



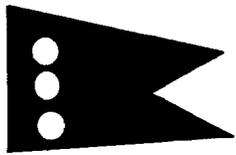
FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S LOG

BY MARC LEVINE

Hello members we are already halfway through our fiscal year. It is hard to believe it seems like our annual instillation dinner was only yesterday. Your board of directors has accomplished a lot and has faced many challenges. There are also a lot more great things and experiences to come.

First off I am very happy to report that through the tireless efforts of your Large Boat Replacement Committee we are very close to having a replacement for Fairwind Thirty in our fleet. The LBSC is the final stages of escrow on a Catalina 320 named Osprey.

Howard Wolfberg was the boat chief for FW 30. He along with many of the Tuesday crew lovingly maintained this classic tiller controlled Catalina 30 for many years. She was purchased new almost 30 years ago and provided many of us with a lot of wonderful memories. To Howard and all the retirees who helped him maintain FW 30 to very high standards we thank you for all you have given to our club. I am confident Osprey will continue this legacy.

This coming Sunday March 9th we will be holding an opening day event. This will be a fun filled day geared to help our membership start the sailing season with positive momentum. The emphasis will be on training and learning as well as having fun and getting to know each other better. I would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to our Secretary Ken Murray who always works tirelessly for our club. He has put together a full action packed agenda for your opening day activities. It is my hope and desire that we create the kind of esprit

FYC MEETING MAR. 19

On Wednesday, Mar. 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.

de core from this event that carries into the peak sailing season.

Gilbert Tseng our Chairman for the Small boat replacement committee has started the survey process to satisfy our standing rules in respect to studying the possibility of replacements for the two Capri 14s that have been moved to Channel Islands Harbor. Thank you Gilbert and your committee, we will be looking forward to the results of your survey.

Lastly we really need to start looking at paying attention to our recruiting efforts in Channel Islands Harbor. We now have five boats in service in this harbor. If you know anyone interested in joining our club in CIH now is the time to let them know about the sailing opportunities FYC can provide.



FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

by Jenson Crawford

TYING UP

Leave the Lines at the Dock

Unless needed on your trip, leave the dock lines secured to the dock. Normally, you will only need to take one of the bow lines to help control the boat as you leave the dock, but the rest should remain secured at the dock. Why?

The boat chiefs have the boats positioned where they're supposed to be. The boats aren't allowed to overhang the walkway, and have a limited area where they can hang into the finger. We've had damage to our boats recently because they hadn't been put back in the proper position.

Trailing dock lines – especially from the stern – pose a hazard with a chance of fouling the prop.

If you or your students need practice tying a cleat hitch, there are plenty of lines and cleats available without taking and resetting the dock lines.

Loop Dock Lines Over Not Through

Loop the eye of the dock lines over the cleats on the boat rather than through and around. The dock lines have been set by the boat chiefs to be at the proper tension when looped over the cleat; they'll be too tight if run the center of the cleat and then around.



DOCKWALKERS

Become a dockwalker! Dockwalkers teach other boaters about environmentally sound boating practices by conducting face-to-face boater education and distributing boater kits with educational materials while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and special events. There is training which provides an overview of environmentally sound boating practices, information about how to conduct Dockwalking, educational materials for Dockwalkers to distribute including boater kits, a video about clean boating in

California, and baseball hats to identify Dockwalkers. Contact Captain Fran Weber-Melville at cpfran@aol.com.

MVYC OPENING DAY

Marina Venice Yacht Club (where we've been holding our meetings) has invited FYC members to attend MVYC's Opening Day on March 15th (ceremony at 2 pm outside in front of flag pole, with reception immediately following in G-3), and to attend the party in their G-2 clubhouse (where we usually meet) on March 15th, from 3 pm on. There will be a live band and barbeque.

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION CLINICS FOR 2008

Fairwind will be hosting more Instructor Qualification Clinics in 2008 for our members, thanks to the tireless efforts of our Jr. Staff Commodore, Dave Lumian. The tentative schedule is:

- ASA 201 – Basic Keelboat Instructor Prep Weekend
 - March 7 – 7 pm to 9 pm
 - March 8 – 9 am to 12 noon
- Marina Venice Yacht Club
- IQC April 11 – 5 pm to 11 pm
- April 11 and 12 – 9 am to 6 pm
- Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club

- ASA 203 – Basic Coastal Cruising Instructor
- ASA 204 – Bareboat Charter instructor
- ASA 205 – Coastal Navigation Instructor
- IQC RESCHEDULED – Date To Be Announced

- ASA 210 – Basic Small Boat Sailing Instructor
- IQC June 24-27 – 9 am to 6 pm

- ASA 213 – Trailerable Multihull Instructor
- July

If you're interested in becoming an ASA instructor, or know someone who would make a good instructor, please contact Fleet Captain Jenson Crawford at fleetcaptain@fairwind.org.

