

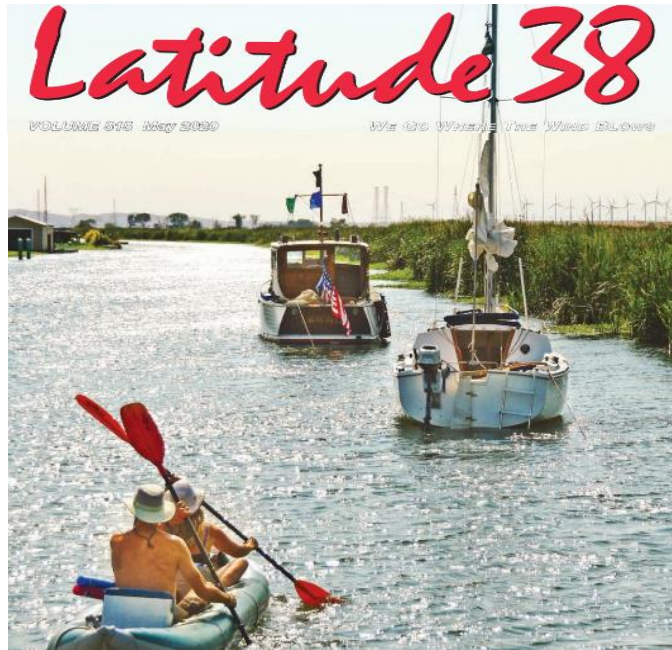


Catalina 22 Fleet 4 4UM



August

2020



Captain Kevin Clancy on the cover of May *Latitude 38*.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

❄ August 2020 ❄

- 8/5 **Race:** FLYC Beer Can, 6:00pm, Folsom Lake, every Wed. thru Aug.
 - 8/13 **I Scream Social**, 7:00pm, via Zoom, <https://www.zoom.us/join> ID=502 973 3161, PW=9tswXa
 - 8/14-16 **Cruise:** Shooting Star, 10:00am, Union Valley Reservoir
 - 8/16 **Race:** FLYC Governor's Cup Series #1, 12:00pm, Folsom Lake*
 - 8/30 **Race:** FLYC Governor's Cup Series #2, 12:00pm, Folsom Lake*
- * Races canceled when water level <400'

❄ September 2020 ❄

- 9/13 **Race:** FLYC Governor's Cup Series #3, 12:00pm, Folsom Lake*
 - 9/25-27 **Cruise:** New Melones Lake, 10:00am
 - 9/27 **Race:** FLYC Governor's Cup Series #4, 12:00pm, Folsom Lake*
- * Races canceled when water level <400'

❄ October 2020 ❄

- 10/8 **Membership Meeting:** TBD, 7:00pm
- 10/9-11 **Cruise:** Lake Oroville, 10:00am
- 10/24 **Cruise:** Halloween, 10:00am, Folsom Lake(?)

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Please send your submissions for the October edition by September 25th to:
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➤ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ◀

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Ahoy Fleet 4 Crew! While it is only the beginning of August, I find myself reflecting on the year already. This year has been a tough one; almost everybody I know has been impacted in one way or another by the COVID outbreak. My sailing season has also been riddled with challenges and disappointments. It has been one thing after another this year. It may only be the Dog Days of summer, but I feel like I have been through a full year of problems.

This year I was lucky enough to get a slip at Folsom Lake. Having a slip exponentially increased my sailing time this summer and I would highly recommend considering getting a slip if you want to get more time on the water. That said, the additional access to sailing time exposed my boat's weaknesses, which were plenty. Thankfully the failures occurred within the pleasant confines of Folsom Lake, and not in situations which could have resulted in much greater consequences. Here are some of the "highlights."

The first problem was a rudder failure. I was out sailing with a friend, who was not an experienced sailor, when the rudder sheared off at the waterline. We were having a great day, flying along with a nice blow around 10-12 mph. We had a good puff come through, and before I knew what happened, we were turning abruptly into the wind. My buddy looked at me and, roughly translated, shouted something like "What are you doing?" I told him I lost the helm, but I didn't know why. I looked aft only to see part of my rudder floating behind the boat. We recovered the broken rudder and were able to make it back to the slip under power. I was able to get a replacement rudder (thank you Monte!) only to have the tiller crack while sailing a few days later. Luckily the tiller didn't break into pieces and I was again able to limp back to the slip under power. It just so happened that Monte also had a spare tiller (thanks again Monte!!), and so I was back in business. Or that's what I thought.



