



# Catalina 22 Fleet 4

## 4UM



**June**

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**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**2022**

### Fleet 4 Celebrates 50 Years!

Sacramento Catalina 22 Fleet 4 was chartered June 14, 1972 by the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association. The Fleet is organized to promote:

- a) Family cruising.
- b) Catalina 22 one-design racing.
- c) Seamanship skills.
- d) Sailing enjoyment.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ✿ June 2022 ✿

- 6/1, every Wednesday thru August, 6:00pm  
**Race:** Beer Can Race, Folsom Lake
- 6/10, Friday, 6:00pm  
**Race:** FLYC Summer Series #2
- 6/11, Saturday, 5:00pm  
**BBQ Picnic/Banquet:** Hidden Valley Club House, Granite Bay
- 6/18, Saturday, 9:00am  
**Big's & Little's Sail Day**, Folsom Lk.
- 6/24-26, Friday 10:00am - Sunday  
**Cruise:** New Melones Lake

#### ✿ July 2022 ✿

- 7/15, Friday, 6:00pm  
**Race:** FLYC Summer Series #3
- 7/29-31, Friday 10:00am - Sunday  
**Cruise:** Lake Camanche

#### ✿ August 2022 ✿

- 8/5, Friday, 6:00pm  
**Race:** FLYC Summer Series #4
- 8/6, Saturday, 11:00am  
**Race:** FLYC Singlehanded Regatta
- 8/12-14, Friday 10:00am - Sunday  
**Cruise:** Union Valley Reservoir, Shooting Star Cruise
- 8/26, Friday  
**Ice Cream Social:** Rayfuse's home

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## ➤ CAPTAIN'S CORNER <

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Hello Fleet 4!

Summer is fast upon us! The days are getting longer, the temperatures are rising (unfortunately a bit too much at times already), and Folsom Lake is filling. In fact, the Lake is getting close to full pool of 466 feet of elevation. As of May 30, the Lake was at 455.67 feet.

(Current Daily Reservoir Operations | CVO | Area Offices | California-Great Basin | Bureau of Reclamation)

[www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/current.html](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/current.html)

It is time to get out on the water, whether at Folsom Lake, the Delta, or your chosen body of water. Plus, I'm not sure about you, but this year seems more windy than past years. Raise your sails and go have some fun!

Speaking of fun, there will be plenty of it at the upcoming 50th Anniversary Picnic & Banquet. This is a major milestone for any Fleet. We are one of the oldest active Fleets in the Catalina 22 class. The event is on Saturday, June 11 at the Hidden Valley Club House, 7490 West Lane, Granite Bay, 95746. The festivities begin at 5 pm. Please be sure to RSVP by June 4. The cost is only \$10 per person because the Fleet is picking up the remainder of the costs. This will be a memorable event!

The Fleet had its first in-person Member's Meeting in a long time on May 13. It was a Friday, and it went off without a hitch. So much for the Friday the 13th superstition! We also had a Gear Swap at the meeting. It was a lot of fun and many of us went home with new-to-me gear to add to the never ending "To Do List". These types of events are what makes the Fleet so special. There are a lot of folks that want to share their experiences, and it is a great way to pick up gear at rock bottom prices, and a lot of it at no cost! I can't begin to tell you how much I have learned from Fleet 4 members and how much I have appreciated the gear I have received over the years. It has literally taken years off the learning curve and has saved me hundreds, if not

more, in gear purchases. If you need any gear or have any gear you wish to part with, consider putting an ad in the newsletter. It doesn't cost anything!

One last note, I am still hoping to be able to pull together a cruise in September to sail the Monterey Bay. I have written about this in past newsletters. The plan is to spend a week sailing the Bay, going from port to port, starting at Santa Cruz and ending in Monterey. There will be a stop at Moss Landing in between, then returning in reverse order. Of course, if you don't have the time, you can opt for just a one-way trip. Each leg will be about 15 miles or so and we will dock for the night at each locale. This will be a fun introduction to destination sailing and should be well within all our abilities. We will all sail together to be safe and will always have site of land. I'm targeting Labor Day weekend for the start so that we can maximize the time on the water for us working stiffs! Please give me a shout if you are interested, I can be reached at 916/956-6246. Ring my bell!

