



Catalina 22 Fleet 4

4UM



August

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2025



Fleet 4 participants in this year's Bigs & Littles Sail Day.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

❄ August 2025 ❄

Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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

Friday, 8/8, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Race: Sunset Series #7 / Governor's
Cup Regatta #1, Folsom Lake

Saturday-Sunday, 8/9 - 8/10

Cruise: Hot August Nights/Shooting
Star Cruise, Union Valley Reservoir

Friday, 8/22, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Race: Sunset Series #8 / Governor's
Cup Regatta #2, Folsom Lake

Friday-Monday, 8/29 - 9/1

Cruise: Labor Day Weekend, Delta? or
S.F. Bay?

❄ September 2025 ❄

Friday-Monday, 8/29 - 9/1

Cruise (continued): Labor Day
Weekend, Delta? or S.F. Bay?

❄ October 2025 ❄

Friday, 10/3, 6:30pm – **NEW DATE**

Ice Cream Social, Rayfuse's home,
2940 Echo Way, Sac. 95821

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 October edition by September 25th to:
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➤ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ◀

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Greetings Fleet 4!

As some of you have heard, the slip-renter's season is nearing its end. All boats are supposed to be out of the water by August 15. That is a big disappointment to me. I have had a lot more challenges this year than sailing days. I have also been out of town a lot during this sailing season, which is also partly responsible for my lack of days on the water.

My latest travel adventure was a trip to Alaska last week. A friend invited me to go fishing with him. It has been almost ten years since my last Alaskan fishing trip, so I thought I was definitely due. The trip started in Ketchikan, Alaska. This is an interesting town with a lot of little shops, heavily geared towards tourists. The town's character changes radically with the arrival and departure of cruise ships.



Downtown Ketchikan, Alaska.

The next day we took a small float plane to Prince of Wales Island, Thorne Bay. This is a very small town that was our home-base for the trip. With only a liquor store and a convenience-grocery in town, we had everything we needed for a guy's trip!



View of Prince of Wales Island from the float plane.

Our quest for fish led us to fishing in Thorne Bay, Polk Inlet, Coffman Cove, and Whale Pass. We covered a lot of the island and saw lots of wildlife; deer, eagles, bears, and whales. It was amazing! We also were blessed by unusually nice weather. In fact, we only had one day that had a little rain, and that was over in a couple of hours.



Thorne Bay, Alaska.



Polk Inlet, Alaska.

However, the fishing was a challenge. I had visions of catching my limits of salmon, halibut, and crab every day till my arm ached. My arm and shoulder did hurt a little, but I think that was more from the lumpy bed than from fishing. In the end, we did leave with a fair amount salmon, some crab, and a lot of great memories!

I guess it's time to start thinking about the next adventure. Joanne did mention something about a trip to the BVI's...

➤ **CRUSING CHATTER** ◀

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The Bigs and Littles Sail Day Event in June was, as always, a resounding success. I think there were 6, or maybe it was 7, boats that participated. The turnout of Bigs and Littles went up substantially from last year's event - I count 36 people in the Group photo from the picnic, of which 16 were Bigs and Littles pairs who went out on the boats, and the rest were the boat skippers and shore staff. And there may have been a few more, who left before we rounded everybody up for the Group photo.



As for the sailing, it was phenomenal! There was a southwest Delta breeze blowing at about 7 mph, which is just about perfect to take guests out for an introductory sail. I took my two pairs sailing for about 1 hour, making it about halfway across the lake towards Beale's Point, then we sailed back to the Marina basin, where I dropped the hook in the cove over on the shore opposite to "D" sock, and we went swimming for about an hour, returning to my slip on "A" dock at noon for the Picnic.



A big shout out to Joanne who took over the organization from Karen Preston, who was a bit under the weather and couldn't make it.



The Bigs and Littles Picnic! What can I say? Madeline Rayfuse has been organizing this Picnic for as long as I can remember, and every one has been amazing! A huge "Thank You" is due to Madeline, Karen, and everyone else who has volunteered their time to cook the food, and do the set-up and clean-up at these wonderful picnics. I have photos from most of them starting in 2003, and Mike and Madeline start appearing in the photos in 2007. I have a photo of Mike at the 2007 Picnic with his left leg in a knee-to-toes cast; a broken ankle, it looks like, yet he still made it to the Picnic. That's dedication. Looking at these old Picnic photos from 22 years ago, I am saddened a little by seeing the faces of several of our members who are no longer with us. I have so many fond memories of Fleet 4 Cruises, Banquets, Picnics, and Meetings I attended with them. Please take a moment as you read this to remember them, if you were a Fleet 4 member back in the day: Scott Hefty, Carole DeWing, Ron Hitchcock, JoAnne Watkins, Tom Snyder, and my own wife Lynn, who passed in

2013. And there could be other faces of friends, captured in my Fleet 4 photo collection, who have passed on after they dropped out of the group or moved away. My collection begins with the April 1992 New Members/Past Captains Cruise at Folsom Lake; 33 years ago, that was, and sadly, in the Group photos from Banquets, I don't remember the names of more than half of the attendees now.



