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Commodore's Log

Commodore Sets Goals For Coming Year

By Marv Brown
Commodore

Editor's Note: *For the Commodore's Log this month, Marv Brown uses the speech he gave at the club's annual installation luncheon at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club Sunday, Oct. 24.*

First, I would like to thank all of the terrific people who helped put on this great luncheon today. To Vicki DeLuca and Besam Bilim from the SMWYC, who accommodated us when we needed a venue. To Marc Levine for doing such an outstanding job as our MC. And to Richard (Windebank) and Carole (Walsh) for all of their help as well. Thank you all so much!!

Seven years ago, I joined the club not knowing a single person. I had heard about Fairwind from a friend at work whose husband was a member. He agreed to sponsor me, though we had never met. So I

Board & Membership Meeting Nov. 20 in Thousand Oaks

The next board and general membership meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Goebel Senior Adult Center, 1385 E. Janns Road, Thousand Oaks.

The board meeting begins at noon and is open to members.

The general membership meeting begins at 1 p.m. and should finish by 3 p.m.

The location is easily accessible from the 23 Freeway, just north of the 101. A Mapquest link is [here](#).

Another Capri 22

Channel Islands buys its fourth these popular little boats.

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Annapolis Boat Show

Marv Brown strolls around the world's biggest boat show.

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How the iPhone can turn you into Capt. Cook.

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showed up in October 2003 at the installation luncheon with very little sailing experience and not knowing anyone there.

At my table, I met two members, Mitch and Cheryl, who invited me to go racing on the following Wednesday evening. We were racing on the Hunter, and I had visions of skippering the boat to victory.

They, of course, wanted me for rail meat, and I spent the evening climbing from one side of the boat to the other every time we tacked. When I got home, my wife saw all the black and blue marks and thought I had been in an accident. But I had a ball.



The new board sworn in Oct. 24. L to R, Mark Zierten (rear commodore), Richard Windebank (vice commodore), Mike Strossman (secretary), Mike Delaney (treasurer) and Ken Murray (jr. staff commodore). That's Marv at the podium. Not shown is new fleet captain Dick Gross.

What really impressed me was the warm acceptance from these two members, and I knew then that I was going to be in the club for a long time.

When people ask me what I like best about the club, the first thing that comes to mind is the many friends I have made here. I think this is one of the great strengths of FYC, and I'd like to see this continue in the future.

In the last few years, we have seen tremendous growth in our club. I just happened to look at the minutes of the September 2007 membership meeting, and I noticed that CI had nine members. Three years later we are at about 160 members in CI, with a waiting list. This rapid growth has produced several challenges we will need to deal with in the immediate future.

My goals for this year are:

- 1) To develop a new organizational structure. We are no longer just a Marina del Rey club with a small auxiliary in CI.

- 2) To oversee a yearly budget that will keep us on sound financial footing for the future.

3) To develop a plan for training our members so they can move up quickly, while at same time not straining our instructor resources.

I know if we can accomplish these goals, we will keep FYC on a path that allows for its successful growth and continued improvement. It will take everyone's concerted effort to work together to accomplish these goals. I invite you to join the Board and me in this work.

Finally, I would like to start a new tradition in the club. Would our new Board members please come up. As an additional way to acknowledge our club officers, I would like to present each of you with a flag representing your position on the Board. Please open it now and show everyone. I hope you will display it whenever you are sailing on one of our boats. These flags are the official flags for officers in a yacht club and should be flown from the starboard spreader. These flags are not yours to keep. They belong to the club and will be passed along to next year's Board.

Thank you all for coming today and let's go sailing!



New board takes the oath with good humor. That's outgoing jr. staff commodore Marc Levine doing the swearing in.

About 50 Fairwinders and family and guests attended the annual installation luncheon Sunday, Oct. 24.

It took some fast action by organizers to pull it off this time. The event had originally been planned for a Marina del Rey restaurant, but it abruptly closed. It was rescheduled for the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and the usual brunch was converted to a luncheon. As is custom, the crowd went sailing afterward.

