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CHASING THE SETTING SUN —

PACIFIC PUDDLE JUMP 2011

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**J**ust as many species of waterfowl feel an innate urge to migrate north every spring, hundreds of adventure-hungry sailors gather in ports along the West Coast of the Americas to join the annual springtime migration to French Polynesia — a 3,000-mile blue-water passage we like to call the Pacific Puddle Jump.



**Don and Debbie are in no hurry to bring 'Buena Vista' back to 'Oz'.**

We tracked down dozens of these hardy voyagers last month in Mexico and Panama in order to toast their departure and get to know them so we could share their stories with you in these pages.

As in years past, we met dozens of Jumpers at our annual PPJ Send-off Party at the Vallarta YC (February 4) in Nuevo Vallarta's well-named Paradise Village Resort (the Club was our generous co-host). We'll introduce you to them here.

Next month we'll bring you a second installment of Puddle Jumper mini-profiles, featuring the westbound cruisers we met February 12 at the Balboa YC in Panama (there again, the Club graciously co-hosted).

By the time you read this, some of these lucky vagabonds will already have set sail from Mexico, Panama or the Galapagos for the storied landfalls of Polynesia. We hope to bring you some of their crossing tales in upcoming issues. But for the moment, allow us to

introduce you to the Pacific Puddle Jump Class of 2011 (part I):

## **Pua'ena — Outbound 44 Mark & Dot Hazlett, Honolulu, HI**

Not long after Mark and Dorothy met 20 years ago, he found out that she'd cruised extensively during the '70s — including a double-handed return to the West Coast from French Polynesia — and he knew she was the girl for him.

Because their home is in Hawaii, they've planned a South Pacific circuit that will have them island-hopping to New Zealand, then north to Fiji and on to Hawaii. After raising four kids together, it's time for them to go out and have some big fun as a couple again.

## **Buena Vista — Formosa Peterson 46 Don & Debbie Robertson, Ventura, CA**

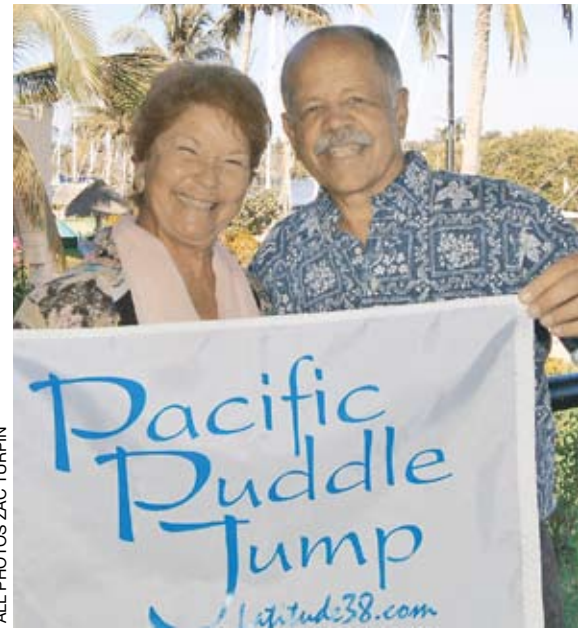
Don and Debbie don't mind telling how they met. "She picked me up in a bar," admits Don. "And it was pretty easy to do!" Although they have different roots — he's an Aussie and she's American — they hit it off immediately and have been together ever since.

Neither of them grew up sailing, though. In fact, they found their first boat perched in a cow pasture near Chico. When Don first saw it his gut told him to buy it. "We scared ourselves silly trying to figure out how to sail it on Lake Oroville," admits Debbie. But eventually they got it together, and after moving to Ventura they honed their cruising skills in the Channel Islands.

The game plan now is to take a couple of seasons sailing *Buena Vista* 'home' to Australia, where they'll spend their retirement years.

## **Dash — Yamaha 36 Gary Malloy Los Angeles, CA**

Gary can pinpoint the exact beginning of his cruising dreams: when he read Robin Lee Graham's best-seller *Dove* at age 12. Now, more than four decades later, he's glad to finally be having some seagoing adventures of his own. "I don't want



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**Dot and Mark will eventually complete a circuit aboard 'Pua'ena' to their Hawaii homeport.**

to be sitting in a rocking chair when I'm 80 saying to myself, 'Why didn't you do that?'"

The fact that he's singlehanded will make the trip all the more challenging, but he will have help: "Sally, my Sailomat windvane steering device, is a great crew member. She doesn't eat anything and does exactly as she's told."

