



Dear Pop & Mom,

Thank you so much for the Christmas money. I am going to use it towards a fabulous waterproof bag for my computer. Zipping across the anchorage with the computer in the dinghy is just asking for trouble. I hope you received your gift. You two are very difficult to buy for but I couldn't see how I could go

wrong with something sweet. I hope it was labeled well and made it to your freezer with no mishaps.

The end of December was spent on my biggest project of the year. The OCSA Racebook. It is a spiral bound color booklet that contains all the race notices, schedules, calendars and contact information for the Portland Sailing

**Mauni Elliot Regatta
June 1 - 22**

OFFICE OF RACE

Portland Yacht Club are invited to participate in the Mauni Elliot Regatta on the Columbia River between the I-5 and the mouth of the Columbia River. Races will be held only to Portland Yacht Club members and their guests on Friday and Saturday evening races. One race is scheduled for each evening.

ELIGIBILITY: Skippers must be members of Portland Yacht Club or have one assigned skipper who is a member of Portland Yacht Club. Races are governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by the current IRC racing rules, and the current IRC one-design rules, and the current IRC one-design rules.

Races will be held on June 1, 8, 15 and 22. The warning time will be 30 minutes.

Registration forms and mail or deliver to: Portland Yacht Club, 503-247-7008 or skip.ritchie@comcast.net

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END OF NOTICE OF RACE

**PYC Mauni Elliot Regatta
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SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CLASS DIVISIONS: Class divisions will be posted on or distributed from the committee boat.

COURSES: Courses will be displayed on the committee boat using marks designated in the 2011 OCSA Course Chart.

SCORING: Races will be scored in accordance with the OCSA Sailing Instructions. One completed race will constitute a series. There will be no throw out.

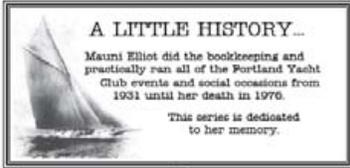
TROPHIES: The number of trophies will be based on the number of boats in each class and will be presented after the last evening of racing.

PROTESTS: Contesting boats must notify the Race Committee of their intention to protest at the end of the race. Protestors must meet the requirements of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. The Race Committee will be available at the clubhouse to receive any protest within the prescribed time limit.

COMMUNICATIONS: Additional Supplemental Race Instructions may be available from the committee boat.

END OF SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SOCIAL: Gatherings after each race at the PYC clubhouse with a trophy presentation after the last race. Food and grog will be available each night.



I was doing great with the spinnaker up and zooming along. Good thing Talion has a great autopilot to do the steering!

put on by that local La Paz group. I had no crew so I announced over the morning VHF net in the "Crew Wanted" section that Talion was looking for crew. Everyone thought I was going to end up with over 50 people so I only announced it one morning. Well race day came and nobody showed up! What is with people... doesn't anyone like to sail? So I went out by myself. Everything was going very well until I got into some funny wind



Sigh... sometimes things just don't happen as planned.



The place they rented was a little strange but what a great piece of property!

and wrapped the spinnaker around the forestay. Lucky for me my friend Craig finished the race and came over to help me untangle the mess. There is another race Feb. 14 and I am going to do that one by myself too... just to say I can do it. The only glitch is that it is the Valentines Day race... how pathetic is that! Racing single-handed for Valentines Day.

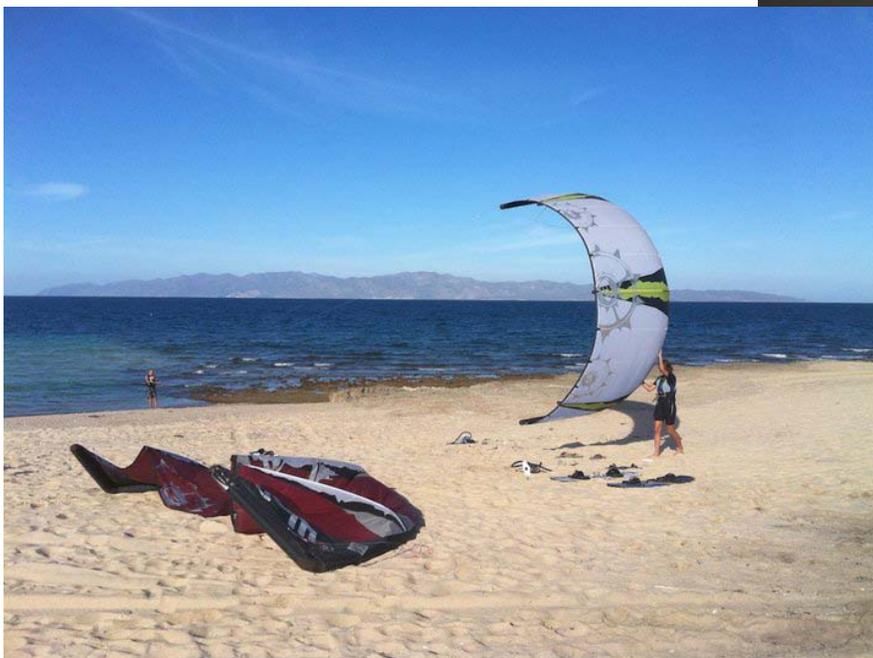


Glenn, Brenden, Philip, Jessica and Elliot

Once again this year my nephew Elliot came down to visit his old aunt and do some kiteboarding. This time he brought his girlfriend Jessica and three friends he has



Waiting for wind...



