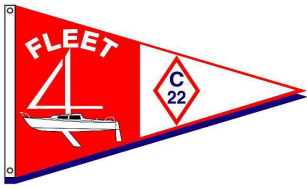


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Sacramento Catalina 22 Fleet 4UM Newsletter June 2009

➤ CAPTAIN'S REPORT ◀

What a busy 30 days we're in the middle of! It started with "Pimp my Boat" followed immediately by a cruise. I don't do Cruises yet, so I will leave that report to the Cruise leader but the PIMP MY BOAT was a great success (your past Captain-Karen's idea). We even had FLYC members there. There were adult beverages and good food, and a christening of a boat, *AKUNA MATADA III*, with the obligatory dousing of the bow with accompanying prayers. I'm sure the pictures are in the newsletter-they have been posted for a while now elsewhere. A perfect evening and an event we'll do again.

This was followed by the Memorial Day cruise which your captain must claim to be ignorant about (I was at the jazz festival) but the winds were great all weekend and it wasn't too hot. It must have been good.

In the middle of all this fun, your board of directors made off with a lot of green stuff-actually we had a meeting to "have a meeting" and 'were solvent', and did we pound on the green stuff or more correctly; we had a SALAD POT LUCK. See, being on the board isn't that bad-volunteer next year for a position. Thanks to all the participants for the great condiments. It was the first non-family event held on our new deck.

The next event for several of the racers is this weekend June 6 & 7 at Scotts Flat Reservoir up the hill from Nevada City. There are great facilities at this venue, but a very fluky lake when the winds are light and from the west.

Next on the agenda is the general fleet meeting, also known as the annual PICNIC to be held up the hill to the west of the Brown's Ravine Marina ramp. The meeting will be very informal and starts when you get there. The fleet provides the Charcoal, you provide a potluck item and your entrée.

UP COMING EVENTS

❁ June ❁

11/12 & 18/19 – High Sierra Regatta, Scott's Flat Lake, see FLYC website: <http://www.flyc.org> or contact Dave Strain for details
 Fri. 12th – Fleet 4 Picnic, F.L.
 Sat. 13th – Bigs & Littles Sail Day, F.L. Event Leader Karen Preston
 Sat/Sun 13th-14th, Spring into Summer Cruise, F.L., Cruise Leader Larry Charlot

❁ July ❁

Fri/Sun 3rd-5th – Independence Day Cruise, F.L., Cruise Leader TBD
 Fri/Sun 3rd-5th – Independence Day S.F. Bay, Cruise Leader Roy Moore
 Thurs 9th – Membership Meeting, Fair Oaks Library
 Thur/Sun 9th-26th – San Juans/Gulf Islands Cruise, Cruise Leader Larry Charlot

❁ August ❁

Fri/Sun 7th-9th – Shooting Star Cruise, Union Valley Reservoir, Cruise Leader Steve & JoAnne Watkins
 Thurs 13th – Membership Meeting, Fair Oaks Library
 Fri/Sun 28th-30th – Camp'n' Cruise, Union Valley Reservoir, Cruise Leader Dave & Lannette Strain

❁ September ❁

Fri/Sun 5th-7th Labor Day Cruise F.L., Cruise Leader TBD
 Fri/Sun 5th-7th Labor Day "away" Cruise Delta (Brannan Island), Cruise Leader TBD
 Thu 10th – Membership Meeting, Fair Oaks Library "2010 Board Nominations"

"Deadline for submissions to the 4UM is the last Friday of each month for the following month's edition."

This will be followed on Saturday by the BIG's and LITTLE's, otherwise known as the big Brothers and Sisters and Little Brothers and Sisters benefit sail and picnic. This is one of the most FUN events of the year, seeing the enjoyment these disadvantaged kids have while sailing, swimming and engaging in the hydraulic shootout-squirt gun fight. Get your boat out there and get wet! Oh! The food afterwards is good too-provided by your fleet. If you choose to join in the fun, and haven't already signed up, call Karen Preston soon. Of course, since your boat is ready to sail at the bigs and littles there is a cruise immediately afterwards, how convenient!