**Fleet members were all smiles at our Paradise Village shindig in February. But who wouldn't be when they're about to sail to Tahiti?**





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His cruise plan: "Just keep doing it as long as it's fun."

**Narama — Brolga 33**  
**Stephen Anstee & Heidi Krajewsky**  
**Sydney, AUS**

Stephen, an Aussie who took his first sailboat trip when he was 3 months old,



*This time Stephen and Heidi are taking 'Narama' downwind instead of upwind.*

got together with Heidi, a Canadian, when they were both crewing on the charter schooner *Maple Leaf* in B.C. and Southeast Alaska.

After working and traveling together for six years, they got married and start-

ed looking for a boat of their own. They eventually found this sloop in Australia and brought her home to B.C. on her own bottom — after recovering from a humbling setback in the Tasman Sea.

"The idea this time," says Stephen, "is to sail down to Australia, work for a while, then return to B.C. via the ring of fire — that is, via Japan."

**Zephyr — Shin Fa 45.8**  
**Bill & Tracy Hudson**  
**Denver, CO**

"We've been sailing for almost 30 years, but it's all been on inland lakes throughout New Mexico and Colorado," explains Bill. Then three years ago they sold their business and bought this boat — which was a prototype for the *Liberty 458*. During the past 20 months, they've logged 8,000 miles.

What was their inspiration? "I think the dream started with my uncle in Seattle who took us out on his 36-ft sailboat during our honeymoon," Tracy recalls. "It was just so relaxing and so much fun."

Bill claims it's Tracy who's been driving their departure. "It was kind of my idea," she says. "I bought the boat and it was like, 'I'm going with or without you, and I'd kind of like to have you with me so. . .'" Luckily it didn't take much arm twisting to get him to agree.

**Merkava — Fraser 41**  
**Mark Aisbett & Yuka Morino**  
**Vancouver, BC**

Mark first met Yuka while they were hiking near Vancouver. As she got to know him, she learned that he had a burning desire to ex-



plore the world under sail — something she knew nothing about. "The dream started when I was about 7 or 8 years old," Mark recalls. "I remember reading a book about sailing, and I decided that was something I had to do someday." Four years ago Mark announced to Yuka



*It wasn't hard for Mark to convince Yuka to join him aboard 'Merkava'.*

"We're going!" She was a bit shocked, but said, "Okay, I'm in!" And they've been happily cruising ever since.

**La Fiesta — Catalina 42**  
**The Clarke family, Brisbane, AUS**

Australians David and Angelina came all the way to California just to go shopping — for a boat that is. Their prized purchase is this sweet *Catalina 42* that they'll now deliver home to Brisbane, with the help of their 4-year-old daughter Natalie.

If that sounds ambitious, fear not. This family previously made a trip from Oz to South Africa when Natalie was only 8 months old.





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## Sudden Stops Necessary — Beneteau First 38s5

### Chet Chauhan, San Francisco, CA

Chet's initial Puddle Jump goal was to be the first British, Kenyan-born sailor of East Indian descent to enter the rally. Mission accomplished. Folks from all over the world have entered previous



The magic of tequila helped Chet (right) recruit his French-speaking crewman, Cyrille.

Jumps, but that combination is definitely unique.

His second PPJ goal is a bit tougher: to sail the entire route (no engine hours), as he did last fall in the Baja Ha-Ha rally. With the fickle nature of winds in the ITCZ (doldrums), that could be a chal-

lenge. But if Chet finds himself drifting on an equatorial calm, he'll have good company: his friend Cyrille, who's been dubbed the 'secret weapon', as he is French. The pair met on the Ha-Ha and Chet later convinced Cyrille to join his South Pacific adventure, thanks to the manipulative affects of tequila.

Chet recalls, "Ever since I read a Puddle Jump Recap article in *Latitude* 10 years ago, I've been determined to do it myself someday."

## Aeolus — Hans Christian 38T Ib & Yadranka Svane, Pt Lincoln, AUS

Ib, who comes from a Danish sailing family, hooked up with Yadranka in her native Australia many years ago. "He talked about going cruising for a long time," she explains, "but I thought it was just talk. Then one day he shocked me when he started shopping for a boat. And as I look back now, this has been the best thing we've ever done."

They both report having had a wonderful time

cruising Mexico and are now looking forward to exploring the South Pacific isles and beyond.

