

## Fleet 4 Special Report – January 2017

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### Upcoming Events

Jan 14-16, Saturday-Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. weekend  
Cruise: Whale Watching on Monterey Bay  
Cruise Leaders: Karen and Gary Preston  
Skippers Meeting Sat. 10:00am, top of Monterey Marina launch ramp

Feb 4, Saturday, 10:00am, Folsom Lake  
Race: Spring Series #1

Feb 10, Friday, 7:00pm, location and topic TBA  
Membership Meeting  
Host: Roy Moore, Past Captain

Feb 11, Saturday, 10:00am, Folsom Lake  
Race: Spring Series #2

Feb 18-20, Saturday-Monday, Presidents' Day weekend  
Cruise: Folsom Lake (**Note: this is a change in venue**)  
Cruise Leader: Laura Ann Charlot  
Skippers Meeting Sat. 10:00am, top of Hobie Cove launch ramp

Feb 25, Saturday, 10:00am, Folsom Lake  
Race: Spring Series #3

### Membership

Laura Ann Charlot, Membership Chair  
*Quiet Time*, Catalina 25 #5857

January is "Fleet 4 Membership Renewal" time. Please send in your renewal payment with any updates to your personal or boat information noted on the Membership Renewal, downloadable from the website at: [www.catalina22fleet4.org/2017\\_MEMBERSHIP\\_APPLICATION.pdf](http://www.catalina22fleet4.org/2017_MEMBERSHIP_APPLICATION.pdf)

Our goal is to have all renewals submitted in a timely manner, so that the 2017 Roster can be distributed at the first Spring membership meeting.

## Cruising

### **DIY (Do-It-Yourself) NEW YEAR'S CRUISE ON MONTEREY BAY**

Karen and Gary Preston took their Hunter 270 *Charmed Life* to Monterey over New Year's weekend, and left it in a slip for the 2 weeks between the New Year's and Martin Luther King Jr. holidays. Tim and Janice Hampton joined them to help rig and launch, then went for an afternoon sail on Monterey Bay.





### WHALE WATCHING CRUISE ON MONTEREY BAY

Saturday - Monday, January 14-16, 2017 (Martin Luther King Jr. weekend)

Cruise Leaders: Karen and Gary Preston, *Charmed Life*, Hunter 270

Fleet 4 is returning to Monterey Bay for a Whale Watching cruise over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. It's not too late to join five other Fleet members who plan to get out on the water to try to see a few Grey or Humpback Whales on their annual winter migration along the California Coast. I need to let the marina know how many boats to expect for us to get guest slips near each other. So, please call or email Gary Preston if you are interested in attending any part of this cruise.

If you don't want to bring your own boat, do like Roy and Noreen Moore and join someone else on their boat for the day, and spend the nights in a cozy nearby hotel room. There's still room for crew aboard Karen and Gary's 26-foot *Charmed Life* – just let us know.

The following are all the details on weather, directions, tides for launching (and retrieving), slips, skippers meeting and end-of-day poo-poops, and contacts.

#### Weather

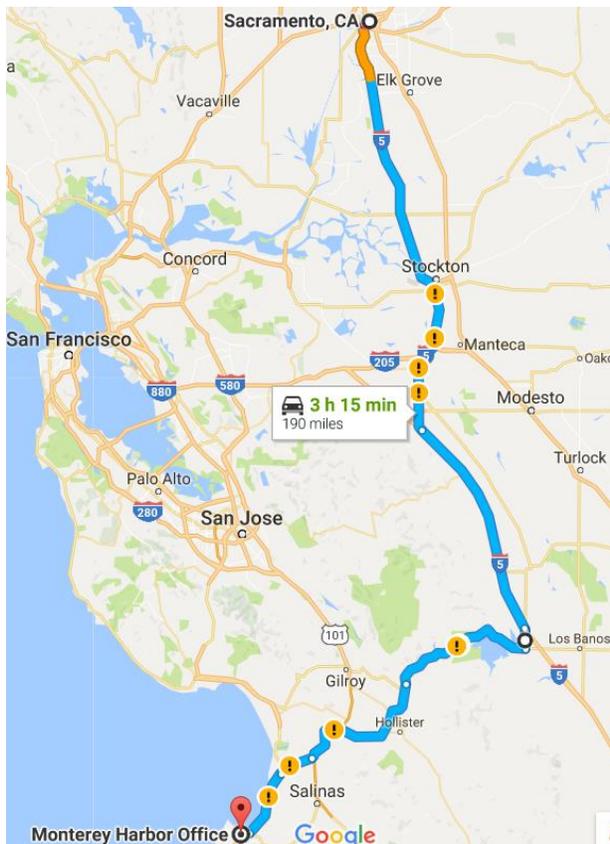
The weather should be really good this weekend, especially considering the recent storms. The forecast on weather.com for Friday 1/13 through Monday 1/16 is sunny or partly cloudy, with highs from 57 to 65, lows from 40 to 49, only 10% chance of rain each day, and winds between 5 and 8 mph.

