



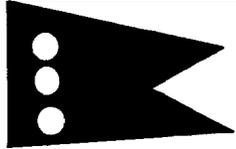
# FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

July 2008

Editor: Robert Baron

Vol. 36 No. 7



## COMMODORE'S LOG

By Marc Levine

Ahoy members, I hope all of you had a great Fourth of July holiday.

I am looking forward to a wonderful month filled with a lot of sailing activity.

During our General membership meeting we will have some representatives from Pacific Mariners Yacht Club in attendance. This is a wonderful Facility located within a very short walking distance from our docks. They will be presenting to us what their club has to offer our members. If you are interested in including a club house/social experience atmosphere to your sailing activities I would like to encourage you to attend this meeting. I am also working on having a guest speaker who completed last years Transpac race to share some of his experiences with us.

As we enter the month of July I am extremely pleased with the growth of our membership in Channel Islands Harbor. We are up to 37 members now in this part of our club. This is a major accomplishment for this board and the key people who are making it happen in CIH. The synergism that Michael Delaney has created among the board, key people in the club, and the community is nothing short of remarkable. Last year we had only three members in CIH and the previous two years never more than seven members. And the year is far from over. We have more to do here with the boat show coming up and more open houses. I believe we will see even more positive development of our club in CIH. This was one of the primary goals of this board for this year. I am proud and delighted that we are exceeding our goals and building a solid membership base in CIH.

## FYC MEETING JULY 17

On Thursday, July 17, 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.

I have recently attended two of the scheduled trainings our Fleet Captain has organized. It was great to see so many trainers and trainees participating. We had twenty-eight club members participate in this activity. Please join me in praise of the hard work and organization our Fleet Captain Ken Murray has put into making these regularly scheduled trainings happen.

I would like to also recognize the rest of the FYC board. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated team. If you recently enjoyed a cruise or a day sail and the boat was in good working order you have our Rear Commodore Susan Bonner and her maintenance team to thank. Paul Antico has done yeomen's work in performing the Vice Commodore's duties. He keeps the funds flowing into to our treasury among many other important functions and has really streamlined many of

the difficult functions of this office. Mike Delaney does so much for this club besides doing an excellent job as Treasurer it is hard to imagine how we could function without his expertise and contributions. Fred Taylor has recently joined this board to fill a vacancy as secretary. He has quickly come up to speed in this position and provided a lot of guidance and organization to this board. Our Staff Commodore David Lumian continues to be involved in programs which help bring recognition and prestige to FYC as well as provide us with opportunities to perform community service. These individuals form a cohesive team. What they do in their positions is absolutely vital in making this club function at the highly successful level that it does.

When I was installed last September as Commodore I would have never expected to see and have never seen in my 25 years in this club four board positions vacated in a matter of months. This really concerned me greatly as the vacant positions were extremely important to the day-to-day healthy functioning of our organization. Ken Murray, Paul Antico, Fred Taylor, and Mike Delaney volunteered to fill these vacancies. Without the four of you stepping forward along with the continued contributions of David Lumian and Susan Bonner I could not have been able to perform successfully my duties as Commodore of Fairwind this year. I appreciate all of your time and effort so much, and wish to recognize you for making our club the success that it is.

Enjoy the upcoming weeks; this is high season for our sport don't let it pass you by. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our docks enjoying what our wonderful club has to offer us.

## **THANKS TO NEW ASSISTANT VICE COMMODORE, CPA MIKE PITARI**

CPA Mike Pitari has volunteered to help with the large job of administering the accounts receivable for FYC, which is one part of the Vice Commodore's duties. This means he is keeping the books with regard to dues collection and tracking. You may be receiving e-mails from Mike regarding dues matters so don't be surprised if that happens. To reach Mike directly for dues related matters e-mail him at [avc@fairwind.org](mailto:avc@fairwind.org). You can also e-mail Vice Commodore Paul at [vc@fairwind.org](mailto:vc@fairwind.org).

As a professional CPA, Mike will also be helping to bring the recent upgrade of the VC accounts receivable books to Quickbooks last year in line with the Treasurer's accounts payable books that were also upgraded a few years back to Quickbooks. We are actively getting the Administration of FYC more organized and efficient. I will keep you posted via the Newsletter of our progress and thanks to CPA Mike Pitari for stepping in to help out. We can all show our appreciation for Mike when we call him for our tax and other accounting needs that a CPA can provide. You can find his info on the roster.

## **DEATH OF JOHN ROBERTSON**

John died suddenly. He was a new member and a great guy. Originally from England, John and his wife, Kay M., were new members of Fairwind Yacht Club. They joined the Marina del Rey "Dockwalker program"—the California Coastal Commission's Boater Education Program—earlier this year and participated enthusiastically. While "Dockwalking" the area around Pacific Mariners Yacht Club (PMYC), they met so many nice people and had such a good time, they joined PMYC too. John was an active participant in FYC showing up early on workdays. His cheery attitude always gave those around him a lift. He will be missed by his many friends. We extend our deepest sympathies to his dear wife Kay.



Pictured from left to right are John and Kay with fellow Dockwalkers/Fairwind Yacht Club – Marina del Rey.

## **FYC DUES ARE DUE BY JULY 15 TO AVOID LATE FEES.**

Quarterly Dues are due and payable by July 1<sup>st</sup>! If they are not paid by July 15<sup>th</sup> a late fee will be imposed.

