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Commodore's Log

New Sails Coming In Both Harbors

By Ken Murray
Commodore

I was in a reflective mood Memorial Day as I contemplated those we memorialize. Realizing that sailing comes largely from a naval tradition, we have a closer-than-average connection to our military forebears. I don't think we'll be equipping the boats with cannons, but it is good to occasionally remember where our traditions originate.

We are closing in on revamping the fleet in both harbors to the extent that we will now be focusing on improving the experience on the respective boats. I think this will take the form of better sails since there is probably nothing else that truly changes the sailing experience. We will now also be turning to the long desired Strategic Evaluation as well continuing work on reducing complexity in our processes. There is a lot of "process" behind

Board & Membership Meeting Saturday, June 12, in T.O.

The next board and general membership meeting will be held Saturday, June 12. The board meeting is from noon to 1 p.m. and is open to the membership. The membership meeting starts at 1 p.m. It will be held at the Goebel Senior Adult Center, 1385 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks 91362. It is easily accessible from the 23 Freeway, just north of the 101. Google Map link is [here](#).

Another Capri 22?

Committee recommends popular small boat for MDR. Membership votes June 12.

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Another exciting season of youth sailing gets under way in MDR.

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Guess which boat Fairwinders love the most. Mike Delaney parses boat use.

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the curtains, which takes enormous work to keep the wheels turning.

Speaking of which, I want to single out Harvey Chao, a member of a couple of years, who volunteered to repaint the name on CompanionShip. He completed the name on both sides of the boat, Tuesday, June 1, and when you see it, you will know that we had an expert doing this job. The boat looks fantastic. Thanks, Harvey!

Your Dues Are Coming Due

Membership dues are due July 1. Don't wait for a notice. Good sailing, and thanks for paying on time.

-- Carole Walsh, *vice commodore*

There was an interesting article in the Los Angeles Business Journal on a similar yacht club in Long Beach, which in spite of fantastic people, facilities, and activities, is having financial difficulties. They have experienced a 40% drop in membership, much as we did in MDR. Lessons to be learned? [Here's the link.](#)

There will be proposals at the next meeting for a return to modest restrictions on cruising and staying overnight on boats, fines for not taking care of boats and voting on purchasing a near-new Capri 22 for MDR.

I notice high levels of usage already occurring in this new sailing season, and I remind people to leave the boats clean, properly put away, with the logs properly and accurately filled out.

BSC Recommends Capri 22 For MDR; CompanionShip Would Return to CIH

Editor's Note: This, in abbreviated form, is the letter the boat selection committee sent to the board recommending purchase of Mea Ono. Richard Windebank is committee chairman. Other members are Patrick Hamilton, Mike Strossman and myself, Ken Hoover. The board unanimously approved the recommendation and set it to be voted upon by the general membership at the June 12 meeting.

By Richard Windebank

BSC Chairman

Membership of CIH is growing at an impressive pace and is expected to increase from about 100 on Jan. 1 to about 150 by the end of this year. Eleven new members have come into CIH in the last month and, based on current boat loadings, we can only accommodate four more members without exceeding the Club's boat loading policies, unless we acquire an additional small boat.

The most suitable boat for CIH is considered to be a Catalina Capri 22. The Capri 22 has become the standard small boat for CIH and, to a lesser extent, for MDR. The Capri 22 is an ideal entry level small boat for the sailing conditions we enjoy in Southern California, and it has been extremely well received by our membership. Boat consistency, at this level, helps enormously to minimize the strain on our training resources.

We have been scouring the market, over the last few months, for a suitable boat to acquire for CIH. The intent was to find a used Capri 22, probably made in 1985 thru 1990.

Although a handful of Capri 22s have come on the market, none have worked out so far. Some have been in too poor condition, some too far away, etc.

There is, however, a 2005 Capri 22 for sale in Marina Del Rey. It was originally listed for about \$18,000 but the price has now been reduced to \$14,900. The Board has established a Boat Selection Committee to pursue this boat. The intent is to consider the possibility of MDR purchasing the 2005 and then let Companionship revert to CIH. The committee has determined that we can buy this boat for \$12,500 if the Membership elects to do so on June 12. Details of the boat can be viewed at this [link](#).



Our offer is pending on Mea Ona, this 2005 Capri 22 in Marina del Rey.

CIH cannot buy the 2005 for their own account because it exceeds their available funds for the boat they need.

Although members of MDR are happy with Companionship, there are several advantages to purchasing the 2005 Capri. These include:

1. It does have a furling genoa, which is strongly preferred by MDR members.
2. It is very comparable to the 2008 Capri 22 in MDR, Sundance, which has proved to be the most popular boat in the MDR fleet by a significant margin. There are strong similarities between the 2005 and 2008 models.
3. Both boats have similar “fin” keels.

