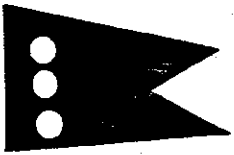


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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Fairwind Members,

Thanks to you all for attending the Banquet last weekend. I appreciate your participation and enthusiasm for the Club. It is great to see so many members participating in the activities and volunteering in so many ways.

I certainly would like to offer appreciation to the Board for 2002-2003. I would like to specifically recognize Al Buennagel for 5 years of service as Vice Commodore! He was here for the move to new slips, the rapid growth, the purchase of new boats, and many other transitions during his tenure. Al assured that the bonds; the roster, the billing for dues, the membership documentation and many other important financial and other records were always impeccable. Thanks Al for your voice of reason in many difficult discussions.

I would also like to thank Fred Taylor for his service as the Secretary for over two years. Fred brought to the Board a professional attitude and substantially increased the quality of the minutes for all meetings. Fred always showed compassionate judgment in his opinions. Thank you Fred for your service.

Also Mitch Mandell took over in the interim for a departing Rear Commodore and quickly fit right in with the entire Maintenance Crew. Thanks Mitch for your willingness to do the hard work of coordinating the maintenance of our fleet.

Now you three are departing the Board this year, but do not be surprised when we need you for other important committees and duties in the future.

Thanks also go to the returning members of the Board from last year: Marc Levine returns as our Past

Commodore. Marc offered to serve as a replacement for a departing Past Commodore and has served as the Chair of the New Boat Selection Committee. Thanks Marc.

Bob Baron does two major jobs for the Club. He is our Treasurer. That duty assures fiscal responsibility for us all. He pays the bills, and keeps us all informed as to the financial state of the Club. Bob also cleaned up a lot of gaps in records in years prior to his assumption of the duties. In fact we have a couple of years of tax issues that Bob helped to resolve about 4 years ago. Thanks very much for that help Bob. And Bob is our newsletter editor. As you know, this newsletter is a top-notch document with many informative features each month. Thanks for that too Bob.

Dave Lumian, our Fleet Captain does many jobs for the Club. He is our ambassador of Sailing to the Community, the National Sailing Organizations like the ASA and US SAILING and the world! He is currently working closely with two Yacht Clubs in Japan, and may arrange a cooperative sailing arrangement with those distant, yet similar groups. Dave is a spark plug for the Club and I know it would not be where it is today without Dave's enthusiasm, ideas and their execution. His selfless effort on our behalf is a tremendous force in the sailing community. Thank you Dave for being such a hard working guy!

And thanks to the New Board Members: Our Secretary, Steve Smith, Our Vice Commodore, Cathy Hutton, and our Rear Commodore, Peter Gonzales. Thank you for bringing your service to the Board, taking on the responsibility to help improve the Club, and help take the Fairwind Yacht Club to the next level.

And I would like to thank all those volunteers who train others, who clean and fix the boats, organize events, and do the legwork for the many things we constantly require. And of course we must thank

Nicole and Pierre Le Bonsais who have been our reservationists for over 4 years! As they retire we have an opening that is being filled in the coming days.

To all of you who do the little things that make the Club a great place to sail, thank you! You all help make my position as Commodore a true pleasure.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season this year and that you find time to sail these next few months. Sure it is cooler now than a couple of weeks ago, but a sweater and a hat will get you out in Santa Monica Bay on a sunny day. You don't live in New York, Chicago, or even Atlanta anymore! This is the land of the Endless Summer!

Lets go sailing! — Warren Smith, Commodore

THE "4-HARBORS 4-GET ABOUT IT" CRUISE

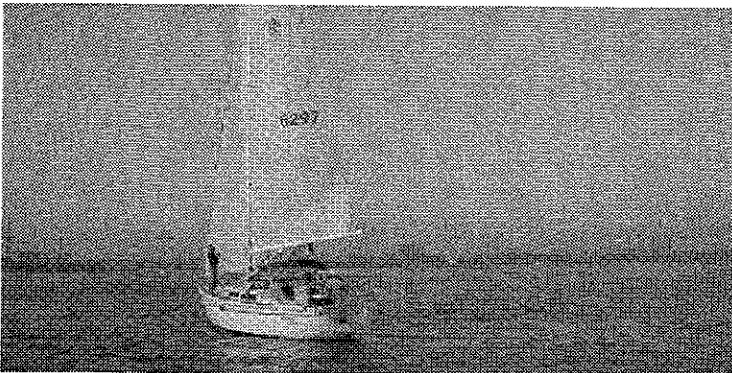
by Cheryl Peppers

The Four Harbors fleet left Marina del Rey
On a fabulous, fun, fair-weather day.
Zephyr went first, with fishing poles out,
And bonita they caught—forget dinner out!

