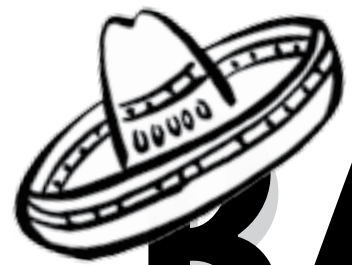




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The Rally Committee produced this "Meet the Fleet" program as a memento of a bold adventure. If you are like most participants from years past, it will serve as both a souvenir and a resource for getting acquainted with other fleet members. We suggest that you keep it handy so you can read about the boats and crews you'll see out on the ocean during your voyage to the Cape, and later, in anchorages and marinas.

The mini-bios included here were first published in *Latitude 38* magazine, the Baja Ha-Ha's founding sponsor, and are used here with permission.

The *Latitude* staff joins the Rally Committee in wishing every participant a safe and fun-filled voyage through the sunny latitudes of Mexico. And the editors encourage you to keep in touch as you wind your way farther down the Central American coast or around the world, so that future cruisers can learn from your experiences.

We'd love to feature you, your photos and adventures in an upcoming edition of *Changes in Latitudes*. You can email your story and hi-res photos to: [editorial@latitude38.com](mailto:editorial@latitude38.com)

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Welcome to the 2021 Baja Ha-Ha 'Meet the Fleet' guide.

Please understand there are going to be many inaccuracies in the guide because there will have been many changes in crew and even boats between the time the guide was published and the November 1 start of the rally. We appreciate your understanding.

Many of the mistakes in this publication will probably be the fault of the Grand Poobah, although in some cases he was given incorrect, vague, confusing or contradictory information. He did his best with what he had to work with and appreciates your understanding.

In some cases, the Poobah paraphrased words to sentences in the interest of clarity and frivolity. In all cases, the Poobah did his best to adhere to the author's intent.

### CODE:

\* Each asterisk means there is a 'kid' onboard. We define a 'kid' as someone chronologically, not just emotionally, 16 years or younger.

(W) Stands for white sails only, as opposed to sailing with a spinnaker or genaker.

**Years**, such as (2013) indicate at least the minimum number of times the skipper or crew has done a Ha-Ha.

**Cities.** In cases where two cities are listed, the first is the boat's homeport, the second is where the owner(s) receives mail and most likely lives or used to live.

**Triggers.** When the words 'wife', 'husband', 'spouse', 'children', and such are used in this guide, they are terms of endearment and respect, not ownership or lesser status.

If the male's name appears first, it's because that's how it appeared in the registration form. In cases where only the man's name was given, the Poobah, whenever it seemed called for, added the name of the wife/partner/significant other. More than a few of you guys 'owe' him.

**Ages.** The Poobah publishes the age of the men when available, but doesn't publish the age of women unless they are 35 or younger. This is sexist, of course, but the Poobah did it out of respect for women who are sometimes sensitive about their age.

### Abricot V / Ullman Sails — Beneteau 62 Rolando Gutierrez and Chuck Skewes La Paz, BCS, Mexico (2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

Rolando, 65, is an engineer, while Chuck, 57, is the owner/operator of the Ullman Sails loft in San Diego. Their crew will be Michael Borak, 35, a sailmaker; Roy Rard, 66, a retired friend; and Brenda Zielinski, a trainer.

While this is Rolando's first Ha-Ha, Chuck has done many, in addition to many races to Mexico and Hawaii. As in years past, Chuck will have the Ullman Sails team doing basic sail repairs during the stops in Turtle Bay and Bahia Santa Maria. But once again, the loft floor will be on the foredeck of the Ha-Ha mothership *Profligate*.

Rolando's dream destinations are most anywhere in the tropics, especially the South Pacific, as well as Papua New Guinea.

### Adios — Columbia 43

#### Craig Shaw and Neonta Bell

Portland, Oregon (Seven Ha-Ha's)

Craig, 67, a longtime member of the Portland YC, is a rigger. In 2012 he appeared on the cover of *Latitude 38* while hanging from the top of Ha-Ha mothership *Profligate's* 90-ft mast.

Craig's parents bought *Adios* new in 1983, and he bought her from them 10 years later. Craig's parents did the '98 Pacific Cup to Hawaii on their Hunter 54, and the Ha-Ha in '12. "The latter was the most memorable Ha-Ha of all," says Craig, "as mom and dad were 81 and 86 at the time!"

"In '14 I Bashed back to Portland for a fresh water rinse — and a new engine, new keel bolts, new steering cables, new batteries, a new custom fuel tank, etc. She's like knew except she needs a paint job. But it's now way past my time to head south again.

"I met my girl Neonta, who owns a *Las*, last November when she was houseboat sitting on the Columbia River. Her house on the North Santiam River had burned the previous September in the Beachie Creek fire. She is more than excited to do the Ha-Ha and spend the winter in Mexico. Although our dream destination would be Tahiti and the South Pacific, we'll Bash back to Portland in the spring.

Eric Tabarly, French sailing legend, "of course", is Craig's sailing hero.

Craig approves of the quote, "Go ahead and complicate your life, you'll eventually learn how to simplify it."

Marionberry cobbler with vanilla ice cream is the dessert of choice aboard *Adios*.

### \*Aeolus — Excess 15 49-ft Cat (W)

#### Marilyn Collins

Los Angeles / Phoenix

What kind of 80-year-old female who hasn't ever sailed before declares, "I've had enough of Covid, let's go buy a brand new boat and do the Ha-Ha."

That would be the Marilyn Collins kind

of female, who less than two months before the start of the Ha-Ha bought one of the first updated 49-ft Excess catamarans. Doña de Mallorca's kind of gal.

Marilyn's son, F. Scott Collins, 60, who is retired from sales and was a navigator in the navy, will be the captain. A sailor since the '80s, he's owned six monohulls between 26 and 45 feet.

Other family members along for the adventure will be daughter-in-law Alicia O'Reilly, an artist; and grandson Kurrent Collins, 6. The other crewmember will be Renee Kahon, who is in the film industry.

The Collins family now owns their dream boat, and Tahiti would be their dream destination. F. Scott, who goes by the curious nickname of John Friendly, likes sticky pudding for dessert. His sailing hero is the late Steve Trager, someone the Poobah is unfortunately not familiar with.

### Aloha — Amel Super Maramu 53

#### Steve and Liz Davis

Honolulu, Hawaii

Steve, 65, a retired airline pilot, and Liz, a Registered Nurse, will be sailing south with Cheryl Wolf, Liz's sister, a business consultant.

Steve started sailing as a teenager in Hawaii, but his cruising dreams were nipped in the bud when the banks decided that an 18-year-old surfer dude who wanted to go cruising on a 31-ft Taiwan-built beauty wasn't a particularly good loan risk.

A wife, baby, and 12 years later, Steve bought his first boat, a Ranger 29. Since then he's owned a Hobie Cat, a sportfishing boat, a Pacific Seacraft 25, a DownEast 38, a Hallberg-Rassy 42, and the Super Maramu. His boats have been berthed in places as diverse as Saudi Arabia, Guatemala, Annapolis, St. Augustine, Alameda, and Honolulu.

Liz started sailing in '97 when she fell for Steve, the sexy pilot docked across from her liveaboard trawler in San Leandro. Twenty-four years, seven boats, 19 countries, and 20,000 cruising miles later, she reckons she picked the right guy.

The couple started full-time cruising in 2015, heading from the Chesapeake to the Caribbean, where they met Ha-Ha entrants Ben and Gayle of *Gayle Force*. Their longest passage so far has been 5,200 nautical miles from Panama to Hawaii, the last 1,100 miles of which required tiller steering because of a failure in the rack and pinion steering.

Crew Cheryl is a veteran of *Aloha's* 2020 cruising season in Prince William Sound, 2018 in Hawaii, and a terrible adventure in Martinique in 2016. Breaking her wrist meant she got to spend Christmas Day in the hospital at Fort-de-France.



## Andiamo — Union 36

**Corey Rose  
Westport, WA**

Corey, 59, is a retired process implementor. He will be sailing south with Valerie Karsch, retired from business operations; and Jake Collachio, 45, who is not retired from some unspecified occupation.

"I have been sailing the Columbia River for over 30 years," says Corey. "I'd never owned a boat before *Andiamo*, but had worked my way through four boats with my brother. I've owned my classic 1984 Bob Perry design for four years.

In addition to all his years sailing the Columbia River, Corey made a crossing to Hawaii — in January.

After the Ha-Ha, he plans to "sail and enjoy life." The owner of his dream boat, Corey says his dream destination is "the next one".

Corey is the only member of the Ha-Ha fleet to specify cream puffs as his dessert of choice. If he's not careful, Cream Puff could become his Ha-Ha nickname.

## Anna Maria — Island Packet 420 (W) Matthew and Merja Clegg San Diego / Los Angeles

Matthew, a software engineer, will be doublehanding with his wife Merja, a physician.

After learning to sail at the UC San Diego Aquatic Center, Matthew graduated to ASA courses and then a few charters in the British Virgins. He bought his boat in Charleston, South Carolina, at which time his first mate was a medical student at St. George's University in Grenada. "So I sailed the boat down there and spent several years in the Caribbean. It was during that time my children developed a passionate dislike for sailing."

"I work as a software engineer for one of the big tech companies," says Matthew, "and the silver lining of the pandemic is my employer realized I don't have to work at the office. So I plan to be working from my boat while sailing around the world. I'm just waiting for Elon Musk to send me a Starlink terminal.

"There is always a bigger, better and faster boat, but I would love to have something that was completely electric.

"My all-time favorite islands are the Exumas in the Bahamas, but my all-time favorite anchorage is the Tobago Keys in the Grenadines."

The Grand Poobah's big question is whether or not Merja can practice medicine from a boat while sailing around the world.



*Argo, Douglas and son Stephen*

## Argo — Thorpe Seeop 59 Douglas Thorpe

**Huntington Harbor / Mesa, Arizona**  
Douglas, 63, who manufactures drones, launched *Argo*, which he co-designed, earlier this year.

He'll be sailing south with three crew: Kevin McCorkle, 35, a serial entrepreneur who is sometimes in cahoots on enterprises with Thorpe; Zachery Lippert, 22, a drone/ROV operator, who is Thorpe's grandson; and Stephen Castro, 26, who is engaged in "international business", and who is Douglas' son. *Argo* is the only boat in the Ha-Ha fleet that was finished from a hull that had been languishing in the Arizona desert for 40 years.

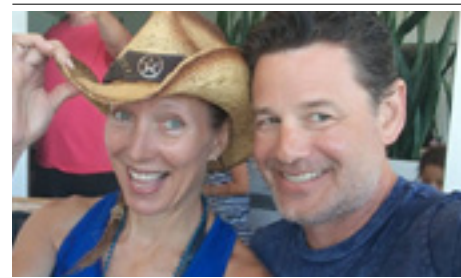
"*Argo* will be engaged with educators around the world supporting STEAM: science, technology, arts and mathematics, as an open resource for learning, conservation, and virtual experiences," says Douglas.

The owner has been sailing for 50 years and has been a liveaboard for five years. He previously worked at MacGregor, Ericson, and Lancer boat companies, and managed the sailboat division of Tollycraft when they built the Bill Garden-designed Fast Passage 39s.

"Just glass it," is his favorite expression, and no doubt comes from the boat-building world.

Thorpe's sailing heroes include legendary singlehanders, Francis Stokes and Sir Francis Chichester.

Thorpe was named 'The King of Drones' by the University of California, Irvine, where he was an engineering major. He was on his way to school there as a freshman when he was the first person to come upon a plane that had crashed in a field and killed everyone aboard. It changed his life. Since then he's developed and manufactured more than 30 remotely operated flying machines, weighing from five to 1,600 pounds, used by everyone from the military to gold prospectors.



*Aria's Song, Carolyn and Richard*

## Aria's Song — Lagoon 400 S2 Richard and Carolyn Doherty Porter Ranch / Channel Islands

Richard, 56, an engineer, will be sailing with wife Carolyn, likely the only animal trainer in the Ha-Ha, and two crew. One of the crew will be Kelly Dorsey, a female marketing rep.

"We've been sailing all over the warm water areas of the world, but this catamaran is the first boat we've owned," says Richard. "We've enjoyed her for six years on the lovely California coast, but it's time to move on. We're not sure in which direction we'll head after the Ha-Ha, but likely toward Panama.

"Our dream destination would be the Maldives, but jeez, they are a long way away. We've very happy with our cat, but if we had to choose, we'd probably go with a mega yacht."

Quiz time: How many catamarans have Lagoon built? And how many were 400 S2s?

Since 1984, Lagoon has built 5,800 catamarans. If tied up beam to beam, they would reach the sun and back. Of the 5,800, just under 600 were 400S2s.

## \*\*\*Arkouda — Privilege 49 Mark and Carli McKinney Ensenada / San Jose (2019)

Mark, 53, is in software sales, while Carli is in management. They will be Ha-Ha-ing south with their three children: Thaddeus, 9; and seven-year-old boy twins, Kai and Luca. Also aboard will be Jeffery Cathers, 58, a captain and master mariner; and his wife, Sheryl Cathers, an artist and art teacher.

The McKinney's dream destination is San Francisco. What?! But only after sailing around the world. *Arkouda* has already been around once under the guidance of Sean and Cynthia Phalen, who reportedly left the boat in fabulous shape.

Having long bashed around in the ocean between Monterey and Drake's Bay, Mark and Carli are looking to sailing downwind in warm water with their kids. And with the "gregarious and notorious" Jeffery and Sheryl, who are both ex-



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La Cruz near Puerto Vallarta is the family's first post Ha-Ha destination, where they plan to join other cruising families "in the world of adventure, home-schooling and sailing." There are few better places than Marina Riviera Nayarit, as Catalina Liana has a nearly non-stop year-round program of activities for cruising kids. Among them are kids' camp-outs, which give cruising parents a rare opportunity to try to remember what sex is like.

The whole McKinney family loves chocolate — except for Thad, who rejects it. Kai writes left-handed but plays the ukulele right-handed. Luca writes right, but kicks left.

*Arkouda* is the Great Bear in Greek mythology, Protector of the Universe.

### **Aurora — Cape George 36 Todd Blanchard and Ann Case San Diego / Gig Harbor, WA**

Todd, 57, a software engineer, and Ann, a paralegal, will be doublehanding the classic 24-year-old Cecil Lange design.

"Michiganers, we were introduced to boats more or less at birth on the Great Lakes. *Aurora*, which at 24 is undergoing a refit, is our first and hopefully last boat. Previously we just hitched rides on other peoples' boats.

"I acquired *Aurora* in 2001 and my first mate Ann in 2009," says Todd. "I feel it's important to find your boat before your woman, so the boat has seniority. Too many male friends tell me, 'I'd like to get a boat but my wife won't let me.'"

There will be a new event in this year's Ha-Ha; the tar and fathering of Todd by the women in the fleet.

*Aurora* had almost been finished by the original owner when Todd bought her. Ann and he have been rebuilding the interior since they sailed her down to San Diego 10 years ago. The Ha-Ha is giving them the all-important deadline to cross the border.

"Our trip down from the Northwest was the shakedown for *Aurora*," says Todd, "and our relationship. Ann loved the passages, so we've been working toward retiring as cruisers."

The couple like to move each year. Their latest place was at Rosarito Beach in northern Baja. After a cold winter, they decided a Ha-Ha taking them to warmer La Paz would be the ticket for this year.

If there's no chocolate in it," they proclaim, "it's not dessert."

### **Aurora — Jeanneau 53 (W) Michael Lewis and Lois Mandel San Diego / Coronado**

Michael, 68, is retired from the Air Force and was the owner of Coastal Pool & Spa. His wife Lois is retired from escrow management and being a San Diego County Administrative Analyst. The couple will have three crew: Michelle Shirley, 33, a bartender/assistant manager; and Michael and Mary Law, who they found at the *Latitude 38* Crew List Party.

Michael has been sailing for 53 years, during which time he's owned five boats. He and Lois have owned *Aurora* for just nine months, and declare, "She's a beauty!" His longest passages are San Diego to Barra de Navidad, which is over 1,000 miles, and San Diego to San Francisco, which was shorter but uphill.

*Aurora* is the couple's dream boat, while their dream destination is the South Pacific. Popeye, the pugnacious, wisecracking cartoon sailor who possesses superhuman strength after ingesting an always handy can of spinach, is their sailing hero. The couple enjoy pecan pie for dessert.



*Aventura*

### **Aventura — Camper-Nicholson 35 (W) Robert Fyfe Richmond**

Robert, 50, a harbor owner, will be doing his first Ha-Ha. Destry Lewis, 54, a builder, will be his crew on this classic Camper-Nicholson design.

Over 200 of the 'Nic 35s' were built by one of the oldest boatbuilding companies in the world. Despite being a 'pure' cruising boat and only having 27 feet of waterline, her PHRF rating is only six seconds slower than an Ericson 35.

In 47 years of sailing, Robert has only owned one boat, *Aventura*, which he purchased after 44 years of sailing on other peoples' boats.

Greece is his dream sailing destination. He knows it well, having already been sailing there three times.

'Fyfe', as he's known, has many sailing heroes, with the original singlehanded solo circumnavigator Joshua Slocum being at the top.

Robert is a right-handed ice cream lover who wouldn't mind having a modern 44 to 47-ft cutter.

### **Aventurera — Island Packet 36 (W) Mike Colburn and Steve Smigay San Diego / Phoenix**

Mike, 47, a retired engineer, and Steve, his stepson, also a retired engineer, will be doublehanding their 11-year-old boat. As you read through the *Meet the Fleet* guide, you'll be astonished at how many Ha-Ha boat owners and crew are engineers of one type or the other.

Both Mike and Steve are Navy vets who love the sea. Their longest passage on this boat is three days. Mike is a lefty.

The *Aventurera* co-owners report they've been sailing for about 10 years and have owned three boats. They've owned the Island Packet for six months, although their dream boat is Jeff Bezos new half-billion-dollar megayacht.

The great Jeanne Socrates, who has spent her golden years gaining and regaining the title of the oldest person to singlehand non-stop around the world, is their sailing hero, while chocolate mousse is what makes them salivate after dinner.

Following the Ha-Ha, the two will continue on to Puerto Vallarta, although New Zealand would be their dream destination.

### **Avocet — Caliber 40LRC Issac Ohana Palo Alto (2017)**

Issac, a 55-year-old executive, will be sailing south with Erez Ben-Eshay, a sailing instructor, and one other crew.

"I have been sailing since 2005 and have owned my current boat since 2013," reports Issac. "I did the 2017 Baja Ha-Ha, then visited Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and San Jose del Cabo. I did the Bash home in 2019. I am eager to sail south again and explore more of Mexico. I'm hoping that the Ha-Ha will be the first leg in a circumnavigation that I hope to start in two to three years.

"My sailing heroes are Portuguese explorer Vasco de Gama, who was first to sail to India by way of the Cape of Good Hope; Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, best known for having led the Spanish expedition across the Pacific to the East Indies, and for survivors of his group to have completed the first circumnavigation; English explorer James Cook, who made three fabulous voyages of discovery; and more recently, Lin and the late Larry Pardey, for their 200,000 miles of voyaging in small, engineless, homebuilt, wood sailboats.



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### Azimuth — Peterson 365 Scott Racette and Ashley Gremel Oakland

Co-owner Scott, 32, is a UX designer, while spouse and co-owner Ashley, 29, is a director of operations. Overseeing crew performance will be “Cypress the Cat, a friendly 15-month-old creme-colored tabby who always wants more tuna.”

“We went sailing together seven years ago and have been sailing around ever since,” reports Scott and Ashley. “Azimuth is Ashley’s first sailboat, but she grew up fishing and swimming in the Great Lakes. Scott loved racing his Hobie 16 while growing up in Virginia, and learned keelboat sailing on his previous boat, an Ericson 34T.”

Scott and Ashley purchased Azimuth in the fall of 2016, and have been living aboard in Oakland ever since, refitting her for offshore passages. “We’ve also been very active in racing on San Francisco Bay on other people’s boats and campaigned a Moore 24 in the 2019 OYRA season. Scott at the helm and Ash on bow.

“We’ve been in San Diego for about a month as we write this, and will soon be making our way to the Chesapeake Bay. We figured the Ha-Ha would be a great way to start the adventure. Ashley is wrapping up work projects while Scott is working on his captain’s license.

“Our dream passage would be doing the Northwest Passage aboard our dream boat, a Gozzard 44. Sailors of small wood boats without engines, Lin Pardey, and the late Larry Pardey, are our sailing heroes.

“Baklava is our dessert of choice, and and ‘pessimism is for lightweights’ is the motto we live by.”



Bambu, Zak

### Bambu — Newport 41 (W) Zak Crawford Marina del Rey

At 27, liveaboard Zak will be one of the youngest skippers in the Ha-Ha, and at 50 years, his Newport 41 will be one of the oldest boats in the fleet. But note that Gilles Finlayson is nearing completion of a 15-year circumnavigation with a sister-

ship, so there’s few worries in the boat’s pedigree.

The software engineering manager will have three crew: Cory Dominguez, 31, another software engineer; Cory’s partner Anoosh Moutafian, a 30-year old female illustrator; and Alyx Forsyth, 29, a female nurse. While the proofreader is not crazy about those names, the Grand Poobah loves them.

Zak has a lot of sailing experience, starting at age 12 when his dad left him to singlehand a Hobie Cat on Lake Michigan. His dad left to play beach volleyball. Since then Zak has sailed the Andaman Sea off Thailand, the Philippines, and the Whitsunday’s in Australia. In addition to sailing Bambu on Santa Monica Bay, he’s a regular on a J/80 for Beer Can races.

Cory has thousands of miles of sailing experience, having done a San Francisco to La Paz trip, and raced a Vanguard 15 and Express 27s on the Bay.

Zak’s dream destination is Bacuit Bay, Palawan in the Philippines. His dream boat is an 80-ft shunting Pacific proa. After the Ha-Ha he plans to cruise Mexico for a bit, then meander down the coast and through the Canal to the Caribbean.

### Berkana — Valiant 40 Greg Andrew Maple Bay, British Columbia, CA

Greg, 51, is a pilot. He’ll have two crew: Robert Andrew, his 78-year-old dad; and Corey Anderson, 49, a first responder.

“I’ve owned seven or eight boats, depending on how you define ownership,” reports Greg. “My first was a little Optimist, then a Laser, a C&C 41, an Endurance 35, a C&C 30, a Bayliner fishing boat, a 42-ft trawler, a super cool wooden dinghy, and the Valiant, which I bought just a year ago.

“Berkana, launched in 1976, has been in refit since last October. It’s all done now. I lived aboard, but please don’t tell the marina owners.

“My plans are to sail until I have to work again, then repeat. Life is too short for a full-time job. The important things are sailing, exploring, adventuring, and meeting new people.

“I’ve gone the wrong way around Cape Horn on my way from the Falkland Islands to Ushuaia, Argentina; done multiple trips on the west coast of Canada by sail, and have also fished tuna and salmon commercially.

“The Marquesas is my dream destination aboard my Valiant 40, which Robert made me say is my dream boat. Alex Thompson of Hugo Boss is my sailing hero, and I like cheesecake.

‘Just because we can doesn’t mean

we should . . . but I say let’s try anyway.’ That’s my motto.

The Ha-Ha is the beginning of my adventure of a lifetime, and just getting to the start will already be the coolest thing I’ve ever done.”

### Black Crow — Morgan Out-Island 41 Timmy Neumann Long Beach (2017)

Timmy, 54, retired as CEO of Cargo Control Systems and will be sailing south with a crew of three. They will be Tim Ehrlich, 49, a general manager in the mortuary industry who did the ‘17 Ha-Ha; and two others not determined as of press time.

Timmy has been boating most of his life but is new to sailing. He’s owned a string of powerboats, including the Egg Harbor 39 he’s eager to sell now that he’s taken up sailing. He bought the Out-Island, a classic Charlie Morgan design from 1979, last September on San Francisco Bay, then sailed her south to Long Beach. It’s his longest passage to date.

Black Crow has been extensively restored with new electronics, a new interior, and much more.

After the Ha-Ha, Timmy plans to spend time in Mexico, and may eventually head to the Canal and the Caribbean.

‘Timmy Two Boats’ has a dream destination of French Polynesia, and a dream boat of a Formosa 51 ketch. His favorite quote is from Captain Ron, and we don’t even have to tell you what it is, do we?

‘Captain Kirkland’, as he’s also called, likes New York Cheesecake. Lucky him, that’s always served at the Ha-Ha kick-off party.

### Bloom County — Mancebo 31 Elliot James Tiburon

Elliot, 31, is a construction estimator, and his Mancebo 31 is an appropriately young man’s boat with a big open cockpit. Although now almost 40 years old, she’s got a lot of inherent speed but not much in the way of creature comforts. On the other hand, Elliot will be able to throw her on a trailer and drive home from Cabo following the Ha-Ha. It’s a fabulous drive, and the two-lane road is narrow. Shoulder? There’s no shoulder on the Transpenisular Highway.

Kyle Vanderspek, 30, a first engineer in the merchant marine, will be crew.

Elliot has been sailing for over 20 of his 31 years and has already owned five boats. He currently owns a 36-ft Albin trawler, a Melges 20, and Bloom County.

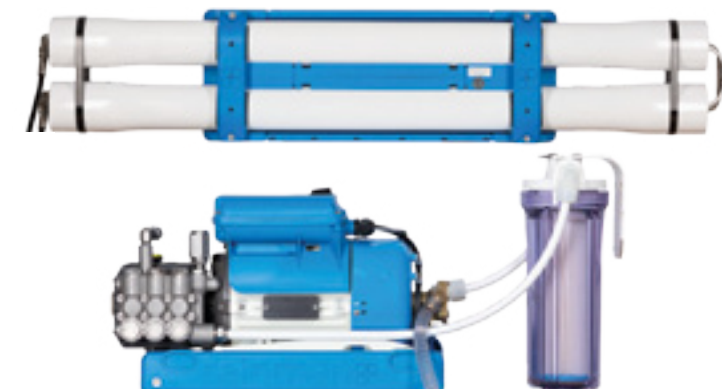
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cordia, Elliot knows offshore.

Elliot has no dream destination but hopes to do a proper circumnavigation one day, perhaps on a Santa Cruz 52. His sailing hero is French singlehander, Jean Le Cam. (The Poobah and de Mallorca had dinner with 'Cam the King' in St. Barth once, and can assure Elliot that he's a fun-loving as well as a worthy sailing hero.)

Elliot is right-handed and likes ice cream for dessert, although he's not going to be able to take much of that on the Ha-Ha.



Cara Mia, Jim and Edie

**Cara Mia — Beneteau Oceanis 46  
James and Edith Jones  
San Diego**

James didn't give his age or occupation, but Edith is an interior decorator. They will have three crew: Nadia Al-Alwi, a consultant; James Housells, 56, an investor; and Kenneth Speelman, 58, an engineer. The latter two haven't done a Ha-Ha, but they've done the Bash home, which is usually much more challenging.

'Jim' has been sailing for 40 years and holds a 100-ton license. He and 'Edie' have owned three boats: a Catalina 27, a 40-ft sloop, and for the last sixteen years, their Farr-designed *Cara Mia*.

Jim and Edie cruised Mexico in '17-'18. This year they plan to do Mexico's Gold Coast after the Ha-Ha, head up to the Sea of Cortez in the spring, and then come north to Catalina for the summer.

Their dream destinations are Tahiti, Thailand and Sardinia, all of which they've already been to. If Covid and forest fires didn't mess things up, they would have done a cruise in Turkey this summer. Their ideal boat would be a 50-ft cat.

"We've been dreaming of doing the Ha-Ha for 20 years," they say. "With the kids off to college, this is our year."

**Celebration — Beneteau First 38  
Stephen and Dianna Sweet  
San Francisco Bay / Chico**

Stephen, 64, is a retired clinical laboratory director, while Dianna is a retired criminalist. That sort of makes her sound like a career criminal, but it actually means Dianna used her science background to analyze different pieces of evidence in criminal cases. Their crew will be Mark Conry, 64, who is retired from software sales.

