



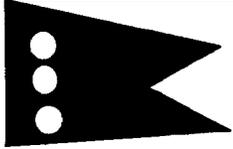
# FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

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## COMMODORE'S LOG

By Marc Levine

Hello club members. To start my log this month I wish to honor the memory of John Robertson. He was a member of our club for a short period of time. He brought a lot of enthusiasm and energy to Fairwind. He quickly became active in maintenance, he became fast friends with the Tuesday crew, and was a real asset with his mechanical skills in helping keep our fleet in good repair. I personally enjoyed the enthusiasm and participation John and his wife Kay brought to our club assembly meetings.

John passed away suddenly and unexpectedly while at sea onboard a sailing vessel living life fully doing what he loved. John we will miss your spirit, friendship, and enthusiasm, Gods speed to you and your family.

We are in the mist of our peak sailing season. Summer is officially only a few days away. I hope all of you are enjoying the fleet this is the time to go for it, to plan your cruises, schedule your training and to get involved in club activities.

Michael Delaney has informed me that our first graduates of the Sea Bridge Youth Sailing program we are sponsors of in Channel Islands Harbor will take place this month. Congratulations go out to you and all of the club members who have provided their time and support to make this program a success.

As we enter the month of June we have a full agenda. As well as the usual day to day things the board and club deals with, I am very pleased to see our Catalina 320 Osprey going into to service. I am confident this boat will provide many hours of enjoyment for our memnebers. Dan Lin has volunteered to act as the

## FYC MEETING JUNE 19

On Thursday, June 19, 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, preceeded 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.

chairman for the newly formed Boat Purchasing Committee for Channel Islands Harbor. Thank you Dan for volunteering to do this as well as being the clubs web master.

We all have a lot to look forward to this summer. So take advantage of what our wonderful organization has to offer and enjoy yourselves.

## FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Ken Murray

## TRAINING

There's been a lot of training going on! The following people have checked out in the last month:

Michael Adams, Brad Benam, Hartmut Eggert, Paul Antico, Michael Delaney, David Greenman, Stanley

Hormel, Steve Hirshfield, Glen Jagodinski, Dan Lin, Betsy Lindsley, Chuck Orlin, Steve Smith, Jeff Spieker, Mark Walters, Sheila Walters, and Sacha Weinberg.

Several people have achieved Trainer status on numerous boats. Please check our online listings of instructors as they are updated weekly.

Special thanks to Dan Lin for so promptly updating our website information. It really makes a difference. I hope to restart group training in the month of June. We did a group Hobie and Kayak checkout June 1<sup>st</sup>, with 6 Hobie and 7 kayak checkouts, and a beautiful day of sailing.

## **BOAT PROBLEM RESOLUTION**

If you run into a problem with a boat, PLEASE call someone to advise you of how to resolve the situation, IMMEDIATELY. The Boat Chief is always a good call, or the Rear Commodore, or any officer or instructor that you might know. Don't leave an unresolved problem hanging!

## **RESERVATION LIMITATIONS**

There was apparently some confusion with respect to reservations. On our website, it states in the reservation section, that a person may only have one reservation on the books at a time. I quoted that, and some folks thought that there had been a change in the policy. However, that sentence came at the end of a discussion that clarified that one can only have ONE daysailing reservation, and ONE cruising reservation on the books at a time. I did not reference that part, and apparently created some confusion. I hope that clears that up.

## **FOLLOWING TRAINING AND MOVE UP REQUIREMENTS**

There have been instances of folks not following the training requirements, such as requesting a move up and completing the requirements before beginning training on a medium size boat. We have an honor system for much of this, and it is HIGHLY disappointing to see it abused. The general reaction to discovery of this is suspension of a person's sailing privileges for some period of time, with required education for reinstatement. This is unpleasant for all involved. Please make sure you are following the rules, when you change your status, or begin training on a new boat.

## **ALL SKIPPERS, GIVE SAFETY TALKS**

It was brought to my attention that on some daysails, a group safety talk is not routinely given in some situations. This is a requirement for all daysails, and there is a specific checkoff on our logsheets for each boat, that this has been done. It is not necessary for the skippers to do this themselves, but they are responsible for it being done. Please be diligent in performing this important safety measure.

