

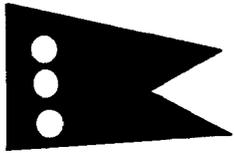


FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S LOG

By Marc Levine

Hello Fairwinders I have a lot of positive things to report to you this month.

Our open house event was a great success we had over 100 hundred members participate. We had a renaming ceremony for our recently purchased 320 as part of our opening day ceremonies. We even finished the ceremony with a champagne toast.

Osprey is being commissioned and I am being told this latest addition to our fleet will be in service in approximately 4 weeks.

At our last general membership meeting we had a lively discussion and a momentous decision to make about Channel Islands Harbor. The discussion centered



Osprey re

FYC MEETING APR. 17

On Thursday, Apr. 17, the Fairwind Yacht Club Board of Directors meeting 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 7:00 pm, preceded by a Social Hour starting at 6:00 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.

on allowing the MDR treasury to be used to help support the CIH operation as it grows.

The members present voted unanimously to approve this. This surprised me although I was very pleased to see this quorum of the membership approve this decision.

Our club is based on very simple and extremely powerful economic principles grounded in the concept of sharing. The sharing of assets, effort, time, and money is one of the strongest catalysts that can bind an organization together and make it grow strong and stable.

I have seen CIH go through trails, tribulations, and challenges. There is much more cohesion in unity as opposed to division. We are seeing encouraging growth in CIH. The membership is closing in on a 30-member roster as opposed to less than 5 members in past years.

With the fleet we have in operation here we have the potential to accommodate over 90 members in this port as part of our club. CIH should be self sufficient financially at 50–60 members. When membership builds beyond these numbers we will see CIH becoming a great contribution to our clubs income and financial well being.

I must inform you that Jenson Crawford has changed his membership status to LOA and has resigned from his position on our Board as Fleet Captain. He will be missed. All of the time and hard work he put into this position has been greatly appreciated. On behalf of our membership I wish to thank you for your willingness to serve our club.

Ken Murray will be assuming the duties of Fleet Captain. I know he will do an incredible job and service in this position. He is one of our most active and skilled trainers as well as a very enthusiastic and active club member.

Fred Taylor has graciously volunteered to accept the position of Secretary. I know Fred is very qualified for this position. He has served in this capacity in the past and did a superb job. On behalf of the club thank you for volunteering and welcome to the board of directors.

Our Bylaws require that the Commodore must appoint a replacement to fill a board vacancy pending the approval by the board. This has already been done by phone conference. I am confident that these two individuals will be formally approved by a majority of the board at our next scheduled meeting.

Our 2008 sailing season is getting into high gear and high season. One of the items I have discussed with our incoming Fleet Captain is regularly scheduled trainings held twice monthly on Sunday. I am pleased he is willing to help coordinate this. I wish to encourage all instructors to help support this. There should be more on this topic in this month's newsletter and in future announcements.

Enjoy the upcoming months they will be filled with fun and enjoyable sailing experiences.

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

by Ken Murray

Our time of transitions continues, with a couple of changes on the Executive Board. As he describes in his column, Jenson is taking a Leave of Absence from the

Club and I will be moving into his position as Fleet Captain, in charge of Club training and instruction. Fred Taylor, most recently the commissioning Boat Chief of Island Side, and having served as Secretary in the past will assume my position as Secretary.

One of the most exciting things this month occurred at the General Membership meeting, in which the members present enthusiastically supported retaining Angelsea, our Catalina 400, in the Club. This was based upon a financial analysis that showed that we could cost-effectively make this work, by the acquisition of 50 new members with sailing experience, and aggressively working to get them trained. We can make this happened, and the members of the Board were very pleased by this show of support by the members for what has proved to be a wonderful asset in a great sailing environment. The analysis is put forth here on our Discussion Forum: <http://www.fairwind.org/members/forums/viewtopic.php?p=467#467>. By the way, our forums now have 61 registered members, with nearly 400 postings!

