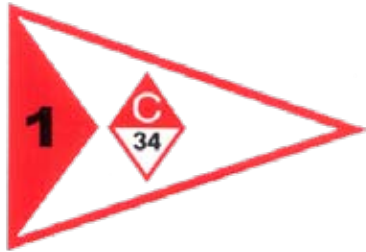


## **EIGHT BELLS**

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Dave Davis' wife Edie. The perennial First Mate of *Wind Dragon* will be sorely missed by all of us in the C-34 community. Edie was a great lady who always rooted for her boat to win, but was a gracious ambassador for all of us. To Dave, Russell, Laura, and their families our heart felt condolences. Fair winds Edie



# **THE TELLTALE**

## **Catalina 34 Fleet One - San Francisco Bay**

### **Amandla's Weekender to Half Moon Bay**

Susan, our dog and I decided to make a quick trip to Half Moon Bay on August 6 and 7. I had been watching the weather and a 5 to 15 knot 4 to 7 foot swell pattern had set up for the medium-term. Plus, both days had a nice flood running mid-morning through early afternoon making the exit and entrance to SF-Bay hopefully straightforward. This was our first trip alone to an overnight destination outside the gate - last such trip was two years ago with Fleet 1 and plenty of good company.

We left the dock around 10:00 a.m. on a gray and cloudy Saturday. While there was sailing wind it was just before max flood of 4+ knots so we decided to motor sail with our main up out the gate barely making progress as we neared the gate. After breaking out of the strongest of the flood, we unfurled our jib, turned off the engine and began our sailing trip to Half Moon Bay. I was glad that I had put my 130 jib up which turned out to be the right call for both days. We made slow progress in 7 to 10 knots against the flood out to just before the first shipping channel marker.

Given it was nearing 1:00 PM we were nearing a go no-go as we hadn't made it past the bar yet - we carried on further going directly across the South Bar given the placid conditions. Once over the bar, the wind filled in to 10 to 15 knots from the southwest and we close-reached to close-hauled the entire way to the radar towers at which point the wind went light and right on the nose so we motored into to our docks arriving around 5:00 pm or so. During the final approaches to Half Moon Bay, five other sailboats more or less converged from different angles to also spend the night.

Upon hitting the dock, most boats were out fishing so I stopped by the retail store selling fresh fish and picked a couple of black cod which looked large to my eye in the bucket but upon skinning yielded less than a pound of flesh. We enjoyed our BBQ fish dinner.

Sunday, we left around 8AM in order to arrive at the gate with the flood. Wind was out of the South West still but very light so we motored to Pt. Montara where the wind filled to 10 to 13 knots. We poled out our jib and broad reached with poled out jib all the way back under the Golden Gate Bridge following a course similar to the one we took the preceding day. We were back at the dock by 1:00 pm concluding our weekender.

**Kurt Magdanz – Amandla**

## Racing

Because of other commitments, your reporter was not able to attend Race 5 and 6 hence there are no details.

### 2011 Inter Club - Final standings

#### 02 - Catalina 34

Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Place	Points	1	2	3	4	5	6
611	QUEIMADA	David Sanner	1	6	11	1	1	1	2	1
524	ALL HAIL	Page Van Loben Sels	2	15	6	2	4	7	1	2
707	WIND DRAGON	Russell Davis	3	17	4	4	12	2	3	4
1383	CREWS NEST	Ray Irvine	4	18	1	6	2	6	4	5
796	AMANDLA	Kurt Magdanz	5	20	2	5	7	3	7	3
8	MOTTLEY	Chris Owen	6	22	7	3	3	4	6	6
108	SEA SPIRIT	Laurence Baskin	7	33	5	7	5	12	8	8
1259	ROLLOVER	Lynn Guerra	8	38	11	12	6	5	5	11
214	CASINO	Bill Eddy	9	39	3	9	8	9	10	11
56583	MUSIC	Bob Engelhart	10	40	8	8	9	8	9	7

Full details can be found at: <http://www.jibeset.net/IC000.php?RG=T0080176>



All Hail and Queimada  
battle for the lead in Race 5



Crew's Nest rolls over Rollover in  
the last 50 yds of Race 5



To the surprised of the Inter Club Racer in Race 6, Fleet 1 Member and Bar Pilot Dave Weiss brings *Keystone State* out of Alameda Naval Air Station in the 200 foot wide channel and 2 knot cross current - yes, two of the channel marker are also marks of the course. To get their attention Dave had to sound the ships horn 5+ times - **not a good thing at all.**

## **2011 - San Francisco Cup**

Fourteen boats turned out of the two races - 10 in the Racing fleet and 4 in the Cruising fleet - that turned out to provide keen competition and more than a little excitement.

