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## THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING

### *Participate with Fleet 8*

To start with, I would like to say a big "I am sorry" to the fleet. These last few months have found Maria and I moving off of Catalina Island and back to the mainland. I have transferred from Avalon and now work in the South Los Angeles area. At the same time Maria had some surgery and has recuperated at home. The surgery was minor but there was an infection scare. To make thing worse for the last few weeks I have been having a hard time logging onto the website so I could update it. I have spent a lot of time trying to get a slip on the Long Beach area and I recently found one in Wilmington. Mi Maria will be in the area soon.

Spring is here and it is time to start using our boats.

Our annual spring cruise to Avalon is coming up, May 19 thru 21. This is a reservation required event. As usual I will get a list of attending boats to the harbormaster so we can get a parking spot. Dinner once again will be at the world famous Casino Dock Cafe' with Pedro and his staff making a taco bar. On Saturday, before dinner, there will be a minature golf tournament at he Avalon golf gardens.

June begins our once a month Friday meetings at the Seal Beach Yacht Club. Before the meetings will be a bbq at the club. I am open to topics. These meetings will be once a month from June to September. Also in June I would like to get a Saturday raft-up behind one of the oil islands. If we do not have cruises planned for July and August maybe we could continue the raft-ups.

## WORKING CALENDAR FOR FLEET 8 2005

<u>Month/Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Chowder Barge</b>	<b>Nate</b>
Feb		
March		
April	Open	
May 19-21	Avalon Cruise	Danny & Maria
June	Meeting at SLBYC	
July	Meeting at SLBYC	
Aug	Meeting at SLBYC	
Sept	Meeting at SLBYC	
Sept	Fall Cruise to Isthmus with LSFYC	Danny & Nate
Oct	Open	
Nov	Open	
Dec	Holiday Party	Scotty

September brings us our annual cruise to Two Harbors with Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club, the date is Sept 24 & 25.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> is the annual Charity Regatta. This event is sponsored by the Long Beach Harbor Yacht Clubs. This event raises money for the Long Beach Area Children's Hospitals, helping the kids who need it. It is a two race event and they will have a one design class. I would like to see Catalina 30 one design class led by Fleet 8 boats and members. We will sail a non spinnaker class with one headsail. The best part is as a one design class you do not have to join PHRF and you do not need sail numbers and all the boats are equally matched. Lets start making plans now for this worthwhile event.

Thats it for now, so sail safe and see you all soon.

Support your fleet, attend fleet functions and fly your Fleet 8 burgee.

*Captain Danny*

### **Membership Announcement**

It is that time of year again, time to renew your membership. Dues are just \$20.00 a year and for that you get to hang out with Nate. Complete the membership application attached with this newsletter and send in your dues to Richard Heppner. If you have any questions contact any of the fleet officers.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

A big Fleet 8 welcome to Bob and Patricia Lee Gardner, they are new to sailing so lets help them learn and enjoy the sailing experience.

Lets get some summer raft ups and events together. This fleet is all of ours. If you have ideas for an please let me know. I am looking forward to a great sailing season.

Visit your website for fleet updates.