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Commodore's Log

Our New Boat Has A Proposed Name

By Richard Windebank
Commodore

I would like to recap on the role of the MDR Committee and CIH Committee since it is clear, from some of the inquiries I get, that some members are still unclear of their function.

Without wishing to detract from the concept that we are all one Club, it seemed apparent to me that certain issues which are specific to one harbor or the other are better discussed at a local level than by the whole Club.

For example, MDR is (we hope) about to conclude the purchase of the 1999 Catalina 28, and, since it has no name, we need to pick one. In my view, the membership would prefer the MDR members come up with their own recommendation for this rather than debate it at length amongst the entire membership.

By the same token, if Angelsea needs a new engine, which might cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$25,000, it makes sense to me that CIH members have the primary input on what to buy, especially since the cost will be born out of the CIH budget.

It was for this reason that we formed the two committees at the beginning of this year (October 1, 2011). Neither Committee has any decision-making authority, but they are charged with making recommendations to

Board & Membership Meeting Saturday, June 23 in CIH

The next board and general membership meeting will be Saturday, June 23, in front of the Paz Mar Apartments at the end of Peninsula Road, Channel Islands Harbor, near the Fairwind boats.

The board meeting begins at 9 a.m. and is open to members.

The general membership meeting begins at 10 a.m. and should finish by noon. Sandwiches and sailing afterward.

A Mapquest link is [here](#).

CIH News

Mike Delaney sums up what's going on up north.

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CIH Cruise Season

A summer of cruises is planned for Channel Islands sailors.

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MDR Racers

The racing scene heats up down south.

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the board on matters that affect their boats and the board is likely to give strong weight to those recommendations.

At the MDR Committee meeting May 31, we came up with a couple of recommendations that will be presented to the board at the next board meeting June 23. The Committee, together with input from all members who attended, considered 40 nominations for the naming of our new boat. The consensus strongly favored the name “Calypso” which was proposed by Mark Zierten. (See the story on Page 3.)

We also discussed which Soling the Committee suggests we keep. We have previously said we will run a two-part survey and that the decision will rest with the membership and this is what we will do.

However, it is incumbent on those of us in office to provide leadership, and I would be uncomfortable if we did not present our thoughts on the matter. The recommendation of the Marina del Rey Committee is that we keep Blue By U and sell Seaweed, but the ultimate decision will rest with the membership.

On the volunteer front, we have two potential “opportunities” in MDR.

Sadly, the bike Marv Brown so kindly donated to the club a few months ago has been stolen from the bike rack. If you have one sitting at home that is never used and you would like to donate it to the club, it will be very welcome.

Secondly, we would benefit greatly if one kind member would like to volunteer to act as boat chief for the dinghy fleet. We currently have about six dinghies and three outboard motors.

Our upcoming Board and Membership meeting on the morning of June 23 will be held in Channel Islands and be followed by sandwiches and an opportunity to sail. This maybe the first time we have actually held a board meeting in CIH, an important step in the evolution of our club. At that meeting, we will review where we are as a Club and our outlook for the future. It is interesting to note that CIH is now closed to new members because they have reached capacity at the small boat level. That’s a great problem to have and a credit to the hard work of Mike Delaney and the CIH team. MDR is pretty close to capacity but still has a handful of openings.

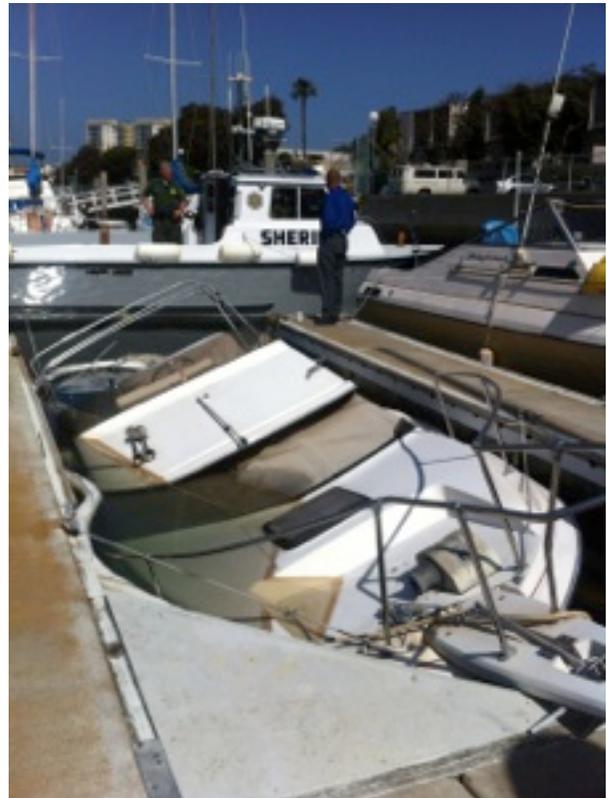
In both Harbors, we can afford to be selective in bringing in members who will be an asset to the club, whenever we have openings. That’s a nice position to be in.

