

## *The Voyage of the “Red Thread” Catalina/Morgan 440 Sailed by: Glenn & Pam Maddox*

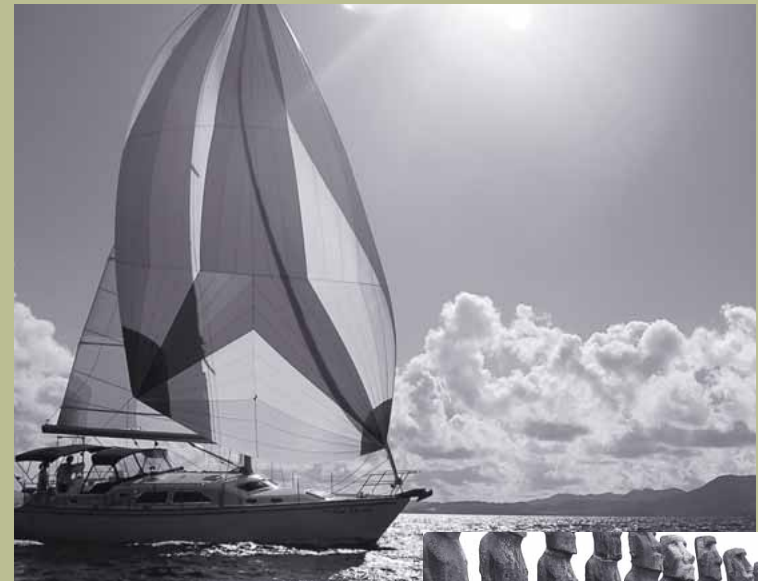
*Our first boat was the Catalina 27, then the 310, 350 and now the 440. The hardest part was leaving all our things – jobs, family and friends. We took our girls, MeiLing (1) and Linzi (4) out of their comfortable home and put them into the aft cabin. We had lots to give up but looked forward to getting so much more.*

*On May 23, 2006, we sailed out of St. Petersburg, Florida to fulfill our dream of distant horizons and creating connections with our new environment. The boat was integral, but generating money and budgeting were the first considerations. We needed to find a boat that could take anything the ocean would throw at us – a boat rugged enough for blue water sailing.*

*The Catalina 440 has taken us through the tropics and into the high latitudes. The boat did great as we sailed through the roaring 40's with confidence.*

*We loved places like Easter Island in the South Pacific where only 14 vessels check in per year. We're anxious to complete our trip through Indonesia and Indo-China before returning home via Japan, Alaska and Washington State.*

*Yes, it was hard to leave the dock, but the feelings and connections we made are invaluable, and the experiences will benefit us long after we return to life on land.*



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