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Commodore's Log

## Windebank To Lead New Board

By Michael Delaney  
*Commodore*

This will be my last Commodore's Report as the new Commodore will take over Oct. 1. The new electronic voting process resulted in a run-off election for Commodore when none of the three candidates received a majority in the initial voting. Richard Windebank won the run-off election and will be Commodore for the 2015/2016 term starting Oct 1.

The Fairwind Board for the 2015/2016 term is as follows:

Commodore: Richard Windebank  
Vice Commodore: Paul Aist  
Rear Commodore CIH: Harry Kane  
Rear Commodore MDR: Lenox Grasso  
Fleet Captain CIH: Alan MacGovern  
Fleet Captain MDR: Shar Campbell  
Secretary: Mark Boykin  
Treasurer: Adrienne O'Donnell  
Jr. Staff Commodore: Michael Delaney

### Installation Luncheon for New Board in MDR Oct. 10

The installation luncheon for the newly elected board of directors will be Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey.

The meeting is open to all members .

A Mapquest link is [here](#).

#### New Commodore

*This is what Windebank hopes to accomplish in the next year.*

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*Ken Murray says you might not want to drink it.*

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### **The End of the Year Report:**

The By-Laws state that the Commodore “shall report The Club's achievements in writing at the end of his term of office”. I will do so below in this last newsletter article as Commodore. The Club’s Achievements for the 2014/2015 year:

### **The Membership:**

The membership is now at an all time high for Fairwind with 469 regular members at the time of this writing; 238 in CIH and 231 in MDR. While this results in more dues collected it also stresses the administrative structure of the club and puts a load on the boats. I believe that limiting the club membership will be a serious topic of discussion for the new Board.

### **The Fleet:**

The structure of the fleet in CIH changed significantly in the past year. Mistral, Jeanneau 36.2, and Island Star, a Catalina 38, were added to the Large Boat fleet. With these acquisitions, the Catalina 30's, Mk III and Sorella, were moved down to Medium Boat fleet. This move results in five active medium boats with Island Side finally back in service. You have recently seen a survey of the membership that addresses the question of how best to reduce the Medium Boat fleet to four boats. The CIH Small Boat fleet is basically unchanged but there is a disparity in boat usage that is also being examined. A Hobie 16 was recently donated to the club in CIH and will be kept on a low cost inside tie at Bahia Marina near where the Capri 14 had been kept. The Hobie has not yet joined the fleet as training and storage logistics are being worked out. The Hobie will not be counted in Small Boat loading.

In MDR, Tardis, a Catalina 380, replaced Happy Ours, a Catalina 38, this past year. Tardis now appears to be the most popular boat in the MDR fleet. Happy Ours is for sale although with the slow market it has not sold as of this writing. The MDR Medium and Small boat fleets are unchanged.

Fairwind has had to adapt to changing slip arrangements in MDR. Roughly half of the fleet moved from Beaches and Harbors (B&H) slips over the Marina del Rey Marina slip for the duration of the construction at B&H. The fleet will be united at B&H once the construction is completed. While there has been talk of similar marina construction in CIH it is still off in the future.

### **Finances:**

The club is financially sound with ~\$138,500 in the bank at the time of this writing; CIH ~ \$56,600 and MDR~\$81,900. There may be a need to adjust the percentage of dues that goes into the Floating Fund. Several years ago this factor was adjusted from 18% to 30%. This has resulted in more funds to buy boats but we have seen the Operating Funds shrink. An adjustment to 25% is probably in order.

### **Electronic Election of Officers:**

Fairwind recently completed the first all electronic election of officers. This was a great success with approximately 70% of the membership voting. In the past we were lucky if we got a quorum (10%) to be able to hold the election at a general membership meeting. I suspect that the new Board will recommend minor adjustments to the process but no major changes. How to handle more than two candidates for a position will no doubt be on the agenda.

