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Commodore's Log

Cat 38 Island Star Joins CIH Fleet

By Michael Delaney
Commodore

The lease for Catalina 38 Island Star was signed this past month. The lease is for three years and is similar to our lease for Sorella but without an option to buy at the end of the lease. Island Star is in a slip, C-16, next to Mistral at Peninsula Yacht Marina. The training requirements have been defined and the first set of trainers has been signed off. Island Star took part in the CIH May cruise as part of the boat evaluation process. It was a wonderful sail with five on board and besides a few plumbing challenges all went well; see cruise report below. Island Star will be a good third large boat for CIH for the period of the lease.

Summer BBQ in CIH

Save the date for the CIH Summer BBQ scheduled for Saturday, June 28 at Seabridge Clubhouse in Channel Islands Harbor. This is a great opportunity to meet members and have some fun. There will be sailing and racing opportunities with the Capri 14's in the pond adjacent to the clubhouse. A detailed notice will be sent out in early June.

Paying Down the Debt

When CIH acquired Island Side (not Island Star) from MDR in 2013 for \$21,000, CIH agreed to a three year payment plan. This quarter the Board decided to pay off the remaining \$10,500 to clear the books on that purchase; a transfer from CIH Floating Fund to MDR Floating Fund.

Season's 1st CIH Cruise	Brian Fagan Lecture	Club Calendar
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For those new to the club the accounting for each harbor is maintained separately, the Floating Fund in each harbor is used to purchase new or replacement boats for the club. Thirty percent of the dues go into the floating fund quarterly as well as any monies from the sale of boats. In some cases excess monies from the Operating Fund can be used to supplement the Floating Fund.

For the purchase of Mistral, CIH borrowed \$24,000 from members. The bonds (loans) are to be paid off in three years. At this point CIH has repaid \$12,500 of the bonds and plans to pay off the remaining bonds by the end of 2015; again ahead of schedule.

In 2016 and 2017 CIH will focus on building the CIH Floating Fund towards the purchase of Catalina 30 Sorella and a replacement for Catalina 38 Island Star at the end of the leases in 2018.

MDR Floating Fund

With the CIH Island Side payment and the expected Happy Ours sale, MDR should be able to look at fleet additions or replacements in late 2016. There should be in excess of \$100,000 in the MDR Floating Fund by the end of fiscal 2016.

Island Side Status

Island Side has been out of service since last fall when the engine seized. A rebuilt Universal M25XP diesel engine was purchased from Schooner Bay Imported Motors in Wisconsin. The engine was installed but problems were found with the fuel injectors and oil pressure. After much work and consultation with a local diesel mechanic, it was decided to return the engine under warranty. We subsequently asked for and received a refund for the engine. Options for a replacement are under consideration.

Taking Dinghies Ashore

Taking inflatable or hard shell dinghies ashore on the islands can at times be a challenge. In many anchorages especially in the Channel Islands one must land on the beach since there are not docks available. If there is any significant swell this can be challenging or dangerous. Members had a tough time getting out through the shore break at Smugglers Harbor at Santa Cruz Island during the recent cruise; see the cruise write up below.

Six Boats, Great Fun Highlight Season's First CIH Island Cruise

By Scott Kelly
CIH Cruise Chair

A great beginning of the season three-day cruise was had by our intrepid FYC Channel Islands Cruisers! Beautiful skies, warm sunny weather and water and a full moon made for a memorable cruise.

The flotilla of six boats, with a complement of skippers and crew totaling 24 sailors, left Channel Islands Harbor at 9 am Friday May 1st for the cruise. This cruise was the first club cruise for two of our new boats: Catalina 38 Island Star, and the Jeanneau 36 Mistral. Our first anchorage on Friday was Prisoner's Harbor on Santa Cruz Island. After anchoring, many hiked, kayaked, or swam the rest of the afternoon away.

Angelsea hosted a dessert potluck Friday night, which was enjoyed by all. Every one brought a dessert to feed four or five --and there was lots of it! Great desserts and even better conversation.

Saturday morning, we all sailed to Scorpion Anchorage for lunch. Then off to Smuggler's Anchorage, our Saturday night anchorage. Another great sail with plenty of afternoon to enjoy. The weather was beautiful, with lots of sun. Many of the crew kayaked and dinghyed ashore and spent time hiking, and later busting through the white water to get back to their boats! And to cap it off, the evening moon over Anacapa Island was outstanding!

Sunday was another fun day with all the boats having a great sail back to Channel Islands Harbor!

