

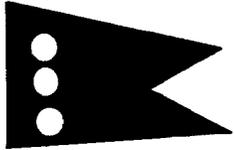


FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2007

Editor: Robert Baron

Vol. 35 No. 7



COMMODORE'S LOG

FYC'S LADY LIBERTY STARTS TRANSPAC IN FIRST PLACE!

Fairwind's entry in the Transpac crossed the start line a few days ago. At last report they were getting only 1.6 knots of wind.

One boat has already dropped out of the race and turned on its engine. But not Lady Liberty! The intrepid crew, led by FYC member John Wallner, sail on.

Before the first boat crossed the start line Lady Liberty was off to an early lead. The Catalina 36 has the best handicap in the race: 319.454 seconds per NM. By way of comparison the next handicap is 266.459.



Start of the transpac... not sure which one is Lady Liberty.

FYC MEETING JULY 19

On Thursday, July 19, the Fairwind Yacht Club Board of Directors and General meetings 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 6:30 pm. The General meeting will start at 8 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, south side. Take the elevator or stairs up to the G2 level.

Sailing World magazine points out that Lady Liberty might even beat Roy Disney's 77 foot yacht, Pyewacket, which has a handicap of minus 33.110:

"Pyewacket owes the slowest-rated boat---John Wallner's Lady Liberty, a Catalina 36 from Calabasas, Calif.---9.4 days in time, and Lady Liberty will have a six-day head start when it sails off the line at Point Fermin next Monday at 1 p.m.

"So, in normal conditions, whatever those are, if Lady Liberty should finish in about 15 days and Pyewacket has to make up more time than it needs to sail the race, who will correct out ahead?"

"Wow!" Wallner said. 'I'm already there. I figured if we're the slowest boat, we're the ones to beat. No one cares if they lose to Pyewacket, but no one wants to lose to us.'

"Disney, pondering the prospect, asked, 'So we probably don't count on winning overall? It might be close. We just have to pick everybody off before we get there.'"

You may follow Lady Liberty's progress (as well as the rest of fleet) by checking out <http://www.fistracking.com/transpac/2007/>. More Transpac information is available at <http://www.transpacificyc.org/>. First hand reports are available at the "ladyliberty2007" yahoo group, which you may join by emailing Scott Wade at scwade@yahoo.com.

FYC BOARD ELECTIONS

Every year Fairwind Yacht Club elects its board of directors. Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer will be voted on. The terms are for one year.

Here's the election timeline as stated in the club's bylaws:

August: The nominations committee will announce a slate of candidates. It will also be announced in the newsletter and via email.

September: At the general meeting a vote will be supervised by the election committee appointed by the Commodore.

In addition to the announced slate, nominations may be made on the floor at the meeting. The election committee will draw up a ballot with the official slate and leave room for floor nominees.

The bylaws dictate that the nomination committee will be appointed by the Commodore. The Commodore has appointed Immediate Past Commodore Capt. Warren Smith to chair the nominations committee.

Are you interested in running for the board? Please contact Warren at coolwarren@yahoo.com.

FAST & FUN SAILING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The free FYC summer youth sailing program is underway. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Captain 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 Jenson Crawford at fleetcaptain@fairwind.org.



FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

Jenson Crawford, Fleet Captain

CHANGES TO BOAT OPERATIONS

Trainers and members, please note the following changes to boat operations defined by the boat chiefs.

CATALINA 28 ISLAND SIDE

A mark has been added to the Genoa halyard to indicate correct tension. If halyard is too tight, the top of the furling mechanism is jamming between the forestay and the mast.

SOLING SEAWEEED

The main halyard is now shackled to the **port** side **turnbuckle** instead of the end of the boom.

HUNTER 26.5 COLLECTIVE EFFORT

Engine: The boat chiefs would like to have the fuel line at engine remain connected. There will be less wear and tear on the fuel line connection if it is left connected by members. It is good to check to see that it is connected prior to departure. The boat chiefs are now flushing the engine with fresh water every week so members no longer need to do this.

