



Fleet 9 letter

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Captain's Corner: by Kerry Roller

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"Right-of-way"

Nautical legal principle that establishes whether or not a particular boat has the right to ram or the duty to dodge in any given marine encounter.

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Fleet 9 season is off to a great start. Although Becky and I missed the Farallone trip, due to some battery problems, we heard from those who went that it was a great trip. We did make the China Camp cruise, led by Bob Hayes, and had a great time. Thanks to Mike Joyce for leading the fleet to the Farallone and Bob Hayes for arranging the China Camp cruise. Look for articles inside on each of these trips.

We are missing many of you on the water. I hope you will review the website cruise page and plan to join the fun soon. It is clear that many of our members are leading very busy lives. Business and family can quickly fill up our schedules. To me it seems counter intuitive to have to schedule "fun". I know if Becky and I do not block the cruises on our calendar it is very easy for us to commit to items which overlap future cruises. So my friends, I hope you are enjoying your boat and that we will see you on the water in the near future.

As mentioned above we missed the Farallone trip due to some battery problems.

In hindsight the symptoms were clear for some time. Our boat, Kick-n-Back, is a 2000 model with the standard factory installed battery charger. The charger is installed in

the locker in front of the galley directly over the bilge. I noticed that the batteries were starting to use water. It turns out a lot of water. It seems that the charger experienced corrosion from exposure to the bilge salt water and failed to switch to the float mode.

The charger was not a water proof version. As a result the batteries used water due to over charging and were damaged. The battery meters, all three, were showing 13+ volts prior to the total failure. All is well now with a new sealed charger and new batteries. The good news is that the failure happened at the dock and not on the water.

So the question of the day is this, how would you handle dead batteries on the water?

I encourage reviewing your maintenance check list and checking out those items that seem unusual. For those of you, who receive Main-sheet, please note the ballot for changes to the Bylaws for the Catalina 36 International Association. The ballot is including with the May 2004 issue. Your participation is appreciated.

Enjoy the newsletter!

Fair winds,

Kerry

Kick'n'Back #1843

Drakes Bay Photos by Arnie & Jody Leonard



The Lazarette

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Very Cool Sailing Links

What You Need To Now About Sailing

<http://sailing.about.com/>

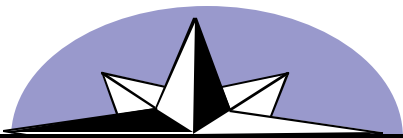
Simply Sailing

<http://www.simplysailing.com/>

Minney's Yacht Surplus

<http://www.minneysyachtsurplus.com>

**Located in Costa Mesa These guys have every thing yachting
There is to have 99% used.**



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June 5th 1988

Australian singlehander Kay Cotte returned to Sydney in the 37-foot yacht "Blackmore's First Lady", the first woman to accomplish a nonstop circumnavigation of the globe.

China Camp Cruise—May 15-16 2004 by Kerry Roller

This is one of my favorite bay trips, beautiful views and easy anchoring. Led by Bob Hayes on "Gone with the Wind", four boats Interlude, Nova and Kick'n'Back made the trip. This was a great sail with an early arrival at our destination.

While I mentioned the anchoring was easy, it was not without some unusual effects of



wind and current. Turns out that the current and wind were in opposite directions with the current being stronger. After figuring out why the anchor was behind the boat we settled in to a relaxing afternoon.

A short dinghy ride and we were ashore at the China Camp State Park.

As you can see from the photo appropriate seamanship practices were strictly adhered to in securing the dinahies.



Did I mention food and drink? Well this is the real reason we have a boat.

We had a great picnic spot over-

looking the anchored boats. The weather was beautiful, and the food was plentiful as always.

After dinner, we wrapped up the day with dessert on Kick'n'Back.



Mike and Ina of Nova hosted a full breakfast on Sunday morning which was kicked off with mimosas. Bob Hayes offered to lead a trip up the sloughs behind China Camp.

Becky and I joined Bob and his Dad on this adventure. The round trip was about two hours and offered a new experience.



This is a quiet area with some good views and interesting sights.

I am glad we took the time to make the side trip.

Our trip home was a big change from the peaceful anchorage and dinghy trip up the slough. As we approached

Angel I island the wind was averaging ~23 - 25 knots with gust to 32 knots. Add in a couple of

containers to work around and you have a typical summer day on San Francisco Bay.



After docking the real work began. Kick'n'Back doesn't have a wash down pump for the anchor. Cleaning up the anchor locker and the rode convinced me of the need to add a wash down system on this summers to do list.

Thanks to Bob Hayes for leading the cruise. I know we all enjoyed the weekend and look forward to our next outing

June 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Covy Cove Cruise Canceled</i>
20 <i>Covy Cove Cruise Canceled</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>4th of July Trip Canceled</i>			

Schedule of Events

All June Cruises have been canceled.

Cruising News:

The Summer is approaching quickly and with that comes the wonderful weather of our area. We are constantly updating the cruise section of our website, so please keep checking it for events and changes. China Camp proved to be another great cruise out this month and the next cruise out is a trip down the coast of Memorial Day. June also brings us the Mc Covey Cove/ South Beach Trip on the 19th and 20th which should be a lot of fun for a Father's Day weekend! Finally, July 4th is approaching and with it comes our Delta Cruise. If you are interested in any of these, make sure to coordinate with the cruise host so they know of your participation. As always, we are open to idea and suggestions for additional cruise outs, remember, the Fleet Members make the Fleet! *by Jennifer Mann*

Editor's Note: Please note that the McCovy Cove/South Beach Trip and the July 4th Delta Cruise have been **canceled**.

Greeting Sailors: Fleet 9 End of Year Meeting / Dinner

Please mark November 13th, on your calendars for end of year meeting / cruise in. The destination is South Beach Harbor with dinner at a local restaurant. The full details will posted to the website in the near future.

I am reserving 8 slips at South Beach Harbor. The fee ,including the \$10 service charge for making early reservations, at \$1 per foot ~\$50.

I the past we have invited folks to show up early for some fun in San Francisco.

Last time the ladies went shopping and the guys claimed to have toured the historic ships.

This is a popular destination with some pressure from the marina to release uncommitted slips.

So it is never to early to reserve your spot.

Of course the land yachts are very welcome.

Check out the website for the cruise schedule.

Hope to see you soon. Kerry & Jenn



To be truly challenging, a voyage, like a life, must rest on a firm foundation of financial unrest. Otherwise you are doomed to a routine traverse, the kind known to yachtsmen, who play with their boats at sea — “cruising,” it is called. Voyaging belongs to seamen, and the wanderers of the world who cannot, or will not, fit in.

Sterling Hayden

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Note from the Editor:

To my fellow Fleet 9 sailors:

I am very sorry for the delay in releasing this month's newsletter. Carol and I have been dealing with family issues that have taken most of my spare time.

Thank you for your patience.

Michael Weir

At The Helm

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