



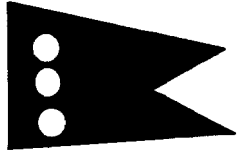
# FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

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## COMMODORE'S LOG

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF AL'S DREAMS

A few days ago Fairwind placed its first boat in another harbor. We bought Freedom Too, a beautifully restored Catalina 27. Its previous owner carefully detailed and enhanced to perfection.

Al Freedman, a former Fairwind Fleet Captain, was the previous owner of Freedom Too. Al is a funny, insightful, humorous retired engineer who gave generously to FYC. As the Hunter 26.5's boat chief Al kept the boat in fine shape. Al cherished the boat out and campaigned her in every weekend race he could enter. Al won many cruiser class races. This was a time when virtually no one else in Fairwind was active in racing. Al represented us well.

I recall Al checking me out on the Fairwind Hunter a week before he left Fairwind. I was nervous. I couldn't make the boat do what I was asked to do. Al calmly settled me down and gave me pointers to get me through the checkout.

After the checkout I remember Al saying to me "Dave, that boat is a dream, what a dream, take care of her".

A few days later I brought the Hunter in hot. Al was there to help slow the boat down as she entered the slip.

Al shook his head and warned me not to do that again. I was so embarrassed! To betray Al on 'his' boat!

Al went on to buy Freedom Too. He had the boat painted and faired, he replaced all of the rigging, smoothed the hull, bought new sails and new upholstery.

## BOARD & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 AT SHANGHAI RED'S

FYC's monthly board and general membership meetings will be 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm, Thursday, January 20 (this is not a typo) as there will be no conflict in January with the ASMBYC meeting. It will be 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.** Thank you in advance.

Al joined Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and won almost all of the cruiser races. His crew was almost all Fairwind members; Jim Labor, Stu Ruben, Greg Anderson, Don McLennan come to mind. I am sure there are others I do not recall.

I remember attending Al's 70th birthday party. Al's wife Erla put together a fine event. Al was at his pinnacle. He had a wonderful boat, beautiful family, terrific crew and many devoted friends. At the event I thanked Al for all of contributions to Fairwind. I gave him an FYC instructor's cap. Al called me a few days later and said it was the most important gift he received.

Al would call me to give advice about the Club and instruction. Even as a former member, Al kept a place in his consciousness for Fairwind.

Recently Al developed some health problems. He told me that he planned to sell the boat. He promised to call me first if he decided to sell Freedom Too.

A few weeks later Al called and said that he decided to sell the boat he loved. I told him that the boat was exactly what we needed for the Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard; a Catalina 27 with inboard diesel in good condition. We quickly agreed on a price and a date.

When the date arrived Rob Matheny and I met Al at the boat. Al took us through the boat and showed us every nook and cranny. He showed us how to flush the engine with fresh water. He told us which sails to use in which conditions. He introduced us to many terrific cleaning products. And much more.

I remember Al saying "Goodbye sweetheart" and brushed aside a tear as he began to walk up the dock gangway. At the curb Al said 'Dave she's a dream, take good care of her'.

When there was finally a break in the weather, Steve Mandel, Stan Pore and I delivered the boat to Channel Islands Harbor. We left Marina del Rey at 10 PM and arrived in Oxnard at 8 AM.

It was a dream. In between the storms, rain, wind, gales and small craft warnings we managed to find a night of absolute calm. It started as we left Marina del Rey and ended just after we docked in Oxnard. It was a dream. In the midst of all this terrible weather we found the one ten hour period of absolute calm. No wind. No waves. Like glass. Still.

As we motored beyond Point Dume and abeam of Big Rock, I couldn't stop thinking of Al's dreamboats, Collective Effort and Freedom Too. How lucky we are to have Al's dreams in two ports; Marina del Rey and our new home in Channel Islands Harbor.

I promised to take Al sailing on his two dreamboats. I hope to do so soon.

## **MIDWINTER REGATTA**

The Midwinter Regatta is the weekend of February 19 and 20. Seventy local one design and cruiser races are held from Santa Barbara to San Diego and out to Phoenix. This is the Southern California Yachting Association's (SCYA) largest fund-raiser of the year. The Midwinters actually attract more boats and participants than any other race in the region; eclipsing even the Newport-Ensenada Race in numbers if not stature!

