



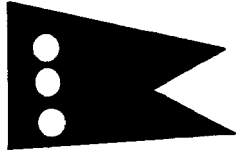
FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Fairwinders!

Happy New Year! I hope you are rested from your holiday activities. If you have been sailing you must be from back east somewhere, because it has been COLD! Cold and wet. But if you are from Chicago or Buffalo, it is really nice weather!

But, as you know, we will have good weather soon. And with a new high pressure system on the way, it will be short sleeves again soon.

This next year will be a significant one in the future of Fairwind Yacht Club. We have some programs that are destined to form significant ongoing relationships with our neighbors. Our children's program in cooperation with the Marina del Rey Sheriff's and the Boys and Girls Club of Venice may change in its support structure, but we are making efforts to assure it continues.

Another topic this year will be possible association with other harbors in Southern California. Our successful model for providing boating access to the public at a reasonable cost may be useful in other cities. And our training program is one of the more prolific in the Marina. That model may spread to other ports as well.

Our long-term goals will be reviewed and updated. We will also update some of the bylaws and standing rules. And we may see a waiting list to join the Club this year.

Some exciting cruises are planned. And we will continue to have basic and advanced training for all club members at our cost.

DATE CHANGE

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The January Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm, followed by the General Membership meeting at 8:00 pm. (*Note: the November newsletter incorrectly listed the date and the time.*)

Shanghai Red's <<<==== Note new location
13813 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey..
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
(at the end of Fiji Way after Fisherman's Village
and before the Coast Guard)

A three course dinner is \$16.95 plus tax and tip.
Alcohol is extra. Dinner purchase is not required
for meeting attendance— but is encouraged!
Please DO NOT bring your own food or drink
into the restaurant)

Enjoy the winter; it will be spring before you know it.

Warren Smith, Commodore FYC

FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

2003—WHAT A YEAR!

Fairwind had another landmark year. Here are a few highlights:

- Fairwind was named US SAILING's Community Sailing Council Milestone Club award winner recognizing FYC's 30 years of excellent community sailing.

- Ten more instructors got their ASA Instructor certifications on basic through advanced levels.
- Our Club's racing profile picked up dramatically. Not since the days that Al Freedman campaigned Collective Effort has there been so much activity. Mitch Mandel and crew didn't miss a Sunset Series race and won fourth place!
- More racing: FYC sponsored its first major regatta as we teamed up with Multi Marine to co-sponsor the Fourth Annual Summer Splash which attracted a record breaking 34 trimarans and got press in five different papers (including the January/February Multihulls). Fairwind members placed first thru fifth place on member-owned or member-crewed boats.
- Even more racing: Fairwind 'swept' the Home Port Regatta (see below).
- We repaid all of the bonds that raised money to buy Sea Weed, our F-27 trimaran, about two years early!
- Three members joined the FYC Board; Cathy Hutton is Vice Commodore, Peter Gonzalez is Rear Commodore and Steve Smith is Secretary.
- No additions to the fleet this year. But our maintenance volunteers and Boat Chiefs got our fleet into fine shape.
- We continued our relationship with the California Coastal Commission and the California Clean Boating Network by sponsoring the local Dockwalkers training. About 30 people attended.
- Our membership is at an all time high, about 175. Likewise volunteerism is at an all time high too! There is about 80 (yes, eighty) active volunteers. Don't believe it? We have about 25 maintenance volunteers, 40 sailing instructors, eight youth program volunteers, seven folks on the Board, about another dozen involved with administration, events, parties, outreach and racing. Whew!
- Fairwind started its first junior sailing program in partnership with the Marina del Rey Sheriffs and the Boys and Girls Club of Venice. Every Wednesday about four FYC instructors took about ten kids sailing. Also during the summer we had 50 kids learn to sail Hobie catamarans on Mother's Beach.
- Our boat in the Holiday Boat Parade was a winner! (see below)

It looks like 2004 will break some new ground too.

CALL (877) 739-9699 FOR RESERVATIONS

Contact Fairwind's new reservations coordinator, Hans Hoffman at tollfree pager number: (877) 739-9699. Please keep messages brief, as there is a 30-second limit per message. Hans is also looking for a database wiz to move our reservation system online.

FYC 'SWEEPS' THE HOME PORT REGATTA

Fairwind 'swept' the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs Home Port Regatta! Four of Fairwind's boats and two of FYC's members' boats dominated two classes and placed respectably in a third class.