"I learned to sail in Jamaica when I was nine," says Stephen, "and have always dreamed of sailing beyond. *Celebration*, a survivor of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, came to us in 2006. We rehabilitated her in our backyard, then trucked her to the Bay.

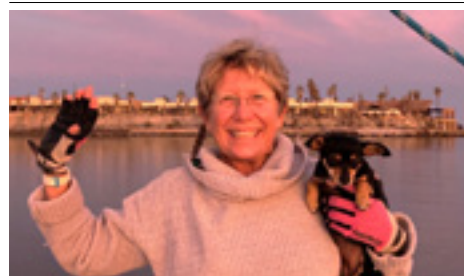
"Our plans after the Ha-Ha are to explore the Sea of Cortez and beyond.

"*Celebration* is our dream boat, but our dream destination would be the South Pacific. Our sailing hero is multiple solo non-stop circumnavigator, Jeanne Socrates.

"When you have a choice, choose happiness and kindness," recommend Stephen and Dianna.



Celebration, Stephen and Dianna



Celtic Song, Diane

**Celtic Song — Pacific Seacraft 42  
Diane Berol  
San Diego (2009, 2018)**

Diane, a licensed boat captain, was crew on the '09 and '18 Ha-Ha's. She will have four crew: Francis Riegler III, 60, an anesthesiologist; Sharon Baker, a business owner; Cheryl Caleca, a manager and Christian Conaway, 23, a musician.

"I've been sailing for 40 years," reports Diane, "and have owned a total of three boats." Diane and her husband John, who will not be on the Ha-Ha, have owned *Celtic Song*, which they've cruised to Alaska, since '05.

"Our dream destination is anywhere there are tropical reefs, warm water, and not too many people. We are on our dream boat. My sailing hero is Lin Pardey, who did two circumnavigations with her late husband Larry on their two very small, engine-less, wood boats.

"My favorite quote is one I made up: "Choose your goals wisely, it will determine the path of your life."

The couple plan to leave for the South Pacific in May of 2002.

**\*\*Chaos — Beneteau First 47.7  
Mark and Karen Williams  
Seward / Anchorage, Alaska**

Mark, 66, is a retired dentist, while Karen is a retired office manager. They will have four crew: daughter Kelsey Farber, 31; Stephen Farber, 36, their engineer son-in-law; and grandchildren Everly Farber, 3; and Emerson Farber, 1. Emerson is a young lady.

Mark has been sailing for over 40 years, starting in Hobie Cats and moving up to keelboats. He's owned *Chaos* for three years. She draws 10 feet, so she goes upwind well. Mark's longest sail has been from Ecuador to the Galapagos and back.

After high latitude cruising for 35 years, Mark and Karen are looking forward to warmer water on what they hope will be the start of a circumnavigation. It's a big step up to the 47.7.

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Mark thinks they can do it because for many years they cruised remote Alaska “on a smaller semi-racing boat with six kids, two large dogs, and only 55 gallons of water.”

The Farr-designed 47.7 is a roomy boat.

**Christina — Morris 486  
Steve and Stephanie Stroub  
Tiburon**

Steve is a general contractor who is still going at it at age 73. He'll be doublehanding with his spouse Stephanie, who is in the insurance business.

Steve has been sailing all his life, during which time he's owned 10 boats. He's raced extensively for many years, including to Mexico and Hawaii, and done half a dozen Coastal Cups.

Steve and Stephanie have owned *Christina*, which is set up for extensive cruising, for less than a year. Morris is one of the premiere brands in yachting, which is why they say they own their dream boat.

This will be their first Ha-Ha.

Their dream destination is the British Virgins, and their motto is 'don't ever give up'. Steve has a great nickname: 'Strouble'. As in, 'Here comes Strouble!'

**Cleo II — Hans Christian 34  
Robert and Elaine Tinus  
San Francisco / Pacifica  
(2011, 2013)**

Robert, 82, is a retired treasurer, while Elaine is a retired bank employee. Photographer Scott Wall, 56, a vet of the 2011 Ha-Ha, will be among the other crew.

"I've been sailing for 40 years and owned four boats," says Robert. "*Cleo II* is a great boat, which we've owned for the last 10 years. I've been both a captain and crew on previous Ha-Ha's."

"Our dream destination is French Polynesia, and *Cleo II* is our dream boat. My sailing heroes are Bernard Moitessier, a French national born in Vietnam who abandoned the first-ever singlehanded around the world race when victory was at hand, and legendary French sailor Eric Tabarly.

Robert and Elaine, the most senior skipper and first mate combo in the Ha-Ha, will cruise the Sea after the Ha-Ha.



Cloudbreak, Rick

**Cloudbreak — Hylas 42**

**Rick Alvarez**

**Los Alamitos / Fullerton**

Rick, 66, is a business owner. His two crew will be Brad Gulsrud, a project manager; and Allan Emas, a retired friend.

After 20 years of sailing on friends' boats of all types, a year ago Rick bought *Cloudbreak*, a classic Frers design from 1986.

Rick hasn't done a Ha-Ha, but he did the '15 TransPac aboard the Davidson 50 *Pipe Dream*.

"Any anchorage with crystal clear warm waters is fine with us," says Rick, "and on my dream boat, which I fortunately already own."

Rick lives by his dad's motto: "Onward and upward, never back!"

Carrot cake is Rick's dessert thing, and he's secure enough to have no problem if you call him 'Ricki Ricardo'.

**Compass Rose — Morgan 45 (W)**

**Randy and Joanne Weeton**

**Alameda**

Randy, 61, and Joanne are both retired, although they didn't specify from what careers.

Randy has been sailing on and off for 50 years. He has lived on three boats, starting with a Catalina 30, a boat he previously cruised to the Sea of Cortez on. Four years ago he moved aboard the Morgan 45, and he and Joanne have been working on her, the boat that is, ever since, preparing for a world cruise.

Joanne started sailing with her family as a child, but they eventually swallowed the hook and she took up water skiing. But when she met Randy, who was living on a Catalina 30, she slipped right back into sailing.

After the Ha-Ha and spending time in the Sea, the couple plan to eventually sail to the South Pacific. Their dream destinations are the South Pacific and the Med, two more different places it would be hard to find.

They both enjoy crème brûlée, and "never spoil a good story with the truth".

**Cool Change — Gemini 34 Cat (W)**

**Ed and Cindy Neiman**

**Homewood / Copperopolis (2017)**

Ed, 73, is a real estate company consultant, while Cindy is a real estate broker. I bet they've been busy this year. Their two crew will be Roger Lamb, 69, retired from sales; and Don Deglau, 68, who is in international manufacturing.

"All of our crew did part or all of the 2017 Ha-Ha," says Ed, "and are looking forward to the time of our lives — again!"

"We bought *Cool Change* in September of 2016 with the intention of learning how to sail more and explore more of Mexico. We were going to go last year until Covid intervened.

"We'd love to spend two seasons in Mexico, but maybe more as we don't really have any definite plans to return to the States.

"Some people refer to me as 'Amazing Eddie', but I prefer plain old Ed — as well as chocolate ice cream for dessert."

**Corahleen — Herreshoff 56 Schooner**

**Rick Bishoprick**

**Ridgefield, Washington (2019)**

Rick, 54, is both a rancher and a homebuilder. He'll have four crew aboard: Ray McCormack, 53, a hired skipper active in the Coast Guard merchant marine; Brad Coffey, 55, a sanitation engineer; Cheryl Greathouse, a wellness professional; and Rebecca Kramer, who is in real estate.

*Corahleen* is an unusual entry in that she's a 56-ft double-ended staysail schooner that was launched in 1957. She was built by Rick's father and grandfather to a design published in *Rudder* magazine. But here's the most unusual thing about her: up until this June, she'd been out of the water sitting on a trailer since 1994. Twenty-seven years is a long time for a wood boat to be out of the water.

The long restoration was undertaken by Rick and his father Stan, and completed by Rick, with help from others, after his father passed in 2013.

*Corahleen* raced in the 1958 TransPac race to Hawaii but finished last. It wasn't because she was slow, but because Rick's tee-tolling grandmother insisted that all sails be taken down at night.

One day Rick was singlehanding *Corahleen* on the Columbia River. As the teenager was walking forward, the autopilot suddenly pivoted the big schooner 180 degrees, tossing him into the chilly water. Even if the boat wasn't destroyed, Rick was sure he'd never be able to sail her again.

But miracle of miracles, not only did the schooner suddenly reverse course, but Rick was able to pull himself back aboard. It's the

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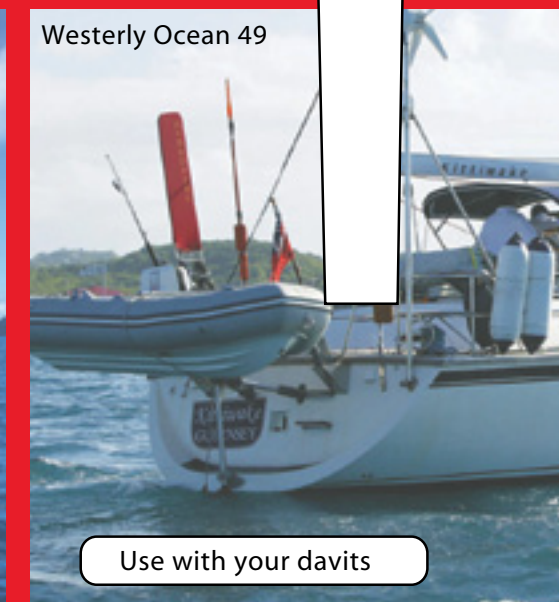
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kind of thing Rick never told his dad.

In 1994 Rick's dad pulled Corahleen out of the water and launched another boat, Radiance. This was the founding of Legendary Yachts in Washougal, Washington. Lots of Legendary Yachts workers learned their trade slowly but steadily repairing her.



Coyote, Mary and Scott

**Coyote — Beneteau First 42  
Scott Smith and Mary Culley  
Santa Cruz (2003)**

Scott, 61, is in engineering management, while Mary is a technology strategist. Their crew will also be from the tech world: Jason Lauer, 53, who is in engineering management and who crewed in the Ha-Ha in '03; and Denise Diani, a physical therapist.

First Mate Mary learned to sail on Hobbie Cats as a child around Hilton Head Island and on the Finger Lakes of New York. She is passionate about marine wildlife such as whales and birds, and is known as 'The Spotter'. She's also an avid gardener and loves to learn about flora and fauna in new places.

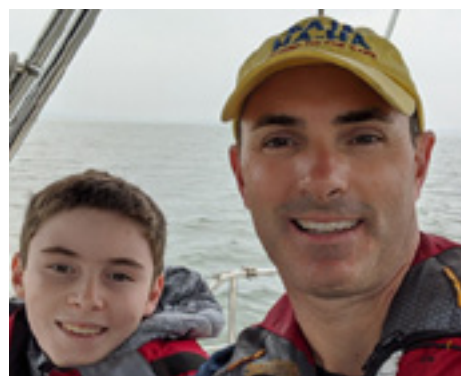
Scott is passionate about bicycles and boats. He did a TransPac as navigator on *Kokopelli* in 2015 and helps Mary in the garden. It's said that if it looks good in the Culley home, Mary did it; if it works well, Scott did it. He's also passionate about the sea and conservation. As a volunteer, Scott created the iPhone app for the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program.

Jason Lauer was the 'Covid Commodore' at the Santa Cruz YC, and a vet of both the '03 Ha-Ha and of a Doublehanded Pacific Cup.

Denise is the ship's Health and Spiritual Officer and teaches yoga.

Scott learned to sail at age 7 on a Sunfish. Prior to *Coyote*, the Culley's owned a Santa Cruz 27. They bought *Coyote* in 2015 after she'd done two Pacific Cups.

Scott's sailing hero is Sir Francis Chichester, who in 1966, eight years after being diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, became the first person to do a west to east circumnavigation. Scott dreams of sailing where it's warm aboard *Coyote*, which is his and Mary's dream boat.



Dakota, Elliot and Ryan

**\*\*Dakota — Hunter Passage 42  
Ryan and Christina Dixon  
Coyote Point / Rocklin (2016)**

Ryan, 45, is an airline pilot whose favorite destination is "anywhere my wife wants to be on the boat, so Mexico for right now." Christina is an attorney.

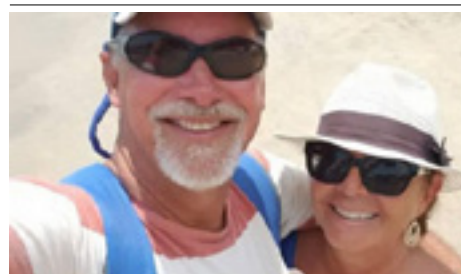
Ryan's two sons, Elliot, 12, and Finely, 8, will be doing the Ha-Ha, an event he himself has wanted to do for 30 years.

Ryan has been sailing since he was 10, during which time he's owned two cruising boats. He did the 2016 Ha-Ha with *Dakota* but had to start a week behind the pack. But he continued on to southern Mexico and later sailed back to the Bay.

Ryan's aunt and uncle are his sailing heroes for having introduced him to sailing.

A brownie is Ryan's favorite dessert, and his dream boat would be a Gunboat catamaran.

His favorite quote comes from a surprising source: Saint Teresa of Avila, who was described in a papal legate as a "restless wanderer, disobedient, and stubborn femina who, under the title of devotion, invented bad doctrines, moving outside the cloister against the rules of the Council of Trent and her prelates. It was St. Teresa who said, "Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."



Dances, Eric and Ana

**Dances With Winds — Catalina 36 (W)  
Eric Walker and Ana Bilboa  
Channel Islands / Oxnard (2017)**

Eric, 69, is a retired electronic engineer, and his wife Ana is also retired. Both did the 2017 Ha-Ha. "It was one of our greatest adventures, and the camaraderie and friendships we made were second to none," Eric says.

Ana will fly to Cabo this year with her girlfriend Rita, so Eric's crew will be Hans Enyedi and Jay Holman, good friends and experienced sailors. Ana and Rita will join Eric in Cabo for the crossing to Mazatlan, then south to Banderas Bay, Perula, Tenacatita and Barra de Navidad.

"Ana and I have lived on and around the ocean our entire lives," says Eric. "We previously owned boats separately, but have been permanent partners for the last five years. Ana is Cuban, so her Spanish is great. Mine not so much so."

"As full-time cruisers, our adventure began with the 2017 Ha-Ha, after which we spent six months in the Sea. In May we sailed down to Banderas Bay and became 'cruising residents' at Paradise Village.

"November thru April normally finds us cruising the Costalegre from Banderas Bay to Z-town, with Christmas at Barra. It might seem strange, but normally we spend hurricane season cruising Banderas Bay, with overnights at Yelapa, Punta Mita, Rincon de Guayabitos and La Cruz.

"When Covid arrived in spring of 2020, our plans were impacted. La Paz Immigration closed, so we couldn't convert from Temporary to Permanent Residents of Mexico. So we bashed back to Oxnard. But now we're not only heading back, we're closing escrow on a home in Barra.

"What's been our favorite spot in Mexico? Everywhere!"

**Day Dreams — X-Yacht/AP44  
Robert Day**

**Newport Beach / Laguna Beach  
(Four Ha-Ha's)**

Robert, 60, a retired BMW and Mini dealer, has done the '10, '12, '16 and '19 Ha-Ha's. His crew will be Jeff Kaiser, 57, who does fine art shipping and is a vet of three Ha-Ha's; Bill Matchett, 69, a skipper and boat repair expert; Stan Gibbs, 65, a professional sailor; and Robert's son, Ian, 29, a radiology assistant who is a vet of the '16 and '18 Ha-Ha's.

Robert and his son have been sailing since '07 when they learned on San Francisco Bay. They later relocated to Southern California, where they enjoy the warmer sailing conditions.

This is Robert's second sailboat, the



first having been a J/122. He's owned *Day Dreams* for just over a year.

"My dream would be sailing into the lagoon at Bora Bora, anchor, then swim to the St. Regis Hotel for breakfast.

"When it comes to sailors, I admire Joshua Slocum for his skill, tenacity and wit."

Day has a quote he lives by: "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I choose to react to it. We are in charge of everything."

He also believes that "saltwater is the cure for everything."

## **Deguello — Crowther 48**

**Jason and Candice Deal**

**San Anselmo / Carefree, AZ**

Jason, 50, is a retired business owner, as is Candice. Their crew will be Francois Ramsey, who in addition to having done all kinds of offshore sailing and three Ha-Ha's, is a marine surveyor who did the most recent survey on *Profligate*, the Ha-Ha mothership.

Jason has been sailing since he was a lad growing up in New Zealand, while Candice was baptized in the cold cauldron racing Nacra 20 cats on San Francisco Bay. She was lured by the promise of future cruising in the tropics aboard a boat big enough to sleep on.

"We purchased *Deguello* in Hobart, Tasmania seven years ago," says the couple. "She was the last boat owned by renowned and ahead of his time multi-hull designer Loch Crowther. Tragically, he died of a heart attack aboard her at the far too young age of 53. We feel immensely privileged and proud to be the current custodians of a boat with such a great heritage.

"After buying *Deguello*, we sailed her home to California by way of New Zealand, French Polynesia and Hawaii. After the Ha-Ha we plan to spend a year or so in Mexico before moving on to French Polynesia and wherever the wind and currents take us.

"We own our dream boat and our dream destination is wherever we are at any given time. Our sailing heroes are all those who have scrimped and saved and had the *cojones* to cut the docklines and seek adventure. And Kiwi sailing legend Peter Blake, too. Our favorite dessert is pavlova. Our favorite quote is, "As soon as I saw you, I knew an adventure was about was going to happen."

## **Dream Catcher — Jeanneau 49** **Chris Chase-Dunn and Carolyn Hock** **San Pedro / Riverside**

Chris, 77, a retired sociologist, will be sailing south with his wife Carolyn, a policy analyst. There will be at least three others aboard: daughter Mae Chase-Dunn, 35, a CFO; daughter Frances Chase-Dunn, 30, who is in tech sales; and sister-in-law Mary Ann Wrightsman, a retired school teacher.

"The Ha-Ha will be the beginning of our cruise to Mexico and Central America," says Chris. "We're interested in Mexican and Central American society, history, indigenous peoples, and archaeology. In particular, we want to visit the cave paintings in Baja and the Jose Malverde shrine in Culiacan."

Jose who? Malverde, a folklore hero who may or may not have lived in the late 1800s, is the 'Cjuba Lord', 'angel of the poor' and 'narco saint', for whom there is a shrine. It's fittingly located in Culiacan, home base of the notoriously violent Sinaloa drug cartel. The city, which has the Culiacan River flowing through it, is also known as 'The Cemetery'. It's home to extreme wealth, including an opera house, and extreme poverty, with a tiny middle class. The Poobah and de Mallorca spent one Christmas Eve there.

Joshua Slocum, Thor Heyerdahl and James Cook are Chris' heroes.



*Dulcinea, Ken and Monica*

## **Dulcinea — Pearson 36-2** **Ken and Monica Grismore** **San Diego / Escondido**

Ken, 63, is a wind energy project developer, while Monica is an inventory systems manager. They expect to have two other crew.

The couple have been sailing for more than 27 years, and in that time have owned a 28-ft S2 and *Dulcinea*, which they've owned for nine years. Ken has done a number of races to Ensenada but has done many longer trips, often over-

night, to Catalina and the Channel Islands.

The couple plan to 'commuter cruise' in the Sea and mainland Mexico, as they want to stay close to their family back home.

Both are fluent in Spanish, as Monica is originally from Guatemala, and Ken has spent a lot of time working in Spain and Latin America.

"The Ha-Ha has been in the works for us for many years, and it's finally our year to go."

When it comes to desserts, Ken and Monica like "pretty much any combination of butter, flour and sugar". Their heroes are small boat voyagers Lin and the late Larry Pardey, and Joshua Slocum.

## **Echo Juliet — Jeanneau 509 (W)**

**Bob Bavasi**

**San Diego / Everett, WA ('17, '18)**

If you know professional baseball, you'll be familiar with the Bavasi name. Bob, 67, did the '17 and '18 Ha-Ha's with *Echo Juliet* and says he's glad to be coming back for his third.

Contentment is a wonderful thing, and Bob says his current boat, the second he's owned, is his dream boat. "Really!"

His sailing hero is 'Patsy', who we take to mean the Assistant Poobah, Patsy 'La Reina del Mar' Verhoeven. She's done it all, from Central America to the Pacific Northwest to the South Pacific. And often singlehanded.

Bob's favorite quote comes in like a hanging curve down the middle of the plate with the great Tony Gwynn at the plate: "Ninety percent of the game is half mental." Yogi, of course.

As befits a sailorman, Bob is not finicky when it comes to desserts. "As long as I didn't have to make it, I like what's put in front of me."

After the Ha-Ha, Bob plans to spend time in the La Paz area.

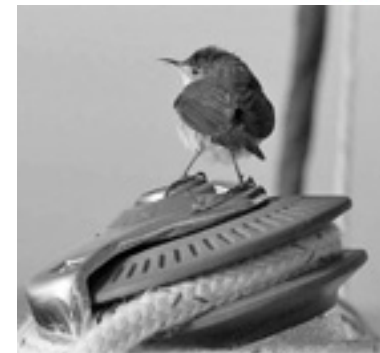
## **\*Elixir — Freedom 45 (W)**

**Colin Rogers and Christina Spring**  
**Alameda / San Leandro**

Colin, 45, a tech executive, will be heading up a family boat along with spouse Christina Spring, a tech recruiter. Their crew will be son Westly, 5; and Colin's sister Margot Rogers, a LA County executive.

Colin grew up sailing the Chesapeake "lashed to the mast at age three". At age four, he and four other family members squeezed into an O'Day 21 and cruised the Hudson River for a month. He later enjoyed various Outward Bound sailing adventures.

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When Colin came to San Francisco, he decided to live aboard the Freedom 45 for three years before moving ashore. Other than a four-week charter, his longest off-shore passage has been 10 days from Seattle to San Francisco.

"We are super excited to finally be in a position to join the Ha-Ha, having heard about it for so many years. After the rally, we'll explore more of Mexico.

"Our dream would be to revisit the Cook Islands, but on our boat. Our dream boat would be a Neel 51 trimaran.

"While Westly is the only lefty on the boat, we all like brownie sundaes."

**Emma — Deerfoot 62**

**Kurt Christofferson**

**Santa Barbara** (2017, 2019)

Kurt, 62, is "unemployable" and "lives all over". His crew will be Keith Hilen, 62, a developer who did the '17 Ha-Ha; Ryan White, 43, another developer; and Suzy Garren, a vet of the '17, '18 and '19 Ha-Ha's who Kurt describes as a "sailing bum"; and Eve Rooklidge, a teacher.

"I sailed for several years before buying *Emma*, my first boat, four years ago. Since then I've spent most of my time sailing around Mexico and getting ready to jump the Puddle.

"My longest passage has been racing a Sovereil 33 in the '96 Pacific Cup. The first time I Bashed *Emma* back to California from the Sea, we sailed 600 miles offshore before tacking back and checking in at San Diego. My second Bash was La Paz to San Francisco. I was alone, so I made a number of stops to sleep.

"After this year's Ha-Ha, I plan to sail over to La Cruz, take in some South Pacific seminars, and jump across to the Marquesas in the spring.

"I'm happy with *Emma* as my dream boat, but have many dream destinations: the Philippines, Niue, and Palau, to name just a few.

"I think Martin Luther King got it right when he said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy".

"Crème brûlée is what I like for dessert."

To the Poobah, the most unusual thing about the 62-ft long Dashew-designed *Emma* is she has a beam of just 14.5 feet. The floating version of skinny jeans.

**Emy Lou — Hunter 430 (W)**

**Casey Wendeborn**

**Long Beach / Santa Fe Springs**

Casey, one of several female owner/skip-pers in this year's Ha-Ha, is a retired CFO.

Casey first sailed at age 15 but has been doing a lot more sailing in the last 10 years. *Emy Lou* is her second boat, which she's owned for five years now.

"After the Ha-Ha I plan to stay down in Mexico, bumming and hopping around until June or July. After that, who knows what?"

"My dream destinations are the islands of the South Pacific and Southeast Asia."

Although the spelling is not quite the same, there's a fine song by a Swedish folksinging duo First Aid Kit called *Emmylou*. It's about Emmylou Harris and her mentor Gram Parsons. The Swedes wrote it when they were in their mid-teens. They never dreamed it would be a hit or they would perform it for Emmylou, who was reduced to tears. Check out the video.



*Endeavor, Gabby and Zachy*

**\*\*Endeavor — Hunter Legend 37 (W)**

**Todd and Shana Forsman**

**San Diego / Oceanside**

*Endeavor* is a family boat, as Todd, 41, a consultant, and his wife Shana, a physician's assistant, will be sailing with their daughter Gabriela, 7, and their son Zacharias, 6. How cool is that? They will have two other adult crew.

The kids go by Gabby and Zachy, and like all kids will be looking forward to hanging out with other kids. Maybe even start their own Kids' Ha-Ha Radio Net. In past Ha-Ha's, parents weren't allowed on the kids' net.

The Forsman family has been sailing since 2004, but only bought their first ocean-going sailboat, *Endeavor*, four years ago. But as long as six years before buying the boat, they were following the Ha-Ha and dreaming of joining it.

Their longest sails have been trips to Catalina and during a charter in the British Virgins. After the Ha-Ha they'll cruise Mexico a bit before the family flies home and Todd and crew do the Bash.

Does the name of the Forsman's boat give you a hint of their sailing hero? It should. He's Capt. James Cook, the legendary British explorer, navigator, and cartographer, who is famous for his three magnificent voyages of discovery in the

Pacific Ocean from Australia to Alaska.

The family has dreams of sailing a 50-ft cat or a brand new Beneteau 52 out of SoCal — although better yet, out of Barcelona or Australia.



*Epsilon, William and Cheryl*

**Epsilon — Island Packet 41 SP (W)**

**William Southon and Cheryl Locke**

**Ventura / Morgan Hill**

William, 64, is a retired property manager, while Cheryl is a retired chiropractor/nurse. As of press time they were still deciding which couple would crew for them.

"We've been sailing for 12 years and have owned *Epsilon*, our only boat, for just six months. Only about 50 of the Island Packet 41 SPs, which are considered motorsailors, were built.

"Our longest passage to date has been 242 miles. After the Ha-Ha we'll either do the Sea or continue on down to the Canal.

"In our dreams, we'd travel to Tristan de Cunha, the most remote inhabited archipelago on earth. It's 1,750 miles from Cape Town, 1,316 miles from Saint Helena, and 2,161 miles from the Falkland Islands. But we'd want to do it aboard our dream boat, a Nordhavn 56."

The couple's sailing hero is Tristan Jones, real name Arthur Jones, born to a 'working girl' in London. Jones' astonishing sailing adventures were only exceeded by his ability to create a past from whole cloth and mix fact with fiction.

William and Cheryl are not left-handed, but "are willing to learn". That's a good quality in a human. Coffee ice cream is their favorite dessert

**Esperanza — Catalina 380**

**Mike Whalen and Bill Nork**

**Alameda / El Dorado Hills**

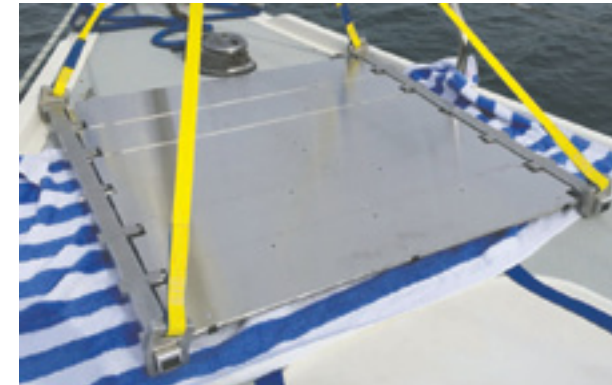
Mike, 68, retired from Oracle, and co-owner Bill, also 68 and retired from commercial real estate, will have Joan Whalen, Mike's wife along. No doubt to supervise.

