



# THE TELLTALE

## Catalina 34 Fleet One - San Francisco Bay

### Cruising

The cruising season got off to a great start with a weekend in Sausalito. Seven boats sailed to the guest dock at Schoonmaker Point Marina – one boat's homeport is right next door.

Friday afternoon was sunny and windy – perfect for sailing. A very enjoyable dinner at Le Garage Bistro (outstanding French food) on the marina grounds capped off the day.

On Saturday, some of us walked into down town Sausalito and lunched at the No Name Bar – real name and probably has not changed in the last 40 years.

After a nap for those who had walked into town, and the arrival of the remaining boats, the customary Fleet 1 dock gathering got under way – as usual with far too much food and drink. This was followed by dinner at the Saylor's restaurant – very good margaritas and Mexican food. Navigating our way to the restaurant was a challenge that was overcome by the techno nerds and their various smart phones.

Sunday morning was spent investigating the various boat problems that had been raised at dinner – some were actually resolved! .

The Fleet's major cruise for the year is to Little Venice Island in the Delta in August.

### Cruising Schedule:

<b>All Catalina Rendezvous</b>	<b>July 15, 16, and 17</b>	<b>(see page 5)</b>
<b>Around Alameda / OYC dinner</b>	<b>July 30, 31</b>	<b>(see page 6)</b>
<b>Little Venice Cruise</b>	<b>August 17 ---&gt; 23</b>	<b>(see 7/5 E-mail)</b>



Fleet 1 enjoys a sunny afternoon in Sausalito

Good food, great adult beverages

Come join the fun on OYC Dock on July 30, 2010

## **SAN FRANCISCO CUP**

**GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB  
SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25, 2011  
CRUISING AND RACING DIVISIONS**

## Racing:

The summer racing program got off to a great start with 10 boats registering for the 6 race series. The first race was sailed in the South bay in light winds with a strong ebb at the start – making the approach to the line more than a little interesting. One boat was OCS by several boat lengths and did not bother to struggle back – taking a DNF at the end of the race but having a fun afternoon.

Three boats got involved with each other (shouts of fend off were heard) just before the gun. One drifted backwards across the line to also be OCS for the day.

Once the wind filled in – as the fleet was approaching the first mark – the racing was close with a number of position changes occurring. The first four boats finished within 45 seconds of each other – competitive racing.

The second race was held in the main bay. At this time of the year the tides are affected by snow melt run off in a major way making the tide book useless. Where you choose to go has a major influence on how well you do.

For the second time in the last few races Crew's Nest was forced outside of the pin and had to go around. The race soon developed into three interesting duels – All Hail and Queimada for the gun and first place, Wind Dragon and Mottley for third and fourth place, and Amandla and Crew's Nest for fifth and sixth place. Within these duels there were a number of changes in position. The closest fought duel was between Amandla and Crew's Nest with Amandla coming out on top by just 1 second.

The third race took the fleet back to the Main Bay for the longest race of the series - finishing down the estuary at Oakland Yacht Club. The race started in winds of 15 to 20 which continued to build throughout the afternoon.

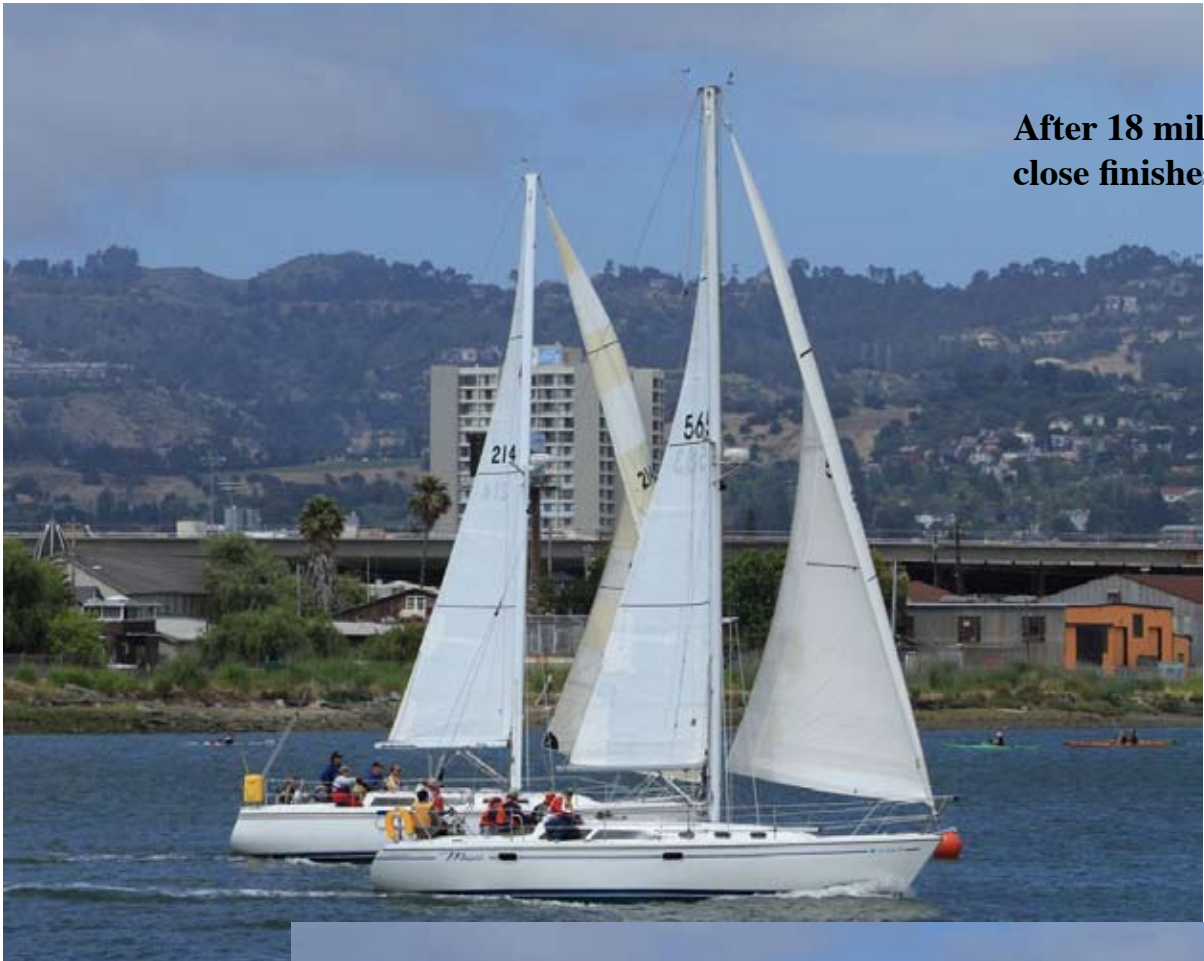
With the wind much the same across the course the ebb tide was the critical factor as the boats made their way first to Little Harding and then to Southampton. Those who sailed closer to Angel Island gained from a stronger current and slight lift closer to the Island. Sea Spirit on starboard was making her way to the mark when she crossed tracks first with Amadela and then with Rollover who were both leaving the mark on starboard but both were the windward boat - fun to watch and listen to the shouting and various interpretations of the rules.

