

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
July 2007



June Cruise Report

This is our third summer with the fleet, and we have found that between summer vacations, and the other summer activities everyone has, it is a challenge to get more than a couple of boats out on a cruise. The June cruise had only 2 boats, (*Athena* and *Migration*), that were able to make the trip to Petaluma. We have been the only boat on a cruise in the past, so considered 2 boats out on a summer cruise a good turnout.



We left Alameda around 9AM and started sailing in light winds at the end of the Berkley Pier around 10AM. We were a little ahead of *Athena* who was motoring out from Emeryville. When *Athena* caught up to us they hoisted their sails and we had a nice sail to the entrance of the Petaluma River channel. It was 1:30 PM, the wind was getting pretty light, and we agreed that it was time to use the iron genoas to keep the speed up.

Once we reached entrance to the river, it is just like being up in the delta, in only 5 hours instead of 12. The inland river is deeper than the channel approach in San Pablo Bay. You just have to watch the depth on the inside of the turns of the river, stay more than 15 feet from the bank on the rest of the river, and you should have no problems.



We called the bridge tender to let him know we were a little behind schedule, which was not a problem. Once we reached the Petaluma municipal marina and went under the 101 bridge we called the bridge tender again. From there it is ~ 10 minutes to the 9th Street Bridge. When we got up to the bridge we slowed up a little, but didn't have to wait. We were the last boats to arrive at the turning basin for the day. There was about 80 feet of dock space left, so we were both able to side tie to the dock.

The city has made improvements to the docks since our last trip there in August-06. The turning basin has been dredged, the docks have been resurfaced, and there were lots of power outlets that all seemed to work. They have also installed gates at both dock ramps. They were not in use yet and were tied open, but there were number locks on the gates that I suspect will be used to control access to the docks at night.

Once we got settled at the dock we took the dog for a walk into town, looking for a restaurant to make reservations for dinner. We found the family style Italian restaurant on Washington Street that we had gone to last August, and since it had been so good last summer we made reservations there.

After returning to the docks we joined Kelvin and Lori on *Athena* for drinks and appetizers. We then had about a 10 minute walk to the restaurant, were seated right away and were just outside of the bar. This was a great location; we could talk and hear the live band (2 accordions) in the background.

Sunday we got up early (for a Sunday), had breakfast on the boat and were ready with a total of 7 sailboats for the bridge opening at 9AM. After about an hour we were able to roll out the jib and motor sail down the river with a tail wind. As we got close to San Pablo Bay the wind started to turn around, and as usual was on the nose all the way out



the channel. Once we were to the Brothers the wind was from the southwest and we ended up sailing to Angel Island, motoring past the east side of the island, then sailing through the slot in only 18 to 20 knots of wind. This was quite a pleasant trip across to Treasure Island compared to what it usually is in the afternoon.

This is a long trip to do in 2 days, it would be nice to be able to go up on Friday, spend Saturday there, and return home on Sunday. For those who want to take this trip on their own, here are the times to plan for this trip. Alameda to Petaluma channel marker 1 is ~ 4 hours. From channel marker 1 to the Petaluma turning basin it is another 3 hours at 5 knots.

If you want to go on your own you need to contact the Petaluma Visitors Center to make reservations for dock space, and give the 9th Street Bridge Tender 24 hours advance notice of your estimated arrival time.

Membership

There were no new members joining the fleet in June, we are still at 20 member boats.

We have new burgees available. 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. Both *Migration* and *Perseverance* have extras onboard so they are available on cruises.

Website

We need to start posting pictures from our cruises. If you come home with good pictures from our cruises they can be sent 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

July 21-22

This is being planned quite late, but it was brought to our attention that the Catalina 36 design is now 25 years old and qualifies for the Plastic Classic Regatta this year. This is a fun race with after race activities at Bay View YC. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to sign up.

July 28-29

This cruise needs a captain to volunteer to lead it. We have penciled in Paradise Cove, but this is open to whoever organizes the cruise.

August 18-19

Come explore the San Rafael Creek and join us at San Rafael Yacht Club. This was a great trip last year, with a few hours of good sailing both ways and the trip up San Rafael Creek is quite interesting.

This is also the weekend of SRYC's Back from the Delta Luau party on Saturday night. We have been invited to join them for the Luau, details will be sent out as soon as we receive them. We will need to let them 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.

September 15-16 or 22-23

Come up and anchor out at China Camp, dinghy to shore and explore the park. This is scheduled for the weekend of Sept 15-16, just 2 weeks after Labor Day weekend. Would anyone prefer to go the following weekend, Sept 22-23? If you want to go let us know which weekend you would prefer.

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.

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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>
	15-16	China Camp		
OCT	6-7			<i>Fleet Week</i>
	13-14	Angel Island		<i>Catalina Rally</i>
NOV	10-11	Annual Meeting		
DEC	1-2	Estuary Lighted Boat Parade		

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