DAY		DESCRIPTION	HIGH/LOW	PRECIP	WIND
FRI JAN 13		Sunny	57°/40°	☔ 10%	N 8 mph
SAT JAN 14		Sunny	59°/40°	☔ 10%	N 7 mph
SUN JAN 15		Sunny	62°/44°	☔ 10%	NNE 5 mph
MON JAN 16		Partly Cloudy	65°/49°	☔ 10%	NNW 6 mph

## Directions

The recommended directions to avoid the Bay Area traffic are:

- take I-5 south to Santa Nella (Anderson's Pea Soup exit)
- take Highway 33 south to Highway 152
- take Highway 152 west around San Luis Reservoir to Highway 156 near Hollister
- continue west on Highway 156 where it will join US 101 south
- exit to stay on Highway 156 near Prunedale
- continue west on Highway 156 where it will join Highway 1 south at Castroville
- take the Del Monte Ave./Pacific Grove exit
- take Del Monte Ave. 1.6 mi. to the Monterey Marina/Municipal Wharf on your right
- park along the edges of the parking lot next to the launch ramp by the Marina Office
- check in with the Marina Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to pay for parking and get your slip assignment
- parking for tow vehicle and trailer is \$12 per day, payable at the Marina Office for this rate



## Tides for Launching (and Retrieving)

On Friday 1/13, the high tide is at 10:16am, and a minus low tide at 5:29pm, with a tidal range of 7½ feet. That means the safe time to launch is from about 8:00am to about 12:30pm. It is probably not safe from about 3:00pm to about 8:00pm. For any other times, check the water depth and make your own judgement.

Date	Day	Time	Hgt
01/13	Fri	04:15 AM	2.24 L
01/13	Fri	10:16 AM	6.36 H
01/13	Fri	05:29 PM	-1.22 L

If you arrive on Friday but don't launch until Saturday, you should be able to unofficially sleep on your boat in the parking lot for the night. Still check in with the Marina Office to pay for parking, and to get the gate access key for the slip renter's restroom and shower.

On Saturday 1/14, the high tide is at 11:04am, which means the safe time is from about 8:30am (or maybe earlier) to about 1:30pm.

Date	Day	Time	Hgt
01/14	Sat	12:11 AM	4.51 H
01/14	Sat	05:08 AM	2.26 L
01/14	Sat	11:04 AM	5.96 H
01/14	Sat	06:11 PM	-0.87 L

For retrieving, on Sunday 1/15 the high tide is 11:52am, so the safe range is 9:30am (maybe earlier) to 2:30pm. There's a minus low tide at 6:53pm, which means it's probably not safe from about 4:30pm to about 9:30pm.

Date	Day	Time	Hgt
01/15	Sun	12:56 AM	4.57 H
01/15	Sun	06:05 AM	2.28 L
01/15	Sun	11:52 AM	5.43 H
01/15	Sun	06:53 PM	-0.41 L

On Monday 1/16, the high tide is 12:42pm, so the safe range is 10:00am (maybe earlier) to 3:00pm.

Date	Day	Time	Hgt
01/16	Mon	01:42 AM	4.62 H
01/16	Mon	07:05 AM	2.3 L
01/16	Mon	12:42 PM	4.82 H
01/16	Mon	07:35 PM	0.13 L

### Slips

Go to the Marina Office when you arrive to get your transient slip assignment and a gate access key before you launch. Ask for "C" dock so we can all be near each other (*Charmed Life* is already in slip C-5). Slip fees are \$16.25 per night for a 25-foot slip, required to accommodate C22's or 25's, which includes electricity at the dock and hot showers on shore. The gate key also opens the slip renter's restroom and shower.

To plug into shore power at the dock, you'll need a 30-amp marine adapter. If you don't have one, I have one available to loan, and the marina has one available at no charge, but with a \$65 deposit. In addition to the adapter, you'll need a long enough grounded 3-prong extension cord to reach from the dock outlet back to your cockpit then to where you need it in the cabin below – probably 25-30 feet.



### Skippers Meeting and End-of-Day Poo-Poos

We'll have a skippers meeting at 10:00am Saturday 1/14 on the landing next to the Monterey Marina launch ramp. This is where we'll get organized, making sure those who need slip assignments have

them, pairing up buddy boats for novices with experienced skippers, making sure anyone who wants to crew gets assigned to a boat, and setting a general itinerary for the day. If you miss the skippers' meeting on Saturday morning, we'll monitor VHF channels 16 and 69.

At the end of each day, we will meet on *Charmed Life* for poo-poops (sailor talk for appetizers) and to swap stories. Bring something simple to share. For those who want to eat dinner out, we can go to one of the many nearby restaurants on Saturday or Sunday, or both.

#### Contacts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>Expected Arrival in Monterey</u>
Marina Office	831-646-3950	
after hours	831-594-7760	
Kevin Clancy & Joanne Goodsell	916-956-6246	Friday mid-afternoon
Bill Martin	916-804-5240	Friday afternoon, after 4:00pm
Roy & Noreen Moore	916-201-4737	Friday afternoon, after 4:00pm
Gary & Karen Preston	916-765-2298	Friday evening, after 8:00pm
Monte & Susan Whitefield	916-626-2604	Friday afternoon, after 4:00pm

Looking forward to a great sailing weekend,  
Gary Preston  
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