



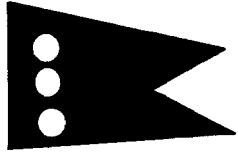
FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S LOG

FAIRWIND—WHAT AN AWESOME CLUB!

Last Tuesday I was struck by just how awesome a Club Fairwind is! I started out at Mother's Beach where thirty 8–13 year olds were enjoying sailing and kayaking. Most of these kids have never been on the water before. It is amazing to see how much they have developed skills and confidence in just four weeks. And some of the kids who have been in the program for several summers are strong sailors and even teaching the younger kids.

A few dozen Fairwind members make this wonderful program happen. They donate their time and energy to help underprivileged kids learn sailing and positive leadership skills. Adam Colson has coordinated the program this year and done an outstanding job that we can all be proud of.

I then headed over to C-2400 on Panay Way where most of cruising fleet is docked. The amazing Tuesday Crew was finishing up its work maintaining and repairing our boats. Every boat had work going on. Oil changes, motor mounting, rigging work, electrical repair were all happening.

There were about two dozen volunteers, boat chiefs and assistants busy readying the boats for the rest of us to sail. Five years ago Tuesdays saw the same half dozen retired members gather every week. The originals are all still there but supplemented by lots of new energy. Pete Gonzales and Chuck Orlin do a consistently marvelous job of keeping it together.

BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

FYC's Board Meeting will be at 7 pm on Thursday, August 18 at the Boys & Girls Club of Venice. The Boys & Girls Club of Venice is located at 2232 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. (The Club is on the East side of Lincoln just North of Venice Blvd.) The Board meeting begins at 7 PM. It is OK to bring your own food and drink - but please, no alcoholic beverages.

ELECTION ON SEPT. 21

Wednesday, September 21 will be the FYC General Meeting that will elect the next Board (ASMBYC meets the next night so we moved up a day). Please save the date!

The FYC Board of Directors Nominating Committee has made the following recommendations for the 2006 roster:

Commodore; Dave Lumian
Vice Commodore: Elayne White
Rear Commodore: Howard Staniloff
Fleet Captain: Hartmut Eggert
Secretary: Steve Smith
Treasurer: Bob Baron

At 12 noon some of the boats were leaving the dock. I jumped on the Fairwind 30 and spent a couple hours with Howard, Dick, Irv, and John sailing to the Santa Monica Buoy and back.

When we returned I saw a couple lessons in progress on one of the Solings and the G-22. Volunteer instructors were teaching new members how to start sailing right; tacking, jibing, MOB returns. I appreciate

how much our Fleet Captain Hartmut Eggert has done to maintain high safety standards while recruiting new, certified ASA instructors.

Later that afternoon I noted Jane Huntzicker readying our G-22 or that evening's race. Sponsored by the Venture Mac Gregor fleet it is open to all boats and Jane says that the race is a great small weekly race.

Tuesday night I started out at Mike Leneman's lecture series at West Marine. Sixteen members were busy easy splicing while Mike was demonstrating new synthetic line that can be easily made into metal-free shackles! The four lecture series proved interesting and informational as ever. Mike is such a terrific teacher.

Over at the Boys and Girls Club of Venice another terrific teacher, FYC Cruise Chair Elayne White was explaining "60D Street" calculations to seventeen Fairwind members. As we all know to cruise a FYC boat you must take and pass a Coastal Navigation exam from USCGA or ASA. Elayne is running an eight-week class to help our members pass the navigation exam.

Across town I imagined Fairwind's Vice Commodore Mike Fuller busy at work keeping our membership roster up to date. Mike has done a terrific job! I also imagine FYC Treasurer Bob Baron keeping our bookkeeping current while FYC Secretary Stephen Smith was typing up the minutes from the last meeting. And don't forget the Club reservationist Susan Bonner who everyday is updating schedule for each boats, Pete Griswold who bring the sheets down to the logs, David Lochman who keeps the website humming and Safety Officer Fred Taylor who has upgraded our standards mightily. All excellent! This is the kind of back office work that goes on unnoticed when done right but quickly breaks down if someone takes their eye off the ball. It is so important to our Club.