Here are Fairwind's boats and member owned boats results:

Over 30' class

1 st place	Fairwind 30	Catalina 30	Rob Matheny
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Under 30' class

1 st place	Zip	Martin 242	Dave Van Blarigan
2nd place	Sea Weed	Soling	Dave Lumian
3rd place	Fairwind 1	Catalina 27	Chris Wickers
4th place	Collective Effort	Hunter 26.5	Hans Hoffman

Spinnaker class

4 th place	Awesome	Santana 20	Stan Pore
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It must be noted that Stan got a very late start, Dave Van Blarigan easily won the Under 30 class, but competition for the second, third and fourth places was tight.

Many thanks again to Fairwind's Race Chair, John Stephenson, who filled up the boats and took care of all the research and coordination for FYC's involvement.



Concentration!! (Kitty James/Santana magazine)

Bob Kellock, South Coast Corinthians Yacht Club Race Chair, thanked Fairwind's racers for their "enthusiasm and racing skill."

FAIRWIND HOLIDAYS PARTY

The annual Fairwind Winter Holidays Party took place a month ago. 100+ Fairwind members enjoyed fine foods, spirits and excellent company. Joan Gilmore led the group in a revised version of "Santa Baby." Many thanks to Mary Rogan and Cheri Windle for trimming the tree. Cheers to everyone who attended and a tip of the hat to the folks who wanted to be there but had conflicts.

FAIRWIND 'TAKES OVER' ASA

Just kidding! But two Fairwind members have recently taken the top couple of spots at the American Sailing Association.

Fairwind member and instructor Charlie Nobles is the new Executive Director of ASA. Charlie replaces Harry Munns who is retiring after 20 years. Charlie will be responsible for running ASA and developing more business for the company. BTW, Charlie recently passed his Captain's test with five 100%s and one 99%!

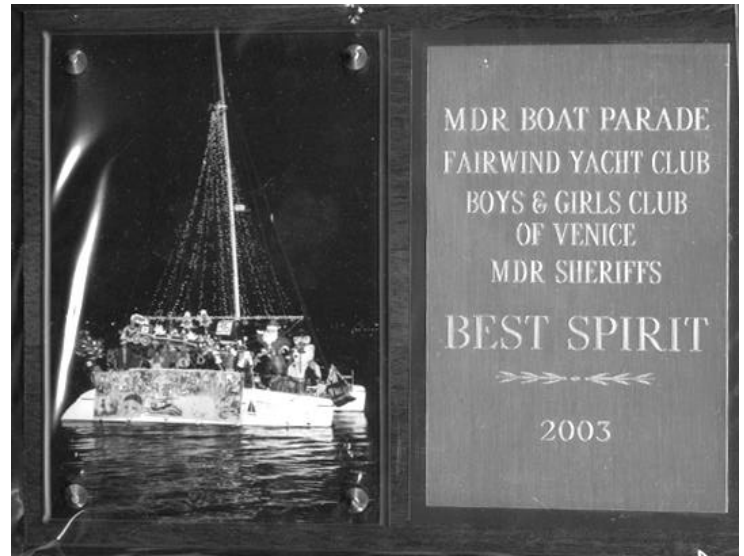
Captain Joan Gilmore, another Fairwinder, has the ASA International Education Coordinator position. Joan is responsible for scheduling IQCs, developing curriculum and standards, interfacing various boating organizations, attending boat shows across the nation and editing and publishing the ASA Instructor and Facilities Newsletter.

FYC is proving a fertile field for headhunting!

The best of luck and all of our support goes to both Charlie and Joan!

FYC WINS 'MOST SPIRITED' BOAT

Fairwind/Venice Boys & Girls Club/MdR Sheriffs office entry in this year's Holiday Boat Parade won the 'Most Spirited' award. "Through the Eyes of a Child" was the theme of the 2003 Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade. The Boys & Girls Club of Venice and the MdR Sheriff office collaborated with FYC on entering a boat celebrating our 'at risk' youth sailing program. The theme of the entry was "All Our Kids Are Gifted". Fifteen kids dressed as boxed gifts sang carols under a 30' Christmas tree. A huge 20' x 6' mural painted by the kids draped the starboard hull.



