto Rodriguez/Kathleen Tocke, 19 points; 2) Danilo, Augie Diaz/Christine De Silva, 22; 3) La Fiana Blanca, Arthur Blodgett/Grace Howie, 40; 4) MAQ, Enrique Quintero/Charlie Bess, 45; 5) Pickle Rick, Evan Hoffman/Shira Golub, 61. (49 boats)

JUNIORS — 1) Justin Callahan/Aiden Hoogland, 13 points; 2) Trevor Davis/Ale Torres, 20; 3) Peter Busch/Cam Spriggs, 23. (8 boats)

Full results at www.sdcg.org

FYC J/105 & J/88 INVITATIONAL, July 16-17 (Br. 39)

J/105 — 1) Ne’Ne, Tim Russell, 11 points; 2) Arbitrage, Bruce Stone/Nicole Breault, 21; 3) Akula, Doug Bailey, 22. (14 boats)

J/88 — 1) Ravenette, Brice Dunwoodie, 11 points; 2) Butcher, Dave Corbin, 14; 3) Hijinks, Logan Ashcraft, 22. (3 boats)

Full results at www.regattanetwork.com
Several West Coast boats completed circumnavigations this spring. In the next few months, we hope to bring you glimpses into each of those remarkable voyages, written by the folks who lived them! The first two installments are from Warren Holybee of Eliana, and Larry and Margie Linder of Althea. Also this month, we revisit the ongoing cruises of Tulum V and Green Flash; take a quick look back — and forward — at Zihuatanejo SailFest; and top it all off with a creamy icing of Cruise Notes.

Eliana — Morgan 382
Warren Holybee
The Experience of a Lifetime
Petaluma

I just finished my circumnavigation a few weeks ago. It was an experience of a lifetime, meeting many new friends and sailors from all over the world — many of whom I kept running into as we took our own routes around. Some were sailors from my own backyard who I met on the other side of the world!

I got to see animals and places that most of us only read about or see on the National Geographic channel. I briefly lived in worlds with different cultures, different religions, and little wealth — but lots of happiness. I had hardships, including running dangerously low on cash; having to make repairs to the boat; and conflicts with crew. I kicked one crewmember off in Fiji. Another abruptly left — calling me from the airport to let me know he wouldn’t be back. I had a rigging issue in South Africa that I caught early, before it prematurely ended my trip. What I experienced and learned can’t be taught, and I am fortunate to have been able to experience it.

I started sailing in 2014, in midlife — well before retirement but much later than so many of my friends who started as kids. It began during my commute to work across the Golden Gate Bridge. While stressed out in traffic, I’d look out into the Bay. One day I decided sailing was a better way to spend my time than in traffic. I began taking classes at Modern Sailing in Sausalito. A little over a year later, I bought Eliana with the lofty, distant goal of sailing around the globe.

I found the boat in Marina del Rey and had an opportunity to cruise around Catalina Island with some friends before bringing her north to the Bay Area. “Cruising” was new to me then, having at this point only taken classes and daysails around the Bay. But I knew I wanted it to be my new way of life.

It took three years before I was able to leave. I created a long checklist of projects for Eliana, entered some beer can races, and started planning and wrapping up my financial affairs for the trip. In early 2018, I decided to enter the Pacific Cup. The boat wasn’t ready, but close. The main reason for entering was that it set a firm date for departure. There was no way to put off leaving for “a few more upgrades.” If the boat met the strict safety equipment rules, that would be enough. As a result, I left without refrigeration, watermaker, a windlass, solar panels — the list goes on. None of those is really necessary, although I would later add solar and refrigeration.

The race was a spectacular experience. Eliana did great and we took third in our division. I feel good that we had a strong finish for a first time in the race. And I’d love to do it again — but on somebody else’s boat! I didn’t realize how hard an ocean race would be on the boat. Flying the spinnaker at night through squalls with winds that reach 30+ knots is not for the fainthearted. Fortunately, the only things that broke were the hinges on the toilet seat.

After enjoying the party at Kaneohe Yacht Club, most of the fleet turned around and went back to where they’d come from. Except me. I continued south to New Zealand, and eventually across the Indian Ocean, then to Brazil and the Caribbean; waited out COVID in Virginia, and finally transited the Panama Canal and returned to San Francisco.

