



Catalina 22 Fleet 4

4UM



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<http://www.catalina22fleet4.org/>



Ghost Pirates from 2019 Halloween Cruise: Noreen, Roy, Kevin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

❄ October 2024 ❄

Saturday, 10/5, 10:00am

Swap Meet: FLYC clubhouse

Saturday-Sunday, 10/26-10/27

Cruise: Halloween - **CANCELED**

❄ November 2024 ❄

Saturday, 11/2, Time: TBA

Annual Awards Banquet: Aviator's Restaurant at Sac. Executive Airport (6151 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA)

❄ December 2024 ❄

Enjoy the Holidays?

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 December edition by November 25th to:
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➤ **CAPTAIN'S CORNER** ◀

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Ahoy Fellow Sailors!

I want to begin by thanking the Fleet 4 Board of Directors (BOD) for their service this year. I really appreciate everyone's commitment to the Fleet and our Mission:

Mission Statement – the Fleet was organized in 1972 to promote family cruising, Catalina 22 One Design racing, seamanship, boating safety, and small craft handling skills to ensure overall sailing enjoyment.

I think it is important to always be cognizant of our mission so we can be purposeful in our actions. It is within the above latitudes afforded to us by our Mission that we should plan the new year and strive to make 2025 a year in which every club member can benefit by participating in an area in which they have an interest. Today, our membership is diverse; in the boats that we each own, or no longer own, and in our individual interests. Our club is open to everyone. There is literally an opportunity for everyone to get involved in some capacity. This is supposed to be fun, so let's make it fun and meet our commitment to the mission!

Each year there is an opportunity for our members to serve on the BOD. The time commitment is minimal, and by serving, the Fleet benefits from fresh ideas. Please consider a BOD position for 2025. Here are the current officers and position descriptions:

Captain: Kevin Clancy (916/956-6246)

- Presides over all meetings and is Chairman of the Board
- Charged with fulfilling the purpose of the Fleet
- Maintains communication with the National Association
- Maintains equipment acquired by the Fleet
- Maintains a file of Fleet correspondence and official records
- Serves as a backup to the Treasurer for paying bills

Secretary: Roy Moore (916/201-4737)

- Ensures communication with the Fleet, including notifying members of meetings, Board reports, maintains files for the newsletter and roster
- Responsible for Board minutes

Treasurer: Susan Patchett (916/996-5697)

- Maintains financial records, bank account, and collection of money
- Responsible for paying the Fleet's bills
- Prepares annual summary of the Fleet's financial standing and budget
- Reports to the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, and California Secretary of State regarding our tax-exempt status as required

Cruising Chair: Laura-Ann Charlot (916/689-7379)

- Promotes the Fleet's cruises and establishes the program calendar for the year
- Oversees the annual cruising awards

Racing Chair: Mike Rayfuse (916/489-3276)

- Promotes racing and directs the racing program
- Oversees the annual racing awards
- Maintains a membership with the National Catalina 22 Association
- Maintains any Fleet racing/regatta equipment
- Coordinates activities with the Folsom Lake Yacht Club

Membership Chair: Bill Martin (916/804-5240)

- Promotes membership opportunities
- Processes new membership applications with the Treasurer
- Maintains current membership list and contact information
- Responsible for maintaining and updating the Fleet roster

Social Chair: Madeline Rayfuse (916/541-1268)

- Coordinates all the other fun stuff: picnics, ice cream socials, BBQs, and the like
- Chairs the annual awards banquet

I do hope that some of you will consider a position on the BOD. It is the members' participation in the

Fleet's activities, including volunteering for Board positions, that ensures our mission is fulfilled and everyone is having a great time!

All the best,
Captain Kev

Folsom Dam Operations Overview & Update

Levi Johnson, Bureau of Reclamation,
Central Valley Operations Manager
September 13, 2024

Throughout history, "Friday the 13th" has been a unique day on the calendar for many folks. While its origins are not entirely clear, the day usually conjures up thoughts of bad luck and horror films. However, for those of us in attendance at this presentation on this past Friday the 13th, it was anything but a bad luck day.