## Dilligaf — Jeanneau 49 DS Bill Teasdale & Sue Dalton Bellevue, WA

These days, more and more single people meet through social networking sites. But not Bill and Sue. They met back in 2001 while on a scuba diving trip to remote Truk Lagoon — the Japanese military's most formidable Pacific stronghold during WWII.

Even though they are both longtime water lovers — Bill spent years as a diver aboard a U.S. Navy sub — it took a while to convince Sue to set off into the sunset aboard a sailboat. Bill, who claims he's wanted to explore the world under sail since he was 16, tells us he finally convinced her to try cruising last year. Since then, they've made two trips to Alaska and are now beginning an open-ended Pacific cruise.



Yadranka didn't realize Ib was serious about going cruising.



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## 2011 PACIFIC PUDDLE JUMP FLEET

(This list is undoubtedly incomplete, as many boats typically escape the 'Latitude radar')

Boat Name	Owners & Crew	Boat Type	Homeport
<i>A Blue Moon</i>	Rob & Jo Woollacott	Woollacott 45	Devonport, NZL
<i>Abora</i>	Wolfgang & Ellen Buelow	Amel Super Maramu 53	Heidelberg, DEU
<i>Aeolus</i>	Ib & Yadranka Svane	Hans Christian 38T	Port Lincoln, AUS
<i>Ainia</i>	Bruce Clark & June Wan	Bristol 45.5	Whitby, ON
<i>Alcheringa II</i>	W Campbell & B Richardson	Van de Stadt 44	Edmonton, AB
<i>AmoreKai</i>	Gino Valente	Tayana 37PH	San Francisco, CA
<i>Anna X</i>	Helmut Supper	Jeanneau Espace 1100	Vienna, AUT
<i>Architeuthis</i>	Jared Kibele	Mariner 31	Moss Landing, CA
<i>Balquhiddier</i>	Don & Stella Patterson	Hunter 450	Tacoma, WA
<i>Blue</i>	Neville & Maggie Hansen	Nordhavn 46	Channel Islands
<i>Bobbie</i>	Emily	Magellan 36	Marina del Rey, CA
<i>Boundless!</i>	Richard Clennett	Privilege 495	Hobart, AUS
<i>Braveheart</i>	Bob Callaway	MacGregor 65 PH cutter	Pleasant Harbor, WA
<i>Britannia</i>	Krister & Amanda Bowman	CS 36	San Francisco, CA
<i>Buena Vista</i>	Don & Debbie Robertson	Formosa Peterson 46	Ventura, CA
<i>Calou</i>	Bruce & Pascale Powell	Sun Odyssey 45	Tiburon, CA
<i>C'est la Vie</i>	Sammy Hajinikitas	Maxi Yacht 88	Sydney, AUS
<i>Ceilydh</i> (Kay-lee)	Evan Gatehouse & Diane Selkirk	Woods Meander 40	Vancouver, BC
<i>Champagne</i>	Clark Hamm & Marga Bakker	Beneteau First 42	Los Angeles, CA
<i>Changing Spots</i>	Robert Watson	Leopard 40	Vancouver, BC
<i>Chesapeake</i>	James Fair & Linda Powers	Outbound 46	Berkeley, CA
<i>Cuba Libre 3</i>	Orlando Duran & Linda Richards	Catalina-Morgan 440	Marina del Rey, CA
<i>Dash</i>	Gary Malloy	Yamaha 36	Los Angeles, CA
<i>Dazzler</i>	Daniel Morrison	Union Polaris 36	Marina del Rey, CA
<i>Dilligaf</i>	William Teasdale	Jeanneau 49 DS	Bellevue, WA
<i>Distant Shores</i>	Gary & Cindy Ladd	Lafitte 44	Alameda, CA
<i>Doim' It</i>	James & Kimberly Knull	Pearson 362	Maui, Hawaii
<i>Dolphin</i>	Skip White	Islander 44	Port San Luis, CA
<i>Don Quixote</i>	Dean & Toast Conger	Lagoon 380	Seattle, WA