Mike and Bill have been sailing for 40+ years, mostly racing on San Francisco Bay. But they have also cruised Mexico and the Caribbean. They've owned six

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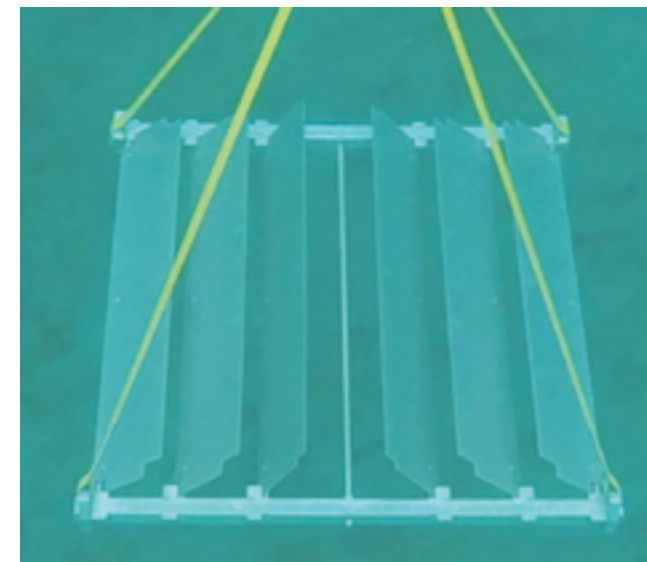
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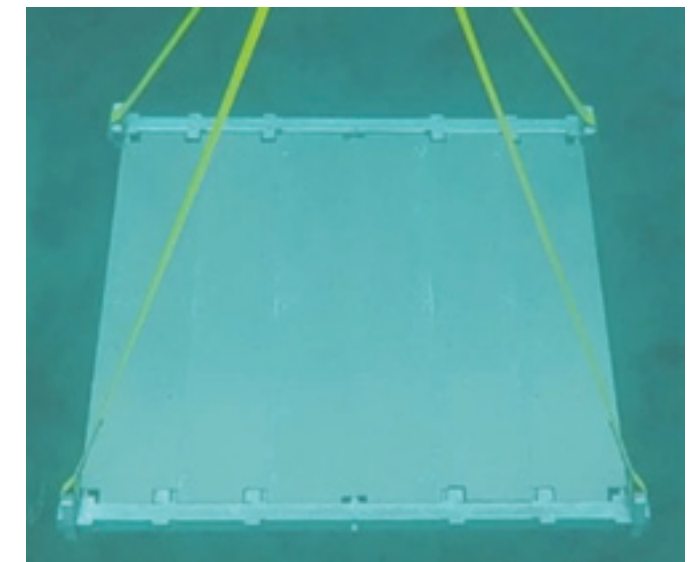


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boats, and *Esperanza* for the last 18 years.

A boat partnership lasting that long speaks highly of the partners.

Their dream destination is La Paz, although they'd prefer to arrive on a Lagoon 77 catamaran.

Their sailing hero is Neil Reid, although the Poobah is not aware of who he is. Anybody?

**Equanimous — Hans Christian 34 (W)  
Brett Klein**

**Victoria, B.C / Edmonton, Canada**

Brett, 33, who didn't state an occupation, intends to do the Ha-Ha with two crew, neither of whom were identified as of press time.

Having only been sailing for two years, Brett has owned just one boat, his Hans Christian, for 18 months. He claims there is nothing unusual about her — "except the people onboard."

Brett is the only Ha-Ha entrant with a stated dream destination of the Baltic Sea. Curious.

Because of the Covid-closed U.S./Canadian border, our friends from the north have not had an easy time coming south. A number simply gave up on this year's Ha-Ha. But Brett is made of sturdier stuff and went for it. So far he's stopped at Coos Bay, San Francisco, and Santa Cruz. So far, so good.

Brett's only preference for dessert is "seconds".

**Evening Star — Morgan 461  
Blair Eldridge and Natasha Sinkinson  
Long Beach / Dana Point (2017)**

Blair, 44, a mortgage broker, and his wife Natasha, will be sailing south with three crew, yet to be identified.

Blair says they have been sailing for seven years, and have owned two boats. They've owned *Evening Star*, launched in 1979, for the last three years. Their longest sail has been 900 miles from Bermuda to Newport, Rhode Island. Their goal is the South Pacific, as Blair has "a shell to place back on the beach at Vanuatu."

The Poobah remembers a time long ago at the Ala Wai in Honolulu when a guy, who seemed very old, but now that the Poobah is in his 70s realizes was actually middle-aged, came up to him looking very distressed.

"She's my Morgan 461, and we — me and those four young guys still aboard drinking beer — just got in from California," the guy said. "It was an anxiety-ridden trip for me. Because every night I'd lie in my bunk and could overhear them in the cockpit discussing where they'd sail my boat — after they'd thrown me overboard."

**Ever After — Jeanneau SO 440  
Andrew and Laura Park  
Lake Oswego, OR / Chico**

Andrew, 59, is an insurance agent, while Laura is also in the insurance business. Their three crew will consist of David Weathers, 62, a teacher; and two others not identified as of press time. Lucy, their Yorkie, will be overseeing all operations.

Andy started sailing 45 years ago in El Toros and Optis. Laurie has been sailing for 10 years, beginning with a Ranger 20 on the Columbia River, and living aboard *Ever After* for the last two years.

The couple sailed to Southern California last summer. After the Ha-Ha and the Sea of Cortez, they'll continue south to Panama and then east to the windy Caribbean.

A new Hylas 56 or a catamaran would be their dream boat, and the Med their dream destination.

Nikki Henderson, "the best badass female sailor on the planet", and at 25 the youngest skipper ever in the Clipper Round the World Race, is their sailing hero.

The couple go bananas for coconut ice cream

**Exit Strategy — Jeanneau SO 45.2  
Steve Ginder**

**Dana Point / Park City, Utah  
(2003, 2010, 2019)**

Steve, 72, retired from mortgage finance, has been the skipper in three previous Ha-Ha's. He was still assembling his crew as of press time.

"My wife and I have been sailing for 40 years. *Exit Strategy*, our dream boat, is our fourth and final boat. We bought her in 2003 and promptly joined the Ha-Ha. Since then I've logged 25,000 ocean miles between Mexico and Canada with her, did the 2015 TransPac, and countless trips to the Channel Islands.

"We'll stay in Mexico until May at which time we'll return to Dana Point."

**Fair Winds — Pacific Seacraft 37  
Randy and Elizabeth Jensen  
Seattle / Woodinville, WA (2018)**

Randy, 67, is an engineer/consultant who did the '18 Ha-Ha as crew. Elizabeth, an instructional designer, will be part of the crew this year along with their 33-year-old son, Dan, a software engineer.

Randy has been sailing since high school, first in the San Francisco area, then Seattle/Puget Sound, then Alaska. He's owned lots of kayaks, canoes, small boats and such, but *Fair Winds* is his first big boat. He bought her from her original owner in Alaska in 2013, then sailed her down to Seattle.

"*Fair Winds* is not the fastest horse in the stable, but one of the prettiest and most seaworthy — and she's mine. I love her and she loves me."

Randy's longest passage to date has been Hawaii to Seattle on a Swan 441, but he also crewed on *Tenacity* in the 2018 Ha-Ha.

"My son Dan and I are kind of disciples of John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts, and after the Ha-Ha would like to revisit some of the places they stopped at and wrote about in *The Log From the Sea of Cortez* and *Between Pacific Tides*. By the way, their old boat, *Pacific Flyer*, is currently being restored in Port Townsend.

"While in Mexico, we anticipate opportunities to drink Mexican beer, snorkel, kite-board, and philosophize. When the money runs out, we'll probably return home via Hawaii rather than do the Bash."



*Fairwyn, Rick and Gayle*

**Fairwyn — S&S 42  
Richard and Gayle Leland  
Emeryville / Durham, CA**

Richard, 66, is a retired attorney, while Gayle is a homemaker. Richard has been sailing for 55 years, mostly in dinghies.

*Fairwyn* is the couple's first boat and was bought to keep Richard active in retirement. Launched in 1957 — 64 years ago — she's no ordinary boat. Built as an ocean racer, she won the 1959 Prince of Wales Cup and other important races. In 1980 she was modified to include more creature comforts that have been used in her subsequent 35 years of cruising.

Richard and Gayle purchased *Fairwyn* in Vancouver three years ago, and kept her in Anacortes for two years, but have been basing her out of San Francisco Bay for the summer of 2021.

After cruising the Sea of Cortez for the winter, Richard and Gayle will sail *Fairwyn* out of Los Angeles.

**Favignana — Bavaria Ocean 38 (W)  
Elliot Schlegelmilch and Margot McKirdy  
Olympia / Friday Harbor, WA**

Elliot, 41, an IT professional, will be doublehanding with his wife, Margot, a teacher.

"We've owned our boat for three years, and moved aboard soon after buying her. She's our first boat and we're pretty new sailors. But we've been working our butts off to learn as much as we can by taking



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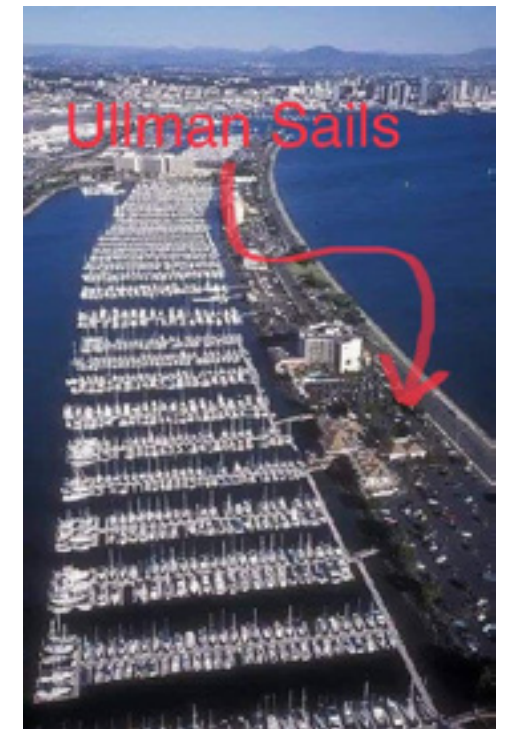
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“Our first year we cruised around Vancouver Island. Our longest passage is only 78 miles, but we have a lot of anchoring experience. And we’ll get more experience sailing down to San Diego for the Ha-Ha start.”

*(If you circumnavigate Vancouver Island and sail down to San Diego, you’ve almost certainly got the experience you need to do the Ha-Ha and cruise Mexico.)*

The couple had planned to have a traditional wedding, but then Covid hit. So they eloped on the bow of their boat with their dock neighbors acting as officiants and witnesses.

“We plan on continuing past Mexico to the South Pacific, and maybe make a couple of boat babies,” report the couple.

*Favignana* is the largest of the three islands in the Egadi Archipelago, about four miles off the west coast of Sicily between Trapani and Marsala. It’s noted for its beauty and tuna.

**First Light — Hallberg Rassy 39 (W)  
Don Atwood and Julie Dunne  
Vancouver, BC / La Veta, CO**

Don, 66, a retired scientist and professor, will be doublehanded with his friend Julie Dunne, a nurse.

Don has been sailing since age 10 on Sabots in Southern California, but his passion for coastal cruising started around Boston and Maine in the fall of each year. He’s been the skipper and navigator of four Bermuda Races and won the 1995 Marion Race on *Allegro*, his Bristol 35.5. That’s a big deal. Since retirement in 2016, he’s lived aboard *First Light*.

Julie has sailed extensively since age 20, cruising and racing on the British Columbia coast, where she owned a C&C 33. Over the last nine years, she’s developed a passion for cruising, particularly in the South Pacific. In addition, the couple have spent hundreds of hours free and scuba diving in the beautiful islands of Belize, Roatan, the Caymans and the Sea of Cortez.

“Fish fear Don’s spear,” they say, “and friends delight in Julie’s fish dishes.”

Covid permitting, the two intend to continue on to the Marquesas and the rest of French Polynesia. They are looking for other Ha-Ha’ers with the same desires.

**Flyer — Outbound 46  
Wayne and Susan Koide  
Incline Village, Nevada (2007)**

Wayne, 65, is a retired airline pilot, while Susan is a still active real estate broker. Their two crew will be Mike Jos-

selyn, 71, a retired biology professor; and Andrew Redfern, 41, who does marine electronics and delivers boats.

Crewmember Josselyn was, along with Assistant Poobah Patsy Verhoeven and Head of Security Doña de Mallorca, one of 71 Ha-Ha participants who had to spend the night on the beach at Bahia Santa Maria in 2007. The surf had come up too high for even the panga guys.

Having started out on a friend’s Hobie 16 in the 1980s, Wayne has owned four boats: an El Toro, a C&C 35, a Sydney 36 CR, and *Flyer*, an Outbound 46. He still owns both the Sydney and the Outbound. The former for 11 years, the Outbound for just a year.

“I have been spending the greater part of each day getting *Flyer* ready for the ‘big cruise’, putting in a watermaker, adding solar, and so forth.”

While Wayne and Susan are new to cruising, Wayne has plenty of offshore experience: Three TransPacs on Santa Cruz 50/52s, and two Pacific Cups on his Sydney 36CR. He’s hoping to get his cruising feet wet on the Ha-Ha and meet other cruisers who share his big dream of continuing on to the South Pacific.

Wayne has his dream boat, and fantasizes about sailing her into Sydney Harbor, spinnaker up. He loves Jimmy Spit-hill’s “never give up” spirit, as demonstrated in his Cinderella-like comeback in the America’s Cup on San Francisco Bay.

Some of you young pups may not understand, but when Wayne was in the Air Force he was nicknamed ‘Commander Koide’.



*Fundango, Scott and Joanne*

**Fundango — Bavaria 46  
Scott Sibbald and Joanne Pilkington  
San Francisco /Carson City, NV (’05)**

Scott, 54, is a retired United States Forest Service heavy equipment operator, which must have been interesting, while spouse Joanne is a retired software QA manager. They will be sailing south with

Heidi Stagg, an event coordinator, and her husband Aaron, 57, an electrician.

Scott and Joanne have been sailing for six years and bought *Fundango*, their first boat, in December of 2020.

Their longest passage has been 400 miles from La Paz to Puerto Vallarta, about the same distance they’ll need to travel to get to the Ha-Ha starting line.

After the Ha-Ha they plan to cruise the Sea of Cortez. Beyond that, who knows? Although Rangiroa is their dream destination, on the dream boat they now own.

The legendary buffoon Capt Ron is their sailing hero, and his “If it’s gonna happen . . .” quote is their favorite.

Lotus Biscoff ice cream is their favorite dessert, although it’s sometimes hard to find in Turtle Bay and rarely available in all flavors at Bahia Santa Maria.

Scott and Joanne met on a beach in Baja 20 years ago. The Poobah met a future spouse on a beach in Baja, too — but it didn’t work out as well.

**Gabriella — Symbol Yachtfisher 51  
Nadav Rozenberg  
Laguna Hills**

Nadav, 40, occupation not given, will be motoring south with Ethan Yariv Barr, 39; and one other crew not yet determined.

Nadav reports he’s been sailing for 22 years, during which time he’s owned two boats. He’s owned *Gabriella* for just five months.

Although Nadav is on a powerboat, his dream boat would be a Privilege 585 catamaran, and his dream destination would be Croatia. As it is, he thinks they may be staying in Mexico for the holidays.

The cheesecake-loving Nadav, who says he “can’t wait for the November 1 start”, has a favorite saying the Poobah thinks is so true: “Comfort makes more prisoners than all jails combined.”

**Gadabout — Outbound 46 (W)  
Lee Button  
San Diego / London (2013, 2016)**

Lee, 50, is a securities trader who will have two crew: Jerry Keefe, 71, retired from IT and a vet of the ‘13 and ‘16 Ha-Ha’s; and Allison Lehman, a yacht broker who did the ‘16 Ha-Ha.

Prior to owning the popular Carl Schumacher cruising design, Lee, who has been sailing for 21 years, owned a Valiant 42 and an Oyster 56. He’s owned *Gadabout* for nine months.

His longest passage to date was nine days doing the Caribbean 1500 from the Northeast to the Caribbean, a normally much more challenging sail than the Ha-Ha. After the Ha-Ha he’ll cruise up to La

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Paz and around the Sea of Cortez.

A lefty, Lee's dream destination would be Rarotonga and the entire South Pacific, ideally on a custom build from Lyman-Morse in Maine.

He likes Tiramisu, and is "happy to have a boat in the right place to finally do the Ha-Ha."

**Grey Goose — Bene Oceanis 390 (W)**  
**Chad Kominek**  
**Ventura / Camarillo** (2003, 2012)

Chad, no age given, is a business owner. His crew will be his brother Rorke Kominek, 59, who is in sales; and other brother Kory Kominek, age not given, a retired Teamster.

Chad has been sailing for 30 years. During that time he's owned three boats, and after this Ha-Ha all of his boats will have done a Ha-Ha. After the first Ha-Ha Chad enjoyed several years as a 'commuter cruiser', then had the boat trucked home. After the second Ha-Ha, he sold his boat in Mexico. "This time I plan to Bash home, probably in May," he says.

Based out of Ventura, Chad has made over 100 trips to the Channel Islands, so he knows anchoring. Hiking and kayaking the Channel Islands are two of his favorite pastimes.

"I'm left-handed," confesses Chad, "and as a committed kayaker I have little use for dinghies." When necessary, he even transports provisions to his boat by kayak.



Gypsy, Rebecca and Daniel

**Gypsy — Islander Freeport 36**  
**Daniel Lewis and Rebecca Runnels**  
**Seattle, WA**

Daniel, 36, is a "sprinkler fitter", which the Poobah thinks is a cool occupation. Spouse Rebecca, 35, is still active in an unspecified career.

Daniel has been sailing Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands for 18 years and has been living aboard for 15 years. Rebecca has been boating most of her life and sailing with Daniel for the last five years.

"We've been living aboard and getting Gypsy ready to cruise for the past several years," the couple report, "with an eye on leaving the dock in August.

"We got married in July, and are embarking on our 14-month honeymoon: Seattle, Mexico, South Pacific, Hawaii, and back to Seattle. The Ha-Ha will be our first lengthy doublehanded passage.

"French Polynesia is our dream destination, and Rebecca loves her mother's tiramisu. Daniel is a lefty.

**Haka — Mull 34**  
**Michael Mauney**  
**Santa Barbara / Ventura**

Michael, 34, is a bartender who has spent his entire life on or around boats, although he's only been sailing for four years. He intends to have two crew.

"My plan is to sail around the world," he says, "using the Ha-Ha as the first part of the adventure. So I'm really excited to meet more experienced sailors to learn from them. After Cabo, I plan to continue on to French Polynesia, then sail up to Hawaii, then back home to bank some more money.

"My custom Gary Mull design was launched in 1984 and is believed to have done at least one TransPac race to Hawaii. She's in great shape as I've put all my time and money into her to get ready for the adventure.

"I've been dreaming about sailing around the world since I was 18. For me, now is the time to poop or get off the pot. My dream boat would be a Lagoon catamaran. That's out of a bartender's budget, but maybe I'll at least get to sail on one sometime.

People call me Mooney, Moondog, Moonfish . . . anything close will do.

**Helvick — Hans Christian 48T (W)**  
**Liam and Margaret Kiely**  
**Brisbane / San Jose**

Liam, 62, is still an active engineer, while Margaret is a retired engineer. The two will doublehand their big boat.

Liam's love of the sea started with childhood fishing off the south coast of Ireland. Sailing for him and Margaret began on the Ottawa River, and continued with charters in the British Virgins, sailing on Lake Ontario, off Boston, and all along the Northeast coast.

"In 2005 we moved to Silicon Valley, and five years later purchased the Hans Christian in San Diego. We bought her to go beyond coastal cruising.

"As a teenager, the book that got me really excited about the sea was *The*

*Riddle of the Sands* by Erskine Childers. Set in pre-WWI Europe, the author was unfortunately killed by an English firing squad for "a certain mischief". Here's a quote I liked from the book:

"A keen wind from the west struck our faces, and as swiftly as it had come the fog rolled away from us, in one mighty mass, stripping clean and pure the starry dome of heaven. . ."

Blueberry cheesecake is the favored dessert aboard *Helvick*.



Hokulani, Tony

**Hokulani — Tayana 48**  
**Tony Rogers**  
**Leucadia**

Tony, 54, occupation not stated, will be sailing south on his '05 Perry design with Rico Guerreiro, a teacher; Ron Rogers, his 75-year-old father; and Christopher Rogers, 30, a nephew who is an entrepreneur.

"I fell in love with sailing during a vacation in Hawaii in the 1990s and haven't stopped since. My first boat was a Cape Dory 19 I sailed all over Southern California, including two 200-mile passages to Santa Barbara Island and back.

"I then moved on to chartering larger boats and exploring different cruising grounds, including in the Caribbean, Florida, and the Puget Sound. In 2020 I sailed 750 nautical miles from Maryland to Bermuda with legendary sailor/author John Kretschmer on his Kaufman 47, *Quetzal*. Profoundly inspired by the passage, upon return to San Diego I began to search for a boat capable of making long ocean passages. I found it in *Hokulani*, a Robert Perry designed 2005 Tayana 48.

"For many years I've dreamed of sailing the Ha-Ha. While this Ha-Ha will be the first time my crew and have sailed to Mexico, *Hokulani* is a veteran of two prior cruising seasons in *mananaland*. I hope to take *Hokulani* west into the Pacific after the Ha-Ha.

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Hosea, Timan

**Hosea — Allied Princess 36  
Timan Eatherton and Ari Davalos  
Sausalito**

Timan, 46, is a sailboat technician, while spouse Ari is a mystic. It's always good to have a combo of the practical and the supernatural on a boat.

During the last six years, Timan has sailed the San Francisco Bay while working as a sailboat technician for Modern Sailing School and Club. His entire focus has been sailing-related, and while he enjoys keeping the 26 sailboats at the school running, his true dream is to slowly cruise around the world.

Last October Timan traded his old truck for *Hosea*, his third boat. "She's got a golden spirit, endless love, patience, and compassion, just like her captain," he says.

Ari, Timan's wife and co-owner of *Hosea* looks after all the magical, spiritual, logistical, and food-related concerns. She has been sailing just as much as Timan, "but only half as intensely". She whispers to the oceans and the winds, and asks them for guidance and safe passage, and makes appropriate offerings when necessary.

"Our chihuahua Papichulo, aka as "Biter", "Little", or "Many Needs", has been sailing as long as both of us. He is tolerant, especially when cozy in our jacket. But watch out, he's an ankle biter.

"After Baja, we plan on sailing as far as the boat and our kitty will allow, traveling with tools, a wing, and a prayer.

No wonder Sterling Hayden, who wrote the following, is their sailing hero:

"To be truly challenging, a voyage, like a life, must rest on a firm foundation of financial unrest. Otherwise, you are doomed to a routine traverse, the kind known to yachtsmen who play with their boats at sea . . . "cruising" it is called. Voyaging belongs to seamen, and to the wanderers of the world who cannot, or will not, fit in. If you are contemplating a voyage and you have the means, abandon the venture until your fortunes change. Only then will you know what the sea is all about."

Timan's favorite dessert is a chocolate cupcake, while Ari loves "whatever she hasn't tried yet".

**Ilmater — Valiant 50  
Jan-Åke Schulz  
Anchorage / Moose Pass, AK**

Jan-Åke, 58, is retired and will be sailing south with "friend" Taylor Haylin. Neither stated what they did for careers.

"I raced sailboats in college," reports Jan-Åke, "so sailing is not a mystery to me. But everything else about cruising is. I've been on a shakedown cruise in Alaska with the new-to-me Valiant 50, and am finally headed south. My ultimate plan is to cross the Pacific to New Zealand and Australia.

"My longest passage was helping on a delivery of a Swan from Newport, Rhode Island to St. Martin. Now I'm ready to crush the ocean with my own boat." (*The Poobah assumes autocorrect switched 'cruise' to 'crush', because nobody 'crushes' the ocean.*)

This left-handed and retired 20-year citizen of the polar north is quite ready to seek his dream destination, "a theoretical combination of the spice island of Ternate, the blue lagooned Bora Bora, and culturally enticing Bali Hai."

"To follow in the wake of Moitessier, and to eschew the expectations of a wider grand society, all while husbanding my ice cream supply. . . this would be the most accurate description of my plans. Or to put it more succinctly, I'll go south until the butter melts and turn west!"

**Imagine — Caliber 40 LRC  
JR Rousseve and Corinne McCarty  
Rio Rico, AZ**

JR, 71, is retired from stainless steel fabrication, while Corinne, his "domestic partner", is a retired flight attendant. Their two crew will be Tom no last name given, 48, a structural engineer; and Christine, no last name given, an accountant.

"I have been sailing since 1985," reports JR. "First on a Hobie 18 on Lopez Lake near Pismo Beach, then on an O'Day 22 out of Channel Islands Harbor for 10 years. I later moved up to a Cal 2-30 for many trips out to Santa Cruz Island. That was a really fun 12 years.

"I've owned Imagine for 2½ years, and she's truly the boat of my dreams. After the Ha-Ha we plan to cruise the Sea of Cortez and wherever the wind blows us. But our dream cruise would be to the South Pacific."

**Intrepid — Hylas 44CC  
Russ and Debbie Noorda  
South Lake Tahoe (2007)**

Russ, 68, is retired from a career in rigging and sail repair. Debra is retired from a career in bookkeeping. Their three crew will be Richard Panuschka, 35, an environmental scientist; Caitlin Robinson, 36, a nurse; and Kris Morehead, 40, a captain.

Russ and Debbie did the 2007 Ha-Ha with their Morgan Out-Island ketch *Zephyra*, then did the Puddle Jump in 2009. But they did it by way of Panama and the Galapagos before stopping at French Polynesia, the Cooks, and Niue before spending the cyclone season in New Zealand.

"After 3½ years of living aboard and sailing *Zephyra*," the couple writes, "we sold her in New Zealand and moved back into our home in Tahoe. As soon as we both found work, we knew we needed another boat, so we bought an Ericson 35 that we sailed on Lake Tahoe for nine years.

"Last fall we purchased our Hylas 44 and having been refitting her for this year's Ha-Ha. Our retirement plan is to spend our winters in Mexico and Central America, and our summers at Lake Tahoe."

Russ' sailing hero is Bernard Moitessier, "who didn't know how to stop sailing."

**It's About Time — Hunter 42CC (W)  
John and Christal Bell  
San Diego / Chula Vista**

John, no age given, is in fusion tech, while Christal is retired from working in the city of Roseville senior program.

"I've been sailing for 13 years starting on Folsom Lake near Sacramento. Then the Delta and now San Diego Bay. It was somewhere between the lake sailing and Delta sailing I recruited my first mate.

"I've owned two boats, a Chrysler 27 for 11 years, and now the Hunter 42 for two years. What's different about my



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boat? She's electric propelled.

"I figure the Ha-Ha will be a great learning experience, and that I'll meet a lot of interesting people. I dream of sailing the Florida Keys on a Hans Christian 38."

Be careful what you dream of John, as keeping up with the brightwork on a Hans Christian 38 in the Florida sun is a monster job.

"Matt on the YouTube channel *Sailing Good Bad and Ugly* is John's sailing hero.



Jamala, Allen and Maria

**Jamala — Amel Maramu 53  
Allen and Maria Wadsworth  
Portsmouth / Hampshire, England**

Allen, 62, is a retired IT manager, while Maria is a retired relationship consultant. They will be doublehanding.

