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Commodore's Log

# Feb. 23 Vote Set On Buy Of Catalina 28

**By Richard Windebank**  
*Commodore*

I can report that your Club is in good shape and, although it's far from perfect, it's doing pretty well.

I would like to comment on the upcoming board and membership meetings in Marina del Rey on Feb. 23, the financial responsibility of members, levying incidental charges for things like the use of dinghies and financial incentives for volunteering.

The biggest issue to be discussed at the upcoming meeting is the potential acquisition of a 1999 Catalina 28, to replace the Hunter in Marina Del Rey called Collective Effort. The Boat Selection Committee has completed most of it's work and submitted a letter of recommendation to the board. The board, in turn, is recommending to the membership that we proceed to acquire this boat and seeks your approval to do so Feb. 23. (See pictures on pages 5 and 6.)

Under the chairmanship of Marc Levine, the committee has conducted two membership surveys, and we greatly appreciate the feedback from nearly 150 members. A huge thanks to everyone who responded.

We try hard to meet the desires and aspirations of our membership, and these surveys are the best tools we have to determine what those are. Please remember that the Board is trying to meet the collective view of the entire membership, more than the individual views of one or more members or of special interest groups.

## Board & Membership Meeting Feb. 23 in Marina del Rey

The next board and general membership meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey.

The board meeting begins at 6 p.m. and is open to members.

The general membership meeting begins at 7 p.m.

A Mapquest link is [here](#).

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So here's what the membership has told us:

1. You support the recommendation to replace Collective Effort as the number one priority in MDR. (89 said yes and 20 said no.)
2. You strongly favor the purchase of the Catalina 28 as the most suitable boat for this purpose. (108 said yes and 15 said no.)
3. Assuming we buy the Catalina 28, there is a preference to reclassify Collective Effort as a small boat and keep her in the Club. (77 members favor this versus 50 who would prefer to sell Collective Effort. Of these there were 42 MDR Members in favor and 29 who would prefer to sell).
4. If we do reclassify the Hunter as a small boat, members' choice is to release the Soling, Blu-By-U. (69 members favor this. The next preference would be to sell the other Soling, Seaweed, where 27 members favor this.)

So those were the views expressed. Now we move to a formal motion to acquire the 1999 Catalina 28, where we will vote at the upcoming meeting.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, representatives of the Boat Selection Committee conducted the sea trial, and I can tell you that there are a lot of positive feelings towards this boat. First, it has had one local owner from new. Second, he really looked after it and treated it as his "baby." The committee has been very impressed by the condition of this boat. It sails really well, the engine purrs and it has a lot of enhancements over the Mark I. I think the membership is going to be extremely happy with this boat.

On Feb. 23, we will also have a motion about financial responsibility. We need to make it clearer to everyone, what our Financial Responsibilities are when we sail Fairwind boats and the wording in our bylaws needs to be changed.

The current wording links to deductibles in our insurance program but, for some of the less valuable boats, we now self insure the hull damage, so there is no deductible. The Board recommends we standardize Members' responsibility at \$1,000 for all boats except Angelsea, which should remain at \$2,500 (because that is the deductible on Angelsea). Now, let me turn to a couple of unrelated issues that we also touched on in the membership survey. Members have a preference for us to levy incidental charges for things like the use of dinghies with outboards, to help cover maintenance charges. (89 members were in favor of this whereas 47 members were not.)

This was revealing to me because I did not know what to expect. I take from this that members would prefer that people who use the equipment should pay a little more than members who do not. So now, we must bring our thinking in line with this concept and ensure that we are doing what the membership wants us to do.

We also asked about members who volunteer their time. Should there be a financial incentive for this and a financial burden for those who do not. Here the membership was pretty evenly split. (61 members said yes and 60 members said no. And, bear in mind, this is merely a survey, not a membership vote.) We have wrestled with this issue over the years and the

## County Official Talks About MDR Plans

Fairwind members are invited to attend an interesting presentation on Tuesday, March 13, hosted by the Women's Sailing Association.

The featured speaker is Santos Kreimann, Director of Beaches and Harbors, who will speak about the status of the Marina Del Rey dredging project and the approval of the county's water site coastal development permit. He will also provide an update on the infrastructure improvements in and around Marina del Rey.

This promises to be an animated discussion and a very informative presentation.

The location is:

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club,  
[13589 Mindanao Way](#) ,  
Marina del Rey

The evening begins at 6:30pm, with a social hour, no-host cocktails and a hosted dinner at 7:30pm. The speaker will begin at 8pm.

