



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

by Wesley Hodges -

Greetings fellow Yachties, Happy Solstice and a Merry New Sailing season to all! And of course the best news of all, Crab Season 2023! After the slowest Fall sailing season in recent memory we will be rewarded with fresh crab at Crab Feed 2023. This is a great Humboldt Yacht Club social event that also caps off the 2022 racing season with an awards ceremony. A pre-thank you goes out to all those who have pledged their support and I look forward to seeing everyone on January 22nd at 6pm in the Great Room at the Wharfinger Building. Be sure to have your friends RSVP if they plan to come, and you should too.

We have an exciting year ahead with lots of social events on the calendar to balance out the racing schedule. The 2023 HYC CALENDARS are in! Pick up your FREE calendar in the clubhouse - -brought to you by the generous sponsors who contributed pictures and donated to the cost of printing. And a special thanks to Nancy Randall for putting it all together and publishing the calendar.

Take a look at the calendar on the HYC website to see all of the opportunities available to get involved in the sailing community. Members can log in on the website and get access to contact information for other members to sail with, club documents and VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS.

In Racing:

- "Around the Island Race" starts at High Noon on January 1. Bring whatever floats and compete for glory of completing the circumnavigation of Tuluwat Island. I hear it brings good luck for the New Year.

- "Commodore's Cup" begins January 7 and continues through the end of February, every Saturday 1400hrs. Watch live from the clubhouse or virtually at <http://raceqs.com/regattas/96480> .

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- "Single-handed In-Bay Keel" series starts early with Race #1 on January 15th, making a whole weekend of sailboat racing when we traditionally have some really nice weather.

- Racing Rules Workshops: Join us at the clubhouse every Wednesday evening in January where we go over different racing scenarios and discuss how the rules apply. This is a great opportunity to get into the details of the Racing Rules and improve your skills. Every time we have a discussion another layer peels back on the way to a better understanding. Recommended for experts and amateurs. Join the Google racing group online at hycracing@gmail.com

I hope everyone is using the winter to get their boat maintenance handled. There is some great sailing ahead. See you on the water!

- Commodore Wes

NO POTLUCK IN JANUARY



2023 HYC Board of Governors

The 'Passing of the Bell' took place at the Flag Officers' Dinner on December 9th. Pictured here (from L-R) are: Wes Hodges, Darren Weiss, Wendy Zampardi, Bill Wickman, Garrett Coonrod, John Brown, Martin Stephan, Caris Cassidy, Will Bagnall, and Bridge Randall.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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AROUND THE ISLAND RACE

Start off the New Year with an annual tradition: the Around the Island Race on January 1st starting at noon. A skippers' meeting will be at 1100 hrs at the clubroom. The course is to go around Duluwat (Indian) Island. Get your sailboat, kayak, raft, row-boat, canoe, stand-up paddleboard or pedalo ready to circumnavigate the island in either direction once you cross the starting line. This race is open to the public (there is no fee) and to all watercraft capable of passing under the low bridges. So kick off the New Year with some aquatic fun on Humboldt Bay, and go around an island!



NEW 'YACHT' IN THE FLEET

Vice-Commodore WendyZ recently brought this 1969 Coronado 23 cruiser/racer up from Citrus Heights. Wendy says this boat is a William Crealock design and it was the first year the Coronados were introduced as Coronado "Yachts."

COMMODORE'S CUP

A new scored-series this year in January & February, on Saturday's at 1400 hrs, for keelboats. Racing in-bay on one of two courses as outlined on the Notice of Race found on our bulletin board. Come down and sail, or watch from the clubroom deck or on RaceQs.com.

In the "Great Room" CRAB FEED & AWARDS Jan. 22nd at 6pm

The Crab Feed & Awards Dinner will be returning to the Great Room this year. Fresh crab and/or spaghetti, salad and bread (no host bar). \$30 for crab dinner; \$15 for spaghetti dinner. RSVP by paying online at our website under the on-line store tab, or contact the Vice Commodore to reserve your crustacean(s) and pay at door. Don't forget to bring your favorite implements and bib.



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“BARGING” AIN’T IN THEM RULES!

- by Gail Forsewin -

Nope! You won’t find the word “barging” in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing. Not one single word. There is absolutely no anti-“barging” rule in there.

