



Windjammer



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Commodore's Log

As things are going, I expect to be the lead instructor for the first series of sailing classes, which will be on consecutive Sundays, May 1st, 8th, and 15th. It would be good to have maybe two assistant instructors on each day, one of whom could stay the whole day and perhaps one there at the time that the class rigs the boats to demonstrate or assist the students. We would like to hear from anyone who could help at one, two, or three sessions. We are hoping that even those who live some distance away could consider one day. Please contact me at jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com, or (408) 735-8765. Also keep in mind the rest of the sessions, on June 12th and 26th (intermediate), July 17th, 24th, and 31st (beginners) and August 14th ad 21st (intermediate), The classes run from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Doug Hamilton wrote that he would be interested in going to the Oakland Estuary with his boat and escorting some others who want to get in some practice (or fun) sailing before our season starts. Sounds as if it would be something like the Estuary Cruise, except more sailing and without the lunch stop. I'll suggest that someone might step up, make a few calls and get a group together for some date, and contact Doug, or perhaps contact me. Also, Doug says that he would be interested in continuing as Club Historian, and keeping up the bulletin board at the lake. Thanks to Doug, and this seems to say that he is feeling better, which is good to hear.

I've been remiss in following up on an invitation from Judi McDowell, Rear Commodore of the Peninsula Yacht Club, to participate in the South Bay Opening Day activities on April 10th. There is a web site, www.southbayopeningday.org which contains information about the event. Judi suggested that dinghies such as El Toros might enjoy taking part. I'll try to make contact and get some further information .

Damon Sparacino, the Recreation Supervisor at the lake, attended the March Board meeting, and discussed

his plans and hopes to build up the City programs at the lake. He has arrangements for repairing the City Capri 14 that fell over on a steel half barrel, suffering a gash and dent in the port side. We are planning to use the Capri's in the intermediate sailing classes. We also discussed working with the City to get the rest of the City fleet in shape. By the time this item appears, we hope to have made some progress at the first Work Day, on March 13th, and will expect to be following up on the second Work Day on April 3rd.

The Board decided not to have a meeting in April, so the next meeting will be May 4th. The deadline for material for the April "Windjammer" should be Sunday, April 11th. Our first general meeting will be at our first regatta, on Sunday, May 2nd. If anyone has something they would like to have discussion about at that meeting, he or she could contact me about it, or just bring it up at the meeting.

And anyone who does not have his or her renewal in for 2010, please get it in – I finally sent mine in last month.

Roy Jordan

Work Day at Lake

SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

10 AM

Task List:

COUNT BOAT PARTS
FIX RUDDERS AND TILLERS
WASH SAILS
REPAIR SOME BOATS
DUMP MOSQUITOS
(BRING SOME HOME FOR YOUR
TROPICAL FISH TANK)
LOTS OF FUN STUFF TO DO

CATCH MY WAKE.....

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Fremont Sailing Club Treasurer's Report

	Feb.2010	Year to date	2010 Budget
Income			
Membership	\$1,016.00	\$1,016.00	\$2,000.00
Ships Stores			\$150.00
Interest	\$0.72	\$1.47	\$10.00
Non-Member Fees			\$190.00
Bailer's Ball			\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$1,016.72	\$1,017.47	\$3,850.00
Windjammer			\$300.00
Gen Mtg/Club BBQ			\$425.00
Bailer's Ball			\$1,700.00
Trophies			\$200.00
P.O. Box			\$75.00
Fleet Mail			\$25.00
Club Promotions			\$150.00
Membership Office	\$23.76	\$23.76	\$25.00
Boat Locker			\$500.00
U.S.Sailing			\$125.00
Racing Expenses	\$169.28	\$169.28	\$400.00
Secretary of State			\$0.00
Coffey Cup			\$100.00
Treasurer's Expenses			\$0.00
Ships Stores			\$0.00
Fremont Relays			\$150.00
Total Expenses	\$193.04	\$193.04	\$4,175.00
Checking Balance	\$3,571.49		
Savings Balance	\$3,977.04		
	\$7,548.53		
Respectfully submitted,			
Kathy Federico,			

El Toro Report

Thank you Gertrude and Pete for hosting our February potluck. We had a great time. We need homes for June, July, September, October, and November. Look at your calendar and see which month is good for you. We also need volunteers for the FSC Relays. Like for registration and lap recording. Vern and Pete are working on the promotion. Tom will get the shirts and Pete the trophies. Hans and I will do the BBQ. We are all set to go.

