



Catalina 22 Fleet 4



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A friendly face at Monterey Marina

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UPCOMING EVENTS

❁ April 2025 ❁

Saturday-Sunday, 4/12-13, 9:00am-5:00pm

NEW DATE

Race: Camellia Cup, Folsom Lake

Saturday, 4/26, 9:00am - 5:00pm

NEW DATE

Race: Trans Folsom, Folsom Lake

❁ May 2025 ❁

Wednesday, 5/7, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Race: Beer Can Fun Races, Folsom Lk every Wednesday May thru August

Friday, 5/23, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Race: Sunset Series #2?, Folsom Lake

Saturday-Monday, 5/24-5/26

Cruise: Memorial Day Weekend, Folsom Lake

❁ June 2025 ❁

Friday, 6/6, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Race: Sunset Series #3?, Folsom Lake

Saturday, 6/21

Biggs and Littles Sail Day, Folsom Lk

Saturday-Sunday, 6/21-6/22

Cruise: Lazy Days of Summer, Folsom Lake, after Biggs and Littles

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
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➤ **CAPTAIN'S CORNER** ◀

Gary Preston, Fleet 4um Newsletter Editor

No article from Captain Kev this month, since he and his First Mate Joanne are enjoying a catamaran charter in Exuma, Bahamas with a couple of former Fleet 4 members, John and Susan Roberto. Kevin will have lots to share with us in an upcoming newsletter.

➤ **PAST CAPTAIN'S LOG** ◀

Monte Whitefield, Past Captain
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Ahoy mates,

It's that time for getting our boats in the water. I was able to go out sailing on Folsom Lake with a friend two weeks ago and was grinning all day long. I am in the process of going over my boat, trailer, and motor before putting her in a slip next week. I know I'm sounding like a broken record, but take a day to look over your boat and spend the time to get her in the best shape you can. Also, if you need help, there are several people that would be more than willing to lend a hand. Don't be afraid to ask for some help. I would love to see everyone on the water this year. Let's make this a great year for our club!

God Bless,
Monte

➤ **GOLDEN MUSSEL PREVENTION** **at FOLSOM LAKE** ◀

Folsom Lake Marina

[The Folsom Lake Marina sent an email with this subject line to all slip renters on Monday April 7. A portion of that email is copied below for your information.]

As required by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to help prevent the spread of the highly invasive golden mussel, effective April 14, 2025, all trailered or motorized vessel owners wishing to launch at Folsom Lake will be subject to an inspection, quarantine, or decontamination for Aquatic Invasive Species. Please see link below:

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=31843

The 30-day quarantine starts April 14th, 2025, when you will be required to follow all rules and regulations set forth by CA State Parks.

PLEASE read the press release above before contacting the Folsom Lake Marina. We are overwhelmed by emails and calls that can be answered by reading the press release.

➤ **RACING RAG** ◀

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TIME is going by so fast -- 5 days at Lake Tahoe last week, I forgot about drafting an article, then I got to the dry boat compound Saturday at Folsom Lake and found that my Main Halyard was laying on the tarmac. New subject matter -- something to write about.

Losing the halyard is like losing your car keys or wedding ring. Lots-o-splain'n to do. There is/are some things that are beyond our control, but losing a halyard is not one of them. If the mast is up, you have few options: drop the mast, climb the mast, or roll/heel the boat. I have done it the first way and the last way, but 450 pounds of keel weight, even retracted, makes heeling formidable.

A former FLYC member (name withheld) lost the halyard underway during the Cam Cup about 8 years ago while on a Santana 20. He chose to climb the mast resulting in exceeding the righting moment of the boat and going for a swim while holding on to the mast. On splashdown he released the mast, quickly righting the boat. OK so far, he then realized that to prevent his inflatable life jacket from going off automatically (pressure switch) he had to lay prone in the water. Try getting into a Santana without a ladder, while staying horizontal. His 1st boarding attempt -- the squeal of CO2 and ripping Velcro was heard, inflating his lifejacket making it even more difficult. 3rd attempt found him in the boat cold and shaking, and no halyard.

