



# Catalina 22 Fleet 4

## 4UM



# April

# 2024

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Would-be Monterey sailors meet at local restaurant instead.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ❄ April 2024 ❄

Saturday-Sunday, 4/6-4/7

#### **RESCHEDULED**

**Cruise:** First Spring Cruise, Folsom Lk  
Saturday, 4/6, 9:00am

**Race:** FLYC Trans-Folsom, Folsom Lk  
Saturday, 4/13, 10:00am

**Race:** FLYC Spring #4, Folsom Lake  
Saturday, 4/20, 9:00am

**Race:** FLYC Camellia Cup, Folsom Lk  
Friday, 4/26, 6:00pm

**Membership Mtg.:** Round Table Pizza  
9500-1 Greenback Ln, Folsom, 95630

#### ❄ May 2024 ❄

Wednesday, 5/1, 5:00pm

**Race:** Beer Can Fun Race, Folsom Lk  
Every Wednesday evening thru Aug.

Friday, 5/3, 5:00pm

**Race:** FLYC Sunset #1, Folsom Lake  
Saturday-Monday, 5/25-5/27

**Cruise:** Memorial Weeknd, Folsom Lk

#### ❄ June 2024 ❄

Saturday, 6/22, 9:30am

**Big's & Little's Sail Day**, Folsom Lk

The Fleet 4um is published bi-monthly in even-numbered months. The deadline for submission is the 25th of the odd-numbered month prior to publication for the next month's edition.

**Please send your submissions for the June edition by May 25th to:**  
**Gary Preston, Fleet 4um Editor**  
**Catalina22Fleet4@gmail.com**

## ➤ **CAPTAIN'S CORNER** ◀

Kevin Clancy, Captain  
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Hello, Fleet 4 Sailors!

Many refer to Astronomical Spring on March 19, as the first "official" day of spring. Most meteorologists will argue that spring begins a few weeks before, on March 1. Who cares, spring is here! The water forecast looks good. I think we are going to have a great sailing season. Get out there and enjoy this fine weather before the summer heat arrives.

### **Membership Meeting – Friday, April 26**

There will be a Fleet 4 membership meeting at Round Table Pizza at 6pm. The restaurant is located at 9500-1 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA 95630 (916/989-1133).

Have you ever wondered about the reservoir operations at Folsom Lake? If so, this is a meeting you don't want to miss. I have invited an engineer from the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Operations, the group responsible for the management of the reservoir, to speak at the meeting. I have also invited the Folsom Lake Yacht Club. Please consider attending the meeting to learn more about the operation of Folsom Lake.

## ➤ **PAST CAPTAIN'S LOG** ◀

Monte Whitefield, Past Captain  
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Hi everyone,

Well, it looks like another great year for our waterways. Now is a great time for looking over your boat, motor and trailer for things that need to be done to have an enjoyable sailing season. If you like to trailer your boat to different lakes, take time to check the bearings and lights on the trailer. We have all seen trailers with boats on the side of the road because of issues that could have been avoided. A little bit of pre-season care goes a long way.

## ➤ **CRUSING CHATTER** ◀

Laura-Ann Charlot, Cruising Chair  
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The First of Spring Cruise was postponed two weeks due to inclement weather, so you have a second chance to get your boats wet and experience Spring sailing conditions at Folsom Lake! The rescheduled cruise will be the weekend of Saturday April 6 to Sunday April 7th. I have a scheduling conflict with another event on Saturday, and will not be staying overnight, and will not be able to conduct a Skipper's meeting. So, if anyone else wants to lead this cruise and plan a raft-up in the Marina Basin or New York Cove, please feel free to do so.

The Monterey Whale Watch Cruise in February was rained out, so a substitute event was put on - a dinner at a local restaurant. I've heard that a nice time was had by Fleet 4 Skippers Bill Martin, Monte Whitefield, Kelly Wilson, Kevin Clancy, Roy Moore, Gary Preston, and their crews.

The next scheduled cruise is set for May 25-27, our annual Memorial Weekend Cruise. The location is probably going to be Folsom Lake, unless someone wants to lead an Away cruise. Cruise Leader TBD; I'll lead it unless someone else wants to.

As of this writing (March 29th), Folsom Lake pond elevation stands at 437.77 feet, slowly rising. There should be enough snowpack to allow the lake to get to full pond, typically somewhere between 462~466 feet depending on the whims of the Bureau of Reclamation and the weather in late spring. I'm hoping for a long boating season again this year, at least to mid-October if we are lucky.