I am often asked what my favorite place was. I answer quickly, “Fiji,” but
that really isn’t fair to everywhere else I went. Fiji was wonderful, and I plan to retire there eventually. But I also had amazing experiences in nearly every place I went (although, for the most part, I would not want to live in those places).

To the west of Fiji at Vamatu, I got to stand on the rim of an active volcano and watch the lava bubbles explode. I also witnessed “land diving,” which led to the invention of bungee jumping. A 100-foot tower is built from branches, men climb the tower, tie vines to their ankles, and jump headfirst. The goal is to hit the ground but not die. In days past, it was thought to ensure a good yam harvest. Now it’s only done for tourists.

The people in Indonesia were so welcoming and friendly, and invited me into their homes, schools, and churches to share their lives with me. The highlight there was speaking to young children in school who were learning English and had never met a native English speaker. Indonesia, however, was very dirty and polluted. Beaches looked like landfills, raw sewage flowed in gutters along the streets, and only bottled water was safe to drink. So, while it was an amazing experience and important to see, I felt fortunate not to have to live there.

In Madagascar, of course I got to see, feed, and hold lemurs. I took a trip inland to a national park, and had a guide take me out at night to see mouse lemurs, which are just so darn cute. I also got to see how some of the poorest people in the world live. I visited villages that knew nothing of plastic, metal, or using electricity. People lived in houses made of sticks, and fished and gardened for food. No stores or even money. I traded about $200 of rope for a few tomatoes, as tomatoes are all they could offer in trade.

Other cities in Madagascar had some wealth — not much by our standards — but also lots of crime. I was at the yacht club only an hour before a man offered me some girls to take to my boat. Locally, this seemed to be acceptable and was done right out in the open. That mostly ruined Madagascar for me, but was also really eye-opening to world problems we don’t experience in the US.

South Africa featured some of the worst and most difficult sailing of the trip. The Mozambique Channel is brutal. About 10 boats clustered together as we waited for sailing windows and compared weather reports and the suggestions of weather routers. The ports on the east coast of South Africa all had local sailors with local racing, etc. They are very dedicated indeed.

I rented a car in South Africa and went on a self-guided safari. I didn’t get to see any lions, but saw most everything else you might expect. A rhino blocked the road at one point for 20 minutes. I was certainly not going to force the issue by trying to shoo him away. I also saw zebras, giraffes, hippopotami, monkeys, baboons, and more, all in their natural habitat.

Crossing the South Atlantic to Brazil was the best sailing of the whole trip. Once I’d trimmed the sails and set the windvane, I didn’t touch anything for the whole first week. After that the wind got light, and it took more work to keep the boat moving. But the weather was great: no rain, no squalls, flat, comfortable water. It was sailing that we all dream about.

I was in Salvador, Brazil, for Carnival. The people, the music, the huge party — there is nothing like it anywhere. The size of the event dwarfs anything else I have seen. Beer is cheap, and everyone is dancing and having a great time.

I left Brazil the day after Carnival for Trinidad and Tobago. Unknown to me at the time, a few days before I got there, the world would go into COVID lockdown. I learned of this en route, and the only
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place I was allowed to stop was St. Thomas.
I was on St. Thomas for about two months. Most of the “essential” island businesses remained open. (Restaurants were open only for takeout.) Most of the rest of the Caribbean was closed to travel, so any boats that were caught between ports diverted to St. Thomas. So there were quite a few cruising boats filling the anchorages. I relaxed, met some old friends who’d found their way there, and made some new friends.

Eventually, I found a job in Virginia, right near a marina, and sailed up the coast to hunker down for a year and refresh the cruising kitty.

In November 2021, I headed south toward Puerto Rico on my way to Panama. I had done a lot of maintenance in Virginia, including inspecting and replacing much of my steering system — except for the cable. It was new right before I left California, and still appeared new, so I let it be. Of course, it broke halfway to Puerto Rico. I spent a day adrift while I rigged some Dynema to replace it. It took a few days for the Dynema to “set” while I kept taking up the slack, but now that it’s done, I don’t think I’ll return to wire rope. The Dynema is so easy to splice and replace, and I think it will last longer. It’s also cheaper than the wire Edson sells.