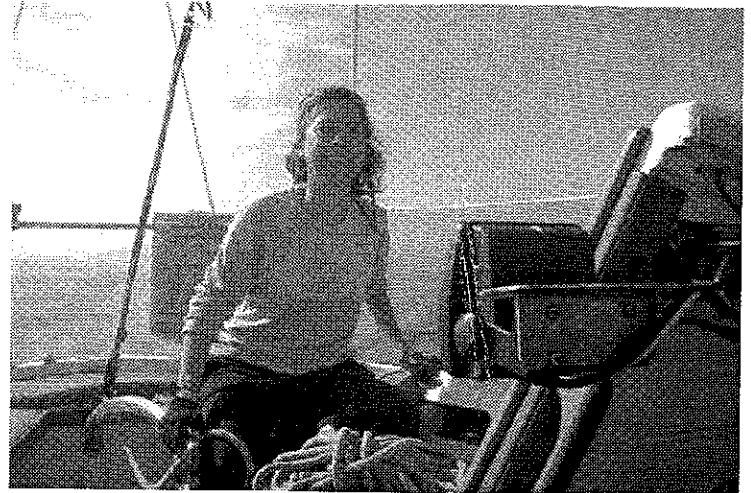
After stalls off PV were finally past,
Hurricane Gulch was a literal blast.
Mark III soared, on a fast broad reach,
Past San Pedro and on to Long Beach.

But Fairwind-I had too much weather
And took down the jib, to make things better.
Behind and alone, inside the huge harbor,
The crew finally made it on skill and ardor.

"Alas!" came the call from the Zephyr crew,
"No slips for the club—Now what do we do?"
On most occasions, the slips abound,
But the Long Beach boat show had turned that around.



4-Harbors Cruise—MK III sailing into Long Beach.



4-Harbors Cruise—Pam Tarlow having a ball at the helm of FW I.

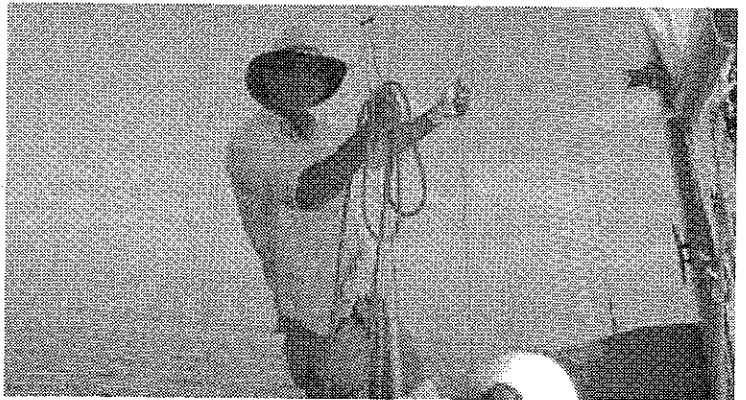
In the end, the solution proposed
Was to wait for the Harbor Masters to close.
And there we docked, stern to bow,
Staying in Long Beach any old how!

Planning helps, we all agreed,
But sometimes spontaneity's the need.
With help from the locals and lessons learned,
It's all part of cruising, we discerned.

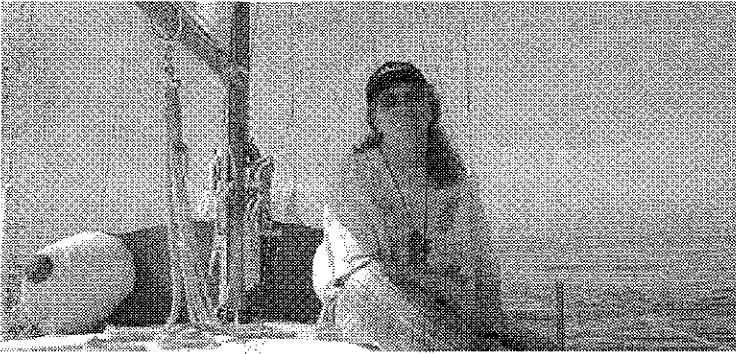
We next called to see how Avalon would fare,
Only to find there was no room there!
A jazz fest in town had filled up the place,
But the Isthmus was quiet—and that sounded great.

