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Commodore's Report

Scott Kelly, FYC Commodore

Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own."

~Albert Schweitzer

We're officially now well into 2017--and even though we're only through January Fairwind Yacht Club is working hard to ensure that the 2017 sailing season is our best ever!

At our December 2016 Membership Meeting we had a terrific turn out of members. Following a presentation by the MdR Boat Selection Committee the membership voted and approved the purchase of a new large boat for MdR port.

Our "new to us" Catalina 320, re-christened "Kestrel", was fully commissioned and is now a fine addition to our fleet. Thanks to the MdR Boat Selection Committee and the Kestrel Commissioning Team for a job well done.

At the Membership Meeting we also discussed a new large boat purchase for Channel Islands Harbor. A vote was taken and a Boat Selection Committee was approved to begin the process. At our next Membership Meeting coming up in March the CIH Boat Selection Committee will address the membership with their findings and an extensive report.

FYC CIH has been working overtime with a ramped up maintenance effort this winter. There has been a huge effort above and beyond by the membership over the last three months. We have been working full day work days and it's amazing how much work has been accomplished. We have been particularly

Board and Membership Meeting Sunday, March 12, in Malibu

The board and membership meeting will be held Sunday, March 12 at the Point Dume Club recreation hall, 29500 Heathercliff Road, Malibu. The board meeting begins at 10 a.m., and the membership meeting begins at 11 a.m. Both are open to members. A Mapquest link is [here](#).

diligent about working on safety issues on the boats and the boats show the extra attention. Thanks to all for the tremendous effort.

Two of our CIH members, Dennis Derley and Mike Delaney, will be hosting a Diesel Maintenance seminar at the Anacapa Isle Marina Clubhouse on February 25th at 10am.

Please add that to your calendar of must attend events---

Another must attend event is the upcoming CIH Whale Watch Cruise, scheduled for Saturday, March 4th. Sign up early for this very popular event!

Our next Board and Membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 12th at the Point Dume Club clubhouse in beautiful Malibu. The Board meeting will begin at 10 am and the Membership meeting will begin at 11 am. All members are welcome to attend either or both meetings.

I greatly encourage your attendance to this Board and Membership Quarterly Meeting. It's important that you are there to be a part of the discussion, part of the scrutiny, part of the decision making. At that meeting there will be information sharing, honest discussion, and respectful debate regarding some very important decisions that directly affect our Club.

I purposely placed this Board and Membership meeting at a location that is equidistant between the two harbors, and my hope is that attendance from both harbors is greater than when we have our meetings in either CIH or MDR. Please carve out some time on Saturday to insure that our Fairwind Yacht Club continues to be vibrant and improving.

Lastly, I want to sincerely thank you all again for the opportunity to serve our membership in the capacity of Commodore and CIH Port Captain for 2016-2017.

MDR LOG

Richard Windebank: MDR Port Captain

It's been a good few weeks for MDR.

On December 10, the membership voted overwhelmingly, to acquire the 2005 Catalina 320 that was for sale in Oxnard.

The Boat Selection Committee concluded the deal the following week and sailed her down to MDR on Wednesday, December 21. Since then, they have been working diligently on commissioning the boat and have done an excellent job in doing so.

They have:

- Replaced the Traveler Lines and the Furling Line for the main sail
- Ordered a new genoa

- Equipped the galley
- Lubricated most of the moving parts
- Labelled all the equipment and thru hulls throughout the boat
- Created a Log Book and Maintenance manual
- Added the boat to the Fairwind Website
- Prepared Equipment Locator schematics
- Updated the Safety Equipment and installed a fire port
- Designed a Training Program
- Thoroughly tested the boat

They still need to:

- Install a solar extractor fan to the head
- Replace the Rev Counter
- Complete the renaming of the boat

Members who have inspected the boat have been hugely complementary about it's condition and seem delighted the Club has acquired this boat.

The Boat Selection Committee has now started to "Train the Trainers" and will soon open it up to general Training for Large Boat members. They also plan to conduct a Commissioning Ceremony at 11 AM on our Work Day and Open House on Saturday, February 4. Please do your utmost to attend and officially welcome this boat into our fleet.

