



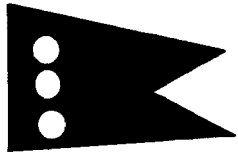
FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S LOG

WHAT A YEAR!

2005 was another year of exciting developments for Fairwind Yacht Club. Here are some highlights:

- We broke the 30' ceiling! Fairwind added to its fleet a Catalina 38 for Marina del Rey and a Catalina 400 for Channel Islands.
- Our kids program just keeps getting better! We grew to four after-school sessions a week and received the California Youth Authority "Distinguished Program Award for the Prevention of Delinquency."
- More members are racing! Our Multihull Series and Indian Summer Splash continue to be great fun—and are there any boats in Marina del Rey on weekends that don't have a Fairwind member in the crew?
- "What does Fairwind bring to the table?" A question that was often asked by a few, shrill critics at other yacht clubs. FYC responded to the tragedies on the racecourse by organizing the highly acclaimed "Sailing & Safety" seminar at West Marine. Realistically no other club could have pulled it off! Now they know!
- We hit an all-time high of 230 members! We closed the club to new members for six months for a break. We are now accepting new members and have about 200 members.
- Fairwind members went cruising together from destinations as far as Croatia to as nearby as Catalina!

FYC MEETINGS NOVEMBER 16 AT MVYC

On Wednesday, November 16, the FYC General and Board meetings will be held at the Marina Venice Yacht Club (MVYC) located at 4333 Admiralty Way in Marina del Rey. MVYC is located in the Marina City Club's West Tower.

The Board meeting will start at 6:30 pm and the General meeting at 8 pm.

To attend the meeting enter Marina City Club's main gate. Tell the guard that you are going to the yacht club. The guard will give you a parking pass and a map.

Once parked, go to the West Tower. Take the elevator or stairs to the G2 level. If you have not been there before, please allow an extra fifteen minutes in case you get lost. After you have been there, it'll be a lot easier.

- Instructor clinics earned our trainers over a dozen certifications from Basic to Advanced.
- The turnout on workdays has grown substantially as well as among the Tuesday crew.
- We now have nice, new PFDs on all of our vessels - and more people are using them!
- And we re-discovered our wonderful club's colorful history on the occasion of our 40th anniversary.

FORTY YEARS YOUNG

What a celebration! The annual brunch exceeded all expectations. Over 120 folks gathered to congratulate our founders. John Stevenson made an awesome tape of our “old salts” talking about the early years of the Club.

OUR SENATOR IS ONE OF US!

“I was once a member of Fairwind myself,” said State Senator Debra Bowen, smiling as she received an award from FYC. “So I can personally attest to how well maintained the boats are in the fleet.

“I was in the club from 1989 until 1994. That’s when I was elected and I realized I really wasn’t going to get a whole lot of sailing in, but it was fabulous.

“It’s the deal of the century. I just thought that it was an amazing operation. For the money, you couldn’t possibly have any kind of experience anywhere close to what Fairwind offers.”



State Senator Debra Bowen —a former Fairwind member!

THE CHAIRMAN PRAISES

“I’m really glad that it has continued,” said County Small Craft Harbor chairman Harley Searcy receiving an award from FYC.

“I think a lot of it is due to the approach that their commodore Dave Lumian has taken,” Searcy said. “You could hear in the comments from some of the speakers, that people really do understand and recognize what he has brought to that organization. He’s tireless, he loves it and it shows.

“It’s a wonderful organization. Their work with both the youths as well as acting on behalf of their cooperative members is a stellar example for other organizations to follow.”

SCYA

After completing our first year of membership, the Southern California Yachting Association has accepted Fairwind Yacht Club application to change its status from “interim” to “associate.” This is an important affirmation of Fairwind’s growing acceptance in the circle of Corinthian yacht clubs. As an associate member FYC will have a vote at meetings, increased visibility and recognition.



Tom Kennedy, Commodore of SCYA, receiving an award from Dave Lumian at the 40th anniversary brunch for his efforts in gaining recognition for FYC.

To apply for this change an extensive application was submitted including letters of support from five yacht clubs of large or medium size including no less than three from the local harbor area. Six clubs wrote letters supporting Fairwind including California Yacht Club, Del Rey Yacht Club, Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, Shoreline Long Beach Yacht Club, Malibu Yacht Club and Buccaneer Yacht Club.

HOMEPORT REGATTA SWEEP

For the fourth year in a row Fairwind sailors have swept the Home Port Regatta sponsored by the Association Of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs.

