



Catalina 22 Fleet 4

4UM



October

2018

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➤ **HOT NEWS AND CHANGES** ◀

Upcoming Cruises:

Columbus Day Weekend

Saturday - Monday, October 6-8
Pittsburg, on the Delta

Thanksgiving Weekend

Friday - Sunday, November 23-25
S.F. Bay?

No meeting in October

Although October is an even-numbered month,
there will be no Fleet 4 membership meeting.

Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, November 17, 6:30pm
Aviator's at Sacramento Executive Airport

UPCOMING EVENTS

❁ **October 2018** ❁

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Pittsburg, on the Delta

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❁ **November 2018** ❁

11/17 Banquet: Aviator's at Sacramento
Executive Airport, 6:30pm

11/23-25 Cruise: Thanksgiving Weekend,
S.F. Bay?

❁ **December 2018** ❁

12/29/18-1/1/19 Cruise: New Year's
Weekend, S.F. Bay?

No meeting or racing in December.

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Please send your submissions for the next edition
by November 25th to:

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➤ **CAPTAIN'S REPORT** ◀

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Hi Gang. As our days are getting colder and shorter, I have to say, I didn't see our season going this way! I really hoped this was going to be our best year! The fires we had kept many boats off the water and the smoke was a real hazard for many of us. Sad to say we didn't have much of a chance to sail. The good news is there are still good days ahead of us to enjoy before it gets too cold. Let's hope that next year is much better for everyone.

➤ **CRUSING CORNER** ◀

Columbus Day Cruise Plans - Delta Trip Saturday, October 6 – Monday, October 8

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Hi all! I hope that all of you have had a great summer. While the smoky, dog days of summer are past, there is still plenty of good fall weather to enjoy. I am still planning on getting out on the water for a few more trips before the end of the year.

One such trip I am planning on is over the Columbus Day weekend. I am still trying to decide on the itinerary, but I do know at least where I am launching and the general area of where I intend to explore. I plan to launch *Miss Irene* at the Pittsburg Marina this Saturday morning (October 6), time to be determined depending on the tides. I was told by the Marina that there are no launch or parking fees. That sounds too good to be true, so I will be following up with the Marina to confirm.

I have reserved a slip at the Pittsburg Marina (51 Marina Blvd, Pittsburg, CA 94565; 925-439-4958) for Saturday and Sunday nights. The cost is \$0.50/foot. A slip for the Catalina 22 will set you back only \$11/night! I have been told by folks I met at the Delta Doo Dah that the Marina has been remodeled and is very nice. There is also a lot of good dining and shopping options in Pittsburg, which has gone through some sort of revitalization

effort. I'm not sure if I will spend both nights in the slip; I'm thinking about anchoring out for one night.

There is a lot of fun sailing to do; cruising around the islands and gunkholing the sloughs in the area. I am also planning on bringing my kayak. There are good paddling opportunities in New York Slough on Browns Island, Sherman Lake, and the Big Break area. There are also good hiking trails around that will be fun to explore; the Dow Preserve is a 7.5 mile loop that can be accessed from the guest docks in Antioch.

There appears to be a lot to do in the Pittsburg and Antioch area, including sailing, dining, and other water/land activities. This is a reconnaissance-type trip. My plan is to lead a couple of Delta cruises next year so I can share what I have learned exploring this and other areas of the Delta. These future trips will be scheduled and planned well ahead of time, not a last-minute ad hoc type of cruise like this trip. If any of you want to join me this weekend, please give me a call at 916-956-6246 or email me at kclan12@gmail.com. If you can't make it this year, then plan to get out on the Delta next year!

P.S. The start of recreational crab season is usually the first two weeks of November. This is the best time to go crabbing because once the commercial crabbers can wet their pots, the crabbing in the bays and areas closer to shore dry up fast. I haven't tried to crab off the sailboat. Joanne and I usually camp at Doran Park and paddle our kayaks to drop our pots. Have any of you crabbed off your boat?

Delta Doo Dah 2018 Recap

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The California Delta is a unique 1,000 mile waterway of rivers, sloughs, reclaimed islands and tracts. This inland river delta and estuary is formed at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and is just east of where the rivers enter Suisun Bay. This area is ripe for exploring, both on the water and in the towns along its banks. However, Joanne and I are novice sailors and were nervous about how and where to begin.