I have found the last six months as Club secretary to be both rewarding and challenging, and I thank all those who have cooperated in my efforts to make the operations of the Club both more open and transparent. I believe that we have entered a new era of operations of the Club, and that we will need to develop new strategies for optimizing development and usage of our assets, to achieve what we desire for our ongoing efforts.

CHANGES

Isaac Asimov said, "The only constant is change, continuing change, inevitable change." Of course, this was just a change to what the Greek philosopher Heraclitus said 2500 years earlier, "Nothing endures but change."

Changes in my life have required me to take a leave of absence from Fairwind, and to step down from my position as Fleet Captain. I have enjoyed being an active member of the club for 3 years and serving on the board for the last 18 months. I look forward to returning to active membership as soon as circumstances allow.

Based in part on my recommendation, the commodore has appointed Ken Murray as the new Fleet Captain. Ken is a tireless trainer and will do a great job in this position. A new member, Dan Lin, has accepted the position of webmaster, and will take on many of the

technical responsibilities that I had been sharing with Gilbert Tseng. I am actively working with Ken, Dan and the board to make the transition as smooth as possible for everyone.

Please continue to use the email addresses fleetcaptain@fairwind.org and webmaster@fairwind.org to reach the Fleet Captain and webmaster; and the fax number for the club will remain unchanged: (866) 210-3019. I can be reached through my personal email at jjcrawford@earthlink.net.

Good sailing, --Jenson

FUEL AND WASTE PROBLEMS WITH CRUISING

by Brad Benam

I have never had to stop to get diesel on a cruise before. All of my past sailing experiences had been with charter boats, and they tend to be larger with more capacity to hold fuel. On one of my first trips to Catalina, I came back with the intention of filling up, but when I pulled up to the fuel docks at 5:30pm, I found that they had closed at 5pm! Since being in Fairwind I also wanted to become a Friend of Santa Monica Bay and stop using the macerator in favor of going to a pump out station. After finding the station closed I headed down A basin and found the pump out station was also closed. Heading over to the guest dock I find that pump is broken. Since then I have learned there are two more down D basin that are open 24hrs a day.

On a Sunday night I find I am returning the boat with an empty fuel tank and a full holding tank! I called the boat chief and explained my situation and he offered to take care of it for me at the Tuesday workday.

What could I have done differently? Fuel management also means knowing the hours & location of stations. I could have filled up at Catalina so even if we motored the whole way back there would have been a half-tank left. We could have pulled in at Redondo Beach if we weren't going to make it by 5pm. We could have left Catalina earlier to make it back by 5pm, and most importantly, know what the hours of operation are at each location b-4 going.

So one of my first experiences didn't go so well cruising with Fairwind. I was reminded of my Marine Corps days of not following the seven P's. Proper, Previous, Planning, Prevents, Piss, Poor, Performance. I won't get

caught again with out being better prepared with fuel and waste management.

Besides all of our training and check outs we receive, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is a great place to go in MDR to receive some excellent training at a very low cost (buying your book) to further your sailing education. They have basic and advance navigation, how to read a chart and work with GPS. Currently I'm in Boating Skills & Seamanship and chapter four hit home. Fueling your Boat. Fuel management, capacity of tanks, burn rate, & reserves! Go to <http://www.uscgamdr.org/>

UPCOMING CRUISES

- 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

We'll be doing a joint cruise with WSA SMB to Avalon on May 17-18. Email fyc.cruisechair@gmail.com by Sunday, May 11 to sign up.

Also looking for skippers for the Avalon cruise. If you are a cruise checked out skipper, we need your help!

"Cruise Skipper of the Year" runner ups:

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

- ✂ - Impromptu whale watch on January 19.
- ✂ - Channel Islands whale watch on March 30.

DOCKWALKER PROGRAM MARCH 29TH HOSTED BY SMWYC

The CA Department of Boating and Waterways, the CA Coastal Commission, and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation held a seminar attended by members of Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club,



Women's Sailing Association, Fairwind Yacht Club, South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, California Yacht Club, Del Rey Yacht Club, and Pacific Mariners Yacht Club where they learned the latest information on environmentally responsible boating practices.

