



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- BY BRIDGE RANDALL -

Welcome to the First days of Summer 2025!

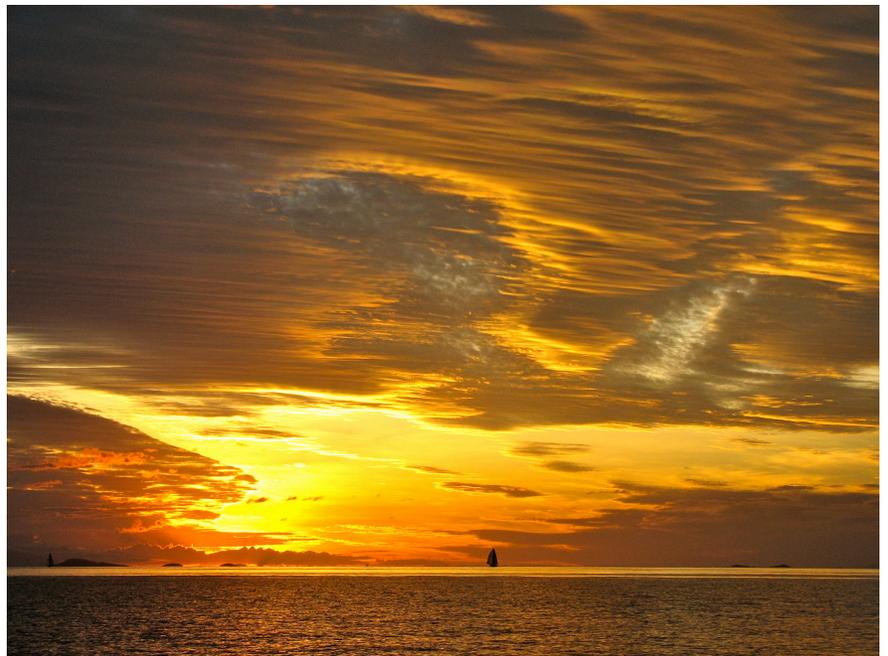
Lots of sailing opportunities here and abroad! Starting off our annual raft up for the 4th of July fireworks! The best view in the house for an amazing show. Someone needs to be the anchor boat and everyone else will raft up to you. Make sure your running lights work as there is always Coast Guard, Sheriffs boats inspecting and tons of fishing boats coming home at the end of the night.

Klamath Yacht Club has their annual Firecracker Regatta July 4-6th! Come and share the warm weather and epic sailing. Nancy and I are headed over with our new Holder 20!

July 12th is the third In Bay Keelboat Race of the season! Round up your crews and come sailing! If you have not been the Race Committee yet this year, this race is super fun to run! Don't forget, to be scored you must be RC at least once in the racing season. Three people makes running the committee really easy, and if you are a new sailor interested in racing and watching

tight boat maneuvering, being on the RC boat is amazing!

July 20th is the Whistler Backup Race. We ended up canceling the last Whistler due to extreme weather so this race is on! Choice of going offshore or sailing in the south bay gives the opportunity for all boats to sail a long race! Very challenging and very fun!



Our Regatta is quickly approaching, keep a weather eye for the volunteer list. Many hands make for easy work and more fun for for all.

See you on the water!

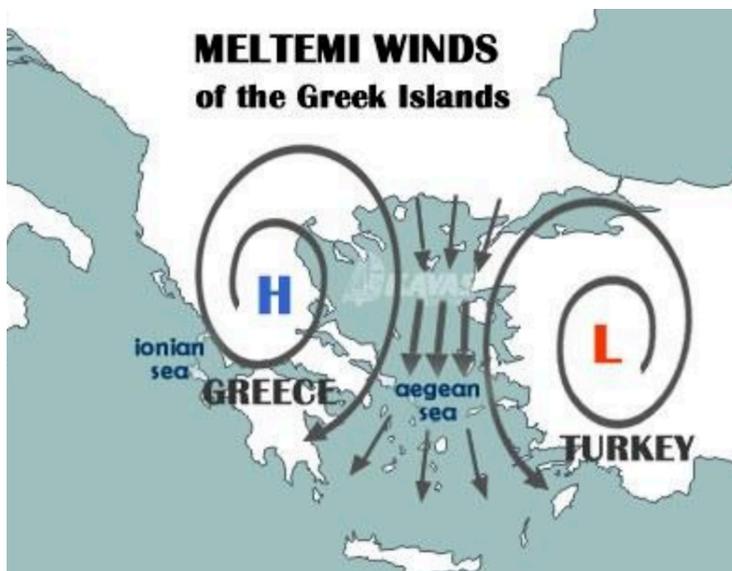
WHISTLER

Sailing the Aegean, The Meltemi

Sooooo.....You wanna do a bare boat in "Greece"? You want to experience the beauty of the Aegean Islands? You have summer plans for adventure? My advice...GO FOR IT!