We sailed for Two Harbors at 210 degrees,
On one beam reach and a hearty breeze.
With Seawing joining us that day,
The fleet became four for the Isthmus stay.

At Catalina, what's not to like?
There are fish to catch, trails to hike,
Sunshine and stars, food and wine,
Reading and cards—all had a great time.



4-Harbors Cruise—Skipper Stu Meisner enjoying the sail aboard FW I.



4-Harbors Cruise—Rosalie Bostick aboard FW I, oh my what a wonderful day!

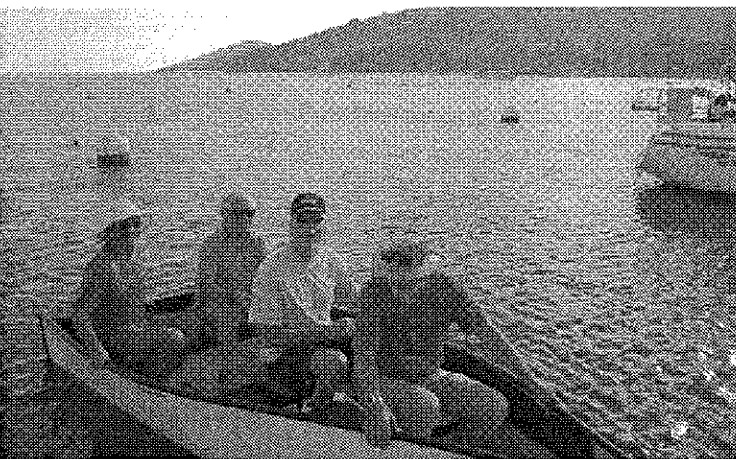
But one little problem that can't be ignored,
Were those deadpan dinghies! (a hint to the board)
Bailing and pumping, you work up a sweat,
Only to find that you still get wet.

On Sunday the fleet departed for home,
And found more adventures still to come,
With two boats taking the westerly course,
And two boats choosing to head straight north.

First, at eight o'clock to Mark III,
Four dolphins leapt all at once from the sea.
They swam with the bow, jumped now and then,
Then left just as quickly, ne'er seen again.

Next came the fog along the coast,
With those at 360 getting the most.
An eerie ordeal, it raises your hair,
But it's fun when you find the south entrance right there!

So counting home base, the cruise made three ports,
Unless Cat Harbor counts as a fourth.
All safe at home now, that's the news
From the Two, or Three, or Four Harbors cruise.



4-Harbors Cruise—Yo ho ho, four men in a tub. Gus van Driel, Dick Luning, Rob Matheny, and Hugh McNulty.

P.S. by Rosalie Bostick

The FWI spotted a sea creature too,
It was pointed out by one of her crew,
"What's that?" shouted Pam, never to drink a cola,
Rosalie said, "Oh my god! It's a rare Mola-Mola!"

The cruise was organized by the patient and flexible Rob Matheny, the Four Harbors Cruise October 16-19 included Zephyr/"the 270," skippered by Gus Van Driel and crewed by Dick Luning and Hugh McNulty; Fairwind I, skippered by Stu Meisner and crewed by Rosalie Bostick and Pam Tarlow; Seawing, skippered by Rich Van Allen and crewed by Joan Gilmore; and Mark III, skippered by Rob Matheny and crewed by Diane Hubner and Cheryl Peppers.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

THREE CHEERS!

Three cheers for Hans Hoffman! Hans has volunteered to serve as FYC's new boat reservations coordinator. Contact Hans at tollfree pager number: (877) 739-9699. Please keep voice mails brief, as there is a 30-second limit per message.

And three more cheers for Nicole and Pierre! The Le Bansais have handled Fairwind's reservations for four years. They will remain active FYC members. They are expecting their first grandchild in France soon, so they will be traveling a lot. Best wishes for the whole Le Bansais family!

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS: NOVEMBER 20 AT SHANGHAI REDS

The last FYC Board meeting of 2003 will be on Thursday, November 20, 6:30pm at Shanghai Red's located at 13813 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey. A three-course dinner is \$16.95 plus tax and tip. Alcohol is extra. As always, all members are welcome.

