



## COMMODORES' COMMENTS

- BY NANCY RANDALL & ANJIE MCCABE -

Hello Humboldt Yacht Club. May was an exciting month starting with the first Great Bay Race of the year. Four boats, Wes, Ed, Ken, and Bridge had an amazing race with strong southerly winds to the south bay. The course was North 3 to South 3 then back to North 2 to finish at 19. In celebration, we had an incredible cocktail party with margaritas. Mid month the first Whistler Race kicked off the offshore sailing season with a bang. Strong winds and a record finish time from Different Drummer. Captain Wes Hodges and crew beat the fastest time by 2 minutes, 1:42:24.

June first is the second Whistler Race and cocktail hour hosted by Caris. Mid June, is the Big Lagoon Father's Day Extravaganza. Come to the lagoon for a fun time sailing small boats with your kids from the beach! County campground is the option for staying overnight. Unfortunately our spot on the far side of the lagoon is not available this year. The water may be low, but El Toros and small boats don't need much.

At the end of the month, the annual race to Trinidad starts on the 29th sailing north! The return trip hopefully will be a sleigh ride back to Humboldt Bay the following day. This is our one big offshore race of the year. It is really amazing to get out into the deep blue ocean. Boats must be aware of and prepare for the potential for danger. The rewards for sailing offshore are amazing. Prep your boats and come and sail in the Pacific!

Redwood Regatta is just around the corner. Save Labor Day Weekend on your schedules! We are updating the website for this year's event! Registration will be open soon. This is our primary fundraiser event of the year. We will have sailors from Northern California and Oregon traveling to compete in our local waters. Get your small boats ready for an exciting race weekend!

- Co-Commodore Nancy Randall

### SOCIAL HOUR

JUNE 1, 1700 HRS

Mai Tais, non-alcoholic drinks and light snacks will be provided.  
Tiki inspired - - so bring your ukelele and wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt.  
Hosted by Caris

### WELCOME ABOARD

NEW MEMBER

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KEN FABERT

# WHISTLER



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

*Co-Commodores:*  
**Nancy Randall & Anjie McCabe**

*Vice Commodore:*  
**Ed Mattson**

*Rear Commodore:*  
**Bill Wickman**

*Co-Secretaries:*  
**Steve Buck & John Brown**

*Treasurer:*  
**Garrett Coonrod**

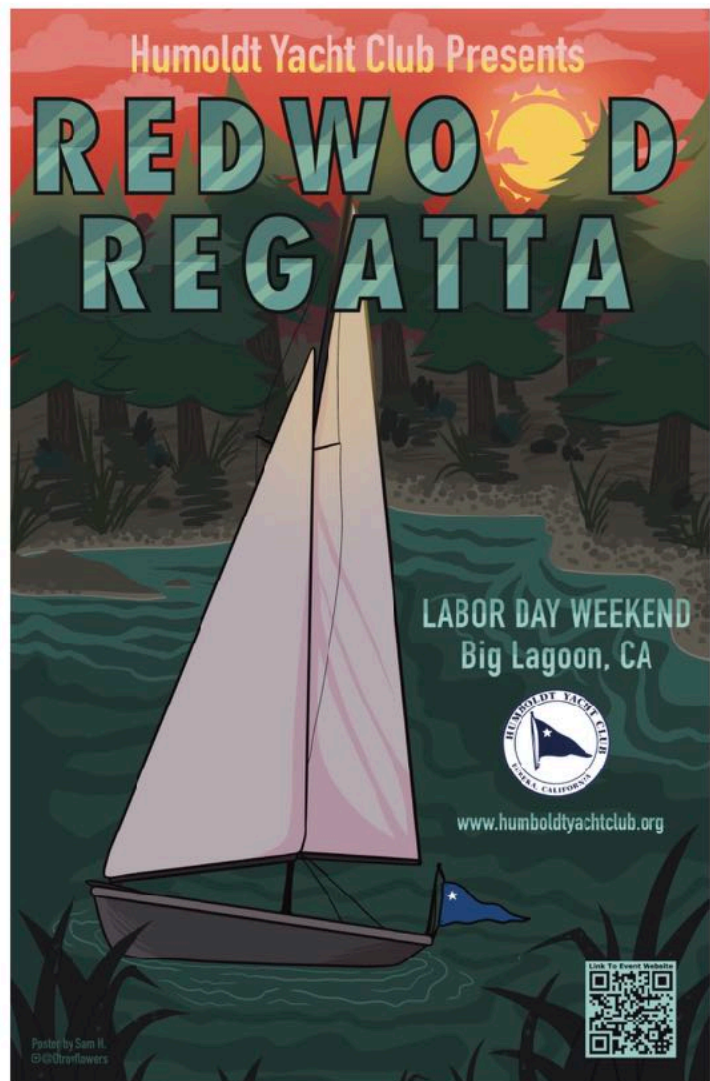
*Port Captain:*  
**Will Bagnall**

*Members At Large:*  
**Darren Weiss**  
**Caris Cassady**  
**Mike Bynum**

*Immediate Past Commodore:*  
**Wesley Hodges**

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## HEAVING TO: The Video

- by Marlin Spike -

Last month I wrote an article about the difference between "Lying A'hull" and "Heaving To" and suggested that every skipper should routinely practice being hove to so that muscle-memory sets in if/when it becomes necessary so that it will go smoothly. Here is a video on heaving-to that Past Commodore Bridge did several years ago:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmOoGvcy-gM>

Next time you are out on the water, give this a try. After a few tries, you will get it!



## NAUTICAL MILE OR KNOT

C'mon, you remember: one measures distance, the other speed! A nautical mile is based on the circumference of the earth, and is equal to one minute of latitude. It is slightly more than a statute (land measured) mile (1 nautical mile = 1.1508 statute miles). Nautical miles are used for charting and navigating.