For the first time in many years, a stronger wind filling in earlier in the day meant that the race did not restart as the boats entered the estuary. In the estuary there were a number of close duels - All Hail and Crew's Nest for second place across the line - won by All Hail (12 seconds) , Sea Spirit, Amandla, and Rollover for fifth place across the line - won by Sea Spirit by 3 seconds over Rollover and Amandla just 6 second further back, and Casino and Music for eighth place across the line - won by Music (2 seconds). Only 10 minutes separated the first and last boats to finish - after 18 miles of racing.

After three races it is obvious that the racing has become very competitive. Any of the boats has the opportunity to win or place high on a given day depending on luck and making the fewest mistakes. The time to tack the boat, get the whisker pole up and down becomes more critical as the margins get smaller.

All results details and the race track of some of the fleet can be seen at:

<http://www.jibeset.net/IC000.php?RG=T0080176>



After 18 miles of racing  
close finishes in Race 3



Top: Music and Casino cross the line  
Bottom: Sea Spirit leads Rollover to the line

# CATALINA RENDEZVOUS

Fifties - Rock around the Clock Party

The Bay Area's only gathering of Catalina Owners in 2011



Get out  
your Fifties Fashions  
come party in style  
July 16 and 17

**What:**

Coast Guard Inspection  
Games and Trophies  
Costume Parade  
Live Music  
BBQ  
Raffle  
Cruising Preparation Seminar  
by Neal Doten

**When:**

July 16 and 17, 2011

**Where:**

Tradewinds Sailing School and Club  
Marina Bay Yacht Harbor  
Richmond

**Bring:**

Your Family and Crew  
Fifties Fashion Costumes  
Protein to BBQ  
BBQ Fixings and Utensils  
Hors d'oeuvres to share  
Dessert for competition and to share.  
Six pack of beer or a bottle of wine

**Arrive:**

Friday any time or Saturday by Noon  
Channel 68 for docking help

Details and registration at: <http://raft.c380.org> Questions call: Bill at 925-820-7370

Docks Available at Marina Bay Yacht Harbor

To reserve a slip on Dock D call MBYH at (510) 236-1013 E-mail [info@MBYachtHarbor.com](mailto:info@MBYachtHarbor.com)

<http://www.marinabayyachtharbor.com>



## **Catalina 34 “Cruise Around the Island”!**

### **Oakland Yacht Club**

**July 30-31**

Please join the Catalina 34 Fleet 1 for our 2nd cruise in of the season to the Oakland Yacht Club for a fun day of cruising around Alameda! On Saturday July 30th at approximately 1200 we will embark upon an adventurous cruise around Alameda navigating through the picturesque estuary and under draw bridges guided by our distinguished C34 Skippers Stu and Cory Jackson! Upon our return we will spend some social time on the OYC guest dock followed by dinner at OYC that evening at 1800 and brunch on Sunday. We will be monitoring Channel 68 so tune in upon your arrival and throughout our fun excursion!

RSVP to Scott Lee (skipperscottlee@att.net) or 831-334-1475 as soon as possible. Additional information regarding the Oakland Yacht Club and directions can be found online at <http://www.oaklandyachtclub.net/> Limited guest dock space is available but we can raft up if necessary so it will be a great time had by all!

Looking forward to a great cruise in and seeing all of you soon!!!