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Commodore's Log

# Commodore Gives Annual Report

By **Richard Windebank**  
*Commodore*

Both our by-laws and good business practice ask that I provide a written report to the membership, outlining the club's achievements during the year that has just ended. In doing so, I will specifically address the fleet of boats, training, cruising, racing, the club structure, finances, and administration.

The most significant achievement in MDR has been the acquisition of the 1999 Catalina 28, Calypso (and the sale of the Soling Blu-By U). This represents a major upgrade to the fleet and I have heard nothing but good reports about this boat.

I expect Calypso to be one of the most popular boats in the club next year and that it will probably get four times as much use as the Soling it replaced. If we were able to achieve one significant upgrade in each harbor each year, we would turn over our fleet every 10 years and we would continually maintain and enhance our fleet over time. This sounds like an ambitious goal (and maybe it is not a goal), but keeping boats for an average of 10 years sounds like a good plan to me.

We are still developing our five-year plan for MDR, but initial discussions suggest that upgrading from Seaweed, Island Side and Collective Effort should be in our short term-plans and that if we could bring in another comparable Catalina 28 to Calypso, a Capri 22 and a J80 to replace them, it would put us in excellent shape. CIH has had a sound five-year plan in place for sometime and is ahead of schedule in its implementation.

One thing we need to look at in the next few months is to review the process for buying a new boat as outlined in our standing rules. The process is slow and cumbersome, and we all know it is difficult to get a really good deal in slow motion. Although the current system has excellent safeguards it also hampers the progressive enhancement of our fleet.

New Members	Volunteers Needed	Racing Season
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I think the club can be very proud of our training program. We now have 60 qualified ASA instructors, which is pretty impressive for a club with 350 members. However, it is also one of our biggest challenges because the demand for training, especially from new members, tends to exceed the supply of volunteers available to meet that demand.

We are trying to address this by training two or three people at a time, but it's still a challenge. In MDR, I see more emphasis on small-boat training on the afternoons of our Saturday workdays. Last Saturday, we trained nine new members on three boats. That is a productive use of everyone's time and gave us flexibility to add people at the last minute.

Club cruises have moderate popularity, but tend to be really enjoyed by those who participate. Racing, in MDR, has had a huge uplift this year, thanks to the excellent organization of our race chair, Tom Greene.

In October 2011, we formed two committees to oversee the operations of MDR and CIH. This has worked well and leads to increased autonomy of the two harbors. It is my hope that this trend will continue and I view this as a healthy development of our club.

We have now seen some preliminary financial results of the year that has just ended. Our cash position is strong, but there is increased pressure on our income statement. This is because our expenses have gone up faster than our income, and it is now several years since we increased dues. We will be doing a detailed analysis of this in the coming months and we will present our findings to the membership.

Administration of the club's affairs, continues to present its challenges and places a heavy burden on our volunteers. We have not yet achieved the simplification I was hoping for and we have still not introduced an automatic payment system for dues. This will be continue to be a high priority for the coming year.

Overall, I can report that the club is in excellent shape and offers outstanding value to our members. All of this results from the dedication and hard work of our many volunteers and to the support and cooperation of our members. Thank you for your contribution in making this happen.

On a more personal note, I am about to depart on an extended overseas trip, including plans to sail across the Atlantic on my son's boat. I am excited at the prospect, although I know it will not be without challenges. I will be away through the end of this year and, if you want to follow our progress, you can do so at [www.tamariskrtw.com](http://www.tamariskrtw.com). I hope to have access to email throughout my trip but cannot guarantee that will happen. In my absence, Marv Brown has kindly agreed to stand in for me and I thank him for doing so.



OUR NEW BOARD: Left to right, Patrick Anderson, Adrienne O'Donnell, Mike Delaney, Shar Campbell, Chuck Orlin, Mark Boykin, Marc Levine and Richard Windebank

# Orientation Stokes New Members' Enthusiasm



Photo By Richard Windebank

A first-of-its-kind new member orientation drew a crowd at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club.

**By Erin Moore**

It was a sunny October Saturday morning as 18 new members of the Fairwind Yacht Club sat around the conference table at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club in Santa Monica. I was one of the new members who was brought in because of my event organizing experience.

Our new members consist of people who specialize in engineering, construction, racing, teaching, music, chemistry, woodworking, and much more. We are quite a colorful group! We filled up the 12-foot long conference table, with all the chairs in the back taken as well.

