

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
August 2007



Cruise Report

July's cruise was planned as an anchor out at Paradise Cove. We don't know if anyone made it out for this cruise, but if they did it was a great weekend to be out on the bay.

August's cruise to San Rafael Yacht Club is in 2 weeks. Here is a picture from last year; we had 3 in the picture and one more around the corner. There is room for many more, come join us August 18-19. See calendar section for more information.



August 2006 – San Rafael YC

Membership

There are 2 new members who joined the fleet in July. The fleet now has 22 member boats.

Robert and Diane Stephens from Pleasanton are former members who have rejoined the fleet, sailing *Stray Cat 2* out of Marina Village.

Herschell and Michelle Epperson live in Folsom and sail *Valhanna* out of Berkley.

We want to welcome these new members to the fleet and hope to see them out on the water with us soon.

Burgees are available to request by mail, so if yours is worn and tattered, and 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 the water from *Migration* and *Perseverance*.

Website

We have sent our pictures from this year's cruises to be added to the website. If you come home with good pictures from our cruises, please forward them 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. Volunteers for Cruise Captains are always welcome. 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

August 18-19

August's cruise will be to San Rafael Yacht Club. Come explore the San Rafael Creek and join SRYC for their "Back from the Delta" Luau. The Luau will be \$20.00 per person, I will send out a complete cruise notice next week. We are hoping for a good turnout on this cruise. For the new members / new boat owners, this is a great destination to get to, as well as a good opportunity to meet the rest of the members. This was a great trip last year, with a few hours of good sailing up past the Richmond Bridge; ending with a trip up the San Rafael Creek. This is a unique area of the bay that is best seen from the water.

We will need to let SRYC know the boat and head count the week before the trip so they can be ready for us. Let Chuck know if you will be able to go on this cruise.

September 1-3 (Labor Day Weekend)

This is our annual trip to Half Moon Bay. Sail down Saturday, spend Sunday relaxing and exploring HMB and return home on Sunday. This has been a well attended cruise in the past, and is a good opportunity to head out the Gate with a group. As we did last year, we will have a Fleet 9 planning meeting for 2008 on Sunday. We will be sending out a complete cruise announcement by Mid-August.

September 22-23

Please note the date change for this cruise. Come up and anchor out at China Camp, dinghy to shore and explore the park. We should anchor separately, but can dinghy to a central boat to have dinner together on Saturday night.

October 13-14

October's Catalina Rally at Angel Island has been canceled, this is the message we received from the C34 fleet who host this event.

"I am sad to inform you all that our 10th Annual Catalina Rendezvous on San Francisco Bay, scheduled for October 13 and 14 is officially cancelled for this year. Please tell your fleet members and anybody else around you with an interest in the event that it will not be happening until 2008.

This unfortunate outcome follows numerous discussions with the California Park Service leaders at Angel Island. The "new and improved" mooring ball configuration at Ayala Cove (some broken as I write this) together with the new mooring ball boat limit policies will keep the cove from safely accommodating a group of our size. I guess our past success has a down side. I will cancel our beautiful shore side picnic site and get our money back.

By the time the Ayala Cove issues were sorted out, we were unable to book space at the Encinal YC as a backup. You will recall that the EYC is the only club in the Bay big enough for our group. Potential area anchoring sites were carefully considered, but skill and liability issues foreclosed these as well.

None of us want this to end our Rendezvous event. Accordingly, I have tentatively booked the Encinal YC for our 10th Rendezvous next year. The dates are October 11 and 12, 2008. Please make a note of the 2008 dates for your Fleet activity calendars and pass the word along. I will recontact each of you early next year to start the planning process to have our best ever 10th Rendezvous."

So we have come up with a couple options for that weekend.

Option 1 is to go to Ayala Cove anyways and have a picnic on Angel Island. We could invite other Catalina Fleets to join us as an informal non-event. If we get enough boats to go on Friday and secure moorings, we can then raft up the Saturday arrivals if there are not enough single moorings left. We went in June with another club and had no problem getting 9 boats on single moorings.

Option 2 is to try a trip to Drakes Bay. October would be a good time of the year to try this, with the inside the bay option being Angel Island. This could be planned as a 3 day event, giving us a day up there to explore, if there was enough interest.

Angel Island, Drakes Bay, or any other destination you would like to go to?
Let Chuck or Kelvin know if you have a preference, or another suggestion.

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

Migration to Monterey

Migration is planning to spend a week on Monterey Bay, departing August 25, and ending up at Half Moon Bay for the Labor Day weekend cruise. If you are interested in going down the coast with us contact me at chas_herman@yahoo.com

If you have a trip planned that others might enjoy going along, send them to Chuck so they can be included in the next Fleet 9 Newsletter.

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	<i>Any Day Now, Athena, Jammin', Migration</i>
MAY	26 to 28	Napa River	Richard Webber	<i>Any Day Now, Champagne, Perseverance, Migration</i>
JUN	23-24	Petaluma	Chuck Herman	<i>Athena, Migration</i>
JUL	21-22	Plastic Classic Regatta		
	28-29	Paradise Cove		
AUG	18-19	<i>San Rafael Yacht Club "Back from the Delta Luau"</i>	Chuck Herman	
SEP	1 to 3	Half Moon Bay (Pillar Pt)		<i>Labor Day</i>
	22-23	China Camp		
OCT	6-7			<i>Fleet Week</i>
	13-14	Angel Island or Drakes Bay		
NOV	10-11	Annual Meeting		
DEC	1-2	Estuary Lighted Boat Parade		

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