A knot is one nautical mile per hour (1 knot = 1.15 miles per hour). The term knot dates from the 17th century, when sailors measured the speed of their ship by using a device called a

"common log." This device was a coil of rope with uniformly spaced knots, attached to a piece of wood shaped like a slice of pie. The piece of wood was lowered from the back of the ship and allowed to float behind it. The line was allowed to pay out freely from the coil as the piece of wood fell behind the ship for a specific amount of time. When the specified time had passed, the line was pulled in and the number of knots on the rope between the ship and the wood were counted. The speed of the ship was said to be the number of knots counted (*Bowditch*).



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Founded in 2001 by John Arndt, a local sailor and publisher of the Latitude 38 sailing magazine, [Summer Sailstice](#) is an international celebration of sailing. Held annually on the weekend nearest the summer solstice, this event has grown from 200 boats signed up in 2001 to almost 5,000 boats today. Since many sailors join in the fun on many different boats, the actual number of Summer Sailstice sailors participating is estimated at almost 19,000 annually.

In joining with [Sailors for the Sea](#), Summer Sailstice strives to inform and mobilize sailors, their families and communities to enjoy and conserve the beauty of the oceans and while raising awareness of human impacts on the fragile marine environment and wildlife.

Sailors can participate in Summer Sailstice by creating an event or joining an existing event. Visit the [Events](#) page to see where and how sailors are celebrating this year.

## NOW HEAR THIS:

The HYC Dinghy Dock on Woodley Island had one remaining space available for only \$180 /year. Contact the Port Captain.

"The season of ships is here  
The west wind and the swallows;  
Flowers in the fields appear,  
And the ocean of hills and hollows  
Has calmed its waves and is clear.

Free that anchor and chain!  
Set your full canvas flying,  
O men in the harbor lane:  
It is I, Priapus, crying.  
Sail out on your trades again!"

-Leonidas of Tarentum  
(submitted by Bridge Randall)



Mario Kalson and crew (Daren Weiss & Mike Bynum) raced Mario's Holder 20 at the Whiskeytown Sailing Club's 2024 Memorial Day Regatta and took first place in the Keel Boat B division.... "We all had a great time, and thanks Whiskeytown Sailing Club for another great event."

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## HYC DINGHIES

- by Vice Commodore Ed Mattsen -

It's shame that our dinghies are not used more. Sailing a dinghy can be more fun than a keel boat, open north bay to new sailing adventures, and be extremely exciting to sail.

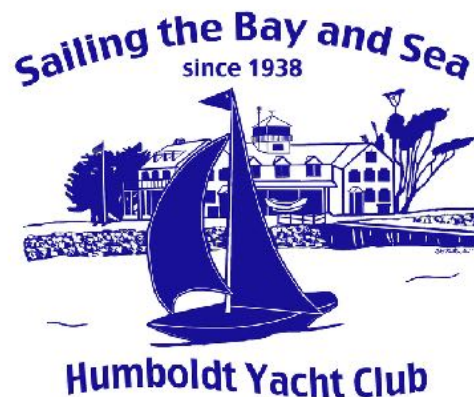
Looking for a new local sailing adventure, pack a picnic lunch, go with a partner, and sail to Sand Island in north bay on a nice sunny day with four to ten knots of wind. Sand Island is a small, low island in north bay. It is very hard to see because it is so low; therefore, it's very hard to find when sailing. To find it, sail north a little east of the middle of the bay when you get north of Bracut you should be able to see it. The island is on the bay chart so you could just use a gps.

The island reminds me of cartoon island where stranded sailors are depicted but without the palm tree. Years ago a group HCY of sailor who called themselves Keels on Wheels (they were all swing keel trailerable boats) would have an annual sail to the island and spend the night there.

If you like adrenaline, try sailing a Laser when the wind is blowing 20 knots with three foot waves, it will be an adrenaline pumping experience, but without proper experience it will be survival sailing just to get back to the dock.

If you like that kind of fun, it is worth aspiring to Laser sailing. Hopefully I have wetted your appetite for dinghy sailing. Moreover, dinghy sailing will improve your sailing skills while having fun.

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## HYC DINGHIES (Cont'd)

June 8th I will put on a match race/ dinghy sailing lesson with goal of having fun and learning how to sail an FJ. I am especially interested getting people who have never sail a boat by themselves to do so. The match racing is to fold: one, when sailing close to another boat you can evaluate your progress, and two for advanced sailors to have fun match racing and maybe learn something. The venue is the dinghy dock. Be there at one o'clock on June 8th. I will put a leeward mark across from the dinghy dock, a weather mark by the dinghy dock, and a start finish line in the middle. We will have the clubs RIB on hand to help anyone in of need of assistance. Help and instruction will be provided for everyone. My plan is to sail the FJ's with the main sail only and only one

person per boat, but if this will be your first time sailing alone, I will have someone go with you if you want.

If we get a good turn out, I would like to do something similar using Lasers if there is an interest.

- Ed



## *keeping a weather eye:*

June 1	Whistler #2 - 1300 hrs
June 1	Social Hour - 1700 hrs
June 4	Potluck & Member Mtg - 1800 hrs
June 11	Board of Gov'nors Mtg - 1800 hrs
June 15-16	Dinghy Weekend at Lagoon - 1300 hrs
June 19	FOG Watch BBQ - 1600 hrs
June 29	Trinidad Race North - 1200 hrs
June 30	Trinidad Race South - 1200 hrs

### HYC Racing Videos

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhVM\\_LTz0Jc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhVM_LTz0Jc)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVaW0k5SF9s>

