



# Windjammer



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## Commodore's Log

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a good holiday season, and that everyone is ready for a new year of sailing. There may be more information elsewhere in the "Windjammer" about some of the things I'll mention, but here's my bit. First of all, today (Sunday, January 14) the Lidos, headed by Jack and Carolyn Navarra, put on the Crew Appreciation Brunch over at El Torito in Milpitas with about 20 people attending this first event of the year. It appears everyone was well fed and caught up on a bunch of conversation.

At the first meeting, the Board approved Kathy Federico's budget for the year. Race Captain Steve Howes is working up the schedule for the year, and expects the first draft to be finished soon. He has most of the input from the fleets concerning outside activities he will try to schedule around.

Port Captain Chuck St. Denis has proposed work days on the second Saturday in February and March (the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month). Vice Commodore Gwen Locke has proposed our first general meeting of the year be connected with that second work day on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Plans are still in the works, but we hope to have some sort of eats – if not pancakes then maybe a Continental type breakfast. Mark your calendars and watch for further information.

Our Membership Chairman, Jim Lechner, will be sending out membership renewal forms soon. Please get them back quickly (with your dues) so that Jim and the Fleet Captains don't have to follow up on a bunch of them, and we don't have to agonize about cutting off the "Windjammer". As you may recall, these forms include an area where people can volunteer to help out with various jobs for the year. I'd like to ask that folks not just blow this off, but really consider areas where they can help out and fill in that part of the form. I'll mention the "help teach sailing" specifically. I have become what we call the headmaster of the sailing classes, which means that I try to put together a set of instructors for the class. It'll help if we can make a list of possible instructors. Serving as an assistant instructor isn't too difficult or technically demanding, so give it some thought. As a reminder, we do these classes to:

- Help get more people into sailing, and maybe get a few new members for the club
- Help maintain a good relationship with the City of Fremont, particularly with the staff at the lake. We do get some goodies, such as use of a City boat for RC duty, extra trailer parking spaces reserved for our regattas, and such things as use of a room now and then.

Some time back Greg Morrill indicated that he was willing to continue as Publicity Chairman, but could see another volunteer take over (maybe that could mean help him out) If you have some ideas for publicity or promotion you could contact Greg, your fleet captain, or me. Also, Sidney Lee expects to be traveling for work this year, and maybe won't be able to help Chuck St. Denis as Port Captain so much. So if you might be interested in helping out in that area you could contact Chuck, your Fleet Captain, or me.

So best wishes to us all for a good sailing year (after it warms up a bit)

Roy Jordan

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## Fremont Sailing Club Treasurer's Report

<u>Income</u>	<u>As of Dec.</u>		
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006 Budget</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>
Membership	\$2,102.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Ships Stores	\$15.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Interest	\$13.30	\$15.00	\$15.00
Non-Member Fees	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bailer's Ball	<u>\$1,205.00</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,425.00</b>	<b>\$3,665.00</b>	<b>\$3,665.00</b>

## Expenses

Windjammer	\$286.76	\$600.00	\$325.00
General Meeting	\$210.00	\$250.00	\$200.00
Bailer's Ball	\$1,178.40	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Trophies	\$240.45	\$500.00	\$250.00
Club BBQ	\$298.10	\$275.00	\$300.00
P.O. Box	\$62.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Fleet Mail	\$38.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Club Promotions	\$70.20	\$100.00	\$100.00
Membership Office	\$32.28	\$75.00	\$50.00
Boat Locker		\$500.00	\$500.00
U.S. Sailing	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Racing Expenses	\$266.52	\$225.00	\$250.00
Secretary of State			\$25.00
Coffey Cup	\$89.07	\$350.00	\$100.00
Treasurer's Expenses	\$4.68	\$10.00	\$10.00
Ships Stores		\$250.00	\$250.00
FSC Website Development		\$95.00	\$95.00
Race Day Hot Dogs	<u>\$195.17</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,071.63</b>	<b>\$5,130.00</b>	<b>\$4,330.00</b>

Beginning Balance	
01/01/06	\$6,308.03
Ending Balance 12/31/06	\$6,661.70

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Federico, Treasurer

## For Sale

FJ mast, new and uncut Proctor alpha minus. I'm guessing it would cost around \$1000 from the factory, today.  
Asking \$400.

Call Larry Weatherly at 510-886-0266.

## Fremont Sailing Club Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kathy Federico, Jim Lechner, Steve Howes, Chuck St Denis, Helga Wolff, Roy Jordan, Gwen Locke, , and Vern Tucker.

Commodore Roy Jordan called the meeting to order at 19:13 hours.

The minutes of the December 2006 meeting were approved as published in the Sept. Windjammer.

### **Commodore's Report:**

Roy welcomed new board member, Jim Lechner to the 2007 Board.

