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Safety Is No Accident

Commodore's Log

Windebank, New Officers Take Helm

By Richard Windebank
Commodore

I am honored to have been elected Commodore of Fairwind for the coming year, but before I get into Commodore issues, let me say a few words about Ken Hoover.

As you know, we have been without a Newsletter for many months, and we are all thrilled to see Ken back in the saddle. Ken has been through a tough experience and I would like you to hear it the way Ken explained it on his Facebook page:

"In January, I got sick. In the emergency room, I was diagnosed with a rare and deadly form of cancer. I underwent months of chemotherapy that left me fatigued and confused. I hired a caregiver to look after me. Because the chemo weakened my immune system, I came down with a condition called sepsis that landed me in intensive care. When I was released, I was a human skeleton. My hair had fallen out. I couldn't stand up. I spent seven weeks in a rehab facility regaining my strength. In a desperate bid to save my life, my doctor sent me to City of Hope for a bone marrow transplant. The City of Hope doctors put me through a bunch of tests. They surgically extracted a single lymph node from my chest for analysis. Yesterday, my doctor at the well-named City of Hope rendered final judgment. I do not and did not have cancer. A nasty infection had been misdiagnosed and I've been through hell for nothing. I will now get on with my life."

Membership Meeting
Nov. 11 in Marina del Rey

The next general membership meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 11, 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.

Mapquest link is [here](#).

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Wow !! I have never heard of anything quite like that before, and I feel his pain. We followed his progress throughout this year and we are relieved that there has been a happy ending to the story. Welcome back Ken.

On a less positive note, we lost our dear friend Dick Gross in August and there will be a Memorial Service for him on Friday, Nov. 10. Details are still to be announced.

Taking on the Commodore position again is both a pleasure and a challenge. I would like to thank Scott for all he has done during the last year. The venue he picked for our Membership Meetings was a huge upgrade from places we have used in the past and he has achieved greater attendance at these meetings than we have seen before. Our special thanks to Scott, for all his good work and leadership.

We have one other director who retired Sept. 30. That is Harry Kane, our CIH Rear Commodore. Our thanks to Harry, for all his good work and dedication.

I am delighted that Lenox Grasso has stepped up to take the role of MDR Port Captain and Alan MacGovern as CIH Port Captain. I am also delighted to welcome to the Board, Steve Fenster (MDR Rear Commodore), Kelley Henaghan (CIH Fleet Captain) and Hal Cohen (CIH Rear Commodore), together with Mark Salkin as our Club Secretary. Together, this makes a very strong team and places us in an excellent position for the continued growth and prosperity of our Club.

During our current financial year, I plan to continue to promote the autonomy of our two Harbors. I will rely heavily on the two Port Captains to run their respective harbors and, whilst I will offer my support in any way I can, I will not interfere with the day to day operations of either one. I jest that I am going to buy a hat that reads: "Ask Lenox" to wear at MDR work days and open houses.

I know there is a lot of work to be done. Our By Laws and Standing Rules are dynamic documents that are in need of constant revision. Mark Salkin will be invaluable to that effort.

Let me conclude by thanking all of our members and volunteers for making this the great club that it is. We have a unique model that is working well to enhance all of our lives, and we will all work hard to keep it that way.

The 2017-2018 Fairwind Executive Board Election Results

By Michael Delaney
Election Committee Chair

Club Wide Positions:

Commodore: Richard Windebank:	138 votes (60%)
Scott Kelly:	93 votes (40%)
Secretary: Mark Salkin:	216 votes
Treasurer: Adrienne Odonnell:	210 votes

MDR Positions:

MDR Port Captain: Lenox Grasso:	202 votes
MDR Fleet Captain: Sean Comstock:	101 votes (55%)
Ron Sasiela:	84 votes (45%)
MDR Rear Commodore: Steve Fenster:	189 votes
MDR Membership Secretary: Bruce Gale:	191 votes

CIH Positions:

CIH Port Captain: Alan MacGovern:	210 votes
CIH Fleet Captain: Kelley Henaghan:	201 votes
CIH Rear Commodore: Hal Cohen:	199 votes
CIH Membership Secretary: Lynn Erickson:	197 votes

The Election Committee sent out 476 email ballots and received 250 completed ballots: ~52%. The vote tallies varied as many members abstained from voting for various positions. The Election Committee (EC) chose to use the mode of the Survey Monkey software tool where email ballots are sent to the voter rather than just a link as with Boat Selection surveys. This is the same method as done in the past two years.

