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FLEET CAPTAIN S LOG

BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 19 AT SHANGHAI RED S

The next FYC Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, 7pm 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. Meal or drink purchase is encouraged, but not required. As always, all members are not only welcome to attend, but encouraged! However, please do not bring your own dinner or drinks into the restaurant.

WHALE WATCH MARCH 7

Fairwind s first cruise will be on Sunday, March 7 at 9 am. Last year the Club filled seven boats including Emilio Basile s 45 Noteworthy. Contact Marc Levine at (310) 418-1027 or watermarc9@aol.com for reservations.

3 RACE CLINICS

There are three terrific race clinics coming up in Marina del Rey.

On Sunday March 7, the Southern California Yachting Association is presenting its Race Management Seminar at Del Rey Yacht Club. The seminar starts at 8 am, finishes about 5 pm, includes continental breakfast, and lunch. This seminar will give you a good understanding of what takes place on that boat with all the flags. You can attend just for knowledge, but are encouraged to download US SAILING s sample questions to prepare you for a test that could result in making you a recognized Race Officer. Entry blanks are in the Yacht Clubs, or call US SAILING Area J Director Stan Betts at (858) 455-6259 for information. Cost is \$35.

If you would rather sail than do Race Committee duty, you should at least know the rules! On Thursday, March 11 at 7 pm, the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Club is sponsoring RACING RULES 101, at Del Rey YC, with a video screen to show the important rules of the road when racing, the flag symbols for starting and racing, and others. Free.

Thursday, March 11 Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club will host the Newport Offshore Sailing Association s seminar. The NOSA seminar will explain everything you need to know to enter the Newport-Ensenada, Race, which starts on Friday, April 24th. Registration, preparation, your crew, weather, and on-the-water tactics will be covered. Free.

VIRTUAL REGATTA & PARTY SATURDAY, MARCH 13

On Saturday, March 14 a Virtual Regatta and Party will take place at Dave Lumian s house. All members are welcome. The party will begin at 5 pm.

Admission is a donation to the Fairwind Junior Sailing Program (any amount is OK). Bring appetizers and drinks to share. RSVP by emailing Melanie Mandel at weecrew@pacbell.net.

The Virtual Regatta is put on by Mickael Georgia who brings four networked, super computers using state of the art software, Virtual Skipper 3. VR3 allows players at the different monitors compete against each other. VR3 features a variety of locations and many different sailboats to race. VR3 is not available in the US.

The press release says: Transport yourself from the colorful horizons of Sydney, the choppy waters of the English Channel, as you take charge of some of the best sailing boats in the sailing world. Realistic physics, weather conditions and controls, makes this the most realistic and exciting nautical game available.

We will be competing against 4 players at a time on a local area network, on board the extremely responsive Melges 24, the powerful all-purpose Offshore Racer, the America's Cup Yacht, or the Open 60 Trimaran. Your playgrounds will be Sydney Bay in Australia, Quiberon bay in France, Hauraki Gulf in New Zealand, San Francisco Bay in the United States, Porto Cervo in Italy, and the Isle of Wight in Great Britain all of the legendary waters, with each location faithfully reproduced in 3D. Wow!

CALL (877) 739-9699 FOR RESERVATIONS

Contact Fairwind's new reservations coordinator, Hans Hoffman, at tollfree pager number (877) 739-9699. There is a 30 second limit per message so keep it brief.

RESERVATIONS ONLINE

At www.fairwind.org/reservations you may now view the Club's boat reservations calendar! Check it out. Many thanks to David Lochman and Mitch Mandel for pulling this together.

2004 FYC CRUISES

Here's the Club's Cruising Calendar:

Sunday, March 7, Whale Watch
Sunday, April 25, KH Brunch Cruise (if we can find docks)
Fri Sun, May 14 16, Avalon Cruise
Fri Sun, June 18 20, Isthmus Sailstice Cruise
Sat Sun, July 10 11, Long Beach Cruise
Saturday, Aug. 7, KH Dinner Cruise (if we can find docks)
Friday, October 15 18, 4 Harbors Cruise

Cruise leaders are needed! Contact Cruise Chair Mike Fuller at [dmfuller@leoadaly.com](mailto:dmf Fuller@leoadaly.com) to get involved.