Later this summer, probably in July, there has been some talk about a cruise to the San Juan and Gulf Islands. The last time Fleet 4 organized a cruise there was in 2010, 14 years ago, so maybe it's time to try this again. Please email to lgcharlot@gmail.com if you would be interested in participating in or leading this cruise. The usual logistics for trailering your boat for a cruise in the San Juan and Gulf Islands:

1. It's about 900 miles from Sacramento to Bellingham, WA, and it takes 2 days each way.

2. Rig up and launch at the ramp at Squalicum Marina in Bellingham.
3. Spend the first night at the marina, then depart the next morning.
4. The places that Fleet 4 cruisers most often stop at based on past history are: Fossil Bay on Sucia Island; Roche Harbor and Friday Harbor on San Juan Island; Eastsound or Rosario, and Deer Harbor, all on Orcas Island; Prevost Harbor or Reid Harbor on Stuart Island; Sidney Marina on Vancouver Island; Ganges Harbor on Saltspring Island; Montague Harbor on Galiano Island; and Otter Bay Marina on North Pender Island. There are a couple of different ways to plan routes, but one of the main attractions of this cruise is to be sure to reach Sidney Harbor Marina by Wednesday afternoon, so as to have Thursday to visit the weekly Street Market in the town, which is just a 10-minute walk from the Marina. The stopover in Sidney is usually at least 2 or 3 nights, with Friday set aside for a day trip by bus to Victoria or Butchart Garden.
5. The cruise wraps up on the 14th day back to Bellingham, and we head home.

If there is enough interest, we should have a Member's Meeting to discuss plans, and for those who have been there to share stories.

See you on the water, and Fair winds!  
 Laura-Ann Charlot

**Monterey Cruise Report:  
 Atmospheric River Carries Sailors Inland**

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The much-anticipated annual attempt at a whale-watching cruise took a predictable turn when another wave of storms passed through on President's Weekend (February 16-19). We bailed. No, not water from our bilges. We bailed on the whole trip and decided to stay in Sacramento. But that does NOT mean we didn't have a cruise at all. We tacked onto a new course!

Twelve fairly warm and dry sailing buddies decided to meet at the local Red Lobster, which is as close as we dared to go to enjoy a Monterey-like meal. The picture says more about the evening than a thousand words. Naturally there were lots of

stories about past sailing adventures, dreams for the future, new-to-you boats, old boats, and generally spending quality time with friends. Even though it rained so hard during dinner, the parking lot was literally ankle deep in water and visibility was low, we managed to follow right-of-way rules and get out without any fouls or protests.

While sailing may be what brought us together, it was clear that we enjoy each other's company and the alternate cruise was a success. Earning cruise points for this event were:

- Bill Martin and Nikki Teimori
- Monte and Susan Whitefield
- Kelly and Erin Wilson
- Kevin Clancy and Joann Goodsell
- Roy and Noreen Moore
- Gary and Karen Preston

**➤ RACING RAG ◀**

Mike Rayfuse, Racing Chair  
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**April 1, 2024 -- NO JOKEs**

Time to get-r-done if you're going to race in the Camellia Cup this year. Between then and now, the only practice is the Trans-Folsom pursuit race (4/6/24) and Spring Series #4 (4/13/24).

Of course, the Main Event, the CAM CUP, is on 4/20/24. As with last year, the CUP is going to be a one-day event with 5 races and no throw-out, wind permitting. There will be refreshments (Hot Dogs, etc.) after the races while the scoring is tabulated. Be Prepared: Be sure to check the high stress areas of your boat; the chain plates, shrouds, the keel winch (if that applies), forestay, and rudder pintles and gudgeons.

I won't see anybody there for the practice opportunities - I'm going to TOTALITY in Missouri/Arkansas on the 8th of April. Long trip for 4:25 of darkness, but the last one I'll ever see. Madeline and I travelled to Oregon in 2017 for 02:15 of darkness. It's not a spiritual thing, but it is like sailing over the horizon and being out of sight of land for the first time. One feels kind of small!

REAL SMALL! The critters sack-out, the air cools, it gets quiet, and you see water (that isn't really there) flowing over your feet. The gravity of the moon and optical effects create the waves that run parallel to the surface of the moon where the sun disappears.

Anyway, see you at the Cam Cup!  
The pointy end is the front.  
Michael Rayfuse

➤ **LET'S GO SAILING!** ◀

Gary Preston  
*Charmed Life*, Hunter 270  
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This year looks to be promising for another long sailing season on Folsom Lake, so join me and let's go sailing! Don't have your own boat? Then you're welcome aboard my Hunter 270 named *Charmed Life*. Even if you have a boat, you're welcome aboard.

This Spring and Summer, I am offering semi-formal sailing instruction based on the US Sailing instruction program. No, I am not a certified sailing instructor, nor will you receive any sailing certification. But you will have a chance to learn new sailing skills, or improve on the skills you already have. Besides gaining experience on *Charmed Life*, if you have your own boat, we can arrange for me to sail with you on your boat. The plan is to hold the training sessions most Wednesday evenings, when my schedule permits, while participating in FLYC's informal Beer Can Fun Races. These begin May 1st, however that is my anniversary, so we will begin on the following Wednesday May 8th.