Fairwind is sponsoring some of the races. Fairwind members (like you!) should consider getting involved.

On Saturday, February 19 there we will hold the Hobie Wave races. The course will be in the main channel roughly between UCLA and the flagpole. Heats will be run if enough members enter (entry is \$18). This is your chance to take home a prestigious trophy!

Also on Saturday, February 19 the multihulls will be racing. It's the first time that the trimarans have been in the Midwinters in many years. We need a crew to race our F-27, Sea Wing.

On Sunday the Solings will race. We need skippers and crew to field our two Solings in the race.

Also on Sunday, the top Hobie Wave racers and the top trimaran racers will compete in a face-off on the Hobie Waves. The course will start inside, go outside and finish inside. The winner will be crowned the Marina del Rey Multihull Biathlete Champ.

Interested? Contact John Stephenson at (310) 350-2076 to get involved.

## **RACE CLINICS**

Thursday, January 20 there will be a free "Racing Rules 102" class at Del Rey Yacht Club at 13900 Palawan, Marina del Rey. Learn the new ISAF Racing Rules that have just been updated. Learn tactics and strategy too.

Saturday, March 6 the SCYA Race Management clinic will be held at Del Rey Yacht Club. Whether you would like to volunteer for race committee duty or not it is worth taking the class. Go to [www.scya.org](http://www.scya.org) to signup.

## **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 Bob Baron at [redbaron@mycondo.net](mailto:redbaron@mycondo.net). He will add you to the list.

## **FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG**

2004 was the year when Fairwind decided to utilize the Internet even more. The website is: <http://www.fairwind.org>

With the help of David Lockman, Mitch Mandell, and other volunteers, the reservation system went online in June of last year, for all members to access and to make their own reservations (see the separate article).





# ASA 101 Examination January 22, 2005

**Saturday 9:30am at the Dock (C-2400)**

RSVP by January 15, 2005, to help us plan.

Cost: **\$15** (\$65 for Non FYC members) to cover the cost of the material,  
payable on the day of the exam

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- Have you ever thought about chartering boats in other places?
- Do you have the proper qualification/certificate?
- Do you want to move up to our Mid-Sized boats and need the required course?

**Fairwind Yacht Club is offering the first ASA Examination of 2005:**

**Basic Keelboat (ASA 101):**

Prerequisites: None

General Description: Able to sail a boat of about 20 feet in length in light to moderate winds and sea conditions in familiar waters without supervision. A preparatory Standard with no auxiliary power or navigation skills required.

(This includes a practical test, as well as a written one)

For a more detailed description of what you need to know, visit ASA's website at:

[http://www.american-sailing.com/learn/standard\\_basic\\_keelboat\\_sailing.html](http://www.american-sailing.com/learn/standard_basic_keelboat_sailing.html)

This certificate is a prerequisite for: **ASA 103** (Basic Coastal Cruising) and **ASA 104** (Bareboat Chartering/Intermediate Coastal Cruising). Both courses will be offered at a later time this season.

Email: **fleetcaptain@acninc.net** (Hartmut Eggert), or call:  
(310) 288-2555 and leave a message.