Here are the skipper reports:

Skipper Mike Delaney---Island Star:

This May cruise was the maiden cruise for Island Star in FYC, which had joined the fleet just a week prior. As such it was also a shakedown cruise. We had five aboard for the cruise: Michael Delaney (skipper), Dave and A'amina Arnoth, Marek Niklas, and Pawel Sobeirski (104 candidate). The sail over had light to moderate winds. We had a special treat when we spotted several Humpback whales in the channel off Santa Cruz Island. The night at Prisoners Harbor was pleasant but the morning brought an unexpected surprise; the holding tank was full! It turns out that Island Star has a unique plumbing setup for the holding tank with a Y-valve in-line to isolate macerator vs deck pump out rather than just a tee fitting. Well we hoisted anchor and headed off shore to empty the tank. It was only 10AM and the wind was at 15kts and building. We opted to head for Scorpion; our lunch time stop prior to heading to Smugglers for the night. The wind continued to build and was at 22 kts. when we arrived at Scorpion; we decided not to stop as the anchorage was not well protected in the NW winds.

Around San Pedro Point towards Smugglers, and the wind cut off to nothing. We had a lovely afternoon anchored at Smugglers with a warm sun and light breezes. Several of our crew went ashore for a hike using an inflatable dinghy. It was an easy landing as the swell was light. Sitting on the boat the remaining crew noted that a south swell was starting to build over the next couple of hours. When the shore crew got back they found a challenge getting out through the shore break. The first attempt resulted in the dinghy getting flipped; thankfully

no outboard attached. With the help from some FYC kayakers on shore, they made it out on the second attempt. Saturday night at Smugglers was bumpy with a south swell and a north wind all night. The trip home Sunday included a tour of Anacapa with a good breeze all the way home.

Skipper Scott Hickman---Mark III:

Bacon, bacon, bacon, bacon...breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Michael, Aiden, Hans and I enjoyed brisk winds, bouncy seas, diving, surfing, reading, and more bacon! We spotted two medium great white sharks off of Chinese Harbors. After seeing the sharks the water sports evoked more adrenaline.

The return sail afforded us a spectacular view of Anacapa's beautiful backside. As with all good things our cruise came to an end. Luckily it ended on a 6 knot beam reach across the channel.

Skipper Scott Kelly---Angelsea:

A great start to the cruising season with Scott Kelly (skipper), Ben Doty (ASA 104 candidate), Paul and Carol Legge, and Scott Strutner on board. On our journey to Prisoner's Harbor we spotted the same humpback whales that Island Star witnessed--what magnificent creatures!

Friday night's dessert potluck was outstanding as always, and a great comraderie event. It was really great to meet many of the sailors at the two marinas and get to know each other better. A beautiful night spent at Prisoner's, a windy cruise to Scorpion and to San Pedro Point, and calm waters at Smuggler's. This is Fairwind Yacht Club cruising at it's best!

Skipper Alan MacGovern---Sorella:

Skipper Alan MacGovern and crew Jon Belleville and Bob Sturgeon had a great time on Sorella on the May cruise. The boat behaved flawlessly, the camaraderie, the food, the libations were all great. On the sail out we encountered many dolphins, but no whales, which were reported by others. The kayak we brought was used at every anchorage giving first-timer cruiser to the islands Jon, some up-close experiences. The sail home was very exhilarating with a brisk breeze.

For Zephyr's crew, the Santa Cruz adventure was all about the sailing, and sail they did. With winds beginning to build on Friday morning the sails went up as soon as we past the breakwater. Skipper Bill Wagner and crewmembers Sasha Tsapin and Robert Denise took one-hour shifts at the helm per Sasha's recommendation, and got fine performance out of the Catalina 270 that helped her keep pace with the other, larger boats in the fleet. The westerly winds put everyone on a course for Anacapa at first, and tack after tack was required to make way east to Prisoners Harbor, our first day's destination.

Eventually, the rest of the fleet turned on engines to make a beeline for the anchorage, but the diehard sailors of Zephyr agreed that the journey was the purpose of the trip and kept the engine off, arriving finally at Prisoners at 6 p.m. after a nine-hour sail! Just in time for a quick dinner, then dessert on Angelsea, where Robert's strawberries and Devonshire cream was a big hit.

Along the way, our adventures included a close enough encounter with a container ship, abetted by AIS information relayed from Fairwind Mark III; a whale's tail, about 300 yards to starboard, slapping the water repeatedly before finally disappearing in a deep dive; sail-by views of Cavern Point and Potato Harbor; and an alarm as we started up the motor for our impending anchoring that spurred some emergency diagnosis and had us considering sailing back to CIH for repairs (luckily Scott Kelly remembered intermittent oil pressure sensor problems reported for Zephyr, and we were able to find and repair a broken sensor wire with tools on board).