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.

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| ASA 201 Basic Sailing IQC | March 5 7 |
| ASA 105 Nav Class | March 17, 24, 31. April 7, 14 |
| ASA 203 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.

BVIS

A baker's dozen of Fairwind members had a BLAST in the British Virgin Islands. See photos on pages 4 & 5.

FROM THE PAST COMMODORE

Sometime this spring we will be discussing starting a trailer program for our f-27. If anyone has or knows of storage space for a 27 ft long trailer please contact me.

Marc Levine at (310) 418-1027 or watermarc9@aol.com

A SALUTE TO SOME GREAT COMPANIES

In my opinion **Catalina Yachts** makes fantastic boats at unbeatable prices. But, as might be expected, in the last few months some of the equipment on our Catalina 270 has started giving us some problems after being in use for over seven years. I contacted **David in Parts** at Catalina Yachts who immediately and courteously provided me with contact information for the equipment manufacturers involved.

First referral was to **Randy Risvold** at **Forespar**, maker of our thru-hull valves. After a few questions, Randy told me he would send me the necessary replacement parts. When asked what the charges would be he replied that it was on them. As promised the parts arrived within a few days. Even the shipping was free. Wow, that kind of service is hard to come by these days.

My next contact was with **Mark Felgenhauer** of **Garhauer Marine**, the maker of our genoa fairleads. The sheaves in our fairleads were badly worn as reported by Jim Rothrock (good eyes Jim). Mark has his own Cal 27 in the Marina and offered to drop by to take a look at our 270. He did and left two brand new, beautifully made fairleads with metal sheaves, a product far superior to the old ones. I don't think we will wear these out in a hundred years! He also promised to send me some new furling lead sheaves

when his Company does another run. Now, get this; these leads were not even made by Garhauer! Again, there was no bill.

In my opinion these Companies are among the best in the boating industry. Thanks to these gentlemen for their professional, prompt and courteous service!

Gus van Driel, Ass t Boat Chief-C270

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EXCITEMENT?

With a new mainsail coming soon and some cracks repaired our sleek and fast Hunter is race ready for this years upcoming Sunset Series, or Wednesday Night races. Beginning April 21 and running through September 1 the Cal Yacht Club sponsors the largest overall sailing event in Marina Del Rey and FYC is a part of it. As FYC members you too can be part of this fun and exciting break from the pressures of a busy workweek.

On the heels of last years 4th place series win (it was our rookie year), Boat Chief Mark Zierten and Rear Commodore Peter Gonzalez have done a great job preparing the boat for this season. This year it looks like two FYC boats will be competing for the coveted Millard Rosing Trophy given out to the top Cruising Class racing boat at the end of the season. In addition to the Hunter, our Fairwind 30, skippered by Marc Levine, will be in the hunt. Many in our club feel this boat is the fastest and best sailing monohull we have. I m sure the crew of the Hunter will have something to say about that.

So, come on out and represent Fairwind. If you re interested in crewing on the Hunter (we should be flying the spinnaker this season) contact Mitch Mandell at (310) 827-2299 (mitch@fabulousfoods.com) or the Fairwind 30 contact Marc Levine at (310) 418-1027 (watermarc9@aol.com). Both boats are looking for crewmembers and alternates. No experience necessary just a love of sailing and a little competitive spirit.

NSPS REPORT

The US SAILING National Sailing Programs Symposium took place at the end of January in Oakland. Two hundred sailing programs from all over the US gathered to discuss how to increase the quality of their respective efforts.