I read about the Delta Doo Dah in Latitude 38 and on the internet. I convinced my reluctant girlfriend into participating in the event to learn about this water wonderland just outside our backyard. We attended the three organized events this year.

The first event was the Kick Off Party on May 12th. The Richmond Yacht Club hosted the event. They made their clubhouse available and provided a nice selection of appetizers for everyone to enjoy. There were general introductions, prize raffles, and breakout seminars to learn more about specific aspects of the Delta. We attended a seminar that discussed some of the basics of the Delta; where to go, popular cruising/camping areas, and the recommend gear to make it the most enjoyable experience. Another seminar we sat in on was about the proper way to anchor in the Delta. We learned a lot from these sessions. We also learned that *Miss Irene*, our Catalina 22, was the smallest boat in the fleet! However, some of the things we heard heightened our apprehensions...



Miss Irene at the Brannan Island launch ramp.

The next scheduled event was at Owl Harbor Marina in Isleton, CA. The Marina hosted a BBQ on June 16th to celebrate the start the summer season for their tenants and invited the Doo Dah fleet to participate. Owl Harbor provided an awesome lunch and plenty of grog to wash it all down! We reserved a slip for a couple of nights at this very well maintained marina. In addition to

nice slips, Owl Harbor has a bountiful community garden, fresh eggs from their chicken coup, spa-like bathrooms, bicycles, stand up paddle boards, and kayaks available for the asking. It's a nice resort in the middle of the Delta.



Community garden at Owl Harbor.

The itinerary was to launch at Brannan Island State Park, then motor/sail down Threemile Slough and into the San Joaquin River. From there we planned to sail up river to Sevenmile Slough, where the Marina is located. I was ready, but unfortunately Joanne wasn't up for the challenge of unfamiliar waters. I decided to sail to Owl Harbor solo and meet Joanne at the Marina. Now I was nervous!



Threemile Slough near Brennan Island.

I was able to raise the stick and get *Miss Irene* into the drink by myself. I was starting to gain some confidence again. The winds were favorable, at about 10-15 knots or so the entire trip, and before I knew it I was safely at the Marina. Joanne arrived shortly thereafter and we enjoyed the BBQ festivities and getting to know other Doo Dahers and the Marina residents. The next day was full of exploring, starting with a motor/sail to Potato Slough and the fabled "Bedrooms". Afterwards, we took advantage of the Marina's bicycles and rode

around Twitchell Island, the island on which the Marina is located. It was a good ride and of course, scenic. The bonus is that it is also very flat! Later that day, we paddled our kayaks for drinks and dinner at Spindrift Restaurant in Isleton, a local favorite. We had a lot of fun and laughs with a full house of karaoke-singing locals, along with a great meal!



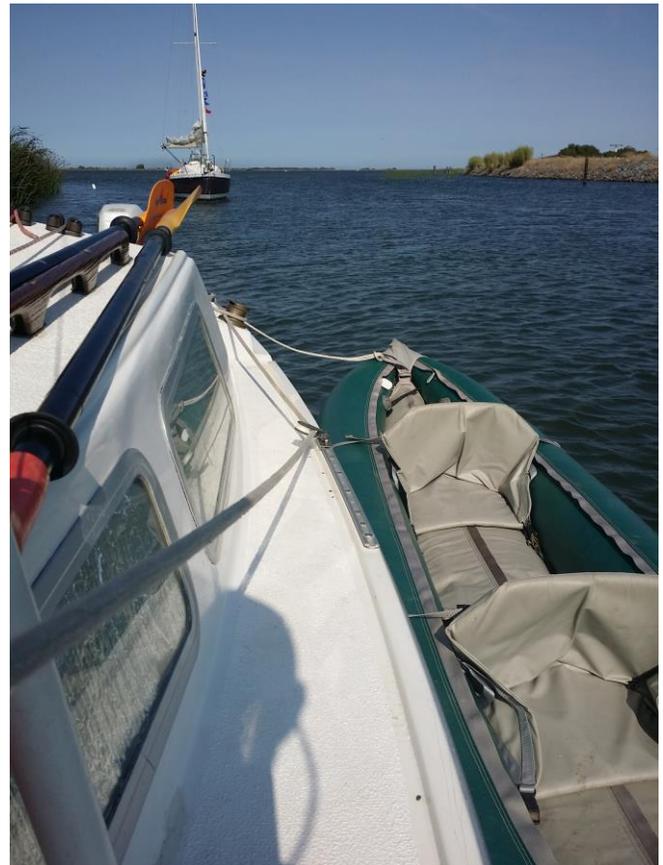
Lots of Great Blue Herons in the Delta.

