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Commodore's Log

Dues, New Boats Under Consideration

By Richard Windebank
Commodore

There is no shortage of activity in the club right now, and there will be plenty to discuss at the upcoming Board and Membership Meetings on Saturday, Feb. 16.

We have completed the review of boat usage for the 2011/2012 financial year and of the Club's finances and Mike Delaney and I will present our findings at that time. We want everyone to have a good understanding of how our income stacks up with our expenses and how we expect things to emerge over the next couple of years. I am not expecting us to make a decision on Feb. 16, but I do expect this to be the beginning of a discussion on what our dues need to be for next year, and I think some adjustments will be necessary. After all, our dues have not changed for about five years but our expenses have.

We will also be looking at some possible upgrades to our fleet. In Marina Del Rey, the art gallery Blum & Poe has very graciously offered to donate a Catalina Capri 22 to the Boys & Girls Club of Venice, to be used for the Fairwind Youth Program. Both the donor and the Boys & Girls Club have agreed that this boat can be kept at the Fairwind dock and may be used by FYC members when it is not being used for the Youth program. In addition, the Boat Selection Committee is looking at a 1998 Catalina

Board & Membership Meeting
Feb. 16 in Marina del Rey

The next board meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey.

The meeting will be followed by a general membership meeting at 11 a.m. Both meetings are open to all members.

A Google Map link is [here](#).

Boys & Girls Club	Homeport Regatta	Cruise Season
<i>Venice sailing program needs volunteers.</i>	<i>A great way for novice racers to get started.</i>	<i>Channel Islands has a full plate of challenging trips.</i>
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28 Mark II as a possible upgrade to Island Side so we may hear more about this on Feb. 16 if they think we should pursue this boat.

In CIH, we are looking at another opportunity that looks extremely attractive but I will leave Mike Delaney to share the details of that with you. It certainly looks good to me.

We will have plenty to talk about on Feb. 16, so I urge you to attend and provide your input. This is your Club and the Board looks to you, as the Membership, to help shape our future in the way you would like to see it evolve.

I look forward to seeing you then.

The Anacapa Slot Effect, Or, Blow Me Down, Matie

By Michael Delaney

CIH Port Captain

Everyone in Southern California is familiar with the Santa Ana winds that come up in the fall and on occasion other times during the year. These are caused by high pressure systems sitting inland from California, typically in Utah, Nevada, or Arizona. In Ventura County, the Santa Ana can set up a particularly dangerous situation for sailors. I call it the Anacapa Slot Effect.

On the morning of Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, I checked the National Weather Service forecast and observed they had raised gale warnings for area south of Ventura, i.e., Channel Islands Harbor and local waters.

I then checked Sail Flow which is a weather map based on models. It predicts wind speeds and direction. We have a link on the Fairwind website under the Weather page.

I have found Sail Flow to

be very accurate in most cases, although like all weather predictions they sometimes blow it. In this case they were predicting very heavy winds, 25–30 knots, right off Channel Islands Harbor and flowing out to Anacapa Island and southwest from there. This is why I call this the Anacapa Slot Effect. (See next page.)

This particular condition can be very devious since in the harbor or north or south of the area the winds may be light to moderate. But when you get into the slot, the winds can pick up very fast and be very strong. The further out you go the stronger the winds can become.

I also checked the Weather Underground, Wundermap which plots real-time weather station information on a map that includes weather radar, temperature, wind speed and direction. The Wundermap image at the bottom of the next page is 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26.

Forecast as of 2:37 am PDT on October 26, 2012

including The Channel Islands National marine Sanctuary and National Park...at 09z...or 2 am PDT...a 1028 mb high was 600 nm W of Point Conception. While surface trough is just off the southern and central coast of California. Across the outer waters...moderate NW to N flow will continue through this morning...then shift to the N to NE later today. Across the inner waters...moderate to strong NE flow will increase early south of Rincon Point...peaking in strength this morning through early afternoon hours.

