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THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING

Well, here it is the end of October (as I write this) but is this the end of "sailing season?" Not really. Consider the last inter-club

race of the year is November 5, and then inter-club #1 is in January, so we pretty much enjoy an endless summer around here. It may be boring to some people, but I can do very nicely without the hurricanes, thank you very much!

Speaking of racing, if there are any Fleet 8 members who would like to get into racing but don't belong to a yacht club, please consider Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. They are inexpensive and are one of the clubs that participate in the inter-club series, which is a pretty low-key affair as sailboat races go. Contact me for details if interested.

I would still like to see at least one Cat 30 fleet 8 race in 2006. Maybe next year's Charity Regatta would be a good venue. Fleet racing is vastly more fun and satisfying than PHRF. I'd like to hear from any racers out there who would be interested

Next up on our "event calendar" scheduled for Friday, December 9, will be our annual holiday party, once again hosted by Scotty and Bobbie Fraser at the Marina Pacifica clubhouse. And once again we thank the Fraser's for doing the legwork on this. The main dish, beverages, plates, utensils, etc., will be provided by Fleet 8. We'd ask all attendees to bring a side dish to share. Since this will take a modicum of

WORKING CALENDAR FOR FLEET 8 2005

| Month/Date | Event | Contact Person |
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| 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 & 18 | Fall Cruise to Isthmus w/LSF | Nate |
| Oct 8-9 | Isthmus Cruise | Danny |
| Nov | Open | |
| Dec 9 | Holiday Party (elections) | Scotty |
| On Going: | Monthly BBQ's on Fridays at SLBYC | Contact Scotty |

coordination, please RSVP to me so we can get an idea of who's bringing what (or whom for that matter). And if you don't feel like bringing anything, that's fine too. There will be plenty for all. And guests are always welcome. You never know when a potential member might be tempted to join our little group. (See flyer elsewhere in this issue for more details)

BTW, this holiday get-together will also serve as our "election" meeting. There may be a surprise or two in this regard. At any rate, we will be talking about possible club activities for the coming year, and I'd like to have a good turnout so that everybody can get his or her two-cents worth in as far as ideas are concerned.

Smooth sailing everyone, and I hope to see all of you on December 9!

Cap'n Nate

FROM THE EDITOR

The fall cruise in October went well, except for the participation. Anyhow, Dick O'Reilly showed up in newly acquired Erickson 30. Maria, Dick and I had a great BBQ and enjoyed each others company for the evening. I am hoping that participation in the cruises will increase in 2006.

While we had are cruise at the Isthmus, Rowanda Tucker, *No Strings Attached*, was enjoying the Jazz Trax concerts in Avalon. The timing for Rowanda could not have been better. Had she decided to sail to Avalon the following weekend, October 15 & 16, she would have had a very rude awakening.

In the afternoon of Saturday the 15th, the small craft (red) flag was flown. At around 5:30 AM on the 16th, the winds and rough seas entered Avalon Harbor. It was one of those days when you get to see a part of your boat that is not suppose to be above water. The attached photograph is of Mi Maria, if you notice the

boom is flailing around.

I received a call from the Harbor Department at 8:30



in the morning saying there was a problem with my mast. That made me think my rigging failed. Upon arrival I saw that my topping lift had come unfastened. Big scare for a little line, Leave it to power boaters (the Avalon Harbor Department).



The above photo was taken from the Arch area as you head out toward the Casino building. As you can see the Harbor was full for the early Sunday morning storm. There was no major damage to the vessels on the moorings, although, some were saved by the Harbor Department. Some dinghies and the dinghy docks took a beating.

The photos on page three show the damage of the dinghy dock between the Tuna Club and Catalina Yacht Club.



Part of the dinghy dock between the clubs



This is the small plaza next ton Antonio's Cabaret



Same dinghy docks different view



As you can see the Catalina Yacht Club wisely pulled their floats before the winter storms hit

Most of the year Avalon and Catalina Island is a beautiful place to visit. However, it is no place to be when the winds come from the mainland. While the dreaded Santana Winds can be forecasted one never knows if they will effect the Island. On the day of this storm, which started around 5:00 A.M., it was an overcast morning and a small craft warning was issued. Just six miles off-shore, north of the island, the seas were flat and the winds calm. By noon the seas had subsided and most of the visiting boaters were on their way back to the mainland. One interesting point, in the morning as I watched the mayhem in the harbor, I chuckled as the sailboats were hoisting sails and leaving, ever so eager to sail in the 25+ knot winds, and the power boaters sat in the harbor and bounced around like corks in the bathtub. That may have been sweet revenge for all the times they beat me into the harbor to get the better moorings.