In the over 30' cruising class Happy Ours, FYC's Catalina, skippered by Steve Smith won first place. FYC'er Jennifer Young took second place at the helm of a Benetau 33. And Dan Gabriel won third place with the Fairwind 30.

In the under 30' cruising class Collective Effort driven by Jeff Spieker took second place.

CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Would someone(s) please consider decorating and entering one (or more) of our boats in the parade? Two years ago our entry won the "Best Spirit" award but we have been absent since. Even a modest entry will be appreciated.

FYC KIDS SAILING PROGRAM

The Fairwind sailing program for at risk children has expanded to four afternoons a week. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays kids from three different schools will be taught to sail after school. On Mondays there will be an indoor activity at each site to help prepare the kids for that week's lesson. Volunteers are needed! Contact Adam Colson at adam_colson@yahoo.com.

NSPS IN LONG BEACH

The US SAILING National Sailing Programs Symposium will be held in Long Beach January 18 - 22, 2006. The NSPS is where hundreds of community sailing programs gather each year to share information.

Win a Trip for Two to Tokyo, Japan Sweepstakes Award "Best Overall" Enter Your Boat Now in the 43rd Annual

Marina del Rey Holiday BOAT PARADE

We're Lighting Up The Marina Two Nights
Spectacular Fireworks 5:55 pm Saturday Evening

Friday
December 9th
Preview Parade
7:00 - 9:00 pm



Saturday
December 10th
Main Parade
6:00 - 8:00 pm

2005 Theme: "Star Light, Star Bright"

Visit our website at www.mdrboatparade.org
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This is the first time it's been in LA County in a decade. I highly urge everyone to attend if only for a day or two. Go to www.ussailing.org/training/nsps/2006.

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 CAPTAIN'S LOG

NEW MEMBERS

- Have you recently joined our club and are not quite sure how to get started?
- Are you a "returning" member who needs some help in getting training?
- Are you a long time member who just needs a "quick reference guide"?

We have updated our FYC handbook and made it available online (in our Members Only Section).



Debra Bowen presents Fairwind a resolution from the California State Senate "In honor of your outstanding effort to raise public appreciation for the Santa Monica Bay as one of our region's most precious resources by inspiring would-be seafarers of all ages to experience the challenges and pleasures of sailing. Happy 40th Anniversary!"



The Cake!!!!



Our founding members blow out the candles on our 40th anniversary cake.



Roy Niebuhr.



Founding members: Our Good Old Salts.



Event organizer Cheryl Peppers worked overtime this year! Thanks Cheryl!



Alex Jost, 14 years old, made a terrific speech about how much he loves sailing. Here the volunteers from the program surround three of our kids.



International Film Director John Stephenson filmed and edited an oral history of Fairwind's early days featuring our founders.



Boat Chiefs and Crew.



Raynor Tsuneyoshi, Director of the California Department of Boating and Waterways thanked Fairwind for supporting CalBoating against budget cuts.



We really appreciate their help!!!

This new handbook contains our Standing Rules and By-Laws, Training Guides for the small boats, Move Up-Request, etc.

In addition, we have added a *“Get Started Now”* section. This easy to follow guide explains step by step how to get started as a new member.

TRAINING

According to our Standing Rules (Section I, Paragraph A), a written test is required in addition to the “on the water check-out”, for everyone who wants to skipper any of our boats.

Our current training is such that it will prepare you for both parts (written test and sailing test).

The written tests will be offered on workdays and board/membership meetings, based on demand.

Make sure to co-ordinate your tests with us, prior to workdays /meetings.

Hartmut Eggert,

Fleet Captain: fleetcaptain@fairwind.org

REAR COMMODORE’S LOG

As the new Rear Commodore, I would like to make some small changes as to how we care for our boats. I would like to optimize the time spent maintaining our boats so that we can maximize the time we spend sailing.

If anyone makes a change to an individual boat, so that it changes how the boat is sailed, this should be communicated to the other members. The easiest way would be to write on a sheet of paper the date of the change, and how the boat component should now be performed. This could be placed on top of the log sheet so that all skippers on that boat could read the updates that were entered since that skipper last sailed on the boat. Ideally, this could eventually be placed also on the web site so that skippers could review the modifications before they sail.

Any changes or repairs should be cleared with the Boat Chief before proceeding. In the past we have had multiple groups trying to correct the same problem, resulting in a duplication of effort. By centralizing the actions with one person, this duplication can be avoided.

I am always available to listen to your suggestions and comments. Please take care of the boats as if you owned them, because you do.