## ➤ PAST CAPTAIN'S REPORT <

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Hi Gang,

I went to Folsom Lake today to get a water level view of the lake. Good news, WE GOT WATER! It's only 11 feet from being full. We're at the 455 foot mark with 466 being full. Also, the water was swimmable warm. I hope everyone gets a chance to sail their boats on Folsom this year!

I hope that everyone comes to our BBQ on June 11th. We are meeting at a clubhouse on a private lake that allows swimming. The food is being catered and when my daughter found out who was serving, she immediately asked if she could join us.

One last thing is we really need boats for the Big's and Little's on June 18th at Folsom Lake. This is a wonderful event that the kids look forward to every year. Please consider bringing a boat and make a kid's day! There are people (me for one) that will

help raise/lower the mast and all the other things to make it easier to launch your boat.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the next couple of weeks.

### ➤ **SOCIAL SOUNDINGS** ◄

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Hi Sailors,

I'm really excited to see everyone at the **50th Anniversary Banquet** on **June 11th** at 5:00PM. The location of this event is **Hidden Valley Club House, 7490 West Lane Granite Bay, CA 95746**. All of you should have received your invitations in the mail by now. If you have not, please give me a call. Remember to send in your **RSVP by June 4th**.

I'm sure you all have noticed the minimal fee of \$10.00 per person for the dinner because the Fleet is picking up the remainder of the costs. The high cost of having a fun night out with friends has become almost impossible. We are having **Lucille's** out of Roseville cater the event. If you have eaten there you know what a treat that is, and if you haven't, well, don't miss it.

I'm putting together great raffle prizes. As always, your donations make it a spectacular raffle. For more information check out your invitation. Don't forget to send in your RSVP. Feel free to bring your own alcoholic beverages. See you soon!!!

The following week on **June 18th** is the **Big's and Little's Sail Day and BBQ** on Folsom Lake. The kids look forward to this event. We are in need of sailors and boats to take the pairs out sailing. Please let Karen Preston know if you can participate.

Last but not least on **August 26th** we are having the **Ice Cream Social**. This year we are incorporating a **Swap Meet** with this event. Mike and I would like to welcome everyone to our home at **2640 Echo Way, Sacramento, CA 95821**.

### ➤ **BIG'S AND LITTLE'S SAIL DAY** ◄

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### **Last Call for a Fun Day**

As most of you know, we have for many years hosted a special day of sailing for the Big Brother/Big Sister (BBBS) organization. The past 2 years were skipped due to... well, you can guess why. So, is 2022 the year to bring back this fun event? The skippers have spoken, and they say "YES"! The call has gone out to the Bigs to sign up. Due to a variety of reasons, we will be handling a smaller group this year. So here is the itinerary.

WHEN: Saturday, June 18

WHERE: 9:00am at marina hilltop picnic area.

The courtesy docs are floating; **please be set-up before coming up to the picnic area**.

ACTIVITY: 9:30am Get your assigned Big(s)/Little(s), then head onto (or into) the water

EATS: Back to the picnic area about 12:00-ish. Food and drink supplied by the club.

WHAT ELSE DO THE SKIPPERS BRING? Bigs have been asked to procure kid-size PFDs and sunscreen. If you have water toys, including a bucket, bring 'em. Beach towels may be useful.

PLEASE let me know ASAP if you want to add your name to our list, or can help out with picnic preparations onshore. Please email me (gary\_karen\_preston@compuserve.com) or call (916-979-9819) to let me know.

### ➤ **CRUSING CHATTER** ◄

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Ahoy Sailors!

This month we will be going to New Melones on June 24-26. Last time we went to New Melones we beached our boat. It sure was fun - we checked out the island and there was a group of geese on the

island and they were not too happy to see us. They may have had young ones.

The month of July we will be going to Lake Camanche from July 29-31.

In August we will be going to Union Valley Reservoir for the Shooting Star Cruise. If you have never been to Union Valley, it is a great lake and the shooting star is fabulous. If you have any questions about any of the cruises contact me.

Hope to see you at one or all the cruises.