--Ken Hoover



Photos by Mike Povar and Nancy Marino

CIH Welcomes Its 4th Capri 22: Hello, Sand

By Michael Delaney

Fairwind has purchased a very clean 1999 Capri 22 for Channel Islands Harbor as a replacement for Turning Point, our Catalina 22.

The boat's name is "Sand" and it is now located in slip D-09 in the Small Boat Marina adjacent to the other three Capri 22's in CIH.

Sand should finish commissioning this week and enter the fleet. She has a fin keel, standard rig, a furler with a 135% genoa, and full spinnaker gear. The sails and boat are in great shape.

The purchase and transportation was a team effort. The boat was spotted on Craigslist by both Tim Chan and Mike Strossman. The owner was contacted, and it was arranged for Marc Levine and Bob Hoffman to check out the boat when in San Diego.

Mike Strossman also inspected the boat and negotiated a great deal (\$6250) with the owner when in San Diego on a business trip.

Transportation of the boat from south of Coronado to CIH had it's challenges. We were able to borrow a Capri 22 trailer (fin keel type) from Pastor Bob Morton of Ventura Calvary Assembly Church.

Bob keeps his Capri 22 at Channel Islands Landing in CIH. Richard Windebank lent the team his truck. We arranged to use the hoist at Coronado Yacht Club, but had to borrow hoist straps that could hold 2,500 lbs.

With everything in place, Tim Chan, Carole Walsh and I drove down to the Coronado Cays a few miles north of the Mexican border to get Sand.

Sand was motored up to the Coronado YC with a slight delay, but that is a story for another time.

We hoisted Sand onto the trailer and headed north. Sand was hoisted into the water in CIH the next day, rigged, and placed into a guest slip for the night. Thanks to Richard Windebank, Bob Biava, and Bob Chatenever for helping raise the mast and rig the boat.

Tim Chan is the new boat chief for Sand and has thoroughly cleaned up the boat; he is looking for an assistant BC.



The Capri 22 Sand waiting for a Fairwind skipper.

New Developments In The Club You Should Know About

By Richard Windebank

Vice Commodore

There are a lot of good things happening in the Club, right now.

We have a new board in place that brings a new perspective and new ideas to complement the strong work that has occurred over the last year or two.

A special welcome to Marv Brown, our new commodore, Dick Gross, our new fleet captain and to Mike Strossman, our new secretary. Marv, Dick and Mike bring a lot to the table and are already making a huge contribution to the club, while Ken Murray, our past commodore, maintains the same level of enthusiasm he has displayed over the last two years.

In my new role as vice commodore/membership chairperson, I have taken over the records from Carole Walsh, who has helped me enormously to get up to speed.

We can all be grateful to her for the stellar work she has done over the last year and for everything she does for the club.

Membership Growth

Our membership continues to grow, especially in Channel Islands, which now has as many members as Marina Del Rey, an outstanding accomplishment over the last four years.

Both Marina Del Rey and Channel Island have waiting lists, and the board is looking diligently at how best to address the many good sailors who are knocking at our doors. In the current economic climate, that's a nice problem to have.

Associate Members

As you know, the club made the difficult decision to eliminate the category of associate member, effective Oct. 1. Before that, we had 14 such members and we have tried to make the transition as painless as possible for them.

Some will now sail with us as guests, while others have switched to full membership status. We particularly welcome Jennifer Young, who has moved from associate to become a large boat member. Jennifer is recognized as a very experienced sailor, and we are delighted to have her in this category.

There are a few other developments you should know about.

Other Developments

First, the new board elected not to pursue the strategic plan we had discussed during 2010 and, at least for the time being, to dissolve the strategic planning group we had assembled.

My personal thanks to everyone who joined that group for the commitment they showed toward the club and for the excellent input they provided.

The board will continue to work on many of the issues we discussed, but will address them sequentially, rather than as a single collective project.