Miss Irene's broken rudder.

Earlier this year I bought a new main sail and picked up a few new-to-me "Gennys", including a Sherron Hart racing jib. The combination of a new main and racing sail is awesome! *Miss Irene* was moving through the water so much faster than before, and heeling over less. Unfortunately, that fun only lasted for a few sails. On what was otherwise a perfect sailing day, the jib tore free from the halyard, which was then stuck at the top of the mast. I pulled the sail out of the water and went to start the motor to limp back to the slip under power yet again, only to break the starter rope recoil on the motor. Luckily, I was able to finally get it started with a spare cord that I wrapped around the motor head. Deflated, but happy to be making my way back to the slip, I was flagged down by a family on jet skis that needed a tow back to the dock because of engine problems. I offered my assistance, but as my "luck" would have it, they needed to go to Granite Bay, not Brown's Ravine. That made for an even longer end to what already felt like a very long day. Whew!

But wait, there's more! A few days later I returned to the marina with a plan to recover my halyard and get back to sailing. To do this, I needed to put *Miss Irene* on the trailer in order to lower the mast. It sounded easy enough and I got an early start to beat the heat of the afternoon, but it just wasn't meant to be. I ended up having multiple motor problems, which resulted in a lot of walking back and forth from the Hobie ramp to the marina, humping motors and gas cans up and down the marina stairs

to the boat, and trips back and forth to home. In the end, I was able to sail *Miss Irene* from the slip to the Hobie ramp and get her on the trailer. At that point I was exhausted and not in a very good mood, so I decided to head home with the boat.

So, I found myself without a working motor and with my boat out of the water. To say I was disappointed is an understatement. With all the trouble I experienced, I also lost a lot of confidence in *Miss Irene* and in my abilities. I actually thought I might not be putting *Miss Irene* back in the water this summer. But... the motor is now repaired and, lucky me, there are still a couple of weeks left of slip time on Folsom Lake. I must be crazy, but I'm going sailing! I guess there are some benefits of having no short-term memory any longer. Ha-ha! Stay tuned for future tales of my mishaps.

Fair winds and less breakage!
Kevin

"I Scream Social"

This year's ice cream social is a virtual event on Zoom. I hope all of you can find some time to drop in and say HELLO! at the "I Scream Social". The format is an open-house, drop in at your leisure. The Fleet 4 Board is looking forward to catching up with everybody and meeting all the new members!

Getting set up with Zoom is easy – you can use it on your phone, tablet, or computer. It works best if you download the app and set up an account, but it also works with a hyperlink if you don't want to set up an account. However, you must allow Zoom to access your camera, audio, and contacts, otherwise it will not work properly.

Here is the Zoom meeting information:

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020
Start Time: 7 pm
End time: 8 pm
Web address: <https://www.zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID#: 502 973 3161
Password: 9tswXa

Joanne and I will be enjoying:

Brandy Alexander Milkshakes

- Scoop of vanilla ice cream
- A shot or two of brandy

- A shot or two of Kahlua
- A pinch of grated nutmeg

➤ SOCIAL SOUNDINGS ◀

Madeline Rayfuse, Social Chair
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Ahoy Sailors. Our June meeting was the Fleet 4 BBQ. We had about 10 in attendance, so there was significant room for Social Distancing. The weather was just right in our backyard. This was a great opportunity for us to experience a little a normalcy.

For this month's meeting, we are hoping to see everyone. Sadly, we have decided to not have the traditional Ice Cream Social.

Instead, we are having, drum roll please, an I SCREAM SOCIAL DISTANCE Zoom meeting. This will be a BYOIC (Bring Your Own Ice Cream) Social. HOW FUN IS THAT!!! Join us with your favorite treat.

We can talk about anything you want, vacations, sailing, repairing boats, and jokes. We must have jokes! Come join the gang on Zoom. It is alright to join the meeting at any time during the time period.

