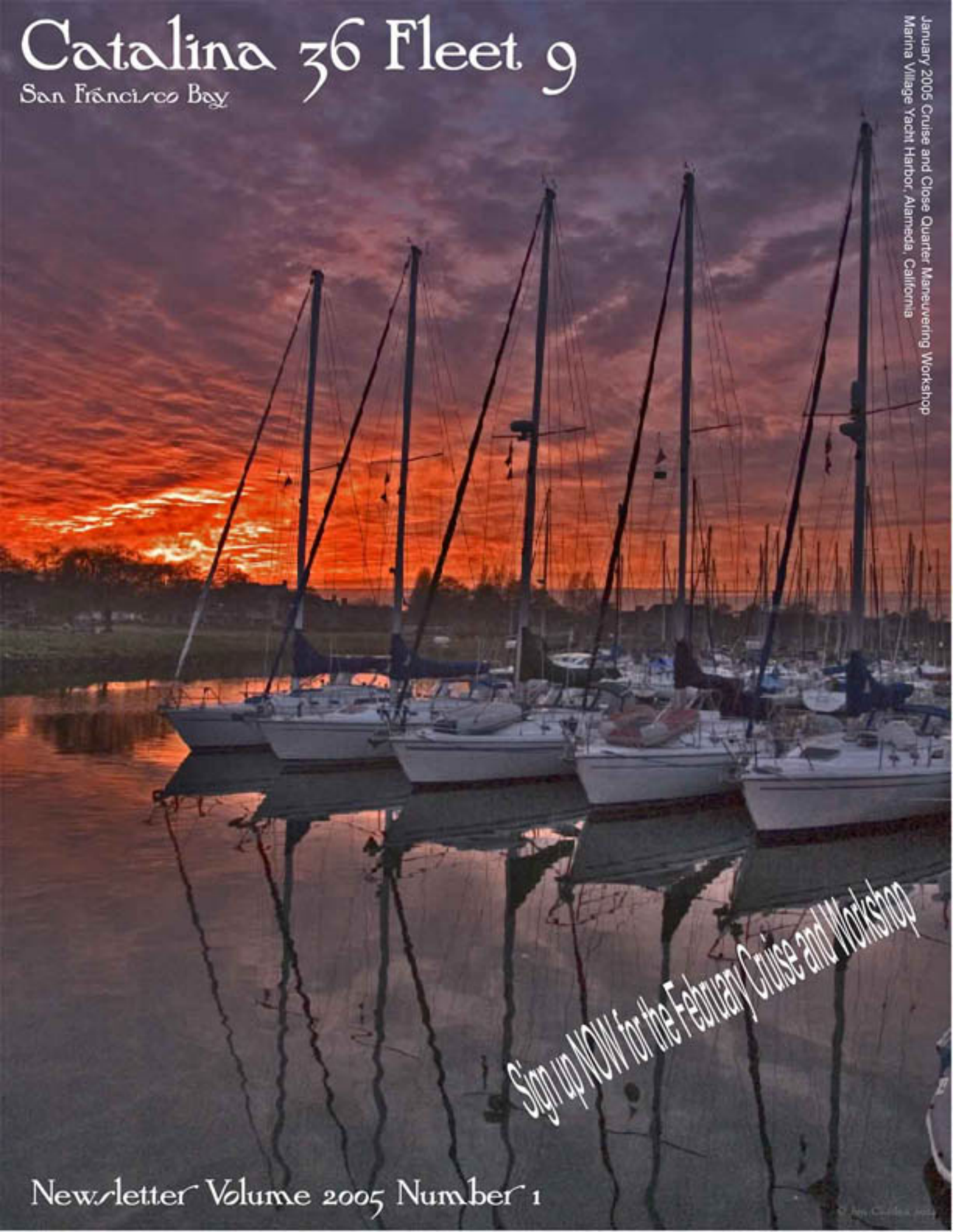


Catalina 36 Fleet 9

San Francisco Bay

January 2005 Cruise and Close Quarter Maneuvering Workshop
Marina Village Yacht Harbor, Alameda, California



Sign up NOW for the February Cruise and Workshop

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From the February Cruise Leaders