# **ATTENTION ALL SAILORS !!!**

## **2005 FYC CRUISE SCHEDULE !!!**

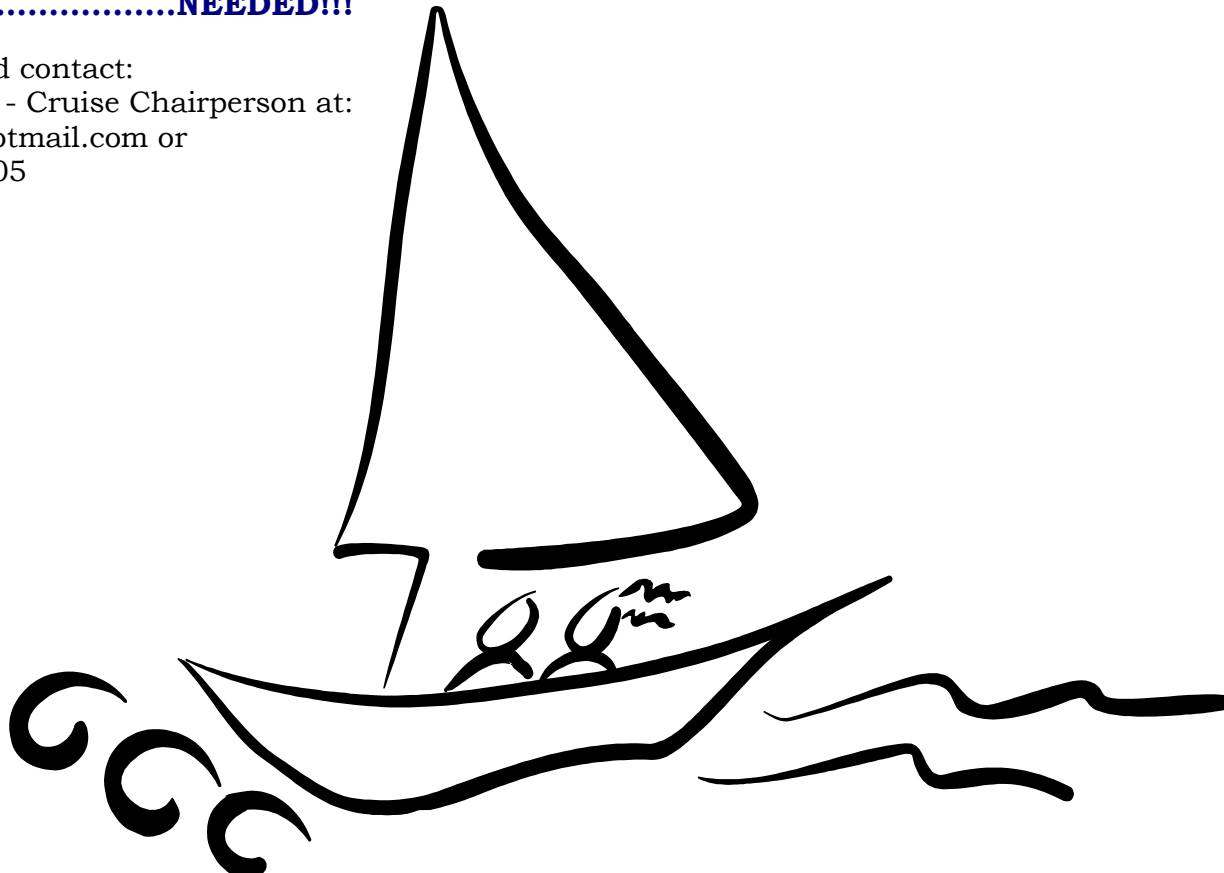
Everyone knows how fun the cruises are!!! What a great opportunity to cruise inexpensively, gain experience, get your "Cruise Check-Out" and build friendships with our fellow members.

**Please mark these dates on your Calendar!!!**

<p><b>Whale Watch</b></p> <p><b>King Harbor Brunch</b></p> <p><b>Avalon Bay</b></p> <p><b>Isthmus</b></p> <p><b>Long Beach</b></p> <p><b>King Harbor Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Buccaneer Days</b></p>	<p>Sun. Mar. 6, 9am-5pm</p> <p>Sun. Apr. 17, 9am-5pm</p> <p>Fri.-Sun. May 13-15, 8am-5pm</p> <p>Fri.-Sun. Jun. 24-26, 8am-5pm</p> <p>Sat.-Sun. Jul.16-17, 8am-5pm</p> <p>Sat. Sept. 17, 2pm-10pm</p> <p>Fri.-Sun. Sept. 30-Oct.2, 8am-5pm</p>	<p>Cocktails after!!!</p> <p>More info. later!!!</p> <p>Lotsa Fun!!!</p> <p>A popular one!!!</p> <p>Relax</p> <p>Good Grub!!!</p> <p>Don't miss it!!!</p>
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**Cruise leaders.....NEEDED!!!**  
**Skippers.....NEEDED!!!**  
**Crew.....NEEDED!!!**