<i>Endorfin</i>	G Quesnel & K Precepa-Quesnel	Coronado 35	Sault St Marie, ON
<i>Evergreen</i>	Dennis & Carol Morrison	Liberty 458	Seattle, WA
<i>Far Fetched</i>	Bruce & Stephen Albert	Beneteau Oceanis 390	Grant's Pass, OR
<i>Forty-Two</i>	Carsten Borchardt	Westerly Fulmar 32	Hamburg, DEU
<i>Fully Involved</i>	Mike & Jan Drury	Island Packet 420	Perth, AUS
<i>Galatea</i>	Neil Scott & Dan Foust	Island Packet 420	San Francisco, CA
<i>Gato Go</i>	Craig Wiese & Bruce Foust	Kenex 445	San Diego, CA
<i>Georgia J</i>	Kim & Sharon Barr	Passport 47	Tiburon, CA
<i>Gigi</i>	James & Karen Finn	Island Packet 440	Brisbane, AUS
<i>Gipsy Jae</i>	Michael Langdon	Downeaster 38	Geelong, AUS
<i>Gone Bambu</i>	Darrell & Gayle Smith	Spencer 53	San Francisco, CA
<i>Gratitude</i>	Frank Whittmore	Island Packet 370	San Diego, CA
<i>Hadar</i>	Daniel Poulson	Morgan 41	Palm City, FL
<i>Hakuna Matata</i>	Vincent & Yi-Lin Cheng	Cal 3-46	Long Beach, CA
<i>Helena</i>	Eddy & Glenda Huybs	Bruce Roberts 44	Leopoldsburg, BEL
<i>Idyll Island</i>	Derek Gale & Cathryn Corbett	Voyager 440	Victoria, BC
<i>Imagine</i>	David & Shelley Heaslip	Gulfstar 68	Hilo, HI
<i>Inca</i>	Aaron King	Orion 58	Sydney, AUS
<i>Infini</i>	Michael & Susan Beilan	Weststail 43	Tampa, FL
<i>Irma</i>	Otakar & Jana Hons	Hallberg-Rassy 40	Praha, CZE
<i>Island Bound</i>	Bill & Kat Russell	Peterson 44	Seattle, WA
<i>Jacana of Melbourne</i>	Dan & Yolanda Heiler	Northshore 46	Melbourne, AUS
<i>Java</i>	R. Evan Dill	Crowthor 48 cat	Cayucos, CA
<i>Kailani</i>	John & Marina Burns	Antares 44	Victoria, BC
<i>Kanga</i>	Jim Hassberge & Jeanne Harvey	Valiant 40	Coos Bay, OR
<i>Kindred Spirit III</i>	F. Bradford & Gloria Smith	Venus 46	Philadelphia, PA
<i>Kite</i>	John & Zdenka Griswold	Valiant 42	Portland, ME
<i>Kittywake</i>	John Metke	Fountaine-Pajot Athena 38	Sitka, AK
<i>La Cueva</i>	Gary Larter & Rory Moore	Columbia 40	Newport Beach, CA
<i>La Luz</i>	Doug Bell	Morris Francis 26	Castine, ME
<i>LaFiesta</i>	David Clarke	Catalina 42	Brisbane, AUS
<i>Lardo</i>	Dennis & MaryLee Millard	Cal 39	Alameda, CA
<i>Libertad</i>	Dennis & Virginia Johns	Amel Maramu 46	Santa Barbara, CA
<i>Loki</i>	Bruce Bambrick	Roberts Offshore 44	Berkeley, CA
<i>Loose Pointer</i>	Daniel Best & Kathryn Sieck	Kelly-Peterson 44	Richmond

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**Bill and Sue debate which way to steer their twin wheels aboard 'Dilligaf'.**

## **Gigi — Island Packet 440**

### **James & Karen Finn, Brisbane, AUS**

Although they make lots of excellent custom boats in Australia, there aren't nearly as many production-built brands to choose from as there are in the U.S. And with the Aussie dollar currently trading strong against the American greenback it's no wonder folks like James and Karen are coming to the States to find their dream boat.

But for them this Pacific crossing is

not just a delivery. "It's not really about rushing home to Australia. We see the islands of the South Pacific as our destination — warm clear water, trade winds, blue skies. . . things that we haven't seen enough of. And it's easier to get into the best places in the South Pacific from this side of the Pacific."

What place are they looking forward to visiting most? Tonga.

## **Teka Nova —**

### **Blomquist Custom 62**

#### **Terry Baverstock & Christine Jarvis, Cardiff, GBR**

These cheerful British cruisers are 4.5 years into what they thought would be a 10-year journey, and so far they're following an unconventional route. After crossing the Atlantic with the 2006 ARC Rally they sailed to the Galapagos. But instead of heading west to French Polynesia, they made a beeline for Hawaii — a 4,400-mile passage — then sailed on up to Washington and Alaska. Now that they've gotten that out of their systems, they're ready for warmer climates again.