FLYC 2025 Spring Series Results

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
OPEN KEEL													
Skipper	Boat Type	1-2/22	2-2/22	3-2/22	4-3/15	5-3/15	6-3/15	7-3/29	8-3/29	9-3/29	10-4/5	11-4/5	12-4/5
F. Chan	C22	RC(2.8)	RC(2.8)	RC(2.8)	1	1	1	3	3	3	5	4	4
M. Fitzgerald	CP22	RC(3.3)	RC(3.3)	RC(3.3)	3	2	3	2	2	1	6	5	6
P. Frank	S20	1	1	1	2	3	2	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	3	6	5
G. Preston	H270	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	1	1	2	4	3	3
M. Erdrich	S20	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	2	1	1
M. Werder	S20	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	1	2	2

Back to the Subject: Fortunately, I was derigging the boat to take it home for spring cleaning prior to the Camillia Cup (scheduled for next weekend the 12th & 13th of April). In this world you must always secure the shackle to something. I prefer the mast ring for Whisker/Spinnaker-poles about shoulder height when standing on the roof of the cabin.

However, I **might not** be culpable for ‘losing the halyard’, as I am reminded of an incident while living in Hawaii where the halyards were secured properly, but the wire would go ding-ding against the mast. Sleepless residents next to the marina took matters into their own hands by releasing/losing the halyard, or in the case of beach catamarans, opening the drain plugs also, if anchored to a ball mooring. “My boat is stored near the road and there is a residence across the street.”

How about them ACORNs in every nook and cranny. I found them in the base of the mast, under the secured boat cover, on the trailer, in the boom track, and about 40 of them in the access hole in the motor cover where one drains water from the carburetor bowl.

I have been crewing with Mike Fitzgerald (Fleet 4) for the 2nd and 3rd FLYC’s Spring Series, and he is improving and enjoying the GAME. Mike related that last Saturday (4th Series) he was getting bold, trying a port start, had the angles, right on the timing only to have the other 5 boats **close the door** on him. Funny how that happens! I like his ATTITUDE! Nothing like getting away with a port start.

FLYC spring series is in the bag, and Mike Fitzgerald took second place with his Capri 22. Mike “FITZ” got his first BULLET in the 3rd race of the 3rd Spring Series. Mike did race committee for the first day – I crewed with him the 2nd & 3rd day, and he competed the fourth day. Showing up counts. He is getting the Capri 22 figured out -- waiting for a new Jenny, then NO EXCUSSES! FLYC member Frank Chan, using the FLYC Club Boat, a Catalina 22, took first place for the Spring Series.

A	B	O	P	Q
OPEN KEEL				
Skipper	Boat Type	Discard	Total Pts	Place
F. Chan	C22	13	20.4	1
M. Fitzgerald	CP22	17	22.9	2
P. Frank	S20	21	24	3
G. Preston	H270	21	35	4
M. Erdrich	S20	21	46	5
M. Werder	S20	21	47	6

Upcoming races listed in order are the Camellia Cup next weekend (2 days) April 12-13, then the Trans-Folsom Race on April 26, which is a pursuit race where the higher handicapped boats start first, and the faster (lower handicap) boats start later. The Catalina 22 usually starts first with other boats starting up to 45+ minutes later. First to finish is the Winner.

This race has had many faces due to wind/weather variables causing shortened races, cold races, wet races, and knockdowns with ½" hail sliding down the mainsail into the cockpit. i.e. Be Prepared but Enjoy. This race takes the grand tour of the lake, going up both forks of the river and twice past the Dam, finishing at the Marina -- about 21 miles. On average, the race takes 3-4 hours, so bring food, water, sunscreen, patience, persistence, and a good compass. Navigation is important in this race -- bring binoculars or similar as the marks are far apart and easy to go around the wrong side. Or miss entirely.

On May the 7th is the first Beer Can Fun Race series. This is a Wednesday evening thing, taking advantage of the Delta Breeze on the hot days.

Starting Friday May 23rd is the first Summer Sunset Series with fleet races. Fleet racing is where several C22s are a fleet, placing against C22s, or by handicap against open keelboats (if too few boats).

