



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- BY LARRY FOX -

We had a wild Great Bay Race on Feb 21 with very gusty storm winds and Gale force gusts out of the Southeast. Three boats braved the onslaught and survived. Congrats all around to Garrett, Ed and Steve! Be sure to read Garret's account in this newsletter.

We had a fabulous crab feed on February 15!



Many thanks to Charlie Hayler and all the other volunteers for helping with the cooking and the set up! The racing awards ceremony featured some new faces as we were able to give out trophies to two sailors who had never been on the podium before and that's always fun!



Ed Mattson was given the Weston award for constant and enthusiastic participation in all of our racing activities over the years! If the weather is lousy, and only one boat is gonna show up for a race, you can be sure it'll be Ed.

We're Looking for early signs of spring in March and to state our unbridled optimism, we are changing the FOG racing to Wednesday nights starting March 11. It's always fun to return to Wednesday evening for our un-scored, non-sponsored beer can race, as we join hundreds of yacht clubs around the country for wet Wednesday or wet Thursday or whatever night they choose! No need to wait for the weekend, sail on a weeknight, after work! I know many of us gave up working for pay a few years ago but it still feels a bit like a cheat code to me!

Also, our In-Bay Keelboat series continues in March on Saturday March 7 at 2pm. Be sure to attend the Skipper's meeting at 1pm in the club room and come to the Social Hour at 5 after the race!

And, we have several non-sailing activities planned for March as well! Our monthly Potluck comes up on March 3, Splicing Clinic on March 4, Bowl for Kids Sake on March 6 and our first ever Bingo Night on March 28.

Looks like a great month ahead! See you on the water or in the Club Room.

—Larry

WHISTLER

Crab Feed!



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Great Bay Race #1

I'm going to say The Great Bay Race #1 of 2026 might be the windiest day I have ever sailed. Just leaving the dock seemed like a perilous journey. Once we got out and got a double reefed main up I promptly got the boat in irons. That isn't really comforting to start things off.



Luckily for us Ed did his famous “let's get stuck in the mud” before the start. We started sailing down the bay main only since our competition was busy cleaning the keel. As often happens Ed got off the mud and soon was on our tail with a main and a jib up. With our jib now up we crossed tacks with Ed down the bay until we got into the narrows of south bay. The wind was strongest of the day and the fetch waves were pounding the boat heavily. Things fell apart for us when we

started getting close to the lee shore and Ed was on our upwind hip slightly behind us. I really wanted to tack and was having a hard time getting Ed's attention so that I could tack away from the shore without eating his lunch. After that disaster was averted we ended up getting several boat lengths behind before reaching #8 in south bay. The downwind leg saved us as we took out the reefs and quickly caught up as Ed was having issues shaking out his reef. It was so windy it felt like we were sailing a spinnaker. Even with the main all the way out the puffs would want to round the boat up. To avoid rounding up I would have to give the helm a few pumps to get the boat to bear away and plane off down wind. All in all I would say it was a ridiculous day to go sailing. My poor jib took a couple years worth of beatings in just a couple hours.

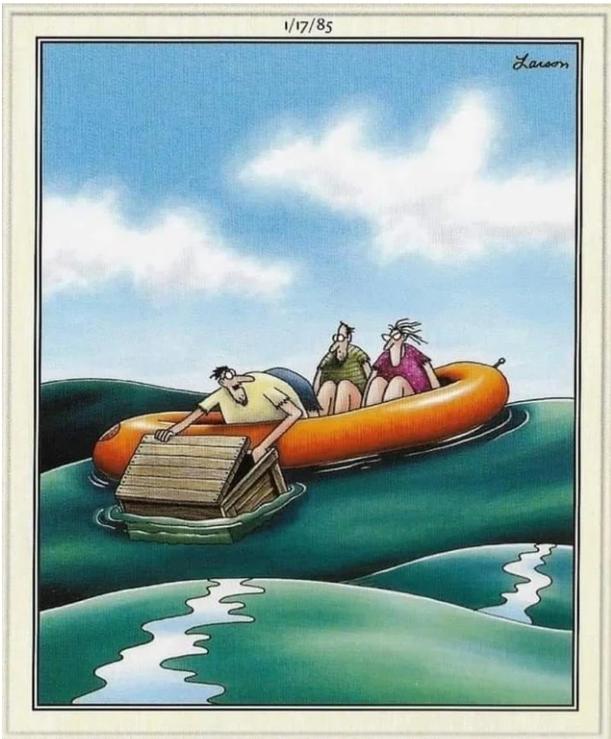


—Garrett Coonrod



Today < > March 2026 Month						
SUN Mar 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
		● 6pm Potluck	● 6pm Splicing Clinic @ 1800		Bowl For Kids Sake TBD	● 2pm Fog Race ● 2pm In Bay Keel ● 5pm Social Hour
8	9	● 6pm Board Meeting	● 6pm FOG Race @6	12	13	14
15	16	17	● 6pm FOG Race @6	19	20	21
22	23	24	● 6pm FOG Race @6	26	27	● 5pm Bingo @ 1700
29	30	31	Apr 1 ● 6pm FOG Race @6	2	3	4 ● 2pm In Bay Keel ● 5pm Social Hour

Humboldt Yacht Club



“Well, we might as well put it on board—although I’m not sure what use we’ll have for a box of rusty nails, broken glass, and throwing darts.”

Don't Forget!

- Pot Luck, 6PM the 3rd!
- Splicing Clinic, 6PM the 4th
- Social Hour, 5 PM the 7th!
- Board meeting, 6PM the 10th!!
- Fog races, begin Wednesdays on March 11th at 6PM!
- Bingo, 5 PM the 28th!
- Social Hour, 5 PM April 4th!

Ya'all come!



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