



FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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FLEET CAPTAIN S LOG

BOARD MEETING APRIL 15 AT SHANGHAI RED S

The next FYC Board meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, April 15 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. Please consider buying a meal (so that we ll keep getting to use this terrific space) but purchase is not required. As always, all members are welcome to attend! *However, please do not bring your own meals or drinks into the restaurant.*

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH SMWYC

At the March General meeting Fairwind members approved the reciprocal discount agreement between Fairwind and Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club (SMWYC).

Several FYC members have said that they d like to take advantage of the agreement and join SMWYC without having to pay an initiation and only 50% of regular SMWYC dues (which is \$142.50 a quarter half of the usual \$285 a quarter).

A few members have asked: Is Fairwind merging with SMWYC? The answer is no, a merger is not planned, nor has one ever been discussed.

This agreement serves only to offer a reciprocal discount benefit for members of each respective club. No one is merging, changing names, or doing anything differently than before. No one at either club will be forced or pressured in anyway whatsoever to exercise this option. This is a reciprocal membership benefit, not a hostile takeover!

As you may recall Fairwind has enjoyed a similar arrangement with the Space Park Sailing Club (formerly TRW, now Northrop) for a few years that offers reciprocal discounts to each Club s membership. FYC picked up a couple members, both of whom have been instructors for FYC, and one served as an FYC board member for a term. In turn, a few of our members joined SPSC and have enjoyed sailing their dinghies and going to their parties. Most importantly it helped bring the two clubs into a wonderful cooperative relationship with a good neighbor that we have tons in common with.

Likewise, Fairwind has enjoyed an excellent relationship with the California Sailing Cooperative. Three of their members are active FYC members. Two CSC'ers are FYC instructors. Again, most importantly, it has helped us cement a nice friendship with another good neighbor.

This is a classic win/win situation. Our respective members get an attractive reciprocal discount if they so choose. So do theirs. Most importantly in the months and years ahead, we anticipate enjoying a terrific friendship with Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, yet another good neighbor.

WHY MIGHT YOU WANT TO JOIN SMWYC?

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club is a traditional yacht club. They have a clubhouse, bar, serve meals Wednesday and Friday evenings, and hold tons of social events. They also sponsor many races, cruises, and regattas plus a lot of pomp and circumstance (their board members get special reserved parking). Many members own their own boats (either sail or power). The club does not provide sailboats to its members. Similar to Fairwind, SMWYC

is a mostly volunteer club with a strong do-it-yourself flavor. For FYC members seeking a more traditional YC experience, consider SMWYC. There are already a few members that belong to both clubs. Dave Ball, Maury Barth, Rick Toomin, and Dave Lumian are FYC and SMWYC members. Ask one of them to invite you over. Or check their website at smwyc.org. To get the 50% discount remember to write Fairwind Yacht Club on the application.

WSA FOREDECK CLINIC APRIL 18

Its not too late to sign up for the April 18 Foredeck Clinic hosted by the Women s Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay. The purpose of the clinic is twofold: (1) to learn tips & techniques on working the foredeck, and (2) to provide experienced skippers with an opportunity to meet potential new crew. The clinics format will be a morning dockside seminar on the foredeck, followed by an afternoon of sailing to try out new skills.

Space is limited and pre-registration is mandatory. Participants must have a basic knowledge of sailing fundamentals.

The clinic is on Saturday, April 18, at 9 am at a location to be announced. Cost is \$15 for WSA members, \$30 for non-members, and free for skippers who provide boats for the afternoon session. The deadline for registration is April 13th. Please contact Tina Claps (both a WSA and an FYC member) for more information and registration (tina.claps@yahoo.com or (310) 702-8462). Skippers: please bring pit crew from your regular crew, so the foredeck students can concentrate on honing their skills.

SCYA APPLICATION

After three years of hard work Fairwind has gathered the required letters from Southern California Yachting Association Regular (medium) and Senior (large) member clubs. Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, Cal Yacht Club, Del Rey Yacht Club, Malibu Yacht Club, Hollywood Yacht Club, South Shore Yacht Club, and Women s Sailing Association have all written wonderful letters of support for FYC. More are pending.

SCYA membership will allow Fairwind boats to compete in the larger, weekend regattas like the Newport-Ensenada and high point series regattas. It will also help us access the SCYA sponsored clinics and classes. It may also lead to some reciprocal



Alice Ohst, Warren Smith, Dave Lumian, and Dick Ohst at the King Harbor Yacht Club and the Redondo Beach Yacht Club opening day ceremonies. Dick was one of the founders of the original Hughes Employees Sailing Club that is now called Fairwind Yacht Club. Dick says that he started sailing at Fairwind. Dick is a Staff Commodore of the Southern California Yachting Association and also a member of both King Harbor and Redondo Beach YCs. He is also a very respected Race Judge and a former US SAILING Vice President.

opportunities (although these relationships are not automatic, especially within the local harbor).