I am also looking for crew on *Charmed Life* for some FLYC races:

Saturday, April 13, 10:00am - Spring Series #4  
Saturday, April 20, 9:00am - Camellia Cup  
Most of the Sunset Series on specific Friday evenings, with the first one on Friday May 3

Let me know if you are interested in crewing for any of these races, or sailing on Wednesday evenings. A Hunter 270 is a 26-foot wing-keel version of the more popular Hunter 260, which has

a water ballast swing-keel, and can comfortably hold 6. So, I need to limit the number of crew to 5 for each event. Please respond by email so I put you on a group list for future correspondence: Gary\_Karen\_Preston@compuserve.com

➤ **SOCIAL SOUNDINGS** ◀

Madeline Rayfuse, Social Chair  
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Hi fellow sailors,

Our social events, meetings, and cruises are the best way to get to know other members who have the same interests as you. Plus, we are just a wonderful group of people. If you were unable to make it to the banquet in January, I have some good news. Our next Banquet will be November 2, 2024.

On June 22nd we are having our annual Bigs and Little's Fun Sail and BBQ. We really need your assistance. Karen needs volunteers and boats to take the guests out on the lake. I will also need assistance on the shore feeding the hungry crowd.

This year's Social Events Calendar follows:

June 14, 2024  
Fleet 4 BBQ/Potluck  
Location: Rayfuse's house at 6:30 pm

June 22, 2024  
Big's & Little's Fun Sail and BBQ  
Location: Folsom Lake

August 23, 2024  
Ice Cream Social  
Location: Rayfuse's house at 7 pm

November 2, 2024  
Fleet 4 Banquet  
Location: TBA

JOKES

What did the tree say to spring?  
What a re-leaf it is to see you again.  
When does a joke become a "dad" joke?  
When the punchline is a parent.

What was a more useful invention than the first telephone?

The second telephone.

### ➤ **BIGS AND LITTLES SAIL DAY** ◀

Karen Preston, Event Coordinator  
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Although it is still 3 months away, it is time to mark calendars and sign up for our annual event. This year, the event is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2024. As members have transitioned from keel boats to dinghies, or out of sailing altogether, it has become harder to have enough boats to accommodate all the Bigs and Littles who want to participate. We have dwindled from about 12-15 boats to only about 7 boats.

For those new to the club, this has been a favorite event for about 20 years. Originally organized by Catalina 22 Fleet 4, this event is now co-sponsored by Fleet 4 and FLYC. We take the Big/Little pairs out for about 2-3 hours of sailing in the morning, followed by a BBQ lunch at the hilltop picnic area. At the end of lunch, we gather for a group photo. While on the lake, the pairs often like to jump in the water and have water fights with their friends on other boats. Many of the kids have never been in a sailboat or even in the water. They always have a lot of fun and come back proud of their accomplishments. The club skippers and crew also have a good time.



Big and Little Sisters enjoying a day of sailing.

So, I would like to see who plans to participate this year now. This will help decide how many we can let BB/BS sign up. Or if it is even worth doing. So please contact Karen Preston at gary\_karen\_preston@compuserve.com ASAP to say Yes or No. Of course, I hope you say yes, but if you know already that you will say no, please tell me that, too. That will save you and me from making/receiving annoying calls.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Being a skipper and taking out 1 or 2 pairs for a ride on your boat.
- Skippers who don't have crew often appreciate having someone volunteer to be their crew to help with boat handling and keeping kids happy.
- Picnic preparation and serving lunch (Madeline Rayfuse has this down to an efficient process, so the "work" involves grilling enough burgers and hot dogs to feed wet and hungry kids and their Bigs, setting up the picnic area, and some clean-up afterwards).

Please contact me with your choice or your regrets as soon as you can. Thank you.

### ➤ **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** ◀

Bill Martin, Membership Chair  
Catalina 22  
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Please send in your membership dues.

New member Kai Rondum started sailing in his mid-30's back in New Jersey, and had a Captiva 240. Then he moved on to a Catalina 22 for 20 years. He moved to the California Bay Area about 15 years ago and had to leave his sailboat back in New Jersey. Upon arriving in the Bay Area, he joined the Tradewinds Sailing School & Club in Richmond. He joined as a deckhand and helped sail everything from 22's up to a Catalina 42. He currently has no boat, but anyone who needs a hand, he would be glad to help sail. So please welcome Kai to the club.

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Gary Preston, Fleet 4UM Editor  
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( OR 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 (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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Marina \_\_\_\_\_

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)

Work Phone (2<sup>nd</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ GPS Yes No (circle)

Radar Yes No (circle)

Cell Phone (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] YES, I prefer a mailed copy.

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

[ ] NO, email and online posting is fine.

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**

(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 Susan Patchett  
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Folsom, CA 95630

For membership questions, contact Bill Martin:  
(916) 804-5240 or email: bimartin@hotmail.com

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