They expect to make New Zealand by Christmas, visiting out-of-the-way anchorages along the way, then. . . ?

## **Lardo — Cal 39**

### **Dennis & MaryLee Millard, Alameda, CA**

"The inspiration to do this has been there for a long time. Now's the time to do it," says Dennis. "The world is a beautiful place and I think part of our role on this planet is to get out and appreciate that beauty."

MaryLee met Dennis in Alaska, where he was working as a bush pilot. When she eventually decided to lure him to San Francisco, sailing was the bait that snagged him. Their first year here, they lived in Sausalito and "literally sailed every single week."

**Dennis and MaryLee won't miss the freezing north while sailing the tropics on 'Lardo'.**



<b>Lorrigray II</b> .....	Graham & Lorraine Parkinson .....	Dix 65 .....	Durban, ZAF	<b>Scotch Power 3</b> .....	Jeff McConnel .....	Catalina 380 .....	Kona, HI
<b>Marbella</b> .....	Douglas Saxe .....	Endeavour 37 .....	Rufus, OR	<b>Sea Flyer</b> .....	Gary Kegel & Kathy Brown .....	Chevy Lee Offshore 38 .....	Kenai, AK
<b>Marionette IV</b> .....	Roger & Marion Holden .....	Taswell 49 .....	Adelaide, AUS	<b>Senta</b> .....	Jean-Eudes Gavrel .....	Pearson 365 Ketch .....	La Paz, MEX
<b>Mektoub</b> .....	Willi Kaltz .....	Wauquiez Amphora 37 .....	Eisenberg, DEU	<b>Shango</b> .....	Roger Block & Amy Jordan .....	Pacific Seacraft 40 .....	Newburyport, MA
<b>Merkava</b> .....	Mark Aisbett .....	Fraser 41 .....	Vancouver, BC	<b>Shanti</b> .....	Emil Giese .....	Catalina 42 .....	Friday Harbor, WA
<b>Midnight Blue</b> .....	Tim Callahan .....	Camper Nicholson 40 .....	St. John, USVI	<b>Shuang Yu</b> .....	Ted Berry & Pamela Lau .....	Catalina 400 .....	San Diego, CA
<b>Mohini</b> .....	Russell Symington .....	Fortuna Island Spirit 40 .....	Minneapolis, MN	<b>Skie</b> .....	Peter Sheppard .....	Nordhavn 55 .....	Melbourne, AUS
<b>Moondance</b> .....	Douglas & Carla Scott .....	Tayana Vancouver 42 .....	Albuquerque, NM	<b>Slow Dance</b> .....	Sandr Nathan Trust .....	Alloy Yachts 100 .....	Marina del Rey, CA
<b>Mystic</b> .....	Randy Ramirez .....	Pacific Seacraft Mariah 31 .....	Stockton, CA	<b>Soggy Paws</b> .....	David & Cheryl McCampbell .....	CSY 44 .....	Marathon, FL
<b>Nahanni</b> .....	Chris & Belina Gladish .....	Tashiba 40 .....	Vancouver, BC	<b>Songline</b> .....	Fred Hiltner & Cinda Stanek .....	Waterline 36 .....	Juneau, AK
<b>Namaste</b> .....	Christopher & Jessica Catt .....	Tayana 42 .....	Charlesvoix, MI	<b>Sorceress</b> .....	Sieg & Barbara Mayers .....	Cal 39 .....	San Francisco, CA
<b>Narama</b> .....	S Anstee & H Krajewsky .....	Brolga 33 .....	Sydney, AUS	<b>Southern Cross</b> .....	Mark Reed & Vicki Bugbee-Reed .....	Ericson 38-200 .....	Portland, OR
<b>Navigator</b> .....	Irina Aldrich .....	Jeanneau 47 .....	St. Croix, USVI	<b>Spirare</b> .....	Serge Robitaille .....	Southern Cross 35 .....	Toronto, ON
<b>New Morning</b> .....	Russ Irwin .....	Chuck Paine custom 54 .....	Sausalito, CA	<b>Squander</b> .....	Gavin Gorazdowski .....	Jeanneau 45.2 .....	Southampton, GBR
<b>Noho 'ana</b> .....	Heather McKnight .....	Jeanneau 37 .....	Marina del Rey, CA	<b>Storm Haven</b> .....	Donald & Paulette Grover .....	Nordhavn 46 trawler .....	Wellton, AZ
<b>Ocean Air</b> .....	Hilton de la Hunt .....	Beneteau 473 .....	GBR	<b>Sudden Stops Necessary</b> .....	Chet Chauhan .....	Beneteau First 38s5 .....	San Francisco, CA