I went through the Panama Canal rafted to a boat homeported in Morro Bay, whose owners I’d first met in South Africa. (Ed. note — That boat was the Westsail 32 Althea, featured in the next Changes story.) Another difficult-to-describe experience was being in a lock with a container ship as water rushed in and you rose to the lake level, then later repeated to come back down to the Pacific level.

I greatly preferred the more southern ports of Mexico. Banderas Bay and everything north, where most of the cruising seems to be, wasn’t nearly as good in my opinion. All of it was “touristy,” whereas the southern ports had more culture, and to my eye were cleaner, cheaper, and more inviting.

I tried to sail up the West Coast. I really did. But after so many miles, my sails were worn and stretched. Between my reduced pointing ability, the current, and the uncomfortable swell, the boat and I were taking such a beating that I gave up. I waited for calm weather, and motored to the next port, to wait for calm weather again. Eventually, I fell in with some other boats doing the same, then we harborhopped all the way to California.

My most expensive mistake happened in Santa Cruz, only a few days from finishing my trip. And it was all my fault, and I knew better. I tied my dinghy to the wharf, and the tide changed, and it got pulled under the wharf as the tide came in. If I took a sledgehammer and beat my outboard as hard as I could, it would do less damage. My outboard was a total loss. Fortunately, it happened at a point where I didn’t need it anymore, but it’s one of those mistakes you feel stupid for having made.

I arrived back in Sausalito on June 4, 2022. My mom chartered a boat, and she and several other boats sailed outside the Gate to escort me in. It was a very emotional moment, bringing such a journey to an end. For now, I’m back working for the foreseeable future, but hope to retire in a position to do it again, and settle somewhere in the South Pacific, maybe Fiji.

— Warren 7/1/22

Althea — Westsail 32
Larry and Margie Linder
The Longest 90 Seconds of My Life
Morro Bay

After bonding with fellow cruising friends during a monthlong COVID quarantine in Brazil, we set sail from Marina Jacare on April 28, bound northwest for St. John in the USVI. The first part of the voyage was pleasant. The weather was favorable enough to cook, play Scrabble, and take turns napping. We experienced a mixed bag of conditions, but had no idea that we were about to encounter — for one very long and hair-raising moment — the worst weather of our entire circumnavigation.

It happened a week into the passage, on May 5, just as we got to the ITCZ. The Intertropical Convergence Zone is a band of low pressure that swirls around the Earth near the equator. It generally manifests between 5ºN and 5ºS. Warm air rises, cool air descends, beckoning the
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trade winds from the north and south to coalesce and throw a big bash. A swirly soirée, if you will. Sounds fun, right? Well, not always.

For the record, our lat/long was 04°21’ N, 40°10’ W when the squall hit. We don’t have instruments to accurately measure wind speed that high, but we later agreed that 70 kts would probably be a good estimate.

I would later feel fortunate that we were flying only a staysail at the time. But when the squall first hit, and our sturdy little double-ender lay over almost on her beam ends, my first thought was, “This is it. This could be the end. I’m glad we are together.”

I assumed a standing position between the galley and the wet locker, bracing myself with each hand firmly gripped around a post. My gaze was fixed on Larry. He sat on the starboard side of the cockpit, feet against the footwell, pulling the tiller toward him with all the strength he could muster. Our port lights were underwater. Like a scene in a wrestling match, Althea was pinned. Items in the galley and the pilot berth that are normally secure in rough weather were flying and rolling around everywhere. Seawater from boarding waves seeped in through the forward hatch.

After the initial hit, as terrified as I still was, my fear was coupled with a strange sense of calm. I specifically remember telling myself, “We are gonna get through this.” I don’t recall thinking that I needed to summon the strength to survive. It just came.

And then, as suddenly as it had come, it was gone (though 30- to 35-kt winds persisted for several hours). The boat popped back up and Larry regained control. For me, it seemed as though the squall lasted for 20 minutes, but Larry assures me that, from start to finish, it was only about 90 seconds. I’ll defer to his estimate, but just want to say it was the longest 90 seconds of my life. Regardless, we were alive! Immediately, we took inventory.