Howard Staniloff

HOLIDAY EATING GUIDE TO OCEAN FRIENDLY SEAFOOD

It is a given that many meals will be shared by friends and family during the up coming holidays... the following information is a guide to help you choose ocean friendly seafood. If you want the entire Mini Guide to Ocean Friendly Seafood developed by the Blue Ocean Institute check out the email at www.blueocean.org.

Species is relatively abundant, and fishing/farming methods cause little damage to habitat and other wildlife:

Farmed clams, mussels, oysters and bay scallops, Alaska Salmon, American Lobster, Squid, Pacific Soles, Catfish (US farmed), Black Sea Bass, Shrimp (U.S. farmed), Tilapia, Dungeness-King-Stone Crabs, Pacific Halibut.

Species has a combination of problems such as overfishing, high bycatch, and poor management, or farming methods have serious environmental impacts:

Atlantic Flounders and Soles, Groupers, Orange Roughy, Chilean Seabass, Rockfish (US west coast), Atlantic Cod, Snappers, Shrimp (imported), Farmed (Atlantic) Salmon, Sharks (imported).

CATALINA 400 TRAINING CRUISE.

How was your weekend? Do anything special? These are questions you’ve probably asked or answered many times. Ask a member of the Angelsea’s crew these questions and you’ll get more than the usual responses. Saturday morning, Tom Marshall, Michael Fuller, Marc Zyga, Hartmut Eggers, Dick and Neva Gross, and Rob Matheny left Channel Islands Harbor at 9:30AM bound for Santa Cruz Island. We had been monitoring the weather all week. The forecast called for NW winds, 20 to 35 knots on Saturday and the possibility of a storm on Sunday.

As we motored out the main channel we could see white caps right outside the gate. The water at the harbor entrance is very shallow so we were immediately in rough seas pushed by 20 knots of breeze. We reefed the main, the boat settled down, and we were off to the east end of Anacapa, close hauled on a starboard tack.

Two miles from the island, we tacked toward Santa Cruz. The wind had become a steady 25 knots. Making only 5 knots into the building seas, we decided to crack off to starboard and go fast. We did! 8.5 knots with double reefed everything headed for Santa Barbara. In the early afternoon we tacked once again toward Santa Cruz with Pelican Harbor our destination.

By this time the wind had increased to 30 knots and we hadn't yet reached Windy Lane. Everyone donned foul weather gear and I was glad I'd bought the expensive kind. The first wave flew over the dodger and left 6 inches of water in the cockpit. The Angelsea galloped over the swells. The wind was now gale force at 35 knots. What a ride!! In any less of a boat or experienced crew I would have been apprehensive to say the least.

It soon became clear that Pelican Harbor was out of reach to windward so we ran off for Smuggler's Cove on the sheltered east end. As we rounded the headlands, the seas diminished but the wind remained strong. The course we sailed had taken us across the Santa Barbara Channel twice!

After the anchor was set, bearings were recorded to ensure that we would stay in one place. The anchorage was comfortable but the wind continued to howl through the night.



Dinner on Angelsea.

Lighting the BBQ in these conditions took some improvising. That accomplished, we enjoyed a great meal. A reward after the day's bashing. Over the evening, the topic of seasicknesses entered the conversation. I had fought it all day and the others admitted that they had a few moments as well.

Sunday morning began with a beautiful sunrise over Anacapa. What a difference from Saturday! Calm wind and sea with rain clouds gathering east of us. The plan was to motor to the north side and see some of the anchorages there but with the forecast predicting rain, lightning and water spouts, we decided that it would be more prudent to head for home.

The return crossing was flat and windless, not unlike many a Catalina crossing. We arrived back at the Marina around 1PM and practiced backing out and entering the slip a few times. After cleaning up and putting Angelsea away we all looked at each other and grinned. What did you do this weekend?

Best regards, Rob



At the November workday Peter Gonzales and Sue Bonner sailed this Holder 17 over to the C2400 dock for Fairwind members to check out. Fairwind is considering buying the vessel to be used as a small training boat in Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard. It was made by Hobie 20 years ago and is in immaculate condition. Its 25-foot mast will allow the boat to pass under the Oxnard Bridge. Susan wrote in a report to the board that "I can recommend the boat to the club as a small class boat. It is clean and has no stress cracks or visible flaws in the shell." She added that it has a swing keel and "handles a little differently than our other boats so it will take some getting used to."

Fairwind Christmas

T'was the night before Christmas,
And all around the boat
Fairwinders were struggling
To keep her afloat.

