



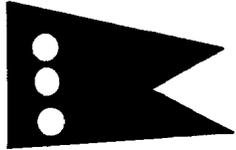
FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S LOG

Ken Murray

I cannot believe that a year has nearly slipped by as Commodore. It has been a privilege to work with so many dedicated volunteers, the core of our operation.

It has been a year of great challenge, due to the economy, however, we have done well, and the Club remains strong, although with a number of challenges.

One area of change had been in the area of having the opportunity of seeing what is going on. For the last year, ALL of the minutes of meetings, financial reports, and membership reports, have been posted online on our Yahoo Communications site, where any member can access them, any time. Previously, the only way to see these reports was by attending a meeting, and then, only the current report. It would be good for all members to look at these things.

The operation of an enterprise such as Fairwind is more complicated than one might suppose. There are decisions that are made daily, and need to be made, for the boats to keep operating and for all of us to go sailing. The Board often communicates on many issues, and makes decisions necessary for smooth operation. I will be introducing a process to make all of that visible to the membership, which will be a new innovation within our Club.

A question was asked at the meeting: "are we two Clubs or one?" related to the issue of boat loading being calculated with the boats in each harbor. The answer to me is "one". We do things in separate ways in the Club, because they make administrative sense. In MDR, we might have two boats that need replacement

FYC BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 20 AT PMYC

On Tuesday Oct. 20, the FYC Board meeting will be held At the Pacific Mariners Yacht Club, 13915 Panay Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Park in Fairwind dock parking spaces or in the "Ship's Store" parking lot and walk over. The facility is located on the other side of the street from the Chart House Restaurant

The Board meeting will start at 6:30 pm. All members are invited to attend.

dinghies. This is usually an issue for the Boat Chiefs of the respective boats, the Rear Commodore, and the Board as a backup. Does this mean that the two boats belong to different Clubs in MDR because each Boat Chief is not making decisions about the others' boat? That would be a silly assertion. Your Board endeavors to operate in a rational way, and when there is a serious question, we take it to the membership. It has been the policy the last year, that if ANY Board member thinks something needs input or a vote of the membership, then that is what happens. This will continue for the next year.

USE OF THE BOAT HEADS AT THE DOCK

Please do NOT use the heads on the boats, when at the dock. Waste sitting in the boat containers and hosing contributes in a major way to gradual acquisition of odors on the boats. Please make sure that you and your guests use the landside bathrooms before leaving on a

sail, and remember that if someone uses the head on the boat, it is your responsibility as skipper to either macerate or pump out the head.

SLEEPING OVERNIGHT ON THE BOATS AT THE DOCKS

You may sleep on our boats overnight at the docks, if you are checked out on the boat that you are using, or have permission from the Board or Boat chief to use that boat. However, you must document on a log sheet that you have done this. This has been the Club policy for the last year, but performance of this documentation has been spotty

ROLLER FURLING FOR THE HUNTER

Collective Effort has lived up to her name once again! It all started with Peter Griswold offering the remnants of a roller furling rig removed from Zephyr (when it broke down) to me for the Hunter if we wanted them. I enlisted Tuesday Crew members: Dave Olson, Preben Klug, Hugh McNulty, and honorary TC member Brian Lindquist to evaluate its suitability for our boat. This summer has been our journey of discovery, with Dave applying his engineering skills of measurement, drawing, and analysis to our problem. We've ordered parts, discovered that the necessary connectors are no longer in production and through the multi talents of Brian Lindquist machined our own. We sent our existing racing head sail in to Mare Sails be remade for roller furling. Preben's previous experience with roller furlers has been essential. Preben led the way in the final assembly of our newly created unit with the help of Dave, George Westerdahl, myself, and Rear Commodore Mark Zierten. It seems that the final hurdle was Mark's idea of how the rivets could be cut down and reassembled for installation when they created binding on the forestay. This has been a wonderful learning experience for all involved. We've still got the final touches to put on the furling line rigging, but we've made a major contribution to the user friendliness of the Hunter for the benefit of the club.

Enjoy!

Jen Huntzicker, CE Boat Chief

COMING EVENTS

Hi, Fairwind and Santa Monica Windjammers partner for boater education and more fun: Please join us at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club **Sept. 23rd** for dinner and a brilliant presentation by Wendy Windebank, travel writer and adventurer. Details are in Tahiti flyer.

October 7th Mr. Multihull, Mike Leneman will be bringing us out of the dark ages on Sail material and line material. We'll have some fun tying ourselves into knots. There is a \$5.00 donation for the materials you'll be using and can take home with you. Happy Hour starts at 6:30. Dinner starts at 7:30 and costs \$10.00-\$12.00. A great deal and a great time to get together.

