

Rag Times

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2005 FLEET 8 OFFICERS AND BOARD

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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 26 | Tequila Jacks | Arnold Van Sprew |
| March | Meeting @ SLBYC | Scotty |
| April | (TBD) | |
| May | 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

Hi everyone! Well, another season is underway, and once again January found us at the Chowder Barge for another great lunch. That place is such a hoot. Their (only) waitress, I should have got her name, seems to be on a continuous coffee high and, I'm guessing, got at least 60 percent of the orders correct. But they were all "close enough". I think we had about 10 or 12 people with one boat making the perilous journey through the murky backwaters of the Wilmington canals. That was Bill Rosie and Mike Zweber aboard their great looking Cat 30 *Duchess*. If you missed it, don't worry, I'm sure we'll do it again next year, the Good Lord willing and the barge don't sink.

Coming up this month we really have two events. The first is the "ladies' auxiliary" luncheon on February 19 at Mimi's. And then the sail/drive lunch at Tequila Jack's in the "fish bowl" on February 26. Both of these should be fun for all who attend. I want to thank Arnold VanSprew and Doris Goodale for preparing the beautiful flyers for these events. Please check them out (the flyers, not Arnold and Doris) for all the details elsewhere in this issue. After lunch at TJ's, weather permitting, we may head out to see if we can spot a whale.

For March we'll have an informal meeting at Seal Beach YC. This will be a grill- your-own affair, with steak and fish available to grill at reasonable prices. My stuff always seems to turn out "blackened" which always bothered me until I learned that "blackened" is a popular New Orleans style of preparing food. Well, maybe mine is more burnt than blackened. I guess there's a difference. And thanks to Scotty Fraser in advance for setting this up for us.

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We're still looking for people to host meetings or events for the TBD months you'll notice on our event calendar. It ain't hard, folks; just takes an idea. Anyway, I look forward to someone stepping up to the plate and volunteering.

Cat 30 fleet racing seems to be an elusive, if not unattainable, goal. I've contacted the Cat 30 racers that I know of to try to get a modest schedule together with little response. Five boats gets us our own start, or in the alternative, we can do a "race within a race" type of thing if we don't have five boats. It just takes a few people to agree on which races they are willing to enter. Contact me if interested and we'll try to come up with a few races we can all participate in.

Smooth sailing everyone, and I hope the gals have a swell lunch at Mimi's on the 19th, and I hope to see you all at TJ's on the 26th.

Cap'n Nate

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 Richard, Scotty or Nate.

From the Editor

Is It a Stroke?

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people

nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- *Ask the individual to smile.
- *Ask him or her to raise both arms.
- *Ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions.

They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

Tell as many people as possible about this. It could save their lives!

Danny & Maria - Mi Maria #3270

Remember

Start the New Year right with a New Fleet 8 burgee, show your pride with your fleet and purchase a fleet 8 burgee. By flying a burgee you will be advertising for your fleet, other Catalina 30 owners will want to know how to become members of our group of party animals. Contact Richard Heppner for further.

The Ladies Lunch-in is on February 19, 2005

The Fleet Cruise is on February 26, 2005



*C-30 Fleet 8 Ladies Luncheon
February 19, 2005*

*Ladies, cast aside your Saturday Chores
and join us for an afternoon of
dinning and relaxlation.*

*Where: Mimi's Café
Long Beach Alamitos Marina
6670 E. Pacific Coast Highway
562/596-0831
Time: 1:00 P.M.*

*Please RSVP to Barbara Tucker
at 714/545-0205 or
barnat@prodigy.net
by February 18, 2005*

Casual Attire

Fleet 8 Cruise

Why not join us, by sea or by car
on the 26th of February at noon,
for our annual luncheon at
Tequila Jack's Beach House Cantina



407 Shoreline Drive, Long Beach
Shoreline Village

Limited guest slips available inside the harbor,
three outside Parker's Lighthouse.

RSVP by February 24, 2005

sailinggrid@aol.com

CATALINA 30 - FLEET 8
Long Beach
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
(Please Type or Print)

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street

City

Zip

e-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's Phone: () _____

Yacht Club Affiliation, if any: _____

(please see the back of this form to add names of co-owner(s))

BOAT STATISTICS

Name of Boat: _____ Hull #: _____ Sail # (if different): _____

Berth Location: _____ Slip #: _____ Radio Call Sign: _____

Rigging: Standard ___ Tall ___ Bowsprit: Yes ___ No ___ Gas ___ Diesel ___

MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Check One)

_____ A regular Member shall be an owner or part owner of a Catalina 30 and a Corinthian.
He/She has the privileges of holding office and voting.

_____ An Associate Member is a person who subscribes to the objectives in Article II and does not own a
Catalina 30.

Annual Fleet 8 dues are \$20.00 for Regular and Associate Members. A Fleet 8 Burgee is available for an additional \$25.00. Fleet 8 membership is for the period January 1 to December 31.

Please note that membership in the National Association, which includes a subscription to the Mainsheet, must be applied for separately

NOTE TO NEW BOAT OWNERS: If you have purchased a brand new Catalina 30, your first year National dues will be paid by Catalina Yachts through the dealer.

I hereby apply for membership in Catalina 30 - Fleet 8 association and agree to the provisions contained in the National and Fleet constitution and bylaws.

My check for \$_____ payable to CATALINA 30 - FLEET 8 is enclosed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send completed application and check to: **CATALINA 30 FLEET 8**
ATTN: Scotty Frazer
6324 N. Marina Pacifica Drive
Long Beach CA 90803

Visit the Fleet 8 website at: <http://www.cat30fleet8.com/>

CO-OWNER(S):

(Please Type or Print)

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City Zip

e-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's Phone: () _____

Yacht Club Affiliation, if any: _____

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City Zip

e-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's Phone: () _____

Yacht Club Affiliation, if any: _____

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