

DELTA DOO DAH DIY

The concept behind creating the Delta Doo Dah wasn't complicated: Hold an event that will get folks to sail their boats to the Delta. At the height of the recession, far too many boats were growing to the bottom, and Delta marine businesses were hit especially hard by the economy. Since the Delta is a mere daysail away, we hoped the event would kill two birds with one stone.

As readers know by now, the response to our laid-back little rally was overwhelming. For four fabulous years, we led dozens of boats upriver to escape the Bay's frigid summer winds and bask in the warmth of the Delta.

But this year was different. With America's Cup mania building, not to mention filling most of the summer's sailing calendar, choosing dates for this year's Doo Dah proved impossible. Besides, if we didn't want to miss any of the on-the-

water action, how could we expect Doo Dah'ers to miss out?

So we followed in the wake of our sister event, the Pacific Puddle Jump, and set dates for the 'event' that would allow folks to head upriver whenever



The kids from 'Tonic' seem to prefer freshwater.

SIMON ADAMS



DAN BAKER

ALEX PEARCE

Doin' it yourself — (top row, l to r) Danielle and Nicole take a flying leap off 'Fuzzy Logic'; Sweeet; The Richmond YC 4th of July dinghy raft-up at Potato Slough; Walking on air; (middle) The 'Tazman' crew spent the whole summer in the Delta; A sip of 'Sweet Tea'; Rocking out on 'LaDonna Jean'; (bottom) There's more than one way to sail in the Delta; A stunning sunset at Mildred Island as seen from 'Flibbertigibbet'; 'Prime Time' and 'I'm a PC' visit Bethel Island's Sugar Barge; You never know what you'll wake up to on 'Guenevere'.



DAVID SAWYER



DOODETTE LADONNA



JIM ADAMS

2013 Delta Doo Dah DIY Participants

03	Willard 30 SRB	David Hardy	Flying Baby	32-ft J/100	Michael & Everett Rosauer
After Fifty	Hunter 340	Mark & Sherrill Zeserson	Fuzzy Logic	Hunter 35	Dan & Kathy Baker
Alias	Hylas 47 cutter	John & LaShandra Fluno	Galen	Beneteau 42 cc	Erik Engstrom
Andiamo	Islander 32	Paula & Russell Sunn	Gazelle	Wauquiez 47	Rob Tryon & LaDonna Bubak
Andiamo	Islander 36	Eli Myrick & Akio Omori	Georgia	VanDeStadt 41	Ben & Lucie Mewes
Antares	Catalina 27	Peter Froehlich & Ediee Van Leuvan	Guenevere	Nor'Sea 27	Greg & Jill Delezynski
Aquarius	Atlantic 44	David Feldman	Hotel California	Catalina 375	Michael & Linda Stafford
Aquavit	Swan 36	Bruce & Gail Sinclair	I Am a PreCursor	MacGregor 25	Bryan & Cindy Blagg
Ardea	Tartan 37	Jim & Georgianne Boissier	'Imi Loa	Ericson Indepen. 31	Rowan Maddox & Devon Quinn
Balaton	Nauticat 42	Louis Burgyan & JoAnn Arreola	Island Bird	Cavalier 39	Edmundo & Mary Larenas
Because...	Jeanneau 45DS	Tim & Ian Shea	Itzayana	Beneteau Oceanis 331	Liam Wald & Jane Wong
Beso del Mar	Hunter 46	Steve & Elizabeth Weiss	Jane'O	Privilege 39 cat	Scott & Christine Emmons
Bloom County	Islander Bahama 30	Jess & Denise Stephens	Jenna Renee	Beneteau 373	Nick Harden
Bravo Zulu	Downeaster 33	Conrad & Majel Arnold	Knot Studying	Hunter 33	Mike Dvorak & Lindsey Gooshert
Brillin Leannen	Ericson 29	Robert Lensch	Knotty Gale	Coronado 27	Tim Caruso & Gayle Deluca
Bumpy	C&C 40	Rich & Shawn Wideman	Kollisza	Catalina 22	Pete & JoD'Ann Smalley
Caesura	Ericson 35	Quinn McKenna & Mary Eaves	Kranich	Ericson 38-200	Peter Buettner & Elke Specht
Calm	Cirrus 22	Clemens & Angelle Heldmaier	Kyra's Joy	Catalina 36	Peter & Georgianne Pillsbury
Cherish Again	Island Packet 440	Erik Johnson & Jennifer Miller	La Buena Vida	O'Day 222	David & Karen Lessard
Chester P	Aries 32	Chuck Bullett & Lisa Chapin	La Vida	Catalina 320	Michael & Joan Mellon
Chimera	Little Harbor 47	C. Grant & Barbara Miller	LaDonna Jean	Cascade 36	Alex & Tara Pearce
Clarsa	Newport Venture 23	Bill & Kathy Crowley	Levon	Cape Dory 28	Lewis Keizer & Marie Lumazar
Destiny	Catalina 30	Justin McCarter	Little Lara	Dana 24	Jay & Peggy Bowden
E.C. Rider	Catalina 25	Matthew Loeffler & Brigitte Bowers	Lucy!	Beneteau 343	Roy & Barbara Johnston
Evenstar	Ranger 23	Gregory Towers & Jillian Cripps	Mai Pen Rai	Islander 36	Noble & Barbara Brown
Exit Strategy	Amel Maramu 46	Dave Benjamin & Jean Harrison	Margaux	Morgan 38	Patrick & Sharon Hind-Smith
Firebolt	Laser 28	Mike & Jennifer Holden	Marjul	Grand Banks 32	Wayne Dutton & Stella Rebolgar
Flibbertigibbet	O'Day 34	Jim & Betty Adams	Marrakesh	Express 34	Craig & Ann Perez
Free Spirit	Islander Bahama 30	Stuart & Bonnie Lochner	Mary Emma	Catalina 380	Ken & Sandy Fouts