Cleaning and Put Away: We have an issue with the new shore power cord getting in the water if it is not rigged properly when it is connected. The best procedure is to wrap the excess cord around the winch since it is more stable than the stanchion.

Lazarettes: We've made wonderful progress keeping the mildew out of the lazarettes by leaving the interior lazarette lids open and the cushions up in combination with the heater. Members not trained within the last year may not aware of why the cabin looks a mess with the lids open and the cushions up when they arrive and may not be leaving the lazarettes open to air out when they leave.

CATALINA 270 ZEPHYR

There are significant (and fresh) gouges in the boom of the 270 as a result of skippers letting the boom out so far it presses against the shrouds. That's bad news since it takes the anodizing off the boom, which removes the corrosion protection, as well as grinding on the shrouds and putting unsafe and harmful stresses on the standing rigging. Please make sure to keep the boom off the shrouds!



HOBIE WAVE RACES OFF AND RUNNING

The 2007 Hobie Wave Race Series kicked off to a great start on June 25th. Improvements were made this year, with repairs to the Hobies to get them in top running shape, new PFDs for the G-Basin fleet, and a new set of race marks to replace the makeshift marks from last year. The races are run in series with each series consisting of two weeks. The overall season contains 6 series.

With 6 competitors and a beautiful evening in the first week, the races began without a hitch. Three races were run and competition was fierce. With many return racers from last season, everyone got quickly in the groove of racing. Margaret Pommert, while doing training on a Capri, provided photo coverage of the event. The evening races ended up with Gilbert Tseng on top with 2 points, Eric Starr finishing 2nd overall with 3 points, and Jeff Spieker in 3rd with 5 points.

Week two (July 2nd) drew a larger turnout with more new faces. With everyone anticipating a fun holiday week, 7 boats headed out to a breeze night. Of note, newcomer Jorge Alvarado had an auspicious night, starting off by capsizing prior to the start of racing but later earning his first victory of the season. Jeff Spieker had a great night and came back to win the 1st series. Series 1 finishes were Jeff Spieker in 1st with 13 points, Gilbert Tseng in 2nd with 16 points, and Eric Starr in 3rd with 25 points.

Another 6 boats went out on the start of Series 2. Light fluctuating winds and a miscommunication regarding race mark placement created some interesting racing.



The Hobies sail down wind with one rudder up to minimize drag.



Racers were treated to a beautiful sunset evening and steady breezes.

With a single windward mark, racers were forced to make 360° turns about the mark in a number of races, which created some interesting starboard-port situations. Within the night, Eric Starr came out on top with 4 points, Jeff Spieker in second with 5 points, and Gilbert Tseng in 3rd with 7 points.

Race standings can be found at <http://www.fairwind.org/racing/2007/2007HobieRaces.shtml>



Margaret Pommert decided to institute a new tradition of using Venice's Baja Cantina as our post-race clubhouse.

KIDS' CRUISE TO TWO HARBORS

by Margaret Pommert

Nine Fairwinders enjoyed the first annual Kids' Cruise to Two Harbors, held June 29th through July 1st. The Mk III carried David Lewins and his dad, Lloyd as well as Maya Tivony and her parents Romen and Shelby. Christopher Crawford came with his parents Jenson and Blenda, and me, 'Aunt' Margaret on Island Side. The weekend included geocaching (kind of like a scavenger hunt with GPS) that had been planned by Elayne White, who unfortunately couldn't make it at the last minute. While we didn't find any geocaches, the hunt was a fun introduction to GPS use for the kids, and took us on a hike to a lovely viewpoint above Cat