### May Folsom Lake Cruise Report

Kevin Clancy, Cruise Leader

*Miss Irene*, C22 #794

Cruising at Folsom Lake has traditionally been very popular with the Fleet, and the cruise in May has typically kicked-off the sailing season. The lack of interest this year was a little disappointing, but it did not stop Joanne and me from going out and having a great time. I sailed most of the day by myself with near perfect weather. The sun was up, the winds were in the 7-10 mph range, and there was almost nobody on the Lake. I met Joanne later in the afternoon and we went out for an early dinner at the Purple Place before heading back out. We dropped the hook in an unnamed cove in the South Fork leg of the lake. The night was beautiful and calm, plus we had the lake all to ourselves. It was just us and the sounds of nature. It was a very pleasant way to spend the evening.



View from *Miss Irene* on a secluded cove.

In the morning, we headed back to the docks and Joanne went home, while Jim Sinclair jumped on board *Miss Irene* for a day sail. The winds were light, and we had the big Jenny out to help move us around. We were able to make it to New York Cove on the South Fork before turning around and heading back. It was a great day for light-wind sailing. I always learn a lot when sailing with Jim, plus he has some great stories. Thanks Jim!



Joanne Goodsell and Kevin Clancy on *Miss Irene*.

### ➤ RACING ROUNDUP ◀

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There are two races to mention that Fleet 4 members have participated this spring: the Trans-Folsom Regatta and the Camelia Cup Regatta. Your Race Director only raced in the Cam Cup so I will elucidate on that, however the other is the Trans-Folsom, which I know nothing about as I was in Riverside County during the event.

The Cam Cup returned to a two-day format this year with five races scheduled (nominally 3 races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday), however this year 4 were completed on Saturday so that left only one for Sunday in a "NO THROWOUT" format. To win the CUP one needs bullets only and a large class of boats plus some luck with mixed winners in other large classes.

With only three Catalina 22 boats entered, we didn't have a Catalina 22 class, so we were put into one of

the keelboat classes. So, we had a Catalina 250 in our start.

Saturday started out light with a southerly breeze against a predicted northwesterly in the 6-8 knot range. Because of the light air nobody wanted to mix it up at the start, and instead tried to get a lane and go for boat speed at the start.

With a 'new to me' set of sails and my wife Madeline and a total rookie, my grandson Nicholas (12years) as crew, we jumped to substantial upwind leads in the light air only to be caught on the downwind legs, but still managed two bullets.

Everyone could see the predicted wind trying to push onto the course as the water was dark up by the peninsula, but it didn't push thru till just before the third race. Whoopin' and hollerin' could be heard from everybody on the boats, and the activity of the committee picked up as they were bored, frustrated and hot.

With some adrenalin flowing, the start line busy with excitement, the committee squaring the line to the new wind direction, the third race prelims began with people taking shots at the line to find the heading to sail at the start, which end is favored, and mostly where the competition is setting up their approach. Hopefully during the increased activity, you looked at the course chart to know where to go and checking your clock/watch/timer so as to be on time.

The third start found my boat totally out of position to windward of the competition, early to the line and being luffed by *Papa's Boat*. I thought we were both over early and luffed up head to wind 5 feet away from the other boat only to hear no horn or hail except "all clear". The leeward boat had us in his grip so we bailed while we had some speed and went out on port tack for a while but not wanting to get too far separated, we came back to starboard. Tacking right into some lift they were not getting and led at the first mark by 30-40 seconds. It was the reverse "D" course so there were four marks for the course. Our lead was the same at the second mark, but something happened about that time or during the rounding that manifested itself later and cost us the regatta.

The first leg was to weather, the second a broad reach and the third leg was down wind so things slowed down as the apparent wind was reduced. We noticed the other boat closing and figured that some new wind was at their back but the water color looked like ours. Checking the sail trim, we jibed to see if it would help - it didn't. Just as we reached the third / jibe mark they passed on the outside and were gone. Still wondering what happened to our boat speed I started looking for something caught in the rudder or keel that was a "DRAG". Found it; the ladder was down and dragging. Second place - NO CUP.

Frustrated and maybe a little tired from the morning heat, we tanked the 4th race with another second; so now we are tied for first - well there's tomorrow - right.

Sunday, we were 40 seconds late at the start because the jib halyard went up the mast with the headboard of the mainsail + the course was a double broad reach with no tacks, and one jibe at the "windward" mark. A follow the leader type of race. So - second in class.

In summary: 1st time **TIE** for the Camellia Cup - 5 bullets each boat and equal size classes. The hot dogs were good after the regatta. My sails are fast in light air.