Commodore Richard Windebank and Vice Commodore Adrienne O'Donnell gave us a wonderful presentation, which was full of information about the club. We ate croissants, muffins and donuts while we eagerly took in a mountain of data about our new club. The excitement filled the room as dozens of enthusiastic new members raised their hands with never-ending questions. We were finally told to go to the website to get the rest of our answers because we would have been there all day if we continued with the Q&A session!

During the meeting, Jotham Schwartz stopped in and kindly gave us his "two cents" about the club. He mentioned that he was looking to start a "Juniors' Sailing Program," which we all thought sounded like a great idea. Our group of new members "clicked" right away and we are really looking forward to train and become part of the Fairwind sailing family. Please don't be shy and say "hi" when you see us around. We really are a friendly bunch and look forward to meeting all the "long-timers!"

# Volunteers Needed For Important Club Functions

## Document Administration:

The Club is seeking a handful of volunteers to assist in keeping the documentation on our website up-to-date. These volunteers will be trained on how to upload and to change documents. Training will likely be done via WebEx and will take about 45 minutes. No website expertise is required.

This is a good opportunity for members who have restrictions on the time(s) they can be available to help the Club, e.g., members who cannot attend Work Days, etc... The work can be done at any time from your home computer.

## Other Functions:

We need assistance in a number of areas, to relieve the burden that currently falls on some of our more heavily taxed volunteers. The functions might include, but are not limited to:

Conducting Member Surveys – We periodically need to survey our membership to better understand their needs and aspirations using a simple program called “Survey Monkey.”

MDR Work Days – Assist in setting up the tables, welcoming members, issuing name tags, administering sign-in sheets, etc.

Video Production – Assist in the development of Training Videos, e.g., for operating an outboard motor, dinghy operations etc.

Log Sheet Analysis – Reviewing log sheets to analyze boat usage so we have a more accurate understanding of usage patterns. This will be helpful to the Club in determining our needs for the future.

Please email: "Shar Campbell" at [fleetcaptain@fairwind.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@fairwind.org), if you would like to volunteer to help with any of the above.

--Richard Windebank

## Attention All Fairwind Golfers

The first annual Fairwind Golf Tournament is going to be held on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Simi Valley Golf course.

If your interested in playing ,please contact George Westerdahl via email ([georgewesterdahl@yahoo.com](mailto:georgewesterdahl@yahoo.com)) or by phone (626-358-4904) to sign up.



# Fairwinders Excel (And Have Fun) In Tuesday Night Races

By Tom Greene  
*Race Chair*

## **TNT Series 4 Class A - COLLECTIVE EFFORT Wins First Place (Again!)**

Series 4 of the Vic Smith Tuesday night Trials (TNT) ended Aug. 21 with COLLECTIVE EFFORT in first place for the five-race series in the Class A fleet of four boats. The Series 4 race course was 7.47 nautical miles from the SS Mark to J Mark (leave to port), then to El Segundo 2ES Buoy (leave to port), then back to the South Entrance and finish inside at the yellow quarantine B Buoy. COLLECTIVE EFFORT also placed first in Series 3, previously reported in the July newsletter.

“Team Effort” had three skippers and five crew changing each race. Skippers were Tom Greene (two 1st place finishes), Patricia Rose (one 1st place) and Chris Corey (one 2nd place). The crew members were Sayoko Adachi (4 races); and Adrian Ricks and Chris Chambers (each one race) in addition to Tom Greene (1 race) and Patricia Rose (1 race).

SEAWEED was also in Class A for Series 4, placing 3rd overall, with “Team Blue” consisting of skippers Chris Corey (two 2nd places and one 4th place) and Seth Horner (one 2nd place) and crew Rosalie Bostick (2 races), Paul Legge (2 races), Andrew Mitchell (2 races), Peter Griswold (1 race) in addition to Chris Corey (1 race).

## **TNT Series 4 - Class B Finishes**

MEA ONO placed 3rd in the Class B fleet of five boats. “Team Ono” consisted of skippers Adrian Ricks (two 3rd places) and one race each for Mark Arbing (4th place), Eric Charles (5th place) and Peter Griswold (3rd place). Crew members were Paul Legge (2 races), and one race each for Tom Greene, Chris Chambers, Simon Hunter, Adrian Ricks and Peter Griswold.

