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Commodore's Log

# Boats Commissioned In Both Harbors

**By Michael Delaney**  
*Commodore*

MDR's new Catalina 380 Tardis has now completed commissioning and entered the fleet. The commissioning ceremony was Saturday, March 7.

The initial focus will be on training the trainers on the new boat, which is much heavier and more complex than the rest of the MDR fleet. Initially, we planned to have Tardis in a slip with the fleet, however, the wide beam makes it much more difficult to dock. Tardis will be moved across the channel to the Marina del Rey Marina where Happy Ours currently resides. The renovated Beaches and Harbor slips will be wider, and Tardis will return when they are complete. With the completion of commissioning of Tardis, our Catalina 38 Happy Ours is now for sale per the decision of the membership.

CIH's new Jeanneau 36.2 Mistral has completed commissioning and has joined the fleet. The trainers have been trained and now large boat members are training and sailing the boat. Mistral is in slip C-14 in Peninsula Yacht Marina in front of the marina office. I have written a separate article about the boat in this newsletter.

The CIH fleet has gone through a restructuring as Mistral enters the Large Boat Class. Recall that the membership voted to move the Catalina 30, Mk III and Sorella, down to Medium Boat Level. We now have five

## Next Club Meeting March 28 at Channel Islands Harbor

The next board of directors meeting will be Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. at the Paz Mar Apt. Clubhouse, 3400 Peninsula Road, Oxnard.

The general membership meeting will follow at 11 a.m.

Both meetings are open to all members.

A Mapquest link is [here](#).

Club Cruises	Engine Failure	Kid's Cruise
<i>Schedules are set for CIH and MDR.</i>	<i>Alan Howell tells us what to do in an unexpected emergency.</i>	<i>Take the kids to Catalina on Easter Weekend.</i>
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boats at medium in CIH; Mk III, Sorella, Zephyr, Island Side, and Freedom Too. There is discussion of either moving Freedom Too down to small boats or selling her at some point but for now we will wait and review the options. With four or five medium boats we will have lots of room for Small Boat members to move up to medium.

Another potential move in CIH is to lease a third large boat. As I mentioned last month we have identified a 1984 Catalina 38, Island Time, that was purchased by a member at a lien sale. We are discussing a Sorella-like lease agreement where the club has use of the boat and covers all costs; slip, insurance, maintenance, etc. We have a basic agreement on the term of the lease but are waiting for hull, engine, and rigging survey results before proceeding.

The first of Alan Howell's Master's Class seminars was a great success. The What-If Workshop addressed how to deal with out of the ordinary situations and gear failures. Alan Howell presented the seminar which was followed by an on the water segment. The next in the series is Advanced sail trim. Presenters will be Patrick Anderson, Jim Guinn. Followed by an on the water session. Date: Sunday, March 22

The next Board and General Membership meeting will be held in CIH on Saturday, March 28. We will hold the meeting at the Paz Mar Apt Clubhouse at 3400 Peninsula Road, Oxnard, CA 93035. The Board meeting will be at 10AM and the General Membership meeting will be at 11AM.

# Mistral Joins CIH Large Boat Fleet

By Michael Delaney

The Channel Islands Harbor (CIH) Boat Selection Committee (BSC) has certified that CIH's new large boat Jeanneau 36.2 Mistral had completed commissioning and was ready to join the fleet; the Board has accepted that certification.

Mistral joined the fleet Sunday, Feb. 22. The Boat Information page and Training page of the website have been updated to include Mistral. Alan Howell, CIH Fleet Captain, has updated the Training Requirements and Hazardous Weather documents to include Mistral. These documents have been approved by the Board and have also been uploaded to the website. The Instructor list has also been updated to include Mistral with seven Instructors/Trainers certified for the boat. Please contact the Instructors/Trainers on the list to arrange training on Mistral.

Alan Howell and Curt Allison have been assigned as Boat Chief and Assistant Boat Chief, respectively, for Mistral. As I am writing this article, a number of Large Boat skippers have been checked out on Mistral and she is sailing on almost a daily basis.



Mistral in light wind off Channel Island Harbor

I want to thank the CIH BSC (Paul Aist (Chair), Barry Klein, Jon Rock, Carl Enson, and Miles Detrixhe), Alan Howell, Harry Kane, Alan MacGovern, Greg Arnold, Curt Allison, and Peter Granet for all their help in procuring, moving, and commissioning Mistral.