Other features of the 2005 are:

4. The 2005 has the Standard Rig versus the 2008 Sundance which has the tall rig.
5. The 2005 has a good selection of sails, including a Pentax loose footed main and a Mylar 155 furling genoa.
6. It has self-tailing winches, similar to Sundance.

The boat comes with a 2.5-hp Suzuki motor. This may prove too light for our needs so may need upgrading to a 6 hp. The additional cost would be about \$800, and the 2.5 hp would then be available to use on our dinghies.

In accordance with the Club's Standing Rules, a membership poll has been taken by sending a questionnaire to all members. The results of the survey are available to any member who would like to see them.

The Boat Selection Committee considers the 2005 Capri would be beneficial to the structure of the Club. This is because the 2005 will be a significant upgrade for MDR and provide a boat that is very similar to the 2008 Capri Sundance. CompanionShip could then revert to CIH and fulfill their pressing need for an additional Capri 22. "CompanionShip" is also very similar to Desert Wind, Sweet Deal, and Turning Point.

Boat loadings in MDR would not change. Small boat membership in MDR is virtually full and there is a lengthy waiting list of new potential members. Small boat membership in CIH is growing rapidly and we expect the additional boat will be fully subscribed within two or three months. That is to say that CIH will again max out on their Boat Loadings within that period.

Monthly costs in MDR will not materially change. Monthly costs in CIH will increase due to the additional boat. The estimated additional monthly costs are \$440. Income in CIH is expected to increase by the addition of 20 new members paying an average of about \$25 per month = \$500 per month. 18% of those dues will go to the Floating Fund leaving approximately \$410 per month to fund most of these additional expenses.

The Boat Selection Committee conducted a survey of available Capri 22's on the market. They found various boats available in the US ranging from 2002 to 2006. The "average" asking price was \$15,950. The Committee also did some simple financial modeling in an attempt to estimate the value of a Capri 22 during the first 20 years of its life which indicated a possible value of \$13,630 at the beginning of the 5th year.

The Boat Selection Committee recommends the Club consider the purchase of the 2005 Capri 22 at a price of \$12,500. The reasons that support that conclusion are:

1. It would be a highly suitable boat for MDR.
2. It enables us to return Companionship to CIH to address their needs.
3. We have adequate funds to cover this transaction.

The Boat Selection Committee proposes “That the Membership approve that the Club pursue the purchase of the 2005 Capri 22, “Mea Ono” for a price of \$12,500 plus tax and commissioning.” This proposal will be considered at the Membership Meeting on June 12 and a decision will be made at that time.

Another Season Of Youth Sailing Begins; Volunteers Needed

By Richard Windebank
Secretary

An important component of what Fairwind is all about is affording young people the opportunity to learn the skills of sailing.

For many years, we have supported youth programs throughout the spring and summer months. This year is no exception. The spring program ran from April 15 through June 3 under the passionate leadership of Captain Fran Weber. This is an after-school program in which children from the Boys and Girls Club of Venice get to sail on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There are two boats used for this purpose, graciously owned and housed by the Sheriff’s Department and dedicated specifically to this program. They are a Catalina Capri 22 and a Columbia. You can see them berthed at the Sheriff’s dock as you exit the Marina.

The program is run using volunteer sailors who share their sailing knowledge and experience with the kids and teach them to sail. Typically, there will be two volunteer adults and three to four children on each boat. This is an entry level program. The children get to experience sailing for the first time and learn the elementary skills of sailing. They learn about all the fixed and moving components of a boat, docking and undocking, raising and lowering the sails, tacking and jibing plus all the natural elements that sailing is dependent on. They also get to learn about the role of the Sheriff’s Department and to experience a ride on the Sheriff’s boat.



Sheriff’s Deputy David Scheinfarb and Fairwinder Tom Greene with a gaggle of eager young sailors.

The summer program involves a large number of children who get to sail during the summer holidays. This year, the program will run from July 6 through to Aug. 26. Children come from throughout L.A. County to sail from Mother's Beach in Marina Del Rey. They use a fleet of 8 Hobie Waves and 8 Kayaks. The program operates two days per week from 9 AM to 6 PM.

Sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, with support from the Sheriff's Department and Fairwind, there is a large group of volunteers and paid staff, who administer the program and offer

instruction and oversight to the children. Instructors attend a small boat instructor certification class administered by Captain Dave Lumian, past Commodore of Fairwind Yacht Club. This is an ASA 210 course held on June 5, 6, 13 and 20 followed by a course in CPR on June 21. All volunteers working in the program must be registered as Civilian Volunteers with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. Anyone interested in participating in this program should please contact Wendy Kornbeck at 714-475-4268.



