



Welcome New Members



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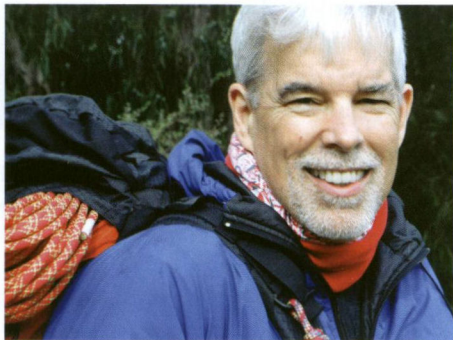
Spouse: Pam Rorke Levy

Yacht: 1929 S&S Yawl *Doradel* 6 meter

Lucie

Station: SAF

Proposer: Robert L. Hanelt



Matt has been racing and cruising for over 40 years, during which he has developed a passion for classic wooden boats.

This led to his 2010 purchase of the famed vessel *Dorade*. He and Pam spent over a year restoring *Dorade* to both her original splendor and blue water racing condition. They have now embarked on a plan to enter *Dorade* into the same races that she took part in during her heyday from 1931-1936. With that goal in mind, they participated in the 2012 Bermuda race, in which they finished 4th in class, following up in 2013 with a first overall ranking in the Transpac, an historic event, considering it was 77 years since *Dorade* had originally won the race. In honor of her win, August 22, 2013 was proclaimed as "Dorade Day" in San Francisco, and Governor Brown declared Friday, September 20, 2013 as "Dorade Day" in the State of California, and appointed *Dorade* as the Honorary Flag Ship for the State. Sparkman & Stephens have appointed *Dorade* as the official S&S flagship. To top this special year, Matt was named the 2013 NYYC Yachtsman of the Year (Mosbacher Trophy) and StFYC Sailor of

the Year. In 2014, *Dorade* headed back to the East Coast for some cruising and racing in the Caribbean, and will take part in this year's Bermuda Race. Thereafter, she will continue to retrace her historic past with the 2015 Atlantic and Fastnet Races. In addition to *Dorade*, Matt races his 6 meter *Lucie* which was built for Briggs Cunningham in 1931, and which Matt acquired and restored in 2011. He has successfully campaigned *Lucie* in both International 6 Metre World and European Championships. Matt, a former Trustee and honorary graduate of the US Maritime Academy, Kings Point, is an active Board member of IYRS based in Newport, RI. Both Matt and Pam are active in Conservation International, to which end they have chartered vessels in Indonesia over the past few years on oceanographic expeditions. They are also strong supporters of the San Francisco Leukemia Cup Regatta, donating *Dorade* to race in the 2012 Cup with an all-woman crew on board.

Affiliations: St. Francis Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club, *Yacht Club de Monaco*