

## 2015 Great Pumpkin Sailing Trivia Quiz

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1. In 1673 the word "catamaran" entered the English language. The original spelling was "kattamaram". It is the "building-on" or "katta" on two "maram" trees. What part of the world did this happen?

- a-Greek Islands, Aegean Sea
- b-Cape Verde Islands, Atlantic
- ☒ c-Southern India & Sri Lanka
- d-Tahiti, French Polynesia

2. The book "Moby Dick" is based on the true story of the Nantucket whaling ship *Essex* being rammed and sunk by a whale in 1820. The survivors tell the tale. Next month there will be a movie released about the *Essex*. Many whales hit whaling ships and did damage. How many whaling ships, documented, were struck and sunk by whales?

- a-*Essex* 1820
- ☒ b-*Essex* and *Ann Alexander* 1851
- c-*Essex*, *Ann Alexander* and *Lydia* 1836
- d-*Essex*, *Ann Alexander*, *Lydia* & *Two Brothers* 1823

3. What theory is used in the ground positioning satellite system GPS to make it precise? The satellites send its time signal just a little early.

- a-Theory of Creation, Biblical
- b-Theory of Everything, Hawkins
- ☒ c-Theory of Relativity, Einstein
- d-Theory of Evolution, natural

4. We think of the Mini Transat 6.5 class boats as being "French". But the class and Trans Atlantic race was started by a Britisher, Bob Salmon. Californian Norton Smith won the second race with the Tom Wylie design, *American Express*. Where did the first two races start from?

- a-London
- b-Portsmouth
- c-Plymouth
- ☒ d-Penzance

5. During the 1983 Mini Transat race Roland Jourdain's boat sank off the coast of Spain. After his rescue, why did Spanish Police put him in jail?

- a-Spilled diesel fuel into the ocean
- b-Did not have his passport
- c-Did not pay Spanish landing tax
- ☒ d-Boat's name was the same as an international drug smuggler's

6. Why are bananas bad luck on sail boats?

- ☒ a-They are perishable.
- b-Banana boats were overloaded and sank.
- c-They stink-up the boat.
- ☒ d-They attract flies and spiders.

7. The 100 foot on deck, brigantine, traditional wood 'Tall Ship', now being built in Sausalito, will be named in honor of this former, prolific well known yacht designer with over 200 designs to his name. What is the name of this San Francisco Bay area designer?

- a-Gary Mull
- ☒ c-Matthew Turner
- b-Carl Schumacher
- d-Myron Spaulding

8. How did "Raffles Hotel" in Singapore get its name?

- a-Name of the last lion to live on the island
- b-The ship that sank in the harbor
- c-Game used to acquire ownership of the Island
- ☒ d-Founder of Singapore, Sir Thomas Raffles

9. During the Vallejo Race boats sail past this island named for Benicia Vallejo's horse that went overboard and was presumed "lost at sea" during a storm. When her husband, General Vallejo found the horse, he named the Island after it. What island is this?

- a-Red Rock Island
- ☒ c-Mare Island
- b-Brothers Island
- d-Angel Island

10. In 1853 the first Lighthouse was built in California. When the lens arrived from being shipped around-the-horn, it was in service and lit in 1854. Where was it?

- ☒ a-Alcatraz Island
- c-Brothers Island
- b-Fort Point
- d-Point Bonita

11. At the start of the 1969 Transpac from California to Hawaii, 73' *Windward Passage* was caught 'barging' at the committee boat end, hitting Judge Phillips' *Esprit*, a Sparkman & Stevens 33' design. Three protests were filed but only *Esprit's* was upheld and the committee penalized *Windward Passage* two hours. This gave the "First to Finish" trophy to Ken DeMuse's 73' *Black Fin*. Who was the helmsman on *Esprit* who said this was not good for his career? He is a new member of Richmond Yacht Club.

a-Tom Young

b-Tom Alexander

☒ c-Tom Wylie

d-Tom Blackaller

12. Gary Mull was a naval architect, teacher, mentor and employer to many up-and-coming young yacht designers who went on to great careers as boat designers. Which one of these four did not work for Gary?

☒ a-Tom Wylie

b-Carl Schumacher

c-Jim Antrim

d-Ron Holland

13. The first Europeans to start the Colonial Empire expansion through ocean exploration were the Portuguese. In the 1400s Henry the Navigator sent out ships to control the African East Coast. When the ships sailed south, they lost sight of the North Star and went no further. They landed in a natural bay with tall mountains and abundant wild life including lions. What did they name this area?

a-Mauritania

b-Cape Verde

☒ c-Sierra Leone

d-Guinea

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