Only Regular Members in Good Standing (RMGS) are allowed to vote for the Executive Board. A list of RMGS with email addresses was provided to the EC by the Assistant Treasurer from the Quickbooks (QB) database. This is the email list used to send out the quarterly invoices. It turns out that a number of members changed their email addresses in Schedule Master (SM) but did not provide that information to the Asst. Treasurer.

The EC used the SM group email list to send out the election notices so most of those members who did not get ballots contacted the EC and provisional ballots were provided. Additionally, there were a number of new members who were entered in SM but not in QB who contacted the EC; they were also sent ballots.

There were also a number of members who at some time in the past had Unsubscribed from getting emails from Survey Monkey. Several of those members contacted the EC and were also provided provisional ballots. All in all, I believe that most if not all of the ballot issues were resolved allowing members to vote. In the future better validation of email addresses and getting Unsubscribed members Re-subscribed will eliminate these issues. Thanks to Harvey Chao and Abigail Convery for assisting on the Election Committee.

Alan MacGovern Takes Over As CIH Port Captain

By Alan MacGovern
CIH Port Captain

First let me thank you for electing me to the position CIH Port Captain. Already I'm discovering that it's a job of significant challenge and will require a major commitment of time and effort. However, I'm looking forward to it tremendously and have what I believe is an excellent team at CIH to continue to make our club the best value, best sailing, and most fun sailing club anywhere in the United States or anywhere else for that matter.

Hal Cohen is our new Rear Commodore taking over the position from the legendary Harry Kane. Big shoes to fill, but Hal has the good fortune that Harry will still be there to help and advise so we can expect a very well-maintained fleet. Hal has a background in aerospace and has worked at such things as putting satellites together so when things get fixed on our boats we can be confident that they will stay fixed.

Our new CIH Fleet Captain is Kelley Henaghan (I think that's a made up Irish name). Kelley is full of enthusiasm and vigor (we'll soon knock that out of him). He has lots of plans for getting NCOs checked out and skippering, for reinvigorating our trainer cadre, for helping advancing people to higher levels and working with our Membership Secretary, Lynn Erickson, to entice new members and facilitate training of existing ones.

Lynn, everybody knows, has been Membership Secretary at CIH now for several years, and we're happy she is returning. She is facing a bit of a challenge right away in that recently we have been suffering an increased rate of attrition without the influx of new members to make up the difference. She and Kelley are working on ways to rectify this. Among the things they want to do is reimplement our sponsor or mentor system so that new members have someone to help them with the complications of our training and checkout process and would never think of dropping out because they get dissatisfied.

Lynn also has other plans for our club, which I heartily support. She wants us to raise environmental awareness and help keep our oceans clean. She wants us all to be active in removing any trash we find floating and, of course, to never pollute the ocean ourselves. Perhaps she can get FYC recognized as an ocean protector and inspire all our local boaters to be equally responsible.

Lynn also wants to develop racing interest and skills among the small boat members. This may involve having small boats entered in the Anacapa Yacht Club Wet Wednesday series or perhaps making up some regattas of our own with less challenging courses. In any event expect some racing clinics. As a small boat racer myself for most of my sailing life, I can guarantee that you will enjoy them and will learn sailing skills faster than any other way.

We are also lucky that Scott Kelly wishes to continue his position as CIH Cruise Chair. Many from both harbors have enjoyed the monthly cruises and hopefully many have become inspired to become cruise qualified themselves. Also Mike Delaney has agreed to be a member of the CIH Port Committee and I am really happy that we will have his knowledge, his expertise, and yes his wisdom to help us along.