### **Fairwind Community Service:**

Fairwind makes significant contributions to local non-profit youth and veteran sailing programs. Fairwind supports the Boys and Girls Club Venice youth sailing program run out of Mothers Beach in MDR using Hobie Waves. Fairwind provides instructors, and pays for maintenance and insurance on the boats. Fairwind also supports the LA County Sheriff after school sailing program in MDR again providing instructors, and pays for maintenance and insurance on the boats. Contact Richard Windebank if you want to help with either of these programs.

In CIH Fairwind operates the Boys and Girls Club Oxnard/Port Hueneme youth sailing program using Capri 14 in Mandalay Bay, aka the pond, as well as an intermediate program uses Capri 22's and larger Fairwind boats. Fairwind provides the instructors, boats and insurance for the programs. In 2015, Fairwind started a new youth program with Casa Pacifica using Capri 22's. Both of these programs help disadvantaged youth in Ventura County. Please contact Bob Chatenever or Rob Haynes if you wish to help out on the BGC or Casa Pacifica programs, respectively.

In both MDR and CIH, Fairwind members participated in Veteran's Day Sails in the past year. Fairwind provides both boats and skippers for the events which are coordinated by area yacht clubs.

### **Cruising:**

Both MDR and CIH have had fabulous cruising seasons this past year. Arlene de Anda, MDR Cruising Chair, and Scott Kelly, CIH Cruising Chair, have done outstanding jobs in organizing the cruises. We have read many cruise reports in the newsletter this past year. There have been basically one or two cruises a month from April through November. One great feature of the cruises is the mix of CIH and MDR members on the cruises which allow members of the two harbors to get to know each other better and visit new destinations.

It has been a rewarding two years as Commodore of Fairwind Yacht Club. I now look forward to servicing the club as the Jr. Staff Commodore.

## **Volunteers Needed in MDR**

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the following functions:

Boat Chief / Assistant Boat Chief - With promotions etc. we have openings for Boat Chiefs and Assistant Boat Chiefs, particularly on Capri 22's.

Party Organizer - With the upcoming Fairwind Installation Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 10 we need a couple of Volunteers to help organize the food. Maybe go to Costco, buy cold buffet and deserts and set them up at SMWYC. FYC will cover the cost of food etc.

Campaign Team - A few Volunteers needed to help with the "Save the Kids Summer Program Campaign".

Open Day Set Up - Both Paul and Carol Legge will be away for the next two Saturday Work Days on October 10 and Nov. 7. We need a couple of Volunteers to help with the Welcome Desk.

Please contact Richard Windebank if you can help with any of these tasks. Phone [310-454-2323](tel:310-454-2323) or email [richard@windebank.com](mailto:richard@windebank.com).

**--Richard Windebank**

# Here's What The Next Commodore Wants To Change

By **Richard Windebank**  
*Commodore elect*

I want to thank everyone for supporting me in the recent election, and I appreciate the confidence expressed in me by my appointment as your Commodore for the 2015–2016 year. I promise to put in my best efforts and to place the interest of the membership above all other interests.

I anticipate this will just be a one-year term during which I am committed to making some changes that I feel are essential to the continued health and prosperity of the Club.

Why are these changes necessary? Because our Club has grown dramatically over the last few years and the structure of the Club has remained unchanged. This makes it unnecessarily cumbersome to get things done and places an undue burden on the volunteers who make up our Board of Directors. We need to reduce the amount of red tape that may have been appropriate when we were a small club, but is no longer suitable for the Club as it is today.

Some of the changes I am proposing will require some significant changes to our By-Laws. In these instances, I plan to address these changes in two stages. First, I will seek the conceptual agreement of the membership to the broad outline of the changes we are trying to make. Then, I will ask our wordsmiths to come up with the precise wording of the By-law amendments which we will present as a series of separate motions.