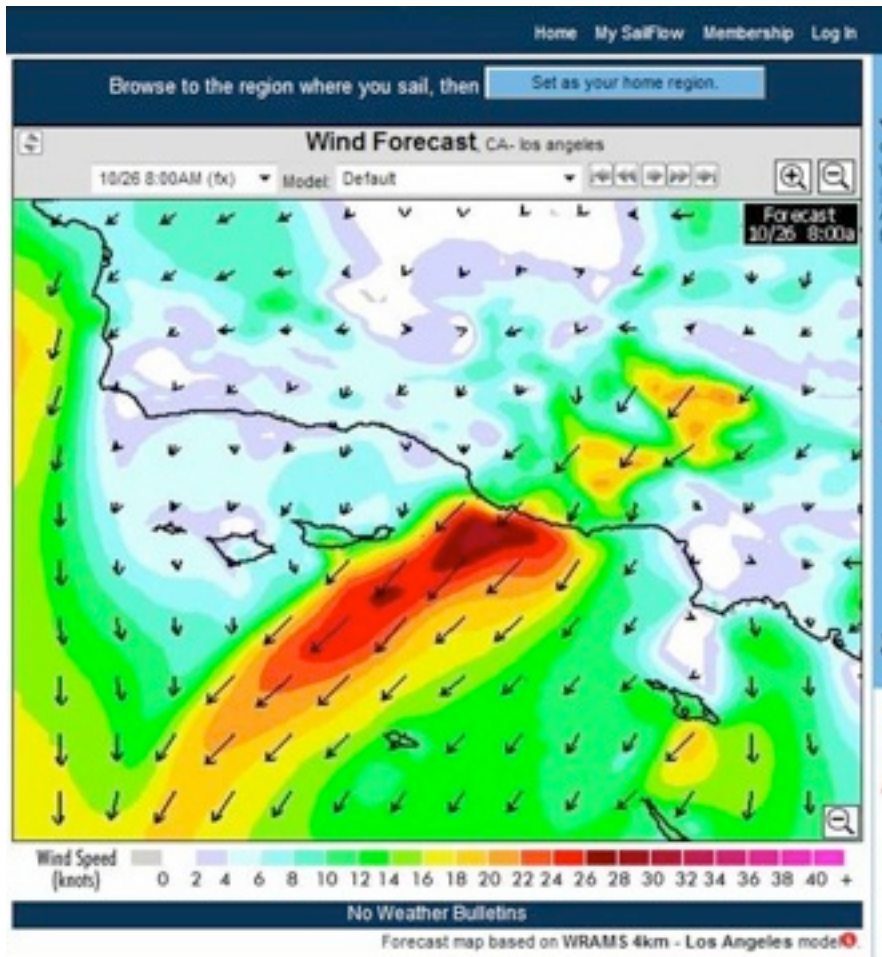
Forecast as of 2:37 am PDT on October 26, 2012

Gale Warning in effect through this afternoon

East Santa Barbara Channel From Pt. Conception To Pt. Mugu including Santa Cruz And Anacapa Islands-

Today
NE winds 15 to 25 kt with gusts to 35 kt S of Ventura early in the morning. Otherwise winds variable 10 kt or less...becoming W 10 to 20 kt with local gusts to 25 kt by the afternoon. Combined seas 3 to 5 ft dominant period 7 seconds.

Tonight
W winds 10 to 15 kt in the evening...becoming NW. Wind waves 2 ft or less. W swell 2 to 3 ft at 8 seconds.



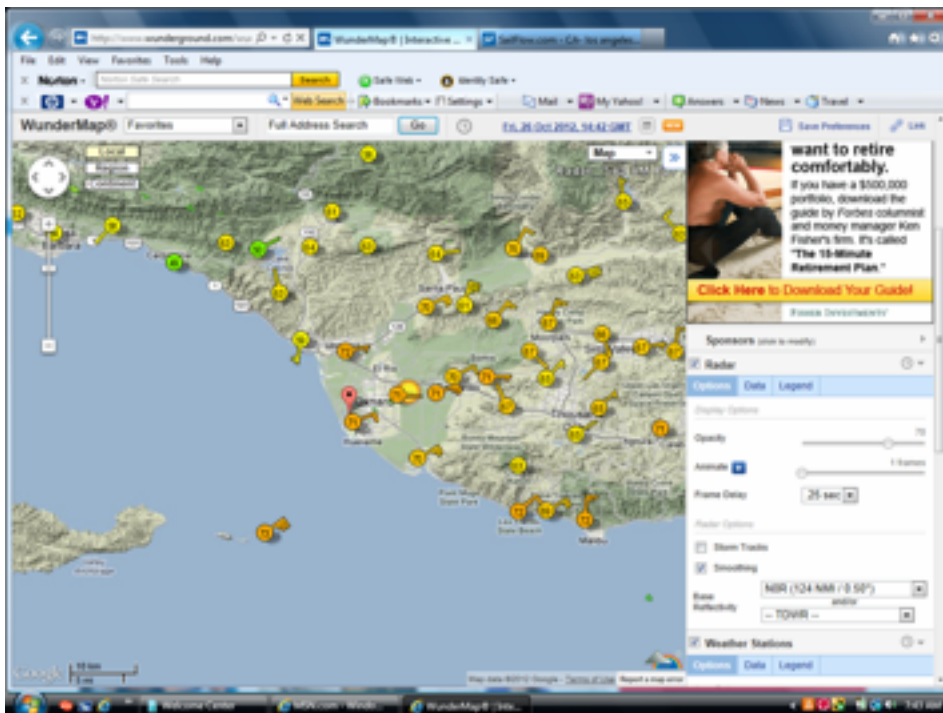
The winds at the Navy SeaBee base in Port Hueneme, adjacent to Channel Islands Harbor, were 10-15 kts from the east. The conditions in CIH were probably not too bad and an uniformed sailor might venture out into the ocean. The conditions five miles south of CIH at Point Mugu Naval Air Station on the coast were 25–30 knots out of the east-north-east!