LARGE BOAT SELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

We're close to having a new large boat. We're hoping to have the deal completed in time for our opening day on Sunday March 9.

Offer/Counter Offer

The BSC looked at a 1999 Catalina 320 on Saturday 2/9/08. We liked what we saw – she's well equipped and been very well maintained. We made the owner an offer, noting that that the sails (especially the Genoa) would need to be replaced. The owner provided a counter offer on Sunday 2/10/08, including replacing the jib. After discussing the owner's counter offer, the BSC decided that we would rather purchase the jib ourselves because we would not be dependent on a sail loft for the deal to close, and we wanted to have more than a day to decide all the particulars of a replacement Genoa (135% or 150%; luff padding for roller reefing; sail numbers). We responded Monday, 2/11/08 to the owner with a counter offer, where we will replace the sails. We received word later in the day Monday, 2/11/08 from the broker that the owner has verbally accepted our counter-offer. Copies of the offer and counter offers are available on-line: currently through our discussion board, and soon on the boat's own web page.

Water Trial and Surveys

We've performed an on the water trial and had a marine and engine survey performed. She performed well in the water trial and was well evaluated in the surveys. Both surveyors commented on how well maintained and cared for she is. As with the offer, copies of the survey are available on-line: currently through our discussion board, and soon on her own web page.

New Name: Osprey

There was a general sense of unhappiness about the boats current name. While discussing what the boat should be named, the Tuesday crew looked up and saw an osprey and took it to be a good omen. A short



discussion and the rest of the boat selection committee agreed that Osprey is a great name for her.

Final Steps

We're in the final negotiation over a repair allowance from the owner to fix some things. This is a minor item, the money has already been wired to the escrow account, and we anticipate completing this transaction shortly.

OSPREY SUPERVISES TUESDAY CREW!

Ken Murray

The Tuesday crew had an interesting visitor this week: An Osprey, which is a water-associated raptor, similar to an eagle.

The bird showed up early in the morning, grabbed a fish, and then flew to the top of a mast two docks over.

It sat there, taking bites of fish, with an occasional gull doing a dive bomb to try to get the Osprey to drop her catch. At one point, she flew over to the NEXT dock, on another mast top, and sat there for a couple of hours, then moved back to the original mast. I walked down that dock at the end of the day, close enough to really look at



the bird, which kept a careful eye upon me! The most remarkable thing was the mask of brown coloration, which reminded me of a raccoon! Some have suggested that this was a lucky omen, and that Osprey would be a great name for our new Catalina 320, and I heartily agree!

TIME TO START SAILING AGAIN!!!!

By Ken Murray

For those of you who have not been out on the water, we are shaping up to have one of the nicest sailing springs—well, since last year! We have begun the

standard MDR weather pattern of comfortable temperatures, and prevailing westerlies coming up by noon, blowing 6–10 knots until at least 7pm. Fantastic sailing, and nobody else out on the water!! The boats are available and tuned up, the trainers are waiting for calls and e-mails, and we'll have several new boats arriving in the next few months! Come on out for Opening Day, and knock some of that rust off, and get started towards a "sailing summer!"

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

by Ken Murray

We have entered a time of great transitions and decisions. We need to make some decisions about how best to proceed in Channel Islands Harbor, for the most efficient operation of the Club. The Discussion Forums contain most of the relevant information, and you should check it out. You can access them from the members section of our website. At the Membership Meeting this month, we will need to make some important decisions regarding this program, and we need your participation! We will have a new large cruising boat by the time you read this. We will be having the first "Opening Day" in many years, to celebrate the spring by beginning organized training for this year. We are beginning the process of finding new small boats for MDR. We are looking at a more active process for getting the workload shared through the Club. I am currently reviewing the minutes for the last 25 years, and it is astonishing what has come before... all the hard work, all the same problems, but we've come a long way, baby!

Significant Executive Board decisions this month:

- All of the boats with cabins, plus the Solings and G22, now have Trauma Shears on board. These are heavyduty scissors that are generally carried by paramedics, used to cut off clothing and other purposes. They are quite handy, and are stored near the first aid kits.
- Former Commodore Josef Seligson was appointed as the Club Historian. I talked to Joe last nite, and he is recovering nicely from his very recent openheart surgery and heart valve replacement. He expects to be sailing in a couple of months!
- We have 224 members Clubwide, largest treasury in Club history.
- A new Finance and Planning Committee has been formed. If anyone has professional Finance

experience and is willing to help, email kmurray@pol.net.

