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Something unexpected happened on the way to Monterey.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

❄ April 2020 ❄

- 4/4-5 **Race:** Camellia Cup Regatta, **CANCELED**
- 4/9 **Membership Meeting,** **CANCELED**
- 4/16-19 **Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show,** **CANCELED**
- 4/24-26 **Cruise:** Lake Oroville, **CANCELED**

❄ May 2020 ❄

- 5/6 **Race:** FLYC Beer Can, 6:00pm, Folsom Lake, every Wed. thru Aug.
- 5/8 **Race:** FLYC Summer Series #1, 6:00pm, Folsom Lake
- 5/23-25 **Cruise:** Memorial Day Weekend, 10:00am, Folsom Lake

❄ June 2020 ❄

- 6/3 **Race:** FLYC Beer Can, 6:00pm, Folsom Lake, every Wed. thru Aug.
- 6/5 **Membership Potluck Picnic,** 6:00pm, Rayfuse's home
- 6/12 **Race:** FLYC Summer Series #2, 6:00pm, Folsom Lake
- 6/20 **Bigs & Littles Sail Day and BBQ,** 9:00am, Folsom Lake

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➤ CAPTAIN'S REPORT ◀

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I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and well. This is a very scary and challenging time for all of us and I hope you are finding ways to get through it. We all have concerns and disappointments because of the unknowns and interruptions that are occurring in our lives right now. These are temporary setbacks. It may take some time, but we will get through this pandemic.

In the immediate term, however, it is necessary to continue to make changes to the Fleet calendar. It is unfortunate but necessary to cancel another upcoming event. As of now, the next Fleet Member Meeting scheduled for April 9 at Round Table Pizza is cancelled. Other events such as the upcoming Bigs & Littles on June 20 and the Member BBQ on June 5 will be evaluated as we get closer to those dates. Watch for future email blasts with more information. Also, remember all the State Parks are now closed to vehicular traffic. This includes our home waters of Folsom Lake. Call ahead to make sure the parks are still open to hiking, biking, or other activities before setting out.

Having to shelter-in-place is forcing us to change our schedules and routines, stay inside more than we are accustomed, and just slow down. I am trying to make the most of this time. It can be fun and productive! I want to share some of the things that Joanne and I are doing to whittle the time away:

1. We are lucky enough to be able to work from home, so we are working through the crisis. This is a true blessing. It is a little awkward to be away from the office for such a long-extended time, but it is far better than the alternative.
2. We are getting our artsy-side groove on. Joanne has been working on her sketching and drawing. I have been playing a lot more guitar. Who else plays an instrument? Let's plan to play together some day on a cruise!
3. We are both avid readers. There is no way we will ever get through our respective reading lists, but now is a good time to get immersed between the pages of a good book, or more

- likely, multiple books. Joanne has been reading some Greek mythology books. I am finishing a book I picked up at the Fleet 4 Awards Banquet.
4. Food – lots of it! We are eating like kings and queens. We both love to cook so we are having a lot of fun experimenting in the kitchen, making new meals, and feasting on leftovers. Can you say hot lunches? Decadent!
5. To keep from gaining 15 pounds while sheltered in place, we are still getting outside to exercise. Joanne and I are going on walks and bike rides every day. I was also able to get *Miss Irene* out on the water before Folsom Lake closed. I was the only sailboat on the water. It was awesome! Remember, we can still go outside if we maintain the proper physical distances.
6. Spring is here and so are the garden and lawn chores. Joanne and I have been cleaning up the yard and getting the garden ready and doing some planting. We also have a bunch of tomato seedlings started, with pepper and eggplants seeds germinating. I am a little embarrassed to admit, but I finally cut up this year's Christmas tree. Sad, but true!
7. Netflix, Amazon Prime, and YouTube all have great content, including a ton of sailing shows. There is so much content available that is it hard to choose what to watch. A few sailing movies that I really enjoyed are *Maidentrip*, *Wind*, *White Squall*, and *Deep Water*. Some sailing documentaries that I liked are *Racing Around the World Alone*, *The Weekend Sailor*, and *Red Dot on the Ocean*. There is so much on YouTube that I don't even know where to start. What favorites do you have?
8. Boat chores – yes, these are fun to many of us. I have plans to give *Miss Irene* a good cleaning and wax, install a boarding ladder, and touch up the brightwork. The list is endless actually...