Hey, the lake is a lot fuller than some expected, and the winds have been pretty good this late into the season, so there's no reason not to join in the fun while both last. See you out there!

Mike Rayfuse, 2009 Fleet 4 Captain,
Catalina 22 #3088 "**SIRIUS**"

➤MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE◀

May 23 to May 25, 2009

We held the Captain's meeting at 10:00 am at the Brown's Ravine marina. Several couples showed up to talk about the plans for the weekend: Ken and Sharon Twomey, *Akuna Matada*; Gary and Karen Preston, *Charmed Life*; Larry Charlot, *Quiet Time*; Roy Moore, *Felice*; (Noreen joined us later); and Kevin Morton, a new Fleet 4 member sailing with Roy. [Kevin has a Catalina 27, *Perseverando*, at the Vallejo Marina]

We discussed having an evening sail after dinner, and everyone thought that would be nice.

We packed up *Slow Dancer* and headed out for some really good sailing. We sailed out to the Dam, then turned around and put up our Geniker. Either we were very unskilled, or the wind died, because we could not keep the sail filled. It was about 2 pm anyway, so we started up the motor and headed up the South Fork to New York Cove. We were the first to arrive and the wind was calm. We set both anchors, and soon *Akuna Matada* showed up. As the others arrived, the wind started to build again. Wade and Debbie Behling on *Windy Britches*, and Dee and Jennie on *Wingin' It* arrived. Wade helped set the rest of the anchors. Peggy Newell and Don on *Wind*

Rose joined us. Later, Roy and Noreen Moore with Kevin Morton sailed in on *Felice*. We had 7 boats that night from our Fleet.

Catalina 250WB *Miracle Max* with Bob and Marian Bumala joined us from San Jose Sailing Club. They brought their Chocolate Lab "Bosco". We had dogs on both ends of the raft up. Two on Dee and Jennie's boat, and another on Roy's boat.

We also had visitors who did not spend the night, but it was nice of them to drop in. Dave and Lanette Strain and family come on their daughter's patio boat. A friend of Dee and Jennie's stopped in for a few minutes on an O'Day, Second Wind.

Larry Charlot had a college graduation for his daughter to attend, so he left early in the afternoon and joined us again the next day.

Our evening sail never materialized. Everyone was well fed and sipping on wine. No one wanted to leave such a peaceful setting. The wind was cold, but it finally died down as the stars came out.

Next morning, no one wanted to leave. Most of us had a leisurely breakfast and enjoyed the sun. The two Hunter's left about the same time and sailed down the South Fork. Ken said he was not racing, but Gary never let Ken get ahead of him. We took some really beautiful pictures of them together, as we trailed along behind them. The wind was steady at around 3 knots until we got out into the lake.

We went into the marina for more ice and lunch, then we headed out for the North Fork. We took a short cut across the peninsula. The water was very high. Lake level was about 460 ft. At one point, however, our depth sounder read "0", as we drifted across between some trees. We made it with no scraping sounds from the bottom. After we got across and closer to Granite Bay, the sailing was good. Once again we tried the Geniker. This time, it worked pretty well. However, we were generally going north but at a rather slow speed. We were following Gary and Karen, and Bob and Marian were right behind us. After a while, we gave up and motored up the North Fork in order to get to Mormon Ravine before it got too late. Gary and Karen, and Bob and Marian were already anchored. There was a raft up of power boaters at the entrance with their usual loud music. We saw Larry Charlot motor up behind us, but he passed us and headed

straight up north as far as he could go. Later, he came back and joined our raft up in time for dinner. So we had four boats that night; *Slow Dancer*, *Charmed Life*, *Miracle Max* and *Quiet Time*.

Mormon Ravine is the most peaceful place after the power boats go home for the night. The water was cold. My indicator read 80 degrees for swimming. I tested the new ladder with the three step extension. Didn't stay long. Marian had a wet suit and stayed in a little longer. Gary and Karen took a dip, but they had a hot water shower bag.

The stars were beautiful. We sat up and visited for a short while, but the night air turned cool so we bundled up and turned in. I believe several boats also rafted up in New York Cove for the second night.