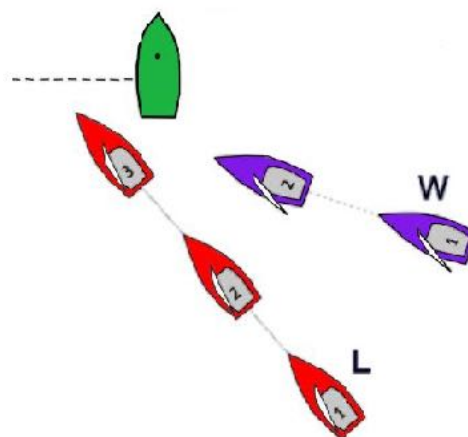
What we often call “barging,” though, is when an inside windward boat tries to take mark room at a starting line. **This is simply the failure to yield the right of way.**

And why isn’t that boat entitled to room? Because it is clearly stated in the preamble to Part C of Section 2 of the rule book that *“Section C rules do not apply at a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time boats are approaching them to start until they have passed them.”* Therefore, rules 18 (Mark Room), 19 (Room to Pass an Obstruction), and 20 (Room to Tack at an Obstruction) do NOT apply at starting marks.

The rule that does apply, however, is Rule 11: On the Same Tack, Overlapped (“a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat”). Look at the illustration. At position 1, there is less than 20 seconds to go to the starting signal. The purple boat (W) is a windward keep-clear boat aiming to go between the Race Committee boat and the red boat (L), a leeward right-of-way boat. Because the boats are “approaching the start” RRS 18 (mark room) does not apply between them. L is on a straight-line course to start just after the starting signal.

Suddenly, at position 2, the skipper on L begins shouting “No room!” “Don’t go in there!” “You’re Barging!,” followed by ugly sounds of shattered fiberglass... “Bang, Ouch, Kapow, F\$#s%t !!!

L is going to have to turn down to avoid a collision with W. When L turns down then W breaks Rule 11, *On the Same Tack, Overlapped*, because L had to take “avoiding action” and therefore W did not “keep clear” of her. This is the classic “barging” situation - - W is taking or attempting to take room that she is not entitled to and is “barging” between L and the Race Committee boat; W therefore breaks RRS 11 by failing to keep clear of L, and must take a penalty.



RACING RULES WORKSHOPS

Very confusing, all those “racing rules of sailing.” And we need to figure them out before we get too far into the 2023 racing series.

So, don’t forget to come down to the yacht club at 1800 hrs every Wednesday in January for the Racing Rules Workshops , and join in what should turn out to be a lively discussion of what they all mean.

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HYC 2022 Series Race Results

Great Bay Race: (1st) Tim Dellas, (2nd) Mario Also, (3rd) Larry Fox

In-Bay Keelboat: (1st) Larry Fox, (2nd) Garrett Coonrod, (3rd) Mario Kalson

Single-handed Keel: (1st) Tim Dellas, (2nd) Ed Mattson, (3rd) Bridge Randall

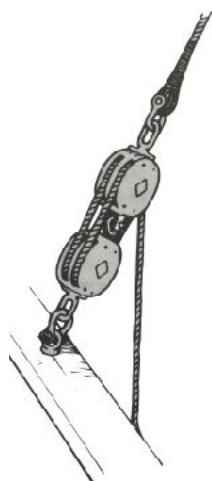
Whistler: (1st) Tim Dellas, (2nd) Ed Mattson, (3rd) Larry Fox

CONGRATULATIONS to all these and the other skippers who sailed the races.

CHOCK-A-BLOCK

Describes the position when two blocks (or “pulleys,” in landlubber’s terms) have come together so that no further movement between them is possible. Technically, this is “choking the luff” of each block, whence the term *chock-a-block* derives.... To increase the distance between these blocks is to “overhaul” them.”

from *Ship to Shore*
by Peter D. Jeans



Keeping A Weather Eye:

- Jan. 1 Around the Island Race - 1200 hrs
- Jan. 4 Racing Rules Workshop - 1800 hrs
- Jan. 7 Commodore's Cup - 1400 hrs
- Jan. 7 Social Hour - 1700 hrs
- Jan. 10 Board of Gov'nors mtg - 1800 hrs
- Jan. 11 Racing Rules Workshop - 1800 hrs
- Jan. 13 Potluck/Membership mtg - 1800 hrs
- Jan. 14 Commodore's Cup - 1400 hrs
- Jan. 15 Single-handed Keel #1 - 1300 hrs
- Jan. 18 Racing Rules Workshop - 1800 hrs
- Jan. 21 Commodore's Cup - 1400 hrs
- Jan. 22 Crab Feed & Awards - 1800 hrs
- Jan. 25 Racing Rules Workshop - 1800 hrs
- Jan. 28 Commodore's Cup - 1400 hrs