SUNDANCE placed 4th in Class B with “Team Sundance” consisting of skippers Eric Charles (one 2nd, two 4th and one 5th place) and Halli Kristhansson (one 1st place). Crew members were Rachael Joy (4 races) and Andrew Mitchell (1 race).

## **COLLECTIVE EFFORT Wins First Place in SMWYC BBQ Regatta #4**

On Sunday, Aug. 12, Read Howarth skippered COLLECTIVE EFFORT to a 1st place finish in the Cruiser B fleet of six boats. The crew were Mitch Mandell and Adrian Ricks. That makes two 1st, one 2nd and one 3rd place for an FYC boat in the BBQ series, a very good showing!



Pablo Grabiell steer Collective Effort to the finish.

Photos by Tom Greene

## FYC Racing Participation

Last newsletter we reported 31 FYC members have participated in racing our boats this year. That number is now increased to 35 plus one FYC applicant. The “new” faces in the last month were: Adrian Ricks, Read Howarth, Mitch Mandell, Chris Chambers and Paul Legge (applicant). Paul has been very active with FYC waiting for his name to come to the top of the waiting list. He and his wife have attended at least two Saturday work days and Paul crewed four races in Series 4 and is continuing in Series 5.

If anyone is interested in trying out racing, drop an e-mail to Tom Greene at [tgreene67@gmail.com](mailto:tgreene67@gmail.com) to have your name put on his racing group email list. I send out weekly emails about racing opportunities. No racing experience is required! We are out to sail and have fun, not bring home trophies. Although winning a few can be fun, too!



Happy Ours and Mea Ono wing on wing.



Team Fairwind's Tuesday Night Racers

Channel Island Harbor October Workday Crew

**14's**

Dave Nichols

**Capri/Catalina 22's**

Geoff Warner  
Miles Detrexhe  
Jim Kropff  
Ferne Ross  
Corey Chase  
Michael Hallahan  
Michael Delaney  
Bob Chatenever  
Colin Pullan  
John Staples  
Carl Meinhoff  
Scott Anderson  
Peter Granet  
Bob Meyer  
Jim Breslin

**MDR**

Chuck Orlin  
Ken Murray  
Bill McKinney  
Mike Field  
Bill Kelly  
Tim West  
Jack West  
Lennox Grasso  
Jim Strzyzewski  
Greg Ortiz  
Bob Hoffman  
Shar Campbell  
Ken Hoover  
Matthew Seymour  
Brad Benam  
George Schreiber  
Justin Hensley  
Lon Cohen  
Christ Corey  
Sharlyn Harley  
Betsy Lindsley

Frank Thomsen  
Corey Chase  
Carl Enson

**Catalina 27/270/30**

Tom Kelleher  
Richard Ingram  
Jeff Birdt  
Vicki Fullurten  
Mike Ross  
Jim Milstead  
Charles Garcia  
Terry Keller  
Tom Colp

**Angelsea**

Greg Arnold  
Paul Aist  
Harry Kane

**--Carl Enson**

Bruce Byal  
Joe Seligson  
Dave Arnoth  
Art Toye  
Sayoko Adachi  
Karen Kuchel  
John Goebel  
Vince Straus  
Seth Horner  
Sharon Breitling  
Adrienne O'Donnell  
Kesha Williams  
Judy Alfter  
Bill Wagner  
Erin Moore  
Bill Tan  
Dan Ma  
Ami Schneiderman  
Deliana Alam

**--Carol Legge**

# MEMBERSHIP GUIDE – WHERE TO GO FOR WHAT

Update Contact Information for Membership Roster – Vice Commodore, Adrienne O'Donnell, for MDR; Membership Secretary, Paul Aist for CIH

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

Training and checkout - Fleet Captain (Shar Campbell for MDR; Patrick Anderson 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)

Submit Articles for Newsletter – Editor, Ken Hoover [kenhoover@me.com](mailto:kenhoover@me.com)

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

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.

## November Club Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Savings Board & Membership Meeting		<a href="#">MDR Workday</a>				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Veterans Day		<a href="#">MDR Workday</a>				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<a href="#">CIH Workday</a> <a href="#">Open House</a>		<a href="#">MDR Workday</a>		Thanksgiving		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		<a href="#">MDR Workday</a>				