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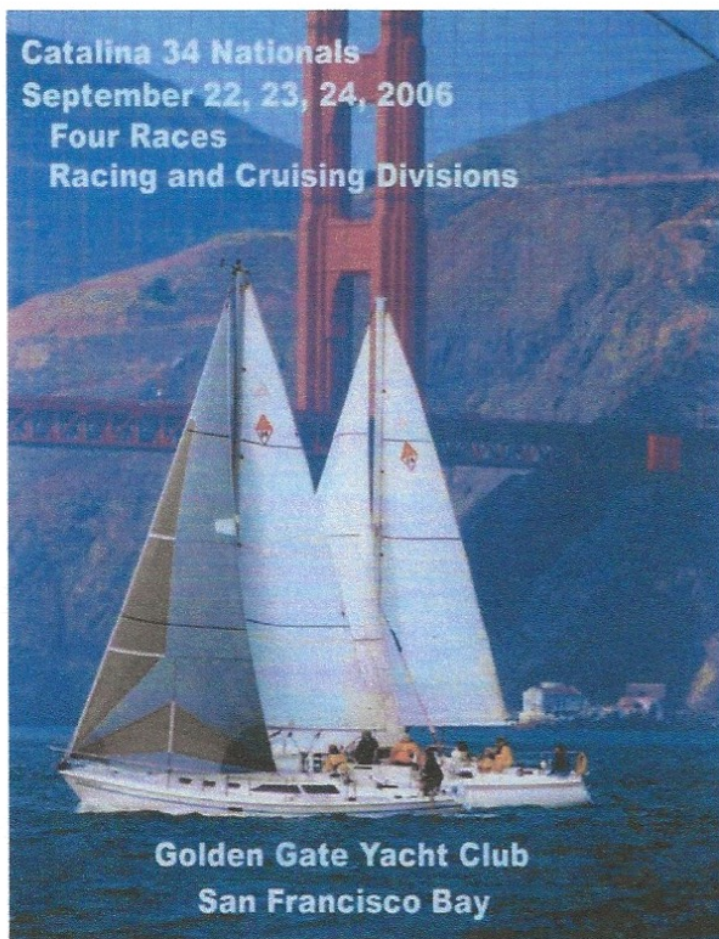
The Dockline

Chesapeake Bay Catalina 34 Fleet 12



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chartering a C34 and being part of the excitement, he/she should call or email Ray Irvine, 408.741.1043, email <C34irvine@cs.com> so he can start the search from among the 60 boats in Fleet 1 for a candidate.

It's bedtime, at least for most of our boats. Time to dream about sailing in the Caribbean or maybe taking a cruise and time to also look back over the year.

This summer things went pretty well except for that hot, hot spell which made it no fun to be on the water. We had a number of raft-ups, a Crab Feast, and a get-together during the Annapolis Boat Show.

A new Secretary/Treasurer (Linda Dunnigan) and a new Dockline Editor (Jan and Walt Rupp) were elected during our fall meeting and since I had taken office midterm, I volunteered to stay on for next year, and darn it, no one objected.

Our Fleet has a current membership of 33 C34s of varying ages (a 20 year old #54, through a brand new #1686), 8 other model boats, 1 RV, and 2 members that are boatless.

Dues are minimal (\$20 per year), technical help and advice is high, and friendship is great. So if you know of any C34s who are not members, talk to them and let them know what a wonderful organization we have and encourage them to join our fleet. While you are reading this, start thinking of places where you would like to raft up next season. Jot them down and let me know.

Lou Berman, Fleet 12 Captain

Fleet Captains Signal:

As you may have heard, Fleet 1 plans to host a C34 National regatta at the Golden Gate Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay at the end of September 2006. We are invited to be a part of this event. If any C34 owners in our area might be interested in

Editor's note: Speaking of cruises, the Memorial Day Cruise of May 29-31, 2005, never entered The Dockline, nor did the pictures ever appear in the newsletter. So here is the text as written last May.

After all the springtime rain, the Memorial Day Weekend promised to be pleasant. Saturday at 3:20 p.m. BRIGADOON (Rupp) anchored in Tripp Creek in a brisk wind followed closely by APACHE (Hill). Ron and Phyllis dinked over to BRIGADOON for a Saturday night rendezvous. TREE HOUSE (Dunnigan) experienced their first cruise with Fleet 12 stopping at Mears Marina for a holding tank pump-out before anchoring in Tripp Creek, but they never made it to the anchorage. Jack could not start the engine; Mears wanted them off the gas dock and would not rent them a slip, so Jack had to call Oxford Marina to rent a slip for the night. Jack called a towboat to tow TREE HOUSE to Oxford Boat Yard. Walt and Ron gave Jack suggestions and agreed to a time on Sunday to motor over to Oxford Marina to help Jack and Linda.

Sunday SECOND WIND (Berman) was arriving by approximately 3:00 p.m., so Ron and Phyllis, Walt and Jan motored over to Oxford to help Jack and Linda. APACHE was almost to Oxford when the VHF came alive with Jack's voice telling us he got the engine started (a tripped breaker caused all the trouble) and TREE HOUSE was on the way to Tripp Creek.