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Here is a great way to make Ice Cream:

Mason Jar Ice Cream

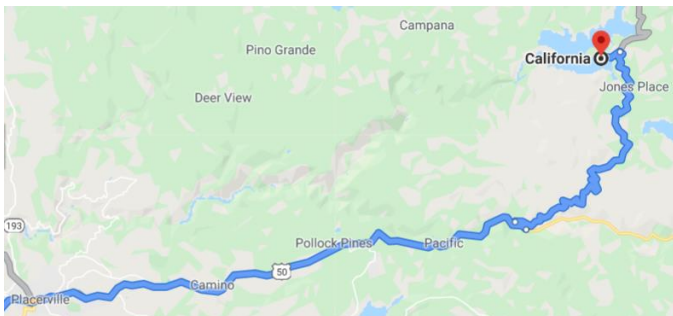
In a quart-size Mason jar, combine 1 cup heavy cream, 1½ Tbsp. sugar, ½ tsp. vanilla extract, and a pinch of salt. Shake vigorously (let the kids help!) for 4 to 5 minutes until the mixture is doubled in size. Dip a spoon in and the liquid should be thick enough to coat the back of a spoon, but not thick or buttery. Leave it plain or feel free to drop in some flavorings. Berries, chopped candy, chocolate chips, or even some peanut butter would be tasty. Just give it another shake. Pop the lid back on and freeze for at least 3 hours. Enjoy!

➤ **CRUSING CHATTER** ◀

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Shooting Star Cruise - Union Valley Reservoir **August 14 - 16**

Hello Sailors. Just a reminder the Shooting Star cruise at Union Valley Reservoir is coming up Friday, August 14th – Sunday the 16th. It will be a fun cruise, and the weather is always great. This is my favorite cruise because it is a beautiful lake and there is always wind. Also, setting up your sailboat is very easy due to the shaded parking lot. The cost last year was \$8.00 for a 24-hour period. There was a change at Union Valley when we went to check out the lake about a month ago: they have added a kiosk, but it was not being used at that time. We will be meeting in the parking lot at 10:00am Saturday morning. Let me know if you plan on attending, at 916 996-5697.



Take Ice House Rd. N. of US-50 to Union Valley.

The September cruise will be at New Melones Lake. It will be Friday, September 25th – Sunday the 27th. We went to the lake to check it out, and it is a beautiful lake. Also, they rent house boats too. If you would like to join us, please contact me at 916 996-5697, or Cruise Leader Monte Whitefield at 916-871-7956.

New Melones Cruise **September 25 - 27**

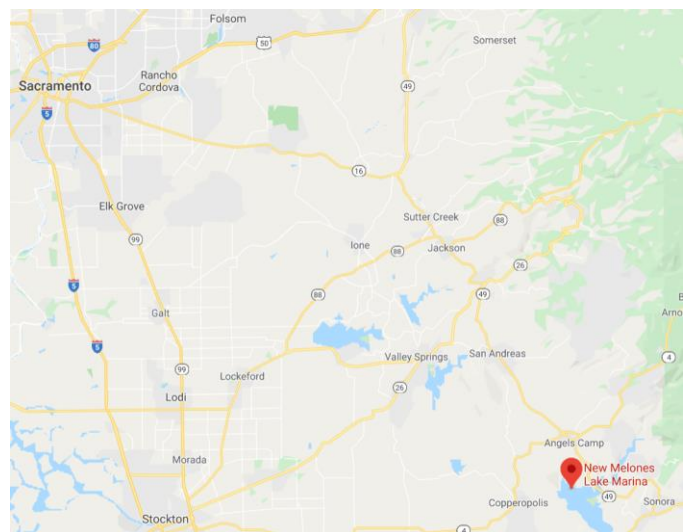
Monte Whitefield, Cruise Leader
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Hi Gang. This year we will be doing the New Melones cruise again. This is a trip you don't want to miss. Last year, we had some great sailing in

warm water with a couple of bald eagles flying over the boat at anchor! It's about 1 1/2 hours out of Sacramento, and the address is 6503 Glory Hole Rd. in Angels Camp 95222. Once there, you must fill out a form and leave on your dashboard. This is a beautiful lake to sail on, so I hope we get a huge turn out! Feel free to call me if you have any questions, 916-871-7956.



