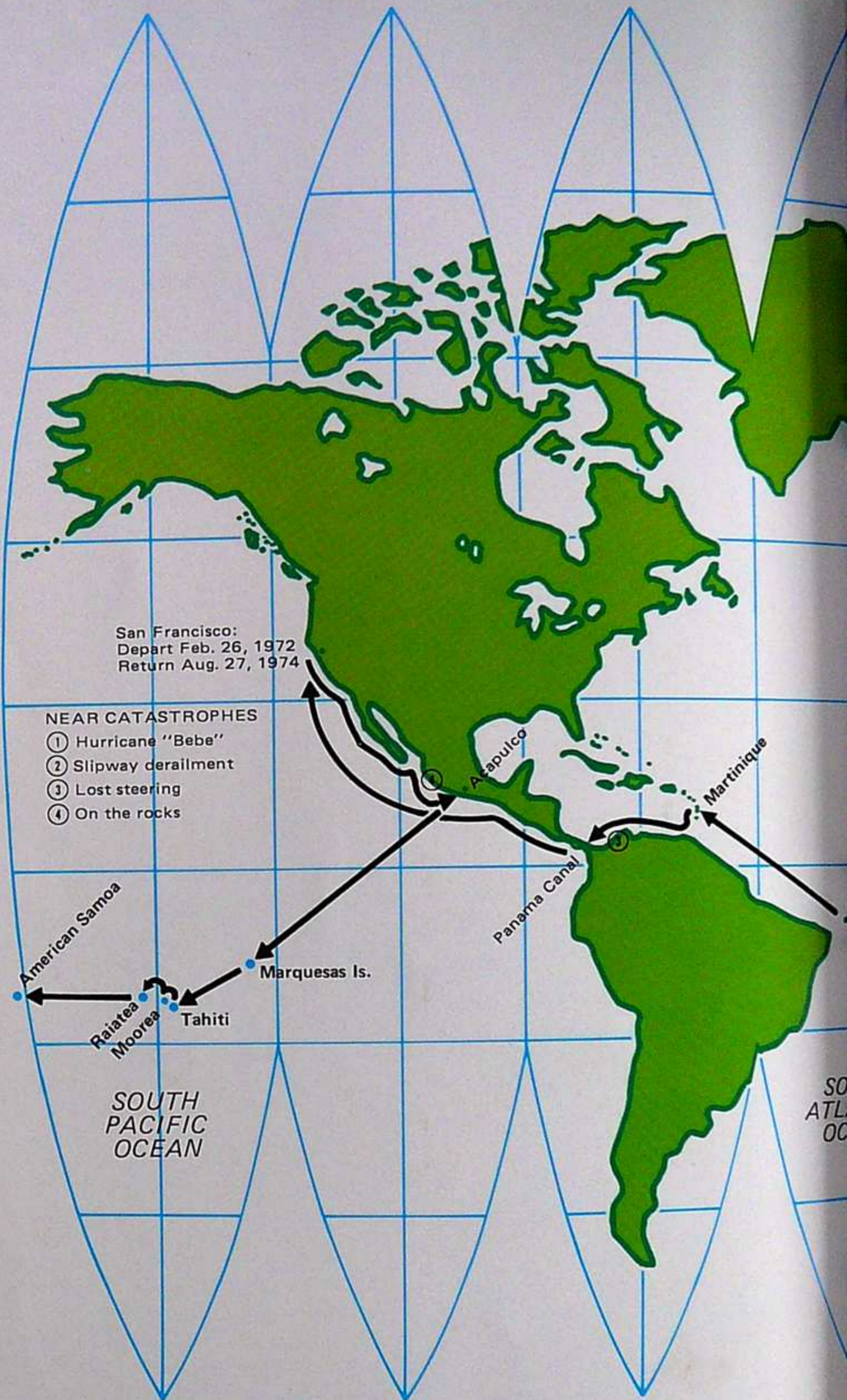


Owed to a Skylark

Hurricane in Fiji, Natives in New Hebrides and Assorted Other Log Notes on the Ultimate Round Trip

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following CLASSIC CRUISE photo-essay describes many of the scenic and adventurous highlights from Bob and Kristi Hanelt's 2½-year circumnavigation in SKYLARK, a 53-foot Sparkman and Stephens yawl. The caption-text is excerpted from a manuscript which Bob hopes to publish in book form.)

"The sea is at its best . . . near midnight, when you are within the arms of a capacious chair, before a glowing fire, selecting phases of the voyage you will never make."
— Henry Major Tomlinson

People ask Kristi and me, "What made you want to sail around the world?" It is really a difficult question, especially in retrospect. I know it was a question which, during periods of peak anxiety and frustration, we asked of ourselves.

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