The waves were a-pounding
Sailing back from Catalina
This crew was ready
To get back into the Marina

Santa was waiting
He really needed help
His sleigh was bogged down
In long strands of kelp.

The motor suddenly quit
To the crew's great disbelief
No one knew why,
Not even the Boat Chief.

Calm seas prevailed
Though a Santana condition was boiling
The wind had died down;
Then they heard Santa calling!

The boat pulled alongside
A monstrous ice floe,
And on board hopped Santa,
His sleigh and reindeer in tow!

The storm hit again –
The wind it did increase!
Lifting the boat toward PV10
With the main sheet released

The seas built higher
A wave washed o'er the beam
Throwing St. Nick over the side
Away from the Fairwind team

"Help! Man Overboard"
The fat old man wailed
"I don't swim, I'm freezing
"And my PFD has failed"

"Throw Santa a Type Four,
"Keep him firmly in sight
"Don't forget to point,
"Or he might be lost in the night"

The skipper headed up
To a solid beam reach
The crew asked themselves
What MOB does the Club teach?

Two boat lengths later
The boat executed a sharp tack
Then fell off and eased sheets
With the wind on its back

"Santa we're coming" the skipper yelled
"Head up and blow off sails
"We'll slow the boat down
"Pick him up on the leeward rails"

The crew threw Santa a lifesling
Which he put under his arm
They hauled him aboard
Far from danger's harm

The Fairwind crew dried him off
And gave him hot chowder
They treated his hypothermia
Until his teeth stopped their chatter

The jolly old man said
"Thank you for coming to my relief,"
"But I must be going
"To uphold childrens' belief"

"Which way to go?"
The old man despaired
"My compass broke, the sky's overcast,
"And my GPS needs to be repaired"

The crew yelled, "Santa, you're in luck!"
There's the pole star, Polaris!
Santa fired up Rudolph's nose and said,
"Thanks to Fairwind, nothing can scare us!"

The sleigh flew into the night sky
With stardust a-twinkling,
And everyone on the crew,
Well, each had an inkling.

That they had saved the tradition
Of Santa and Christmas for children.
The timing, and conditions –
Well, they WERE bewilderin'!

As the sloop pulled into its slip
Ready for docking,
The crew found hanging on the rail
For each member, a stocking.

The surprise, don't you know
Was from Santa, of course.
It was his way of saying,
Thanks for steering the course.

"That storm was just terrible;
"Of our direction, I lost track.
"Nonetheless, you went out –
"Tho' you knew you might not get back"

"Merry Christmas, Fairwinders!
"And to all of you, smooth sailing!
"Keep up the good work!
"Don't bury the railing!"

"Other sailors won't know
"Of your MOB that night.
"But that's your standard procedure;
"Just keep doing things right!"



From the awards ceremony at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club. Erla Freedman and her family are viewing a perpetual plaque for the Allan Freedman Memorial Trophy for the Cruiser Series, Spinnaker Class. Allan Freedman, a former FYC Fleet Captain and Collective Effort's Boat Chief dominated the spinnaker class for many years and loved the series.



IT'S YOUR FAIRWIND SAFETY UPDATE...

My thinking was peaked recently while reading through Chapman's classic "Seamanship & Small Boat Handling," the "authority" for operating small vessels.

In a section devoted to Skipper's Responsibilities, Chapman talks about **FORESIGHT**. A first-class skipper will always have a plan of escape or a solution to a potential emergency.

The key is anticipating the problem or situation and having a thoughtful response to it.

Just a few considerations:

- **Reefing early** before the wind cranks up.
- **Have a "ready" bow & stern line** available.
- **Where's that book hook??**
- **Overcast weather...**are the binocs on deck? The bell?? GPS ON w/ appropriate waypoint loaded??
- **Maneuvering for a slip...** what will you do if the engine dies?? Is the main up / ready??
- **Go over the maneuver in your mind first.** How will the wind affect your maneuver? Current??? Movements of other vessels?

These are just a few instances to stimulate your thinking. *The prudent skipper has trained himself or herself to recognize potential problems in advance and has already prepared a way out in their mind.* SAFE SAILING,

Fred Taylor, FYC Safety Officer

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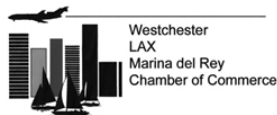
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CALENDAR

| Date | Activity | Location |
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| Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005 | Board meeting 6:30 PM, General Membership meeting 8:00 PM <i>Note change in venue</i> | Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR <i>See 1st page for directions</i> |
| Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005 | MdR Workday / Club Sail Day | MdR Dockside 9:00 AM till ??? |

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