- A Committee has been set up to look at the Reservation system.
- Solings may now be the first training boat, for previously experienced sailors, at the trainer's discretion.
- Proposal for more inclusive elections process is being developed for presentation at the membership meeting.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF VENICE AFTER SCHOOL SAILING PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

Volunteers needed for teaching kids ages 8-12 to sail 20 foot sailboats in Marina Del Rey.

How the program works:

Time to sail: 3pm to 5:30

Days to sail: Tuesday and Wednesday

Number of kids/boat:3-5

Volunteer requirements:

Call Fran Weber-Melville at (310) 738-3205 or Email cptfran@aol.com

Have tons of enthusiasm...

Have life scan completed before volunteering (easy to schedule with Officer Tapia from the sheriffs office)

Have enthusiasm to the max

Have an awareness of basic sailing concepts

Have mega tons of enthusiasm for sharing sailing with the little people of the world!

Have some time during the week to have some fun on the water!

Interested..please call me at (310) 738-3205 or email: cptfran@aol.com

Thanks, Fran Weber-Melville



The California Coastal Commission, the Department of Boating and Waterways, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation in partnership with the Association for Santa Monica Bay Yacht Club, Women's Sailing Association, Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and Fairwind Yacht Club

PRESENTS:

DOCKWALKER TRAINING

- Teach environmentally sound boating practices
- Coordinate efforts with marina and boat launch ramp operators
- Obtain educational materials to distribute to boaters

This **FREE** workshop trains boaters, recreators, Auxiliarists, Power Squadron members, and other volunteers to talk to boaters about environmentally sound boating.

Participants in the training will be considered "Dockwalkers." Dockwalkers conduct face-to-face boater education and distribute boater kits with educational materials while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and special events. The training provides an overview of environmentally sound boating practices, information about how to conduct Dockwalking, educational materials for Dockwalkers to distribute including boater kits, a video about clean boating in California, and baseball hats to identify Dockwalkers. We document community service hours. **Free giveaways for participating volunteers.**



Statewide Boater Kit

Where and When:

Saturday, March 29th, 2008

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club (Main Room - Marina Del Rey)

10 p.m. – 12 p.m. (lunch provided)

Dockwalking Activity from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Directions to training facility will be sent to you with a confirmation of your registration

For information visit our website at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ocbnlocbndk.html>

Or contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6906, vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND. Dateline for Registration Monday, March 24th



Funding or assistance in Dockwalker training provided by these organizations
Training hosted by Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO BE A DOCKWALKER

LOCATION: Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club

DATE: Saturday, March 29th, 2008 - 10 a.m.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Return form to: Boating Clean & Green Program, CA Coastal Commission/CA Dept. of Boating and Waterways
45 Fremont St. Ste. 2000, SF, CA 94105 or return by email to vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov

You must pre-register to attend. Please return this form prior to the date of the training. Directions to the training will be sent to you with a confirmation notice.

UPCOMING CRUISES

- Marina Del Rey whale watch March 16
- King Harbor Brunch April 13
- Avalon May 17-18
- Catalina 'Remote' June 13-15
- Anacapa July 13
- Channel Islands August 8-10
- Paradise Cove September 13-14
- King Harbor Dinner September 21
- Isthmus October 11-12

The Marina Del Rey whale watch is on Sunday, March 16th. The last day to sign up is Sunday, March 9th.

Sign up now for the King Harbor Brunch cruise on

Sunday, April 13th. This year's brunch will be at El Torito on the Redondo Pier.

Also looking for skippers for the King Harbor Brunch cruise. Please let me know if you would like to help. Anyone who's checked out on a (mid / large) boat can skipper. You don't have to be cruise checked out to take your fellow members and NCOs out for a day cruise!

"Skipper of the Year" runner ups:

John Stephenson ✂
Howard Staniloff ✂
Brad Benam ✂
Steve Smith ✂
Fran Weber ✂

✂ - Impromptu whale watch on January 19.

CALENDAR

Sunday, Mar. 9, 2008	Opening Day	Dock C-2400, MdR
Sunday, Mar. 16, 2008	Channel Islands Open House / Club Sail Day 10:00 AM	Peninsula Park 3701 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard, CA
Sunday, Mar. 16, 2008	Whale Watch Cruise	MdR
Wednesday, Mar. 19, 2008	Board meeting 6:30 PM, General meeting 8:00 PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR
Saturday, Mar. 29, 2008	Dockwalker Training	Dock C-2400, MdR
Saturday, Apr. 5, 2008	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Sunday, Apr. 13, 2008	King Harbor Brunch Cruise	Dock C-2400, MdR

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