



# Catalina 22 Fleet 4

## 4UM



# August

# 2024

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ❄ August 2024 ❄

- Wednesday, 8/7, 6:00pm  
**Race:** Beer Can Fun Race, Folsom Lk  
Every Wednesday evening thru 8/28
- Friday, 8/9, 6:00pm  
**Race:** FLYC Sunset #5, Folsom Lake  
Saturday-Sunday, 8/10-8/11  
**Cruise:** Shooting Star, Union Valley
- Friday, 8/23, 6:00pm  
**Race:** FLYC Sunset #6, Folsom Lake  
Friday, 8/23  
**Ice Cream Social - POSTPONED**

#### ❄ September 2024 ❄

- Saturday-Monday, 8/31-9/2  
**Cruise:** Labor Day Weekend, Delta
- Saturday, 9/7, 10:00am  
**Race:** FLYC Governor's Cup, Fol. Lk.

#### ❄ October 2024 ❄

- Saturday-Sunday, 10/26-10/27  
**Cruise:** Halloween - **CANCELED**

The Fleet 4um is published bi-monthly in even-numbered months. The deadline for submission is the 25th of the odd-numbered month prior to publication for the next month's edition.

**Please send your submissions for the October edition by September 25th to:  
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## ➤ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ◀

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Hey Folks!

This has been another hot summer in Sacramento. If you are a thermophile, you are enjoying yourself! Thermophiles are heat loving bacteria that can thrive in temperatures as high as 175 degrees Fahrenheit. The rest of us are trying to find ways to stay cool while trying to remain active.

Last weekend had unusually cool temperatures on Saturday and Sunday. Joanne and I took advantage of the break in the heat and spent the night out on the hook in New York Cove. We got a late start; we probably didn't get the sails raised till about 3 pm or so on Saturday, but we had a nice downwind sail to the Cove. We didn't see any sailboats out, but there were some small dinghies that were being towed back to the Marina. There was probably a race earlier in the day. Once we arrived at the Cove, there were a lot of power boats at anchor enjoying the last of the sunshine. We dropped the hook, poured ourselves a glass of wine, and went for a swim. We grilled some tube steaks on the BBQ and ate a caprese salad from the garden for dinner. By 8 pm, we had the Cove all to ourselves. It was cool that night. We were both glad that we had our sleeping bags.

We are looking forward to getting out a couple more times before we need to pull our boats from the slips for the year. It is looking like we will be out of the water by August 18 this year. That is a total bummer! In fact, at its highest level, there were only five stair-steps from the parking lot down to the dock. Last weekend, it was 49 stair-steps from the parking lot down to the dock. Even though we had a good snow year, Folsom Lake is dropping fast. This is mostly due to power demands and water quality issues (mainly salinity levels) in the Delta. California experiences a drought every year. It's called summer.

Hope to see you in the water!  
Captain Kevin

## ➤ CRUSING CHATTER ◀

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I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but for all of you who have slips or dry storage at Folsom Lake, it looks like boating season is coming to an abrupt and premature end. I've been watching the CDEC website: the Bureau of Reclamation has been releasing 5,000 to 5,500cfs nearly continuously every day since mid-June. Those of you who were at the Bigs and Littles event on June 22nd may recall that it was only 8 steps down from the parking lot to "A" dock. Yesterday, only 5 weeks later, it was 51 steps, and the lake has been falling 1.5 to 2 feet every day for the last 5 weeks.

I have just this morning received an email from Marina manager Julie Christensen, that Bureau of Reclamation projects pond elevation to fall to 412' by August 18th. This is the minimum level for boats to get in and out of the marina slips, and 412' triggers mandatory boat haul-out. In her email, Julie says that BuRec has been forced into this rapid draw-down of Folsom Lake, due to bad water quality in the Delta, the result of the nearly month-long heat wave that has baked the entire Central Valley for most of July. August 18th is the third Sunday of the month, and Julie has set that date as mandatory haul-out, but cautions all slip renters that the lake could fall faster than BuRec's projection, and reach 412' before the 18th. All slip renters will be responsible to monitor the CDEC website at: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/QueryF?s=fol> and be ready to haul out as soon as the lake reaches 412'.

Slip renters may start hauling boats to their dry-storage spaces as of July 30th. Looking at the CDEC website as I write this on July 30th, the lake has fallen 1/2 foot in just the last 10 hours, so I would not count on that we will even make it to August 18th.

