

THE TELLTALE

Catalina 34 Fleet One - San Francisco Bay

Fleet 13 Fleet Captain - Dottie Toney - visits San Francisco



Dottie at the helm of Crew's Nest on a warm San Francisco Summer Day
East of Treasure Island

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GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB

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9/17/09

Downwind Specialist - San Francisco to Catalina Island

This summer thanks to Paul Goss and his spectacular *Virago*, a 49-foot Catalina, I was able to improve my down wind sailing skills along with getting my 1st taste of blue water sailing along the California Coast. For 60 wonderful hours we mostly sailed from San Francisco to Catalina Island. Bruce MacDiarmid owner of the Catalina 34 *Laurie Ann* completed our crew of three with well-organized shifts of 2 hours on and 4 hours off.

We motored under the Golden Gate and had the sails up by Half Moon Bay not to take them down (except for some middle of the night excitement around Pt Conception) until the final stretch into Catalina.

Highlights include the gourmet cooking of Captain Goss, the incredible wild life (whales, dolphins, seals and birds), the electronic winches and the wing-to-wing sailing and surfing in 20-30 knots with 5-10 foot swells.

Sailing excitements (beside the electronic winches) were having to drop the main in the middle of a full moon night secondary to gust up to 33 knots. In the process of dropping the whisker pole I somehow managed to lose the topping lift to the top of the mast. This made for a lovely ride to the top of *Virago* in the sanctuary of Two Harbors with camera in tow.

We enjoyed the Buffalo Milk concoction tradition and the warm weather and water of Southern California. We also enjoyed watching Captain Goss and his Toy Boat Dingy sailing.

Larry Baskin - *Sea Spirit*



Paul, Bruce and Larry (L to R) prepare to launch “Toy Boat Dingy” after arriving at Catalina Island

Cruising - Scott and Sharon Lee

Corinthian Yacht Club

The Catalina Fleet 1 members had a wonderful time enjoying our always popular cruise in to the lovely Corinthian Yacht Club in beautiful Tiburon! Eighteen members including the sailing vessels *SeaScript*, *Wind Dragon*, *Aquavite*, *Painkiller*, *Laurie Ann*, *Music* and *Irish Whiskey* all made the trip over and were treated with great weather, food and spirits, shopping and a fair amount of docking practice also!

We also enjoyed the CYC's Friday Night Racing, some great jazz and a wonderfully prepared steak and seafood dinner at their beautiful historic dining room. The folks at the CYC were very accommodating and we look forward to another fun and successful return next year! Thanks to all our members for making this a truly memorable cruise in!



Fleet 1 members enjoy dinner in CYC's historic Dining Room

photo by Rick Allen

We thank:

Scott and Sharon Lee (*Seascript*) for making the Fleet 1 Cruising Program happen in 2009
Kevin Murray of the C380 Fleet for his hospitality during the BYC cruise-in
Peter Brindaum for his hospitality during the CYC cruise-in
Torin Knorr for his hospitality during the BYC cruise-in

Coyote Point Yacht Club

Beautiful sunny warm weather and light winds graced the Catalina Fleet 1 cruisers *Painkiller*, *Crews Nest* and *SeaScript* on their voyage down to the Coyote Point Yacht Club in San Mateo where we were warmly greeted by our own member Torin Knorr (*Jet Lag*) and Port Captain Ross Bowling.

Our members took advantage of the gorgeous sunshine to do a few boat projects, relax, enjoy walks around the lovely scenic park and attend a nicely prepared dinner at the CPYC on Friday night. We were also treated on Saturday evening to “Chef” Torin Knorr’s outstanding steak barbeque dinner which was absolutely delicious! Thanks Torin for your gracious hospitality and for the great time had by all at the Coyote Point Yacht Club!



Fleet 1 members, Scott Lee, Susan Stevens, Patti and Ray Irvine and Host Torin Knorr

photo by Rick Allen

Proposed 2010 Cruising Program

**Corinthian Yacht Club
Napa with a Wine Tour
Sausalito**

News Flash:

**2010
San Francisco Bay Catalina Rendezvous
July 16 through 18, 2010
Marina Bay Yacht Harbor
Tradewinds Sailing School and Club**

Inter Club Racing:

Race 5

The fifth race took the fleet back to the South Bay and once again there was a ship anchored some 200 yards from the starting line. The RC chose to start the race before the wind had completely filled in from the South West – directly behind the ship.

After an even start the fleet struggled to make it around the north end of the ship against the tide in very light winds and in the wind shadow from the ship. *Crew's Nest* was the first and only boat to give up on this idea, do a 180 (to avoid *Wind Dragon*) and high tail it around the back of the ship and towards the building wind – sailing away from the first mark for a time to get into stronger the wind first.