The next planned Cruise is the Hot August Nights/Shooting Star Cruise, scheduled for August 9th and 10th at Union Valley Reservoir. I just talked on the phone with an employee at the El Dorado National Forest Ranger station in Placerville, and she told me "there is currently no mussel quarantine" at any of the lake boat launch facilities in their jurisdiction, including Union Valley. There may be a mandatory inspection before motorized and trailered boats can be launched. To pass this inspection, the boat, motor, and trailer must be dry, visibly free of marine growths on all surfaces, and all bilges and bait wells must be dry. For those Fleet 4 members who already have boats in slips at Folsom Lake, or have home-storage and already have a Folsom Lake Green Tag, I would be fine with it if someone wants to lead a Cruise at Folsom Lake for Hot August Nights.

As for the actual situation at Folsom Lake Marina regarding mandatory haul-out: Julie Christensen, the Marina Manager, emailed all slip renters a few days ago, that the Bureau of Reclamation expects to drop lake level to 412 feet by August 15th. Slip renters can start hauling out their boats to dry storage in the parking lot as of last Tuesday, July 22nd. As I write this on Monday July 28th, pond elevation is 428.66 feet, discharge has been steady at about 5,300cfs for the last couple of weeks, and the lake is falling about 1 foot per day, which will bring it to 412 feet by August 13th if they continue discharge at the current rate. All slip renters are

requested to check the CDEC website frequently for the current pond elevation, and be prepared to remove their boats no later than the day that the lake falls to 412 feet. The website URL is: [<https://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/QueryF?s=FOL>] NOTE: When you look at the web page, check to make sure it's showing you the current data. Sometimes, it seems to be glitchy and shows data for some past date.

The next planned cruise after Hot August Nights is over Labor Day Weekend, Friday August 29 to Monday September 1st. A cruise leader is needed if anyone wants to volunteer. The formerly suggested launch points at Brannan Island or Antioch are now in doubt due to the spread of Golden Mussels throughout the Delta. It might be wiser to avoid the Delta and have this cruise in San Francisco Bay or Monterrey. Anyone who has a Folsom Lake Green tag already on their boat is reminded that if they launch anywhere else, they will have to repeat the quarantine process, and Red Tags are no longer free - the cost is now \$150 for the inspection and tagging process. BTW, I was told that this has been moved from Beale's Point to Granite Bay. Here is a quote from the California State Parks website:

"Vessel inspections will be held at Granite Bay Monday – Thursday from 9 AM – 7 PM, excluding holidays. When arriving, inform kiosk staff that you are there for a 30-day quarantine inspection. Staff priority is the vessels launching and vessels exiting the lake. There may be a wait while staff becomes available to perform the inspection. This process is expected to take up to 15 minutes depending on the vessel. This does not include wait time. Vessel inspections performed by State Park staff are done at no cost to owner. Vessels must arrive Clean, Drained, and Dry. If it is raining the vessel inspection site will be closed for the day."

There are many private vendors authorized to perform inspections and hot water decontamination for boaters that don't want to wait 30 days; if you get a hot water decon, you get a Green tag that day, but these vendors charge \$120~\$150 depending on the size of the boat, so it's not inexpensive. There is a list of these vendors at: [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=31844]

The Halloween Cruise is cancelled, since it is now more or less certain that barring a miracle, the

Marina will be closing for the rest of the year by mid-August.

➤ **RACING RAG** ◀

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Too busy around the house, I've concentrating on crewing/mentoring this past season sailing with Paul Frank (FLYC) and Mike Fitzgerald (FLYC & Fleet 4). Not that I'm that smart, but I like to teach. Maybe I just like to talk (Irish). Both aforementioned gentlemen were receptive to my thoughts, comments, directions, screams, and occasional grabs of the helm.

Racing can be very stressful for the beginner (I was in a port/starboard collision with a world champion in my first race ever). My fault but I was up front with the leader. I was hooked. Being the control freak that I became with 33-year career in industrial controls.