## **THE "Y" VALVE**

Ken Murray

Some of our cruising boats with Marine Sanitation Devices have a "Y" valve system. This valve allows the direct dumping of sewage overboard, and is legal to use when one is outside the 3-mile limit from shore. However, some skippers are accustomed to turning the valve to "overboard" at the time that they prep the boat for leaving the dock to sail. This is ILLEGAL! The California Department of Boating and Waterways says:

"THE Y VALVE: "Y" valves are used as part of some MSD systems to direct waste overboard. If your sewage system is equipped with a Y valve for overboard discharge, and you are operating on inland waters, in a "No Discharge Area" (see back panel), or within the three-mile U.S. territorial limit, you must secure the Y valve in the closed position. The preferred method is to use a padlock or non-releasable wire tie. If you have a thru-the-hull seacock, it must also be secured."

One of our boats was stopped by the US Coast Guard for an unannounced on-the-water inspection, within the harbor, and they found the Y valve open to the sea! Fortunately, they only gave the skipper a written warning. If you leave the dock with the Y valve open, and you are stopped, you risk a ticket! Get in the habit of opening the Y valve once the 3-mile limit has been passed.

## **MACERATOR USAGE AT THE DOCK**

By Ken Murray

I have witnessed two instances of a macerator being activated while a boat was docked in a slip in MDR. A macerator is an electrical device that is a combined pump and shredder, which takes waste from the holding tank of a marine toilet, chops everything into tiny pieces, and expels the resultant into the ocean. In other words, sewage! While I'm happy to say that I'm

confident that no Fairwinder would commit such an offense, the violations I observed make for a good reminder of the rules about this activity. In both cases that I observed, the offender thought that the holding tank was empty, and in both cases, they were WRONG!

Discharging a macerator while docked is a SERIOUS violation of the law. State and Federal laws require that sewage can only be discharged while a minimum of THREE MILES from land. The Coast Guard can issue fines of up to \$2,000 for the illegal discharge of sewage. In addition, it is a specific violation of all MDR and CIH leases to discharge from a holding tank. Doing so risks the loss of a tenant's lease!

## FYC DUES ARE DUE JULY 1.

Quarterly Dues are due and payable by July 1<sup>st</sup>! Send them in now; there is no need to wait for an invoice! Just send in your payment to the FYC PO Box [PO Box 12684, Marina del Rey, CA 90295]. Late fees will still apply if you are late, even if your computer ate your invoice!

LATE PAYERS note that you are taking up volunteer time when we have to contact you and send collection letters out and perform other collection activities to receive your late dues payments. It is the least pleasant part of the VC Office. Please pay on time!

Advance Dues Payments: Some members have asked me about paying their dues in advance, whether it is one quarter in advance or a full year in advance. Yes! Our new system can deal with that without a problem.

Remember to keep FYC current on your e-mail address as important communications and dues invoices are being sent by e-mail. This is a *huge* help in the administration of the club. Send e-mail address corrections and updates to [vc@fairwind.org](mailto:vc@fairwind.org)

Paul Antico, Vice-Commodore, [vc@fairwind.org](mailto:vc@fairwind.org)

## UPCOMING CRUISES

- Catalina 'Remote' June 13-15
- NICK Rendezvous July 18-21
- Anacapa August 10
- Paradise Cove September 13-14
- King Harbor Dinner September 21
- Isthmus October 11-12

Cruise leader Tom Marshall has put together a 4 day Santa Cruz cruise for the annual NICK Rendezvous.

Note that even though it's a 4 day (Friday – Monday) cruise, there may also be a 3 day (Friday – Sunday) version if enough skippers and crew are interested. Here's Tom's description of the event:

N.I.C.K. (Nautically Inclined Cruisers Kickoff) Rendezvous, an annual event that is sponsored by the Almar Marina and organized by Nick who lives on the end of B dock where Angelsea and Freedom, Too are. Many local businesses in the area also make donations to help support the Rendezvous. It is a large pot lock on Santa Cruz Island with games and prizes. Due to the donated gifts there are usually more prizes than attendees, so everyone comes away with something.