Fleet 4 and Folsom Lake Yacht Club hosted Levi Johnson from the Bureau of Reclamation to speak about water operations in California, and particularly the operations of Folsom Lake. Levi is the Operations Manager for the Central Valley Project. The Central Valley Project is comprised of approximately 400 miles of water conveyance infrastructure, from the Cascade Mountains near Redding in the north to the Tehachapi Mountains near Bakersfield in the south. There are 20 dams and reservoirs, 11 powerplants, and 500 miles of canals. This is the most sophisticated water project in the world. We were lucky to get a glimpse of it during Levi's presentation.

Levi first spoke in general about basic precipitation patterns and water demands in California. Most of our water falls in the north, the demand is in the south, and there is always a need for more water in the summer. Last year's precipitation was discussed and graphed along with corresponding averages to paint a unique picture for each year. It was interesting to note the graphs are relatively consistent in shape between years, but the slopes of the lines vary significantly based on the available precipitation and hydrologic conditions.

The past year, Folsom Lake saw many demands on its water pool. Those came from salinity-control efforts in the Delta and energy demands from high summer temperatures. Levi spoke about how Folsom Lake is a small cog in a very large water

picture where resources are drawn upon as needed to meet the ever-changing environmental conditions and the demands of downstream water users. It was interesting to learn how and why Folsom Lake water is used. There are a lot of factors at play; it is very complicated. I think it was a very enjoyable and educational evening.

A couple of useful links for those interested in keeping a closer eye on Folsom Lake or the other reservoirs in California:

- [Central Valley Operations \(CVO\) - California-Great Basin Region \(usbr.gov\)](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/)
[www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/]
- [Top of Conservation Conditions for Central Valley and Russian River Flood Control Reservoirs \(ca.gov\)](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/resapp/RescondTopMain)
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➤ PAST CAPTAIN'S LOG ◀

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Hi everyone,

Our Swap Meet is a go this Saturday, October 5th, at 10:00am. It will be around the FLYC clubhouse. Please help get the word out. I'm hoping to have a great turn out. If this works out, I'd love to do this every year at the beginning of the sailing season.

God Bless, Monte

➤ SOCIAL SOUNDINGS ◀

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Hi Sailors,

We have decided to move our Fleet 4 Banquet back to the month of November. The banquet will be held on 11/2/24 at the Aviator's Restaurant at Sacramento Executive Airport (6151 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA; Time: TBA). Look for your invitation in the mail in October. If you do not receive one by October 18th, please let me know.

As always, our banquet raffle will be hosted by Fleet 4 and all of you! Your donations to the raffle will ensure it will be a success. The Banquet will give us a chance to put on our best duds and have a great party! Keep an eye on your mailboxes; your invitation will be there soon.

Lastly, I'm sorry we had to cancel the Ice Cream Social this year, but we will make sure it comes back next year!

Now, here come some stupid Halloween jokes!

- * What kind of horses do ghosts ride?
~ A nightmare.
- * What do you call a witch's garage?
~ A broom closet.
- * Why was the jack-o'-lantern scared?
~ Because it had no guts.
- * Why are graveyards so noisy?
~ Because of all the coffin.

Madeline Rayfuse

➤ **CRUSING CHATTER** ◀

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This will be the last Cruising Chatter article for the 2024 boating season. To summarize, Fleet 4 organized 7 cruises this year:

1. February 17 - President's Day Whale Watch in Monterrey. This was cancelled due to bad weather, so a substitute "shore cruise" was laid on; a dinner at a Red Lobster restaurant, with 6 "boats" participating: the crews of *Charmed Life* - Gary and Karen Preston, *Wave Dancer* - Roy and Noreen Moore, *Running with Scissors* - Kevin Clancy and Joanne Goodsell, *Usual Suspect* - Kelly Wilson, *Knot Happy* - Monte and Susan Whitefield, plus one boat with "Name Pending", skippered by Bill Martin. 4 points were awarded to each attendee, same as for a Home (Folsom Lake) day sail.

2. March 23 - First of Spring Cruise at Folsom Lake. 1 boat participating, *Quiet Time* with Laura-Ann Charlot. 10 points for Folsom Lake overnight.