The year is galloping past, and it will not be long before we are looking at Oct. 1. That’s when a new board will come in so I have created a Nomination Committee to start the process under the Chairmanship of Mark Zierten.

Some of our board members will stand for re-election and others will not, so we will look forward to seeing new candidates emerge. Remember that all board members are elected by the membership so this is your opportunity to help craft our future.

We will also be reviewing our finances to see what adjustments, if any, might be needed. We need to ensure that our income will be sufficient to support our expenses and that can only happen through careful and responsible financial management.

So far, we have done fine and the Club is in excellent shape. We just need to keep it that way and continue to build on the platform that our forefathers have created. Together, I am confident we can do that.



Fairwinders arrived at workday in MDR June 2 to find a boat that sank in her slip.

How Calypso Got Her Name

By Mark Zierten

Fairwind members chose the potential name of our new Catalina 28 at the May 31 MDR Port Committee meeting.

Among more than 40 names proposed, including some getting a laugh, the name Calypso was chosen on the first ballot.

Some will remember that Jacques Cousteau also named his famous research vessel Calypso. This former British minesweeper, built in Seattle for WWII, was re-commissioned as a research vessel in 1950. After Cousteau's death in 1997, she was the subject of numerous attempts to convert her to a floating museum, a project still not completed.

Other Calypsos include a number of other British warships beginning in the 18th century, mostly sloops-of-war. The other Calypso connection is the Caribbean music made famous by Harry Belafonte.

The original source we hark back to is nothing less than blind-Homer's classic epic the Odyssey. Calypso, in Book V, kept Odysseus captive on the island of Ogygia for seven years. It wasn't until Odysseus was able to get Athena to intervene that Calypso released Odysseus with a raft, food and wine. The hero told Calypso that she was more beautiful than his wife, Penelope, but he still wanted to go home to her in Ithaka.

Ritual naming will occur at a later date to be announced.



This boat with no name may soon sport the name Calypso on her gleaming hull.

The Shoal Gets Bigger and So Do Angelsea's Engine Problems

By Michael Delaney
CIH Port Captain

CIH Entrance Shoal Update

The Shoal on the northwest entrance to Channel Islands Harbor continues to grow and shift. The Harbor Patrol added a third Shoal Marker buoy this past week. I have attached an aerial view of the harbor entrance with the approximate positions of the shoal and shoal marker buoys.

Stay between the detached breakwater and the shoal marker buoys. The arrows in the diagram indicate safe passage.

There have been reports that the depth on the northwest entrance varies quite a bit, and another shoal may be reaching out from the breakwater. The southeast entrance is safe in most conditions. The exception is during heavy surf/swells at low tide. Just use the old rule, "If there are surfers sitting there waiting for waves, it is best not to sail that way!"



I will leave this section with another picture of a mariner, not a Fairwinder, who got the Red Right Returning? rule confused! (See picture next page.) He ended up on the beach Sunday night on the wrong side of the southeast breakwater. The boat was pulled off at high tide on Monday evening.

CIH Boat Status

Angelsea: The Angelsea saga continues! Angelsea's engine was diagnosed to have a cracked block after an over-heating event. After looking at a wide range of options, it was decided to buy a rebuilt engine that is a drop-in replacement. The replacement engine is a Westerbeke 38B, which was purchased from an authorized Westerbeke dealer with a zero-hour warranty. Alan MacGovern, Dennis Derley, Harry Kane and a host of others installed the new engine and took it out for a harbor trial. Unfortunately, there was an oil flow problem internal to the engine and a bearing was damaged. I am told it made a terrible squeaking noise. The engine was removed and returned to the dealer under the warranty. It has been repaired at no cost to FYC and is being installed as I write this article and should be back in service the week of June 11. Keep your fingers crossed!



