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Commodore's Log

Contested Seats As Election Nears

By Michael Delaney

Commodore

Election Update

Well, it is August and the election of the Fairwind Board is getting closer. Nominations closed Aug. 8. We have one additional nomination since the slate was sent out. There are now three candidates for commodore, Alan Howell, Scott Kelly and Richard Windebank.

The Ballot will be presented to the Membership on Aug. 14 and the Electronic Voting will take place from Aug. 14 through Aug. 21 with the results resented to the membership at the membership meeting on August 22. The results will be emailed to the membership at the conclusion of the membership meeting on August 22.

The current Slate of Candidates for the 2015/2016 Board of Directors are:

Commodore: Alan Howell

Commodore: Scott Kelly

Commodore: Richard Windebank

Vice Commodore: Paul Aist

Rear Commodore CIH: Harry Kane

Next Club Meeting Aug. 22 at Channel Islands Harbor

The next board of directors meeting will be Saturday, Aug. 22 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](#).

Boys & Girls Club

Along with veterans, youngsters enjoy the Bay.

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Newbie Fairwinders

They get their feet wet (literally) on island cruises.

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Workday Heroes

CIH keeps their boats in shape and has fun doing it.

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Rear Commodore MDR: Lenox Grasso
Fleet Captain CIH: Alan MacGovern
Fleet Captain MDR: Shar Campbell
Secretary: Mark Boykin
Secretary: Ken Murray
Treasurer: Adrienne ODonnell

The current Slate of Candidates and the Candidates Statement of Qualification may be viewed in the members section of the website at: <http://www.fairwind.org/members/slate.html>

Aug. 22 Board and General Membership Meeting

The Board and General Membership meeting will be held in CIH at the Paz Mar Apartment Clubhouse at 3400 Peninsula Road, Oxnard, CA. The Clubhouse is near the CIH Small and Medium Fleets on F-dock. The Board meeting will be at 10AM and the General Membership meeting will be at 11AM.

New Youth Program

Rob Haynes has started a new youth program in CIH with Casa Pacifica (CP). Casa Pacifica helps kids and families at the most challenging times of their lives and helps them overcome some of life's most difficult circumstances – abuse and neglect, complex emotional and behavioral issues, family crises. In this new youth sailing program, Fairwind members are taking CP kids out sailing in Capri 22's. We are teaching the kids to sail and crew the boats. CP has a councilor on every boat and they too are learning to sail and crew the boats. The first six week session of Thursday afternoon sails will soon end. We are discussing expanding the program to parallel the BGC program with training in Capri 14's in addition to the Capri 22's.

CIH Fleet Analysis

With Island Side coming back in the CIH Medium fleet it will result in five medium boats with only ~ 54 medium members. A fleet of four medium boats is more appropriate for the current membership level assuming continued growth at medium. There have been a number of suggestions including selling Freedom Too (Catalina 27), moving Freedom Too to small, etc. In the CIH Small fleet we have two boats that are under utilized, Turning Point (Catalina 22) and Camp David (J-24). A survey is being developed to get input from the membership for the future configuration of the Small and Medium fleets. Expect to see the survey in the near future.

More Changes in MDR

We have recently been informed that Pier 44 will also be undergoing redevelopment starting in October of this year. This means that the BGC Hobie's and kayaks will be moving to a new location. Richard Windebank is helping coordinate the relocation of the BGC Hobie's. New info will be provided as it becomes available.



Mike Garrison, left, keeps a watchful eye as youngsters have fun.

Fairwinders Support Boys & Girls Club And The Veterans Administration

By Richard Windebank

Fairwind has a long track record of supporting the Community both in MDR and in CIH.

Throughout June and July, we held another very successful summer program in MDR, supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Venice, which we have now done for 13 years.

For three days a week from mid June through the end of July, Mother's Beach was abuzz with the colorful Hobie cats and the 11 kayaks that make up the fleet, together with countless fun-loving kids who can't get enough of it.

Under the superb leadership of Captain Fran Weber and Jen Huszcza and with a biggest team of volunteers than we have ever seen, the program went flawlessly and the kids had more fun than I have ever witnessed before. This was a highly successful program and a huge benefit to the many young participants who signed up for it.



Fairwind and Boys & Girls Club of Venice volunteers.

Very special thanks go to Mike Gitchell, Mike Garrison, Erin Kollar, Durga Ghosh, Harvey Chao, Uta Buschor, Guy Devoris and all the others who gave so willingly of their time. Not to mention Mark Zierten, Leonard Brownlow and Glen Jagodzinski who did yeoman's work getting the boats prepared. Watching all of this unfold makes me proud to be associated with Fairwind and all the wonderful people who made this happen.

And, it was not only the Boys & Girls Club who benefited from our efforts. On Aug. 5, honorary member Norm Perron, organized his annual outing for the worthy members of the Veterans Administration, who have given so much for our Country and who deserve all the

help and recognition we can give them. Few things can be as satisfying as seeing the joy the Vets experience from an outing like this. It is one of the highlights of their year and we could not be more proud of supporting this event. I could not help smiling when one of the Vets turned to me and said: "I had no idea life could be so much fun, when you are sober!"

