



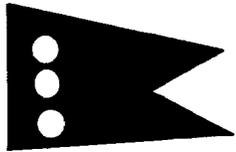
FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE S REPORT

Hello Fairwinders!

I certainly hope that you all had a great winter. Since it is summer now, (at least it seems to be) we can look back at another mild winter and spring. Welcome to the 2004 Sailing Season!

Get on a boat ASAP! The website continues to improve and become more useful everyday. If you have not been recently, go to www.fairwind.org and see what is happening. You can check availability of the boats before you call to make reservations. That will save you and our reservationist some time. With better weather coming and a lot of people in the Club, you should make your reservations now!

As we move into the summer, you should be aware that the club is as big as it has ever been. We have more members now than in the entire history of the Club. Keep in mind that there are two significant results from our growth. One is that you will need to plan ahead and make reservations early in order to get the boat you want, when you want it. In the past years, I have seen 8 out of 10 boats in the slips on a sunny weekend afternoon in May. Those days are probably not going to be as frequent. With the web improvements, you can now plan your sailing more conveniently.

Another result of the larger club is an increase in the funds used to maintain and grow the Club. That means that we are better able to get new sails, (we have upgraded sails on three boats recently) a new dinghy, and a new motor for the F-27. Talk to your boat chiefs to get the scoop. We are also planning to use the nine catamarans we just acquired with the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, CA. We want to have a substantial

BOARD & GENERAL MEETINGS THURSDAY, MAY 20 AT SHANGHAI RED S

The next FYC Board meeting will be on 6:30 pm, Thursday, April 15 at Shanghai Red s located at 13813 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey. The General FYC meeting will follow at 8 pm. 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.* Thank you in advance

There will be some important discussions and hopefully decisions:

- 1) Shall Fairwind Yacht Club develop the Channel Islands branch as one club with Marina del Rey?
- 2) Should FYC move some or all of its small boat fleet to G basin to make way for other boats at C-2400?
- 3) Should Fairwind purchase a one-design small boat fleet such as four Solings or five Ybglings?

Be there!

training program this summer using those boats. Please volunteer and come to the next membership meeting for more info.

Another result of our growth is the issue of how to improve the Club on a long-term basis. We are in an agreement with our landlord for 17 more years. But we

need to be thinking about how we want the Club to grow over those 17 years. There are many options and directions we can take to improve our impact with you as a member and the Community. We are in the process of analyzing some of the options and they will be presented to the membership for consideration. And if you are not aware, the board has recommended that we continue exploring an arrangement similar to ours in Bar Harbor Marina, with a marina in Oxnard. This is an exciting prospective cooperative program that could expand Fairwind's reach up the California coast. You can now join the Santa Monica Windjammer Yacht Club at half price and with no initiation fee if you are a Fairwind YC member at the Medium or Large Boat Level. There are no voting privileges, but all other benefits of membership would apply.

I hope you are ready to embrace growth, and even consider restricting growth. We could find ourselves with a waiting list to join the Club in the near future. As a Board, we know that access to boats is a prime concern for everyone, and we want to assure you that our priority is the membership. So get trained, checked out, and move up. Our Small boat level is filling up fast. Once the Small Boat Level is at capacity, you may have to wait for someone to move up to the Mid Level Boats. Have you tried the F-27 Seawing? If not, you are missing out on our most exciting sailboat in the Club! Please consider moving from the Small Boats to the Medium, and work toward becoming checked out on the Tri-Maran. You will never regret having more challenges and more FUN. You may however; regret watching re-runs of Seinfeld on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, instead of choosing to sail!

Enjoy the upcoming season!

Warren Smith Commodore FYC

FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG.

SAN PEDRO TOO!

A Catalina 27 named *Io* is a little ways down our dock.

The owner was an avid racer named William Shipley. After William passed away, his son, Stan decided to donate the boat to Fairwind Yacht Club. He is also including \$3,000 to help repair the old boat. Great, but where do we keep it? At the suggestion of Rear Commodore, Peter Gonzales, FYC member Rev. Chas Belknap offered to take the project on.

Chas has offered to lease the boat from FYC at nominal rent and move her to San Pedro (near his work). Before the boat moves to San Pedro it will be hauled out, the standing rigging replaced and the outboard serviced.

Chas will rent a slip and make repairs to the Club's standards with the approval of the Rear Commodore. When finished, Chas intends to take an extended cruise of about a month. Upon his return, Fairwind may choose to take the boat back and pay Chas for his actual out-of-pocket expenses (not including his labor, slip fees, or the donated \$3,000). Or the club may sell the boat to Chas at a reasonable price.

FYC member (and nearby resident) Chris Wickers has offered to help. If you are interested in helping, please let Chas know by contacting him at belknap1@earthlink.net.

Could this be the start of Fairwind/San Pedro?