"Maria and I have been sailing for 20 years, up until four years ago mostly in the relatively sheltered waters of the Solent on England's south coast, with the occasional trip to France.

"*Jamala* is our fourth boat, and nearly twice as big as our first, which was a bilge keel Sabre 27. Despite having bought *Jamala* in October of 2020, as of this writing, we've yet to sail her. Indeed, we haven't even seen her! She's still on the hard in Washington State, waiting for us to return from the United Kingdom.

"Our having bought a 53-ft boat we've never seen probably flags us as lunatics, but we know a lot of people familiar with the boat. We also had the hull, engine and rigging surveyed, and had 800 photographs scrutinized by an Amel expert. Even so, we're going to be holding our breath the first time we drive up to her.

"In 2017 we sailed our Moody 425 from England to the Caribbean and East Coast of the United States, before heading to Panama, the Galapagos and French Polynesia. Our circumnavigation plans were ended by Covid, and we sold our boat in Nuku Hiva.

"Our plan is to spend a season in Mexico, return to French Polynesia in 2022, then continue our circumnavigation.

"Robin Knox-Johnston, who we shared a pontoon with in Portsmouth Harbour, is

our sailing hero.

"Maria deserves the perseverance award, as she's suffered from seasickness since we left the UK.

"We think our dream boat is the one we now own, although we'll know more once we actually see her.

"Dessert? Thanks, but we'll pass on durian, which looks like a green porcupine, smells like rotten onions, and is banned in many public places because of its odor".

The Poobah has just one question. Who do you sell a boat to on tiny and remote Nuka Hiva?

**Jolly Rodger — Catalina 42  
Blake Maxwell and Rodger Maxwell  
Newport Beach / Costa Mesa**

Blake, 36, an insurance broker, will be sailing south with Rodger Maxwell, 66, his dad and the boat's namesake. Rodger is in the real estate business. They will have one other crew.

"I purchased *Jolly Rodger* in Anacortes in 2019," says Blake, "and along with my wife Kim and six-month-old daughter Amela cruised her in Washington, British Columbia and Alaska before bringing her home to Newport Beach."

Blake has been sailing 30+ years, which is a lot for a 36-year-old, during which time he's owned more than 10 boats. He has also done a TransPac.

Blake's dream would be a Hylas in the Tuamotu Islands. His sailing hero is Robin Lee Graham, who famously circumnavigated in his teens aboard a 24-ft boat.

Apple pie is the dessert of choice on *Jolly Rodger*.

History Lesson: The title Jolly Roger is thought to come from the French phrase *joli rouge*, which means 'pretty red'. The original pirate flags were blood red and thus signaled that no mercy would be given once the pirates boarded and battle ensued.

**Josie — Dehler 39  
Jo and David Sandry  
Sausalito**

Sandy, a therapist, and sibling David, 50, a CPA, will have Shannon Service, a journalist/film director along as crew.

"We've both been sailing on San Francisco Bay for 20 years," reports Jo, "and grew up sailing in England. We've both owned smaller boats, a PS 25 and a Bear boat, and we now own *Josie* in partnership.

"David's dream destination is to cruise the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver and more of Canada. I want to circumnavi-

gate. We'll see how this trip goes."

The Poobah doesn't know if these folks are secretive or just ran out of time filling out their entry, but we don't know the important stuff, such as what they like for dessert, who their sailing heroes are, or if they have a favorite quote. But it's possible that David might like that old accountant motto: "Be audit you can be."



Jubel, Kyle

**Jubel — Gulfstar 44CC  
Kyle and Leah Mackenzie  
Victoria, British Columbia (2000)**

Breaking with stereotypes, Kyle, 30, is a Certified Public Accountant, while Leah, 32, is a mechanic. They will doublehand on what will be the first Ha-Ha for Leah. Kyle did the 2000 Ha-Ha with his parents on *Scalawag*, a TransPac 49. They continued on to Panama, Ecuador, the Galapagos, then thru the Canal to the Caribbean, then back to Canada.

Leah was introduced to sailing by Kyle and has since voyaged to Alaska, and fallen in love with it as much as Kyle. They've been living aboard their 1980 Gulfstar since 2018. Previously they owned an Ericson 29.

The couple have two pets, a Shiba Inu named Ricky, and Moby the cat. "Both can't wait for the beaches."

Kyle, who is left-handed, and Leah who isn't, dream of the South Pacific, and if they were on an Amel 50, it would be even better. They love almost all desserts.



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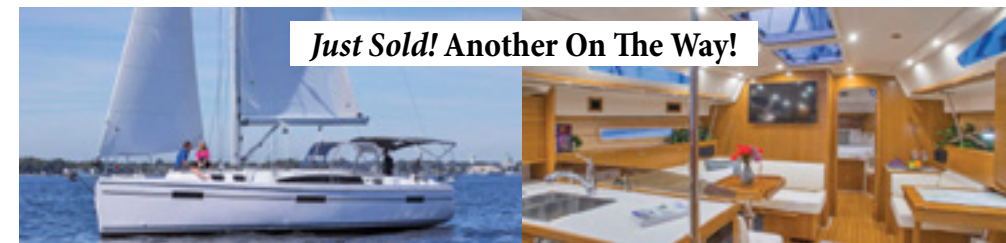
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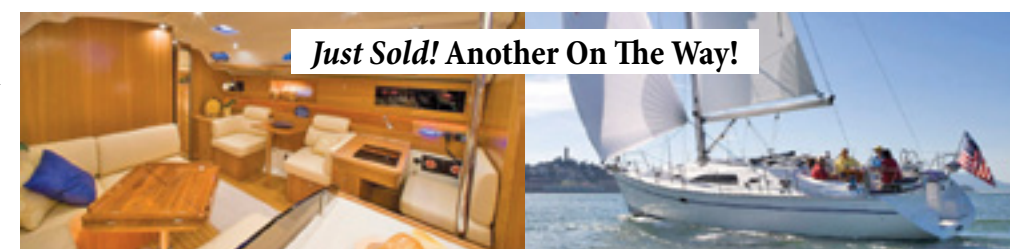
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## Just Lucky — Pacific Seacraft 40 Ron and Kirsten Risden Seattle, WA

Ron, 69, is retired from working in the “supply chain at Boeing”, while Kirsten is a retired “user researcher”. They will be sailing south with Jim Walsh, 67, a still-active finance manager; and David Jade, a retired software engineer.

“We got into sailing later in life than most,” says Ron, “starting only 12 years ago. We’ve raced a bit, especially on our first boat, a Hanse 34. That really helped up the learning process.

“We’ve lived aboard our Pacific Seacraft 40 for a little over five years. Shortly after buying her we did the Inside Passage to Southeast Alaska — and spent the winter in Petersburg. The following summer we went down the outside of Vancouver Island.”

Ron would like to sail around the world but on a Cabo Rico 47PH. His sailing hero is Skip Novak, an around the world racer and Cape Horn legend.

Ron is a former professional ski patrolman for 11 years; Kirsten is a former cross country ski racer, and Jim and John are lifelong enthusiastic skiers. The Poobah hates to be the one to break the news, but the ski lift at Bahia Santa Maria is currently being upgraded to handle the increase in Baja skiers.

## K2 — Corsair 36 Tri Bryan Martin and Nancy Virostko Santa Cruz (2015, 2018)

Bryan, 66, is a general contractor and a vet of the ‘15 and ‘18 Ha-Ha’s. “Girlfriend” Nancy is a clinical social worker who did the ‘15 Ha-Ha. Jacqueline Annigoni, a retired small business owner, will be one of two other crew.

Bryan bought K2 just two days before signing up for the Ha-Ha, while the trimaran was in Massachusetts. When you’ve been sailing for 45 years, and have done a passage from the South Pacific to Hawaii, you can do stuff like that.

We presume that K2 is named after the second tallest mountain in the world, one that is considered a tougher climb than Everest because of the lack of Sherpas; the lack of fixed ropes and routes; less predictable weather; and the technicality and immediate steepness of the ascent.

The Corsair trimaran has excellent speed potential in part because she only displaces about 5,500 pounds. That’s just a little more than the food and water Doña de Mallorca insists must be carried on the mothership *Profligate* for her large crew.

Bryan doesn’t have any sailing heroes,

but he’s got a favorite quote: “I spent all my money on booze, broads and boats; the rest I wasted.”

Mango ice cream is his dessert thing.



Kalewa, Katie and Kevin

## Kalewa — Custom 50-ft Cat Kevin and Katie Millett Nawiliwili/Kalaheo, Kauai, Hawaii (2006, 2008, 2019)

Kevin, 56, will be doing the fourth Ha-Ha with the custom high-performance cat that he designed and built in 2003. No charter cat, *Kalewa* is particularly fast in light air. The exuberant Katie will be doing her second Ha-Ha with him.

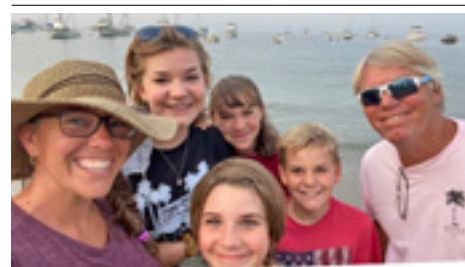
When Kevin did his first Ha-Ha with his first wife and daughter, the cat *Kalewa* didn’t even have a main salon. So they froze their buns off while in Alaska prior to the Ha-Ha. That shortcoming has been corrected. Prior to the start of the Ha-Ha, Kevin and *Kalewa*, with Katie, did their third trip to Alaska.

Want to run your boat with electric motors? Kevin is the man with first-hand experience. It’s not always been good. “Year-of-Covid upgrades include new diesel motors to replace the electric ones, square top main, jib sail, new carpets, new curtains, induction stovetop, and some new cabinetry. I had to make her ship-shape because hopefully, the Ha-Ha is just the beginning of our slow-ish journey around the world.”

The owner of a long-time and large charter business in Kauai, Kevin started out like a lot of other Ha-Ha boat owners. With nothing. Like the Grand Poobah, at one point in his life, he was living in a van.

Think you’re good at trivia? Don’t mess with Katie, as it’s literally her business.

Can anybody guess Pawel’s favorite



Kastaway Crew

## Kastaway — Hunter 420CC Steve and Karen Cloney San Diego / Placerville

Steve, 58, a just-retired facilities manager will be using the Ha-Ha “as the launching point for my retirement”.

Steve will be sailing south with his cousin Melissa and her four kids Ella, 16; Mia, 14; Noah, 12; and Lana, 11. The kids will be busy with their ship’s duties and their schooling. They home-school, but their mom & teacher doesn’t let them shirk their work.

Steve sailed in high school, bought his first boat in 2013, and became addicted. He has owned *Kastaway* for 5 years. Once they get to Mexico, Steve’s wife, Karen will join the family, along with Melissa’s husband and her mother.

Steve and Karen plan a circumnavigation. Bora Bora which looks best from a distance is their dream destination.

## Key Lime Pie — Kelly Peterson 44 Pawel Drzazga Channel Islands / Clovis, CA

Pawel, 47, is a contractor and will be sailing south with two crew not identified as of press time.

“I’ve only been sailing a couple of years, but *Key Lime Pie*, a classic Doug Peterson design from the ‘70s, of which 200 were built, did a circumnavigation with the previous owner.

“This will be my first Ha-Ha, and I’m super excited about it. We’ve sailed locally on the California coast, and after the Ha-Ha will stay in the La Paz area for the season.

“The South Pacific is my dream destination, and one day I hope to step up to a 50-ft cat. Ramon Carlin, the Mexican national who won the first Whitbread Round the World Race with the Swan 65 *Sayula*, is my sailing hero.

“My favorite quote: “*Oi kau ka lau, e hana i ola honua.*” Live your life while the sun is still shining. I’m right-handed and love tacos and Pacificos.”

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dessert? To the back of the fleet if you can't.

Over the years the Grand Poobah has observed that farmers and contractors, who by necessity have to be self-reliant, make excellent cruisers.

*Extra Credit:* Irving Loube, the Oakland attorney who campaigned many *Bravuras*, was instrumental in organizing Carlin's triumphant Whitbread effort.

**Knot to Tipsea — Hunter 356 (W)  
Matthew Gray and Offspring  
San Diego / Colorado Springs, CO**

Matthew, 67, is a retired restaurant owner, who will be sailing with his daughter Nicole, 24, who is a restaurant manager; and son Gustavo, 26, also a restaurant manager. Friend Liz Biggs, 24, who is in sales, will round out the crew.

Matthew has been sailing for 10 years and has ASA 101, 102 and 103 certifications. *Knot To Tipsea* is his third sailboat, one he's had docked in San Diego Bay for two years.

"I sail almost every day, four months a year," says Matthew. So far his longest sail is to Catalina. After the Ha-Ha he plans to keep the boat in the San Carlos Marina.

"I would like to explore the Sea of Cortez like Steinbeck did," he says. It's possible, too, as the Sea hasn't changed much since the great author was there. Joshua Slocum is Matthew's sailing hero.

"I've never seen a hearse with a U-Haul behind it," is a guiding principle of Matthew's life.

To be the oldest man to sail around the world is Matthew's dream. Jeanne Socrates, the Poobah's dear friend, held that record at age 77 until recently when 81-year-old Bill Hatfield took the crown. Of course, those two sailed around singlehanded, non-stop and unassisted. The Poobah reckons someone in their 90s has gone around as part of the crew.

**La Bonbonniere — Rawson 30  
Keith Davis**

**Pt. Richmond / Santa Rosa**  
(2007, 2016, 2019)

Keith, 79, is a retired enterprise resource planning consultant who has done three Ha-Ha's. He'll have a crew of three: Joshua Ott, 38, an aerospace engineer who was Ha-Ha crew in '16; Curt Smiscik, 40, who runs a CNC machine shop; and Jared Baldrige, 24, a great-nephew and mechanical engineer.

"I've been sailing for 67 years," says Keith, "and have owned three sailboats: an eight-foot El Toro, a sistership to Kenichi Horie's famous *Mermaid*; and

now the Rawson 30 I've had for 22 years. I've already done two Ha-Ha's with 'the candy box', "a Bill Garden design that was built way back in 1985.

"My longest passages have been from Honolulu to the South Pacific as far as the Cooks, and back to Honolulu. I also sailed from Hundested, Denmark to Gibraltar via the Caledonia Canal, Inverness, the Irish Sea, France, and Portugal.

"I'm left-handed, but while in school in the '40s I was forced to write right-handed. So my handwriting sucks.

"After the Ha-Ha, I'd like to come home and plan another cruise. Summertime in Finland sounds good." Spoken like a true 79-year-old.

**Lady Kate — Catalina 42  
Sandra and Lawrence Blanchette  
Alameda / Walnut Creek**

Sandra, a retired fine art artist, and Lawrence, 60, a retired computer programmer, will have two crew on this enormously popular — over 700 built — Nelson/Marek-designed Catalina.

"I grew up sailing a Sunfish on Lake George in upstate New York," says Lawrence, "and later cruised the Channel Islands on a Challenger 32. In the '80s and '90s, I buoy raced on San Francisco Bay and did several Coastal Cups, Windjammers, and the '89 Pacific Cup in 13 days.

"After a brief intermission with kids, cats and a career, we started sailing again, on the Bay and with cruises up the Delta and to Monterey and Drake's Bay.

"Our previous boats were an Express 27 and a Newport 41. We've had the Catalina 42 for three years. Our dream would be to sail a Gulet in Greece."

The couple's sailing hero is French legend Bernard Moitessier for his explanation of why he dropped out of the Golden Globe around the world race while victory was surely his: "Because I'm happy at sea, and perhaps to save my soul."

Sandra is a lefty, and both she and Lawrence love vanilla ice cream. The cool treat is available in the Sea of Cortez and the mainland, places they plan to visit.

**Land For Sail — Lagoon 40 Cat  
David and Melody Peery  
Marina del Rey / Riverside**

David, 53, a real estate developer, and Melody, a retired teacher, will have a crew of four. They are Tom Mangione, 53, a retired restaurant owner; his wife Jennifer, a retired teacher; Kevin Frazer, 61, a contractor; and his wife Sandy, a financial aid officer.

"Melody and I have only been sail-

ing for two years but owned fresh water ski boats for 30 years. So far we've only dreamed about doing the Ha-Ha, and our longest passage has been just 75 miles. After the Ha-Ha we're going to keep our boat in the Loreto and La Paz areas of the Sea of Cortez until June of 2022.

"Our dream destination would be conquering the Panama Canal and sailing around the Bahamas.

"In 2019 our current boat was our dream boat, but we now think we'd like something lighter and faster.

"Our entire crew favors red wine for dessert," reports Capt Dave, a lefty.

"Our crew and extended families, 26 in all, have snow skied, water skied, backpacked, traveled the world, and drunk lots of red wine together for the last 20 years. Sailing is just the newest chapter in our lives."



*Landfall, Suzie and Scott*

**Landfall — Jeanneau 46  
Scott Culver and Suzie Edwards  
Huntington Beach / Seal Beach  
(2006, 2007)**

Scott, 59, drives a tug and is currently working for Young Brothers out of Hawaii. Suzie is a lifelong surfer who sometimes works as a CPA. Their crew will be Cathy Culver-Robinson, Jim Robinson, Maurice Roper, and Ed Rogers.

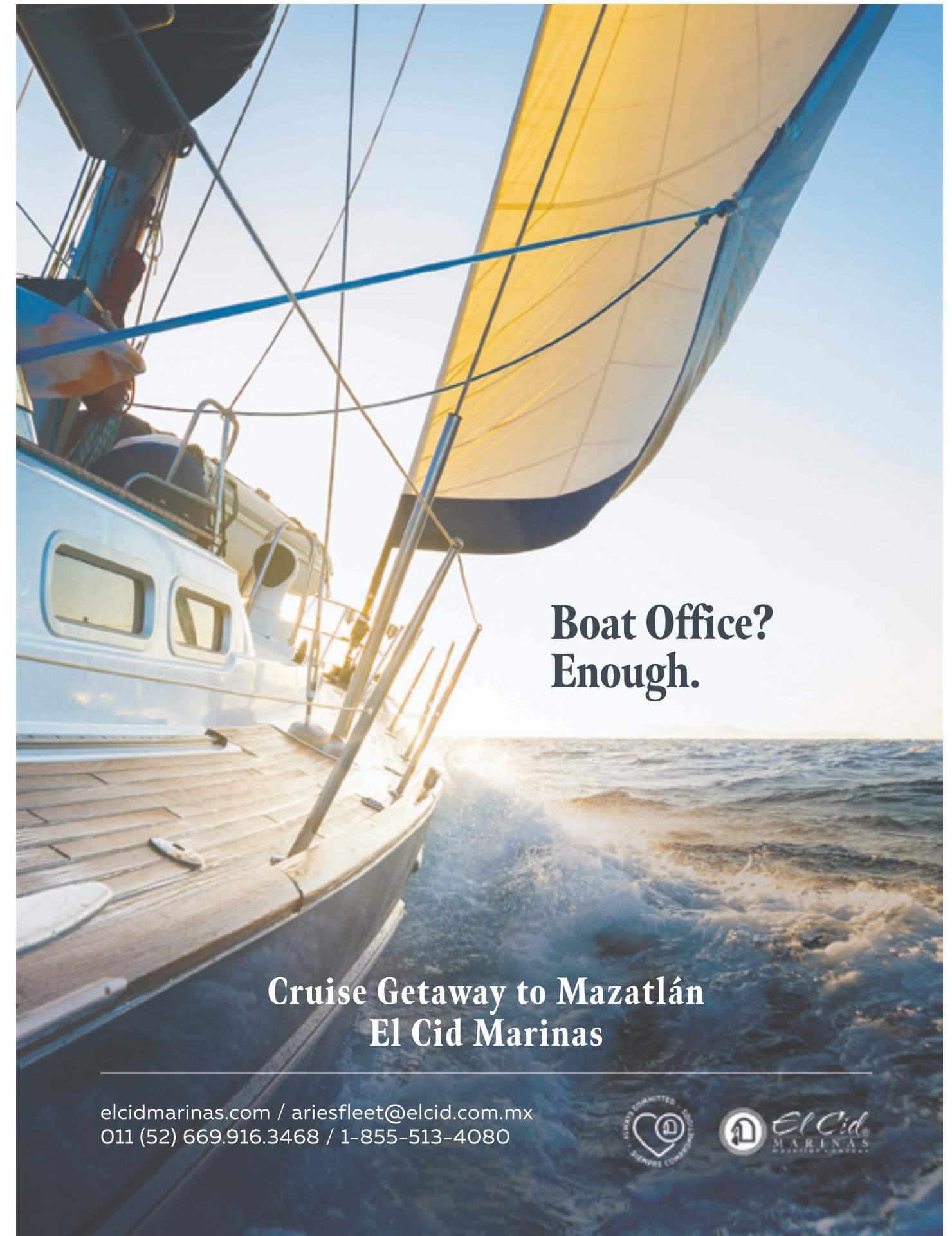
Scott grew up sanding, varnishing, and sometimes even sailing the family boats. Among them was the 1934 62-ft schooner *Landfall* that the family-owned in the '70s and '80s.

"I've subsequently tried for many years to grow up and stop playing with boats," Scott says, "but without success."

His first boat was a Beneteau 430, which he cruised for four years with Suzie and the kids in the Bahamas, the East Coast of the U.S., and across the Atlantic and the Med.

Scott did the 2006 Ha-Ha aboard the legendary S&S 79 *Kialoa*, and the 2007 Ha-Ha with his wife and kids on *Volare*, a Beneteau 400. "Each time was different," he says, "but both were a blast."

Suzie has the classic sailor/surfer's



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Scott is having a little trouble getting used to the idea of anchoring on a lee shore, being pushed toward the beach, and having everyone go off surfing. But it can be done safely at Bahia Santa Maria, Punta Mita, La Cruz, Tenacatita Bay and other spots.

"After the Ha-Ha we'll leave *Landfall* in La Paz for the winter, sailing into the Sea of Cortez every other month until May of 2022. After that, who knows?"



Lucky Star, Norb and wife

**Lucky Star — Catalina 38  
Norb Szcurek  
Tiburon / Truckee**

Norb, 65, a retired Fire Department Division Chief, will be sailing south on the S&S design with perhaps the greatest amount of tumblehome in any production boat. His crew will be Jeff Cutler, a Fire Apparatus Engineer, and two others not determined as of press time.

Norb learned to sail while growing up in Santa Cruz. He's owned a number of boats over the years, including the Catalina 27 he and his family sailed on Lake Tahoe. He taught his three children to sail, and they've all taught sailing on Donner Lake. If it weren't for medical school and college, they'd be joining him on the Ha-Ha.

*Lucky Star* was Norb's retirement present in 2014, then he did the '15 and '16 SoCal Ta-Ta's, which are the mini version of the Ha-Ha's.

Norb will head right back to San Francisco Bay after the Ha-Ha because his wife is just retiring and has a huge 'non-eydoo' list for him.

The left-hander's favorite dessert is angel food cake — minus the frosting. His dream destination would be anywhere with warm clear water while aboard a Hy-las 50 or larger boat.

**Maggie — C&C 39  
Martin Leon**

**Martina del Rey / Rancho Palos Verdes**  
Martin, 66, has an unspecified occupation. His crew will be Hugo Schmitt, 66; Marcos Mafia, 31; Pedro Celeron; and Peter Moseti, no ages given.

"I've been sailing for 30 years, during which time I've owned three boats," says Martin. "I've owned *Maggie* for three years. The longest passage I've skippered is from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

"Maggie is a vet of the 2013 TransPac, and my dream is to keep racing her. I grew up in Argentina, and my dream is to sail across the Atlantic, through the Med,

and up the Adriatic to Croatia. But more than anything, I love waking up and seeing new horizons. As long as I can do that, I will be happy."

**Magic Carpet — 60-ft Dutch Ketch (W)  
Jack Buckley  
New York / San Diego**

Jack, no age given, is active in yacht sales and as a boat captain. He will have six crew: Leslie Bond, 55, who is retired; Molly Shakespeare, retired; Nicole Amador, retired; Carl Huppert, 57, retired; and last but not least, Andrew and Frany Withrow, both of whom are young aerospace engineers.

"I have been a liveaboard since 1993, and in 1997/1998 sailed from New York to San Diego," reports Jack. "I am now on my fourth boat.

"I've spent the last 22 years as a yacht broker and captain, during which time I have owned three yacht brokerages and one charter yacht company. I sold them all two years ago to buy and refit *Magic Carpet*. With that done, it's time to take off for a few years or more of adventure. If restrictions allow, we plan to head to the South Pacific or Panama and beyond.

"One thing I'm going to miss in San Diego is the Maritime Museum's classic square-riggers. I've been the captain of both the *Californian* and the *San Salvador* over the last five years."

**Mi Casa — Hunter Legend 40  
Leonard Lee**

**San Diego** (1492) (2016) (2018)  
Leo, 59, is a "retired astronaut". His crew will be Frank Marraccino, 100, a "freedom fighter"; Patrick Okey, 110, a cat farmer; and Vicky Okey, 19, a super- model.

"My dream destination would be the South Pacific on my dream boat, a Gunboat 66 cat.

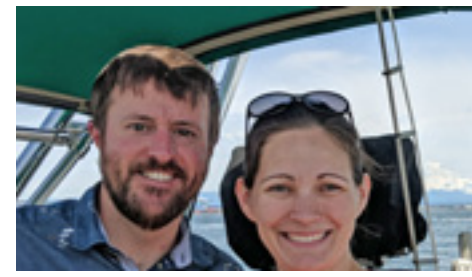
"I feel more like I do now than when I first got here!" is Leo's favorite quote. Homemade ice cream is his favorite dessert.

Leo, who claims to be a vet of three Ha-Ha's, is known to be facetious at times.

**Moana — Tayana 48 (W)  
Rodney and Billie Norton  
Portland / Newberg, Oregon**

Rod, 69, is a retired attorney, while Billie is both an attorney and singer. Their two crew will be Tom Knapp, 70, a retired contractor; and Bryan Rose, 55, a pilot.

Rod started sailing on an eight-foot El Toro in a city recreation class on Capitol Lake in Olympia. He got serious in 1994 after enjoying a charter in the San Juan Islands with



Lorien, Lance and Amy

**Lorien — Panda 38  
Lance and Amy Lindsay  
Tacoma, WA**

Lance, 37, is an airline pilot, while Amy is a payroll specialist. They'll have two crew, yet to be named, with them aboard their 1984 Gary Grant cruising design.

"I've been sailing for 11 years," says Lance, "and previously owned a MacGregor 25 and a Beneteau 41. I've co-owned *Lorien* for two years with my wife. I've done some sailing on the Great Lakes and East Coast, and did some liveaboard cruising in the Caribbean with previous boats. My longest passage was from Mobile to Key West, about 450 miles. Amy and I have also done 500-mile passages with friends on the East Coast.

"We're trying not to plan too far ahead, but we're thinking of doing the Puddle Pump in the spring. Our dream boat would be a custom Bob Perry design that would be a mix between the Norseman 447 and a Kelly-Peterson 46."

A couple of lefties, Amy and Lance love ice cream and know "If anything's going to happen . . ." well, you know the rest.

The two like Peter Nichols' book *Voyage of Madmen*, about the nine fellas who started the original singlehanded around the world race. Their hero is Bernard Moitessier, one of the madmen.

Zoe, "a 40-lb mutt", will assume canine duties aboard *Lorien*.

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friends. Since then he and Billie have owned a Catalina 27, a Tartan 3500, a Sabre 426, and now the Tayana 48.

The couple have chartered many times in the BVIs, as well as St. Martin, Croatia, Greece, the Whitsundays, and from Fakarava to Bora Bora.

'Skip' is left-handed, and agrees that "if it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen out there".

While the couple would like to sail the Med for a few years, "anywhere with palm trees, sandy beaches, warm water, and good breezes will do the trick."