Our Saturday sail to Scorpion Anchorage and then Smugglers Cove was great fun in mixed seas and 15-20 knot winds as was our sail home on Sunday past Anacapa Islands near side (which only took about 4.5 hrs).

While we had some interesting conversation (Sasha and Robert have both been involved in NASA's Mars explorations, among other things), good meals and exploration, we'll probably best remember this cruise for the sailing.

Skipper Mark Watkins---Mistral:

Skipper Mark Watkins and crew Boris Brumstein, Robert Weissenberg, and Lon Mehlman reported a great weekend at Santa Cruz. We were happy to be the inaugural crew for Mistral's first club cruise. Mistral is a beautiful and great sailing boat and will be a very popular cruiser, I am sure. We were also proud to be part of the biggest cruise yet with six boats participating. This led to the largest dessert potluck (Kelly's calories) on Angelsea with somewhere around 25 sailors aboard. We learned that Smugglers is always a dangerous place to land a dinghy and even when it looks benign it will still rob you of your sunglasses and at least a small part of your pride. In classic island fashion we enjoyed a nice kayak paddle from Prisoners to Pelican Harbor and beautiful clear water in between. Having been out a month ago the green is definitely turning to brown but the camaraderie of crew and continuing beauty of the island can't be beat.

FYC Channel Islands Harbor: Santa Cruz Island Cruise

Our next Island Cruise of the 2015 season is slated for Friday, June 5 through Sunday, June 7. The cruise leaves early Friday morning and arrives back in the afternoon on Sunday.

Again, we have six boats reserved for the weekend, with a total of 26 spaces available. Again we may find ourselves in anchorages at Santa Cruz Island, possibly Smuggler's, Scorpion, Prisoner's, or Pelican Harbors, depending on weather conditions.

This is a particularly good opportunity for our newer members, especially those who have not experienced a cruise to the islands, to cruise with an experienced skipper and crew. And a perfect opportunity for all involved to increase their sailing knowledge in a really fun social setting.

Our cruises are very popular. Sign up quickly for a berth--and don't miss the boat!

If you have any questions, comments, to sign up, or just say hello, please email me.

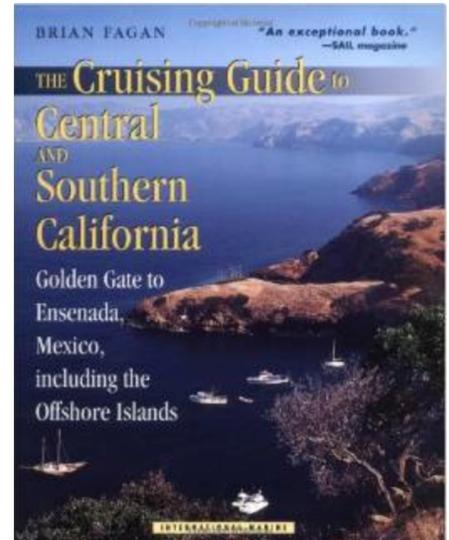
To sign up for this cruise, please email Scott Kelly, CIH Cruise Chair, at scottmkelly@aol.com.

Fairwinder Brian Fagan Speaks On Cruising The Channel Islands; He Ought To Know; He Wrote The Book On It

Did you know that the author of “The Cruising Guide to Central and Southern California,” Brian Fagan is a Fairwind Member? Brian has been a member for a few years now and has been invited by the Peninsula Yacht and Bahia Marinas to give a talk in May on “Sailing the Channel Islands.”

Brian’s presentation takes us on a journey though the Santa Barbara Channel and talks about the pleasures and challenges of visits to and sailing the islands. If you want to learn more than the traditional “turn right at the lights,” this presentation may help.

Brian is an Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at the University of California. Born in England he learned to sail and cruise in the English Channel before settling in California over 45 years ago. He has owned numerous boats up to 45 feet long and has cruised extensively in Europe, the Mediterranean, and Caribbean waters, as well as Southern California. Brian is the author of numerous books and articles related to the sea and has been invited to lecture world wide.



Presentation Details:

Saturday, May 30th, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Anacapa Marina Clubhouse
3001 Peninsula Road
Oxnard, CA 93035

Seating will be limited and a sign-up sheet is available in the PYM office to reserve a seat.

--Carl F. Enson

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May Club Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 MDR Workday
3	4	5 MDR Workday	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 MDR Workday	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 MDR Workday	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 MDR Workday	27	28	29	30
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