Admiring the seal lions, the pelicans and taking in that smell.

Island Side Reigns Supreme As Fairwinders' Favorite Boat (Well, At Least For The First Quarter Of The Year)

By Michael Delaney

Treasurer

The boat usage data have been compiled for first quarter (Jan – Mar) 2010 in the same manner as last quarter. I have separated MDR and CIH data and presented them in graph formats. The data are taken exclusively from the web reservation system and have been filtered to eliminate reservations for maintenance and open houses.

The number of reservations for training (blue), day sailing (green), and cruising (amber) is broken out. The cruising data are for the total number of cruise days.

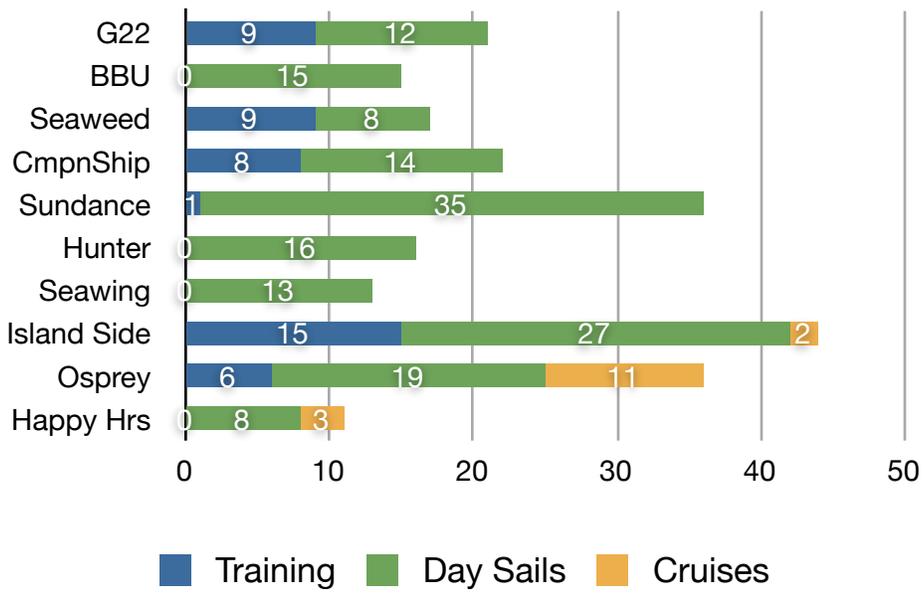
The data for MDR in bar graph is provided below.

In January, the Mark III moved to CIH, and CompanionShip moved to MDR. It's clear the addition of CompanionShip to MDR has reduced the loading on Sundance. Island Side now holds the honor of highest boat usage in MDR and FYC.

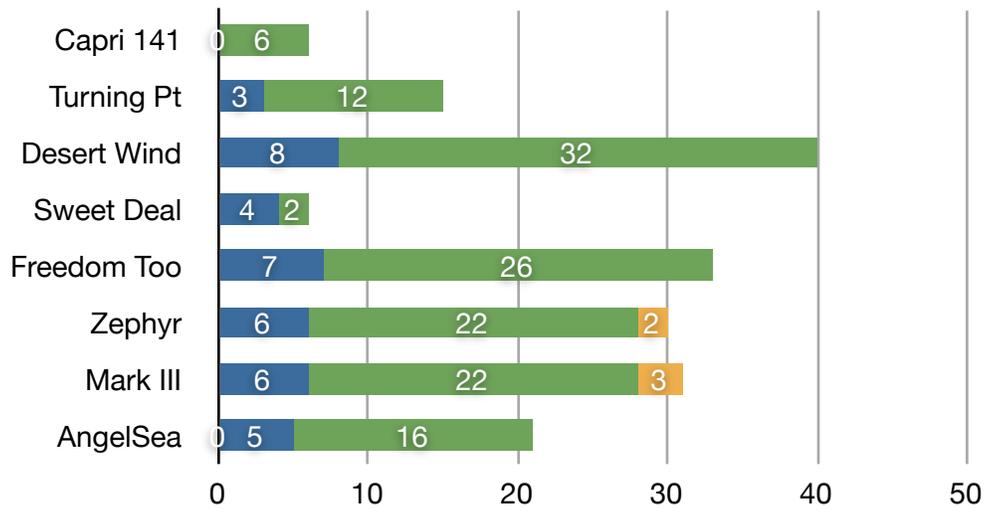
With CompanionShip moving to MDR, CIH added Capri 22 Sweet Deal to the fleet in February. Desert Wind again takes the honors for most usage in CIH. Interestingly, we are getting comparable usage for Desert Wind, Freedom Too, Zephyr, and Mark III. Even in winter, a lot of CIH members are building hours to move up. The Capri 14 (Capri 141) usage was low this quarter and now has been moved back to the pond for the Boys and Girls Club sailing program.