DOIN' IT



KATHLEEN DOLAN



ALEX PEARCE



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BRYAN BLAGG



JILL DELEZYNSKI

Mermaid Hunter
Mi Amor
Migration
Miss Conduct
Neener3
Nomad
Now and Zen
Nutmeg
Odyssey
Odyssey
Over Forty
Pacific Dragon II
Pebbles N BamBam
Peggy-O
Pippi Longstocking
Popeye
Prime Time
Pronto
Pura Vida
Pyewacket
Red Sky
Resolute
Rol Tack
Sea Bird
Sea Star
Seaya
Shamwari
Sizzle
Smooth Jazz

Hunter Cutter 37
 Islander 36
 Catalina 36
 Columbia 36 cutter
 Catalina 42
 Rival 36
 Newport 30-II
 Catalina 38
 Bristol Channel Cutter
 Jeanneau 37
 River Queen 40
 Gemini 105mc cat
 MacGregor 26
 Catalina 34
 Columbia 28
 Nordic Tug 34
 MacGregor 26
 Catalina 34
 Hylas 47
 Catalina 34
 Beneteau First 36.7
 Hunter 33
 North Star 29
 F-27 trimaran
 Cal 39
 Catalina 380
 Tayana 37 cutter
 Spirit 28
 Catalina 320

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Tasman
Thetis
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Tonic
Toucan
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Trillian
Two-Can
Twilight
Two Truths
Vaga Rio
Valkyrie
WindChaser
WindDancer
Windmill
WindSong
Zeehond

Islander 36
 Catalina 309
 Catalina 30
 Laser 28
 Moore 24
 Ericson 32
 Ericson 32
 Corsair F-27 tri
 Roberts 58 PH
 Tanton 43 cat ketch
 Jeanneau 42DS
 Sabre 32
 Islander 36
 Catalina 30
 Dana 24 cutter
 Catalina 22
 Ericson 30 cutter
 Cal 2-29
 Beneteau 323
 Catalina 30
 Catalina 42
 Newport 30 MkII

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their schedules would allow, rather than organize a guided rally as we'd done previously. This meant that we no longer had to limit the number of entries — anyone could go at any time!

More than 100 boats signed up for Delta Doo Dah DIY, and we know of many more boats that went to the Delta this summer but didn't register. What did they miss by not registering? Oh, only discounted moorage at Martinez Marina, Owl Harbor, Sacramento Delta Bay Marina, Stockton Sailing Club and Tiki Lagun Resort & Marina; great prizes from *Latitude 38*, Southbound Solar, Survival Straps, and Water-Jel, not to mention the chance to win the new Delta cruising guide *Sacramento River Boating Guide* by Bill Corp; and don't forget a couple of really fun parties!

The Kick-Off Party was held on May 10 at Berkeley YC, where tons of prizes were handed out and Delta boating experts answered questions for newbies. It



Little Venice Island offered up some idyllic scenery for relaxing into a good book.

also offered Doo Dah'ers the chance to meet others who might be heading their direction at the same time. Even so, it was hard not to bump into other Doo Dah'ers along the way. "I met a couple of other Doo Dah boats by chance at Herman & Helen's, near Stockton," says Steven Andersen of the San Rafael-based

Ericson 32 *Thetis*.

Several Doo Dah'ers report spending the entire summer in the Delta, and to them we say, 'Well done!' David Sawyer of the Ericson 32 *Tazman* says his family took five multi-day mini-vacations in the Delta while their boat was at Owl Harbor. "The weather was always perfect!"

Others sailed upriver more than once. "We headed up in July and will be going back up again in October," report Rich and Shawn Wideman of the C&C 40 *Bumpy*.

Even Doodette Christine made the trip twice. "Well, the first one was in the Delta Ditch Run," she notes. "Does that count?" We think so!

So if you sailed to the Delta this summer — as part of the Doo Dah or a club cruise — be sure to drop by Richmond YC on October 10 (6-9 p.m.) for our Reunion Potluck Dinner. Bring your favorite dish, some cash for the bar and your tallest tales of a summer well-sailed.

— *latitude* / *doodette* / *ladonna*



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