NEW RESERVATIONIST NEEDED

Hans Hoffman has done a terrific job taking care of FYC's reservations. Due to job restraints he has to bow out. Hans says that the job takes about an hour a week. As the website gets more automated it should decrease. Interested? Contact Dave at (310) 306-1116.

HELP WANTED

Charlie Nobles called to say that ASA has an afternoon job available. Contact Charlie at cnobles@american-sailing.com.

2004 FYC CRUISES

Here's Fairwind's remaining 2004 Cruising Calendar:

Fri-Sun, May 12-14, 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

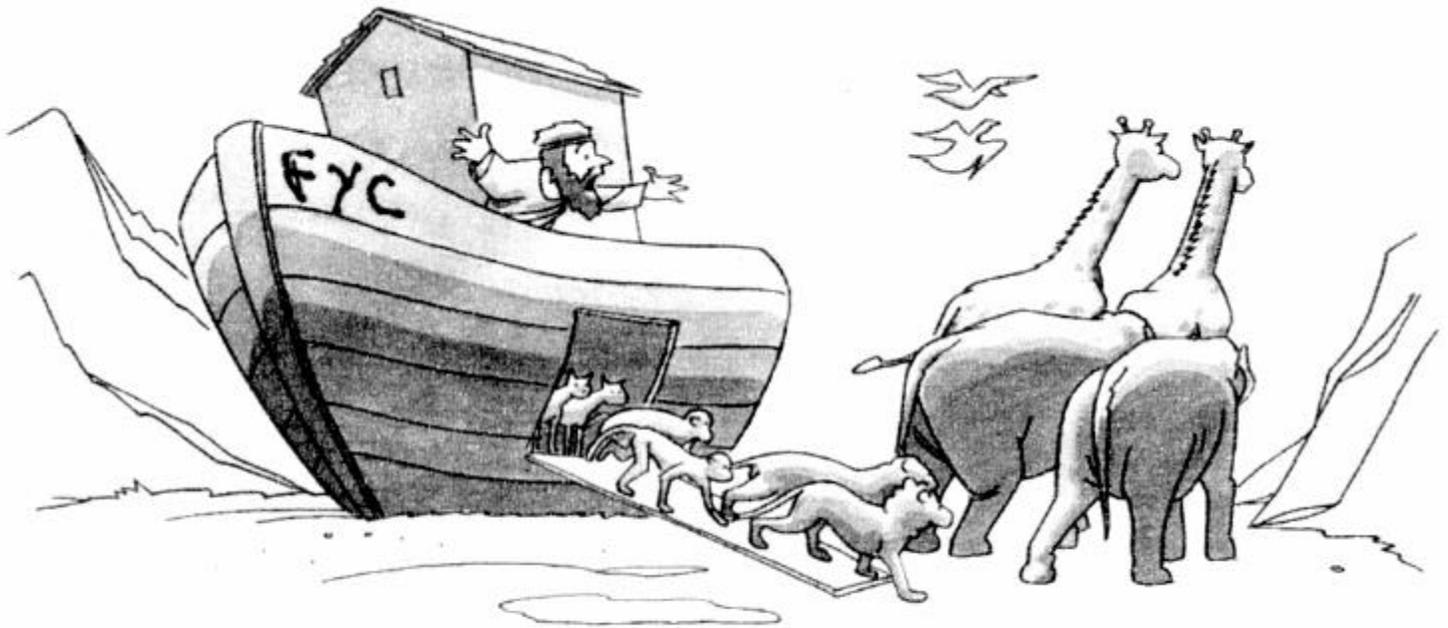
We have most members on an email list. This allows us to send you updates and news between newsletters. If you are not receiving emails, please email me at dlumian@aol.com and I will add you to the list.

ISTHMUS CRUISE (FRIDAY JUNE 18 TO SUNDAY JUNE 20)

The Club will conduct a second Catalina cruise to the Isthmus on June 18, 19, and 20. The Isthmus Cruise has historically been a very popular cruise. So if you are interested I encourage you to sign up early. Send a check made out to the Fairwind Yacht Club in the amount of \$10 for each person attending. Please include the names of all in your party and their emergency contact information. Also don't forget to let me know of any boat preferences you may have and if you are willing and qualified to skipper. Mike Fuller, 747 North Croft Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90069

LONG BEACH CRUISE SAT SUN, JULY 10 11

The Club will sail to Long Beach for the annual overnight sail. This is a great way to break into the cruising experience with a relaxing sail to Long Beach, a great dinner on shore, and a restful sleep in a harbor slip. To secure a place on this cruise send a check made out to the Fairwind Yacht Club in the amount of \$10 for each person attending. Please include the names of all in your party and their emergency contact information. Also don't forget to let me know of any boat preferences you may have and if you are willing and qualified to skipper. Mike Fuller, 747 North Croft Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90069



“Hey, how about some volunteers to stay and help clean up?”



