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Catalina 34 Fleet One - San Francisco Bay

CELEBRITY SAIL - 2009

On Sunday June 14, Fleet 1 members *'Imi Loa* (Greg Sherwood) and *Crew's Nest* (Ray Irvine) participated in a Celebrity Sail at SBYC. The event was organized by the Boating Industry to introduce media people to sailing.

The idea was to get TV and Radio personalities out on the water and allow those who were interested to drive a sail boat in two fun "races" around the South Bay. You can learn more at the web site:
- www.GoSailingSF.org



We could not have asked for better day - warm, winds to 15 knots, mostly flat water, plus a baseball game.

Imagine a collection of J120's, J105's, B36.7's and C34's sailing around in McCovey Cove already full of anchored power boats, and BAADS sailing dinghies and you get the idea of how the day went.

Joining Greg and Kathy on *'Imi Loa* were Roland West, Market Program Manager for Island Def Jam Recordings, and his wife, Marquis. Ray's crew on *Crew's Nest* was David (from *Queimada*), Bruce, Herb, Ari and Kim (from *Sea Spirit*). Helge Hellberg who hosts an Organic focused program on Green 960 AM was the guest celebrity. Helge had raced before and drove *Crew's Nest* in both races.

Free flowing beer, wine and Pizza (all the way from Tiburon) topped off the sail. A fun day for all!

FLEET 1 CRUISING

Berkeley Yacht Club Cruise-in

Thirteen members of Fleet 1 enjoyed a sunny and warm weekend (May 16) in Berkeley – *Imi Loa* (Greg and Kathy), *Sea Spirit* (Larry and Miriam), *Aquivite* (Stu and Cory), *Sea Script* (Scott and Sharon), *Andante* (Mark), *Music* (Bob and Susan) and *Crew's Nest* (Ray and Patti).

Those who arrived on Friday in warm sunshine and a light breeze enjoyed the excitement of the BYC Friday Night racers finishing under spinnaker in front of the Club and the club's after race BBQ.

Saturday was spent exploring the area around the Berkeley Marina – the kids construction playground looked like a fun place - enjoying lunch at one of the local restaurants, lazing around in the shade of the Club House, and the usual “boat wrangling” to fit everybody in at the guest dock.

After sharing appetizers and drinks on the dock, we joined the friendly folk of BYC for a fun time at the Club's Cinco de Mayo dinner prepared by Kevin Murray (C380) and his band of willing helpers.

A great weekend was had by all!

Rendezvous – 2009

We thank Bill and Nora (Casino) for the outstanding job they did in finding a new home for the Rendezvous – MBYH and Tradewinds Sailing School - and pulling the endless details together to pull off such a successful event.

On the last weekend in May, 45+ Catalinas ranging from 27 feet to 47 feet sailed (some went where the water was too thin) into Marina Bay Yacht Harbor to enjoy the 11th edition of the San Francisco Bay Rendezvous.

Most of the C34's arrived on Friday afternoon after a wet sail across the slot. On Friday night, a large group of us met for dinner at the only restaurant within walking distance. The food was delicious and a fun time was had by all. The remaining boats arrived on Saturday before lunch in time for the start of the fun and games.

First was a spirited game of “who am I” - the organizers ran out of tags more than once - followed by the even more spirited Bocce Ball competition. Members of the C34 fleet won all divisions – Debbie and Cory (women), Painkiller crew (men) and Debbie and Duane (mixed).



Sunny and warm on the
BYC guest dock

Even with a best ever showing by the C42's (8 boats), the C34's still won the most boats competition with 10 boats.

The C34's present were:

BruGar (Bruce and Gary), *Aguvaite* (Stu and Cory), *Casino* (Bill and Nora), *Irish Whiskey* (Duane and Debbie), *Sea Script* (Scott and Sharon), *Music* (Bob and Susan), *All Hail* (Page and DD), *Crew's Nest* (Patti and Ray), *Orion's Way* (Jim and Sue), *Painkiller* (Rick and Susan). Page and DD took ownership of their boat on the Saturday of the Rendezvous at MBYH and have moved it to its new home in SBH.

We thank the staff of MBYH and Tradewinds for their hospitality over the weekend and for providing coffee, juice, and muffins on Saturday and Sunday mornings – much appreciated.



Bocce Competition



**Driving Force behind
the Rendezvous**

Bill Eddy

Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise-in:

The next event on the Cruising calendar is the ever-popular cruise to CYC in Tiburon on the weekend of July 18. Once again the Fleet will cover the cost of Saturday night dinner (2 people per boat) for all members attending. Come on Friday and enjoy CYC's Friday night races from the deck and dinner in Tiburon



Catalina 34 Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise!!!

July 18-19

Please join the Catalina 34 Fleet 1 to the CYC in beautiful Tiburon! This is a great location with plenty of shops and restaurants within walking distance from the marina. Guest tie-ups are \$1.00 per linear foot per night. The first night is free for members of clubs extending the same courtesy to Corinthian cruisers. On Saturday we will have a social hour on the dock at around 1700 followed by a group dinner at the CYC. Please bring an appetizer to share with the group.

