



THE WHISTLER NEWSLETTER

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

- by Stacy Lane, Commodore -

It's hard to believe that April is here already! This month we have an uptick in our club activities and encourage you to come on out and get involved. It's going to be busy! If you need crew, or would like to crew, please feel free to contact either myself or our club racing guru, Larry, and we can get you onboard a boat.

-Fog Races- Fog Races have resumed every Wednesday night, starting at 6pm. Meet at the starting line for some fun competition and bragging rights. While I haven't been out for one yet, I understand folks are getting back in the swing of things, pending some decent wind and a lack of rain!

-Club Open House- The annual Open House event is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th, at 10:00 am. Come join us for fun and socializing. If you know someone who is interested in possibly joining HYC, please make sure to invite them as well! Sailors, power boaters, catamarans...we support them all!

-Series Races- Racing begins this month with Dinghy #1 on Saturday, April 7th at 12:00. Sunday, April 29th is In-Bay Keel #1. Ed Mattson needs some competition, so let's get out as many boats as we can for that In-Bay Keel! (sorry, Ed...I couldn't resist!)

-Potluck- The potluck is on the 3rd at 7:00 pm, sponsored by Jim & Lyn and Jan & John.

-Social Hour- The April Social Hour is on Saturday, the 7th. According to the online sign up sheet, Joe and I are apparently hosting. I'll have to think of something creative to do between now and then! The social hours are a great way to socialize and enjoy the best view on Humboldt Bay!

As usual, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to give me a call or drop me an email. With the weather improving and winds blowing, it's bound to be a great Spring on the water!

HYC 80th BIRTHDAY

We are celebrating our 80th birthday this year. The Humboldt Yacht Club has been sailing the bay and sea since 1938. Please help celebrate our birthday by joining fellow club members and the public at our annual **OPEN HOUSE** on April 28th, starting at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

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AROUND THE MARKS

- by Larry Fox, Vice Commodore -

Winter refused to release its wet grip on our North Coast in March, but it looks like Spring is finally here! Our first Whistler Race of the year (March 24th) dawned with gusts to 40 and lots of water in the air. Looks like no one ventured out, definitely not me!

However we did have some fun Fog races with light winds and the unique opportunity to sail on the last Saturday race of the winter and the first Wednesday night race of the summer, both in the same week! I had the interesting experience of starting the Wednesday night race under light conditions. Arriving at the line a little early I decided to turn around and then tack back for a perfect start. Wind died completely as I attempted to tack, locked "in irons" and a slight outgoing tide. I started stern first, drifting slightly backward at the horn! And, to add insult to injury, I got to sound the horn! Hey, we'll get 'em next time.

April looks to be exciting with improving weather, our first dinghy race of the year on the 7th and our first In-Bay Keel race on the 29th. Both races start at high noon.

We have our Open House on the 28th. There will be a Coast Guard helicopter sea-air rescue demonstration, and the "75" will be available for tours during our Open House. The Sea Scouts will have dock-side tours of one of their two sailboats, and [weather depending] club members may be offering sailboats rides to the public. This is a great event to bring a friend interested in joining our club.

And of course don't forget the potluck on April 3rd! We could also use some extra hands for the club room clean up on Saturday the 21st.

Fair winds, Larry

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FOG RACE

Wednesday, March 28

Ru-Bun, Dauntless, Megahurts & Truant

Started out mild; finished with "Mr. Toad's Wild Ride"

[Photos by Lee Braces]



Quiz: Rules of the Road – Part 3

- by Mark Roundings -

So you know from the last two quizzes that (1) when boats are on opposite tacks that 'starboard tack rules,' and (2) a leeward boat has right of way over a windward boat when the boats are on the same tack.

Of course there's a 'Rule of the Road' which determines which vessel should **"stand on"** [keep her course] and **"give-way"** [take early and substantial action to keep well clear] when one vessel is overtaking another.

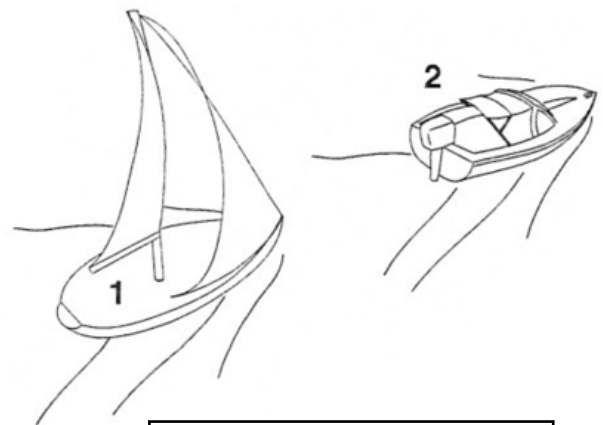
You are vessel "1" rapidly approaching vessel "2". Using the boats' points-of-sail and the

1. You are the:

- (A). Stand-on boat
- (B). Give-way boat.

2. Which rule applies here:

- (A). A boat to leeward shall give-way to a windward boat.
- (B). A boat on a port tack shall give-way to a boat on a starboard tack.
- (C). A boat that is overtaking another boat shall give-way.
- (D). A powerboat shall keep out of the way of a sailboat.

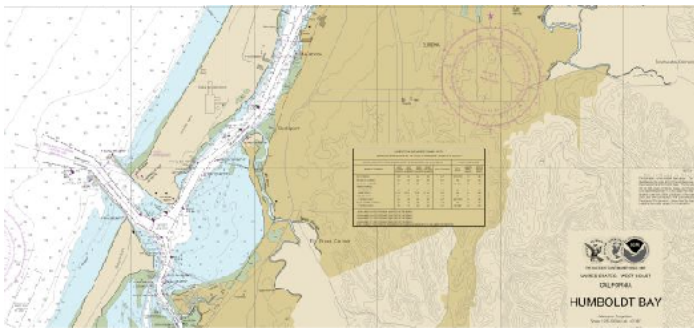


Answers: 1B and 2.C

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What's the difference between a nautical chart and a map?

A nautical chart represents hydrographic data, providing very detailed information on water depths, shoreline, tide predictions, obstructions to navigation such as rocks and shipwrecks, and navigational aids.



The term “map,” on the other hand, emphasizes landforms and encompasses various geographic and cartographic products. Some examples of maps

might be road maps or atlases, or city plans. A map usually represents topographical information.

A chart is used by mariners to plot courses through open bodies of water as well as in highly trafficked areas. Because of its critical importance in promoting safe navigation, the nautical chart has a certain level of legal standing and authority. A map, on the other hand, is a reference guide showing predetermined routes like roads and highways.

Nautical charts provide detailed information on hidden dangers to navigation. Maps provide no information on the condition of a road.

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<http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/>

keeping a weather eye:

Apr. 3	Potluck - 1900 hrs
Apr. 7	Dinghy #1 - 1200 hrs
Apr. 7	Social Hour - 1700 hrs
Apr. 10	Board Meeting - 1900 hrs
Apr. 21	Open House Clean-Up - 1000 hrs
Apr. 28	<u>OPEN HOUSE</u> - 1000 hrs
Apr. 29	In-Bay Keel #1 - 1200 hrs

April Potluck

Hosted by Jan and John Carroll, along with Jim Hendry and Lyn Klay. Theme is SPRING!

Your hosts will provide baked ham and scalloped potatoes, so bring the appropriate side dishes to compliment this fine fare.

Tuesday April 3rd at 1900 hrs [aka 7:00pm].