At the same time Fairwind can make a significant contribution to SCYA and its 82 member clubs. FYC is the only club that offers instructor certification. Fairwind has taken a leading role in marine environmental issues. The award winning Fairwind Junior Sailing program for at risk kids is unique. Moreover FYC is growing, younger, and more stable then ever.

FYC will apply for SCYA membership. It can take as long as six months for SCYA to decide. Fortunately we have high level support on the SCYA Board. Keep your fingers crossed.

MDR TO AVALON FERRY RETURNS

Sailing to Catalina is a pleasure, but sometimes you need to get there fast. Or maybe some family members might want to greet you when you roll into Avalon.

The Catalina-Marina del Rey Flyer reopens April 9. Through the end of May the high-speed ferry service will shuttle passengers between MdR and Avalon once a day (and twice on Fridays). Watch for an expanded service in the summer. The Flyer opened last year only to close a few months later. The service is reopening with stronger financing and a new management team.

Round trip fare remains \$52 for adults, \$48 for seniors and \$20 for kids under 12. Reservations are made at (310) 305-7250 or at catalinaferries.com.

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! You still have to phone Hans to make a reservation.

2004 FYC CRUISES

Here's Fairwind's remaining 2004 Cruising Calendar:

Sunday, April 25, KH Brunch

Fri-Sun, May 7-9, Avalon

Fri-Sun, June 18-20, Isthmus

Sat-Sun, July 10-11, Long Beach

Saturday, September 25, KH Dinner

Friday, October 15-18, 4 Harbors

Fairwind Cruise Chair, Mike Fuller, is looking for cruise leaders and skippers. Contact Mike at (213) 700-0760 or dmfuller@leoadaly.com

EMAIL LIST

We have most members 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.

BEGINNER'S SAILING CLASS

Rob Matheny, Mike Fuller, Dave Lumian, and Hartmut Eggert will offer a 5-week Beginner Sailing class for FYC members. The class will cover basic sailing skills and will prepare students for checkout on the small boats. Rob and Mike will share teaching a Sunday class, 11am-3pm, beginning May 23. To sign up for this class email Mike Fuller at dmfuller@leoadaly.com. Hartmut will teach a Monday class, 5-7pm, and Dave will teach a Tuesday class, 5-7pm, both beginning as soon as several members have signed up. To sign up for Hartmut's class contact him at (818) 261-7746. To sign up for Dave's class contact him at dlumian@aol.com or at (310) 306-1116.

KING HARBOR BRUNCH CRUISE APRIL 25, 2004

The annual FYC King Harbor Brunch Cruise is great fun for sailors and land-lovers alike.

The boats will depart Marina Del Rey promptly at 9am and arrive in Redondo Beach Marina by noon. Champaign Brunch at El Torito's 100 "G" Fisherman's Wharf (310) 376-0547 (see attached map below) at 12:30pm. The boats will depart Redondo Beach Marina around 2pm and will be back in Marina Del Rey by 5pm.

The cost of the brunch is:

\$ 4.99 for children + tip (12 years and younger)

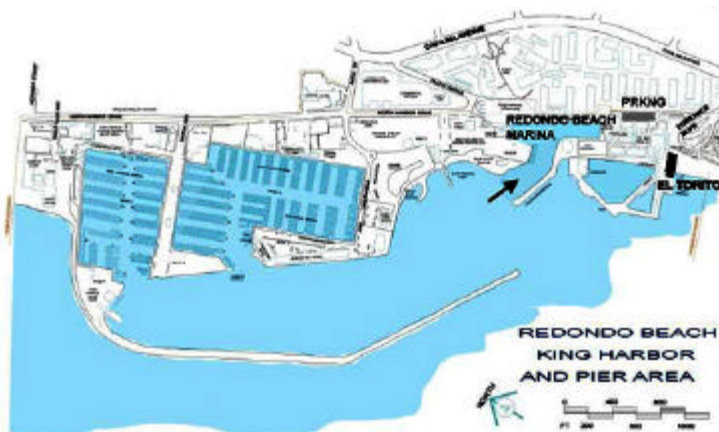
\$13.99 for adults + tip

\$ 5.00 boat fee to secure your place on the boat and to pay for gas and slip fees (this fee only applies if you are going down on a boat; if you drive you will have to pay for your parking).

Guests are welcome to join the cruise on board the boats or if they prefer they can drive down and meet at the restaurant.

To sign up you can call Mike Fuller at (213) 700-0760 or email him at dmfuller@leoadaly.com. In your message please indicate:

- how many in your party
- whether you want to go on a boat or will arrive by car
- your email address where he can send a confirmation notice
- special preferences (i.e. boat, other)



CATALINA ISLAND, AVALON CRUISE MAY 14 16, 2004

The Catalina Island, Avalon cruise is one of three cruises FYC sponsors annually to Catalina Island. These cruises are great fun and each one offers distinct and unique opportunities to explore Catalina Island. The Avalon cruise is especially fun for those who enjoy small-town/resort style vacations. There is plenty to do in Avalon including shopping, dining, bar hopping, swimming, snorkeling, fishing, hiking, camping, golfing, island tours, and even a movie theater. Boats will depart from MDR promptly at 9am May 14th and will return to MDR on Sunday May 16th between 3pm and 5pm. To secure your place on the cruise please send a \$10 check (made out to Fairwind Yacht Club) or cash to Mike Fuller 747 North Croft Ave. Los Angeles, Ca 90069. This much is used to pay for mooring fees and fuel on the cruise.