For more information, email [wsasmbmembership@gmail.com](mailto:wsasmbmembership@gmail.com), or visit the WSA website: [www.wsasmb.org](http://www.wsasmb.org) .

--Richard Windebank

membership is on the fence. So, we will continue to wrestle with it and we may come back and ask the question again.

The third unrelated question we posed was: "Are you generally satisfied with the operations of the Club, and what, if anything, would you want to change?" 95% of members were satisfied whereas 5% were not. We can take comfort from the 95% but we also take note of the other 5%. Training can be a challenge, but let's remember that all our trainers are volunteers and nobody gets paid for anything. Yes, there's certainly room for improvement but getting the existing volunteers to work harder is not the solution.

Thanks for the 95% rating. Now, you and I will work together to make it better and we all know, there's plenty of room for improvement. Thanks for all you are doing for Fairwind.

## A New Bicycle For Marina del Rey Errands



Marv Brown, left, with Commodore Richard Windebank and the bicycle Marv donated to the club.

For Fairwind members who love sailing and the outdoors, here's another dimension to the Club.

Marv Brown has graciously donated a bike to MDR which is kept at the bike rack close to our dock. It's available to any member and can be used to run over to Ship's store, head down to Happy Ours, pop over to the sandwich deli or just ride around Marina Del Rey.

The combination is the same as all our other locks and the bike is suitable for all shapes and sizes. It's already getting some great use.

Thanks, Marv. Now we can add happy biking to happy sailing.

**--Richard Windebank**

# Look For An Exciting Season Of Cruising In MDR Boats

By Mark Zierten  
MDR Cruise Chair

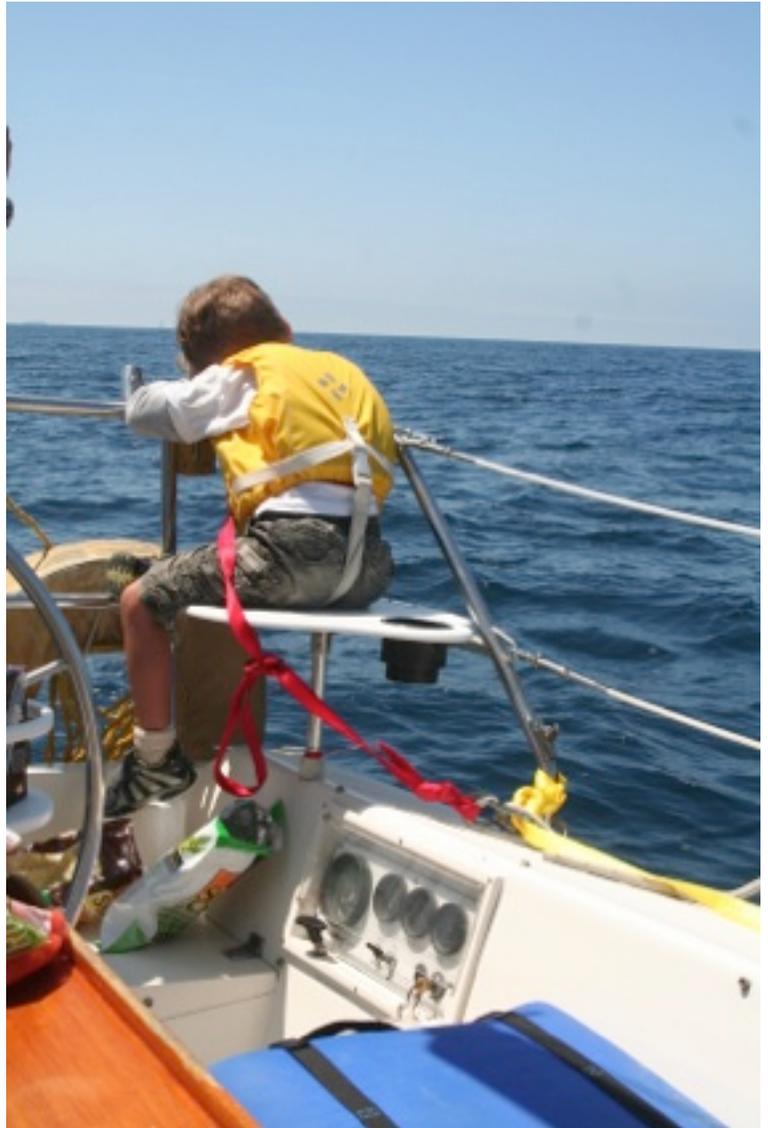
Commodore Richard Windebank has approved the MDR Cruise Schedule for this year. Your Cruise Chairman has proposed a few new innovations. One will be a Kids' Cruise to Catalina's Isthmus during summer break. The focus will be on the Club's youngsters including, it is hoped, grandchildren. The first outing of this kind took place last summer. Parents Jotham Schwartz, Dustin Laurence, Teresa Moore and Joe Carter demonstrated safe passages to the Cruise Chair's satisfaction.