There is no need to wait for an invoice! However, if you would like an invoice and you haven't received one via e-mail, send an e-mail to [avc@fairwind.org](mailto:avc@fairwind.org) requesting an invoice to be re-emailed to you. In any case, send in your dues 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) =

## CATALINA REMOTE CRUISE

By Jan Delaney

Three Fairwind sailboats (Island Side, Mark III, and Seawing) set off on Friday, June 13, for a cruise to Catalina Island. We departed mid-morning under light to moderate wind conditions and were able to sail most of the way. Island Side and Mark III arrived around 4:30 PM and anchored at Goat Harbor. We joined the



Island Side and Mark III at Goat Harbor.

Happy Ours group, anchored just around the point at Cabrillo, who had been at Catalina since Wednesday. Seawing elected to stay at the Isthmus Friday night.

We had towed the portaboat off the stern of Mark III. That afternoon we took a trip to the shore at Goat Harbor. To our surprise we found a small powerboat washed ashore with 1994 boat registration tags! We took a short hike up a steep trail to view the many boats in the Harbor.

That evening Dan Ma provided a delicious spaghetti, bread, and salad dinner for us! Once it gets dark there is not much to do on board so we settled in our berths. Two crewmembers slept out on the seats in the cockpit. It was rocky Friday night and hard to sleep soundly throughout the night.



Enjoying a fine gourmet spaghetti dinner on board Mark III.

Saturday morning several members came over to Mark III so Michael Delaney could administer the written ASA104 sailing test. Sujit and Jan rowed to shore to relax and catch up on some reading. After completion of the test, Michael used the air horn to call us back to the sailboat.

The group consensus was to sail further west toward the Isthmus where the winds would be lighter and the seas calmer. We were able to enjoy a great sail up that way. We moored at Emerald Bay next to Seawing. Michael and others enjoyed some snorkeling in that area. Girabaldis, sand sharks, and stingrays were viewed. A few of us took the portaboat to shore. We were able to hike thru the Boy Scout Camp there at Emerald Bay and hike to Parson's Landing. This is a popular camping area for kayakers Brad Benam informed us. The hikers saw fragrant fennel growing



Allen and John Bakalyar spent Father's Day weekend getting their ASA104 and ASA101.

and some wildflowers. That evening sailboat members gathered on Island Side for happy hour and we stayed on Mark III. The moon was full, winds warm and calm, and the sea gentle. We all slept much better.

Unfortunately Sunday morning the weather report was for strong winds and heavy swells. We attempted to sail home but to no avail and had to use the motor to return to Marina Del Rey. Sujit elected to return on Seawing. Exhausted by his job as Cruise Chair, Dan Ma took a nap on Mk III on the trip home. We got back by three thirty. Then it was time to de-rig the boat, clean up down below and other tasks at hand. A great time was had by all.



## UPCOMING CRUISES

- NICK Rendezvous July 18–21
- Anacapa August 10
- Paradise Cove September 13–14
- King Harbor Dinner September 21
- Isthmus October 11–12

We're into our busy summer sailing months now, so the last day to sign up for the Anacapa Day Cruise/Sail leaving from Channel Island Harbor will be Sunday, July 27th. 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	♣ II II II
Howard Staniloff	♣ ♣
Brad Benam	♣ ♣ ♣ II II II
Steve Smith	♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
Fran Weber	♣
Paul Antico	♣ 🐋
Peter Griswold	♣
Susan Bonner	♣ ♣
Jeff Spieker	♣ ♣
Mike Delaney	II II II
Johan Sandstrom	II II II

🐋 - Channel Islands whale watch on March 30.

♣ - Impromptu whale watch on January 19.

♣ - Sunday Brunch & Cruise on April 13.

♣ - Avalon, May 17-18.

II - Catalina Remote, June 13-15.

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



*Who didn't pump the head!!*

## OLD MARINER'S LORE

by Ken Murray MD, Fleet Surgeon

"The Devil to Pay" or "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea" originated from a nautical term in regular use. The ship's side had to be kept tight against the sea, and each seam had to be 'paid' with tar. The most difficult seam to pay was the one immediately above the waterline, so was called the Devil by the luckless sailors ordered to do it.

Today's contemptuous dismissal of an idler as a waster also comes from a natural term, waister. In the days of the square-rigger, waisters were the untrained sailors or landsmen without the skills for working high above the deck. They were employed in the 'waist' of the ship.

Whistling is forbidden in most ships if only for the reason that it can often be confused with the sound of the boatswain's call used for attracting attention before making a "pipe." A former reason for the no whistling rule was that it was the custom to "whistle a wind" when becalmed in a sailing ship; if perchance a gale ensued the assumption was that they overdid it! So sailors, being superstitious, rigidly curtailed their whistling habits. At the time of whistling for a wind, it was customary to drive a knife into the mainmast on the bearing the wind was desired.

From the 14<sup>th</sup> century the term "captain" referred to the officer commanding the soldiers, whereas the ship was under the command of the "master." In the last half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century the duties were combined when the soldiers were no longer a separate entity onboard. The Master remained responsible for the sailing of the ship.

## CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13, 2008	Channel Islands Open House / Club Sail Day 10:00 AM	Peninsula Park 3701 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard, CA
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	
Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008	MdR Workday / Club Sail Day	Dockside 9:00 AM till ???
Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008	Anacapa Day Cruise	
Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008	Channel Islands Open House / Club Sail Day 10:00 AM	Peninsula Park 3701 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard, CA

### FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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



Association of Santa  
Monica Bay



## FAIRWIND NEWSLETTER

July. 2008 Vol. 36 No. 7

Visit our Web site: [www.Fairwind.org](http://www.Fairwind.org)



California Clean