YAY! Wind! Jessica holds Elliot's kite while he gets ready.

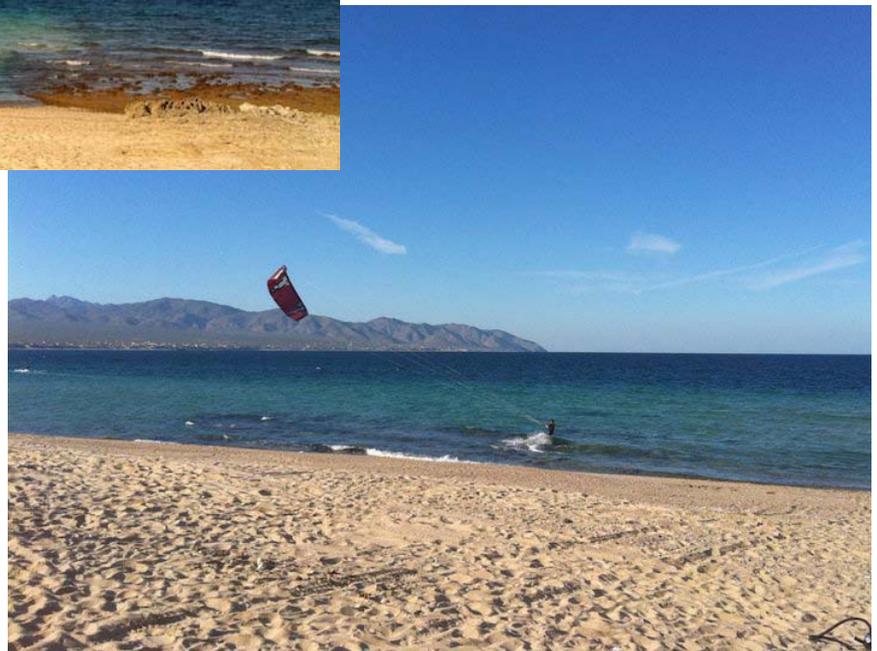
known from racing sailboats when he was younger. Elliot and Jessica arrived on Dec. 13 a day before the others. The next day we drove to Cabo to pick up the three boys and then took them around the peninsula to La Ventana which is apparently the best kiteboarding spot in the world. I am a very popular aunt living only 45 minutes from this place. They rented 3 rooms in this interesting place with a group kitchen and bathroom. The view was fabulous though and it was right on the beach. The kids stayed there

for a week and unfortunately only had one good day of wind which is sad considering the expense to get there... but they are sailboat racers so they know that sometimes the wind just doesn't cooperate. While waiting for wind they got a ride to a place to do some snorkeling, hung out with other kiteboarders and enjoyed the sunshine. They are all from the Pacific Northwest so just being in the warm weather was enough to make their Spring Break. On the 16th my brother-in-law Jon (Elliot's Dad) arrived to help me with



some boat projects and see Elliot kiteboard. A couple days later we grabbed Craig and Jen and took the van out to see the kids. It just so happened to be the only day they had any good wind so it was a real treat to get to watch them. Kiteboarding is a strange sport. The kite is an inflated nylon rigid tube with lightweight nylon webbed between as the sail. The kite is controlled by 5-7

strings that the kiteboarder has to adjust while riding on a board that looks like a very wide short waterski with foot loops in it. The kiteboarder needs to have a partner that holding the kite while standing in the water next to the board. The partner then lets the kite go and the kiteboarder gets onto the board and off. La Ventana is a particularly good place because the wind blows parallel to the beach. That way the kiteboarder can sail back and forth and stay close to the shore rather than going way out. Personally I would rather sail nice and dry sitting in my cockpit with a glass of wine in my hand but they are young...



Once they get away from the beach it is quite the site. They glide along as if on waterskis with their body parallel to the water and jump and do flips over waves.



A treat for December was the full moon, lunar eclipse. WOW! What a sight and Elliot is such a great photographer. This is only one of his shots.

My sister was due on the 22nd of December and wanted a Christmas dinner with the kiteboarders. Well... that idea grew a little. How could I not invite the other Christmas orphans like Craig and Jen, Marv and Ardy... can't forget Shelly and Jody... oh and Carla and Doug Scott were over from Mazatlan. Too many for a turkey dinner so I made a huge pot of fish chowder, made up some awesome garlic french bread, and let the girls bring Christmas desserts. A perfect night with over 25 to dinner. The boat was all decked out in Christmas decor with its green lights in the shape of a tree all the way to the top of the mast. I met



Goodbye sunsets, sea, and warm weather..

I have no idea how Elliot did this but it looks great!

a few new friends and it seemed like everyone had a great time.

