

*Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter*  
July 2008



**Memorial Day Weekend**

There were 9 boats that made the trip up the Napa River for the Memorial Day Weekend. Leading the cruise was *JoJo*, along with *Athena*, *Endless Summer*, *Migration*, *Penelope*, *Margaret Jean*, *Serendipity 2*, *Gone With The Wind*, *Journey*. Saturday morning started with a light drizzle which stopped as we met up at Red Rock. The wind was 10 to 15 most of the way through San Pablo. We had a great sail with all the boats sailing together. As we neared the Napa River the wind lightened and we started motoring in order to get to Napa by 4 PM. Two hours up the river from the Mare Island Causeway Bridge, we anchored in the river just south of the Napa Valley Yacht Club docks. Due to the current direction changing with the tides, we used 2 anchors to keep the boats aligned with the river. One boat dropped their bow anchor upriver, another dropped their bow anchor downriver, then both



backed together and rafted side by side, but bow to stern. This worked out well, allowing us to use our primary anchors for both current directions. We had 3 rafts of 2 boats and 1 raft of 3 boats, and there was still room for a few more. We all gathered on *JoJo* and *Serendipity 2* for appetizers and drinks that evening then went back to our boats and had dinner with our raft mates.

Just before noon on Sunday we took a short trip in the dinghies over to the YC docks. From there we walked about 6 blocks into town for lunch at the Market Place Restaurant. This is part of the river front redevelopment, which may have dinghy docks in place next year. We had 2 tables on the patio outside next to the river, good food and good company. After lunch we walked around town, and found many

places that we can go to on future cruises.

Sunday evening we all gathered for drinks and dinner on *Penelope*. It was a full boat with 19 people cooking and eating inside and in the cockpit. After dinner we talked about cruise destinations for the rest of 2008.



Monday morning we pulled anchors and headed down the river with the current. We hoped to ride the ebb all the way through San Pablo. Once we reached San Pablo there was more wind than we had on the trip up on Saturday. This made for a good sail, with a good workout tacking back down the bay, eventually needing to reef near China Camp.

For anyone planning to do this trip in the future, here are the approximate travel times we budgeted from Alameda for this trip.

Alameda to Richmond Bridge ~ 2 hours

Richmond Bridge to Mare Island Causeway Bridge ~ 3 hours

Mare Island Bridge to Napa ~ 2 hours

### **Cruise Planning**

**July 12-13** we are going to San Francisco's Aquatic Park and will take check out the activities on the ships of the Maritime Historical Park. Saturday is costumed living history day, a day in the life in 1901. There are various activities planned for the whole day on the different ships.

We plan to get there mid day on Saturday, enjoy the park in the afternoon and will plan to do dinner on the boats Saturday night. Sunday once the wind picks up we will plan to do some sailing around the bay.

**August 16-17** we will be going to Petaluma. This is another fun river trip that offers good sailing to get to the river, and the chance to sail down river on the home trip on Sunday morning. This is a 7 hour trip from Alameda and there are a number of options to get there. This is a nice destination to go up on Friday, spend Saturday in Petaluma, then return on Sunday. 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 is to anchor out at China Camp on Friday night to take 3 hours off the trip on 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 in next month's newsletter.

**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. This is the weekend of the Catalina Rally at Encinal YC. We have also made reservations at Benicia for that weekend. 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.

**Membership**

We currently have 15 paid members for 2008. If you haven't already done so, 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 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



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Month	Date	Cruise Destination	Cruise Captain	
<b>JAN</b>	26-27	Angel Island	Chuck Herman	<i>Postponed</i>
<b>FEB</b>	16-17-18	Presidio YC – Whale Watching	Kelvin Philips	<i>President's Day Weekend</i>
<b>MAR</b>	15-16	Angel Island	Chuck Herman	
	22	Diesel Seminar	Jeff Berman	
<b>APR</b>	5-6	Schoonmaker Point Marina	Jeff Berman	
	26-27	China Camp	Bob Hayes	
<b>MAY</b>	24-25-26	Napa River	Karl Livengood	<i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>
<b>JUN</b>				
<b>JUL</b>	11-12	Aquatic Park	Chuck Herman	
<b>AUG</b>	16-17	Petaluma	Kelvin Philips	
<b>AUG-SEP</b>	30-31-01	Half Moon Bay via the Faralone Islands	Chuck Herman	<i>Labor Day Weekend</i>
	13-14	Angel Island	Kelvin Philips	
	???	Santa Cruz - Monterey	???	
<b>OCT</b>	11-12	Catalina Rally or Benicia	???	

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