Just think: This all this went on one day, and a weekday at that! Then add to the mix the other six days of the week's activities; the dozen's of race boats our members are on for the Wednesday night beer can races and the weekend regattas, our Monday night series, marine environmental work by Carol and Fran, our representation at SCYA and ASMBYC, plus lots more training and maintenance.

It continues to amaze me how awesome Fairwind is. I am proud that we have so much going on at the same time. Volunteers make it happen...and that means all of us!

SUMMER SPLASH SEPTEMBER 16-18

The Indian Summer Splash regatta is the largest offshore multihull race in the nation. The Splash is sponsored by Multi Marine and Fairwind Yacht Club. Mike Leneman is the founder and chair for the regatta.

"Last year we had 43 trimarans and catamarans in the Splash," said Leneman. "The race has grown substantially every year. This year we are going to exceed 50 entries!"

Last year Fairwind's F-27 "Sea Wing" skippered by FYC member John Stephenson beat several F31's and placed third among the F-27s. FYC member Adrian Ricks' "Trisha" was the first F-28 to finish. Fairwind members Mike Leneman and David Licata's radical new trimaran, the L7, a 22-foot boat (that they designed and built in Mike's shop in Venice) was third to finish beating dozens of much larger production boats! Check out www.multimarine.com/summersplash_2004.htm (yes, it is 2005 but use 2004).

OXNARD OPEN HOUSE FIRST SUNDAYS

Our new Channel Islands Harbor location held its first monthly Open House last weekend. Two dozen members got to check out FYC's Catalina 400, "AngelSea" and Catalina 27, "Freedom Too." The event was held at Peninsula Park.

Fairwind will hold an Open House/Work day at the public docks at Peninsula Park (next to Hotel Sierra) on the first Sunday each month (except when the Sunday



FYC's first Open House for the new Oxnard Chapter. FYC members and prospective Oxnard members boarding the latest addition to the Fairwind fleet, "AngelSea," a Catalina 400.



FYC's first Open House for the new Oxnard Chapter. Preparing to leave the dock is the "Freedom Too."

is on the first – the event will usually be the day after the MdR work day/open house). A BBQ at the park will be planned each month. A recruiting drive for Oxnard will begin shortly. The next event will be on Sunday, September 4 on Labor Day weekend.

Come up and check out the new additions to the fleet! RSVP to Hartmut at fleetcaptain@acninc.net. Space is limited and there will be a boat signup list once you arrive.



SAN PEDRO OPEN HOUSE ON SECOND TUESDAYS

FYC will also sponsor an open house in San Pedro's Cabrillo Way Marina on the second Tuesday of the month. Arrive between 5 and 7 pm. The next event will be Tuesday, September 13.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers who would like to help us overhaul our website. No web design, or technical experience is needed, just the ability to have some ideas and write some text... Due to the addition of boats here in MDR, and our new location in Oxnard, etc., we need to overhaul the current website.

Please email me if you are interested. We'll have a meeting later this month in order to discuss/brainstorm.

Hartmut Eggert fleetcaptain@acninc.net

Fairwind's donated Catalina 27, IO, is another new addition to the fleet. If you like lots of wind and a short hop to the Island, you gotta check out San Pedro!

IO Boat Chief Chas Belknap will take you on a ride and show you the ropes. RSVP to Chas at chask@sbcbglobal.net. Chas also needs co-boat chief (s)!

COASTAL CLEAN-UP SEPTEMBER 17

Santa Monica Baykeeper is holding its annual Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 17, 9 am – noon at Mother's Beach. Fairwind is lending its 8 kayaks to the cause. Lets get some of our members involved too! Volunteers are needed paddle and pick up debris. Sound like fun? Email or telephone FYC Environmental Chair Carole Walsh at cruisechair@att.net or (818) 521-2761, or ASMBYC Environmental chair (and FYC member) Capt. Fran Weber at cptfran@aol.com.

MONDAY NIGHT HOBIE WAVE SERIES

Fairwind's Hobie Wave race series continues on Monday nights. There are three races each night. The series runs every Monday night through September 12. The first start will be at 5:30 pm, so racers need to start rigging by 5 pm.

If you haven't done it, you are missing out. We have had three to six boats each week and the finishes are within seconds of one another.

Hobie Wave co-boat chief Scott Rutherford is the series chair. He is looking for volunteers to serve as race officer. He also needs to know who is racing.