Early the next morning, Larry was up and off at daybreak. We stayed in bed for an extra long time. Gary and Karen were in no hurry to get going. It was such a beautiful morning; we enjoyed it as long as we could. Gradually, we started to feel the wind and decided to head down the North Fork. We reset Gary and Karen's anchor, and motored out. After the first narrow, windy part, we set sail and sailed most of the rest of the way back. At Granite Bay, we decided to take the long way around the peninsula this time, and then we motored back to the marina. It took us a while to get pumped out, and unpacked. We cleaned up the boat for the next cruise with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters. I know it won't stay clean, but one can hope. It was extremely HOT in the marina; It was nice to get back into the air conditioned car for the drive home.

The weekend was fabulous. The wind and weather were PERFECT. This will probably be the best cruise of the season.

Ron and Carolyn Hitchcock,
Catalina 25 SR/WK #5832, *Slow Dancer*

➤CRUISING REPORT◀

Well folks, it looks like the predictions I made last winter, that it would be a short, gloomy season at Folsom Lake with another premature marina closure, were somewhat off the mark. Sometime during the third week in May, lake level reached 463', only three feet below full pond, and there were only FOUR STEPS to

climb at "A" dock! Never have I been more pleased to be proved wrong. As of today, June 2, the inflow has dropped way off - I guess most of the snow has melted - and the lake has dropped two feet from it's highest point, but there should definately be enough water to keep the marina operational through Labor Day weekend, and maybe even into October.

We are less than two weeks away from our annual Fleet 4 Picnic, Friday June 12th, followed the next day by our annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Sail Day. Now is your last chance to sign up with Karen Preston if you can contribute your boat to this event.

For the Picnic: It will get underway about 5:00pm Friday evening, at the Picnic Area atop the hill above Brown's Ravine Marina. Fleet 4 will provide charcoal and starter fluid to fire the barbecues. Each participant will bring their own meat to cook, their own beverages, and a side dish to share. After the food is eaten, at around 20:00 we will have a short Membership Meeting in the picnic area. NOTE: THIS IS "THE" JUNE MEETING-WE WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, HAVE A MEETING AT FAIR OAKS LIBRARY IN JUNE.

For the BBBS Sail Day Event: Everyone who is skippering a boat needs to check in with event organizer Karen Preston at the Brown's Ravine Picnic Area at 09:00 Saturday morning June 13th, to meet their assigned guests. Small boats (Catalina 22 and similar) will be assigned one Big/Little pair; Large boats (Catalina 25/Chrysler 26 and similar), will be assigned two pairs. The format is typically to go sailing for about 45 minutes if there's at least a little wind, generally out to the Dam, then head back in to the area between Brown's Ravine and Mormon Island for a swim party/water fight. Around 11:30, pick everyone up and head back to the marina as the picnic lunch should be ready around Noon.

Following the BBBS Sail and Picnic, there will be a Fleet 4 Cruise, probably right in the Marina. This is the last scheduled event in June, but I urge all of you with boats at Folsom Lake to make the most of the high water level while it lasts. Get out there and sail your boat!

Three weeks after the BBBS Sail Event is Independence Day Weekend. Roy Moore is leading an "Away" cruise to San Francisco Bay, probably to launch from Vallejo, but contact Roy for details. On Sunday, July 5th, everyone with a boat at Folsom Lake who is planning to participate in the San Juans Cruise should gather in the launch ramp parking lot to de-rig, unless you are planning to do this the night before we leave, which will be Thursday July 9th.

The itinerary for the San Juans Cruise has been finalized. The one-week-only participants (Currently the Prestons), will start from Anacortes on Saturday July 11, and spend that night in Rosario, on Orcas Island's East Sound. After Rosario, the cruise continues to Deer Harbor (Orcas Island), Roche Harbor (San Juan Island), Griffin Bay (San Juan Island), Friday Harbor (San Juan Island), Hunter Bay (Lopez Island), Deepwater Bay (Cypress Island), then back to Anacortes the next Saturday.