The course for the first race was a windward / leeward course (Blackaller / Mason twice around) in a building ebb, some fog, and 10 -15 knots of wind. The deciding factor was how well one judged the balance between wind and current on the downwind legs – too close to shore, less wind but less current, and too far off shore more current and more wind. The first downwind leg *Crew's Nest* got it right and the second downwind leg *Amandla* got it right as they struggled for first place.

After the two loops, in the Racing fleet: *Amandla* led *Crew's Nest* across the line by 13 seconds and the first 5 boats finished within 2 minutes of *Amandla*. In the Cruising fleet *Painkiller* lead *Aquavite* by just 46 seconds.

At the start of the second race the wind had increased with gusts to 25, the tide was maximum ebb. The course was Blackaller – Harding – Blossom – Blackaller - Mason.

At Harding the 10 boat racing fleet was separated by less than 60 seconds in much the same order as they were at Blackaller. On the third leg to Blossom there were passing lanes and some changes in position but still they were separated by only 90 seconds.

At Blossom some aggressive sailing combined with misjudging the wind and current resulted in *Wind Dragon* coming into contact with *Amandla* and both boats hitting the Blossom buoy - hard. Both retired from the race.

There were changes in position on the final three legs as boats spread across the bay seeking wind and current advantages as they worked their way back to Blackaller and the run down to Mason.

At the finish the order in the Racing Fleet was *Queimada*, *Casino*, and *All Hail* .... the first 5 boats finished within 2 minutes of *Queimada*. In the Cruising fleet the order was *Aquavite* ahead of *Painkiller*.

Overall the standings were: Racing Fleet, *Queimada*, followed by *Casino* and *Crew's Nest*. The first and second places were decided by a count back. Cruising Fleet, *Aquavite* followed by *Painkiller* also by a count back.

What does this all prove? When racing what is a production cruising boat, one can enjoy close and very competitive boat for boat racing ..... sailing skills and tactics being the key differentiators – just ask any of us who enjoy racing one of 10 Catalina 34's year round.

We enjoyed the hospitality of GGYC and thank GGYC for providing the Race Committee for this Regatta.

Press coverage at:

<http://www.pressure-drop.us/forums/content.php?1805-Catalina-34-San-Francisco-Cup>

Photos at:

[http://www.printroom.com/ViewGallery.asp?userid=the\\_REAL\\_photoboy&gallery\\_id=2759988](http://www.printroom.com/ViewGallery.asp?userid=the_REAL_photoboy&gallery_id=2759988)

<https://skydrive.live.com/?cid=16FA8D944F627867&id=16FA8D944F627867!7620&sc=photos>

The two races saw a great deal of close racing with a number of position changes during the course of each race - see the following photograph taken by Steve Green of BAMA

**Re-print from Pressure-drop**

## 2011 - San Francisco Cup Final Standings

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1259	ROLLOVER	Lynn Guerra	4	11	5	6
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### 02 - Cruising

Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Place	Points	1	2
224	AQUAVITE	Stu Jackson	1	3	2	1
746	PAINKILLER	Rick Allen	2	3	1	2
1203	SEASCRIP	Scott Lee	3	8	5	3
none	LASS ME STE	Domenico Manzone	4	8	3	5

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All Fleets: - No throw-outs

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After the struggle that went on for all 11 miles of Race 2, *Crew's Nest* leads *Music* across the line by 13 seconds.



**As 2011 comes to a close for Fleet 1, we thank those who gave their time to make it a successful year**

<b>Chris Owen</b>	<b>Racing</b>
<b>Bill Eddy</b>	<b>Rendezvous and Membership</b>
<b>Scott Lee</b>	<b>Cruising Program</b>
<b>Cory Jackson</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Dave Sanner</b>	<b>Web site</b>

**If you have ideas or suggestions for fleet activities or would like to give your time to keep the Fleet healthy and exciting, we would love to hear from you - many of the above are way past their term limits.**

# Fleet 1 Cruising as seen through a camera lens

## 2011 - Rendezvous



- Debbie and Duane - *Irish Whisky*

Some took the 50'ies  
theme real serious



Christine and Scott - *Seascript*



The C34's look up a lot of dock space

## Around Alameda



Stu Jackson (*Aquavite*) leads the group through one of the four opening bridges



*Music* and *Crew's Nest* enjoy a lazy sail back up the South Bay

We thank Stu and Cory Jackson for leading the group around the Island and Bob and Susan Engelhart for their hospitality at OYC



Dinner at Oakland Yacht Club  
Where do I start!

## Little Venice Island



One of the tens of Bocce Ball games

We thank Dave Weiss and the members of the Little Venice Yacht Club for the hospitality during our visit with them.

Being Bar Pilots they also knew when a bulk carrier was going to pass so we could stand at the water's edge and shout until it sounded its horn back.



Relaxing at the Little Venice Yacht Club between Bocce ball games



Little Venice Island Marina - *Aquavite, Crew's Nest. Irish Whisky*

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Steve Green  
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Debbie Quick

Thank you



Now this is the life - Duane of *Irish Whisky*