Zephyr: The mast was pulled off recently to have the sheave's replaced. The main halyard and boom topping lift are now smooth and easy to hoist. A new anchor light was added as well. Just prior to the mast work, the engine failed to start, and it was found that the fuel pump needed to be replaced. While trouble-shooting the engine, it was noted that the steering cables were frayed and need to be replaced, a nasty job in cramped quarters. Special thanks to Carl Enson, Harry Kane, and Jim Guinn. We also replaced the engine shutoff cable.

Sand and Sweet Deal: Both Sand and Sweet Deal have new heavy-duty main sails. Sweet Deal also has a 150% genoa and jib since it received CompanionShip's old sails. The current

plan will be to purchase a furler and new genoa for Sweet Deal in 2013.

Sand and Desert Wind: Two of our relatively new Tohatsu outboards have had troublesome intermittent failures, which are typically due to flooding. Bob Chatenever, aka Carburetor Bob, would remove and clean the carburetors, and they would run fine for a time until they failed again. We have two slightly older Tohatsu (Mercury) outboards that never have this problem. After some research Bob determined that the carburetor float was sticking, causing the flooding. Since the float hinge was modified, by Bob, we have not had any reports of flooding or failures. Thanks Bob!

CIH Summer Cruise Schedule Swings Into High Gear

By Michael Delaney
CIH Port Captain

The May cruise to Santa Cruz Island was a success.

We had Fairwind Mk III (Alan MacGovern), *Zephyr* (Michael Delaney) and Freedom Too (Sasha Tsapin) for the three-day weekend. We sailed to Smugglers Cove on Friday and stayed the night. On Saturday, we motored to Scorpion Cove and anchored for a while just for practice.

We then departed and sailed to Prisoner's Harbor for the night. On Sunday, we were delighted to have a strong breeze early and had a great sail back to CIH.

Several members went ashore at Prisoner's for a little exploring of the roads and trails. We had quite a show Saturday night at Prisoner's. The pelicans and sea lions were having a feast on a school of fish. After dark the water was fluorescing as the fish, sea lions, and pelicans disturbed it. It was quite interesting to see glowing pelicans as they took off after dive-bombing the fish. Congratulations to three Fairwind members who completed their ASA104 on the cruise.

The June cruise was last weekend, June 8-10, and was booked up. Only Fairwind Mk III and *Zephyr* went to Santa Cruz Island under the leadership of Scott Kelly.

We have July, August, and September cruises scheduled for July 20-22, August 10-12, and September 7-9, respectively. Michael Povar, CIH Cruise Chair, will be sending out club wide notices announcing the cruises and indicating how to sign up.

Ken Murray Gets A Bit Of International Acclaim



Ken Murray

As many of you know, former Commodore Ken Murray is a family doctor. He's recently written a series of articles offering insights into the practice of medicine for Zocalo Public Square, a website that fashions itself "a living magazine, an innovative blend of on-the-ground events and online journalism."

One of those articles, entitled "How Doctors Die," got a lot of attention. It was picked up by the New York Times, Washington Post and Wall Street Journal. It was selected for inclusion in "Best American Essays 2012," published by Houghton Mifflin.

Ken got a lot of speaking engagements and press interviews as a result of that article, including NPR and the BBC. Last time I talked to him, he seemed grateful his fame was subsiding.

A colleague working in Equatorial Guinea happened on two physicians having a lively discussion about Ken's article. So the article has reached the deepest parts of Africa.

Death isn't a pleasant subject, but the article is well written and provocative. You can read it [here](#). Surf around a bit and you can find other articles on the site Ken's written.

--Ken Hoover

Battleship Iowa Arrives

The distinguished World War II battleship Iowa was towed from Richmond to San Pedro this month.

She will soon become a tourist attraction, open to the public.

Her temporary berth was closed to the public, but I managed to shoot this view through a chain-link fence.

This gal has wide hips and lots of big guns.

--Ken Hoover



Fairwind Racers Shine In Weekly MDR Races

By Tom Greene
Race Chair

Fairwind members have been enjoying an active racing season. Twenty-eight FYC members have participated on five boats in 13 races up to June 10, including the recent TNT race of June 5, which was canceled due to high winds and seas.

Anyone interested in racing on FYC boats should send an e-mail to Tom Greene at tgreene67@gmail.com to have your name added to the FYC Racing mailing list. Please put "Add to FYC Racing" in the subject line. Racing news is sent out to the list at least once per week.