The two-week cruise itinerary starts from Bellingham, and joins up with the Preston's in Rosario, continuing to Deer Harbor and Roche Harbor, where we separate. Then on to Sidney B.C. for two nights, with a shore excursion to Victoria on the city bus, then north to Ganges (Saltspring Island), Montague Harbour (Galiano Island), Conover Cove (Wallace Island), Maple Bay (Vancouver Island), Sidney Spit (Sidney Island), a brief stop at Roche Harbor to check back into the U.S. of A., then on to our last two nights in Fossil Bay (Sucia Island) before heading back to Bellingham.

On August 7-9, Steve and JoAnne Watkins will lead the annual Shooting Star Cruise to Union Valley Reservoir. Note that the launch ramp parking lot there, which has been free of charge in the past, may no longer be free; there was a rumor circulating earlier this year that a \$10/day parking fee was going to be put into effect this year. Three weeks later, there will be a combination land-camping trip and "away" cruise to Union Valley, contact Dave and lanette Strain for details.

For September, there is not yet a definite plan for Labor Day weekend; a lot is going to depend on water level and the mandatory haul-out date,

which hopefully will be after Labor Day but no one can say for sure. If Brown's Ravine Marina is still in operation, there will be a Folsom Lake cruise; if not, there will be an "away" cruise to the Delta, launching from Brannan Island.

UPCOMING CRUISES:

▶ June 13, "BIGS AND LITTLES SAIL DAY and PICNIC", Folsom Lake. Please contact Karen Preston to sign up for this. We could use three more boats.

▶ June 13-14, "SPRING INTO SUMMER" Cruise, Folsom Lake. Starts as soon as the Bigs and Littles Picnic is finished. If there's some afternoon breeze, we will go sailing until sunset, then raft up for PuuPuu's and dinner. This cruise takes the place of the former "NOTES ON BOATS/JAZZ JAMBOREE" cruises that used to be run on this weekend.

▶ July 3-5, "INDEPENDANCE DAY" Cruise, Folsom Lake. Celebrate the 4th on your boat - the lake is plenty warm enough for a refreshing swim by early July. If someone wants to run an "away" cruise to the Bay or Delta, please contact the Secretary/Cruise Director and submit an article for the June 4-UM.

▶ July 5, De-Rig day for the San Juans. All participants in the San Juans/Gulf Islands cruise who have their boats at Folsom Lake should de-rig today. We will get together in the Brown's Ravine launch ramp parking lot and help each other drop masts and prepare the boats for trailering to Bellingham.

▶ July 9-27, "SAN JUANS/GULF ISLANDS" Cruise. Please contact Larry Charlot to sign up for this. We currently have three boats going, "*QUIET TIME*", "*FELICE*", and "*CHARMED LIFE*", and it would be great to increase this number.

NOTE: The originally planned June 21st start date for the San Juans/Gulf Islands Cruise has been pushed back three weeks to July 11th.

-Larry Charlot
Catalina 25 #5857 "*Quiet Time*"
Catalina 22 #13457 "*Magic*"



➤ **CHARTER IN THE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS** ◀
NOVEMBER 2009 - Gary Preston

Several people have expressed interest in charter sailing in the BVI in November 2009. Would you like to join us? Last year, Jason Jenkins started the ball rolling to organize a group trip, and I am picking up the ball where he left off. In fact, we have already reserved a boat for Thanksgiving week, from Sunday 11/22/09 to Sunday 11/29/09. The British Virgins are said to be easy for beginner charter sailors, with steady trade winds and everything in line-of-sight navigation. If you have even a remote interest, please contact us: Home phone (916) 979-9819
Email: Gary_Karen_Preston@compuserve.com