There is one race left that I recommend, the "GO FOR THE GOLD" Regatta at Scotts Flat Reservoir on the first weekend of June. Real nice venue - ok camping - shifty winds.

"The pointy end is the front"

## ► **SECRETARY'S REPORT** ◄

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The Fleet officers met Tuesday, May 24. Captain Kevin Clancy started the meeting at 7:14 with a review of the updated budget report, including a discussion of the Fleet BBQ/awards event on June 11.

The caterer charges \$715 for up to 25 people. As of that date, Madeline Rayfuse had 18 RSVP's committing to come. Donations for the raffle are welcome -- just contact Madeline. We plan to have a cake commemorating the Fleet's 50th year. (I wonder if Fleets 1 through 3 even exist anymore.) The Fleet will provide non-alcoholic drinks.

The Fleet is progressing with the Big's/Little's event on June 18. Karen is leading the effort again. We offered 7 boats so far. Some can take two pairs. (Catalina 25 cockpits are very close to the size of Catalina 22 cockpits.)

The Fleet began inquiries as to the whereabouts of the perpetual trophies for Racing, Cliff Stukelo, Boat of the Year, and the computer projector.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:34.

Secretary's tip of the month: a throwable PFD is more useful if attached to about 100 feet of light line. The two can live together in a pillowcase or 3-sided cover and the line attached to the boat while sailing. In any case, be well, be happy, be safe on the water (and elsewhere).

## ➤ **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** ◀

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If you have not sent in your membership form, please send it in right away. And if you already have, thank you for all those that have sent in their membership forms and dues. See the membership form at the end of this newsletter.

## ➤ **FAVORITE FLEET 4 MEMORIES** ◀

To help celebrate Fleet 4's 50th Anniversary, long-standing members of 25 years or more contributed some of their favorite memories of Fleet 4. Enjoy their stories, and maybe be inspired to make some new memories of your own.

## **Over the Years with Catalina 22 Fleet 4**

Arnold & Bonnie-Lee Boeck  
*Midnite Blew*, Catalina 25 #5001  
Members since October 1997

We received a relocation package from Hewlett-Packard Company when we moved to Auburn. We are still members of the San Jose Sailing Club where we began our adventures in sailing. We started with a McGregor 25 *Getting Even* and eventually upgraded to our Catalina 25 *Midnite Blew*. We've loved the sailing for 30 years.

When we moved to Auburn, Arnold went to Folsom Marina and signed up for a slip. After three years 5 days we finally acquired our slip. When we went to the "Gold Store" - Catalina Direct in Rancho Cordova - he invited us to come to a Catalina 22 Fleet 4 meeting. Great Referral.

We have always found all of the members encouraging, helpful, and enjoyable as sailing buddies and friends.

The trips to the San Juan Islands, thanks to Laura-Ann, great memories... Fleet 4 BBQs and Big & Little outings. The wonderful banquets and ice cream socials by Mike & Madeline Rayfuse, yummy. At the banquets we always came home with more stuff we just had to have for our boat???

The sailing outings on Folsom Lake and the raft-ups bring back tons of memories. We remember when Ron Hitchcock launched his boat at Folsom, was backing down the ramp when his trailer with the boat slid off the hitch of his truck and slid down the ramp. OPPS? Or the de-mastings that some experienced... it was the tree's fault of course. Or our boat sailing away from the dock with me hanging off the life lines... Great times.

Our raft-ups were loads of fun, sharing of stories, laughter and food. Who had the greatest adventure and where were they off to next? Particularly enjoyed the could-of, should-of and lessons learned in all of the adventures taken.

We also sailed with Ron and Carolyn Hitchcock, when we trailered our boats to Los Angeles Harbor and sailed to Catalina Island for the Catalina Boat Show event that lasted 3 days. Talk about money being spent by the money-no-object crowd... On-

lookers were also welcomed. Catalina Yachts would bring in all the new boats, gave away tons of auction goodies, and wined and dined everyone. Sailing back to Los Angeles Harbor, Ron was under the weather, hmm, and Carolyn had to sail the boat. We followed her in, did a great job. A great trip.

Great Friends, Adventures and Memories.

#### **Special Report on the 50th Anniversary of Fleet 4**

Laura-Ann Charlot  
*Quiet Time*, Catalina 25 #5857  
Member since July 1991

In memory of my dear friends,  
JoAnne Watkins and Ron Hitchcock.