We discovered:
— Leaks we’d never noticed before.
— Every towel was sopping wet.
— Our awning ripped 12” at the seam.
— We lost two fenders, a harness tether and, worst of all, a Tiller Pilot. Luckily we had a spare. Unluckily, the bracket under the tiller that attaches to the autopilot snapped in half. So no more autopilot for the rest of the trip.

Adding insult to injury, our vane steering was also out of commission. Right before we got to the ITCZ, the steering oar popped off after driving into a thick patch of sargasso weed. We had to “pull over” and heave to while Larry secured the errant oar in high seas. Shout out to Captain Jim Sublett of Jaga 2, who advised us via SSB that the fisherman’s bend knot would be the best choice.

Fortunately, it wasn’t all terror and broken stuff. Earlier in the passage, Larry had landed an 8-kilo (17-pound) mahi mahi on our hand line. He saw the fish 30 yards out before it swallowed the lure. “It looked like a remote-controlled missile speeding toward the lure at 40 mph!” he shouted. We were so pumped! Beautiful fish — the first we had caught since we left South Africa, so we were stoked. Less than an hour later, the fish was in our skillet and then our bellies.

We made landfall on May 19 in the USVI. We grabbed a mooring at Honey moon Beach and cleared into the country on the island of St. John. Time to enjoy
all the perks of landfall: fresh produce, a laundromat, great restaurants (takeout only) high-speed internet and ice cream! "Boozy milkshakes" were a standard offering in every ice cream store we saw.

Why not? We spent two days there, soothed by the ever-so-gentle rocking of Caneel Bay. We both went into eight-hour comas each night.

Back to my PTSD moment. I liken our harrowing experience to my experiences of childbirth. It was an odyssey, terrifying and exhilarating, but in the end we were handed a blessing ... a gentle landfall in a calm, peaceful anchorage in clear, turquoise waters.

— Margie 6/23/22

Larry and Margie crossed the outbound track of their seven-year circumnavigation off Banderas Bay in June.

Green Flash — Beneteau Oceanis 35
Robert Ritner and Joan Chen
Glad to Be Back!
San Clemente

The fish’s-eye view of ‘Green Flash’ — snorkeling in the San Blas Islands.
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We hoisted new courtesy flags and what we thought would be a brief stopover in the Gulf of Fonseca, but Mother Ocean had other plans in mind. Though liberating to be at anchor in all new countries, the daily 20-plus-knot winds with choppy swell and strong currents had us dancing between anchorages in all three countries that surround the bay. Almost three weeks later, we were finally underway and made it to the serenity of Bahía Santa Elena in Costa Rica. Only here can you experience the sound of silence — peppered with some distant howler monkey calls, of course!

Regular readers may best remember the French family for their largest crewmember, Quincy the Great Dane. Rounding out the crew complement are (left): Mom Michelle, daughters Kellyn (in blue) and Teagan, and Papa Chad — shown here at their visit to the Temple of the Inscriptions in Palenque, Mexico. Above: Mermaids have frequently been spotted in the water around 'Tulum'. Lower left: Isla Tortugas, Costa Rica.

The windward islands remain relatively untouched by the modern world. Cruising boats, though, are welcomed and the permits to visit — collected by officials in pangas once a month — are inexpensive.

Though there are more developed island villages closer to the mainland, many families on the outer windward islands live in thatched huts without running water or power. Many Kuna still make the passage between islands by dugout canoe, often with the aid of small, colorful sails. Food and fuel are in limited supply, save for the few larger villages close to the mainland, and for the occasional fruit and vegetable pangs and dugouts that make their way around the more popular island anchorages. Life is simple there, and we were once again blissfully ignorant of all the goings-on of the outside world much of the time. Our days were filled with snorkeling, island walks, occasional boat projects and pleasant tropical midday naps!

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We were so taken by these islands that our plans to see more of the Caribbean will have to wait at least one more season. Having seen the beauty of this place, we were surprised to learn that they are frequently bypassed by cruisers in the rush to get through the Canal to the Pacific, or
We checked into the country and quickly learned what pura vida was all about: monkeys and sloths, recycling bins on the beaches, happy, lovely people, and thrill-seekers’ zipline rides over the rainforest. Some anchorages have been rollly, and yes, traveling through a rainforest during rainy season does feature lots of rain, but overall, we’ve thoroughly enjoyed exploring this magnificent country on our floating home.