<b>One World</b> .....	Seafari Sailing Adventures .....	Colvin 64 steel brigantine .....	Trellis Bay, VI	<b>Sunshine Daydream</b> .....	Lee Cooper .....	Catalina 400 .....	Gove Harbour, AUS
<b>Pacific Bliss</b> .....	Colin & Elizabeth Price .....	Catana 431 .....	Honolululu, GBR	<b>Symbiosis</b> .....	Andre Schwartz & Irma Iurrutia .....	Beneteau Oceanis 390 .....	Vancouver, BC
<b>Passion</b> .....	Donald Klein .....	DuFour 39 .....	Honolululu, NZL	<b>Tao</b> .....	Chris Jaquette & Shawn White .....	Nor'West 33 .....	San Francisco, CA
<b>Pelagic</b> .....	Graeme Amall & Iris Schepelmann .....	46' catamaran .....	Gladstone, AUS	<b>Teka Nova</b> .....	T Baverstock & C Jarvis .....	Blomquist Custom 62 .....	Cardiff, GBR
<b>Periclees</b> .....	Angus & Rolande Ramsey .....	Morishue 42 .....	Vancouver, BC	<b>This Side Up</b> .....	Michael & Midene Reynolds .....	Kanter Atlantic 45 .....	Seabrook, TX
<b>Phambili</b> .....	Tommy Lorenzo & Fiona Coleman .....	Given 45 .....	Victoria, BC	<b>Thor</b> .....	Marc & Lorrie Cascio .....	Pacific Seacraft 40 .....	Blaine, WA
<b>Piko</b> .....	Lauren Buchholz & Lauren Smith .....	Pretorien 35 .....	Seattle, WA	<b>Tiger</b> .....	Patrick Bloomer .....	Farrier 44 cat .....	San Diego, CA
<b>Pua'ena</b> .....	Mark & Dorothy Hazlett .....	Outbound 44 .....	Honolulu, HI	<b>Tomboy</b> .....	Tom & Janis Bell .....	Alajuela 33 .....	Long Beach, CA
<b>Puddytat</b> .....	David Cherry .....	Catana 40 .....	Poole, GBR	<b>Tuatara</b> .....	Kevin Sterling .....	Ingrid 38 .....	Orcas Island, WA
<b>Quicksilver</b> .....	Mike & Hilde Gill .....	Nautique Santonge 44 .....	Hamble River, GBR	<b>Two Amigos</b> .....	Bruce Stevens & Clark Nicholson .....	Gulfstar 50 .....	Dana Point, CA
<b>Reality</b> .....	Vaughn & Sharon Hampton .....	50' FD 12 .....	San Francisco, CA	<b>Wadda</b> .....	Maurice Wick .....	Allied Mistress 39 .....	Valley City, ND
<b>Reflections</b> .....	Gene & Sheri Seybold .....	Valiant Esprit 37 .....	San Francisco, CA	<b>Wanderlust V</b> .....	Andy Cain .....	Reliance 44 .....	Sydney, AUS
<b>Remedy</b> .....	Ian & Wendy Telford .....	Tatoosh 42 .....	Auckland, NZL	<b>Windwalker</b> .....	Michael Sillman .....	Downeaster 38 schooner .....	Newport Beach, CA
<b>Rio</b> .....	George Greenberg, Jr. .....	Tartan 4300 .....	Steamboat, CO	<b>Windy City</b> .....	Mike & Kasamon Mechanic .....	Valiant 40 .....	Tacoma, WA
<b>Rutea</b> .....	Neal Schneider & Ruthie Sandven .....	Contest 48 .....	San Diego, CA	<b>WorldWind</b> .....	Thomas Colligan .....	Hiscock 40 .....	St. Pete Beach, FL
<b>Sabina</b> .....	Paul & Julie Cossman .....	Hunter Passage 42 .....	Anchorage, AK	<b>Yo Lo</b> .....	Jason & Karen Trautz .....	PDQ Antares 42 cat .....	Higgins Lake, MI
<b>Sarah Jean II</b> .....	Norm & Beth Cooper .....	Saga 43 .....	Vancouver, BC	<b>Zephyr</b> .....	William & Diana Hudson .....	Shin Fa 45.8 .....	Denver, CO
<b>Savannah</b> .....	Andrew & Monica McKasle .....	Owen Easton 40 .....	Hilo, HI				
<b>Saviah</b> .....	Diana & Andrew Steiner .....	Hans Christian 34 .....	Seattle, WA				

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***If you pass 'Piko' at sea, just yell "Lauren!" and you'll get someone's attention.***

They're excited about visiting many tropical isles on the way to New Zealand, and they're convinced their 1977 cruiser is too. "She's been waiting all her life to sail in the wonderful trades."