Please email Scott at fychobieracing@verizon.net. He would like to hear from you to build a mailing list for the series.

HOBIE WAVE TRAINING AUGUST 28

There will be training for the Hobie Waves on Sunday, August 28 at the G-2500 dock. If you'd like to get checked out on the catamarans this is the next opportunity. The session will start at 10 am and finish about 4 pm. Get ready to get wet! Bring sunscreen, water, lunch, a swimsuit and a change of clothes.

BIG BASH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Fairwind Yacht Club is turning 40 years old! We are planning a special party called "Closing Day" on Saturday, October 29 at Burton Chace Park (I know, we are not closing!). More details to be announced. Please save the date!

EMAIL LIST

We have most members on an email list. This will allow the Club to send you updates and news between newsletters. If you are not receiving emails, please email Bob Baron at redbaron@mycondo.net. He will add you to the list.

FLEET CAPTAINS LOG

Reservations Lately, members did not seem to be clear about the reservation rules. Please read them prior to making a reservation, the rules are displayed online on the login page. If you have multiple reservations, that don't comply with club rules, the one closest to the current date will stay, and all subsequent ones will be deleted (in addition, you will be notified via email). Here is some additional info for you to remember: You can't make a reservation for a boat that you are not authorized to sail/train on! You can't make a cruising reservation, unless you are authorized to "cruise" at the time you make the reservation. You can not have multiple daysail reservations at any time.

WEBSITE/TRAINING

If you need training, check our reservations online. Training sessions are color coded (yellow), and the trainer will list the maximum number of trainees for each session. Space permitting, login with your username and password and add your name to the list.

Thanks to our member Paul Antico, our **Float Plan** is now available online. The float plan was reduced to one

page (easier for faxing it to your designated emergency contact). Don't forget to enter the description of the boat you are sailing. In order to make it easier for you, we have listed the descriptions of all of our boats on a separate page. The float plan can be found in the members area of our website.

Hartmut Eggert Fleet Captain fleetcaptain@acninc.net

'CALL FOR HELP EARLY'

"Call for help right away" was the message at the recent "Safety and Sailing Seminar" sponsored by the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yachts Clubs (ASMBYC) at the West Marine store on Fiji Way. Topics included overboard recovery, required safety equipment, dismasting, and jury-rigging.

A major highlight of the ASMBYC "Safety and Sailing Seminar" included a round table discussion featuring sailors and agencies involved with the events of March 20, 2005, the first Sunset Series Race, which saw several tragedies. On hand from rescue agencies were Captain Steve Kirkland of the LA County Fire Department's Lifeguard Rescue Boat, Jeff Gunn, a retired US Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer and a board member of the National Safe Boating Council, Assistant Harbor Master Deputy Mike Carrilles, and Deputy John Rochford of the LA County Sheriff Rescue Boat. Also



Safety Experts at Seminar:

Front row L-R: Capt. Steve Kirkland, Lifeguard rescue boat, Mike Leneman, Chupacabra crew, Jack Mayer, Y-Wait skipper, Jerome Sammarcelli, Chupacabra skipper.

Back row L-R: Jeff Gunn, USCG CWO Ret and NSBC board, Eric Astourian, LACFD lifeguard, LACSD Dep. John Rochford, MdR Harbor Patrol, LACSD Dep. Mike Carrilles, rescue boat operator, Bill Stump, CYC Senior Race Officer and US SAILING Safety at Sea Committee co-chair

**SPECIAL NEWS!!!
SPECIAL CRUISE!!!**



Are you Fairwinders ready for a Channel Islands Cruise on a Catalina 400???

Daysail??? Overniter??? Multiniter???

Which are you more interested in??

Please respond and give me your input!!! As you already know, we have leased a Catalina 400 for our Oxnard location and in order to have as many members as possible utilize the boat, we are planning on offering cruises to the Channel Islands. This is available to **ALL members. Send me an email so that we know what you would like to participate in.**

Then.....

Stay tuned for more info!!!!

Email your suggestions today!!!

cruisechair@att.net

ALSO!!!!!!!

NOTICE!!!!!!

MARK THESE DATES!!