Let's all hunker down and try to make the most of these slower times. It would be fun to hear what everyone is doing these days. Take a picture of what you are up to or send me a note of how you are keeping yourself busy. I want to share them with the Fleet in the next newsletter.

Stay safe and healthy, and keep your sails (and bellies) full,
Captain Kevin

➤ **CRUSING CORNER** ◀

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The **Lake Oroville Cruise** is **canceled** due to the stay-at-home order, but we will try to reschedule later in the year. Early last month we went to Lake Oroville State Recreation Area to check out the marina and where to launch our boats. We went to the marina and they told us about the floating campsites which would be fun to rent and would be a nice place to round up in the evening. The floating campsites are placed at different areas on the lake and you need to have a boat to reach them. They are 20 X 24, sleep up to 15 people, have a camp table, sink, propane barbecue grill (propane provided), a lockable cabinet, accessible restroom, a covered living area, an upper sun deck/sleeping area, and room for tents. I spoke with staff at the lake and they told me the floating campsites are a hot item, so if we reschedule the Oroville cruise I would need to know if there is any interest to rent one for a night or two.

The **Memorial Day Weekend Cruise** is scheduled for May 23-25 at Folsom Lake. Plan on going sailing that weekend if the park is open and the stay-at-home order is lifted; if not it will be canceled. At this time only Hobie Cove is available to launch. We will begin the cruise at 10:00am on Saturday morning, May 23rd with a skippers meeting at Hobie Cove. Please try to have your boat ready to sail before the meeting. We will sail up the South Fork and plan on rafting up at New York Cove. Bring along snacks to share after we raft up. On Sunday we cruise up the North Fork and raft up at Mormon Ravine. If you can only come for the day, please join the group for day out on the lake. Also, if you are interest in leading this cruise let me know; call me at 916-996-5697.

Monterey Bay Cruise Report

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Monterey Bay is one of my favorite sailing spots. Joanne and I look forward to this cruise every year. It just seems like everything clicks there. The Marina is nice, clean, and super convenient to all

the shopping and restaurants. The weather usually cooperates. The sailing is not overly intimidating, but it is still the deep blue ocean.

The trip was originally scheduled to take place over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend on January 18-20. The trip had to be postponed because of inclement weather forecast for the weekend. Selfishly, I was actually glad it was postponed because Joanne and I were going to have to miss the trip this year because of a conflict with an out-of-town event.

The cruise was rescheduled for President's Day weekend on February 15-17. Time to get our cruise on! It had been several months since I had the boat on the water. I was excited to get back on *Miss Irene*. I spent a lot of time getting her cleaned up and ready for the trip. I even had the outboard motor tuned and purring like a kitten. We were set to go!

This year we had several boats planning on making the trek to Monterey Bay. Included were Monte and Susan Whitefield aboard their salty-looking Com-Pac 19 *Knot Happy*, Bill Martin and his pretty friend Nicki aboard *Bill's Boat*, and Joanne and I aboard *Miss Irene*. Roy and Noreen Moore were planning to crew for anyone in need of extra help. The plan was to meet on Saturday, launch, and get a short day-sail in before heading to dinner. That seemed like a simple enough plan.

Joanne and I got an early start on Saturday morning. I wanted to give myself plenty of time to set up my boat and get it launched. It was a beautiful morning for a drive. Things were going about as good as possible. We caught up to Monte and Susan outside of Santa Nella and we decided to drive the remaining distance together. I am glad we did because not long after we turned off of Hwy 101 onto Hwy 156 towards Monterey, my trailer leaf-spring bracket hanger failed.

I heard some unusual hissing noise, and I hate all noises that are out of the ordinary, so I looked for a place to pull over immediately. Luckily, there was a pull-off area just ahead. It turned out that I was actually very lucky. There are very few places to pull over, or even a small shoulder, on this stretch of highway. Monte was able to pull over behind me as well. We checked out the trailer and initially it

looked it might be a wheel bearing, but the hub was cool to the touch. It wasn't until the boat and trailer were up on the tow truck bed that it became clear that it actually was the leaf-spring bracket weld that had failed.