Secondly, there have been a couple of logistical changes in Marina Del Rey. We have now secured an additional slip adjacent to where we keep most of our boats. Therefore, we have moved the G-22, Rambaley, to

slip C2411 so she is now berthed next to Sundance. This means we now have 10 of our boats berthed contiguously at our main dock with only Happy Ours and the Hobies docked elsewhere.

Talking of the Hobies, we have also had to reposition the sail locker and trailer in which we store the sails and paddles for the Hobies and Kayaks, together with life jackets and log books etc. The trailer/locker is now situated in space D4 at Pier 44, about 70 yards away from it's old position.

New Boat

There will be separate discussion elsewhere in this newsletter about the new Capri 22 at Channel Islands.

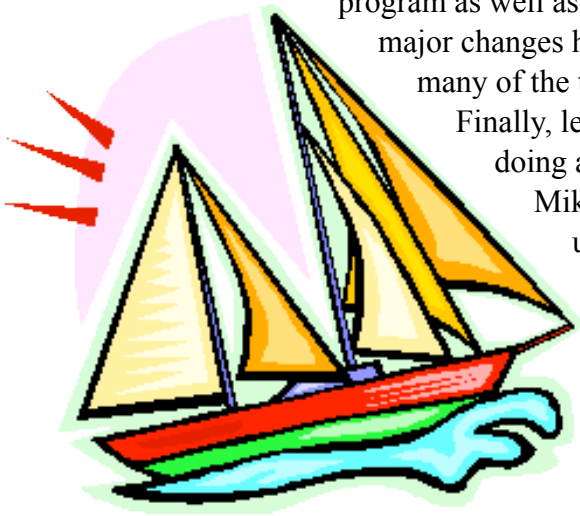
From my perspective, this was an excellent acquisition. It is a great 1999 boat, newer than all the other 22's in CIH with a 2006 outboard, a furling jib and a spinnaker that looks like it has never seen the sunlight, all for \$6,250. Congratulations to the CIH team for an outstanding acquisition. This could be the sweetest deal yet!

As we look to the future, I encourage you to pay close attention to what's going on in the office of the fleet captain.

Dick Gross has some great new ideas about simplifying and enhancing our training program as well as revamping most of the Club's websites. You can expect some major changes here in the coming months, and I think they will materially improve many of the things we do.

Finally, let me add my thanks to Mike Delaney for the wonderful work he is doing as our Treasurer.

Mike has produced some excellent material that really helps all of us understand our financial position, which is so important to the prudent management of the Club's affairs. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Mike's caliber, managing our finances and helping us plan for a healthy future.



Work Day Heroes Keep MDR's Boats Looking Spiffy

The following people checked in for work day at MDR Nov. 6.

Work day is the first Saturday of each month unless there is a Holiday. In that case, an email will go out notifying the membership of a change of work day.

Our Heroes are: Lloyd Lewins, Ken Murray, Geoff Duckworth, Ken Hoover, Daniel Romey, Dick Gross, Richard Windebank, John Stephenson, Geroge Westerdahl, Marv Brown, Roy Neibhur, Daimo Chavez, Bruce Naliboff, Ken Maryan, Josef Seligson, Stephen Smith, Mark Arbing, Pam Murray, Gerri Chabot, Stu Meisner, Lenox Grasso, W. Wagner, Greg Little, Yuri Oleynikov, Ruslan Polinovsky, Al Buennagel, Prebin Klug and Carole Walsh.

Remember, if you don't sign in and I don't happen to see you, how do we know you were there? A big thanks to all of you who help out on the boat maintenance. Our club depends on all members working on the boats from cleaning, polishing, bright work, mechanical, to electrical repairs. If you missed this month, double up on next month.

--Carole Walsh

Important Phone Numbers For Every Sailor's Cell Phone

By Jenson Crawford

If you're going out on the water, either for a day sail or a cruise, at some point you'll need to communicate with someone who's not on the boat.

While the old message in a bottle may be romantic, your mobile phone is going to be faster and more reliable. And for your phone to help you out, there are some numbers that you're going to need.

Have everyone on the boat program each other's mobile phone numbers into their phones. Speaking from experience, it's really frustrating to be unable to reach one of my shipmates on shore because I forgot to get their phone number. So now I do it. Every time. Before I leave the dock.