Happy Sailing, Danny & Maria

Mi Maria (3270)

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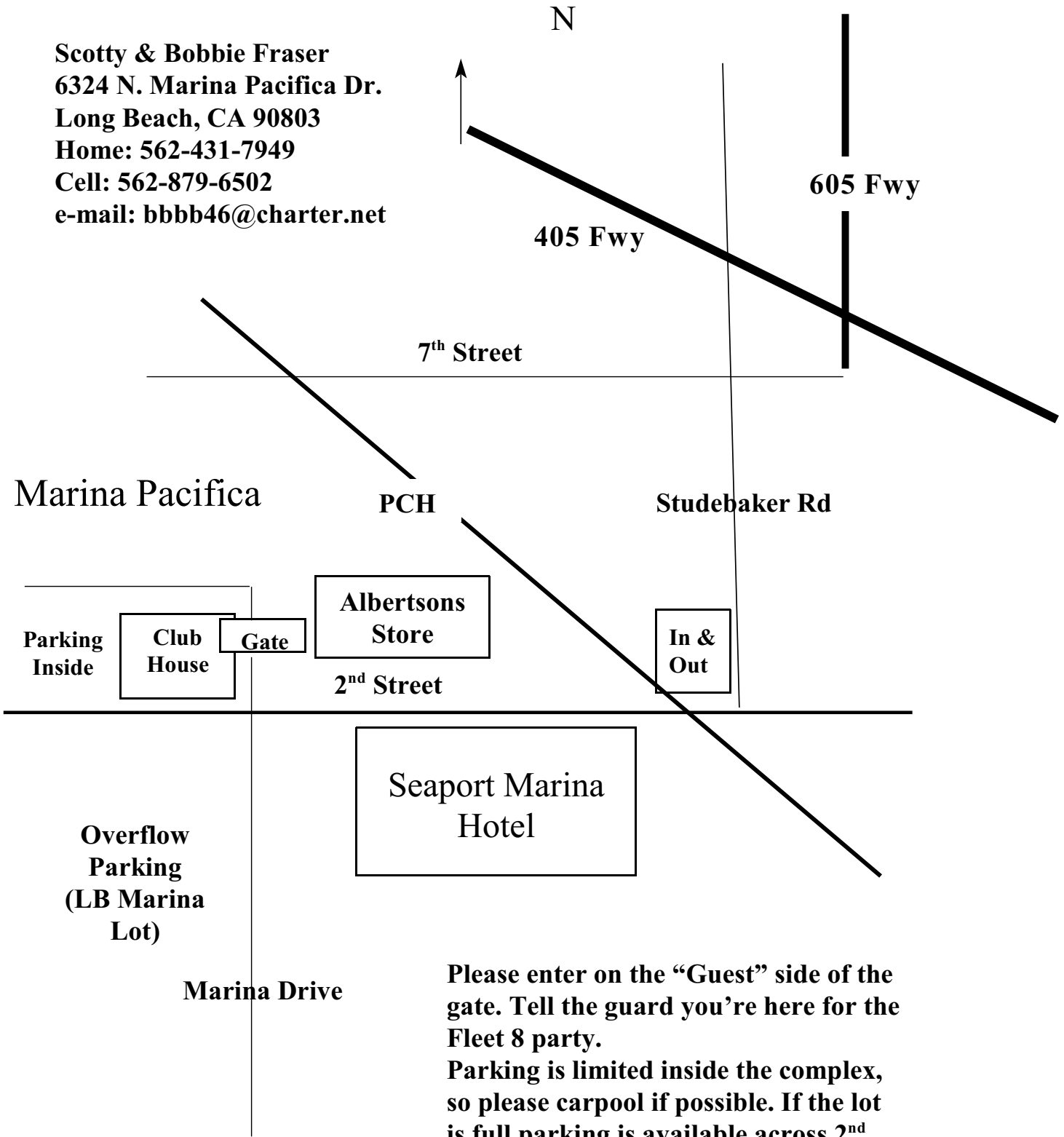


Fleet 8 Christmas Party

Friday December 9th at 6:30 p.m.



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 Parking is limited inside the complex, so please carpool if possible. If the lot is full parking is available across 2nd