

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
April 2008



Last Month's Activities

March Cruise

The March cruise destination was Angel Island on Mar 15-16. *Athena*, *Gone With The Wind*, *Margaret Jean* and *Migration* met at Ayala Cove Saturday afternoon at low tide, a minus 0.2 feet. This was not a good time to try to pick up a mooring in Ayala Cove. The outer most moorings were the only ones with enough water to keep us floating. *Margaret Jean* tried to tie up in the second inside row and spent a few hours with the keel stuck in the mud. It does seem like the mooring field is shoaling. Once we got settled we had a good afternoon and got together for Dinner on *Migration*.

Late Saturday afternoon the wind picked up from the north, making for a pretty uncomfortable night. Sunday morning the wind was still blowing from the San Rafael Bridge straight into Ayala Cove. We decided to skip the morning hike on the island and headed out early to get in some good sailing while the wind was up.

Diesel Operation and Maintenance Seminar

The **Diesel Seminar** was held on March 22 at Encinal YC. Marine/aircraft mechanic Jason Morison again gave an excellent presentation again this year. There were 21 people in attendance and everyone came away with a better understanding of how our engines operate.



April Cruise #1

The first cruise of April is already completed. Jeff and Mary on lead us on a trip up the east bay to the Brothers, ending at Schoonmaker Point Marina in Sausalito. *Refuge*, *Gone With The Wind* and *Perseverance* made the tour of the east bay. *Migration* got a late start and joined them in Sausalito late Saturday afternoon. As usual we had a great time Saturday night, with Dinner on *Perseverance*. Sunday morning we had a nice walk along the waterfront and a wonderful sail home.

Cruise Planning

We still need cruise captains to volunteer to lead some of our cruises. Please contact Kelvin if you can spare a few hours to organize and lead us on one of our cruises. The calendar for the second half of the year still needs to be planned. If we have enough boats at China Camp we will try to set some more dates for this summer.

Calendar

April 26-27 China Camp

We will plan to head up the east bay into San Pablo Bay for some sailing on Saturday. If we can get together on the water, who knows what will happen with multiple boats headed in the same direction. Once we finish sailing and get settled at China Camp there are a number of options. The China Camp Park and Museum is always interesting to visit, as well as nearby McNears Beach. Bob Hayes has also volunteered to lead us on a dinghy trip up the slough that is just north of Rat Rock. This is a new destination for me and I am looking forward to doing some exploring.

More details to follow shortly...

Memorial Day Weekend

As usual we plan to go to Drakes Bay for the 3 day weekend, weather permitting. For those who are ready for a long day on the water, the Faralone Islands are a good mark to round before heading north to Drakes. We did this trip in 10 hours from Alameda a few years ago. Others may just want to head up the coast, enjoying the coastal scenery along the way, but this route may be looking at a lot of motoring head to wind.

Again this year, if the weather offshore looks unfavorable we will plan to head up the Napa River for the weekend. We had a great sail in both directions last year, and found a real nice spot in the river to anchor out for a couple days.

Electronics Seminar – Date TBD

We have an offer from Star Electronics for a seminar on GPS, radar or whatever electronics related subject we desire. If you are interested in something like this, please contact Kelvin Philips with your desired subject.

Membership

Membership renewals for 2008 are now due. Please send in your \$25 membership fee to Mary Ann Herman. The mailing address can be found on the application page on Fleet 9 website. If any of your information has changed, please complete the application and send it along with your check.

Burgees are available to request by mail. If yours is in need of replacement, send a check for \$25 to our treasurer Mary Ann Herman for a new one. We also have them available on *Migration* so you can pick one up when you see us.

C-36 Fleet 9 2008S schedule

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Month	Date	Cruise Destination	Cruise Captain	
JAN	26-27	Angel Island	Chuck Herman	<i>Postponed</i>
FEB	16-17-18	Presidio YC – Whale Watching	Kelvin Philips	<i>President's Day Weekend</i>
MAR	15-16	Angel Island	Chuck Herman	
	22	Diesel Seminar	Jeff Berman	
APR	5-6	Schoonmaker Point Marina	Jeff Berman	
	26-27	China Camp	Bob Hayes	
MAY	24-25-26	Drakes Bay / Napa River	Karl Livengood	<i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>
JUN	14-15	Napa River, if we do Drakes Bay in May		

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