Program the number for the boat chief of your boat, the vice commodore and the fleet captain. You probably won't need these, but if you have an issue with the boat, the boat chief is an indispensable resource.

If you have an emergency, using the VHF radio on channel 16 is your best option. However, there are a number of circumstances where your VHF won't help: You've dismasted, in which case your VHF antenna is now useless under several feet of water, or you've dropped your handheld VHF overboard, or you're having electrical problems, or ... well you get the idea.

If you have mobile phone coverage, your phone is a great backup – if you have the right number. On the water, 911 is not the best number to call. 911 calls from mobile phones are routed to the California Highway Patrol, the assumption being that you're on the road if you're calling from your mobile phone. The CHP isn't going to be the responding agency, and it may take them a while to figure out where to transfer your call. This takes time, and in an emergency, time is precious.

Program the numbers below into your phone. They give you direct access to the agencies that will be responding. So stop reading, and program them into your phone now – it won't take long.

Are they programmed? No? Really, stop reading and program them into your phone: I'll wait for you. This article will still be here when you're done.

Got it? Good. That wasn't so bad, was it? Think of all the peace of mind you'll have now.

See you out on the water. Good sailing!

Avalon

Avalon – Fuel Dock (310) 510-0046

Avalon – Harbor Patrol (310) 510-0535

Avalon – LA County Lifeguards/Paramedics (310) 510-0856

Avalon – LA County Sheriff (310) 510-0174

Avalon – Vessel Assist (310) 510-1675

Channel Islands Harbor

Channel Islands – Fuel Dock (805) 984-1081

Channel Islands – Harbor Patrol (805) 382-3000

Coast Guard – Channel Islands (805) 985-9822

Channel Islands – Vessel Assist (805) 644-2762

Isthmus

Isthmus – Harbor Department (310) 510-4253
Isthmus – LA County Lifeguards/Paramedics (310) 510-0341
Isthmus – Vessel Assist (310) 510-1675

King Harbor

King Harbor – Harbor Patrol (310) 318-0632
King Harbor – LA County Lifeguards (310) 372-2162
King Harbor – Vessel Assist (310) 821-0805

Marina Del Rey

Marina del Rey – Fuel Dock (310) 574-4443
Marina del Rey – LA County Sheriff (310) 482-6000
Marina del Rey – LA County Lifeguards (310) 394-3261
Marina del Rey – LA County Fire (310) 821-3415
Marina del Rey – Vessel Assist (310) 821-0805

Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara – Harbor Patrol (805) 564-5530

U.S. Coast Guard

Coast Guard – Primary Phone (310) 521-3600
Coast Guard – Emergency Phone 800-221-USCG (8724)
Coast Guard – Channel Islands (805) 985-9822

Ventura

Ventura – Fuel Dock (805) 644-4046
Ventura – Harbor Patrol (805) 642-8618
Ventura – Vessel Assist (805) 644-2762

Vessel Assist

Vessel Assist National Dispatch Center (800) 391-4869

Weather Information

Weather – National Weather Service Recording (805) 988-6610
Weather –LAX Automated Weather Observations (310) 568-1486

Fairwinder Gets WSJ Mention

Jenson Crawford was highlighted in a recent article in the Wall Street Journal.

Jenson embarked on a six-year journey from the software industry to show biz and back again.

The article discusses how to fill gaps in a resume and uses Jenson as Exhibit A of a successful transition.

And congratulations to Jenson on finding a job at a time when they are pretty hard to come by.

The Oct. 17 article can be found here: http://bit.ly/jc_resume_gaps.