The next day it was time to head home and get *Miss Irene* back on her trailer. The winds were strong, blowing at 20+ knots, and gusting higher. Joanne was considering sailing back with me, but as winds continued to build, thought otherwise. I can't really blame her, I was also nervous, not just about the wind, but how I was going to get the boat back on the trailer alone. So with a reefed main, I had a very spirited sail back to Brannan Island State Park. I was flying and having a blast. It was my best sailing experience to date! In addition, Joanne surprised me by meeting me at the ramp to help load the boat back on the trailer. Sweet!!

The next organized event was the Bradford Island party hosted by Bay View Boat Club (BVBC), a SF Bay area boating, not yachting club, as they like to say. They also own land on Bradford Island in the Delta. BVBC invited a limited number of Delta Doo Dahers to join in the debauchery of their BBQ and anchor out. We were happy to secure an invite. Joanne and I didn't know what to expect. We were envisioning a fancy San Francisco clubhouse and a lot of pomp and ceremony. How wrong we were! There was no fancy clubhouse or snobby folks at

all. It was more like a hippy colony with really cool and eclectic structures built all over the property. The BVBC folks were some of the nicest people we ever met and made us feel not only very welcomed, but part of the club.

To get to Bradford Island, we again planned to launch from Brannan Island State Park, and sail down Threemile Slough to the San Juan River. It's just a short sail from there to Bradford Island. We arrived without any drama, but the next challenge, anchoring from the bow and stern along the tule bank, was our next concern. This concern was baseless and we had plenty to help from BVBC members. That was awesome! Before we knew it, we were securely anchored, blowing up the inflatable kayak, and heading to shore for some cold beverages.



Anchored at Bradford Island with inflatable kayak.

The night was filled with good food, drinks, and live music. Joanne and I had a great time meeting fellow Doo Dahers and BVBC members and dancing the night away! We also learned you can take a ferry to the island. I'm glad we learned about this later rather than sooner or else I would have probably found myself sailing alone again. Ha ha!

The next day we paddled our kayak with BVBC Commodore Larry White, who was solo paddling his canoe. We paddled up the San Joaquin River and into Fisherman's Cut and back. Larry shared stories about the club and the area. He is very knowledgeable and a great guy. Paddling was a good way to build an appetite before breakfast hosted by BVBC. Before we knew it, we were motor/sailing back to Brannan State Park with very little wind. Another great trip!



Live music at Bradford Island.

We plan to participate again next year in the Delta Doo Dah. We want to encourage more sailors from Fleet 4 to join us in the good times next year. There is a lot of water, towns, and sites to explore in the Delta. The bonus - it's not crowded and not as hard as you think!



Smoky sunset.

➤ **SOCIAL REPORT** ◀

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Please Save the Date:
November 17th, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Get ready for a boat load of fun at the
Catalina 22 Fleet 4 Banquet.

We will be docking at Aviators Restaurant,
Executive Airport.

Formal invitation will sail into your mail box soon!

➤ **RACING "ROUNDUP"** ◀

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Single Handed Regatta

Three races were run. First one was a drifter. The mighty *Johnny Walker* (Daysailer) and her fat-assed skipper do not do well in little to no breeze. We took a 5th place (known as a DFL in racing jargon) in that one. Note: There were 5 boats in the class. The Race Committee then wisely shifted from the center of Lake Folsom down into the South Fork by New York Cove. The breeze settled in quite nicely there and *JWB* took a third in race 2 and finished the day with a solid second in race 3, resulting in a 3rd place overall. Skipper was quite pleased. Boat seemed happy too.

It was a day on the water chasing down marks. Life does not get much better in the mind of this sailing junkie!

➤ **SECRETARY'S WAKE** ◀

Jim Sinclair, Secretary
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**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
September 25, 2018**

Call to Order:

The September 2018 Meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the home of Jim and Trudy Sinclair, 617 Paddlewheel Court, Roseville, California on September 25, 2018 with Fleet Captain Monte Whitefield presiding. The meeting was called to order at 1906 hours.