A second innovation will be a rendezvous to Santa Cruz Island between CIH and MDR in July. For MDR, this will mean an extra day to make the uphill leg – approximately due West – to Santa Cruz. Smuggler's Cove might be a large enough area for the combined fleet. Ready access to a fine beach without surf is a big plus. This cruise would also be eligible for ASA 104 qualification.

Cruising has numerous advantages for our members. It encourages organizational skills, seamanship and leadership. And nothing binds you to a vessel like living in her. It will also redefine intimacy for her shipmates. Not for the sailor who is not comfortable in his/her own skin. This brings out a challenge for cruise skippers. History within the club shows reluctance for cruising with members that we may not know well or at all. Those skippers who have been major users of the cruising boats, I believe, have an obligation to volunteer to cruise for other members who would like to cruise, too. Who knows? You might even find a new friend. Contact me, Mark Zierten, at [ziertenfam@aol.com](mailto:ziertenfam@aol.com) to comment, volunteer or otherwise.

Cruise Schedule for MDR, 2012

10 March	Whale Watch
20 May	King Harbor Afternoon/Evening
9-10 June	Paradise Cove
13-15 July	Kids' Cruise Catalina (Isthmus)
9-12 August	Rendezvous with CIH at Santa Cruz Island ASA 104 Qualification Cruise
7-9 September	Little Harbor Rafting Cruise



Jack West maintains a lookout on Island Side. He might be a good candidate for the Kid's Cruise.

## The Membership Could Vote On Whether To Buy This Boat Feb. 23



Negotiations are ongoing to buy this 1999 Catalina 28, and a vote is likely to be taken at the Feb. 23 general membership meeting. She's had one owner, who lovingly cared for her. Marc Levine, chairman of the Boat Selection Committee, reports she handles better than Island Side, our other Cat 28, both under power and sail, and she has many extras that will make for an enjoyable weekend at Catalina or elsewhere.

The boat has no name, so we can have some fun coming up with a good boat name for her.

--Ken Hoover





# Membership Guide: Where To Go For What

Training and checkout - Fleet Captain (Dick Gross for MDR; Scott Kelly for CIH)

Report an Accident - Safety Officer, Marc Levine + Rear Commodore (Chuck Orlin for MDR; Carl Enson for CIH)

Gear broken on boat - Specific Boat Chief (from Fairwind Website) + Rear Commodore (Chuck Orlin for MDR; Carl Enson for CIH)

Pay Dues – Vice Commodore, P O Box 12684, Marina Del Rey, CA 90295

Update Contact Information for Membership Roster - Membership Secretary (Jotham Schwartz for MDR; Paul Aist for CIH)

Submit Articles for Newsletter – Editor, Ken Hoover

FYC Officers - [www.fairwind.org](http://www.fairwind.org)

Minutes of Board Meetings - [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FYC\\_Communications/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FYC_Communications/)

FYC Treasurers Reports - [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FYC\\_Communications/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FYC_Communications/)

Coast Guard - Channel 16 or 310-732-2043

VHF Calling Channels – 9 and 12.

Membership interaction – Email: [fairwindmembers@yahoogroups.com](mailto:fairwindmembers@yahoogroups.com)

Join Member’s interaction group - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FairwindMembers/> and press the button to join.

## February Club Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7 <a href="#">Workday MdR</a>	8	9	10	11 <a href="#">MDR Workday</a> 9:30 a.m
12 Lincoln's B-Day	13	14 Valentine's Day <a href="#">Workday MdR</a>	15	16	17 <a href="#">ASA 201, CIH</a>	18 <a href="#">ASA 201, CIH</a>
19 <a href="#">ASA 201, CIH</a>	20 President's Day	21 <a href="#">Workday MdR</a>	22	23 Membership Meeting	24 <a href="#">ASA 104, MDR</a> <a href="#">ASA 201, MDR</a>	25 <a href="#">ASA 104, MDR</a> <a href="#">ASA 201, MDR</a>
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