



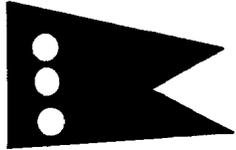
FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S LOG

FAIRWIND NEEDS YOU TO RACE FEBRUARY 18 & 19

The SCYA Midwinter Regatta is the largest sailboat regatta in North America. On Saturday, February 18 Fairwind will host the Hobie Wave races in Marina del Rey. On Sunday, February 19 the cruising class and multihulls will race. The Board has agreed to pay all members' race entry fees! Every Fairwind skipper who participates in these races will generate a point toward FYC's quest to become the SCYA Club of the Year! And the trophies are WAY COOL! Get involved! Contact FYC's Race Chair Scott Rutherford at rutherfordms@verizon.net

SAN PEDRO WORK DAYS

The Fairwind Catalina 27, IO, in San Pedro will have a work day/free sail on the last Saturday every month. Gather at 10 am. If you have not sailed in Hurricane Gulch you gotta try it! Contact FYC's San Pedro Port Captain Chas Belknap at chas.belknap@sbcglobal.net.

PERFORMANCE SAILING WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 23

Do you need to know more about sailing boats faster? How about main trim? Jib trim? Spinnaker trim? Rules and tactics of racing? Setting up a race program?

Fred Young, an FYC member (among his many hats), is putting on a "Performance Sailing" seminar on Thursday, February 23. It will be held at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club at 7 pm. It is free! Fred promises that, "Some of the best sailors in southern

FYC MEETING FEBRUARY 15 AT MVYC

On Wednesday, February 15, the FYC Board meeting 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 7 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.

California and national champions will divulge their secrets of making their boats go FAST." With a pitch like that, how could you not go?

US SAILING RACE OFFICER SEMINAR MARCH 5

Have you ever wondered what all those people are doing on a committee boat? Have you ever desired to 'give back' to the racing community? Have you ever wanted to understand race management to give you an edge over racers who do not? Here's your chance.

The US SAILING Race Management series has set its dates for 2006. Attending a one-day workshop and taking a test will qualify you to be an "official US

SAILING Club Race Officer". The Marina del Rey seminar will be held on March 5 at Del Rey Yacht Club. Register early so that you will be able to review the study materials and get a discount.

Fairwind will receive a Club of the Year point for every FYC member who attends. Contact Dave Lumian at (310) 306-1116 for more information.

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 are taught to sail after school. On Mondays there is 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.

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.

FAIRWIND SAILOR NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR!!!!

Extra!!! Extra!!!

One of Fairwind's finest sailors has been nominated to receive...

Yep... you guessed it

Oscar himself!!

Fairwind Yacht Club member Ron Judkins has been nominated for an Academy Award for his outstanding achievement in sound design for Steven Spielberg's pop-cultural invasion from outer space, "War of the Worlds." This is Ron's 4th nomination for an Oscar. He received his first Oscar in 1993 for best achievement in sound design for Steven Spielberg's phenomenally successful sci-fi adventure thriller, "Jurassic Park" and the same year was also nominated for best achievement in sound design for Steven Spielberg's dramatic and heart wrenching epic, "Schindler's List" He received his 2nd Oscar in 1998 for outstanding achievement in sound design for Steven Spielberg's powerful, realistic re-creation of WWII's D-day invasion and the immediate aftermath in, "Saving Private Ryan."

His other achievements include:

"Made in Heaven," "The Naked Gun," "Arachnophobia," "Radio Flyer," "Miracle on 34th St.," "Baby's Day Out," "Congo," "Phenomenon," "Amistad," "Catch Me if You Can," "Peter Pan," "The Terminal," and director and screenwriter of, "The Hi-Line" just to name a few. Ron has been a member of Fairwind since June of 2004 and has participated in many Fairwind activities. You are invited to cheer for him during the awards ceremony which will take place immediately after the Whale Watch Cruise Sunday March 5th at the Marina Venice Yacht Club.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: CLARIFICATION

Dear Members,

With another sailing season just ahead of us, we (the Board) feel that it is necessary to remind everyone of their "Financial Responsibility."

This is not a change in current Bylaws; in fact was passed by the general membership back in 2000.

ARTICLE XXII. Membership Financial Responsibility

If a member is involved in a matter that resulted in damage to Club property, or to another's property, or both, the Board shall hold an informal hearing on the merits of the matter and, upon an unfavorable finding to the member involved, charge that member with a sum not to exceed the hull insurance deductible in effect at the time of the occurrence. This sum can include the cost of all parts, materials, hired services, and a charge of Ten Dollars per hour for each Club member who works to make the repair. However, if the member responsible for the damage is present and significantly assists in making the repair the Ten Dollar per hour charge can be waived. If the member affected does not accept the Board's decision, said member may appeal to the membership at the next regular membership meeting, and the Board decision shall either stand or fall by a majority vote of the membership present.

Keep in mind, that we all own the boats collectively. Let's compare this to individual boat ownership: If you own a boat and you damage the boat (and/or loose a winch handle, etc), you would have to pay for the repair, whether it was an "accident" or not.