With Mistral joining the CIH Large Boat Fleet, the two CIH Catalina 30's, Sorella and Mk III, move to the Medium Boat Fleet as was approved by the membership last fall. This change is also reflected in the updated Training Requirements and medium boat members can now training on the 30's.

# Tardis Joins MDR Large Boat Fleet

At the commissioning ceremony March 7, Marc Levine addresses the crowd and leads the commissioning ceremony.

Initial training is for level 2 instructors, those with at least ASA 201 certification.

The boat has been moved across Basin G where she will remain until the county docks in front of the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club are rebuilt.



Photo by Ken Hoover



Photo by Marv Brown

# 2015 Channel Islands Harbor Cruise Schedule

By Scott Kelly  
CIH Cruise Chair

Here we are in the middle of February already, and we've got a list of dates that we've reserved for Club Cruises. We are expecting a high level of participation again this year in these eagerly awaited cruises.

One of the great benefits of Fairwind is our club cruises. Here's an opportunity for club members to spend the weekend sailing with other club members, overnight in pristine and beautiful anchorages, and increase our sailing knowledge in a really fun social setting.

This is a great opportunity for our newer members, particularly those who have not experienced a cruise to the islands, to cruise with an experienced skipper and crew. And for our more experienced members, it is a great opportunity to start new friendships, re-kindle old friendships and impart some of our knowledge to the less experienced as we have been given that experience by others over the years.

Here's the schedule for the year, so please put the dates on your calendar in advance. *A month before the cruise there will be a general announcement by email, and at that time please let me know if you'd like to sign up as skipper or crew.*

If you've got any questions, comments, to sign up, or just to simply say hello, please email me at: [scottmkelly@aol.com](mailto:scottmkelly@aol.com).

What's better than a weekend cruising our beautiful Channel Islands!

Saturday March 14 Whale Watch  
Fri-Sun April 10-12 Santa Cruz Cruise  
Fri-Sun May 1-3 Santa Cruz Cruise  
Fri-Sun June 5-7 Santa Cruz Cruise  
Fri-Sun July 10-12 Santa Cruz Cruise  
Fri-Sun August 7-9 Santa Cruz Cruise  
Fri-Sun Sept 11-13 Santa Cruz Cruise  
Fri-Sun Oct 9-11 Santa Cruz Cruise  
Fri-Sun Nov 6-8 Santa Cruz Cruise

**Our first Cruising Event of 2015 is the Whale Watch on Saturday, March 14th.**

Our very own Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary is one of the premier whale watching destinations on our planet. Over the past 10 years, the population of Humpbacks, Blue, and Gray whales in the Santa Barbara Channel has grown tremendously with multiple sightings common during a whale watching expedition.

This is a day sail event. We'll be sailing out of the harbor at 10 am and we'll be back well before dark. Please email me to reserve a spot for this very popular annual CIH event.

If you've got any questions, comments, or to sign up, please email me at: [scottmkelly@aol.com](mailto:scottmkelly@aol.com).

# 2015 Marina del Rey 2015 Cruise Schedule

All cruise dates are scheduled for Friday – Sunday weekend trips. The cruises are contingent upon weather conditions and permission from King Harbor, Shoreline (or Pine Street), and Corinthian Yacht club to use their guest slips. Also, skippers vote on destination, based on conditions, as the departure date draws closer. All cruisers will be kept in the loop via e-mail.

Contact MDR Cruise Chair, Arlene de Anda at [arlene@inspireschools.org](mailto:arlene@inspireschools.org) with your interest or questions.