Jim Cash, an FYC boat owning member, graciously donated use of his Wildcat 350 Mk III for the project. Its stability and 35' length and 20' beam allowed lots of kids and adults to participate safely. West Marine 'loaned' 18 harnesses and tethers so that we could make sure the kids were all safely secured to a jack line.

Fairwind's Second Assistant Fleet Captain, Joan Gilmore, spent weeks coordinating the boat's design, decorations and operation. Dave Van Blarigan spent many hours swinging from the mast while hanging lights and decorations. Shirley Bau delivered many last minute items and food. Rob Matheny did carpentry, ran to Home Depot and was the bow lookout. Diane Hubner brought a giant meal, did some carpentry and waved with her dog, Tommy, from the boat. Commodore Warren Smith steadied the helm. Adam Colson took care of making sure the kids were safe and comfortable.

Dave Lumian was a boat parade judge. He was also responsible for coordinating the activities of a delegation from the Tokyo Yacht Club. Noticing how isolated the Japanese party was last year, Dave developed a pamphlet titled "Random Thoughts on Hosting Our Japanese Guests." The pamphlet proved popular with the various Yacht Clubs around the Marina who all arranged to have their Commodores receive the group at each respective location. It highlighted etiquette tips like how to say 'cheers' in Japanese ('kompai'), how to present a business card (both hands) and to start a conversation with our Japanese friends.



The boat!!!



And what it took to get ready!!



Work, work, and more work!!



WOMEN'S SAILING CONVENTION FEBRUARY 7

The 15th Annual SCYA Women's Sailing Conference will be held Saturday, February 7. The convention will be held in Corona del Mar at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club.

The convention is for women only. Registration is \$125

The daylong program offers three dozen workshops including six on-the-water sessions. Topics include varnishing, electrical systems, first aid, outboards, GPS, spinnakers, racing, anchoring, docking and much more.

Go to <http://www.scya.org/wsscya/index.html> for more information.

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. It's not too late to register.

Go to: www.ussailing.org/training/nsps/

BVIS OR BUST!

As you read this 14 Fairwinders will be sailing two cruising cats in the British Virgin Islands. Joan Gilmore and Dave Lumian are leading the group. Pictures and stories will run in a future issue.

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	Jan. 23 - 25
ASA 201 Basic Sailing IQC	Mar. 5 - 7
ASA 105 Nav Class	Mar. 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7, 14
ASA 203 Coastal Cruising IQC	Apr. 17
ASA 204 Bareboat IQC	Apr. 18
ASA 213 Trimaran IQC	Apr. 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: Dave Arnoth, Denise Bankott, Chas Belknap, Bill Blackett, Tom Brown, Dick Dougherty, Emily Fuller, Mike Fuller, Irv Furgatch, Tim Guest, Hans Hoffman, Maggie Kram, Jim Labor, Dave Lumian, Dick Luning, Mitch Mandel, Robert Matheny, Stu Meisner, Roy Niebuhr, Charles Nobles, John Quigly, Tom Ruh, Johan Sandstrom, Steve Smith, Vijay Srinivasan, Howard Staniloff, Michael Stellats, and Howard Wolfberg.

NOTICE—BOARDING LADDER

TO ALL MEMBERS AND INSTRUCTORS WHO SAIL OR INSTRUCT ON THE FAIRWIND 1

A new stainless steel boarding ladder is now stored on the starboard side under the cockpit. It is attached to the boat the same way the old ladder was. It has a hard wire halyard cable attached with a snap shackle to clip to the stanchion on the stern pulpit.

It is important to clip the snap shackle on first before attaching the ladder to the boat. If you do not and drop the ladder overboard, you will see that the ladder does not float.

Should you be at a workday, see me and I will show you how to mount it.

Irv Furgatch



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E-mail it to me at redbaron@mycondo.net

Mail it to me on a floppy (address below, floppies and mailers provided on request).

Mail hard copy to Robert Baron,
1425 Stanford St. no. 3, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

Leave hard copy on the clipboard with the attendance list on workday.

CALENDAR		
Date	Activity	Location
Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004	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
Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004	Workday / Club Sail Day Dockwalker event, 10 AM	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004	Board Meeting 7:00 PM	Shanghai Red's 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey
Saturday, Mar. 6, 2004	Workday / Club Sail Day Dockwalker event, 10 AM	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Thursday, Mar. 18, 2004	Board Meeting 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM	Shanghai Red's 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey

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