

Catalina 36 Fleet 9 Newsletter
May 2008



April Cruise

On the last weekend in April Bob Hayes lead us to China Camp. There were 6 boats on this cruise, *Gone with the Wind, JoJo, Journey, Margaret Jean, Migration and Perseverance*. Dale on *Penelope*, a home built cement boat, came down from Vallejo and joined us there.

We arrived early Saturday afternoon, at low tide, set our anchors and enjoyed relaxing in the anchorage waiting for the tide to rise. Once the water had risen a few feet Bob lead us on a dinghy trip up the slough that is north of China Camp. This is a long trip with a 2 hp outboard, and a little wet if the wind picks up. This slough does end up behind the Marin Civic Center, so it does go quite a ways.

After we returned, Dale invited us all to come over to *Penelope* for dinner Saturday night. Dale built his boat over a period of 10 years and has done extensive cruising aboard her for the last 25 years. We all had a good time.

Sunday morning a number of boats found out what happens when the currents reverse and you have a long scope of rope anchor line. The boats spin and can wrap the line around the keel. Once this happens your boat is held sideways to the current and you may start to drag your anchor. One solution is to use a dinghy to spin your boat and unwind the wrap. If that doesn't work, tie a bumper to the end of the anchor line and throw it over the side. This should allow the line to slip off the keel and you can start the engine and motor back to the bumper that is attached to your anchor line. I have heard of this before, and saw 4 boats with this problem Sunday morning.

Memorial Day Weekend

Karl has taken a poll and Napa River was the overwhelming choice of destinations for Memorial Day weekend. We will meet at Red Rock Saturday @ 11:00AM. This should give us a good sail through San Pablo Bay and up the Napa River. We should arrive with plenty of time to select an anchorage that agrees with the weather conditions we find there. Contact Karl if you will be able to join us on this cruise.

Cruise Planning

Since we have changed the May cruise to Napa, we will need to select a new destination for June. As you can see from the calendar, we need to do some planning to complete the rest of 2008. We are expecting a good turnout for the Napa cruise, and will see if we can plan cruises for the rest of the year.

If you can't make it to Napa and have suggestions, please send them to Kelvin and we will try to work them into the schedule. Once we have a schedule we will need captains to lead the cruises. Organizing a cruise only takes a few hours to make some phone calls and send out a cruise plan.

Electronics Seminar – Date TBD

We have an offer from Star Electronics for a seminar on GPS, radar or whatever electronics related subject we desire. If you are interested in something like this, please contact Kelvin Philips with your desired subject.

Membership

Membership renewals for 2008 are now due. 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.

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Month	Date	Cruise Destination	Cruise Captain	
JAN	26-27	Angel Island	Chuck Herman	<i>Postponed</i>
FEB	16-17-18	Presidio YC – Whale Watching	Kelvin Philips	<i>President's Day Weekend</i>
MAR	15-16	Angel Island	Chuck Herman	
	22	Diesel Seminar	Jeff Berman	
APR	5-6	Schoonmaker Point Marina	Jeff Berman	
	26-27	China Camp	Bob Hayes	
MAY	24-25-26	Napa River	Karl Livengood	<i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>
JUN	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Need New Destination</i>	<i>This Could Be You</i>	

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