Race Ramble is over
 “The pointy end is the front”
 Michael Rayfuse
 Race Chairperson - Catalina 22 Fleet Four

58th Annual Camellia Cup: Folsom Lake

April 12th & 13th, 2025

Rob Cram, Commodore

Folsom Lake Yacht Club (FLYC)

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Save the date for the 58th Annual Camellia Cup! We'd love to see you out at the beautiful location of Folsom Lake -- located a short distance from anywhere! It's a great way to kick off the Spring Sailing Season. Please RSVP by email to commodoreflyc@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

All Fleets Are Welcome:

Keelboats, Dinghies, Multihulls

Overall winner gets name engraved on Perpetual Trophy.

Class trophies as well.

Information: www.flyc.org

➤ **CRUSING CHATTER** ◀

Laura-Ann Charlot, Cruising Chair

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The weekend of March 22-23 was mostly cloudy, but it didn't rain, so the First of Spring Cruise went ahead as planned. Unfortunately, my outboard is once again on the fritz, so I spent the whole weekend in my slip, trying to figure out what the problem was, and when I finally gave up, spent the rest of my time cleaning the boat and reading. The gas is brand new, so the problem is something else this time, maybe there's a plugged jet in the carburetor, despite there being 2 filters in the fuel line, or the ignition system has failed.

Pond elevation at Folsom Lake is currently 458', and the inflow is 7,000-10,000 cfs, so I have high hopes that the lake will fill to the brim over the next few weeks, and that we will have a good long boating season, maybe into October (keep your fingers crossed). The next event at Folsom Lake is the Camellia Cup Regatta on April 12-13, and I am planning to be out there, hopefully with my outboard running. Since the last couple of weeks since the weekend of March 22-23, have seen mostly cloudy and chilly weather, there are still very few boats in the marina, and no one else

besides me showed up for the skipper's meeting on the 23rd, so I am open to giving anyone who was interested in the First of Spring Cruise, but couldn't make it, a "rain check", and we'll have it April 12-13. If you are participating in the Cam Cup, just spend Friday and/or Saturday night on your boat, and we'll call it the "belated" First of Spring Cruise.

The next cruise after that will be Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26. I'll run a cruise at Folsom Lake, but if anyone would like to also run an "away" cruise somewhere - SF Bay or the Delta, maybe - just let me know.

Monterey Bay Whale Watching Cruise Report

Bill Martin

Saline Solution, Hunter 260

Well, the Monterey cruise was really nice other than a few small things. Nicki and I got down there after about a 4-and-a-half-hour drive down going through the bay area. We will not do that again. We got there around 9 pm, so we checked in with the Harbor Master, and Kevin and Joanne were already there. Kevin very graciously offered to help step the mast. Being this was only my second time with the new boat to me, I accepted his help and I was very grateful for his help and patience. It took us 4 tries to get the mast up correctly. So, we were finally done a little after midnight. Again, thank you very much for your help, Kevin. So, since it was high tide, we put *Saline Solution* in and motored on over to our assigned slip and had a very good night's sleep.

The next day Kevin and Joanne took Roy and Noreen out sailing for the day while I set up the roller furler. I had to run the roller furler jib up the foil and attach the lines, which I had never done before. After a few hours, I was able to finish and was able to get a few other things done on the boat. Kevin came back in a little after 4:00, and they had a great day sailing. Then around 5:00 or so, Nicki and I went with Kevin and Joanne and met Roy and Noreen over at the Treehouse Cafe in Carmel for dinner. We all had a great time and a great dinner. Then we all walked around Carmel for a bit before everyone headed back to Monterey. It sort of has become a ritual to go there and have dinner one of the nights during the Monterey cruise.



Kevin and Joanne on *Running With Scissors*



Bill, Nicki, Noreen, and Roy on *Saline Solution*

Well Sunday was a great day for sailing. Nicki and I took Roy and Noreen out sailing with us this time, and Kevin and Joanne sailed in their boat. We

sailed for about 4 hours; we saw some pelicans and sea otters and other sea birds. The whale watching boats were getting to see some whales, but they were another 3-5 miles out. The wind did die down for a bit but then picked back up again, and we sailed all over and watched the Monterey sailboat club practice racing for a while, then we headed back to the slip. Again, we had a great time sailing, and afterwards we went over to the wharf and walked around for a little bit and had a bite to eat and headed back to the sailboat. That night everyone came over and we had pu pu's, cookies and wine, and great conversation. Had a great night's sleep on the sailboat.



