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Upcoming Events

No Membership Meeting in July.

(Next meeting is Friday August 14 at Roy & Noreen Moore's home.)

Wednesdays thru August 26 (water level permitting), 6:00 pm - Beer Can Races
Folsom Lake, details on FLYC.org

Friday July 3 - Sunday July 5 - Independence Cruise
Folsom Lake

Friday, July 17, 6:00 pm - Summer Sunset Series Race #3
Folsom Lake, if lake level > 400 ft., details on FLYC.org

Saturday July 18 - Wednesday July 22 - C22 National Regatta
Portland, OR

Friday, August 7, 6:00 pm - Summer Sunset Series Race #4
Folsom Lake, if lake level > 400 ft., details on FLYC.org

Saturday August 8 - Sunday August 9 - Shooting Star Cruise
Union Valley Reservoir

Captain's Report

Roy Moore, Fleet Captain

Fleet 4 made progress in updating our bylaws this month. The June Fleet officers' meeting was devoted to careful scrutiny of the original draft distributed to the membership last spring. The proposed new bylaws include three major changes: (1) membership would be open to anyone who supports the purpose and goals of the Fleet. (Theoretically, someone whose only boat is a 200 hp Bayliner could join, but heck if that someone wants to crew on a Fleet boat in a race or cruise, why not?) (2) the dates of the membership meetings are less frequent and more flexible. (3) The Fleet will rely more heavily on 21st century communication media; we would still be committed to publishing a paper roster each year. (BTW any member wanting a .pdf version of the roster may get one from the Captain.) In addition, the officers made several minor grammatical changes and moved text around. We will vote on whether to adopt the bylaw changes at the August 14th membership meeting.

The annual picnic was hot, but mostly in the thermal sense. Eight of us braved the 100+ heat, and with a gentle breeze, we had a pleasant time. Good companionship, good food, and good conversation, like always. With the heat, the show-my-boat attracted neither showers nor viewers.

The Bigs/Littles event was again a resounding success. Karen Preston coordinated with the Bigs/Littles organization, and organized the distribution to various boats. Madeline Rayfuse and crew fed everyone

to capacity and beyond. Every bit as well as past years. There were fewer Big/Little pairs this year, apparently because several "Littles" aren't little any more ("aged out"). Maybe the newbies will hear how much fun this year was and join us next year. Weather cooperated; the day was blessed with light south wind all day, enough to power a squirter fight. And, the lake level stayed up long enough to host the event before the slips at Brown's Ravine had to be evacuated. (Whew!) Rumor has it that those who stayed for the overnight cruise were blessed with bodacious winds Sunday morning.

Elsewhere you can find details about the July 4th and Union Valley cruises, and the racing scene will continue to include Wednesday evening "beer can" races.

Fair winds and ample water,
Roy Moore

Independence Cruise

Folsom Lake, July 3, 4 and 5
Tim Hampton, Cruising Chair

Show your Independence (and your boat) and sail at beautiful Folsom Lake! We will be launching at the Hobie Ramp, located just outside Brown's Ravine, past the Marina, at Folsom Lake State Recreational Area. Spend one day, or the entire 3-day 4th of July weekend.

Fees:

- Vehicle and boat entry fee of \$22.00
- Boat camping fee of \$20.00 per night (pay at marina office)

Itinerary:

Friday

- Rig and Launch
- Skippers Meeting 10am at top of Hobie Ramp
- Fun sail to New York Cove for raft up

Saturday

- Sail out to the west shore of the peninsula, anchor, and watch the Fireworks from your boat!

Sunday

- Fun Sail and finish at Hobie Ramp
- De-rig and have lunch

We are looking for a Cruise Leader for this Cruise. Call Tim Hampton for more info at 530-300-2944.

[Editor's Note: Karen and Gary Preston plan to launch *Charmed Life* for one last hurrah while we still have water. If you make it out at any time, call Cell: 916-765-2298 or VHF Channel 16 or 69 (depending on coverage).]

