

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
February 2008



January Cruise

We believed the weather forecast and canceled the cruise to Angel Island. During the week leading up to the cruise the chance of rain on Saturday went from 40 to 60 to 80 percent, then Saturday morning dropped to 20%. One of our former members did go to Angel, had a dry day on Saturday, saw rain at night and woke to overcast skies and no rain on Sunday, and had a good weekend.

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. Please let us know if you have a destination that we should be taking the fleet to.

Calendar

February 15-18

We are heading to Presidio Yacht Club on Friday and out the Gate for some whale watching. This trip was canceled last year due to weather, but if we are to believe the current forecast this year, we should have favorable weather.

We plan to head out the Gate between 8 and 9 AM on Saturday morning. Those who can't make it to Presidio on Friday can get an early start Saturday and meet up with us at the bridge. Slack current is at 8:36 AM, with a 4.6 knot ebb at 12:07 PM. If we get out before the ebb gets going too fast we should have a pretty smooth ride out. The next slack is at 4:18 PM, so we can plan to head back in late in the afternoon and catch the tide change.

We will stay at Presidio YC on Saturday night, and spend Sunday in Sausalito. Those who don't have Monday off can head home on Sunday. Those of us with a 3 day weekend can stay Sunday night at Presidio.

March

Diesel Seminar proposed for March 8 or 22. We have contacted one of the mechanics who previously presented a class on diesel engine operation and maintenance. This was well attended in the past and everyone came away with a better understanding of what makes our iron genoa run. Since this takes a lot of preparation, we need to have a minimum of 10 people sign up to make this worth the effort. As of the last update I received, we have not received enough favorable responses to justify doing this event. If you have not responded yet, please reply to Jeff Berman if you want to attend on one of these dates.

March 15-16

We had planned to go to the Napa River for 3 days, which made sense at the time. Since it takes 7 hours to get to where we stayed last year, we wanted to make this a 3 day trip, planning Saturday to Monday. Looking at this trip now, we run the risk of cold, wet weather at this time of year. This destination is much more enjoyable with warm weather. If there has been heavy rain in the week prior to the cruise there would be high water from runoff, with lots of floating debris.

As a result of this we would like to reschedule Napa for later in the year, and since we missed out in January, change the March cruise destination to Angel Island for 2 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. If we have enough responses Kelvin will propose some dates and get this organized.

Kame Richards – Tides Talk

Kame is once again doing his popular Tides Talk presentation at the Bay Model. The dates are March 1 @ 12:00 and March 18 @ 19:00, and the cost is \$15.00. Please contact Jim Tantillo at jimtantillo@comcast.net or phone 408-263-7877 for reservations.

Membership

Membership renewals for 2008 are now due. Please send in the \$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.

As of now, we have only received renewals from 4 of last year's members. There are also 2 former members who have rejoined the fleet. We would like to welcome Kerry and Becky Roller, and Bob Hayes back to the fleet.

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.

Newsletter

Articles of interest to the fleet can be emailed to Chuck Herman to be included in the newsletter. Any input would be most appreciated. In order to publish by the 1st, I would need the articles by the 25th of the month.

C-36 Fleet 9 2008S schedule

February 10, 2008



| Month | Date | Cruise Destination | Cruise Captain | |
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| 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 | | |
| | TBD | Diesel Seminar | Jeff Berman | |
| APR | 5-6 | Oyster Cove YC | Jeff Berman | |
| | 26-27 | China Camp | | |
| MAY | 24-25-26 | Drakes Bay / Napa | Karl Livengood | <i>Memorial Day Weekend</i> |
| JUN | 14-15 | Napa River, if we do Drakes Bay in May | | |

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