*My Carbon Footprint*

**My Carbon Footprint — Sea Ray 400 Gary Lawrence**

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico / Alameda**  
Gary, 67, is a retired construction estimator. He'll be motoring south with Glenn Huber, a retired water engineer supervisor; and Glenn's wife Arlene, a retired CPA.

"Having retired on June 1, I'm embarking on Life 2.0 in Puerto Vallarta," advises Gary. "I'm taking my Sea Ray Sedan Bridge 40, which I have lived on in the SF Bay Area for the past nine years, and intend to liveaboard in Marina Vallarta."

"Glenn and Arlene Huber, formerly from San Francisco and now of White Stone, Virginia, had a charter catamaran in the BVIs like me. Alas, my Bali 4.3 was taken out by Irma in 2017. Fortunately for them, Glenn and Arlene had exited the charter program and moved their Lagoon 40 Wahoo to Grenada just prior, dodging that bullet."

"Glenn and Arlene have survived four ocean passages greater than 1,000 miles, which is one more than my three."

This will be our first Ha-Ha. Members of the fleet will most likely get to know me as I go from boat to boat on the Turtle Bay and Bahia Santa Maria stops asking to borrow a cup of diesel!"

**Mykonos — Swan 44 Myron and Marina Eisenzimmer San Francisco / San Geronimo**  
(11 Ha-Ha's)

Myron, 69, is retired from the world of finance, while his wife Marina was the vice president of their business.

They will have two crew yet to be determined. In the past, they have had great success using the Ha-Ha Crew List.

*Mykonos* was built in Finland to a German Frers design in 1998.

As noted above, this will be the 12th Ha-Ha for Myron and Marina on their venerable Swan 44. Only the mothership *Profligate*, with 23, and *Talion*, with 13, have done more.

What's one of the best tips a finance guy can give others to keep cruising costs down? Get the boat you like and keep her forever. Trading boats is expensive.

While *Mykonos* was recently re-powered, Myron is hoping for more wind than in some of the previous Ha-Ha's.

When not sailing, Myron enjoys horseback riding.

**Nereid — Catalina 425 (W) Larry and Donna Davis San Diego / Riverside**

Larry, 59, is a retired small business owner, while Donna is a retired neonatal intensive care nurse. Their two crew will be Terry O'Donnell, 64, an executive and brother-in-law; and Danna O'Donnell, an executive and cheerleader coach who is Donna's sister.

"I started sailing when I was in the Navy and stationed in Okinawa in 1984," advises Larry. "I loved it from the start. Donna and I have owned six boats, including speed, power, and sail. We bought our 2019 Catalina 425 last year."

"I retired in April of this year, and this



*Morgan le Fay, Buck*

**Morgan le Fay — Gulfstar 50 (W) Ethan and Natasha VanMatre Portland, Oregon**

Ethan, 66, is a retired systems engineer, while Natasha is a microbiologist. They will doublehand.

"I've been sailing since my early 20s," says Ethan, "starting with a Ranger 20 on the Columbia River. Natasha and I have had four boats over the years: a Cal 2-29, an Ericson 39, and we have owned our Gulfstar for 10 years."

"Mostly we just cruise up the Washington coast to the San Juan Islands and Gulf Islands. But after the Ha-Ha we'll cruise Mexico and then head for the South Pacific."

When Natasha's parents first came to the U.S., we were cruising the San Juans. So we rented a car, picked them up in Seattle, and brought them, jet-lagged and all, to the boat for a week in the islands. And then offshore back to Portland."

Poobah's tip: Nobody, but nobody, knows how to sail a Gulfstar 50 deeper quickly than Assistant Poobah Patsy 'La Reina del Mar' Verhoeven with *Talion*.

*Morgan la Fay* is a staple in Arthurian legend, often referred to as Arthur's half-sister



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will be our first long passage. We intend to continue on to La Paz for a while, then cross over to Banderas Bay, and finally return to San Diego for the summer.

"I have two favorite quotes. 'When coming upon a divergence in the road, I took the road less traveled, and that has made all the difference.'

"And, 'If you can keep your head while those around you are losing theirs, you'll be taller.'



Nike, Isla and Margaret

**\*\*\*Nike — Maple Leaf 48  
Robert and Dorothy Birnie  
Los Angeles / San Jose**

Robert, 35, is a technology manager, while Dorothy, 36, is a home-school teacher to the other three members of the family crew: Isla, 9; Margaret, 6; and Patrick, 2.

"I have been sailing for 10 years," says Robert. "I spent the summer of 2010 beer can racing out of Long Beach, and got hooked after doing the Newport to Ensenada race.

"In 2018 Dorothy and I decided to prep for a long sabbatical from work to spend time with the kids. After all, I had been at the same job for nearly the kids' entire lives, and when I blinked, Isla was already eight.

"To prep, I did my ASA Bareboat in 2018, did the Wilderness First Responder training, then tried to spend as much time on the water and reading about maintenance as possible. My longest passage has been a Tartan 101 delivery from Long Beach to Santa Cruz.

"With three kids it was hard finding a boat big enough to fit everyone but small enough to be manageable, but then we found Nike in October of 2020. The boat had a very extensive refit in 2015, the only major items we had to address were doing a lithium conversion and replacing a lot of the '70s wiring — as in, direct to the battery without fuses.

"After the Ha-Ha we plan to slowly work our way south in Mexico, and get reacquainted with our kids."

**No Worries — Sea Ray 410**

**Daniel Higbee  
Chula Vista / Salt Lake City, UT**

Daniel, 51, is the CEO of Five Star Fun Luxury Tours. He'll have three crew: Rick Holm, a business partner; Adrienna Holm, a friend's fiancée; and Kerry Smith, a male general manager.

"Our charter company is moving No Worries from Chula Vista to La Paz to start doing scuba, snorkel and sightseeing tours, and very limited overnight charters. We have a great boat, and at least four other boats from our other facility at Shoreline Harbor in Long Beach will be traveling with us."

"I've had quite a bit of experience with boats over the past 20 years, but 90% of it has been on lakes, so I'm hoping to learn about offshore sailing from the Ha-Ha fleet," says Daniel. "I did charter a 32-ft powerboat in St. Thomas, and my fiancée at the time and I spent a few weeks all over the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. But I'm hoping to learn how to sail instead of continuing to be 'one of those people' reliant on diesel.

"Chef Shaun, my sister, makes my favorite dessert, a lavender crème brûlée. Having learned from my sis, I'll confess to being a damn good cook myself."



Oasis, Kurtis and Kay

**Oasis — Hunter Passage 42  
Kurtis and Kay Nelson  
Alameda / Ceres (2018)**

Kurtis, 67, is a contractor, while Kay is still active in an unspecified profession. Their crew will be Paul Hedberg, 64, a retired biology teacher who did the Ha-Ha in 18 and the Puddle Jump in 2019.

"I've been sailing since 1974," says Kurtis, "and we've owned somewhere between 20-25 boats, mostly Ski Nautique ski boats and small sailboats such as Hobie Cats. Our current boat, which we purchased in March of the Year Covid, is the first large sailboat that we've owned. But I'm not new to ocean sailing, as I did the '83 and '85 TransPacs.

"After the Ha-Ha we plan to cruise in the Sea of Cortez, and possibly to Central America. Kay has committed to one year.

"In my dreams, we'd be headed to the South Pacific aboard a Gunboat 66 cat."

A fan of homemade ice cream, Kurtis likes the saying, 'I feel more like I do now than when I first got here.'

**Odyssey — Islander 44 Custom CC  
Alex Huang**

**Menlo Park / Mazatlan**

Alex, 63, is retired from biotech and mechanical engineering. His crew will be Sergey Lubarsky, 55, a retired "big data developer"; Peter Nelson, 67, occupation unknown; Elaine Scott, a control developer for Indian motorcycles; and Mark Scott, a NASA engineer. There's enough brainpower aboard *Odyssey* to sink a smaller vessel.

"We are a bunch of sometimes overly competitive racers who are ready to 'chillax,'" says Alex. "Everyone on the boat has plenty of personality to go with their vast coastal and long-distance sailing experience. We also all love a good hike and a good swim.

Alex has been sailing since he was a kid. "I previously owned an Islander 36, a Valiant 32, two Hobies, and a Laser. I raced FJs in college, skippered and refurbished keelboats donated to the university through the '80s, and did a bunch of charters in the '90s.

"With my wife and two boys cruised *Odyssey* for two years in Mexico, as far south as Tenacatita. Then we trucked the boat to Annapolis to sail the ICW, and out to Cuba. But *Odyssey* has been patiently waiting as I spent the last 15 years racing my J/29 and other boats in San Francisco Bay. I was also tactician in several Caribbean and Med regattas.

"While cruising Mexico in '98, Penelope, my wife of 33 years now, and I fell in love with Mazatlan. So we bought and restored the ruins of a dream house. We also bought a farm north of Mazatlan, and just planted 32,000 agaves to get started on the world's first Chinese-American *tequilero*. We are now bringing *Odyssey* on her last trip south to her new home.

"I'm not sure who will First Mate yet, as Peter and Sergey both have a ridiculous amount of sailing experience.

"*Odyssey* is pretty much my dream boat, as I have her the way I like her — which is 'Old School' and distinctly different from my race boat. Although I fully

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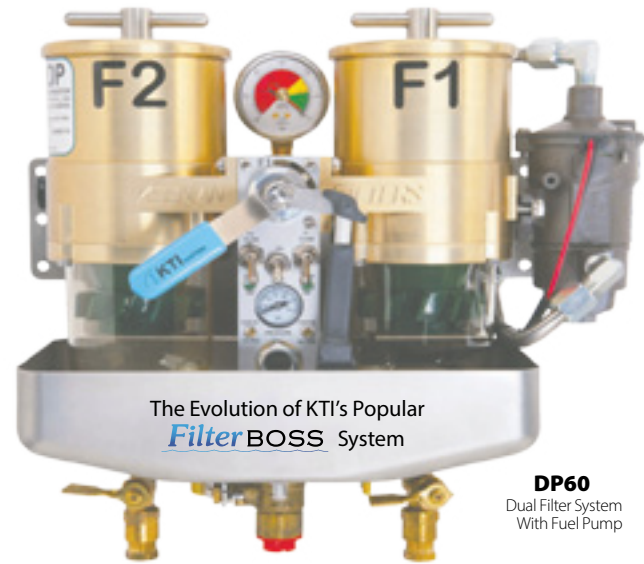
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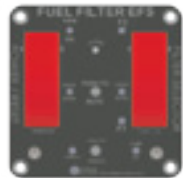
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intend to terrorize the cruising division of Banderas Bay Race Week with *Odyssey*.

My wife and I are in the process of making Mazatlan our permanent home base. But 'retirement' is a synonym for death in our book, so we're embracing the culture and history of Sinaloa, as we refine plans for our agave distillery and biodiversity education farm."

**Ohana — Catalina MKII 42**

**Stephany Thompson and Becky Thorn Alameda / Walnut Creek**

Stephany is still working at an unspecified job while spouse Becky is a retired "Cat Lab Nurse". Together they are the only female co-owners in this year's Ha-Ha. Their crew will include Emily Shanks, a bank executive; and Pip Ziman, 57, a human relations executive.

"Stephany loves to race while Becky loves to explore new places by boat. Our last big adventure was the Marion to Bermuda Race in '19, and last year's adventure was to be the Ha-Ha — until Covid came along.

"Our great crew will be Pip Ziman, a master mariner and sailing instructor at Club Nautique. He loves to windsurf and will be using this Ha-Ha as a dress rehearsal for next year when he plans to do the Ha-Ha with his wife aboard their Jeanneau 42.

"Emily grew up sailing and completed her high school studies while crossing the Atlantic with her father. We never get tired of hearing her sailing stories."

The couple's dream destination is Croatia. Becky, the better sailor, is Stephany's sailing hero, and *Ohana* is their dream boat.

The couple have two things in common with the Grand Poobah. Their favorite dessert is a mint chocolate chip ice cream cone, and "I love you" is their favorite saying.

**Ole Sarah — Beneteau 37**

**Wesley Jenkins and William Jenkins Discovery Bay — Lafayette**

Wesley, 28, no occupation listed, will be sailing with his father, William, 74, who is retired and who co-owns the boat. Their crew will be Costa Rican Kevin Gonzalez, 28, no occupation listed.

*Ole Sarah*, one of many Beneteaus in the fleet, was launched in 2005 and was purchased by the son and father a little over a year ago. 'Capt Wes' has been sailing for four years. First Mate Kevin has been sailing for seven years.

Their dream destination is "just over the horizon", and after the Ha-Ha they will be continuing south. No doubt toward Costa Rica.

"What's for dessert?" is their favorite

quote. The Poobah suspects they aren't picky.

"Who is Ole Sarah?" will wonder the Ha-Ha fleet. "And how does she feel about being referred to as 'ole'?"

**On3 — Cape George 38**

**Jeff and Marcia Parten San Francisco Area / Richmond**

Jeffrey, 57, is retired from the marine electronics business, while Maria is a Registered Nurse. Once again, the leading Ha-Ha careers are IT/engineer for men and Registered Nurse for women. David Polhemus, 57, who is in sales, will join Jeff and Marcia as crew.

Jeff has been sailing since high school in Corpus Christi, Texas. "Our Cape George, launched in 2000, is the only boat we've owned. We bought her in 2016. The only thing unique about her is that she has a Baby Blake toilet, which is hand-molded bronze with porcelain.

"Our longest passage to date has been from Port Townsend to San Francisco, and then on to San Diego. After the Ha-Ha we plan to do the Sea of Cortez and continue south. Christ Church, New Zealand would be our dream destination."

The Cape George is a collaboration of designer Ed Monk and Kiwi boatbuilder Cecil Lange.



Oscar, Ray and Bruno

**Oscar — Pearson Triton 29**

**Ray Scott San Diego / Encinitas**

Ray, 68, is a retired contractor who will be sailing south with Bruno Diederichs, 53, a businessman.

"Oscar is 60 years old," says Ray, "and I've owned her for 40 years. When I was just a young pup, I lived aboard her. I've sailed her from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles, although in 1985 I sailed from Los Angeles to La Paz on another 30-footer.

"I've given Oscar a total refit. She's only got 900 hours on the engine, and 50 on the transmission. I'm fit, and I'm able to keep the old girl afloat.

"I have a second home in Baja, and I spend about 30% of my time there. So I plan to relocate Oscar in La Paz.

"I'm really happy to have Bruno along,

as he's a young and willing crew with a sailing school certificate. Not only that, he's an ex-paratrooper, a swimming pro, and an all-around great guy."



Pacem, Terrence

**Pacem — Islander 48C**

**Terrance Berger San Francisco / Brisbane**

Terrance, 55, is retired from bio/pharma and will be sailing south with Rob Petras, 49 who is in management. The rest of the crew has yet to be determined.

"I've been a mariner since I was a boy," says Terrence. "Born in the Bay Area, I have always had an affinity for things related to the water. *Pacem* is my fifth, last, and dream boat. I have spent the last two years going through her, ensuring that she'll be ready for a tour of the South Pacific.

While I haven't done a Ha-Ha yet, I have sailed the course twice. I'm looking forward to joining the community of sailors as I sail off into the sunset."

"My dream destination is any anchorage my boat can manage.

"I know that "Just do it!" sounds a tad corny, but not so much so if you reflect on it. Anyway, my time has come to indeed, just do it."



Pantera, Steve and Brenda

**Pantera — Catalina 42**

**Brenda and Steve Vandenberg Dana Point / San Juan Capistrano**

Brenda is a property manager, while Steve, 58, is a retired sales executive.



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"We don't pretend to be experienced cruisers," say the couple, "but we believe the Ha-Ha is an awesome first step towards achieving that goal. I, Steve, learned to sail on Lake Michigan. First on a Sunfish and then on an Ericson 32. Since then, I have sailed sailboards, Hobie Cats, Catalina 27s, 320s and our 42, but also on the 82-ft John Alden schooner *Curlew*.

"Brenda and I have owned *Pantera* for six years. My father teases that Brenda, my Admiral, is like a Pilgrim woman, as she can prepare gourmet meals underway, and stand a midwatch.

"I have crossed the equator twice, once as a wog, and once as a trusty shellback. Both on the warship *Cook*, where I was a supply corps officer. My longest passage on a civilian vessel was delivering a sailboat from Cabo to San Diego in 2010.

"Our plans are for *Pantera* to spend the winter in the Sea of Cortez, then return to San Diego in March or April.

"Our dream would be to cruise French Polynesia aboard a Lagoon or Outremer 42, where I could say things like, "It's only a squall, boss!"

We like Bernard Moitessier, Beryl Smecton, Robin Lee Graham, Laura Dekker, and scotch for dessert."

**Pelagia — Rafiki 37 (W)**  
**Geoffrey Campbell**  
**Alameda / Livermore**

"Geoffrey, 58, a retired scientist, will be doublehanding with Thomas Chrien, 58, an engineer.

"I've been sailing all my life," says Geoffrey. "Maybe longer, as my parents tell me they were sailing the Bay with me when mom was pregnant. I've been sailing with Tom since we were kids.

"*Pelagia* is the only boat I've ever owned, and I've had her for 20 years. I've rebuilt or replaced almost everything.

"I've been on a couple of long passages with my father, such as New York to Bermuda, and Aruba to Honduras. Tom was on the one to Bermuda.

"My career and life got in the way of cruising, but now that I'm retired I want to do longer passages. I grew up in a family that took six weeks every summer to cruise from New York to 'Downeast Maine'. Cruising the west coast will be very different, but perhaps I'll ultimately be able to get up to Canada, which is pretty much my dream destination."

**Peregrine Spirit — Ericson 38**  
**Thomas Fistic**  
**San Diego (2006, 2010)**

Thomas, 63, a retired business manager, will be sailing south with Robert Peek, 69, also retired; and James Farnworth, 65, who has yet to retire. All are Ha-Ha vets.

"I have been sailing 18 years. My current boat, which I have owned for the past two years, is the second boat I've owned. Prior to that, I had been sailing on other peoples' boats.

"I have done many bluewater sails aboard the S&S 65 *Alaska Eagle*, including around Tahiti, rounding Cape Horn, and around New Zealand. I also did the 2006 Ha-Ha as crew on the legendary *Kialoa III*. My longest passage has been on a friend's boat from Seward, Alaska to San Francisco in August 2015. One of my crew helped deliver a J/140 from Barcelona to San Diego.

"My Ericson 38 is my dream boat. I'm undecided what to do after the Ha-Ha."

**Petrichor — Catalina 36 (W)**  
**Sean Colk and Kate Schnipper**  
**Oakland / Benicia**

Sean, 34, is an engineer while spouse Katie, 33, is a designer. They love bird-watching and diving.

Sean has been sailing nine years and Kate four. They've owned four boats, and *Petrichor* since August of 2020. Their longest sail? Around Zanzibar, of all places.

Their dream destination is cool but beautiful Norway.

Favorite dessert? French Onion Soup. For dessert? Kids these days!

*Petrichor*, which means "a pleasant smell that frequently accompanies the first rain after a long period of warm, dry weather," is their dream boat.

Their sailing hero is Bernard Moitessier.



*Prana, Marianne and Tom*

**Prana — Hunter 45CC**  
**Tom and Marianne Mangold**  
**San Diego / Carmel**  
**(2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)**

Tom, 67, is retired from real estate. Marianne is a retired photojournalist. Both are vets of four Ha-Ha's. They will have three crew: Doug Campbell, 62, a contractor; Kim Campbell, a nurse; and one other yet to be named.

The couple own two boats; a Hunter near their home in Carmel, and the *Prana*, which they use for sailing in Southern California and Mexico, in San Diego. But they dream of sailing a Hylas 54 in the Seychelles.

'Prana' is the Sanskrit word for 'life force'. The term refers to a cosmic energy, believed to come from the sun, that connects the elements of the universe. The concept of prana exists in many cultures. The Chinese call it 'chi' or 'qi'. The Japanese call it 'ki'. The Maori use the term 'mana'. The Greeks called it "pneuma".

Whatever you want to call it, experts say people with low vibrating atoms are stuck in fear, jealousy and anger. High vibrating people are guided by love, peace and unity.

Brian Wilson's 'pocket symphony' classic *Good Vibrations*, pieced together from a stack of tapes three feet high, is an example of California prana, with lyrics such as this:

*Close my eyes, she's somehow closer now  
Softly smile, I know she must be kind  
When I look in her eyes  
She goes with me to a blossom world.*

(The above is what happens when the Poobah doesn't get enough info to write a conventional bio.)

Wait! This just in:

"We got 'tricked' into sailing in 2016 when friends invited us to go sailing with them in Turkey," says Tom. "With them" didn't mean on their boat; they expected us to charter our own boat. But we weren't sailors and had never, ever sailed. So under pressure, we enrolled in as many ASA courses as we could, and a few months later made our maiden voyage out of Gocek, Turkey. No crew, little experience. But the adventurous spirit of sailing subsequently lured us to many other charters: in Belize, French Polynesia, Greece, Croatia, the Golden Rock Regatta, the British Virgin Islands, Abaco, and then Mallorca."

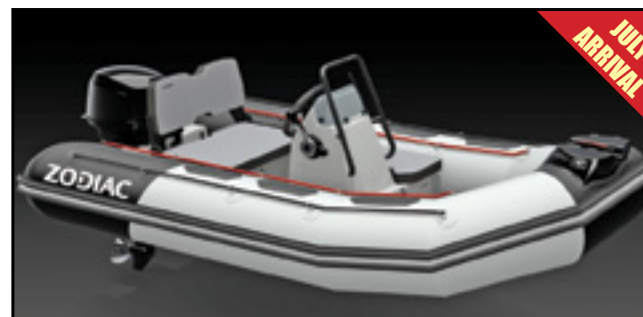
**Quality Problems — Oceanis 51.1**  
**Dan Murphy and Theresa Reiley**  
**San Diego / Murrieta**

Dan, 61, is in brand management, while his fiancée is still active in an un-



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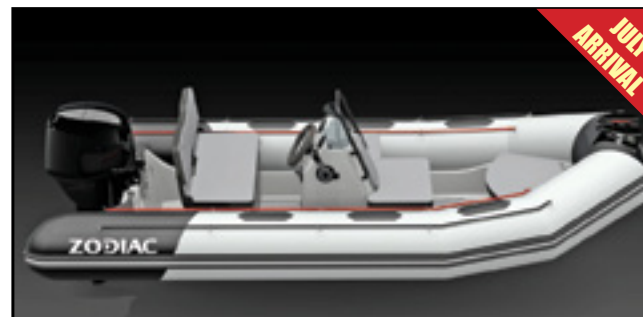
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specified career. They will have three crew: Jason Owens, 52, who is in 'dental practice sales'; Scott Klodowski, 53, a sailor; and one other.

"Jason and Scott are world-class sailors," says Dan, "and Theresa is one hell of a cook, so we're looking forward to this trip and meeting lots of new people."

Dan has been sailing on and off since his 20s and has owned a variety of boats, power, and sail. He bought Quality Problems new in December of 2019 to replace the Oceanis 50 that he'd owned for three years. Both boats were moored at the Kona Kai Resort on Shelter Island.

"My sailing experience has been limited to Southern California and a catamaran charter in French Polynesia," he says, "so I'm really looking forward to an awesome experience in the Ha-Ha, which will be my longest passage to date."

"There are so many destinations that I'd like to get to with Quality Problems, but if I had to narrow it down, the islands in the Med would be at the top.

"Get to living or get to dying because you can't do both," is my favorite quote.

"My favorite dessert is a cigar and port," says the man known to friends as Kicker Dan or Murf.

### Reality Check — Lagoon 42 Cat Mike and Renee Allen Long Beach / Trabuco Canyon

The five-year-old Lagoon will be sailed south by three couples. Co-owner Michael, 54, owns a business, while his wife and co-owner Renee is a retired pharmacist. The crew couples will be Mike Banner, 65, a software architect and pilot, and Mike's wife Heather, who is retired; and Greg Hoy, 49, a videographer, and his wife Sandy, a radiology tech.

Mike Banner? Sounds like the name of a renegade private investigator working out of Indian Wells.

Mike and Renee have been sailing their cat in Southern California waters since new. Prior to buying, they spent years checking out monohulls and multihulls while on charters.

The couple's dream is a calm anchorage with plenty of room to swing, breezes on demand, no bugs, 80-degree air temp, 85-degree water, plenty of palm trees, no clouds, a long white sandy beach, plenty of provisions, and sundowners to help enjoy the sunsets. That's not too much to ask, is it?

After the Ha-Ha they plan to spend the winter in the Sea of Cortez. Beyond that, who knows?

### Rebecca Leah — C&C Landfall 39 Doug Mountjoy Port Orchard, WA (2012, 2015)

Doug, 64, a retired aircraft mechanic will sail with Gary Souza, 65, a sky hag who has also crewed on two Ha-Ha's. And lastly, Jack Salyer, 65, a retired contractor.

The Poobah wasn't familiar with the term 'sky hag', so he looked it up. "The slang term sky hag was originally a negative appellation for an older flight attendant. It's now being reclaimed by longtime airline employees as a positive self-descriptor." The stuff you learn doing the Ha-Ha.

Jack, Gary and Doug did the 2012 Ha-Ha aboard Jack's boat *Coyote*.

"I've had boats since 1988, but didn't start sailing until 2007," reports Doug. "*Rebecca Leah* is my fourth boat and the third one I've lived on. She's my dream boat — although I'd be all over it if somebody gave me a Morris 44.

"In addition to two Ha-Ha's, I've sailed from Oakland to Hilo. After Mexico this winter, I haven't a clue as to what I'll do — although New Zealand's Bay of Islands sounds nice.

"My sailing hero is Anglo-Irish Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton. "Sure, he and his crew's epic 700-mile open water voyage after his ship was crushed in pack ice was great, but I admire him mostly because he brought along some really good scotch.

"Either chocolate or chocolate would be my choice for dessert."

### Red Surge — Hanse 400e (W) Paul Reshaur Victoria, British Columbia

Paul, 53, is retired from the Royal Canadian 'We Always Get Our Man' Mounted Police. His crew will be Glenn Wadden, a business owner who is Paul's cousin; and Barry Baker, a friend who is a business owner.

Paul was a Laser II sailor in his youth, then in December of 2019, he moved up to *Red Surge*. "I've mostly taught myself how to sail," he reports, "typically without crew — unless you count First Mate Moe, my chihuahua. Unfortunately, Moe isn't much of a help, as he's still learning the ropes."

Paul's warm-up for the Ha-Ha will be a circumnavigation of Vancouver Island, then sailing down to San Diego. His goal, however, is to return to Victoria, his dream destination — but only after sail-



Red Surge, Little Moe and Paul

ing around the world.

Paul owns his dream boat, Popeye is his sailing hero, and cherry cheesecake is his dessert of choice.

The name *Red Serge* refers to the distinctive red jacket of the dress uniform of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

### Redemption — Hinckley OC 42 Thomasina Ann Trautwein Sausalito / Pillar Point Harbor (2009, 2015)

Thomasina, whose occupation is "being me", will have three crew. They are Lynn Christsen, a friend; Lynn Joyce Bahrmast, a teacher/principal, and Nathan Bosset, age and occupation unknown.

"I've been sailing for over 60 years," reports Thomasina, "and have owned six boats. *Redemption* is one of just two center cockpit boats built on the Hinckley SW42 hull." Hinckley being one of the premier names in yacht building.

Thomasina reports that she has sailed from Florida to New York, and done Bermuda and Annapolis to Newport races.

"My dream destination is where the ocean meets the sky. *Redemption* is my dream boat.

"My sailing hero is Eric Forsyth, who has sailed over 250,000 nautical miles with his 42 foot, *Fiona*. He has circumnavigated the globe twice, once east to west and once west to east. He's sailed to the Arctic and the Antarctic three times each, including navigating the Northwest Passage. He's transited the Panama Canal five times, sailed around Cape Horn four times, and is a Cruising Club of America Blue Water Medal winner."