And like any adventure, planning is a big part of the fun. And like any experienced and competent mariner you will consider the predominant weather patterns in your cruising area. And what you will find in any reference to summer sailing in the Aegean Sea is the "Meltemi". The Meltemi winds are **strong, dry northerly winds that blow across the Aegean Sea in Greece, particularly affecting the Cyclades Islands during the summer months.** They are also known as the "etesian" winds and are a dominant weather feature from about mid-May to mid-September, peaking in strength during July and August.

These winds are caused by a pressure difference between a high-pressure system over the Balkans and a low-pressure system



over Turkey. They predominantly blow from the north or northeast. They are most intense during the day, often starting in the early afternoon and subsiding in the evening. The Meltemi can range from force 4 to 7 on the Beaufort scale, which translates to 11-33 knots.

The Cyclades islands, including Mykonos, Santorini, Paros, and Naxos, are particularly affected. The Sporades, Dodecanese, and parts of the eastern mainland coast are also influenced.

How to deal with the Meltemi? Several old adages may apply. First, there are two types of winds in the Mediterranean, too much and too little. Second, there was a reason for galleys in the Med well into the 19th century. And third, gentlemen never sail to weather!

Never fear! There are detailed and accurate forecasts easily available. Conditions are often beautiful, sometimes uncomfortable but rarely dangerous. Give prime consideration to your plan for the entire voyage. Where will you depart? What ports will you visit? Consider passages primarily in an easterly and westerly direction. Consider going north to south. Carefully consider and time northerly passages.

The Aegean is a wonderful sea and there are many islands, maybe the best of them, you may not now know of. GO FOR IT! But plan for the Meltemi.

—Bill & Janet Wickman

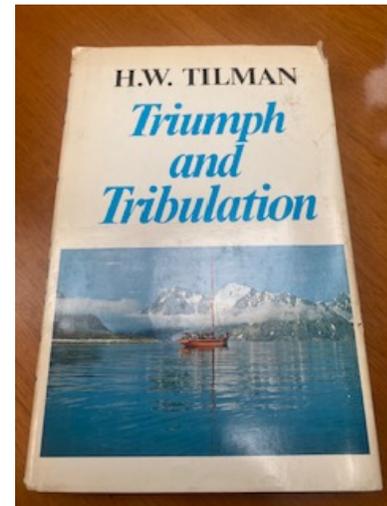
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Book Report, "Triumph and Tribulation"

H.W. Tillman is quickly becoming one of my hero's! This guy is a true Bad Ass! Born 1898 served on the Western Front being awarded the Military Cross and Bar, bicycled 3000 miles across Africa, led an Everest Expedition in 1938, unlisted in the Royal Artillery in France in 1939, became the British Console in Burma, took up sailing as a way to get to more remote islands, awarded the Blue Water medal of the Cruising club of America, the Goldsmith Exploration Award by the Royal Cruising Club, and made the Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1973.

Starting in 1974 "Triumph and Tribulation" is an epic quick read about Tillman and a rag tag crew of mountain climbers who venture into high latitude Iceland, Greenland and Spitzbergen. (North of Norway at the 80th parallels). A hundred year old surplus pilot cutter, limited charts, fluky engine and ice, what could go wrong?

This book is up at the club ready for your reading pleasure!



"There is nothing so distressing as running ashore- unless there is also a doubt as to which continent the shore belongs." -Lecky's Wrinkles



"How rude of me. I've been talking about my boat all evening. I haven't given you a chance to talk about my boat."



SUN 29	MON 30	TUE Jul 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
• 12pm Dinghy Race		• 6pm Potluck	• 6pm Fog Race		• 6pm Fireworks Raft up	Klamath Falls Firecracker Regat • 5pm Social Hour
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			• 6pm Fog Race			
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• 12:30pm Whistler Alternative			• 6pm Fog Race			
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There's a new record for the Vice Commodore's Challenge

Bridge Randall and Brad McCabe sailed Bridge's new Holder 20 to the current top spot on June 21 with a corrected time of 1 hr, 8 min. 14 sec. Let this be a call to all racers and especially the Holders to get out there and try to best Bridge's time.

The NoR including SI for the VC Challenge will be on our website soon. The course is: Bravo Start (North bound), 21p, 19s, 4p, 17p, Finish. Please send start and finish time of day to the Vice Commodore. A GPS track is preferred for documentation.

Sail on! -Larry

Firecracker Regatta

Are 55 degree days getting you down? Consider going East! Klamath Yacht Club has their Firecracker Regatta July 4-6th! These guys come to our Regatta every year! It's not that far of a drive and they are an amazing group of sailors. Ken went last year and said camping at the club was amazing with epic sailing. While we normally have anchored out for the July 4th raft up, this year Nancy and I are headed east. It's only a couple weeks away! Consider jumping onto their website and registering! <https://www.kycsail.us/>.



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