



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- BY LARRY FOX -

What a great summer we're having! The July 4th raft up was the most well attended in quite a while with many boats in the raft and much fun had by all! Bonus, fireworks went off half an hour early.

Bridge put on a great rigging clinic for the Flying Junior Sailboats on the twelfth and some happy sailors zipped around the inner channel!

Two gals sailed the Women-At-The-Helm race with a building breeze that got pretty sporty by the end! Congrats to Marie Mattson and Alexa Myers on races well sailed. Linda Mattson dropped by to help me get the race started and shared some history. I was amazed to find out that Nancy Flemming (local artist and retired Eureka Mayor) started that race and the tradition lives on!

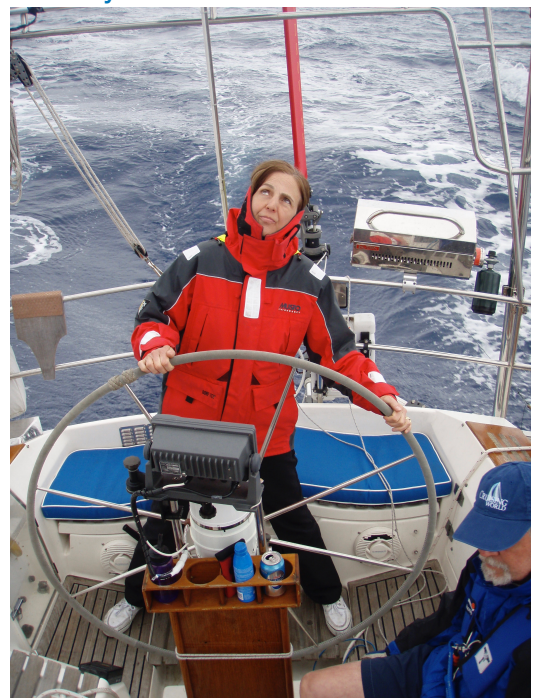
Summer fun continues with an In-Bay Keelboat race on August 1 followed by our August social hour! Note the 2pm starting time for the In-Bay with the skipper's meeting at 1 pm.

Our August potluck will be on the fourth with Charlie's talk (hopefully) about his recent bare boat charter!

We'll keep the summer party going in August by taking the flying juniors (and laser?) up to big Lagoon where they'll remain for the rest of the summer and on August 8 we'll have a big lagoon dinghy racing day. We will sail from the County ramp and slippery beach (at the County campground) on the south end of the lagoon. A great time to shake out the cobwebs from that trailer sailor parked in the backyard and get it ready for the Redwood Regatta this year.

Come on out and enjoy the lagoon!

Also on tap in August is a brunch at Gills by the Bay restaurant on the ninth. The only restaurant I know of in Humboldt County that has their own private dock, allowing you to arrive by boat! Expect some emails to figure out which boats can get in and out with sufficiently shallow draft.



Women will start steering again on August 22 for their second Women-At-The-Helm race. Come on out, ladies we need some more competitors!

And be sure to come to the Redwood Regatta camp cleanup day on August 29. It's a fun time of raking and camaraderie as we prepare the site for this year's event. Included in the day's festivities will be the famous El Toro Challenge where competitors will match race in a double elimination round robin.

Our campsite is on the east side of the lagoon, just north of the Causeway.

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REGATTA****BIG LAGOON, CA.
Labor Day Weekend - Sept. 5 & 6, 2026**

In the Redwoods – By the Ocean
Good Time Sailing – Camping
Boat Launch – Camp Fire & Great Food



Race Entry Fee	\$50
Weekend Camping	\$35
Dinner Saturday	\$40
Breakfast Sunday	\$15
T-Shirts	\$20-25

Note: Late fees will be added if
registration completed online or
postmarked, after August 27th.

On-line registration:

regattanetwork.com

Event #31534



Paper registration:
humboldtyachtclub.org

Under menu, look for Redwood Regatta tab, then
you will see link to a paper registration form to
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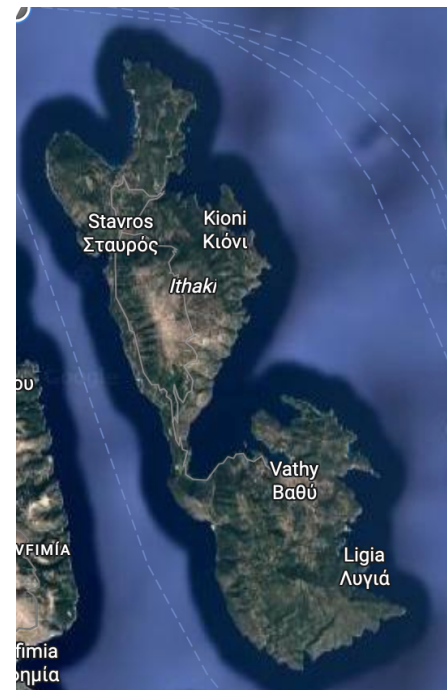
Ithaki, Legendary Home of Odysseus

Given the current hype of the movie “The Odyssey”, a movie we have seen and do NOT recommend for many reasons, it is a pleasure to highly recommend travel to and sailing around the ruggedly beautiful and relatively unspoiled island of Ithaki, the legendary home of Odysseus himself.