Collective Effort has now been sold. By coincidence, the new owners have a slip very close to Angelsea in Oxnard, so we will be able to see the boat continuing to bring pleasure to our fellow sailors. They are very excited at having acquired this boat and we are delighted she has gone to a good home.

Meanwhile, we have been attending to a number of other boats in our fleet. The following boats have recently been hauled out for bottom painting, ready for the upcoming season: Generosity, Frequensea, Sandpiper, Slingshot and the Boston Whaler Coach Boat. Calypso and Tardis will also be painted within the next couple of weeks. Very special thanks to our Rear Commodore, and our Boat Chiefs, for organizing this important work.

We will also be having the rigging on all MDR boats inspected during the next month, and any defects noted will be rectified. As part of our Maintenance Program, we now have this done every January, in order to make every effort to ensure our boats remain in a safe and seaworthy condition.

Addendum:

Marc Levine graciously conducted the Ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 4, officially welcoming the boat into the MDR Fleet and renaming her from "Sweet Temptation" to "Kestrel". About 50 members attended the event. She is now available for "Training Only" before we release her for general Member reservations.

About 18 Instructors have so far been checked out and are available to Train.

Ron Sasiela is assisting with the fine tuning of our Training Syllabus which includes a questionnaire, to be completed at the end of each Check Out Session.

There are still a few outstanding commissioning items that we need to finish. These include:

1. Applying the name "Kestrel" to the side of the boat and the Harbor "Marina Del Rey" to the stern. (Ordered)
2. Installing a solar vent to the head. (being ordered)
3. Installing an Inverter and replacing the Microwave. (Researching)
4. Installing Radar Reflectors to the upper shrouds. (ordered)



Kestrel Commissioning Ceremony

Once those items have been completed the Boat will have been fully commissioned. Jen (Hutzicker) Sorg has kindly assumed the role of Boat Chief, Dave Olson as the Assistant Boat Chief and Dave Hilgendorf and Richard McCarthy and members of their team.

PROGRESS ON VOTING PROCEDURES

Ken Murray, Staff Commodore and Scott Kelly, Commodore

At our recent membership meeting in Malibu, we had a robust discussion about how we handle voting on issues.

There is major dissatisfaction with the way things have been done the last couple years, where there were electronic votes taken BEFORE the meeting, which generally renders any deliberation on the issues revolving around the issue irrelevant, because the vote has already happened.

There also was strong support for the need for deliberation of issues in a fair manner, being able to take advantage of the experiences and opinions of as many members as possible, in coming to a decision on an issue.

Ken spoke on how we got into our current process of electronic voting, as a compromise designed to eliminate the inability of people who are unavailable to be at a meeting due to life circumstances, even though they passionately care about the issues discussed, but that how that has morphed into our current sub-optimal situation.

A Task Force was created to look at this issue and make recommendations. The Task Force is chaired by 33-year member Staff Commodore Marc Levine, member and Ventura City Manager Mark Watkins, member and former Director of the Screen Extras Guild, Paul Antico.

The Task Force made an interesting presentation, in which, after many hours of discussion and debate, along with consultation with previous leaders, parliamentarians, and lawyers, presented a few possible options.

Probably the best possible situation is to have membership meetings with high membership attendance present to vote for or against an initiative. It is key and paramount to our voting process to facilitate a venue for members to discuss, ask questions, and listen to the pros and cons of a motion prior to a vote.

Presently 10% of our entire membership must be present at a membership meeting to call a vote. At our present membership levels that would require at least 48 members to attend for a call for vote on a motion. It has in the past been difficult to achieve a full quorum of 10% of the membership at a meeting.

One option involves members appointing a trusted proxy holder when they cannot attend, who will participate in the deliberative process and vote as they are persuaded. Proxies are limited in the number that can be carried by an attending member (25 in the proposal, but that was arbitrary and subject to change). This can be problematic because one person with proxies can certainly swing a vote.