This is a bitter disappointment, considering that we had a wet winter with 120% of normal snowpack, and every expectation of having a "full season" until December 1st. As I write this, Folsom Lake's pond elevation is 433', a full 20 feet below the 453-foot pond elevation it had a year ago on July 30th, 2023.

So, keep an eye on your email for any further messages from the Marina manager (Julie), and make sure your tow vehicle and trailer are ready for haul-out; it looks like we only have 2 weeks left.

[Editor's Note: The Folsom Lake Marina website is now posting to remove boats from slips by **August 25th**. So, keep an eye on the Marina website for the up-to-date pull date:  
www.folsomlakemarina.com ]

The Bigs and Littles Cruise had 3 participants from Fleet 4: Bill Martin and Gary and Karen Preston for 2 nights, and myself for 1 night. I was intending to stay over Saturday night, but could not locate the raft-up, which was supposed to be in South Fork. But I went all the way to the Salmon Falls Bridge and never found it. Attempts to raise the Prestons by VHF or cell phone also failed. The only other place they could have been was somewhere up in North Fork, but by the time I got to the Salmon Falls Bridge, it was after 7:30pm, and too late in the day to head north. The entire week of Fourth of July was hammered by the first heat wave of the summer; I tried to spend Saturday night, July 6th, on my boat, but it was still 90°F at 21:00, way too hot for comfort, so I bailed and went home.

The next cruise is the Shooting Star/Hot August Nights event, August 10th-11th at Union Valley Reservoir. If anyone would like to lead this cruise, please let me know.

The Labor Day Cruise, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, will be held at either Brannan Island State Park, or Antioch Marina. A cruise leader is needed for this event also. The hoped-for Halloween Cruise is now cancelled, as Folsom Lake Marina will almost certainly be closed at least 8 weeks before Halloween.

➤ **SOCIAL SOUNDINGS** ◀

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Hi Sailors,

Our Fleet BBQ & Picnic was held at Monte and Susan's lakeside community picnic area; such a

lovely spot! Everyone just kicked back and enjoyed the evening. Our picnic not only provided a break from our everyday busy life, but also allowed us to spend some quality time with our sailor friends. Thank you, Monte, for arranging the picnic area for us to use.



Peaceful setting for the Fleet 4 BBQ & Picnic.

As always, our Big's & Little's Sail and BBQ was a great success! The group was a bit smaller this year than usual, however they were a hungry bunch and enjoyed the hamburgers and hotdogs immensely. I would like to thank all the volunteers from Fleet 4 and Folsom Lake Yacht Club; without them we wouldn't have been able to do such a great job each year. Since nearly the beginning of working with Big Brothers and Sisters of America, Karen Preston has led the organizing of the Sail each year. Hats off to you, Karen, for always being there for us!



"Admiral" Karen Preston giving out assignments.



C22s Sara B and No Cat Hare with Big/Little pairs.



Big Brother's power boat added to the Littles' fun.



Always a highlight: in-the-water warfare.

\*\*\* The Ice Cream Social on 8/23/24 will be POSTPONED for now. At this time, there is no date, but I'm hoping to reschedule the Ice Cream Social for sometime in September or October 2024.

\*\*\* Fleet 4 Banquet on 11/2/24 will be held at the Aviators Restaurant (6151 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, CA; Time: TBA) Look for your invitations in October. If you do not receive one by late October, please let me know at 916-541-1268.

Now for some stupid jokes:

Why aren't dogs allowed in bars?

Because they can't control their licker.

Can a frog jump higher than a house?

Of course, a house can't jump.

What do you call a grizzly bear with no teeth?

A Gummy bear:

### ➤ RACING RAG ◀

Mike Rayfuse, Racing Chair

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Between travel, remodeling the kitchen, health issues and the heat in the last 2 months, finding time to go sailing is scarce. I have been on the boat 1 day racing the Cam Cup and 1 day launching then retrieving the boat for the Bigs and Littles. Therefore, all I can produce is some local race results.

First off, like last year the FLYC Centerboard Regatta was not held on the scheduled day as the weather (108 deg F) was prohibitive. Imagine going downwind when there is reduced windage across the boat in 108 deg. weather. Unlike last year, when it was even warmer, and the race cancelled, this year it was rescheduled 1 week later. 4 boats tested it in milder temps and a decent breeze. This event is usually from the entrance of the south fork up to Salmon Falls bridge - lunch - race back to the wind line on the south fork.

