



NEW YEAR'S DAY ROUND THE ISLAND CRUISE & FRUITCAKE EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunrise is at 0724, and I'll start the coffee at the Clubhouse. Bring your leftover fruitcake to share. The pastries will be scrumptious and we'll be geared for a grab-and-go sailing kind of breakfast. I'll leave the lights on for you blacktoppers who might stop by later on your way around. Please welcome fellow Islanders to join your crew wherever you see them. We can always do car shuttles to get folks back to their vehicles.

BLACKTOPPING? No reason not to join the fun! Just follow along, maybe grab a ride as crew? **JUST REMEMBER, don't drink and drive! Be safe!**

SAILING? It's an early high tide! And a low low: 7.5 High Tide at the Park Street Bridge (according to the NOAA predictor) will be at 0915. I'm planning to set sail around 8 AM for...

Aeolian YC (www.aeolianyc.com) – Chili, Fizzes, Bloody Mary's...fight the early morning chill, and I do mean early. Check their website for links showing the channel from High Street to the Doolittle Bridge.

Ballena Bay YC is next. Be careful, stay to the "left" heading to the end of Bay Farm Island before cautiously making a wide sweep towards the harbor. Ted Crum and AYC recommend going all the way to the Harbor Bay ferry terminal (4.7 miles) but you be the judge. It's ebbing. And it's time for football and hot dogs and good friends when you arrive.

Next, time to sail round Alameda Point and head down the Estuary toward home. Yes, roll out that jib, take a little nap while someone else watches traffic, enjoy the views of our spectacular Bay. Maybe pop the kite?

Encinal Yacht Club - Last stop, test their clam chowder, toast a new year, head back to your slip.

How about one more piece of fruitcake back at YOUR Club? It's always open to members, and it's a great place to warm up before heading home

Next On The Calendar? The Blue Plate Special Dinner 1/13
Crabfeed 2/3 & Superbowl Potluck 2/4

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