

Fleet 4 Newsletter – July 2016

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Upcoming Events

July 2-4, Saturday – Monday, Folsom Lake and S. F. Bay
Cruises: Independence Day Weekend

July 6 - Aug 31, Wednesdays, 6:00pm, Folsom Lake
Beer Can Races

July 22, Friday, 5:00pm, Folsom Lake
Race: Summer Sunset Series #3

Aug 5, Friday, 5:00pm, Folsom Lake
Race: Summer Sunset Series #4

Aug 7-16, Sunday – Tuesday, Lake Powell, UT
Cruise: Shooting Star

Aug 12, Friday, 7:00pm, Granite Bay neighborhood lake
Membership Meeting

Captain's Report

Roy Moore, Fleet Captain
Catalina 22, *Allegro*

Ahoy sailors!

Our annual picnic and Bigs/Littles charity event was wonderful again this year, especially the weather! Winds were perfect for new sailors; air was cool enough that *Allegro* left its bimini furled. Folsom Lake is essentially full; life on the lake is GOOD! (We missed Kevin's culinary expertise this year, "just wait 'til next year!") The annual picnic on Friday evening, June 17, was also blessed with pleasant weather, along with the usual wonderful company, food, and conversations.

Again, if you didn't get your 2016 Fleet roster yet, let me know (916-201-4737 phone or text).

July 4th cruises are coming up, and Jo Anne and Steve Watkins have offered to lead a Shooting Star Cruise on Lake Powell! (Details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The August meeting is our time to nominate officers for 2017. As much as I've enjoyed serving as Captain, organizations are more vigorous with rotation in office. So, for that and personal reasons, I'm declining nomination for Captain next year. Whoever would ensure the continued activity of Fleet 4 by accepting nomination to Captain, please contact me and I will happily share the secrets that make being Captain so much easier than it used to be.

The August meeting on Friday the 12th will be at the lake in Monte Whitefield's Granite Bay neighborhood. According to Monte, the directions to the lake and meeting site are: coming from Douglas Blvd., turn North onto Auburn-Folsom Rd. (headed to the town of Auburn), go about 1 and 1/4 mile and turn right (East) onto West Lane, and stay right until you come to the lake. Monte says, "Bring swim gear if you like!"

Cruising Reports

UPCOMING SCHEDULED CRUISES FOR JULY 2016

July 2, 3 & 4

Tim & Janice Hampton, Cruising Chairs

Catalina 22, *Amata*

Yes we have two Cruises scheduled for the 4th of July weekend...

Cruise #1 is at our own **Folsom Lake** on July 2nd, 3rd & 4th of July. Launch from Folsom Lake Marina at Browns Ravine (Itinerary to be announced). We are looking for a Cruise Leader for this Event! If you are interested in attending and/or Leading this Cruise, please contact Tim Hampton at 530-300-2944.

Cruise #2 will be out on **San Francisco Bay** on July 2nd, 3rd, & 4th of July. Launch from Marina Bay Yacht Harbor (1340 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804). Kevin Morton has volunteered to be the Cruise Leader for the bay cruise (Itinerary to be announced). If you are interested in attending this Cruise, please contact Kevin Morton at 916-224-4329, or Tim Hampton at 530-300-2944.

These locations' have some of the best sailing venues the state has to offer, with stunning views and great sailing! If you have been thinking to get out on the lake or bay to test your boating skills with fellow sailors, contact Tim Hampton (530-300-2944). Call anytime!!

LET'S GO SAILING!!



LAKE POWELL SHOOTING STAR CRUISE

August 7 - 16, 2016

Jo Anne & Steve Watkins, Cruise Leaders

Catalina 250wb, *E-Ticket*

Hi all of you water loving sailors,

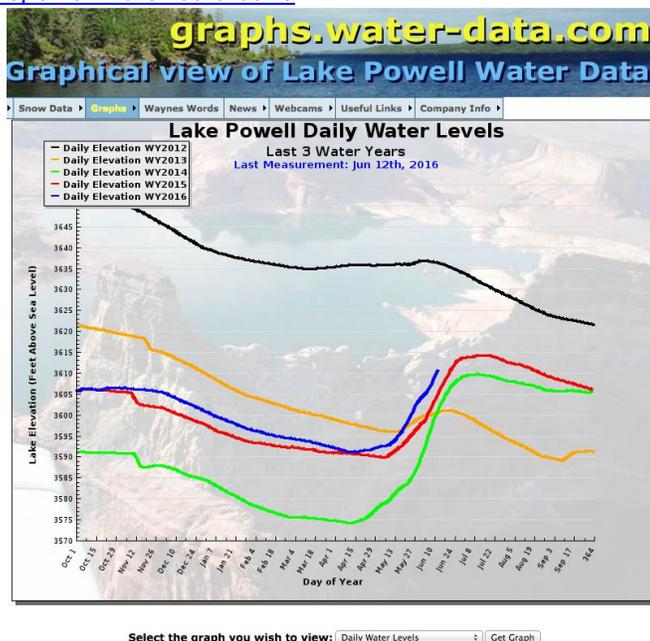
Steve & myself (Jo Anne) are towing our C250wb & a British inflatable catamaran (Catapult mfg.) with our truck & camper to the GREATEST place to camp right at the water's edge. We will play during the day and Star Watch at night. We want whoever can come from C22 Fleet 4 to join us.



Questions: 530-642-1325, jwatkins@innercite.com

Open the attachment and the following websites to check this place out!