Where: AYALA COVE - Angel Island
When: February 19-20, 2005
How much: The Moorings: \$10/night for the State California
The Memories: Priceless
Boat Depreciation: Depends

Cruise Leaders - Kerry and Becky Roller

Mooring Pickup Workshop - KICK N BACK

An advance Mooring Ball Capture Crew will capture a couple mooring balls on Friday night. You can join the advance group on Friday night or join the raft on Saturday morning

If you can plan to arrive Saturday by 1300, we will get you rafted up in time for the afternoon's adventure which will involve a hike around Angel Island. There are two hiking possibilities, one around the island an easy 5 mile walk and one to the top of the 800 foot high Mt. Livermore a hike of about the same distance but with 1600 feet of elevation making it equivalent to roughly a 6.5 mile hike.

Saturday evening we will have a potluck dinner on the boats. The theme for Saturday night is Italian. IWe currently have 7 boats signed up. I will prepare lasagna and if we can have one or two other boats prepare an entree, two boats bring a salad and bread, an two boats bring a dessert I think we will be set. Everyone should bring their drink of choice. If you are planning on rafting up on Saturday night please let me know what your preference might be.

On Sunday we will have a leisurely continental breakfast (juice, coffee, breads and muffins) then at 10:30 for those who are interested we will offer a mooring pickup practice session. KICK N BACK will demonstrate use of the HAPPY HOOKER and CLIODHNA will demonstrate use of another helpful, but less exciting sounding, mooring product. Then each boat will have an opportunity to pickup a mooring under the watchful eyes of a couple of assistants in dinghy's...just in case you get into a bit of trouble. Alaya Cove is an excellent place to practice because it is generally shielded from winds, but the currents can be interesting.

Becky adds the following training targets for the Workshop, as well as some detailed guidelines: The morning workshop on mooring will include:

The right technique for sliding your body over the edge of the boat !
How to grab quickly but let go if your partner forgets to put on the brakes !
Calling out instructions, depending on who's around!
What to do if you cross over someone's line?
Why you should not call your wife or significant other a Happy Hooker!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Ayala Cove Cruise and Workshop

At this time the parents of the following boats have indicated they will participate in this cruise: KICK N BACK, PERSEVERENCE, CLIODHNA, BABY LEE, INTERLUD, AMANTE and ANA SALEN...we hope to have several more.

Have a great week and Happy Valetines Day and please confirm your estimated arrival time and dinner preference.

Becky and Kerry
Kick-n-Back





Using Moorings *(courtesy of KISS Guide to Sailing)*

Visiting a harbor with moorings is a thrilling experience, especially if it's your first time. How does one choose the right one? What do you do if you miss it? How do you get that little tiny ring or line hanging off the mooring ball? All good questions and we hope you will join us the weekend of the 19th of February in Alaya Cove for the mooring workshop.

As a pretty junior first mate mooring happens to be one of my favorite parts of boating, especially if it happens to be in the BVI. It's also a lot simpler than coming into a strange dock, at least for me. It can be challenging but can also provide fellow boaters with a few good laughs.

So on with the show . . .

Before the approach consider the following:

- 1. Is the mooring in deep enough water that you will still be floating at low tide**
- 2. Is there enough room for the boat to swing**
- 3. How sheltered is the mooring, from both wind and swell**
- 4. How easy will it be for you to approach and leave under power or under sail**
- 5. Look at the other boats anchored or moored to see which direction they are pointing, especially boats similar in size.**

Getting ready for the approach

Brief one or two of your crew and have a mooring line and boathook ready. It's also a good idea to make a dummy run to check the approach route and make a close inspection of the mooring and its particular pickup arrangement if possible.

Before the approach have your mooring picked out.

Handling the mooring

Approach the mooring slowly, aiming to use the wind or tide to slow the boat until it stops at the mooring. As you approach the mooring ball, use the boat hook as a pointer to direct the captain or use hand signals to indicated position and distance. Designate one person to grab the mooring buoy or its line, depending on the buoy's configuration. Some may require a boat hook to help extend your reach. There are also new hooks on the market which will allow you to hook the mooring and feed the line through for you as well. If for any reason you are able to grab the mooring line but can't get it around the cleat quick enough DON'T try to hold on, unless you are up for a swim. Let it go and make sure you shout or give hand signals as to the direction it is moving. An easy way to approach is to consider coming alongside the buoy with it just forward of the shrouds. Once the buoy is alongside, the foredeck crew should tie the mooring line to the ring on the main buoy.