There was not much I could do other than have the boat and trailer towed for repair. I sent Monte ahead to meet up with the rest of the Fleet at the Marina to rig and go for a quick sail. The tow truck came in about an hour. I have a BoatUS insurance policy that allows for various mishaps such as this to be covered at no additional cost to me. On my policy, the cost of towing the sailboat and trailer up to 100 miles is covered. Good thing, because the tow would have cost me \$750.



Miss Irene, but NOT Captain Kevin's tow vehicle.

The tow truck driver had a friend who was a welder, so we towed it to his shop in Salinas for the repair work. They told me it would be ready by Monday because nobody was working that weekend. Needless to say, I was relieved to have the boat safely off the tow truck trailer and at the shop. It was a sketchy ride and we crept all the way into Salinas. On the ride Joanne was on the phone trying her best to find us a room in Monterey. It was a bummer not to be able to spend the weekend at the Marina! An added bummer was trying to find a hotel in Monterey Bay on a holiday weekend without reservations or your parents' AMEX Platinum card. Holy smokes! Spending the night in the marina is such a ridiculously cheap alternative to hotels. It is such a bargain. We ended up finding a place to stay within walking distance to the Marina and my mood was on the uptick. We walked down to the Marina just in time to see the Fleet sailing in for the evening. It looked like a fine time!



Roy, Noreen, Monte and Susan on Knot Happy.



Bill and Nicki on Bill's Boat.

On Sunday, everyone met at the Marina in the morning to go out sailing for the day. Joanne and I crewed on Bill's boat while Roy and Noreen joined Monte and Susan's boat. The weather was decent, just not much wind. We put up the sail anyway and enjoyed the silence from the motor. The wind started to pick up by mid-morning and the sailing started to improve. However, with the increased

wind came bigger seas. Those seas were upsetting to the stomachs of some, so we made a retreat back to the berth at the Marina. We didn't want to make anyone miserable on the trip.



Kevin, Bill and Nicki under the burgee on *Bill's Boat*.



Knot Happy leading the "fleet".

The next day we all decided to pack it up and not go for a sail. We all helped each other load and soon everyone had their boats on their bunks and ready for the trip home. I still needed to get my boat. The problem was the welding shop was not open. Bummer. Joanne decided to ride home with Monte and Susan just in case the repair was going to be delayed. She had jury duty on Tuesday. It took a while, but I finally was able to get the owner to come and let my boat out of hock. The repairs, which totaled six welds, cost only \$120. It was the cheapest part of the trip. I limped the boat to Les Schwab Tires in Hollister and had two new tires put on the trailer before heading home. What a trip!

I hope that everyone considers joining this cruise next year. There are lots of places to stay (book in advance) and for those of you in campers, a campground nearby. Chances are there will be boats looking for crew. In addition to the sailing, there are plenty of non-sailing activities to keep you busy; hiking, biking, art galleries, restaurants, paddle sports, and people watching to do. Next year I plan to sail from the Santa Cruz area to Monterey to meet up with the Fleet. If this sounds interesting to you, let's talk!

➤ **SOCIAL REPORT** ◀

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We all be stuck in doldrums. Batten down thee hatches is what we be told. Give a wide berth to yee maties or ye keel over. Yo ho ho and a bottle of hand sanitizer. Let's all throw caution to thee wind and meet at thee BBQ on June 5th. I think we be ready to be footloose.

On a serious note. We are in a wait and see mode regarding the BBQ and the Bigs and Littles Sail. So, we will let you in on the scuttlebutt as soon as the Admirals let us know.

Have fun with these Tongue Twisters! Say them three times fast!

*PIRATE PETE HAD A PINK PATCH AND PURPLE PANTS

*POWERFUL PIRATE PETE PUSHED A PIRATE OFF THE PLANK

*A SAILOR WENT TO SEA TO SEE, WHAT SHE COULD SEE AND ALL SHE COULD SEE WAS SEA, SEA, SEA.