➤ **RACING REPORT** ◀

The Camellia Cup Regatta, sponsored by FLYC, was a success, in spite of the inclement weather. Putting on a regatta of this size is no small under-taking. Uber special thank-yous should go to Sherron Hart of Hart Sails who graciously donated her rainproof tent. Without the tent, and the sturdy men and women who helped raise it, the on-shore parts of the 2-day event would have been much like Noah trying to get those unruly animals on the ark. Another great thank you goes to Mel Morrison of Morrison Marine, along with Todd Craig of Inland Sails. Mel's specialty is fixing fiberglass boat dings. Once again the chase boat needs some TLC Mel style. Todd is managing a chandlery at Morrison Marine. These two guys are a dynamo. Thank you all, Sherron, Todd, and Mel, for your constant support of the Sacramento area sailing events. Additionally, Hart Sails, Morrison Marine, and Inland Sails donated raffle prizes, which contribute to the over-all fun of the event. If you missed the Cam Cup this year, be sure to watch for the annual event in Spring of 2010.

Now that the Winter Series, TransFolsom and Camellia Cup are behind us, it is time to look forward for the summer events. The Go for the Gold Regatta at Scott's Flat Lake in Nevada City area is on the weekend of June 6 & 7. Several Fleet 4 and FLYC members will be at this fun, annual event. Some families are camping at the Lake's campground, some stay in local motels. Wherever you may be in the evening, be on the

start line, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Contact Chris Buti at 530-273-5911, or go online at GCYC.net (Gold Country YC). Don't forget the Catalina 25/250 Nationals in the Bay. Scott Hefty is spearheading this event. Gary Preston is his able-bodied helper, both on the Bay and on the phone! Call one of these guys for more information. Scott 978-9445, or Gary 979-9819

If you have not been to the Lake for a while, you will be dazzled that there are only 7 steps from the top of the stairs to the docks! Will we go for six? For five? Or even less?

-Dave Strain

Catalina 22 # 138 "*Salsa Verde*"

Catalina 250 #256 "*Faux Play*"

landave@copper.net or 933-2346.

➤ **MEMBERSHIP CORNER** ◀

Please welcome our newest Member, Kevin Morton! Kevin sails a 1974 Catalina 27, hull number 1920, named "*Perseverando*"; she is berthed at the Vallejo Municipal Marina.

-Lanette Strain, Membership Director



➤ **CATALINA 22, 25/250, & CAPRI 25
NATIONAL REGATTAS** ◀

The Catalina 22 National Association has moved their National Regatta from San Francisco Bay to the Fort Walton Yacht Club, Florida.

Interested sailors should go to:

www.catalina22.org/calendar.htm to find links to the new sponsor and contact person.

The Catalina/Capri 25, 250 National Association is still holding their National Regatta at San Francisco Bay's Berkeley Yacht Club but have changed the dates to the weekend of June 20th and 21st. The Notice of Race is posted on their National Association Web page, www.catalina-capri-25s.org/racing/racing.asp.

Please contact Scott Hefty, FLYC/Fleet 4 and National Regatta Committee member, raymond622@comcast.net, (916) 978-9445, or the contact on the Notice of Race if you have any questions.

www.catalina-capri-25s.org/racing/racing.asp

-Scott Hefty

Catalina 25 #5539 "*Ho' Okolohe*"

Catalina 22 Fleet 4 - 2009 Cruises & Meetings Calendar

JANUARY

- ▶ 8: General Membership Meeting-Fair Oaks Library
 - ▶ 17-19: Whale Watch Cruise, Monterey.
- Cruise leader Larry Charlot

FEBRUARY

- ▶ 12: General Membership Meeting at Mike & Madeline Rayfuse's house (Fair Oaks Library Not Available)
 - ▶ 14-16: President's Day Cruise, S.F. Bay
- CANCELLED (INCLEMENT WEATHER)

MARCH

▶ 7: FOLSOM LAKE MARINA OPENS FOR SLIP RENTERS TO LAUNCH THEIR BOATS

- ▶ 12: General Membership Meeting-Fair Oaks Library
 - ▶ 28-29 First of Spring Cruise, Folsom Lake
- Cruise Leader Larry Charlot

APRIL

- ▶ 9: General Membership Meeting-Fair Oaks Library
 - ▶ 18: Sail Expo Jack London Square, Oakland
- No Cruise Leader (make your own Amtrak reservation)
- ▶ 25-26: New Member's/Past Captain's Cruise
- Folsom Lake. Cruise Leader Larry Charlot

MAY

- ▶ 15: "Pimp Your Boat" Meeting-Folsom Lake, 19:00
 - ▶ 16-17: "Pimp Your Boat" Cruise-Folsom Lake, Cruise Leader Larry Charlot
 - ▶ 23-25: Memorial Day Cruise-Folsom Lake
- Cruise Leader Ron Hitchcock. "Away" cruise to SF Bay, Union Valley, or Delta optional if anyone wants to organize one.