Roy and Noreen Moore aboard *Saline Solution*

I will say Monterey has one of the best marinas. Very clean docks, power and water to all slips, free WIFI, free showers, and for those who like to take a long hot shower, you can take one as long as you like. They also have coin-operated laundry if wanted to do a load of laundry.

Well Monday morning came around and everyone came over to the sailboat for pastries with coffee and tea. (Roy and Noreen had went down to the Paris Bakery and Cafe up the street a few blocks to get the pastries). With high tide at 1:23 pm, we had plenty of time to get the boats ready to go home. Roy went with me and helped me at the pump out station, and then we went to the dock and loaded the sailboat on to the trailer with Kevin's and Roy's help. Then Kevin went back and got his sailboat and we helped him load his sailboat onto his trailer after realigning one of his bunks. It had gotten bent

somehow when we loaded the sailboat the first time.



Kevin, Joanne, Roy, Noreen, and Nicki below decks
(photo by Bill Martin)

Then we headed on back home, this time by way of Pacheco Pass on highway 152. Poor Kevin had a blowout on his trailer about $\frac{3}{4}$'s of the way up the pass. Luckily, he had a spare tire and after some time, we were able to change it and continue on our way back. The rest of the way was smooth sailing back home. Another great Monterey cruise comes to an end.

First of Spring Cruise Report

Bill Martin

Saline Solution, Hunter 260

After work on Friday March 21, Nicki and I hooked up the sailboat and headed on over to Browns Ravine to spend the weekend on Folsom Lake. By the time we got the boat all rigged up, it was getting late, so we motored back to our usual cove. But a Chinook helicopter was practicing water drops and it was very noisy, so we headed back over to New York Cove and spent the night there.

We got up to a nice cool morning and turned on the heater for a few minutes just in time to see a doe jump into the water and swim across the back part of the cove. There were about 10 other does standing there watching her swim across. Once she made it to the other side, the herd of does walked back to the tree line. After about 10 minutes we heard multiple splashes, and I looked outside and saw the rest of the herd swimming across the back of the cove about 20 yards behind us.

We left New York Cove around 11:00 and sailed out to the main body of Folsom Lake and met up with Steve and Susan Patchett. We sailed for a little bit, then the wind died down and we just sailed really slow for a bit. Then after a while the Patchett's had to head in and go exchange the sailboat for the motorhome to get it ready for a trip.



Bill and Nicki aboard *Saline Solution*



Susan and Steve aboard *Librium*

We continued sailing and the wind picked up, and it started to sprinkle, so I put up the bimini. The wind was good and we sailed up the North Fork just past Granite Bay, and then back around and started heading toward the South Fork. Then the wind died again for about half an hour. The sprinkling had stopped and the sun started to come out. When the wind picked back up, we sailed up the South Fork to just past New York Cove on the west side and spend the night in our favorite cove.

The next day, we got up and it was a very nice morning. After a nice breakfast and securing everything, we got ready to head out. Wouldn't you know the forward anchor was stuck tight in the mud. After a few minutes of having Nicki move the boat in different directions, I was finally able to free the anchor and pull it up with about 5 pounds of mud still attached. After dunking and getting all the mud off and the anchor secured, I had Nicki drive us out to the middle of the South Fork and raised the sails. We had good winds and were able to sail all the way back to Browns Ravine. We loaded the boat back onto the trailer and de-rigged in the parking lot, and lowered the mast and secured everything, and headed home after another great weekend of sailing on Folsom Lake.

Happy sailing,
Bill Martin

➤ **SOCIAL SOUNDINGS** ◀

Madeline Rayfuse, Social Chair
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Hi Sailors,

We totally rocked our bowling night last month! It was awesome to switch things up. We munched on some pizza, gulped down sodas, and Joanne and Kevin brought these killer cupcakes that were super tasty. Kevin Clancy crushed it and took first place in our tournament, with Steve Patchett snagging second spot. Good times!

