

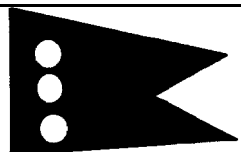
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COMMODORE'S LOG

By Marc Levine

Season's greetings to all of our members!

This is a time of the year for reflection on the blessings that we all share in our Club with one another. And we do have cause for celebration! This last year has been filled with many changes, largely for the better.

We have a new small boat in Channel Islands Harbor, "Turning Point," which has been commissioned in the fastest time in recent Club history, and has started training members as this is being written. A number of instructors have been checked out on the boat, and it will get used a lot! Mike Delaney has been instrumental in finding the boat and getting it ready, and will be a Boat Chief. Also congratulations to Mike in obtaining his ASA Instructor's certification at the recent IQC.

We have established a regular NCO training program that has given nearly 75 sessions of training.

A new Discussion Board will be up and running in the next few days.

We are on the verge of buying a replacement boat for the Fairwind 30 that will knock your socks off.

Jenson Crawford and family will represent us in the Boat Parade this year, continuing a tradition.

We have made great strides in eliminating duplicative effort, gone to a more paperless system, and established feedback systems for the checkout process.

We continued with robust racing and cruising programs, with a number of people doing their first of both. We inaugurated our first "kids cruise," which had strong participation!

FYC MEETING DEC 19

IMPORTANT VOTE ON BOAT PURCHASE (SEE NEXT PAGE)

On Wednesday, Dec 19, the Fairwind Yacht Club Special General meeting will meet at the Marina Venice Yacht Club (MVYC) located at 4333 Admiralty Way located in the Marina City Club's West Tower in Marina del Rey. The meeting will start at 7 pm. The All members are invited to attend. To attend the meeting enter Marina City Club's main gate. Tell the guard that you are going to the yacht club. The guard will give you a parking pass and a map. Once parked, go to the West Tower, south side. Take the elevator or stairs up to the G2 level.

A number of new people have contributed to the Tuesday Crew, the backbone of our maintenance effort. Their weekly reports are now posted on our website.

A number of upgrades were made to many boats, making them much easier to sail.

We honored 4 "volunteer of the month" recipients, the kind of people that make this Club so great!

And as of this writing, we are strongly in the running for the "Club of the Year" award, for the second year in a row!

Thank you all for your participation and patience in our "All Volunteer" Club. We have frustrations sometimes, but we all work to make this a warm and friendly place.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

VOTE ON BOAT PURCHASE

Fellow members,

Season's greetings! I hope this message finds you and yours enjoying this holiday season.

I am writing to you to inform the membership that there will be a special meeting called to order Wednesday December 19, at 7pm, to discuss increasing our budget for our large boat purchase.

We have located a very special boat. It is a 2006 Catalina 320 named Breezy. It is in inventory at the Catalina factory yacht brokerage in Ventura Harbor.

They are willing to offer us up to \$ 20k for our older, beloved Fairwind 30. This is the highest possible value we can get for this boat. Also a trade in involves a clean no hassle transfer of Fairwind 30 to a new owner.

Breezy comes very well equipped, and does not seem to need additional equipment costs during commissioning, and comes with a full 4 year factory warranty. It has 51 hours on the engine. It seats 9 in the cockpit, and has two usable cabins. It has a leather interior.

She probably can be purchased for 107K, (including the trade-in of Fairwind 30), well below the 129k listing. A new 2008 320 with similar equipment would cost over 160k.

Those who have seen this vessel or have viewed the

equipment list are very excited about purchasing this vessel.

At 107k, plus taxes, we will come in somewhat over our budget of \$100,000.

Some of the BSC, Board and Club members suggested we hold a special meeting to discuss this purchase.

I agree with this due to the ease of trading in Fairwind 30, along with getting a near-new boat under warranty, with a complete equipment package which deserves giving our members the benefit of discussing this purchase. I believe that if this boat was found before our last general membership meeting it would have been presented for consideration due to how well this boat and deal fits the needs of our Club.

I understand we all have different opinions on boat purchases. Let's get together and discuss this possible purchase in the spirit of enthusiasm, mutual respect and understanding.

We will need a quorum at this meeting so I urge all of you who read this notice to please attend this meeting.

In good sailing,

Marc Levine Commodore



CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007

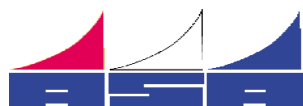
Special General Meeting, 7:00 PM

Vote on Boat purchase

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