I think the best complement I heard this summer was that the skipper I was sailing with (Paul Frank) didn't PANIC at the Start Line when we were sandwiched between a Wavelength 24 and a 26-foot Hunter. We managed to get out of the lunchmeat department and finished first overall in one race. Never saw the results of that event, but was told by the PRO not to win because we were sailing with the single-handed boats.

Another complement was seeing the improvement of both skippers' confidence, willingness to learn and attitude about winning. I probably overstep a little here, but it is a RACE and the object is to be in front - right? Three-dimensional Chess!

Fitz was the most introspective when talking about getting his butt kicked at the start line and where are the lay lines for his Capri 22. Nobody, by design, is going to give you a good start unless it is You. We're all friends until the prep flag goes up - right?

Mike Fitzgerald and I along with Steve Galeria and Scott Fredrickson (both FLYC) officiated the South Fork long distance race for the Centerboard Regatta. This was Fitz's second spell on the Committee boat

- I think he's got it down - kept me on track. The race was pursuit style and the starting order was the finishing order in both directions.

The evening races (beer can and summer series) have seen some of the best winds, if you're willing to wait. Twice the swelter was getting unbearable, and all bows were pointed toward the docks, when precisely at 8:00 PM the WIND filled in at 7-8 mph. Thanks race committee (Steve Galleria) for sticking in there.

Turn-out for the series races has been affected by the Golden Mussel issue as non-local racers have no incentive to break the seal or wait the 30 days, but locals have made up for it by attending the beer can races. Nearly twice as many boats taking part.

There still plenty of water and while July seemed to have been windy the dog days of summer are here. Get out and race. Gary Preston has made it to every keelboat race I have attended and probably more, and I'm having a record year of race days.

➤ **SOCIAL SOUNDINGS** ◀

Madeline Rayfuse, Social Chair
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Ahoy Sailors,

I've got a little yarn to spin for you — and this one's a doozy.

Out sailing with Mike recently, I was down below in the cabin. I had myself braced against the starboard hull (feeling all clever and secure) when a puff of wind hit the boat — next thing I know, I'm flying across like a human cannonball and land square onto the corner of the settee on the port side. It knocked the wind out of me so hard I was trying to remember what planet I was on. The grand finale? Two broken ribs. Yep, two! Can you believe I've done more damage to myself on this cozy little Catalina 22 than I ever did flying around on a Hobie 18? Everyone thinks the Hobie is wild and dangerous — sure, you might fly off it, but usually you just end up with a splash and maybe a bruise. Apparently, the real danger is lurking below decks.

Anyway... about the Ice Cream Social — it has been postponed.

SAVE THE DATES:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, October 3rd, 2025 at 6:30 PM
2640 Echo Way, Sacramento, 95821
Please RSVP by text: 916-541-1268


CATALINA 22 FLEET 4 ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, November 15th, 2025
Details coming soon — expect your invitation in the mail this October.

And now, for a few salty sailor facts:

What do you call a sailor's wife?
That's right — a Sailor's Queen. She deals with a lot — storms, solitude, and socks that smell like seaweed. But nothing beats that reunion when her sailor comes home.

And when sailors raise a glass to toast?
They might say: "May your joys be as deep as the ocean, your troubles light as its foam, and may you find peace of mind — wherever you may roam."

Stay upright out there — and keep your ribs intact!
Queen Madeline Rayfuse 

➤ **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** ◀

Bill Martin, Membership Chair
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If you have not paid your membership yet, please send it in. Also, it is now required for any motor driven vessel the operator of the vessel must have a Boater ID card.

[Membership Renewal Form is at the end of this newsletter.]

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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“All the comforts of home.”

Arnold also has an 11-foot Super Snark for sale. Email or call for details.

Help Wanted

Catalina 22 Fleet 4UM Newsletter Editor

This year will be my last year as editor of the Fleet 4UM newsletter. If you would like to volunteer as the new editor, please let me or the Board know. I will work with you on putting out the newsletters for October and December.

Gary Preston, Fleet 4UM Editor
Catalina22Fleet4@gmail.com

If any Fleet 4 member has an item or service you would like to offer to other members, please write an ad, and submit it to:

Gary Preston, Fleet 4UM Editor
Catalina22Fleet4@gmail.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 (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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For membership questions, contact Bill Martin:
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☐ Roster needs updating

☐ New member packet sent

☐ Needs membership badge

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