Most of Thomasina's friends call her Ann.



Resolute, Peter and Nicky

### Resolute — Beneteau First 50 Peter Lane and Nichole Lecher Jamestown, RI / Park City, Utah

Peter, 56, is self-employed, as is Nicole. The two will be doublehanding the Briand design that was launched in '07.

Peter has been sailing for 50 years and built boats with his grandfather. He's owned more than 12 boats, including a Blue Jay, a Laser, a J/24, two match racing J/22s, a Moth, a Melges 17 and 24, two J/105s, and three powerboats.

Nicky has only been sailing for a few years but has enjoyed cruising in Croatia and racing on a J/105. She also owns an Ocean Alexander 52 motoryacht.

*Resolute* is new to the couple, and their plans for the Ha-Ha are to learn to cruise Mexico from the experts. Later they will sail to Costa Rica, then through the Canal to the East Coast of the U.S.

The First 50 is the couple's dream boat, and their dream destination would be the Galapagos Islands. Peter's grandfather is his sailing hero. Nicky likes white chocolate, something Peter can't fathom, to put his feelings in nautical terms.

Their favorite quote is, "Nothing is half so much fun as . . . " you fill in the rest.

### Restless — Kelly Peterson 44 John and Natalie Ross Centerfield, Utah

John, 59, is a retired software engineer, while Natalie is a retired manager of a medical office.

"We've been sailing together off and on since 2008, mostly in dinghies, but we've also had a few powerboats. *Restless*, which we bought only a few months ago, is our second keelboat. The Ha-Ha will be our first long offshore passage. After the Ha-Ha we'll cruise the Sea of Cortez, then either continue on through the Canal or to French Polynesia.

"Our dream destination would be Greece, preferably aboard a Hylas 70.

Our sailing heroes are Lin and the late Larry Pardey, who sailed the world on small wood boats without engines.

"Our favorite quote is from the movie *Princess Bride*: "My name is Indigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die."

John likes tiramisu while 'Nat' prefers creme brûlée.

"Jemma, our brown miniature schnauzer is the cutest dog ever, just ask anyone who has met her." Oh boy, the Poobah discourages four topics on the Ha-Ha: 1) Politics. 2) Religion. 3) Covid. And 4) Whose pet is the cutest.

### Reverence — Tayana 58 Mike and Leah Otis San Ysidro / Kansas City, MO

Mike, 48, is a retired industrial electrician, while Leah is a retired industrial pipe-fitter — perhaps the only one in the Ha-Ha. They will be sailing south with Bill Parker, a retired Battalion Chief/Firefighter; Dana Martin, a female attorney; Don Derry, 53, who is self-employed; and Michelle Derry, who we presume is married to Don.

"We've been sailing for 12 years," says Mike, "and have owned our Beeldsnijder designed Tayana for eight of those years. We live aboard, although our longest trip to date has been the 260 miles from L.A. to Ensenada.

"Our plan is to continue living aboard for a year or so in the Sea of Cortez, then head southeast toward Panama. Although our dream destination would be the Galapagos Islands on *Reverence*, our dream boat."

Mike and Leah are apparently into levity, as their sailing heroes are the legendary Captain Ron, and nearly as legendary sailing humorist Captain Fatty.

The couple's favorite dessert is bread pudding with vanilla ice cream, while their favorite quote is 'smoke 'em if you got 'em.' Although smoking would probably come before the ice cream.

### Rochambeau — Beneteau 49 John and Marcy Baker Anchorage, Alaska (2019)

John, 62, is a retired finance manager for an oil company, while wife Marcy is the manager of a woman's clothing company. Both did the 2019 Ha-Ha as crew, and describe it as a "life-changing experience."

Their crew will be Dave Summerfeldt, 56, retired from the Alaska Airlines IT group; and Sally Rothwell, a retired ge-

ologist and environmental permitter.

Dave and Sally are experienced sailors, having sailed their Outremer 45 performance cat from the Med to the Caribbean. The two promise they won't mention the disparity in the monohull's downwind speed. At least not every day.

John and Marcy started sailing in Alaska 27 years ago, and *Rochambeau* is their fifth boat. They still own a previous boat, a Jeanneau 44, in Alaska. They bought their 49 in San Francisco in May of this year from a bar pilot whose dreams of Tahitian anchorages gave way to RV life.

The couple have extensive sailing experience in the Med, in the Caribbean, and in Alaska. Their dream would be to do the World ARC, but only if it was five years long instead of just 18 months.

The first day John met Mary in college, he told friends that he was going to marry her. They've been together for 39 years.

### Runaway — Hylas 70 Julie and Lowell Potiker San Diego / La Jolla (2018, 2019)

Lowell, 61, an executive, and Julie will be sailing with a crew of eight for his third Ha-Ha. Among them will be Peter Frost, 39, the hired skipper; and Lake Rickolt, 39, another captain.

"Julie missed the last two Ha-Ha's due to last-minute family emergencies," reports Lowell, "so I'm excited that she will finally get to share the wonderful sailing experiences and camaraderie of the Ha-Ha that I have told her about!

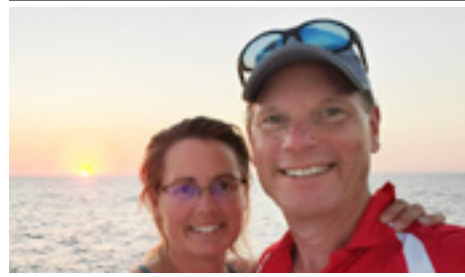
"I've been sailing for over 30 years in a variety of vessels starting with a Sunfish and culminating with our current Hylas 70," reports Lowell. "I've owned 13 boats, including *Runaway* for the last four years. We bought her to cross oceans and do long trips such as the Ha-Ha.

"*Runaway* is a veteran of the last two Ha-Ha's, but her longest passage was doing a TransPac. After the Ha-Ha we will loiter in the Sea of Cortez for a while, then either turn left and head for the Canal or bring her back to San Diego — and then race her right back down again to Puerto Vallarta!

"Our dream destination is the South Pacific, which we have delayed going to because of Covid. Our dream boat is the one we have right now. My sailing hero is Joshua Slocum, while my favorite dessert is Key Lime pie.

"I don't have a nickname, but I am left-handed."





*Sacagawea, Kristin and Bill*

**Sacagawea — Caliber 47 LRC  
William McCormack/Kristin Janczewski  
Missoula, Montana**

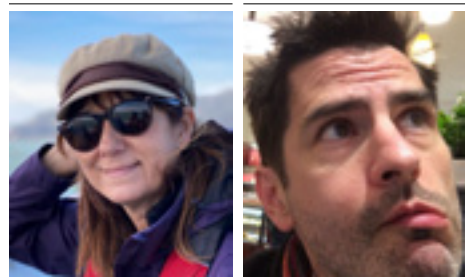
William, 51, a landlord, and Kristin, a retired general surgeon, go by the terrific nicknames of 'Wild Bill' and 'Dr. J'. They have been sailing together for 14 years, and this is their second boat. Their first was a Newport 30 they sailed on Flat-head Lake in Montana.

*Sacagawea*, which they purchased in Seattle, is #2 of the 25 Caliber 47s built.

"Our longest passage has been from the Dry Tortugas to St. Pete, Florida, but by the time we get to San Diego, we'll have made much longer passages down the west coast. After the Ha-Ha we intend to sail east through the Panama Canal." (Poobah's note: *As counterintuitive as it seems, when you go through the Canal from the Pacific to the Caribbean, you are actually going east to west.*)

"After suffering through a northwest winter, our dream destination is anywhere warm, on *Sacagawea*, which is our dream boat.

"Our favorite dessert," say the two right-handers, "is fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies, while our favorite quote is "The enemy of good is better".



*Salacia, Donna and Peter*

**Salacia — Santa Cruz 53C  
Peter and Donna Molettieri  
San Francisco**

Peter, 50, a retired engineer, and Donna, a still-active psychotherapist, were unsure as of press time if they will be doublehanding or taking crew. And if

Donna will be having office hours at Turtle Bay and Bahia Santa Maria.

"We did a week bareboat charter in 1995," the couple report, "and enjoyed it so much that we didn't go sailing again until a quarter of a century later on San Francisco Bay. The second experience must have been better because just two years later we decided to do a bareboat charter in Sardinia for our 20th anniversary."

"Our 53C is the last to come out of the Santa Cruz 52 mold and is the only factory-built cruising version with the factory hard-dodger.

"Dream destinations are hard to pin down, but either the South Pacific or Greece. Donna's sailing hero is Liz Clark, who as a young surfer-sailor took off on her Cal 40 *Swell* many years ago— and still hasn't come home from French Polynesia. Peter's hero is Vendee Globe female singlehander, Sam Davies.

"Donna Donna' is Donna's favorite nickname, while her favorite dessert is chocolate pudding — although Peter says she never eats it. Analyze that.

**Scout — Jeanneau SO 52.2**

**Greg Himes  
Marina del Rey / Placerville / La Paz  
(Seven Ha-Ha's)**

Greg, 77, a retired teacher and public school administrator, is one of the most experienced Ha-Ha participants, having done seven of them, six on his boats. He will have five crew this year: Jen Huszcza, a female sailing instructor who is the vet of three Ha-Ha's; Wendy Northup, a teacher; Lara Jacques, a teacher; and two others not determined as of press time.

Greg started sailing on a Hobie 16 40 years ago, and after five 'five-foot-itis' boats, has owned *Scout*, his dream boat, for nine years.

"Since retiring from public school administration, I got my captain's license and ASA instructor certification," Greg says. "So I spend the summer and fall teaching and doing part-time charter captain work." That's getting the most out of his 70s.

"I'm not left-handed, but I used to milk

cows at the dairy, so I'm 'udder-handed'. Lord Louis Mountbatten is my sailing and life hero, while Capt. Ron and Jack Sparrow are up there also.

"I like ice cream from La Fuente on the *malecon* in La Paz, and flan at Tacos on the Street in La Cruz. I also like Jimmy Buffett's line: "Indecision may or may not be my problem."

"My dream destinations are all the places on the Pacific Coast of Mexico and up in the Sea. After the Ha-Ha I plan to go to La Paz and the Sea until January, then cruise to La Cruz on the mainland. After the Banderas Bay Regatta, I'll return to the Sea, then and do the Bash. Or maybe I'll leave *Scout* in La Paz for the summer."



*Sea Bella, Kathy and Scott*

**Sea Bella — Brewer 44  
Scott and Kathy Erwin  
Availa Beach / San Luis Obispo**

Scott, 55, who is in the wine industry, and Kathy, who is a retired teacher, plan on doublehanding.

"We're both longtime sailors and members of both the Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo yacht clubs. We have sailed extensively on the Central California coast and raced Hobies. Scott has an extensive sailing background starting at age seven when he learned to sail at the Coast Guard Academy in New London. Kathy has been involved with boats most of her life, and "seldom flinches", even in the worst situations".

"After the Ha-Ha, we plan to sail our 31-year-old boat in the Sea of Cortez and to the mainland before doing the Pacific Puddle Jump in 2023. But our plans are written in sand at low tide.

"Our dream destination would be the South China Sea."

**Seabiscuit — Watson 48 PB  
Belinda Erdelt and David Herndon  
Dover, NH / Houston, TX**

Belinda is a retired contracts consultant, while David, 68, is a retired marine consultant. They will have four crew on their Watson & Sons powerboat that was

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launched in 2006. The crew are Al Drinkwater, Patti Drinkwater, Kelly Drinkwater, and Joe diCamillo.

Belinda has been boating since 2010, while Dave has been sailing and boating since 1970. The couple have only owned one boat, *Seabiscuit*, which was designed and built in New Zealand, where they know a thing or two about building boats.

The couple both retired in June of 2012, and have been living and cruising on *Seabiscuit* ever since. So far the couple's longest single passage has been across the Gulf of Mexico from Pensacola to Isla Mujeres, Mexico. But they've already done the 'Big U', a term the Poobah hadn't heard of before. It apparently involves going from New England south to the Panama Canal, then as far northwest as Kodiak, Alaska.

The couple had plans to cruise the Aleutian Islands to Russia and Japan in 2020, but then Covid came along. After five years in the chilly Northwest, they decided they were ready for sunshine and warm water. So they entered the Ha-Ha, and later plan to do the Pacific Puddle Jump.

Belinda puns that Dave is her 'dream boat'. David says *Seabiscuit* is his dream boat, but if they won the lottery, he'd take a Dashew FPB.

**Seahorse — Beneteau 49  
Robert Knox and Jayne Gunning  
Marina del Rey / Los Angeles**

Robert, 49, is a retired general contractor, while his wife Jayne is a retired bar and restaurant manager. Their crew will be Rob Dekker, 55; Carey (female) Merideth; Simon Jones, 49; and Julie Miller.

Robert and Jayne are both originally from England, where Robert donated blood as a professional rugby player. But they have lived in Los Angeles for the last 30 years.

Robert has owned *Seahorse* for four years, and in 2018 and 2019 claimed line honors in the cruising division of the Newport to Ensenada Race. Now that the boat is outfitted with davits, solar panels, lots of chain and other gear, *Seahorse's* best racing days may be behind her.

The *Seahorse* crew are friends with lots of racing experience. Rob and Carey race on the TP 52 *Margaritaville*, while Robert's best friend and fellow Santa Monica Rugby Club player Simon has raced on the notables such as *Pendragon* and *Bravura*. Julie's catamaran recently got stuck in Covid lockdown in Tahiti, and she's hoping to get back soon to continue

her circumnavigation.

"The Baja Ha-Ha marks the start of semi-retirement for us," report Robert and Jayne. "We plan to stay in Mexico for about a year, then continue on to Panama and the Caribbean."

**Second Verse — Hylas 54  
Bill and Sally Andrew  
Galway, New York / Reno, Nevada**

Bill, 64, is a retired vice-president of Chevron Shipping Company, while Sally is a volunteer. They will be Ha-Ha-ing with Michael Sitts, 62, a Master Mariner, and Andrew Burda, 66, a retired marine engineer.

"My wife and I have been sailing since we were kids," reports Bill. "She mostly sailed on smaller boats on lakes, while I grew up racing on San Francisco Bay, mostly on PHRF and class boats such as Etchells 22s and Ultimate 20s. We've owned five boats in all, and bought *Second Verse* in April of '18, right before I retired.

"Our hailing port is Galway, New York, which is on a small lake in upstate New York where my wife learned to sail and where we now have a summer home. The lake is 1.5 miles by 2.5 miles, and the largest boat allowed is 22 feet.

"We bought *Second Verse* in Vancouver and cruised the San Juans and Gulf Islands for two seasons before sailing down to San Francisco in 2019. After the Ha-Ha we'll cruise the Sea of Cortez, but dream of sailing the Greek Islands."

Their dream destination is fitting because Hylas was a mythological Greek youth associated with Hercules and the cruise of the Argonauts.

**\*\*Second Wind— Dufour 44  
David Bombard and Robin Mitchell  
Tiburón / Comptche**

David, 47, who has not yet retired from whatever he does, and his spouse Robin, will be going south in what will mostly be a family affair. That's because sons Amede, 10; and Royal, 6, will be along. So will Ashley Sullivan, an extended family member who is the executive director of the Rozalia Project.

David has been sailing for more than 30 years, and five years ago took over ownership of *Second Wind* upon the death of an uncle. With the help of the uncle's eldest daughter, who is both a captain and one of his favorite cousins, they sailed her from Sandy Hook, New Jersey to Miami. Doublehanded. Into the teeth of a winter gale. Non-stop. Without an autopilot. The

boat was refit in Miami for the trip to San Francisco.

David, whose nickname is Roots, holds his father as his sailing hero and is excited to be embarking on this voyage with his wife and home-schooled boys. And Amede and Royal are just as excited.

The family's dream destination would be the South Pacific "on a boat we can't afford."

**Second Wind — Jeanneau SO 41  
Rodrigo Basave  
San Diego / La Jolla**

Rodrigo, 50, is in commercial real estate and will be doing his first Ha-Ha. His crew will include Felipe Karam, 53, who is also in the real estate business; Jorge Varela, an engineer; and one other not yet determined.

"We're all long-time sailors," reports Rodrigo. "I've sailed for 25 years, mostly on small boats, but also including to Puerto Vallarta on a bigger boat. Felipe likes racing and was skipper of a Catalina 38 racing to Vallarta. Jorge has always been passionate about sailing, and is a board member of a yacht club in Mexico — and has sailed around Cape Horn."

Having been in, on, and around the water, since he was a baby, Rodrigo is also a scuba diver and surfer. In fact, don't tell anyone, but he has a 27-ft speedboat he only uses for surf trips up to Michoacan.

Rodrigo's sailing hero is Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, who was first to do a solo non-stop circumnavigation in 1969, and who Rodrigo says "makes us all look like wimps."

Rodrigo's favorite quote is from Henry Ford: "Whether you think you can, or you can't — you're right."



*Valhalla and Serenity Crews*

**Serenity — Catalina 42 MKII (W)  
Sean and Amanda Rarey  
Merlin, Oregon**

Sean, 54, is a retired police officer, while Amanda, 33, is a medical assistant. The two, who go by X-Man and Squirrel, were married on May 15, less than

10 days after signing up for the Ha-Ha. Congratulations! Their crew will be Oliver Fernander, 33, who is in the Coast Guard.

Sean has been sailing for 10 years and has owned two boats, including *Serenity*, which he bought in March of 2020. She's probably the least unusual boat in the fleet, as more Catalina 42 MK IIs have done the Ha-Ha than any other design. At least five have signed up this year.

Amanda's sailing hero is her husband, and her favorite quote is: "Die with memories, not dreams. The X-Man says, "Knowledge is power."

The couple like "all desserts".

They will be starting their "crazy, adventurous life" cruising with Sean's brother Brian and his wife Lori, who are doing the Ha-Ha aboard their boat *Valhalla*.



*Set Me Free, Jimmy and Kelly*

**Set Me Free — Beneteau 423  
Jimmy and Kelly Aviles  
Oceanside**

Jimmy, 52, retired from the Marines, will be doublehanded south with Kelly, a human resource manager.

The couple have been sailing for about 10 years, but this fourth boat of theirs is their first sailboat.

Jimmy's longest passage was 2,400 miles in 16 days from Southampton, England to Malta. He also crewed on a J Class yacht in the Rolex Middle Sea Race and holds numerous sailing certifications.

"While we've both bareboat chartered in the British Virgins, Italy and Croatia, Kelly's longest passage is a 15-hour overnighter to Catalina. We hope to do the Puddle Jump in 2022."

Kelly's dream boat is "any boat that has air-conditioning." The couple's favorite quote: "No bar too far."



*Shamaal, Jerry, Steve and Jennifer*

**Shamaal — Outbound 46  
Jerry and Jane McNaboe  
South Lake Tahoe (2016, 2019)**

Both Jerry, 66, and Jane, are retired geologists who have done the '16 and '19 Ha-Ha's. Their two crew will be Jennifer Kuritz, Jane's sister who is retired from finance; and Jennifer's husband Steve, who really is a retired rocket scientist. The four did the '19 Ha-Ha, and are ready to team up and do it again.

Jane and Jerry grew up dinghy sailing with their parents, and are happy to have sailors as their spouses. They did their first Ha-Ha aboard their Sceptre 41 *Aeolian* before moving up to their current Schumacher design.

The couple have been as far north as Sitka, Alaska, and as far south as Banderas Bay. They only sailed back from Mexico last year because of the pandemic. They are looking forward to returning to Mexico, but aren't sure if they will head east or west after that.

*Shamaal* is named after the strong northerly winds in the Middle East, a region where they lived for nine years.



*Shenanigans, Mike*

**Shenanigans — J/120  
Michael Clarke and Phyllis Crosswhite  
Richmond YC / Placerville ('95, '97)**

Michael, 62, a retired sales manager, previously skippered his boats in the '95 and '97 Ha-Ha's. His wife Phyllis, who is retired from property management, was crew in the '95 Ha-Ha. They will have two crew.

"My first sail was 50 years ago when we rented a boat from a beach shack on Lake Vasona in Los Gatos," reports Michael. "We had no idea how to sail upwind, so we had to walk the boat back along the beach.

"After owning a Hobie 16 and a Vanguard 15, we've owned two big boats. A Wylie 34 for 26 years, which was a hard act to follow, and now the J/120, which is promising so far.

"In 1992 I sailed from Newport Beach to the Marquesas on the S&S 65 *Alaska Eagle* run by Brad Avery and Orange Coast College. On the day the new crew was transitioning in, we all ate at a village festival on Nuku Hiva — and everybody got sick! I got it two days after getting home. The new crew had it all the way to Tahiti.

"My nickname is 'Mike'. Our boat's nickname is *Nani*. My dream would be to transit the Suez Canal and cruise the Med east to west. There is so much history!

"Author Patrick O'Brien is our sailing hero. He couldn't sail himself but gave us Jack Aubrey, the greatest fictional sailor ever.

"I'm left-handed and like the last line of Jimmy Buffett's song *Boat Drinks*. "I've got to go where it's warm."



*Silver linings, Mark*

**Silver Linings — Jeanneau SO 45.2  
Mark and Robin LaFevers  
Channel Islands / Carpinteria (2019)**

Mark, 67, is a retired heavy equipment mechanic and welder who did the '19 Ha-Ha. Unfortunately, his wife Robin, a writer, won't be making the trip. His crew will consist of Rhett Jacobi, 35, a vet of the '19 Ha-Ha and Bash back who is in commercial construction; Scott Kelly, 62, a financial advisor who also Bashed back in '19; and Eric LaFevers, 31, a software engineer. Wait, there's more crew! Scott Nordeng, 50, a rigger who did the 2010 Ha-Ha; and Zacb Little, 50, a software engineer.

After owning a string of small power-



boats, Mark moved up to his Jeanneau 45 two years ago. After the Ha-Ha, Mark and some of the crew plan to visit La Paz before returning home in late December.

Mark's dream is to transit the Panama Canal, cross the Caribbean Sea, and drop the hook off the Hotel Caravelle in St. Croix. He'd go ashore there for his favorite dessert, strawberry margaritas. They would be well earned because going west to east across the Caribbean Sea can be one nasty slog.



Soirée, Steve and Connie

**Soirée — Beneteau Oceanis 49  
Steve and Connie Hill  
San Francisco / San Rafael (2017)**

Steve, 66, is a sailing instructor while Connie is a retired "president". Both did the 2017 Ha-Ha. Their crew will be Tim Russell, 62, a brother-in-law wealth advisor; and sister-in-law Anne Russell, who is a vice president of community relations.

Steve has been sailing for 55 years, starting with his family aboard a Rhodes 19, Bristol 27, Vanguard, and Cal 48. "I was taught the fundamentals of sailing by my father, who has tens of thousands of bluewater miles, and who instilled in me a deep respect for the power of the wind and sea. We sailed as far south as Mexico and as far north as Canada."

Steve has 397 offshore days and 517 inshore days to his credit.

"I've owned two boats," he says, "Coyote, a Beneteau 42, and for the last six years, Soirée. My longest passages were to and back from Hawaii in '10 and '14 with Coyote."

After the Ha-Ha, Steve and Connie plan to sail to Panama and the Caribbean.

**Sonder — Sabre 402  
Dale Shupe**

**San Francisco / Eagar, AZ**

Dale, 61, is in emergency ship management, while First Mate Jean Marie Scott, who owns a Catalina 36 and is the vet of three TransPacs, is a retired emergency manager at UC Santa Cruz. The crew will be "son" Igor Tella, 31; and Dale's brother Wayne Shupe, 65, retired from the insurance business.

"I learned to sail on Galveston Bay in the '80s, and have since sailed in the Baltic, around Panama, in Mexico, and on the Bay for 15 years.

"My first boat was a Catalina 250 on San Francisco Bay. I bought Sonder in 2017, and have been refitting her with all new systems ever since. I know boats, as I've spent years working on supertankers, containerships, offshore supply vessels,

and so forth. But my longest passage has been from San Francisco to San Diego.

I plan to cruise Mexico after the Ha-Ha and get new topsides and deck paint, as well as all-new brightwork. I will continue south in November of 2022, to Bocas del Toro and San Blas, Panama, then further east to the Caribbean.

"My dream is to wander as long as I can, experiencing the world. So far I've lived in seven countries and worked and wandered in 50 more. I've only scratched the surface. And like Tolkein says, "All those who wander are not lost."

**Sparklemuffin — Cabo Rico 34  
Chuck Batson  
San Rafael**

Chuck, 46, is a software engineer, who will be sailing south with two or three crew who had not been identified as of press time.

Having been sailing for 11 years, Chuck has only owned one boat, his Costa Rican-built Cabo Rico 34.

Chuck's longest sail to date was a four-day 'out to sea and back' shakedown. After the Ha-Ha he plans on doing a Puddle Jump to the South Pacific.

Vanuatu is his dream destination, his Cabo Rico is his dream boat, and he can't decide between Bernard Moitessier or Laura Dekker as his sailing hero. Laura being the 14-year-old Kiwi-born Dutch girl who sailed singlehanded around the world, finishing when she was 16.

Chuck likes vanilla coconut milk ice cream for dessert, and believes Wayne Dyer's advice: "Go for it now, the future isn't promised." He'll be taking a sharkbana along with him. Google sharkbana.com to understand.

Sparklemuffin? It's an Australian spider.



Sparklemuffin, Chuck



Stella Blue, Larry and Kim

**Stella Blue — Hunter 460 (W)  
Kim and Larry LaPrade  
San Diego**

Larry, 72, is recently retired from careers in higher education and real estate development. Kim is recently retired from Grand Canyon University. The two will be double handing their newly refit 2000 monohull, along with their best dog mate, Duke, a 90-lb Yellow Labrador Retriever. Duke loves chasing the tennis ball from the boat or the beach. Update: Steve Straitiff will join the boat as crew.

Larry has been sailing more than 50 years and has owned over 10 boats, including a Sabot, a Hobie 16, a Laser, an Islander Bahama 24, several powerboats, a Catalina 42, and currently the Hunter 460. He's also a former pilot who owned several single-engine planes. Kim has been sailing for just over ten years, mostly in Southern California. The two have enjoyed multiple charters in the BVIs and Belize.

Kim and Larry look forward to learning from the Baja Ha-Ha community about sailing in Mexico and the cruising lifestyle. They plan to stay in Mexico at least a year, then continue on to Costa Rica and through the Canal to the Caribbean. Their goal is to spend the next six years or so sailing the world. One of their dream destinations is the Mediterranean.

"Together we are known as 'Know Fun Sailing'. Larry has always been known as 'Uncle Fun', and Kim was nicknamed 'Auntie No' — although she spells it 'Know'.

"At one time we had five children between the ages of 11 and 18," says Kim. "I did say 'no' — a lot. Now the children are grown and we have four grandchildren. It is our time to Know Fun!"

**Strange Bird — Tartan 3700  
Mike Rossman  
Ventura (2010, 2016)**

Mark, 63, is an engineer who crewed in the '10 Ha-Ha and skippered his own

boat in '16. His crew will be Scott Arnold, 62, a retired electrician; and two others yet to be determined.

A 'Parrothead', Mark named *Strange Bird* after one of Jimmy B's lesser-known songs.

After the Ha-Ha Mike plans to spend the winter in the Sea of Cortez. His dream destination is "where the water is warm", something the Sea isn't after the end of November.

Mike's sailing hero is the legendary singlehander Bernard Moitessier, who dropped out of the Golden Globe around the world race while in first place "to save my soul". How many Ha-Ha sailors know that the great Moitessier lost *Joshua* on the beach during the infamous 'Cabo storm' of 1981 that put 28 boats on the sand? The Poobah was there when Bernard sold *Joshua*, way up the beach and full of sand, to a Swiss guy named Rado for \$1. Rado restored her and sailed her in the Sea for several years.

Bernard, who had lost several boats before, had sailed south from San Francisco with notoriously 'unstable' German actor Klaus Kinski. Moitessier initially gave a fictional account of how he and Klaus were aboard when the unexpected blow came up. In reality, they were in a hotel room drinking heavily.

