

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter

June 2007



May Cruise Report

The May cruise on Memorial Day weekend was attended by *Any Day Now*, *Champagne*, *Migration and Perseverance*. Also making the trip were guests of Jeff and Mary on *Jenny*, a 46 ft Nordhaven trawler.



The coastal weather forecast on Saturday morning had fog for the whole weekend, with winds increasing to 30 knots from the southwest by Monday. Let's see, cold, no sun, high winds and a possible lee shore versus warm, sunny and protected anchorage... the decision to go to the Napa River instead of Drakes Bay was an easy one to make.

We headed out to meet in the estuary around 9AM Saturday morning. There was good wind from Treasure Island all the

way up to Vallejo. We had a great sail through San Pablo Bay and up the Napa River to Vallejo. Three of us dropped our sails and motored at the Mare Island Bridge, while *Any Day Now* continued sailing most of the way up the river. We did find that the channel markers are only an approximation; you need to watch your depth carefully to make sure you are still in the channel.



It was quite windy on the river on Saturday. When we found a section of the river that was protected from the wind by a grove of trees, we didn't look much further, returning to drop our anchors for the evening. This turned out to be a good spot for the whole weekend.



Sunday morning we all slept in, and once the overcast had burned off and it was warm we headed up the river in our dinghies to visit Napa. We were 3 to 4 miles from town; with our little 2 horse

motor it took us almost an hour, while others with more power were there in much less time. The return trip took a little longer, into the wind and chop, which made for a wet ride back to our boats.

Sunday's happy hour was held on *Jenny*. We got the grand tour of a very nice power boat, capable of traveling the world (Dave and Mary's plan) without breaking the bank burning fuel. Maybe an option when we can't sail anymore...

After drinks and too many appetizers we agreed to plans for dinner, and returned to our boats to cook. All of us gathered on *Perseverance* to eat, 12 people in a 36 are a tight fit, but we made it work.



Sunday morning we retrieved our anchors and started moving down the river around 9AM so we could get through San Pablo bay before the afternoon winds kicked in. At the mouth of the Napa River we ran into a fairly strong flood tide. *Champagne* and *Perseverance* decided it was best to motor into the current while *Any Day Now* and *Migration* sailed on into the current. This was a great sail, but tacking into the flood did add quite a bit of time to the trip.

Membership

In May we had 1 new member join and 1 renewal to give us 20 boats in the fleet. If you have not returned the renewal with your 2007 dues already, please sit down and do it today.

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.

New Members:

Dean DeYoung and Jennai Lawson from Modesto are the new owners of *Endless Summer*, now berthed on Marina Village. We welcome them to the fleet and hope to see them soon out on the water.

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

June 23-24

Come celebrate the Summer Solstice in Petaluma. Old Town Petaluma is always a fun place to explore. The turning basin was dredged last fall, and the city is in the process of upgrading the docks. There will be a weak ebb current on Saturday that we may not even notice once we get to the river and on Sunday the current will be going on our direction. The trip details will be sent out soon.

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 sailing both ways and we had the Yacht Club almost to ourselves.

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

Catalina Island for the Catalina Rendezvous July 13-15

If you are interested in going to Catalina Island the week before the Rendezvous, contact Roger Frizzelle at Farallone Yachts. He is organizing a group to travel together down the coast, attend the Rendezvous at the Isthmus and then you can make your own plans of where to go from there.

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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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>Summer Sailstice</i>
JUL	28-29	Paradise Cove		
AUG	18-19	San Rafael Yacht Club		
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>
	20-21			
	27-28			
NOV	10-11	Annual Meeting		
DEC	1-2	Estuary Lighted Boat Parade		

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