Please include the following information with your check:

- how many in your party
- your email address where I can send a confirmation notice
- special preferences (i.e. boat, other)
- willingness to skipper a boat and/or serve as cruise leader (you must be certified for cruising to assume either of these responsibilities)

THAR SHE BLOWS

On Sunday March 7th our annual whale watch started at its scheduled departure time of 9 am.

It really happened. After many years of not finding whales some one finally made a sighting during an FYC whale-watching event.



Steve Smith the skipper on board our Catalina 270 Zephyr spotted a whale when we were motoring out of MDR around 10 am. Zephyr was heading southwest and was about six miles from MDR when a Grey whale surfaced about 30 yards off their stern.

Our plan was to head out for 90 minutes on a heading of 210 degrees then go southeast to Pt. Vincent then back to MDR for a 4:30 return to our slips.



After about an hour of sailing towards Pt. Vincent we saw a spectacular sight. Off to the north of us I noticed some disturbed water. It looked like the wake of a large powerboat. However I could not see a vessel anywhere nearby that could have generated such a large wake. Disturbed water always piques my curiosity. We were sailing on a heading of 110 degrees at seven knots when I started the engine on Seawing to a course of 360 degrees. The disturbed water was about a half a mile away. I radioed to the other FYC boats of our sighting and course change. We were all in close enough formation to enjoy frolicking with what was estimated to be about 500 to 1,000 bottlenose dolphins. All participants agreed it was one of the largest dolphin pods they had ever seen.

They put on quite a show with their aerial antics and playing in our bow wakes.

We headed back to our slips at around 4pm to put away the boats and get ready to meet for cocktails at Casa Escobar. It was one of those winter summer-like days we get to experience. The air temps were still above eighty degrees!!!!.

A wonderful day was experienced by all participants.

A special thanks goes to Emilio Basile, FYC member boat owner, for participating in this event. With his beautiful 47-foot cutter rigged sloop Noteworthy we were able to accommodate up to ten more participants.

Participants were as follows (Please forgive any errors or omissions)

Noteworthy: Skipper Emilio Basile. Crew: Josh Hayon, Susan Reno, Charlotte Reno, Kevin Quickly, Mitch Mendel, and Shirley Bau.



Work day Attendees: Dave Arnoth, Dave Ball, Melissa Bathan, John Conca, Mike Darley, Shirley Duo, Hartmut Eggert, Marty Epstein, Stan Eubanks, Jerome Farmon, Ellen Furguson, Irv Furgatch, Ollie Green, Tom Green, Morgan Harwith, Dave Hughes, Neil Katz, Vince Kraus, Carole Leewok, Dave Lumian, Dick Luning, Mitch Mandal, Rob Matheny, Al Mead, Stu Meisner, Cliff Montgomery, Makdieh Panahpour, Cheryl Peppers, Alex Peylez, Tom Ruh, Josef Selison, Vijay Sirinivasan, Steve Smith, Howard Staniloff, Michael Stellatos, Mark Thiez, Carol Walsh, Bill Weber, Frank Weigers, Ken Willett, Mark Zertain.

If your name is misspelled or isn't here, I couldn't read it and if only your first name is there, I don't know who you are.



Our landlord recently installed new parking signs for us. Will it work?
Photo by Dave Ball.

Fairwind MKIII: Skipper Rob Matheny. Crew: Bill and Ann Blackett, Sharon Brightling, and two of Rob Matheny's guests.

Sea Wing: Skipper Marc Levine. Crew: Robert Hoffman, Cheryl Peppers, and Ted Bernstien.

Zephyr (CAT270): Skipper Steve Smith. Crew: Kayo Yamashiro and Matt Hergert,

Collective Effort: Skipper Stan Pore. Crew: two last minute guests.

Fairwind 30: Skipper Adam Colson. Crew: Chuck Orlin, Katherine Orlin, and their son Jon.

Marc Levine, Cruise chairman



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

Mail hard copy to the editor

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

CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Location
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	Dockside, depart 9:00 AM
Saturday, May 1, 2004	Workday / Club Sail Day	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Friday Saturday May 14 16, 2004	Catalina Island, Avalon Cruise	Dockside, depart 9:00 AM
Thursday, May 20, 2004	Board Meeting 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM	Shanghai Red s 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey
Sunday, May 23, 2004	Beginner s sailing class with Rob Matheny and Mike Fuller,	
Saturday, June 5, 2004	Workday / Club Sail Day	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Thursday, June 17, 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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