A Visit To The World's Biggest Boat Show

By Marv Brown

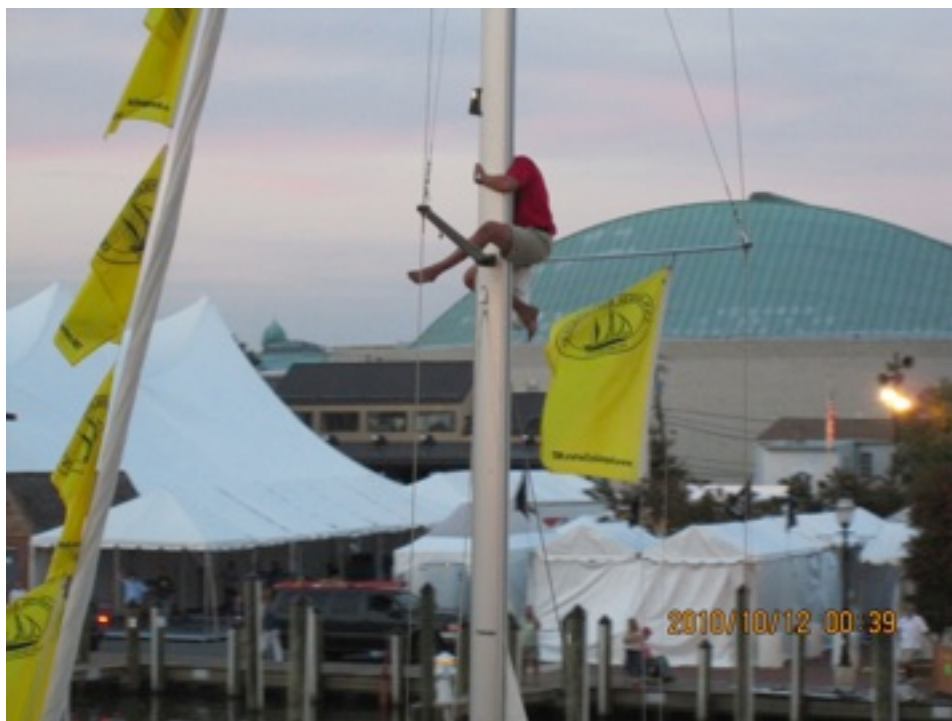
During our vacation in October, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending the Annapolis Boat Show. Annapolis Maryland is on the Chesapeake Bay and is a sailing paradise. Annapolis has numerous marinas giving sailboats easy access to the Bay.

The Chesapeake is very narrow there, so it is easy to sail from one side of the bay to the other. We marveled at the sight of hundreds of magnificent vessels sailing around the bay and under the bridge. It was an unforgettable experience.

This five-day event is billed as the largest boat show in the world. The show is immense and takes up several public docks. The Marina del Rey



Marv and Barbara Brown aboard a very big catamaran



A sailor goes aloft to fire up the crowd.

Boat Show, by comparison, has one tent for vendors. In Annapolis, there are eight tents filled with various vendors.

Anyone seeking parts for their boat could certainly find what they need. At the Marina del Rey show, the boat dealers brought several boats to display for potential buyers, but in Annapolis the boat dealers brought nearly every model available.

I looked at several models of the Beneteau from 25 to 59 footers. We saw an extensive number of Juneau, Hunter and Island Packet boats in a wide selection of models. There was such a wealth of vessels on display, it was impossible to see everything in one day.

I stopped by the Beneteau

dealership to try and get a few questions answered about the lack of a macerator and float switch on our Beneteau 311. As luck would have it, the head of their technical operations was manning the booth at that time, and we had a discussion on how to solve these problems.

One of the interesting highlights of the day, was meeting a variety of people who represented cruising companies and resorts throughout the world. There is no lack of places to go and ways to structure vacations of various lengths and costs.

After a fascinating tour of the Naval Academy, which was across the street, we returned to the boat show in time to see a beautiful sight.

As this was the last day of the show, all of the boats had to leave the public docks. We joined several hundred enthusiasts who were congregated on the top floor of a nearby hotel and cheered as the boats were maneuvered into the bay. It seemed that as more alcohol was being consumed, the cheers grew louder!

Several people on the boats even climbed the masts to encourage the crowds. My wife and I agreed that this experience was really spectacular, and we enthusiastically recommend it to anyone who loves boats and sailing. The Annapolis Boat Show takes place the second weekend in October each year.

