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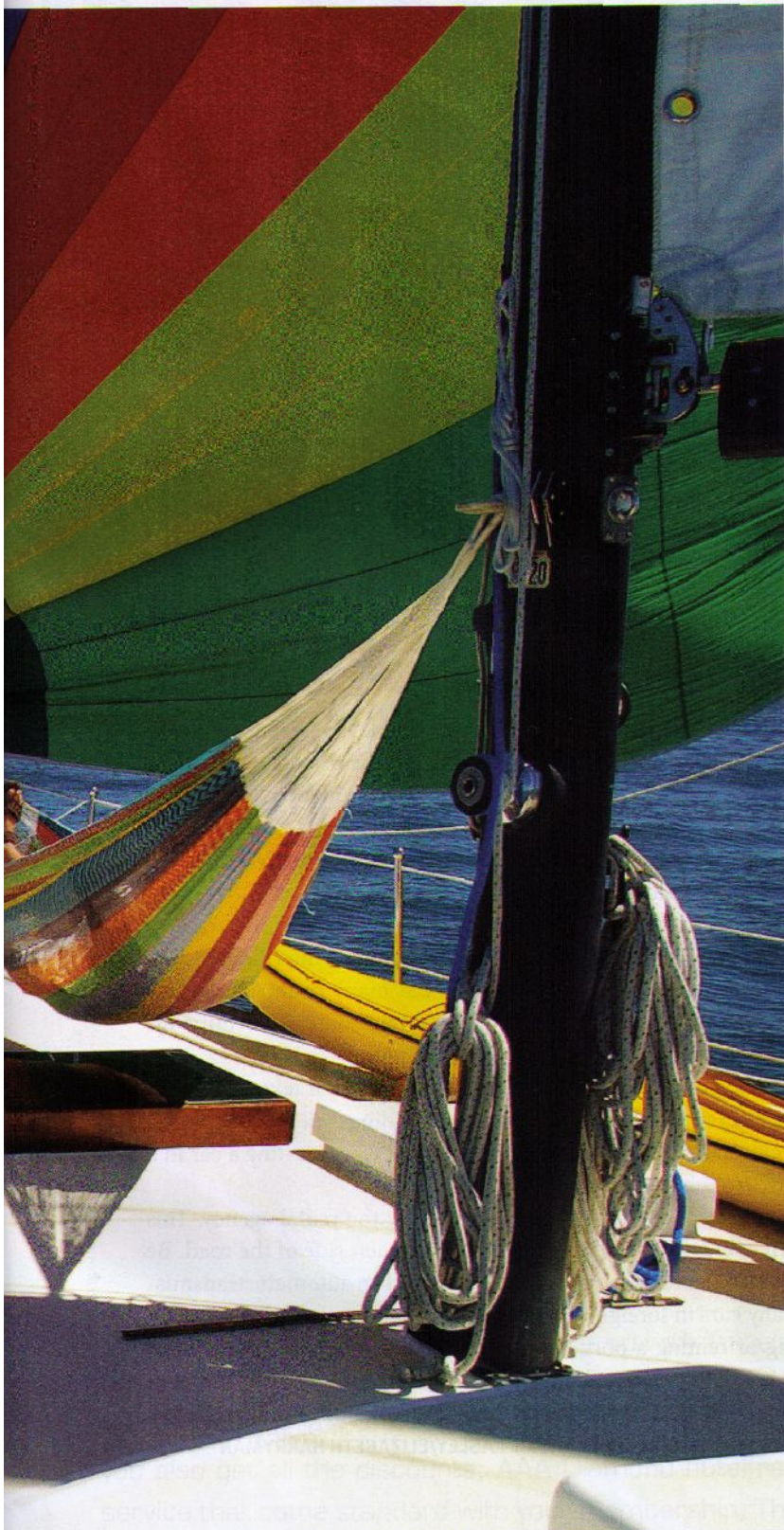
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Emerald Isle Sailing Charters explores
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On Orcas Island, Capt. David Lutz brings seafaring dreams to life aboard Na'Walak, a graceful ketch he sails out of Deer Harbor. The 54-foot vessel, whose name means "Spirit of Nature" in Kwak'wala, lives up to its handle with a wind generator, solar panels, a silent electric dinghy that's perfect for close-range wildlife watching, and the crew's respect for a fragile ecosystem. One of the most popular cruises is a three-day excursion with stops on such uninhabited islands as Patos, Sucia, Matia, the Nature Conservancy's Yellow Island or others accessible solely by boat. "It takes people about three days to shed their normal lives and absorb the surroundings," Lutz says. Other options range from day-trips to 10-day cruises throughout the San Juans or as far away as British Columbia's majestic Great Bear Rainforest. (866) 714-6611, www.emeraldisesailing.com. —ALLEN COX

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Diameter, in feet, of the rotors on the wind turbine generators at Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility near Ellensburg.

212

Wingspan, in feet, of a Boeing 747-400 jumbo jet.

1,060

Length, in feet, of the arch span on the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge, outside Las Vegas, Nev. The new bridge provides an alternative route for through traffic near Hoover Dam.

1,811

Length, in feet, of the world's longest arch span for the Chaotianmen Bridge, the world's longest, in Chongqing, China.

185

Age, in years, of the Old Apple Tree at Fort Vancouver. The historic tree was planted in 1826 and is widely considered to be the matriarch of Washington's apple industry.

6,000

Estimated age, in years, of Sunland Baobab, one of the world's oldest trees. The popular attraction sits on a farm in South Africa's Limpopo Province and houses a bar and wine cellar in its hollowed trunk.