Common sense and courtesy would dictate that we use the same approach if one of our members has a "mishap" with our boats. We should not expect our fellow members to pay for our mistakes. Having said that, we should all have a "Gentlemen's Agreement" to

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AHOY Fairwind Cruisers!!!

The Whale Watch Cruises are just around the corner and the boats are filling up fast!!! Make your reservation NOW....don't get left in the wake.

I can't guarantee a whale will jump into one of **OUR** boats but I will guarantee you will have A LOT of FUN!!!!

FYC 2006 CRUISE SCHEDULE!!!!

MARK THESE DATES!!!

DON'T MISS THE EXPERIENCE!!!

ALL FYC Cruises are affordable, fabulous and FUN!!!!

Oxnard Whale Watch	Sun. Feb. 12
Whale Watch	Sun. Mar. 5
King Harbor Brunch	Sun. Apr. 16
Avalon Bay	Fri.-Sun. May 12-14
Tuesdays Cruisers	Fri.-Sun. Jun. 9-11
Isthmus	Fri.-Sun. Jun. 23-25
Tuesdays Cruisers	Fri.-Sun. July 14-16
Paradise Cove	Sat.-Sun. Aug. 19-20
King Harbor Dinner	Sat. Sept. 16
Buccaneer Days	Thur.-Sun. Sept. 28-Oct 1

OUR CRUISES ARE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE DOING WHAT YOU LOVE TO DO!!!

DON'T MISS OUT!!!



To sign up as skipper or crew for the Whale Watch Cruises or any of the cruises please email:

cruisechair@att.net

“pitch in” with our crew, but ultimately, it’s the skipper’s responsibility.

As Article XXII states, *“the Board shall hold an informal hearing on the merits of the matter and, upon an unfavorable finding to the member involved, charge that member with a sum not to exceed the hull insurance deductible...”*

This is not meant to appoint blame. We [the Board] need to find out what happened in order to determine if damage occurred through “normal” wear and tear, or if it was due to the mishandling by the skipper and the crew. Normal wear and tear issues would be the “club’s” responsibility.

Bonds, issued by the club serve a “double” purpose. It is your ownership interest in the club. Bonds payable increase with each Boat Level, in order to reflect a larger ownership interest as you advance to the larger (more expensive) boats.

It’s also meant to protect the club’s assets, by using members Bonds to “recover” delinquent dues, or money owed to the club by a member who decides to terminate his/her membership. This could be the case for example if a member is responsible for damages to a boat, but does not “have the financial means” to pay.

Contrary to common belief, your current Bonds may not cover the hull insurance deductible. Thus making you liable to an amount above and beyond your current Bonds.

If you are checked out on the small boats, your Bond Level is \$150. However, the deductible on all of our small boats is \$250, leaving you with an additional \$100 in potential liability.

The deductible on our mid-sized boats is \$500 except for the Trimaran, which has a deductible of \$1000. Again, if your Bond Level is below the hull insurance deductible, you are potentially liable for the difference, in addition to your Bonds.

With the addition of more expensive boats on the large boat level, the difference between the hull deductible and current Bond Level may be more extreme. The 3 large boats docked here in Marina Del Rey (Fairwind 30, MkIII, and the Catalina 38), all have a deductible of \$1000.

However, the Catalina 400 in Oxnard has a hull insurance deductible of \$2500, leaving you with an additional potential liability of \$1500.

Please be responsible, and report any damages or losses

that occurred during your sail to the Boat Chief. He and your fellow club members will thank you for that and will be more than happy to assist you with rectifying the situation.

Happy Sailing,

FYC Board

TRAINING

ASA 101: One of our ASA certified instructors—John Quickley—is offering ASA 101 training during the week. It is subject to availability, so please contact him directly at (323) 299-9889.

To find out what you need to know in order to pass the test, please go to the ASA website: http://www.american-sailing.com/learn/standard_basic_keelboat_sailing.html

Coastal Navigation: Vice Commodore Elayne White is offering an ASA 105 (Coastal Navigation) challenge prep course. Keep in mind that a course on Coastal Navigation is required prior to cruise checkout. Contact her at asa-instructor@att.net for details.



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E-mail it to me at redbaron@mycondo.net

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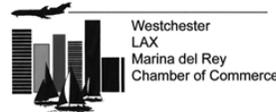
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CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Location
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006	Board meeting 7:00 PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR
Saturday–Sunday, Feb 18–19m2006	Midwinter Regatta	
Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006	Performance Sailing Workshop	Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club at 7 pm
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006	San Pedro Workday / Club Sail Day	San Pedro Dockside 10:00 AM till ???
Saturday Mar. 4, 2006	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	MdR Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Sunday, Mar. 5, 2006	Oxnard Workday / Club Sail Day	Oxnard Dockside 12 noon till ???
Sunday, Mar. 5, 2005	US SAILING Race Officer Seminar	Del Rey Yacht Club
Wednesday, Mar.. 15, 2006	Board meeting 6:30 PM, General Membership meeting 8:00 PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR

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