



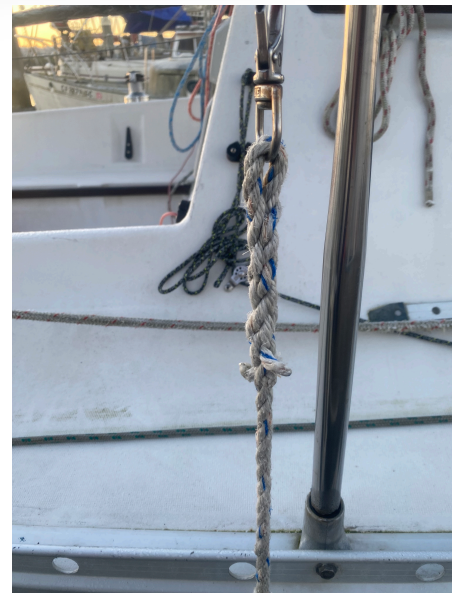
## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

- BY BRIDGE RANDALL -

### Did you know that there are only 4 rules of sailing?

1. Keep water out of the boat.
2. Keep people in the boat.
3. Have fun!
4. And look good while doing it! Well this is the season to address some of those boat maintenance issues we have been missing.

We have a couple clinics on line splicing. The first is at 3pm on February 1st. I will be going over three strand back splicing and short splicing for loops. I know you have some old "Irish Pendants" hanging off your fenders. Time to put a seamanlike finish on! Then you can reward yourself with cocktails at 5PM.



Later on February 9th we will go over in more depth, splicing Dyneema and maybe double braid splicing. No more electrical tape!

Two races this month. Women at the helm and a Whistler race. Start thinking about Race Committee if you are not planning on racing. It would be great to have a full fleet come out!

Lastly the month ends with a charity event. Bowl for kids has been a successful way for the club to help out the community. Plus it's fun to get together and go bowling! Chat with past Commodore Anjie for more info.

# WHISTLER

## Skippers Challenge !

“Off the wind on this heading lie the Marquesas”

**3582** nautical miles! 23 days, 22 hours, 39 minutes, from cast off at Woodley Island Marina, Humboldt Bay to anchor in The Bay of Virgins, Fatu Hiva, the Marquesas Islands.



Deep thanks to great crew Bill Huber, Ken Stiver and Janet Wickman for making this passage.

We claim the course record! Of course, as far as we know, no one else has **EVER** done it.



There was north coast weather for a few days, thousands of miles of trade wind sailing, doldrums in the ITCZ, swimming across the equator, more trades and at last, a wonderfully satisfying early dawn landfall.



The Marquesas are unspoiled, mountainous and beautiful. Truly spectacular!

**So.....**here's a skippers challenge. Break our record! Do this passage, you'll never forget it. Break our record and we will show up in Nuku Hiva, the main island in the Marquesas and a place you have to go to, and we'll buy you the best dinner and drinks we can find!

Bill Wickman



**CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD**

**IT'S THE LAW**

- by Gail Forsewin -

Do you operate a motorized vessel on California waterways? If you use an inboard or outboard engine on your sailboat, it is motorized. Beginning in January this year, all boaters, regardless of age, must carry a California Boater Card. The California Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully taken an approved boating safety course and passed the corresponding exam. The requirement for a Boater Card is found in Harbors and Navigation Code § 678.15, which prohibits the operation of motorized vessels in California without a valid operator card developed and issued by the Division of Boating and Waterways.

A violation of this requirement is an infraction, punished for an initial conviction by a fine of not more than \$100; for a second conviction, by a fine of not more than \$250; and for a third or subsequent conviction, by a fine of not more than \$500. In addition to these fines, the court shall order a person convicted of violating this requirement to complete and pass a boating safety course approved by the Division.

The primary reason for boater cards is to ensure that boaters have received proper training on essential safety practices, including navigation rules, life jacket usage, emergency response, weather conditions, and other critical aspects of safe boating. This shows they have the necessary knowledge to operate a boat safely, potentially reducing the number of boating accidents and fatalities on waterways by ensuring basic boating safety standards are met by all operators.

Do you have yours?



# WHISTLER

Today	<	>	February 2025	Month		
Friday, January 24 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Feb 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm Fog Race @ 2pm</li> <li>• 5pm Social Hour</li> <li>• 5pm Splicing Clinic</li> </ul>
2	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6pm Potluck</li> </ul>	5	6	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm Fog Race @ 2pm</li> </ul>
9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12pm Splicing Clinic</li> </ul>	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6pm Board Meeting</li> </ul>	12	13	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm Fog Race @ 2pm</li> </ul>
16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1pm Women at the Hel</li> </ul>	17	18	19	20	21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:30pm Whistler #1</li> <li>• 2pm Fog Race @ 2pm</li> </ul>
23	24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm Fog Race @ 2pm</li> <li>• 5pm Social Hour</li> </ul>



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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**Welcome Aboard to New Members!**

Justin Carlson  
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Gavin Ried  
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Shara Scott-Smith

