

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
May 2007



April Cruise Report

We had 4 boats go on the April cruise to Benicia, *Any Day Now*, *Athena*, *Jammin'*, and *Migration*. The trip up on Saturday morning started with good wind through the slot until we reached the shadow of Angel Island. We motored past Angel up to the Richmond Bridge with no wind to be found. We had hoped to have a friendly race starting from the Richmond Bridge, but with no wind we just kept motoring, all the way through San Pablo Bay. We finally saw 12 knots of wind following us just past the Carquinez Bridge and were able to sail the rest of the way to the Benicia Marina.



Upon arriving at the marina we found out that Saturday was the Benicia Cajun Mardi Gras Festival. We had missed the parade in the morning, but there was live Cajun music in the city park along with the usual food and craft booths.

Saturday evening we started with drinks and appetizers on the boats, then walked back into town to Captain Blythers for dinner. As usual the food there was very good and we all had a good time sharing stories around the dinner table.

Sunday morning we awoke to overcast skies and wind in the rigging. *Athena* left around 8AM as they had to be back early.

On the trip up on Saturday the shackle on *Jammin'*'s main halyard had the opened, dropping the sail, and leaving the halyard at the top of the mast. Jim Martin from *Any Day Now* had a climbing harness and volunteered



to climb the mast to retrieve the halyard. Once the lines were setup Jim went up the mast pretty easily. Compared to grinding someone up with a winch it looked like it took much less effort. Once the halyard was retrieved we belayed Jim back to the deck.

The 3 remaining boats headed out into the channel around noon, motor sailing into the wind until we had passed the Carquinez Bridge. Once we had more room to tack we shut down the iron genoa and had a great sail through San Pablo Bay with 15 to 18 knots of wind. The wind got light near San Rafael for long enough to justify taking the reef out of the main, then built up again for a nice sail through the easy bay. We should have learned by now to put the reef back in before reaching the slot, some day we will remember. We saw 28 knots of wind as usual and had a workout between Angel and the lee of Treasure Island.

Membership

We have received 3 renewals and one new member application in April and now have 18 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 new one. We will also carry some on our boat to be available on cruises.

New Members: We have 1 new boat join the fleet since the last newsletter. Marcus and Alexandria Fagersten from Sausalito joined in April. They keep their boat *Valkyria* at Sausalito Yacht Harbor. 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. We are still looking for Cruise Captains for future cruises. 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

May 26 to 28 we will be going to Drakes Bay for Memorial Day weekend. Saturday we will meet at the north tower of the Golden Gate Bridge at 10:00 AM, then taking the Bonita Channel towards Drakes Bay. Sunday we will hang out in Drakes Bay and explore the seashore. Monday we will leave Drakes Bay around 8:00 AM and head to the Farallone Islands before turning towards the gate.

If the weather looks like we should stay inside the Gate our backup plan will be a trip up the Napa River. The decision to change destinations will be made Friday evening, email notification will be sent. Contact Richard on Friday to confirm the destination.

We will be monitoring channel 16 and communicating on channel 72.
Contact Richard Webber to sign up for this cruise.

June 23-24

Come celebrate the 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.

Other Activities

Kame Richards will be at the Bay Model on Saturday, May 12 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. Contact Jim (jimtantillo@worldnet.att.net) or call 408-263-7877 to make reservations.

KaBoom - KFOG KaBoom Concert and Fireworks Show off Piers 30/32. See www.kfog.com for details. This is a popular event to enjoy on your boat. There are many locations to choose from to anchor for the day, have a barbeque and watch the best fireworks show of the year.

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.

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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	Drakes Bay	Richard Webber	
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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