Members Present:

- Monte Whitefield, Captain
- Jim Sinclair, Secretary
- Bill Martin, Membership
- Laura-Ann Charlot, Cruising
- Mike Rayfuse, Racing
- Madeline Rayfuse, Social
- Roy Moore, Past Captain

Members Absent:

- Gary Preston, Treasurer

Minutes of the July 31, 2018 Board meeting, having been read by the Board Members, were Approved.

Officer Reports:

Secretary, Jim Sinclair: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Gary Preston had emailed his report to the Board Members. No questions nor comments surfaced.

Membership, Bill Martin noted new members since the last Meeting of the Board. The Fleet welcomes Brian Camper and Katalin Banffy.

Cruising, Laura-Ann Charlot: Kevin Clancy is looking for folks to join in on the Columbus Day Weekend cruise in the Delta. That will be October 6 - 8.

Racing, Mike Rayfuse: The last race is FLYC's Governor's Cup Regatta is Sunday, September 30.

Social, Madeline Rayfuse: The season/year ending banquet is on track. Entrees will be dishes featuring Beef, Chicken and Salmon.

Old Business:

- Fleet Roster: Done. Closed
- Website Upgrade: Monte to get back to his contact to get more info concerning development costs, software to be used, maintenance costs, etc. Open.
- Work Parties: Item tabled until website gets up and running. Open
- Purchase of equipment: The Board decided that any gear to be used for projects on members' boats should be privately owned thereby avoiding any Club liability. Closed.

New Business:

- Social needs new tubs for the Fleet's gear and supplies. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allocate \$100 for said replacement. Madeline to procure said tubs. Closed.
- The question was asked if we wanted the handmade trophies from Roy Moore again this year. The answer was, "Yes". Closed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 2018. Date subject to change based on Mike and Madeline Rayfuse's schedule. Meeting to be at the Rayfuse's estate.

Meeting was adjourned at 1951 hours.

➤ **2018 FLEET 4 SCHEDULE** ◀

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE	10/6-8/2018	DELTA
THANKSGIVING CRUISE	11/23-25/2018	SF BAY
FLEET 4 AWARDS BANQUET	11/17/2018	AVIATOR'S at SAC EXEC AIRPORT

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT

Fixed Keel Catalina 22 on Trailer

\$2,900 (Will trade for a van and add \$.)

Hunter Quistgard, Rio Vista

775-750-6627 qtranx@gmail.com

1976 hull, new standing rigging, new sails (150, 100 and Main), new Honda 5 horse, new paint, new cable railing, new rudder, newly re-upholstered vinyl cushions in and out, owner's manual. Captain too old to sail.



If any Fleet 4 member has an item or service you would like to offer to other members, please write an ad, and submit it to:

Gary Preston, Fleet 4UM Editor
Gary_Karen_Preston@compuserve.com

The ad is free for Fleet 4 members.



Fleet 4 Membership & Renewal Form for Year 20__

Renewing Members: fill in your Name and only the information that has changed since last year, and sign.

Name (1st member) _____ Registration # (CF) _____

Name (2nd member) _____ Boat Name _____

Children (under 16 who sail with you) _____ Boat Type (make & model) _____

_____ Sail Number _____

Address _____ Marina _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____ Berth _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ C22 National member? Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (1st member) (____) _____ - _____ Boat Equipped with: (for cruising safety)

VHF Radio Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (2nd member) (____) _____ - _____ GPS Yes No (circle)

Radar Yes No (circle)

Cell Phone (1st member) (____) _____ - _____

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Cell Phone (2nd member) (____) _____ - _____

YES, I prefer a mailed copy.

Email (1st member) _____

NO, email and online posting is fine.

Email (2nd member) _____

I hereby release all Fleet 4 members, cruise leaders, and board members from any liability for injury, death, or damage to property arising from participation in any Fleet activities and/or cruises. I also acknowledge that the decision to participate, race, continue to race, or cruise in the events is the sole responsibility of the individual skipper and his or her crew.

Signed _____ Date _____

Fleet 4 dues: \$36

Due January 1st of each year

(New members prorate less than 1 year at \$3.00 per month.)

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Then mail with Membership Form to:

Fleet 4 Treasurer
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Roster needs updating

New member packet sent

Needs membership badge

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