As far as cruising when it's crowded, there will be a good crowd in Prisoners for the Rendezvous. But even this would be less crowded than Avalon on an off season day. Once the picnic is over, we will move to another anchorage for the night. For people who want solitude, I can just about guaranty an anchorage where we will be the only ones there. Last time I went on this cruise we anchored in a small anchorage I know near Pelicans (alone). We went to Pelican's the next morning to land and take a short hike. Pelicans is one of the most popular anchorages on the island and it was nearly deserted. For anyone who cruises to Catalina, Santa Cruz is never crowded by comparison.

There are also other options for Sunday morning. If the weather cooperates, we can go see painted cave and then have lunch together at Cueva Valdez or one of the other anchorages in the area.

As we're now into the busy sailing months, the last day to sign up for NICK Rendezvous will be Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. This way we can free up boats not needed for the cruise in time for others to plan and reserve. Email [fyc.cruisechair@gmail.com](mailto:fyc.cruisechair@gmail.com) to sign up.

"2008 Cruise Skipper of the Year" runner ups:

John Stephenson	♣
Howard Staniloff	♣♣
Brad Benam	♣♣♣
Steve Smith	♣♣♣♣
Fran Weber	♣
Paul Antico	♣ 
Peter Griswold	♣
Susan Bonner	♣♣
Jeff Spieker	♣♣

♣ - Impromptu whale watch on January 19.

♣ - Sunday Brunch & Cruise on April 13.

♣ - Avalon, May 17-18.

 - Channel Islands whale watch on March 30.

Skippers get a point for each day they're on the water. Multi-day cruises deserve multiple points.

## BEAUTIFUL, FAST TRIMARAN SEEKING PARTNER:



An experienced multihull sailor, Daniel Saks, is seeking a partner to buy an L-7 trimaran located in Marina Del Rey.

Daniel has had successful boat partnerships in two previous multihulls and would like to have a partner in buying this new design in folding trimarans. The prospective partner's purchase cost of the boat will be approximately \$10,000 (about \$20,000 for the boat), plus \$200/month in slip fees. Interested partners should call Daniel at (310) 882-0881.

Here's a description of the L-7: Intended as an affordable, dry, daysailer, the boat is also suitable for Pocket Cruising with a small family in warm climates. Using the innovative "SAS" System (Sliding Aka



System), The Boat can be expanded on the trailer or in the water, allowing for easy launching or slipping with normal bottom paint.

This boat is extremely fast for its size. It easily beats F-24's and Corsair 28's in local races and is even faster than most Farrier/Corsair 31's. The "secret" to the speed is big buoyancy floats of the absolutely latest design. The boat is very dry and easy to sail. Sail inventory is limited to: mainsail, jib, and maxi-reacher, making this an easy boat to single-hand or race with a total crew of two. The proto-type has won all of its races with just dacron main and jib and furling maxi-reacher... it does not use a spinnaker.

This is the prototype boat:

Dimensions: Length 23.5 ft, beam 16.5 ft. Mast height 33 ft. Trailer width: 8.4 ft. weight with trailer is under 2,000 lbs. Weight all up (sails and motor): 1300 lbs. Invasive Species Information for your education

## HI BOATING PARTNERS:

The boating season started and you might be looking for some educational resources and outreach materials you can use to share with your tenants, customers, transient boaters, boating colleagues and yacht club members on how to prevent the spread of invasive species in our waterways.

Below you will find some Web sites with educational resources you may want to order from organizations and agencies working on the prevention of the spread of invasive species that will support your clean boating efforts:

**California Department of Boating and Waterways:**  
<http://dbw.ca.gov/OnlineOrder/OnlineOrder.asp>  
(DBW does not have the invasive species information separate but they are included in the online order list)  
<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/BoaterInfo/QuaggaLoc.aspx>

**University of California Sea Grant Extension Program**

<http://seagrant.ucdavis.edu/publications.htm>

**100th Meridian Initiative:** <http://www.100thmeridian.org/>  
<http://www.100thmeridian.org/outreach.asp>

**Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force:** <http://www.anstaskforce.gov/default.php>

**California Department of Fish and Game Invasive Species:** <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/>

**Reporting Invasive Species in California:** [http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/inv\\_reporting/sightingReport.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/inv_reporting/sightingReport.html)

**USDA National Invasive Species Information Center:** <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/ca.shtml>

**Portland State University Aquatic Invasive Species Education and Outreach**

Materials: <http://www.clr.pdx.edu/projects/edoutreach/>

**The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission**  
[www.psmfc.org](http://www.psmfc.org)

**"Don't Move A Mussel"**

This video, produced by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and funded by the US Fish Wildlife Service, provides the viewer with background information on Quagga and Zebra mussels, including origins, distribution, biology and transport vectors and a detailed assessment of the impacts they can have on the economy, ecology and culture as told through the eyes of industry representatives. This 46 minute DVD includes a watercraft inspection and decontamination training section.