The wind at Anacapa Island, 9 miles off CIH, were 35–40 kts out of the north east. Uniformed sailors could find themselves in very heavy winds very quickly and they would have a fight to get back to the harbor!

Wundermap Image

I checked the conditions again in the afternoon around 2 p.m. and the winds at Anacapa were still 35–40 knots out of the northeast whereas the mid-channel buoy in the Santa Barbara Channel was reading <5 knots from the west.

Note: I wrote this article in November after the late October wind event. We had a similar situation develop in mid-January for several days.



Workday Heroes In Marina del Rey

Rambaley

Shar Bretling
Paul Legge

Seaweed

David Bell

Sundance

Chris Corey
Vic Smith
Deborah Juster

Mea Ono

Mary Arging
Harvey Chau
Liberty Eakunin

Collective Effort

Jim Lewis
Dvim Adalian

Island Side

Dave Arnoth
George Westerdahl
Willy Maynetto
Tim Gillis
Vincent Klaus

Seawing

Bob Hoffman
Brad Benan

Imagine

Marv Brown
Valerie Bagget

Osprey

Susan Bonner
Mark Zierten

Happy Ours

Rob Matheny
Pam Murphy
Gerri Chabot

Dinghies

Ken Hoover
Mark Chapin

--Carol Legge

Volunteers Needed For Boys & Girls Club Sailing Program

It is time to start planning for the childrens after school program which we run in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club of Venice out of Marina Del Rey.

This will run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons throughout the Spring Semester. Volunteers will need to meet at the Sheriffs station around 2.30 PM and the program will conclude around 5 PM.

This is a wonderful opportunity to work with "at risk" children and to give them exposure to the sport of sailing. We will take them sailing on Catalina Capri 22's.

Please contact Richard Windebank at [310-454-2323](tel:310-454-2323) or richard@windebank.com if you are available to assist with occasional afternoons.

--Richard Windebank

Would-Be Racers: The Homeport Regatta Will Get You Started In An Exciting Sport

Michael Donovan

Pacific Mariners' Yacht Club

For more than 40 years, Homeport Regatta has been turning boaters into racers on the waters of Marina del Rey. The tradition of providing a no-cost path to an exciting facet of the sport continues again this spring. For the many boat owners and prospective crew who have wanted to race and didn't know how to get started, Homeport Regatta and affiliated events is the answer.

This year, several programs will be coordinated to bring in new skippers, give them racing skills and develop new crew by combining the efforts of several clubs.

The centerpiece event, Homeport Regatta, is hosted by Pacific Mariners' Yacht Club (PMYC) and will be held over two days, April 16 and 21. Outreach efforts are underway to contact boat owners who have an interest in trying their hand at racing.

The first event for these owners is the Regatta Speakers' Seminar to be held April 16 at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will cover the basics of racing; the essential rules, how to understand the sailing instructions and additional resources for learning to race. The second event is on the water. Racers will convene at PMYC at 11:00 a.m. for pre-race instructions, then head out in their boats to go racing.

Racing boats need racing crews: Introduction to Yacht Racing, sponsored by South Bay Yacht Racing Club (SBYRC) will be held at Del Rey Yacht Club on March 23. The event is for sailors who want to begin racing (or those with experience and want to crew) but don't know where to start. Introduction to Yacht Racing will have three parts: a morning session of displays and discussion, an introduction to yachts aboard, and a mock race in the afternoon. Homeport Regatta skippers who want to get a jump on things are encouraged to sign up their boat for this event (skippers need to have basic boat handling ability to participate).