US SAILING HONORS FYC JUNIORS AS BEST NEW PROGRAM

Fairwind Yacht Club s Junior Sailing Program was honored by US SAILING for being the Best New Community Sailing Program 2004. The program began a year ago as Fairwind volunteer instructors have taken at risk kids sailing every Wednesday at the Sheriff s station. In the summer FYC pulled together a sailing day camp experience for 50 members of the Boys & Girls Club of Venice.

This unique and creative partnership has resulted in an outstanding new community sailing program, said US SAILING President, Janet Baxter. By joining forces, the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, the Marina del Rey Sheriff station, and the Fairwind Yacht Club have created a real winner for the kids and for sailing. These partnerships are needed in every community to strengthen the sport of sailing as well as the children s future opportunities.

The Junior Sailing Program is a huge hit with our kids, said JR Dzubak, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Venice. They get so excited. They learn how to handle the sailboats and they also learn critical life skills.

The Program is very good for the kids self-esteem because they are mastering a new environment, added Capt. Adam Colson, Fairwind Yacht Club member. A hidden benefit is the children getting comfortable with law enforcement. Taking place at the Sheriff station the kids gain a positive experience interacting with the Deputies.



L to R: Armando Diaz (Program Director, Boys & Girls Club of Venice), JR Dzubak (Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Venice), Janet Baxter (President, US SAILING), David Lumian (Fleet Captain, Fairwind Yacht Club in Marina del Rey) and Adam Colson (member, Fairwind Yacht Club).



Sunset in front of Foxy's night club on Jost van Dyke Island.



Dinner at various restaurants along the way.



Looking towards the Bitter End Yacht Club on Virgin Gorda.

Go to www.fortemusic.net/bvi/bvi.html for more great pictures of the BVI trip!



Near Bitter End Yacht Club on Virgin Gorda.



Eating aboard the San Marlo.



On the way to the baths on Virgin Gorda: L to R Dave Lumian, Earl Colson, Adam Colson, Steve Salani, Jeff Spieker, Rick van Allen, Diane Hubner (kneeling), Louise Schechter, Adrian Ricks, Capt. John Melville, Capt. Joan Gilmore, Capt. Fran Weber, Rob Matheny.



At the baths.

DOUGLAS & COASTAL COMMISSION HONORED

Fairwind pushed to get California Coastal Commission Executive Director Peter Douglas recognized by US SAILING. Three years ago Mr. Douglas and the Commission helped Fairwind receive free slips as a newly recognized form of public access to the coast. Mr. Douglas continues to be supportive of Fairwind's program.

Peter Douglas co-authored Proposition 20, the California Coastal Initiative passed by voters in 1972. From its inception, Mr. Douglas has had a guiding hand in the Commission. In 1985 Peter Douglas was named the Commission's Executive Director.

The recognition plaque from US SAILING thanks Peter Douglas and the California Coastal Commission's 31 years of outstanding public service; preserving California's coastline, providing public access to California's waterways, developing marine environmental education and supporting community sailing.

When more people get on the water we get more stewards to save the coast and ocean—a job that is never finished, but always is being done, commented Peter Douglas.

Peter and the California Coastal Commission have done a magnificent job preserving access to the state's coast, said US SAILING President Janet Baxter. It's exciting that the Commission supports community sailing programs as another form of coastal access. The



L to R: Rich Jepson (co-owner, OCSC Sailing School in Berkeley, CA), Peter Douglas (Executive Director, California Coastal Commission), David Lumian (Fleet Captain, Fairwind Yacht Club in Marina del Rey, CA), Janet Baxter (President, US SAILING), James Muldoon (Vice President, US SAILING).

first milestone generated substantial support for the Fairwind Yacht Club, a community sailing program in Marina del Rey. We look forward to working with the Commission to spread our programs up and down the California coast.

The California Coastal Commission set a high standard for other states to follow, commented James Muldoon, US SAILING Vice President of Government Relations. Peter's vision to protect the coast, improve water quality and expand community sailing programs is dynamic. I am thrilled to spread the good news from California.

