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## WORKING CALENDAR FOR FLEET 8 2005

<u>Month/Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Jan 16	Chowder Barge	Nate
Feb	Tequila Jacks	Arnold
March	Meeting @ SLBYC	Scotty
April	(TBD)	
May 20-21	Avalon Cruise	Danny & Maria
June	Spring Cruise to Isthmus w/LSF	Nate
July	(TBD)	
Aug	(TBD)	
September	(TBD)	
Oct	(TBD)	
Nov	Meeting (elections)	Nate
Dec	Holiday Party	Scotty

## THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING

April, it turns out, is a busy month for a lot of folks, including Barbara and me, so it was decided by the powers that be (mainly me) that we would skip April and concentrate on May.

In May we have two really nice events: The first one is the second Ladies' Lunch on May 14, this time at Buster's (see flyer). I understand the last one was well attended and the gals are hoping for another big turn out.

Next, on the week-end of May 20, we'll have what I hope will be an annual cruise to the City by the Bay (Avalon that is.) Danny & Maria are hosting this one, and it should be swell. Last year we had six or seven boats, everyone got a mooring, and a grand time was had by all. Danny has a surprise or two for this one. Be sure to check out the flyer.

Looking down the "event calendar" for the rest of the year, we have four "TBD's" in a row. Unless somebody steps up and offers something different, I think we can do a "grill your own" at Seal Beach YC for at least one of those months, and as I mentioned last time, I'd like to have a group outing to the nautical museum in Newport Beach for one of the other months. We'll fill in some details later.

I'd like to welcome new members Robert Hoffmaster from Redlands, and Gary Thompson from San Pedro to Fleet 8. Gary is trying to get his C30 in shape for the Ensenada race. Alas, yours truly will not be making the trek this year.

I hope to see all of you at our rendezvous in Avalon in May. Until then, smooth sailing everyone.

Capt Nate

## Membership Renewal

### FROM THE EDITOR

March was a great month for Maria and I as we finally got off the rock and went on vacation. Many may say, why go on vacation when you live in Avalon? To answer the question even wen in paradise one must get away. We took an eight day cruise out of San Diego to the exotic Mexican Rivera. We were on the Carnival Spirit. Acapulco and Z-town were great, Manzanillo was a slight disappointment, it reminded us of Wilmington.

Now that vacation is over it is time to get to the business of things. The mud puddle, a.k.a. Catalina Boatyard has finally dried out and work has begun on Mi Maria. The bottom paint is new, her hull has been buffed out and on April 19, 2005 she will be returned to her home in Avalon Harbor. Which reminds me, the Avalon invasion is coming up in May, look for a flyer in your e-mail soon. Saturday night will be another diner at the worlds famous Casino Dock Café, earlier on Saturday there will be a golf tournament at the Avalon Golf Gardens, a miniature golf course. Yes you can bring your own putter. If you want to come to Avalon and need a ride, I am sure someone will let you crew with them. Contact Nate or Scotty if you need help.

The end of April is bringing some fun to the fleet. Dos Amigo Dos and Wave Theory will be in the Newport to Ensenada race. I will be sailing on a Peterson 42, Apollo V, and I am sure other members will be participating. We can tell our racing stories in Ensenada and Avalon.

Danny & Maria (Mi Maria #3270)

For those who have not done so, it is that time of year to renew your Fleet 8 membership. Complete the renewal form attached with this newsletter and send it to Richard Heppner.

If you know of any Catalina 30 owners invite them to a cruise or meeting, let them know what we are about.

### SAVE THIS DATE

The Avalon Invasion will be held the weekend before Memorial Day. May 20, 21 and 22. Like last year Saturday's dinner will be at the Casino Dock Café. A miniature golf tournament is planned for Saturday afternoon. And yes Nate, you can bring your own putter. I am still working on something for those who arrive on Friday evening. I will need to know in advance who will attend the invasion including vessel name and number in the party. Like last year I will try and make arrangements with the Harbor Department on mooring assignments. Watch the website and RagTimes for further information

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