

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
August 2008



Aquatic Park

On the weekend of July 12-13 *Gone with the Wind* and *Migration* met at San Francisco's Aquatic Park. For both of us this was the first time anchoring in this location. *Migration* arrived first, anchoring on the west side towards the beach. Later in the afternoon *Gone with the Wind* arrived and we rafted the boats together. After a while with the two boats rafted together we found that we had moved about 20 feet backwards and set a second anchor to stop the movement. This worked fine until the evening when the wind dropped and the tidal current changed direction. As the boats started to spin, we agreed that one anchor would be good for the night and retrieved Bob's anchor. I don't know if we just needed those additional 20 feet that we drug to firmly set the anchor, but we held through the night. When leaving on Sunday we spent quite a while working the anchor loose from the bottom.

While there we did take the dinghy to shore and left it on the beach while walking the dog. We always kept the dinghy in sight, so didn't walk far. At the east end of the beach there are dock pilings that are out of the water that could be used with a cable to lock your dinghy up for a short while. With the volume of unrestricted pedestrian traffic in the area I was a little nervous about the dinghy parking. There are also the docks at the west end of the cove that might be usable. This looked like a sea scout or other youth facility. I did not check with them to see if their docks were available during the day, and saw no secure options for the evening.

This anchorage is a little windy in the afternoon and a little roly from the wind waves and traffic out on the bay. This is not too bad if you are relaxing behind the dodger, reading and watching the people in the water and along the shore. At night the wind slows down and the water stabilizes until a tug or freighter passes by. We were woken up a few times in the middle of the night by waves that pass through the sea wall.

This is an enjoyable location to spend a few hours in the afternoon and have lunch or to stay for the night if you don't mind being woken up a few times. The shore side access is not secure, so I would recommend going to one of the marinas or yacht clubs if you want to go into town. Also for those of us in Alameda it is 1:30 closer to the Gate. We can go there on Friday evening and be that much closer if we want to go out the gate early on a Saturday.

Cruise Planning

August (15) 16-17 We will be going up the Petaluma River to the Petaluma turning basin. This is another fun river trip that offers good sailing to get to the river, and the chance to sail down river on the trip home on Sunday morning.

For those of us from Alameda this is a 7 hour trip, or for reference from other locations it's 4 hours from China Camp. This is a nice destination to go up on Friday, spend the whole day Saturday in Petaluma, and then return on Sunday. So far there are 2 boats that I know of that are planning to make this a 3 day weekend and go up river on Friday.

If you can only go on Saturday and Sunday you will need to depart early on Saturday to be able to get there by mid afternoon. Another option to think about is to anchor out at China Camp on Friday night to take 3 hours off the trip on Saturday. If you leave China Camp by 8:00 AM you can be in the turning basin by noon.

Sunday morning we will plan to head for home early to try to be out of the channel in San Pablo Bay before the wind picks up.

Please let me know if you plan to go on this cruise, and if you are going Friday or Saturday.

Labor Day Weekend we will be going to Half Moon Bay, via the Faralone Islands. I would think that we will have boats that do the Faralones and some that will follow the coast to HMB. This is always a fun trip; we will have more details shortly. If you would like to lead this cruise let Kelvin know.

Mid September we have a couple of options. For a destination close to home we have Angel Island. For those who want to take a longer trip, this is a great time of the year to take a trip down the coast to Santa Cruz and Monterey.

October 10-11 We have a couple options to choose from and need to make a decision soon.

The 2008 edition of the Catalina Rendezvous will be held at Encinal YC. The C34 fleet is again organizing this event and we need to let them know if any of us will be attending or want to participate in the organization activities. They have a planning meeting on Aug 14 @ OYC for anyone who wants to help with the organization of this event. Is there any interest in going to the rally this year?

We have made reservations at Benicia marina for the weekend. Mary Ann and I were just there for 2 nights last weekend and enjoyed our time there.

I need feedback from you if you have a preference for either destination. If we do the Rally I can see about rescheduling the trip to Benicia to some other time.

Membership:

Anyone wishing to become a member of Fleet 9, 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 you are renewing your membership and 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



August 06, 2008

| 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 | Napa River | Karl Livengood | <i>Memorial Day Weekend</i> |
| JUN | | | | |
| JUL | 11-12 | Aquatic Park | Chuck Herman | |
| AUG | 15/16-17 | Petaluma | Chuck Herman | |
| AUG-SEP | 30-31-01 | Half Moon Bay via the Faralone Islands | ??? | <i>Labor Day Weekend</i> |
| | 13-14 | Angel Island | Kelvin Philips | |
| | ??? | Santa Cruz - Monterey | ??? | |
| OCT | 11-12 | Catalina Rally or Benicia | ??? | |

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