Another option would be to reduce the quorum requirement to a smaller percentage, so that a call to vote could be more easily facilitated. It would certainly encourage greater attendance to the membership meetings, particularly on initiatives that are important to the membership.

Possibly the best alternative may be to permit an e-vote only after a membership meeting where there wasn't a quorum present, or the option to table the motion to a later meeting.

This alternative could also be in conjunction with the reduction of the quorum percentage.

The desired result could be a participatory meeting with robust debate and a high likelihood of achieving a quorum so that a vote could be called. In the event that there was still not enough membership attendance an E-vote could follow soon after the meeting.

Representative and inclusive Voting is a very important part of parliamentary process.

The Task Force will be sending out some specific recommendations prior to our upcoming membership meeting on March 12 to be discussed by our membership. This is an important and complex issue.

The Task Force truly wishes and hopes to encourage as many members as possible to attend this upcoming very important meeting.

FYC CIH Whale Watch Day Sail Event Scheduled for March 4th

Scott Kelly, CIH Port Captain

Our first CIH Cruising Event of 2017 will be a Whale Watch daysail on Saturday, March 4th, 2017. 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 be back before dark. Please email early to reserve a spot for this very popular annual CIH event.

To request a reservation, or questions or comment please email me at: scottmkelly@aol.com

SCYA Women's Sailing Convention

Lorelei Woerner-Eiser

In Newport Beach, California, a few of us Fairwinders found each other, met and shared stories of learning and adventure and sailing plans of the future. CIH members Mal, Ev, Sarah, Lorelei and Geri connected with MDR members Patricia and Captain Fran (her husband is a member) at the 28th Annual SCYA Women's Sailing Convention on Feb 4th at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. We each learned a great deal from the workshops, taking in information on: Diesel engines, introduction to boat electrical systems and repairs, boat maintenance, going up the mast, various navigation methods and what to do if you are suddenly found single-handed. On Sunday, Lorelei went out on the water with another participant, Fernanda, a quadriplegic women from San Francisco, learning about adaptive sailing on a NS from England. Thanks to California Inclusive Sailing for the introduction.



Fairwind Members are SCYA
Women's Sailing Convention

FYC CIH Members Successfully Complete ASA 201 Instructor Certifications

Scott Kelly, CIH Port Captain

I want to congratulate the following FYC members who successfully completed the American Sailing Association 201 Basic Keelboat Instructor certification over the course of the January 27-29, 2017 weekend sponsored by Fairwind Yacht Club at Channel Islands Harbor. Michael Bengry, Michael Crist, Di Kang, and David Yale. Each candidate passed a challenging written test, demonstrated teaching proficiency both in a classroom setting and on the water, and demonstrated personal sailing skill.

We look forward to our new ASA 201 instructors working with newer members as they work towards their ASA 101 certification. The Club thanks you very much in advance for your volunteer efforts in making our Club the best it can be. I also wish to thank David Lumian, our ASA 201 IQC Trainer and FYC member, for conducting the clinic, and for his time and commitment to the success of each of our new instructors.

“The Rest of the Story”

By Ken Murray, Staff Commodore

That title was used by the famous radio and television commentator, Paul Harvey. I remember listening to his stories as a child. He was always fascinating and informative. Astonishingly, I ran across this one, probably of great interest to sailors:

<http://tinyurl.com/jlz8dh7>

Fire Extinguishers Do Expire

By Ron Sasiela, MdR Safety Officer

We all never expect to have to use any of our boat's on-board fire extinguishers. They are placed there per USCG regulations on any boat with an engine. Our annual USGC Vessel Safety Check verifies compliance.

The number of extinguishers required depend upon a number of conditions - one primary criteria being the length of the vessel. On boats, less than 26', such as our Capri 22s, only one is required. Lengths between 26 to 40' require at least two extinguishers thus setting the *minimum* criteria for all our Medium and Large boats.