Date	Cruise	Destination	Description
April 3, 4, 5	Kid's Cruise Easter Weekend	Two Harbors	FYC joins WSA, Windjammers and Corsair Yacht Club for children's Easter activities
June 12, 13, 14	Newbie Cruise	Two Harbors or White's Landing	White's Landing is a dinghy ride away from Avalon
July 3, 4, 5	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend Celebration	Two Harbors/ Cat Harbor	Sail to either Two Harbors or Cat Harbor depending on availability for fireworks celebration, BBQ and summertime fun.
Aug. 14, 15, 16	Perseid Meteor Shower	Little Harbor/ Emerald Bay	The Perseid Meteor shower produces up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak on Aug. 12 and 13. Sail to Little Harbor and then join WSA at Emerald Bay.
Sept. 11, 12, 13	Endless Summer- We Cruise All Year!	Long Beach → Newport	Enjoy warm September weather and cruise the first day to 1st day to Long Beach and 2nd day to Newport and return Sunday.
Oct. 2, 3, 4	Buccaneer Days	Cat Harbor	25th Annual Buccaneers Day at Two Harbors <a href="http://www.visitcatalinainland.com/event/buccaneers-weekend">http://www.visitcatalinainland.com/event/buccaneers-weekend</a>
Nov. 13, 14, 15	Veteran's Cruise	King Harbor --> Long Beach	Depending on participant's schedules, possibly depart on Wed., Nov. 11 and return on the 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Dec. 11, 12, 13	Naples Christmas Boat Parade	Long Beach	Check out the Long Beach Christmas Boat Parade in Naples and possibly catch sight of early whale migration along the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

## Test Your Boat Knowledge: A Question For Each Boat Level

**NCO/Small:** How long should the choke be used once the engine is started!

**Medium:** Using the GPS that is on your favorite boat (not a personal one), can you put a MOB position in the GPS, recall the position to notify the USCG, and use the GPS to navigate back to that point? Lastly, can you cancel that MOB waypoint?

**Large:** Can you do the medium boat task for every boat you have sailed in the past six months?

# Mishap No. 4: Another Engine Failure

Alan Howell  
*CIH Fleet Captain*

**NOTE:** This is based on fact, but some of the details have not been fully represented. This is provided as a learning tool and nothing more. I will try to add a little humor but stay focused on how serious this could be.

When you read my diatribe below, if you feel like this could be you, or you don't immediately know the answers to these questions, get an instructor to take you out and go through some of this stuff again. I can be a lifesaver.

The setup: A clear day, 10-knot breeze out of the west

Capri 22 leaves the CIH docks under power headed out to the turning basin to set the sails (which are still tied securely)

The event: Doing about 3 knots in the channel, the engine dies

The reaction: Try to start the engine

The result: Zip, Zilch, Nada, Goose Egg, Silence, except for the sound of the boat being swept on the lee shore.

The next step: Prepare to fend off as the boat drifts toward boats on the lee shore

The result: After some assistance from others, the boat is secured on a dock that was in its drifting path. No major damage was inflicted and gladly all those on the boat and on the docks were not injured in any way.

So what went wrong here?

Well, first, the engine died. While this is indeed a misfortune, it should not have resulted in this kind of event. There was plenty of time to set sail...if it was in their thought process...and if the sails were not fully secured. It is a real shame this happened three days before the first CIH Masters Class because we spent half the day talking about it.

What could have caused the engine to die? Think about all the options! Not all of these actually happened, just food for thought.

- 1 Fuel Starvation - is the fuel vent open? is there pressure in the pump ball in the fuel line? Are you OUT OF GAS?
- 2 Idling too low? Why people think they need to close the throttle all the way and somehow that helps the sails go up easier is beyond me. The low idle is good...most of the time, but it is also most often when the damn thing chokes and dies.
- 3 Speaking of Chokes... was the choke still on? Did you leave the choke on beyond about 20 seconds while idling at the dock? If the answer to either of these is yes, well you likely have your answer. A warm engine that is choked dies! And here is another hint...IT DON'T LIKE TO START RIGHT BACK UP.

So you have given the damn thing a couple of yanks and all you have for your efforts is a good upper body workout. TIME for PLAN B.

AVIATE...or SAIL - You only have so much time until you lose steerageway. If you left the dock prepared (halyards on, furling lines uncoiled, sheets loose, ONLY 1 sail tie on the main) your options are almost unlimited.

Use what momentum you have to fall off the wind (hopefully AWAY from objects you don't care to play bumper boats with) and set the jib. There.. that took about three seconds. Sheet it in and be aware that it will want to fall off. LET IT fall off to gather speed then you can start to head up once you have steerage way. Same thing when you tack.