*Joshua* has been completely restored and is at the La Rochelle Maritime Museum in France. She is taken sailing regularly.



Sugar, Suesan and Garry

**Sugar — J/160  
Garry and Suesan Pawlitski  
Santa Barbara (2015)**

Garry, 66, was in IT, and Suesan is a fitness professional. Both crewed on the '15 Ha-Ha, and have wanted to do it with their own boat ever since. Their crew will be Tony Papa, 58, a consultant; and David Sadecki, 61, a firefighter.

Originally from Vancouver, B.C., in 1991, Garry, who just this year got his U.S. citizenship, sailed south on a friend's boat. The intention was to sail

around the world. But he was stopped in his tracks in Santa Barbara when Cupid introduced him to Suesan and her two children. Within 10 months he and Suesan were married.

In 2004, with the kids grown and adventure still in the couple's blood, they sold their home and bought *Sugar*. It was their first boat, and they moved aboard.

"People always ask us why we named our boat *Sugar*," says Suesan. "Is it because she's white? She's sweet? Because we're drug runners? Nope! We put our names together — like 'Bennifer' — and it spelled Sugar. Lucky, eh?"

Having sailed to Ensenada a couple of times, and to the Channel Islands even more often, they figure now is their time to expand their horizons.

The original plan was to Ha-Ha in 2022 after Garry was going to retire from his IT job at UCSB, the Poobah's old playground. But with the onset of Covid, Suesan went virtual with her classes, and Garry decided there is no time like the present to retire. Since Suesan is about to take her classes 'on the road', they've spent the last year getting the boat ready for long-distance cruising. They plan to cruise Mexico for as long as they can.

Garry was the 'Covid Commodore' of the always friendly Santa Barbara YC, which has often been the starting point of the SoCal Ta-Ta, aka the mini Ha-Ha.

**Sukha — Bristol 40  
Lucy James**

**San Francisco / Sierra de San Pedro, MX (2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)**

Lucy, a former pilot, will have a crew of two: Sue Drake, who is retired from the insurance industry and is a veteran of six Ha-Ha's; and Paul Kamen, 70, a vet of three Ha-Ha's.

"I've sailed sporadically throughout my life, usually as a passenger or crew," Lucy reports. "My longest passage has been 1,000 miles from Bermuda to Antigua. I did the 2019 Ha-Ha aboard the Deerfoot 62 *Emma*, which is doing the Ha-Ha again this year.

"While I have a 14-ft dinghy, *Sukha* is my first big boat. I bought her in July of this year."

After the Ha-Ha, 'Luz' will keep *Sukha* in the Sea of Cortez and do some exploring. But her dream destination would be "anywhere with warm turquoise water and white sand." She'd like to enjoy being there on a "fast but comfortable" catamaran.

Lucy likes the quote, "Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to



see further.” That’s from Scottish historian and more, Thomas Carlyle.

Lucy is a righty who likes three kinds of desserts: crème brûlée, sticky toffee, and tiramisu.

*Sukha* is Sanskrit for ‘quiet joy’.

**Sundancer — Beneteau 432 (W)  
Todd Power  
Marina del Rey**

Todd, 56, is a retired arborist, who will be sailing with two yet-to-be-identified crew.

Todd has been sailing for 20 years, during which time he has owned three boats. He’s owned Sundancer for the last 18 months.

His longest passage so far has been 70 miles from San Pedro to Santa Cruz Island.

St. Barth is his dream destination, something the Poobah understands, and Sundancer is his dream boat. His sailing hero is his dad.

The ice cream lover’s favorite quote is ‘Bravery is the solution to regret’.

**Swan Song II — Endeavour 40 (W)  
Peter Loeffler and Amy Bremmer  
Nanaimo / Deep Bay, British Columbia**

‘Pete’, 49, is a forest fire pilot who has had a very busy season. Doublehanding with him will be his friend Amy Bremmer, a retired paramedic.

“I’ve been sailing off and on for 30 years,” reports Pete, “while Amy is new at it. Jackson is our new boat pup.

I bought *Swan Song*, my third boat, last year and lived aboard until fire season.

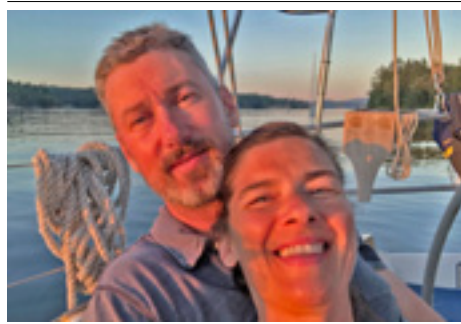
After the Ha-Ha we’ll stop in La Paz to visit friends, then continue on up to Mulegé for the winter.

Between a long fire season and getting *Swan Song* painted, Pete didn’t have time to provide any additional bio info. You’ll just have to ask him in person.

By the way, Mulegé is pronounced ‘moo-la-hay’.

**\*Sweet Adeline — Centurion 42  
Jabez and Anne Phylfe Palmer  
Seattle, Washington**

Jabez, no age given, is an artist and graphic designer. Anne owned Eight Limbs Yoga Center in Seattle, selling it just months before Covid hit. She is also a teacher and writer. Lucky folks, they’ll be accompanied by their 15-year-old daughter Charlotte Palmer, who goes by ‘Coco’. The couple’s 20-year-old daughter Lily will join them in Mexico during her winter break from college.



*Sweet Adeline, Jabez and Anne*

The crew of *Sweet Adeline* are life-long sailors and lovers of the sea. Capt ‘Bez’ started sailing 20 years ago off Rhode Island before moving to Seattle in ‘91. However, most of his ocean miles were logged as a teenager during his father’s three-year circumnavigation, including various legs back and forth across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Anne grew up sailing on Lake Pontchartrain near New Orleans, and after a hiatus, resumed sailing with Bez in 2004.

Daughter Charlotte, the bosun, grew up sailing on Puget Sound.

The trio hope to continue on to French Polynesia in the spring.

The boat’s favorite dessert is ‘floating islands’, which is a classic French dessert of fluffy meringue in a pool of crème anglaise and drizzled with caramel sauce.



*Tabu, Michele and Jim*

**Tabu — Farr 44  
Jim and Michele Leonard  
Seattle / Kenmore, Washington**

Jim, 61, has a consulting business. Michele grows walnuts — which are said to promote human health in twelve ways, as well as pair beautifully with Greek yogurt. The couple will have two crew: Eileen Perra, a surgical nurse, who is Michele’s sister, and her husband Jerry Perra, a physician.

Jim has sailed since he was a kid, and was captivated by the *National Geographic* articles on teen circumnavigator Robin Lee Graham. Michele began sailing

as a young adult. After being partners in several boats, they bought *Tabu* in 2013, thinking they would be able to sail away in retirement in just a few years. It has turned out to be eight years.

*Tabu* was hand-crafted by master shipwright Richard Crowe of Newport Beach, who along with his wife Sheri, sailed her in the 2009 Ha-Ha.

“After bringing the boat north to Seattle in 2014, we used her to explore the Salish Sea, and then circumnavigated Vancouver Island,” reports Jim. “But we’ve had enough of the cold, and will be sailing her across the Pacific.” A summer in the Med — Mykonos, Capri, Monte Carlo, St. Tropez, Ibiza — is another dream of theirs.

As for a dream boat, the two would like to adopt Jimmy Buffet’s ‘like what you have’ philosophy. Easy for truly good guy Jimmy B to say, as he’s had eight different boats and nearly as many airplanes.

**Talion — Gulfstar 50  
Patsy Verhoeven**

**Portland, OR / La Paz (15 Ha-Ha’s)**

Patsy, aka ‘La Reina del Mar’, has been the tireless Assistant Poobah for the last five years. She is in charge of all the communications in addition to handling almost all event details, as the Poobah is a big picture only kind of guy.

Patsy is a veteran of the real estate world in Lake Oswego, Oregon, spent some time boatbuilding at Schooner Creek in Portland, and when not working on the Ha-Ha spends time as a webmistress.

Her Ha-Ha crew will include her guy Tim Horne, 63, a veteran Colorado River guide and current employee of the city of Aspen; Portland sailors Bruce Bloch, 67, a CPA; and Cheryl and Mike McNaughton, who are both retired. She from nursing, and he, 71, from real estate asset management.

Patsy has done every Ha-Ha since 2007 and is legendary for sailing all the way every year and being able to sail her 44-year-old Gulfstar 50 fast and deep. Not many sailors can do both well at the same time, and it’s what much of the Ha-Ha is all about.

“I have owned Talion since 2000 when I bought her to replace my Columbia 43 that had blown up in a propane explosion.

“I’ve sailed north to Alaska, south to Costa Rica, west to Tahiti, and east up seven locks on the Columbia and Snake Rivers to Lewiston, Idaho.

“I’ve lived aboard for over 30 years, and for the past 15 years primarily on

the hook in Mexico and Southern California. My dream boat would be one that requires no maintenance and one on which nothing breaks. Ha, ha, ha.

“My favorite dessert is red wine and chocolate, and I am left-handed. I’m proud to be the Poobah’s only employee since he sold Latitude 38 and married Doña.

“My goal,” says La Reina, who frequently singlehands her 50-ft boat, “is to do whatever I can to enable others to enjoy the cruising lifestyle.”

Be nice to La Reina, she’s doing everything she can possibly do for you.

**Talos IV — Pacific Seacraft 37  
Gary Gray  
Monterey**

Gary, 58, is a retired physician who will be doublehanding with Mary, his aunt, a retired physician.

“I started sailing off the beach when I was in elementary school,” reports Gary. “I have owned at least five boats, and have owned my current boat since 2018. As far as I’m concerned, she’s my dream boat — although I would take a new one if it was given to me.”

Gary has made several coastal California trips from San Francisco to Monterey, with one as far south as the Channel Islands. He’s also done several trips from Florida to the Bahamas on the family boat.

After the Ha-Ha, he’ll spend some time in the Sea of Cortez, and then decide what to do next.

**The Cat — Fontaine Pajot 39 Cat  
Bill Austin  
Marina del Rey / Manhattan Beach**

Bill, 59, is a professional boat captain who also owns a boat charter business. He’ll be sailing south with Barry Lene-men, 65, a construction manager; Dave Gilfillan, 59, a material manager; and April Jones, 29, a photographer.

“I have been boating for over 20 years, and sailing for the last three. I own two boats, a 44-ft trawler and The Cat.

After the Ha-Ha ‘Billy’ plans to spend the winter in the Sea or head down the coast of Central America.

His dream sailing would be on a 45-ft cat in the Med with family and friends. His friends call him Billy.

**Thirst Responder — C&C 121  
Stacey Dobson  
Long Beach / Indio (2003)**

Stacey, 71, is a retired firefighter/

paramedic who did the Ha-Ha as skipper in 2003. His two crew will be Ray Magana, 68, a retired firefighter/captain who also did the ‘03 Ha-Ha; and Charlie Egge, 67, who is retired from the Irvine Company.

“We’re all work and golf buddies who want to make one last trip to Mexico,” reports Stacey. “We all have sailing and boating experience, and Ray and I have extensive offshore sailing experience, including several trips to Mexico, the South Pacific and Hawaii.

“I’ve sailed for 40 years and this is my fifth boat. We had a great time on the ‘03 Ha-Ha, and after this one, we’ll cruise in the Sea until it cools, and then head to the mainland for the warmer weather.

“We’re looking forward to playing with all the new gadgets on *Thirst Responder*, and liken ourselves to Captain Ron in that we take the pace of life as it’s offered. With all the politics and anger in the States, we’re looking forward to a break with like-minded people.”

**Time Out — Gemini 105MC Cat (W)  
Dan Wood  
San Diego**

Dan, 66, is a licensed captain and a still-active yacht broker. His brother Roger, 56, a tennis pro and shiatsu business owner will be his crew. By the way, the grass courts at the Royal Bahia Santa Maria Yacht & Tennis Club are in high demand during the Ha-Ha, so the Poobah recommends making reservations early.

“I have been sailing since age 11 and have owned over 10 boats,” says Dan. “I have owned my current boat for about two years. She has a 420 square foot screecher, with a built-in wire for furling. My longest passage to date has been about 500 miles.

“I will likely be continuing on south after the Ha-Ha, and might be in need of additional crew for segments of the trip.”

**Tits Pierre — Pilothouse 45 PB  
Ken Wolf and Tina Ustation  
San Pedro**

Before anybody gets upset about the boat name, *Tits Pierre* translates literally from the French as ‘stone breasts’, which are often found on sculptures on buildings. The name is also urban slang for ‘perfect’ or ‘can’t get any better’.

Ken, 70, is retired from the trucking industry and will be going south with “girlfriend” Tina Ustation, a retired teacher.

For the last 35 years, Ken has owned six boats, some sail, some power.

“We have owned *Tits Pierre* for five years,” he reports, “and have made multiple crossings to Catalina and nearby ports. We have also lived on the boat for the last three years, and love it.

“It’s now our time to explore Mexico and beyond,” says Ken. “We’re looking forward to meeting new boating friends on the Ha-Ha, hopefully, some who will be continuing on to Costa Rica with us.

“Our dream boat is a Lagoon 440 cat, and maybe we can pick one up on our travels. Until then, we’ll look forward to new adventures with our 9-lb terrier Lola, who gets whatever she wants.”

Ken goes by both the ‘Wolfman’ and ‘Lobo’, although nobody knows how that started. But both he and Tina enjoy “howling”.

**Tranquilo — Catalina 445 (W)  
Mike and Lori Haden  
Santa Barbara**

Mike, 64, is a software engineer. Lori is retired from medical office work. Their crew will be George Poe, 64, a retired scientist/engineer; and another yet to be named.

Mike has been crewing on private boats and charter yachts, both as First Mate and Captain, for 20 years. He bought *Tranquilo* 18 months ago.

*Tranquilo* is the vet of many Ha-Ha’s under the command of much-loved Lloyd Claus, who tragically died at age 80 two years ago after being run down by a bicycle while on his daily morning run.

Mike, George and two others were signed up for last year’s Nada Ha-Ha but didn’t get to leave on time because of Covid exposure. “We left later and had a nice trip to Turtle Bay.”

As Mike is about to retire, *Tranquilo* will continue south after the Ha-Ha to cruise the mainland Mexico coast for the first half of 2022. He’s dreamed of sailing to Tonga for 30 years since seeing a picture of it in *The Big Book of Adventure*.

“Joshua Slocum was pretty amazing,” says Mike, while John Kretschmer is an inspiring sailor-author, and Brian Trautman of *Delos* makes videos that inspire me to get out and explore the world.”

**Triena — Newport 41  
Tom and Patty Mitchell  
Anacortes / Tulalip, Washington**

Thomas, 67, a consultant, and Patty Johansen-Mitchell, a retired consultant, will be doublehanding.



The couple have been sailing for over 50 years, but in that time they've only owned one boat, the venerable C&C Redline/Newport 41 design from 1979. They've owned her for 25 years.

"She has been very well maintained" because she is their dream boat.

Their longest passage to date has been about 250 miles, a distance they will far exceed getting to the Ha-Ha starting line.

Their dream destination is anywhere their boat will take them, and after the Ha-Ha, that's going to be the Sea of Cortez.

**Tumbleweed — Outremer 42  
Matt and Tricia Daniel**

**Lahaina, HI / Seattle, WA** (2009, 2019)

Matt, 52, is a software developer, while Tricia is an RN case manager. He did the 2009 Ha-Ha, and they both did the 2019 Ha-Ha. Their crew will be Robin Willard, 75, retired from commercial construction; and Lynn Willard, Robin's wife, a retired dental hygienist.

Matt has been sailing since he was a child, while Tricia has been sailing since meeting Matt in 2012. *Tumbleweed*, which Matt co-owns with Tricia, is his third multihull. It was the last Outremer 42 built by Gerard Danson. Matt did the 2009 Ha-Ha with his original *Tumbleweed*, a Farrier 31 trimaran.

Matt's longest passage is Tahiti to Hawaii, Tricia says hers is Hawaii to Seattle. After the Ha-Ha, Matt says they are going wherever Tricia tells him to go. She tells the Poobah they might go back to French Polynesia or spend more time in the Sea of Cortez. A woman reserves the right to change her mind.

Matt dreams of arriving in Fiji aboard an H&H 55, while Tricia would prefer Tonga and then Fiji, but on an Outremer 51 or a Seawind 1370. Matt's sailing hero is Sir Robin-Knox Johnston, who they got to meet in 2018. Tricia has no sailing heroes.

Chocolate lava cake is the dessert staple aboard *Tumbleweed*.

"Doing the 2019 Ha-Ha led us to fall so deeply in love with Mexico that we bought a *casita* in La Paz, which is where we met our crew, Robin and Lynn.



*Typhoon, Troy and Birdie*

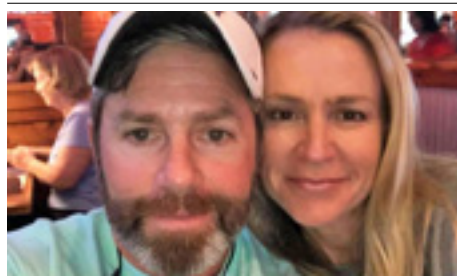
**Typhoon — Custom Ketch 62  
Troy Curran and Birdie Patterson**

**Bellingham, Washington**

Troy, 55, is a retired CEO, while "partner" Birdie is an "iSocial marketer". "I've been sailing all my life," says Troy. "I have owned at least 10 boats since I discovered sailing, but have now owned *Typhoon* for 17 years. Yes, she's steel, so yes, she rusts a lot. She's also very slow, but she's paid for.

"My longest passage has been from Seattle to Desolation Sound, B.C., which isn't that far. But casting off lines for the Ha-Ha will be the start of our-around-the-world tour. We plan to Puddle Jump in the spring.

"I'm a rightly without a nickname. Birdie is a lefty and obviously has her nickname. We both like whipped cream, and know "if it's gonna happen . . ."



*Valhalla, Brian and Lori*

**Valhalla — Beneteau 473 (W)  
Brian and Lori Rarey**

**Charleston / Grants Pass, OR**

Brian, 53, is a retired Sergeant Major from the Special Forces Command, while Lori is a Registered Nurse. They will doublehand. They will also be buddy-boating on the Ha-Ha with their sailing hero, Brian's brother, Sean, who is doing the Ha-Ha with his wife Amanda on *Serenity*.

Brian is new to sailing, but not the ocean or boating. He's previously owned three boats and picked up *Valhalla* in

2020 in preparation for cruising. His longest passage is 700 miles.

After the Ha-Ha, Brian and Lori will cruise the Sea for six months before returning to Oregon.

Their dream destination is Hawaii and the Pacific, and their dream boat is *Valhalla's* big sister, the Beneteau 57.

The right-handers don't have nicknames, but they both like strawberry shortcake. Fun fact: Lori's birthday is November 1, the start of the Ha-Ha.

**\*\*Veleva — Hylas 44  
Chad Walsh and Katrin Spirig**

**Tacoma / Redmond, WA** (2016)

Chad, 54, a self-described "goof off", did the Ha-Ha as captain in '16 along with Katrin, his spouse and "home school tormentor". Sons Benjamin, 14, and Leo, 12, both vets of the '16 Ha-Ha, will be along. There will be one other crew.

Chad has been sailing for 20 years, and his longest passage was nine days, from Newport, Rhode Island to Bermuda. The family plans to sail on to Tahiti in March.

The dream destination is "anywhere with a white sand beach, a bar, food, warm water, and a good band."

Chad's favorite quote is from Hemingway's *Green Hills of Africa*: "That most exciting perversion of life is the necessity of accomplishing something in less time than should truly be allowed for its doing.

"I'm the unofficial, self-appointed official President of the John Kretschmer Fan Club (overweight males over 50 only)." Kretschmer does charters aboard his Kaufman 47 *Quetzal* with his wife Tadji in the course of their five-year circumnavigation.

A good cab is the favored dessert for the adults on *Veleva*.

**Ventana — Beneteau 46.1  
Jim Lussier**

**San Francisco / Portola Valley**

(2018, 2019)

Jim, 64, is retired from the venture capital world and will have four crew. They include his best friend from college, David Port, 66, who is wrapping up a career in enterprise software in Silicon Valley.

Following the Ha-Ha, Jim hopes his wife Ellen will join him to cruise the Sea of Cortez before heading over to Puerto Vallarta and think about what's next. The Canal and Caribbean? The South

Pacific? Back to the Bay Area? So many options.

David has more definite dreams. After wrapping up his current assignment, his ambition is to sail the Whitsunday Island on a Hallberg-Rassy 57.

Jim is left-handed and proud of it. His sailing idol is John Kretschmer, and loves his sea stories, philosophies, and sense of humor.

Jim's favorite quote comes from Bob Dylan: "All I can be is who I am, whoever that is."

David prefers Hemingway's 'A man is never lost at sea', as well as affogato for dessert.

**Verano — Beneteau Oceanis 38  
James and Sandra Hirsch**

**Santa Barbara**

James, 64, an industrial designer, and Sandra, a CEO, will have two crew, not selected as of press time.

"I have been sailing for 53 years," reports James, "from Sabots to catamarans to our current monohull. We purchased *Verano* in Croatia three years ago and sailed her around the Adriatic until the pandemic hit. At that point, we had to ship her to California.

"I've never done a Ha-Ha before, but have wanted to since I first heard about it. My longest passage to date has been an Atlantic crossing via the Cape Verdes five years ago. After the Ha-Ha, we'll stay in Mexico awhile.

"My dream destination would be the South Pacific and Australia, and my dream boat would be the 158-ft Perini Navi *Tamsen* that is sometimes berthed in Santa Barbara.

"In the past five years I've been on some incredible journeys, from Fiji to New Caledonia to Panama to the BVIs, but the craziest waters I've ever traveled are 50 miles of the Florida ICW. That's truly nuts!"

When Sandra looked up the boat's previous name, it was *Vera*, for someone's grandmother. "No!" she said, "that will never do. So we rechristened her *Verano*, which means 'summer' in Spanish.

**Via — Caliber 40 LRC (W)  
Mike Szilagyi and Taylor Olcott**

**Seattle, Washington**

Mike, 35, is a retired police officer. That's pretty young to be retired, but if he retired from the Seattle Police Department, more than a few people would understand. He will be sailing south with spouse Taylor, 35, a still-active life coach.

"We caught the bug to go cruising five



*Watercolors Kids*

years ago," says Mike, "so we moved up from our Com-Pac 19 in the fall of 2020 and bought *Via*. She did the 2008 Ha-Ha as *Seeker*. We moved aboard her in Bellingham.

"After the Ha-Ha we may do the Pacific Puddle Jump, or we may go through the Canal to the Caribbean.

"We have many dream destinations, from the South Pacific to the Med, and just about everywhere in between. Our dream monohull would be an Outbound 46, while our dream cat would be a Seawind 1370.

"The name of our boat was inspired by this quote from Antonio Machado: "Wanderer, your footsteps are the road, and nothing more; wanderer, there is no road, the road is made by walking. By walking one makes the road, and upon glancing behind one sees the path that never will be trod again. Wanderer, there is no road — only wakes upon the sea".

Taylor likes chocolate for dessert while Mike enjoys a Manhattan. Lucy and Penny, their two English Setters, didn't mention a dessert preference.

**Water Guy — Bene Oceanis 40.1 (W)  
Michael McGuire**

**Santa Monica** (2003, 2010, 2016)

Michael, 73, is a retired environmental engineer who is a veteran of three Ha-Ha's. His crew will consist of Tom Yohe, who is also 73, retired, and the vet of two Ha-Ha's; and John Gilbert, 78, who has also done a Ha-Ha. *Water Guy* is surely one of the 'old salt' boats of the fleet.

"I'm a life-long lover of the water," says Michael, "and it's been both my profession and where I go to relax. From '70 to '72 I was the director of a research boat collecting samples in Delaware. From '01 to '14 I had a 39-ft trawler and was even

a member of the Ha-Ha in the No Comprende division.

"After selling my trawler, I saw the light and started sailing all over southern California. I also chartered out of La Paz. Early in 2021, I bought my Oceanis and plan to spend at least a year on her in the La Paz area."

Mike's dream destinations would be either the South Pacific or the Panama Canal, and he'd do it on his dream boat, which he already owns.

**\*\*\*Watercolors — Kelly Peterson 46  
Cole and Rebecca Walters**

**Ventura**

Cole, 32, is a finish carpenter. Rebecca is a homemaker, which the Poobah recognizes as being among the most under-appreciated occupations in the world. *Watercolors* is a family boat as the crew will consist of Carter, 8; Reed, 6; Cuyler, 1; and Dave Walters, 65, Cole's father, who is also a finish carpenter.

Cole and Rebecca have been sailing for 10 years and living aboard *Watercolors* for the last seven years. "Ours is a 'kid surf boat'," they say.

There are a record number of young families in this year's Ha-Ha. Given the Covid issues, problems with the school systems, and the general chaotic climate in the United States, the Poobah understands their decision to take off. If he was in the same situation, he would do the same thing. Based on what he's seen over the last 40 years, cruising is a great education for kids.

The Walters longest passage to date has been 2½ days. Still very young, at least viewed through the eyes of a 73-year-old, they still have plenty of time to fulfill their dream of sailing to Tahiti aboard a Hylas 56.



Their sailing heroes are Steve Dashew, who was raised on sailing by his father, and surfer/catamaran sailor John John Florence, who has a Gunboat 48 cat.

"If man can build it, man can fix it," is Cole's outlook. It's a great one for a boat-owner to have. Chocolate ice cream is the dessert on *Watercolors*.

**White Wolf — Morgan 384  
Leonard Parks and Anne Marie Burk  
Anacortes / Spokane, WA**

Leonard, 63, is a retired building engineer, while his wife Anne Marie, is a retired teacher. Their crew will be Lisa Wicks, a computer whiz; and Tom McLuen, 75, a retired teacher.

"I started sailing 40 years ago, and *White Wolf* is my third boat. I bought her in Newport, Rhode Island, and 'mothered'/sailed her to North Tonawanda, New York." The Poobah is going to assume that the 1983 Ted Brewer design was then trucked to the Pacific Northwest.

Can you guess Leonard's sailing hero? He was a United States Marine, an OSS agent, the captain of a ship at age 22, an author, and an actor who had starring roles in *The Asphalt Jungle*, *Johnny Guitar*, *Dr. Strangelove*, *The Godfather*, and *The Long Goodbye*. Prior to his death, he strode around Sausalito in kilts.

We're talking about the one and only Sterling Hayden, who defied a judge's order, grabbed his four kids, and famously sailed off to the South Pacific aboard his 94-ft schooner *Wanderer*.



*Wilderness, Naomi*

**\*\*Wilderness — Aerodyne 38  
Naomi Neville and Jeff Rothermel  
Manhattan Beach (2001, 2004))  
Jeff, 51, an engineer, and Naomi, an**

architect, are the lucky ones as they will be sailing south with daughters, Gwendolyn, 16, and Mary, 14.

"Jeff and I have been sailing together for 20 years," reports Naomi, "and have owned the *Wilderness* since 2000. We did the Ha-Ha the following year, and in 2004 spent six months sailing her to Newport, Rhode Island. Not only were we still together when we got there, we lived in Newport for 12 years.

"We recently moved back to Manhattan Beach and got our old berth back in King Harbor in Redondo Beach.

"We doublehanded the Ha-Ha in 2004, but this year will be sailing with our two daughters, who are excited but nervous about the adventure.

"While we hope to keep our boat in either Cabo or La Paz for the winter, our dream destination continues to be Two Harbors, Catalina, which we are fortunate enough to visit often."

A couple who have cruised from Southern California to Rhode Island and their dream destination is Two Harbors? Somebody contact the PR people there.