HOME PORT REGATTA NOVEMBER 15

The ASMBYC Home Port Regatta is Saturday, November 15. The race is open to everybody. Its for novice or rusty competitors to get more people involved with racing. It is open to all keelboats 20'-50' in length. If you haven't raced much before, this is a great opportunity to get involved.

There will also be two free clinics:
Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7pm, "Racing 101: An overview"
Friday, Nov. 14, 7pm, "Racing 201: Basic Rules"

Both race clinics will be held at South Coast Corinthians located at 13445 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. Last year about half a dozen Fairwind members attended the clinics and we all felt that they were very beneficial.

The Home Port Regatta consists of several starts for different classes. There will be two races for each class. The course will be around the racing pins.

As you may recall, last year Fairwind fielded three boats in the Home Port Regatta at the last minute. They all placed well without coaching: Collective Effort, skippered by Marc Rieffel, claimed first place. Fairwind 30, skippered by Rob Matheny, took second place. Fairwind 1, skippered by Chris Wickers and Adam Colson, won third place

Not bad for a cruising club, eh? Especially since the boats were loaded with 4-5 crew each!

Let's see if FYC can field five boats this year! (Wouldn't the G22 and the Soling be fun?)

If you'd like to participate, please email FYC Race Chair John Stephenson at sailfast@earthling.net (no, that's not a typo, it really is earthling NOT earthlink)

FAIRWIND HOLIDAYS PARTY DECEMBER 11

The annual Fairwind Winter Holidays Party will be Thursday, December 11 at Dave Lumian's house at 652 Angelus Place, Venice. The party starts at 7pm. It's potluck so bring some food and drink to share. Last year we had about 150 people eating, drinking, socializing and singing. Volunteers are needed to decorate and clean up. All are welcome. Friends and family too? Of course!

MDR BOAT PARADE DECEMBER 13

"Through the Eyes of a Child" is the theme of the 2003 Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade. The Boys & Girls Club of Venice and the MdR Sheriff office want to collaborate with FYC on entering a boat celebrating our 'at risk' youth sailing program. Volunteers are needed to decorate and help out. We really need someone to lead the project. (Dave is a boat parade judge this year and Lisa is in Germany - so we need help!). Call Dave at (310) 306-1116 if you'd like to get involved.

BIG BRUNCH TURNOUT

Eighty FYC members and supporters gathered at Casa Escobar a couple Sundays ago to thank the old board

and install the new one. Volunteers involved with maintenance, training, administration, club cruises, and the children's program were recognized, thanked, and given a cool Fairwind long sleeve mock turtleneck shirt. And the food was awesome!

Many thanks to Cheryl Peppers, Pete Griswold, Steve Smith, and Mike Fuller for making the brunch so successful. It was touching to hear Cheryl say that Fairwind is one of the best things to ever happen to her. I know that most of us agree.

Five of FYC's community partners received wall plaques.



Left to Right Lt Tracee Edmonds (MdR Harbormaster), Chad Pierce (Marriott), Dusty Crane (LACDBH), JR Dzubak (B&GCV), FYC Commodore Warren Smith, Captain Joan Gilmore (ASA IE), and Dave Lumian. Photo by Dave Ball.

MdR Harbormaster Lt. Tracee Edmonds of the MdR Sheriff's office was recognized for working closely with FYC to make the Fairwind YC Jr. Sailing Program such a success. Tracee really stepped up to continue the program and is a strong supporter of the project.

JR Dzubak, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Venice was also recognized for his support of the FYC Jr. Sailing Program. The B&GCV has done a terrific job as our partner in the program. JR is a solid advocate to continue and expand this unique youth sailing program.

LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors executive Dusty Crane was thanked for her work towards developing a MdR Community Boating Center and generally supporting FYC on many, many levels.

Marriott Hotel executive Chad Pierce was thanked for his company's support of Fairwind's safety and training programs by their generous donation of over \$25,000 worth of classroom space for our IQCs and Coastal and Celestial Navigation classes.

Captain Joan Gilmore, an ASA Instructor Evaluator was thanked for her contributions to FYC's training

program. Joan volunteered her time to work with Fairwind to develop an excellent trimaran sailing education program—which is now used by Corsair as a model of superior training. Joan also certified several FYC instructors. Joan recently generated press for FYC by leading a special women's instructor training clinic on our dock.