Lon Cohen, a member of MdR's Safety Committee, recently researched the service life of our common Kidde brand of extinguisher. To his surprise, the Kidde website indicated that most of their extinguishers had a 12-year expiration. Don't be misled by the carton's "6 YEAR **WARRANTY**" notice – that is for free replacement. The ***date of its expiration*** is not easily identifiable from a cursory inspection of the bulkhead-mounted white-painted extinguisher. It is NOT on the box which the extinguisher was sold. One must remove the extinguisher from its bracket and inspect for a two or four-digit figure embossed in the **bottom** - then add 12 to arrive at its expiration date. See the accompanying photograph.

Using the illustrated Kidde fire extinguisher, one finds the figure "00" on the bottom. This indicates the extinguisher was **manufactured in the year 2000**, and **had expired in 2012**. This extinguisher was on board our fleet, its gauge was well within the "Green" zone, all unknowingly providing us a false sense of security! It has been replaced with a new extinguisher. Now all our extinguishers will have a label on their front indicating when their expiration date occurs.

We are planning to use all the expired extinguishers for a safety workshop - those details being finalized.



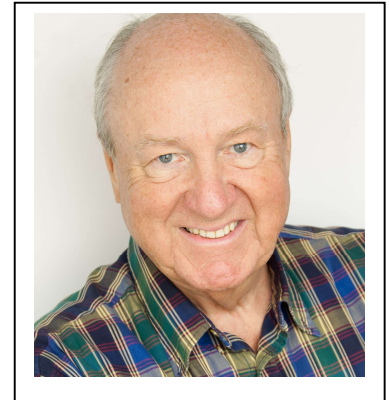
Bottom Year Mark on Kidde Fire Extinguisher

Peter Griswold, our own USCGA Vessel Examiner was happy to learn about the expiration date information. His Form #7012, used to award vessel decals, states: **“Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable.”** He said he’ll be turning the extinguishes over now and inspect their **bottom** to verify they are within the 12-year time = serviceable. Checking the pressure gauge, as he inspects boats for his volunteer organization will also continue.

A recent local boat loss, due to fire, occurred because the fire extinguisher did not discharge as expected – even though its gauge read in the green zone. So be cautious about relying 100.0% that it will work when you pull its trigger.

Now that we have gotten to the “bottom” of this issue, we can all rest assured our extinguishers will be current if we ever need to call on them.

Safe boating.



CIH Boat Selection Committee Formed

Mark Watkins, Chair CIH BSC

CIH is in the process of trying to determine whether to replace the current large boat Island Star, a 1984 Catalina 38. Island Star was obtained through a 3-year lease in order to balance the boat loading when the 2 Catalina 30's were moved to medium level. It was believed that the addition of a large performance oriented boat would be a good addition to the fleet. Since that time however Island Star has not seen the usage that either the Jeanneau 36.2 Mistral or the Catalina 400 Angelsea have experienced. We have compiled usage data and additional BSC info for your review on our website at: http://www.fairwind.org/members/harbor_documents/BSC/index.html.

It is not clear exactly why Island Star has not experienced similar usage, some suggest it is the lack of a dodger, or windlass, or just the age of the boat. Regardless, the boat is being used little and will have some required maintenance needs if we choose to keep her. The intention of the lease with Island Star was to use her for 3 years, that lease currently expires in April 2018, but we can provide 90 days' notice without cause at any time.

We will have approximately \$80,000 in the floating fund with which to pursue a replacement and there may be the ability to use some excess from the operating fund or to sell member bonds, or both.

In accordance with the standing rules of the club a boat selection committee has been formed to determine the interest in replacing Island Star and, if so, with what type of boat. The committee members are Mark Watkins, Mike Delaney, Brian Hughes, and Kelly Henaghan. A survey was prepared soliciting your input on how to proceed. The survey results can be found on the CIH BSC webpage at the link above. The CIH BSC then prepared a Letter of Recommendation for the purchase of a new large boat for CIH. The Letter of Recommendation, shown below, was submitted to the Board of Directors. The CIH BSC also sent out Notification of Intent to Borrow to the membership. Both the authorization

to purchase a new boat and borrow funds to support that purchase will be on the agenda for the next General Membership meeting on March 12, 2017.