Two sailboats on beautiful New Melones Lake.



Take Hwy-49 S. to New Melones Lake Marina.

4th of July Cruise Report

Susan Patchett, Cruise Leader
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We met at Folsom Lake at the dock on Saturday morning. It was a beautiful day with light wind that morning and clear skies. The lake was full of boats, but only 3 sailboats from the club. Kevin Clancy, Roy and Noreen Moore, and Steve and Susan Patchett were ready to go sailing. Kevin started out onto the lake, and we did too, but Roy's motor would not start, so we towed them from the dock out to the lake. There was light wind on Saturday, but also the waves from power boats kept us

moving. We sailed all day and went back to the dock pulling Roy's boat to a slip. We spent the night in a slip, and the next morning Steve checked Roy's motor, and got it running. On Sunday there was hardly any wind, so we decided to call it a day.

➤ RACING RAG ◀

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The Dog Days of Summer



Kevin Clancy on *Miss Irene*.



Noreen and Roy Moore on *Barca a Vela*.



Steve Patchett on *Librium*.

Some background on the sub title - its genesis is astronomical and refers to the time of the year when “Sirius” (a binary star that is the brightest star in our sky) rises just before the sun. Sirius is also in the constellation Canis Major (canine), thus the reference as the “Dogstar”. SiriusXM uses the iconography of a dog with a star in its eye. *Sirius* happens to be the name on my C22 for a different reason; in a former life in the U.S. Navy I was on a boat (submarine) that used the comm. handle ‘Dogstar’ like ‘Smokey’ and ‘Bandit’. CB stuff. Anyway!

The hot days of summer are here and the racing scene is winding down on Folsom Lake. Since most of our races are tied to the FLYC schedule there are only 4 (four) ‘series’ races left for the C22’s. They are referred to as the **Governor’s Cup**, and water permitting will happen on Aug. 16 & 30 plus Sept. 13 & 27. The first date does coincide with our ‘Hot August Nights’ (Shooting Star Cruise) at Union Valley Reservoir - ‘dagnabit’.

There is however the casual ‘Beer Can’ schedule of racing on Wednesday evenings for another month or so - lake water level dependent. No skippers meeting, just show up at the center pin around 6:00 PM.

Get out and experience some ‘tiller time’; learn to go fast, and trim the boat to its optimum.

“The pointy end is the front”
 Michael Rayfuse, Race chairman

Results: Summer Series & Singlehanded

FLYC 2020 Summer Sunset Series Standings

OPEN KEEL			Summer #2 - 6/12			Summer #3 - 7/17			Summer #3 - 7/17			Total
Skipper	Boat Type	PHRF	R1	R2	R3	R1	R2	R3	R1	R2	R3	
Gary Preston	Hunter 270	229	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	9
Phil Hodgson	Wavelength 24	156	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	10

2020 SINGLEHANDED REGATTA

Open Keel

Place	Skipper	Boat Type	Sail #	PHRF	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Phil Hodgson	Wavelength 24	34	156	1	2	1	4
3	Gary Preston	Hunter 270	270	229	2	1	2	5



Gary Preston on *Charmed Life* at end of Singlehanded.

► MEMBERSHIP REPORT ◀

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Welcome aboard to new members Jon & Susan Nichols, and Dave Bakke. The Nichols have a Catalina 22 they keep in dry storage at Brown's Ravine, and Dave also has a Catalina 22 he keeps at home. Both new members have yet to name their boats.

► SECRETARY'S REPORT ◀

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At the Fleet officers' meeting on July 21st, changes concerning the budget and upcoming events were decided, most due to our dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Big's and Little's event was canceled, so we put the money left over for upgraded rosters this year, and restocked our burgee

supply; 10 burgees will likely supply our need for 5 years. Both decisions passed by unanimous vote. NOTE: your secretary has pdf files of this year's roster, so any member can ask for the files (free), or more paper copies for \$1.00 each.