<http://lakepowell.water-data.com/>



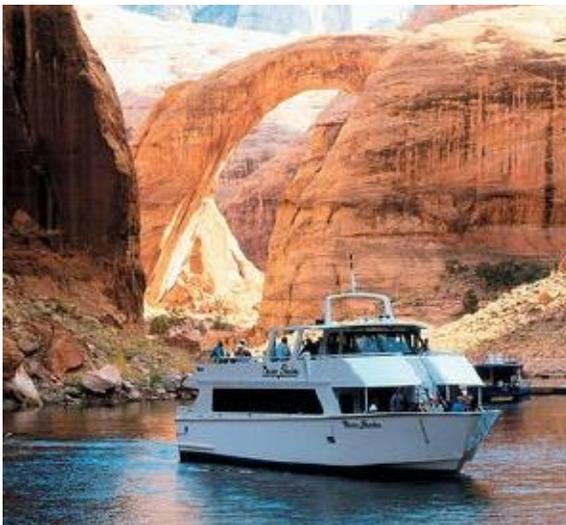
<http://raftthecanyon.com/raft-the-river/half-day-raft-trips/>

This is a really great experience — starts out with you getting on a bus and going down to the bottom of the dam where you change to a large raft with one guide to speak on the geology. At one point you beach the boat and hike in a few hundred feet to some Indian petroglyphs. The tour goes on until you come to Lee's Ferry — where our bus is waiting to take us back to our cars in Page. We took this ride about 25 years ago and it was really great. Remember to take warm clothes — the water comes out of the bottom of the lake and only sees a few hours of sun each day — it can be quite chilly.



<http://www.lakepowell.com/things-to-do/boat-tours/>

http://www.dreamcatcherslakepowell.com/Lake_Powell/Antelope_Canyon/antelope_canyon_tours.html



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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aem_xeDKFEM

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

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

This place is in Page and rents 2 & 3 seat jet skis + a few power boats. You can find other places via Google Maps — put in Page, AZ or Big Water, UT.



Racing Report

Michael Rayfuse, Race Chairman
Catalina 22, *Sirius*

Safety first and last-

Towing a Catamaran with my dually and installed cabover camper recently, I was headed to Woodward Reservoir (near Oakdale - fed by the Stanislaus river). Having just got off Hwy 99 and completed a circuitous detour to get on Mariposa Rd., I was accelerating back up to 55 mph and rounding a slight right turn, when looking in my mirror I saw some "butt head" starting to pass me on the blind turn. I called him something else when talking to Madeline.

He sure got my attention then he blinked his lights, and suddenly he dropped back. "That's better", I thought, thinking it was stupid to pass me there. The road straightened out; then I saw some black smoke followed by some brown smoke and noticed he had dropped "way back" and was stopping.

Commenting to Madeline about what I was seeing and checking both mirrors, I was puzzled by what was going on behind us. Then, realizing it was something important, I wiggled the steering wheel to "wag" the trailer (the camper is 8 feet wide and so is the boat) so I could see the boat/trailer that I was towing. "I WAS TOWING". GONE!

I told Madeline we had LOST the boat and trailer. She thought I was joking and didn't believe me at first. Finding a wide spot I did a "Y" turn-about and backtracked. This whole episode had taken less than ¼ mile.

The brown "smoke" was clearing - it was dust, revealing our catamaran and trailer in a freshly plowed field. The boat still tied down to the trailer and the whole thing upright about 15 feet from the road.

After making a U-turn and pulling alongside the trailer we got out to assess the damage and cause. First- the tongue and hitch were ok and attached to the trailer. 2nd- the safety chains/cables were attached to the truck???. 3rd- the third wheel, mounted on the tongue, was retracted and worn down to one quarter of a wheel. 4th- the ball was intact on the stinger. 5th- most importantly, the latch on the hitch was pointed STRAIGHT UP!

We placed a yellow truck tie-down strap on the trailer and the truck and, with some help from the "butt head" who had stopped, pulled the trailer back to the shoulder of the road within reach of the ball. We hooked up the trailer and did more analysis, realizing of course that I had forgotten to lower the latch and insert a lock/bolt/clip to secure it. But then "what happened to the safety cables"???. They were attached to the tongue underneath, on one common bolt. But where was the bolt?

Turns out that when the tongue bounced off the ball the first thing to hit the road was the "third wheel". The black hard rubber wheel was the source of the black smoke as it was dragging along. After the wheel was worn down enough, the bolt for the safety cables started dragging until it also wore down to nothing and released the cables.

Lessons-

Don't forget the latch. Mount safety cables/chains on the side or top of the tongue. Don't forget the latch. Don't call other drivers "ALPHA HOTELS" when they are trying to get your attention. Don't forget the latch. Don't forget the trailer wiring. Don't forget the latch. Do use a safety pin in the latch. Don't forget the latch.

I won't go into the "what ifs" had it parted sooner.

Safety first and last!!

Little's Have A Big Day

Karen Preston, Event Coordinator
Hunter 270, *Charmed Life*

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Big Brother/Big Sister Sail Day on June 18th. We were able to take 17 pairs of Bigs/Littles out onto the water. There was some breeze to make it a good day to be on a sailboat, but, as usual, water guns and jumping into the lake stole the show for fun. We were fortunate to have a good set of volunteers to take out boats and to assemble the picnic lunch. Already, we have 2 people signing up to participate next year, proving once again that club members have just as much fun as the kids. To see some photos (courtesy of L. Charlot), download the zip file at this link:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/7ehxvtx778zmkwa/2016_0618_BBBS_SAIL_DAY_AND_PICNIC.zip?dl=0