Greetings fellow sailors and members of Fleet 4. I joined this organization on Thursday, July 4th, 1991, on a Delta Cruise being run that weekend. Those were the days when we did long distance Delta cruises, typically starting at the launch ramp at Richmond and concluding at the launch ramp at Brannan Island State Park. These required some fancy logistics, and volunteers with vans to carpool people from Brannan Island back to Richmond, to retrieve boat trailers and tow vehicles. I think I did this three times, in 1991, 1992, and once more later in the '90's, but eventually these cruises got too complicated, and the last one was at least 20 years ago. I had a McGregor 25 back then, my first sailboat, and this cruise was probably the first (of many) times that I launched a boat there.

That cruise was a wild one, and I well remember it, with more than a little trepidation still lingering almost 31 years later: as commonly happens in the Delta in the summer months, the wind was howling by mid-afternoon, blowing at least 20 knots, and there I was, in a small swing-keel sailboat that I had only owned for 4 years, and that had no reef points in the mainsail, and no headsail other than a 120% genoa. I had only rudimentary boat handling skills back then, and as I would find out that day, this was way too much sail area for the Delta, especially in that boat, which was built like a Clorox bottle with only about 625 pounds of ballast in the swing keel. Compare this to a Catalina 25 swing keel, which weighs 1,500 pounds. I was single-handing the boat, and for almost 8 hours, I couldn't let go of the tiller long enough to even grab a drink of water. Looking back, I know that it was just dumb luck

that I didn't get hurt that day, or go for an unplanned swim.

But my first encounter with Fleet 4 actually starts earlier than that blustery July weekend, by some 4 years, on Memorial Day weekend 1987, not long after I bought the Mac 25, and on what I think was my first "away" trip, trailering the boat to a destination further away than Folsom Lake. Lynn and Shanna, who was only 7 years old that summer, joined me on a cruise to Clear Lake. How I even knew of the existence of Clear Lake, or that there was a launch ramp at the south end of the lake at Redbud Park, I no longer remember. There was no Internet then for doing research, and I had yet to start hanging out at The Foredeck, so probably the guy I bought the boat from told me about it. Anyway, that first evening, after we got the boat rigged and in the water, and I had to decide where we were going to go for the night, Lynn spotted a couple of sailboats at anchor on the west shore of the lake about a mile away, and she said "Why don't we join them?" As we approached, the skipper of the boat on the east side of the raft-up, closest to us, hailed us with an invite to come alongside. And that was how I met Mel and Judy Johnson, my first contact with Fleet 4.

Four years later, on that fateful July 4th weekend, again on a whim, I decided to trailer down to the Bay, launch at Richmond, and it was there that I ran into Ron and Carolyn Hitchcock rigging up *Journey's Start*, and from there my nascent membership in Fleet 4 was solidified. Gary and Karen Preston were on that cruise, in *Forever Green*, I think, and so was Ron Hatton in *Fantasy*. That was a wild ride up the Delta in that wind blast, and I remember a Chrysler 26, owned by someone named Kelly, who experienced a broken rudder downhaul line, and lost almost all steering control when the rudder streamed out horizontal in the stiff current – the wind was so strong that we were all making hull speed or even a bit more, even with just a headsail on some of the boats.

From those humble beginnings: two random encounters with Fleet 4 members on away cruises, back in the day when I was still young and strong enough to trailer a 25-foot sailboat somewhere for a weekend, I have developed this long and joyful life on the water, and found more good friends than most of us get to enjoy in a lifetime. I want to share

some of my best and most memorable photos of Fleet 4 cruises from bygone days, with the hope that we can all share at least a few more such amazing adventures before it's time to bag our sails and haul out for the last time. Fair Winds and safe harbor!



New Members/Past Captains Cruise, April 1992.



Tomales Bay, October 8, 1994.



Emerald Bay, Lake Tahoe, July 2002.



Jazz Jamboree, New York Cove, June 14, 2003.



Fleet 4 Members' Picnic, June 11, 2004



Shooting Star/Hot August Nights Cruise,  
Union Valley Reservoir, August 11, 2007.



Fleet 4 Awards Banquet, November 6, 2010.



Big's & Little's Sail Day, June 18, 2016.



Members' Picnic at the FLYC shed, June 9, 2017.



