FIRST-TIME MAC
A CRUISER'S
PERSPECTIVE
Karma Yacht Sales Open House
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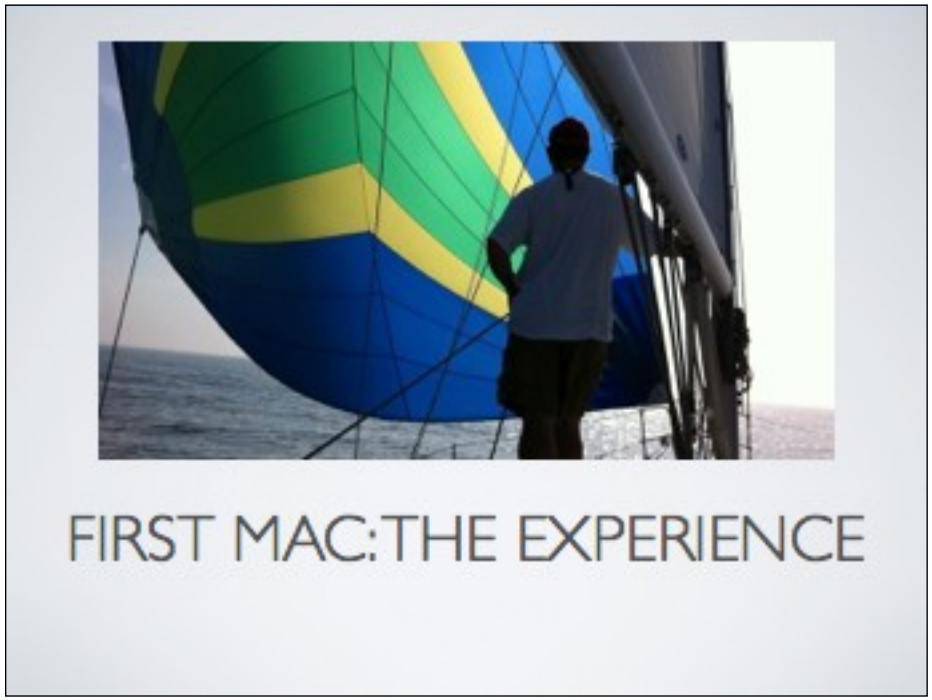
FIRST MAC: THE EXPERIENCE

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THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

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WHAT WE DID RIGHT AND WRONG

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MEMORIES

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CREW

Do I really want to spend 48 79 hours with these people?

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SELECTING CREW

- Hardest thing to do
- Lessons learned
- It's the people - you're not going to win the race

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COMPOSITION

- Two watches
- Recommend a relief person
- Men/women
- Age & physical ability

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EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- SAS Seminar strongly recommended for Mac - and for cruising!
- Weather training
- Navigation experience
- Bring a couple of Mac veterans
- Experience on *your* boat - try to race together

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ROLES

- Watch standing
- Person in charge + 2 watch captains
- Navigator

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BOAT PREPARATION

Buy, beg, borrow, steal

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SUITABILITY OF BOAT

- Read MSRs - also seamanship checklist (attached)
- Stable
- Comfortable
- Speed
- Condition of boat

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AN OVERVIEW

- It doesn't have to cost a fortune
- Much of what you need will make you a safer boater and safer cruiser
- What can you borrow or rent?

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SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- MSRs are your friend - even a cruiser's friend
- Sails - storm jib, cruising chute
- PLB or raft, MOM-8 or MOB
- Number board & sail numbers

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BOAT MODS

- You may be able to come as you are
- Weight
- Prop
- Sails

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COST

- Entry
- Food, lodging
- Time
- Miscellaneous - shirts,
- Will your crew contribute?

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PROCESS

Only a lawyer could love this - and I do

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GETTING IN THE RACE

- www.cycracetomackinac.com
- Request for Invitation
- "Invited competitor" - US Sailing Membership
- Invitation - acceptance
- Paying your fee

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PAPERWORK

- ORR rating - apply now! offshore.ussailing.org
- Insurance
- Crew List
- Race tracking Application
- Safety Compliance Certificate

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RACE TIME!

- Registration
- Parties
- Skipper Meeting
- Boat prep
- MOB drill
- Start!

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FINAL STUFF

- Docking
- The Island
- Getting the boat home

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CONTACT US

We'll see you on the start line of the 104th Mac
July 20, 2012 - 3 pm - Cruising Division

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