

Attention Late Edition

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The Cruise to Pelican
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Three squadron boats went to Pelican the weekend of the Cueva Valdez cruise, June 26, Top Shelf, Bobcat, and Quiddity. The weather was nice and the sailing conditions good. Bobcat left Santa Barbara shortly after 8 AM under the command of SEO Ron Slocum and was double reefed for the sail to Santa Cruz. We



were zipping along at 7 knots or so, but there was a fair sized swell from the west.

We arrived at Pelican in the early afternoon, which was warm and sunny and enjoyed one of the more picturesque and historic anchorages on Santa Cruz.. In the 1920' s, there was a hotel above the anchorage and a sea captain ferried guests from Santa Barbara to Pelican until a storm destroyed his boat in Fool's Anchorage.

The skippers and crews of all three boats enjoyed hospitality hour on Quiddity hosted by Bobby and Steve. The night was quiet and the sky was clear. For the sail back the wind was not as brisk but we still made a good speed. We saw no whales on this cruise but there were plenty of dolphins and numerous seas lions taking a snooze on their backs well out to sea.



**Ron and Linc
in a fierce
cribbage match
aboard
Bobcat at
Pelican**