November 19th Pablo Grabiell will be giving us valuable information about the Channel Islands. I am hoping to have some of author Brian Fagan's "Cruising Southern California" available for purchase. These make great Holiday gifts. Happy Hour 6:30 - 7:30. Dinner 7:30 followed by speaker.

December 23rd is a SMWYC/FYC Holiday party Dinner. We ask folks to bring unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots to this dinner. Can you sing Holiday songs?

Looking forward to some great evenings with great food by Chef Conrad, Chef extraordinaire and great information to make our boating lives all the better.

Good Sailing - Carole Walsh

REMEMBER—

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD

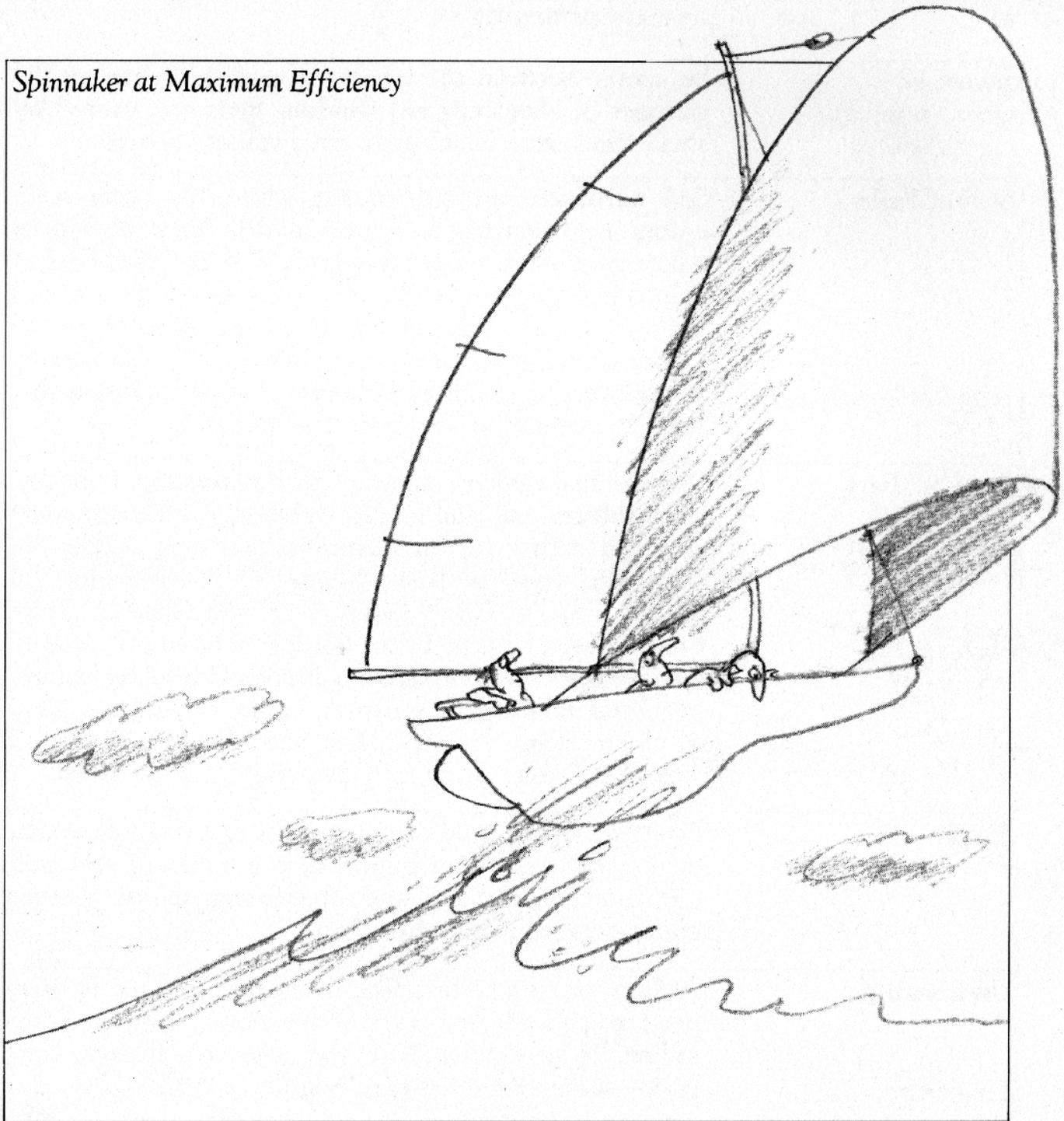


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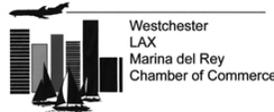


CALENDAR

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| Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 | MdR Workday / Club Sail Day / Race Day | Dockside 9:00 AM till ??? |
| Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009 | See Coming Events, page 2. | |
| Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 | Board Meeting 6:30pm | Pacific Mariners Yacht Club, 13915 Panay Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 |

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