We have our sights set on transiting the Panama Canal after enjoying some of the beautiful cruising grounds of northern Panama and the Perlas Islands. With new territory, some things have changed, but some have not. The water is still blue (except when red tide is flowing); home-schooling commences on most weekdays; and exciting yet unexpected boat projects continue to emerge — we are a cruising family after all! The “battle for the crown” on board Tulum V is a constant source of entertainment as we watch our four-legged crewmembers compete for attention, food, and the best napping spots. With some plans for preventive maintenance and perhaps inland travel, we hope to break up the rainy season in Panama and look forward to exploring a whole new ocean!

— Chad 6/8/22
(www.LiveFree2SailFast.com)

Zihuatanejo SailFest — Sailors Giving Back

Every February, sailors from around the world gather in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, for two weeks of fun and philanthropy. The event, known as SailFest, raises money for school construction projects implemented by the Mexican nonprofit organization Por Los Niños (“For the Kids”).

SailFest 2022 raised 3,450,000 pesos or about $175,000 — a record despite the lingering shadow of COVID-19 and the struggles of the Mexican tourism sector to recover economically. Since 2002, the proceeds from SailFest have been used to construct 142 classrooms, science laboratories, computer centers, kitchens, bathrooms and covered playgrounds. This includes construction of 14 completely new schools and repairs to 31 existing schools.

Funds are raised through generous contributions from the cruisers, as well as Zihuatanejo’s multinational tourists — many of whom schedule their vacations around the growing list of events put on by the SailFest Committee of over 125 volunteers.

On-the-water activities, hosted aboard visiting yachts, include sunset music cruises and a Rally-Round-the-Rock “race” where paying guests can crew aboard a boat, or help officiate at the start/finish line. There’s also a Sail Parade from Zihuatanejo to Ixtapa, where guests take a leisurely cruise between the bays of these two world-class resort towns while enjoying food and beverages and, occasionally, a pod of dolphins or a breaching whale.
Onshore activities include rock ‘n’ roll bands on the beach, elegant house parties (also with musical entertainment), a chili cook-off, numerous raffles, a spectacular live auction, and the traditional gala dinner with music provided by schoolchildren from the community.

*Por Los Niños* is a Mexico-registered charity founded in 2005 to administer the funds raised by SailFest. (US tax deductible receipts can be issued through the sister organization, Los Niños.) Visit the website <www.porlosninos.com> to learn more!

— Peter Benziger

Readers — SailFest was created by Latitude 38 founder Richard Spindler and some goodhearted cruisers in 2002. We still enthusiastically support this fun and worthy event and hope everyone headed south will put 2023 SailFest — February 12-26 — on their calendars. See you there!

**Cruise Notes**

- “We are finally back in the Pacific again, almost a decade after sailing out,” writes Kia Koropp of the Ganley 49 cutter *Atea*. Originally from Sacramento, Kia has been cruising with British husband John Daubney since 2011 (and kids Braca and Ayla, who joined the crew along the way). The family will end this year in New Zealand and possibly take a break from cruising for a while so Mom and Dad can regenerate the cruising kitty. Until then, “We will enjoy this year on our slow crawl across the Pacific, making the most of the beautiful atolls and islands we sail to,” says Kia.

- Last month, the UK-based Telegraph ran a piece called “Your 70s Is The Best Decade of Your Life — Meet the Women Who Prove It.” Among the climbers, marathon runners and other septuagenarian female athletes was our favorite “marathon” sailor, Jeanne Socrates, who, at age 77, became the oldest woman to circumnavigate the world solo and unassisted. She accomplished the feat in just 11 months aboard her Swedish-built Najad 38 Nereida, crossing her outbound track in Victoria, BC, in October 2019. Also “for the record,” this was the fourth circumnavigation in a bit over 10 years (and the second nonstop) for Jeanne, who only took up sailing in her late 40s. Oh, and a big “Happy Birthday!” to Ms. Socrates, who turns 80 on August 17.