Crew's Nest led around the first mark, followed by *Amandla*, and *Queimada*. The order remained the same around marks two and three with the relative gaps growing at times and shrinking at other times. By mark #4, *Queimada* had closed the distance to *Amandla* to almost nothing with *Queimada* rounding on the inside of *Amandla*.

Amandla choose to engage in luffing tactics (maybe a continuation of those started on leg #1) with *Queimada* taking both boats well to the left side of the course (west). This allowed *Wind Dragon* to close the gap passing them both before reaching mark #5.

Meanwhile a large hole had developed around mark #5 (YRA #35). The boat in the first fleet to start plus the mutlihull fleet had come to a stop with sails flapping in the swell. *Crew's Nest* sailed high in an attempt to sail around the hole all along watching *Wind Dragon* sail along the rhumb line in the new wind. Just before *Crew's Nest* came to complete stop, the new wind arrived and all the parked boats set off around Mark #5. *Crew's Nest* was first to round followed by *Wind Dragon*, *Amandla* and *Queimada*.

The order across the line was *Crew's Nest*

followed by *Wind Dragon* (2 second ahead of *Amandla*), *Amandla*, and *Queimada* with the corrected order being the same order.

What did we learn from all this – courses with a majority of reaching legs give little opportunity to pass and boats engaged in their own games often loose sight of the big picture and let other get around them.

Race 6

Once again the racing was in the South Bay but this time the Race Committee waited for the wind to fill in and become stable. They picked a course with a majority of windward / leeward lengths with no ships in the way.

The start was exciting 5 or 6 boats on the line at the gun – none were called over early. Seven boats arrived at the first mark in close proximity - *Queimada*, *Mottley*, *Amandla*, *Sea Spirit*, *Rollover*, *Wind Dragon* and *Crew's Nest* – *Crew's Nest* miscalled the layline and had to make two extra tacks to get around.

On the run to mark #2, *Sea Spirit* and *Amandla* engaged in some pushing and shoving much to the enjoyment of those around them. *Crew's Nest* sailed lower and away from the crowd to protect their wind, and passed all except *Queimada* by mark #2.

By mark #3 – a work to windward, the order had been reshuffled with *Mottley* rounding first, followed by *Queimada*, *Crew's Nest* and *Rollover*. After the run to Mark #4, the order was *Queimada*, *Crew's Nest*, and *Mottley*.

This order continued until *Crew's Nest* failed to round #7 and had to back track to recover – allowing *Mottley* to get by and cross the line 3 second ahead.

The order across the line and after the corrections were applied was *Queimada*, followed by *Mottley*, *Crew's Nest*, and *Wind Dragon*.

What did we learn from all this: - course with a majority of windward / leeward legs provide opportunity for gains, losses, passing lanes and close racing with a good deal of order reshuffling during the race.

Standings after 5 races:

Queimada (4), Crew's Nest (8), Mottley (14), Rollover(18), Wind Dragon(20), Sea Spirit (20), Amandla (20), Casino (23) Music (30)

First to finish: Queimada – 4 and Crew's Nest 1

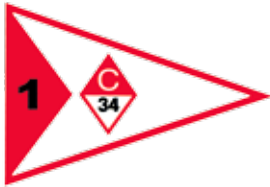
Compete details can be seen at: <http://www.sfbayraces.com/IC000.php>



Sea Spirit leads *Amandla* to the finishing line in Race 5

photo by Steve Green

Catalina 34's success in Jazz Cup - Division G
Crew's Nest - 2nd and 19th overall
Sea Spirit - 3rd and 33rd overall
Wind Dragon - 4th and 36th overall



**NOTICE OF RACE
CATALINA 34 FLEET 1
SAN FRANCISCO CUP
September 26 and 27, 2009
at
Golden Gate Yacht Club**

Rules:

1. This regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 and the Regatta Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility:

1. Fleet 1 member boats that comply with the Fleet 1 One Design Rules are eligible to enter this Regatta.

Fleets:

1. The Regatta will be sailed in two Fleets - Racing and Cruising. Participants can indicate their Fleet Preference at registration but the final Fleet assignment will be made by the Fleet 1 Race Committee. Trophies will be award for each Fleet

Races:

1. Two races will be held on Saturday 9/26 and one race on Sunday 9/27
2. All three races count as there is no throw out race.

Entries:

1. Registration is available at www.sfbayraces.com/C34000.php.
2. The Registration fee is \$75.00 before September 17, 2008
3. A late fee of \$25.00 will be charged after September 17, 2008

Sailing Instructions:

1. The Regatta Sailing Instruction and Division Assignment will be posted online at www.sfbayraces.com/C34000.php no later than September 19, 2008.
2. Changes to the Regatta Sailing Instructions and / or Division Assignments will be announced at the Skipper meeting on Saturday September 26, 2008 at 10:00AM.

Racing Area:

1. The races will be sailed in the Main Bay / City Front waters of San Francisco Bay

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