

# Rag Times

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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 4-5	Spring Cruise to Isthmus w/LSF	Nate
July	(TBD)	
Aug	(TBD)	
Sept 17	Fall Cruise to Catalina w/LSF	Nate
Sept 25	Charity Regatta	Nate
Oct 8-9	Isthmus Cruise	Danny & Maria
Nov	Meeting (elections)	Nate
Dec	Holiday Party	Scotty
On Going:	Monthly BBQ's on Fridays at SLBYC	Contact Scotty

## THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING

Hi everyone. Hope everyone is having a great summer on or at least near the water. Uh – backyard pools don't count.

Having to miss the spring cruise to the isthmus was a bummer. Grandson graduating from high school kind of made up for it though. I did hear several reports from various sources that a great time was had by all.

Please take note that the fall cruise date has been changed to September 17. This will again be a joint venture (or adventure) with the LSF bunch. And again, bring your own meat or whatever to grill and a dish to share. LSF will furnish everything else. I'd appreciate an RSVP if you are going to make the trip. I'll try my darnedest to make this trip. LSF is considering White's Landing as a destination instead of the isthmus. There's a pretty neat hiking trail up to Echo Lake. Anyway, it is something new, at least to me. I'm in discussions now with the LSF board about this, so if you have any ideas on the subject, let me know. There are bbq's and moorings at White's.

The second Friday of every month is our reserved time at Seal Beach YC. This is informal and inexpensive – no RSVP's necessary. You can grill your own or have the chef do the work. Sign the guest book as a guest of Scotty Fraser or Row Tucker.

Nobody has come forth with any ideas for August as far as a Fleet activity is concerned. I'm open to suggestions, or we can just do the fall cruise in September. Seems like a lot of people have taken off for vacation this summer.

I've been doing Wet Wednesday's, non-spin. This is out of LBYC. I'd do Thursday's, but all the Cat 30's are spin as far as I know. If anybody wants to some non-spin racing, either Thursday or Wednesday, let me know.

On the subject of racing, the Charity Regatta is coming up September 25. I'd like to see a bunch of Cat 30's out for this event. It's a great cause. If we can come up with five boats, we can get a start as a one-design fleet. We can mix spin and non-spin in one start if all are willing to let the non-spin people take the spinnaker offset. (I think that's fair). I have to know in advance because there are two venues involved depending on whether everyone goes PHRF or we go as a one-design fleet.

I'd like to hear your thoughts on any of the above subjects. Meantime, smooth sailing everyone, and I hope to see you all on the fall cruise.

Cap'n Nate

### **From the Editor**

The dog days of summer is here and procrastination has set in. Activity here in Avalon has picked up as tourist season is in full swing. Due to reasons beyond my control and for reasons I will not admit too, there was no Ragtimes in July, the same reasons apply to this issue being a little late.

As Capt. Nate mentioned there is nothing planned for August, so if anyone has an idea we are open. I am working on a tour at the Vessel Traffic Service Center (VTS). For us pleasure boaters they are a great resource as they monitor all commercial vessel traffic in our local waters.

September is bringing us a joint cruise with the Little Ships Fleet. This was originally scheduled in October. I would like to sponsor a October cruise to the Isthmus on the second weekend, October 8 and 9. This will be a BBQ event with dancing on the deck afterwards. Catalina Island is a great place to visit during the fall and spring months. The first weekend of October is buccaneers days and moorings after that

date will be easy to get. By the way, for the pirates in you, Mi Maria will be at buccaneers days.

If anyone has Tech Tips to pass on send them to me. A great website for Cat 30 ideas is: <http://www.tcsn.net/bosun/c30/cat30info.htm>. This website is maintained by Don Guillette, author of the sail trim guide. Don is a Catalina 30 owner who keeps in boat in the Long Beach area, gee maybe we can get him to join us?

### **A FLEET 8 WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER**

We would like to welcome Ron Fortner and his vessel Summer Wind to our fleet. Don keeps Summer Wind at Cabrillo Marina in San Pedro. Don, welcome to Fleet 8 and we hope to see you on one of our upcoming Catalina cruises

Ron is also in the market for a good main sail, so if anyone knows of a reasonably priced main please e-mail me or Nate and we will pass it onto Ron.

Ron, check out Minney's in Newport Beach, they have all kinds of used and barely used sails. They have a website and post sails on it.

As for sailing, Mi Maria has not moved from her mooring much. I crewed on a Peterson 42 in the Newport to Ensenada race and the racing bug has bitten me. In July, I crewed on the same boat in the Marina Del Rey to San Diego race. I am making plans to be in Long Beach for the Charity regatta, I am hoping to catch a ride with a fleet member or I may bring Mi Maria over. Who knows what long distance race is next, maybe the 2007 Transpac?

Everyone take care and stay sailing.

Danny & Maria (Mi Maria 3270)

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<http://www.cat30fleet8.com>

Visit the website for an updated membership list and e-mail addresses.

Contact Scotty or Nate for the BBQ dates at Seal Beach Yacht Club. Rowanda secured the venue for us to use, lets show her support and use it. \_\_\_\_\_