



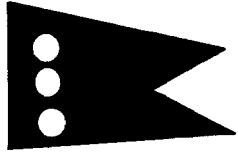
# FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

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## COMMODORE'S LOG

### ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

FYC's annual General/Election meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 21 at 8 pm at the Boys and Girls Club of Venice. The FYC Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm. We need a quorum to elect next year's officers! Please attend and vote!

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.) It is OK to bring your own food and drink - but please, no alcoholic beverages.

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

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

### NEW LOCATION FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm the FYC Board Meeting will be held at the Marina Venice Yacht Club located at 4333 Admiralty Way in Marina del Rey. The FYC November 16 General and Board meetings will be held there as well.

## Celebrating 40 Years!

### FYC Annual Brunch

Sunday, October 23, 10-12 noon

Hobie & Other Sailing Afterward

Casa Escobar PATIO

\$19 adults, \$11 children, under 4 free

Cash or check at the door

Mark your calendars to celebrate our club and some very special founding members, and please RSVP to: [cheryl@peppersmc.com](mailto:cheryl@peppersmc.com) or (310) 823-0137

Marina Venice Yacht Club (MVYC) has offered Fairwind use of its facilities for a nominal fee. For the price of a single membership (\$300 a year) and some help keeping the clubhouse clean and tidy we will be able to use their facility on a regular basis as the schedule allows. FYC will be able to hold its meetings, classes and social events at the MVYC clubhouse.

We will hold the October and November meetings at MVYC so that everyone will get a chance to check it out. At the November meetings we will decide whether or not to accept MVYC's generous offer.

### REEF FOR SPEED

It is generally believed "the more sail area, the faster the boat will sail." Actually reducing canvas by reefing the sails will often help the boat sail faster.

*Angelsea*, FYC's recently acquired Catalina 400, is a good case in point. Although a ten-ton boat it starts sailing in light wind. In eight knots of wind the boat will reach four knots. As a result it needs early reefing.

Recently we had the boat in 17 knots of wind on a reach. The boat was significantly heeled and experiencing a fair amount of weather helm. The top of the wheel was at three o'clock.

We made the first reef, the boat's center of effort moved forward and the boat righted slightly. The weather helm reduced moving the rudder toward the center and putting the top of the wheel at two thirty. Neither the velocity of the wind nor the point of sail changed. The boat's speed picked up about a third of a knot!

Reducing by weather helm by reefing allows the rudder to be closer to the center. The rudder acts as a brake, slowing the boat.

Likewise reducing excessive heel will result in better performance. While some heel improves performance, too much heel slows the boat down.

The conditions remained steady; 17 knots of wind, close reach. We took the second reef on the mainsail. We were heeling a bit less. The boat's center of effort moved forward again. The weather helm lessened so the top of the wheel moved to two o'clock. The speed picked up another third of a knot!

By roller reefing the genoa we had similar results. The top of the wheel moved to one-thirty. The weather helm was reduced and the boat's center of effort moved forward again. And... yes, again... the boat's velocity increased another third of a knot!

All together we picked up a knot of boat speed. We also increased our safety and comfort. Of course results will vary in different boats and conditions.

By reefing down we increased safety, comfort and speed. The bottom line: Remember to reef before you think of it!

## **OCTOBER WORK DAY/OPEN HOUSES SHIFT**

Fairwind's October Work Day/Open House/Free Sail dates move to the second weekend to make way for FYC's Buccaneer Day cruise. Marina del Rey and Oxnard will be October 8 and 9 respectively. San Pedro will be held on its usual second Tuesday, October 11. See the calendar on the last page of this newsletter.

## **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 FYC Environmental Chair Carole Walsh at (818) 521-2761 or ASMBYC Environmental chair (and FYC member) Capt. Fran Weber at (310) 738-3205.

## **FAIRWIND'S TURNS 40 ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Fairwind Yacht Club is turning 40 years old! We are planning a special party for the annual FYC Brunch on Sunday, October 23. We're pulling out all the stops! Please attend!

