



THE
WHISTLER
 NEWSLETTER

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- Larry Fox, Interim Commodore -

As chair of the Nominating Committee, I'd like to thank the members of the club for being excited and ready to serve as our club officers for next year. The committee's slate of candidates is almost complete and it has been a joy. Seems like all we hear is "glad to do it."

Remember to vote on Election Day. Come to the general membership meeting & **Potluck on Tuesday Nov 7th** at 7pm to vote for the 2018 HYC Board of Governors. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of willing candidates and, as always, the floor will be open to further nominations. There will be the traditional written ballots.

And our **Flag Officers' Dinner on Sunday, Nov 12th** where we thank our retiring officers and install our 2018 officers. This will be a fabulous, catered affair and our one chance to dress up a little (HEAR THAT GUYS). Be sure to reserve your seat by sending your payment through snail mail or electronic payment on our website.

PLANNING MEETING

Ever wonder who comes up with all the events for the year? You do! We need your input and suggestions for things we should do next year. Do you want more social events? Night cruising? Dragon boat races?

**Come to the
 Planning Meeting
 Sun Nov 19th 7pm**

If you can't make the meeting, call or email Commodore Larry Fox with your ideas or suggestions.



RACE

Saturday
November 11th
 first shape at 1111 hrs



Open to all
 Veterans
 [and non-
 veterans too]

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Acting Commodore
& Vice Commodore:
Larry Fox

Rear Commodore:
Jared Pepper

Secretary:
Suzi Hendry

Treasurer:
Stephen Buck

Port Captain:
Bruce Braly

Members At Large:
Jason Buck
Rich Robletto
Jan Carroll

Past Commodore:
Garrett Coonrod



Newsletter Staff:
Richard Hendry
Lee Shore
Max Flood

HUMBOLDT YACHT CLUB
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Eureka, California 95502

SAILING: HUMBOLDT BAY TO HAWAII

Steve Ludwig and Jennifer Nichols, former members of the yacht club, recently spent nearly a month sailing across the Pacific Ocean from Humboldt Bay to the Hawaiian Island of Kauai, nonstop, alone.



The "Moonlight Mile" in Humboldt Bay

You can see an article with a video of their sail from the *Lost Coast Outpost* at the following link:

<https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2017/oct/20/local-couple-sails-nonstop-across-pacific-ocean-hu/>

WHERE IS IT?

- by John Bradley -

**YOUR CHALLENGE
IS TO GUESS
WHERE IS IT ??**

Every month I will submit a new photograph and your job is to figure out the location of the photo. Winners will be announced in upcoming Whistler with prizes awarded (ha ha).

Good luck!



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AROUND THE MARKS

- by Larry Fox, Vice Commodore -

FOG RACES ON THE MOVE: November will bring an end to Daylight Time with the last Wednesday Night Fog Race on November 1st. So, charge up your batteries and display those running lights! With the switch from daylight savings to regular time occurring on November 5th, the FOG Races also switch from Wednesday evening to Saturday afternoons. Beginning on November 8th, the FOG races will be held every Saturday starting at 1400 hrs, same place as always. They will continue on Saturdays until daylight savings time returns on March 11, 2018.

GREAT BAY RACE #2: A virtual flotilla of six boats turned out for the second Great Bay Race of 2017 on Saturday, October 14th. This is one of several races that is open to the general public. Courses for the race vary from year to year, but generally they begin between the HYC flagpole and marker #19. This is a "pursuit race" so every boat has their own start time - - the slowest boat starts first, and so on, with the fastest boat starting last. Racers then head south down the bay and return back to the yacht club for the finish. Conceivably, all boats should finish at the same time, and so the first boat to cross the finish line is the true winner. Kudos to Curt Brown for overtaking the fleet and finishing out in front of everyone else. Ed Mattson finished second and Darren Weiss finished third. Provisional results for this race and the earlier Great Bay in June will be posted soon [below are a few pictures from the second race, taken by Richard Hendry]. See you out there, — Larry



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LOOPERS RENDEZVOUS

- by **Stephen Buck**, on Assignment -

Dateline Friday October 20th: I have just left the Fall Rendezvous of the 'American Great Loop Cruisers Association' at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, AL. You may or may not know that the Great Loop is a 6,000-mile waterway that connects rivers with the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. The Great Loop stretches from the Florida Keys to Canada [see map].

The American Great Loop Cruisers Association Rendezvous is five-days of meetings which include sessions about various marinas along the loop and advice from experienced "loopers." This year there were something on the order of 50 boats and 250 people in attendance. Aside from the active loopers doing the loop, many folks were there to plan, learn, and search for boats for their own voyage. Interestingly, all but four or five were crewed by married couples!



We are heading out today down to the Tenn-Tom waterway, and then across the Gulf to Florida after November 2nd. By then I'll have completed about 2/3 of the loop.

Dateline Thursday October 26th: Ahoy from the Tenn-Tom waterway on America's Great Loop! Wikipedia has an outstanding article that describes the Loop for those who may be interested. Today, we are well down the Tenn-Tom waterway in a convoy of eight boats heading for Mobile, Alabama negotiating locks and commercial tows. It's been beautiful fall weather and, as we are now in the south, I've got my eyes peeled for alligators. This morning, headed for John Stennis lock. The lock master and tow captains refer to us as "RVs".

KNOTS: "Any connection between two or more ropes, involving a number of loops, ties, and twists, and having the property that the link cannot be parted or broken in any way or through any means, other than by severing it with a knife, except if it is subject to steady stress in the course of normal use. There are dozens of highly specialized nautical knots, of which the most common are the half-snarl, the fisherman's snag, the trip-knot, the reef tangle, the rat's foot, the lubber's loop, and the foul line. A seaman who really knows his ropes is referred to as a 'knut,' a 'knerd,' a 'kninny,' or a 'knumbskull.'"

....from: *Sailing, A Dictionary for Landlubbers*
by Henry Beard & Roy McKie

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Flag Officer Dinner

Sunday November 12, 2017

**Social at 1800 hours ~ Dinner 1900 hours
Wharfinger Building Great Room**



You are invited to our annual dinner to celebrate the Humboldt Yacht Club and its outgoing & incoming officers. Dinner will be an elegant affair by Hum Yum Catering:

★ Sweetly Spiced Pork Loin Roast
Chicken Breast Alfredo & Pasta
Winter Greens salad with bread

Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli Florets Parmesan
Choice of 2 desserts ★

★ **\$30 per person**
No host bar

***Please make reservations and
payment no later than November 7th***

RSVP to Commodore, Larry Fox
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Mail check to HYC -
PO Box 445, Eureka 95502

Pay Online at
www.humboldtyachtclub.org

keeping a weather eye:

Nov. 4	Social Hour - 1700 hrs
Nov. 7	Potluck - 1900 hrs
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day Race - 1111 hrs
Nov. 12	Flag Officers' Dinner - 1800 hrs
Nov. 14	Board Meeting - 1900 hrs
Nov. 19	Planning Meeting - 1900 hrs