CIH BSC Letter of Recommendation

Board of Directors
Fairwind Yacht Club
Subject: CIH BSC Letter of Recommendation

January 25, 2017

In accordance with the Standing Rules of the club a boat selection committee has been formed to evaluate usage and makeup of the CIH Large Boat Fleet. The committee members are Mark Watkins (Chair), Mike Delaney, Brian Hughes, and Kelley Henaghan.

The CIH BSC was additionally tasked with trying to determine whether to replace the current large boat Island Star, a 1984 Catalina 38. Island Star was obtained through a 3-year lease in order to balance the boat loading when the two Catalina 30's were moved to medium level. It was believed that the addition of a large performance oriented boat would be a good addition to the fleet. Since that time however Island Star has not seen the usage that either the Jeanneau 36.2 Mistral or the Catalina 400 Angelsea have experienced. We have compiled usage data and additional BSC info for your review on our website at: http://www.fairwind.org/members/harbor_documents/BSC/index.html.

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In the survey of the membership, the BSC asked if Fairwind should terminate the lease for Island Star and replace her with a different boat. The membership voted overwhelmingly to replace Island Star.

The CIH BSC recommends authorization to purchase a 36 – 42 ft cruising sailboat for a total commissioned cost of \$120,000. This will allow the purchase of a boat for \$100,000 to \$110,000 depending on additional commissioning costs. The broad length range will give the BSC flexibility with the available Southern California sailboat market. No specific boat has been identified at this time.

The CIH BSC provides the following data for compliance with Standing Rules Section VII: Procedures for Purchase of Additional Boat(s) or Replacement of Existing Boat(s).

The CIH Large Boat Selection Committee (BSC) has surveyed the Fairwind membership. The results are summarized below and the complete results are attached.

- Responses: 115; 86% CIH, 14% MDR

- Support End of Island Star Lease: Yes = 85%, No = 15%
- Replacement Boat Type: Cruiser = 80%
- Replacement Boat Size: 38-40ft = 40%, 35-38ft = 23%, Any Large = 22%
- Replacement Boat Make: Any Boat at a Fair Price = 56%, Catalina = 36%
- Contribute to Interest Free \$1K Loan: 43 Members = Yes

While 40% of the responders selected a 38 – 40 ft boat, 23% selected a 35 – 38 ft boat and 22% selected any large boat. The CIH BSC therefore recommends purchasing a cruising boat that is 36 – 42 ft in length which would be acceptable to a large percentage of the membership.

The boat to be purchased is a replacement large boat and hence would have no impact on club structure. There is currently sufficient large boat membership to support the new boat. Additionally, a new boat would likely draw more medium members up to large.

The new boat would require a 35 ft or 40 ft slip depending on the boat chosen. There are a large number of 35 ft slips at Peninsula Yacht Marina (PYM), however, there are a limited number of slips with 13 ft widths. There are no 40 ft slips in PYM, however, PYM management has allowed FYC to use 50ft slips at a 40 ft rate; Angelsea is an example. There are a number of 50 ft slips available at PYM; slip E13 next to Angelsea is currently on hold for FYC if a 40 – 42 ft boat is purchased.

Forty members have offered to provide CIH with a \$1000 interest free loan for up to three years to cover the cost of a new boat in excess of funds available from the CIH Floating Fund (FF). The membership will have to approve the loan process and loans will have to be collected prior to committing to purchase a boat. The impact to the CIH FF will be the up to four quarters of contributions to pay back the loans.

Some or all of the monthly expenses will increase with the new boat depending on final cost and size. If a 35 ft slip can be used then there will be no cost impact. A 40 ft slip will result in a $(\$670 - \$468) = \$202$ / month increase. Insurance will increase based on hull coverage from ~\$40 /m to ~\$120/m. The maintenance monthly costs should not increase over the currently projected numbers; ~\$1000/m. The boat cost analysis does show that the additional monthly costs can be supported by the current dues structure.