**Piko — Pretorien 35  
Lauren Buchholz & Lauren Smith  
Seattle, WA**

"I had never sailed until I met Lauren three years ago," says his boatmate of the same name. But she always knew she'd

travel the world one way or another: "I always had that gypsy wanderlust in my blood, but I never imagined I would be seeing the world on a sailboat."

Sailing holds a lot of magic for her man too. Ever since Lauren crewed on a casual beer can race, shortly after moving to Seattle in 2001, he was hooked. And his offshore fantasies built from there. "We plan to keep on going as long as we can," he says.

**Savannah — Owen Easton 40  
The McKasle family, Hilo, HI**

"God looks after fools and children. We have at least one of each on board," says Andy. For a native of Oklahoma, he's already spent a great deal of time on and under the water — he spent years as a U.S. Navy diver/photographer. Now retired, he has vocational skills that will aid his passion for the underwater world. He and his family plan to explore the myriad reefs of the South Sea islands together.

Monica, who hails from Atlanta, has only been sailing for two years but she's

now fully embraced Andy's long-held dream: "Doing this trip was on his check list when we got married — in fact, we discussed it long before I saw the engagement ring."

Plans are open, as they've worked out a system for homeschooling 5-year-old Jake wherever the trade winds take them.

***Andy, Monica and their son Jake will spend lots of time exploring tropical reefs.***



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*Corie, Neal and Ruthie will soon be adding new images to their family album.*

**Rutea — Contest 48**  
**The Schneider-Sandven family**  
**San Diego, CA**

"The dream of blue water cruising has been in me for as long as I can remember," explains Neal (who has become one of this year's de facto group leaders). "It's like an invisible hand was grabbing the front of my shirt and a voice was saying, 'Come on, you gotta go!'"

His wife Ruthie jokes that her motivations aren't as strong, but she's game

nonetheless: "Well, Neal was going and my daughter Corie was going, and I didn't want to be left at home." Actually, she knows exactly what she's gotten herself into, as she and Neal did a circuit out to Hawaii, then up to Alaska 15 years ago with three kids aboard. Corie, now 22, was only 7 back then.

**Moondance —**  
**Tayana Vancouver 42**

**Douglas & Carla Scott, Albuquerque, NM**

How do folks living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, get the cruising bug? For Doug and Carla, it all started years ago during a bareboat charter in the Caribbean. "We were sitting in some little bar," recalls Doug, "when we met some cruisers living on their boat. We said to ourselves, 'This could be us!'"

After 15 years of planning and preparation, they're now finally ready to shove off, and they anticipate spending a decade just exploring the South Pacific. First stop en route will be the Galapagos,

which will lead them to enter French Polynesia via the southerly Gambier archipelago.

**Java — Crowther 48 cat**  
**Evan Dill & Donna Boyer**  
**Cayucos, CA**

Unfortunately we haven't gotten to  
*Once they get to Australia, Evan and Donna plan to downsize.*



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know Donna yet, but we know from interviewing Evan a couple of years ago (see our November '07 edition) that he's quite an interesting character.

He got into cruising later in life but has definitely been making up for lost time in recent years. This season he and Donna are headed for Australia to exchange this Aussie-built cat for a smaller version. "Java's looking forward to a fast, downwind sail back to her homeland of Oz," he explains

After that, they plan to spend a few years in the Western Pacific in search of an island paradise to call home.

### **Architeuthis — Mariner 31 Jared & Christine Kibele, Moss Landing, CA**

It's not every day that you meet a guy with a tattoo of a giant squid creeping down his shoulder. But then you don't often meet anyone who's as fascinated by these seemingly mythical creatures as Jared and Christine are.

They're both marine biologists who can testify that such sea monsters certainly do exist. During their travels



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**No, Jared wasn't drunk when he got that squid tattoo. He and Christine are 'squidologists'.**

aboard *Architeuthis* — you guessed it, that's the Latin genus name for giant squid — they hope to become involved with some bona fide research projects, and they may apply to grad school in New Zealand.