Big's & Little's Sail Day, June 23, 2018.



Fleet 4 Awards Banquet, November 17, 2018.



Big's & Little's Sail Day and Picnic, June 22, 2019.

I want to conclude this trip down memory lane with a final thought: these photographs record some of the most joyous moments of my life. Some of the images in this collection record the faces of some of the best and dearest friends I will ever know, and

now two of them are lost to me except in my photos, and the memories of the great times we shared, both on and off the water. Ron Hitchcock, and JoAnne Watkins, I will never forget you. Every time I slip the mooring lines and take *Quiet Time* out for a sail, or drop her anchor in New York Cove and light the barbecue to grill something tasty for dinner, I hope some part of you will be there to share the moment with me, and whoever else might be in the raft-up.

“Drink it up, this one's for you;  
it's been a lovely cruise.  
I'm sorry it's endin', oh it's sad, but it's true.  
Honey, it's been a lovely cruise.

These moments we're left with,  
may you always remember;  
these moments are shared by few.

There's wind in our hair,  
and there's water in our shoes.  
Honey, it's been a lovely cruise.

Oh, these moments we're left with,  
may you always remember;  
These moments are shared by few.  
And those harbor lights (those harbor lights!),  
Lord, they're coming into view.  
We'll bid our farewells much too soon.

So, drink it up, this one's for you.  
Honey, it's been a lovely cruise.  
Yeah, baby, it's been a lovely cruise.  
Oh, darlin', it's been a lovely cruise.”  
-Jimmy Buffett

### A Favorite Memory for Fantasy

Ron & Susie Hatton  
*Fantasy*, Chrysler 26 #22  
Members since February 1985

*Fantasy* and crew have had many great cruises with the members of Fleet 4 over the years. There were those numerous weekends on Folsom Lake, cruising and racing on the lake during the day and anchoring in New York Cove at night. There were trips to practically every major lake in the area. And even trips to salt water venues at Monterey, Tamales Bay and San Francisco. But the most enjoyable Fleet 4 cruises in our opinion were the couple of cruises we did called the River Run.

This cruise started out with a launch at Richmond. Sailing with the wind at your back and a flood tide pushing us along it was an easy trip up into the Delta. On one trip our first night was a civilized stop at the Benicia marina. We had showers, electricity and a dinner out at a local restaurant. Our slips were at the far end of the marina. So, at dinner time over twenty of us piled onto our boat to motor across to the other side of the marina to the main gate to get out on the town. We looked like a boat load of refugees.

The second day's travel took us under the big highway bridges and by, at the time, the big ships anchored in the "mothball fleet". It was a beautiful sail, one time with gentle breezes and one time with strong delta winds. The fleet rendezvoused at Horseshoe Bend on the way to Brannan Island State Recreation Area. We all threw anchors out the back and tied up to a tree on shore in the front and stayed secure for the night.



Wild ride in the Delta for the Hatton's *Fantasy*.

The next morning, we had the bridge tender for Highway 160 lift the span for small groups of us to motor around the corner to the Brannan Island boat ramp. One driver for each vehicle that had been left in Richmond piled into a van and retrieved their truck and boat trailer. The boats then went back on the trailers.

This cruise opened our eyes to new sailing possibilities. It was an actual passage from point A

to point B rather than sailing around in one location. This trip inspired us to do extended cruises in the San Juan Islands, six months in The Sea of Cortez, extended stays in Florida, and the Chesapeake Bay. It was the camaraderie and support of Fleet 4 members that helped us build skills and confidence to take on these life enriching adventures. A big thank you to the Fleet.

#### **Fleet 4 Memories**

Robyn & Chris Parker

*Robyn's Nest*, Catalina 22 #6014

Members since February 1994

We joined Fleet 4 in February of 1994 after having purchased our Catalina 22 from The Foredeck in Rancho Cordova. After taking a class at the Foredeck, it was brought to our attention that there was a local Catalina 22 sailing club, so we decided to join. Joining Fleet 4 brought many new friendships into our life, as well as many wonderful and exciting sailing adventures! We enjoyed the monthly meetings and cruises to areas we had never experienced.

