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## LETTERS

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We agree with the editor's opinions regarding taxation and the use of taxpayer money in California, and certainly do not want to continue to pay for 'services' we won't be receiving once we leave.

Alan Bradley  
Vivacia, Caliber 40LRC  
Las Vegas, NV

Alan — Thanks for the information. We didn't realize that you could get a street address — and therefore a driver's license — with just a mail service in Nevada. But you did it, so obviously it can be done.

For the record, our beef is not with taxes per se, but with the overwhelming government waste, graft, incompetence, inefficiency, and complete and total lack of accountability. If the government worked half as hard and spent money half as carefully as well-run small businesses, we'd be happy to pay more taxes. Of course, we wouldn't have to, because the government would be awash in money. We detest being made to play on a 'team' we have no faith in.

### ↑↓ THE CONTROVERSY OF ROPES

Reader David Wheatley has three other ropes on his boat that he may not know about: the bolt rope on his mainsail and mizzen, and the luff rope on his jib.

Steve Taft  
Mill Valley

### ↑↓ THE MOST IMPORTANT ROPE OF ALL

Here are three more "ropes" found on a boat:

1) The boltrope on a sail that is fed into the groove that holds a sail to the mast and boom. It helps spread the load on the sail cloth.

2) The pull rope on the outboard motor used to start it.

3) My wife's rope — as in, "If you don't reef, I'll be at the end of my rope!"

Herb Clark  
Hotel Charlie, Catalina 25  
Chico YC

### ↑↓ FORGET THAT CLASSIC PLASTIC — GO WOOD

I know your La Gamelle Olson Syndicate probably doesn't want to hear about other boats, but have you thought about the old 30 Square Meter *Rumbleseat*, once owned by Bruce Schwab? She is ocean-ready in Road Town in the British Vir-



'Diva' (ex-'Rumbleseat') has been a popular fixture in Caribbean regattas for years.

gins. In *Rumbleseat*, you would have a real classic wooden boat that was part of the team which won the 30 Square Meter Cup in the U.S. in the late '20s. Owning her would allow you to participate in the classic boat races in the Caribbean. She would be much better than 'classic plastic'. Furthermore, I believe she is longer — 39 feet — than the Olson, and only a few hundred pounds heavier.

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