2005 FYC REMAINING CRUISE SCHEDULE! ! !

**Paradise Cove
King Harbor Dinner
Buccaneer Days**

**Sat.-Sun., August 20-21
Sat., Sept. 17, 2pm-10pm
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 30-Oct.2, 8am-5pm**

**Finish your ASA-104
Good Grub!!!
Don't miss it!!!**

The Paradise Cove Cruise

(previously Long Beach Cruise)

scheduled for August 20th & 21st.

Please make your reservation early for the Paradise Cove Cruise as space is very limited for the overnite cruises. If you are hoping to finish your **ASA-104 certification....this is the cruise to do it on!!!!**

To be involved contact:

Elayne White - Cruise Chair

cruisechair@att.net

(310) 422-0805

on hand were Chupacabra skipper Jerome Sammarcelli and crewmember Mike Leneman as well as Jack Mayer, skipper of the Y-Wait, the rescuing boat of the sunk boat's crew. Also present was California Yacht Club Senior Race Officer and US Sailing Safety at Sea co-chair Bill Stump. Each participant in the discussion gave their view of the events of March 20 and shared insights. Some highlights included:

- Deputy John Rochford began the session with a reminder to "call for help immediately. Sometimes we are not called for many vital minutes or longer, we can help but only if we know that we are needed".
- Captain Kirkland, who drove the Lifeguard Rescue Boat on the Race night, said "it takes us three minutes to get from our dock in Marina del Rey to the breakwater entrance. From there it depends on where the emergency is and how well we can find it." Kirkland recounted that "the initial report that night sent us two miles off the Venice Pier whereas the problems were further south," losing time.
- Jeff Gunn of the National Safe Boating Council and a retired Coast Guard officer explained that "Channel 16 is best. We cannot triangulate on a cell phone but we can its easy to locate a VHF Radio in operation." He added that "if appropriate, be sure to say 'Mayday' loud and clear because it gets everybody's attention."
- The *Chupacabra* crew described watching their boat sink leaving them in the chilly water without floatation. "The sun was sinking but there were several boats nearby," said skipper Jerome Sammarcelli. "We were in the water about 20 minutes."
- Bill Stump, Cal Yacht Club's Senior Race Officer and co-chair of US SAILING's Safety at Sea committee, recalled how quickly a J-24 that he was racing sunk. "A displacement boat sinks fast, If you don't have a PFD (personal floatation device) on you will probably be left without anything to help you stay afloat and visible."
- Y-*Wait* skipper Jack Mayer explained, "We dropped our sails and turned on the engine because the conditions were difficult and we needed to control the boat to make the rescue."
- *Chupacabra* crewmember Mike Leneman said, "Y-*Wait*'s swim ladder is excellent. In all the times I have been rescued, this ladder was the best for getting back onto a rescuing boat." As an avid worldwide racer Mike says that handful of mishaps

reflect the amount of sailing he does. "The more you sail the higher your odds of encountering danger," he said.

- According to the agency representatives they are all trained beyond basic first aid. The Sheriff and Lifeguard rescue boat personnel are all Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and carry Automatic Emergency Deliberators (AEDs). The Coast Guard is similarly trained but lack the funds for AEDs.
- On the Lifeguard and Sheriff boats the personnel are certified Emergency Medical Technicians and carry vital equipment such as automatic deliberators and medical kits. The Coast Guard is similarly trained and equipped but, due to budget constraints, lack deliberators.

Other highlights include:

- ASMBYC Commodore Wilma Rosenberg opened the seminar stressing that; "Everyone needs to wear a lifejacket at all times." She added, "We need to examine the possibility of requiring racers to wear them".
- ASMBYC Vice Commodore John Staff outlined how to inspect and maintain a boat to prevent dismasting. He also discussed ways to jury-rig a dismasted boat using salvaged equipment such at the spinnaker pole, line and a sail.
- Fairwind sailing instructor Elayne White outlined what to do if a person falls into the water. "Keep your head above water and stay as still as possible. Swimming pumps cold blood from your extremities into your core halving your survival time," she said.
- Fairwind Commodore Dave Lumian described overboard recovery techniques. "In the first thirty seconds yell "man overboard," throw floatation to the victim, assign a pointer who does nothing but points, set a GPS if handy." Before describing various techniques such as the figure 8 and the quick stop Lumian pointed out that "almost all of the under sail methods wind up with the rescue boat on a close reach with sails luffing." He added "going into irons is much riskier because the skipper is gambling that he or she knows just the right moment to do so".
- Fairwind Fleet Captain Hartmut Eggert along with FYC instructors Steve Mandel and Lloyd Lewins demonstrated figure eight and quick stop overboard recovery techniques to the seminar participants. Many seminar attendees then sailed on Fairwind's training boats with instructors who taught them how to return to a victim in the water.