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• After selling his Beneteau 473 Vitesse, a veteran of the ’08 and ’15 Baja Ha-Ha’s, San Francisco’s Tom Price found his dream boat, Detoré, a Grand Soleil 50, in San Diego. After having some work done in Ensenada (‘Bahia Naval does top-notch work!’), the boat headed up to the Bay, where Tom and his lovely lady, Holly Wolfe, have been sailing and upgrading in preparation for the 2023 Ha-Ha (and maybe a Transpac).

Among extracurricular activities, Tom has enjoyed several trips to the Caribbean, and couldn’t expound enthusiastically enough about a charter in Belize. Well, except for “the drone incident.” He bought a drone to record highlights of the trip, and the times where he launched and recovered the drone on land went fine. “But one day, I got bold and launched while sailing. I couldn’t manage to get the drone back on board from astern, so flew it around to the bow and brought it in—shirtless. I ended up crashing it into my chest. The crew mercilessly made fun of the new blade tattoos on my chest for the rest of the trip.”

Eventually, Tom and Holly plan to head south to San Diego by way of the Channel Islands and Catalina. (Although, he notes, “We can’t go until we find a slip in San Diego, so if anybody has any ideas…”). From there, the plan is on to La Paz via the ’23 Ha-Ha. After that, they have loose plans to sail to the South Pacific, or turn left and go to the Med. “Our life’s journey is to adventure off-grid,” says Tom, “and we have the platform to accomplish our dreams.”

• Dennis Roquet and Kelly Carr left their new-to-them Beneteau 52 Roxxy at Shelter Bay Marina in Colon, Panama, and flew home to Friday Harbor for the summer. The current plan is to return in September, transit the Canal, and head up to Costa Rica for some canvas and sail work. Then up to Barra Navidad, where they hope to keep the boat for a couple of years. “But remember,” notes Dennis: “God laughs at people who make plans.”

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25 – 28 FEET SAILBOATS

27 FT SAN JUAN 7.7 (CLARK) 1979. Freshwater Tahoe boat. New Pineapple mainsail ($2k) still in box. #1, #2, #3 and spinnakers. $15,000. OBO. Brisbane, CA. alban.leliepvre@gmail.com (530) 733-3172

29 FT /J29 1984. Due to relocation, ‘Blazer’ is for sale, ready to sail/race. Super-light, fast and smartly built. Try to find a faster 29-ft in the Bay. Inboard Yanmar 1GM10 runs perfectly. New diesel tank. Bottom paint up-to-date. $10,500 OBO. Brisbane, CA. alban.leliepvre@gmail.com (650) 733-3172

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31 FT WYLIE GEMINI TWIN 1976. ‘Encore’ is a beauty. Recent out-of-water survey. Check out Wooden Boat issue 12 for more build info. I would prefer that both boats go to the same buyer, but they have been apart before. By far the fastest boat I have ever sailed. Mylar main and jib, spare Mylar jib and a #3 Dacron jib. $20,000. Treasure Island, CA. sawinery2004@yahoo.com (925) 219-2279
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34 FT SABRE 1984. Excellent boat for Bay conditions. Lovingly restored by a craftsman. Roomy interior and cockpit with stern pulpit seats. Westerbeke 27 diesel, new Force 10 stove, new batteries, 2008 main still crisp. $39,000. Alameda, CA. 34ftSabre@gmail.com


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32 FT DOWNEASTER 1976. ‘Victorius’ just returned from 6 months cruising the Sea of Cortez. 26 ft Beta, new B&G electronics, new Victron inverter/charger, new Iridium GO!, Torqeedo Travel 603, Avon inflatable dinghy, Hydrovane. $42,000. Vallejo. nscottconstruction@gmail.com (530) 908-6110