Having grown up around her dad's boatyard on Long Island, NY, Christine has always been around the water. But it wasn't until she crewed on the school ship *Concordia* that she really got the cruising bug. Jared was first introduced to watersports through scuba diving, but they now share an equal passion for sailing — and cruising to far-flung destinations.

### **Evergreen — Liberty 458 The Morrison family, Seattle, WA**

Dennis and Carol tell us they've been planning to go cruising ever since they met 20 years ago. "Now, three boats, one child and one home move later, here we are," says Carol.

Their sailing careers began on New Mexico lakes, starting with sailboarding, then on to Hobie cats and a Catalina 22. After Dennis was transferred to California, big boat experience kicked in and the cruising dream took on new momentum.

When they first began their cruise, their 13-year-old son Josh wasn't too



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thrilled. "He thought we were the only parents in the world that tortured their child by putting him on a boat." But today, he's as excited about the cruising life as his parents are.

**Symbiosis — Beneteau Oceanis 390  
Andre Schwartz & Irma Urrutia  
Vancouver, BC**

When we asked when his sailing ca-

*Andre is a fascinating fellow, whose philosophy has been tempered by time.*



reer first started, Andre began by telling us that when he was a young child his parents told him they thought he'd come from another planet. Otherwise, how, at age 2, could he have drawn a realistic picture of a square-rigger while living in land-locked Hungary during WWII?

In any case, we believe him when he says he has saltwater in his veins. After the war he joined the West German Navy, probably in pursuit of a fascination he's always had with oceans and islands.

We haven't met Irma yet, but if she's half as interesting as Andre, they're a remarkable couple. He is a self-proclaimed philosopher who's big on individual responsibility and has many thoughts on how we can work together to make the world a better place. For further insights, check out his book *Oceanborne Madness?*, which is available at Amazon.

**Tuatara — Ingrid 38**

**Kevin Sterling, Orcas Island, WA**

When we met Kevin in Puerto Vallarta last month he was weighing the option of singlehandedly 3,000 miles to French



*"To solo, or not to solo?" That's the big question for Kevin of 'Tuatara'.*

Polynesia. He's done some solo sailing before and is tempted to try it here, especially after having had a succession of five different crew aboard since leaving Orcas Island, WA, last year.

At 31, he's one of the youngest skippers this year and hopefully his youthful, idealistic attitude will serve him well: "My boat is a time machine," he says, which will hopefully lead him to some "wild places. I am living my life as though it were a dream."

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## **Hadar — Morgan 41 Dino Poulson, Palm City, FL**

Not everyone is crossing the Pacific just to smell flower-scented air and swim in pristine waters. According to Dino, he and his 10-year-old daughter Sasha will be making films all along their route around the world.

If that sounds ambitious for a single parent, you should know that Dino, Sasha and her mom previously circumnavigated aboard an Ericson 32. As Dino explains, Sasha has lived aboard for more than 8 years and knows no other life. He has more than 40,000 miles under his belt, and has visited 27 countries under sail. You can find some of his short films via [www.themodernaquaticvoyager.com](http://www.themodernaquaticvoyager.com).

## **A Blue Moon — Woollacott 45 Rob & Jo Woollacott, Devonport, NZL**

We wouldn't ever expect Rob and Jo to crow about their sailing accomplish-



### **After hand-crafting their boat, Jo and Rob spent 15 years exploring far-flung landfalls.**

ments, but if they ever get in a mood to do so they'll certainly have plenty to boast about. This particular trip will serve as their return run 'back home' to New Zealand, where they started 16 years ago. Jo is originally from Canada, but Rob is from a salty seafaring family

with a proud history of boat-building. He and Jo built this wooden 45-footer themselves 15 years ago, and she has served them well throughout their travels.

They always seemed to gravitate to the quieter, less traveled places like the far-flung isles of Micronesia and the Marshalls. Their most recent circuit has taken them north to Alaska and back down to Mexico. We hope life ashore suits them as well as life on the sea has.

**W**e'll take a break here to let our keyboard cool off, but we'll be back next month to introduce you to the international crews we met recently at our Panama send-off at the Balboa YC.

In the meantime, you can find more info on current and past Pacific Puddle Jump fleets at [www.pacificpuddlejumps.com](http://www.pacificpuddlejumps.com).

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