RSVP to Scott Lee leescott@sbcglobal.net or 831-334-1475 as soon as possible including the names of those attending and when you plan to arrive. I will be forwarding that information on to the CYC. If you have any questions feel free to contact me anytime or if you'd like additional information about the CYC you can visit their website www.cyc.org or call them at 415-435-4771.

FLEET 1 RACING

Mid Winter Series

This was a very interesting Series with close racing, variable winds, and the usual tides on City Front.

The Race Committee choose mostly windward / leeward courses and with most boats having the same rating, the boat for boat racing was close and competitive. Often there were 5 boats overlapped and jockeying for position on the down wind legs. The challenge was to get away from the pack into clear air so one was free to do ones own thing and not have to deal with those attempting to steal your air.



The Series results were *Mottley* (6), *Queimada* (7), *Crew's Nest* (9), *Casino* (18), *Amandla* (19), *Sea Spirit* (20), *Rollover* (23).

In the continuing struggle for line honors, the results were *Queimada* (3), *Crew's Nest* (2).

Rites of Spring Race

This is the fleet double-handed race for the summer. The winner was *Sea Spirit* with *Music* taking second place in heavy winds with thick fog covering part of the course. *Amandla* took an RAF after sailing the wrong course and *Crew's Nest* a DNF after starting with the wrong fleet.

Inter Club Series:

For this Series, we have the largest and most competitive fleet in many years – 9 boats with 7 rating 157 this should result in some good boat for boat racing around the Bay.

Race 1

The first race was in the South Bay. The race Committee set a very long starting line with a large anchored tanker less than 200 yards upwind and then started the race with very little wind and a strong flood tide.

The race was decided by how long after the start it took for boats either to be washed behind the tanker or sail behind it. Those who were determined to go in front of the tanker didn't recover after the wind filled in from the west.

Around the first and second marks the order was *Queimada*, *Rollover*, and *Crew's Nest*. On the way to the third mark (second windward mark) *Sea Spirit* out pointed both *Crew's Nest* and *Rollover* to follow *Queimada* around the mark in second place. *Crew's Nest* managed to pass *Rollover* when *Rollover* under stood the mark and had to do 2 additional tacks.

Sea Spirit and *Crew's Nest* battled for position (*Rollover* enjoyed watching the action) with *Crew's Nest* closing the distance to within feet by the fourth mark.

At the rounding *Crew's Nest* – wanting to get to windward of *Sea Spirit* - attempted to round wide and exit tight between *Sea Spirit* and the mark but *Sea Spirit* closed the gap leaving *Crew's Nest* no place to go other than head to wind. Without any speed *Crew's Nest* was washed back around the mark, cutting the main sail and getting the backstay hooked on the top of the mark. The only way off was to start the engine and back up giving *Crew's Nest* a DNF.

The order across the line and corrected order was *Queimada*, followed by *Sea Spirit* and *Rollover*.

Race 2

This race was sailed in the Main Bay with the start near the Berkeley Pier. This time around there was wind but a strong flood tide made crossing the line on Starboard very difficult. To make it more interesting there was a barge anchored about 100 yards from the starting line.

In the excitement before the start *Music* and *Sea Spirit* tangled resulting in *Music* losing the lifelines and stanchions on the port side. Luckily there were no injuries on either boat – both continue on to the race.

The start saw *Rollover* and *Crew's Nest* starting near the Committee Boat on Port tack and cross the remainder of the fleet starting on starboard tack.

The critical decision in the race was how far south to go to get relief from the time behind Alcatraz. *Queimada* called it right and passed *Crew's Nest* to round in first place followed by *Crew's Nest* and *Mottley*.

The remainder of the race was two reaching lengths where there were no passing lanes to be had unless somebody screws up badly – nobody did so the finishing order was the same as the order around the first mark.

The order across the line and corrected order was *Queimada*, followed by *Crew's Nest* and *Mottley*.

Race 3

This is the long race of the Series – starting near Berkeley Pier, then to Little Harding, followed by Southampton, and finishing at OYC down the estuary.

Once again the race was decided on the first leg. Those who were to the South fared well - benefiting from stronger winds on the second third of the leg and avoiding the strong flood tide for longer.

First around the first mark was *Queimada*, followed by *Crew's Nest* and *Amandla*. On the leg to Southampton, half the fleet went east of Angel Island and half went west. This year it made little to no difference, and the order was unchanged at Southampton.

The reach from Southampton to the Bay Bridge made not difference to the order. For the first time in a number of years, the wind had filled in before the fleet entered the estuary . The back markers could

not benefit from riding the wind down and closing the fleet up. It was a procession to the finish.

The order across the line and corrected order was *Queimada*, followed by *Crew's Nest* and *Amandla*.



Just before the gun



Just After the Gun

Starting action in Race #4

Standing after 3 races - with one drop:

Queimada (2), *Crew's Nest* (4), *Sea Spirit* (7), *Rollover* (7), *Mottley* (7), *Casino* (9), *Amandla* (10), *Wind Dragon* (14), *Music* (15).

In the line honors battle *Queimada* 3.

Complete details can be found at: <http://www.sfbayraces.com/IC000.php>.