**Wind Waker — Oceanis 41  
Sundeep Ghuman  
Oakland (2009, 2018)**

Sundeep, 34, is a programmer/builder and will be sailing with three crew. They include Barry Demak, 55, a captain and sailing instructor who has done 1 and 1/3 Ha-Ha's. One-third? He was on the Ha-Ha boat that was hit by a whale and sunk about 10 years ago. Thanks to the crew and the Coast Guard, a "textbook rescue" was effected 180 miles south of the border.

"Seven years ago I decided that I wanted to live sustainably on a sailboat," says 'Capt Deep', "so I learned to sail. Two years ago I became the proud owner of my Oceanis 41.

'Capt Deep's' dream boat is a 50 to 60-foot catamaran that is fully outfitted with solar panels for unlimited sustainable traveling. "But for now, I just want to make it to the Med and bum around for a couple years. Eventually, I dream of sailing back to Thailand, and pulling up on Haad Wai Nam, where I first came up with this sailing dream."

Sundeep's sailing hero is "100%, without a doubt, Moana" of the 2017 Disney movie.

His favorite quote is from *Hamlet*: "Which dreams indeed are ambition, for the very substance of the ambitious is merely the shadow of a dream."



*Windhorse, Vickie and Dennis*

**Windhorse — Isl. Freeport 41 (W)  
Dennis Patterson and Vickie Reed  
Napa (2016)**

Dennis, a retired printer, and partner Vicki, a retired teacher, both did the Ha-Ha in 2016. They will have two crew.

Dennis has been boating for 30 years and sailing for eight years. Three years ago he earned his 50-ton master's license. He drives a water taxi in San Francisco as his retirement job. Vicki has been sailing for seven years and boating much longer than that.

The couple have been living aboard their Bob Perry design ever since returning from the '16 Ha-Ha, and even have wine on tap.

Their longest passage to date was Bashing north of Turtle Bay for 48 hours. They won't have to do that again for a while, because they plan on staying in Mexico.

*(Inside Sailing: Before the Poobah started Latitude 38 in 1976, he sold boats, including one of the first Islander Freeport 41s. That boat appeared in the then very large Cow Palace Boat Show in San Francisco, after which it became surprisingly popular. One even starred in a television series. Who can name that show?)*

**WindStar — Liberty 49 (W)  
Stephen and Bente Millard  
Santa Barbara (2010, 2015, 2018)**

Stephen, 68, is a festival producer and yacht broker, while Bente is an attorney. The couple have done three Ha-Ha's, and as always Senji, their Shih Tzu, will round out the crew.

"This will be our fourth season in Mexico aboard our meticulously restored 1986 Liberty 49, the fourth of 13 that were built. Someone said the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over again and expecting a different result. If so, we

must be crazy, because each of our trips has been a different adventure. We're looking forward to meeting new friends on the Ha-Ha, knowing that we'll run into many of them again in the different anchorages in Mexico."

Both Stephen and Bente will be working remotely from Mexico. Bente in real estate and business law, Stephen in mega arts, festival producing, and yacht sales. "It means we'll occasionally fly home for business. But we'll also have family fly down to meet us in our favorite places.

"While our local cruising grounds of the northwest Channel Islands are beautiful, we can't wait to be jumping overboard into 80-degree water again."

To add a bit of culture to the program, Bente is a common girl's name in Denmark and the Netherlands, and means 'Blessed'. It is pronounced Ben-Tah. Benedict is the male version.



*Windswept, Don and Gloria*

**Windswept — 2000 Hylas 46  
Don Chaney and Gloria Bell  
Monterey County**

Don, 67, and Gloria are both retired. He as a tile contractor, she as an executive for an apple juice company.

Don has been sailing most of his life. He bought his first boat, *Inyala*, a 47-ft gaff yawl that was built in 1901 while in the Med. Yes, 1901. "*Inyala* owned me, not the other way around," he admits. "But lots of fun."

While working in the oil fields in Singapore, he found *Lukana*, a 41-ft ketch. He eventually sailed her across the mighty Indian Ocean to Perth, Western Australia, to see Dennis Conner win the 1986 America's Cup.

Gloria began her ocean adventures skippering her Carver 32 motoryacht, frequently in the Monterey Bay Triangle of Moss Landing, Santa Cruz and Monterey. She was at a local tavern one day when Don asked her to dance. They've been dancing together ever since.

In March of 2019, the couple traveled



*Wine N Down, Steve*

to Gig Harbor, Washington to look at a Hylas 46 for sale. Despite the fact that she had four inches of snow and ice on her deck, they purchased her. The most exciting part of their trip down to Moss Landing was at the beginning, the notorious Strait of San Juan de Fuca.

"We plan on cruising in Mexico for a year, then south to Ecuador, and finally right to the South Pacific and beyond."

**Wine N Down — Leopard 58 Cat  
Steve Skolnik  
Marina Bay Richmond / Sonoma**

Steve, 62, will be sailing south with friend Bob Martin, 69. We assume there will be additional crew, as the boat has six cabins and seven heads.

Steve has been boating for 36 years, but sailing for only six years. He's owned seven boats and has owned *Wine N Down* for three years.

His longest passage to date has been nine days from Virginia to the Virgin Islands, which is normally a much more challenging passage than San Diego to Cabo San Lucas. His plan after the Ha-Ha is to return to the Virgin Islands and then Europe, although he really wishes he could do it with a solar-powered catamaran.

Steve likes Angel Food cake, and his favorite quote is "Abandon ship!" The Poobah likes people with a sense of humor.

**Wren — Ron Holland 43  
Tim Prouty and Wren Herring  
Newport, Rhode Island / Sausalito**

Tim is still active in media marketing despite being 75, while Wren, the boat's namesake, is a Registered Nurse.

Tim has been sailing since a kid, starting on Minnesota's lakes. After moving to the Bay Area in '79, he bought a Ranger 23, and a few years later moved up to the Ericson 35 that he kept for a quarter of a century.

*Wren* is one of 13 Ron Holland 43s that were built to order. Tim "stalked" her online before finally picking her up in Rhode Island in '07. After a season there, the couple needed a warmer location, so they moved to Norfolk and enjoyed five years of great sailing and friends on the Chesapeake Bay.

After trucking the boat to Sausalito, they've been enjoying *Wren* on the Bay and in the ocean.

*Wren* is Tim's dream boat, while *Wren* would prefer a 70-ft catamaran in the Caribbean, as it would have room for all her family and friends.

Beryl and Miles Smeeton are Tim and Wren's sailing heroes. For you young pups out there, Miles Smeeton (1906-1988) and Beryl Smeeton (1905-1979) were an outstanding couple of travelers, pioneers, explorers, mountaineers, cruising sailors, recipients of numerous sailing awards, farmers, prolific authors, and wildlife conservationists. They famously pitch-poled on their way to Cape Horn.



*Wren, Tim and Wren*



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Equanimous.....	Hans Christian 34 .....	Brett Klein .....	Victoria / Edmonton, AB
Aventura .....	Camper-Nicholson 35.....	Robert Fyfe .....	Richmond
Pelagia.....	Rafiki 37 .....	Geoffrey Campbell.....	Livermore
Via.....	Caliber 40 LRC .....	Mike Szilagyi & Taylor Olcott .....	Seattle, WA
Swan Song II .....	Endeavour 40.....	Peter Loeffler.....	Deep Bay, BC.
Windhorse .....	Islander Freeport 41 .....	Dennis Patterson & Vickie Reed .....	Napa
Epsilon.....	Island Packet 41 SP .....	William Southon & Cheryl Locke.....	Morgan Hill
Helvick.....	Hans Christian 48T .....	Liam & Margaret Kiely .....	San Jose
WindStar .....	Liberty 49 .....	Stephen Millard.....	Santa Barbara
Magic Carpet.....	Custom Dutch Built 60 .....	Jack Buckley.....	San Diego

## BURRITO DIVISION – MONOHULLS - WHITE SAILS ONLY

Knot to Tipsea .....	Hunter 356 .....	Matthew Gray.....	Colorado Springs, CO
Aventurera.....	Island Packet 36 .....	Mike Colburn & Steve Smigay .....	Phoenix
Dances With Winds ...	Catalina 36.....	Eric Walker & Ana Bilbao.....	Oxnard
Petrichor .....	Catalina 36.....	Sean Kolk & Kate Schnippering .....	Oakland
Endeavor .....	Hunter Legend 37.5.....	Todd & Shana Forsman .....	Oceanside
Favignana .....	Bavaria Ocean 38 .....	Elliot Schlegelmilch & Margot McKirdy....	Friday Harbor, WA
Grey Goose .....	Beneteau Oceanis 390 .....	Chad Kominek .....	Camarillo
First Light.....	Hallberg Rassy 39 .....	Don Atwood .....	La Veta, CO
Water Guy.....	Beneteau Oceanis 40.1 .....	Michael McGuire.....	Santa Monica
Red Surge .....	Hanse 400e.....	Paul Reshaur.....	Victoria, BC

## CEVICHE DIVISION – MONOHULLS - WHITE SAILS ONLY

Sirena .....	Beneteau Oceanis 41 .....	Nashun Robinson & Jennifer Kobow .....	San Diego
Bambu .....	Newport 41 .....	Zak Crawford .....	Marina Del Rey
It's About Time.....	Hunter 42 .....	John & Christal Bell.....	Chula Vista
Nereid.....	Catalina 425.....	Larry & Donna Davis.....	Riverside
Serenity.....	Catalina 42 Mark II.....	Sean & Amanda Rarey .....	Galice, OR
Emy Lou.....	Hunter 430 .....	Casey Wendeborn.....	Long Beach
Sundancer .....	Beneteau 423.....	Todd Power.....	Marina Del Rey
Tranquilo.....	Catalina 445.....	Mike & Lori Haden .....	Santa Barbara
Anna Maria .....	Island Packet 420 .....	Matthew & Merja Clegg .....	Los Angeles

## DESPERADO DIVISION – MONOHULLS - WHITE SAILS ONLY

Compass Rose.....	Morgan 45.....	Randy & Joanne Weeton .....	Alameda
Elixir.....	Freedom 45.....	Colin Rogers & Christina Spring.....	San Leandro
Stella Blue.....	Hunter 460 .....	Kim & Larry LaPrade.....	San Diego
Gadabout .....	Outbound 46.....	Lee Bultou.....	San Diego
Valhalla.....	Beneteau Oceanis 473 .....	Brian & Lori Rarey.....	Grants Pass, OR
Moana.....	Tayana 48 .....	Rodney & Billie Norton.....	Portland, OR
Echo Juliet.....	Jeanneau 509 .....	Bob Bavasi.....	Everett, WA
Morgan le Fay.....	Gulfstar 50 .....	Ethan & Natasha VanMatre.....	Portland, OR
Aurora.....	Jeanneau 53' .....	Michael Lewis and Lois Mandel .....	San Diego

## ENCHILADA DIVISION – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Oscar.....	Pearson Triton 29.....	Ray Scott.....	San Diego
La Bonbonniere.....	Rawson 30 .....	Keith Davis.....	Santa Rosa
Sparklemuffin.....	Cabo Rico 34 .....	Chuck Batson .....	San Rafael
Haka .....	Mull 34 .....	Michael Mauney.....	Santa Barbara
Cleo II .....	Hans Christian 34 .....	Robert & Elaine Tinus .....	Pacifica
Andiamo .....	Union 36.....	Corey Rose .....	Westport, W
Gypsy .....	Islander Freeport 36 .....	Daniel Lewis & Rebecca Runnels.....	Seattle, WA
Aurora.....	Cape George 36.....	Todd Blanchard & Ann Case.....	San Diego
On3.....	Cape George 38.....	Jeff & Marcia Parten .....	San Francisco
Hosea.....	Allied Princess 36.....	Timan Eatherton & Ari Davalos .....	Sausalito
Azimuth.....	Pearson 365.....	Scott Racette & Ashley Gremel .....	Oakland
Dulcinea .....	Pearson 36-2.....	Ken & Monica Grismore.....	Escondido

## FRIJOLE DIVISION – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Bloom County.....	Mancebo 31.....	Elliott James.....	Tiburon
Strange Bird .....	Tartan 3700.....	Mark Rossman.....	Ventura
Wilderness.....	Aerodyne 38 .....	Naomi Neville & Jeff Rothermel .....	Manhattan Beach
Thirst Responder.....	C&C 121 .....	Stacey Dobson .....	Indio
Shenanigans.....	J/120 rates 55 .....	Michael Clarke & Phyllis Crosswhite.....	Placerville
Celebration.....	Beneteau First 38.....	Stephen & Dianna Sweet.....	Chico
Coyote .....	Beneteau First 42.....	Scott Smith & Mary Culley .....	Santa Cruz
Wren .....	Ron Holland 43 .....	Tim Prouty & Wren Herring .....	Sausalito
Tabu .....	Farr 44.....	Jim & Michele Leonard .....	Kenmore, WA
Day Dreams.....	X-Yacht / Ap44.....	Robert Day.....	Laguna Beach
Salacia.....	Santa Cruz 53C.....	Peter & Donna Molettiere.....	San Francisco
Sugar .....	J-160.....	Garry & Suesan Pawlitski.....	Santa Barbara

## GUACAMOLE DIVISION – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Fair Winds.....	Pacific Seacraft 37.....	Randy & Elizabeth Jenson.....	Woodinville, WA
Talos IV.....	Pacific Seacraft 37.....	Gary Gray .....	Monterey
Ole Sarah.....	Beneteau 37.....	Wesley Jenkins .....	Lafayette
Lorien.....	Panda 38.....	Lance & Amy Lindsay.....	Tacoma, WA
Esperanza .....	Catalina 380.....	Mike Whalen & Bill Nork .....	El Dorado Hills
Lucky Star.....	Catalina 38.....	Norb Szczurek .....	Truckee
Peregrine Spirit.....	Ericson 38.....	Thomas Fisic.....	San Diego
Verano .....	Beneteau Oceanis 38 .....	James & Sandra Hirsch .....	Santa Barbara
White Wolf.....	Morgan 384.....	Leonard Parks & Anne Marie Burk .....	Spokane, WA
Josie .....	Dehler 39 .....	Jo & David Sandry .....	Sausalito
Rebecca Leah.....	C&C Landfall 39.....	Doug Mountjoy.....	Port Orchard, WA
Maggie .....	C & C 39.....	Martin Leon.....	Rancho Palos Verdes

## HUEVOS RANCHEROS – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Avocet .....	Caliber 40LRC .....	Issac Ohana.....	Palo Alto
Imagine.....	Caliber 40 LRC .....	JR Rousseve & Corinne McCarty .....	Rio Rico, AZ
Berkana .....	Valiant 40 .....	Greg Andrew .....	Maple Bay, BC
Just Lucky .....	Pacific Seacraft 40.....	Ron & Kirsten Ridsen.....	Seattle, WA
Mi Casa .....	Hunter Legend 40.....	Leo Lee .....	San Diego
Sonder.....	Sabre 402 .....	Dale Shupe .....	Eagar, AZ
Sukha.....	Bristol 40.....	Lucy James.....	San Pedro Mártir, Baja
Second Wind.....	Sun Odyssey 41 DS.....	Rodrigo Basave .....	La Jolla
Triaina.....	Newport 41 .....	Tom & Patty Mitchell .....	Tulalip, WA
Wind Waker .....	Oceanis 41.....	Sundeeep Ghuman.....	Oakland
Black Crow .....	Morgan Out-Island 41.....	Tim Neumann.....	Long Beach

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Celtic Song .....	Pacific Seacraft 42.....	Diane & John Berol .....	San Diego
Cloudbreak .....	Hylas 42 .....	Rick Alvarez .....	Fullerton
Dakota .....	Hunter Passage 42 .....	Ryan & Christina Dixon.....	Rocklin
Ever After.....	Jeanneau SO 440 .....	Andrew & Laura Park.....	Chico
Fairwyn .....	S&S 42 .....	Richard & Gayle Leland.....	Durham
Jolly Rodger .....	Catalina 42 .....	Blake Maxwell & Rodger Maxwell.....	Newport Beach
Lady Kate .....	Catalina 42 MkII.....	Sandra & Lawrence Blanchette .....	Walnut Creek
Ohana.....	Catalina MKII 42 .....	Stephany Thompson & Becky Thom .....	Walnut Creek
Pantera .....	Catalina 42.....	Brenda & Steve VandenBerg.....	San Juan Capistrano
Redemption.....	Hinckley OC 42.....	Thomasina Ann Trautwein .....	Pillar Point Harbor
Oasis .....	Hunter Passage 42 .....	Kurtis & Kay Nelson .....	Ceres
Sweet Adeline.....	Wauquiez / Centurion 42 .....	Jabez Palmer & Anne Phyfe Palmer .....	Seattle, WA

## JALAPENO DIVISION – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Set Me Free .....	Beneteau 423.....	Jimmy & Kelly Aviles.....	Oceanside
Adios .....	Columbia 43.....	Craig Shaw & Neonta Bell .....	Portland, OR
Jubel.....	Gulfstar 44 .....	Kyle & Leah Mackenzie .....	Victoria, BC
Kastaway.....	Hunter 420 CC .....	Steve Cloney.....	Placerville
Key Lime Pie.....	Kelly Peterson 44 .....	Pawel Drzazga.....	Clovis
Mykonos .....	Swan 44 .....	Myron & Marina Eisenzimmer .....	San Geronimo
Odyssey .....	Islander 44 CC.....	Alex Huang .....	Menlo Park / Mazatlan
Restless .....	Kelly Peterson 44 .....	John & Natalie Ross.....	Centerfield, UT
Sea Bella .....	Brewer 44.....	Scott & Kathy Erwin .....	San Luis Obispo
Second Wind .....	Dufour 44 .....	David Bombard & Robin Mitchell .....	Comptch

## KILO DIVISION – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Intrepid .....	Hylas 44 CC.....	Russ & Debbie Noorda.....	South Lake Tahoe
Veella.....	Hylas 44 .....	Chad Walsh & Katrin Spirig .....	Redmond, WA
Prana .....	Hunter 45CC .....	Tom & Marianne Mangold .....	Carmel
Silver Linings.....	Sun Odyssey 45.2.....	Mark & Robin LaFeviers .....	Carpinteria
Evening Star .....	Morgan 461 .....	Blair Eldridge & Natasha Sinkinson .....	Dana Point
Flyer.....	Outbound 46.....	Wayne & Susan Koide .....	Incline Village, NV
Shamaal.....	Outbound 46.....	Jerry & Jane McNaboe.....	South Lake Tahoe
Watercolors .....	Kelly Peterson 46 .....	Cole & Rebecca Walters.....	Ventura
Fundango .....	Bavaria 46.....	Scott Sibbald & Joanne Pilkington.....	Carson City
Nike .....	Maple Leaf 48 .....	Robert & Dorothy Birnie.....	San Jose

## LANGOSTINO DIVISION – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Cara Mia .....	Beneteau Oceanis 46 .....	James & Edith Jones .....	San Diego
Landfall.....	Jeanneau 46 .....	Scott Culver & Suzie Edwards .....	Seal Beach
Exit Strategy .....	Jeanneau SO 45.2 .....	Steve Ginder.....	Park City, UT
Windswept.....	Hylas 46.....	Don Chaney & Gloria Bell.....	Moss Landing
Chaos .....	Beneteau First 47.7.....	Mark & Karen Williams.....	Anchorage, AK
Christina .....	Morris 486.....	Steve & Stephanie Stroub.....	Tiburon
Shades of Grey.....	Beneteau Oceanis 48 .....	Eric Coyle.....	Channel Islands
Ventana .....	Beneteau 46.1.....	Jim Lussier.....	Portola Valley

## MARGARITA DIVISION – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Pacem .....	Islander 48C .....	Terrence Berger.....	San Francisco
Hokulani.....	Tayana 48 .....	Tony Rogers.....	Leucadia
Ilmatar .....	Valiant 50 .....	Jan-Åke Schulz .....	Moose Pass, AK
Talion.....	Gulfstar 50 .....	Patsy Verhoeven.....	Portland/La Paz
Aloha .....	Amel Super Maramu 53 .....	Steve & Liz Davis .....	Honolulu, HI
Jamala.....	Amel Maramu 53.....	Allen & Maria Wadsworth.....	Hampshire, England
Sacagawea.....	Caliber 47 LRC .....	Bill McCormack & Kristin Janczewski.....	Missoula, MT
Corahleen.....	Herreshoff 56 .....	Rick Bishoprick .....	Ridgefield, WA
Argo.....	Thorpe Seepo 59.....	Douglas Thorpe .....	Mesa, AZ
Typhoon.....	Custom Ketch 62.....	Troy Curran & Birdie Patterson .....	Bellingham, WA

## NACHO DIVISION – MONOHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

Dream Catcher.....	Jeanneau 49 .....	Chris Chase-Dunn & Carolyn Hock.....	Riverside
Resolute.....	Beneteau First 50.....	Peter Lane & Nicole Lecher.....	Park City UT
Rochambeau.....	Beneteau 49.....	John & Marcy Baker .....	Anchorage, AK
Seahorse .....	Beneteau 49.....	Robert Knox & Jayne Gunning .....	Los Angeles
Soirée .....	Beneteau Oceanis 49 .....	Steve & Connie Hill .....	San Rafael
Scout .....	Jeanneau SO 52.2 .....	Greg Himes.....	Placerville
Quality Problems.....	Beneteau Oceanis 51.1 .....	Dan Murphy & Theresa Reiley.....	San Diego / Cabo
Second Verse.....	Hylas 54.....	Bill & Sally Andrew .....	Reno, NV
Reverence.....	Tayana 58 .....	Mike & Leah Otis.....	Kansas City, MO
Abriocot V / Ulman Sails .....	Beneteau 62.....	Chuck Skewes & Rolando Gutierrez.....	San Diego/La Paz
Emma .....	Deerfoot 62.....	Kurt Christofferson.....	Santa Barbara
Runaway.....	Hylas 70.....	Julie & Lowell Potiker .....	La Jolla

## OCEANUS DIVISION – MULTHULLS – WHITE SAILS ONLY

Cool Change .....	Gemini 34 Cat.....	Ed & Cindy Neiman .....	Copperopolis
Time Out.....	Gemini 105MC Cat .....	Dan Wood .....	San Diego
Aeolus.....	Excess 15 - 49' Cat.....	Marilyn Collins.....	Los Angeles

## PICO DE GALLO DIVISION – MULTHULLS WITH SPINNAKER

K2.....	Corsair 36 Tri .....	Bryan Martin & Nancy Virostko .....	Santa Cruz
Land For Sail .....	Lagoon 40.....	David & Melody Peery .....	Riverside
The Cat.....	Fountaine Pajot 39 .....	Bill Austin .....	Marina Del Rey
Aria's Song.....	Lagoon 400 S2.....	Richard & Carolyn Doherty.....	Porter Ranch
Tumbleweed.....	Outremer 42.....	Matt & Tricia Daniel.....	Seattle, WA
Reality Check.....	Lagoon 42.....	Mike & Renee Allen.....	Trabuco Canyon
Deguello.....	Crowthor 48 .....	Jason & Candice Deal.....	San Anselmo
Arkouda.....	Privilege 49 .....	Mark & Carli McKinney .....	San Jose / Ensenada
Kalewa.....	Custom 50 Cat.....	Kevin & Katie Millett.....	Kalaheo, Kauai, HI
Wine N Down.....	Leopard 58 Cat.....	Steve Skolnik.....	Sonoma

## QUESO DIVISION – POWERBOATS

My Carbon Footprint... Sea Ray 400.....	Gary Lawrence .....	Puerto Vallarta	
No Worries.....	Sea Ray 410.....	Daniel Higbee.....	Salt Lake City, UT
Tits Pierre.....	Pilot House 45.....	Ken Wolf & Tina Ustation .....	San Pedro
Seabiscuit.....	Watson 48.....	Belinda Erdelt & David Herndon.....	Houston, TX
Gabriella.....	Symbol Yachtfisher 51 .....	Nadav Rozenberg.....	Laguna Hills

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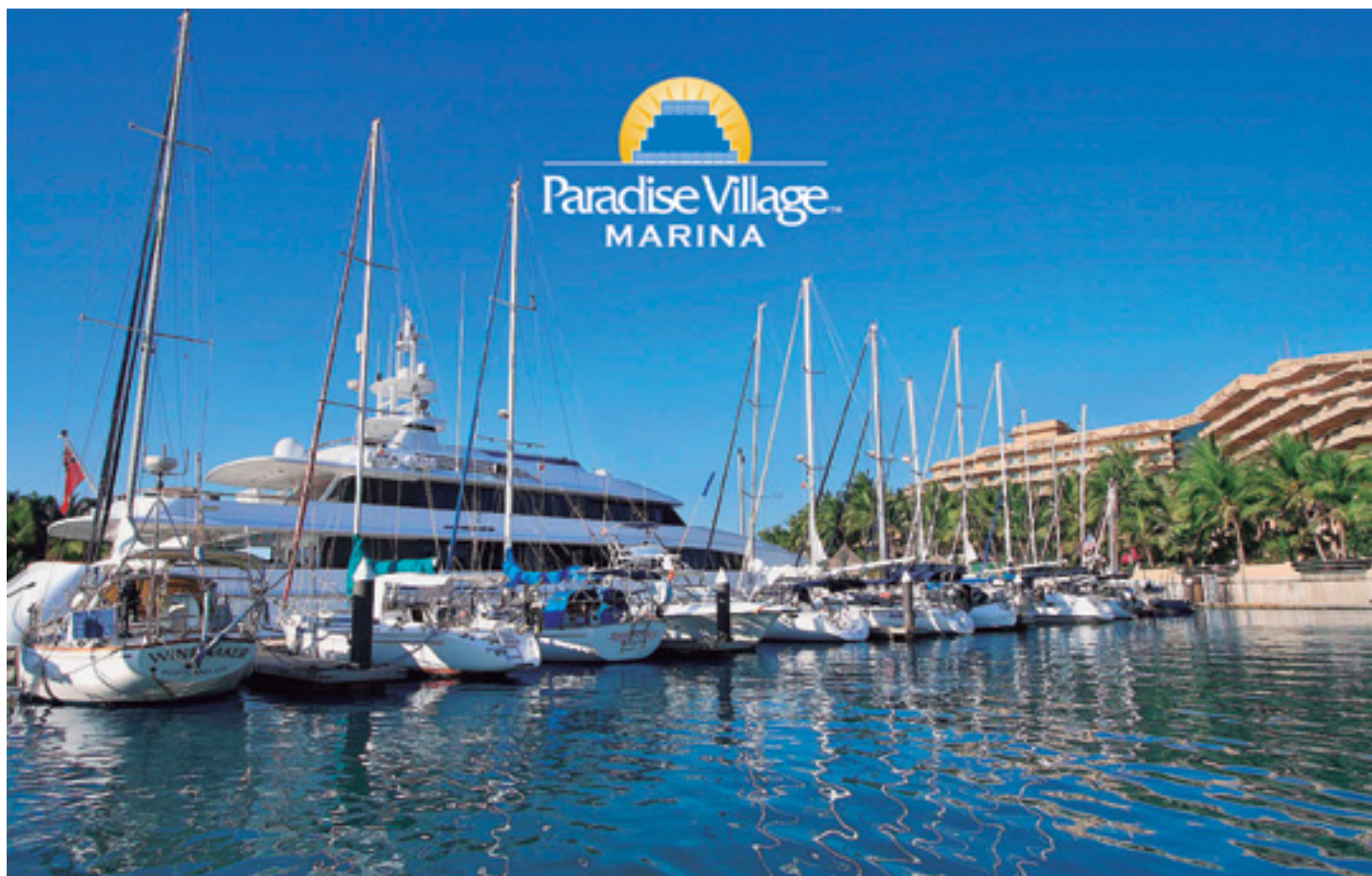
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- 24 hrs. security
- Vallarta yacht club
- Special area for marina guests
- Restrooms
- Lockers
- Showers
- Pool and jacuzzi
- Free access to all the facilities of our 5 star hotel
- Dive tank refilled
- Propane refill

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