JUNE

- ▶ 12: Fleet 4 Annual Member's Picnic-Folsom Lake, Brown's Ravine Picnic Area
- ▶ 13: Big Brother's/Big Sister's Day Sail & Picnic-Folsom Lake. Event Leader Karen Preston
- ▶ 13-14: First of Summer Cruise-New York Cove, Folsom Lake, Cruise Leader Larry Charlot

JULY

- ▶ 3-5: Independence Day Cruise-Folsom Lake, if marina still open. Alternate Locations, Union Valley Reservoir, SF Bay, or Delta. Cruise Leader TBD
 - ▶ 5 De-Rigging day for Folsom Lake boats that will be heading up to the San Juan's Cruise the following week
 - ▶ 9: General Membership Meeting-Fair Oaks Library
 - ▶ 11-26: San Juan's/Gulf Islands Cruise.
- Cruise Leader Larry Charlot

AUGUST

- ▶ 8-9: Shooting Star Cruise-Union Valley Reservoir
- Cruise Leader JoAnne Watkins
- ▶ 13: General Membership Meeting-Fair Oaks Library
 - ▶ 28-31: Union Valley Camp'n' Cruise trip.
- Cruise Leader Dave & Lanette Strain.

SEPTEMBER

- ▶ 5-7: Labor Day Cruise, Folsom Lake. Cruise Leader Larry Charlot
- ▶ 5-7: Delta Cruise-Brannan Island to Antioch. Cruise Leader TBD
- ▶ 10: General Membership Meeting-Fair Oaks Library (2010 Board Nominations)

OCTOBER

- ▶ 8: General Membership Meeting-Fair Oaks Library (2010 Board Elections)
- ▶ 10-12: Fleet Week Cruise-SF Bay. Launch at Emeryville. Cruise Leader TBD

NOVEMBER

- ▶ 7: Annual Awards Banquet-location TBD
 - ▶ 21-29: BVI Charter Cruise
- Cruise Leader Karen Preston

DECEMBER

Happy Holidays!

For Calendar of Racing events, check Folsom Lake Yacht Club website: <http://www.flyc.org/pdfs/2009Calendar.pdf> or contact Dave Strain: <mailto:landave@copper.net>



May. 15, 2009, 20:12. "A" Dock, Folsom Lake. Sharon & Ken Twomey christening their new Hunter 260, "*Akuna Matada III*"



Apr. 25, 2009, 10:52. Folsom Lake, "Felice" and "Cosmic Dream" at the start of the New Member's/Past Captain's Cruise

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Web Links and other useful Tid-Bits

Folsom Lake Marina's home page: current daily hours of operation at the marina, slip and dry storage fees, map and directions. Plus links to other web sites with information on lake water level, State Park regulations, and boating-related businesses and vendors.

<http://www.folsomlakemarina.com/>

Catalina Yacht Home Page (take a look at that new C-350 Mk. II!):

<http://www.catalinayachts.com/>

Catalina 25/250 and Capri 25 National Association Forum:

<http://www.catalina-capri-25s.org/forum/>

Catalina 25/250 and Capri 25 National Association Technical Tips. Great resource showing various modifications and improvements that owners have made on their boats:

<http://www.catalina-capri-25s.org/tech/tech.asp>

Catalina 22 National Association website:

<http://www.catalina22.org/>

US Coast Guard Auxilliary Float Plan website:

<http://www.floatplancentral.org/>

NOAA's National Ocean Service Real Time On-Line Tide Station Data for the West Coast :

<http://www.tidesonline.nos.noaa.gov/monlist.shtml?region=wc>