



## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- BY LARRY FOX -

### Ahoy Maties!

Storms greeted us in 2026! A few brave souls ventured out for the New Year's Day, around the island "race." You'll have to ask Dance and Bridge about their adventure!

Racing got underway with a stormy in-Bay Keel # 1 on January 3 with two boats sailing. Our first ever class races were held on January 10 with two Olson 30s and two Holder 20s sailing for the glory! Results in this newsletter.

We had a fun, first ever, January potluck with the crab feed scheduled for February this year. The big room was not available so we met in the club room and welcomed a new member, Tim Johnston!

Coming up in February we've got our crab feed and awards night on the 15th! Looks like crab will be available so come on out and help us eat em!!!

and a special note:

NO POTLUCK ON FEBRUARY 3rd

And don't forget our other great events in February: knots clinic on February 4, In-Bay Keel number two on February 7, our social hour also that day and Great Bay Race number one on February 21. We've also got a Tides and Currents clinic on February 25 and we round out the month with our first ever Casino night on February 27!

## THE NAUTICAL MILE

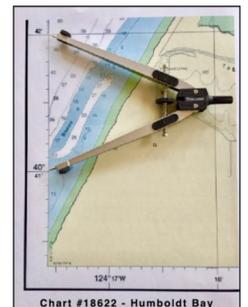
Because the world is a sphere of 360 degrees, all measurements, including the measurement of distance, are made in degrees and minutes (there are 60 minutes in a degree).

The **meridians of longitude** converge toward the poles and, except at the equator, are not evenly spaced. Therefore, the longitudinal scales (along the top and bottom of the chart) are not suitable as a distance measurement.

That is why the consistently-spaced **parallels of latitude** are always used. Distance measurements are read in minutes from the latitude scales on either side of the chart.

Although scales in statute miles (land miles) and meters are also usually carried somewhere on a chart, they are never used for navigational workings.

**ONE MINUTE = ONE MILE**



One minute of latitude (shown in the photo) is equal to one nautical mile. For comparison with linear measurement: a statute mile is 5,280 feet, whereas one nautical mile equals 6,080 feet.

-Richard Hendry

# WHISTLER

## *Crab Feed!!!*

### Humboldt Yacht Club

#### Annual Crab Feed & Awards Celebration

### **Crab Feast!**

**Date:** Sunday, February 15, 2026

**Time:** 5:00 PM (Awards & Social Hour) – Dinner to follow

**Location:** Wharfinger Building • Eureka Public Marina  
One Marina Way, Eureka, CA

(Our beautiful clubroom with the Best View on the Bay!)

Join fellow members, friends, and boating enthusiasts for our traditional **Crab Feed & Awards Night!**

Enjoy:

- Fresh local Dungeness crab
- Delicious sides & accompaniments
- Presentation of 2025 racing & club awards
- Great views, good company, and Humboldt Bay vibes

**Crab Dinner - \$30**

**Spaghetti Dinner (in lieu of crab) - \$15**

Watch your inbox for volunteer sign-ups.

Questions? Contact:

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Hope to see you there – bring your appetite! 🦀 🍷



### 2026 Class Racing Series

Sailed: 2, Discards: 0, To count: 2, Entries: 4, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Boat	Class	Club	HelmName	Rating	R1-1/3	R2-1/3	Total	Nett
	Occams Razor	Holder 20	HYC	Bridge Randall	0.8868	2	2		
	Vest in Show	Holder 20	HYC	Darren Weiss	0.8868	1	1		
	Vesper	O 30	HYC	Ed Mattson	0.9969	2	2		
	Naked Agression	O 30	HYC	Garrett Coonrod	0.9969	1	1		

R1-1/3

### 2026 In-Bay Keel Boat Series

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Place

Rank	Boat	Class	Club	HelmName	TCF	Elapsed	Corrected	BCE	BCR	Points
1	Vesper	O 30	HYC	Ed Mattson	0.9969	1:12:10	1:11:57	0:00:00	0.997	1.0
2	Occams Razor	Holder 20	HYC	Bridge Randall	0.8868	1:24:20	1:14:47	0:03:12	0.853	2.0

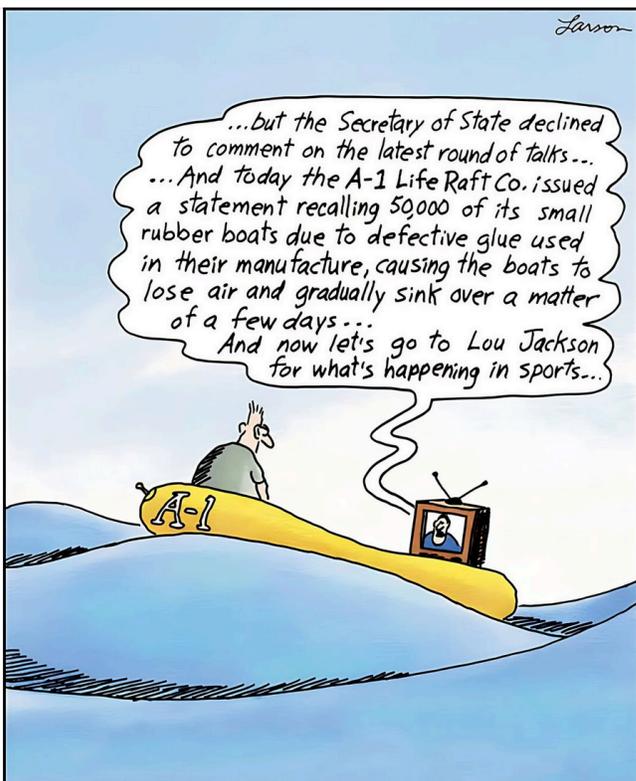


SUN Feb 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
		• 6pm Potluck	• 6pm Knots Clinic @ 1800			• 2pm Fog Race • 2pm In Bay Keel • 5pm Social Hour
8	9	• 6pm Board Meeting	11	12	13	• 2pm Fog Race
• 5pm Crab Feed Awards Ba	16	17	18	19	20	• 1pm Great Bay #1 @ 1300 • 2pm Fog Race
22	23	24	• 6pm Tide and Currents Cli	26	• 5pm Casino Night @ 1700	• 2pm Fog Race

Humboldt Yacht Club

Events shown in time zone: (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time - Los Angeles

Google Calendar



**Welcome Aboard  
New Members!**

Christopher & Alexa Myers  
 Joe Collins  
 Ann Lewis  
 Tim Johnston  
 Marcus Chamberlain



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

*Commodore:*  
**Larry Fox**

*Vice Commodore:*  
**Charlie Hayler**

*Rear Commodore:*  
**Dance Farrell**

*Secretary:*  
**Kim Farrell**

*Treasurer:*  
**Garrett Coonrod**

*Port Captain:*  
**Will Bagnall**

*Members At Large:*  
**Stephen Buck  
Nick Kohl  
Ian Klitza**

*Past Commodore:*  
**Bridge Randall**

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