



## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- BY BRIDGE RANDALL -

Spring is here and there's tons of fun things happening at the yacht club for you to enjoy! To start things off we have an open house and a training session and a cocktail party! It's going to be a busy day! It would be great for you to come down to the club and chat with some people about sailing and our organization.



We have two sail races this month, Whistler #2 and Single Handed race #1. Both can be serious challenges, but amazingly rewarding! Come and sail!

Speaking of races, don't forget to consider dragging your boat over to Whiskeytown for Memorial Weekend May 24-25th. We have reserved the group campsite on the south side of the lake. Even if you don't want to race, it should be super fun and

always nice to get some warm weather camping in.

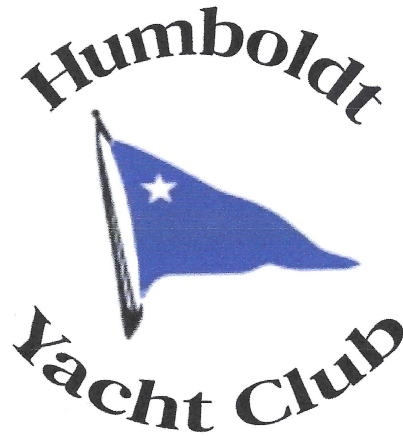
<https://www.whiskeytownsailing.org/2025-regatta>



A big welcome to our new members Ester and Susan Welliver!



# WHISTLER



OPEN HOUSE  
SATURDAY APRIL 5TH  
FROM 2-4PM



YOU ARE INVITED!  
ENJOY SOME COMPLIMENTARY DESSERTS AND  
DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP AT THE  
HUMBOLDT YACHT CLUB.  
WE HAVE BEEN SAILING SINCE 1938.

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# WHISTLER

***Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in morning,  
sailor take warning!***

Sometimes the sky appears very colorful around sunrise and sunset. At these times, the sun shines from a low angle. Sun rays have to go through a thick atmosphere, resulting in scattering by water vapor, water droplets, dust particles etc. in the air. Light with shorter wavelength, e.g. cyan, blue or purple, is scattered away, leaving red, orange and yellow, turning the sky reddish.

In mid-latitude regions, storms and rains usually move from west to east. A reddish sky around sunrise means a lot of water vapor already present in the atmosphere. As clouds come in from the west, rainy weather is thus expected. This explains why "Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning".

A reddish sky near dusk means that weather has improved in the upstream area to the west. Sunlight scattered by the atmosphere is reflected by clouds, making the sky red. As the clouds overhead have moved eastward, the weather is expected to improve. That explains why "Red sky at night, sailors delight".



Musket Cove, Malolo Island, Fiji  
Sunrise



Whitsunday Islands, Queensland, Australia  
Sunset

The relationship between red sky and weather is rather complicated in real life. One example is that near dusk, the sky can become reddish temporarily after rain. Besides, especially in low latitude areas such as Fiji, weather systems sometimes move from east to west, e.g. typhoons, and not from west to east. Therefore, one cannot fully understand how the weather changes simply by just looking at the color of the sky. To make an accurate weather forecast, it is necessary to take account of other weather factors and carry out a full analysis.

# WHISTLER

## New Race Placards

It was great that Larry Fox brought his pals Tom and Aileen Martin to the February membership meeting/potluck. They presented new course placards they had made for the HYC race committees, something that was direly needed as the old ones were in sad shape or missing. Tom made the cards and Aileen did the painting on a full set of cards including Reverse Course.

On behalf of the club, thank you Tom and Aileen!



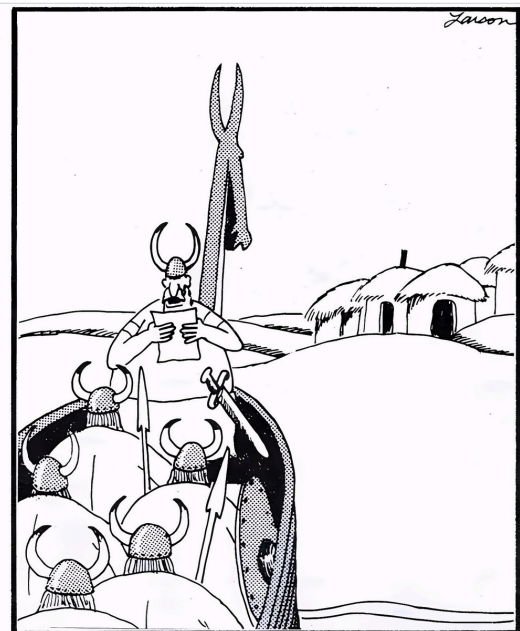
## WHY DO MARINERS USE PORT AND STARBOARD INSTEAD OF LEFT AND RIGHT?