Here is a summary of some of the changes I am proposing:

1. Increase the discretionary spending limit of the Board from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (e.g. so they do not have to call a Membership Meeting simply to approve repairs or replacement of a diesel engine.)
2. Seek the blessing of the Membership for the Board to create two Harbor Committees, one for CIH and one for MDR, with authority to make local decisions that relate specifically to their Harbor, including authority to spend up to \$5,000 on any one item for maintenance and repairs.
3. Restructure the Board so we have a Port Captain, Fleet Captain, Rear Commodore and Membership Secretary in each of the two harbors. These eight members plus the Club Secretary and the Club Treasurer, to constitute the Board of Directors. The immediate Past Commodore should also be a member of the Board if he or she does not occupy one of the positions I have mentioned.
4. Make it easier for members to call a Membership Meeting if they have concerns with any issues relating to the operation of the Club. At the moment this would require signatures from 10% of the Active Membership, i.e. 47 signatures. I would like to reduce that to 20 signatures.
5. Pass a rule that frequent sailors must belong to the Harbor where they do most of the sailing. So you cannot join one Harbor with the specific intent of doing most of our sailing in the other.

In addition to the changes I have enumerated above, I would like to encourage Fairwind to become a 'kinder, gentler' Club with greater focus on camaraderie and enjoying the benefits of our Membership, and a little less focus on small details that are only to some members' liking. At the end of the day we enjoy collective ownership of our Club and we must make decisions that reflect the desires of our Membership as a whole, not the individual aspirations of one member nor of a special interest group of members.

We have a fabulous Club that plays an important part in many of our lives. We are all fortunate to be members of the Fairwind family and we should help our fellow members to get as much fun and enjoyment from the Club as we can.

I look forward to a healthy and prosperous year throughout 2015/2016.

# Save The Kids' Summer Program Campaign

By **Richard Windebank**  
*Commodore elect*

For the last 10 years or more, we have been co-sponsors with the Boys & Girls Club of Venice (BGCV), one of the most successful kids sailing programs in Marina Del Rey.

Running from early June till the end of July, 300 to 400 kids have enjoyed a wonderful Summer Program, sailing on Hobiecats and paddling kayaks.

The Hobiecats were generously donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Venice by the late Doug Ring. The slips have been provided courtesy of Pier 44 for which we are eternally grateful.

Now, Pier 44 is about to go through a major redevelopment and we need to find a new home for our boats, at least for the next two years. As a registered Charity, BGCV will not be able to fund the slips at commercial rates and finding another gracious host is going to be a major challenge. Here, as I see it, are the potential options:

1. Reduce the fleet from 9 Hobiecats to 4. (We can still manage to run the program with 4 sail boats plus the coach boat).
2. Find another Marina (within MDR) who can help us store the boats in the water.
3. Find a sponsor or raise the money to fund three slips for two years. (Probably close to \$30,000).
4. Modify the trailer so we can stack 4 hobbies on it for storage on land, and then find a place in the water where we can keep them for June and July each year.
5. Find a place on land where we can store the boats for two years while we mothball the program.

So, here is my plan:

- A. Assemble a handful of volunteers to help us address this problem.
- B. Approach all of the marina's in MDR (of which there are about 12)
- C. Approach other Yacht Clubs to see if they can assist us.
- D. Approach other organizations within MDR. I am thinking of UCLA, LMU Lions, Sea Scouts, Boat Yards, etc. (I have already had discussions with the Department of Beaches and Harbors and with the Sheriff's Department, both of whom are willing but unable to accommodate our boats).
- E. Explore possibilities for raising the necessary funds. (Maybe through Press Coverage and other means of outreach).
- F. Leave no stone unturned, in exploring other options.

We need to resolve this problem by October 15, so time is of the essence.

If you are interested in joining a small group to help with this process, please contact Richard Windebank at [310-454-2323](tel:310-454-2323) or email: [richard@windebank.com](mailto:richard@windebank.com)

Thanks a million. We really need the help.

# Just How Safe Is That Water In The Tank?

**By Ken Murray M.D.**

*MDR Fleet Surgeon*

I recently heard a discussion among cruising skippers where all expressed that they considered the water in the boat tanks on all our boats to be unsafe for drinking.

It was noted that we don't sanitize the tanks, and the source of the water is dubious.