To be involved contact:  
 Elayne White - Cruise Chairperson at:  
 peggles61@hotmail.com or  
 (310) 422-0805



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4. Find the boat you want to reserve, and click on the "plus" sign, next to the start time. 5. Scroll down to the "username/ password" area.
5. Your **username** will be the first 4 letters of your "**last name**", a dot "." plus the "**first initial**" of your first name, i.e. "**bonn.s**" The password will be "**fyc.411**". (If you would like your own unique password, please fill out the form on the "user list" page. You will be notified when the new password is functional). Phone reservations will not be available for members with unique passwords.
6. After logging in, you will need to enter a brief description for the reservation (for example: day sail, training, cruise, etc) and the duration of the reservation, as well as other information that might be required. *All day reservations start at midnight, so it is preferable to calculate the total hours, even on multi day trips, rather than clicking the "all day" box, to avoid overlaps.*
7. Save your entries and the system will update automatically, reflecting your just entered reservation.
8. Double-check the correctness of your reservation and log off from the system. Reservations can be edited and/or deleted by clicking on the reservation you want to change/delete, and follow the above steps.

## TO MAKE A RESERVATION BY PHONE:

1. Call (310) 288-2555
2. Leave your username, and your full name and phone number, and the boat and time you want to reserve.

Here are a few things to remember when making reservation:

1. You can only make one "day sail" reservation online at any time.
2. You can only make one overnight reservation per quarter. (This can be in addition to your "day sail" reservation.
3. The cut off time for making online (or phone) reservations is 6pm Friday for the following

week. Reservation sheets will be delivered to the dock boxes Friday night, or early Sat. reflecting all reservations entered before the deadline.

4. Reservations during the current week (Sat-Fri) need to be handwritten at the dock in order to be guaranteed! Please also enter them online; as this will help other members plan their "short term" reservations. To make cancellations during the current week: in addition to deleting the online reservation, the reservation sheets at the dock also need to be updated, reflecting the cancellation. If you are unable to make it, leave your cancellation request on our reservation voice mail.
5. Reservations by instructors for training purposes, will not count toward their personal reservation (Please enter "Training" in the description).
6. There is a "user list" link available on the top right hand corner of the reservation page. Members can complete their info, as well as change their password.

If you have any questions, please email me at: [missy310@aol.com](mailto:missy310@aol.com).

Thank you, and pleasant sailing: Susan Bonner, FYC Reservations

## IO AND YOU

In June the IO, a Catalina 27 Tall Rig berthed near our boats was donated to FYC. The boat had belonged to William Shipley, who had worked at JPL on the Jupiter project, (hence the name; IO is a moon of Jupiter). William Shipley had been ill for several years, the boat was not in the best of shape, but his son Stan also included a \$2,500 contribution from his father's estate to cover some of the cost of repairs.

Chas Belknap had been looking for a boat that he could use for a month on a solo "retreat." He agreed to take the boat to San Pedro and rent a slip at his own expense for several months. The agreement read that Chas could, with approval from the Boat Chief, spend the \$2,500. Any additional costs he would cover until the club decided to accept the boat into its active fleet.

After getting the bottom paint redone in MDR, Chas took the boat to Cabrillo Way Marina in San Pedro where he worked on the boat in preparation for his trip.

Over the next several weeks Chas cleaned out the boat, replaced all wiring, relocated and replaced the switch panel, and relocated the "Perko." Colonial Marina un-stepped the mast so the Chas could paint, rewire, replace standing and running rigging, add an antenna to the masthead, and hang a steaming/deckflood light. The mast was re-stepped and a new main installed in the week before Chas left for his trip.