Results:

1st - Kerry Johnson

2nd - Rob Cram

3rd - Sagar Upadhyay

4th - Preston Bakken

All 4 were on Banshee's.

Last Saturday was the best opportunity for the C22 sailors to compete in the Single-Handed Regatta where there is 1 person doing all the work. The race is for any boat normally crewed by 2 or more and scoring is on the handicap system, so all times are corrected. Imagine flying a spinnaker on a 24-foot boat SOLO. It was an around-the-buoys type race so control of the sails was at a premium.

➤ **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** ◀

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4 boats entered.

- 1st - Phil Hodgson in a Wavelength 24
- 2nd - Rob Cram, Catalina 22
- 3rd - Gary Preston, Hunter 270
- 4th - Bill Godfrey, Capri 18

Thanks to Gary Preston for representing Fleet Four in this race.

There are 2 remaining races on the FLYC schedule and both Summer Series #5 & #6 are set for 6 pm Friday August 9th and 23rd. (I think there is a typo in the FLYC posted schedule re: the 9th for 9:00 AM).

Check your E mails from the Marina Office for the Pull Date if you have a slip. It's in the middle of the month of August.

Get some tiller time - it's good for the soul.

The pointy end is the front.  
Mike Rayfuse,



Bill Martin's new-to-him Hunter 260.

# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

## Catalina 25 Midnite Blew

Arnold Boeck, midnite\_blew@wizwire.com  
(530) 575-6468

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Compass  
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Wind direction and speed  
Autopilot  
Knot meter  
Water temperature  
"All the comforts of home."

## 1.5 horsepower outboard

Ron Hatton, rhatton@mindspring.com

Very light. Perfect for a small sailboat to motor out to the start line and back home, especially if the wind goes light. Or a dinghy to motor ashore and back. Anyone is welcome to have it. Probably needs some TLC to get it back in running shape.



## For Sale 1984 Catalina 22 Hull #12675

Cort Cooper, cortiscooper@outlook.com  
\$5500 obo

In very good condition. Swing Keel. Pop Top. Bottom professionally painted in 2023. Electronics replaced and lights upgraded to LEDs. Trailer rewired and repainted. Electric brakes recently installed. Three sails in good to very good condition. Boom Vang. Knot meter, Depth meter, Stereo. Galley. Portable Head.

On a trailer or in fresh water for almost all her life. Located in Richmond, CA

**Optional add-ons:** Rudder Craft kick-up rudder, nearly new: \$500  
Tohatsu 6 hp outboard, nearly new: \$1500  
Rolling genoa and rigging, nearly new: \$1000





# Fleet 4 Membership & Renewal Form for Year 20\_\_

**Renewing Members:** fill in your Name and only the information that has changed since last year, and sign.

Name (1<sup>st</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # (CF) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2<sup>nd</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 16 who sail with you) \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Type (make & model) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Marina \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Berth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ C22 National member? Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (1<sup>st</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Equipped with: (for cruising safety)

VHF Radio Yes No (circle)

Work Phone (2<sup>nd</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ GPS Yes No (circle)

Radar Yes No (circle)

Cell Phone (1<sup>st</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

The Fleet 4um newsletter is distributed bi-monthly by email to all members and posted on the Fleet 4 website. Would you also like a mailed copy?

Cell Phone (2<sup>nd</sup> member) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] YES, I prefer a mailed copy.

Email (1<sup>st</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] NO, email and online posting is fine.

Email (2<sup>nd</sup> member) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release all Fleet 4 members, cruise leaders, and board members from any liability for injury, death, or damage to property arising from participation in any Fleet activities and/or cruises. I also acknowledge that the decision to participate, race, continue to race, or cruise in the events is the sole responsibility of the individual skipper and his or her crew.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Fleet 4 dues: \$36**

**Due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year**

(New members prorate less than 1 year at \$3.00 per month.)

Make checks payable to: **Catalina 22 Fleet 4**

Then mail with Membership Form to:

Fleet 4 Treasurer  
c/o Susan Patchett  
145 Egloff Circle  
Folsom, CA 95630

For membership questions, contact Bill Martin:  
(916) 804-5240 or email: bimartin@hotmail.com

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