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

## **PARADISE COVE CRUISE, AUGUST 20–21.**

Susan Bonner skippering the Zephyr with crew Betsy Lindsley, Jane Landwair, and Mara Frohn made an early start on Saturday morning. The rest of us chose to sleep in a bit and wait for more wind—we certainly got our wish! Allen Paxton, skippering FW-30 with Steve







Party aboard *Angelsea*—starboard

Salani, Adrian Ricks, and “stowaways” Marilyn and Mike Keyte; and Jeff Spieker skippering *Collective Effort* with Lloyd (your author) and son David Lewins, left together just before noon. On the Hunter we had plenty of wind to tack out of the Marina on a gorgeously sunny day. We passed and admired the Stars out racing in the “North Americans” and tacked up the coast with the wind rising steadily. Pretty soon Allen sensibly reefed the FW-30 and finally gave up tacking and motored the last mile. On the Hunter we were badly overpowered under full sail—but kept racing along at a 45 degree angle and main luffing! Coming from the other direction, *Angelsea*, skippered by owner Tom Marshall and crewed by Dave Lumian and Hank Van der Kraan, made excellent time from Oxnard (even though double reefed).

On arrival, Paradise cove was quiet, with only a dozen boats at anchor. There was some kelp (an early concern



Party aboard *Angelsea*—prt



*Angelsea*

of the skippers), but not enough to prevent us finding good anchorage in 25 feet of water. The wind, still blowing strongly off the shore (basically across the point) discouraged the potential surfers on the Hunter from paddling ashore. It also made life interesting for Dave Lumian who gallantly ferried crews to *Angelsea* for Happy Hour. At one point, when the outboard wouldn't start, it appeared that Dave was going to be blown all the way to Santa Monica -- but hard work at the oars rescued the situation.

There was room for 13 of us in the airy and comfortable main cabin of *Angelsea*, with Margaritas generously hosted by Tom. The full galley with oven allowed Hank to rustle up a feast of Hor'ourves (Taquitos, cheese covered chilies and more). Meanwhile we were regaled by plenty of Dave's stories, including further details of his Pacific cruise. Marilyn and Mike stayed aboard *Angelsea* for the night. They were originally supposed to sail on the Mark III, but when the skipper couldn't be contacted before the cruise, emergency arrangements were made for them to sail on the FW-30, but bunk in comfort in *Angelsea* (thanks again Tom!)



## HERE'S YOUR MONTHLY FAIRWIND SAFETY UPDATE:

Well, just a few weeks ago I reserved one of our great Fairwind vessels for a daysail. It was typical "June weather" spilling into July... partly cloudy, but nice.

I helped my 4-year old daughter onboard, instructed her in the fine art of staying in the cockpit... and I prepared the boat to sail. We started with a pleasant motor over to Burton Chase Park for our customary picnic and "tag" games... before sailing.

We cleared the breakwater around 2:30 pm and headed South to Manhattan Beach. It's a little noisy for awhile [sailing past the airport], but much more interesting to me.

As my daughter fell asleep, I continued the sail, turned around at the Manhattan Beach pier and started back. I noticed the partly sunny skies were now more like... really cloudy. In fact, it looked like *fog-o-rama was moving in!!*

I quickly turned on the gps to get a good heading back to the south breakwater @ MDR. I pushed the menu button, the "go to", the "enter" button... I changed the order, I breathed a little more deeply. Finally, I at least got a heading and distance reading... somehow... but never really got the true waypoint window for true gps navigation.

**SAFETY MORAL:** *Check out* the operation of the gps **before you leave** the dock. *Make a mental note* of where the fire extinguishers are located... *Have* a type IV PFD in the cockpit.

It was quite embarrassing at the moment. After all, I had taken the gps course from the USCG Auxiliary in the off season!! Next time, I'll check it out first.

**PFD PS:** We now have a dedicated dockbox [soon to be labeled as such]. It's #2124 & you'll find add'l adult vests along with youth, child and infant. Please remember to return them for other Fairwinders.

Regards, Your Safety [?] Officer

## CATALINA 400 TRAINING

Club Members, we are in the process of scheduling training on the Catalina 400 in Oxnard.

