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WORKING CALENDAR FOR FLEET 8 2005

Month/Date	Event	Contact Person
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)	
September	(TBD)	
Oct 8-9	Fall Cruise to Isthmus w/LSF	Nate
Nov	Meeting (elections)	Nate
Dec	Holiday Party	Scotty
On Going:	Monthly BBQ's on Fridays at SLBYC	Contact Scotty

THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING

I hope everyone had a great cruise/race to Ensenada. I know Editor Danny did and am looking forward to reading his account. (Try to keep it under 10 pages, Dan). Sorry I had to miss the big event this year.

Rag Times is coming out a little late (my fault) as I didn't realize our grill-your-own dinner was coming up so fast – IN FACT THIS FRIDAY at Seal Beach YC. This is always a fun event and very informal. No program is planned, so this is a good time to get together and have a little tech talk or whatever. There's always future plans to discuss. Last time I said we'd skip April and concentrate on our Avalon cruise in May. In the meantime, thanks to Row Tucker and Scotty Fraser, an impromptu dinner was inserted into our calendar for Friday at Seal Beach YC. Anyway, take a look at the flyer for details.

We're still concentrating on the May 20 Avalon cruise. Danny and Maria are putting together a great weekend for us, and of course we're hoping to see a lot of Fleet 8 boats gracing Avalon Bay. For God's sake, don't fly the American flag from the spreader!

Almost on the heels of the Avalon cruise is the June 4 LSF spring cruise to the isthmus. We have made this a joint cruise LSF/Fleet 8 and looking forward to that weekend as well. For the isthmus cruise, bring your own meat or fish to grill. Everything else will be furnished by LSF or Fleet 8. RSVP to me please.

Speaking of Little Ships Fleet, their next general meeting is May 13 at LBVC. It will be dinner at 6:30 (\$20pp) or just come for the meeting at 8 p.m. This meeting has been dubbed "bring a guest night" and you are all cordially invited. In addition to introducing all the new members and guests, our program will be a presentation by the LA/LB Harbor security, and

should be very interesting. I know it's a subject that piques my curiosity and there will be some Q & A. Again, please RSVP to me so we can get a count.

Smooth sailing everyone. Pick an event that strikes your fancy AND JUST GET OUT THERE.

Cap'n Nate

FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings from Avalon, the Avalon Invasion is here. Please e-mail me prior to May 14 if you plan to attend. I need a count for dinner at Casino Dock Café and I need vessel information. Although the Harbor Department does not take reservations, if I give them a vessel count and the names of the vessels attending they will try to accommodate us. Hope to see all of you here in Avalon. Below are the Harbor Rules, also go to our website and check the link on Catalina Information

AVALON HARBOR RULES

All moorings are on a **first-come first-serve** basis. Upon Arrival, please stand by at the harbor entrance for mooring assignment from a patrol boat. No mooring work is done over VHF

On the day of departure, moorings must be vacated by 9:00 AM

AVALON IS A NO DISCHARGE AREA. No sewage may be discharged whether treated or untreated. This law is strictly enforced.

Service boats will make daily trash pick-ups free of charge twice daily during the summer months and on weekends in the winter months. Plastic trash bags may be obtained from the service boat or Harbor Master's office.

To ensure a peaceful coexistence, all generators must be secured at 10:00 PM nightly and not be started before 7:00 AM.

The mooring you are assigned is not guaranteed. You may have to be relocated daily. If you are required to relocate, a patrol boat will contact you between 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM the day you are required to move.

It is illegal to leave Avalon and your vessel unattended.

Anchorage is located west of the red jetty light. You must anchor at least 300 feet away from any dive park or mooring can. Plan on a depth of 80 to 100 feet. This area is not patrolled and you anchor at your own risk.

Water on the island is precious and conservation will be appreciated.

All floats, with exception of the Shore-boat Float, may be used for loading and unloading. Time on a float is limited to 10 minutes. No vessel may be left on a float unattended.

There is a fine for an opened container of alcohol on the streets of Avalon. This includes the Pier and Floats.

Danny & Maria (Mi Maria #3270)

Membership Renewal

For those who have not done so, it is that time of year to renew your Fleet 8 membership. Complete the renewal form from the website 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.

AVALON CRUISE MAY 20-22

Tell your Newport to Ensenada stories
at dinner on Saturday May 21, at
Casino Dock Cafe

Ladies News

C30 Fleet 8 Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Gather Again!

Join us for a relaxing afternoon

May 14, 2005 1:00 p.m.

at

Buster's

168 Marina Drive

Long Beach

Phone 562-598-9431

We look forward to seeing you!

Casual Attire

**RSVP to Barbara Tucker by May 12
@ 714-545-0205**

Thanks

Cruise News

Avalon Invasion - May 20, 21 & 22, 2005

Avalon Harbor - Catalina Island

A dinner will be held on Saturday, May 21 @ 6 P.M. at the Casino Dock Café, located next to the Casino Building, a dinghy dock is nearby. Pedro will be serving his taco bar (beef - chicken - fish). Price is \$ 15.00 pp. A full bar is also available.

A Saturday afternoon miniature golf tournament will be held at the Golf Gardens, located in the tour bus plaza on Sumner Avenue (across the street from the Courthouse) tee off time is 1:00 P.M.

Please RSVP the number in your party and your vessel name and length to Danny Coon at m.d.coon@sbcglobal.net

Check the Fleet 8 website, Catalina Information for important notices.