Shooting Star Cruise

Union Valley Reservoir, August 8 and 9
Tim Hampton, Cruising Chair

Come and enjoy the Sailing and Scenery!! Sunset Campground is situated on the shores of Union Valley Reservoir, among the towering cedar and ponderosa pines of El Dorado National Forest. Aptly named, the campground is a fantastic destination for colorful sunset views over the lake. All water activities are popular here, but it's also fun to bring a bike and explore the neighboring bike trail. El Dorado includes the famed gold mining territory of the 1800s. Remnants of the days of the California Gold Rush can be found all around the region.

Natural Features:

Sunset Campground sits in the Crystal Basin at an elevation of 5,000 feet. Some sites are fully shaded while others sit in a meadow. The climate is similar to that of the Mediterranean with warm, dry summers and cold, wet winters.

Recreation:

On the water, sailing, boating and swimming are very popular. For hikers and bikers, the Union Valley Bike Trail and Bassi Falls Hiking Trail are great for exploring. Fishing in the lake includes rainbow, brown, mackinaw trout and kokanee salmon. The bike trail connects with the campground, near the boat ramp, and stretches for 4.8 miles along the eastern shores of the lake.

Facilities:

The large campground has 131 single-unit sites including 30 tent-only spots. Amenities include a boat ramp with an accessible boarding dock, a paved parking area, dump station, vault toilets and drinking water. A swimming beach is also located onsite.

Nearby Attractions:

Venture to the nearby lake, Ice House Reservoir or hike up Twin Peaks to look down over Union Valley Reservoir. A restaurant and general store are within 5 miles of the campground.

Getting There:

On Highway 50, east of Placerville, travel for 21 miles to the Icehouse Road turnoff on your left. Continue north for 16 miles to the campground.

Please email or call Tim Hampton if you are interested in attending this event! Cell 530-300-2944 or email tim.hampton23@gmail.com

***We are looking for a Cruise Leader for this Event, Please Call Tim Hampton to Volunteer!!

Big Brother/Big Sister Sail Day 2015

Karen Preston

Despite a forecast of 100 degrees and barely enough water to keep the marina floating, the eager, and sometimes nervous, kids and bigs gathered at the hilltop picnic area hoping for their perfect day at the lake. This year, there were many "newbies" who had no idea what to expect and who hoped to survive the high seas and treacherous creatures waiting for them on Folsom Lake. After reassuring them that they would do more than survive, they would become fearless sea captains, everyone headed out to the boats. The reality of life on a boat on Folsom Lake is, of course, much calmer than their worst fears, and the kids and bigs soon got into the usual water cannon fights, swimming, and some sailing in a decent breeze that lasted the whole morning. This year, we even had a special treat of having a patio boat that could pull the kids on tubes. And the sun was shielded by un-forecasted cloud cover that kept temperatures comfortable. By the time the boats returned for the picnic lunch, there was a lot of big smiles, much storytelling, pride in having taken a tiller, and exclamations of looking forward to next year's Sail Day. Thanks go to everyone who volunteered. This year's skippers included Larry Charlot (*Quiet Time*), Will Deutsch (*Four Sirens*), Mark Erdrich (*patio boat*), Drake Johnson with Steve Patchett (*Andiamo*), Kerry Johnson (*What Ever*), Roy Moore (*Allegro*), John Poimiroo (*Glory*), Gary Preston (*Charmed Life*), Mike Rayfuse (*Sirius*), and Mark Werder (*Blue Hawk*). Shore crew and BBQ masters were led by Madeline Rayfuse, who made it look simple for helpers Carolyn Hitchcock, Joyce Johnson, Bill Martin, Kevin Morton, Susan Patchett, and Karen Preston. Larry Charlot also served as photographer and you can see for yourself how it went with this link:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/v7j4tfmh8bdt1gh/2015_0620_BBBS_PICNIC.zip?dl=0



Right after lunch and clean-up, the breeze dropped away, the sun came out, and the temperature rose to the high 90's, just as if someone had been controlling it all morning until the fun was done. What a perfect Sail Day.

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