And last, but not least, Fairwind Commodore Warren Smith was honored for his six years of leadership. During Warren's continuing tenure, FYC has gone from a low point of 50 dues paying members to its present 180 and the Club has blossomed. Warren has turned Fairwind around!

NEW FYC BOARD

Commodore	Warren Smith
Vice Commodore	Cathy Hutton
Rear Commodore	Peter Gonzales
Past Commodore	Marc Levine
Treasurer	Bob Baron
Secretary	Steve Smith
Fleet Captain	Dave Lumian

DISCOVER MDR WAS 'FAST & FUN'

Last month FYC volunteers took about 300 kids and adults out sailing on the US SAILING Fast & Fun Hobie Cats and kayaks. The event was held in conjunction with LA County's Department of Beaches & Harbors' "Discover Marina del Rey" day.

Unloading and rigging the gear, taking people out for their first sailing experiences, and then unrigging and reloading the equipment was done by 30 Fairwind volunteers.

The sailboats were this year's 'hot ticket.' There was always a line of folks waiting to go sailing. Many wanted to know how they, or their children, could continue sailing. Of course we told them all about FYC!

Many thanks again to US SAILING Fast & Fun director Art Stevens for lending his 'instant community sailing program' to Fairwind again! Art volunteers his time to drive the 'Fast & Fun' equipment all over the nation turning new people onto sailing. FYC has nominated Art for a national US SAILING service award.

COMMUNITY SAILORS MEET IN OAKLAND

US SAILING's National Sailing Programs Symposium (NSPS) will be Thursday, January 29–Sunday, February

1, 2004 in Oakland, California. The NSPS attracts representatives from about 200 local, regional and national community sailing programs.

There are dozens and dozens of workshops, clinics and talks given on a wide range of important topics. Many of the new initiative that have helped rebuild Fairwind sprang from ideas at the NSPS; Reduced slip rent, racing, substantial discounts from marine companies, 'at risk' youth sailing program, and boater environmental work all originated from other programs' experiences that were discussed at the Symposium.

Last year Fairwind received the prestigious Milestone Award from the US SAILING Community Sailing Council recognizing our 35 years of excellence in community sailing work. FYC has been nominated for additional national recognition as the 2004 US SAILING Best New Community Sailing Program for our unique 'at risk' youth sailing project.

Are you interested in attending? Presently Southwest Airlines have round-trip fares for \$78 from LAX to Oakland! We should get a contingent to go!

ASA 2004 IQCS

Here's the plan for ASA Instructor Qualification Clinics in 2004. These clinics are sure to sharpen your sailing and teaching skills. At commercial skills they cost substantially more than they do at Fairwind for our members. Contact me at (310) 306-1116 if you are interested.

ASA 201 Basic Sailing Prep	January 23 - 25
ASA 201 Basic Sailing IQC	March 5 - 7
ASA 105 Nav Class	March 17, 24, 31. April 7, 14
ASA 203 Coastal Cruising IQC	April 17
ASA 204 Bareboat IQC	April 18
ASA 213 Trimaran IQC	April 24, 25
ASA 206 Adv. Cruising IQC	May 15, 16

EMAIL LIST

We have most Fairwinders on an email list. This allows us to send you updates and news between newsletters. If you are not receiving emails, please email me at dlumian@aol.com and I will add you to the list.

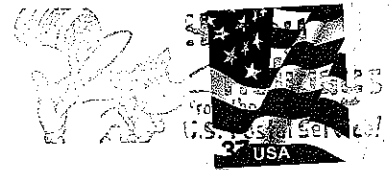
Work day Attendees: Sorry, could not fit you in this month. I will try to list you in the next newsletter.

CALENDAR

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Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003	Home Port Regatta free clinic: "Racing 101: An overview" 7pm	South Coast Corinthians 13445 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey
Friday, Nov. 14, 2003	Home Port Regatta free clinic: "Racing 201: Basic Rules" 7pm	South Coast Corinthians 13445 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey
Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003	Board Meeting 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM <i>Note change in venue.</i>	Shanghai Red's 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey <i>NEW</i>
Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003	Workday / Club Sail Day Dockwalker event, 10 AM	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003	Annual Fairwind Winter Holidays Party, 7pm	Dave Lumian's house 652 Angelus Place, Venice
Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004	Workday / Club Sail Day Dockwalker event, 10 AM	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004	Board Meeting 7:00 PM	<i>TBD</i>

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