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R/V Mermaid Vigilance Set to Depart Honolulu



Research Vessel R/V Mermaid Vigilance

Today our team will depart Honolulu for the vicinity of Howland Island, 1,600 miles to the southwest, to complete the deep sea search for Amelia Earhart's lost Lockheed Electra. Adding to the work conducted during prior expeditions in 2002 and 2006, the team plans to complete a sonar survey of about 1,800 square miles of seafloor, an area believed to contain the aircraft. The expedition will use autonomous underwater technology to image the ocean floor nearly 18,000 feet below.

The **Eustace Earhart Discovery Expedition** is an important step in human

exploration, expanding the realm of human achievement, funded by an explorer who extends the range of human possibility and in honor of a great explorer lost in those causes. Alan Eustace, with a doctorate in computer science, has led developments in pocket computing and computer architecture, and most recently retired from Google as Director of Knowledge. A pilot, skydiver, and adventurer, Alan made history in 2014 with a record breaking near-space dive from the stratosphere at 135,890 feet. Free-falling over 23 miles, he

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- 0800** Departure Honolulu
- 0830** Transit to WP1, Sea Trial, 8 nm
- 0930** Remus Sea Trial at Target S-19
- TBD** Transit to WP2, Survey Area, 1,616 nautical miles to go.

Events

- TBD** The ship will conduct compulsory drills within 24 hours of departure.

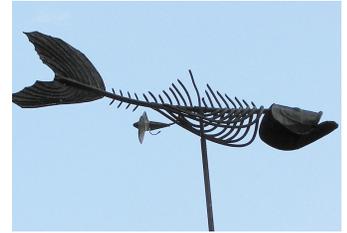


A Vigilant Mermaid



Introducing: **Saline Sid** bastard nephew to Barnacle Bill

What's with Swimelia Aircarp, anyway? Just a boney fish as far as I'm concerned. All this yammerin' about searching for her plane – as though fish couldn't fly on their own! Never heard of flying fish? And why are we sailing 1,600 nautical miles (NOT meters) southwest from Hawaii? I seen Aircarp up north of Boston. Castaway on an island, they say, but I seen her with me own squinty eyes. Gaw!



Swimelia Aircarp in flight

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reached a speed of 821 mph (breaking the sound barrier at Mach 1.3) before slowing in the thickening atmosphere and parachuting safely to earth. His spacesuit and support equipment went on permanent exhibit at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum on December 15, 2016.

Besides conducting our own search operations, our expedition will be working with NOAA to support its upcoming exploration of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument as the research vessel **Okeanos Explorer** maps the deep seafloor near Howland Island in March. An education team on board our vessel will share the excitement of deep sea exploration and the fascination of robotic technology as we sail the central Pacific in our quest.

ALL HANDS

The general alarm signals for emergencies are posted in every cabin. For fire, flood, collision, man overboard or abandon ship, the response is always same. Go immediately to the assembly area on Deck 03 Aft by the Palfinger crane. There is a green rectangle painted on deck labeled, "Muster Area." An accurate head count will be taken there

and sent to the bridge. If you are in your cabin, grab a life preserver and hardhat and go to the assembly area. If you are anywhere else, go directly to the assembly area. Life preservers are available at the muster area. An average response time should be less than one minute to get a report to the bridge.

Safety

Could you get to safety if you were blinded by smoke? Do you know how to cook a hotdog with electricity? Spence the safety boy will



Safety quiz: Where on the vessel is this sign? Answer next issue.

provide all the answers in a SEA School coming soon. Thanks as well to Engineer Oleks for telling us what buttons not to push in the Control Room.

Be a Good Shipmate. Make sure that all doors that you pass through close securely behind you. If you leave them unlatched they may fly open and slam shut when the ship

rolls. There are crew members sleeping at all hours of the day.

MERMAID CLASSIFIEDS

PERSONALS 100

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WANTED 200

Photos! Archivist seeks digital pictures for sharing. Good way to backup valuable images. Selects, only; no speedos, please. See Marika, 4062.

Stargazers: Heavenly Tourguide seeking sky gawkers. Nightly excursions. Astronomic storm activity scheduled. Venus visible tonight! Call ahead for reservation. Dave, 4031.

Hang 'em high: Hangers needed, all makes, models, and styles. Wardrobe malfunction, don't ask. Doc Pam, 4071.

Weights: Anything that sinks. Coffee cups, old printers, tech manuals, interns. Any condition. Needed to deploy transponders. Call Greg, 3051.

FOR SALE 400

Got styrofoam cups, will trade for M&Ms, 1 for 1 OBO. Sue, nights on talkie CH-3344.

LOST & FOUND 500

Lost: Lockheed Electra 10. Low hours, NR16020. See Elgen, 4021.

Lost: Internet. If found, see Bryan, 3072.

Lost: Hardhat, white. Heirloom. See "Ping" Morris, 3042.

Place New Ads by Friday – ed.