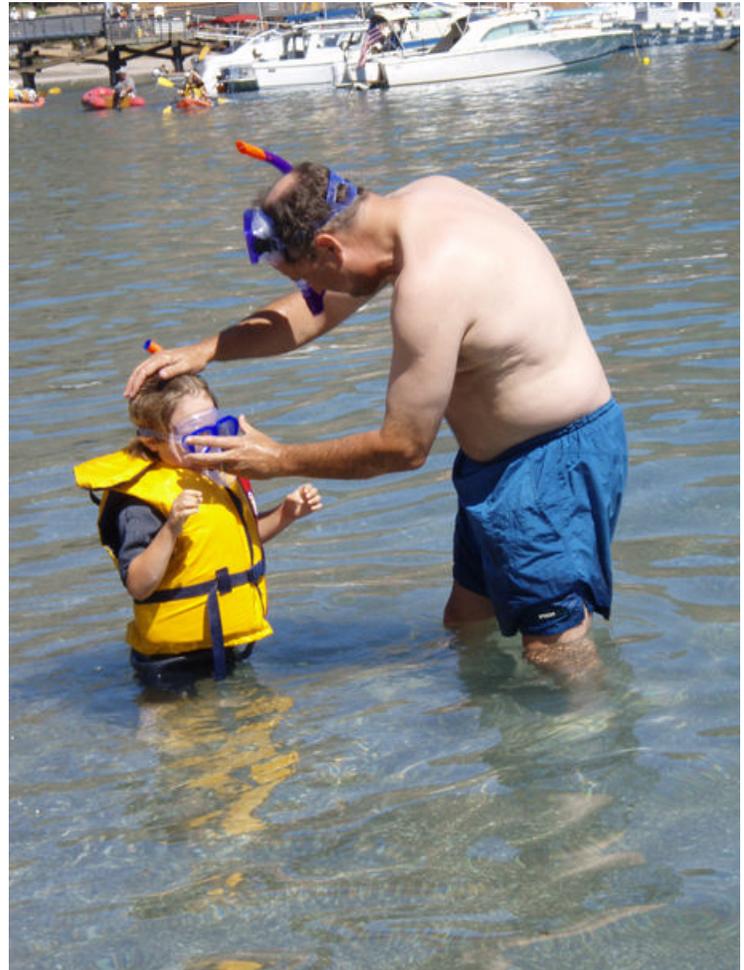
Jenson, Blenda, and Christopher from the Kid's cruise



Kid's cruise: Everyone ready for geocaching

Harbor. Saturday afternoon was swimming, followed by a BBQ on the beach. Sunday morning a few of us enjoyed snorkeling in the clear water before departing for a pleasant sail home.

Special thanks to the two skippers, Lloyd and Jenson!



Jenson and Christopher snorkeling at Two Harbors



Lloyd, David and Christopher take a break from hunting for a geocach above Cat Harbor

NEW SEATS AND ANCHOR FOR COLLECTIVE EFFORT

By Margaret Pommert

If you've been around the docks the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed something new on Collective Effort (aka 'the Hunter'). Mark Zierten designed, built, and installed stern seats, which make the cockpit much more comfortable for crews of 3 or more. The starboard seat is hinged to allow the lazette to open easily, and Mark has tested their strength to 300 pounds. Thanks Mark!

This new addition at the stern is complemented by an improvement at the bow; a new Fortress anchor and rode replacing the old anchor that had rusted closed and so wouldn't set. Jen H. and Mark Zierten practiced their marlinspike skills by splicing together the new line and chain of the anchor rode. In addition to working better than the old anchor, the Fortress is lighter and so should be easier raise and lower over the side of the boat. Next time you are at the dock, check out the 'upgraded' Hunter!

