



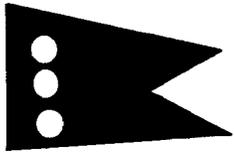
FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S LOG

GENERAL MEETING VOTES TO IMPROVE THE FLEET

At the March General Meeting the membership voted to improve the fleet by buying a replacement for Fairwind I and reconditioning the Hunter 26.5, Collective Effort. The Boat Selection Committee consists of Howard Staniloff, Susan Bonner, Fred Taylor, Maury Barth, and Hartmut Eggert. Marc Levine is heading up the effort to sell Fairwind I. In the meantime Fairwind I remains in service.

A non-binding straw poll showed considerably support for replacing Fairwind 30 with another large boat. However the membership must be surveyed first. An official vote will be taken at the May General Meeting.

Fairwind had gone a decade without an increase in dues. A lively discussion ensued over the advisability of the increase. Some members thought it wise to keep up with inflation, have more resources and prepare for the future. Other members wanted more information or did not support the change. The March General Meeting voted more than 2-1 to approve the changes proposed in last month's newsletter.

GIVE 'EM A BREAK!

Two years ago I sailed the English Channel on a F-9AX trimaran that Richard Roscoe, a famed racer, boat designer, and builder had made in his farm's barn. We sailed the Solent and around the Isle of Wight. An amazing, wonderful weekend!

Afterward we retired at the Poole Yacht Club. Richard explained that the Club rewarded its Old Salts by

FYC BOARD MEETING APRIL 19

On Wednesday, April 19, the Fairwind Yacht Club Board of Directors will meet at the Marina Venice Yacht Club (MVYC) located at 4333 Admiralty Way located in the Marina City Club's West Tower in Marina del Rey.

The Board meeting will start at 7 pm. All members are invited to attend.

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 gets easier.

giving them Senior Membership. The formula is that if the number of years of membership (minimum 10 years) plus the age of the member is greater or equal to 85 then the member is granted Senior Membership and pays no dues.

Let's sketch that out: Age + Length of Membership (minimum 10 years) = 85 = free membership.

I would like to see Fairwind consider doing the same.

Generally our old salts leave the club because they no longer sail and cannot afford to pay dues. Others become leave of absence.

Our long-term members contribute important volunteer efforts working on the boats and adding their experienced opinions on the Club's direction. We are stronger with them aboard.

Rather than lose our valued members let's thank them for their long association with the club. If they reach the criteria and decide they no longer want to skipper, let's find a special place for them rather than say goodbye.

This topic will be on the April Board meeting's agenda.

PROXY VOTING?

Several members have expressed a desire to change the bylaws and allow for proxy voting at meetings. Here's my view:

I do not favor absentee, proxy or online voting. Why do I oppose it? Because it does not allow for discussion where members hear both sides of an issue.

This process is called deliberative; an opportunity to hear differing views, test theories, reason, and then vote. Without a meeting, resolution of issues may become a contest of who can gather the most proxies—which is largely an exercise of getting to people first—sometimes with unchallenged (mis) information.

I have no doubt that it is frustrating to be forced to choose between attending an FYC meeting and other obligations: family, work, other groups, or education. I also realize that some folks live further away from the meetings than others.

If it is any consolation, my experience is that there are people proportionately distributed on both sides of any question that cannot attend—and therefore it balances itself out. However I am sure that it remains frustrating.

I do favor membership surveys. This allows everyone to be heard on a key issue before we make a decision on something like buying a boat. Similarly, articles in the newsletter are another form of adding to a discussion. Asking someone to read your views at a meeting for you is another method.

But these should not replace a meeting where members gather to present their views and hear both sides of an issue before voting.

Roberts Rules of Order states that proxy voting "...is

unknown to a strictly deliberative assembly and is in conflict with the fundamental equality of the members. There can be little debate when one member has more votes than the others, and possibly more than all the others combined."

DISCOVER TWO HARBORS

If you are not on the Newport Ensenada race you might choose to spend an informative evening with Doug Odin, Two Harbors' Harbormaster.

On Friday, April 28, 7 pm at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club Doug Odin will be making a presentation about our favorite cruising destination, Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Doug will talk about how to pick-up a mooring, weather, things to do, and more. He also gives away prizes and an annual guide. The event is open to the public and free of charge. Dinner is available at the club but please RSVP at (310) 827-7692

BOAT CHIEFS NEEDED!

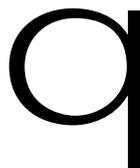
We have openings for the position of Boat Chief on the Blue-By-U and on the G22. Anyone who is interested, please contact Howard Staniloff at (818) 501-2028.

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.

FYC KIDS SAILING PROGRAM

The Fairwind youth sailing program for at risk children has expanded to four afternoons a week. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays kids from three different campuses 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.

NO JUNK EMAIL!

I am surprised that I even have to say this: Please do not use the Fairwind email list for non-official purposes. Please send neither business solicitations nor position statements on FYC (or any other) affairs. It is an invasion of privacy and undermines the official use of the email list.

FLEET CAPTAINS LOG

TRAINING

A few members have volunteered to schedule training during the week, after work. This should start, as soon as we have more daylight hours available. Please continue to check online for scheduled training. Training is colored in yellow. When a trainer makes a reservation for training, he/she can specify how many students can attend the session. If you are interested to attend, just click on the reservation and enter YOUR login information. You will then be able to add your name to the list, provided there is still space left.