For example, people fill the water tanks at our docks. But these are the same hoses that people use to put water into holding tanks, and push the hose down into the tank, badly contaminating the end of the hose. Also, we don't know what our neighboring boat owners, borrowing our hose, may have done. The end of the hose frequently ends up in the contaminated harbor water, which I certainly wouldn't drink.

It is well to be mindful of hoses used while away from our docks, which may have been used for "interesting" chores, of which we won't know.

So what do these skippers do? They bring some form of bottled water. That is a practical solution for drinking purposes, but it is not quite that simple.

Water onboard is also used for: showering, cooking, rinsing dishes, handwashing.

If water is not safe to drink, I would not shower in it, either. It takes only a couple of drops of contaminated water to cause infections/infestations. Some viruses are efficiently transmitted by contact with the eye.

Cooking should be safe, as long as the water is brought to an actual boil...but that is not always the case.

Washing and rinsing dishes/hands presents a problem. Washing is fine because of the soap, but rinsing with contaminated water definitely has the potential to transfer infectious agents after the cleaning.

I will be making a specific recommendation to the Board for a sanitation process. It is actually very easy to do, although it probably requires several steps.

In the meantime, be mindful of this issue, and be aware of what you, (and your guests) are drinking! I personally think we should place signage aboard warning that the water in the tank(s) is not of drinking quality.

In my follow-up article next month, I will summarize a superb series of articles in "Practical Sailor" magazine that comprehensively looks at how to make the water safe.

# Six Boats, A Lot Of Humidity, But Still A Lot Of Fun

By Scott Kelly  
*CIH Cruise Chair*

FYC Channel Islands Harbor: Steamy September Club Cruise

With all of the humid, steamy weather we've been having, where's the best place to be on a weekend?

Well, that answer would be "On a CIH Club Cruise to Santa Cruz Island!"

This time we had twenty-eight crew and skippers on six boats, including member Lynn Erickson's Catalina 42 Crazy Diamond and her Fairwind crew. Our Catalina 400, Angelsea, was on the hard for repairs. Otherwise, we would have had thirty-four sailors!

We again had a number of NCO's (not checked out) and ASA 101 only members. This is a great opportunity for members without cruise ratings to get some anchorage time and three full days and two nights of sailing experience. For many this was their very first time cruising.

Additionally, we had one member working hard on his ASA 104, the ASA 104 Cruising rating. A great opportunity for members to move up and get valuable on the water training during a three day sail.

And then there's the fun. Sailing all three days with ample anchor time to explore the island, swim, fish, or just lounge around and de-stress. We had the dessert potluck, now an institution, on Friday night, where all the crew and skippers sampled dozens of cruise dessert delights while conversing and making new friends.

Late Saturday morning we all packed up and made our way to Scorpion Anchorage for our Saturday evening. A relaxing evening dinner was the Saturday evening priority for most of the boats. An evening of star-gazing and the Milky Way, along with bioluminescent dinoflagellates (Google that!) helped to make Saturday night unforgettable. Videos and pictures of the cruise can be found here: [http://s1180.photobucket.com/user/warnerhouse/media/FYC%20SEPT11-13%202015%20SANTA%20CRUZ%20ISLAND/DSCF2637\\_zpsbkfutwl2.mp4.html?sort=3&o=0](http://s1180.photobucket.com/user/warnerhouse/media/FYC%20SEPT11-13%202015%20SANTA%20CRUZ%20ISLAND/DSCF2637_zpsbkfutwl2.mp4.html?sort=3&o=0)

Wish we had one more day!

## **Next Cruise**

So how do you get on one of these cruises before 2015 is over? I'm very glad you asked!

Our next Island Cruise of the 2015 season is slated for Friday October 9th thru Sunday October 11th. The cruise leaves early Friday morning and arrives back in the afternoon on Sunday.

We now have six boats reserved for the weekend, with a total of 25 spaces available. If Angelsea is available we will have a total of 31 spaces available.

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 at the email address below.