The seminar was organized in response to the events of the first Sunset Race Series on March 20, 2005 and is sometimes referred to as "Black Wednesday." That evening one sailor died, a sailboat sank, two more were dismasted, and several sailors went overboard in several incidents. The safety seminar was coordinated by the Fairwind Yacht Club and the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay.

ARE YOU READY FOR FAIRWIND-AT-THE-GULCH?

The "IO", our 27' Tall Rig Catalina in San Pedro, is now commissioned, listed on the website, and available to Fairwind Members. Chas Belknap is ready to train, Dick Gross to check out, new skippers. The training in San Pedro concentrates mostly on the extraordinary local conditions in Hurricane Gulch so those wishing to sail the IO need first to be checked out on Fairwind 1. Chas and Dick will only sign off skippers to sail during daylight hours. Members interested in sailing at night will also need to go out two evenings with a sailor that has nighttime experience in the harbor area. Those who want to get a head start on the IO training program can download the IO training materials from www.fairwind.org.

A regular San Pedro Open House is scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. To get there, take 110 South (or 710 south, following signs to Terminal Island) to Harbor Blvd. Take Harbor south till it crosses 22nd Street where it becomes Miner Street. Further down Miner you will see the Cabrillo Way Marina on your right (not to be confused with Cabrillo Marina that is on the west side of West Channel). Parking has no restrictions. Walk down the main ramp, to second set of docks, turn right, slip 121. Black mast; boat is kept stern to dock. (*We may not be able to get keys*

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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.

to all members but the gate is often ajar and other slip users usually will let you through. Tell them you are going to IO on slip 121).

Chas is looking for a volunteer, or two, to help with boat chief duties so that he can concentrate on building local interest in Fairwind-at-the-Gulch.

ASA 101 CHALLENGE—ALL PASSED!

Congratulations to all of those Fairwinders who completed the ASA 101 challenge held on Aug. 8, 2005. Needless to say ALL of our members passed with flying colors and the groups overall average was 94% on the written exam and 100% for the on the water skills exam!!!! This just goes to show how being a member of Fairwind is such a great benefit!!! Where else in the world can one take advantage of the type of opportunities given to us by our magnificent club!!!! By learning to sail the Fairwind way it is a relief to know that there are better prepared, highly skilled sailors on the high seas!!!

Those who participated are shown in the photo listed from top left: Ron Judkins, Scott Rutherford, Patrick Hamilton, Captain Adam Colson, Lloyd Lewins, Jenson, Crawford, Ingrid Buic, Instructor Elayne White and Stephanie Clarke. A FABULOUS time was had by all and grateful thanks were extended to Elayne White for organizing the challenge and to both Elayne White and Captain Adam Colson for administering the exams. Thanks, Fairwind, for making sailing so much fun!!!!



ASA 101 Challenge Group.

CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Location
Monday, August 8, 2005	Basic Keelboat Sailing (ASA 101) challenge	Dockside 9:00 AM – 3:00PM
Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005	Board meeting 7:00 PM	Boys & Girls Club of Venice 2232 Lincoln Blvd., Venice.
Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005	Workday / Club Sail Day	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Sunday, Sept. 4. 2005	Channel Islands Harbor Open House & BBQ	Public docks at Peninsula Park (next to Hotel Sierra)
Mondays, Aug. 15 – Sept. 12, 2005	Monday Night Hobie Wave Series, 5:30 PM	G-2500 dock at 5:00PM
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005	San Pedro Open House!	See story on page 3
Fri.–Sun., Sept. 16-18, 2005	Indian Summer Splash Regatta Mdr to Cat Harbor and Return	See story on page 2
Saturday Sept. 17, 2005	Coastal Clean-Up, 9 AM (run if enough room)	Mothers Beach
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005	Board meeting 6:30 PM, General Membership meeting 8:00 PM Board Elections!!!	Boys & Girls Club of Venice 2232 Lincoln Blvd., Venice.

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