Another essential skill program is the Start Seminar, held April 6 at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club (SMWYC). The Start Seminar covers important rules and tactics, in the afternoon moves to the water for practical application and instruction.

The Homeport Regatta organizers encourage anyone who wants to race to come out for all of these events. Get more out of your boat by taking it out more. Start racing!

Events

For new crew: **Introduction to Yacht Racing** March 23, 9 AM to 4 PM at DRYC, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey. Information and registration at www.Seaya.com

For skippers' starting skills: **Start Seminar** April 6, 10 AM to 6 PM at SMWYC, 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey (310) 827-7692 or smwyc@yahoo.com

For boat owners to start racing:

Homeport Regatta Speakers' Seminar: April 16 at 6:30 PM at PMYC, 13915 Panay Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292.

Homeport Regatta: April 21 at 11 AM to 4 PM, party afterward

Registration and information for both events at www.Seaya.com. More information at info@pmyc.org (310) 823-9717.

Channel Islands Harbor Workday Heroes

Below is our list of volunteers for the January workday at CIH:

Companionship:

John Staples
Dave Nichols
Carl Meinhof

Sweet Deal:

Cory Chase
Frank Thomsen
Jim Marr

Sand:

Xavier Le Vouch
Dennis Isleib
Bob Meyer

Desert Wind:

Colin Pullan
Robert Hample
Woody Hill

Turning Point:

Michel Hallahan
Geoff Warner
Bruce Dart

Freedom Two:

Tom Kelleher

Richard Canan
Lee Prather
DuWayne Kilbo
Layne Hillier
Michael Ross
Charlie Garcia

Zephyr

Carl Enson
Paul Aist
Mike Delaney
Mal Usher
Miles Detrixhe
Jim Veronica
Jim Milstead
Ev Anderson

Mark III:

Jesse Lumsden
Chris Collins
Mark Walters
Richard Ingram
Jeff Birdt
Harry Kane

Angelsea:

Alan MacGovern
Greg Arnold
Tom Culp
Rob Lee

--**Carl Enson**

An Active 2013 Cruise Season Scheduled In Channel Islands

By Michael Delaney
CIH Port Captain

Channel Islands Harbor once again has an active event and cruise calendar for 2013. We will start out the season with a Whale Watching Day Sail on Feb. 23. Last year club members saw lots of whales out near Anacapa Island. Club-wide email notices will be sent out soon for the Whale Watch and typically two to four weeks prior to all events with directions for signing up.

On Saturday, March 16, we will host a St. Patrick's Day Sail and BBQ at Seabridge Clubhouse. This event will be held jointly with the Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association (CIWSA). There will be day sails on club boats and then Capri 14 races in the pond.

In mid-May, we will have our first of four Santa Cruz Island cruises. Typically, these cruises are three days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, but this year we may have some boats board Friday evening and leave Saturday morning for a two-day cruise. The May and June cruises will allow members to get their ASA104 as we have done in prior years. July and June cruises will explore harbors on the northwest side of the island as well as the backside.

We will also have a Fall BBQ and Capri 14 race event at Seabridge Clubhouse in September as we did last fall.

CIH Cruises, Day Sails, and Events

- Feb. 23: Whale Watch Day Sail
- March 16: St. Patrick's Day BBQ and Capri 14 Races
- May 10-12: Santa Cruz Island Cruise and 104 Training
- June 7-9: Santa Cruz Island Cruise and 104 Training
- July 12-14: Santa Cruz Island Cruise: Painted Cave
- Aug. 9-11: Santa Cruz Island Cruise: The Backside
- Sept. 21: Fall BBQ and Capri 14 Races



Photo by Fred Dougherty

A sailboat grounded near the north entrance to Channel Islands Harbor last Sunday. The winds were strong and the harbor has been in obvious need of dredging. And when this shot was taken, the Super Bowl had already started.

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
 FYC Officers - www.fairwind.org
 Coast Guard - Channel 16 or 310-732-2043
 VHF Calling Channels – 9 and 12.
 Membership interaction – Email: fairwindmembers@yahoo.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
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3	4	5 MDR Wrokday	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 MDR Wrokday	13	14	15 ASA 104 Weekend	16 Board Meeting Membership Meet ASA 104 Weekend
17 ASA 104 Weekend	18	19 MDR Wrokday	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 MDR Wrokday	27	28		