Roy tossed out the idea not to meet every month. The board decided to meet each month until our schedule is fixed and the yearly chores are taken care of. Will discuss whether or not to hold monthly meetings at a latter board meeting.

### **Vice Commodore's Report:**

Gwen suggested that we hold our first General Meeting and breakfast on Saturday March 10, 2007.

This general meeting will be part of the work party at the lake on that morning.

The board approved of having the first general meeting of 2007 on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Kathy submitted her proposed budget for 2007.

The board discussed and passed her budget. See elsewhere in the Windjammer for the 2007 approved budget.

### **Membership Report:**

Jim Lechner will be mailing out 2007 renewal notices this month. (January).

### **Race Captain's Report:**

Steve stated that one of the City owned Toppers is missing a tiller and rudder. Will look in

all of the city lockers, and if not found the club will notify the city to obtain a replacement. Steve led a discussion about the 2007 sailing classes.

Due to his current status Steve will not be able to run the classes this year. This topic will be discussed at the Crew Appreciation Brunch on January 14<sup>th</sup>

Roy will begin a review of the FSC Standing Racing Rules, and make suggestion of changes to bring them up to date.

### **Port Captain's Report:**

Chuck announced that the FSC will host two work days one on Saturday February 10, 2007 and one on March 10, 2007. The march 10<sup>th</sup> date will coincide with the Club General Meeting and breakfast.

### **EI Toro Report:**

Helga announced that the first Toro meeting will be on January 20, 2007 at the Wolff residence. Peter G. Blasberg will be contacting the fleet.

For additional and exciting EI Toro information look elsewhere in the Windjammer.

### **Lido Report:** Not present.

The Lido Fleet is still looking for a fleet captain for 2007.

***Lido sailors: this is your one opportunity of 2007 to step forward and join the rest of us on the FSC Board.***

***The pay is very low but the rewards are very high.***

For a more concise Lido report see elsewhere in the Windjammer.

### **FJ Report:** Not present.

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## Fleet News



### El Toro Fleet Report

A Happy New 2007 Year to all. Just want to say that I am happy to serve as vice-commodore again--although that was a few years ago. It is mostly a social job, planning the four general meetings for the club including the barbecues at the last race day of each series and the ending awards dinner in November. I want to invite all to attend these functions--especially the newer members. The sailing and racing is more fun with friends with whom to share.

Other non-racing activities include Crew Appreciation Breakfast and Estuary Cruise which the Lidos started, Club Workdays, and Ladies Luncheon--the gentlemen of the club have expressed an interest in attending also. Looks to be another good year for FSC. Keep warm and dry--Gwen

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### Lido Report

Busy with Appreciation Breakfast and sailing the winter series at Richmond.

### Unfinished Business:

It was reported that the T-Shirt project is still a "work in progress" and the T Shirts will be available in 2007.

### New Business: None

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 20:33 hours.

**The next board meeting will be on TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2007 @ the Fremont City Library 19:00 hours.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Vern Tucker, Secretary

### Tech Tips from Joe Doering:

Winter months are a good time to fix up your boat trailer as well as your boat. Since we talked about the boat last month, we'll take on the trailer this month.

Here's a checklist of items to consider:

1. Most of the time, you buy a boat and get the trailer that it happens to be on as an included item. If you have the option of buying a new trailer, I would recommend you go for the galvanized zinc option. The galvanic coating of zinc works as a protective layer of a more active metal than the underlying steel, and thus you get no rust as long as the coating is intact. The zinc coating is much longer lasting than any paint, and the only maintenance is to spray any thin areas that develop down the road quite a few years later with gray epoxy paint, such as the one known as "Instant Galvanize", which, despite the name, is still paint.
2. Get a boat trailer, not a modified box trailer. And get one that is solidly built, not a cheap, minimum barely passable trailer sold with the boat with the idea in mind to keep the total package price down to the minimum. If you can't tell the difference, spend some time looking around the parking lot and making comparisons. Which trailers are better and why?
3. Wheel size. Most small boat trailers come with 4.80 x 8.00 tires and wheels. These are "ok", but having 12-inch rims and tires is much better. The smaller tires/rims are used because they're cheaper and allow the boat to float off the

trailer sooner (its lower to the water with smaller tires). But the smaller tires must turn at least two or three times the rate of your passenger car tires and heat up quickly, especially during the summer months on the freeway. Usually, if the air pressure drops due to a puncture, you can't feel it through the hitch, and the low pressure tire heats up, delaminates, and rolls off the rim before someone pulls up along side of you and points toward the rear as the smoke from the tire becomes a trail down the freeway. If you do change tire/rim sizes, you may have to reposition or replace the fenders on the trailer. Going to stick with the small tires? At least be sure they're rated at 4 ply and not 2 ply. Some new trailers come with a very wide 8-inch tire that is 5.70 x 8, but the load capacity of this tire is not much greater than the small one. They look like they provide a softer ride, however, which is a plus.