ET race committee duty days are May 23rd, June 27th, and September 12th. Please help your Fleet Captain on one of those days.

The next potluck is in Tom's and Kathy's home on March 13th.
Have fun sailing.
Helga

Fremont Sailing Club Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 2, 2010

Members present: Helga Wolff, Roy Jordan, Kathy Federico, Keith O'Hara, and Vern Tucker. Guest attendee: Damon Sparacino, from the City of Fremont

Commodore Roy Jordan called the meeting to order at 19:09 hours.

The minutes of the February 2, 2010 board meeting were approved as printed in the February 2010 Windjammer.

Commodore's Report: Roy announced the following:

Doug Hamilton will be the club historian again in 2010. Doug has offered to have a pre race day sail on the Oakland Estuary sometime before the FSC starts its sailing season. Contact Doug if interested.

Chuck St Denis is still acting as Port Captain, however needs an assistant.

We still need help with the sailing classes.(Please contact a board member if you can assist.)

Roy will be the lead instructor for the first series of sailing classes. Vern will more than likely be the lead instructor for one of the other beginning classes and the intermediate class.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy announced that the club is still solvent. See elsewhere in the Windjammer for a full report.

Race Captain: Keith announced that there was a request to change the July race schedule to make it a little easier on some of the Lido sailors who will be participating in both the High Sierra Regatta and the Lido Nationals. It was pointed out that if we change the date we will also lose several of the Toro sailors who have conflicts with the last weekend of each month. After discussion the board decided to keep the scheduled as previously published.

El Toro Report: The March pot luck will be hosted by Kathy and Tom Federico on Saturday March 13th. See elsewhere for more exciting Toro news.

Lido Report: The Lido's proposed that the club use an-

other method for scoring the season championship in order to make it easier on some who must travel great distances to attend our regattas. Keith will write an article for the Windjammer discussing various options. No decision was made and the matter was tabled until a further study can be made. See elsewhere for additional news from the Lido Fleet

FJ Report: Keith announced that the FJ Fleet is happy.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The first work day is March 13th.

The board then entered into a general discussion with Damon Sparacino concerning the sailing classes, and the city's ideas on how to promote sailing on Lake Elizabeth. Damon indicated that he has found a person to repair the Capris.

Damon also indicated that he has a person on staff who will head up a youth sailing and water camp this summer. There will be four camps each of one week duration starting on July 18th. These camps will open to youths 9-13 years of age.

The weekend sailing classes are now limited to those 14 years and older. Damon will be sending some of his staff to the sailing classes FSC will be teaching.

The city is willing to help the FSC with recruiting new members.

Damon and one of the rangers will be making a trip to West Marine to purchase the various parts necessary to bring the city's fleet of boats up to par.

The lake staff is in the process of repairing all of the small boat dollies.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 20:40 hours.

The next board meeting will be on May 4, 2010 hopefully at the Fremont City Library @19:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Vern Tucker, Secretary.

TRY A DIFFERENT SEASON SCORING METHOD?

Occasionally one of our race days is going to be inconvenient for one fleet or another. Two years ago, for example, we held a substitute race day for just the el-Toro fleet, because their Pinecrest event conflicted with one of our race days. The cost of running separate races like this is the need to man more race committees.

We could set fewer race days, to better avoid sailing conflicts, but this give members with busy non-sailing schedules fewer opportunities to race. Also, it is not obvious which day(s) we would skip because the seasonal pattern of race attendance is different for each fleet.

Having races as often as we can attract a critical mass would be the way to maximize racing opportunities for members.

One downside of racing often is that busy sailors will miss race days, and missing one day uses up all your throw-outs for a series, worsening your series and season scores. This is just an artifact of our scoring system.

