

68; minimum, 40. For 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today: Maximum, 72; minimum, 43.

Monterey Bay Area—Fair today and tomorrow. Low today 40 to 50, high 66 to 76. North winds 5 to 15 knots.

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Boats + Boating Triton Fails First Time--But Today?



It was just a rehearsal, but they didn't know it then. Triton raft crewman Larry White and his wife, Linda, bid a fond farewell yesterday at the Capitola wharf before the raft set off on a proposed 7400-mile drift across the

Pacific to the Society Islands. Efforts to reach southbound currents failed, and the coast guard rescued the helpless craft and returned it to Capitola, from whence its crewmen hoped to depart again today if conditions permit. (Other pictures on Page 6.)

Heritage Days' Top Winners Revealed

Heritage Days activities will wind up today with a public pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to The Sentinel on

Parade winners and the winner of the "Live Like a Millionaires" contest and Treasure hunt, were announced yesterday. Parade pictures appear on Page 8.

Ired Sukarno Tells Army To Lay Off Reds

Jakarta, Indonesia (AP).—Grim-faced and angry, President Sukarno yesterday in effect ordered the army to call off its anti-Communist campaign.

Nikita's 'Fantastic' Weapon Killed 300

London (AP).—The "fantastic" secret weapon that Nikita Khrushchev rattled at the West in 1960 was a nuclear-propelled rocket that blew up on the launching pad, killing the so-

forces, Marshal Nedelin." The Russians announced October 25, 1960 that Marshal Mitrofan I. Nedelin and several other officers had been killed in the line of duty in an air

Raft Crew Gets 'Trial Run'

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Six men left the Capitola harbor yesterday morning on a home-made raft headed for a year-long drift to the South Pacific. They were back in the harbor in time for dinner.

Nothing was lost, however, other than a jar of hot peppers which got knocked overboard by the waves and the crewmen declared they were going to try it again at 5 a.m. today.

Against the seasoned advice of Malio Stagnaro of C. Stagnaro corporation, the crew decided to risk high seas and winds yesterday, Stagnaro, who agreed to pull the raft some 60 to 80 miles into the ocean to catch the southbound Japanese current, refused to make the tow yesterday. He explained that the waves and winds were strong

—even tuna fishermen had come in for shelter.

For a time the crew considered sailing out under power of the raft's sails, which are intended only for emergencies. Then Paul White of Capitola agreed to tow the 34-foot raft out with his 25-foot boat, the "Misfit."

They pulled out at 8:30, leaving their tearful wives, worried family members and a crowd of the curious on the wharf. By 11 o'clock they were adrift some five miles out. The tow rope broke so they decided to start from there.

The sails pulled the craft another four or five miles, but then the winds changed and the raft began to drift toward the Fort Ord firing range.

The crew radioed to the Capitola wharf for help and White headed out with the Misfit. They tied on, but the waves and wind were too strong and nearly pulled out the Misfit's stern.

A 40-foot Coast Guard cutter, which happened to be in the area, came to the rescue and pulled the raft back to Capitola by 3:30 p.m.

"I wasn't surprised. If they want to lose themselves and their lives, that's up to them," Stagnaro said. "Let them get a taste of salt water," he laughed.

However, Stagnaro's offer to pull them out stands.

"Whenever they're ready, I'll pull them to Timbukto if they want me to," Stagnaro said.

Although he and the crew disagreed on the weather, they all agreed the raft will have to be quite a way out to begin the southward drift. The northbound Davidson current must be crossed before reaching the southbound Japanese current.

"If we could get out far enough, we will go straight down the coast," said Larry White, one of the crew members. As for how the raft behaved in the

heavy seas, White said: "Beautiful, it couldn't be better."

The crew considers yesterday's venture a test run, something which they had given up because of time.

"We needed to make a trial run and now we've done it," White said.

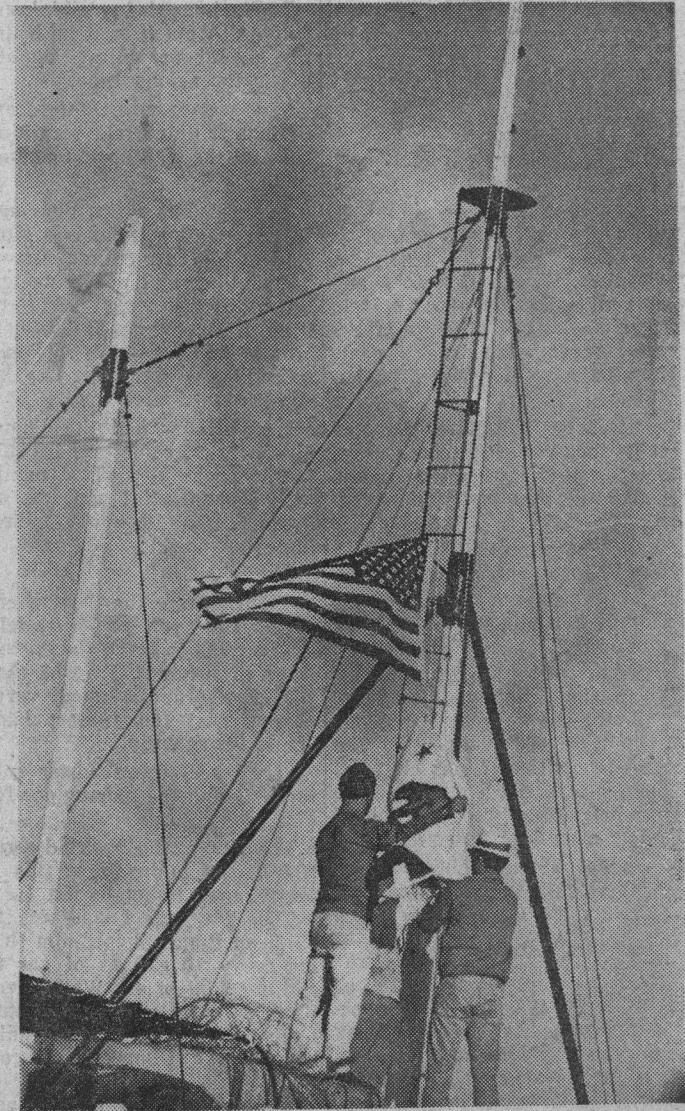
"We figured it would be best to come back and get a couple of chuckles thrown at us rather than end up on the rocks," he added.

Coast guardsmen who brought the raft back inspected it and came up with no violations. The crew said the coast guardsmen did express concern over the raft's having no power other than the sails.

The raft got another close inspection Friday night from the Capitola police. They made a search on a tip that a 17-year-old girl who had run away from home had said she was going to stow away on the raft.

They found no girl and the crew said they knew nothing about it. Just to be safe, the raft was kept under observation through the night and police were on hand until launching time just in case she showed up. Sheriff's deputies said she hadn't come back as of last night.

Besides White, Al Parvin, Doug Otis, Fred Hametner, Mel Higley and Dan McGee are making the trip.



The United States and California flags were hoisted bravely yesterday as crewmen of the raft Triton set off from Capitola on an unsuccessful effort to drift across the Pacific. Failing to catch the southbound currents, the raft drifted helplessly toward the

Fort Ord firing range before being taken in tow by a coast guard vessel and returned to the Capitola harbor. The raft's six crewmen (Fred Hametner and Doug Otis are shown above) vowed they'd try again today, if conditions permit a tow far enough out to catch the proper currents.