4. Bearing buddies or the equivalent can help you avoid costly bearing problems and repairs. Be sure to use water-proof boat trailer grease with them and keep them filled up, but don't over do it, or you'll ruin the seals and lost all you've gained and paid for. Just fill them up until the center diaphragm compresses the spring to the point of maximum travel.
5. Bunks can be widened from two to four or more inches with more wood and carpet. Try to get as much support for the boat under the area where the hull is reinforced the most. Don't cover the bunks with a non-breathing plastic, or you will force water into the hull which can result is blistering. Have only front and rear support areas. Three support areas along the axis of the hull can result in working the hull over if the trailer is flexible and the three support areas work up and down as the trailer goes over bumps.
6. If the trailer appears to be too stiff, take out one of the leaf springs on each side and re-evaluate. Sometimes this works great, other times you'll have to replace the springs you removed.
7. Build a plywood cover for the top of the trailer bed to help keep road oil and hazards off the hull. You can walk out on this as well when retrieving the boat at the launch. Paint it with waterproof deck paint, top and bottom.
8. Replace the black rubber rollers with clear yellow urethane rollers. They don't leave black marks. Do the same for the mast carrier "Y" block.
9. Add mud flaps to help keep road film and grease off the boat. Fabricate these yourself and bolt them to the fenders.
10. Make sure the safety chains are strong enough, get rid of the "S" hooks and replace them with quickly operated snap fittings.
11. Add a safety line from the bow strut to the boat bow eye to be sure that you'll keep the boat on the trailer if the winch slips, otherwise the boat can slide back and eventually off the trailer.
12. Get a good tie-down strap that's easy to operate and pad the area where it crosses the gunnels to prevent chafing.
13. Re-wire the trailer lights to get them up out of the water and off the trailer before launching. The lights can be incorporated into a mast-carrying bracket that fits on at the rear of the boat. Use a quality 4-wire conductor and good quality lights and a sturdy trailer plug system.
14. Mount the license plate out of the way but permanently on the trailer, not too low, though, or it'll turn into an asphalt sweeper.
15. Make a quality red flag for the end of the mast that can double as a protest flag.
16. Be sure you have a good, reliable coupler at the front of the trailer tongue. I like the type that snap shut and can be locked down closed by either a clevis pin/ring-ding or a padlock.
17. Be sure you have a spare tire mounted on the trailer and that you keep it inflated properly. You'll also need a lug wrench of the proper size and some kind of a jack or blocks to help change tires. No spare? Plan on loosing about 2-3 hours after the next blowout tracking down a new tire and/or rim.
18. Guide-ons can help you center the boat when launching/retrieving in the wind. They also will stop the boat from sliding off sideways if you forget to put on the tie-down strap. They're well worth the effort and expense to fabricate, and can serve as places to mount trailer lights.
19. A LARGE caster wheel in the front of the trailer can be of great convenience when moving the trailer about when not coupled to the tow vehicle. Save your back for hiking!
20. Be sure to rinse off any brackish or salt water off the trailer/boat thoroughly after immersion in salt water.
21. Be sure to keep your trailer registration card and stickers for the trailer plates as well as the vessel registration and stickers with you and on the vehicles as it's very easy to leave them home after opening the mail and intending to get around to it later, etc.....

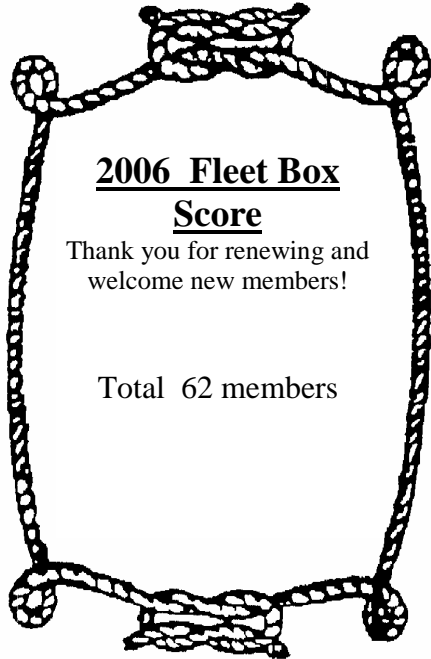
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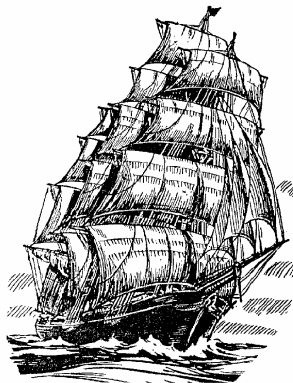
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Thank you for renewing and  
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