WHAT IS "RED FLAG WARNING?": IT'S A BIG QUESTION FOR THE BIGS/LITTLES SAIL DAY

➤ **BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER SAIL** ◀

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Between the low water and the high contagion factor, this year's annual Big Brother/Big Sister Sail Day faces Double Jeopardy. And it may lose. But don't give up hope yet; we can wait another month to decide, and the BBBS people say they have their fingers crossed. So, keep June 20 on your calendar and keep watch. If you are an optimist and want to sign up to take out a boat or help with the picnic on shore, I am still taking names. (916/979-9819)

➤ **RACING RAG** ◀

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COVID 19-20-20

Being sequestered by Gavin/Donald is starting to remind me of the three years plus that I spent on a submarine back in the 60's.

One could say I have been trained for this lockdown. We were fed the best quality of food (er – bull****) to keep the morale up; however Prime New York steaks for breakfast every day can get old. Plus, how many ways can you prepare potatoes every day. Near the end of a patrol, it got down to 'mystery meals' as the cooks opened unmarked #10 tin cans to see what the next meal would be.

Being on watch for 4 hours on and 8 hours off plus doing your daytime job of training, cleaning and maintenance became mind numbing hardships that we tolerated pretty well. Add to that, the fact that we got to shower once a week whether we needed it or not.

The guys in the back, that were pushing us through the water, making drinking water from the salty stuff, and keeping the lights on, or cooking 6 meals a day nonstop, didn't have it so good. They lived on a numbing routine and gossip.

I was fortunate that my job was where there was change and occasional excitement, plus some

concept of the outside world through my ears on SONAR or the navigation devices that I maintained. I always knew where we were. And if things were quiet, I could get the occasional peek out the periscope.

Guys out on submarine patrols now will be coming back to a different world, as they are usually kept in the dark intentionally. Some crews get "family Grams" by one-way radio, with limited numbers of characters that are censored before transmission to preserve morale. They will come home to all this bitching and moaning from the public, "being sequestered".

Their response will be "**WE TRAIN FOR THIS S******".

THE BOTTOM LINE:

Well it looks like we are going to miss a couple of races - no tiller time - no sunset on the water - possible postponement of the Bigs & Littles and the Fleet barbeque. Possibly the "Go for the Gold" regatta will happen if we can 'flatten the curve'.

WORSE YET:

We have windows, we have yards, we have pets, and we have friends. We can open the windows, we can mow the lawn, we can bathe the pets, and we can call/Skype/Zoom or write to our friends. There is TV too!

For starters the **Submariners can't open the window!**

Don't begin to complain. We'll get through this. There will be more sunsets, tiller time, barbeques, and maybe some new friends, or better yet, friends that we appreciate more.

"The pointy end is the front."
Michael Rayfuse

➤ **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** ◀

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Welcome aboard to the new members Timothy Brink, Cynthia Arnold, and Richard and Carolyn

Mason. If you have not mailed in your membership dues, please do so right away. [Membership form at the end of the newsletter.]

➤ **SECRETARY'S REPORT** ◀

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It's been quiet the last few weeks in Fleet 4. Your Secretary is learning how to maintain our website. I have access. Next, I need to learn how to find the html code and edit it in an appropriate editor. Also, we have drafts of this year's Roster in a widely used format rather than an esoteric one as before. Anyone willing to serve as copy editor?

➤ **ASA WEATHER FORECASTING** ◀

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Just read this memo from San Jose Sailing Club. This weather course is provided on-line from the American Sailing Association.



Marine Weather Forecasting 101

An overview of marine weather and how important it is for sailors to learn the basics.



Peter Isler

\$30

<https://american-sailing-association.teachable.com/>

➤ **FREE "CRUSING NOTES"** ◀

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We had the seminars and the 10th edition of the book ready to go the day that the Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show was cancelled. BUT here is the silver lining (if there is one):

The Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show, Latitude 38, and Cruising Notes Seminars have decided to use our book "**CRUSING NOTES - Things to know before you go**" as a token of our appreciation of sailors' past attendance at the boat shows and seminars. And as an effort to assist sailors in getting ready for the upcoming sailing season, we are joining with them to **GIVE A FREE COPY OF THE NEW 10TH EDITION TO EVERY SAILOR WHO WANTS ONE!**

Even though the
Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show has been canceled



PACIFIC SAIL & POWER BOAT SHOW

SAILING TO MEXICO IS SOMETHING YOU NEED TO PLAN FOR BEFORE ACTUALLY DOING IT!

