

*Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter*  
February 2007



The month of January gave us some real cold temperatures and very little rain. This is unusual for this time of the year, and it gave us time to use our boats while in other areas of the country people are waiting for the ice to melt. We live in a great area of the country where we can use our boats year round.

This time of the year is also a good time to do an annual inspection and maintenance. When the weather gets warmer you will have the maintenance worries behind you and can enjoy more time using your boat.

We now have one cruise under our belts and have accomplished a number of things in the last month.

**January Cruise Report**



Our first cruise of the year to Angel Island was a resounding success. We had clear skies and comfortable daytime temperatures. This was also during the coldest nighttime temperatures of the winter. We had our heater buddies working hard after the sun went down, but were quite comfortable inside our cabins. Sunday morning we heard it was 24 degrees at home, so the low 40's on the water seemed like a good choice.

We had 4 boats in Ayala Cove for this outing. We were first to arrive on *Migration*, even with a cross current we managed to do a text book pick up of two mooring buoys. Of course this only happens when there are no witnesses. Later in the afternoon Kelvin and Lori with 2 of their kids arrived on *Athena*, followed by Richard, Francine and their 2 girls on *Champagne* and Jeff and Mary on *Perseverance*.

We all commented on how it felt good to be out on our boats together again. Shortly after the shade reached the boats we moved inside for cocktails and appetizers. Jeff brought 5 gallons of propane for his heater buddy, so we agreed to meet on *Perseverance* for happy hour. When the appetizers were gone we went to our own boats to cook dinner, returning to *Perseverance* for a shared dinner buffet.



Sunday morning most of us headed to shore for a hike to the East Garrison. We spent some time exploring the buildings with the kids and ended up continuing around the island. We had a great time, the views of the island and surroundings were breathtaking. All agreed that it was a great weekend and that we couldn't wait to do it again in February.

Also of interest at Angel Island, we have also heard that the new moorings in Ayala Cove are now schedule to be installed in February. The anchors had been back ordered, but have finally been received. It will be good to see this long awaited project get completed. We will all benefit from better moorings that don't move.

### **Membership**

You should have received a letter from C36IA promoting Fleet 9. This was sent to a list of ~ 100 C36 boat owners that we found are in the Bay area. C36IA helped Mary to complete the list and did the mailing at no cost to Fleet 9. Now we wait for the new member applications to fill the mail box.

We have sent out membership renewal notices to all the past members. We have had a few returned in the last couple weeks, but there are still many that we have not heard from. If you have not returned the renewal with your 2007 dues already, please sit down and do it today.

New burgees have finally been received. Those who have ordered one with your 2007 membership will have one in the mail shortly. 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 Member:** There is one new member who has joined this month. Jim Stocks from Santa Rosa has #43, a 1983 model that he keeps in Brickyard Cove.

### **Website**

We are having difficulty coordinating schedules to get the web duties handed off and hope to have the changes implemented soon. We will let you know when you can start looking for new information postings on the website.

### **Newsletter**

I would welcome articles from anyone to be included in the newsletter. To publish by the 1<sup>st</sup>, I would need the articles by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. If someone would like to take on the job of newsletter publisher please let me know.

### **Cruise Planning**

We have added a Memorial Day weekend cruise to Drakes Bay. We are looking for a Cruise Captain for this and future cruises. If you want to take the fleet somewhere, contact Kelvin about getting it on the calendar. It does not take much time to organize a cruise. Its fun to get something special organized and share the event with others. If there is somewhere you would like to go, please let us know. This is your club, we need your support to keep it going.

### **Calendar**

**February 10-11**, Kelvin has planned a cruise to Presidio Yacht Club at Horseshoe Cove near the Golden Gate. Saturday morning we plan to head out the gate early for some whale watching. Gray whales are heading to warmer waters and there was a pod of 15 killer whales recently sighted between SF and the Faralone Islands. The tides are good for this, but as always we'll see what the weather looks like before we decide to take the ride out the gate. For those who want, we will have slips at Presidio on Friday to make the early Saturday start easier, or you can get up real early and head out from your marina Saturday morning. Saturday night the Presidio Yacht Club will be having a crab feed. This is always well attended, so we will need to make reservations by this Friday (Feb 2) for the dinner. Please contact Kelvin for slip and dinner reservations if you plan to go on this cruise.

**March 17-18** we will be going to the Bay Model. Kelvin has arranged for a guided tour at 2:00 PM on Saturday. We will be going to Schoonmaker Point Marina. This is a few blocks from the Bay Model and we can either plan Saturday dinner on the boats or find a restaurant within a reasonable walking distance from the marina. This is St. Patrick's Day, so we will be looking to celebrate accordingly. Contact Kelvin if you plan to attend this cruise.

**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. The last time the Fleet went there we made it a 3 day weekend, going up on Friday, relaxing on Saturday and

returning on Sunday. We discussed this at Angel Island and those who were there were going to make it a 2 day trip. Please let me know if you are interested in going up on Friday. I could be easily talked into making it a 3 day weekend again. We have made reservations for Friday and Saturday night, and I want to let the harbormaster know how many boats to expect. 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 preliminary plan has us going to Drakes Bay on Saturday, spending Sunday exploring the area and returning home on Monday. If the weather tells us to stay inside the Gate our backup plan will be a trip up the river to Napa.

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 me know.

We are working on more cruises for the rest of the year and will publish a complete calendar when we have more dates confirmed.

### **Other Activities**

Kame Richards will be at the Bay Model 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. This is open to the public and as of now there are 2 confirmed dates.

**Saturday, February 24, at 13:00 hours.** For reservations email Celeste Mirassou at cymirassou@yahoo.com or call 415-383-6980

**Tuesday, March 20, at 19:00 hours.** For reservations email The Harbor Shop at info@harborshop.com or call 415-331-6008

Saturday, May 12 is a possible third date for this presentation, to be decided after the February event.

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We also have talked about incorporating skill enhancement days into the schedule. On the list of possible activities are a class in diesel engine maintenance and operation, close quarter maneuvering, navigation and safety, and MOB recovery training. We will add these to the calendar as they are firmed up. Let me know if you are interested in any of these topics, and if you want to volunteer to organize one of these.

We look forward to an exciting 2007 and welcome any of the 36ers in the Bay area to come out with us.

### **Board Members**

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