To sign up for this cruise, please email Scott Kelly, CIH Cruise Chair, at [scottmkelly@aol.com](mailto:scottmkelly@aol.com).

# Fairwind Top 10: A Cosmo Quiz for Club Members

Just like the quizzes in Cosmopolitan Magazine that promise to make you a better mate, better in bed or more successful in life by combing your eyebrows the right way, here is a quiz that can help you evaluate how good a Fairwinder you are: For each question below give yourself a score of 10 if you do this every time, 5 if you do it most of the time and zero if you do it only occasionally. Here we go:

Do you go through and comply with each and every item on the checklist when you are taking the boat out and when you are bring it back?

Do you write up issues you saw as you were doing your pre-sail inspection?

Do you write up and admit to issues that occurred when you were in command of the boat (lost gear, broken gear etc)? And offer to fix, replace or pay for the damage?

Do you solicit input from your crew on any issues they saw? Anything they lost or damaged?

Do you instruct your crew on potential emergencies so they know what to do (engine failure, anchoring, reducing sail etc)?

If you don't know how equipment works do you look at the documentation available on the boat? Hint: if you call the boat chief for routine operations give yourself a zero

Do you regularly brush up on the ASA training manuals so you are current on all the material you are qualified for and responsible for?

Do you regularly practice key evolutions (COB, reefing, heaving to, docking, knots)? For a ten you should be able to pass each evolution with an instructor on the first try for any boat you are checked out on.

Do you only take the key for a boat you have a current reservation on?

Do you regularly participate in club events (read the news letter, participate in work day, attend board/member meetings)?

Now for your score: An 85 or better is admirable. 50-85 and you have some work to do. Less than 50...well you decide for yourself. All of these elements are things that we encourage all members to be responsible for. Strive for perfection and you will be both a better sailor and a better Fairwinder.

# 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)

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

Updates to website: [webcontent@fairwind.org](mailto:webcontent@fairwind.org)

Fairwind on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Fairwindyc](http://www.facebook.com/Fairwindyc)

## FYC Channel Islands Harbor: September 2015 Point Mugu Air Show

This is a very special event here in Ventura County---and for that matter, anywhere!

The Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu Air Show, will be hosting the U.S. Navy's military jet performance team, the Blue Angels this year!

In addition, the U.S. Army's parachute team, the Golden Knights, along with civilian performers including the Breitling Jet Team, Team Oracle featuring Sean Tucker, Aerobatic Pilot Matt Chapman sponsored by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and the Commemorative Air Force SoCal Warbirds will all be performing.

We'll be bringing the best seats in the house when the FYC CIH fleet anchors off the Point Mugu Base's air strip to watch the event. The Coast Guard will enforce a safe zone off of the strip, where many boats from area harbors will anchor off to watch the show.

In years past I have taken my own boat to watch the Airshow, and it's a blast. This is the first time that we've had an organized FYC CIH cruise to watch the show. It'll be a lot of fun.

This is a day sail event. The date is Sunday, Sept. 27. We will leave promptly as a fleet at 10 am. We should be back in harbor by 5 pm.

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

***To sign up for this cruise, please email Scott Kelly, CIH Cruise Chair, at [scottmkelly@aol.com](mailto:scottmkelly@aol.com).***

*--Scott Kelly*

## September Club Calendar

Editor's Note: Entered too late to make the calendar, CIH will have a day cruise Sunday, Sept. 27 of Point Mugu to watch the U.S. Navy's military jet performance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> MDR Workday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> MDR Cruise	<b>5</b> MDR Cruise
<b>6</b> MDR Cruise	<b>7</b> Labor Day	<b>8</b> MDR Workday	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> CIH Cruise	<b>12</b> MDR Open House CIH Cruise
<b>13</b> CIH Cruise	<b>14</b> Rosh Hashanah	<b>15</b> MDR Workday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> CIH Workday Open House	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> MDR Workday	<b>23</b> Yom Kippur	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> MDR Workday	<b>30</b>			