I hope you can tell that I am enthusiastic about the upcoming year. I think we have great team at CIH and I know that there are many more willing and able volunteers ready to pitch in as needed. Volunteerism is the reason our club is successful and as unique as it is. I'm not particularly in favor of making volunteerism mandatory (is that an oxymoron). I think of it as an honor system. So please make extra efforts to step up and speak up and help where you can. The more you give back to the club the more you will get out of it.

See you on the water.

The Bottom Line On Marine Heads

By Patrick Mallen
MDR Safety Committee

For the Royal Club members who, on occasion, ascend the Thrones aboard the Club boats, there has been a change in policy in the Marina del Rey harbor for the use of the Marine Sanitation Devices, aka, MSDs or head.

In ever striving to be at the forefront of safe and legal boating, the Club, through extensive research and testing, has determined that for the protection of the environment, the health and wellbeing of Club members and the community at large, and to be in compliance with our Lease Terms and Conditions with the County of Los Angeles, the right and proper thing to do is to use Marine & RV-approved dissolvable toilet tissue aboard Club boats.

This is a change from the previous policy that "nothing goes into the head that hasn't passed through our bodies first." Further, toilet tissue, after being used was to be deposited in a waste basket and later taken ashore and deposited in a dumpster for disposal.

Extensive testing, seminars and demonstrations at MdR Work Tuesdays and First Saturday open houses revealed that Marine & RV-approved toilet tissue readily dissolves into small pieces when it comes in contact

with water and agitated. Regular toilet tissue used at home, biodegradable toilet tissue and septic-safe toilet tissue does not break down in water when agitated and can clog MSD plumbing.

Further, it was determined that when used toilet tissue, disposed of into dumpsters ashore, reached landfills, there was a definite hazard that Sea Gulls and other living organisms that have access to this waste could potentially spread infections and disease.

Henceforth, all MdR Club boats will be supplied with approved Marine & RV approved dissolvable toilet tissue and no other toilet tissue will be used. This tissue, after being used, will be deposited into the MSD. In an emergency, this tissue is available at West Marine, WalMart, Amazon-online and most other stores that offer RV supplies.

The existing policy for all other items, except the dissolvable toilet tissue, remains in effect that nothing that hasn't gone through your body first should go into the head. This means, no regular toilet paper, paper towels, handy wipes, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, etc., in the toilet. These products clog up the small-diameter MSD lines and lead to costly repairs.

At the dockside seminars and demonstrations, evidence was presented that one handy wipe cost a Club member over \$400 to unclog the MSD and the boat was out of service for several days.

As Club members, we can wholeheartedly agree that we can do better things with our personal funds and Club assets than flush them down the toilet.

Safe & Happy Sailing to All!



Dockside demo of dissolving toilet paper.

Membership Guide: Where To Go For What

Update Contact Information for Membership Roster – Lynn Erickson for CIH, Bruce Gale for MDR

Pay Dues – Fairwind Yacht Club, P O Box 12684, Marina del Rey, CA 90295

Training and checkout - Fleet Captain (Sean Comstock for MDR; Kelley Henaghan for CIH)

Cruising: Cruise Chair (Arlene de Anda for MDR; Scott Kelly for CIH)

Racing: Race Chair (Mike McKinsey for MDR, TBD for CIH)

Report an Accident - Safety Officer/Rear Commodore (Ron Sasiela/Steve Fenster for MDR; Michael Adams/Hal Cohen for CIH)

Gear broken on boat - Specific Boat Chief (from Fairwind Website) + Rear Commodore (Steve Fenster for MDR; Hal Cohen for CIH)

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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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Santa Cruz Is. Cruise	4 MDR Workday Santa Cruz Is. Cruise
5 Santa Cruz Is. Cruise	6	7 MDR Workday	8	9	10	11 Member ship Meeting
12	13	14 MDR Workday	15	16	17	18
19 CIH Workday & Open House	20	21 MDR Workday	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28 MDR Workday	29	30		