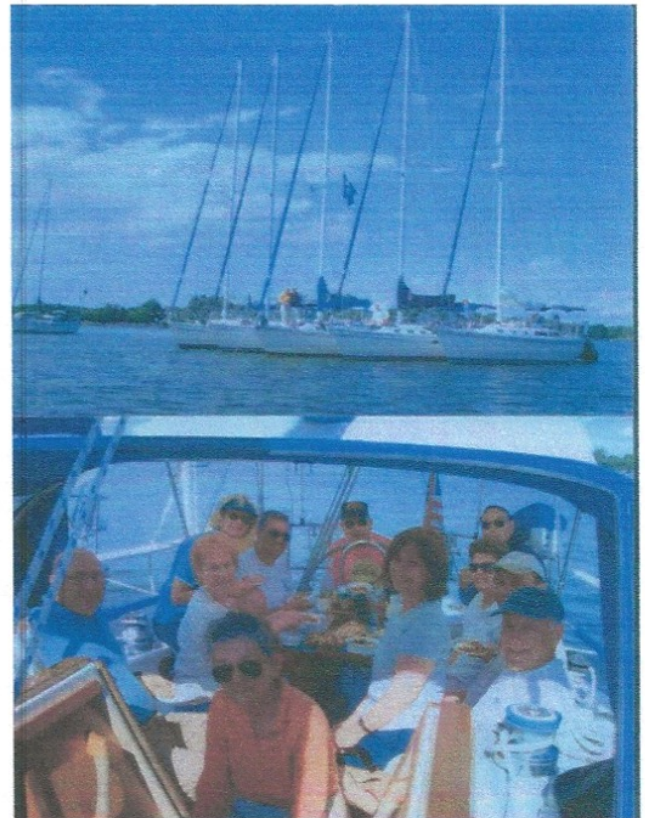
APACHE went to Campbell's fuel dock (diesel \$2.12, slips \$1.50/ft.) and we motored back to anchor in Tripp Creek.

Soon the rest of the fleet started joining the APACHE raft. BRIGADOON remained anchored where she was and Ron's taxi service brought Walt and Jan to the raft-up. BLUE HORIZON (Schreder), SECOND WIND (Berman), TREE HOUSE (Dunnigan), WIND SPIRIT (Brener/Martin), APACHE (Hill), BRIGADOON (Rupp)—6 Catalina 34s had their picture taken for The Dockline. An unequaled feast was shared by all and the wine flowed (at times literally and liberally). A good time was had by all.

Monday BRIGADOON departed Tripp Creek at 6:03 a.m. and docked at our marina at 1:00 p.m. As we departed the creek 5 Catalina 34s were still rafted and we saw no one on deck. The Bay was as windless for our cruise home on Monday as it was for our cruise up to Oxford on Saturday.

In all the years Walt and I have sailed the Chesapeake Bay we have never seen an LNG ship at the Cove Point LNG platform. Monday when we cruised down the Bay from the Choptank a big ship with block letters "L N G" painted on its side resided at the platform, a red Coast Guard inflatable sporting an automatic weapon guarded the ship. Three tug boats were anchored at the south end of the platform. The platform is long enough to accommodate at least 3 L N G ships.

Our thanks to everyone who made the Memorial Day Cruise a huge success during our beautiful weather. From: Jan and Walt, Cruise Leaders



Memorial Day Weekend Cruisers

November 12, 2005, Catalina 34, Fleet 12 Gathering at Solomons Landing hosted by Becky Strandberg and Larry Logan. That's Bill Beck



under his new umbrella.

After our gathering at Solomons Landing we went to DiGiovanni's for a delicious dinner, visiting and laughter.

Candidate for Vice Commodore of the Catalina 34 International Association

Gene Norris has graciously volunteered to be a candidate for this office in 2006. Gene was our Chesapeake Bay Fleet 12 Captain in 2004 and 2005. The Annual All Catalina rendezvous is the following weekend at Angel Island in the Bay.

Information note from:

Stu Jackson, Catalina 34 International Secretary

Catalina 34 Fleet 12 Spring Meeting

The Chesapeake Bay's Catalina 34 Fleet 12 will be holding its spring meeting on March 11th at the Belvedere Yacht Club, which is on Forked Creek on the Magothy River. The meeting is scheduled to start at 2 pm and activities will continue until about 9 pm. There will be a speaker about rigging or sails in the afternoon, followed by a business meeting, social time, and then a bull and oyster roast catered by Angles Market. Come prepared to discuss and plan raft-ups and cruises. Co hosts are David Ewing and Warren and Susan Cook. Contact Dave at Cherette@aol.com and Warren and Susan at sailwcook@aol.com or contact Fleet Captain Lou Berman at louberman@goeaston.net for further information.

One of the business meeting discussion topics will be the possible acquisition of a cutless bearing removal tool as described in the tech notes that accompanied the latest issue of the Catalina Mainsheet magazine. The cost of the item will be near \$395 dollars not including shipping and it would be bought from our treasury and be available to all Fleet 12 members. If someone in Fleet 12 has one and would be willing to lend it out so much the better. The tool will make removal of the old bearing and replacement with a new bearing take about 15 minutes and save a stop at your favorite boat yard.

For Sale

Bottom Sider cockpit cushions for a Catalina 34 (1986). Color, Royal blue, with white accent stripe. Asking \$50.00 or reasonable offer.

Contact: Dave Zonderman, 973.584.3981

Email sail274@optonline.net

Editors Corner

It has been several years since Walt and I put together a "Dockline" for our C34 Fleet 12 Members. We welcome any suggestions and look for inputs for the next "Dockline" due in April.

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