

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
March 2007



Well February's weather sure was a change from last month. We are still behind normal rainfall for this time of year, but are getting closer to where we should be. There were 2 weekends with good boating weather, and 2 that were quite wet. After a great January cruise, Murphy's Law had us schedule the February cruise on the wettest weekend of the month. We ended up postponing the whale watching cruise for better weather.

Cruise Report

February was rained out, but we will try whale watching again on the May trip to Drakes Bay.

This month's trip to the Bay Model should be interesting and educational. We have enjoyed going there before, doing a self guided tour. The best way to experience the Model is with a docent who can explain what we are seeing. We have a guided tour setup for 2:00 PM on Saturday March 17. See the cruise calendar for additional details on this cruise.

Membership

Membership renewal notices have been sent to all the past members. We have received several renewals and some new member applications and are now up to 13 boats in the fleet. There are still many of you that we have not heard from yet. 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 replacement. We will also carry some on our boat to be available on cruises.

New Members: There are no official new members this month, but we have received emails from people who are interested in joining the Fleet.

Website

The website has been updated with current officers, contact info, 2007 calendar and next event page. We still 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.

The position of newsletter publisher is still available if someone wants to volunteer their talents.

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

March 17-18 We will be going to Sausalito, staying at Schoonmaker Point Marina and touring the Bay Model. Kelvin has arranged for a guided tour of the Bay Model at 2:00 PM on Saturday. 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 plan is to head for Drakes Bay on Saturday, spending Sunday exploring the area and returning home on Monday. Depending on the weather conditions, we can go out to the Faralone Islands or head up the coastline. The tides are against us going out the Gate on Saturday morning, so we will need to find the tide line to avoid the worst of the current. The return trip on Monday will also be against the current. We will need to plan more travel time, or plan to leave later in the morning.

If the weather tells us to stay inside the Gate our backup plan will be a trip up the river to Napa.

June 23-24

Summer Solstice in Petaluma??? The turning basin has been dredged last fall, the city is making upgrades to the docks and the currents should be good for a trip up the river. Old Town Petaluma is always a fun place to explore.

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.

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.

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 also a possible date for this presentation.

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.

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.

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