



Windjammer



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Commodore's Log

February already. You should note elsewhere in this "Windjammer" that the Board has approved a schedule and a budget for 2009. You can have a look at the schedule and start planning your activities for the year. Some near term activities – February 21st is our first work day of the year, the second one is a month later on March 21st. At the first work day we will likely be checking the club equipment in the race drawer and the city boats, and lifting a couple of marks to check the ground tackle, perhaps also cleaning marks. Contact our Port Captain Chuck St. Denis at fsclido@aol.com or (408) 263-5690 for details. I think Chuck would still like to find an assistant or co-captain. Also, Webmaster Harold Ho is looking for help running our web site, he's at (408) 269-4170.

The Board has scheduled two sets of beginning sailing classes for the year, one set on May 2nd, 9th, and 16th; the second on July 18th, 25th, and August 1st. We will be looking for instructors and assistant instructors for both of these sessions. You will be hearing this again.

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) campaign to save the Department of Boating and Waterways.

Walt Vance contacted me to draw urgent attention to a campaign by Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) opposing a proposal to eliminate the independent Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW, or Cal Boating)

and move its functions to the California Department of Parks and Recreation. This proposal is item #4 in the Governor's Roadmap for More Efficient Government. RBOC and a number of other members of the boating community strongly feel that the elimination of DBW would have a significant negative impact on boating in the state. The FSC Board did not take a position when this was discussed at the February Board meeting (see the minutes). However, we will point out that RBOC has a web site at www.rbo.org. There is a "Call to Arms" button on the upper left that brings up a window with RBOC's request for action, and a couple of letters that summarize RBOC's position. RBOC is urging boaters to send an email or letter to the Governor and their state legislators asking that the proposal to eliminate DBW be withdrawn. I think there is also a link to the Governor's Roadmap for More Efficient Government on the RBOC site, or you can enter that phrase in a search engine.

Also, here's a reminder to get our membership renewals in and make the membership chairman's job a little easier. As you renew, please consider the club jobs of activities you can help out with

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Treasurer's Report

	<u>Jan. 2009</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>
Income			
Membership	\$82.00	\$82.00	\$2,000.00
Ships Stores	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$250.00
Interest	\$1.02	<u>\$1.02</u>	\$15.00
Non-Member Fees			\$135.00
Bailer's Ball			<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Income	\$87.02	\$87.02	\$3,900.00
Expenses			
Windjammer			\$300.00
Gen Mtg/Club BBQ			\$425.00
Bailer's Ball			\$1,500.00
Trophies			\$200.00
P.O. Box			\$75.00
Fleet Mail			\$50.00
Club Promotions			\$100.00
Membership Office			\$25.00
Boat Locker			\$500.00
U.S. Sailing	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Racing Expenses			\$250.00
Secretary of State			\$25.00
Coffey Cup			\$100.00
Treasurer's Expenses			\$10.00
Ships Stores			\$65.00
Fremont Relays			<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$3,900.00
Checking Balance	\$1,807.44		
Savings Balance	\$3,969.34		
Respectfully submitted,			
Kathy Federico, Treasurer			

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Fremont Sailing Club Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 3, 2009

Members present: Kathy Federico, Helga Wolff, Roy Jordan, Harold Ho, Keith O'Hara, Kathleen Turner and Vern Tucker. Hans Wolff attended as a guest and chauffeur for the Fremont contingent. (The meeting was held at Foothill College in Los Altos.

Commodore Roy Jordan called the meeting to order at 19:20 hours.

The minutes of the January 2009 board meeting were approved as printed in the January Windjammer.

Commodore's Report: Roy announced that Chuck St Denis will repeat as Port Captain for 2009. Chuck is seeking an assistant. If interested please contact Chuck or any board member. WE ARE ALL WAITING BY OUR PHONES AND COMPUTERS FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE!

Treasurer's Report: Kathy presented a proposed budget to the board, which with one minor change was approved. See elsewhere in the Windjammer for a complete copy.

Membership Report: Jim announced, via e-mail, that as of February 3rd we have 29 renewals. RENEW NOW TO AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH!

Race Captain's Report: Keith announced that the schedule is now finalized. See elsewhere in the Windjammer for the dates of the sailing classes and race days. WORK DAYS WILL BE FEBRUARY 21ST and MARCH 21ST.

Editors Report: Kathleen requested that when submitting pictures please identify those parties and or boats in the picture. (A picture of a Toro or Lido is good, but it is much more interesting to know who the smiling face under the sail belongs to.)

El Toro Report: Helga announced that they have some trophies they would like to recycle. The January 2009 Fleet Meeting will be at the home of Pete and Gertrude Blasberg on Saturday February 21st. Wait by your phone or computer for Pete's call.

See elsewhere for the balance of El Toro report.

Lido Report: Harold announced that the crew appreciation breakfast will be held on Sunday February 15th at El Toritos in Milpitas. The entire club is welcome to attend this fantastic event. Please contact Jack Navarro for reservations and more information.

The Lido districts will be held on Lake Elizabeth on June 27th and 28th. Joe Davis will be seeking help from the club for this annual event.

See elsewhere for the balance of the Lido report.

FJ Report: Keith announced that the FJ's are sailing in the Richmond mid-winters. He also mentioned that the majority of the fleet just wants to sail!