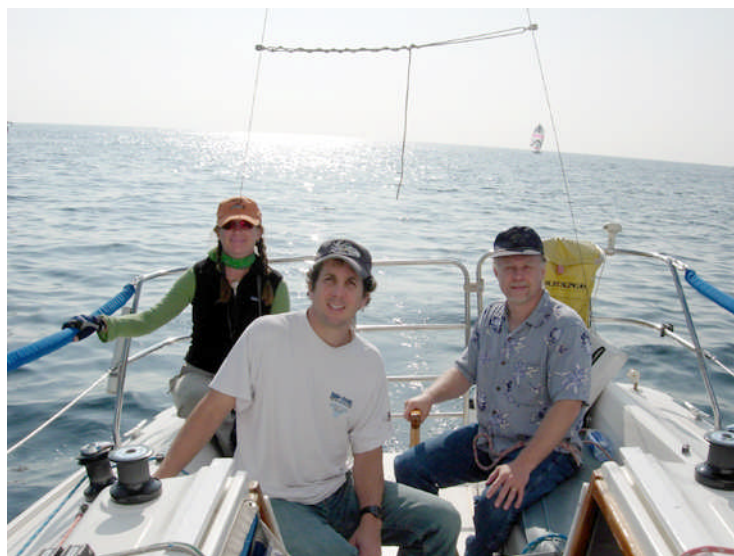
A change in plans limited Chas's cruise to two weeks but he was able to cruise the shores of Santa Barbara, San. Nicolas, Anacapa, Santa Cruz, and Santa Catalina. The trip turned out to be more of a shakedown cruise than a retreat as equipment was tested, replaced and repaired. In December Dick Gross, Dave Lumian, and Peter Gonzales came to San Pedro to check out the work Chas had done and to take a short sail. The boat, while still needing some cosmetic work, is ready to be used by the club. It will remain in San Pedro where we hope the boat will be the seed for a new branch of the Club. Members can contact Chas for a checkout. (Please use his e-mail [housing@mhala.org](mailto:housing@mhala.org)). Chas has agreed to remain boat chief but is looking to an assistant boat chief to help out.

IO is similar in almost all respects to Fairwind I. The major differences are the permanent preventers rigged to the boom, but they require no special training. The outboard is pull start, and the stove is an alcohol stove. There is no GPS on the boat as yet.

While the boat does not require special training, San Pedro (AKA Hurricane Gulch) does require local knowledge. Conditions can be very windy. There are no handy separation schemes to keep the powerboats, commercial trawlers, tankers, porpoises, tugs pushing barges, container ships, articulated bridges, fishing skiffs, cruise ships, dredging operations, wave runners, bait barges, marine refuge areas, harbor tour boats, kayaks, wind surfers, party boats, coast guard craft, fire boats, sea lions, tall ships, and small sloops conveniently on separate courses. You will be sailing at the entrance of the busiest commercial harbor in the United States. Sobriety in these waters is never to be assumed.

Directions: Take Harbor Blvd south until it turns into Miner Street. Continue straight, crossing 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Cabrillo Way Marina will be the first marina on the right. Park in any open space on right of left. Gangway gate is usually open but you can wait for someone to let you in if you find it closed. Proceed down gangway, walk about 30 feet, turn right, IO is at slip 121.

## SOME PICTURES FROM THE HOME PORT REGATTA



Skipper Allen Paxton with Jennifer Young, Jerome Farmer and Mark Thiel (not seen in photo) sailed the Hunter in the Home Port Regatta and came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pictures by Jennifer Young



Skipper Hartmut Eggert with Elayne White and Hartmut's sister Silki sailed Blue-By-U in the Home Port Regatta & came in 4<sup>th</sup>.

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E-mail it to me at [redbaron@mycondo.net](mailto: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, Jan. 20, 2005 <b>Note change in date!!!</b>	Board Meeting 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM	Shanghai Red's 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005	Workday / Club Sail Day Dockwalker Training	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Thursday, Feb 17, 2005 Or Wed., Feb. 16, 2005 <b>TBD</b>	Board Meeting 7:00 PM	Shanghai Red's 13813 Fiji Way Marina del Rey
Saturday, Mar. 5, 2005	Workday / Club Sail Day Dockwalker Training	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Sunday, Mar. 6, 2005	Whale Watch, 9 AM – 5 PM	Dockside 8:30 AM, leave 9:00 AM

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