Hey everyone! Our awesome "Bigs and Littles" sailing day is coming up on June 21st. It's going to be a blast - seriously, all hands on deck! I guarantee you'll have an amazing time, and I'll make sure

we've got some great BBQ waiting when we get back to shore. Want to know more? Check out Karen Preston's write-up about how to join in on this epic day of sailing with the kids. Oh, and I could really use some help on shore and at the BBQ, so give me a shout if you're up for it!

Get ready for the sizzle, the sauce, and the shenanigans at our Fleet BBQ Picnic. I'll let you know as soon as I have the date.

How about we scoop up some sweet memories! The much-anticipated Ice Cream Social is churning its way into August, promising a delectable gathering that'll make taste buds dance and sprinkles fly. The exact date will be coming soon.

Our Fleet Banquet is coming up on November 1st, 2025! You should receive your invitation sometime in October. It's going to be the party of the year. Make sure you're there!

*Prepare for a knowledge bombardment that'll make your brain cells do a happy dance - trivia is about to get its swagger on!

Wallop,
Comes from a huge defeat by a British admiral. After the French burnt down the town of Brighton, England, in the 1500s, King Henry VIII sent Admiral John Wallop to retaliate. Wallop is said to have sailed his fleet to Normandy and burnt down 21 towns and villages along the coast. Ever since, a "wallop" has meant a good beating

Cup of Joe
So, this naval bigwig named Josephus Daniels decides to ditch the rum and swap it for coffee back in 1913. Talk about a game-changer! Sailors went from sipping booze to chugging java, and boom - the "cup of Joe" was born. Suddenly, instead of getting tipsy, sailors were getting wired. Who would've thought a simple drink swap could become such a big deal? Gotta love how a little administrative move turned into a total naval tradition.

SOS
Hey, did you know the story behind SOS? It's not just some random letters - it's actually a pretty cool signal that first popped up when Germans started using it in 1905. Turns out, it's not even an

acronym! They picked these letters because they look awesome in Morse code: dot, dot, dot, dash, dash, dot, dot, dot. Pretty clever, right?

Fair Sailing,
Madeline Rayfuse

Big and Littles Sail Day 2025

Karen Preston and Joanne Goodsell
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Amazingly, it is “that time of the year” already for 2025. Although it is still 2+ months away, it is time to mark calendars and sign up for our annual event. This year, the Big Brother/Big Sister Sail Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2025. In order to help BBBS know how many pairs can sign up, we need an early count of the boats who will participate.

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 Folsom Lake Yacht Club. 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.

Please contact Karen Preston (gary_karen_preston@compuserve.com) or Joanne

Goodsell (jegoodsell@gmail.com) ASAP to say Yes or No. Of course, we hope you say yes, but if you know already that you will say no, please tell us that, too. That will save us 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 us with your choice or your regrets as soon as you can. Thank you.

► MEMBERSHIP MATTERS ◀

Bill Martin, Membership Chair
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Thank you for those that have sent in your dues. Those that have not, please send in your membership dues. [Membership Renewal Form at the end of this newsletter.]

Thank you.



Fleet 4 Membership & Renewal Form for Year 20__

Renewing Members: fill in your Name and only the information that has changed since last year, and sign.

Name (1st member) _____ Registration # (CF) _____

Name (2nd member) _____ Boat Name _____

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

_____ Sail Number _____

Address _____ Marina _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____ Berth _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ C22 National member? Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (1st member) (____) _____ - _____ Boat Equipped with: (for cruising safety)

VHF Radio Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (2nd member) (____) _____ - _____ GPS Yes No (circle)

Radar Yes No (circle)

Cell Phone (1st member) (____) _____ - _____

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Cell Phone (2nd member) (____) _____ - _____

[] YES, I prefer a mailed copy.

Email (1st member) _____

[] NO, email and online posting is fine.

Email (2nd member) _____

I hereby release all Fleet 4 members, cruise leaders, and board members from any liability for injury, death, or damage to property arising from participation in any Fleet activities and/or cruises. I also acknowledge that the decision to participate, race, continue to race, or cruise in the events is the sole responsibility of the individual skipper and his or her crew.

Signed _____ Date _____

Fleet 4 dues: \$36

Due January 1st of each year

(New members prorate less than 1 year at \$3.00 per month.)

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

Then mail with Membership Form to:

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

[] Needs membership badge

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