MDR Christmas Boat Parade December 11

By Jenson Crawford

The 47th Annual Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade will be held Saturday, December 11th. A fireworks show starts at 5:55pm and the parade starts at 6:00.

Where's the best place to watch the parade? Here are my top three spots:

1. Fisherman's Village is a popular spot to watch the parade. Stake your place along the channel or make a reservation for a seat at one of the restaurants. The parade route circles the main Marina channel and you couldn't have a better seat.

2. The judges viewing stand is located at Burton Chase Park with music being played throughout the length of the parade! Live commentary will be provided by Lisa Osborn, a newscaster on radio

KFWB-AM and Mickey Laszlo, a cartoon voiceover actor and former traffic reporter on KABC-TV.

3. Watch the parade from the water as a participant. Just pay the \$25 entry fee, put some lights on the boat and enter the parade. For several years, our family has decorated a boat and entered it in the parade. It's not hard to do, it's inexpensive and a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Visit <http://www.mdrboatparade.org/> for more information and registration forms.

SMWYC Invites Fairwinders To Watch Parade

The Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club invites our members to join to watch the Christmas boat parade.

There's a potluck dinner and the parade can be watched from the warmth of the club at [13589 Mindanao Way](http://13589MindanaoWay.com).

The cost: It's free. Just bring a dish that will feed at least 10 people.

Email reservations@smwyc.com or call 310-827-7692.

--Carole Walsh

iPhone Apps For The Discriminating Skipper

By Ken Hoover

I admit it. I'm an iPhone addict.

I stood in line to buy the first iPhone in 2007, and now I'm the proud owner of an iPhone 4, Apple's latest incarnation.

One of the first things I did when Apple's "app store" opened for business was to see how the world's coolest phone could help me sail.

So, I'm going to tell you about a few sailing apps I've found useful, or at least fun.

For the uninitiated, app is short for application. They're little (or not so little) programs created by third parties that let the iPhone do all sorts of things. My iPhone has become my calendar, newspaper, alarm clock, GPS device, compass, camera, calculator and calorie counter, travel manager, dictionary and thesaurus. I've read whole books on the iPhone, using Amazon's free Kindle app or Apple's iBooks feature. Oh, it makes phone calls, too.

Admittedly, the iPhone has limitations under way.

It's not waterproof. It's not especially rugged, and the iPhone 4 isn't always easy to read in bright sunlight. It doesn't float. Under duress, it's battery lasts only hours.

That means its best nautical use is for an afternoon daysail or, better yet, before pushing off.

For a three-day weekend at Catalina, I've found it best to shut my phone off once a few miles off shore and turn it back on at the island. Even then, I have to ration battery power to last the whole trip.

Rick's Harbor Reef Restaurant at the Isthmus has WiFi, making it a handy place to catch up on email and news or to send photos of leaping dolphins to friends on the mainland.

But here's where it's really useful. The iPhone makes it easy to turn a website into an app. I've made NOAA's marine forecast for Marina del Rey and the Channel Islands stand-alone apps I can call up with the touch of a finger.

The weather station at UCLA's Marina Aquatic Center in MDR has its own app, which gives you wind direction and speed in real time. It's not in Apple's app store, but can be downloaded for free from the MAC's website [here](#).

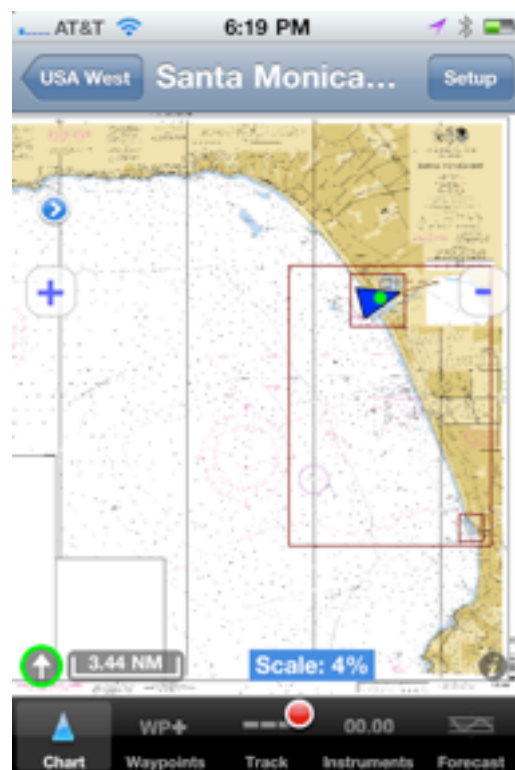
Several apps read out the tides and currents for stations all over the world. My favorite is Tide Graph.