Peter Douglas is a trusted and valuable friend to community sailing programs, said Fairwind Yacht Club Fleet Captain David Lumian. The free slips that the California Coastal Commission helped us obtain saved our sailing club from extinction. I am excited at the prospect of expanding affordable access sailing to more people, especially at risk children.

REVIVING A DYING SAILING CLUB

US SAILING asked Dave Lumian to conduct a workshop on How to Revive a Dying Sailing Club. Here's the outline of the presentation.

The Big Picture Can community sailing save sailing? A Case Study Fairwind Yacht Club (which is really a volunteer community sailing club)

FYC History

Started 1965 as Hughes Aircraft Employees Sailing Club
1989 Recession 1 Million Engineering & Construction Jobs Lost
1999: Almost Dead Smaller, Older & Broke
2004: Reborn Larger, Younger & Stable

How Did We Do It?

Inventory & Assessment
Develop New Strategy

Implementing Strategy: Snowball to Avalanche

From Isolation to Community Partnerships
Recruiting New Members
Invigorating Volunteers
Reaching out
Reducing Costs through Civic Involvement
Negotiating with Developers
Developing a Higher Profile
Making Friends with Journalists
Instructor Training

Connecting with the Business Community
Making Friends in Important Places
Environmental Program with California Coastal
Commission and California Clean Boating Network
Children s Sailing Program with MdR Sheriff, Boys &
Girls Club of Venice, Santa Monica Bay Sailing
Foundation
Community Partnership Awards

The workshop above proved very popular. The
comments were positive. Many attendees said that it
was the best presentation that they attended.

NSPS WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

There were over a hundred workshops and speeches
given in the course of four days. The workshops and
speeches I covered were:

Nuts and Bolts of a Sailing Program
Keelboat Instructor Training
Community Sailing models
Extending Waterfront Access
US Naval Academy Approach to Teaching Sailing
Community Sailing Council meeting
Marketing/Public Relations
Building Your Brand
Effective Fundraising
Importance of Being Green
Providing Opportunities for Sailors with Disabilities
Buying Bulletproof Sails for Half Price

And an inspiring presentation by Dawn Riley, a
Whitbread and America s Cup sailor who runs a
community sailing program in San Francisco.

If you are interested in any of the content from NSPS
contact Dave Lumian

Work day Attendees: Mike Adamo, Tracy B., Maury
Barth, Shirley Bau, Chas Belknap, Maggie Chamm,
Dave Cockman, John Conca, Drew Davidoff, Mike
Dorley, Richard Dougherty, Mike Fuller, Emily
Fuller, Irv Furgatch, Mike Graham, Ed Grell, Kitty
Grell, Dick Gross, Tim Guest, Elizabeth Kendal,
Dave Lumian, David Lockman, Dick Luning, Mitch
Mandell, Mike McMillan, Cliff Montgomery, Joel
Newman, Roy Niebuhr, Rick Nienberger, Alex
Perez, Jim Rothrock, Tom Ruh, Mark Schelbert,
Steve Salani, Monte Serret, Steve Smith, Gus van
Driel, Howard Wolfberg.

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Bob Baron, Editor



Who did nt pump the head!!

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attendance list on workday.

CALENDAR

| Date | Activity | Location |
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| 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 | Dockside 9:00 AM till ??? |
| Sunday, March 7, 2004 | Whale Watch | Dockside 9:00 AM |
| Thursday, Mar. 18, 2004 | Board Meeting 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM | Shanghai Red's 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey |
| Saturday, Apr. 3, 2004 | Workday / Club Sail Day | Dockside 9:00 AM till ??? |
| Thursday, April 15, 2004 | Board Meeting 7:00 PM | Shanghai Red's 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey |
| Sunday, April 25, 2004 | KH Brunch Cruise (if we can find docks) | Dockside, Time TBD |

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