

The logo for 'Whistler' is written in a bold, stylized, white font with a blue outline and a slight shadow effect, set against a dark blue background that resembles a textured surface like water or a boat's hull.

## COMMODORES' COMMENTS

- BY NANCY RANDALL & ANJIE McCABE -

As we gear up for the upcoming regatta it's exciting to reflect on our recent successes and growing community. We started off the month with Women at the Helm #1 and a couple weeks later Women at the Helm # 2. A special congratulations to Christine Joyner and crew of Megahurtz, who sailed to victory in their race.

The In-Bay Dinghy race# 3 also took place. Our August social hour hosted by the Bagnell's was on point, which leads me to say that our potlucks in the last several months are growing again. It's been great to see our club flourishing. The theme potlucks that continue each month have been so creative. I want to also thank those who came out to our summer FOG watch BBQ's it's been great getting to know new members and spending time with old.

We had a great turnout for cleanup day at the lagoon in preparation for this year's Redwood Regatta. It was a great time followed with the El Toro Challenge. Fun was had by all.

Labor Day weekend is here and it's time for the Redwood Regatta at Big Lagoon. This is our big event for the year and it's always lots of fun. Come on out and join in the

camaraderie so we can make 2024 one to remember!

We will be starting off September with a special event. One of our newer members Captain Kevin McKernan will be taking those who signed up for cocktail cruise on the bay September 7th at 7pm. This is in lieu of our cocktail hour at the club. There are a few spots open so if you're interested contact Commodore Anjie McCabe and she can let you know if we availability.

This month besides the Regatta races we have the Great Bay Race # 3 and In-Bay Keel race #3 so make sure to check your calendars for the dates.

Autumn will be here before we know it. A special time with beautiful sunsets so get out on the bay or the lagoon and take it all in.

A special thank you to all who have volunteered and prepared to get this year's Regatta under way your efforts have made it fun and enjoyable. Sail on!

Co-Commodore Anjie

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## HUMBOLDT RIVIERA PARKING LOT

[This article, by Past Commodore Garrett Coonrod, first appeared in the June 2017 edition of the Whistler newsletter]

I can remember way back when I first starting crewing in HYC races that it wasn't uncommon to start the race with your anchor out, fighting the tide in no-wind situations. Somewhere I heard it referred to as a "parking lot" when all racers get stuck in one spot. It's a nice name for a bad situation.

This month's in-bay keel brought about a parking lot situation unlike any I've had the pleasure of being in before. It was a typical day with the "Eds" way out front leaving us all to squint to see if their stern was getting farther or closer. To our amazement, it was getting closer!!!

They had come to a stop behind the eucalyptus trees that are locally famous for their wind shadow. In my circle this area has been affectionately named the "Humboldt Riviera." You go there to get out of the wind when cruising for a place to anchor and BBQ. It was nice to catch up with the lead boat, but we too fell victim to the windless hole and pulled up within a boat length to leeward of the Eds.

Not to be outdone, Curt Brown nestled his way right between us. It initially appeared

he had brought his own wind from the nether region. His sails full and pulling nicely as if he planned to breeze right past us. Instead, he got to hang out. What a great time to be had by all. I've noted to myself many times that it would probably be best to stay out away from the trees and avoid this sort of mess.



Photo by Richard Hendry

(Left to right: Ru-Bun, Free Energy & MegaHerts)

That is exactly what Richard Hendry must have thought. We all sat searching for a course and wind as he joyously sailed on by while snapping pictures of our pathetic situation. Way to go Richard!! Not only have you earned the right to gloat at our next cocktail hour, you've talked me into trying that course next time.



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**WOMEN'S AMERICA'S CUP**

The *Puig Women's America's Cup* is a stand-alone event that's part of the 2024 Louis Vuitton 37th America's Cup in Barcelona, Spain.

It's the first time in the 173-year history of the America's Cup that there's been a women's event, and it's open to all female athletes of any age. The event is designed to showcase the next generation of foiling stars and to help female athletes gain experience with modern foiling monohulls.