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This information is going to be included in our UPDATED Annotated Catalog of Marina and Recreational Boater Pollution Education Materials found at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/catalognew.html>. We developed this catalog to provide you with a list of boater educational materials you can order to work with boaters as partners in your clean marine business efforts. Available resources include:

audiovisual	booklets
brochures	fact sheets
handbooks/manuals	leaflets/mailers
newsletters	maps
packets	point of purchase display
posters	stickers
signs	wallet cards
tide tables	

Thanks,

Vivian Matuk  
Environmental Boating Program Coordinator

## **FAST & FUN SUMMER SAILING!!!**

**SUPPORT AND EDUCATE OUR YOUTH!!**

**SAIL THE HOBIE WAVES!!**

**PADDLE KAYAKS AND PLAY ON THE  
BEACH!!**

**EARN ASA CERTIFICATION**

**AND**

**HOBIE AND KAYAK CHECKOUTS**

The Boys and Girls Club of Venice Fast & Fun sailors invite Fairwind volunteers to come and play with us again this summer. If you would like to participate in the most exciting and unique youth sailing program in California, you are invited to join the fun... Fast & Fun!! Our program is scheduled for 19 days this summer at Mother's Beach in the marina. For volunteer opportunities, complete schedule and more information contact:

Elayne White

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San Francisco, CA 94105  
[www.coast4u.org](http://www.coast4u.org) (Click on Boating Clean & Green)

## **OLD MARINER'S LORE**

by Ken Murray MD, Fleet Surgeon

"Crows Nest": The foremast lookout position now replaces a cage in which were carried ravens as an early type of direction finder. When out of sight of land, a bird would be released, and as it headed for the nearest land, the ship would follow the direction of its flight!



# SOME PHOTOS FROM THE JOINT WSA/FAIRWIND CRUISE TO AVALON IN MAY.



Susan Bonner and her crew after they returned to the dock in MdR.



This is from the Saturday night dinner in Avalon for the joint WSA/Fairwind cruise. We had 28 people attend the cruise and dinner! 14 from Fairwind, 14 from WSA. As you can see from the smiles, everyone had a great time!



Susan Bonner and her crew after they returned to the dock in MdR.



Happy Ours and crew enjoying breakfast Sunday morning before heading home from the cruise

# Cruising the Northern Channel Islands

## A "How-To" Guide to Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel Islands



**Sunday, June 29th 6pm**

They say if you can cruise the Channel Islands, you can cruise anywhere. These islands in the Santa Barbara Channel are rewarding cruising grounds for local sailors who want to venture beyond Catalina. Cruising the islands successfully requires careful planning, permits, local knowledge, and the right equipment.

Using pictures and information gathered from many trips aboard *Lucinda Mae*, *Alaska Eagle* and smaller cruising boats, OCC Instructor Marc Hughton will cover the best anchorages and coves of each island. Route planning from the MDR area, weather, cove selection and local sailing directions will be stressed. Other seminar topics include bow and stern anchoring techniques in the islands, surviving Santa Ana winds, necessary cruising equipment, danger areas, points of interest, and arranging island tours.

Presented by **South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club** and the **Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay**



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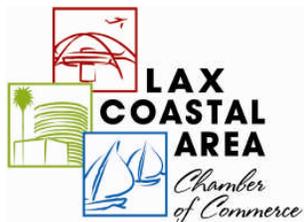


## CALENDAR

Thursday, June 19, 2008	Board meeting 7:00 PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR
Saturday, July 5, 2008	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Thursday, July 17, 2008	Board meeting 6:30 PM, General meeting 8:00 PM	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way, MdR
Saturday–Sunday, July 19–20, 2008	Nick Rendezvous Cruise	
Sunday, June 22, 2008	Channel Islands Open House / Club Sail Day 10:00 AM	Peninsula Park 3701 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard, CA
Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???

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