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CIH Barbecue, Elections Draw Near

By Richard Windebank
Commodore

It is that time of year when Fairwind is operating on full throttle, and our boats are being stretched to the maximum to meet the peak demand of our 470 membership. But that is a good thing because we are all making the most of our club assets and using them to their full potential. And, thanks to our Rear Commodores and their teams of volunteers, we are seeing little down time, for maintenance.

The MDR Saturday August Work Day and Open House in MDR, was full to capacity with over 20 prospective members in attendance.

The CIH Barbecue is coming up on Aug. 25, and promises to be as popular as they always are. MDR would love to have a comparable venue, but that may

Membership Meeting Sept. 15

The next membership meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Augoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center, 27040 Malibu Hills Road, Calabasas. The results of the election will be announced.

Here's a Google Maps link to the site:

https://goo.gl/maps/tGtf48E9tz22

have to wait for another year or so, before we get access to a brand new facility, which we hope, will be at a comparable level.

Our programs for the Boys & Girls Clubs have been in full swing. In MDR, we had some 400 budding young sailors participate over a four-week period, thanks to the excellent work of Captain Fran Weber and her merry team of supporters.

We are also gearing up for our upcoming election for the Directors and Officers for the year commencing Oct. 1. Nominations will close on Sept. 1, and we will then get to vote for our new leaders. Voting will be conducted electronically, using the SurveyMonkey program and the results will be presented at the Membership Meeting in Calabasas on Sept. 15. You can follow progress on the website at: Fairwind/Members/Documents/2018 Election Page.

My very best wishes to you for the rest of the summer and I hope you will make the most of getting out on the water.



Yes, but can he alter my suit? John Howell at the MDR dock, repairing Slingshot's sail. John is often at the dock during Tuesday workdays, sewing his magic on sails. It's great to have members like John join the club.

Capt. Cook Would Be Proud; 15 Fairwinders Master the Ancient Art Of Coastal Navigation

By Lenox Grasso
MDR Port Captain

For three weeks in July, 15 Fairwinders met every Wednesday and Thursday evening at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club to immerse themselves in the world of buoys and beacons, charts and currents, drifts and dead reckonings, estimated positions, running fixes, sets, tides, and the government publications that describe them all.

To make a long story short, all members passed this FYC offering of ASA 105 Coastal Navigation. Over half the class achieved scores of 90-plus. For CIH, top honors were achieved by Owen Peterson and Lorelei Woerner-Eisner. For MDR, Carl Steeves and Murielle Hamilton were the top coastal pilots. Some others just passed by the skin of their teeth, but pass they did with scores of 80-plus.



Fairwind's most recent coastal navigators.

This can be a difficult course for new navigators, but everyone in the class is gratified to have learned so much within a relatively short amount of time. ASA 105 or its equivalent is a requirement for achieving FYC Cruise Certification status that allows club members to sail FYC yachts to remote locations and spend the night, or several nights, away from FYC home slips. I will likely offer this course again later in the year, next time over two very long weekend days, followed by a break, and then the examination two weeks later, also on a weekend. Anyone interested in attending the next offering should keep your pencils sharpened.



MDR membership Secretary Bruce Gale provides an orientation to 21 prospective members , who attended the Aug. 11 open house.

Automatic Bill Pay Made Easy For Your Fairwind Dues

Uta Buschor
Assistant Treasurer

I have been doing the billing and collections since September 2014. As you know, dues are due on the first of January, April, July and October. We send out statements about two weeks before the due date and then a reminder about two weeks after the due date. If the dues have not been paid within 30 days, we assess late fees and send out a statement with a 30-day notice of termination as required by the By-Laws, Article V.

I have been asked several times about how many members pay by online bill pay through their financial institution. So the last quarter, I took the additional time to count how many paid by online bill pay and how many sent personal checks. Of the 469 checks I

processed from 6/20/18 to 8/15/18, 53%, the small boat members paid by online bill pay 45%; medium boat members paid by online bill pay and 57% of the large boat members paid by online bill pay.

We encourage those who still send in personal checks to consider setting up recurring payments through your bank's online bill pay system. It's really pretty easy. The bank charges your account for the dues, prepares the check, mails the check, and you don't have to worry about it anymore. You can set up quarterly payments on the first of January, April, July, October and the only concern is you have to have sufficient funds in your account. I can give you instructions if you use BofA, Chase or Wells Fargo.

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)

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)

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

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

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FYC Officers - www.fairwind.org

Coast Guard - Channel 16 or 310-732-2043

VHF Calling Channels – Channel 16 or DSC call to group 032479463 (programmed in all club radios, should reach all boats in range)

Updates to website: webteam@fairwind.org

Fairwind on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Fairwindyc

Next CIH Open House – Sunday, August 19 and September 16

CIH BBQ – Saturday, August 25

Next MDR Open House – Saturday, September 8