VOLUNTEERS HELP KIDS PROGRAMS

By Capt. Adam Colson

I would like to recognize and thank some of the many Fairwind members and others who have given extraordinary amounts of their time & energy to help with Fairwind's Jr. Sailing Program, in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club of Venice and L.A. County. Last month we took the Fast & Fun program's "Coach Boat" motor in for service. Not an easy task! The boat (deflated) must weigh about 80 lbs, the engine probably over 100 lbs, the floor boards about 50 lbs. Fran Weber was very helpful disassembling the coach boat, cutting the old lock off the motor & transporting it to Regency Motors. Then (How many times have we all done this!?) it was hard to put the floorboards back into the boat because I hadn't taken notes and made a drawing of how they are assembled. (We always think we'll remember!) The Outdoors Club, ASA Small Boat training participants Joe Murray & Isak Ziegner were very helpful putting the boat back together, specifically the challenging job of putting the floor boards back. Finally, our excellent, volunteer mechanic Glen Jagodzinski has spent many hours working on the coach boat's and after-school boats' outboards as well as working on Fairwind's outboards. It's hard to find available mechanics in the Marina, especially this time

of year, and especially ones who will come to your boat. Glen has done all this and drove a long way to bring a part for the coach boat's outboard. Thanks to all our volunteers who are enriching the lives of at-risk youth.

CRUISIN' ALONG

Ken Murray, Cruise Chair kmurray@pol.net

August is coming up, and with it, and a change in the cruise schedule. Originally, we had a cruise scheduled to Anacapa Is. However, a variety of factors require a change. Instead, we are going to substitute an overnight cruise to Paradise Cove, off Malibu. We have Zephyr (Cat 270), Island Side (Cat 28), and the Mark III (Cat 30) all reserved to go from MDR, and we can use Freedom Too (Cat 27) from Oxnard.

This may be an excellent opportunity to do a cruise checkout. It will involve no landing, and leave Saturday morning the 11th, returning the afternoon of the 12th.

September 9 will see our annual dinner cruise to King Harbor, always a fun day.

October 11-14 is provisionally set aside for an innovative "longer range cruise." No destination is set yet. Perhaps San Diego, perhaps Santa Barbara, perhaps a more remote Channel Island, perhaps a tour of islands? We'll probably decide about a month out. If you have a preference, let me know.

There has been much interest in some additional King Harbor daylong cruises and I'm sure we will add some additional ones, probably to be notified via clubwide e-mail. Please remember that the deadline for signing up is a week before the cruise, it's hard to find space after that point. Skippers, we need you!

FORMER MEMBERS FOND MEMORIES

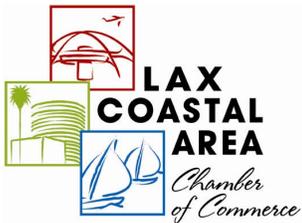
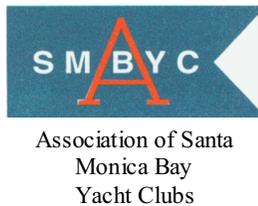
Wow, we've just been reading the Fairwind Yacht Club web site at <http://www.fairwind.org/index.shtml> and remembering great times in the late 80s and early 90s when we were members. We edited the club's newsletter, enjoyed club cruises, and learned the secrets of boat maintenance from old salts like Bob Krauch and Roy Niebuhr. Now, almost twenty years later, we are still sailing, cruising, racing—in the Pacific Northwest on Puget Sound north of Seattle. Congratulations Fairwind Yacht Club on thriving for more than forty years through work parties, apprenticeships in

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 19, 2007	Board meeting 6:30 PM, General meeting 8:00PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR
Friday–Sunday, July 27–29, 2007	Nick Rendezvous	
Saturday Aug. 4, 2007	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	MdR Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Friday–Sunday, Aug. 10–12, 2007	Paradise Cove Cruise	
Thursday, July 19, 2007	Board meeting 7:00 PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR
Sunday, July 15, 2007	Oxnard Workday / Club Sail Day 9:00 AM	Channel Islands Yacht Club 4100 S. Harbor Blvd Oxnard, CA 93035
Saturday Sept. 1, 2007	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???

FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

Robert Baron, Editor
1425 Stanford St., No. 3
Santa Monica, CA 90404



FAIRWIND NEWSLETTER
July 2007 Vol. 35 No. 7
Visit our Web site: www.Fairwind.org



California Clean Boating Network