The total number of sailing events (training, day sail, and cruise) for MDR was 231 and for CIH was 182 for this quarter.

MDR



CIH



Blue-By-U Gets All Gussied Up For The Big Dance

By Ken Murray and Ken Hoover

Blue-By-U, one of two Solings in Marina del Rey, arguably has the coolest name in the Fairwind fleet. First, she's blue. Second, she's built for racing and might just blow right by you. Finally, her name evokes Linda Ronstadt's famous song, Blue Bayou.

Several years ago, then-Fairwinder Scott Vos took her to his Big Bear shop for a full makeover. She and her sister Soling, Seaweed, came back in dazzling condition.

She's a sight to behold slicing through the water with that graceful blue hull. And she's fun to sail.

But since then, she's got some dings and scratches. Boat chief Lloyd Lewins led the charge in getting her repaired. He obtained a bid for \$220 to fully restore her.

BBU is now intact again. Let's keep her that way!!

Lloyd requested those who have skippered her in the last year chip in \$10 a piece, and many stepped up. There are still checks arriving, so if I've left anyone off, please excuse the miss.

This sort of wide participation really warms our heart! Here's the participants:

Lloyd Lewins

Greg Little

Elizabeth Kunkee

Howard Staniloff

Bill Tan

Jeff Spieker

Ron Judkins

Spyro Spears

David Arnoth

Travis Weber

Ken Hoover

Dave Lumian

Willy Maynetto

Ken Murray

Membership Guide: Where to go for What

Updates to Membership Roster - Vice Commodore, Carole Walsh

Change Email Address for newsletter - Mike Strossman

Pay Dues - Vice Commodore, Carole Walsh

Change Skipper levels - Fleet Captain, Gilbert Tseng

Change Membership Status - Vice Commodore, Carole Walsh

Submit Articles for Newsletter – Editor, Ken Hoover

Help with training and checkout - Fleet Captain, Gilbert Tseng

Report an Accident - Safety Officer, Marv Brown plus Rear Commodore, Mark Zierten

Gear broken on boat - Specific Boat Chief (from Fairwind Website) plus Mark Zierten

FYC Officers - www.fairwind.org

Minutes of Board Meetings - http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FYC_Communications/

FYC Treasurers Reports - http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FYC_Communications/

Coast Guard - Channel 16 or 310-732-2043

Key to "D" Basin - Bar Harbor Anchorage, 4242 Via Marina, Marina Del Rey (310) 823-4689

E-mail announcements to the Membership – Richard Windebank or Ken Murray

We've Given Up On Keeping A Key In The Marina del Rey Lock Box

We continue to suffer from vandalism and theft with our lock box at our main dock in Marina Del Rey.

As a result, the Board has decided to remove the lock box at the end of June. Members who do not already have their own key can purchase one at the Members Meeting on June 12 or at the dock. There is a supply of keys in the administrative dock box, which will operate on the honor system. The cost is \$5 per key. Please enter your name on the sheet, deposit \$5 and help yourself to a key.

--Richard Windebank, *Secretary*

SMWYC Hosts June 16 Dinner With Speakers On Marina Water Quality

By Carole Walsh

Vice Commodore

We need to get the word out and get people to join us at the open house education event at The Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, Wednesday, June 16 for the California coastal Commission & Santa Monica Bay Restoration, Harbor Master Dana Point and Deputy of MdR Harbor. This is really a not to be missed event. Free Gifts.

We have the Deputy from Marina del Rey talking about the marina's water, the harbor master from Dana Point who has turned that harbor around, the California scientist who did the research on the water contamination of Ballona Creek impacting the marina, California coastal commission boater Ed. doing Dockwalker boater education with lots of great gifts to boaters.

The club is going Italian for the evening: 6:30 cocktail hour, 7:30 Italian dinner with a choice of sauces, both vege and non-vege, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread and desert. The cost is only \$10 per person with reservations (818) 827-7692 and \$12 at the door without a reservation.

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club is located at 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. Map link [here](#).