Along with the staffs of *LATITUDE 38* and the *PACIFIC SAIL & POWER BOAT SHOW*, we at *CRUSING NOTES* want to help prepare you for cruising the Pacific Coasts of the U.S. and Mexico once this "quarantine in place" is passed.

Please accept our offer of the book ***CRUSING NOTES - Things to know before you go*** to help prepare you for cruising. This book is given as a token of our appreciation of your past attendance and our combined efforts to assist you in being ready for the 2020 - 2021 cruising season. And it's a good read, too.

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Any questions please call
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CATALINA 22 FLEET 4 – 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
		Color Codes:	MEETING	SOCIAL/OTHER
			CRUISE	RACE
APRIL				
4/4-5	SAT-SUN	9:00am	Camellia Cup Regatta CANCELED	FOLSOM LAKE
4/9	THUR	7:00pm	Membership Meeting CANCELED	Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Ln.
4/16-19	THU-SUN		Pacific Sail Boat Show CANCELED	MARINA BAY, RICHMOND
4/24-26	FRI- SUN	10:00am	Lake Oroville Cruise CANCELED	LAKE OROVILLE
MAY				
5/6	WED	6:00pm	Beer Can Race (every Wed. thru Aug.)	FOLSOM LAKE
5/8	FRI	6:00pm	FLYC Summer Sunset Series Race #1 *	FOLSOM LAKE
5/23-25	SAT-MON	10:00am	Memorial Day Weekend Cruise	FOLSOM LAKE
			* Cruising Racer Class race	
JUNE				
6/3	WED	6:00pm	Beer Can Race (every Wed. thru Aug.)	FOLSOM LAKE
6/5	FRI	6:00pm	Membership BBQ Potluck Picnic	Rayfuse's home
6/12	FRI	6:00pm	FLYC Summer Sunset Series Race #2	FOLSOM LAKE
6/20	SAT	9:00am	Bigs and Littles Sail Day and BBQ	FOLSOM LAKE
JULY				
7/1	WED	6:00pm	Beer Can Race (every Wed. thru Aug.)	FOLSOM LAKE
7/3-5	FRI-SUN	10:00am	Independence Day Cruise	FOLSOM LAKE or S.F. BAY
7/17	FRI	6:00pm	FLYC Summer Sunset Series Race #3	FOLSOM LAKE
7/31	FRI	6:00pm	FLYC Summer Sunset Series Race #4	FOLSOM LAKE
AUGUST				
8/1	SAT	11:00am	FLYC Singlehanded Regatta	FOLSOM LAKE
8/5	WED	6:00pm	Beer Can Race (every Wed. thru Aug.)	FOLSOM LAKE
8/13	THUR	7:00pm	Ice Cream Social	Rayfuse's home
8/14-16	SAT-MON	10:00am	Shooting Star Cruise	UNION VALLEY RESERVOIR
8/16	SUN	12:00pm	FLYC Governor's Cup Series Race #1	FOLSOM LAKE
8/30	SUN	12:00pm	FLYC Governor's Cup Series Race #2	FOLSOM LAKE
SEPTEMBER				
9/13	SUN	12:00pm	FLYC Governor's Cup Series Race #3	FOLSOM LAKE
9/25-27	FRI-SUN	10:00am	New Malones Cruise	NEW MELONES RESERVOIR
9/27	SUN	12:00pm	FLYC Governor's Cup Series Race #4	FOLSOM LAKE
OCTOBER				
8/8	THUR	7:00pm	Membership Meeting (6:30pm dinner)	Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Ln.
8/24	SAT	10:00am	Halloween Cruise	FOLSOM LAKE
NOVEMBER				
11/7	SAT	6:30pm	Awards Banquet	TBD



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.)

Make checks payable to: **Catalina 22 Fleet 4**

Then mail with Membership Form to:

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Sacramento, CA 95821

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For official use only:

Roster needs updating

New member packet sent

Needs membership badge

Paid: Date ___/___/___

Bank/Check # _____ / _____