This will be done as "group training" and will take place on weekends in October, November, December, etc.

The specific dates, as well as the training outline, will be announced!

If you are interested, please send me an email. In your email, please mention if you have the required 60 hours as skipper on the MkIII/FW-30.

If not, please give me an idea as to when you plan on having this completed.

Happy Sailing,

Hartmut Eggert, [fleetcaptain@fairwind.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@fairwind.org)





**Host: Fairwind Yacht Club  
Saturday September 17, 2005, 5:30 pm  
Main Dining Room—23 guests**

**Full Hosted Bar & Entire Dessert Menu offered  
at additional cost**

**Starters**

Jumbo White Prawn Cocktail \$9.95  
Dungeness Crab Cocktail \$10.95  
Sashimi of Ahi w/ Pickled Ginger \$10.75  
Baked Dungeness Crab Dip \$ 8.25  
Calamari Fritti \$8.25

**Soup or Salad**

New England or Manhattan Clam Chowder \$4.25 / \$5.25  
Caesar Salad \$5.75  
Bluewater Dinner Salad \$4.75

**Entree Selection**

Bluenose Seabass \$21.95  
Served with lemon pepper crust over mashed potatoes,  
Topped with asparagus & chili cilantro Hollandaise

Romano Crusted Halibut \$22.50  
Served with Olive Provençal Sauce, sautéed Spinach and  
Red potatoes

Wild King Salmon \$ 19.75  
Served on a Cedar Plank, topped with Chive and Dill sauce,  
Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Dungeness Crab Cakes \$16.50  
Served with French Fries and Seasonal Vegetables

Capellini Pomodoro \$13.95  
Pasta with Shrimp, Tomatoes, Basil  
Can be prepared with or without shrimp

Rocky Free Range Chicken Breast \$14.75  
Served with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal  
Vegetables

Choice Bone – in Rib Eye Steak \$25.75  
Served with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

18% Service Charge and 8.25% sales tax will be added to all food  
and beverage items  
Please sign below and fax to Chrisann at (310) 374-9424

**NOTICE!!!!  
MARK THESE DATES!!  
2005 FYC REMAINING CRUISE  
SCHEDULE!!!**

King Harbor Dinner Sat. Sept. 17, 2pm-10pm?  
Buccaneer Days Fri.-Sun. Sept. 30-Oct.2, 8am-5pm

**NOT MANY CRUISES LEFT FOR  
THE YEAR  
JUMP ON BOARD!!!!**

**KING HARBOR DINNER**

**Awesome Food and Night sail!!**

**Have you done it yet??**

**Skipper positions still available!!!!**

**Crew positions still available**

**BUCCANEER DAYS**

**Great season ending Wild and**

**Crazy party time!!!!**

**Are you up for it???**

**Skipper positions still available!!!!**

**Crew positions still available**

To be involved contact:  
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**cruisechair@att.net**  
(310) 422-0805

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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
Fri.–Sun., Sept. 16-18, 2005	Indian Summer Splash Regatta Mdr to Cat Harbor and Return	
Saturday Sept. 17, 2005	Coastal Clean-Up, 9 AM	Mothers Beach
Saturday Sept. 17, 2005	King Harbor Dinner Cruise	Dockside, depart 2:00 PM–10:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005	Board meeting 6:30 PM, General Membership meeting 8:00 PM <b><i>Board Elections!!!</i></b>	Boys & Girls Club of Venice 2232 Lincoln Blvd., Venice.
Fri.–Sun., Sept. 30–Oct. 2, 2005	Buccaneer Days Cruise	Dockside 8 AM–5 PM
Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	MdR Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005	Oxnard Workday / Club Sail Day	Oxnard Dockside 12 noon till ???
Tuesday, Oct. 11	San Pedro Workday / Club Sail Day	San Pedro Dockside 5:00 PM till ???
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005	Board meeting 7:00 PM <b><i>Note change in venue</i></b>	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR
Sunday, Oct. 23	Annual Brunch	Casa Escobar PATIO

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