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My Single-handed Transpacific Yacht Race To Hawaii



The Singlehanded Sailing Society puts on the Singlehanded TransPac race every two years, ever since the first race, way back in 1978. Since then, more people have made it to outer space than have raced singlehanded from San Francisco to Hawaii. But, if you like to sail by yourself, paradoxically, you're still in good company.

The race is open to ocean-going boats and skippers, and not an event catering to the latest and greatest go-fast machine. Single handing doesn't make the race any

easier; every skipper is navigating, cooking, sailing hard, all the while fixing what breaks along the way, but as long as you and your boat meet the safety requirements, you are set. No foils needed.

The camaraderie amongst skippers begins even before the fleet assembles for race day inspection. At the docks, competitors fine tune last minute preparations, and it's great to visit the other entries to see the varying solutions to shared problems. Where does one best stow the "dog" food? How many spinnakers will fit in the forepeak? Who is carrying ice cream to Hawaii?

Making landfall in Hanalei Bay marks the completion of an enormous undertaking – a personal victory! By race finish, you will be a different person. You will know more about yourself, your boat, your competitors, and what lies beyond the horizon. As Mike Jefferson put it in his 1996 race log, "Offshore sailing by oneself is a strenuous test of a person's inner character. Technical skill and experience are, of course, very useful." If you didn't get enough on the way there, there's always the sail home. Though not part of the race itself, the return trip becomes a significant part of the experience.

A tree? Yes, a very special Tree. Under this Tree at sunset in Hanalei Bay you will share the highlights and lowlights (which eventually become highlights) and just "talk story" of your journey with race committee, family, friends, and your fellow Weirdos (er, skippers)

If a Tree isn't enticing enough, you can compete with the likes of Stan Honey and Steve Fossett to see if you can best their record times:

Mono	Stan Honey	Cal 40 Illusion, 1994	11:10:52:21
Multi	Steve Fossett	VLP 60 Tri Lakota, 1998	07:22:38:26

Alternatively, you can aim for Ken Roper's (a.k.a. "The General") record of 13 races to date. You'll have to start early and often for this one; now in his eighth decade, The General has plenty of races left in him.



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Our Central Coast

Rotary Community Service Program FY 24-25
"Service Above Self" – Sign Up and Serve

Nine Peninsula Rotary Clubs will be serving together this year at various locations with a variety of local non-profits, schools and city organizations. The key objectives of this new service program include:

- Allow for multiple club members from nine clubs to serve together
- Make an impactful difference for those we serve
- Partner with local non-profit organizations to support the work of these agencies
- Move beyond just "giving money" to "giving ourselves" in service to others
- Establish a "regular" time when service projects become regular habit throughout the year
- Enhance the reputation and impact Rotary in our local communities.

Rotary members, friends, spouses and community members can sign up for a project online by going to the website at www.loveourcentralcoast.org, creating an account, and then clicking on a project or several to sign up to volunteer.

Details of the projects are on the website and upcoming projects in August, 2024 include:

Agency/Event	Types of Projects	Timing	Lead Club
• Rancho Cielo Salinas	Veggie boxes for fundraiser	August 21 8-1 pm	Monterey Rotary Shyam Kamath Carmel by the Sea Rotary Mark Grandcolas
• RM Sotheby's Car Auction Monterey Rotary	Adult & Student volunteers assistance	August 9-19 various shifts pushing cars, ticket sales, etc.	Monterey Rotary Eric Johnsen Terry Ryan Rotary Car Auction Volunteer Signups Link
• Gathering for Women	Exterior painting at entrance, interior painting throughout rooms	August 31 9 am-1 pm	Monterey Rotary Eric Johnsen



2024 Rotary ALL City BBQ Toro Park

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Buckeye Picnic Area – Toro Park
501 Monterey-Salinas Hwy. 68, Salinas

CLUB EVENTS

Friday, August 30

Final Friday
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Del Monte Grill and Cafe
2030 North Fremont

Saturday, September 7

Union Game
7:00 pm
Cardinale Stadium – Marina

Tuesday, September 10

COG Meeting
5:30 pm
Hilton Garden Inn

Wednesday, September 18

Highway Cleanup
5:30 pm
Corner of
Aguajito & Mongolian

Thursday, September 19

Board Meeting
10:30 am
Hilton Garden Inn

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Thursday – 09/05 **Brad Barbeau** – The State of Entrepreneurship In Monterey County

Tuesday – 09/10 **COG Meeting** – 5:30 PM – Hilton Garden Inn

Thursday – 09/12 **Chef Tony Baker** – The Story of Baker's Bacon

Thursday – 09/19 **Board Meeting** – 10:30 AM – Hilton Garden Inn

Thursday – 09/19 **Mathias Kolsch** – AI

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mitchell Friedman – September 3
Marzena Wisniewska – September 5

August Membership Anniversaries

Bert Aronson	08/01/80	44 Years
Dan Albert Sr.	08/01/91	33 Years
Jeff Davi	08/26/93	31 Years
John Scherer	08/15/19	22 Years
Peter Ambrust	08/14/14	10 Years
Marco Lucido	08/01/19	5 Years
Phil Deppert	08/20/20	4 Years
David Betts	08/03/23	1 Year
Barbara Ostos	08/10/23	1 Year