We discussed how to handle the Ice Cream Social scheduled for August 13. Madeline, our Hospitality Chairwoman, decided to make the event a Zoom meeting (executive decision), to maintain a safe environment for everyone.

► EDUCATION EDDY ◀

Boat Anchoring 101

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Hello Fleet 4! One of the topics Kevin Clancy mentioned for upcoming meetings or tutorials was anchoring. He told me there is some great info online. I've never anchored a boat, so I consider this important information.

I've been exploring YouTube a bit and have found a very well-done series on anchoring. While this series is for larger sailboats, it is so comprehensive and yet to the point, that I found it extremely useful. The videos are a bit out of order in the playlist, but the intro straightens it out, recommending videos by title.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaZg3oVu seamkvujVhXjBCIOSr8dfLqSU>

[or search YouTube for "Boat Anchoring 101"]

I really like that they cover coordination and communication between helm and bow. Plus, he is in warm clear water and dives to show and explain what is happening with the anchor and sea bed. Only complaint, a bit long-winded. But in retrospect, I don't know what he could have cut; it's all good info.

[*Editor's Note:* Anchoring a 44' sailboat with an all chain anchor rode is somewhat different for our smaller boats with a combination of chain and line, but these videos show good concepts that apply.]

Free Online Sailing Courses

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Ahoy Sailors. The San Jose Sailing Club has found some free sailing courses that are available online. As many of you have some idle time due to the COVID-19 shelter in place rules, this is a valuable way to gain knowledge while being at home.

The first source is a company called NauticEd.com. They offer two free courses and many that you have to pay for. The free courses are: Basic Sail Trim and Navigation Rules of the Road. They have some other free items to try and get you to sign up for their complete program. They tout their advanced computer learning videos.
<https://www.nauticed.org/>

The second source is a company called Marine Weather University (MWU). To get you hooked on their program, they are offering the beginning class called Clouds and Marine Weather. They said you get \$10 off by using coupon code 10VIP. They say in the posting that they have a try before you buy policy. Not sure if this means free or not.
<https://academy.islersailing.com/p/marineweatheru>

Two Safety Notes

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1. Last Saturday, I had a tire/rim part company with our trailer due to under-torqued lug bolts. Fortunately, no damage to nearby cars. Fortunately, we have a 2-axle trailer that made it to the shoulder on 3 wheels. Miraculously, I found the tire about 30 yards off the road. Torque wrench anyone? If not, having a tire shop torque your rims on may be smart.

2. I just read that a sneaky way to get killed is to swim within 150 feet of a fresh water marina that provides shore power, or a boat that's running a house current generator. If there's a power leak into the water, the electricity will go through human bodies rather than the water. Sea water has the opposite effect because sea water conducts electricity really well. [*Editor's Note*: The Folsom Lake Marina does not provide shore power to slip renters, however the marina office does have power.]

CATALINA 22 FLEET 4 – 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
	Color Codes:		MEETING	SOCIAL/OTHER
			CRUISE	RACE
AUGUST				
8/5	WED	6:00pm	Beer Can Race (every Wed. thru Aug.)	FOLSOM LAKE
8/13	THUR	7:00pm	I Scream Social	via Zoom meeting
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
			* Races canceled when water level <400'	
SEPTEMBER				
9/13	SUN	12:00pm	FLYC Governor's Cup Series Race #3*	FOLSOM LAKE
9/25-27	FRI-SUN	10:00am	New Melones Cruise	NEW MELONES LAKE
9/27	SUN	12:00pm	FLYC Governor's Cup Series Race #4*	FOLSOM LAKE
			* Races canceled when water level <400'	
OCTOBER				
10/8	THUR	7:00pm	Membership Meeting (6:30pm dinner)	TBD
10/9-11	FRI- SUN	10:00am	Lake Oroville Cruise	LAKE OROVILLE
10/24	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) (____) _____ - _____

The Fleet 4um newsletter is distributed bi-monthly by email to all members and posted on the Fleet 4 website. Would you also like a mailed copy?

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:

Fleet 4 Treasurer
c/o Gary Preston
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Sacramento, CA 95821

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Roster needs updating

New member packet sent

Needs membership badge

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