

THE PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB MEETS THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:30PM
AT THE KITSAP UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH ON PERRY AVENUE IN EAST BREMERTON.

SHERPA DUTY FOR FLAP JACKLAKES 20 JUNE: This is an annual service project with
which the club attempts to help out the Olympic National Park by helping to set
up the backwoods ranger station at Flapjack Lake. You can go up for the day or
stay overnight. Call Jim Luddon at 373-0431 for more information.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC 19 JUNE : This year we are planning to hold our annual
Friday evening get together on the evening of 19 June. This year's gathering
of the faithful will be out at Scenic Beach Park down by Seabeck. Plan on an
exciting evening of volleyball and other delights. The dinner will be a la
Potluck so plan on bringing your fair share, be it dessert, salad or main dish.
Since this is a family affair, spouses, children and, naturally, potential
recruits are all welcome.

MT. RAINIER CLIMB 2-5 JULY : Call D. Savage at 692-5933 if you dare.

WHITE WATER RIVER TRIP ON THE SUIATTLE 11 or 12 JULY : Call Jim Groh at
779-5421 for more information about plans and costs.

PENSTEMON GUIDE SERVICE, COURSES OFFERED: INTRODUCTION TO MOUNTAINEERING and
BACKPACKING. Call PGS at 377-9042 for more information on offerings and costs.

MONTHLY MEETING MON 11 MAY 7:30 PM

We had been hoping to have Jim Donini
present a slide show of some of his
Mountaineering experiences this month but
he will not be able to make it because of a
business conflict. Although we do not know
at this point what the May Program will be,
we have faith in our entertainment committee.



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MAY 1987 -TIME DATED MATERIAL

On March 12th I flew to Honolulu, Hawaii, to join John and Betty Wheeler from Taupu, New Zealand. They were bringing "Rolig", a 38' sailboat from N.Z. to San Francisco to sell. John is a surveyor and Betty a high school teacher. I had worked for John in the 60's and introduced him to sailing. They had invited me to join them on the leg from Hawaii to S.F. I said yes of course. We spent 5 days tied up at the Hawaii Yacht Club in Honolulu going over everything on the boat. Typically it was 70* F at night and 84* F during the day. I slept in the cockpit. Each day I got up to run and swim before breakfast. We stocked the boat with \$400 worth of food and alcohol, fueled up and left on Tuesday, the 17th. We sailed south around the bottom of Oahu, turned up through the Kaiwi Channel using only the navigation lights on Molokai and Oahu to guide us. With the wind at 20 knots, it was exciting sailing. The swells around the Hawaiian Islands are enormous.

We cleared the Islands on the morning of the 18th and set our course latitude 36* and longitude 146* where we expected that the westerly winds would push us on to S.F. We had a self-steering mechanism that actually steered the boat. Each night we worked three hour watches each. During the watches we logged the average speed and direction every hour. John taught us how to do a sun shot with a sextant and how to convert those numbers to a position line on the chart. By taking two sunshots 5 hours or so apart, we were able to get our position to within 3 miles. We ate mainly vegetarian meals. Betty is a great cook. Our speed was generally around 5-8 knots with occasional bursts of 12 knots while flying down the face of the waves. We saw hundreds of albatrosses, a few frigate birds, one pelican, 2 whales, 1 turtle, a school of flying fish, 2 steamers and 10 or so airplanes. We saw no oil spills but I was startled at the large amount of plastic and styrofoam that is floating around out there. On some days when there was no wind and the sea was sloppy we would motor for four hours. Unfortunately, about three quarters of the way across, the engine packed up. Diesel engines don't like water. There is always plenty to do on a sailing boat- Navigation 1-2 hours/day, watches 3-6, day dreaming 1, eating 2, sundowners 3/4, boatkeeping 1 & so on. Each day at 11 AM or so and at sundown, we would drink. Good for morale.

During my watch on Tuesday, 7 April, I spotted the light on the south end of the Farallon Islands so we knew that our navigation was right on. We had approached to within a mile of Golden Gate Bridge when the tide turned and the wind dropped so we had to wait there all day for the wind to pick up. Late on Wednesday, the 8th, we were able to sail under the G. G. Bridge and into Sausalito. We tied up along side a N.W. fishing boat whose owner fixed our engine. We then headed across S.F. Bay to Pier 39 where we were able to shower and call home. We had completed 2600 nautical miles in 22 days. Despite our having to live together in a space about 10'X 15' for three weeks we are still good friends. John and Betty have a flight home to N.Z. scheduled for the end of April and hope to have sold "Rolig" by then.

TRAINING FOR A TRANS PACIFIC CRUISE (ON A SMALL BOAT): 1. Wash body, hair and teeth in salt water. 2. Eat all meals out of a deep bowl with a spoon. 3. Have someone creep up behind you and toss a bucket of cold salt water on you every 3-5 minutes. 4. Sleep in a hammock. 5. Jack up house 40* out of level to simulate heel of yacht. 6. Go barefoot while practicing toe stubbing. 7. Periodically have a friend hit you in various parts of the body with a baseball bat. 8. Practice tying sailors knots or sorting through a suitcase while astride a bucking broncho. 9. Camp out in the worlds busiest and noisiest train station. This will get you used to the noise.