

Invitation to meeting Friday, April 15 and Saturday April 16

Hallberg-Rassy Klubben Norge and the Oslofjord Museum are happy to invite you to a meeting at the Oslofjord Museum Friday, April 15. At 6 PM we meet at Vollen Yacht Club, 100m south of the museum, where Mahina Tiare 3, a HR-46 is moored. After having sailed 192 000 miles as a sail training ship she has undergone a refit and is ready for this summer's expedition to Svalbard and Iceland. The owners will present the boat to us. At 7 PM we have moved to the Oslofjord Museums' meeting room for a presentation:

South Pacific Sailing from Panama to New Zealand presented by Amanda Swan Neal and John Neal

How to sail your own boat to exotic, uncrowded South Seas islands where friendly islanders are pleased to welcome you. Weather, passage planning, safe & secluded anchorages plus new services available to cruisers are detailed in images and a free handout. We'll also feature Fatu Hiva and Raroia where Thor Heyerdal spent time.

On Saturday April 16 at 10 AM in the Museum Amanda and John will give a 50 minutes presentation about Storm Survival Tactics followed by a dockside hands-on demonstration aboard Mahina Tiare of rigging storm trysail, staysail, fore-reaching, heaving-to, towing warp and two types of storm drogues.



Amanda's South Pacific experience started at age 12 in 1977 when she sailed from New Zealand to Tonga aboard a 50' ketch she had helped her parents build whereas John set sail from Seattle for the South Seas aboard his Albin Vega 27 in 1974 at age 22. Amanda and John have a combined 408,000 miles and 60 years of sailing and teaching adventures in the South Pacific, detailed on www.mahina.com.

John Neal was born on the banks of Africa's Blue Nile River. At the age of 22 his love of adventure and travel fueled a desire to sail to the South Pacific from Seattle aboard his 27' Vega sloop. *Log of Mahina*

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chronicled his voyage and adventures and became a best seller. To answer the frequently-asked question, "How can I find and prepare a boat for ocean voyaging?" he conducted the first of now 159 Offshore Cruising Seminars in 1976. In 1990, to meet the requests for hands-on offshore instruction, John established Mahina Expeditions with the goal of sharing his knowledge of ocean voyaging in a safe and supportive environment. John has conducted 171 sail-training expeditions aboard his Hallberg-Rassy 42, Mahina Tiare II, and Hallberg-Rassy 46, Mahina Tiare III, sailing 342,000 miles in the South Pacific, Caribbean, Patagonia, Antarctica, Atlantic, Scandinavia and the Arctic. John has rounded Cape Horn six times under sail and holds a USCG 100-ton Master's and private pilot's licenses.

Amanda Swan Neal's ancestors sailed from Norway to settle on Lewis and Harris Islands in Scotland's Outer Hebrides, but she grew up in Auckland, New Zealand and sailed to Sausalito, Seattle and Vancouver as a teenager aboard a 38' sloop she helped her parents build. Upon returning to New Zealand, she became a sailmaker for Hood and transferred professions to rigging with Noake's Rigging in Sydney, Australia then Southern Spars in NZ. In 1990 she completed The Whitbread Around the World Race (now The Volvo Race) as rigger aboard *Maiden*, the first all-women Whitbread boat. Amanda's 300,000 miles of ocean sailing include two Sydney-Hobart Races, numerous international regattas and seven Cape Horn roundings intermixed with a ten-year involvement in tall ship sail-training. Since joining John in 1994 for Mahina Tiare's Cape Horn and Antarctic expeditions, Amanda has co-skipped aboard Mahina Tiare. She is author of *The Essential Galley Companion* and since 2005 has written the monthly Galley Essentials column in 48 North magazine. Amanda enjoys introducing women to the joys of the cruising lifestyle and her personal interests include knitting, Celtic step dancing, photography, triathlon training and sewing. She holds a NZ Commercial Launchmaster's license.

Amanda and John spend seven months at sea sailing 10,000 miles annually. When not at sea, they enjoy winter kayaking from their island home at Roche Harbor, 8 miles east of Victoria, B.C. Their website is: www.mahina.com

1. **Magazines Contributed to:** Yachting World (UK), Blue Water Sailing, Australian Yachting, Cruising World, Cruising Helmsman (Australia), 48 North, Latitude 38, SAIL, Sailing, Yachting, Ocean Navigator and Practical Sailor.
2. **Books Authored:** *The Essential Galley Companion* (Amanda), *Log of the Mahina*, *Mahina Tiare*, *Pacific Passages* (John), *Offshore Cruising Companion*, *Offshore Expedition Companion*, *Storm Survival Tactics* (John and Amanda), *Selecting and Purchasing an Ocean Cruising Sailboat* (John).
3. **Books Contributed to:** *World Voyage Planner*, *World Cruising Survey* by Jimmy Cornell, *The Annapolis Book of Seamanship*, fourth edition, by John Rousmaniere, *Surviving the Storm* by Steve Dashew, *NOAA-PVS Safety Manual*, *Voyager's Handbook* by Beth A. Leonard, *Sharks of Tropical and Temperate Seas*, R.H. Johnson, *Fifty Places to Sail Before You Die* by Chris Santella.
4. **Videography:** Heavy Weather Sailing (1981) (contributor), Sailing to Cape Horn (1995), Sailing to Antarctica (1996).
5. **Areas of Experience:** Caribbean, Mexico, Atlantic including Azores, Canaries, and Madeira, Patagonia (Chile and Argentina), Cape Horn (six roundings), Antarctica to edge of ice pack, Brazil, Uruguay, Pacific including Galapagos, Panama, Juan Fernandez, Cocos, Clipperton, Easter Island, Pitcairn, French Polynesia, Cooks, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Wallis, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, Alaska, British Columbia, the Med including Balaerics and Malta, Ireland, England, Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, Norway, Svalbard to edge of ice pack, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Spain and Portugal.

Welcome aboard! No registration needed.

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