Here are some details: (more can be found at www.fairwind.org/racing.shtml.)

<u>Races entered - 13 total*</u>		<u>FYC Boats</u>
Tuesday Night Trials (Series 1 and 2)	9 Races	4
Homeport Regatta	1 Race	1
BBQ Race #1 & #2	2 Races	1
City of Hope Regatta	1 Race	1

<u>FYC Boats Participating*</u>		<u># FYC Members</u>
Blue-By-U (BBU)	10 Races	7
Collective Effort (CE)	9 Races	10
Happy Ours (HO)	7 Races	12
Seaweed (SW)	4 Races	2
Imagine (IM)	1 Race	4

FYC Members Participating - 28 total*

Chris Corey	8 BBU (Skipper 7) TNT2-#3- 3rd
Brad Benam	1 IM, 7 HO (Skipper 8)
Tom Greene	8 CE (Skipper 5) TNT2-#1- 3rd
Bill McKinney	7 HO
Patricia Rose	6 CE (Skipper 2) TNT2-#3- 2nd
Eric Souther	5 BBU, 2 SW (Skipper 2) BBQ#1- 2nd
Bruce Naliboff	5 CE (Skipper 2)
Eric Charles	5 HO
Roaslie Bostick	4 BBU (Skipper 1)
Justin Hensley	4 HO
Seth Horner	2 BBU, 2 CE
Mark Arbing	1 IM, 3 HO
Andrew Mitchell	2 CE

Katherine Conway	2 CE
Bill Kelly	1 IM, 1 HO
Hali Kristjansson	1 SW, 1 BBU (Skipper 2) , BBQ#1- 1st, Hope Regatta- 3rd
Martin Dovat	1 HO, 1 SW (Skipper 1)
Pablo Grabiell	1 BBU, 1 IM
Peter Griswold	1 BBU, 1 HO
Bill Tan	1 BBU
Bruce Byall	1 CE
Geoff Duckworth	1 BBU (Skipper 1) TNT2-#2- 1st
Ron Matheny	1 HO
Rosalie Green	1 CE
Rachael Joy	1 CE
Shawn McKay	1 HO
Tim Gillis	1 HO
Tim West	1 CE

*Totals include TNT Series 2-Race 4 which was cancelled.



Hope Regatta: Before the start, Hali Kristjansson on Blue-By-U (from SMWYC)



Fairwinders Patricia Rose and Bruce Naliboff show intensity as crew of Collective Effort.

Workday Heroes in Channel Island Harbor

Desert Wind

Colin Pullan
Ken Wiseman
Dave Payn
Larry Drury

Companionship

Geoff Warner
John Staples

Sweet Deal

Alec Hardy
Robert Lee
Corey Chase

Sand

Jason Waltorip
Micah Dickey
Robert Hample

Dennis Isleib

Brian Fagan
Jim Breslin

Zephyr

Jim Milstead
Jamie Schlottmann
Kelly Schlottmann
Bob Chatenever
Mark Walters
Steve Hirshfield
Harry Kane
Dennis Derly

Freedom Too

John Allen
Tom Kelleher

Richard Canan

Paul Aist
Fred Dougherty
Lynn Erickson
Sasha Tsapin

Angelsea

Alan MacGovern

Mark III

Mal Usher
Larry Pate
Jesse Lumsden
Carl Enson

--Carl Enson

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE – WHERE TO GO FOR WHAT

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

Pay Dues – Fairwind Yacht Club, P O Box 12684, Marina Del Rey, CA 90295

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

Cruising: Cruise Chair (Mark Zierten for MDR; Michael Povar for CIH)

Racing: Race Chair (Tom Greene for MDR)

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

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

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Submit additions to the Fairwind Website: Lauri at FairwindWebSite@gmail.com

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

VHF Calling Channels – 9 and 12.

Membership interaction – Email: fairwindmembers@yahoogroups.com

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

Lost & Found: <http://www.fairwind.org/members/lostfound>

June Club Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		MDR Workday TNT Race, MDR	Sunset Series			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		MDR Workday TNT Race, MDR	Sunset Series	Flag Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day		MDR Workday TNT Race, MDR	Summer Solstice Sunset Series			Board and Membership Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		MDR Workday TNT Race, MDR	Sunset Series			