We are apparently not the only club in this situation, because US Sailing suggests other methods for scoring a series that spans several months (like our Season championships) at http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/Long_Series.htm. An extract follows:

Over the course of a long series, many entrants in a series will, for any of a variety of reasons, find that they must miss one or even several races in the series. Under the High-Point Percentage System, a boat 'qualifies' for a series if she sails XX% of the races in the series. Her series score is based only on the races in which she competes, and therefore, provided she sails in sufficient races to qualify for the series, she is not placed at a disadvantage if she misses some races. Also, the High-Point Percentage System has the advantage that a boat that wins a race in which a large number of boats compete is rewarded more handsomely than a boat that wins a race against a smaller number of competitors.

In the High-Point Percentage system, each race offers the potential to earn points equal to the number boats competing. If seven boats compete, then the first-place finisher gets 7 points, the second-place 6, and so on. A DNF or RAF, etc., earns 0 points.

A skipper's Season score would be his total earned

points, divided by the points he could have earned by finishing first in every race he sailed. This ratio is expressed as a percentage. An example of this system is shown in the table below, where "too few" indicates the boat did not sail enough races to qualify.

The High-Points Percentage system looked the best for us, out of those I reviewed. No system is completely fair (whatever 'fair' means) but this one does a good job of removing the quirks that other systems have when there is variable attendance. The High-Points Percentage system applied to our results from the past two years, <http://k-ohara.oco.net/Fremont/scoring.html>, makes only small changes in the results, so there is not too much risk to trying something new. The question is whether the club finds this method reasonably intuitive, and interesting.

If we were to adopt this system, we would choose the fraction of races required to qualify; 50% looks about right to me, given attendance patterns over the past two years. We would also choose whether to have a throw-out, and whether to count guest sailors in computing available points for members. The board could easily settle these details. In practice, we would assume every boat registered for a race day competed in each race that day, unless the skipper noted his DNCs on the sign-up sheets (just like we already ask you to note your DNSs or DNFs).

If we adopt a different system for the Season score, I suggest keeping Spring, Summer, and Fall Series scoring the same as it is now: best six results out of nine races. Our present system encourages good attendance, because you get to throw out your below-average sailing performances if you start all nine races. Also, if we make a change, having a mix of systems seems more fun.

I did not propose this to this board meeting because I didn't know if the membership wanted a change. So for a different scoring system to be considered I would need to hear from you. If I hear interest, I will present a proposal at our general meeting on 2 May.

Submitted by Keith O'Hara

Preliminary Schedule

C of F class	Saturday	Sunday	Fremont Event
Beginners	May 1	May 2	Spring 123
Beginners	May 8	May 9	
Beginners	May 15	May 16	Fremont Relays
	May 22	May 23	Spring 456
	May 29	May 30	
Intermediate	Jun 5	Jun 6	
	Jun 12	Jun 13	Spring 789 BBQ
	Jun 19	Jun 20	
Intermediate	Jun 26	Jun 27	Summer 123
	Jul 3	Jul 4	
	Jul 10	Jul 11	
Beginners	Jul 17	Jul 18	Summer 456
Beginners	Jul 24	Jul 25	
Beginners	Jul 31	Aug 1	Sum'r 789 BBQ
	Aug 7	Aug 8	
Intermediate	Aug 14	Aug 15	Fall 123
Intermediate	Aug 21	Aug 22	
	Aug 28	Aug 29	Fall 456
	Sep 4	Sep 5	
	Sep 11	Sep 12	Fall 789 BBQ

*****LIDO FOR SALE*****

It's with mixed emotions I've decided to sell my Lido.

(Hull number WDSH43420777-L14)

I've been spending all my available sailing time on a Cat 27 on the Bay while my Lido has not been in the water all season, and that's a waste of a good Lido.

So, if you know anyone who will give Lido 4342 a good home, please let me know.

thanks and best wishes,
Alan Orr

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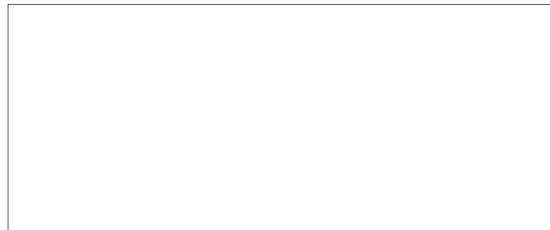


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