I think we had a total of 43 people in all. I am waiting for the sign up sheet to be copied to me. We did have the best turn out ever! And, our Dockwalkers did a fantastic job in interviewing boat owners. Many of the boat owners were surprised at what they did not know. Who knew?

Starbucks in the Waterside Shopping Center, Noah's Bagels next to Joni's on Washington, and Ralph's on Lincoln provided breakfast. Jim and Karen Bohart of Sailboat's Inc. personally paid for our pizza lunch. Chris Steele, Mgr. of Trader Joe's at National/Westwood Blvd, provided large bottles of water, a Balance bar, and a TJ shopping bag for each volunteer.



Raffle prizes were donated by Ritz Carlton (won by Leslie Bond VC of PMYC), The Warehouse, Christine Valmay, CCK Nail Spa, Casa Escobar (won by Barb and Mel Widawsky of SCCYC), The Ship's Store, Comapri's Restaurant, Marina Fitness Center, designer sunglasses from Dan Deutsch Optical Outlook in Westwood, and last but not by any means least Scott, Mgr of West Marine, donated lots of picture frames. Every volunteer won a prize!

We have every reason to be very proud of our boating community. We suited up and showed up for the event and will continue efforts to make Marina del Rey a clean marina.

When I get the total number of people that actually attended and stayed for the entire seminar, and did the Dockwalking, I will send them to the respective clubs. Carole



FYC MEMBERS LEARN TO BE DOCKWALKERS AND EDUCATE FELLOW BOATERS IN MDR

CLEAN GREEN BOATING PRACTICES

Let's thank all the FYC members that participated in this great project: CA Coastal Commission's Boater education on clean/green boating "DOCKWALKERS." Commodore Marc Levine, Dave Lumian, Kay Morris-Robertson & John Robertson (new members!), Nancy Marino, Fran Weber, Terry Lynch, and Carole Walsh represented our club for this event. Carole arranged for the food and raffle donations. FYC had the largest number of members participating. More than any other yacht club. Way to Go!



SMWYC hosted the event, Noah's Bagels, Starbucks Coffee, Trader Joe's provided shopping bags, bottled water, and Balance bars, Jim and Karen Bohart of Sail Boats Inc, Beneteau Yachts on Bali, provided Pizzas, West Marine, The Ship's Store, Ritz Carlton, Casa Escobar, Campari's, The Cheesecake Factory, The Warehouse, CCK nails, Marina Fitness Center, and Dan Deustch designer sun glasses, were just a few of the great raffle prizes that were awarded—one for every participant that turned in surveys.

Kay Morris-Robertson and John Robertson our new members did their Dockwalking over by PMYC. They had so much fun that they are joining PMYC too. How cool is that!

We'll be doing this again for Earth Day. Earth Day 2008 falls on Tuesday, April 22. Hope you can come along and have a lot of fun! We'll probably do it on the weekend either before or after the actual Earth Day. Stay tuned in. Give a Great Day.

ASA ANTIGUA SAILING WEEK 2008

The American Sailing Association put on its annual sailing week event in Antigua. One hundred people participated in a week of resort living, sailing, partying, touring and entertainment. The boats included Lasers, Omegas, Topaz, Hobies, bigger Hobies, cruising yachts both monohull and catamarans. There was as much sailing as you desired. Our own Dave Lumian was teaching the small boat ASA 110. There was non-certification instruction available on every boat, kayak, and wind surfboard at the resort.



Dave teaching ASA 110.

ASA arranged classes every night. They even had the owners of Weems and Plath there giving us plotters and teaching a navigation class.

A typical day of sailing would go like this: Sign up for a snorkel trip, a day sail, a half day sail, an over night sail. Then after the included buffet breakfast or included custom omelet, go down to the beach and pick out small craft to sail. Need instruction? Just ask any of the instructors that are on the beach to spend 15–20 minutes teaching you what to do to capsize less frequently. Note, I said, less frequently. Small boats seem to like to be on their sides. Then take out any boat and sail as long as you like. My longest day on the water sailing off the beach was from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. I never was without a boat the whole day. Private lessons are available for \$60.00 for 2 hours.

