



Cruise Report – March 28-29

When the 40-50 knot winds started while anchored in Richardson's Bay sleeping proved impossible. This became apparent to four of our member boats as the winds rose after 2 am on Sunday morning. The rigging howled and soon a nasty chop developed causing boats to drag. This strong wind lasted about 45 minutes, which seemed forever as events unfolded

"Athena" with Dennis Garrison and Kelvin Phillips aboard were struck by a dragging Catalina 40 causing damage to the bow pulpit and the starboard forward rub rail that now has the appearance of large lips as the metal holder of the rub rail bent up while the rubber rub rail sags downward. The dragging 40 footer's rudder was hooked on Athena's anchor rode so to limit further damage the Dennis cut the rode and Athena motored over to take a mooring buoy off the Sausalito Yacht Club.

A beautiful morning enabled the two boats involved to raft together where details were exchanged. As Athena motored toward Raccoon Straits, its motor overheated so the Catalina 40 towed Kelvin and Dennis while the raw water intake screen was cleared.

"Migration" with Chuck and Mary Ann Herman aboard dragged and had their rudder catch on the anchor rode of a Catalina 27 behind them in which nobody was aboard. Starting his engine and trying to back away did not work since Migration's anchor had now reset with the rode under the Catalina 27. While Chuck was attempting to pull up the stern ladder, he slipped off the stern, but was able to grab the Life Sling line and pull himself toward the boat where Mary Ann helped pulled him up the ladder, all of course without a life jacket on. I forgot to mention that the prop was also spinning in reverse. Perhaps, we all can take a deep breath and be thankful that we still have "our" Chuck! Cutting the anchor rode was the next step followed a by return to their slip in Alameda in the middle of the night. Coming back in the morning, they found the nylon rode without the chain and anchor, but did retrieve the Life Sling, which had wrapped on the 27's anchor line. Migration suffered gel coat damage on the port side and a dent in the stern pulpit in addition to the loss of the chain and anchor.

"JoJo" with Betsy and I as crew, anchored just north of the Spinnaker Restaurant near the channel maker. We watched for a bright star through the V-berth hatch as a reference point since the boat was hobby horsing in the waves and slewing side to side as the winds gusted. We found in the morning that JoJo had dragged in a

straight line to a position opposite the restaurant about 100 feet from our anchoring location. Fortunately, there were no boats behind us and we did stop moving. After daylight we looked for our friends finding only Gone With The Wind with skipper Bob Hayes and friends Tony and Jodie were in the same spot. It is ironic since it took Bob 4 tries to finally set his anchor, but he obviously found a “sweet spot” on the bottom. Ready to leave we found that our anchor would not come up and that the new chain had jammed the gypsy on our new windlass. It seems that the strain on the chain caused it to hockle stopping the windlass and which now only emitted clicks when activated.

Once the jam was removed the windlass worked, but stalled since the anchor was still stuck. Backing off and running the boat to the side of the anchor worked to free us, but up came a 3 foot long piece of metal that may have been part of a sunken metal boat, wedged in the anchor. So we got off lightly!!

Lessons learned: when high winds are predicted in the ocean, their effects will also be felt in the Bay; in storm conditions put on lifejackets; have a buoy ready in case the anchor line must be cut; and be sure to knock on wood!!

April 24.25,26 Cruise

The April Cruise is to the Corinthian Yacht Club moorings on the west side of the Club between Tiburon and Belvedere Island. It is OK to arrive on Friday Evening if you wish. Kelvin Phillips is the Cruise Captain and will host a cocktails on his boat ATHENA on Saturday Night. Dinner out is an option with either the Yacht Club restaurant or a restaurant downtown are possibilities. If you plan to attend email: kelvinaphillips@yahoo.com or phone Kelvin at 408-476-8080.

Kelvin will be temporarily replacing me as Fleet Captain, since Betsy and I are leaving for our canal cruiser in Holland on April 18- August 4. General questions about Fleet 9 should be addressed to Kelvin.

All Catalina Rendezvous will be held at Marina Bay May 30 & 31. Details are listed in the three pages below.

C-36 Fleet 9 2009 Schedule

Month	Date	Cruise Destination	Cruise Captain	
MAR	28,29	Whale Watching	Karl Livengood	See details in Newsletter
APR	24,25,26	Corinthian Yacht Club Moorings	Kelvin Phillips	Short dinghy ride to downtown Tiburon
MAY	23,24,25	Petaluma River	Chuck Herman	Memorial Day Weekend
MAY	30-31	Rendezvous Marina Bay	Kelvin Phillips	All Catalina Boats
JUN		China Camp	Bob Hayes	
JUL	11-12	Giants Game/ South Beach Marina	Chuck Herman	Reservations are essential
AUG	15,16,17	Bodega Bay	Dennis Garrison	
AUG -SEP	5,6,7	Half Moon Bay	Dennis Garrison	Labor Day Weekend
OCT	11-12	San Leandro Marina		
NOV	21-22	Marina Bay	Karl Livengood	Annual Dinner at Salute Restaurant

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