NAVIGATE .. now you have control of the boat you can sail clear of everything and set the main as well, or use just the jib to make a safe landfall.

COMMUNICATE... if you have a radio, call the harbor patrol or sail by their office waving your arms and get their attention to give you some help.

Lastly.. Any Port in a Storm. If you are safely on a dock, ANY dock and secured you are safe. If you are not comfortable sailing off a lee dock ... DON'T. Leave the boat there and call for help but don't leave a safe refuge you just worked so hard to get to just to jump out of the frying pan and into the fire by trying to sail somewhere you are not comfortable going to.

NUFF SAID. It could happen to you. Practice how long it takes to set the jib or the main and try sailing under just one sail before you have to.

## Answers From Page 6

**Small:** This technique works for me. Some have minor variations that are equally successful. When starting the engine try pulling it over one or two times without the choke. It will often start. If not pull the choke out and try again. It should start within one or two pulls. If not start troubleshooting. If you keep pulling it over you may flood the engine. Once started, let the engine idle for about 20 seconds then put the choke in and throttle down to idle. When returning to the dock and starting the engine the choke is likely not necessary. If the engine won't start after one or two pulls try using the choke half way.

**Medium/Large:** This capability is available on every GPS in the fleet. Unfortunately the process will vary for each system. Get the manual out and learn how to do this. Practice periodically just to reinforce this critical skill. It can be a lifesaver.

**By Alan Howell**

# Kid's Cruise > Two Harbors Easter Weekend

When: Friday, April 3 – Easter Sunday, April 5

Meet early Friday morning ready to stow your gear. Skippers will determine time to meet Friday and departure from the island on Sunday. Be prepared to stay and help clean your boat on Sunday.

Fairwind pays for the engine time, and members for each boat pay for the slip fees and their food. It's the skipper's call for each boat to figure out food provisions among the crew.

We will have a potluck dessert on Friday night at 7 p.m. The Corsair Yacht Club partners with Two Harbors Santa Catalina Island Company to stage fun Easter activities. This is a long standing event and members from Women's Sailing Association and Santa Monica Windjammers are also going. There will be lots of kids.

**Easter Activities!**

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**April 4-5, 2015**

**Hat Decorating**  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**CATEGORIES:**  
0-6 yrs - Boys & Girls  
7-12 yrs - Boys & Girls  
13-17 yrs - Male & Female  
Adults 18 and up - Male & Female Couples

**Hat Parade**  
Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

**ADULTS PLEASE  
BRING AN APPETIZER  
TO SHARE.**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**MEET THE EASTER BUNNY  
IN THE PLAZA, THEN  
RACE TO FIND THE  
GOLDEN EGG!**

*Find out how to join  
in the fun by contacting...*

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Email: REARCOMMODORE@CORSAIRYC.COM  
Bruce Brisson—Secretary/Treasurer: 562-536-4544  
Email: SECRETARY@CORSAIRYC.COM  
Corsair Website: www.corsairyc.com

**Corsair Yacht Club**  
P.O. Box 14777 / Long Beach, CA 90803

Easter at Two Harbors

<http://www.visitcatalinaisland.com/event/easter-sunday-two-harbors>

Interested in going?

First come, first served

Contact MDR Cruise Chair  
Arlene de Anda

[arlene@inspireschools.org](mailto:arlene@inspireschools.org)

- Indicate whether you will skipper, or crew
- How many in your group and kids' ages

Join in the fun!

# Membership Guide: Where To Go For What

Update Contact Information for Membership Roster – Vice Commodore, Paul Aist.

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

Training and checkout - Fleet Captain (Shar Campbell for MDR; H. Alan Howell for CIH)

Cruising: Cruise Chair (Arlene de Anda for MDR; Scott Kelly for CIH)

Racing: Race Chair (Mark Arbing for MDR, TBD for CIH)

Report an Accident - Safety Officer/Rear Commodore (Lenox Grasso/ George Westerdahl for MDR; Michael Adams/Harry Kane for CIH)

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

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

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## March Club Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> MDR Workday	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> MDR workday
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> MDR Workday	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> CIH Whale Watch
<b>15</b> CIH Workday Open House	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day MDR Workday	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Vernal equinox	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> MDR Workday	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Board & membership meeting
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> MDR Workday				