Most nights dinner is included. Everyone meets for "happy hour," shares their adventures of sailing, touring the island by land or sea, eats dinner and enjoys the local entertainment.

I started with the Laser. Capsized so much I was exhausted. Took out the more forgiving Omega, even ran spin with it (with an instructor). Loved sailing the more forgiving Hobies. Tried wind surfing. Crash and burn. I have so much room for improvement! Finished the day taking new friends out and teaching them on the Hobie.



Finally, returned to the Laser on my last day and stayed dry. I was being overly cautious. But I really did want to end my last day and my last sail on a dry note.



Personally, I never had so much fun sailing in my life! I met people with whom I plan to remain friends with because of our love of sailing, traveling and appreciation of clear, warm water.

Colona is only one of Sunsail's destination resorts. They have others in Greece and Turkey. I hope to visit them in the future.

The entire ASA staff that put the trip together did a fantastic job. I can't wait to go again especially Greece!

UPCOMING INSTRUCTOR CLINICS IN MDR

Fairwind Yacht Club is sponsoring some more American Sailing Association instructor clinics in May and June in Marina del Rey. Discounts are available for ASA members. Members who are interested in teaching fellow Fairwind members are encouraged to get involved.



Dave in action at a recent IQC.

CRUISING: The ASA 203, 204 and 205 will be offered the weekend of May 30 – June 1 in Marina del Rey. The ASA 203 is the instructor level for the Basic Coastal Cruising standard. The ASA 204 is the instructor level for the Bareboat Cruising standard. The ASA 205 is the instructor level for the Coastal Navigation standard. The prerequisite for these levels is to have passed the ASA 201 level. The boat used for the 203 will be Hunter 26.5 and the 204 the Catalina 270.

DINGHY: The ASA 210 will be offered during the week of June 23 – 27. The ASA 210 is the instructor level for the Basic Small Boat level. The 210 is for teaching on dinghies and beach cats. This is an entry level standard that requires no previous instructor certification. The prerequisites include sailing for at least 3 years and some teaching experience. The boats used for the 210 will be the Hobie Waves.

If you are interested in applying for the ASA instructor clinics please contact FYC Fleet Captain Ken Murray. More information about instructor clinics is available at http://www.asa.com/become_an_instructor.html.



**Regatta Benefiting City of Hope
Saturday May 17, 2008**

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Enjoy a beautiful day and help save lives!

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\$500 Corporate donations will have banners on sponsored boats.

For more information, to sign up or become a sponsor, send an email to smwyc.race@gmail.com or phone Norm Perron at 310-372-8782.

Take home trophies will be awarded in addition the Yudovin Perpetual awarded to the boat raising the most donations

The Man/Woman Regatta will be conducted simultaneously – spin/non-spin.

*For more information on City of Hope,
Call Trish Devine at 213-241-7134 or visit www.cityofhope.org*

CALENDAR

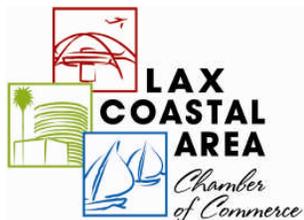
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| Sunday, Apr. 13, 2008 | King Harbor Brunch Cruise | Dock C-2400, MdR |
| Thursday, Apr. 17, 2008 | Board meeting 7:00 PM | Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR |
| Sunday, Apr. 20, 2008 | Channel Islands Open House / Club Sail Day 10:00 AM | Peninsula Park 3701 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard, CA |
| Saturday, May 3, 2008 | MdR Workday / Club Sail Day | Dockside 9:00 AM till ??? |
| Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18, 2008 | Avalon Cruise | Dockside |
| Sunday, May 18, 2008 | Channel Islands Open House / Club Sail Day 10:00 AM | Peninsula Park 3701 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard, CA |
| Thursday, May 22, 2008 | Board meeting 6:30 PM, General meeting 8:00 PM | Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR |

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