Tess and Dominique Thompson's good spirits shine through the fog



FW-30 in the soup with Rob Matheny, Hartmut Eggert, Chuck & Kathleen Orlin, Steven & Donna Laird, Peter Griswold, and Peter Griswold's sister



Gary Downs and Roy Niebuhr cast their cares to the wind



The crew of the Mk-III (back row left to right - Virgil Thompson, Barbara Stocker, Roy Niebuhr, Gary Downs, Tess Thompson front row left to right - Dominique Thompson, Emily Fuller, Mike Fuller)



Tess Thomson at the helm of the Mk-III on the return trip from Redondo Beach

BOAT SELECTION SURVEY

We have been offered some almost free small slips available at the end of G basin near Marina Sailing and the old Windjammers clubhouse. They are about 7 8 feet wide by 24 feet long. Perfect for small boats.

At the last board meeting a proposal was discussed to solve the anticipated demand squeeze for small boats by purchasing more. The proposal is to purchase either four more Solings or five Ynglings. Our G-22 is very similar to a Yngling. Neither boat comes with benches but both may add them.

By making a one-design fleet we will be able to accommodate the new member bulge with increased training and daysailing. With five Ynglings or Solings we could do intramural racing or get our own start on Wednesday nights.

Bill Abbott of Abbott Boats is the only North American manufacturer of Solings and Ynglings. Bill says that he could round up a bunch of used Solings or Ynglings, refurbish them and add benches (if requested) for \$5,000 7,000 each, including shipping.

Please keep in your mind that the decision to buy these boats will not exhaust FYC s financial resources and will leave ample reserves for other boats (such as a larger cruising boat). Currently there are not any almost free large slips available. But we are working on it!

But before deciding we need to survey the membership.

Please fill out and fax to (310) 822-0693, email to teachsailing@aol.com or take the poll online at fairwind.org before May 19.

The Standing Rules require that the following questions be asked:

a. Member s name: _____

b. Date joined club: _____

c. Current boat class: _____

d. Hours sailed per month: _____

e. Intention to move up:

(1) Immediate, 6 months, 1 year, never (circle one)

(2) Anticipated final boat class: NCO, Small, Medium, Large (circle one)

f. Type of boat desired:

(1) daysailing, performance, cruising (circle one)

(2) size _____

(3) make _____

G. Eligibility

(1) hours in present class _____

(2) Safety and navigation classes completed? _____

Comments: _____

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April 8, 2004

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To the Flag Officers:

I am pleased to endorse the application of the Fairwind Yacht Club for acceptance to the Southern California Yachting Association. It is important that local sailing organizations such as yours embrace the vitality of community sailing programs, like Fairwind, and their value in growing sailing, especially at the amateur and recreational levels.

US SAILING encourages all regional sailing associations or yacht racing associations (RSAs) to include community programs. SCYA has as strong reputation as an active RSA with programs for women and for youth and I salute you for those good works. Your organization is an important forum for organizations in the southern California area.

Fairwind Yacht Club is well positioned to contribute to SCYA. They promote Corinthian Yachting and bring the joys of boating and being on the water to hundreds of people. You will be well rewarded as the members of Fairwind become active in SCYA activities.

The club was awarded the 2003 US SAILING Community Sailing Council's "Milestone Award for Over 10 Years of Hallmark Performance". In 2004, Fairwind received the Community Sailing Council's "Best New Community Sailing Program" for its 'at risk' youth sailing program. Programs for at risk youth have not been part of most yacht club sailing programs and the program at Fairwind is one more step to support the community through sailing.

As a leader in environmental education and action in Marina del Rey, the members of Fairwind Yacht Club have improved knowledge and awareness of maintaining the California coastal environment. They initiated the Marina del Rey Community Boating Council to work toward greater public access to sailing, rowing and kayaking, and to help implement US SAILING's Community Sailing agenda in the Marina.

Please accept the Fairwind Yacht Club as a member of the Southern California Yachting Association.

Sincerely,

Janet Baxter, President

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Joni Palmer
Martha Parker
Mark Reynolds
William Ross
John Rudy
Betty Sherman
Bill Stump
Adam Werblow



Seawing *A int she pretty!!!!*



Zyga and Stan.

Work day Attendees: Al Buennagel, Peter Gonzalez, Tim Goost, Tom Green, Debbie Juster, Dave Lockman, Dick Luning, Mitch Mandell, Stu Meisner, Roy Niebuhr, Al Paxton, John Rousselle, Tom Ruh, Joseph Seigman, Steve Smith, Mark Zyga.

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.



New members learning.



Little sailor at helm.

The Fairwind Yacht Club Newsletter is published monthly, Jan. Nov. Submissions are accepted on a space available basis. Deadline for publication is workday. To send me a contribution, you may (in order of preference):

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
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 <i>Important Questions to Debate and Vote on See 1st page.</i>	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 7:00 PM	Shanghai Red s 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey
Fri Sun, June 18 20	Isthmus Cruise	Dockside, depart 9:00 AM

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