Thanks to Norm Perron and the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club for organizing this event and allowing us to support it. And thanks to Rosalie Bostick, Ken Murray, Betsy Lindsley and Katherine Conway, for giving their time to make this happen.

Club Cruises A Great Way For New Members To Get Their Feet Wet

By Scott Kelly
CIH Cruise Chair

FYC Channel Islands Harbor: Hot August Nights Club Cruise

What more can be said about the exciting, exceedingly popular, and over the top fun cruises we've been having out of Channel Islands Harbor?

Well, to begin with, we had 27 crew and skippers on six boats. If Island Side had been mechanically available, we would have had thirty-one participants. The cruises are that popular.

The rosters on the cruises are very diversified. Typically, we have at least a half a dozen FYC MdR members taking part. It's a great opportunity for both harbor members to mingle and cultivate friendships.

We typically have a high number of NCO's (not checked out) and ASA 101 only members. This month, two-thirds of the crew members were ASA 101 only or NCOs on the roster. This is a great opportunity for members without cruise ratings to get some anchorage time and three full days and nights of sailing experience. For many this is their very first time cruising.

We had seven cruise rated skippers on this cruise honing their technical skills and skipper/crew interaction skills. This is a great opportunity for very good skippers to become excellent skippers, while affording a safety net in a Club cruise environment.

Additionally, we had two members, one MdR and one CIH, working hard on their ASA 104, their ASA Cruising rating. This is 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 in the cockpit of Angelsea.

This cruise we also had a very successful shore activity. Our CIH Shore Activity Committee co-chairs, Lorelei and Sheila, organized a shore get together at Prisoner's Harbor on Saturday morning and afternoon. Snacks and bocce ball tournaments were the order of the day, and many capped the shore activity by hiking up to the anchorage overlook. Another great opportunity for friendship and cruise bonding.

In the afternoon we all packed up and made our way to Smuggler's 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 harbor seals

Illuminated by bioluminescent dinoflagellates helped to make Saturday night unforgettable (Google search that!).

Sunday's sail back to Channel Islands Harbor was varied, as each boat made their choice as to departure time and sail course back. Some took in the south side of Anacapa on their way home, some worked hard on their training, but all had a great time on the way home.

And many wanted "just one more day!"

Manny Koch, skipper on Mistral, summed up his boat's experience:

The best part of the cruise was meeting new people and sharing with them all the great parts of a sailing adventure: The food, snorkeling, fishing, shore activities, the hike, and the many stories we exchanged. None of us had met each other before but we instantly clicked and became a great team. Thank you Richard, Alex, Joscelyn, and Barbara for a great cruise.

FYC Channel Islands Harbor: Santa Cruz Island 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 September 11th thru Sunday September 13th. The cruise leaves early Friday morning and arrives back in the afternoon on Sunday.

We now have seven boats reserved for the weekend, with 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 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.

Channel Islands Harbor Workday Heroes July 19

By Harry Kane
CIH Rear Commodore

The July CIH workday was handled by assistant Rear Commodore Chuck Carter. I took this one off to cruise to the Prisoner's Rendezvous. The Rendezvous was a ball, and apparently workday went well without me. Chuck took names and so the following is the list of helpers. Thanks to all of you once again.

Angelsea

Alan MacGovern
Pierre Escaron
Dam McCullough
Ed Avanesian
Marc Levine
Paul Kennedy

Island Star

John & Mo Eliot
Mike Hallahan

Mistral

Alan Howell
Geri Chabot
Pawel Sobierajski
Scott Hickman

Sorella

Dennis Derley
Ken and Abi Convery
Ev Anderson

MKIII

Jesse Lumsden
John Goebel
Paul Aist

Island Side

Mike Ross
Tom Colp
Charlie Garcia

Zephyr

Barry Klein
Bern Kirby
Mark James
Gerry Trowbridge
Wojciech Wlochowicz

Freedom Too

Tom Kelleher
Richard Canan
Mark Watkins

Camp David

John Perry

Baggy Cholakian

Judy Altfer

Sand

Paul McMenamin
Jim Greer

Desert Wind

Dan Mattera
Bob Chatenever
Dave Payn

Companionship

Talaat Elwan
John Staples
Kim Jones
Mark Shultz

Sweet Deal

Turning Point

Brian Johnson
Carl Friedlander
Mal Usher

In addition Dave Nichols, Bonnie Carter and Jim Linesch helped out on several 22s including, I hope, poor Sweet Deal. No one signed up as working on Sweet Deal, but I'm sure she was taken care of.

And special thanks to Chuck Carter for doing a wonderful job organizing all this and of course our Commodore Mike Delaney who's always out there helping.

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

FYC Officers - www.fairwind.org

Coast Guard - Channel 16 or 310-732-2043

VHF Calling Channels – 9 and 12.

Membership interaction – Email: 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

Fairwind on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Fairwindyc

August Club Calendar

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