

## “Lines” from the Commodore Remote, Relaxing and Exciting

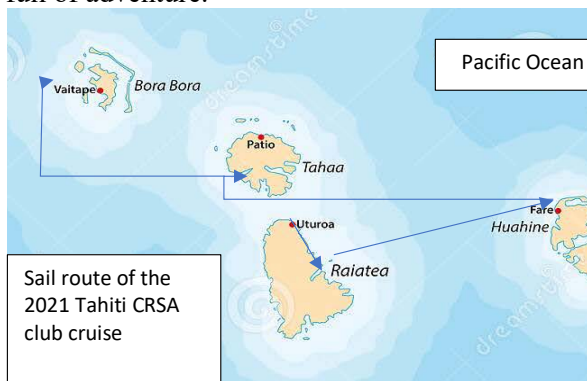


Who would’ve dreamed... Sailing in Tahiti and the French Polynesian islands, incredible! “A trip of a lifetime!” says David and Fresca Leddy and I believe everyone would agree!

As I say so many times, this group has great taste and this year’s cruise lived up to all expectations! CRSA Cruise Director Merritt Wade organized this phenomenal excursion and 22 Club members joined in the fun.

This cruise to Tahiti was exceptionally challenging as it was originally scheduled for 2020 and due to Covid had to be rescheduled for June 23-30, 2021. Merritt’s love for planning and relentless focus on logistics and details made the trip exceptionally rewarding!

We sailed the leeward islands of French Polynesia. Beginning in Raiatea, which is 125 NM from Tahiti, and sailing to Huahine for two days then on to Tahaa, then two wonderful days in Bora Bora and back to Raiatea. Our trip was full of adventure.



CRSA chartered three catamarans with **Captains Merritt Wade, Dan Geiger and Jim Chandler** at the helms. Captains communicated daily to discuss weather conditions and coordinate mooring arrangements, keeping Club boats relatively close to each other throughout the cruise.

This cruise, because of the location, was a combination of sailing and land excursions. There was time to spend on the various islands snorkeling among beautiful coral and colorful fish, or with sharks and rays, or even in prearranged private snorkeling excursions. Some enjoyed hiking and the incredible views each island had to offer from the higher elevations. Others explored the islands via a Rent-A-Car or jeep drive through the island’s center.

French Polynesian food was also an interesting event. The national dish is poisson cru, which is raw fish served with coconut milk. Kelly Emrich, quite the trooper, has taken it upon herself to learn how to re-create this incredible dish!

As one can see through the pictures that follow, the cruise was not only beautiful, but also a great time to meet new club members, spend time with existing members and welcome many new people to CRSA club cruises. First-time club cruisers included: **Gary & Jeanne Adamson, Chuck & Kelly Emrich, Lauren &**  
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**Mike Lemasters Judy Shropshire, and Tony Wrobleski.**

CRSA club cruises give members an opportunity to visit beautiful places, meet new people and learn or practice sailing skills. Although captains are responsible for their crew and boat, each captain was open to allowing crew to engage as much or as little as they preferred.

This is the second time CRSA has chartered catamarans, which provide spacious accommodations for up to 8 people per boat. The first cruise to use catamarans was this past December with one boat and seven club members sailing Key West down to Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortuga National Park.

I hope you enjoy the pictures. Better yet, be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming trip tales, (details to come soon) to get the “rest of the stories!” ...and hear the stories behind the scenes and maybe even why **Chuck** is in a dress!

In closing, again I would like to thank **Merritt Wade** again for his relentless work to make this trip happen as well as **Dan Geiger and Jim Chandler** for agreeing to captain us through our dream cruise location.

Good winds to all!

**Molly Sutherland, Commodore**  
**Commodore@caverunsailing.org**



**Lee Sutherland & Tony Wrobleski preparing to pick up the mooring ball.**



**Picture of the 2021 CRSA Tahiti Cruise Participants**



**Captin Jim Chandler surveying the Situation.**



**Lauren Lemasters celebrating the adventure upon SkippyCat.**



**Jim & Sharon Chandler celebrating 23 years just off Bora Bora.**



**Two brothers having fun (Ken Wrobleski, seated, with Tony Wrobleski).**



**Crew of La Bougainvillea enjoying a meal at the Bora Bora Beach Club.**



**Chuck & Dan at the helm.**



**Katie & Phil DeHart at the helm.**



**Gary Adamson on an outrigger.**



**Lauren & Mike Lemasters with a "local".**



**Savannah in paradise.**



**Chuck Emrich- WHAT??**



**John & Judy Shropshire – celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**



**Fresca & David Leddy enjoying a trip of a lifetime!**



**Fresca Leddy preparing “painkillers”.**



**The hiker’s view.**



**Jim Chandler, David Leddy, Ken Wroblewski on the lookout – not too much action!**



**Our Cruise Director & Captain of Aita Fifi, Merritt Wade.**



**Chuck and Kelly Emrich take some relaxing time before going out for dinner.**



**The boys THINKING they are in charge on Aita Fifi! (from left to right) Gary Adamson, Merritt Wade, Phil DeHart and John Shropshire.**



**Kelly Emrich enjoying one of the native fire dancers.**

Editor's Note: The following is a nice commentary on the 2021 Tahiti Cruise written by one of the participants. Thought you would enjoy it.

## MY SHORT CAREER AT THE HELM

7-23-2021

Twenty-two of us from the Kentucky area boarded three catamarans in Raiatea. After spending the first night moored on the east side of the island we embarked through the lagoon, heading for two nights mooring at Huahine followed by one night at Taha'a, two nights at Bora Bora, then back to Taha'a and Raiatea.

Most of the Polynesian Islands are surrounded by coral reefs, it's awesome watching the waves break across them, then gently move into the lagoon.