3. May 25 - Memorial Day Weekend at Folsom Lake. 3 boats participating, *Charmed Life* with the Prestons, Bill Martin on "Name Pending", and Laura-Ann Charlot on *Quiet Time*. 10 points for Folsom Lake overnight, 4 points for day sail.

4. June 22 - the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Sail Day and Picnic, followed by the "Lazy Days of Summer" Cruise. This was best attended cruise of the year, with 5 boats from Fleet 4 and several more from FLYC, plus a few boats from C22 Fleet 54 and the Gold Country Yacht Club trailering down from Scott's Flat Lake. Folsom Lake was full almost to the brim, with only 8 steps down to the docks, and the weather was perfect, except for the wind, which was barely a zephyr when the boats pulled away from the marina, and which died completely by 10:30. So we all gathered together a few hundred yards west of the marina and had a glorious swim party. And I want to take a moment here to spotlight Karen Preston and Madeline Rayfuse for their leadership and hard work to put this event together. The picnic, as always, was delicious, and the ravenous horde of boat crews left the picnic with enough cheeseburgers and trimmings aboard to hold them well into the next week, I suspect. Attendees were: Laura-Ann *Quiet Time*, 10 points for overnight, Gary Preston *Charmed Life*, 10 points, Bill Martin "Boat Name Pending", 4 points for day sail, Kevin Clancy *Running with Scissors*, 4 points, and Roy Moore *Wave Dancer*, 4 points.

The BB/BS cruise would turn out to be the last weekend that Folsom Lake would be more-or-less full; a week later, on June 28, the Bureau of Reclamation, responding to a water quality emergency in the Delta caused by an early summer heatwave, began releasing cold bottom water from Folsom Dam at 5,000 to 7,000 CFS. These high releases continued every day for the next 7 weeks, and the lake dropped precipitously, from 462 feet the day of the BB/BS event, to 430 feet on August 1st. The Folsom Lake Marina Harbormaster issued a warning to all slip renters at that point to prepare for mandatory haul out, possibly as early as August 15th. I was preparing to go out of town on a camping trip, so I hauled out on August 2nd, although it would turn out that mandatory haulout at pond elevation 412 feet was postponed to September 8th; the releases from the dam were reduced on August 3rd, and reduced further on August 28th. So, the promise of a "full season" for

slip renters at the Marina, maybe all the way to the end of November, was derailed by that heat wave, and our Halloween Cruise went with it.

Two other cruises were planned for this year: the Shooting Star Cruise at Union Valley Reservoir, August 10-11, and the Delta Dawdle at Brannan Island State Park for Labor Day Weekend, but no one ever submitted an after-cruise report to me, so as far as I know, these cruises didn't happen. If either of these cruises did in fact happen, if someone will send me the attendance list, I'll update the cruise points.

Maybe next year we won't have such a blistering heat wave and there will be more interest in mid-summer boating. I know for myself, it was so hot in July that I only used *Quiet Time* on a few day-sails; it was simply too hot at Folsom Lake to spend an overnight trying to sleep on the boat.

So here are the Cruise Point totals for the year:

- In first Place, Gary and Karen Preston on *Charmed Life* with 28 points.
- In Second Place, Laura-Ann Charlot on *Quiet Time* with 24 points.
- In Third Place, Bill Martin (boat name pending) with 18 points.
- Tied for Fourth Place, with 8 points each, are Kevin Clancy on *Running with Scissors*, and Roy Moore on *Wave Dancer*.
- Tied for Fifth Place, with 4 points each, are Monte Whitefield on *Knot Happy* and Kelly Wilson on *Usual Suspect*.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Aviator's Restaurant on November 2nd for Fleet 4's Annual Awards Banquet. Until then, enjoy the autumn weather and keep your fingers crossed for plenty of rain and snow in the mountains this winter, and a great boating season next year!

➤ **RACING RAG** ◀

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Racing has really slowed down - or maybe I'm just slowing down. Either way there is not much going

on for this Fleet Four member except for the AMERICAS CUP.

The racing is fun to watch, and the venue is beautiful, but Something Is Missing! The excitement that the announcers try to bring to the event seems somewhat contrived, and any close crossing is amplified by a change in Volume, Camera angles, or Feed from the boats involved.