The 2024 event will take place from September 28 to October 13 and will include 12 teams from around the world, split into two groups. The teams will compete in a series of 6-9 fleet races, with the top three teams from each group advancing to the final series.

The final series will consist of 4 races, with the top two teams then competing in a winner-takes-all final match race. The races will take place on AC40 foiling monohulls, which are 40 ft long and have a top speed of around 45 knots. The boats will be provided by the organizers and will be moored at the Olympic Marina in Barcelona.

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP  
AWARDED**

Curt & Sherrie Brown were recently awarded an honorary lifetime membership for years of membership and service to the club.  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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## Boating Basics: Channel 16 Mayday, Sécurité And Pan-Pan

[This is the "Reader's Digest" version of an article submitted by Past Commodore Bridge Randall and written Larry Backman in October 2018]

VHF Channel 16 is the international distress frequency received worldwide by any VHF radio. It is used for distress and emergency calls as well as for informational broadcasts from the Coast Guard. Channel 16 is not a radio check channel, and it's not a conversational channel. Every summer weekend, VHF Channel 16 is punctuated by a mélange of transmissions – some serious, some informational and some meaningless chatter. What do Mayday, Sécurité and Pan-Pan calls mean?

The three acronyms you hear all summer long on Channel 16 are French words. M'aidez (help me), Panne (breakdown), and Sécurité (security/safety) are decreasingly urgent calls used on Channel 16. The first two – Mayday and Pan-Pan – are calls for help, while the third – Sécurité – is a transmission of important navigational information.

A mayday call is serious and should not be issued for a minor emergency. It implies a threat to life and will bring an immediate response by the Coast Guard and any other rescue agencies within range. False mayday calls are criminal offenses and can be prosecuted, leading to significant fines and reimbursement for the cost of the rescue operation. Mayday calls should be used only in life-threatening situations.

Pan-pan is the international urgency call indicating that someone aboard a boat is

declaring an urgent situation that is not an immediate threat to either the vessel or the people on board. If you have a mechanical issue on a boat, lose your navigational equipment, tangle with a lobster pot line, or experience any other non-life-threatening emergency, you should issue a pan-pan on Channel 16. As with a mayday call, communicate your boat name, your location, the nature of the problem, and the number of people on board.

A sécurité call is an informational broadcast. The Coast Guard Notice to Mariners is typically issued as a sécurité on Channel 16 with a request to shift to Channel 22A for the full NOTAM broadcast. In fog or heavy traffic situations, a sécurité may be issued by a ferry or commercial vessel leaving or entering a harbor or narrow channel. Also issue a sécurité call to other boats when you have seen dangerous debris in the water.





**GREAT BAY RACE**

September 14th, 1:00 p.m.

The Great Bay Race is one of several races that is open to the general public. Courses for the race vary from year to year, but generally they begin between the HYC flagpole and marker #19. Racers then head south down the bay and return back to the yacht club for the finish.

This is a pursuit race where the slowest boat starts first and every boat has her own start time depending on her handicap. Everything else being equal, all boats should finish at the same time, so the first one to cross the finish line is the true winner.

**IN-BAY KEELBOATS**

Sept. 29th, 1:00 p.m

The third race (in a series of four) for the in-bay keelboats is set for the end of the month. Clean your off hull below the boot stripe, train your crew for handling your boat, and get ready for some exciting time on the water

**REDWOOD REGATTA - - PRE-START**

Our premier sailing event of the year kicked off this weekend with 29 boats vying for a place on the podium under varying weather conditions. Thanks to everyone in the club for volunteering for all the many, many tasks necessary to pull off such an event. Check out our webpage for more pictures from the regatta.



***keeping a weather eye:***

- Sept. 1      Redwood Regatta - 1200 hrs
- Sept. 7      Social Hour - 1700 hrs
- Sept. 10     Board of Gov'nors Mtg - 1800 hrs
- Sept. 14     Great Bay Race #3 - 1300 hrs
- Sept. 29     In-Bay Keel #3 - 1300 hrs