32 FT PACIFIC SEACRAFT 1987. The Pacific Seacraft 34 (’Crealock 34’) was Bill Crealock’s design for a slightly smaller and updated version of his classic cruis- ing sailboat, the PSC 37. ’Victoria’ is a stunning example of a well-kept Crealock. She has made several trips up and down the Pacific Coast from Washington to Mexico and is well equipped to start the next voyage. Amenities include: Force 10 two-burner propane stove with oven; Adler Barbour Cold Machine refriger w/ freezer box; solar panels (2) on movable rail mounts; dodger and full canvas bimini; Achilles 4-person dinghy; Viking liferaft. AIS, Furuno radar, chartplotter, VHF. New bottom paint. Yanmar diesel 1900 hrs. Email for complete list. $69,000. Point Richmond, CA. jenders@jeffnet.org (541) 821-0929

34 FT PACIFIC 37 1994. Fully loaded and ready for sailing in the Bay/off- shore. Brand-new bottom job, with new sails (main, jib), symmetric/asymmetric kite, and autopilot. See URL for specs, pics and more info! $29,500 PRICE REDUCED!! Richmond Yacht Club. rune@storesundconsulting.com (510) 225-5389 https://tinyurl.com/mpd7djb

32 FT HERRESHOFF 1998. Beautiful, strong cruising cutter Herreshoff de- signed, bowsprit and boomin, cedar cold-molded hull, full lead keel, spars, sails in great condition (mainsail with 3 reefs; stays’l, jib; 120% Dacron; 120% 1.5 oz. nylon; storm sail; trys’l); Aries wind vane self-steering; 10-ft fiberglass dinghy; sails beautifully; no engine; sail into and out of upwind Berkeley berth or use 16 ft oar; 4 anchors (45# 35# 25# CQR, fisherman); windlass. $35,900. Berkeley, kennoble40@gmail.com (925) 786-7878

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38 FT ERICSON 38-200 1988. ‘Gypsysea’ has sailed the Mexican waters for seven years and is ready to do so again. She has had much work done in the last six months, including new standing rigging, new refurbed interior, new cushions, keel re-bedded and torqued, new bottom six months ago. She has all that's needed to explore the Sea of Cortez and mainland Mexico. $69,500. La Paz, MX. gphillips511@yahoo.com (415) 269-8279

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42 FT PASSPORT 42 1984. Highly respected worldwide cruiser, structurally sound. With some elbow grease and TLC can be brought back to excellent cruising and cosmetic condition. High-quality cuter rig project boat with a complete inventory of sails in excellent condition, main almost unused. Teak deck does not leak. 50hp Beta Marine (Kubota) engine (28 hrs) Superb liveaboard now with beautiful teak interior. Dickinson range/oven, two 7.1-gal alum propane, microwave, built-in fridge/freezer, TV, new mattress (great condition). See complete specs, work needed, and photos at the URL. I am moving to Africa and will sell quickly. accepting the first reasonable offer! A great deal if you apply effort and TLC to a first-class cruiser/liveaboard. $34,500 OBO. San Rafael. andylists@gmail.com http://tinyurl.com/PassPort42

40 – 50 FEET SAILBOATS

32 FT WILLIAM ATKINS THISTLE 1980. A Westsail-like boat. 11-ft beam, 5.3-ft draft, 31.3-ft LOA, 20,000-lb dis. Volvo MD38 frozen — needs replacing, sails old, dodger newer, very stout boat, polyester resin/fiberglass hull, wood deck 1.5-in thick. $7,000 OBO. ghenny102@yahoo.com (510) 501-4927

36 – 39 FEET SAILBOATS

36 FT ALLEGI WRIGHT PRINCESS 1977. A solid/comfrotable bluewater ketch with simplicity throughout. New barrier coat (2013) and Interlux hull paint (2008). Westerbeke 40hp, roller furling jib, Dutchman system, dodger and all lines to the cockpit. USCOC registered, $36,276. Coyote Point. christopherjette@gmail.com https://tinyurl.com/5ye5ctyr

43.5 FT CAL 40 1966. Cal 40 #66, ‘Sha-man’ modernized sistership to Bermuda Race winner ‘Illusion,’ with all major upgrades. New Ballenger rig 2007, BBG instruments, autopilot, Zeus 10 (2012), Gori Race prop (2021), Waterat carbon rudder, full set of racing sails. Won her class in 2008 Pac Cup and 2012 Santa Barbara Race, second in class 2016 Singlehanded Transpac. Beautiful interior with premium woodwork, AGM batteries (450Ah 2016), Xantrex sine inverter, Newport watermaker. Much more! Contact me, Tom, for specs. $75,000. Point Richmond. tomburden1@gmail.com (831) 331-8737 https://tinyurl.com/5f9pfj7x