Hey, I'm a cat sailor from way back in the 70's to the present, and the thrill is in the speed, but it is not so excessive (we max-out around 25 knots) that the action and boats proximity to each other does not get beyond interesting or engaging to the participants.

In particular, my rant goes to the Drag Race at the start, and the size of the gates. While most starts will bring the fleet close together momentarily, when the first boat rounds the 1st mark, it turns into a single file event until someone reaches the boundary, or gets tired of sucking wing wake turbulence, and tacks away. Soon it is just a parade unless the third element of sailboat racing raises its ugly head.

These 3 elements are **Strategy**, **Tactics** and **Luck**. Boat speed is the best tactic as you do not need a strategy, and only extreme bad luck will cost a place.

Strategy goes into who you want to watch/cover, which end of the line is favored, and where is the best wind (pressure) expected to be.

Tactics relates to the application/use of the rules and how to get the best advantage over your opponent. No Mister Nice Guy Here.

Luck is taking advantage of your opponent's mistakes; wind shifts or velocity changes; and third-party actions that influence your advantage.

The foil boats have an Achilles Heel - the foils. Come off the foils and it is like being stuck in 1st gear while everyone else is in overdrive. No Nash Rambler here!

The tone of most races is win the start and minimize mistakes. There is not enough crossings and proximity of competitors for tactics to show

through. It is all go fast and stay clear. Most changes in position rely on wind changes, so picking the favored side is at a premium. And due to the speeds involved, slight pressure changes give large gains & losses.

My opinion: the boats need to be slower (they are reaching speeds where cavitation leads to accidents), gates smaller so more rules are brought to bear, and a windward leg to start. Larger boxes for the racers with natural features; tides, islands, and shorelines with trees or bluffs complicating things (ex. San Francisco). The present format is geared to the stadium concept for viewers and CASH FLOW. In the end, it is match racing with just 2 'boats' - they are not YACHTs anymore.

The stakes are higher so there is an increase in tactics, and a need to stay close till a dominate position is achieved, then covering the guy/gal. The scramble to clear being covered will test the 3 elements of racing.

Fleet racing is complicated to televise, but the AC people seem to have it covered. However, too many voices babbling just adds to the chaos. Pick one or two and inform the viewers who they are listening to.

Lastly, why let the DEFENDER race with the CHALLENGERS. For fillers between action, show some of the tech involved and the rules that control design. Presently I believe there are some box rules for the hull, but the foils are open. Show how the boats are laid out/built before the finals, and how they fit in the box rules proscribed.

Remember the first race was "race what you brought." It has always been how big is your wallet. AND **"THERE IS NO SECOND PLACE."**

"The pointy end is the front"
Mike Rayfuse, Racing Chair, Fleet Four

➤ **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** ◀

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Reminder that everyone who operates a boat must have a California Boater Card by 2025. Here is a list of approved courses.

[californiaboatercard.com/courses-2/]

➤ **SECRETARY'S REPORT** ◀

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Minutes of the Fleet 4 Officers' Meeting August 13, 2024

Captain Kevin Clancy opened the meeting at 7:15. Susan Patchett, Bill Martin, Mike and Madeline Rayfuse, and Roy Moore participated.

Bill reported that we have 17 members, including 2 new members.

Susan reported that the Fleet has \$6,508.04 in the bank.

Madeline reminded us that the Banquet, on November 2, will be Aviators again. She outlined steps we must take to prepare. Most of the officers offered to help prepare the invitations for mailing. The Ice Cream Social will be in October. [Note: This has been canceled since the meeting.]

Kevin reported that the Fleet membership meeting will have a guest speaker who works at the Bureau of Reclamation, who will explain how reservoirs are managed. The meeting date will be set to accommodate the speaker.

Kevin opened a discussion of how to make the officer and member meetings more fun. He got unanimous support. We will work out details, e.g. fun outings beside cruises like bowling night, dinners, etc.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:10.

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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 Susan Patchett
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Folsom, CA 95630

For membership questions, contact Bill Martin:
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[] Roster needs updating

[] New member packet sent

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