The next day Sue and Jon and I drove all the kids to Todos Santos for lunch. It is only about an hour from La Paz and saved them \$15 each in bus fare to Cabo San Lucas where they were to fly out. Todos Santos is a cute little community right on the ocean where



Nick's Facebook profile picture. What a ham!

gringos have taken over a lot of the old sugar plantation homes and restored them. There are a lot of art galleries, restaurants, and Mexican crafts for sale. When Mike and Glenda came to visit we spent a day there. The next day was Dec. 23 and time for me to fly to Colorado. What a busy week I am having! Sue and Jon were going to stay on the boat until New Years and had a trip to the mainland and a train ride up Copper Canyon planned. After they go home my friends Carole and Pat Macintosh were boat-sitting until the end of January.

So I said goodbye to warm weather, sunsets, and good friends and returned Sue's rental car to the Cabo airport. A much better way to get there than by bus!

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Education and Work

Employers
 Peninsula School District
 Gig Harbor, Washington

College
 Central Washington University
 Class of 2000

High School
 Grandview High School
 Sunnyside Christian High School
 Class of 1997

Philosophy

Religious Views
 Christian

Sports

Favorite Teams
 Indianapolis Colts

Friends (102)
 Jennifer Kannberg Nybo
 Sarah Culver
 Gena Grenville Oliver
 Callie Criss Crumpacker
 Brian Wickens

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Rachel's Facebook page. Her profile picture is so cute with Ty!

The only way I keep up with lots of people is on Facebook. Now I suspect you do not know what Facebook is so here goes a short description. It is extremely popular with the younger set as it is another way for them to communicate. I like it because it allows me to keep up with the happenings of my nieces, nephews, kids and step kids as well as a lot of cruisers that breeze through La Paz and then go off to foreign ports. Every member starts by creating their home page. I included a printout of Rachel's home page. The page shows information about where they went to school, their age, photos and whatever information they want to put down for people to see. It is not public information as you have to mutually agree that you want to be someone's "friend" on Facebook thus allowing them access to your information. The page also includes a profile picture which is why I got on to this subject. Nicks profile picture is pretty darn funny.

In addition to a page explaining yourself to your friends you can post something that is on your mind or something going on in your life. For example Nick posted that he went to New Zealand



Andrea got some new sleds for Christmas.



Wheeeeeeee!

niece Lisa's which is about 5 blocks down the street. Her mom (and my ex-sister in law) Gail was there so it was fun to catch up. Lisa's sons Hayden and Asher were outside their usual wound up selves with all those unopened presents under the tree. Christmas day was sunny and nice so Andrea and I

for Christmas and posted a ton of great photos. Rachel will post quite often and lets people know where she is traveling or who is visiting or just something Ty did that was funny or nice. I am more of a follower and use it to read what people are up to. I used to post more but it just seems like I have been in a whirlwind busy mode for months now.

Christmas was great at the Ogiers. Getting there a day early helped a lot with last minute shopping. Pretty hard to do all of your Christmas shopping on line or in Mexico! Christmas Eve we went to my



New valves



The valves were cut out and holes patched on one of the tubes so that new ones could be installed on the opposite side. That way they would be on the outside and could easily be reached to pump up the boat.



New D Rings

spent some time riding bikes. She had to try out the new "big girl bike" with training wheels. Good thing it has training wheels because she is very wobbly! A couple days later it snowed like crazy so we walked around the neighborhood with the sleds trying to find the perfect hill. I gotta tell you I think this altitude is exhausting. 2 blocks and I am



The repair company was impressed with the condition of the rubber considering the tubes are over 60 years old!

ready to take a break!

Andrea and I have had a great time playing video games, riding bikes, going to movies, and just hanging around playing with the pets but I am ready for some adult entertainment. Tim and Mike were going to the inflatable boat restoration shop so I tagged along. WOW... those tubes are lookin' good! They are getting patched, new D-Rings, painted, and all new valves. The flap with grommet holes will remain just for looks. There were more flaps



Measuring for the frame

When we were on the Grand Canyon a river guide said to Tim "Old School, Huh?" and that stuck so he decided to name the boat "Ol School" Now it just needs a frame made, two 30 HP 4 stroke motors and a trailer. I hope it comes together... it is really fun to watch the progress. After the raft company we went to lunch and decided to try for an end of June permit for a two week maiden voyage for the boat. I am working on getting the permits while they try to get the boat together in time. What Fun! So here we are mid January and I still have 2 weeks left until I go back to La Paz. Yep... Colorado is starting to grow on me.

Hope you both had a good Christmas and are doing well.

Love,
Patsy



Trying to leave old D Rings & straps to retain some character.

and holes on the bottom that were cut off and patched smooth so the boat will go fast. We spent quite a bit of time with the guys trying to decide color, type style for the name and frame configuration.



*This is a frame sitting outside the raft repair store.
The new one will be similar but a lot bigger.*



*Sombody handed me a piece of chalk and here ya go.
The name is perfect. No boats are like this anymore!*