46 FT IRWIN 43 MK III 1987. Center cockpit. Perfect Ha-Ha sailboat, did the 2016 Ha-Ha and have had it in Mexico/La Paz cruising every year. It is in great shape and ready to go without any work — just provision and go. View on Yacht World. It has everything you would need to cruise, full set of sails, dinghy, outboard, Yanmar 68hp turbo with $11k maintenance overall 2016, new Northern Lights generator, new bottom paint, topside vanish in perfect condition, topside waxed in May ’22. Call for more details; motivated to sell and will deliver to San Diego. $99,000. La Paz, MX. scott_johnston63@yahoo.com (775) 722-2051

46 FT J/42 1998. ‘Thylacine’, hull number 29, with a carbon mast. She is in excellent condition having received all-new rod, chainplates, and a complete mast rebuild in 2019. She has a Pelagic autopilot from 2019 with a LeComble and Schmitt 50 hydraulic ram, a Monitor windvane, a carbon fiber hard dodger, and many sails ranging from good to excellent condition. ‘Thylacine’ is a fast bluewater cruiser that is ready to go offshore. Contact for a full list of recent upgrades and maintenance and more photos. $135,000. La Paz, BCS, MX. noahlpfeffer@gmail.com (562) 822-5027

46 FT CHEOY LEE SLOOP 1980. Blue-water sailing vessel. Go anywhere with this seaworthy boat. Returned in 2020 from sailing in Mexico for several years, she is outfitted for liveaboard or cruising. Some of the equipment: 1100 watts of solar, 240 Izusu 60hp main engine, 3kW Yanmar genset, Garvin Navionics. Email for a list of equipment and amenities and photos. $130,000 OBO. Bodega Bay, Spud Point Marina. jholman@sonic.net (707) 529-8892

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48 FT NEWPORT 41 1982. Selling my loved Newport, 30 hrs on rebuilt engine, recent bottom job. New shaft, refrig, diesel heater, and more. I’m getting too old for a boat this size so I bought a smaller boat. $25,000 OBO. Emeryville. Thepaintgod@yahoo.com (415) 233-2845


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49 FT FARR 40 1992. ’High Five’: Cookson-built Farr 40 / Kevlar hull. Volvo Penta 40 hp; 250 hrs on engine and sail- drive. Includes multiple sails. Extremely well maintained. Call to get more details. $50,000. Morro Bay, CA. goldconcept@sbcglobal.net (805) 550-1118

49 FT KALKI 1981. Gary Mull design cruiser/racer sloop. Recent improvements and maintenance completed. Hull good with no blisters. Good sail inventory. Boat less Newport Harbor. Valued at $38,000. Roche Harbor, WA. jhietbrink@aol.com (949) 640-1754

49 FT POLARIS 43 1979. Extensive refit in 2000 — Lefell mast, standing rigging, Yanmar 50hp, custom hard dodger, new fuel tanks, LP water heater, BBQ, windlass, roller furling main and jib, MPS, etc. Winner best maintained at SGYC 4 years. New house and start batteries, dinghy. See pictures info at website. Strong cruising boat and great live aboard. Call Ron. $119,000. San Diego. ron@griffinformation.com (619) 226-6071 https://tinyurl.com/yc7r4p8m

41 FT CT 41 1974. Garmin radar, Harken roller furler, Vacufall head, Wallas diesel boat heater, Frigi Cold refrigeration, Force 10 propane stove, new electrical panel and wiring, gel cell batteries. $25,000 OBO. San Francisco East Bay. jvdonick@gmail.com (530) 478-1078

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20 FT TomCat 2000. Catamaran, excellent condition. Accommodates eight. Includes mainsail, jib, and genoa; Yamaha 9.9hp outboard; dual rudders with wheel and tiller steering; bimini top; ST60 Tridata instruments; compass; trailer; anchor with chain and much more. $19,500. Lake Almanor, CA. mjboat.6.2@gmail.com (650) 924-0849. https://tinyurl.com/24afvpaf

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