Central to the Ionian Islands off the west coast of Greece, like the other Ionians, Ithaki is green and well vegetated, mountainous and not heavily populated. In 2021 the 37 square mile island had population of about 2900 people and perhaps at least ten times that many goats and sheep.

Sailing in the Ionian's is a pleasure. The islands are well sheltered and good anchorages are plentiful. Bottoms tend to be rocky and holding can be a problem. Get well set before venturing ashore! Weather forecasting these days is fairly reliable and the Meltemi wind which dominates the Aegean during the summer is seldom a factor in the Ionian Sea. Vathy, the largest town on Ithaki sits in the depth of a large well protected bay and offers excellent protection and the usual nice amenities. Kioni, a village to the north was one of our favorites and offers good protection and is a lovely and unspoiled destination.



Access to the Ionian Islands can be had by land travel to Lefkada. Air travel can be had into several islands with Kefalonia being perhaps the most convenient to the central Ionians and Ithaki.

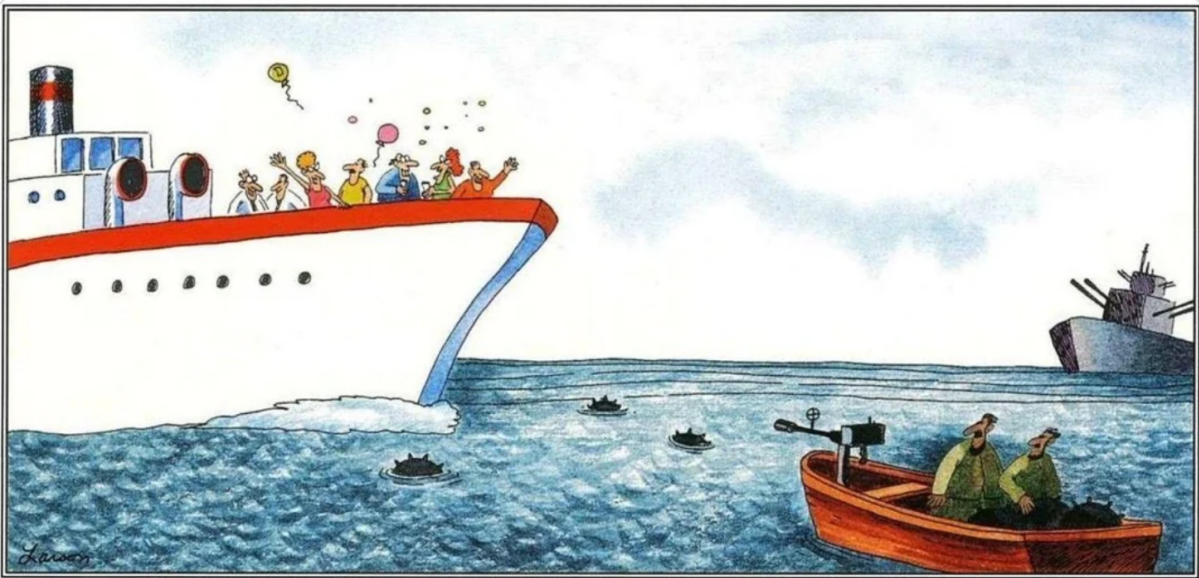
Sunsail offers bare boat charters out of Lefkas and The Moorings has a base in Corfu which is farther north. We have used both companies at several destinations and both were very, very good. Sunsail at Lefkas is highly recommended for the central Ionians.

—Bill Wickman



Today < > August 2026 ! 📅 🖨 Month ▾						
SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Aug 1
• 1pm Women at the Helm			• 6pm FOG Race @6			• 2pm In Bay Keel • 5pm Social Hour
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		• 6pm Potluck	• 6pm FOG Race @6			• 12pm Dinghy #2
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
• 10am Gills Brunch @ 100C		• 6pm Board Meeting	• 6pm FOG Race @6			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			• 6pm FOG Race @6			• 1pm Women at the Helm #
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
• 1pm Women at the Helm #			• 6pm FOG Race @6			• 10am Regatta Clean Up ar
30	31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5
		• 6pm Potluck	• 6pm FOG Race @6	• 6pm Load Trailer @ 6pm		Redwood Regatta • 5pm Social Hour

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Through a gross navigational error, the *Love Boat* steams into the Strait of Hormuz.



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