Since port and starboard never change, they are unambiguous references that are independent of a mariner's orientation, and, thus, mariners use these nautical terms instead of left and right to avoid confusion. When looking forward, toward the bow of a ship, port and starboard refer to the left and right sides, respectively.

In the early days of boating, before ships had rudders on their centerlines, boats were controlled using a steering oar. Most sailors were right handed, so the steering oar was placed over or through the right side of the stern. Sailors began calling the right side the steering side, which soon became "starboard" by combining two Old English words: *stéor* (meaning "steer") and *bord* (meaning "the side of a boat").

As the size of boats grew, so did the steering oar, making it much easier to tie a boat up to a dock on the side opposite the oar. This side became known as larboard, or "the loading side." Over

time, larboard—too easily confused with starboard—was replaced with port. After all, this was the side that faced the port, allowing supplies to be ported aboard by porters.



"Okay, before you go, let me read this one more time: 'Burn the houses, eliminate the townsfolk, destroy the crops, plunder their gold!' ... You knuckleheads think you can handle all that?"



## WHISTLER

Today < > April 2025							Month
SUN 30	MON 31	TUE Apr 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5	
		• 6pm Potluck	• 6pm Fog Race			• 2pm Open House • 3pm Weather and Nav Clinic • 5pm Social Hour	
• 12:30pm Whistler #2		• 6pm Board Meeting	• 6pm Fog Race			• 12:30pm Single handed Keel	
			• 6pm Fog Race				
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			• 6pm Fog Race	May 1	2	• 5pm Social Hour	

Humboldt Yacht Club

### New Members

Welcome  
Aboard!

Ester  
and  
Susan  
Welliver



#### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Commodore:  
**Bridge Randall**

Vice Commodore:  
**Larry Fox**

Rear Commodore:  
**Bill Wickman**

Secretary:  
**Brad McCabe**

Treasurer:  
**Garrett Coonrod**

Port Captain:  
**Will Bagnall**

Members At Large:  
**Stephen Buck**  
**Nick Kohl**  
**Wendy Zampardi**

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

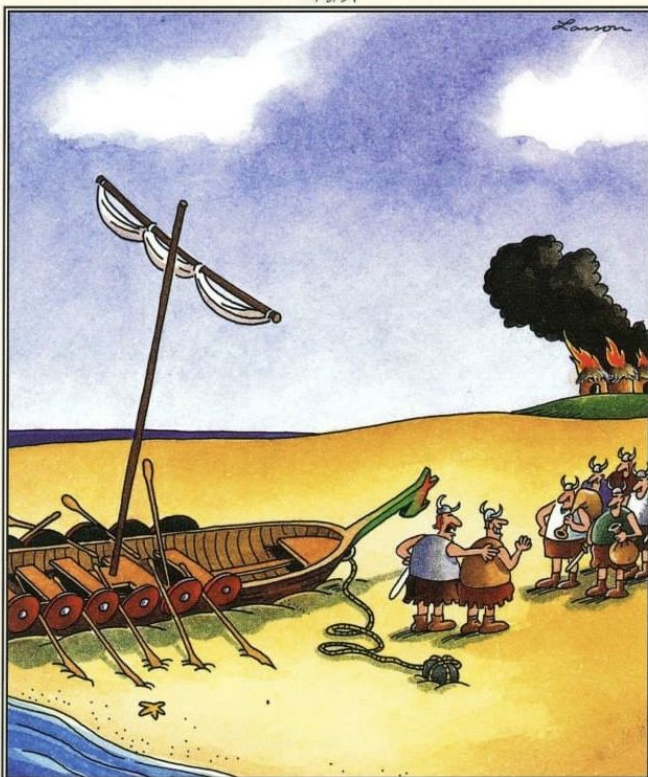
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"Everyone can just put down their loot and plunder, and Sven here—yes, old Sven, who was in charge of reading the tide chart—has something to say to us all."