Leaving the mooring

Plan your route and brief your crew. The boat will be pointing toward the wind or tide, whichever is strongest, and, for maximum control, you will normally leave initially in that direction, unless an obstruction requires you to turn to another course. If maneuvering room is limited, you can turn the boat as you leave by having the foredeck crew walk the mooring buoy or the mooring line back along a sidedeck. To turn to starboard as you leave the mooring, walk it back along the port side and vice versa. Make certain you keep the mooring well away from your propeller.



From the January Cruise Leaders

Jody Leonard
Arnie Leonard

FLEET 9 AT MARINA VILLAGE ON JANUARY 15, 2005

The winds may have been cool, but that did not chill the spirits of those Fleet 9 members who sailed over Friday, January 14th to enjoy an extra day on their boats..

Bob Livingston and Arnie Leonard on Las Brisas were the first to arrive at Gate 8's guest dock. They were greeted by Jim and Joan Carolan. Arriving next was Kerry and Becky Roller on Kick-n-Back.

The other boats-Fleet Captain Richard Webber and wife Francine and daughters Madeline and Elizabeth on Champagne, Mike Pernitzke and Ina Taybak on Nova, Jeff and Mary Berman on Perseverance and new members, Chuck and Mary Ann Herman on Migration completed the raft. Two other new members, Dave and Katie Mosher drove over from Marina Village Gate 9 to join the group.

For the afternoon's activities, most of the group went on a tour of the U.S.S. Hornet, which is docked in Alameda. The interesting tour included a view of the engine room.

Starting off the dinner part of the evening, hors d'oeuvres were shared on Champagne. Meanwhile, the host boats for dinner - Elaine Housh on Amante, Joan Carolan on Cliodhna and Mike Joyce on Interlude set up their boats for the progressive dinner. Elaine, Mike and Joan supplied the entrees, - Enchiladas and Chili, and salad and bread was provided by Jody Leonard and others.

Afterwards dessert was enjoyed on KickNBack.

As usual, there was more than enough food for twice as many people and we thank everywho who participated for their help with this fine meal.

Special thanks to Joan Carolan for planning and contacting the members who provided the dinner for us to enjoy. It was great fun.

In all eleven boats participated in this event: Nova, KickNBack, StormCrow, Prime Time Las Brisas, Champagne, Perseverance, Migration, Interlude and Cliodhna.



January 2005 Cruise Images

Jim Carolan
Joan Carolan

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From the Cruise Director

Cruise and Workshop Schedule 2/12/05
Check the website for most current info

Dates	Destinations	Workshops
January 15-16	Marina Village & Hornet Tour Jody and Arnie Leonard	Close Quarter Maneuvering CLIODHNA & INTERLUDE
Feb 19-20	Ayala Cove KICK N BACK	Mooring Pickup KICK N BACK
March 6	Encinal Yacht Club	Diesel Marine Engines PERSEVERANCE
March 19-20	Clipper Cove (Tentative)	Nighttime radar workshop PERSEVERANCE Anchoring - INTERLUDE
April 2 -3	Benicia CLIODHNA	
April 10	Encinal Yacht Club (Tentative)	Blue Water Cruise Preparation PERSEVERANCE
May 7-8	Petaluma CHAMPAIGN	
May 28 - 30	Drakes Bay, Farallon Islands, Half Moon Bay INTERLUDE	
June 11	Paradise Cove Volunteer???	Man Overboard Recovery CLIODHNA
July 2-10	Delta Cruise, Mandville Tip, Old Town Sacramento AMANTE	
Aug 28	Half Moon Bay, Monterery, Stillwater Cove NOVA and PERSEVERANCE	
September	Volunteers?	
October	Ayala Cove All Catalina Raftup CHAMPAIGN	
November	End of Year Party Volunteers?	
December	Lighted Boat Parade Volunteers?	