Unfinished Business: The board discussed the standing rules and approved the clarification changes Keith had proposed. These changes dealt with the scoring, obstructions at the start and what a restricted start line is. Also the numbering was changed to coincide with the new 2009-2012 sailing rules.

New Business: Walt Vance contacted the board regarding the proposed change in the State of California Legislature to eliminate the Department of Boating and Waterways, by merging it into the Department of Parks and Recreation. Walt suggested that the FSC and its members all write to our governor protesting this merger.

The FSC Board decided that it would not take a position on this matter, however suggested that those members who feel strongly one way or other on this matter to contact Governor Schwarzenegger at: <http://gov.ca.gov/interact#email>.

You also may contact your own State Senator or Assembly Member to voice your opinion.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 21:15 hours.

The next board meeting will be April 7, 2009 at a location to be determined at a later date, 19:00 hours

Respectfully submitted,
Vern Tucker, Secretary.

Fleet News

ET Report



We had a great "KICK OFF 2009" potluck in Hans' and Helga's house in January. Good friends, good food, and good conversation.

The next potluck will be at Pete's and Gertrude's house on February 21. Pete will get in touch with you via his customary e-mail

Good sailing, Helga



Lido Report

Just around the corner is the Annual Crew Appreciation Brunch at El Toritos in Milpitas. Big thanks to Jack Navarra for hosting this event. Word has spread to all the fleets, so we're hoping for great attendance. Please RSVP with Jack Navarra and we'll see you there!

I'd also like to announce that the schedule for our Districts have been finalized. Please mark your calendar for the weekend of June 27th and 28th. This year's Districts will be at Lake Elizabeth and will feature a barbeque at Joe Davis' house on Saturday evening. Big thanks to Joe for organizing this regatta, running race committee, and for once again opening his house to the Lidos.

Elsewhere, things seem to be pretty quite on the Lido front. The Lido Class Association is working on a few initiatives such as modifying some language about the Certified Measurer in the By Laws, working on brochures (and other ways) to publicize the Lidos, and working on getting 2010 class championship regatta back at Huntington Lake. That's all I have for now, but I can't wait to see all of you back out on the lake. I'm hoping for really great turnout for our first regatta (and every regatta!) at the lake. 'Til then, see you at the brunch and at the work days at the pond!

-Captain Harold

Port Captain Report

This year the annual "Port cleanup" will be held on Saturday, March 21st. A brief inspection of the lake and equipment situation will be held on Saturday, February 21st, the Saturday after our club Crew Appreciation Breakfast. We could use one extra volunteer for work on Saturday, 2/21 when we go out on the lake and check conditions of the marks (no more than 2 hours). Call Chuck or Sidney if you'd like to help.

"Catch my algie"

Ensign Chuck.



Race Captain Report

New racing rules (<http://isaf.org/racingrules.php>) took effect for 2009–2012; there are few notable changes. There is still the concept of a 'zone' used to determine when an inside-overlapped or clear-ahead boat establishes right to room. This zone is now *three* hull lengths from a rounding or finishing mark, and the zone concept no longer applies to obstructions that are not marks. There was an old rule, 17.2, prohibiting sailing below proper course on reaches and runs if another boat was trying to pass to leeward of us. This rule is gone, so now we can change course as we please, as long as we are clear ahead of the boat trying to pass.

Our own Standing Sailing Instructions referred to a rule that was renumbered. We said "Rule 22.1 shall be observed in the starting area." Rule 22 is now numbered 23, but the board agreed that it was wiser to expand this SI to say:

1 1 . 3 B e f o r e t h e S t a r t
Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

We also addressed a question that comes up at nearly every skippers meeting, "Is the start line restricted?" Experienced race committees often declare at the skippers meeting that the start line is restricted, at least while an-

other fleet is in sequence. The board agreed to make this choice the default, by adding a paragraph to the SIs:

10.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Starting Line During Another Fleet's Starting Sequence

During each starting sequence, the starting line is restricted to use for starting (and finishing if it is also the finish line) only. Boats *not* in the fleet currently being started shall treat the starting line as an obstruction during the time between the Warning Signal and the Starting Signal (that is, while signal flags are raised). A boat may be protested under this sailing instruction if her hull overlaps the starting line at any time between the *Preparatory* Signal and Starting Signal for a fleet in which she is not racing.

So when you are on your run, if you see a fleet waiting to start, you can plan to avoid the start line, and while flags are up you can call for room to avoid the line. On the other hand, if the RC moves the line or the committee boat between races, you don't have to avoid a moving target. It will still be very helpful if RCs remind the racers of the general idea at the skippers meeting. Also, the RC can still adapt to the situation on race day, by amending the standing sailing instructions at the skippers meeting.

Our Spring Series starts 26 April, and then continues the next Sunday, 3 May.

Racing and Event Schedule

Saturdays in 2009	Fremont Event	Other Events	affecting	Sundays in 2009	Other Events
21-Feb	workday	Alamitos Bay SCYA	Lido	22-Feb	Alamitos Bay SCYA
28-Feb		RYC Sail a Small Boat Day	dinghies	1-Mar	RYC midWinters
7-Mar				8-Mar	Lake Merrit midwinters
14-Mar		FLYC Camelia cup		15-Mar	FLYC Camelia cup
21-Mar	workday			22-Mar	
28-Mar		RYC Big Dinghy	FJ, etc	29-Mar	RYC Big Dinghy

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Coming Events:

Feb 21 Work Day at the Lake

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