Thinking about our time with Fleet 4 brings back memories of many adventures such as... the time we were cruise leaders to the San Juan Islands. We were docked at Friday Harbor with Jack and Carolee Roach, along with others, and Chris decided he would rent a car (actually a rent-a-wreck) and drive over to Westcott Bay to pick up some fresh oysters and clams. He returned with a huge amount of shellfish that we cooked up on our BBQ on the back of our boat, just in time for the rain to arrive. No worries, out came a blue tarp that covered our cockpit and we all ate and enjoyed our beverages.

Another Fleet 4 Cruise to the San Juan Islands brought us to Stuart Island. About 5 boats were anchored and rafted together in Reid Harbor. Off we went to explore the island, walking to the northwest end of the island to Turn Point State Park. Along the way, we passed the school where handmade postcards and colorful island-designed tee shirts were for sale. You just placed your money in the "honesty box" provided. On the return walk back to Reid Harbor, coming to the cliff, we looked down and saw our boats not anchored where we left them, but floating in unison around the harbor. A couple of other boats had their dinghies out trying

to keep our boats from bumping into their boats! It was a mad dash down the hill and to our dinghies and out to our boats, trying to untangle the bow and stern anchors. After successfully retrieving our boats, with no damage to other boats in the harbor (thank goodness), we decided to move on over to the dock where we stayed the night.

We have had many thrilling and fun times with Fleet 4. In addition to the above cruises, we joined cruises to Monterey, Morro Bay, several in the San Francisco Bay, Tomales Bay, Oroville, Folsom Lake, Lake Tahoe, others in the San Juan Islands, and the Gulf Islands. We also participated in a cruise in British Columbia into Desolation Sound.

Catalina Fleet 4 gave us the knowledge and experience to continue our sailing adventures with our Catalina 25, Catalina 30, and Island Packet 35 having lived aboard for 4 years sailing to Mexico, British Columbia and into Alaska before returning to the San Francisco Bay.

### **Too Many Memories for Just One Favorite**

Gary & Karen Preston  
*Charmed Life*, Hunter 270  
Members since July 1991

Our first Fleet 4 event was a membership meeting held in a training room at SMUD. The Captain announced that the number of members had reached 100 for the first time, and we were the 100th member. For that milestone, we won a plastic rain parka donated by The Foredeck (predecessor to Catalina Direct).

Our first Bay cruise was the River Run, launching in Richmond and taking 3 days to sail one way to Brannan Island in the Delta. Having only previously sailed our C22 on Folsom Lake, we set it up with a 150 genoa. As we headed out the Richmond Channel directly into the wind, I realized

it was way too windy for a 150. So, with Karen on the tiller, I sat on the foredeck facing the headstay with my legs wrapped around the bow to steady myself as the boat throbbed up and down in a 2-foot chop. I proceeded to undo the hanks on the genny and hank on our 110 jib. A much better choice for summer on the Bay.

On our first cruise with the Fleet to the San Juan Islands (north of Puget Sound and Seattle), we saw our first green flash as the sun set across a rare expanse of open water. That sighting was the inspiration to rename our green-hulled C22 to *Green Flash*.

On one of the Folsom Lake cruises, the cruise leader orchestrated our raft-up in a Star Formation, with sterns facing each other in a circle and bow anchors set around the perimeter. The extra treat was ice cream sundaes that had been packed on dry ice, served with “special sauce”.

An annual event in the ‘90s and early 2000s was a floating Jazz Jamboree, where the Fleet hired a jazz band and set them up on the FLYC pontoon boat with a sound system. When we moved on from jazz to other music styles, the event was renamed “Notes on Boats”. Fleet boats and the general public anchored with our sterns facing the band, and each boat contributed \$5 to pay for the band.

In 1994 and again in 1997, Fleet 4 hosted the Catalina 22 National Regatta on Lake Tahoe. We had 5 days of racing with well over 50 C22s participated from all over the country. It was like a Catalina 22 convention with opportunities to learn about rigging and other tricks of the best sailors in the class. Over the years, Fleet 4 has had the privilege to claim 4 different members as C22 National Champions.



## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # (CF) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2<sup>nd</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Berth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

C22 National member? Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (1<sup>st</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Equipped with: (for cruising safety)

VHF Radio Yes No (circle)

GPS Yes No (circle)

Radar Yes No (circle)

Cell Phone (1<sup>st</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] YES, I prefer a mailed copy.

[ ] NO, email and online posting is fine.

Cell Phone (2<sup>nd</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email (1<sup>st</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year**

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