We will also be offering ASA 101, 103 and 104 challenges/training this spring and summer. Let me know what you are interested in, so that we can coordinate dates. Please check the ASA website for the "Standards" in order to help you prepare for the test.

LOOKING FOR CREW??

Have you ever thought about going sailing, but were looking for crew? We've got the answer. Next time you make a reservation, just choose "crew" under type of sail and select the maximum number of additional crew wanted/needed. Your reservation will be color coded in "light red", and other members can login by using their own username/password and add their name to the list.

This will help skippers to find crew and enable members who are not checked out on all the boats to crew on any boat they wish.

We have already used it for training for quite some time. Members can search for training and add their name to the "crew/trainee" list, provided space is available. Remember, there is a "search" box at the top of the screen. You can search for training and or crew, so that you don't have to check everyday.

Hartmut Eggert Fleet Captain

leetcaptain@fairwind.org

TRIMARAN TRAINING

I will be making my self available for training on a weekly basis starting Thursday at 4pm. April 20th. I am offering Trimaran training on a weekly basis and then later in the season will switch to small boat training or other boats. If your are interested in becoming more familiar with this boat Please contact me and let me know if you are planning to attend one of these trainings.

Marc Levine (310) 418-1027 Watermarc9@aol.com

PREDICTED LOG RACING

Are you interested in trying something fun and different? Predicted log racing is an international sport. The parent organization is the North America Cruiser Association. This is a fun low-key way to enjoy racing. P.L.R. is not a speed contest. Each skipper picks a comfortable cruising speed for his vessel and competes on that basis.

The first race /event will be held on April 29th in MDR. Hopefully we can have at least two boats represent FYC. For more information please contact me.

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Who did'nt pump the head!!



AHOY Fairwind Cruisers!!!

**King Harbor Brunch Cruise just around the corner and
the boats are filling up fast!!! Make your reservation
NOW....don't get left in the wake.**

Guaranteed..... 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!!!!!!

King Harbor Brunch	Sun. Apr. 23
Avalon Bay	Fri.-Sun. May 12-14
Tuesdays Cruisers	Fri.-Sun. Jun. 9-11
Isthmus	Fri.-Sun. Jun. 23-25
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
any of the cruises please email:**

cruisechair@att.net



Fairwind Yacht Club SAFETY UPDATE

This continues our series with the 2nd of 3 updates on "Right of Way."

TO REVIEW: The primary purpose of "Right of Way" is quite simply to **PREVENT COLLISIONS!**

This time, let's look at the rules for motoring. Hey, if we have sails up, but the motor's on, **WE'RE MOTORING!!** There are 3 situations in the Navigation Rules while motoring:

1. **MEETING:** When 2 vessels approach each other head-on or nearly head-on, they're meeting. The preferred passage mirrors our automobile experience... pass port to port. Within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, either vessel sounds one short whistle blast. The other responds with one also, acknowledging. If conditions demand a passage starboard to starboard two short whistle blasts are sounded & acknowledged.

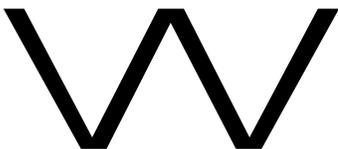
2. **CROSSING:** When 2 vessels (not head-on) are approaching each other forward of 22.5 degrees abaft the beam, "crossing" exists. If the vessel crossing us is in our **"DANGER ZONE,"** they have *the right of way*. Our **"DANGER ZONE"** is dead-ahead moving clockwise to 22.5 degrees abaft our **STARBOARD** beam. **WE MUST GIVE WAY**...they are privileged. Whistle signals are the same as in the meeting situations.

3. **OVERTAKING:** Whenever we're overtaking another vessel from 22.5 degrees abaft their beam, we're overtaking & **WE'RE BURDONED**. If we intend to pass them to our port, one short whistle blast. If our starboard, 2 short whistle blasts.

If we're backing down, sound 3 short blasts. If we sense danger or confusion communicating with another vessel, stop while sounding 5 or more short blasts.

The key here is know your "DANGER ZONE," make your intentions clearly understandable with your heading... if we're passing port to port, clearly show our portside to the other vessel... don't allow guessing. **HAPPY SAILING !!!**

Respectfully submitted, Fred Taylor, Safety Officer



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

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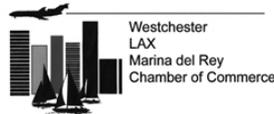
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CALENDAR

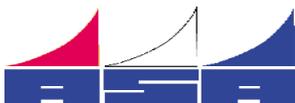
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Sunday, Apr. 16, 2006	King Harbor Brunch <i>Sign up—email cruisechair@att.net</i>	Dockside 9:00 AM??
Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2006	Board meeting 7:00 PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR
Saturday, Apr. 29, 2006	San Pedro Workday / Club Sail Day	San Pedro Dockside 10:00 AM till ???
Saturday May 6, 2006	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	MdR Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Sunday, May 7, 2006	Oxnard Workday / Club Sail Day	Oxnard Dockside 12 noon till ???
Wednesday, May 17, 2006	Board meeting 6:30 PM, General Membership meeting 8:00 PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR

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