Several others forecast wind speed and direction. They seem to vary greatly in quality.

My pick is MarineCast, the iPhone version of the website sailflow.com, which I've found useful, especially before venturing into the Santa Barbara Channel.

Another is BuoyData. You can monitor buoys that relay wind, wave and current data straight to the iPhone.

For fun, one of my favorite apps is Ship Finder, the iPhone version of the fascinating website MarineTraffic.com.



Ship Finder picks up AIS feeds from ships within shore range and puts them on Google maps for me to see. AIS stands for Automated Identification System. Ships are required to broadcast an AIS signal over VHF. It gives a ship's name, registration, position, course and speed and destination in a data format.

It tracks ships anywhere in the world close to shore. A touch of each little ship icon on Ship Finder brings up that information and maybe a photo of the ship. Now, how cool is that?

Unfortunately, AT&T's network doesn't extend far enough to make that useful while traversing the shipping lanes in dense fog. Maybe in the next version.

Finally, if you don't mind parting with a few dollars, there's iNavX. For several years, I've used a Mac program called MacENC to plan cruises and sometimes daysails. It's really a chartplotter I use to download waypoints and routes from my Mac to a Garmin handheld GPS device. iNavX is the iPhone and iPad version of MacENC.

Once installed, it's easy to download free NOAA raster charts and use the iPhone as a full-featured nautical GPS. Because of the iPhone's limitations under way, I wouldn't use it on a cruise, except as a backup. It's fine for a daysail.

I understand iNavX looks stunning on an iPad. I don't have an iPad yet. I'm waiting for the second generation. I bet it doesn't float, either.

October CIH Workday and Open House Heroes

By Michael Delaney

We had another very successful workday and open house in CIH in October. We are now having workday from 9AM – noon followed by the open house from 1PM – 4PM on the Third Sunday of the month. The open house is focusing on training and day sails.

Workday Heroes

Capri 22's	30/27's
Dave Payn	Mark Watkins
Dave Nichols	Mark Walters
Corey Chase	Larry Pate
John Staples	Jesse Lumsden
Tim Chan	Olivier Sudue
Larry Mize	Catherine McKee Sudue
Pam Yerger	
Quinton Nixon	Angelsea
Jim Guinn	Tom Marshall
Carl Meinhof	
Brian Fagan	
Ken Murray	
Andy Soderberg	
Bob Biava	

Open House Heroes

Desert Wind: Trainer: Joe Sullivan
Sweet Deal: Instructor: Mike Strossman
CompanionShip: Instructor: Tim Chan
Freedom Too: Instructor: Ken Murray
Mk III: Skipper: Scott Kelly
Angelsea: Skipper: Mike Delaney



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November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01	02 • <u>Work Day</u> MdR	03	04	05	06 • <u>MDR</u> Workday
07 (Week 45)	08	09 • <u>Work Day</u> MdR	10	11 • <u>Veteran's</u> Day	12	13
14 (Week 46)	15	16 • <u>Work Day</u> MdR	17	18	19	20 • <u>12pm» Board</u> & <u>Membership</u> Meeting
21 (Week 47) • <u>9am» CIH</u> Work Day • <u>1pm» CIH</u> Open House	22	23 • <u>Work Day</u> MdR	24	25 • <u>Thanksgivin</u> g	26	27
28 (Week 48)	29	30 • <u>Work Day</u> MdR				