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Commodore's Log

New Commodore Takes The Helm

By Michael Delaney
Commodore

I would like to welcome the new Board of Directors into office for the 2013-2014 fiscal year that started October 1. We had a very nice Board Installation Ceremony during the CIH Fall BBQ on September 21. Thanks to the CIH folks for letting us incorporate the Board Installation into the Fall BBQ event.

Thanks to Ken Murray for officiating in the swearing in ceremony for the new Board. Richard Windebank gave appreciation awards and thanks to the outgoing Board members. I also wish to thank Chuck Orlin, Patrick Anderson, and Marv Brown for their hard work as Fairwind Board members. I would like to welcome Lynn Erickson, Jim Guinn, Glen Jagodzinski, and Harry Kane as new Board members.

In addition to adding new Board members, we have Board members who are taking on new roles.

**Board & Membership Meeting
November 16 In Marina del Rey**

The next board meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 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](#).

The new Board of Directors consists of :

- Commodore: Michael Delaney
- Vice Commodore: Lynn Erickson
- Secretary: Mark Boykin
- Treasurer: Adrienne O'Donnell

- MDR Fleet Captain: Shar Campbell
- CIH Fleet Captain: Jim Guinn
- MDR Rear Commodore: Glen Jagodzinski
- CIH Rear Commodore: Harry Kane
- Jr. Staff Commodore: Richard Windebank

MDR Growth	Recent Activities	Club Calendar
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The past year was very exciting in both MDR and CIH with changes and additions to the fleets and membership. In MDR a sixth small boat was added with the addition of Generosity, a Capri 22. At medium boat level in MDR Sandpiper, a Catalina 28 Mk II, was added as a replacement for Island Side and Slingshot, a Corsair F-28, replaced Seawing. In CIH, Driftwood, a Catalina 22, was added to the small boat fleet. A third medium boat Island Side, a Catalina 28, and a third large boat, Sorella, a Catalina 30, were added to the CIH fleet.

With the addition of boats in both harbors there has been room to add members and for members to move up to medium and large boats. The membership numbers as of October 1 are:

	MDR Small	MDR Medium	MDR Large	CIH Small	CIH Medium	CIH Large
Members	112	36	53	128	43	36
Max Allowed	120	54	54	140	54	54

The total Fairwind membership of active members is 408; 201 in MDR and 208 in CIH. I believe that this is the highest membership level we have ever had in Fairwind. The boat loading at the small boat level is 20 while at medium and large it was reduced to 18 by the membership at the August 2013 meeting. Both MDR and CIH have room to add additional new members at Small. There is also room to add members at medium in both MDR and CIH, and in CIH at large. In MDR, however, the large boat level will be full with the addition of one more member.

There was a lot of discussion at the last membership meeting as to whether MDR should add a fourth large boat because the large boat level was almost full. Additionally, should Fairwind continue to expand? If we expand, what are the practical limits and the financial impacts? Mark Boykin, Secretary, proposed forming a committee to study the questions. Adrienne O'Donnell and Michael Adams volunteered to lead the efforts in CIH and MDR, respectively. The committee will look at each harbor separately due to the different needs and financial impacts. This effort is just getting underway and we should get an update at the November membership meeting. Please contact Mark Boykin or myself if you have any thoughts on these questions.

I plan to continue the independent harbor committee approach to governing the club that was started by Richard Windebank two years ago. Richard has agreed to be the MDR Committee chairman and I will be the CIH Committee chairman. The individual committees will address local issues and make recommendations to the Board. I plan to ask each committee to develop a five year plan for their fleets and membership once we have had a chance to review and discuss the results of the Boykin Committee.

Fairwind is a non-profit sailing club that works because of its volunteers. Please show up at workday to help with the maintenance of our fleets. Both MDR and CIH have new Rear Commodores who are responsible for maintaining the fleets. They will need your support; please help. In future newsletters I will be sending out specific requests for volunteer support.

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Ken Murray's Latest Article

Former Commodore Ken Murray has penned another article for the website Zocalo Public Square. It's about water and the lack thereof in Los Angeles. You can read it [here](#).

MDR Sailors Contemplate Future Growth

By Richard Windebank

MDR Port Captain

October 1st saw the start of a new year in Fairwind, and MDR celebrated in style with the introduction of 12 new members, a highly active work day on Oct. 5 and a very successful barbecue, organized by Carole Walsh. Carole's efforts were complimented by Master Chef Jim Lewis, entertainer Eric Charles and the enthusiastic support of many Fairwind members. This was truly a fun event that needs to be repeated.

With the dawn of any New Year, it's time to reflect on where we are and what changes, if any, we need to make in order to meet the needs and aspirations of our members and to make the Club even better than it is today. So, we should consider a brain storming session to assess our current status and where we want to be five and even ten years from now.



MDR's Oct. 5 Barbecue was enjoyed by all.

which I am delighted to do, and I am currently forming the MDR Committee to provide leadership throughout the coming year. As you know, the purpose of this committee is to reach out to the MDR Membership, and try to provide guidance on issues that are specific to Marina Del Rey. The Committee will then make recommendations to the Board, so that any decisions we make are consistent with the wishes of the entire membership.

As we approach the winter months, I am going to ask you to think about some of the questions I have posed. This is your Club and we earnestly seek your input as we try to shape our future. But I also ask you to be mindful that what we are seeking is the collective views of the membership, and not the special interests of individual members or groups. It is the collective view that is sometimes more difficult to figure out, and that is where we need the broadest input and cooperation.

Inevitably, we will want to address many of the questions we have discussed before. We currently have about 200 active members in each of our two harbors. Do we want to keep it this size or do we want to grow? There are definitely pros and cons to each, and we need to make a conscious decision and not be directed by happenstance. Are we comfortable with our current fleet of boats or do we want to look at further upgrades? If so, what should be the priorities and what would be the optimal timing to do so? What would we like the fleet to look like in five years time, or even ten? Do we want to add more social activities, like the barbecue we have just held?

Mike Delaney has asked me to maintain the role of Port Captain for Marina Del Rey,



Above, Commodore Mike Delaney, MDR Fleet Captain Shar Campbell and Treasurer Adrienne O'Donnell at the club's annual installation. Below, Eric Charles performs at MDR's barbecue.



Membership Guide: Where To Go For What

Newly appointed or elected appear in red

Update Contact Information for Membership Roster – Vice Commodore, **Lynn Erickson**.

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

Training and checkout - Fleet Captain (Shar Campbell for MDR; **Jim Guinn** for CIH)

Cruising: Cruise Chair (Mark Zierten for MDR; **Scott Kelly** for CIH)

Racing: Race Chair (Mark Arbing for MDR)

Report an Accident - Safety Officer/Rear Commodore (**Marv /Brown/ Glen Jagodzinski** for MDR; Michael Adams/**Harry Kane** for CIH)

Gear broken on boat - Specific Boat Chief (from Fairwind Website) + Rear Commodore (**Glen Jagodzinski** for MDR; **Harry Kane** for CIH)

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Membership interaction – Email: fairwindmembers@yahoogroups.com

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Updates to website: webcontent@fairwind.org

Fairwind on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Fairwindyc

October Club Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MDR Workday	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 MDR Workday	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 MDR Workday	16	17	18	19
20 9 a.m. CIH Workday 1 p.m. Open House	21	22 MDR Workday	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 MDR Workday	30	31		