

Our May issue of the Fleet 4 newsletter is a mini-version...

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Upcoming Events

(Updated full Fleet 4 Schedule is attached.)

No Membership Meeting in May.

(Next meeting is the annual picnic on Friday June 12 at Folsom Lake.)

Wednesdays, May 6 - August 26, 6:00 pm - Beer Can Races
Folsom Lake, Brown's Ravine, details on FLYC.org

Friday, May 15, 6:00 pm - Summer Sunset Series Race #1
Folsom Lake, Brown's Ravine, details on FLYC.org

Saturday May 23 - Monday May 25 - Memorial Day Weekend Cruises
Folsom Lake and San Francisco Bay

Saturday June 6 - Sunday June 7 - Go for the Gold Regatta
Scott's Flat Lake, Nevada City, details on GCYC.net

Memorial Day Weekend Cruises - "You Choose Cruise"

Folsom Lake and San Francisco Bay, May 23, 24, and 25
Tim Hampton, Cruising Chair

Choose the venue that best suits you. Spend one day, or the entire 3 day Memorial Day weekend.

Folsom Lake:

The Cruise Leaders are Karen and Gary Preston. Rig and launch Friday evening or Saturday morning at the Folsom Lake Marina, located in Browns Ravine. The Skippers Meeting is Saturday at 10:00 am at the top of the marina launch ramp, where we'll finalize the itinerary depending on the preferences of the participants. The proposal is to sail up the North Fork about 10 miles to Mormon Ravine, where we'll anchor for the night. On Sunday, sail to New York Cove in the South Fork, perhaps with a stop on the way at the Marina store for some ice cream. On Monday, sail up to Salmon Falls Bridge, the furthest you can sail up the South Fork (assuming there is enough water), then return to the marina to de-rig.

Please let Karen or Gary know if you think you might attend the Folsom Lake Cruise, even if you can only make it for a day or two. We'll try to plan the itinerary around day sailors, like a lunch raft-up. Home: 916-979-9819; Email: Gary_Karen_Preston@compuserve.com ; Cell: 916-765-2298 (also good on the lake, depending on coverage); VHF Channel 16 or 69 (depending on coverage).

San Francisco Bay:

Rig and launch Friday evening or Saturday morning at Marina Bay Yacht Harbor, 1340 Marina Way South, Richmond CA. The Skippers Meeting is Saturday at 11:00 am at the top of the marina launch ramp. The proposed itinerary is to sail to Angel Island and raft up for lunch, then return to Richmond for the night. On Sunday, sail to Pier 39 for lunch and shopping, and then sail back to Richmond for dinner

on our boats. A short sail on Monday, then de-rig and pull out. This is only a suggested itinerary; actual events will be confirmed by the Cruise Leader.

We are looking for a Cruise Leader for the San Francisco Bay cruise, so if you are interested, please contact Tim Hampton, cell 530-300-2944, or email Tim.Hampton23@gmail.com

Racing Report

Michael Rayfuse, Racing Chairman

Attention all newbies/nuubees/nubes:

This is the time to get your sailing/racing game into gear as the lake is still full enough for full course racing and the pressure of the hardcore racers is not so intimidating. Check the link below from Latitude 38 regarding "BEER CAN" racing. Use the right arrow to go to page 76 - top left.

<http://issuu.com/latitude38/docs/138201505>

Another thing that is hard to explain on the water is the Start/Rabbit Boat thing, but this is explained pretty well on the home page of the FLYC home page. Sometimes the fleet is not allowed to tack until the "RABBIT" tacks - check the local regulations.

<http://www.flyc.org/home.aspx>

Afterwards is where the BEER CAN part comes in; a gathering up at the "storage shed"/club house (or a local establishment TBD) where the day's events are rehashed with suds. This is where the 'shoulda, woulda, coulda's' are related, mixed in with some 'what if's', 'why not's', 'if only's' and crew bashing take place. All while looking for a refill of the beer. I guess it's CAN racing followed by BEER.

Racing starts Wednesday 5/6/15 and continues every Wednesday at 6:00 pm 'til the Water or the Beer is gone. Check the FLYC link above for schedule. There will also be a summer series starting Friday 5/15/2015 - just a little more pressure but the same crowd and nicer trophies.

The next large regatta on the horizon is the Go for the Gold Regatta on June 6-7 up at Scott's Flat Reservoir above Nevada City. If you're going you will need to get some accommodations in the area soon or just drive home Saturday night. However they usually have a band and tri-tip dinner at the launch ramp so you may wish to stay in the area.

See you on the lake.

'THE POINTY END IS THE FRONT'

[*Editor's Note:* Anyone who would rather crew than sail your own boat for a Wednesday Night Beer Can Race, you are invited to crew on my Hunter 270. Call me at 916-979-9819. Gary Preston.]

Big Brother/Sister Sail and Picnic

Saturday, June 20th

Karen Preston

This popular annual event matches our boats and skippers with pairs of Bigs/Littles for a fun day on the water. I need to let BB/BS know how many pairs can sign up, which is based on how many boats we can provide. Usually, we need about 12 - 15 boats. With the low water, some skippers who usually participate won't be available, so PLEASE let me know ASAP whether or not you can help. The day starts at 9:30 AM and ends around 1:30 PM. If needed, and boats are willing, we might split the pairs into a morning group and afternoon group with some boats doing a double shift to accommodate all of the kids, ending around 3:30 PM. Call me TODAY at (916) 979-9819.

Classified Advertisement

See the attached ad for Mel and Judy Johnson's Chrysler 26 *Slow Dancin'*.

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