I had the opportunity to steer the boat through the channels in the lagoon, keeping the red buoys on my right towards the island, green buoys on the left to the ocean side. The co-captain was beside me doing the majority of the chart navigation. We made it safely through the lagoon. I was told to head through the three hundred yard or so passage-way going between the reefs out to the ocean, noting the giant waves

crashing on our right and left, heading out between the buoys under motor power.

We went straight out for a bit, then I was instructed to turn the boat around and head into the wind, so we could raise the sails, the wind would fill them as they were raised. I was looking at the instruments making sure we were headed into the wind. The white sails were raising, bellowing with wind. All was well until I looked at the horizon. I saw that we were heading towards the reef with the waves going away from us crashing over them. I am a canoer. In my mind I saw us heading towards a water-fall. Fearing we would get caught in the current, I panicked. Thought I was going to get us all killed.

I bailed, turned the wheel away from the reef. Now I know what it means when someone says it took the wind out of my sails. The wind went out of our sails and everyone started yelling asking what I was doing. Looking back, we were actually far from the reefs, but in my eyes, we were getting too close. Anyway I was fired. One of the captains took over and we got the sails up. I was now a swabby.

It was all in good nature, we had a wonderful trip and enjoyed our fellow boaters. The scenery was magnificent, the local people were extremely friendly to us. Thanks to all for making it a once in a lifetime vacation.

**Gary and Jeanne (Swabby and wife) Adamson.**



## Some Upcoming Events

The latest info is always on the  
CRSA Website, [caverunsailing.org](http://caverunsailing.org)

- Most Weds** Radio Controlled boat sailing.  
Jacobson Park Lake, 6:00 pm until  
batteries die.
- July 20 & 24** Last two days of Youth Sailing at  
Jacobson Park Lake. T, 6-8 pm. Sat,  
1-4 pm.  
Come out to help. Saturday is Pirate  
Day.
- July 23** Sunfish Social, Jacobson Park Lake  
7:00 PM to dark. Usually the last  
Fridays of the month.
- July 25** Commodore's Tea with Manly Beer  
See details on the previous page.  
**RSVP at**  
**[socialdirector@caverunsailing.org](mailto:socialdirector@caverunsailing.org)**
- August 14** CRSA Seasonal Race # 4. Twin  
Knobs boat ramp 10:00 am Captain's  
meeting. Races start at noon.
- August 28** CRSA Seasonal Race # 5. Twin  
Knobs boat ramp 10:00 am Captain's  
meeting. Races start at noon.
- Sept 11** New Member Social 3:00 pm at Al  
and Ruth Lawton's. Bring a hors d  
oeuvre and any adult beverages you  
wish to enjoy. More details will  
follow. All members and friends  
(potential members) invited.
- October 1, 2** Grand Annual Regatta. More details  
will follow.

### For Sail/Want to Sail

**Nissan 8 hp** 2 cycle, 2 cylinder, 4ft length outboard,  
approximately mid 80s. Just professionally  
reconditioned and runs well. \$400. **Terry Clark**,  
Lexington, KY 40515, [tdclark007@yahoo.com](mailto:tdclark007@yahoo.com),  
859-221-4270



## Recent ASA Course Completions



Left. Dr Jeremy Dority and Abby Dority recently  
completed ASA 101. They are awaiting  
commissioning of a newly purchased 2013 Hunter  
36 which will be slipped at KY Dam Marina.

Right. Longtime sailor Dave Leddy has  
completed ASA 103.

Students are shown on Instructor Cliff  
Hynniman's Finnish Line, a Catalina 36 on KY  
Lake.

Congratulations to all three students and a big  
Thank You to instructor Cliff Hynniman.

## CRSA Officers Meet to Organize Plans for the Remainder of 2021



Officers met in June and celebrated Brad Leslie's  
birthday after a busy Board Meeting!

## Bluegrass Chapter



### FOURTH ANNUAL FRANKFORT FLOAT

**Paddle the Kentucky River in Downtown Frankfort on July 31, 2021**  
**Launch at 10:00 am**

A great opportunity to get out of the house, be on the water and visit friends at a safe social distance. Join us for a relaxing paddle through scenic downtown Frankfort. We will launch at the Old Lawrenceburg Road Ramp upriver from downtown on Rt 420 (Old Lawrenceburg Rd) off the East-West Connector and paddle to the boat ramp at Benson Creek, a 2.8 mile trip. An additional trip up Benson Creek is also available for those who want a little more paddling. The launch site is easily accessed by taking the 127 exit (second Frankfort exit coming from Lexington on I-64) turning toward Frankfort, turning right on 676, the East-West Connector, and left on to Rt 420 just before you cross the Kentucky River.

**Canoe and Kayak rental** is available from Canoe Kentucky or you can bring your own canoe or kayak. Contact Canoe Kentucky directly at **502-227-4492**. *(There is a group rate if you let them know before July 11, you are with America's Boating Club group).* They will deliver you canoe or kayak to the launch site and pick it up at takeout. Shuttle service will be provided to take your vehicle to the Benson Creek boat ramp prior to our departure. If you are bringing your own canoe or kayak, please be at the launch site by 9:30am to unload and transport your car to Benson Creek. If you are renting a canoe, please be there no later than 9:30am so we can transport your car to Benson Creek.

After the paddle we will gather at the Benson Creek ramp for food, fun and fellowship at a safe social distance. Please bring a chair, something to eat and your favorite beverage. To ensure there are plenty of shuttle drivers, **please register for this event with Louise Lagrew at [louiselagrew@gmail.com](mailto:louiselagrew@gmail.com).**

**ALL CRSA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND ENJOY!**

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2. conducting sailing education classes,
3. providing a forum for good will and social activities among those interested in sailing and
4. participating in charitable and community service activities.

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