

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
April 2007



Spring is here and we have sure had some great weather to enjoy sailing on the bay. April has the Strictly Sail show in Oakland which gives us a chance to see new products from most of the marine manufacturers. There are also many seminars that are worth your time.

We are cruising to Benicia the last weekend of the month. This is a great destination and will give us hours of good sailing in both directions. We are planning to have a little friendly competition on the way to Benicia.

Cruise Report

The March cruise to Schoonmakers Point Marina in Sausalito had 4 boats (*Anna Saleen, Athena, Perseverance, and Migration*) arrive at the docks on Saturday afternoon in time to go to the Bay Model for our guided tour. While we were touring the Bay Model *Kick-n-Back* arrived making a total of 5 boats for this cruise.



We have toured the Model on our own before, but going with a guide makes it much better. Our guide presented a history of the Sausalito waterfront when it was a major shipyard during WWII as well as the design and construction of the Bay Model.



After the tour we returned to the docks to relax for a while. Soon appetizers and drinks were had by all on *Athena*. The crew of *Champagne* arrived by land yacht, recommending Paradise Bay restaurant for dinner with a short walk by land and accessible by water. They were able to seat 14 of us for dinner which we all enjoyed.

Sunday morning we relaxed at the docks waiting for the wind to pick up. The afternoon sail home was almost like summer, good winds with no fog, and a great downwind ride back to the east bay.

Membership

Membership renewal notices have been sent to all the past members. We have received several renewals and some new member applications and are now up to 14 boats in the fleet. There are still many of you that we have not heard from yet. If you have not returned the renewal with your 2007 dues already, please sit down and do it today.

We have new burgees available. If yours is worn and tattered, and in need of replacement, send a check for \$25 to our treasurer Mary Ann Herman for a replacement. We will also carry some on our boat to be available on cruises.

New Members: We have 2 new boats join the fleet since the last newsletter. David and Alicia Richman from Mill Valley joined in late February. They keep their boat *Lely* at Clipper Yacht Harbor in Sausalito. Greg and Leslie Thornton are also from Mill Valley and keep *Refuge* at Clipper Yacht Harbor. We welcome them to the fleet and hope to see them soon out on the water.

Website

We need to start posting pictures from our cruises. If you come home with good pictures from our cruises they can be sent to Royal for posting on the web.

Newsletter

Articles of interest to the fleet can be emailed to Chuck Herman to be included in the newsletter. To publish by the 1st, I would need the articles by the 25th of the month.

Cruise Planning

See the last page of the newsletter for the complete cruise schedule for 2007. We are still looking for Cruise Captains for future cruises. Please take a look at the schedule and contact Kelvin if you can volunteer for leading one of them. It does not take much time to organize a cruise, just make a few phone calls, check the tide tables and send out a cruise notice.

If you want to take the fleet somewhere that is not on the schedule let Kelvin know and we can see about making changes.

Calendar

April 28-29 we are going to Benicia. This is always a fun place to visit and seems to be one of the more popular cruising destinations in the area. We will be leaving Alameda around 9:00 AM on Saturday to arrive in Benicia around 3:00 PM. Some may go to Paradise Cove Friday evening and leave from there.

We have talked about a friendly race from the center span of the Richmond Bridge to the Carquinez Bridge. This would be for bragging rights for the spring 2007 San Pablo Passage. We should be at the Richmond Bridge around 11:00 AM to start. This will be a self timed event. Those traveling as a group can organize a multi boat start over the radio as they approach the bridge if they want.

We will be planning to go out for dinner in town Saturday night. Contact Chuck Herman if you plan to go on this cruise.

May 26 to 28 we will be going to Drakes Bay for Memorial Day weekend. The plan is to head for Drakes Bay on Saturday, spending Sunday exploring the area and returning home on Monday. Depending on the weather conditions, we can go out to the Faralone Islands or head up the coastline. The tides are against us going out the Gate on Saturday morning, so we will need to find the tide line to avoid the worst of the current. The return trip on Monday will also be against the current. We will need to plan more travel time, or plan to leave later in the morning.

If the weather tells us to stay inside the Gate our backup plan will be a trip up the Napa River.

June 23-24

Come celebrate the Summer Solstice in Petaluma. The turning basin has been dredged last fall, the city is making upgrades to the docks and the currents should be good for a trip up the river. Old Town Petaluma is always a fun place to explore.

As we get closer to these dates we will send out individual cruise notifications with more details. If you are interested in going on any of these cruises please let Kelvin or Chuck know.

Other Activities

Kame Richards will be at the Bay Model on Saturday, May 12 presenting "How the tides work for you". This is a slide show (high altitude photos of SF bay) and talk by Kame in the auditorium, followed by demo on the Bay Model in action. Cruisers, racers, and recreational boaters will see and learn how the waters move on San Francisco Bay. There is a \$15 donation requested. Contact Jim (jimtantillo@worldnet.att.net) or call 408-263-7877 to make reservations.

KaBoom - Free KFOG KaBoom Concert and Fireworks Show off Piers 30/32. See www.kfog.com for details. This is a popular event to enjoy on your boat. With a group or by yourself, don't miss this event. We went for the first time last year, and started planning to go again as soon as it was over. There are many locations to choose from to anchor for the day, have a good barbeque and watch the best fireworks show of the year. We will send out plans for this one day event the week prior to the event.

Catalina Island for the Catalina Rendezvous July 13-15

If you are interested in going to Catalina Island the week before the Rendezvous, contact Roger Frizzelle at Farallone Yachts. He is organizing a group to travel together down the coast, attend the Rendezvous at the Isthmus and then you can make your own plans of where to go from there.

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C-36 Fleet 9 2007 Schedule

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Month	Date	Cruise Destination	Cruise Captain	Attended
JAN	13-14	Angel Island	Chuck Herman	<i>Athena, Champagne, Migration, Perseverance</i>
FEB	10-11	Presidio Yacht Club / Whale Watching	Kelvin Phillips	Postponed
MAR	17-18	Sausalito / Bay Model	Kelvin Phillips	<i>Anna Saleen, Athena, Champagne, Migration, Perseverance</i>
APR	28-29	Benicia	Chuck Herman	
MAY	26 to 28	Drakes Bay	Chuck Herman	
JUN	23-24	Petaluma	Chuck Herman	<i>Summer Sailstice</i>
JUL	28-29	Paradise Cove		
AUG	18-19	San Rafael Yacht Club		
SEP	1 to 3	Half Moon Bay (Pillar Pt)		<i>Labor Day</i>
	15-16	China Camp		
OCT	6-7			<i>Fleet Week</i>
	13-14	Angel Island		<i>Catalina Rally</i>
	20-21			
	27-28			
NOV	10-11	Annual Meeting		
DEC	1-2	Estuary Lighted Boat Parade		

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