The CIH FF is currently at ~\$75K; leaving \$70K for the procurement of a new boat and the required \$5K reserve. Member bonds may provide up to \$40K. There may also be ~\$10K available from excess CIH Operating Funds (OF), current OF ~\$48K, if needed to supplement bonds. The total available funds are projected to be ~\$120K.

CIH Boat Selection Committee

Mark Watkins, Chair

Michael Delaney

Brian Hughes

Kelley Henaghan

CIH Workday Heroes for January 15

By Harry Kane: CIH Rear Commodore

Mark LaFevers	Owen Deutsch	Paul Kennedy
Mike Delaney	Scott Kelly	Dennis Derley
Bob Meyer	Michael Ross	Abigail Convery
Geri Chabot	Christophe Lecapitaine	Joe Peixoto
Jim Cooke	Steve Torres	Alan Freeland
Tom Kelleher	Pierre Escaron	Lynn Erickson
Jesse Lumsden	Polly Tullis	
Andy Ketchum	John Feritto	
Pat Anderson	Peter Davidson	
Paul Aist	Andrea Boudle	
Scott Anderson	Vance Heron	
Geoff Warner	Preben Klug	
Rick Martyn	John Belleville	
Talaat Elwan	Kathi Mottram	
Paul White	Scott Hickman	
Brian Johnson	Sasha Tsapin	
Kevin Knoedler	Allen King	
Alan MacGovern	Curt Allison	
Steve Kane	Adam Yates	
Tom Dotz	Lorelei Woerner	
Mike Crist	Bob Hamerslough	
Colin Pullan	Barry Klein	
Hal Cohen	Vlad Paciulia	
Bill Mattson	Norm Harney	
Sigmund Sales	Michael Hallahan	
Manny Koch	Irina Inova	
Tom Mulholland	Fred Dougherty	

February 2017						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 MDR Workday
5	6	7 MDR Workday	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 MDR Workday	15	16	17	18 9:00AM CIH Workday
19	20	21 MDR Workday	22	23	24	25 10:00AM PYM Seminar
26	27	28 MDR Workday	Notes:			

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March 2017						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 MDR Workday CIH Whale Watch
5	6	7 MDR Workday	8	9	10	11 MDR Opening Day
12 MDR Opening Day 10:00AM Board Meeting 11:00 AM General Meeting	13	14 MDR Workday	15	16	17	18 9:00 AM CIH Workday
19	20	21 MDR Workday	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 MDR Workday	29	30	31 CIH Santa Cruz Island Cruise	Notes:

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Membership Guide -- Where to Go for What and Other Useful Info.

For	MdR	CIH
Dock Keys and Parking Passes	Richard Windebank	Lockbox
Update Contact Information – Membership Secretary	Bruce Gale	Lynn Erickson
Pay Dues, Mail Upgrade Applications	Fairwind Yacht Club, P.O. Box 12684, Marina del Rey, CA 90295	
Submit Checkout, Open House Training Request	Sean Comstock	Alan MacGovern
Training/Checkout - Contact directly	Trainers and Instructors	Trainers and Instructors
Cruising: Cruise Chair	Arlene de Anda	Scott Kelly
Report an Accident - Safety Officer	Ron Sasiela	Michael Adams
and Rear Commodore	Lennox Grasso	Harry Kane
Gear broken on boat - Boat Chief/ABC	Boat Chiefs	Boat Chiefs
and Rear Commodore	Lennox Grasso	Harry Kane
Submit Articles for Newsletter – Editor	editor@fairwind.org	
FYC Officers	Contact Info Page	
Membership interaction	Email group: fairwindmembers@yahoo.com	
Join Members' interaction group	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FairwindMembers/	
Updates to Website	webteam@fairwind.org	
Fairwind on Facebook	MdR Page	CIH Page
Post Video on Youtube	FYC on Youtube	
Coast Guard – Channel 16	(310) 732-2043	(805) 985-9822
VHF Calling Channels – 9 and 12.		Activate Foghorn 5 clicks on 61A