The G22, Sundance Swap Slips To Keep Capri 22s Together

Richard Windebank

Secretary

We have moved a couple of boats around in Marina Del Rey. The Capri 22 Sundance has been moved back to our main dock in MDR and is now berthed at slip C2413. The G22 Rambaley has been moved over to Pier 44 and is now berthed in a new slip at G2313.

Why did we do this? There were a couple of reasons. First, the utilization of Sundance is significantly higher than Rambaley, so the inconvenience of having to go to Pier 44 is reduced. Second, it was felt desirable to keep the two Capri 22s together. They are relatively interchangeable and have common training and maintenance issues. The same applies to the Solings.

Another reason is that we want to encourage more use of the Hobies. They are great boats to sail and are currently underutilized. We felt that keeping the entry-level boats together might be beneficial, and it's a more logical way to position the boats.

We continually search for an additional slip at or near our main dock at C 2400. But there is nothing available and probably won't be for quite a while. But we will continue to work on it, recognizing the more boats we can keep in one location, the better for everyone.

A word about access to the dock at Pier 44: Often, you will find the dock gate unlocked. That's unfortunate from a security standpoint, but that's the way it is. If it is locked, you can get a dock key from the trailer where we keep the sails for the Hobies. You will need to know the lock combination before you head down to the dock. Please be sure to put the key back in the trailer, once you have opened the dock gate since other members may need access to boats while you are out on the water.

You can park facing the boat slips, but you should display a parking tag on the rear view mirror of your car. These are also kept in the Hobie trailer. They don't often check cars parked there but if they do, you could get fined.

We hope the new arrangements will work out well.



If you need a key to the G22's dock, you'll find it in this trailer. You'll need to know the combination.

Stuff You Probably Didn't Know About The California Maritime Academy

By **Ken Murray**
Commodore

Located in Vallejo, Calif., the California Maritime Academy, known as Cal Maritime, is a unique and specialized campus of the California State University system that offers students bachelor's degrees in international business and logistics, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering. Cal Maritime is one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States — and the only one on the West Coast.

Cal Maritime students receive an education consisting of a mixture of classroom instruction, hands-on experience, international travel, and professional development. Cal Maritime is not a military campus. Graduates are prepared for successful careers in engineering, maritime policy, international business and logistics, technology or in the maritime and transportation industries. One of the highlights of their curriculum is the required world cruises aboard the training ship TSGolden BearIII, a 500-foot former navy oceanographic ship, which is sailed from port to port, transporting cargo under the direction of the students who perform every job on the ship.

Its graduates are highly sought after for their combination of maturity, experience, commitment, focus and global awareness.

The Cal Maritime Sailing Team, the Keelhaulers, the winners of the Intercollegiate National Offshore Championship, will be the representatives defending the United States in the annual Student Yachting World Cup in France in October.

The school's Web site is here:

<http://www.csum.edu>

New Members And Work-Day Heroes

MDR Work-day attendees, Saturday, June 5:

Mark Arbing
Patrick Bambrough
Davic Bell
Rosalie Bostick
Harvey Chao
Elizabeth Kunkee and daughter
Marc Levine
Nancy Marino
Pamela Murphy
Bruce Naliboff
Chuck Orlin
Allen Paxton
Daniel Romney
Josef Seligson
George Westerdahl
Gilbert Tseng,
Ken Murray
Mark Zierten
Lloyd Lewins and his two boys
Rob Matheny
Carole Walsh, cookies and water
Richard Windebank, donuts and pigs in a poke
Shar Campbell



Vice Commodore Carole Walsh took a class in marine diesel engine maintenance at Boatswain's Locker in Costa Mesa. The all-day class is held monthly.

Please welcome new members to our club:

In April:

Brian Fagan
Charles, Payton
Jon Von Leden
Wendy Kunkel

In May:

Quinton Nixon
Paddy Spinks

Brian Krawcykowski
Jim Breslin
Robert Chatenever
Nick Letourneau,
Bill Meyer
Michael and Linda DeCamp
Larry Lorenz

--Carol Walsh, *vice commodore*

The Club Calendar For June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		01 • Work Day MdR	02	03	04	05 • MDR Workday
06 (Week 23)	07	08 • Work Day MdR	09	10	11	12 • Board/ Membership Meeting • CIH Work Day • MDR Boat Show
13 (Week 24) • MDR Boat Show	14 • Flag Day	15 • Work Day MdR	16	17	18 • CIH Santa Cruz Island Cruise	19 • CIH Santa Cruz Island Cruise
20 (Week 25) • CIH Santa Cruz Island Cruise	21	22 • Work Day MdR	23	24	25	26
27 (Week 26) • CIH Open House	28	29 • Work Day MdR	30			